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Central Rappahannock Regional Library

**Spring 2024**  
March, April, May

3 months  
of classes  
& events!



What's happening

# @ Your Library

**CRRL-Con**

Comic Book Convention

**Solar Eclipse**

**Teen Poetry Contest**

**Summer Reading**  
for All Ages



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

# welcome

## Martha Hutzal, Director

This spring, help plant our new **Seed Library!** Beginning 3/18, bring your heirloom, non-GMO seeds to Fredericksburg Branch.

On 4/22 (Earth Day, of course) stop by the branch for the **Seed Library Launch**. Attend the reception, get advice from **Downtown Greens**, and plant seeds in a pot to take home while supplies last.



History comes alive at our branches. On 3/11 at Montross, **meet Cathay Williams**, an African American woman who disguised herself as a man

to serve in the **U.S. Army's famous Buffalo Soldiers**, as portrayed by **storyteller Daisy Howard-Douglas**. The **Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia** is bringing a mobile version of **a traditional indigenous village** to Porter (4/27), Salem Church (5/4), and Fredericksburg (5/18) branches. Two hundred years ago, **Revolutionary War hero the Marquis de Lafayette** toured our region, and we are co-hosting **commemorative lectures and performances throughout 2024** on a variety of related topics, including President James Monroe (4/4) and "La Musique de la Garde Nationale Parisienne, and the Dissolution of the Ancien Régime" (5/2).

Join us as we get ready for **April's solar eclipse**. On 4/1, all ages can bring dark cotton t-shirts and decorate them for cool "**Galaxy Tie-dye**" effects at Fredericksburg Branch. Adults can register to **create a crafty solar eclipse viewer** on 4/5, also at Fredericksburg. On **the day of the eclipse (4/8)**, all ages can gather at Salem Church Branch for games, crafts, fun facts, and viewing at **Space Fest**.

### April is National Poetry Month.

Our list of **Poetry Books for Children** is full of fun, from marshmallow clouds to the clackety-track of trains to hip hop beats to silly spaghetti rhymes. We're taking online entries for the **Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest** from 4/1 to 4/15. On Saturday afternoon, 4/6, we're having a **Celebration of Poetry at Howell Branch**. Come listen to regional poets from **the Poetry Society of Virginia** read and discuss their original works.



**We're growing readers at the library!** Stop by any branch for **Read Across America Day** on Saturday, 3/2, for fun activities, and choose some books to take home. Keep track of their reading progress when you sign up the littles for our **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge**. Our many **Grow a Reader specials for young children** touch on seasonal holidays, and **Fabulous Friday events, for older children**, focus on fantastic topics, including Star Wars and SuperVillains, to set the stage for our annual

**CRRL-Con on 5/18 at Howell Branch**—it's a family-friendly comic book convention at your library!



The library is a special place for teens. **Teen Take Overs** are happening after hours at **Howell Branch (3/1)** and **Salem Church Branch (4/5)**. They're a chance for teens (grades 6-12) to hang out and enjoy games, food, and friends. On Friday evening, 3/1, Fredericksburg Branch will host a reception for the opening of the **Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show**, on display from 3/1-4/27, and you're invited!

**Civic Labs** are held at several branches and are a forum where you can discuss and learn more about important issues in our society. **May is Mental Health Month**, and we'll be joined by staff from the **National Alliance on Mental Illness** as we explore resources and have a conversation about mental health in our community.

**We are so grateful to the Friends of the Library for the wonderful library services and events they make possible. Please consider joining the Friends during their membership month in April, and get some cool swag to show off your support.**

*Martha*

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at your library! Every two weeks,  
we email updates about events  
and services for all ages.  
Sign up at [librarypoint.org/enews](https://librarypoint.org/enews)

# 10TH ANNUAL CRRL-CON

A COMIC BOOK CONVENTION  
AT THE LIBRARY!

Cosplay, vendors,  
giveaways, activities,  
and more.

Howell Branch,  
Saturday, May 18,  
12:00-4:00

All  
ages

Find reading  
recommendations,  
online comics, trivia, and more at

[librarypoint.org/crrl-con](http://librarypoint.org/crrl-con)



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### Comic Art Show

Submit 1-2 original pieces of artwork between April 1-30 at Salem Church for consideration to be included. No copies, just original interpretations.  
**All ages.**

Rules and registration:  
[librarypoint.org/crrl-con](http://librarypoint.org/crrl-con)

**Comic Art Show Exhibition**  
Salem Church, May 1-31

**Opening Reception**  
Monday, May 13, 6:00-7:30

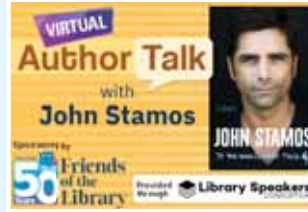
# Support the Freedom to Read!

The Friends of the Library raise funds to support CRRL's amazing staff, celebrate local artists and teen poets, and make services like the *Library Speakers Consortium* author talks possible.

Join the Friends during their Membership Month in April and get cool rewards to showcase your support for libraries!



I support the **FREEDOM TO READ**  
 Friends of the Library • [crrlfriends.org](http://crrlfriends.org) • FIFTY YEARS STRONG



1973-2023  
**50** Friends of the Library  
 Years  
[crrlfriends.org/join-us](http://crrlfriends.org/join-us)



## Friends of the Library Spectacular Spring BOOK SALE



Books, movies, music, and audiobooks

Friday, March 15, 10:00-6:00

Half-price days

Saturday, March 16, 10:00-6:00

Monday, March 18, 10:00-6:00

\$3/bag in warehouse, half price in bookshop

Tuesday, March 19, 10:00-6:00

Last chance to shop in the warehouse \$3/bag

**Wednesday**

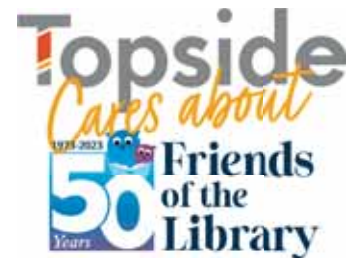
**March 20**

**10:00-2:00**



**Friends of the Library Center & Bookshop**  
 125 Olde Greenwich Dr., Suite 150  
 Fredericksburg, 22408

Pick up your library holds at the bookshop. Select *Friends of the Library Center* as your pickup location.



**Topside Federal Credit Union** has chosen the Friends of the Library as their *TopsideCares* partner this quarter!

All donations made through this campaign until March 31 will be matched by Topside up to a combined total of **\$5,000!**

Your Donation Gets Doubled!



[crrlfriends.org](http://crrlfriends.org)

# Solar Eclipse

## April 8

A solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, casting a shadow on Earth that either fully or partially blocks the Sun's light in some areas.

