

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Fall 2026

September, October,
November



What's happening

At Your Library



**Teen
Stop Motion
Video Contest**

**Rappahannock
Writers'
Conference**

**Resources for
Back to School**

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

Welcome

from the Executive Director

I love walking into a library branch and seeing the bustle of activity! In the children's section, toddlers are excitedly talking about the bear book that they are checking out (again!), while an adult is reserving the privacy pod for an online job interview, a quiet space away from a neighbor's barking dog.



Rebecca Purdy

In one meeting room, new connections form during a robust card game; in another, a group is learning how a local author got published. Later, teens will arrive to do homework, play computer games, or work on their Teen Stop Motion Video Contest entries. Meanwhile, customers of all ages are building trebuchets for an annual contest that combines engineering and fun!

Library branches are constant hubs of activity, and one never knows what discoveries await when you walk through the doors. Maybe you came to check out one of the library's 1.6 million books, movies, and audiobooks, use a computer, or to connect to the library's wifi--but stay a moment longer, and I guarantee you'll find something unexpected. If you need help finding something new, ask us! Tell us a little about your interests, and we'll have ideas on something new at the public library just for you!

Rebecca

Teachers--the public library is here to support you!

Classroom Carryout

Custom curriculum support materials gathered by library researchers for your classroom

Book Group in a Bag

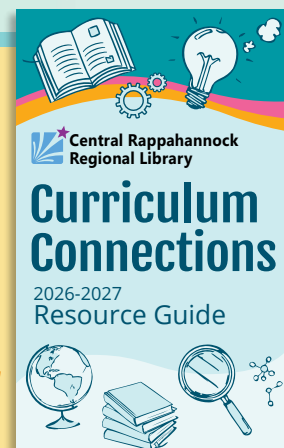
Multiple copies of the same title available for an extended checkout period

Learn about all the ways the library is here to support you at

librarypoint.org/teachers



Download this year's
Curriculum Connections
resource guide.



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Children (Birth-Age 5)

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

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, September 24, 6:00

Sensory Time

Stories, songs, and activities to support early literacy practices in an environment that adapts to youth with autism and other developmental challenges. For youth of all ages with a caregiver. Sign up required.

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

Storytime Classes

Grow a Reader with your library! Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read.

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 11/25

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 11/25

Fridays, 10:00-10:20, except 11/27

Alphabet Soup

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 9/8*, 10/27*, 11/3* and 11/24*

Preschool Time

Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 11/27

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup

Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 10/30*, 11/20*, and 11/27

Montross Branch

Alphabet Soup

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 9/23, 10/28*, 11/18*, 11/25

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 11/25

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 11/25

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 11/26

Preschool Time

Thursdays, 11:00-11:30, except 11/26

Alphabet Soup

Fridays, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30, except 9/4*, 10/30*, 11/20*, 11/27

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30, except 11/3

Saturday Tales

4th Saturdays, 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre Branch

Alphabet Soup

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 10/28*, 11/18*, 11/25

Snow Branch

Mother Goose

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 11/24

Alphabet Soup

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 10/27*, 11/17*, 11/24

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

Mother Goose Time:

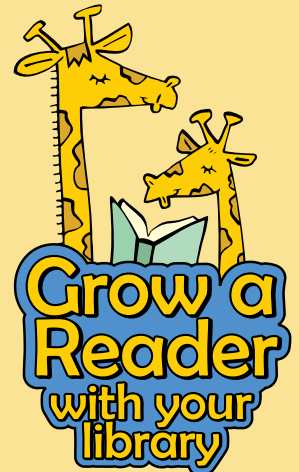
Ages 2 and under

Preschool Time: Ages 3-5

Toddler Time: Ages 2-3

Alphabet Soup, Bedtime Stories, Saturday Tales:

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



STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

Thursdays, 11:00-11:15, except 11/26

Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 11/27

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:20, except 11/25

Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 11/27

Preschool Time

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30, except 11/26

Alphabet Soup

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 10/28*, 11/18*, and 11/25

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 11/3

Thursdays, 9:30-9:45, except 10/22 and 11/26

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 11/3

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50, except 10/22 and 11/26

Alphabet Soup

Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 9/11*, 10/23, 10/30*, 11/20*, 11/27

Preschool Time

Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 10/23 and 11/27

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00

Saturday Tales

4th Saturdays, 10:30-11:00, except 10/24

Evening and weekend classes now available!

Grow a Reader Special STORYTIMES

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

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Grandparents Day

Salem Church, Friday September 4, 10:00-10:30 & 11:00-11:30
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, September 8, 10:00-10:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, September 9, 11:00-11:30
Porter, Friday, September 11, 10:30-11:00

Grow a Reader Special: Firefighters to the Rescue!

Howell, Wednesday, September 23, 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, October 7, 11:00-11:30
Porter, Friday, October 9, 10:30-11:00

Grow a Reader Special: Hispanic Heritage

Bilingual stories, songs and activities.

Porter, Friday, September 25, 10:30-11:00
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, October 6, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special: Halloween Hoopla

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, October 27, 10:00-10:30
Snow, Tuesday, October 27, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Wednesday, October 28, 10:00-10:30
Howell, Wednesday, October 28, 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, October 28, 11:00-11:30
Salem Church, Friday, October 30, 10:00-10:30 & 11:00-11:30
Porter, Friday, October 30, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, October 30, 11:00-11:30
Newton, Friday, October 30, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Diwali

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, November 3, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Thanksgiving

Newton, Friday, November 13, 11:00-11:30
Snow, Tuesday, November 17, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Wednesday, November 18, 10:00-10:30
Howell, Wednesday, November 18, 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, November 18, 11:00-11:30
Salem Church, Friday, November 20, 10:00-10:30 & 11:00-11:30
Porter, Friday, November 20, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, November 20, 11:00-11:30
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, November 24, 10:00-10:30



Grades K-6

See also **Trebuchet Contest**, page 6

Homework Buddies

Bring homework and school supplies for help from teen mentors.

