

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at  
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

**Summer 2025**  
June, July, August



★ What's happening

# At Your Library

**Music on the Steps**  
Summer Concert Series

**Workforce  
Support**



**LEVEL  
UP!**  
at Your Library

**Summer Reading for all ages**  
Read what you love. Earn cool rewards!  
Attend fun classes & events all summer. ★

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

# Welcome

Hello, Library Customers!

Summer is the most exciting (and busiest) time of the year in a public library! It's also one of the most important times for families to visit, and not just because of the many fun and exciting activities you will find listed in this magazine. It's because studies have shown that children and teens who do not read or participate in enriching and educational activities over the summer lose some of the learning that they had achieved during the school year. One report indicated that the skills that are lost can equal as much as one month of learning!

Your public library is committed to helping children and teens grow, learn, and thrive year-round, but especially during the summer. We reinforce the hard work of our school partners by making it easy for families to prevent summer slide. The library offers expanded enrichment opportunities and summer reading challenges for all ages. Children and teens can even pick a book to keep when they complete the challenge. I have always loved watching as they carefully deliberate which book will be THE ONE that they choose to keep forever. Adults can also join and receive prizes, and what better way to demonstrate the importance of reading and education than by modeling the behavior yourself!



**Rebecca Purdy,**  
Executive Director

*Rebecca*

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# Support your library--support your community!

JOIN THE

## Friends of the Library

and help make amazing things happen! SINCE 1972



This summer, the Friends are excited to sponsor Fun Fest (page 8), Virtual Author Talks (pages 9 and 14) and the Music on the Steps summer concerts (back cover).

Together, we keep the library strong—a place for learning, connection, and community.

CONNECT WITH THE FRIENDS :

### Friends Center & Bookshop

125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 150  
Fredericksburg, 22408



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

 @CRRLFriends

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

## Super Summer Book Sale

### Friends Center & Bookshop

125 Olde Greenwich Drive,  
Suite 150

Fredericksburg, 22408

### Preview Night for Friends

Friday, July 11, 5:00-9:00

*You can join at the door!*

Saturday, July 12, 10:00-6:00

### Half-Price Days

Monday, July 14 and Tuesday, July 15  
10:00-6:00

**\$3/Bag in the Warehouse,  
Half Price in the Bookshop**

Wednesday, July 16, 10:00-6:00

**TEACHERS:**  
find great deals  
on books  
for your  
classroom!

# 10% OFF

## Your whole purchase

July 11-16, 2025. One coupon per person.

### Monthly Branch Book Sales

#### Fredericksburg

June 23-25 • full price  
June 26-27 • half price  
June 28 • \$3/bag

July 28-30 • full price  
July 31, August 1 • half price  
August 2 • \$3/bag

August 25-27 • full price  
August 28 & 29 • half price  
August 30 • \$3/bag

#### Porter

June 6-7 • full price  
June 9-10 • half price  
June 11 • \$3/bag

July 5 • full price  
July 7-8 • half price  
July 9-10 • \$3/bag

August 1-2 • full price  
August 4-5 • half price  
August 6 • \$3/bag

#### Snow

June 9-11 • full price  
June 12-14 • half price  
June 16 • \$3/bag

#### Howell

June 19-21 • full price  
June 23-24 • half price  
June 25 • \$3/bag

July 17-19 • full price  
July 21-22 • half price  
July 23 • \$3/bag

August 21-23 • full price  
August 25-26 • half price  
August 27 • \$3/bag

#### Salem Church

June 17-20 • full price  
June 21 & 23 • half price  
June 24 • \$3/bag

July 15-18 • full price  
July 19 & 21 • half price  
July 22 • \$3/bag

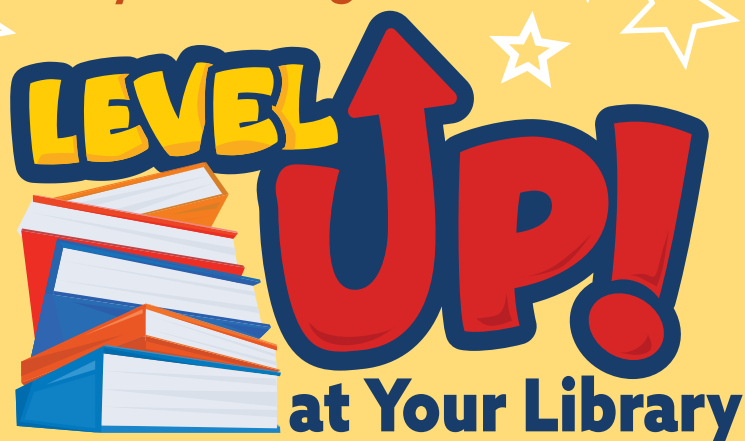
August 19-22 • full price  
August 23 & 25 • half price  
August 26 • \$3/bag

July 14-16 • full price  
July 17-19 • half price  
July 21 • \$3/bag

August 11-13 • full price  
August 14-16 • half price  
August 18 • \$3/bag

# Summer Reading for All Ages

May 15-August 15



- 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!

Read Whatever You Want All Summer Long

Sign up at any branch or online:  
[librarypoint.org/summer](http://librarypoint.org/summer)

Thank you to Raising Cane's of Fredericksburg for sponsoring Summer Reading for children and teens.



Find more booklists for all ages and interests at  
[librarypoint.org/lists](http://librarypoint.org/lists)

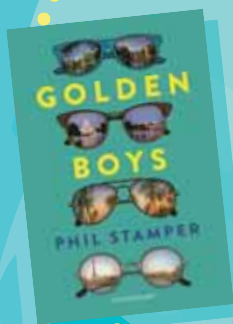
Jump into Summer Reading!

Let's go on an adventure!  
**For Children**



Recommendations for every reader!

Summer Shenanigans  
**For Teens**



Sand and Sun  
Beach Reads  
**For Adults**





# Lunch at the Library

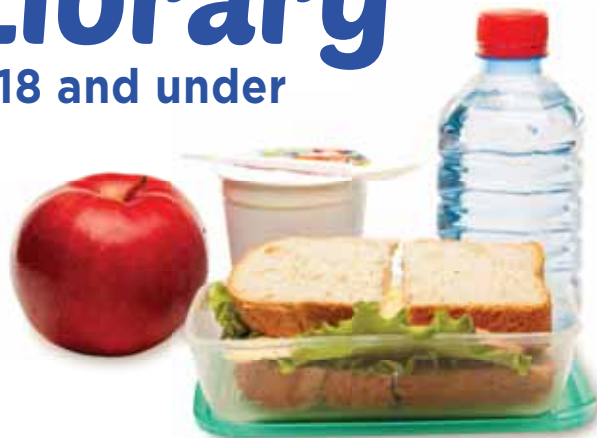
Free Nutritious Lunches for anyone 18 and under

## Fredericksburg Branch

Monday-Friday, 12:00-12:30

June 9 to July 18, except 6/19 and 7/4

*In partnership with Fredericksburg City  
Public Schools Mobile Cafe*



To view the schedule, and  
for additional locations  
and partnerships visit [librarypoint.org/lunch](http://librarypoint.org/lunch)

## Grow a Reader

For children birth-age 5  
and their caregivers

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



Visit our website for reading  
recommendations, tips for  
building early literacy skills,  
and kits to help develop those  
skills at home!

