

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Winter 2025-26
December, January,
February



What's happening

At Your Library

Best of 2025

**Teen
Art Show**

**Adult
Winter
Reading
Challenge**



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

Welcome

As one year closes and another begins, it's a great time to look back and celebrate how Central Rappahannock Regional Library is meeting the needs of the communities it serves through increased customer support and access to this expansive regional library system.



Rebecca Purdy,
Executive Director

The new Library on the Go vehicle now serves Westmoreland County, joining mobile libraries already active in Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Fredericksburg. Expanded hours at Salem Church, Snow, and Spotsylvania Towne Centre branches give you more time to use these vital community assets. The popular Library of Things collection grew with new kits that bring hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering and math to children of all ages.

Library summer reading programs help prevent children from losing strides in learning that they achieved during the school year and we are grateful to the local agencies who partnered with CRRL to provide summer lunches for youth. Staff also developed a valuable resource page to quickly connect community members in need with local assistance during tough times.

These are just a few of the "Best of 2025" that we identified; the others are featured on the back cover. With so many possibilities in a regional system, we want to know: What makes your Best of CRRL list? Tell us the next time you visit us in person or online.

Rebecca

Anniversary Celebrations

Enjoy refreshments and activities

Happy 5th Anniversary, IdeaSpace

IdeaSpace, Wednesday, December 17, 2:00-8:00
Recognition ceremony at 4:00

Happy 25th Anniversary, Newton Branch

Newton, Wednesday, February 25, 1:00-5:00
Recognition ceremony at 4:00

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African American History

Celebrate African American culture, history, and innovation with videos, events, and reading recommendations.



librarypoint.org/african-american-history

Monthly Branch Book Sales

Howell

December 11-13 • full price
December 15-16 • half price
December 17 • \$3/bag

January 15-17 • full price
January 20 • half price
January 21 • \$3/bag

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

Fredericksburg

December 15-17 • full price
December 18-19 • half price
December 20 • \$3/bag

January 26-28 • full price
January 29-30 • half price
January 31 • \$3/bag

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

Porter

December 5-6 • full price
December 8-9 • half price
December 10 • \$3/bag

January 2-3 • full price
January 5-6 • half price
January 7 • \$3/bag

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

Salem Church

December 16-19 • full price
December 20, 22 • half price
December 23 • \$3/bag

January 20-23 • full price
January 24, 26 • half price
January 27 • \$3/bag

February 17-20 • full price
February 21, 23 • half price
February 24 • \$3/bag

Snow

December 8-10 • full price
December 11-13 • half price
December 15 • \$3/bag

January 12-14 • full price
January 15-17 • half price
January 20 • \$3/bag

February 9-11 • full price
February 12-14 • half price
February 17 • \$3/bag

JOIN THE

Friends of the Library

and help make amazing things happen!



The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) public charity, and 100% of the proceeds from the Friends' bookshop and their book sales support the organization and your library!

Winter Clearance BOOK SALE

at the Friends Center & Bookshop

Out with the old, in with the new--
find great deals on books and media
while we make room for new arrivals.

30% off regular prices

January 9-10

Half-Price Days

January 12-13

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

January 14



Save the
dates!

2026 BOOK SALES

at the Friends Center & Bookshop

Membership Month Sale

April 10-11 & 13-15

Super Summer Sale

July 10-11 & 13-15

Friends of Libraries Week Sale

October 16-17 & 19-21

The Friday (& Saturday) Before Thanksgiving Sale

November 20-21

CONNECT WITH THE FRIENDS :

Friends Center & Bookshop

125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 150
Fredericksburg, 22408

crrlfriends.org



@CRRLFriends



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

Support your library & support your community!

Best Books of 2025

For Adults



Scan for
the full
booklist:



For Teens



Scan for
the full
booklist:



For Children



Scan for
the full
booklist:



Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Read and log
5 books to earn
a zippered pouch!

January 1-March 31

Sign up at librarypoint.org/winter

2026 Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee

As part of a continued commitment to inspiring lifelong learning, Central Rappahannock Regional Library is proud to host the 2026 Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee, where division spelling bee winners from across our region compete to advance to the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee.

James Monroe High School, Saturday, February 28, 10:00



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Children • Birth-age 5

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Can you and your child read 1,000 books together before kindergarten? Register on 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.

Resources for First-Time Parents

Learn about library and community resources for parents.

Salem Church, Monday, December 1, 2:00-3:00

Sensory Time

Stories, songs, and activities to support early literacy practices in an environment that adapts to youth with autism and other developmental challenges.

For youth of all ages with a caregiver.

Sign-up required.

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

Fredericksburg, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:00, except 12/22

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

Celebrate 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 and championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Salem Church, Thursday, December 11, 6:00



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate the importance (and fun) of taking your child to the library. Activities available all day.

All branches, Saturday, February 7, all day

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.

Montross

Drop Off: Thursday, February 12, 12:00-6:00

Pick-Up: Friday, February 13, 9:00-1:00



Grow a Reader Learn & Play Rooms

Toys, blocks, letters, and interactive panels that teach early literacy skills through play and self-discovery. For children and their caregivers.

Fredericksburg, Howell, Salem Church, and Porter

Jumpstart's Read for the Record

See Marcus Grow
by Marcus Bridgewater
and Reggie Brown



Celebrate literacy with us by participating in the world's largest shared reading experience. Stop by any branch to enjoy the book and some fun activities.

All branches, Thursday, February 26, all day

Children • Birth-age 5

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.

librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader



Special Storytimes

For all ages
with a caregiver

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Hanukkah

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 2, 10:00-10:30
Porter, Friday, December 19, 10:30-11:00

Grow a Reader Special: Winter Wonder

Cooper, Friday, January 2, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Wednesday, January 21,
11:00-11:30
Newton, Thursday, January 22, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Countdown to Christmas

Snow, Tuesday, December 16, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Wednesday, December 17, 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, December 17, 11:00-11:30
Newton, Thursday, December 18, 11:00-11:30
Salem Church, Friday, December 19,
10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30

At these locations, there will be
special visits from Santa:

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

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

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

Cooper, Friday, December 19, 11:00-11:30



Grow a Reader Special: Lunar New Year

Howell, Wednesday, February 4, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Be My Valentine

Newton, Thursday, February 5, 11:00-11:30
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 10,
10:00-10:30
Snow Tuesday, February 10, 11:00-11:30
Howell, Wednesday, February 11, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Wednesday, February 11, 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, February 11, 11:00-11:30
Salem Church, Friday, February 13, 10:00-10:30
and 11:00-11:30
Porter, Friday, February 13, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, February 13,
11:00-11:30