Porter, Mondays, 4:30-6:00, except 9/7, 9/21, 10/12, 10/19

LEGO® Building Lab

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

Snow, Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 9/7

Porter, 1st Mondays, 4:30-5:30, except 9/7

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

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

KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.

Newton, Mondays, 5:00-6:00, except 9/7

Montross, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00, except 11/26

Towne Centre, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00, except 11/26

Cooper, 1st Saturdays, 11:00-12:00

Chess Time

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30, except 11/25

Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00, except 11/25

All-Ages Chess

Cooper, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00: Casual chess for all experience levels

Cooper, 3rd Saturdays, 12:00-1:00: Blitz Tournament



September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

The Library partners with area schools to ensure every kindergarten student has a free library card.

September 1-30: Schools send library card applications home with kindergarten students or share a link to an online form. Fill out the application, and you'll get your child's library card in the mail.

September 1-November 30. Bring your kindergartner to the library for a free book!

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

Movie Night

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

September: *Dora and the Search for Sol Dorado* (G)

October: *Gabby Doll House* (G)

November: *My Neighbor Totoro* (G)

Pokémon Time

Bring your Pokémon cards to trade or play.

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

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

Arts & Crafts Time

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

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

Hands-On Gardening Workshops for Children

Presented by the Central Rappahannock Extension Master Gardeners. Learn to grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers in the library garden. **Grades K-6 with a caregiver.** Call 540-372-1144, x7535 to register.

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

PAWS for Reading

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Snow, Saturdays, 2:30-4:00:
9/26, 10/24, 11/14



Westmoreland State Park Presents

STEM. In partnership with Westmoreland State Park.

September: Fossils

October: Bats

November: Leaves

Montross, 4th Mondays, 4:00-5:00

Cooper, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

Park After Dark

Gather under the trees to hear family-friendly spooky stories. Bring your own chairs and blankets. In partnership with Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation (fxbgparks.com) and Earthquest (earthquest.org), who will bring a culture or two and tell you about them. No charge. **Family friendly for ages 5 and up.**

Memorial Recreation Park (Kenmore Park), Friday, October 9, 6:30-8:00. Rain location: Dorothy Hart Community Center

Spooky Stories

Listen, if you dare, to tales that will chill and thrill you.

Salem Church, Tuesday, October 27,
6:00-7:00

Homeschool Open House

Connect with homeschool groups and families and learn how the library supports education.

Howell, Monday,
September 14, 1:00-2:00

Porter, Wednesday,
September 23, 2:00-3:00



FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more.

Mission to the Moon

STEM

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

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

Under the Sea

Fredericksburg, September 11,
4:30-5:15

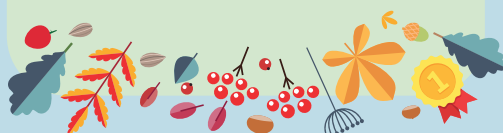


Harvest Fair

Porter, September 18, 4:15-5:00

Salem Church, September 18,
4:15-5:00

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



Games of All Sorts

Howell, October 2, 4:30-5:15.

Fairy Tales

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

Animal Rescues

In partnership with Stafford County Animal Control, Stafford County SPCA, and Rapidan Equine Sanctuary
Porter, October 16, 4:15-5:00

NovemBear

Howell, November 6, 4:30-5:15
Fredericksburg, November 13,
4:30-5:15

Career Day

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

Teens

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

See also **Trebuchet Contest**, page 6

Book Groups

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



Read one (or more!) books from the monthly selections, then meet online or in person for a discussion.

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

Teen Book Group

September: BeWERE the Full Moon

October: Cursed

November: Nonfiction November

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

LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with
Fredericksburg Pride.

September: De Ambiente (for Hispanic
Heritage Month)

October: Murder Mystery. Work
together to solve a murder mystery
puzzle using only the clues provided.

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

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

Teen Anime & Manga Club

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

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

Teen Art Tuesdays

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

Montross, 4th Tuesdays,
4:00-5:00

Chess Time

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays,
5:30-7:30, except 11/25

Porter, 2nd and 4th
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00,
except 11/25

All-Ages Chess

Cooper, 2nd Saturdays,
10:00-12:00: Casual chess
for all experience levels

Cooper, 3rd Saturdays,
12:00-1:00: Blitz
Tournament



TEEN GAME NIGHT

Games, crafts, and more.

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00,
except 9/7

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

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

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

Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays,
6:00-7:00, except 11/26

Teen Council Presents:

Scarily Bad CGI Movie Night

Bring your favorite movie snacks, pillows,
and blankets!

Spookley the Square Pumpkin (G)

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, October 6,
6:30-7:30

Spirit on a Budget Costume Contest

Bring your best costume--or your worst!
Prizes will be awarded by Teen Council.
Grades 6-12.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, October 13,
6:30-7:30

Slice of Fall

Autumn crafts and coziness.

Fredericksburg, November 7, 2:00-4:00

TEEN STOP MOTION VIDEO CONTEST

Are you interested in making a short animated film?
Calling all teen directors!

- Entries may be submitted October 1-15
- Open to students in grades 6-12
- Students must live in the City of Fredericksburg or counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford, or Westmoreland--or have a CRRL library card.

For more information and contest rules, visit librarypoint.org/video-contest

Stop Motion Movie Night

Hang, eat popcorn, and get inspiration for the
Teen Stop Motion Video Contest.

The Pirates! Band of Misfits (2012, rated PG)

Howell, Thursday, September 24, 5:30-7:00

Teen Stop Motion Video Contest

Viewing Party

Selected entries will be screened and
contest winners recognized. **All ages.**

Howell, Thursday, November 12, 6:00-7:00

CASH PRIZES!

