

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Summer 2026
June, July, August



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SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

Welcome

Most people know the library provides resources, such as books, audiobooks, movies, computers, and wifi, but it's also a hub where the many area communities come together. Whether you want to learn something new, discuss something you already know, or just gather with others who share your interests, the library has you covered.



Rebecca Purdy
Executive Director

I recently met two neighbors who regularly visit the Library. At first, they were just casual acquaintances who said, "Hi" in passing. That changed when one invited the other to join a Library book group. Now, they regularly connect with each other and a group of readers to talk about books and share ideas.

If you like history, there is something for everyone in honor of Virginia's 250th. If music is more your jam, grab a blanket and bring the family to *Music on the Steps*. You can bring your children to learn about wildlife, drop in to a craft group, or try something new, such as stamp collecting, making kombucha, or playing mahjong.

Don't forget to sign up for Summer Reading, too! It's for all ages, and you get to personalize how you participate. You can decide to join online challenges and complete activities, or choose to simply read (or listen) to earn a free book.

That's the thing about the public library: it belongs to you. I invite you to visit this summer, choose your experience, and find some community!

Rebecca

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Repair Café

Monthly Branch Book Sales

Fredericksburg

June 22-24 · full price
June 25-26 · half price
June 27 · \$3/bag

July 27-29 · full price
July 30-31 · half price
August 1 · \$3/bag

August 24-26 · full price
August 27-28 · half price
August 29 · \$3/bag

Howell

June 18 & 20 · full price
June 22-23 · half price
June 24 · \$3/bag

July 16-18 · full price
July 20-21 · half price
July 22 · \$3/bag

August 20-22 · full price
August 24-25 · half price
August 26 · \$3/bag

Porter

June 5-6 · full price
June 8-9 · half price
June 10 · \$3/bag

July 10-11 · full price
July 13-14 · half price
July 15 · \$3/bag

August 7-8 · full price
August 10-11 · half price
August 12 · \$3/bag

Salem Church

June 16-18 · full price
June 20 & 22 · half price
June 23 · \$3/bag

July 21-24 · full price
July 25 & 27 · half price
July 28 · \$3/bag

August 18-21 · full price
August 22 & 24 · half price
August 25 · \$3/bag

Snow

June 8-10 · full price
June 11-13 · half price
June 15 · \$3/bag

July 13-15 · full price
July 16-18 · half price
July 20 · \$3/bag

August 10-12 · full price
August 13-15 · half price
August 17 · \$3/bag

Join the Friends of the Library



Support your library by joining the Friends or shopping at our book sales. All proceeds support your library!

Find out more and join at:

crrlfriends.org


 @CRRLFriends



Shop the Friends' online store!




Show your library love with hats, shirts, and bags!



Super Summer BOOK SALE

Get the hottest deals on the coolest books.
All Friends members get to shop early, including newly received items.

Preview Night for Friends Members  Not a Friend yet? Join now or at the door!

Friday, July 10, 5:00-8:00

20% off entire shop
Saturday, July 11, 10:00-6:00

Half-off days
Monday, July 13, 10:00-6:00
Tuesday, July 14, 10:00-6:00

\$3/bag in the Bargain Room
Half price in the Bookshop and New Arrivals Room
Wednesday, July 15, 10:00-6:00

Friends Center & Bookshop 125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 150
Fredericksburg, 22408



A New Way to Give

The Central Rappahannock Regional Library Fund for Literacy and Learning

The Library is pleased to announce a permanent endowment has been created in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region.

Your Support Empowers Our Community:

- **Early Literacy:** Providing children with the essential tools to decode the world around them and transform curiosity into lifelong knowledge
- **Workforce Training:** Resources for job seekers
- **Lifelong Learning:** Offering classes that spark new interests and skills



All donations to the Fund are tax deductible.



Sign up for a library card!

- Check out books, audiobooks, DVDs, and more.
- Access online databases for research, genealogy, professional development, and more.
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SIGN UP AT librarypoint.org/card

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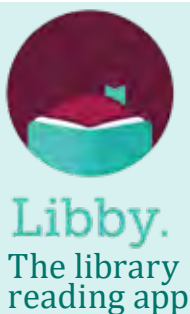
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Get started at librarypoint.org/digital

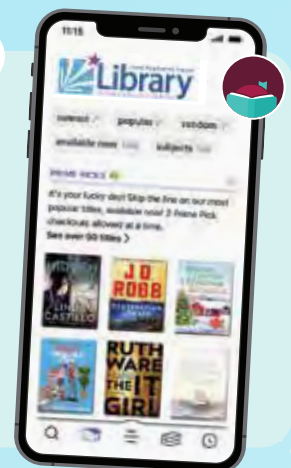


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- A unified bookshelf for your loans and holds
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- Pin filters to only see the content you like
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Lunch at the Library

Free
Nutritious
Lunches
for anyone
18 and
under

Fredericksburg Branch
Mondays-Thursdays, 12:00-12:30
June 15-July 30

1201 Caroline Street Fredericksburg,
22401. In partnership with
Fredericksburg City Public Schools
Mobile Cafe

Howell Branch
Tuesdays-Fridays, 12:00-1:30
June 2-July 31, except 6/19 and 7/3

806 Lyons Boulevard,
Fredericksburg 22406. Lunches
served inside the library. In
partnership with Hub of Hope

Salem Church Branch
Tuesdays-Thursdays, 12:00-1:30
June 2-July 30, except 6/3

2607 Salem Church Road,
Fredericksburg, 22401. Lunches
served inside the library.
In partnership with Hub of Hope



For more information and schedule updates,
visit: librarypoint.org/lunch



Children • Birth-age 5

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL)- Spotsylvania County Graduation Party Summer 2026

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library- Spotsylvania County celebrates this quarter's DPIL graduates who reside in Spotsylvania County zip codes and recently celebrated their 5th birthdays. Presented by the Spotsylvania County affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Salem Church, Wednesday, June 17, 6:00

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop off your favorite stuffie and see what they get up to when the library closes at night!

Stuffed friends will be supervised and kept safe from harm overnight while they play and make new friends.

Porter

Drop Off: Friday, June 12, 3:00-5:00

Pick Up: Saturday, June 13 9:00-12:00

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

librarypoint.org/1000-books

Can you and your child read 1,000 books together before kindergarten? Register online through Beanstack or pick up a paper log from the library. Track your reading and receive a special award for each 100 books completed. **For ages birth to 5 and their caregivers.**

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.

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

Fredericksburg, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:00

NEW!

Evening and Weekend Grow a Reader Storytimes

librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader

Classes to work with any schedule.

Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read. **Designed for ages 5 and under, all ages welcome with a caregiver.**

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged!

Salem Church,
1st Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30

Porter,
1st Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00

Fredericksburg,
1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00,
except 8/6

Saturday Tales

Porter, 4th Saturdays,
10:30-11:00

Salem Church,
4th Saturdays, starting 7/25,
11:00-11:30



Grow a Reader Special STORYTIMES

Designed for
ages 5 and
under; all ages
welcome with
a caregiver.



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

Grow a Reader Special: Eid al-Adha

Howell, Wednesday, May 27, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Father's Day

Town Centre, Wednesday, June 10, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, June 12, 10:00-10:30 and
11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, June 12, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, June 12, 11:00-11:30

Newton, Friday, June 12, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 16, 10:00-10:30

Montross, Wednesday, June 17, 10:30-11:00

Howell, Wednesday, June 17, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Pride

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 23, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Birthday America!