Weekly Storytime Schedule

*Special holiday-themed storytime on these dates

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under
Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15,
except 12/23 and 12/30
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,
except 12/24 and 12/31

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,
except 12/24 and 12/31
Fridays,
10:00-10:20 **NEW TIME!**
except 12/26
and 1/2

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30,
except 12/2*, 12/16*,
12/23, 12/30 and 2/10*

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5
Fridays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/26 and 1/2

Bedtime Stories **NEW!**

Children of all ages
Pajamas encouraged.
1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00,
except 1/1

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under
Thursdays, **NEW TIME!**
11:00-11:15,
except 12/25, 1/1
Fridays, 10:00-10:15,
except 12/26, 1/2

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Wednesdays,
11:00-11:30,
except 12/17*, 12/24,
12/31, 2/4*, 2/11*

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5
Thursdays,
10:00-10:30,
except 12/25, 1/1

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3
Wednesdays,
10:00-10:20, except
12/24, 12/31
Fridays, 11:00-11:20,
except 12/26, 1/2

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under
Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45,
except 12/23
Thursdays, **NEW TIME!**
9:30-9:45,
except 12/11, 12/25,
1/1

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Fridays, 10:30-11:00
except, 12/12*, 12/19*,
12/26, 2/13*

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5
Fridays, 9:30-10:00,
except 12/26

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50,
except 12/23
Thursdays,
10:30-10:50, except
12/11, 12/25, 1/1

Bedtime Stories **NEW!**

Children of all ages
Pajamas encouraged.
1st Wednesdays,
6:30-7:00

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,
except 12/24, 12/31

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,
except 12/24, 12/31
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,
except 12/11, 12/25, 1/1

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5
Thursdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/11, 12/25, 1/1

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Fridays, 10:00-10:30
Fridays, 11:00-11:30
except 12/19*,
12/26, 1/2, 2/13* **NEW TIME!**

Bedtime Stories **NEW!**

Children of all ages
Pajamas encouraged.
1st Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30

Snow Branch

Mother Goose

Ages 2 and under
Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15,
except 12/23, 12/30

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/16*, 12/23,
12/30, 2/10*

Towne Centre Branch

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Wednesdays, 11:00-
11:30, except 12/17*,
12/25, 12/31, 2/11*

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5
Fridays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/19*, 1/2*,
2/13*

Grades K-6

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

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

Snow, Mondays,
4:00-5:00, except 1/19,
2/16

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

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,
except 1/19 and 2/16

Cooper, Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00,
except 12/24

Montross, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00,
except 12/25 and 1/1

Towne Centre, Thursdays,
5:00-6:00, except 12/25 and 1/1

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, except 1/1

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, except 12/20

Snow, 4th Saturdays, 2:30-4:00,
except 12/27/25

Chess Time

Casual chess for all skill levels.

Grades K-12.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays,
4:00-6:00, except 12/24

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays,
5:30-7:30, except 12/24 and 12/31

Movie Night

Cooper, Tuesday, December 30,
6:00-7:30: *Snow Day*

Newton, Mondays in December,
6:00-7:30

December 1: *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (G)

December 8: *The Grinch* (2018) (PG)

December 15: *The Santa Clause* (PG)

December 22: *Elf* (PG)

December 29: *A Very Merry Pooh Year* (G)

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

December 8: *How to Train Your Dragon* (2025) (PG)

January 12: *The Bad Guys 2* (PG)

February 9: *Smurfs* (2025) (PG)

Teen Council Presents: Studio Ghibli Fest

Celebrate your favorite Studio Ghibli films with crafts, games, and more.

Costumes encouraged! **Grades K-12.**

Fredericksburg, December 9, 6:00-7:30

Imagination Station

Join teen mentors for arts and crafts. Materials provided.

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

Pokémon Time

Bring your Pokémon cards to trade or play.

Porter, Saturdays, January 24 and February 28, 3:00-4:00

Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Tuesday,
December 9, 6:00-7:30

Porter, Wednesday, December 10, 5:00-7:00. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa and his elf dog and a ballet performance.

Teen Council Presents: Celebrate Lunar New Year

Grades K-6. Games, crafts, and more.

Fredericksburg, February 10, 6:30-7:30

Homework Buddies

Bring homework and school supplies for help from teen mentors.

Porter, Mondays, 4:30-6:00,
except 12/22, 12/29, 1/19, 2/16

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 4:30-6:00,
except 1/19 and 2/16



Learn about African American Innovators

who changed history

through a rotating series of self-guided activities that highlight the contributions of African American innovators.

All branches. January 26-March 7



MORE DETAILS: librarypoint.org/african-american-history

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more

Holiday Book Bingo

Bingo fun and prizes

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

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

Porter, December 19, 4:15-5:00

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



American Revolution

Games and activities to celebrate VA250

Fredericksburg, January 9, 4:30-5:15

See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events.

DIY Toys

STEM

Howell, January 9, 4:30-5:15

Cozy Crafting

Crafts to brighten cold winter days

Porter, January 16, 4:15-5:00

Inventors' Playhouse

Salem Church, January 16, 4:15-5:00

Art-Venture

Follow in famous artists' brush strokes and create your own masterpieces.

Howell, February 6, 4:30-5:15

Fredericksburg, February 13, 4:30-5:15

Porter, February 20, 4:15-5:00

Candyland

Salem Church, February 20, 4:15-5:00

Teens

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

OurSpace

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

Salem Church, Mondays-Thursdays, 3:00-7:00, except 12/24, 12/25, 1/31, 1/1, 1/19, 2/16

Teen Art Tuesdays

Enjoy a chill art afternoon. Bring your own supplies or use the library's. Bring your own friends or meet new ones.

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

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

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 Anime & Manga Club

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

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 5:00-6:00, except 1/1

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

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

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

Teen Council Presents: Boba & Bookmarks

Stop by to sip tea and make your own bookmarks.

Porter, Saturday, December 6, 3:00-4:00

Teen Council Presents: Studio Ghibli Fest

Celebrate your favorite Studio Ghibli films with crafts, games, and more. Costumes encouraged! Grades K-12.

Fredericksburg, December 9, 6:00-7:30



Games, crafts, and more.

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

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

Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30

Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:00-7:00, except 12/25

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

Teens

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on all programs, visit
librarypoint.org/events.