[librarypoint.org/  
grow-a-reader](http://librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader)

## 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 required.

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

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

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

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, Thursday, June 26, 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 Branch

Drop Off: Friday,  
July 11, 3:00-5:00

Pick Up: Saturday,  
July 12, 9:00-12:00



# Grow a Reader STORYTIMES

For children  
birth-age  
5 and their  
caregivers

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

\*Special holiday-themed storytime on these dates



## FREDERICKSBURG

### Fredericksburg Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45,  
except 8/5

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

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

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

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 6/10\*, 6/24\*, 8/5

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 7/4 and 8/8

## SPOTSYLVANIA

### Salem Church Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 8/6

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 8/6

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,  
except 6/19, 8/7

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 6/13\*, 6/20\*,  
7/4, and 8/8

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Thursdays,  
11:00-11:30,  
except 6/19 and 8/7

## STAFFORD

### Howell Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Fridays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 7/4 and 8/8

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

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

Fridays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 7/4 and 8/8

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 6/11\*, 6/18\*, 8/6

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 6/19, 7/31, 8/7

### Snow Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

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

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 8/5

### Towne Centre Branch

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays,  
11:00-11:30,  
except 6/11\* and 8/6

### Porter Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45,  
except 6/17 and 8/5

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 6/17 and 8/5

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 6/19 and 8/7

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 6/13\*, 7/4,  
8/1 and 8/8

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 7/4, 8/1 and 8/8

## WESTMORELAND

### Cooper Branch

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 6/13\* and 7/4

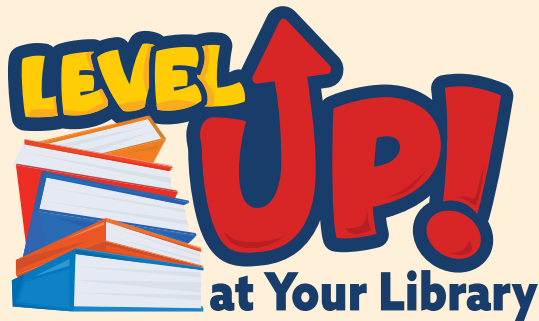




# Grow a Reader Special Storytimes

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

## Grow a Reader Special: Summer Reading Kickoff



Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 3, 9:30-10:00  
Snow, Tuesday, June 3, 11:00-11:30  
Howell, Wednesday, June 4, 11:00-11:30  
Montross, Wednesday, June 4, 11:00-11:30  
Towne Centre, Wednesday, June 4, 11:00-11:30  
Newton, Thursday, June 5, 11:00-11:30  
Porter, Friday, June 6, 9:30-10:00 and 10:30-11:00  
Salem Church, Friday, June 6, 10:00-10:30  
and 11:00-11:30 *Special time!*  
Cooper, Friday, June 6, 11:00-11:30

Children

## 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 12-July 24, 10:00-10:30, except 6/19

Porter, Fridays, June 13-July 25, 10:30-11:00, except 7/4

Fredericksburg, Fridays, June 20-August 1, 10:30-11:00, except 7/4

Salem Church, Fridays, June 27-August 8, 10:00-10:30, except 7/4

## Grow a Reader Special: Happy Father's Day

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 10, 9:30-10:00

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

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

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

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

Porter, Friday, June 13, 10:30-11:00

Salem Church, Friday, June 13, 10:00-10:30  
and 11:00-11:30 *Special time!*

Cooper, Friday, June 13, 11:00-11:30

## Grow a Reader Special: Eid al-Adha

Howell, Wednesday, June 18, 11:00-11:30

## Grow a Reader Special: Juneteenth

Salem Church, Friday, June 20,  
10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30 *Special time!*

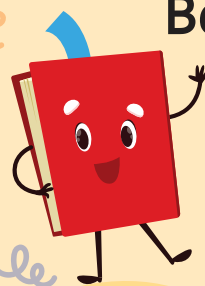
## Grow a Reader Special: Pride

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 24, 9:30-10:00

Can you and your child read

# 1,000 BOOKS

## Before Kindergarten?



For ages birth  
to 5 and their  
caregivers

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!

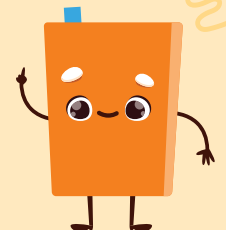
**100-Book Milestones.**

Special awards 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)

# Grades K-6

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## Discovery Tables

Explore a rotating series of self-guided, discover-it-yourself **STEM** activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) June 1-August 14

### LEGO® Building Lab

We supply the bricks; you supply the imagination. **STEM**

Snow, Mondays, 4:00-5:00

Porter, 1st Mondays, 3:00-4:00

Salem Church, Tuesdays 4:00-5:00  
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 5:30-6:30

Howell, 2nd Mondays, 3:00-4:00

Cooper, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00

Newton, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00

Montross, Saturdays, 2:00-3:00

### KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.

Newton, Mondays, 5:00-6:00

Cooper, Wednesdays, beginning August 13, 4:00-5:00

Montross, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00

Towne Centre, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 except 6/19, 8/7

### Wacky Wednesdays

Stories, games, and crafts, followed by Movie Matinee from 3:00-4:30

Cooper, Wednesdays, June 4-July 30, 2:00-3:00

### Movie Matinee

Cooper, Wednesdays, June-July, 3:00-4:30

June 4: *Moana 2* (PG)

June 11: *Wild Robot* (PG)

June 18: *If* (PG)

June 25: *Inside Out 2* (PG)

July 2: *Mufasa* (PG)

July 9: *Sonic 3* (PG)

July 16: *Dog Man* (PG)

July 23: *Paddington in Peru* (PG)

July 30: *A Minecraft Movie* (PG)

### Chess Time

Casual chess for all skill levels.

#### Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

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

### Summer Movie Matinee

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

Salem Church, Thursdays, June 5-August 7, except 6/19, 2:15-4:15

June 5: *Zootopia* (PG)

June 12: *Meet the Robinsons* (G)

June 26: *Sonic the Hedgehog* (PG)

July 3: *Up* (PG)

July 10: *Finding Nemo* (G)

July 17: *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (PG)

July 24: *The LEGO Batman Movie* (PG)

July 31: *Inside Out* (PG)

August 7: *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie: Sponge Out of Water* (PG)

## Memories Ensemble of the Fredericksburg Concert Band

Children's concert with time afterward for children to talk with musicians.