Salem Church, Friday, June 26, 10:00-10:30 and
11:00-11:30

Cooper, Friday, June 26, 11:00-11:30

Snow, Tuesday, June 30, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, July 1, 10:30-11:00

Howell, Wednesday, July 1, 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, July 1, 11:00-11:30

Newton, Thursday, July 2, 10:30-11:00

Grow a Reader Special: Summer Reading Kickoff:

Unearth a STORY™

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 2, 10:00-10:30

Snow, Tuesday, June 2, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, June 3, 10:30-11:00

Howell, Wednesday, June 3, 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, June 3, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, June 5, 10:30-11:00

Salem Church, Friday, June 5, 10:00-10:30
and 11:00-11:30

Cooper, Friday, June 5, 11:00-11:30

Newton, Friday, June 5, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special Series:

Feeling Ready

Help your child transition to school with this interactive storytime series focused on social-emotional skills.

Howell, Thursdays, June 11-July 23, 10:00-10:30,
except 7/2

Porter, Fridays, June 12-July 31, 9:30-10:00,
except 6/19 and 7/3

Fredericksburg, Fridays, June 12-July 31, 11:00-11:30,
except 6/19 and 7/3

Salem Church, Thursdays, June 18-July 23, 11:00-11:30



Weekly Storytime Classes

***Special holiday-themed storytime on this date**

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15, except 8/4

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 8/5

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 8/5

Fridays, 10:00-10:20, except 6/19, 7/3, and 8/7

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Fridays, 11:00-11:30,

except 6/19, 7/3, and 8/7

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 6/16*, 6/23* and 8/4

Bedtime Stories

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00, except 8/6

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under, all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 6/5*, 6/12*, 6/19, 6/26*, and 7/3

Montross Branch

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under, all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 6/3*, 6/17*, 6/24*, and 7/1*

NEW!

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 6/3, 6/13 and 8/5

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 6/3, 6/13, and 8/5

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 8/6

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, 11:00-11:30, except 8/6

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Fridays, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30, except 6/12*, 6/26*, 6/19, 7/3, 7/24, and 8/7

Bedtime Stories

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30

Saturday Tales

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

4th Saturdays, 11:00-11:30

NEW!
Starts
7/25

Towne Centre Branch

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 6/10*, 7/1*, and 8/5

Snow Branch

Mother Goose

Ages 2 and under

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 7/1*

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays, 11:00-11:15, except 8/6

Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 6/19, 7/3, 7/31, and 8/7

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:20, except 8/5

Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 6/19, 7/3, 7/31, and 8/7

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30, except 8/6

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 6/17*, 7/1*, and 8/5

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 8/4

Thursdays, 9:30-9:45, except 8/6

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 8/4

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50, except 8/6

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 6/19, 7/3, and 8/7

Alphabet Soup

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 6/12*, 6/19, 7/3, and 8/7

Bedtime Stories

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00

Saturday Tales

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

4th Saturdays, 10:30-11:00

Grades K-6

For updates and more details on all programs, visit librarypoint.org/events.



Discovery Tables

Explore a rotating series of self-guided, discover-it-yourself activities.

All branches, June 1-August 15

KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.
**Special time*

Newton, Mondays, June 1-August 3,
1:00-2:00*, August 10-24, 5:00-6:00

Cooper, Wednesdays, August 12-26,
4:00-5:00

Montross, Thursdays, June 4-August 6,
1:30-2:30*, August 13-27, 5:00-6:00

Towne Centre, Thursdays,
5:00-6:00

VA250 Special

Montross, Thursday,
July 2, 5:00-6:00

Presented by staff from
James Monroe's Birthplace

PAWS for Reading

Practice your reading with therapy dogs trained to be avid listeners. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. Sign up at the branch to book your time.

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

Porter, 1st Saturdays, 10:30-
12:00, except 7/4

Salem Church, 1st Saturdays,
2:30-4:00, except 7/4

Montross, 2nd Thursdays,
5:30-6:30

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

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

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

Wacky Wednesdays

Stories, games, and crafts, followed by Movie Matinee from 3:00-4:30 (page 8).

Cooper, Wednesdays,
June 3-August 5, 2:00-3:00

VA250 Special

Presented by staff
from James Monroe's
Birthplace

Wednesday, July 1, 2:00-3:00

LEGO® Building Lab

We supply the bricks. You supply the imagination. **STEM**

Porter, 1st Mondays, 4:30-5:30

Fredericksburg, 3rd Thursdays,
5:30-6:30

Cooper, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00,
except 7/4

Newton, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00,
except 7/4

Montross, Saturdays, 2:00-3:00,
except 7/4

Snow, Mondays, 4:00-5:00

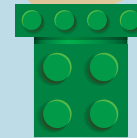
Salem Church, Tuesdays,
4:00-5:00

LEGO® Super Mario™: Level Up

Build and play in an interactive Super Mario™ game! We supply the bricks, you supply the imagination.

STEM

Porter, Thursday, July 23,
3:00-5:00



Digging It

Action-packed science fun

Towne Centre, Tuesday, June 23, 10:00-10:45

Presented by **SCIENCE HEROES**
formerly ScienceTellers

FUN FEST

A community celebration with games, activities, popsicles, and more!

Snow, Tuesday, June 2, 12:00-12:45
Fredericksburg, Thursday, July 16, 1:00-2:30
Salem Church, Friday, July 24, 10:00-11:30
Howell, Friday, July 31, 9:30-11:00
Montross, Monday, August 3, 4:00-5:30
Cooper, Wednesday, August 5, 2:00-3:00
Porter, Friday, August 7, 10:30-12:00

Sponsored by **Friends of the Library**

Movies

Movie Matinee

Newton, Mondays, June 1-August 3, 2:00-2:30

June 1: *Zootopia* (PG)

June 8: *Zootopia 2* (PG)

June 15: *Bad Guys* (PG)

June 22: *Bad Guys 2* (PG)

June 29: *The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants* (PG)

July 6: *Sonic 3* (PG)

July 13: *Super Mario Brothers* (2023) (PG)

July 20: *Minecraft* (PG)

July 27: *KPop Demon Hunters* (PG)

August 3: *Lilo and Stitch* (2025) (PG)

Cooper, Wednesdays, June 3-August 5, 3:00-4:30

June 3: *Bad Guys 2* (PG)

June 10: *In Your Dreams* (PG)

June 17: *Pets on a Train* (PG)

June 24: *The SpongeBob Movie: Search for Squarepants* (PG)

July 1: *Leo* (PG)

July 8: *DWK Last Straw* (PG)

July 15: *Spellbound* (PG)

July 22: *Grand Prix of Europe* (PG)

July 29: *Charlie the Wonder Dog* (PG)

August 5: *Hoppers* (PG)

Sing-along Summer

Sing along to these favorite movies. Popcorn provided. **All ages**

Fredericksburg, 2nd Mondays, 1:00-2:45

June 8: *Encanto* (PG)

July 13: *Frozen* (PG)

August 10: *Moana* (PG)

Summer Movie Matinee

Bring a beach towel to enjoy feature films indoors. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Thursdays, June 4-July 30, 2:15-4:15

June 4: *Toy Story 2* (G)

June 11: *Holes* (PG)

June 18: *The Road to El Dorado* (PG)

June 25: *Night at the Museum* (PG)

July 2: *Atlantis: The Lost Empire* (PG)

July 9: *The Land Before Time* (G)

July 16: *A Bug's Life* (G)

July 23: *A Minecraft Movie* (PG)

July 30: *The Prince of Egypt* (PG)

Movie Night

Montross, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30

June 8: *We're Back: A Dinosaur Story* (G)

July 13: *Land Before Time* (G)

August 10: *The Land Before Time II* (G)

Revolutionary Summer Movie Matinee

VA250 event

Indoor summer fun for **all ages**. Bring a beach towel.