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

Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Celebration Tea

Bring a tea cup and celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with Regency-inspired tea and refreshments. Costumes encouraged! **Grade 6-adult.**

Howell, Tuesday, December 16, 4:00-6:00

Teen Movie Night

Bring your snacks, pillows, and blankets
Montross, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:30

December: *Fame* (2009) (PG)

January: *Fighting With My Family* (PG-13)

February: *The Unabridged Mrs. Vera's Daybook* (Not Rated)

Spanish with Amigos

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

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/23

Teen Council Presents: Making Comics

All levels welcome. Materials provided.
Fredericksburg, January 13, 6:30-7:30

Teen Council Presents: Movie Night

Bring your snacks, pillows, and blankets.

Porter: Thursday, January 29, 5:30-7:30

Superman 2025 (PG-13)

Death at Pemberley: A Jane Austen Murder Mystery

Solve puzzles and drink tea in a Regency England-themed escape room mystery. Costumes encouraged.

Call or visit Salem Church to book your time. **Grade 6-adult.**

Salem Church, Thursday, January 29, 5:00-7:00

Mario Kart Tournament

Montross, Thursday, January 29, 6:00-7:00

Teen Council Presents: Sweethearts Social

Stop by the teen lounge to celebrate Valentine's Day with crafts and games

Porter, Saturday, February 14, 3:00-4:00

Book Groups librarypoint.org/teen-book-groups

Homeschool Book Cafe

Bring a lunch and discuss young adult titles with other area homeschoolers.

Howell, Teen Lounge, 2nd Thursdays, 12:00-1:00, December-April

Teen Book Group

Read one (or more!) books from our monthly selection, then join us for a discussion. **Grades 7-12.**

December: Jane Austen's 250th Birthday

January: Not Your Average Sport Stories

February: Multicultural Mythology

Porter and **VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30

LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride.

December: High Fantasy

January: Gays Back in the Days

February: Dark Romance

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

New Members
Always Welcome!

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



ONLY for Teens

Teen TAKE OVER



When the library's closed, the real fun begins...

Come hang after hours with games, food, and friends.

Grades 6-12

Howell, Friday, February 20, 6:00-8:00



31st Annual Johnny P. Johnson

TEEN art SHOW

Cash Prizes

Entries accepted: February 17-27 at the Fredericksburg Branch Youth Services Desk

Exhibition: March 6-April 28

Opening Reception: Friday, March 6, 7:00-8:30

2 Divisions: Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

Rules and registration:
pick up a form at any branch or visit
librarypoint.org/teenart



2024 Best in Show: "Andromeda" by Chloe G.

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Adults

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

Lofi Study Hall

Study for finals in a relaxed atmosphere with gentle lo-fi music playing in the background.

Porter, Monday-Wednesday, December 1-3, 6:00-7:45

Porter, Friday, December 5, 3:00-5:00

Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Tuesday, December 9, 6:00-7:30

Porter, Wednesday, December 10, 5:00-7:00. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa and his elf dog and a ballet performance.

Arts & Crafts

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, except 1/19 and 2/16

Newton, Mondays, 4:00-6:00,
except 1/19 and 2/16

Salem Church, Mondays,
4:00-5:00, except 1/19
and 2/16

A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects.
Beginners welcome.

Cooper, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00,
except 12/24 and 12/31

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45,
except 1/1

Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30

Craft Social

Bring a craft you're working on
or something you'd like to share
with the group.

Montross, Fridays, 10:00-12:00

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Thursdays,
2:00-3:00, except 12/25

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

Reel Crafty

Feature film showing with the lights on.
Bring a craft project to work on, or do
one of the activities provided.

Salem Church, 5:00-8:00

Monday, December 15:
Sense and Sensibility (1995)*

Thursday, January 8:
Murder on the Orient Express (2017)

Thursday, February 5:
Crazy Rich Asians (2018)

Montross, Monday, December 1,
6:00-8:00: *Emma* (2020)*

Cooper, Wednesday, December 3,
1:00-4:00: *Emma* (2020)*

See page 18 for more
Jane Austen 250 events

Make Amazing Cards

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

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

Beginner Crafts

Materials provided.
Sign up at librarypoint.org.

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

December 8: Painted Oyster Shells,
In partnership with Colonial Beach
Parks and Recreation

January 12: Fun with Stencils

February 9: Recycled Hearts

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

December 16: Punched Tin Lantern*

January 20: Square Quilt Pin*

February 17: Decoupage Oyster
Shells

*See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events

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

Fresh Start Photography Meetup

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

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

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,
starting 1/7

Amigurumi: Woodland Animals

Make four irresistibly cute forest
friends--bear, deer, raccoon, and
bluebird--with amigurumi pro
Stacey from Fresh Stitches!

Get 7 days of free access to her
top tips on yarns, hooks, stitching,
stuffing, and more. Patterns and
supply list included.



Get started with hoopla at
librarypoint.org/hoopla

Adults

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Arts & Crafts

MakerLab Badging

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

librarypoint.org/makerlab

Sewing Machine

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

Drawing Tablets

Create digital art, animation, and 3D models with a stylus pen.



Yarn Craft: Pom-Pom Bears

Make a yarn craft that doesn't involve knitting, crocheting, or sewing. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, January 16, 3:00-4:00



Homesteading for Beginners

Colonial Basket Making

Presented by Laura Johnson
Montross, Saturday, January 24
3:00-4:30

Candle-making

Presented by Rebecca Peacock
Saturday, February 28, 3:00-4:00

See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events.

Bullet Journaling

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

Porter, Saturday, January 17, 3:00-4:00

Valentine's Day Celebration

Valentine's Day crafts and activities. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, February 13, 2:30-4:00

Upcycled Tote Bag Demo

An interactive seminar on how to recycle old garments or fabric into a tote bag at home.

IdeaSpace,
Thursday, February 26
6:00-7:00



Art Shows

2025 Teen Art Show Winners Exhibit

Art by the winners of the 30th Annual Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show

Fredericksburg, December

Fashion Design Exhibit

Dresses made of paper, designed by students in Fashion Marketing classes at Spotsylvania high schools.

Salem Church, December

Johnny's Watermedia Workshop

Fredericksburg, January

Author Talks

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

Sue Hincenbergs

Former television producer discusses her debut mystery novel *The Retirement Plan*.

Tuesday
December 2, 2:00



Paula J. Johnson Smithsonian Institution

Author and Smithsonian curator Johnson discusses the legacy of Julia Child's kitchen.

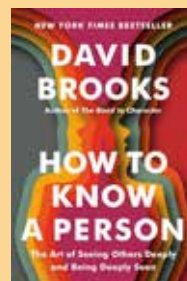
Tuesday,
December 9, 2:00



David Brooks

Author of *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* and *The Road to Character*

Tuesday,
January 13, 2:00



Vanessa Riley

Thursday,
February 5, 7:00

Author of *Fire Sword and Sea: A Novel* and *Island Queen: A Novel*



Lindsey Stewart

Thursday,
February 12

Author of *The Conjuring of America: Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic*



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Themed Book Groups

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New Members Always Welcome!