Fredericksburg Branch, Thursday, July 10, 1:00-2:00

### Mini Pig Visit

Held in sunny weather. This event is outdoors, please dress appropriately. **All ages.**

Montross, Wednesday, June 11, 10:00-11:00. No rain date.

### PAWS for Reading

Practice your reading with therapy dogs trained to be avid listeners.

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

### All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

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

### Imagination Station

Join teen mentors for an hour of arts and crafts!

Porter, Tuesday, June 17, 4:00-5:00

Porter, Tuesday, July 15, 4:00-5:00

### A Musical Storytelling Journey with Les Zazous

Stories and musical entertainment from around the world.

**All Ages.**

Porter, Wednesday, June 18, 3:30-4:15



# Wild Stories



Presented by



**WILDLIFE CENTER**  
OF VIRGINIA

Meet animals who are former patients at the wildlife hospital and hear their stories. **STEM**

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

**Newton**, Thursday, June 5, 10:00-10:45

**Montross**, Thursday, June 5, 1:00-1:45

**Cooper**, Thursday, June 5, 4:00-4:45

**Porter**, Wednesday, June 11, 1:00-1:45 and 3:00-3:45

**Snow**, Wednesday, June 18, 10:00-10:45

**Fredericksburg**, Wednesday, June 18, 1:00-1:45 and 3:00-3:45

**Howell**, Wednesday, June 25, 2:30-3:15 and 4:00-4:45





**Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color**  
Presented by Science Heroes (formerly ScienceTellers). Action-packed science fun  
Towne Centre, Tuesday, June 24, 11:00-11:45

**Pokémon Time**  
Bring your Pokémon cards to trade or play.  
Porter, Thursday, June 26, 1:00-3:00

**Spanish with Amigos**  
Drop in for interactive bilingual Spanish learning games! **All ages.**  
Porter, 4th Tuesdays, except 8/26, 4:00-5:00

**Summer STEM: Sharks**  
Activities, crafts, and facts. While supplies last. **All ages.**  
Salem Church, Friday, July 11, 3:00-5:00



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

Fredericksburg, Thursday, July 17, 1:00-2:30  
Salem Church, Tuesday, July 29, 10:00-11:30  
Howell, Thursday, July 31, 10:00-11:30  
Porter, Friday, August 1, 10:30-12:00  
Cooper, Wednesday, August 6, 2:00-3:00

Sponsored by  **Friends of the Library**

## FABULOUS FRIDAYS Games, activities, and more

**Spy School**  
**STEM**  
Howell, June 6, 3:00-3:45  
Porter, August 15, 4:15-5:00

**Money, Money, Money**  
Towne Centre, June 13, 4:15-4:45

**Pokémon**  
Snow, June 13, 4:15-5:00

**Roblox**  
Fredericksburg, June 13, 4:30-5:15

**Hands-on Tech**  
**STEM**  
Salem Church, June 20, 4:15-5:00



Porter, June 20, 4:15-5:00  
Fredericksburg, July 11, 4:30-5:15  
Salem Church, July 18, 4:15-5:00

**Pirates**  
Howell, July 11, 3:00-3:45  
Snow, July 11, 4:15-5:00

**Road Trip Fun**  
Towne Centre, Friday, July 11, 4:15-4:45

**Sun Wukong, Legendary Monkey King**  
Porter, Friday, July 18, 4:15-5:00

**Reptiles**  
**STEM**  
Howell, August 1, 3:00-3:45

**Flowers and Pollinators**  
**STEM**  
Fredericksburg, August 8, 4:30-5:15

**SpongeBob SquarePants**  
Salem Church, Friday, August 15, 4:15-5:00



## Juneteenth

The meaning of Juneteenth, a yearly celebration of the end of slavery in the United States, can be explored in books for younger and older readers.



Go to our website to place these titles on hold and explore the complete list »



## Author Talks

**VIRTUAL**, all ages.

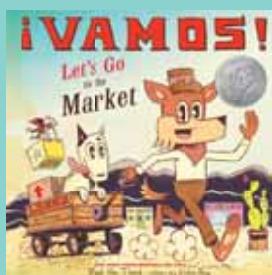
To register or view recordings, visit [libraryc.org/crrl](http://libraryc.org/crrl)

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders.

### Katherine Applegate

Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The One and Only Ivan*, *Crenshaw*, the *Endling* series.

Tuesday, June 24, 4:00



### Raúl the Third

New York Times bestselling and three-time Pura Belpré award-winning illustrator, author of *¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge*, *¡Vamos! Let's Go to The Market*, and others.

Tuesday, July 8, 4:00

### Marie Lu

#1 New York Times bestselling author of more than 15 novels, including *Legend*, *The Young Elites*, *Warcross*, and *Stars And Smoke*.

Thursday, July 17, 4:00

### Rex Ogle

Award-winning author of more than a hundred books, comics, graphic novels, and memoirs—most notably *Free Lunch*, *Abuela Don't Forget Me*, and *Road Home*.

Wednesday, July 23, 4:00

See more author talks on page 14.

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# Teens

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

## OurSpace

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

**Grades 6-12.**

Salem Church

June-July

Mondays, 1:00-5:00

Tuesdays, 1:00-5:00

Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Thursdays, 1:00-5:00, except 6/19

August

Mondays, 3:00-7:00, except 8/4

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:15, except 8/5

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

Thursdays 3:00-7:00, except 8/7

### Teen Puzzle Time

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

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.

Cooper, Tuesdays, June-August  
5:00-6:30

Montross, Tuesdays, June-August,  
3:00-4:30

### Teen Anime & Manga Club

Watch anime, read manga, and chat about your favorite series.

Howell, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:30

### Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive bilingual Spanish learning games! **All ages.**

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00,  
except 8/26

## Super Summer Smash

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

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

Porter, Friday, August 1,  
6:00-8:00

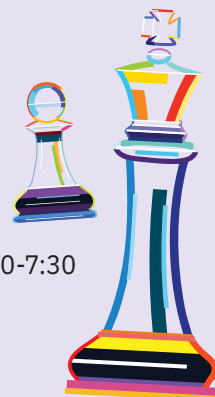
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Casual chess for all skill levels.

**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 skill levels.

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

### Teen Movie Night

Bring your favorite movie snacks, pillows, and blankets.

Presented by Teen Council

Porter, Thursday, July 24, 5:00  
*The Wild Robot* (PG)

Porter, Thursday, July 31, 5:00:  
*Big Hero 6* (PG)

Salem Church, Monday, June 30,  
5:00-7:00: *Holes* (PG)

### Teen Anime & Manga Club: Summer Specials

Porter

Thursday, June 5, 4:00-5:30:

Naruto Escape Room. Solve puzzles and complete challenges to help Naruto and friends complete their mission.

Thursday, July 3, 5:00-6:00:  
Anime Art Challenge. Compete in anime and manga themed art challenges.