*science.nasa.gov*

### Lunch & Learn: The Wonder of Eclipses

**VIRTUAL**, Friday, March 29,  
12:00-1:00

### Galaxy Tie-Dye

Bring your own dark-colored cotton t-shirt to tie dye using bleach, ash, and fabric dye. Gloves and masks provided on request while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Monday, April 1,  
4:00-5:00. *Rain date: Monday,  
April 8, 4:00-5:00*

### Beginner Crafts: Solar Eclipse Viewers

**For adults.** Sign up at  
[librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events)  
Fredericksburg, Friday, April 5,  
10:00-11:30

### Space Fest: Solar Eclipse

Solar eclipse viewing, games, crafts, and fun facts. While supplies last. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Monday, April 8,  
3:00-4:30

Eclipse glasses available at library branches starting April 1.

*While supplies last, limit 1 per person*

## Summer Reading for all ages



May 15–August 15  
**Read whatever you want  
all summer long!**

- ➔ Log your reading and complete online missions
- ➔ Earn virtual badges and points
- ➔ Use points to enter raffles for a chance to win prizes!

*The more points you earn,  
the more prizes you could win!*

Registration starts 5/1  
at any branch or online:  
[librarypoint.org/  
summer](http://librarypoint.org/summer)



# Grow a Reader

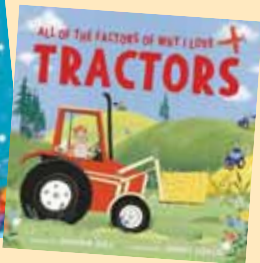
Birth-age 5 • [librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader](http://librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader)

Children

## Read Across America

Activities, Grab-and-Go bags, and pop-up stories.  
All branches, March 2, all day

## Poetry Books for Children



### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) Spring Graduation Parties

Celebrating this quarter's DPIL graduates who reside in Spotsylvania and Stafford counties' zip codes and recently celebrated their fifth birthdays.

#### Stafford County Graduation

Presented by the Stafford County affiliate of DPIL, championed by *Fredericksburg Parent Gives*, and sponsored by Northern Neck Electric Cooperative.

Howell, Wednesday, March 6, 6:30

#### Spotsylvania County Graduation

Presented by the Spotsylvania County affiliate of DPIL and championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Salem Church, Thursday, March 28, 6:00

### Sensory Time

Stories, songs and activities to support early literacy practices in an environment that adapts to youth with autism and other developmental challenges. **For youth of all ages with a caregiver.** Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Howell Branch, 2nd Thursdays, 4:30-5:00

Can you and your child read

# 1,000 BOOKS

## Before Kindergarten?

Register on Beanstack or pick up a paper log at your favorite branch

Track your reading. Every book counts, even the same book again and again!

**100-Book Milestones**  
Receive a special award for each 100 books completed.

**1,000 Books:**  
You did it! Add your name to our Wall of Fame.

[librarypoint.org/1000-books](http://librarypoint.org/1000-books)

For ages birth to 5 and their caregivers



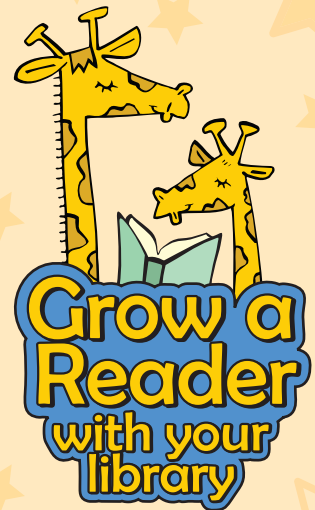
# Grow a Reader

Birth-age 5 • [librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader](http://librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader)

Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read.

## Grow a Reader

# STORYTIMES

 For children and their caregivers

\*Special holiday-themed storytime on these dates

### FREDERICKSBURG

#### Fredericksburg Branch

##### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)  
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45  
Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45

##### Toddler Time

(Ages 2 -3)  
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 3/26\*, 4/9\*, 4/23\*, and 5/7\*

##### Preschool Time

(Ages 3 -5)  
Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 5/3

### SPOTSYLVANIA

#### Salem Church Branch

##### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)  
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 3/13

##### Toddler Time

(Ages 2 -3)  
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 3/13

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,  
except 3/14 and 4/11

##### Preschool Time

(Ages 3 -5)  
Thursdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 3/14 and 4/11

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Fridays, 10:00-10:30, except 3/15,  
3/29\*, 4/5\*, 5/3 and 5/10\*

#### Snow Branch

##### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)  
Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15, except 3/12

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Mondays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 3/11, 5/6\*, and 5/27

#### Towne Centre Branch

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 3/13, 3/27\*, and 5/8\*

### STAFFORD

#### Howell Branch

##### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)  
Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 3/15, 5/3

##### Toddler Time

(Ages 2 -3)  
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 3/14, 4/11  
Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 3/15, 5/3

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 3/13, 4/10\*, 5/1\*, and 5/8\*

##### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)  
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 3/13

#### Porter Branch

##### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)  
Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 3/12, 4/30

##### Toddler Time

(Ages 2 -3)  
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 3/12, 4/30  
Thursdays, 10:30-10:50, except 3/14, 4/9, 5/2

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 3/15, 3/22\*, 4/19\*, 5/3, 5/10\*

##### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)  
Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 3/22, 5/3

### WESTMORELAND

#### Cooper Branch

##### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2 -5)  
Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 3/29\*  
and 5/10\*







## Grow a Reader Special Storytimes

Stories, songs, and activities. All ages with a caregiver.

### Grow a Reader Special: Easter

Porter, Friday, March 22, 10:30-11:00  
 Fredericksburg, Tuesday, March 26, 9:30-10:00  
 Towne Centre, Wednesday, March 27, 11:00-11:30  
 Salem Church, Friday, March 29 10:00-10:30  
 Cooper, Friday, March 29, 11:00-11:30  
 Newton, Friday, March 29, 11:00-11:30

### Grow a Reader Special: Kids' Yoga Day

Salem Church, Friday, April 5, 10:00-10:30

### Grow A Reader Special: Eid al-Fitr Mubarak

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 9, 9:30-10:00  
 Howell, Wednesday, April 10, 10:00-10:30

### Grow a Reader Special: Earth Day

Porter, Friday, April 19, 10:30-11:00

### Grow a Reader Special: Happy Passover

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 23, 9:30-10:00  
 Howell, Wednesday, May 1, 10:00-10:30

### Grow a Reader Special: Costume Day

Salem Church, Friday,  
 April 26, 10:00-10:30  
 Towne Centre, Wednesday,  
 May 1, 11:00-11:30



### Grow A Reader Special: Happy Mother's Day

Snow, Monday, May 6, 11:00-11:30  
 Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 7, 9:30-10:00  
 Howell, Wednesday, May 8, 10:00-10:30  
 Montross, Wednesday, May 8, 11:00-11:30  
 Towne Centre, Wednesday, May 8, 11:00-11:30  
 Salem Church, Friday, May 10, 10:00-10:30  
 Porter, Friday, May 10, 10:30-11:00  
 Cooper, Friday, May 10, 11:00-11:30  
 Newton, Friday, May 10, 11:00-11:30



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- Math

- Reading & Writing
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# Grades K-6

For updates and more details on all programs, visit [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

## PAWS for Reading

Practice your reading with therapy dogs trained to be avid listeners. **Grades K-6.**

Sign up at your branch to book your time.