Howell, Friday, June 26, 1:30-3:00: *Felicity: An American Girl Adventure* (Not Rated)

Howell, Friday, July 24, 1:30-3:00: *An American Tail* (G)

A Minecraft Movie (PG) Matinee

Indoor summer fun for **all ages**. Bring a beach towel.

Howell, Monday, August 3, 2:00-3:45

Pokémon Time

Bring your Pokemon cards to trade or play.

Fredericksburg, 2nd Saturdays, 3:00-4:00

Porter, 4th Saturdays, 3:00-4:00

Memories Ensemble of the Fredericksburg Concert Band

Children's concert with time afterward for children to talk with musicians. Presented by Memories Ensemble of the Fredericksburg Concert Band.

Porter, Tuesday, June 16, 1:00-2:00

Imagination Station

Join teen mentors for an hour of arts and crafts. Materials provided.

Porter, 3rd Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15

Hands-on Gardening Workshops for Children

Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area. Learn how to grow vegetables. Held in the library's garden. **Grades K-6 with caregiver.** Call 540-372-1144, x7535 to register.

Salem Church, 3rd Saturdays, 9:30-11:30

Books for the First Day of School



Scan the QR code to view the full list:



Wildlife Center of Virginia

Meet animals who are former patients at the wildlife hospital and hear their stories. Presented by the Wildlife Center of Virginia. **STEM.**

Salem Church, Wednesday, June 3, 10:00-10:45 and 11:30-12:15

Cooper, Monday, June 8, 10:30-11:15

Montross, Monday, June 8, 1:00-1:45

Newton, Monday, June 8, 3:00-3:45

Porter, Wednesday, June 10, 1:00-1:45 and 3:00-3:45

Howell, Friday, June 12, 2:30-3:15 and 4:00-4:45

Snow, Tuesday, June 16, 2:00-2:45 and 4:00-4:45

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 18, 11:00-11:45 and 1:00-1:45



WILDLIFE CENTER
OF VIRGINIA



Grades K-6

For updates and more details on all programs, visit librarypoint.org/events.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more

Dinosaur Exploration

STEM

Howell, June 5, 3:00-3:45
Porter, August 21, 4:15-5:00

Rocks, Gems, and Fossils

STEM

Fredericksburg, June 12, 4:30-5:15

VA250 Bingo

Snow, June 12, 4:15-5:00
Salem Church, June 26, 4:15-5:00

American Revolution

In partnership with Discover Stafford and Fredericksburg Area Museum.

Porter, June 26, 4:15-5:00

VA250 event



Digging into Dirt

STEM

Snow, July 10, 4:15-5:00
Salem Church, July 17, 4:15-5:00
Fredericksburg, August 14, 4:30-5:15



Pollinator Superstars: Bats, Bees, Butterflies, and Birds

In partnership with Widewater State Park. **STEM**

Howell, July 10, 3:00-3:45



Space

STEM

Fredericksburg, July 10, 4:30-5:15

Robotics

In partnership with Massey Robotics. **STEM**
Porter, July 17, 4:15-5:00



Ancient Egypt

Salem Church, August 21, 4:15-5:00

Minecraft Mania

STEM

Howell, August 7, 3:00-3:45

Grades K-6 & Teens



Crochet and Knitting for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic stitches. Bring your own project supplies. All levels welcome.

Grade K-adult.

Salem Church, Mondays, 4:00-5:00

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.**

Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00

Newton, Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Summer STEM: Sharks

Shark-themed activities, crafts, and facts. While supplies last.

All ages.

Salem Church, Friday, July 10, 3:00-5:00

Chess Time

Casual chess for all experience levels. **Grades K-12.**

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

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

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all experience levels.

Cooper, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00

VA250 History Fair

Celebrate 250 years of America in Virginia with demonstrations, games, activities, and more.

All ages.

Salem Church, Saturday, June 20, 1:00-4:00

VA250 event

Studio Ghibli Fest

Sponsored by Time & Space Comics. Celebrate your favorite Studio Ghibli films with crafts, games, and more. Costumes encouraged! **All ages.**

Porter, Friday, July 10, 2:00-4:00

Teens

For updates and more details on all programs, visit librarypoint.org/events.

Make Amazing Cards

Presented by Pam Haskins. All supplies provided.

Ages 16 and up.

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

Teen Art Tuesdays

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

Grades 6-12.

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00

Montross, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

Super Summer Smash

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

Grades 6-12.

Porter, Friday, June 5, 6:00-8:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, June 26, 6:00-8:00



Teen Anime and Manga Club:

Summer Specials

Porter Branch

Grades 6-12

**Special summer hours*

Spy x Family Escape Room

Solve puzzles and complete challenges to help the Forger family complete their mission.

Thursday, June 4, 3:00-4:30*

Movie Matinee:

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)

Bring your favorite movie snacks, pillows, and blankets, and watch a movie while working on some anime-themed arts and crafts.

Thursday, July 2, 2:30-5:00*

Anime Art Challenge

Compete in anime and manga-themed art challenges and win prizes.

Thursday, August 6, 5:00-6:00



Movies

Teen Movie Night

Bring your favorite movie snacks, pillows, and blankets!

Salem Church

Monday, June 15, 5:30-7:30: *Freaky Friday* (PG)

Monday, July 13, 5:30-7:30: *Freakier Friday* (PG)

Teen Council Presents: Movie Night

Bring your favorite movie snacks, pillows, and blankets!

Porter Branch

Thursday, June 25, 5:00-7:30: *Wild Robot* (PG-13)

Thursday, July 30, 5:00-7:30: *How to Train Your Dragon* (2025, PG)

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Grades 6-12

Special Summer Hours for a TTRPG campaign
(tabletop role-playing game)

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00

Howell, 2nd Mondays, 4:00-5:30*

Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30*
Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30*

Book Groups

librarypoint.org/teen-book-groups

Scan the QR code to view the selected titles and more details:



Teen Book Group Summer Specials

Porter and **VIRTUAL**. Grades 7-12

The Hunger Games (PG-13)

Watch the first movie while chatting about all of the books in the series.

Thursday, June 11, 5:00-7:30

Silent Reading Party

Catch up on your summer reading at a (not-so-silent) silent reading party! Bring a book to read or pick something new out while you're here!

Thursday, July 9, 5:00-7:00

Bring Your Own Book Club

Bring your favorite book from home or pick one out at the library, and play the Bring Your Own Book game!

Thursday, August 13, 5:00-6:00

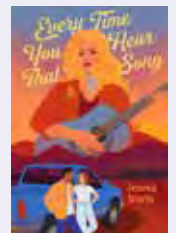
LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride. **Grades 6-12**

Fredericksburg and **VIRTUAL**, 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

June: Country Pride

Ash's Cabin by Jen Wang
Every Time You Hear That Song by Jenna Voris
Martian Ghost Centaur. 1, by Mat Heagarty
Dan in Green Gables by Rey Terciero



July: Sweet Treats

Ghostkeeper by Johanna Taylor
Crumbs by Danie Stirling
The Dos and Donuts of Love by Adiba Jaigirdar
Mooncakes by Suzanne Walker



August: School Stories

Navigating With You by Jeremy Whitley
Adachi & Shimamura by Hitoma Iruma
Ollie In Between by Jess Callans
Angelica and the Bear Prince by Trung Le Nguyen



Adults

For updates and program details, including virtual links, visit librarypoint.org/events.