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Adults

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

Arts & Crafts

Make Amazing Cards

Presented by Pam Haskins. All supplies provided. **Ages 16 and up.**
Howell, 1st Mondays, 4:00-6:00, except 9/7

Art Night

Create art and compete for a trophy! Winner chosen by attendee votes. All supplies provided. **All ages.**
Snow, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30

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

MakerSpace Art & Craft Night

Meet fellow makers and work on personal crafts and artwork.
IdeaSpace, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

Paint Your Prints Night

Bring your blank 3D prints to paint alongside others.
Paint supplies provided.
IdeaSpace, 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30

Fresh Start

Photography Meetup

Meet with other photographers to discuss, learn, and hone your skills.
Salem Church, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-8:00

Beginner Cricut Crafts

Get the most out of Cricuts--fast and precise cutting machines that can work with over 100 different materials--with beginner-friendly projects.
IdeaSpace, Thursday, October 8, 6:00-7:00

Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.
Cooper, 2nd Mondays, 11:00-12:00
September 14: Mason Jar Scarecrows
October 12: Fall Leaf Placemats
November 9: Wooden Owl Ornaments
Montross, 3rd Fridays, 11:00-12:00
September 18: Kinusaiga (Japanese Fabric Collage)
October 16: Bedazzle a Book
November 20: Book Folding

Craft Social

Bring a craft you're working on or something to share with the group.
Montross, Fridays, 10:00-12:00, except 11/27

Patchmaking 101

Learn to design and make a patch using an embroidery machine.
IdeaSpace, Thursday, October 15, 6:00-7:00

Beginner Photography Class

Hands-on class presented by Stacie Hubbard, an experienced local photographer. Learn to use your camera more effectively, including camera operation, image capture, using a flash, and more. Bring your camera and gear or smartphone.
Towne Centre, Saturday, October 17, 1:00-3:00

Fabric Swap

Presented by Sewcially Inspired. Bring fabric, needles, pins, buttons, zippers, and other sewing notions you no longer need to exchange. Sewing fabric and notions only; no other craft materials please.
Fredericksburg, Thursday, October 22, 5:30-7:30

Halloween Celebration

Halloween crafts and activities, while supplies last. Costumes encouraged.
Fredericksburg, Friday, October 30, 1:30-3:00



Yarn Craft: Pom-Pom Bears

Make a yarn craft that doesn't involve knitting, crocheting, or sewing. While supplies last.
Fredericksburg, Saturday, November 7, 3:00-4:30



MakerLab Badging

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

Glowforge Laser Cutter: Cut or engrave a material using a high-powered laser to quickly create complex designs.

Serger: A specialty sewing machine that uses multiple threads to quickly trim and professionally finish fabric edges with a durable overlock stitch.

Knitting & Crochet

7-Week Crochet-Along: Coasters

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, September 21-November 9, 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.**
Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00, except 9/7

Crochet and Knitting for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic stitches. Bring your own supplies for any crochet or knitting projects. Intermediate and experienced crafters also welcome. **Grade K-adult.**
Salem Church, Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 9/7

A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.
Cooper, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00, except 11/25
Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45, and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30

See also **Crochet & Books Book Group**, page 8

Launch it!

Trebuchet Contest

Bring your handcrafted trebuchet and test it in a competition.

Details and rules: librarypoint.org/launch-it
Saturday, November 1
Rain date: November 15
Gayle Middle School Athletic Field,
100 Panther Drive,
Fredericksburg, 22406



ALL AGES!

Adults

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Art Shows

Unmasking Brain Injury Exhibit

Fredericksburg, September

Fresh Start Photography Group

Salem Church, September

Stacie Hubbard

Towne Centre, September- November

Reception: Saturday, September 19, 1:00-4:00

Community Canvas Art Show

Fredericksburg, October

Chancellor Art Studio

Salem Church, October

Stafford Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Show

Explore beautiful quilts by local artists, featuring the show's theme: "Patriotic Patchwork."

Porter, Friday, October 23; Saturday, October 24; and Monday, October 26. 10:00-5:00

Professional Artists and Artisans of Stafford County

Fredericksburg, Howell, and Porter branches, November

Showcase Your Art at the Library!

Are you a local artist? The library hosts monthly art shows at several locations. Visit librarypoint.org/arts for framing requirements and guidelines.

Winners from the 2026 Teen Art Show

Fredericksburg, December

Fashion Design Exhibit

Salem Church, December

Author Talks

99 Ways to Die: A Conversation with Dr. Ashely Alker

Join Dr. Ashely Alker, M.D., M.Sc., in conversation with Janet Gullickson, Ed.D. as they discuss this illuminating, hilarious, and practical guide to 99 of the most terrifying ways to die and how to avoid them. More details, page 12.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, September 23, 6:00-7:45



Author Talk: Anamely Salgado Reyes

Meet shortlist finalist for the 2024 Reforma Book Award, Anamely Salgado Reyes. Join in person or online to discuss Reyes' inspiration for her debut magical realism novel, *My Mother Cursed My Name*, the symbolism she weaves throughout, and her favorite books.

Porter and **VIRTUAL**, Saturday, October 3, 3:00-4:30



VIRTUAL Author Talks

The Democracy We Must Keep: Why the Ideas that Built America Still Matter with David O. Stewart

Award-winning historian and bestselling author of *Impeached* and *The Summer of 1787*

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, September 1, 2:00

Writing the Nightmare: A Ship Called Sickness and One Unforgettable Space Crew with Daniel Kraus

2026 Pulitzer Prize winner and *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Whalefall* and *Angel Down*

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, September 8, 7:00

The Art of Fighting: Building Better, Stronger Relationships with Priya Parker

Bestselling author, master facilitator, and acclaimed strategic advisor

VIRTUAL Tuesday, September 15, 4:00

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

The Comeback Conversation: Shifting from Surviving to Thriving with Yasmine Cheyenne

TEDx Speaker, Today Show wellness expert, and bestselling author of *The Sugar Jar* and *Wisdom of the Path*

VIRTUAL, Thursday, September 17, 2:00

Where the Paletero Man Goes: A Journey of Neighborhood, Music, and Art with Lucky Diaz

Grammy award-winning artist and celebrated children's author

VIRTUAL, Thursday, September 24, 7:00

Paletero Man: un viaje por el barrio, la música y el arte con Lucky Diaz

Artista ganador del premio Grammy y aclamado autor de libros infantiles

VIRTUAL, Thursday, September 24, 8:00

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Visit librarypoint.org/events and search "online author talks" for the lineup of authors for October and November.