Towne Centre, 1st Thursdays, 5:30-7:00

Porter, 1st Saturdays, 10:30-12:00

Salem Church, 1st Saturdays, 2:30-4:00

Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00

Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, 2:00-3:30

Snow, 4th Saturdays, 2:30-4:00

## Farmyard Friends Visits

**All ages.** These events are outdoors. Please dress appropriately and wear closed toe shoes. Visits held in sunny weather.

### Mini Pig Visit

Montross, Mondays, March 4 and April 1, 4:00-6:00. In sunny weather. Rain date on following Mondays.

### Miniature Horse Visit

Montross, 1st Thursdays, 3:30-4:30. No rain dates.

## Origami Thursdays

Drop in to try some Origami. Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, 2nd Floor, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

See also

**All-Ages Chess** and **Chess Time**, page 10




## Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee

Central Rappahannock Regional Library and the *Free Lance-Star* sponsor the Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee, where division spelling bee winners from across our region compete to advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

James Monroe High School, Fredericksburg, Saturday, March 2, 10:00

## Craft Time

Cooper, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

March 13: Swirly Twirly Lady Bugs

April 10: Flower Pots

May 8: Mothers Day Photo and Planter

## Movie Night

Montross, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-8:00

March 14: *Charlotte's Web*

April 11: *Babe*

May 9: *The Little Mermaid (2023)*

## Cherry Blossom Festival

Crafts, games, and activities.

**All ages.**

Salem Church, Friday,

April 19, 10:00-10:30

## Concert and Musical Petting Zoo

Presented by the Memories Ensemble of the Fredericksburg Concert Band

Towne Centre, Center Court, Saturday, May 18, 11:00-12:15



# FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more

## Can You Believe Your Eyes?

Howell, March 1, 4:30-5:15

## Catch The Wind

Porter, Friday, March 15, 4:15-5:00

## Cats vs. Dogs

Towne Centre, March 8, 4:00-4:45

Salem Church, March 15, 4:15-5:00

Howell, April 5, 4:30-5:15

Snow, April 12, 4:00-4:45

## Spy School

Fredericksburg, Friday, March 8, 4:30-5:15

Porter, Friday, April 19, 4:15-5:00

## Architecture

Snow, March 8, 4:00-4:45

## Unicorns and Friends

Towne Centre, April 12, 4:00-4:45

Fredericksburg, Friday, April 12, 4:30-5:15

Salem Church, April 19, 4:15-5:00

Snow, May 10, 4:00-4:45

## May the Force Be With You

Howell, Friday, May 10, 4:30-5:15

Porter, Friday, May 17, 4:15-5:00

## SuperVillains

Towne Centre, Friday May 10, 4:00-4:45

Fredericksburg, Friday, May 10, 4:30-5:15

Salem Church, Friday May 17, 4:15-5:00

**CRRL-CON**  
**EVENTS**

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# Teens

For updates and more details on all programs, visit [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

## 29th Annual Johnny P. Johnson TEEN art SHOW



Cash prizes donated by the Friends of the Library  
Fredericksburg  
Reception: Friday, March 1, 7:00-8:30  
Exhibition: March 1-April 27  
[librarypoint.org/teen-art](http://librarypoint.org/teen-art)

*Wildflower*  
by Nur Alisha M.

# Teen TAKE OVER

When the library's closed, the real fun begins! Come hang after hours with games, food, and friends.

ONLY for Teens. **Grades 6-12.**

Howell, Friday, March 1, 6:00-8:00

Salem Church, Friday, April 5, 6:00-8:00

# Teens

## COMIC ART DAY

Hone your art with workshops, meet local artists, and learn about resources for creating comics and graphic novels. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Saturday May 11, 1:00-4:00

### CRRL-CON EVENT

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### OurSpace

A teen social space for playing games, doing homework, and getting creative.

Salem Church, except March 11-15

Mondays, 3:00-7:00

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:15

Wednesdays, 3:00-5:15

Thursdays, 3:00-7:00

### Chess Time

All skill levels. **Grades K-12**

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

### Teen Anime & Manga Club

Come watch anime, read manga, and chat about your favorite series.

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 4:30-6:00

### Origami Thursdays

**Grades K-12**

Fredericksburg, 2nd Floor, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

### Teen Puzzle Time

Jigsaws, crosswords, sudoku, and more! Bring your own puzzle, or work on our puzzle of the month.

Porter, 1st Saturdays, 3:00-5:00

Snow, Saturdays, 9:00-5:30

### Teen Art Tuesdays

Enjoy a chill art afternoon. Bring your own supplies, or use ours. Bring your own friends, or meet new ones.

Howell, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30

Porter, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30

### All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

Porter, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

### Escape Room: Five Nights at Freddy's

Solve puzzles and riddles in a Freddy Fazbear's pizza-themed escape room. Call or visit the branch to book your time. **Grade 6-adult.**

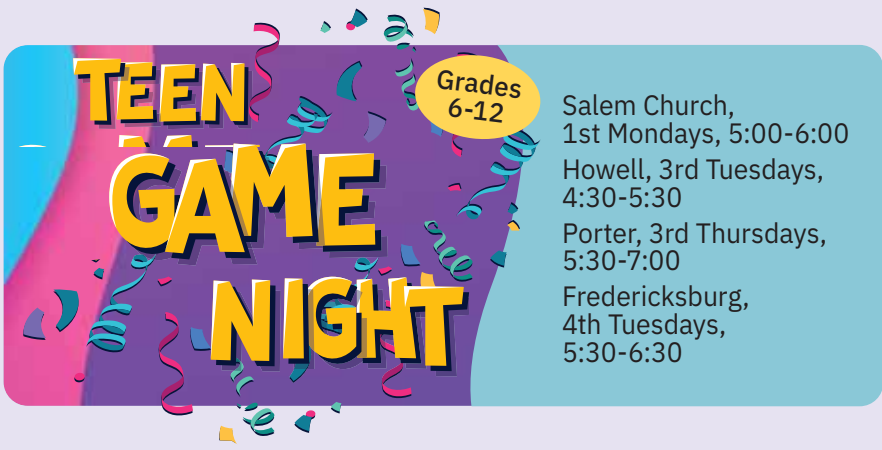
Salem Church, Thursday, May 30, 3:00-7:00