Arts & Crafts

Make Amazing Cards

Presented by Pam Haskins. All supplies provided. **Ages 16 and up.** Howell, 1st Mondays, 4:00-6:00

Crochet and Knitting for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic stitches. Bring your own project supplies. All levels welcome.

Grade K-adult.

Salem Church, Mondays, 4:00-5:00

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.**

Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00

Newton, Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Community Canvas: Craft & Connect

Create with others through collaborative art projects, no experience needed, while getting connected to free area resources.

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00

A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

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

Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Cooper, 2nd Mondays, 11:00-12:00 except 6/8 (11:30-12:30)

June 8: Duct Tape Boxes

July 13: Seashell Candles

August 10: Coastal Coasters

Montross, 3rd Fridays, 3:00-4:00, except 6/26

June 26: Flag Luminary

July 17: Crab Plush

August 21: Making Homemade Paper

VA250 event

Make Your Own Wreath for Any Occasion

Frames and decorations provided, while supplies last.

Porter, Friday, June 12, 2:00-4:00

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Presented by A Loosely Knit Group. Bring your own project to work on. All needlecrafts welcome.

Porter, Saturday, June 13, 12:00-3:00

Fresh Start Photography Meetup

Meet with other photographers to learn, discuss, and hone your skills.

Salem Church, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-8:00

Bullet Journaling

Use supplies provided to create a journal or bring your own. While supplies last.

Porter, Saturday, June 20, 3:30-4:30

Beginner Photography Class

Hands-on class presented by experienced local photographer, Jaime Rodriguez. Learn to use your camera more effectively, including camera operation, image capture, using a flash, and more. Bring your camera and gear or smartphone.

Towne Centre, Saturday, July 18, 1:00-3:00

Craft Supply Swap

Trade your old craft supplies for something new! Drop off clean or gently used items (no partial bottles of liquid) in original packaging or ziplock bags between July 13-25, or bring them to the event. Then come to the swap to find some new-to-you materials!

Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 8, 2:30-4:00

Art Shows

Jaime Rodriguez

Towne Centre, June-August

Reception: Thursday, June 4, 4:30-6:30. Light refreshments.

Charles Eastwood

Fredericksburg, June

Unmasking Brain Injury Exhibit presented by Brain Injury Services

Howell, June

REACH Homeschool Art Exhibit

Salem Church, June

Quilts by the Stafford Stitchers

Howell, July-August

Fresh Start Photography Group

Salem Church, August



Art Night

Create art and compete for a trophy! Winner chosen by attendee votes. All supplies provided.

All ages.

Snow, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30



Astronomical Cosplay with Astra Void

Presented by Astra Void Cosplay. Learn how to make cosplay costumes and props with craft foam, paint, and maker techniques.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, August 8, 2:00-3:00



▶ MakerLab Badging

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace, and then use it for your own projects! librarypoint.org/makerlab

3D Printer • Creates objects by building them layer by layer using plastic filament from a digital design.

AV Booth • 10x12 soundproof studio for recording professional-sounding audio and video.

Sewing Machine • Quickly stitch fabric or cloth together to create fabulous sewing projects.

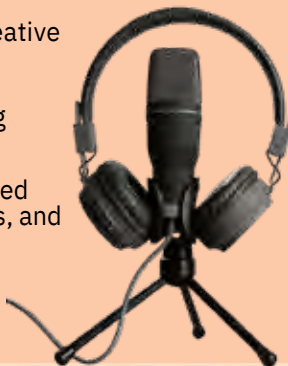
▶ Tech on the Go

Check out high-tech equipment for your creative projects! librarypoint.org/techgo

Drawing Tablets • An easily portable drawing tablet with a built-in screen.

Oral History Podcast Kit • Everything you need to record: recorder, microphone, headphones, and interview tips.

Cricut • A fast, precise cutting machine capable of working with over 100 materials.



Lunch & Learn

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere. Pre-recorded video posted to [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews) weekly. No Facebook account needed.

VIRTUAL, Fridays, 12:00 except 6/19 and 7/3

Forging a New Nation: Colonial Iron Making in Virginia (VA250)

June 5. Presented by Jon Bachman, local naturalist and historian.

Loving Day

June 12

AI and Writing

June 26. Presented by local author, Paige Edwards.

Aaron Anderson: Medal of Honor Recipient

July 10. Presented by Jon Bachman, local naturalist and historian.

Meeting Rooms, Study Rooms, and Privacy Pods at the Library

July 17

Printing and Copying Services at the Library

July 24

Library 101, Part I

July 31

Movies at the Library

August 7

World Photography Day

August 14

Keeping Chickens

August 21. Presented by Tina Evans-Zook.

Library 101, Part 2

August 28



Author Talks

VIRTUAL. To register or view recordings, visit library.org/crrl

Mary Savig

Wednesday, June 3, 2:00

Smithsonian Curator, Mary Savig, discusses the history of craft at state fairs.

Matt Dinniman

Thursday, June 11, 7:00

New York Times-bestselling author of the *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series chats about his latest book, *A Parade of Horribles*.



Ted Page

Thursday, June 18, 2:00

Popular blogger, Ted Page, discusses his journey to bring together the stories and wisdom of grandfathers from all walks of life.

Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy

Kadri and Loupy chat about *The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook*, which features 85 recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms.

Tuesday, June 23, 2:00



Karin Slaughter

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00

New York Times-bestselling author of the Will Trent series chats about her latest book, *The Secrets We Hide*.

Marisa Franco

Tuesday, July 28, 2:00

New York Times-bestselling author of *Platonic* chats about her latest book, *Worth*.

Lucy Foley

Thursday, August 27, 2:00

New York Times-best selling author of *The Guest List* chats about her latest book, *The Midnight Feast*.

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New Members Always Welcome!

Themed Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

Books & Boba: Silent Reading

1st Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30, optional chat: 7:00-7:30

Meets at Tea'Go, 35 Walpole St #115, Stafford, 22554

Books, boba, and quiet reading time with fellow book lovers. All book formats welcome!

Civil War Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

June 3: *On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reed

July 1: *Touched with Fire: Civil War Letters and Diary of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.*, edited by Mark D. Howe

August 5: *The Forgotten Battles of the Chancellorsville Campaign: Fredericksburg, Salem Church, and Banks' Ford in Spring 1863* by Erik F. Nelson

The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469

June 4: *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswal

July 2: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

August 6: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Walking Book Group

1st Fridays, 9:30-11:00, except 7/3.

Meets monthly at Willowmere Park, 21 Willowmere Pond Rd, Stafford, 22556

June 5: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

July 10: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

August 7: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land

Chill Lofi Reading Time

Porter, 1st Fridays, 4:00-5:00, except 7/3

Read, work on a puzzle, or color in a relaxed atmosphere with gentle lofi background music.

Books & Wine

2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00.

Meets at Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, 22554

June 8: *Summer Mysteries: Detectives and Investigators: The Dry* by Jane Harper, *A Gift Before Dying* by Malcolm Kempt, and *The Searcher* by Tana French

July 13: *The Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown

August 10: *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443

June 9: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

July 14: *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells

August 11: *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

VIRTUAL, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

Contact the Howell Branch Adult Services Desk to have a copy sent to your branch.