Thursday, August 7, 5:00-7:00:  
Movie Night: *Penguin Highway* (unrated)





# TEEN GAME NIGHT

Grades  
6-12

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

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-7:00  
Howell, 2nd Mondays, 3:30-5:30  
Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30  
Porter, Thursday, June 26; Thursday, July 17;  
Thursday, August 21, 5:30-7:30

## Summer Movie Matinee

Bring a beach towel to enjoy feature films indoors. **All ages.**  
Salem Church, Thursdays, June 5-August 7, except 6/19, 2:15-4:15

June 5: <i>Zootopia</i> (PG)	July 24: <i>The LEGO Batman Movie</i> (PG)
June 12: <i>Meet the Robinsons</i> (G)	July 31: <i>Inside Out</i> (PG)
June 26: <i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i> (PG)	August 7: <i>The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie: Sponge Out of Water</i> (PG)
July 3: <i>Up</i> (PG)	
July 10: <i>Finding Nemo</i> (G)	
July 17: <i>The Super Mario Bros. Movie</i> (PG)	

## Book Groups

Read one book (or more!) from our monthly selections, then join us for a discussion.

New Members  
Always  
Welcome!

More details and booklists online at:  
[librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups)

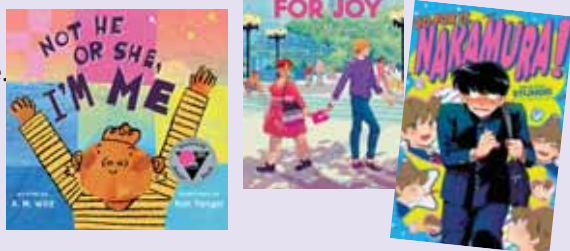
### Teen Book Group

June: *Dystopian Futures*  
July: *Folklore and Fairy Tales*  
August: *Focus on Friendship*  
Porter and **VIRTUAL**,  
2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30  
Salem Church, 4th Mondays,  
5:00-6:00



### LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

**Grades 6-12.**  
In partnership with  
Fredericksburg Pride.  
June: *Picture Book Pride*  
July: *Disability Visibility*  
August: *Slice of Life*  
Fredericksburg and **VIRTUAL**,  
3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30



## Library of THINGS

Check out outdoor games  
such as giant wooden  
tic-tac-toe!

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



## Summer STEM: Sharks

Activities, crafts,  
and facts. While  
supplies last. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Friday, July 11,  
3:00-5:00



## STONEWALL BOOK AWARD

For teens. Presented by  
American Library Association

Books that distinctively communicate the  
experiences of the LGBTQ+ community.



Scan the QR code  
to view winners and  
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for checkout »



# Adults

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## Cooper 25th Anniversary Celebration!

Refreshments all day. **All ages.**  
Cooper, Tuesday, June 17  
Recognition ceremony at 4:00

## Arts & Crafts

### 13-Week Crochet-Along: Market Bag

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

Montross, Mondays, June-August, 6:00-7:00

### 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.**

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

Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00

### A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Cooper, Wednesdays, 12:00-2:00

NEW TIME!

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45, and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30, except 6/19

### Make Amazing Cards

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

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

## Studio Ghibli Fest

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

Porter, Friday, July 11, 2:00-4:00

### Summer STEM: Sharks

Activities, crafts, and facts. While supplies last. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Friday, July 11, 3:00-5:00

### Summer Mocktail Mixer

Recipe and DIY tips included.

Towne Centre, Tuesday, July 15, 3:00-4:00

### Beginner Crafts

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

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

June 9: Painted Wine Glasses

July 14: Pineapple Wreath

August 11: Macrame Key Chains

Montross, 3rd Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00

June 17: Repurposed Paintings (bring a thrifted, framed painting)

July 15: Beaded Necklace

August 19: Macrame Key Chains

### Worst Art Night!

Create the most awful art imaginable, and you could win a terrible trophy! All supplies provided. **All ages.**

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

### Fresh Start Photography Meetup

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

Salem Church, Monday, June 16, Thursday, July 17, and Thursday, August 21, 6:00-8:00

### Art Group

Bring your current art project--such as writing, painting, or coloring--to work on alongside other artists. All levels welcome.

Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00, except 6/19



## MakerLab Badging

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace, and then use it for your own projects!

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

### Laser Cutter

Cuts or engraves using a high-powered laser to quickly create complex designs



### Serger

A specialty type of sewing machine that uses multiple threads to create a professional-grade binding for fabric



### Embroidery Machine

Uses computer-guided stitching to create designs on various materials and garments



## Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Presented by A Loosely Knit Group. Bring your knitting (or any needlecraft projects) to work on alongside other enthusiasts.

Porter, Saturday, June 14, 12:00-4:00

## Bullet Journaling

Bring your bullet journal or make a new one with other enthusiasts. Some supplies provided.

Porter, Monday, July 14, 4:00-5:00

## Mandala Rock Painting

Bring your own supplies or use ours, while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, August 8, 2:30-4:30

## Build-a-Plushie Demonstration: Making Adorable Crafts

Learn how to make simple plush characters using IdeaSpace's embroidery machine. **Grade 9-adult.**

IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 14, 6:00-7:00







### Tech on the Go: 360 Camera

A small video camera that can take 360 degree photos and videos. Check out high-tech equipment for your media projects. [librarypoint.org/techgo](http://librarypoint.org/techgo)

## Art Shows

### Juneteenth Art Show

In partnership with the Fredericksburg Area Museum.

Howell, June



### Catherine Hillis: A Month in France

Fredericksburg, June

### REACH Homeschool Art Exhibit

Salem Church, June

### An Afternoon with the Artist: Gloria Adams

Towne Centre

Art Exhibition: June-August

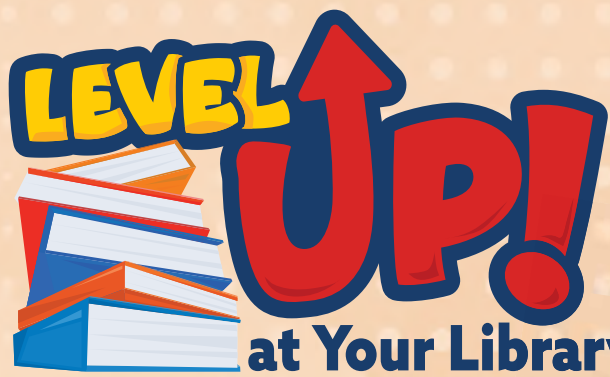
Reception: Saturday, June 14,  
2:00-4:30 Light refreshments

### Via Colori® Stafford Art Show

Howell, July-August

### Fresh Start Photography Group

Salem Church, August



at Your Library

## Summer Reading for Adults

Earn a **colorful tote bag** and enter to win one of ten book bundles by logging books read between May 15 and August 15, writing reviews, or completing fun activities.