## CRRL-CON MANGA FOR TEENS



Place holds and view the full list:





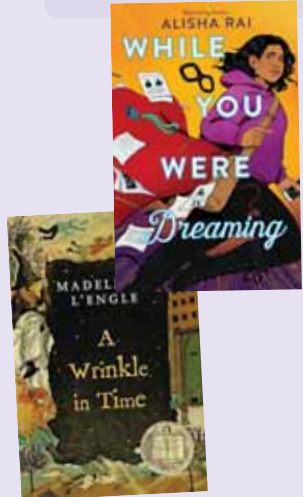
**Grades 6-12**

Salem Church,  
1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00  
Howell, 3rd Tuesdays,  
4:30-5:30  
Porter, 3rd Thursdays,  
5:30-7:00  
Fredericksburg,  
4th Tuesdays,  
5:30-6:30



Check out outdoor games such as badminton from our Library of Things! [librarypoint.org/things](http://librarypoint.org/things)

## Book Groups



**Teen Book Group**  
Read one (or more!) books from our monthly selection, then join us in person or online for a discussion. Details and booklist online: [librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups). Optional: bring your own writing or art projects to share. **Grades 7-12.**

**VIRTUAL** and Porter, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30-7:00  
March 14: To Infinity . . . and Beyond!  
April 11: Speak Out!  
May 9: Rom-Coms

**LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group**  
In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride. **Grades 6-12.**  
Fredericksburg, 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30  
March 19: *Cheer Up! Love and Pompoms* by Crystal Frasier, Val Wise, and Oscar O. Jupiter  
April 16: *The Ojja-Wojja* by Magdalene Visaggio and Jen St-Onge  
May 21: *Other Ever Afters: New Queer Fairy Tales* by Melanie Gillman



## April is National Poetry Month • [librarypoint.org/poetry](http://librarypoint.org/poetry)

**21st Annual Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest**  
Celebrate National Poetry Month by submitting your original poetry. Winners are awarded cash prizes and will be invited to read their work at the reception. Cash prizes donated by the Friends of the Library  
Online entries accepted April 1-15.  
More details at [librarypoint.org/teen-poetry-contest](http://librarypoint.org/teen-poetry-contest)

**Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Night**  
Celebrate National Poetry Month with poetry readings by the winners of the Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest and by contest judges, local poets Laura Bylenok and Dr. David A Sam. **All ages.**  
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 7, 6:30-7:30

**Celebration of Poetry**  
Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Poetry Society of Virginia and poets from our region as they share their original works. Poets will answer questions from the audience and have some of their books for sale. In partnership with the Poetry Society of Virginia.  
Howell Branch, Saturday, April 6, 2:00-4:00

**ALL AGES**

**Love Poetry & Verse**  
Poems and verse about young love and all its ups and downs.



# Adults

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Adults

## First Friday Finances

Presented by ALNA Financial Group  
Join in person or watch live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews), no Facebook account needed.

**VIRTUAL**, 1st Fridays, except May, 10:00-11:00

March 1: What Are Your Financial Goals?

April 5: Developing a Financial Plan

## Arts & Crafts

### Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, except May, 10:00-11:30

March 1: Button Flowers

April 5: Solar Eclipse Viewers

May 10: Painting with Q-Tips

Cooper, 2nd Mondays, 11:00-12:00

March 11: Duct Tape Mason Jars

April 8: Paper Butterflies

May 13: Repurposed Books for Storage

### Make Amazing Cards

Presented by Pam Haskins. All supplies provided. **Ages 16 and up.**

Howell, 1st Thursdays, 4:00-6:00

### Arts & Crafts Night Out

Presented by the Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild. Bring your current project and spend time with fiber artists, crafters, and sewers. Beginners welcome.

Howell, 2nd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

### Tea Tasting

While supplies last. Sample a variety of different teas. Bring a favorite tea cup/mug or use the cups provided. Fredericksburg, Friday, May 31, 4:00-5:00



### MakerLab Badging: Embroidery Machine

The Janome Memory Craft 15000 uses computerized stitching for diverse materials and garments, alongside the Janome Artistic Digitizer software for custom embroidery designs.

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own creative projects! [librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)



### A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Montross, Mondays, except May 27, 6:00-7:00

Cooper, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45, and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30

### Crochet for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic stitches. Bring your own supplies for any crochet (or knitting) projects. All levels welcome. **Grade K-adult.**

Salem Church, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 4:00-5:00

### Four-Week Crochet-Along: Spring Garland

Montross, Thursdays in March, 6:30-7:30

At Crochet-Alongs (CALs), participants work together on the same project over time. Great for beginners, all are welcome. Ask branch for instructions.

### Intro to Photography

Presented by 540 Area Photographers. Beginners will learn the skills and tools needed in digital photography.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, April 13, 2:00-3:00

## CRRL-CON EVENTS

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### Astronomical Cosplay

Presented by Astra Void Cosplay. Learn how to make costumes using equipment from sewing machines to 3D printers.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, May 4, 2:00-3:00

### Comic Art Day

Hone your art with workshops, meet local artists, and learn about resources for creating comics and graphic novels.

**All ages.**

Salem Church, Saturday May 11, 1:00-4:00

### Quilt Block Class: The Disappearing Nine-Patch Block

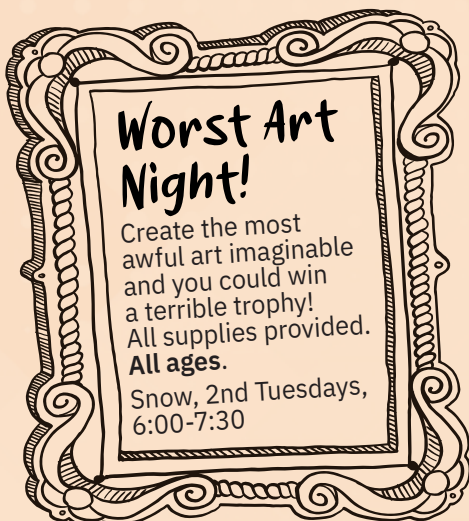
Howell, Saturday, March 30. Presented by Donna Edwards. For quilters with basic quilting skills. Contact the Howell Adult Research desk for details.

**1:00-2:30: Demonstration. No sign up required**

Learn all about this versatile block including construction, sizing, use of color, and fabric selection.

**2:30-4:30: Hands-on Workshop. Sign up required**

Create your own quilt block to take home. Must also attend the instructional portion from 1:00-2:30.