Civil War Book Group

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

In partnership with
Fredericksburg and
Spotsylvania National
Military Park

September 2: *Sleeping with the
Ancestors: How I Followed the
Footprints of Slavery*
by Joe McGill

October 7: *Longstreet: The
Confederate General Who Defied
the South* by Elizabeth Varon

November 4: *The 12-Day Chase
for Lincoln's Killer*
by James Swanson

The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays,
6:00-7:00

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

September 3: *Left for
Dead*
by Eric Jay Dolin

October 1:
Magpie Murders
by Anthony Horowitz

November 5:
*Remarkably Bright
Creatures*
by Shelby Van Pelt

Books & Wine

2nd Mondays,
7:00-8:00

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

September 14:
Wild Dark Shore
by Charlotte McConaghy

October 12: *The Lost Bookshop*
by Evie Woods

November 9: *The Frozen River*
by Ariel Lawhon

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

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

September 8: *Atmosphere*
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

October 13: *Fahrenheit 451*
by Ray Bradbury

November 10: *Dead Wake*
by Erik Larson

Horror Book Groups

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

September 9: *What Moves the Dead*
by T. Kingfisher

October 14: *Don't Let the Forest In*
by C.G. Drews

November 11: *The House of Quiet*
by Kiersten White

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

September 26: *The Reformatory*
by Tananarive Due

October 24: *We Used to Live Here*
by Marcus Kliever

November 28: *Horror Movie*
by Paul G. Tremblay

Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:15-11:30

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

Book selections can be picked up at
Fredericksburg Branch.

September 15: *99 Ways to Die and How to
Avoid Them* by Ashely Alker, M.D., M.Sc.

October 20: *Yellow Wife* by Sadeqa Johnson

November 17: *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

Crochet & Books

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

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

September 21: *The Book Woman of
Troublesome Creek*
by Kim Michele Richardson

October 19: *Invisible Differences*
by Julie Dachez

November 16: *The Invisible Life of Addie
LaRue* by V. E. Schwab

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

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

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

September 21: *Everyone Is Lying to You*
by Jo Piazza

October 19:
The Haunting of Hill House
by Shirley Jackson

November 16:
*The Thursday
Murder Club*
by Richard Osman

Rainbow Reads

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

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

September 16:
Martyr! by Kaveh Akbar

October 21: *Bury Our Bones in the
Midnight Soil* by V.E. Schwab

November 18: *Outdrawn*
by Deanna Grey

Facebook Book Chat

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

Lively discussion through comments
on a Facebook group post.

Join our book chat group at
facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat

September 16: Favorite Debut Books

October 21: Cozy Reads

November 18: Books We're Thankful For

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

September 17: *H is for Hawk*
by Helen Macdonald

October 15: *The Eyre Affair*
by Jasper Fforde

November 19: Free Read:
Native American authors

We the Readers Civic Book Group: 99 Ways to Die (And How to Avoid Them) by Ashely Alker, M.D., M.Sc.

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

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

Novel Tea Book Group

Salem Church, Saturday, October 24,
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.

Fall Book Selection: *Practical Magic*
by Alice Hoffman



Adults

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Community & Civics

Haircuts in the Library

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

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 10:00-12:00, except 9/7

Lawyer in the Library

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

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, September 29, 5:00-7:00

Citizenship Info Session

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

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

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 11/26

How to File for Custody in Virginia

Learn the steps for filing for child custody in Virginia.

Fredericksburg, Monday, September 14, 6:00-7:00

Resources for Parents

Learn about resources for parents available at the library and in the local community.

Salem Church, Tuesday, September 15, 2:00-3:00

Blue Star Welcome Week: Welcome to the Library

A display of library offerings and other community resources in celebration of Blue Star Welcome Week, which recognizes new military families entering our community.

Porter, September 28-October 2



Branch Book Groups

librarypoint.org/book-groups

Towne Centre

1st Mondays, except September, 9:00-10:00

September 14: *Eliza's True Story* by Barbara VornDick, featuring a virtual visit with the author.

October 5: Books by author Mindy Quigley

In honor of Mystery Series Week, read either *Six Feet Deep Dish* or *Ashes to Ashes, Crust to Crust*.

November 2: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Howell

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

September 1: *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

October 6: *The Sisters Sweet* by Elizabeth Weiss

November 3: *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

September 3: *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jeter Naslund

October 1: *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond

November 5: *The Wager* by David Grann

Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

September 11: *The Sisterhood* by Liza Mundy

October 9: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

November 13: *When the Men Were Gone* by Marjorie Herrera Lewis

Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

September 12: *The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff

October 10: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

November 14: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Salem Church

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

September 21: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware

October 19: *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff

November 16: *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer

Westmoreland Library on the Go Book Groups

September: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

October: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

November: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

3rd Mondays, 1:00-1:30 at Mill Pond Village, 56 Mill Pond Lane, Montross 22520

3rd Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 at Parker Run Apartments, 91 Shelby Farm Rd, Montross 22520

3rd Thursdays, 1:30-2:00 at The Meadows, 400 Meadow Ave, Colonial Beach 22443

Snow

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

September 16: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

October 21: *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix

November 18: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

September 17: Pumpkin Spice

October 15: Man's Best Friend

November 19: A Little Wine & Cheese

Newton

4th Fridays, 11:00-12:00, except 11/25 moved to 12/3

September 25: *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez

October 23: *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Charbonnet

December 3: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

Citizenship Preparation Classes

Prepare for all sections of the USCIS Naturalization Exam.