Sign up at [librarypoint.org/summer](http://librarypoint.org/summer)



## WEEKLY Facebook Chat Giveaway

Join our Facebook Group **Central Rappahannock Regional Library Book Chat** to talk books with other readers!

Each Friday during summer reading, respond to our weekly prompt and you'll be entered into a drawing for two books!

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



## Workforce Support Resources to Help Navigate Change

Whether you're facing a career transition or just planning your next step, we offer tools and resources to support your journey:

- Job search help and resume tips
- Continuing education opportunities
- Financial planning tips and tools
- Resources for stress relief and well-being

[librarypoint.org/workforce](http://librarypoint.org/workforce) »



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including virtual links, visit  
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Always Welcome!

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

### Books on Grief

Mary Washington Hospice staff share recommended books for children, teens, and adults experiencing grief.

**VIRTUAL**, 1st Tuesdays,  
11:00-12:00

June 3: Children

July 1: Teens

August 5: Adults



### Civil War Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg  
and Spotsylvania National  
Military Park

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

June 4: *James: A Novel*  
by Percival Everett

July 2: *Southern Lady, Yankee Spy:  
The True Story of Elizabeth Van Lew,  
a Union Agent in the Heart of the  
Confederacy* by Elizabeth Varon

August 6: *The Great Partnership:  
Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson,  
and the Fate of the Confederacy*  
by Christian Keller

### The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

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

June 5: *The Marriage Portrait*  
by Maggie O'Farrell

July 3: *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir*  
by Jennifer Ryan

August 7: *I Have Some Questions  
for You* by Rebecca Makkai

## WALKING BOOK GROUP

1st Fridays, 9:30-11:00. Meets  
monthly at Willowmere Park, 21  
Willowmere Pond Road,  
Stafford 22556

June 6: *The Radium Girls*  
by Kate Moore

July 11: *Braiding Sweetgrass*  
by Robin Kimmerer

August 1: *My Brilliant Friend*  
by Elena Ferrante

### Books & Wine

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

June 9: *The Life Impossible*  
by Matt Haig

July 14: *The Heaven and Earth  
Grocery Store* by James McBride

August 11: Read a Mystery/Thriller

### Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00.

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

June 10: *The Way It Works*  
by William Kowalski

July 8: *The Celebrants*  
by Steven Rowley

August 12: *Chain-Gang All-Stars*  
by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

### True Crime Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

Read and discuss resources pertaining  
to the month's case:

June 12: Strange Crimes and Criminals

July 10: 8 Passengers Vlog

August 14: Knox-Eastlake

### Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

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

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

June 16: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

July 21: *Happiness Falls*  
by Angie Kim

August 18: *The Magpie Murders*  
by Anthony Horowitz

### Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:15-11:30

Meets at Curitiba Art Cafe, 919 Caroline  
St., Fredericksburg. 22401

Book selections can be picked up at  
Fredericksburg Branch

June 17: *The Thursday Murder Club* by  
Richard Osman

July 15: *The Berry Pickers*  
by Amanda Peters

August 19: *Hell of a Book*  
by Jason Mott

### Facebook Book Chat

Lively discussion through  
comments on a Facebook group  
post. Join our book chat group at  
[facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat](https://facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat)

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

June 18: Beach Reads

July 16: Favorite Book Settings

August 20: Read-a-Romance  
Month

### Rainbow Reads

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

June 18: *The Empress of Salt  
and Fortune* by Nghi Vo

July 16: *Bad Girls*  
by Camila Sosa Villada

August 20: *Afterparties*  
by Anthony Veasna So

### 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 Pkwy,  
Fredericksburg 22406

June 19: *The Reading List*  
by Sara Nisha Adams

July 17: Free read

August 21: *Horse*  
by Geraldine Brooks

### Diverse Voices Book Group

Montross, 3rd Thursdays,  
4:00-5:00, except June  
New location!

June 26: *The House in the  
Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune

July 17: *Mayor of Maxwell Street*  
by Avery Cunningham

August 21: *Let Us Descend*  
by Jesmyn Ward

### Novel Tea Book Group: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Salem Church, Saturday, June 28,  
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.



**We the Readers Civic Book Group: *Why We Can't Sleep* by Ada Calhoun**

**VIRTUAL**, Tuesday, July 15, 7:00-8:00

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



**Chill Lo-Fi Reading Time**

Porter, Saturday, August 16, 3:00-5:00

Read in a relaxed atmosphere with gentle lo-fi background music.

**Adults**

**Branch Book Groups • [librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups)**

**Cooper Book Group**

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00, except June (held 6/26)

June 26: Debut Novels

July 17: Free Read

August 21: Sail Away

**Fredericksburg**

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

June 14: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

July 12: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

August 9: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

**Howell**

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

June 3: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

July 1: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

August 5: Free read

**Porter**

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

June 6: *Confederate Gold* by Penn Miller

July 3: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

August 7: *High Conflict* by Amanda Ripley

**Montross**

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

June 13: *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart

July 11: *Dear George, Dear Mary* by Mary Calvi

August 8: *A Small Town Love Story: Colonial Beach, Virginia* by Sherryl Woods

**Salem Church**

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

June 16: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

July 21: *George Washington's Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade

August 18: *Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

**Snow**

3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

June 18: *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel

July 16: *Under the Harrow* by Flynn Berry

August 20: *Martha Washington: An American Life* by Patricia Brady

**Towne Centre**

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00

June 2: *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liza Mundy

July 7: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

August 4: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

**Author Talks**

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

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**Gina Della Togna, Ph.D. and Brian Gratwicke**

Research Associates of the Smithsonian Tropical Institute, Togna and Gratwicke discuss *Extinctopedia: Discover What We Have Lost, What Is at Risk, and How We Can Preserve the Diversity of Our Fragile Planet*.

Wednesday, June 4, 2:00

**Lisa Jewell**

New York Times-bestselling author discusses her latest thriller, *Don't Let Him In*.

Friday, June 6, 2:00

**Katherine Applegate**

Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times-bestselling author of *The One and Only Ivan*, *Crenshaw*, the Endling series.

Tuesday, June 24, 4:00

**Raúl The Third**

New York Times bestselling and three-time Pura Belpré award-winning illustrator, author of *¡Vamos! Let's Cross the Bridge*, *¡Vamos! Let's Go to The Market*, and others.

Tuesday, July 8, 4:00

**Marie Lu**

#1 New York Times bestselling author of more than 15 novels, including *Legend*, *The Young Elites*, *Warcross*, and *Stars and Smoke*.

Thursday, July 17, 4:00

**Rex Ogle**

Award-winning author of more than a hundred books, comics, graphic novels, and memoirs—most notably *Free Lunch*, *Abuela Don't Forget Me*, and *Road Home*.

Wednesday, July 23, 4:00

**Pria Anand**

Neurologist Pria Anand, MD, presents *The Mind Electric: A Neurologist on the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains*, a fascinating collection of medical tales.