Books & Boba

Tuesday, December 2, 6:00-7:00.
Meets at Tea'Go, 35 Walpole St.
#115, Stafford, VA 22554.

Bring your favorite book and your go-to boba order and let's read together!

December theme: Mismatched pairs. Pick two different genres to explore!



Civil War Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

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

December 3: *Ways and Means: Lincoln and His Cabinet and the Financing of the Civil War* by Roger Lowenstein

January 7: *Memoranda During the War* by Walt Whitman

February 4: *Somewhere Toward Freedom: Sherman's March and the Story of America's Largest Emancipation* by Bennett Parton

The Hague Winery Book Group

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

December 4: *Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice: Modern Retellings*

February 5: *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie* by Ayana Mathis

Walking Book Group

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

December 5: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

January 2: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

February 6: *Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo

Books & Wine

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

December 8: *You Never Forget Your First* by Alexis Coe

See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events.

January 12: Your Favorite Reads from 2025 (Readers' Choice)

February 9: *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

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

December 9: *The Christmas Book Shop* by Jenny Colgan

January 13: Fave 2025 Read

February 10: *March: Book One* by Andrew Aydin and John Lewis

True Crime Book Group

VIRTUAL, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30. Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month's case.

December 11: Billy the Axe Man

January 15: The Hinterkaifeck Farm Murders

February 12: The Texarkana Murders

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 the Fredericksburg Branch

December 16: *Maame* by Jessica George

January 20: *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll

February 17: *The Celebrants* by Steven Rowley

Facebook Book Chat

Lively discussion through comments on a Facebook group post. Join the book chat group at facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat

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

December 17: Family Favorites

January 21: Winter Reading Challenge Suggestions

February 18: Friendships in Fiction

Rainbow Reads

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

December 17: *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong

January 21: *These Letters End in Tears* by Musih Tedji Xaviere

February 18: *Evocation* by S.T. Gibson

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

December 18: *Demon Copperhead* (2nd half) by Barbara Kingsolver

January 15: *Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of my Hasidic Roots* by Deborah Feldman

February 19: *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

VIRTUAL, select Mondays, 6:30-7:30. Contact the Howell Branch Adult Research Desk (ext. 7446) to have a copy sent to your branch.

December 15: *Lone Women* by Victor LaValle

January 26: *Zero Days* by Ruth Ware

February 23: *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes

Chill Lofi Reading Time

Porter, 1st Fridays starting in January, 3:00-5:00

Read in a relaxed atmosphere with gentle lofi background music.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge



5 books. 3 months. 1 challenge!

Log 5 books to earn a zippered pouch. Join us for weekly giveaways on our Facebook book chat group, too! **Ages 16 and up.**

Sign up at librarypoint.org/winter.

Adults

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including virtual links, visit
librarypoint.org/events.

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English Language Learners Book Group

NEW!

Fredericksburg,
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2:15-3:15

Practice reading, speaking,
and listening in English.

January 8 and 22:

The House on Mango Street
by Sandra Cisneros

February 12 and 26:

Charlotte's Web
by E.B. White



HORROR BOOK GROUP

NEW!

Montross, 4th Saturdays, 1:30-2:30,
starting in January

January 24: Favorite Spooky Read
of 2025

February 28: *The Southern Book Club's
Guide to Slaying Vampires*
by Grady Hendrix

We the Readers Civic Book Group: *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, January 20,
7:00-8:00

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

VA250 Winter Book Group

Read *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, Monday,
January 26, 6:00-7:30

See pages 17-18 for more VA250
events

Novel Tea BOOK GROUP

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Salem Church,
Saturday,
February 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.



Branch Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

December 18: *Jane Austen
Birthday Tea*

January 15: Free Read

February 19: *Chocolate in the Title*

Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

December 13: *Born a Crime*
by Trevor Noah

January 10: *Do Not Become Alarmed*
by Maile Meloy

February 14: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Howell

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

December 2: *Family and Other
Catastrophies* by Alexandra Borowitz

January 6: *The Clockmaker's
Daughter* by Kate Morton

February 3: *The Body: A Guide for
Occupants* by Bill Bryson

Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

December 12: *Virgil Wander*
by Leif Enger

January 9: *Spare* by Prince Harry,
Duke of Sussex

February 13: *The Book of Lost
Friends* by Lisa Wingate

Newton

Newton, 4th Fridays, starting in
January, 11:00-12:00

January 23: Favorite 2025 Read

February 27: *George Washington's
Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade
and Don Yaeger

Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45,
except January

December 4: *Guests on Earth*
by Lee Smith

January 8: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy

February 5: *South to America*
by Imani Perry

Salem Church

Select Mondays, 6:30-7:30

December 15: *Anxious People*
by Fredrik Backman

January 26: *Rules of Civility*
by Amor Towles

February 23: *Black Cake*
by Charmaine Wilkerson

Snow

3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

December 17: *A Thousand Miles from
Nowhere* by John Gregory Brown

January 21: *Little Fires Everywhere*
by Celeste Ng

February 18: *My Brilliant Friend*
by Elena Ferrante

Towne Centre

Select Mondays, 9:00-10:00

January 12: *James*
by Percival Everett

February 2: *Horse*
by Geraldine Brooks

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, select Mondays, 10:00-12:00.

December 1 & 15, January 5 & 12, February 2 & 23

Lawyer in the Library

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

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).

Porter, Thursday, December 11, 12:30-6:30

Howell, Monday, December 15, 10:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Monday, December 15, 1:00-6:00

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 5, 1:00-6:00

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

Howell, Tuesday, February 24, 10:00-4:00

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, except 12/24

Introduction to Legal Research with Westlaw

Learn the basics of Westlaw, the premium legal research platform available at no charge at any library branch.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 5, 4:00-5:00



Local Assistance

Find community resources for food, housing, jobs, healthcare, legal aid, and much more.

librarypoint.org/local-assistance



Community Resource Corner

Explore resources and join the conversation.