Fredericksburg, Fridays, 10:00-12:00, October 2-December 18, except 11/28

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Porter, Thursday, October 8, 12:30-6:30

Fredericksburg, Thursday, October 8, 1:00-6:00

Howell, Monday, October 12, 10:00-4:00

Legal Research & AI

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

Fredericksburg, Monday, October 12, 6:00-7:00



Your DIY Legal Toolkit: Gale LegalForms Basics

Save on legal fees with this library resource available at no charge. Learn to customize professional templates for wills, leases, and business documents—no legal experience necessary.

Montross, Monday, October 19, 6:00-7:00

Veterans: Share Your Story

To celebrate Veterans Day, learn how to share your veteran experience through various written expressions. Space is limited. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Porter, Monday, November 9, 2:00-3:00

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, Monday, November 16, 6:00-7:00

Community Resource Corner

Explore resources and join the conversation.

D= Display, T=Table, P=Presentation



Emergency Preparedness

Tips for how to be prepared when there's an emergency.

Porter, Tuesday, September 8, all day (T)

Newton, Monday, September 14, all day (T)

Cooper, throughout September (D)

Salem Church, throughout September (D)



Voting Resources

Learn where to find current information on elections and candidates.

Howell, Thursday, October 8, all day (T)

Porter, Tuesday, October 13, all day (T)

Cooper, throughout October (D)

Fredericksburg, throughout October (D)



Resources for Caregivers

Discover resources for taking care of your loved ones.

Porter, Tuesday, October 10, all day (T)

Newton, Monday, November 16, all day (T)

Cooper, throughout November (D)

Fredericksburg, throughout November (D)

Salem Church, throughout November (D)

Snow, throughout November (D)

Towne Centre, throughout November (D)

Financial

Retirement Spotlight

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. New recordings posted to facebook.com/crrlnews and youtube.com/crrlvideo.

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

September 9: Roth Conversions

October 14: Protecting Against the Big Three Retirement Risks

November 11: Estate Planning Essentials

Life Skills

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agency.

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

September 21: Budgeting Basics

October 19: Cooking Safety

November 16: Decluttering Basics

Fraud Prevention

Presented by AARP. Learn how to recognize common scams and avoid becoming a victim.

Cooper, Thursday, September 24, 1:00-3:00

Wills & Trusts

Presented by Carrell Blanton Ferris & Associates, PLC. Learn about wills and trusts, what is required to create these documents, and why it is important to have them. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Porter, Tuesday, September 29, 1:00-2:00

Salem Church, Wednesday, November 4, 1:00-2:00

Introduction to Grant Seeking

Grant research is a crucial step in securing funding for projects, whether for non-profits, businesses, or academic initiatives. Learn tips for finding and applying for grants.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-7:00

Introduction to Grant Proposal Writing

Learn to craft compelling and effective foundation grant proposals.

Fredericksburg, Friday, October 23, 10:00-11:00

Adults

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including virtual links, visit
librarypoint.org/events.



Food & Drink

Healthy Eating on a Budget

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent April Payne.

Towne Centre, Wednesday,
September 16, 2:30-3:30

Tea Blending

Make your own tea blend to take home. Sign up at librarypoint.org.
Fredericksburg, Saturday,
October 3, 3:00-4:00

Food Preservation 101

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent April Payne.
Best practices for different ways to preserve and store food.

Fredericksburg,
Wednesday,
October 14,
4:00-5:00



Tea Tasting

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

Fredericksburg, Friday, November 20,
4:00-5:00

Coffee and Conversation for Older Adults

Bring a friend or meet new ones over coffee, puzzles, and word games in this laid-back gathering.

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

Towne Centre, 2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

Tea With Friends

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

Montross, 3rd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

Salem Church, 4th Fridays, 10:30-12:00,
except 11/27

ALWAYS AVAILABLE Mystery eBooks

Mystery lovers rejoice!
Hundreds of
mysteries, no wait.



Going Green

Seed Library

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

Fredericksburg and Porter, ongoing

Gardening for Nature with Downtown Greens

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

September 1: Fall & Winter
Vegetable Gardening

October 6: Composting 101

November 3: Soil Science

Plant Clinic

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

Fredericksburg, Saturdays,
September 5 and 19, 10:00-12:00

Porter, Thursday, September 10, and
Monday, September 14, 10:00-12:00

Porter, Thursday, October 8, and
Thursday, October 22, 10:00-12:00

Container Gardening and Beyond

Presented by Central Rappahannock Extension Master Gardeners

Snow, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

September 12: Growing Food
in Apartments

October 10: Winter Herb Sowing

November 14: Plants That Grow
Well Together

Games

Bingo

Sponsored by Neighbor2Neighbor.

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Mondays,
11:00-12:00, except 9/7

Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner
players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00,
except 11/25

Backyard Composting 101

Presented by the R-Board and Central Rappahannock Extension Master Gardeners

Fredericksburg, Wednesday,
September 16, 6:00-7:00

Howell, Wednesday, October 21,
6:00-7:00

Porter, Wednesday, November 18,
6:00-7:00

Gardening by the Month

Get monthly gardening tips from the experts. Presented by Central Rappahannock Extension Master Gardeners.

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

September 19: Seed Saving Basics

October 3: Planting Garlic and
Multiplier Onions

November 7: Tool Cleaning
and Sharpening

Repair Café

Bring broken household items--such as lamps, electronics, bicycles, and clothing--to be fixed by volunteer repair coaches and experts. First come, first served. In partnership with the R-Board and the Clean & Green Commission. Interested in volunteering for this event? Contact: fredericksburg.as.manager@crrl.org

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



SEE ALSO: **Hands-On Gardening Workshops for Children**, page 4

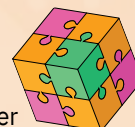
Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays,
12:00-4:00, except 11/25

Conquer 3D Puzzles

Throughout the fall, come solve complex 3D printed puzzles and earn an exclusive token.