June 15: *The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde

July 20: *Do Not Become Alarmed* by Maile Meloy

August 17: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:15-11:30

Meets at Curitiba Art Café, 919 Caroline St., Fredericksburg, 22401
Book selections can be picked up at Fredericksburg Branch.

June 16: *Go as a River* by Shelley Read

July 21: *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann

August 18: Greek Retellings (reader's choice)

Horror Book Groups NEW!

Snow, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

June 10: *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer

July 8: *Hemlock & Silver* by T. Kingfisher

August 12: *The Dead Take the A Train* by Cassandra Khaw

Montross, 4th Saturdays, 1:30-2:30

June 27: *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll

July 25: *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones

August 22: *Witchcraft for Wayward Girls* by Grady Hendrix

Sand & Sun Beach Reads

For vacations and staycations.



Crochet & Books NEW!

Discuss the latest read and create a unique granny square inspired by the book's cover art. Beginners welcome; supplies provided.

Montross, 3rd Mondays, 5:00-6:00

June 15: *Queen Charlotte* by Julia Quinn

July 20: *Girl Waits With Gun* by Amy Stewart

August 17: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson



Facebook Book Chat

Lively discussion through comments on a Facebook post. Join the Central Rappahannock Regional Library Book Chat group at facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat

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

June 17: What New Genre Would You Like To Try?

July 15: Who Are Your Favorite Authors?

August 19: 2026 Summer Reading Favorites

Rainbow Reads

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30

In partnership with FXBG Pride. An LGBTQ+ and allies book group.

June 17: *Patricia Wants to Cuddle* by Samantha Allen

July 15: *A Lady for a Duke* by Alexis Hall

August 19: *The Line of Beauty* by Alan Hollinghurst

6 Bears and a Goat: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

Meets at 6 Bears and a Goat Brewing Company, 1140 International Parkway, Fredericksburg, 22406

June 18: *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel Brown

July 16: Free Read

August 20: *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle

Novel Tea Book Group: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

Salem Church, Saturday, July 25, 2:00-3:00

Quarterly book discussion paired with a tea to try. Bring a favorite tea cup/mug or use the cups provided. While supplies last.

VA250 Summer Book Group: *The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South* by Alan Pell Crawford

More details, page 18.

Meets at The Mary Washington House, 1200 Charles St., Fredericksburg, 22401, Monday, July 27, 6:00-7:30

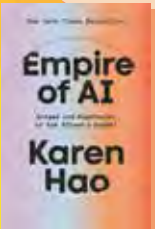
We the Readers Civic Book Group

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, July 21, 7:00-8:00

Contact the Porter Adult Research desk for a copy to be sent to your home branch.

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

Discussing *Empire of AI* by Karen Hao or *Future Tense* by Martha Brockenbrough.



Branch Book Groups

librarypoint.org/book-groups

Cooper Book Group

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

June 18: Celebrate VA250

July 16: Free Read

August 20: Sail Away

Fredericksburg Book Group

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

June 13: *Educated* by Tara Westover

July 11: *The Second Life of Mirielle West*

by Amanda Skenandore

August 8: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

Howell Book Group

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

June 2: *Far and Away* by Amy Poeppel

July 7: *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton

August 4: *Dear George, Dear Mary* by Mary Calvi

Montross Book Group

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

June 12: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy

July 10: *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

August 14: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Newton Book Group

4th Fridays, 11:00-12:00

June 26: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

July 24: *Night* by Elie Wiesel

August 28: *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* by Bill Bryson

Porter Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

June 4: *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan

July 2: *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* by Arundhati Roy

August 6: *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende

Salem Church Book Group

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

June 15: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab

July 20: *Montana 1948* by Larry Watson

August 17: *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes

Snow Book Group

3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

June 17: *George Washington's Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade

July 15: *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

August 19: *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton

VA250 event

Towne Centre Book Group

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00

June 1: *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee

July 6: *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

August 3: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Westmoreland Library on the Go Book Group

NEW!

3rd Mondays, 1:00-1:30

Mill Pond Villages, 56 Mill Pond Lane, Montross, 22520

3rd Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30

Parker Run Apartments, 91 Shelby Farm Rd, Montross, 22520

3rd Thursdays, 1:30-2:00

The Meadows, 400 Meadow Ave, Colonial Beach, 22443

June: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

July: *When the Men Were Gone* by Marjorie Herrera Lewis

August: *Gilead*

by Marilynne Robinson



Adults

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Community Resource Corner

Explore resources and join the conversation.

D= Display, T=Table, P=Presentation

June: Summer Fun at Your Library

Discover all the amazing things the Library has to offer free of charge, from the Summer Reading challenge to events for all ages, including storytimes, crafts, movies, STEM, and more.

Porter, Monday, June 1, all day (T)

Howell, Monday, June 8, all day (T)

Montross, Tuesday, June 9, 1:00-5:00 (T)

Salem Church, Friday, June 26, 2:00-3:00 (T)

July: National Parks and Recreation Month

Explore the history and natural beauty of America's national parks and ways to preserve them.

Porter, Monday, July 6, 11:00-12:00 (T)

Snow, Friday, July 10, 3:00-4:00 (T)

Cooper, Fredericksburg, Newton, Salem Church, Towne Centre, all month (D)

August: AI Literacy

Explore resources that answer common questions about AI, such as what it does and how it works.

Howell, Thursday, August 13, all day (T)

Porter, Monday, August 17, 11:00-12:00 (T)

Cooper, Tuesday, August 18, all day (T)

Fredericksburg, Thursday, August 20, all day (T)

Salem Church, Friday, August 28, 2:00-3:00 (T)

Montross, all month (D)

Community & Civics

Haircuts in the Library

Free haircuts by students from F.A.D.E.D. Foundation. First come, first served.

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Mondays and Monday, August 31, 10:00-12:00

Lawyer in the Library

Presented by Legal Aid Works. Learn about your rights as a tenant and get answers to your legal questions. No appointments needed. Income limits apply.

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 30, 5:00-7:00

Intro to Legal Research with Westlaw

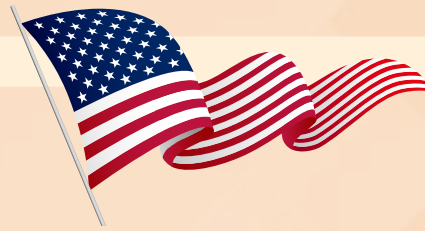
Learn to navigate Westlaw, a widely used legal research tool available at no charge at any library branch. Consumers and legal professionals welcome.

Fredericksburg, Monday, June 8, 6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg DSS in the Community

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

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



Citizenship Info Session

Learn the basics of the U.S. citizenship process and get connected with reliable resources to start your naturalization journey.

Porter, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

How to File for Custody in Virginia

Fredericksburg, Monday, July 13, 6:00-7:00

We the Readers Civic Book Group

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, July 21, 7:00-8:00
More details, page 14

Legal Research with AI

Explore how AI is reshaping legal research, with a focus on Virginia's 2026 consumer protection laws and digital safety standards. Learn best practices for using these tools responsibly and securely in daily life.

Fredericksburg, Monday, August 10, 6:00-7:00



Financial

Wealth Wednesdays

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. New recordings posted to [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews) and [youtube.com/crrlvideo](https://www.youtube.com/crrlvideo).