Thursday, July 31, 2:00

**Jay Falk**

Smithsonian Tropical Institute Fellow Falk delves into the fascinating world of birds in his talk based on *The Bird Book*.

Tuesday, August 5, 2:00

**Casey McQuiston**

New York Times-best selling author of *Red, White, & Royal Blue* chats about their latest romantic comedy, *The Pairing*.

Wednesday, August 20, 7:00



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## Community & Civics

### Haircuts in the Library

Stop by the library for a free haircut by students from Faded & Co. Barber Academy. First come, first served.

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

### Lawyer in the Library: Tenant Rights

Presented by Legal Aid Works. No appointments needed. Income limits apply.

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 except 7/29 (5:00-7:00)

## Roundtable: Becoming an LGBTQ+ Ally

Participate in a roundtable of local organizations and individuals representing the LGBTQ+ community to discuss how to be an effective ally. In partnership with FXBG Pride.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, June 7, 1:00-4:00



## Financial

### Wealth Wednesdays

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. Watch live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews) and [youtube.com/crrlvideo](https://youtube.com/crrlvideo).

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

June 11: Are You on Track Financially?

July 9: Mastering Budgeting and Money Management

August 13: How to Shield Your Money from Risk

### DMV Connect

The DMV portable office will process driver's licenses, ID cards, titles, and registrations. Appointment bookings open two weeks before each event. Sign up required: [dmv.virginia.gov/locations/mobile-offices](http://dmv.virginia.gov/locations/mobile-offices)

All sessions 10:00-2:00

Porter, June 9

Newton, July 10

### Red Cross Blood Drive

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

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

Howell, Monday, June 23, 10:00-4:00

Porter, Thursday, July 10, 12:30-6:30

Howell, Tuesday, July 22, 10:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, August 13, 1:00-6:00

Porter, Thursday, August 14, 12:30-6:30

Howell, Monday, August 18, 10:00-4:00

## Games

### Bingo

Sponsored by Neighbor2Neighbor.

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

### 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, 12:00-4:00, except the 3rd

Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

## Civic Labs

Explore resources and join the conversation.

### June: Summer Safety: Heatstroke, Sunburn, Drowning

Howell, Monday, June 9, 2:00-3:00

Porter, Monday, June 16, 11:00-12:00

Newton, Tuesday, June 17, 11:00-12:00

Cooper, Tuesday, June 17, 3:00-4:00

### July: Local History

See page 18

### August: National Parks

Porter, Tuesday, August 5, 11:00-12:00

Salem Church, Monday, August 11, 2:00-3:00

Cooper, Tuesday, August 19, 3:00-4:00

Towne Centre, Friday, August 22, 2:00-3:00

### Questions for a Law Specialist

Learn how to navigate the library's print and legal resources that are available to citizens and legal professionals.

Montross, 4th Fridays, 9:00-1:00

### Tabletop Games

Play old games, learn how to play new ones, or bring a game to share. Games available include Clue, Risk, and Scrabble.

Montross, 1st Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

Cooper, 2nd Thursdays, 2:00-3:00

Newton, 2nd Fridays, 2:00-3:00

### Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Puzzles must include all pieces.

Porter, Saturday, August 9, 1:00-2:30

### See also: Pop Culture Trivia: American History

See page 18

Your next backyard adventure starts at the library—checkout outdoor games from our

**Library of Things**





### SEED LIBRARY

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

[librarypoint.org/seed-library](http://librarypoint.org/seed-library)  
Fredericksburg, ongoing

### Gardening Workshops

Presented by Downtown Greens. Learn about gardening from the experts.

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

June 3: Cucumbers

July 1: Culinary Herbs

August 5: Gardening for Wildlife



### Gardener's corner: Trash to Treasure

Explore different gardening approaches to save money and streamline gardening efforts.

Salem Church, Saturday, June 21,  
1:30-2:30

### Plant Clinic

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

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 10:30-12:00,  
and 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:30,  
except 6/19

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd  
Saturdays, 10:00-12:00

### One Seed: Cucumbers

Check out cucumber seeds from the Seed Library, then plant and watch them grow. After harvesting your cucumbers, save some seeds for yourself and donate some to the Seed Library. In partnership with Downtown Greens and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.



### Plant Clinic in the S.E.R.V.E. Garden

Join the Virginia Master Gardeners to learn about Porter Branch's garden for S.E.R.V.E., Stafford's food pantry, and ask general gardening questions.

Porter, Fridays, 4:45-5:15, except 7/4

### Self-Sufficiency Skills Workshops

Learn practical skills for sustainable living and self-reliance.

Fredericksburg, 2nd Saturdays,  
2:30-4:00

June 14: Lacto-fermentation Techniques. Presented by the Virginia Cooperative Extension

July 12: Raising Backyard Chickens. Presented by the Virginia Cooperative Extension 4-H

August 9: Herbs: Growing, Using, and Preserving. Presented by Downtown Greens

### Backyard Composting 101

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, June 18, 6:00-7:00

Porter, Wednesday, July 16,  
6:00-7:00

Howell, Wednesday, August 20,  
6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg, 2nd Fridays,  
10:00-11:30

June 13: Program Kick-Off. Free peat pot and cucumber seeds, while supplies last. Cucumber information session presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area.

July 11: Cooking with Cucumbers

August 8: At-Home Spa Ideas with Cucumbers

### Pollinator Week Kick-off

Presented by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. Celebrate native pollinators with interactive games and activities, and transplant a seed to take home, while supplies last.

**All ages.**

Fredericksburg, Saturday, June 21,  
10:00-2:00



### Discover VCAP: Conservation Assistance for Your Property

Presented by the Friends of the Rappahannock. The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) assists landowners facing environmental resource concerns by installing stormwater best practices (BMPs) such as rain barrels and conservation landscaping.

Porter, Monday, June 30,  
6:00-7:00

### Watershed and Wetlands: How Pollution Impacts the Ecosystem

Presented by Chief Ranger Hillborn of Widewater State Park. Discover how human activities affect watersheds and ecosystems with Ranger Hillborn's interactive EnviroScape model. **All ages.**

Porter, Saturday, July 26,  
11:00-12:30



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## Health & Wellness

### Caregiver's Compass

Resources and respite for caregivers of adults, including Q&A with an experienced caregiver. Sign up at branch.

Towne Centre, Tuesday, July 22, 2:00-3:00

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

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

### Health Answers

Presented by the Rappahannock Area Health District. 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.

1st Wednesdays, 10:00-2:00

June 4: Howell

July 2: Salem Church

August 6: Fredericksburg

### Tai Chi and Qi Gong

Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Held next to the food court.

Towne Centre, select Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00. June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20



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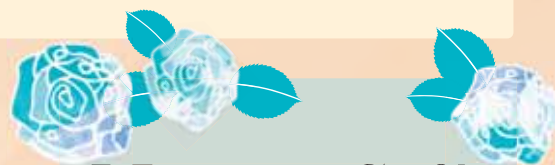
Presented by Katrina Dill, owner of Yes to Holistic Health. A gentle class for older adults to ease pain and improve circulation—no experience needed.