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## Art Shows



*Darbytown Rooflines* by Pete Morelewicz, 2021 Best in Show

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

## Uniquely Fredericksburg Art Show

Artistic works that illustrate scenes that are uniquely and clearly the city of Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg, June-July

[librarypoint.org/uniquely-fredericksburg](http://librarypoint.org/uniquely-fredericksburg)

### Teen Art Show

Fredericksburg, March 1-April 27

### Mary Lou Cramer

Towne Centre, March-April

### Blue Door Studio

Salem Church, March-April

### Comic Art Show

Salem Church, May 1-31

### Art of Recovery

Presented by RACSB. Original artwork of individuals with mental illness.

Fredericksburg, May 3-24

### Donovan Lyons, Jr.

Towne Centre, May-July

### An Afternoon With the Artist: Donovan Lyons Jr.

Light refreshments.

Towne Centre, Thursday, May 23, 5:30-7:30



### MakerLab Badging: Laser Cutter

A laser cutter can cut or engrave a material using a high-powered laser to quickly create complex designs.

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own creative projects!  
[librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)

### IdeaSpace: Drawing Tablets

A drawing tablet is a pressure-sensitive input device that allows the artist to create digital art, animation, and 3D models with a stylus pen



### Tech on the Go: Huion Kamvas Pro 12 and Wacom Drawing Tablets

Check it out! • [librarypoint.org/techgo](http://librarypoint.org/techgo)

### MakerLab Badging: Huion GT-220 Drawing Tablet

Use at IdeaSpace • [librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)

## Branch Book Groups

[librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups)

### Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

March 21: Free read

April 18: Locked-room mysteries

May 16: Choose a state

### Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:30

March 9: *Eighty Days*

by Matthew Goodman

April 13: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*

by Fiona Davis

May 11: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy

### Howell

1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00

March 5: *The Little French Bistro*

by Nina George

April 2: *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys

May 7: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

### Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

March 8: *A World of Curiosities*

by Louise Penny

April 12: *Remember Me* by Tracie Peterson

May 10: *The Green Bicycle*

by Haifaa al-Mansour

### Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

March 7: *Cloud Cuckoo Land*

by Anthony Doerr

April 4: *Family and Other Catastrophes*

by Alexandra Borowitz

May 2: *The Reading List*

by Sara Nisha Adams

### Salem Church

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

March 18: *The Vanishing Half*

by Brit Bennett

April 15: *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*

by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

May 20: *The Second Life of Mirielle West*

by Amanda Skenandore

### Towne Centre

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00

March 4: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

April 1: *Spare* by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

May 6: *Solito* by Javier Zamora

## Themed Book Groups [librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups)

New Members  
Always Welcome!

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### Civil War Book Group

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00. In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

March 6: *The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and The Road to Civil War* by Joanne B. Freeman

April 3: *Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief* by James McPherson

May 1: *Searching for Black Confederates: The Civil War's Most Persistent Myth* by Kevin Levin

### The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00. Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469

March 7: *South Pole Station* by Ashley Shelby

April 4: *Caroline: Little House, Revisited* by Sarah Miller

May 2: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

### Books & Wine

2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00. Meets at Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, 22554

March 11: *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton

April 8: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

May 13: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

### Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00. Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach 22443

March 12: *Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha

April 9: *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune

May 14: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

### True Crime Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30  
Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month's case. View the case files at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

March 14: *King of the Bootleggers: George Remus*

April 11: *Matthew Shepard*

May 9: *Aum Shinrikyo*

### Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30. Contact the Howell Branch to have a copy sent to your branch.

March 18: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

April 15: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

May 20: *Mrs. March* by Virginia Feito

### Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00. Meets at Curitiba Art Cafe, 919 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, 22401.

March 19: *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

April 16: *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid

May 21: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

### Rainbow Reads

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30. In partnership with FXBG Pride. An LGBTQ+ and allies book group.

March 20: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

April 17: *They Never Learn* by Layne Fargo

May 15: *This is How You Lose The Time War* by Amal El-Mohtar

### Facebook Book Chat

[facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat](https://facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat)

**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00

March 20: *Renewal, Rebirth, and Second Chances*

April 17: *Poets and Poetry*

May 15: *Armchair Traveling: Books That Took You Places*

### Adventure Brewing Eagle Village: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30. Meets at Adventure Brewing, 1113 Emancipation Highway, Fredericksburg, 22401

March 21: *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn

April 18: *There There* by Tommy Orange

May 16: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and A Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land

NEW LOCATION!

### We the Readers Civic Book Club

Explore topics that enlighten and empower positive changes in our society.

**VIRTUAL**, Tuesday, April 16, 7:00-8:00



Special guest: Meghann Cotter, Executive Servant Leader from Micah Ecumenical Ministries

Discuss: *No Place* by Todd Strasser

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## Community & Civics

### Lawyer in the Library

Presented by Legal Aid Works. Learn about your rights and get answers to your legal questions. No appointments needed; income limits apply.

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, March 5-May 21, 1:00-3:00, except April 30, 5:00-7:00



### Fredericksburg DSS in the Community

The Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (DSS) will be available to answer your questions and provide information.

Fredericksburg, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00

## Games

### Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00  
Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

### Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays except the 3rd, 12:00-4:00  
Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

### Star Wars Day

Star Wars-themed activities, trivia, and crafts. While supplies last.  
Salem Church, Saturday, May 4, 3:00-5:00  
Fredericksburg, Saturday, May 4, 3:00-5:00

### Civic Lab: Foster Care

Explore resources and join the conversation.

Howell, Friday, April 5, 4:00-5:00  
Salem Church, Monday, May 6, 2:00-3:00

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

Porter, Thursday, April 18, 12:30-6:30  
Howell: Tuesday, April 23, 10:00-4:00  
Fredericksburg, Thursday, May 9, 1:00-6:00



### Library of Things: Giant Wooden Tic-Tac-Toe

A lifesize toss version of the classic Tic-Tac-Toe game. [librarypoint.org/things](http://librarypoint.org/things)

### Escape Room: Five Nights at Freddy's

Solve puzzles and riddles in a Freddy Fazbear's Pizza-themed escape room. Call or visit the branch to book your time.  
**Grade 6-adult.**  
Salem Church, Thursday, May 30, 3:00-7:00

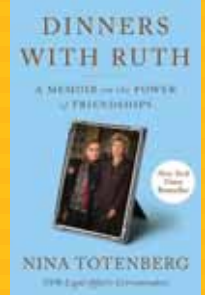
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## Author Talks

To register or view recordings, visit [libraryc.org/crrl](http://libraryc.org/crrl)

### Nina Totenberg

*New York Times*-bestselling author and NPR Legal Affairs correspondent  
Wednesday, March 6, 4:00