D=Display, T=Table, P=Presentation

December: Resources for First-Time Parents

Montross, Tuesday, December 2, 1:00-2:00 (T)

Porter, Tuesday, December 9, 11:00-12:00 (T)

Salem Church, Monday, December 1, 2:00-3:00 (P)

January: Financial Literacy

Newton, Friday, January 2, 10:30-11:30

Howell, Tuesday, January 13, 10:00-11:00 (P)

Salem Church, January 1-31 (D)

Porter, January 13, 11:00-12:00 (T)

February: Health and Wellness

Howell, Monday, February 2, 2:00-3:00 (T)

Montross, Tuesday, February 10, 1:00-2:00 (T)

Snow, Friday, February 6, 3:00-4:00 (T)

Cooper, February 1-28 (D)

Towne Centre, Tuesday, February 24, 2:00-3:00 (T)

Porter, Tuesday, February 10, 11:00-12:00 (T)

Financial

Retirement Planning

Presented by Edward Jones financial advisor Shavkat Safaev. Learn about financial planning and preparing for retirement.

Porter, Wednesday, December 3, 6:00-7:00

Wealth Wednesdays

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. Watch live at facebook.com/crrlnews and youtube.com/crrlvideo.

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

December 10: Year End Wrap Up

January 14: 2026

Financial Action

Checklist: What

to Do and When

February 10:

Tax Filing to Tax

Planning



Free Tax Preparation Clinics

IRS-trained volunteers will help prepare simple tax returns through AARP. Dates and availability subject to change.

Visit librarypoint.org/tax-answers for details on dates, locations, and required documents.

January 13-April 15, Cooper, Howell, Fredericksburg, Porter, Salem Church branches

Introduction to Grant Seeking

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 the Fredericksburg branch. Network with other non-profits in our area.

Fredericksburg, Friday, February 6, 10:00-11:30

Introduction to Grant Proposal Writing

Learn to craft compelling and effective foundation grant proposals.

Fredericksburg, Friday, February 13, 10:00-12:00



Adults

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including virtual links, visit
librarypoint.org/events.

Food

Cookie Exchange

Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies and a printed copy of the recipe.

Newton, Monday, December 8,
4:00-5:00

Montross, Monday, December 8,
4:00-5:00

Cooper, Tuesday, December 16,
5:00-6:00

Food Safety Basics

Presented by April Payne of the
Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Fredericksburg, Thursday,
January 22, 2:00-3:00

Tea Tasting

Sample a variety of teas. Bring your
favorite tea cup or use the cups
provided. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, January 30,
4:00-5:00

Cooking Corner: 18th-century Gingerbread

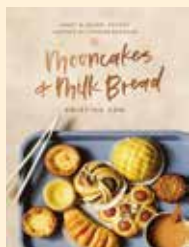
A demonstration of how to make
Mary Ball Washington's gingerbread
cake, along with historical facts about
colonial-era food and cooking.

Grade 6-adult.

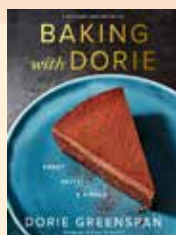
Howell, Saturday, February 7, 2:30-3:30

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Sweet Reads for Foodies



Scan QR code
to view the full
list and check
these out!



Going Green

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.

Fredericksburg 3rd floor, ongoing

Gardening Workshops

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

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

December 2: Seed Starting

January 6: Beginner
Vegetable Gardening

February 3: Native vs.
Invasive Plants

Backyard Composting 101

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesday,
December 3, 6:00-7:00

Porter, Wednesday,
January 21, 6:00-7:00

Howell, Wednesday,
February 18, 6:00-7:00

Gardening by the Month

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

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

January 17: Planning a Garden

February 7: Seed starting, hardening
off, and transplanting

Gardener's Corner: Planting for Optimal Harvest

Includes the basics of sun, soil, water,
and pollination, as well as companion
planting, pest and disease reduction,
and saving seeds for next year's
garden. In partnership with Master
Gardener Association of the Central
Rappahannock Area.

Salem Church, Saturday,
February 28, 1:00-2:00

**NEW
TIME!**



Victory Gardens: Small Space Gardening for Yourself and Your Neighbor

In partnership with Master
Gardeners Association of the
Central Rappahannock Area

Snow, Saturday, February 21,
3:00-4:00

Self-Sufficiency Skills Workshops

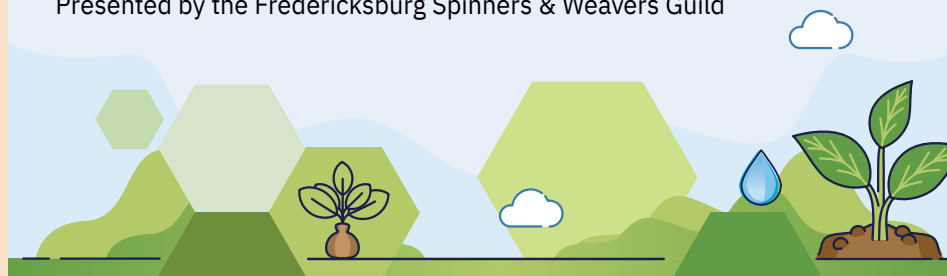
Learn practical skills for sustainable living and self-reliance.

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

January 10: Making Bone Broth

February 14: Hands-On Spinning/Weaving Demo.

Presented by the Fredericksburg Spinners & Weavers Guild



Games

Bingo

In partnership with Neighbor2Neighbor.
Cooper, 1st and 3rd Mondays,
11:00-12:00, except 1/19 and 2/16

Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00
Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00,
except 12/24 and 12/31

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,
except 1/1

Cooper, 2nd Thursdays, 2:00-3:00
Newton, 2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays,
12:00-4:00, except the 3rd and
12/24, 12/31

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

¡Lotería!

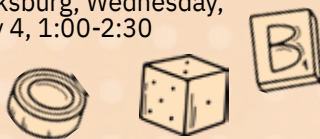
Come play a traditional Mexican game similar to Bingo!

Porter, Saturday, January 24,
2:00-4:00

Adult Activity Hour

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesday,
February 4, 1:00-2:30



Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Puzzles must include all pieces.

Porter, Saturday, February 14,
1:00-2:30

18th-century Games

Try your hand at popular board and card games from the 1700s. **All ages.**

Towne Centre, Saturday,
February 21, 2:00-4:00

See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events.

Mardi Gras Murder Mystery

Mardi Gras costumes or colors encouraged. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Montross, Thursday, February 26,
6:00-7:30

See also **Pop Culture Trivia**,
page 18

Health & Wellness

Medicare 101:

What You Need to Know

Presented by Susan Jurkouich of Sunshine Senior Services. Learn about Medicare plans and ask questions.

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,
except 12/23 and 12/30

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

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

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

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

Towne Centre, select Wednesdays,
9:00-10:00 (December 10, January 7
and 21, February 4 and 18)

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

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,
except 12/3

Salem Church, January 7, 10:00-2:00

Fredericksburg, February 4,
10:00-2:00

Qi Gong for Vitality

Presented by Katrina Dill, owner of Yes to Holistic Health. A beginner-friendly class for older adults focused on easing pain and boosting circulation. No experience needed. Comfortable attire.