VIRTUAL, 2nd Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00

June 10: Social Security Overview

July 8: How Income, Taxes, and Investments Work Together

August 12: Coordinating Your Retirement Plan

Games

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

Cooper, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00

Bingo

Sponsored by Neighbor2Neighbor.

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00

Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Puzzles must include all pieces.

Porter, 2nd Saturdays, 1:00-2:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, June 24, 2:30-4:30



Food & Drink

Healthier Summer Treats

Presented by April Payne, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent.

Towne Centre, Wednesday, June 17, 2:30-3:30

When Tomatoes Were Toxic

Culinary History of the 1700s. In partnership with Washington Heritage Museums, presented by BL Trahos. An informative talk around the culinary arts of the 1700s with recipes and samples.

Fredericksburg, Friday, June 26, 1:30-3:00

VA250 event

Making Kombucha

Presented by April Payne, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent. Learn how to make kombucha, a fermented tea.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, July 1, 4:00-5:00

Snow, Wednesday, August 26, 3:00-4:00

Coffee and Conversation for Older Adults

Enjoy coffee, puzzles, and conversation at this laid-back gathering.

Fredericksburg, 3rd Mondays, 10:00-11:00

Tea With Friends

Enjoy tea, meet others, and discover what the library has to offer.

Montross, 3rd Fridays, 11:00-12:00, except 6/19

June is Audiobook Month

Check out hoopla's HUGE catalog of instantly available audiobook titles for all ages. Browse bestsellers, your favorite genre, or your favorite author or narrator! Get started with hoopla at librarypoint.org/hoopla



Going Green

Gardening Workshops with Downtown Greens

Fredericksburg, 1st Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

June 2: Bluebirds with Lisa Benoit

July 7: Summer Garden Maintenance

August 4: Unsung Heroes: Pollination Beyond the Honeybee

Gardening by the Month

Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area.

Fredericksburg, select Saturdays, 1:00-2:00

June 6: Common Pests and Disease

July 18: Understanding Pollination (flower dissection)

August 1: Fall Gardening--Timing, Protection, Winterizing

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



Plant Clinic

Gardening questions answered by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00-12:00

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00, except 7/4



Grow Where You Live

Small-scale gardening using the space you have. In partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension.

All ages with a caregiver.

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

SEED LIBRARY

librarypoint.org/seed

Select heirloom seed packets to plant at home. Optional: after plants mature, donate some seeds back to the library to sustain the collection. Visit librarypoint.org/seed for gardening tips, including instructions for collecting seeds.

Located at Fredericksburg and Porter **NEW!**

Backyard Composting 101

Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardeners Association.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, June 17, 6:00-7:00

Porter, Wednesday, July 15, 6:00-7:00

Howell, Wednesday, August 19, 6:00-7:00

Save the Pollinator Flower Show

Grow a pollinator flower, and enter a show for fun! Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area

Fredericksburg Branch

Flower Submissions: Tuesday, August 18, 11:00-4:30. Bring one or more entries in separate containers with water.

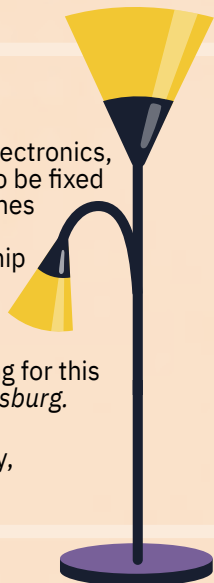
Flower Show and Award Announcements: Wednesday, August 19, 11:00-4:30. All are invited to come see the flowers on display. Prize ribbons will be distributed at a later date.

Repair Café

Bring broken household items--such as lamps, electronics, bicycles, and clothing--to be fixed by volunteer repair coaches and experts. First come, first served. In partnership with the R-Board and the Clean & Green Commission.

Interested in volunteering for this event? Contact fredericksburg.as.manager@crll.org

Fredericksburg, Saturday, July 18, 1:00-4:00



Adults

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History

World War II Movie Discussion Group

Presented by Virginia Lyman Lucas, author of *World War II at the Movies*. Slide presentation and discussion.

Salem Church, 1st Saturdays, 2:00-4:00, except 7/4

June 6: *Saving Private Ryan* (1998)

August 1: *Fat Man and Little Boy* (1989)

Intro to First Day Stamp Collecting

Presented by David Lorms. Explore First Day Covers (FDCs), envelopes or postcards with a U.S. stamp canceled on its first day of issue, often to mark an event.

Cooper, 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

VA250 VIRGINIA'S HISTORY IS AMERICA'S STORY

VA250 is a statewide commemoration, marking 250 years since the American Revolution and Virginia's vital role in the founding of the nation.

Learn more about classes & events at your library at librarypoint.org/va250

History in Film

A movie showing with activities.

Grade K-adult.

Salem Church, 5:00-7:00

Monday, June 1: *National Treasure*

Monday, June 8: *National Treasure: Book of Secrets*

VA250 Book Group: *The Fate of the Day: The War for America, Fort Ticonderoga to Charleston, 1777-1780* by Rick Atkinson

Discuss key moments of the Revolutionary War during the middle years, as covered in the second volume of the landmark American trilogy.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 4, 6:00-7:30

Film Friday: *Hamilton*

Enjoy popcorn and a movie for adults.

Newton, June 5, 11:00-1:00

Pop Culture Trivia: American History

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team.

Salem Church, Friday, June 5, 4:00-5:00

Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 1, 4:00-5:00

The Politics of Independence in Colonial Virginia

Presented by Dr. Will Mackintosh, Associate Professor, University of Mary Washington.

Porter, Saturday, June 6, 11:00-12:30



Scandal, Cards, & Courtship: Regency Entertainments

Presented by Kate Fogelson, Jane Austen Society of North America.

A lively look at the games and social entertainments in Regency times.

Howell, Saturday, June 6, 2:00-3:00

Mary Washington: George's Much Maligned Mother

Presented by the Washington Heritage Museums. Focusing on Mary, the mother of George Washington, this presentation considers her struggles and consequential actions, while also acknowledging the family's trials and celebrating their accomplishments.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, June 10, 6:00-7:30

Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown. Starts at Fredericksburg Branch.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, June 6, 10:30-12:00. Rain date: Thursday, June 11, 2:30-4:00

A Cultural Quilt: Fredericksburg's Sister Cities

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 18, 6:30-8:00

Presented by Fredericksburg Sister Cities. An overview of immigration and cultural contributions to America, explored through Fredericksburg's five sister cities: Frejus, France; Prince's Town, Ghana; Schwetzingen, Germany; Este, Italy; Kathmandu, Nepal.



June 18: Prince's Town, Ghana

Oral Ofori discusses the rich historical and cultural connections between Ghana and the United States, tracing shared histories, exchanges, and lasting influences from the past to the present.

Historic Stafford Places and Their Stories

Presented by Jerrilynn Eby MacGregor, Stafford County Historical Society. Stafford County has played a vital role in the founding of this nation. Learn of Stafford's history, stories, locations, and the people associated with them.

Porter, Saturday, June 20, 11:00-12:30

VA250 History Fair

Celebrate 250 years of America in Virginia with demonstrations, games, activities, and more.

All ages.

Salem Church, Saturday, June 20, 1:00-4:00

When Tomatoes Were Toxic

An informative talk around the culinary arts of the 1700s with recipes and samples.