### Christopher Paolini

International bestselling author of *Eragon*, *Eldest*, *Brisinger*, and *Inheritance*  
Thursday, March 14, 4:00

### Madeline Miller

*New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*  
Thursday, March 21, 7:00

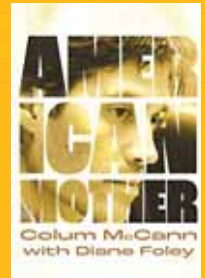


### Paula J. Johnson

Smithsonian curator discusses *The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us—A Sweeping History of Food and Culture*  
Tuesday, April 2, 2:00

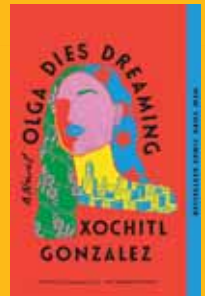
### Colum McCann & Diane Foley

Co-authors of *American Mother*, the story of journalist Jim Foley, who was held captive and killed by ISIS  
Tuesday, April 9, 2:00



### Xochitl Gonzalez

*New York Times*-bestselling author of *Olga Dies Dreaming* and *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*  
Wednesday, April 17, 8:00



### Nina Simon

Author of *Mother-Daughter Murder Night*; a *New York Times*-bestseller, and a Reese's Book Club pick.  
Wednesday, May 8

### Rebecca F. Kuang

Award-winning, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of the Poppy War trilogy, *Babel: An Arcane History*, and *Yellowface*  
Tuesday, May 21, 7:00



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## Going Green

# SEED LIBRARY

### SEED DRIVE

Bring in your heirloom, non-hybrid seeds to share with the community! We are collecting seeds to prepare for the launch of our Seed Library.

Starting Monday, March 18. Drop off seeds at the Adult Research Desk.

### SEED LIBRARY LAUNCH

Celebrate the launch of our new Seed Library on Earth Day. Plant seeds in a pot to take home. Learn how to read seed packets from staff at Downtown Greens. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Monday, April 22, 10:00-11:00

### SEED LIBRARY

"Check out" heirloom, non-hybrid seed packets. Plant them and let some of them grow to maturity. When you harvest the next generation of seeds, return some to the library so other people can check them out.

Fredericksburg, starting Monday, April 22

## Cherry Blossom Festival

Crafts, games, and activities.

All ages.

Salem Church, Thursday April 4, 4:30-6:00

### Plant Propagation Demonstration

Presented by plant enthusiast Erica Crawford. Optional: bring clippings to swap.

Howell, Saturday, March 2, 11:00-12:00

### Gardening Galore

Learn how to grow your own plants from seed. Master Gardeners will be ready to answer any gardening-related questions.

Porter, Saturday, March 16, 1:00-4:00  
Snow date: Saturday, April 13

### Backyard Composting 101

Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association

Select Mondays, 6:00-7:00  
March 18: Fredericksburg  
April 22: Porter  
May 20: Howell

### Vegetable Gardening 101

Presented by Downtown Greens. Howell, Thursday, March 21, 12:00-1:00

### Garden Prep Day

Help us prepare Howell Branch's vegetable and pollinator gardens. Bring tools and gloves if you have them.

Howell, Friday, March 22, 4:00-5:30. Rain date March 29

### Hydroponics for Beginners

Presented by Jim Daniels. Learn about the process of hydroponics and then build a simple hydroponics container to take home. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, Saturday, May 11, 2:00-3:00

## Get Your Hands Dirty

Whether tending to houseplants or homesteading, these books will help you connect to the natural world.



Place holds and view the full list:



# Adults

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## Health & Wellness

### Health Answers

Presented by the Rappahannock Area Health Department. Access educational materials, information on staying healthy, and community resources. Free naloxone (also known as Narcan) will also be available. No appointment needed. Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, 10:00-2:00



### Chair Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins joining virtually. Newton will occasionally feature regular (not chair) yoga. Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00  
Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Cooper, 1st Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00  
Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00

### Memory Café: Relax and Reminisce

Share conversation and nostalgia in a relaxed atmosphere. **For adults with early memory loss and their care partners.** In partnership with the Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Salem Church, Friday, March 15, 10:30-12:00  
Fredericksburg, Friday, April 19, 10:30-12:00

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### Time With a Therapy Dog

Read or relax with a therapy dog. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. **Grade 7-adult with disabilities, plus their caregiver.** Sign up at the branch to book your time. Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00  
Porter, 4th Saturdays, 10:00-11:00



### Tai Chi & Qi Gong

No experience necessary. Wear comfortable attire. Towne Centre, every other Wednesday, near the food court. March 6 and 20; April 3 and 17, May 1, 15 and 29

### Caregiver Workshop

Presented by Commonwealth Senior Living at Stafford. Gain tools to stay healthy and cope with caregiving stress. 2nd Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30  
Salem Church, Tuesday, March 12  
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 9  
Porter, Tuesday, May 14

### Medicare 101: What You Need to Know

Presented by Susan Jurkouich of Sunshine Senior Services. Learn about Medicare plans and have your questions answered. Howell: Friday, March 8, 2:00-3:30  
Thursday, April 18, 1:00-2:30  
Monday, May 13, 3:00-4:30

### Medicare Insurance Portal: Claiming Your Benefits

Presented by Susan Jurkouich of Sunshine Senior Services. Howell: Tuesday, March 12, 2:00-3:30  
Tuesday, April 30, 1:00-2:30  
Monday, May 20, 3:00-4:30

### Civic Lab: Talking about Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Explore resources and join a conversation about mental health in our community. In partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Howell, Friday, May 10, 3:00-4:00  
Fredericksburg, Monday, May 13, 11:00-12:00  
Porter, Tuesday, May 28, 11:00-12:00

## History

### Civic Lab: Who Writes History?

Explore resources about how history is taught and why certain people and events are considered historically significant. In partnership with the Fredericksburg Area Museum.

Snow, Tuesday, March 5, 3:00-4:00

Montross, Thursday, March 7, 2:00-3:00

Fredericksburg, Monday, March 18, 3:30-4:30

Spotsylvania Towne Center, Tuesday, March 19, 2:00-3:00

### Cathay Williams: Buffalo Soldier

Presented by storyteller Daisy Howard-Douglas. Disguised as a man, Williams was the first African American woman to enlist in the United States Army.

Montross, Monday, March 11, 6:00-7:00



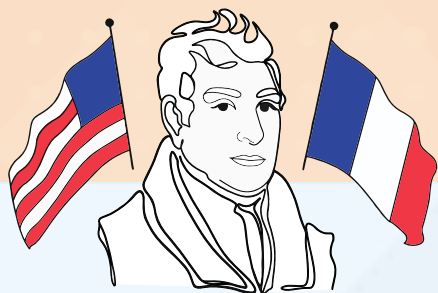
### Lantz Mills Deaf Village

Explore the history of Lantz Mills in Shenandoah County. From 1740-1970, Lantz Mills was a shared signing community, where many households had a mix of Deaf and hearing members.