Salem Church, 2nd Mondays,
10:00-11:00, except 12/8

Memory Café: Relax and Reminisce

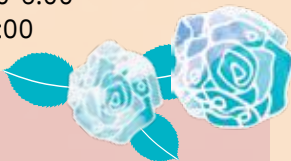
Share conversation and nostalgia in a relaxed atmosphere. For adults with early memory loss and their care partners. In partnership with the Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Salem Church, Friday, December 19, 10:30-12:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, January 23, 10:30-12:00

Cooper, Mondays, January 26 and
February 23, 10:30-12:00

NEW!



Free Health Assessments

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

Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, 9:30-2:00,
starting January 20

Salem Church, Thursdays,
December 11 and 18, 9:30-2:00

Salem Church, Mondays,
February 9 and 23, 9:30-2:00



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

December 6: *Battleground* (1949)

January 3: *The Mortal Storm* (1940)

February 7: *The Young Lions* (1958)

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

Crossroads of Conflict: The Civil War in Culpeper County and the Creation of Culpeper National Cemetery

Presented by Jeff Joyce and the Stafford County Historical Society. Learn and discuss how the Civil War shaped Culpeper County, through two major battles.

Porter, Saturday, January 24, 1:00-2:00

African American Read-In

Literature and music celebrating African American history. This year's lineup includes: musical performance by Branch Ministries and special talk by local author Zovera A. Jackson. In partnership with Jack & Jill of America, Greater Fredericksburg Chapter.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 7, 10:00-12:00



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

The Fairfax-Washington Connection: Family Genealogies, Histories, and Stories

Presented by Connie Schroeder, NSDAR, Overwharton Parish Chapter. Observe the histories of the Fairfax and Washington family lines, how they were intertwined, and their influence in the pre-Revolutionary War colonial period.

Porter, Saturday, December 13, 11:00-12:30

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.

Howell, Saturday, January 17, 11:00-12:30

Germana: Crossroads on the Rapidan

Presented by Historic Germana. Learn about the first county seat of Spotsylvania County and the history of Germana.

Salem Church, Thursday, January 22, 6:00-7:30

Mary Washington: George's Much Maligned Mother

Presented by the Washington Heritage Museums. This presentation considers Mary Washington's struggles and consequential actions, while also acknowledging the family's trials and celebrating their accomplishments.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, January 29, 6:00-7:30

Language Revitalization: Turning Back Time

Presented by Lisa Brighteyes Richardson Deresz, Rappahannock Language Ambassador for the Omisun Project. Understand how a language, lost to history, is being brought back to life using historical sources, and hear stories of personal experiences while learning the meanings of words you see and use every day.

Howell, Wednesday, February 4, 6:00-7:30

Bringing Eliza Home

Presented by Barbara VornDick and the Stafford County Historical Society. Eliza Monroe, the granddaughter of James Monroe, whose devotion to family and country has been obscured and forgotten over time, has now been illuminated through historical research which enabled her true story to be told. Eliza's story offers a powerful lens into the role of women in shaping the new nation and its international presence.

Porter, Saturday, February 7, 1:00-2:30

Mining the Archives: Primary Documents on Kenmore, Ferry Farm, and the Washington-Lewis Family Before the Revolution

Presented by Gretchen Goodell Pendleton, The George Washington Foundation. The GWF will share their archival digitization project that is beginning in earnest this year, along with the material culture reflected in the primary documents, including the built environment of Kenmore during its construction in the 1770s.

Porter, Wednesday, February 11, 6:00-7:30

Genealogy: Using Military Records in Genealogical Research

Explore how and where you can access family history information using military records, including places, ages, and physical descriptions of your relatives.

Salem Church, Tuesday,
February 17, 3:00-4:00

The Leedstown Resolutions

Presented by historian and author Dal Mallory. Learn about this precursor to the Declaration of Independence and an attempt to resist the enforcement of the Stamp Act.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday,
February 17, 6:00-7:30

Cooper, Tuesday, February 24,
6:00-7:30

A Cultural Quilt: Fredericksburg's Sister Cities

An introductory exploration of the mutual cultural influences and historical exchanges between the United States and Fredericksburg's five sister cities in France, Ghana, Germany, Italy, and Nepal.

Fredericksburg, Thursday,
February 19, 6:30-7:30

James Hunter and His Iron Works

Presented by Kathi Lynn Austin, Freedom Forge Foundation, and Jerrilynn Eby MacGregor, Stafford County Historical Society. Largely unknown Revolutionary War hero, James Hunter, established the foundation of America's defense industry at his Falmouth Iron Works, becoming one of the largest producers of arms and supplies for the Continental Troops.

Fredericksburg, Saturday,
February 21, 11:00-1:00



Illustration of Hunter's Iron Works
by Rick MacGregor

Holiday For holiday reading recommendations, history, and more, visit librarypoint.org/happy-holidays



Hooray Before the Parade

Holiday-themed crafts and more to enjoy before the Fredericksburg Parade! While supplies last.

Cookie Exchange 11:00-11:30:
Bring 2 dozen cookies and recipe.

Gift-Wrapping Station: Bring gifts for wrapping; wrap donations welcome.

Fredericksburg, Saturday,
December 6, 10:30-12:00

Cookie Exchange

Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies and a printed copy of the recipe.

Newton, Monday, December 8, 4:00-5:00

Montross, Monday, December 8,
4:00-5:00

Cooper, Tuesday, December 16,
5:00-6:00

Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Tuesday, December 9,
6:00-7:30

Reading Jane Austen

Honoring Austen's 250-year literary legacy.

Reel Crafty

Feature film showing with the lights on. Bring a craft project to work on, or do one of the activities provided.

Salem Church, Monday, December 15,
5:00-8:00: *Sense and Sensibility* (1995)

Montross, Monday, December 1,
6:00-8:00: *Emma* (2020)

Cooper, Wednesday, December 4,
1:00-4:00: *Emma* (2020)

The Hague Winery Book Group:

Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*: Modern Retellings

Thursday, December 4, 6:00-7:00

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

Celebrating Jane Austen's Life and Legacy

Virtual, Friday, December 12, 12:00

More details, see Lunch & Learn section.

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Jane Austen

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team. Make a craft while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, December 13,
2:00-4:00

Holiday Murder Mystery

In partnership with Bay Aging. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Thursday, December 11, 1:00-3:00

Meets at The Meadows,
400 Meadow Ave, Colonial Beach,
22443

Wreaths & Treats

Craft a festive wreath (supplies limited) and exchange cookies! Please bring two dozen cookies and the recipe to share.