IdeaSpace, September-November



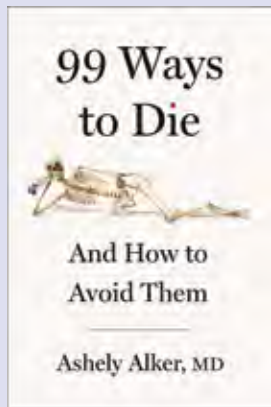
SEE ALSO: **All Ages Chess**
and **Chess Time** page 5

Health & Wellness

99 Ways to Die: A Conversation with Dr. Ashely Alker

Join Dr. Ashely Alker, M.D., M.Sc., in conversation with Janet Gullickson, Ed.D. as they discuss this illuminating, hilarious, and practical guide to 99 of the most terrifying ways to die and how to avoid them.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, September 23, 6:00-7:45



Dr. Alker serves as Department Chair of Emergency Medicine for Mary Washington Hospital and Medical Co-Director for the Fredericksburg Emergency Medical Alliance. Books will be available for purchase from Tales and Tails Book Cafe. Signing to follow conversation and audience Q&A.

Janet Gullickson, Ed.D., is the principal of Growth and Journey Consulting, advising nonprofit and higher education organizations on strategic planning, innovation, and executive coaching. She retired in 2026 after nearly a decade as president of Germanna Community College and a 50-year career in higher education leadership.



Medicare 101: What You Need to Know

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

Porter, 1st Mondays, 10:00-11:00, except 9/7

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

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

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

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

Towne Centre, every other Wednesday, 9:00-10:00. September 2, 16, and 30; October 14 and 28; November 11 and 25

Memory Café: Relax and Reminisce

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

Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:30-12:00

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

Salem Church, 3rd Fridays, 10:30-12:00

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

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

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

Resources for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Presented by Anna Barrett, Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center. PEATC offers free, confidential, one-on-one support to families of children with disabilities. Learn about resources to empower families navigating special education.

Porter, Mondays, September 28, October 19, and November 23, 12:30-2:30

Reducing Stress Naturally

Presented by Marcia Grimsley of Life Advancement Coaching. Learn simple, natural techniques to ease emotional stress.

Salem Church, Saturday, October 10, 10:30-12:00

Adult Social Time

Activities and games for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Holiday-themed edition with a visit from Santa Claus and his special four-legged elf.

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

Health Assessments

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

Howell, 9:30-2:30: September 3, 8, 14, 21; October 1, 5, 22, 27; November 2, 9, 23

Salem Church, 9:30-2:30: September 14; October 5, 12; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Fredericksburg, 9:30-2:30: September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 20, 27; November 17, 24



Adults

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History

World War II Movie Discussion Group

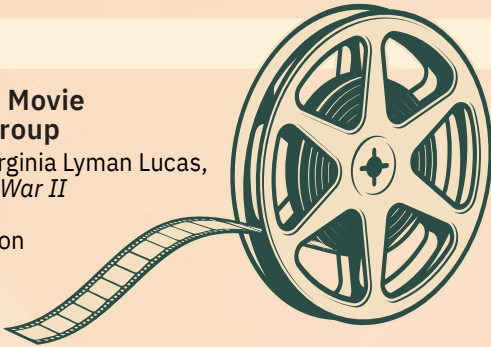
Presented by Virginia Lyman Lucas,
author of *World War II At the Movies*.
Slide presentation
and discussion.

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

September 5: *Merrill's Marauders* (1962)

October 3: *MacArthur* (1977)

November 7: *Kelly's Heroes* (1970)



Historical Walk

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

Friday, October 16, 2:30-4:00

Rain date: Friday, October 23

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.

November: Submarines on Eternal Patrol:
An Armed Forces & Veterans Tribute

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

Newton, Tuesday, November 17, 11:30-12:30



Job Skills

Training on Demand: Resumes and Cover Letters

30-minute, hands-on sessions
tailored to help you create a new
resume, update an old one, or create
a cover letter. Sign-up required; call
540-372-1144, x7232.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays,
5:00-7:00, except 9/17, 10/1, 11/5,
and 11/26



Job Answers

Resources curated by library staff
for job seekers, including live
virtual coaching, resume building,
career exploration, and more.

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



Language Learning

ELL Resources on Demand

Learn about the ELL (English Language
Learner) resources, tour the library,
and discover services available free of
charge. Call the Porter Adult Services
desk at

540-372-1144, x7339 to sign up.

Porter, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00,
except 10/21 and 11/25

English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner
English language learners.
No registration required.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-
3:00, except 9/2, 9/9, and 11/25

Spanish with Amigos

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

Porter, 4th Tuesdays,
4:00-5:00

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Mango Languages

An online language learning system that can help you learn
languages such as French, Spanish, Japanese, Brazilian
Portuguese, Greek, Italian, Russian, and many more.

Lenguajes de Mango

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asistir en aprendiendo otros idiomas.

First time user? Access Mango Languages with your library
barcode or username and 4-digit PIN. Then "Sign Up" for a
free account. Once you've created a free account, you can go
directly to mangolanguages.com, or Mango's mobile app to
sign in to the account you created.

Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

German Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 3rd Mondays, 4:00-5:00

English Conversation Groups

Salem Church, Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30,
except 11/25

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00,
except 9/3, 9/10, and 11/26

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

Spanish Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st Wednesdays,
4:00-5:00

Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays,
3:00-4:00, except 11/26

French Conversation Group

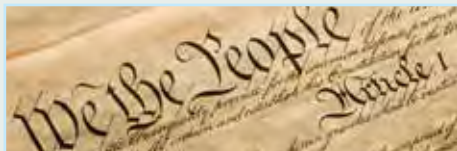
All levels welcome.