*An exhibition from the Library of Virginia with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Sorenson Foundation.*

Howell, March 27-April 12

Salem Church, April 16-May 3



## LAFAYETTE 200 [1824-2024]

### Lafayette/ Fredericksburg Bicentennial Commemoration

A yearlong lecture series commemorating the bicentennial of Major General Lafayette's Farewell to America Tour of 1824-25.

Visit [fxbg.com/lafayette](http://fxbg.com/lafayette) for more information.

### Founding Friends: James Monroe and the Marquis de Lafayette

Presented by: Tim McGrath, author of *James Monroe: A Life*. Sponsored by James Monroe Memorial Museum and Library

Fredericksburg, April 4, 6:30. Lecture begins at 7:00

### Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, April 17, 2:30-4:00.

Rain date: Wednesday, April 24

### Patawomeck Village

Presented by the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia. Learn about the indigenous people in our area by visiting this interactive mobile village.

Porter, Saturday, April 27, 10:00-5:00

Salem Church, Saturday, May 4, 10:00-5:00

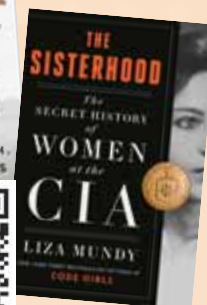
Fredericksburg, Saturday, May 18, 10:00-5:00



## March is WOMEN'S HISTORY Month

Celebrate by learning about the lives of women who changed the course of history.

[librarypoint.org/womens-history](http://librarypoint.org/womens-history)



### Ça ira: Lafayette, La Musique de la Garde Nationale Parisienne, and the Dissolution of the Ancien Régime

A lecture-performance exploring the music of the early days of the French Revolution, with Lafayette's command of the Garde Nationale as the focal point. Presented by Dr. Dominic Giardino, Historical Music Programming for Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and Dr. Chris Troiano, Historical Ensembles Manager, George Mason University. Accompanied by historical performance musicians, Music of the Regiment. Sponsored by Fredericksburg Sister City Association (Fréjus, France)

Fredericksburg, May 2, 6:30. Lecture begins at 7:00

### The Lafayette Trail: Marking Lafayette's Farewell Tour

Presented by Julien Icher, founder and president of The Lafayette Trail, Inc. Sponsored by Fredericksburg Lafayette Bicentennial Commemoration Committee

Fredericksburg, May 23, 6:30. Lecture begins at 7:00

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## Job Skills

### Goodwill Job Skills Workshops

Presented by Rappahannock Goodwill Industries. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, 2nd Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

March 12: Practice Interviews

April 9: Networking and Social Capital

May 14: Computer Skills To Succeed At Work

### Goodwill Training on Demand

Presented by Rappahannock Goodwill Industries. One-on-one help on writing a resume, applying for jobs, and more.

Sign up by phone: 540-372-1144, ext. 7232

Fredericksburg, 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays, 10:00-1:00

### ServiceSource

Talk with a ServiceSource specialist to learn about employment resources that align with your interests and abilities.

Porter, Tuesday, April 2, 11:00-12:00

Also see

### Training on Demand

in the *Technology* section, page 18

## Language Learning

### English Basics for Beginners

An active learning class.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except March 13 and May 22, 1:30-2:30

### Conversation Groups

Practice speaking in a relaxed atmosphere.

### English Conversation Groups

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00, except April 11 and May 23

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 11:00-12:00

Salem Church, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30

**VIRTUAL**, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

**New!**

### French Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 2nd & 4th Fridays, 4:00-5:00

### Spanish Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

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## Learning English?

Visit our website to explore these online language learning resources:

- Kanopy Streaming Video English lessons
- Mango Languages
- Transparent Languages
- Universal Class

[librarypoint.org/ell-answers](http://librarypoint.org/ell-answers)



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## Lunch & Learn

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere.

**VIRTUAL**, Fridays, 12:00. Join via Facebook Live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews). No Facebook account needed.

### Getting Started with PC Building

March 1

### Discover Stafford

March 8. Presented by Discover Stafford Executive Director Sue Henderson

### Book Prophecy: George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

March 15. Presented by Dr. Antonio Barrenechea of the University of Mary Washington

### Celebrating Spring: Nowruz

March 22

### The Wonder of Eclipses

March 29. Presented by Jon Bachman

### Creating Documentaries

April 5. Presented by Michael Salmon

### Using IdeaSpace to Create Cosplay and Fandom Fun

April 12. Presented by Taylor Gowen of Astra Void Cosplay



### The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of Retro Arcades

April 19. Presented by Tim Owens, owner of Reclaim Arcade

### Creating Chapbooks

April 26

### Getting Started with ChatGPT

May 10. Presented by Denise Grey

### Basic Auto Care

May 17. Presented by a certified automotive technician.

### Get Ready for Music on the Steps

May 31

## Movies

### Cinema Night

For adults.

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,  
4:00-6:00

March 12: *Barbie*

March 26: *Billion Dollar Heist*

April 9: *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*

April 23: *Dreamin' Wild*

May 14: *Theatre Camp*

May 28: *Haunted Mansion*

### Fredericksburg Matinee

A showing of the live-action feature film of *The Little Mermaid*.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, April 6,  
2:00-4:15



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## Writers

### Comic Creators Roundtable

Explore a variety of art and promotional topics, with time for open collaboration.

IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays,  
6:00-7:00

### Inklings Fiction Critique Group

Share feedback on current projects with other writers.

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30

### Riverside Writers

Workshops, critique sessions, and expert speakers on writing.

Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays,  
1:00-3:00

### Inklings Writers Group

Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback. All levels.

**VIRTUAL** and Howell, 1st Wednesdays,  
6:00-7:30

**VIRTUAL** and Porter, 4th Thursdays,  
6:00-7:30

March 28: *Memoirs and Personal Essays*

April 25: *Poetry Is for Everyone*

May 23: *Exploring Genres*

### Celebration of Poetry

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Poetry Society of Virginia and poets from our region as they share original works. Poets will answer questions and have some of their books for sale.

Howell Branch, Saturday, April 6,  
2:00-4:00

## Music

### IdeaSpace Presents

Watch performances by local artists recorded at IdeaSpace.

View at [youtube.com/user/crrlvideo/playlists](https://youtube.com/user/crrlvideo/playlists)

### Music Engineering Class

Learn the basics of recording high-quality music.

IdeaSpace, Monday, April 8,  
6:00-7:00

### Tech on the Go: Akai MPK Mini Play

A powerful keyboard that is excellent for creating beats either alone or with software, such as FL Studio 20.