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

Pop Culture Trivia: Holiday

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team. Holiday crafting while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday,
December 13, 10:00-12:00

See also **Pop Culture Trivia: Jane Austen**, below.



Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Celebration Tea

Bring a tea cup and celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with Regency-inspired tea and refreshments. Costumes encouraged! **Grade 6-adult.**

Howell, Tuesday, December 16,
4:00-6:00

Death at Pemberley: A Jane Austen Murder Mystery

Solve puzzles and drink tea in a Regency England-themed escape room mystery. Costumes encouraged. Call or visit Salem Church to book your time.

Grade 6-adult.

Salem Church, Thursday,
January 29, 5:00-7:00

Fashion in Jane Austen's Time

Lecture about English fashion in the Regency era and an analysis of historically accurate costuming in Jane Austen films.

Salem Church, Saturday, February 14,
11:00-12:00

Adults

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

Language Learning

ELL Resources on Demand

Learn about ELL (English Language Learner) resources, tour the library, and discover services available free of charge. Call 540-372-1144, x7339 to sign up.

Porter, Mondays, 10:00-11:00, and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00, except 12/24 and 12/31

English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner English language learners.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00, except 12/24 and 12/31

Spanish with Amigos

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

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/23

See also **English Language Learners Book Group** (page 13)

Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

English Conversation Groups

Practice speaking English in a relaxed atmosphere.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00

Salem Church, Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30, except 12/24 and 12/31

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

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00, except 12/2

Spanish Conversation Group

Practice speaking Spanish in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.

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

Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/25

French Conversation Group

Practice French in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.

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

Lunch & Learn

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere.

Watch Fridays on Facebook @crrlnews and YouTube @crrlvideo

Watch later on librarypoint.org/lunch-learn

Aquia Freestone Quarrying in the Fredericksburg Region (VA250)

See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events.

December 5, presented by Jon Bachman

Celebrating Jane Austen's Life and Legacy

December 12

Meet the Friends of the Library

December 19, presented by Friends of Central Rappahannock Regional Library President and Vice President

From Dreams to Reality with Life Coaching

January 9, presented by Amir Edwards of AE Life Experience Coaching and Consulting

Ditch Your New Year's Resolution!

January 16

Understanding End-of-Life Doula Care

January 23, presented by INELDA (International End of Life Doula Association) trained volunteer Sheila Miller

CASA: Court-Appointed Special Advocates

January 30, presented by Edie Evans, Executive Director of Rappahannock CASA

Legal Information vs. Legal Advice

February 6, presented by Law Specialist Douglas Jackson

Unsung Figures in African American History

February 13

Starting Seeds for Spring Planting

February 20

Friends of the Rappahannock

February 27



Movies

Friday Films

Newton, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 11:00-1:00. **For adults.**

December 5: *It's a Wonderful Life*

December 19: *Violent Night*

January 2: *Cool Runnings*

January 16: *Sinners*

February 6: *Hidden Figures*

February 20: *The Color Purple* (2023)

Cinema Night

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00, except 2/24, showing will be on 2/25. **For adults.**

December 9: *Fantastic Four: First Steps*

December 23: *The Roses*

January 13: *Honey Don't*

January 27: *Big Bold Beautiful Journey*

February 10: *Jurassic World*

February 25 (one-time date change): *Downton Abbey: Grand Finale*

Movie Matinees for Older Adults

Presented in partnership with Spotsylvania County Parks and Recreation.

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

December 10: *The Holiday*

January 14: *The Bucket List*

February 11: *Queen Bees*

Horror Movie Club

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

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

December 20: *Holiday Horror*

January 17: *Witches*

February 21: *Sci-Fi Horror*

Music

Colonial Dancing and Music

Cooper, Tuesday, January 20, 6:00-7:00

See pages 17-18 for more VA250 events.



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.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 12, 3:00-4:00



CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL's IdeaSpace.

View at youtube.com/crrlvideo

Technology

Drop-In Tech Help

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

Howell, 1st Thursdays (except January), December 4, January 8, February 5, 10:00-11:00

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

PC Building 101

Learn to build your first PC using interactive software.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, January 15, 6:00-7:00

MakerLab Badging: Video Converter

Turn your VHS tapes into a digital files, and use the Kodak film scanner to convert your slides and negatives into JPEG files. Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own projects! librarypoint.org/makerlabs

Tech on the Go

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

Canon EOS Rebel T7: A versatile, entry-level DSLR camera capable of photos and 4k video.

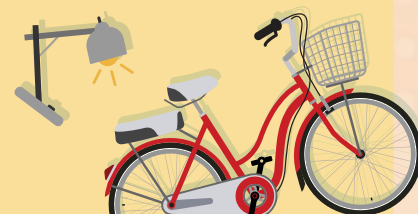
Neewer Camera Stabilizer: Allows you to attach a weighted stabilizer to a camera or camcorder.

Ronin SC Gimbal: A lightweight, 3-axis stabilizer that keeps your camera steady and smooth, easily controlled through a smartphone app.

Repair Cafe

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.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 12, 1:30-3:30



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, except 12/25, 6:00-7:30

December: Dealing With Writer's Block

January: Using Structure

February: Editing How-Tos

Comic Creators Roundtable

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

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

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

Self-Publishing 101

Learn strategies for getting your book published.

Howell, Tuesday, January 13, 6:00-7:30

Sketch Comedy Creation

Learn how to use IdeaSpace equipment and software to write and record your own sketch comedy.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, February 19, 6:00-7:00

VETERANS POETRY WORKSHOP

Create and receive feedback on your poetry about the veteran experience. In partnership with the Virginia Poet Laureate's Veterans Poetry Project. Space is limited.

Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Porter, Saturday, January 10, 2:00-3:00



Behind the Page

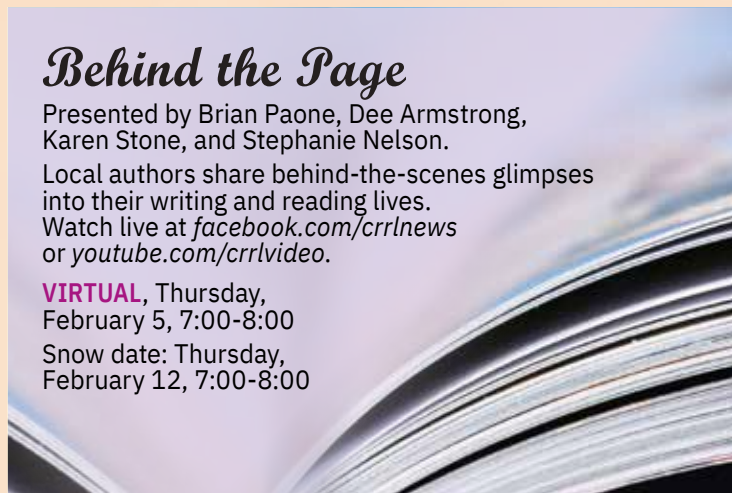
Presented by Brian Paone, Dee Armstrong, Karen Stone, and Stephanie Nelson.