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

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



Constitution Week

Presented by the Overwharton Parish Chapter, NSDAR. Celebrate America 250 by learning about the U.S. Constitution and other foundational documents.

Porter, September 17-23

A Cultural Quilt: Fredericksburg's Sister Cities: Kathmandu, Nepal

Presented by Fredericksburg Sister Cities. Explore how the U.S. Constitution has shaped Nepal's democratic governance, alongside insights into Fredericksburg's unique and enduring relationship with Kathmandu.

Lecture by Dr. Lekh Nath Adhikari.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, September 17, 6:30-7:30

Genealogy Workshops

Presented by the Washington-Lewis Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Learn how to trace your ancestors, use online databases, and explore local archives to uncover your roots. Bring a laptop for hands-on research with local experts.

Fredericksburg, Saturdays, September 26 and November 14, 10:00-12:00

1775-2025: 250 Years of Marine Corps History and Heroes

Presented by the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Discover the history of the United States Marine Corps, from their founding in 1775 through their contributions in the Vietnam War. This presentation includes Marine artifacts and stories told by veterans who are part of Task Force Ontos.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, September 19, 11:00-1:00



Washington Heritage Museums Lecture Series

In partnership with the Washington Heritage Museums. An engaging lecture series that brings local history to life.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, October 1 and November 5, 10:00-11:00

October 1: The Two Mercers: James and Hugh. Presented by Trip Wiggins, Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society.

November 5: 18th-century Fashion Show. Presented by the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society.

The Politics of Independence in Colonial Virginia

Presented by Dr. Will Mackintosh, University of Mary Washington. This talk explores the politics of Virginia in the mid-1770s to understand who was pushing for independence, why they did so, and how they ultimately won the argument.

Howell, Saturday, October 17, 12:30-2:00

Creating an Informed Citizenry

Delve into the first debates on American education with George D. Oberle III, author of *Creating an Informed Citizenry: Knowledge and Democracy in the Early American Republic*.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, October 22, 5:30-7:30



Presidential Road Trips with Author Bill Clevlen

Nationally syndicated travel journalist and broadcaster Bill Clevlen shares fun and amusing stories from his latest book, *Presidential Road Trips - 100 Places to Explore and Experience the History of American Presidents*. Get inspired for a historic road trip, learn some interesting fun facts about America's presidents and where they lived, and enjoy behind-the-scenes video.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, October 21, 6:30-7:30

Honoring All Who Served: The History of Veterans Day

Presented by Jeff Joyce, Culpeper National Cemetery. A history of Veterans Day from its origins as Armistice Day after World War I to the present.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, November 4, 6:30-7:30

Bringing Eliza Home

Presented by Barbara VornDick and the Stafford County Historical Society. The life of 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.

Porter, Saturday, November 7, 2:30-4:00



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Adults

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including virtual links, visit
librarypoint.org/events.

Lunch & Learn

VIRTUAL, Fridays, 12:00,
except 9/4 and 11/27

Bite-sized learning you can watch
anywhere. New recordings posted
to facebook.com/crrlnews and
YouTube.com/crrlvideo weekly
on Fridays and added to
librarypoint.org/lunch-learn.

Step VA

September 11, learn about upcoming
programs and events from Step VA, a
non-profit offering sensory-based theater,
music, and arts for individuals with
disabilities.

Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity

September 18, information about the
ReStore and resources for homebuyers.

The Beginner's Guide to AI

September 25, presented by
Keisha M. Green, Founder of The
Perfect Digital Solution.

Fungi & Mushrooms

October 2, presented by Jon Bachman,
local naturalist and historian.

Peace of Mind Seminar

October 9, presented by
Charles Christopher from
Covenant Funeral Services.

Rappahannock Writers' Conference

October 16, with local authors Traci Hunter
Abramson, Rick Pullen, and Ksenya Swinton.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Greater Fredericksburg

October 23

U.S History of Women in the Military

October 30

AARP Tax Clinics: Prepping for 2027 Tax Season

November 6

Cozy Fantasy

November 13

Healthy Eating for the Holidays

November 20, presented by April Payne,
Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Movies

Cinema Night

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00
September 8: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
September 22: *Solo Mio*
October 13: *Hamnet*
October 27: *The Breadwinner*
November 10: *The Devil Wears Prada 2*
November 24: *The Breadwinner*

Family Movie Night

Grade K-Adult

Snow, 2nd Thursdays, 5:00-7:00
September 10: *Matilda* (PG)
October 8: *Hocus Pocus* (PG)
November 12: *Hocus Pocus 2* (PG)

Friday Films

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

September 4: *Project Hail Mary*
September 18: *In the Heights*
October 2: *Roofman*
October 16: *The Devil Wears Prada 2*
November 6: *You, Me, And Tuscany*
November 20: *Michael*

Reel Crafty

Salem Church, Monday, September 21;
Thursday, October 1;
Monday, November 16, 5:00-8:00
A feature film showing with the lights left on.
Bring a craft project to work on, or do one of
the activities provided.
September: *Clueless* (1995)
October: *Practical Magic* (1998)
November: *Wicked* (2024)

The Road to Equality: A Screening of Iron Jawed Angels

Presented by American Association of
University Women. Watch a screening of *Iron
Jawed Angels*, the inspiring true story of Alice
Paul, Lucy Burns, and the courageous women
who fought for the right to vote in the United
States. Following the film, learn how their
legacy continues to inspire the ongoing pursuit
of equality and civic engagement today.
Fredericksburg, Saturday,
October 17, 2:00-4:00

Classic Monster Double Feature

A retro movie showing of
House of Dracula (1945) and
Young Frankenstein (1974).
Also features crafts and activities.
Salem Church, Thursday,
October 29, 4:00-8:00

Music

Music and Movement for Older Adults

Sing, move, and reminisce through
music of the 1930s to 1980s.
Music performed by Jordyn Parker,
a board-certified music therapist.