Check out high-tech equipment for your media projects. [librarypoint.org/techgo](http://librarypoint.org/techgo)



## Technology

### Training on Demand

30-minute, hands-on sessions tailored for you on any of these topics: tech skills for beginners, eBook/eAudio downloading, social media, online resources, and online job search/resume help. Call the branch or drop in to schedule an appointment.

Fredericksburg, Mondays, 9:00-11:00, and Fridays, 2:00-4:00

### Drop-in Tech Help

Receive help with your devices and discover downloadable/streaming media available from the library.

Salem Church, 2nd Tuesdays,  
2:00-3:00

### Retro Makers Group

Collaborate with like-minded arcade game lovers on unique projects using IdeaSpace equipment and software. In partnership with Reclaim Arcade.

IdeaSpace, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

### Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

Meet with Open Source and Linux users to discuss IT solutions.

Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00.

### PC Building 101

Learn the basics of building your first desktop PC.

IdeaSpace, Monday, April 15,  
6:00-7:00

### Tech on the Go: GoPro Hero7

A portable and durable video camera, perfect for filming action shots.

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[librarypoint.org/techgo](http://librarypoint.org/techgo)



### Coding with Pepper the Robot

Learn how Pepper the Robot functions and how to use block coding.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, May 23,  
2:00-3:00



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April 2nd for residents and  
April 9th for non-residents

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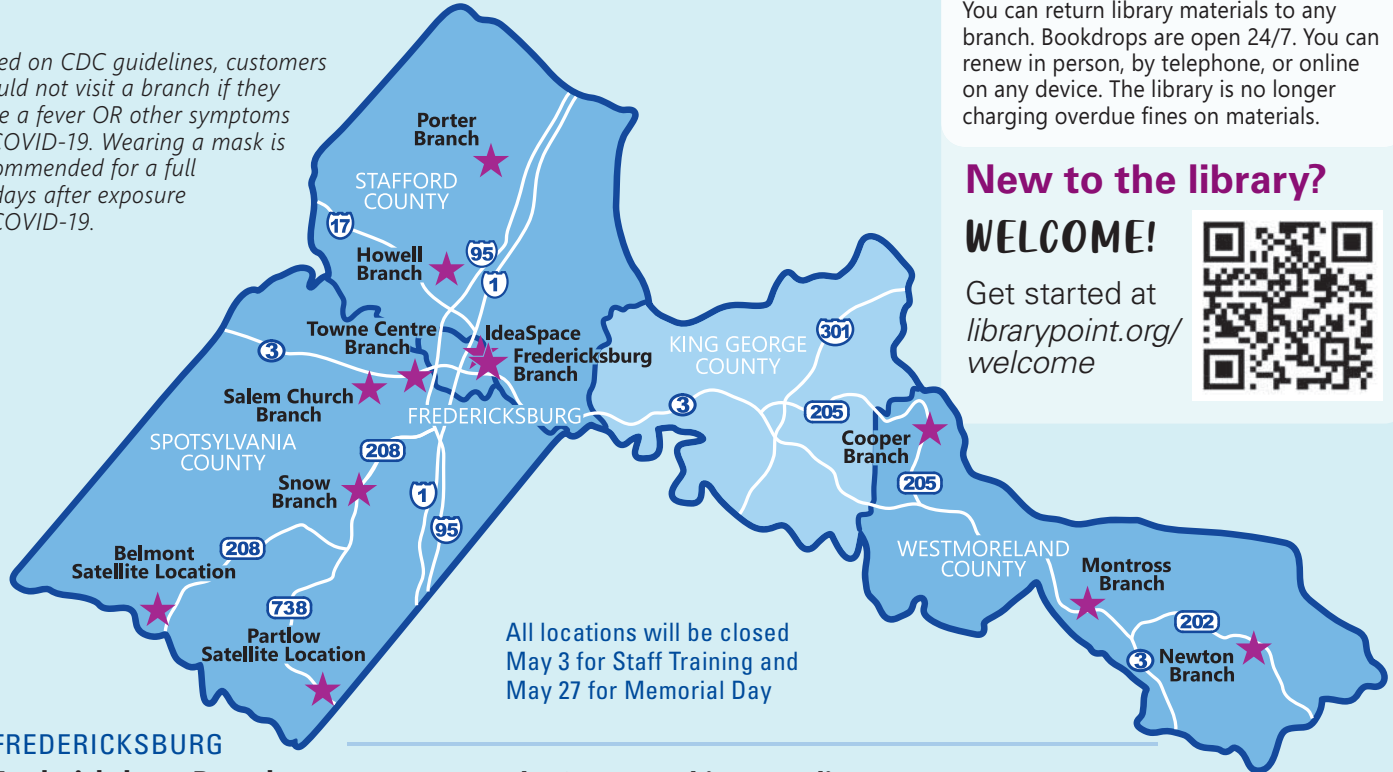


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May 27 for Memorial Day

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## FREDERICKSBURG

### Fredericksburg Branch

1201 Caroline St., 22401  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

### IdeaSpace: Making+Media

1616 Princess Anne St., 22401  
Monday-Thursday 2:00-8:00  
Saturday 12:00-5:00

## SPOTSYLVANIA

### Belmont Satellite Location

Belmont Ruritan Club and the  
Belmont Club of Women  
7124 Belmont Road, Mineral, 23117  
Mondays 4:00-7:00

### Salem Church Branch

2607 Salem Church Rd.,  
22407  
Monday 9:00-8:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00-5:30  
Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

### Snow Branch

8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553  
Monday, Tuesday 9:00-8:00  
Wednesday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

### Partlow Satellite Location

Partlow Ruritan Club, 3229  
Partlow Road, Partlow, 22534  
Tuesdays 4:00-7:00

### Towne Centre Branch

390 Spotsylvania Mall, 22407  
Monday 10:00-5:30  
Tuesday-Thursday 10:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 10:00-5:00

## STAFFORD

### Access Services at Howell Branch

806 Lyons Blvd., 22406  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00  
Fridays by appointment

### Howell Branch

806 Lyons Blvd., 22406  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

### Porter Branch

2001 Parkway Blvd., 22554  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

## WESTMORELAND

### Cooper Branch

20 Washington Ave., 22443  
Monday, Friday, Saturday 9:00-1:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday 12:00-8:00  
Thursday 1:00-5:00

### Montross Branch

56 Polk St., 22520  
Monday, Thursday 12:00-8:00  
Tuesday, Saturday 1:00-5:00  
Wednesday, Friday 9:00-1:00

### Newton Branch

22 Coles Point Rd., 22469  
Monday 12:00-8:00  
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Ancestry Library™, genealogy classes,  
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Books, eBooks, audiobooks,  
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