Salem Church, Mondays, June 23, July 14, August 11, 10:00-11:00

### HIV and Hepatitis C Screening

Free screening provided by community health nonprofit FAHASS (Fredericksburg Area Health and Support Services), along with free condoms and additional resources.

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



## 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 Area Agency on Aging.

Salem Church, Friday, June 20, 10:30-12:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, July 25, 10:30-12:00. Meet certified therapy dogs from Blue Gray Therapy Dogs.

## Health Fair

Information tables, presentations, and giveaways from local health-related agencies and organizations.

Howell, Saturday, July 12, 10:00-1:00



## Adults with Disabilities Social Hour

Activities and games for adults with disabilities and their caregivers.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, August 6, 1:30-2:30

See also: **Music and Movement for Older 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

June 7: *Memphis Belle* (1990)

July 5: *The Guns of Navarone* (1961)

August 2: *Enola Gay: The Men, the Mission and the Atomic Bomb* (1980)



### Frances Benjamin Johnston and 20th-Century Photography of Falmouth and Fredericksburg

Presented by Connie Hilker. Frances Benjamin Johnston was one of the most important American photographers in the early 20th century, having organized several large comprehensive photographic surveys of historic buildings and sites in America, including Fredericksburg. Porter, Saturday, July 12, 1:00-2:30



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](http://librarypoint.org/va250)

### Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 12, 2:30-4:00. Rain date: Thursday, June 26

### Pop Culture Trivia: American History

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

Salem Church, Friday, June 27, 3:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 2, 3:00-4:00

### Founding Fathers' Independence Celebration

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

Fredericksburg, Saturday, July 5, 3:00-4:00

### Civic Labs: Local History

Howell, Monday, July 7, 3:00-4:00

Salem Church, Monday, July 14, 2:00-3:00

Montross, Tuesday, July 15, 1:00-2:00

Snow, Friday, July 18, 3:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Monday, July 21, 10:00-11:00

Porter, Friday, July 25, 11:00-12:00

### Salem Church Book Group: *George Washington's Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade

Salem Church, Monday, July 21, 6:30-7:30

### The Kidnapping of Pocahontas

Presented by Dr. Brad Hatch. In 1613, one of the most famous events in early American history happened on the Northern Neck: the kidnapping of Pocahontas. Understand the Indigenous-centered approach to that specific event in reference to the larger social, political, and cultural contexts.

Howell, Wednesday, August 13, 6:00-7:30

### Snow Book Group: *Martha Washington: An American Life* by Patricia Brady

Salem Church, Wednesday, August 20, 3:00-4:00

## Job Skills

### Training on Demand

30-minute, hands-on sessions tailored for you on either Tech Skills for Beginners or Online Resources. Sign-up required, call 540-372-1144, x7232.

Fredericksburg, Mondays, 9:00-11:00



### Training on Demand

One-on-one help on writing a resume, applying for jobs, and more. Sign-up required, call 540-372-1144, x7232.

Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, 10:00-1:00, except 6/24 and 7/1



### Introduction to Grant Writing

Grant research is a crucial step in securing funding for projects, whether for non-profits, businesses, or academic initiatives. Maximize your chances of success with Candid's Foundation Directory Online, the premier grant resource, available at Fredericksburg Branch.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, July 30, 6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, August 22, 10:00-11:00

### Introduction 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, Friday, August 1, 10:00-11:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, August 29, 10:00-11:00



# Adults

For updates and program details, including virtual links, visit [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

## Language Learning

### ELL Resources on Demand

Learn about ELL (English Language Learner) resources, locate the Business Center, tour the library, and discover services available free of charge. Contact the Porter Adult Research Desk to sign up. 540-372-1144, x7339.

Porter, Mondays, 10:00-11:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

### English Language Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner English language learners.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00

### 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

### ELL Reading and Writing Skills

For adult English language learners (ELL) to improve reading and writing skills. Intermediate to advanced speaking ability required. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 2:30-4:00, except 6/19



## Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

### English

Porter, 1st and 2nd Mondays, 4:00-5:00

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 **NEW!**

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

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00, except 6/19

Howell, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00, except 6/19

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

### Spanish

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00, except 8/6 and 8/20

### French

All levels welcome.

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

## Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive bilingual Spanish learning games! **All ages.**

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00, except 8/26

## Lunch & Learn

**VIRTUAL**, Fridays, 12:00

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere. New recordings posted to [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews) and [YouTube.com/crrlvideo](https://YouTube.com/crrlvideo) every Friday and added to [librarypoint.org/lunch-learn](http://librarypoint.org/lunch-learn)

### Upcoming Library Events

June 6

### Get Ready for Pollinator Week Kick-Off!

June 13, presented by VA Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners

### State of the Girl

June 20, presented by Girls on the Run

### Why Kids Need Time in Nature

June 27, presented by Amber Dawson, owner of Brompton Community School

### The Dreaming Mind

July 11, presented by Jon Bachman

### Step VA & Sensory Day at the Ballpark

July 18, presented by Step VA

### Stretch and Strengthen in 10

July 25. Presented by Healthy Generations

### All About Aikido

August 1, presented by Aviv Goldsmith, sensei of Aikido of Fredericksburg

### Scatology

August 8, presented by Jon Bachman

### Hydroponics for Beginners

August 15, presented by Jim Daniels

### HER House

August 22, presented by HER (Homes Empowering Recovery)

### Tri-County/City Soil and Water Conservation District

August 29

## Music

### Tech on the Go: DJ Turntable

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

### CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL's IdeaSpace. View at [youtube.com/crrlvideo](https://youtube.com/crrlvideo)

See also: **Music on the Steps Summer Concerts**, back cover

### Vinyl Exchange and Listening Party

Bring a record to share a favorite track, swap with a new friend, or just enjoy the music. Light refreshments.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, July 23, 6:00-7:30

### Music and Movement for Older Adults

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

Fredericksburg, Thursday, August 14, 10:00-11:00





## Movies

See also: **Summer Movie Matinee**, page 7

### Cinema Night

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

June 10: *A Complete Unknown*

June 24: *Here*

July 8: *The Unbreakable Boy*

July 22: *Nickel Boys*

August 12: *Twisters*

August 26: *Captain America: Brave New World*

### Movie Matinees for Older Adults

Presented in partnership with Spotsylvania County Parks and Recreation.