Fredericksburg, Thursday,
November 19, 3:00-4:00

Technology

Drop-In Tech Help

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

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

PC Building 101

Learn to build your first PC using
interactive software.

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

Understanding AI

Learn about what AI is, what it
does, and how you can use it.
Howell, Saturday, September 19,
2:00-3:00

Raspberry Pi Fun

Learn easy Raspberry Pi projects,
including making game machines
and media players

IdeaSpace, Thursday,
September 24, 6:00-7:30

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

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

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

MakerLab Badging: Video Converter

Convert your old home VHS
tapes to digital format to
permanently preserve and enjoy
your memories. Learn how to use
the equipment at IdeaSpace and
then use it for your own projects!
librarypoint.org/makerlab

See also **Trebuchet
Contest**, page 6



► Tech on the Go

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

Tech on the Go: Novation Launchpad

A powerful soundboard that can be programmed to include dramatic lighting effects.



Tech on the Go: Rode Directional Smartphone Mic

This mic connects via a headphone jack or adapter, enabling you to record audio at a much higher quality.

Tech on the Go: GoPro

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



Writers

Inklings Writers Groups

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

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

Porter, 4th Thursdays, 6:00-
7:30, except November.
Meeting 11/19 due to holiday.

September - Show & Tell: When
to Use Which

October - Plotober

November - The Life of an Indie
Author, presented by Lynda
Allen

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 11/14

RAPPAHANNOCK Writers' Conference

Saturday, November 14, 8:45-4:30

Germanna Community College,
10000 Germanna Point Drive, 22408

A day celebrating writers with informational workshops and panel discussions. Keynote addresses will be presented by bestselling authors Alma Katsu and Donna Andrews. **Grade 7-adult.**

Featured speakers and panelists: Traci Hunter Abramson, Dee Armstrong, Lonesome B. Augustine, Peter Bacho, Austin S. Camacho, Laura Di Franco, J.S. Furlong, Deborah Hawkins, Jeffrey James Higgins, David Holtzman, Judy Kelly, Isha M. Renta Lopez, Blake Lynch, S.C. Megale, Marilyn Deane Mendell, Adam Meyer, Brian Paone, Katherine Pecka, Ksenya Swinton, Steve Watkins, Sian Bessey, and Ellie Whitney

Topics Include:

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| • publishing | • editing | • characters |
| • networking | • plotting | • memoir |
| • marketing | • voice development | • young adult books |
| • distributing | • research | • audiobooks |
| • working with agents | • dialogue | • series writing |
| • querying | | |



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Friday Night Workshops

Howell, Friday, November 13, 6:00-8:00

An evening of pre-conference hands-on workshops. Workshop presenters Bill Blume, Laura Di Franco, Paige Edwards, Ellie Whitney, Rich Follett, Adam Meyer, and Ksenya Swinton cover dialogue, marketing, critiquing, writer's block, screen adaptations, and writing games. Space is limited. Sign up starting 10/2 at librarypoint.org/writers-conference.

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Fredericksburg
Sept. 28-30, Oct. 1-2, Oct. 3
Oct. 26-28, Oct. 29-30, Oct. 31
Nov. 16-18, Nov. 19-20, Nov. 21

Howell
Sept. 17-19, Sept. 21-22, Sept. 23
Oct. 15-17, Oct. 19-20, Oct. 21
Nov. 19-21, Nov. 23-24, Nov. 25

Porter
Sept. 4-5, Sept. 8-9, Sept. 10
Oct. 2-3 and 5, Oct. 6-7, Oct. 8
Nov. 6-7 and 9, Nov. 10-11,
Nov. 12

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Salem Church
Sep. 15-18, Sep. 19, 21, Sep. 22
Oct. 20-23, Oct. 24, 26, Oct. 27
Nov. 17-20, Nov. 21, 23, Nov. 24

Snow
Sep. 14-17, Sep. 18-19, Sep. 21
Oct. 12-15, Oct. 16-17, Oct. 19
Nov. 9-12, Nov. 13-14, Nov. 16



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Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

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Monday-Thursday 2:00-8:00

Saturday 12:00-5:00

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Belmont Ruritan Club and the
Belmont Club of Women

7124 Belmont Road, Mineral, 23117

Mondays 4:00-7:00

Partlow Satellite Location

Partlow Ruritan Club

3229 Partlow Road, Partlow, 22534

Tuesdays 4:00-7:00

Salem Church Branch

2607 Salem Church Rd., 22407

Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00

Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

Snow Branch

8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553

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

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

806 Lyons Blvd., 22406

Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00

Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

Access Services

at Howell Branch

Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00

*Staff are also available by email
and phone Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00*

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

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Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00-1:00

Wednesday 1:00-5:00

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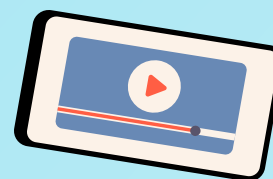
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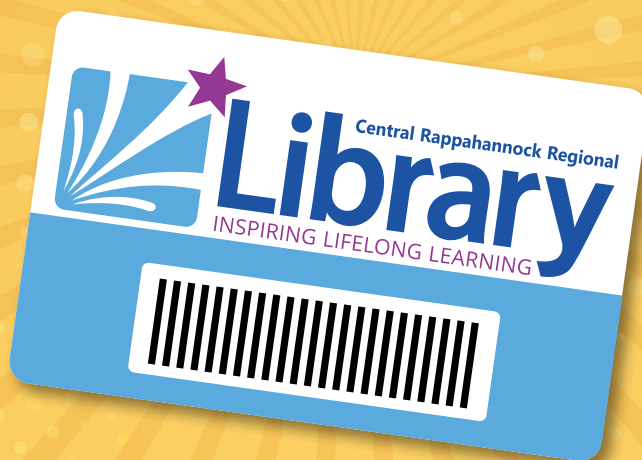
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