Fredericksburg, Friday, June 26, 1:30-3:00

Beginner Crafts

Fourth of July Luminary. Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Montross, Friday, June 26, 11:00-12:00

Cinema Night/ Special Matinee: *Hamilton*

Enjoy popcorn and a movie for adults.

Cooper, Saturday, June 27, 10:00-1:00

Founding Fathers Independence Celebration

Enjoy light non-tea refreshments and a colonial craft while exploring local history resources.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, July 2, 2:30-4:00

Genealogy Panel

A panel of library research staff will answer your questions on AI in genealogy, the U.S. Census, immigration, local Virginia sources, newspapers, and breaking through roadblocks.

Salem Church, Thursday, July 9, 6:00-7:30

Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 15, 10:00-11:30

Virginia Inventions

Presented by Jon Bachman. Learn about inventions from Virginia and make your own ChapStick, which was invented in Lynchburg in the 1890s. While supplies last.

All ages.

Towne Centre, Wednesday, July 15, 2:00-3:00

Colonial American Genealogy

Presented by Gail Watson of the NSDAR Falls Church Chapter. Discover your ancestral roots in Colonial America and draw connections to early settlements from across the Colonies, with a special focus on Virginia.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, July 25, 11:00-12:30

VA250 Summer Book Group: *The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South* by Alan Pell Crawford

Presented in partnership with The Washington Heritage Museums. Discuss often-overlooked Southern campaigns of the Revolutionary War. Meetings held in the historic home where Mary Washington, mother of George, lived her final 17 years. Sign-up required at librarypoint.org/events.

Meets at The Mary Washington House, 1200 Charles St., Fredericksburg, 22401, Monday, July 27, 6:00-7:30

Stafford County Cemeteries and Their Revolutionary Heroes

Presented by Anita Dodd and Jerrilynn Eby MacGregor, Stafford County Historical Society. An overview of Stafford cemeteries, including iconography and their importance to local history and culture.

Porter, Saturday, August 15, 1:00-2:30

Basics of Using Genetics for Genealogy

Presented by Shannon Combs-Bennett, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Explore how DNA impacts genealogical research, what it is, and how it can assist your ancestral journey.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 22, 11:00-12:30



VA250: Speaker Series

In partnership with WETA PBS. Each event will be followed by a special screening of *The American Revolution*, by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt.

The Birth of America's Defense Forces: Continental Army, Navy, and Marines

Presented by Jeff Joyce, Culpeper National Cemetery. Discover how these forces were established as war erupted between the American Colonies and Great Britain.

Screening: *Documentary Overview*

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 25, 6:00-8:30

The Impact of the Revolution on the Daily Lives of Americans in George Washington's Hometown

Presented by Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.

Screening: *The Spirit of Service*

Fredericksburg, Thursday, July 16, 6:00-8:30

Deborah Sampson and Anna Maria Lane; Women Soldiers of the American Revolution

Presented by Vicki Ritenour Dehlbom, Honorary Regent, Washington-Lewis Chapter, NSDAR. Two women who hid their identities to become American Revolution soldiers.

Screening: *Faith & Freedom*

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, July 22, 6:00-8:30

From Trenton to Yorktown: Turning Points of the Revolutionary War

Presented by Dr. John R. Maass, National Museum of the United States Army. Sponsored by the Fielding Lewis Chapter, NSSAR, and the Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge No. 4. Five decisive events that secured independence.

Screening: *Military History*

Fredericksburg, Thursday, July 30, 6:00-8:30

Why the British Lost the War for American Independence

Presented by Dr. Porter Blakemore, University of Mary Washington. A unique perspective on how a disorganized group of colonists defeated Great Britain, the most powerful 18th-century Atlantic maritime power.

Screening: *Military History*

Fredericksburg, Thursday, August 6, 6:00-8:30

A Rather Brilliant View: Revolutionary Experiences at Chatham

Presented by Peter Maugle and Ryan Quint, National Park Services.

Screening: *Voices & Vision*

Fredericksburg, Thursday, August 27, 6:00-8:30

Adults

For updates and program details, including virtual links, visit librarypoint.org/events.

Health & Wellness

Medicare 101: What You Need to Know

Presented by Susan Jurkouich of Sunshine Senior Services. Learn about Medicare plans and have your questions answered.

Porter, 1st Mondays, 10:00-11:00

Salem Church, 1st Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

Free Health Assessments

Nursing students from Germanna Community College offer basic health checks, educational resources, and wellness tips.

Salem Church, Monday, June 8, 9:30-2:00

Howell, 9:00-3:30, June 1, 2, and 9, July 6, 10, and 14

Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins (joining virtually).

Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

Chair Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins (joining virtually).

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 and Healthy Generations.

Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:30-12:00, except 7/3

Howell, 2nd Fridays, 10:30-12:00

Salem Church, 3rd Fridays, 10:30-12:00, except 6/19

Cooper, 4th Mondays, 10:30-12:00

Health Answers

Presented by the Rappahannock Area Health Department. Explore educational materials, information on staying healthy, and connections to community resources. Free naloxone (also known as Narcan) will also be available. No appointment needed.

Salem Church, Wednesday, June 3, 11:00-1:00

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, July 1, 11:00-1:00

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 4, 1:00-6:00

Porter, Thursday, June 11, 12:30-6:00

Howell, Monday, June 22, 10:00-4:00

Porter, Thursday, July 9, 12:30-6:00

Howell, Monday, July 20, 10:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, August 11, 1:00-6:00

Porter, Thursday, August 13, 12:30-6:00

Howell, Monday, August 17, 10:00-4:00



The GUIDE Model for Dementia Care

Presented by Bay Health Solutions. GUIDE is a team-based model of care coordination for individuals with dementia and their caregivers. Learn how the program works and who is eligible.

Newton, Monday, June 8, 1:00-2:00

Montross, Tuesday, July 21, 2:30-3:30

Cooper, Thursday, August 27, 1:00-2:00

The Journey of Grief: Tools for Support and Compassion

Presented by Mary Washington Hospice and Grief Support Services.

Learn tools for coping with loss and supporting others with compassion.

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

June 9:
Supporting Grieving Teens

July 14:
Volunteering with Hospice

August 11:
Supporting a Grieving Friend

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Class held next to the food court.

Towne Centre, select Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00. June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 5 and 19

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

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays, 11:00-12:00

Caregiver Support Group

Presented by Bay Aging. Support for those caring for loved ones, including aging parents and those experiencing life-threatening illnesses or neurological disorders.

Montross, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30

Adult Social Time

Activities and games for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, August 12, 11:00-12:30

Music and Movement for Older Adults

Sing, move, and reminisce through music of the 1930s to 1970s. Music performed by Jordyn Parker, a board-certified music therapist.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, August 20, 3:00-4:00

Language Learning librarypoint.org/ell

ELL Resources on Demand

Learn about the ELL (English Language Learner) resources, tour the library, and discover services available free of charge. Sign up, call 540-372-1144, x7339 Porter, Mondays, 10:00-11:00, and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner English language learners. Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00, except 6/17 Howell, Thursdays, 2:00-3:30, June 4-July 30

ELL Reading and Writing Skills Workshop

A workshop for adult English language learners to improve reading and writing skills. Intermediate to advanced speaking ability required. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events. Fredericksburg, Thursdays, June 11-August 13, 2:15-3:45

Language Learning at Your Library

Discover apps and other language-learning resources available at no charge with your library card. Porter, Thursday, June 18, 6:00-7:00

Movies

Friday Films

Newton, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 11:00-1:00, except 6/19 and 7/3. For adults.