Snow, 2nd Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30

June 11: *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

July 9: *About Schmidt*

August 13: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

## HORROR MOVIE CLUB

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

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

June 21: *Slashers*

July 19: *Found Footage*

August 16: *Zombies*



### Summer Blockbuster: *Jaws* (1975)

Salem Church, Monday, July 7, 1:00-3:30

## Technology

### Drop-In Tech Help

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

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

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

Fredericksburg, 4th Thursdays, 5:00-6:00, except July 24

### PC Building 101

IdeaSpace, Thursday, June 12, 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

### Tech Take-Apart

Broken VCRs, DVD players, tape recorders, old game consoles--come take them apart, guilt-free, and see what makes them tick! All devices and tools provided. **Grade 7-adult.**

Fredericksburg, Saturday, July 19, 1:00-4:00

### Retro Gaming on Raspberry Pi

Experience PC gaming's earliest days on Raspberry Pi or similar hobby boards.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 28, 6:00-7:00

### Organizing with 3D Modeling

Learn how to 3D model to create objects to organize your life.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 21, 6:00-7:30

## 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: Writing Immersive Settings

July: Blogging

August: Writing Romance

### Inklings Writers Critique Group

Share feedback on current projects with other writers.

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

### Comic Creators Roundtable

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

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

### Riverside Writers

Workshops, critique sessions, and expert speakers on writing. New members welcome.

Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays, 1:00-3:00, except 6/14



### Sketch Comedy Creation

Learn about using IdeaSpace's equipment and software to write and record your own sketch comedy.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, July 10, 6:00-7:00



## Behind the Page

Presented by Lynda Allen, Mohammad Saleem Anwar, Antwaun Gay, and Isha M. Renta. Local authors share behind-the-scenes glimpses into their writing and reading lives. Watch live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews) or [youtube.com/crrlvideo](https://youtube.com/crrlvideo).

**VIRTUAL**, Thursday, July 10, 7:00-8:00

### Veteran Poetry Workshop

Presented by 2024-2026 Virginia Poet Laureate, Mattie Quesenberry Smith, Ph.D. in collaboration with the Virginia Poet Laureate's project, "Perseverance and Resilience: A Project Supporting Veterans through Poetry." Create and receive feedback on your poetry about the veteran experience. Space is limited. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](https://librarypoint.org).

Porter, Saturday, July 19, 2:00-3:30







# SUMMER BUCKET LIST FOR 2025



1. Skate Night Series: Fridays, June 13, July 11, August 15, September 12  
6-8pm, 1300 Dixon St., \$1 Entry/\$5 Skate Rental



2. Fredericksburg Farmers Market: Saturdays, 7am-1pm  
Hurkamp Park



3. Pitch Hit & Run: Friday, June 13, 5-8pm  
Virginia Credit Union Stadium



4. Float-In Movie Night: Friday, July 18, 8-11pm  
Doris E. Buffett Pool, \$6 pre-registration/\$8 at the door

5. Rockin' on the Riverfront: August 8, 7pm  
Riverfront Park, Concert is free to attend

[FXBGparks.com](https://FXBGparks.com)



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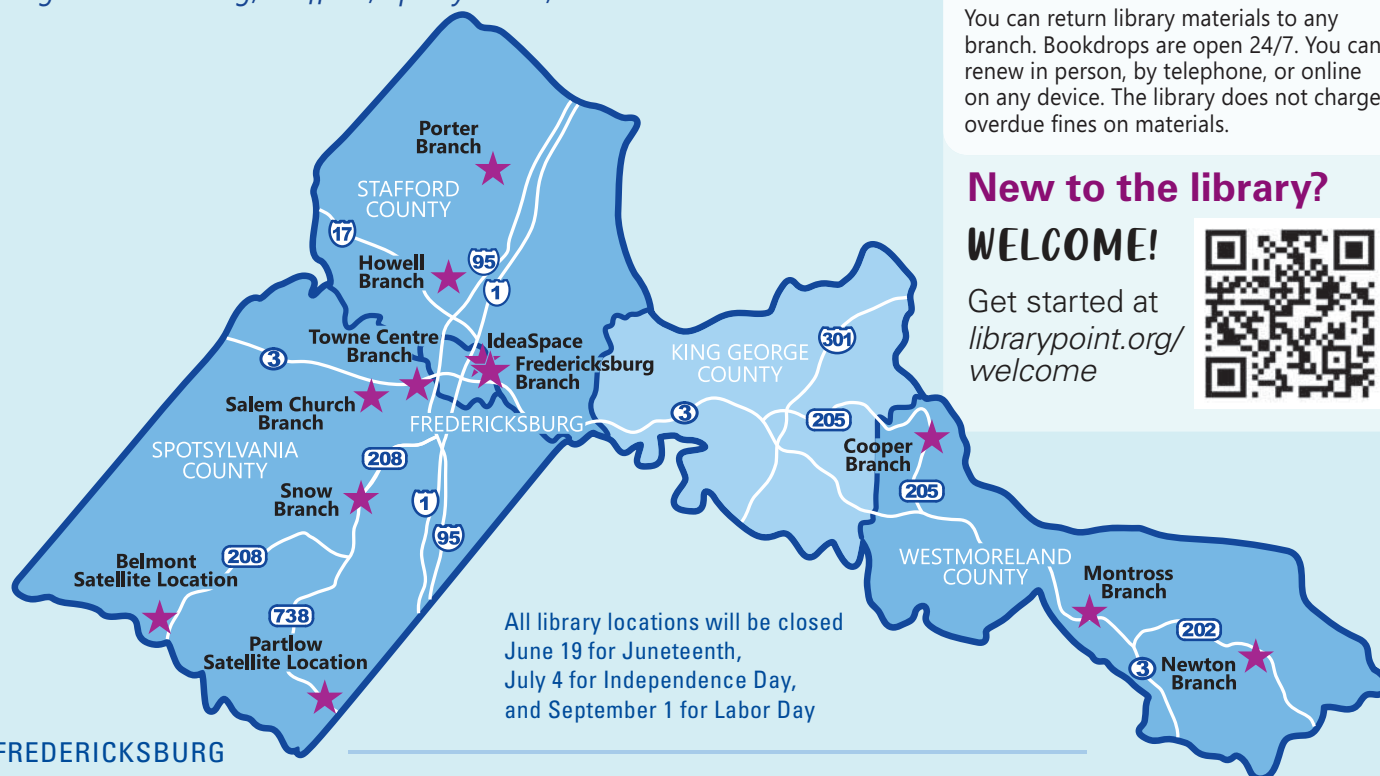
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## New to the library?

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June 19 for Juneteenth,  
July 4 for Independence Day,  
and September 1 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 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  
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  
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## **Summer Concert Series**

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

**Fredericksburg Branch**

**1201 Caroline Street, 22401**

June 2: Elby Brass

June 9: Griefcat

June 16: Laurie Rose Griffith  
and Peter Mealy

June 23: ThoseNewYorkKids

June 30: Twangtown Paramours

July 7: Made in the USA

July 14: Trash Rocket

July 21: Eric Byrd Trio

July 28: Tampa Taiko

August 4: Steven Gellman Trio

August 11: Semilla Cultural

August 18: Zachary Smith  
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