Local authors share behind-the-scenes glimpses into their writing and reading lives.

Watch live at facebook.com/crrlnews or youtube.com/crrlvideo.

VIRTUAL, Thursday, February 5, 7:00-8:00

Snow date: Thursday, February 12, 7:00-8:00





Fredericksburg
Parks, Recreation & Events

2026 WINTER CATALOG

SCAN ME!



FXBGparks.com



—PARKS AND RECREATION—

STAFFORD *Virginia*

540-658-5116
@StaffordVAParks

Registration is required at
StaffordParks.com



SCAN ME

Stafford County Tree Lighting

FIRST FRIDAY OF DECEMBER

HOLIDAY SPIRIT ★ FESTIVE BITES ★ SPARKLING LIGHTS

GEORGE L. GORDON, JR., GOVERNMENT CENTER
1300 COURTHOUSE ROAD, STAFFORD, VA 22554
StaffordCountyTreeLighting.com

DECEMBER 13

CANDY CANE Hunt

THIS WAY

Bring your kids to search for our hidden candy canes!

Government Island

DECEMBER 16

Brunch with Santa



A magical brunch for our youngest guests ••

Rowser Building

JANUARY 17

Art EXTRAVAGANZA



Enjoy a day filled with arts and crafts for ages 4-12

Rowser Building

MID FEBRUARY

SPRING SPORTS

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR:

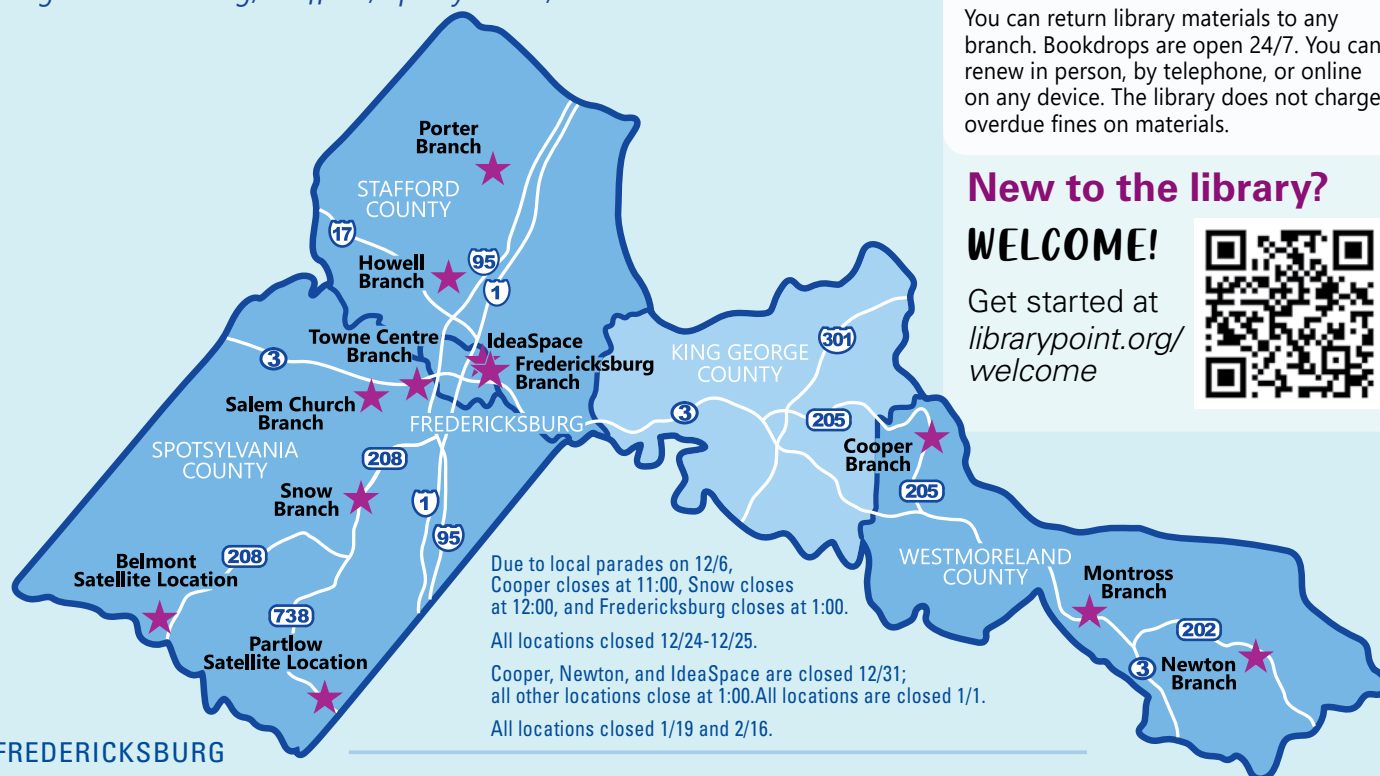
- NFL FLAG FOOTBALL
- FIELD HOCKEY
- VOLLEYBALL
- SIDELINE CHEERLEADING

You can return library materials to any branch. Bookdrops are open 24/7. You can renew in person, by telephone, or online on any device. The library does not charge overdue fines on materials.

New to the library?

WELCOME!

Get started at
[librarypoint.org/
 welcome](http://librarypoint.org/welcome)



FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

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

IdeaSpace: Making+Media

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

SPOTSYLVANIA

Belmont Satellite Location

Belmont Ruritan Club and the
 Belmont Club of Women
 7124 Belmont Road, Mineral, 23117
 Monday 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
 Tuesday 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

For updates to branch hours and library services,
 visit librarypoint.org/locations.

Best of 2025

Highlights from an amazing year!

Branch Anniversary Celebrations



New Bambu 3D Printers

Spotsylvania branches' extended hours



Music on the Steps: Celebrating 40 Years



Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee



VA250: American Revolutionary History and Beyond

Lunch at the Library



Nature Adventure Packs for Youth



Summer Reading and Winter Reading



Westmoreland Library on the Go Van



Community Resource Pages for Workforce Support and Local Assistance



STEM Kits for Children



More details: librarypoint.org/best