June 5: *Hamilton*

VA250 event

July 17: *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale*

August 7: *Song Sung Blue*

August 21: *Hamnet*

Cinema Night

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

June 9: *Song Sung Blue*

June 23: *Wake Up Dead Man*

July 14: *Mercy*

July 28: *Avatar: Fire & Ash*

August 11: *Ella McCay*

August 25: *Crime 101*

Horror Movie Club

Meet with horror fans to discuss a different subgenre each month.

Howell, 3rd Saturdays, 3:00-4:00

June 20: Paranormal

July 18: Foreign Horror Films

August 15: Gothic

Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive bilingual Spanish learning games. All ages. Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

English

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

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

French

All levels welcome.

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

German

All levels welcome.

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

Spanish

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 4:00-5:00

Movie & Tea: *Little Women*

Bring your teacup and enjoy watching *Little Women* (2019). Tea provided while supplies last.

Porter, Friday, June 26, 2:00-4:30

Studio Ghibli Fest

Sponsored by Time & Space Comics. Celebrate your favorite Studio Ghibli films with crafts, games, and more. Costumes encouraged! All ages.

Porter, Friday, July 10, 2:00-4:00



Music

CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL's IdeaSpace. View at youtube.com/crrlvideo or follow @crrl_ideaspace on Instagram

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Summer Concert Series

Mondays, June-August, 6:30-7:30

Fredericksburg Branch
1201 Caroline Street, 22401

June 1: Ladia

June 8: Tampa Taiko

June 15: Adwela & the Uprising

June 22: Stafford Opera Troupe

June 29: Twist of Fate

July 6: Trash Rocket

July 13: Angela Easterling and Brandon Turner

July 20: Harry Wilson Quartet

July 27: ThoseNewYorkKids

August 3: Hālau O'Aulani

August 10: Steven Gellman Trio

August 17: Sheryl Warner & the Southside Homewreckers

August 24: Limón and the Latin Feeling Band

August 31: The Tollbooth Buskers (formerly Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy)

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Howell, 1st Thursdays, 10:00-11:00

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

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

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

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

Get More From Your Gmail

Handy tips and tricks that make managing your Gmail easy.

Howell, August 5, 3:00-4:00

Linux Install Party

Come with questions about Linux and let us install Linux Mint on your aging laptop.

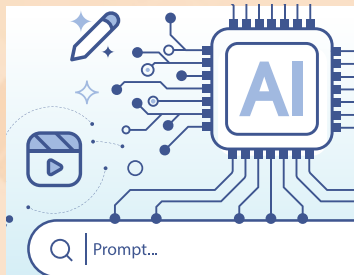
Fredericksburg, Saturday, July 11, 1:00-5:00



Laser-Cut Journaling

Personalize your scrapbooking with crafts made with the Glowforge laser cutter.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, July 9, 6:00-7:00



Run Your Own AI

Learn to run AI models locally on your own Windows, Mac, or Linux based computer or laptop.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 20, 6:00-7:30

Writers librarypoint.org/writers

Inklings Writers Group

Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects. All levels.

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

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

June: AI and Writing

July: The Basics of Amazon Publishing

August: Building a Writer Network

Comic Creators Roundtable

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

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

Inklings Writers 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. New members welcome.

Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays, 1:00-3:00, except 6/13

Behind the Page: Authors Discuss Their Writing

Presented by Sarah Demens, Sonja Keeve, Olaolu Ogunyemi, and Candice Ransom. Local authors share behind-the-scenes glimpses into their writing and reading lives. Watch live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews) or [youtube.com/crrlvideo](https://www.youtube.com/crrlvideo).

VIRTUAL, Thursday, August 6, 7:00-8:00

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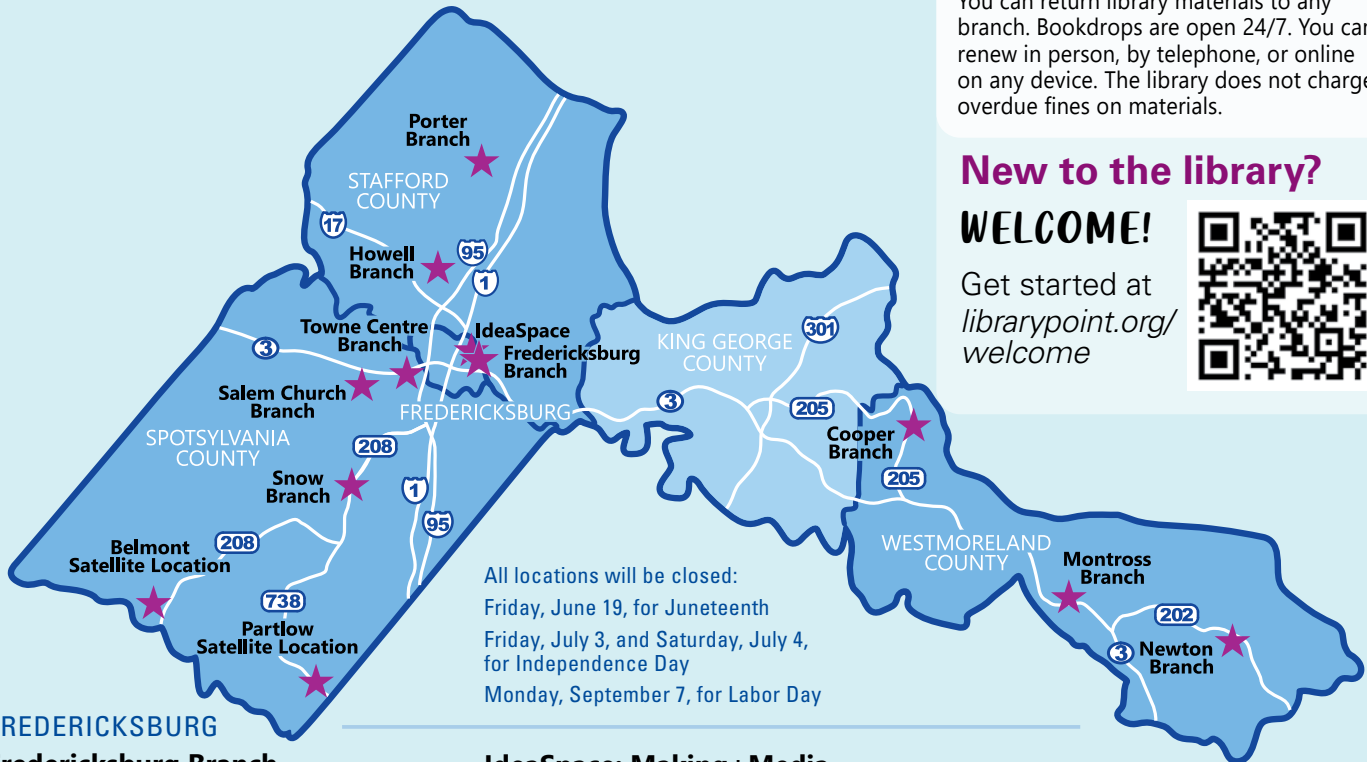


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Friday, June 19, for Juneteenth
Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4,
for Independence Day
Monday, September 7, for Labor Day

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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-Thursday 9:00-8:00
Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

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

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

Snow Branch
8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00
Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

STAFFORD

Access Services at Howell Branch
806 Lyons Blvd., 22406
Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00
*Staff are also available by email
and phone Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00*

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
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00-1:00
Wednesday 1:00-5:00
Friday 9:00-5:00

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