Beyond the SHELVES

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2019
Over the course of my career people occasionally ask, “Do we still need libraries now that we have the internet/Google/ebooks and so on.” My answer is always a resounding “Yes.” We need libraries more than ever in our fragmented, busy, and often isolated world. Libraries are still about books, reading, and thinking; however, increasingly libraries are also about community, connections, civic life, and civil discourse. Quite simply, libraries create a stronger social fabric by weaving together the many different individuals and ideas that make a place.

The Williamsburg Regional Library buildings are community centers where you can meet and share ideas and information with people from all walks of life and experiences. Looking to meet people and engage in interesting discussions? Try dropping into one of our many staff-moderated book groups. Hoping to meet someone with similar interests or learn a new skill? Try a maker activity program exploring technology, art, or crafts.

Contemporary libraries are all about lifelong learning using many different formats and experiences. At WRL you can share a vibrant learning experience and enjoy entertainment with other people in our community at one of the library’s many lectures, films, or concerts. You can bring a child to a storytime or children’s performance and share their pleasure in learning new skills or information.

Looking for a place to meet a friend or work on a project? Try our new outdoor seating area in the City Square outside the Williamsburg Library by the fountains or the café space at the James City County Library. This year, we are expecting about 540,000 visits to our library locations and over 133,000 attendees at library programs. We hope to see you soon at one of the many programs listed in this guide or just visiting and enjoying this thriving community hub. Viva la library!

Betsy Fowler, Library Director

Williamsburg Regional Library
Beyond the Shelves

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Library Locations
Williamsburg Library: 515 Scotland St., Williamsburg VA 23185
James City County Library: 2550 Croaker Rd., Williamsburg VA 23188
Stryker Center: 412 N. Boundary St., Williamsburg VA 23185

Library Phone Numbers
Williamsburg Library: 757.259.4040
(Answered live, M-F, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
James City County Library: 757.259.7770
(Answered live, M-F, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m)

Library Website
www.wrl.org

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WRL-Info
Keep up with everything going on at WRL with this weekly digital newsletter sent directly to your email inbox every Monday morning. We’ll give you the rundown of everything happening at all of our buildings each week, plus extras like reading lists and info about our digital resources. Sign up at wrl.org/wrl-info.

We would like to thank the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library for their generous support that makes many of the programs included in Beyond the Shelves possible.
CONCERTS

Americana Groove Project
Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
The Americana Groove Project is Jae Sinnett’s latest soulful, and very funky, musical venture—a multi-genre band that plays everything from blues to soul to rock to funk to jazz fusion. Jae is a legendary jazz drummer and composer, but for this project he comes out front to sing lead for the band. He will be joined by guitarist Jay Rakes, bassist Terry Burrell, keyboardist Weldon Hill, drummer Cody Thornton, and vocalist Brittany Burrell.

North Sea Gas
Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
North Sea Gas is one of Scotland’s most popular folk bands, with great vocals and shimmering three part harmonies. Guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki, harmonica, whistles, bodhrans, banjo, and good humour are all part of the entertainment. Their show consists of traditional, contemporary, and self-penned material put together in a style that’s all their own.

Frank Vignola’s Hot Jazz Guitar Trio
Saturday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
The Hot Jazz Guitar Trio features Frank Vignola, Vinny Raniolo, and Gary Mazzaropi—three of today’s most extraordinary guitarists. Hear a wide repertoire of unique, fresh arrangements as this astounding trio covers works from Beethoven and Bach to Paul Simon and Frank Zappa.

Meeting in the Air: Celebrating Old Time Music with the Runaway String Band and the Cary Street Ramblers
Friday, October 25, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
This concert brings together two well-respected and long-established Virginia string bands for a crowd-pleasing evening of old-time music. Runaway String Band features four long-time Williamsburg-area musicians whose mix of traditional and contemporary bluegrass, old-time, and swing music builds on the spirit of the early string bands. Cary Street Ramblers play old-time Appalachian string band music. Their repertoire consists of a wide selection of tunes and songs performed in a manner reminiscent of early country music.

Virginia Opera
Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
Virginia Opera returns to the Williamsburg Library with “An Evening of Opera & Broadway” highlighting some of the most beloved arias and ensemble pieces that opera has to offer, as well as show tunes from popular musical theater. The program features members of the Opera’s acclaimed Herndon Foundation Emerging Artists Program, and will also include play-by-play commentary that gives audience members insight into this exciting repertoire.

Charm City Junction
Sunday, November 3, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
From dance-inducing old-time rhythms to foot-stomping Irish melodies to hard-driving bluegrass, Baltimore-based acoustic roots quartet Charm City Junction creates a fresh soundscape that keeps listeners on the edge of their seats wondering where they’ll go next.

Ford’s Colony Dance Band
Thursday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
The Ford’s Colony Dance Band will salute big band royalty with a 90-minute Tribute to Count Basie, including favorites like “April in Paris,” “Shiny Stockings,” “Cute,” “Hay Burner,” and “Jive at Five.” A free-will donation opportunity will be provided for the benefit of the band.

LIVE THEATRE
PANGLOSSIAN PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:

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songs for a new world

The structure of this show lies somewhere between musical and song cycle—it is a series of songs all connected by a theme: “the moment of decision.” Soaring melodies and irresistible rhythms distinguish a range of songs encompassing jazz, gospel, funk, and more. Tickets: $16 for advanced sales and Friends of WRL, $18 at the door, and $10 for students.

For tickets and information call 757.259.4070

PLAYBILL

MUSICAL REVIEW

songs for a new world

Music & Lyrics by JASON ROBERT BROWN

November 15, 16, and 23, 7:30 p.m.,
November 24, 2 p.m.
All Shows at Williamsburg Library
Movies for Everyone with the Thursday Film Series, Cinema @ Scotland St., and the Celtic Film Series

THURSDAY FILM SERIES

Now in its 15th year, this series screens a variety of classic and contemporary movies for an adult audience. All films are shown at the Williamsburg Library Theatre.

SEPTEMBER: CAREER GIRLS

The Girl in White (1952)
Thursday, September 5, 2-3:40 p.m.
This biopic relates the career of Emily Dunning Barringer, who, in the early 1900s, became New York’s first female hospital intern and surgical resident. (NR)

Woman’s World (1954)
Thursday, September 12, 2-3:40 p.m.
The wives of three corporate executives come under scrutiny as their men vie for a big promotion in director Jean Negulesco’s glossy soap opera. (NR)

The Thrill of it All (1963)
Thursday, September 19, 2-4 p.m.
Doris Day and James Garner play a happily married couple whose home life is discombobulated by her rising TV fame as a soap company spokeswoman. (NR)

OCTOBER: MOVIES INSPIRED BY EVENTS OF 1919

Scarface (1932)
Thursday, October 3, 2-3:40 p.m.
Paul Muni is riveting as a Prohibition era mobster who ruthlessly shoots his way to the top in this seminal gangster film produced by Howard Hughes and directed by Howard Hawks. (NR)

Irene (1940)
Thursday, October 10, 2-3:45 p.m.
This charming musical comedy about a shop girl finding love and success is based on the play that was the longest running show in Broadway history for the two decades following its original production in 1919. (NR)

A Dangerous Man: Lawrence after Arabia (1992)
Thursday, October 17, 2-3:50 p.m.
This is the true story of how T.E. Lawrence, “Lawrence of Arabia,” advocated for Arab independence at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference, much to the consternation of the French and British governments. (NR)

Eight Men Out (1988)
Thursday, October 24, 2-4:05 p.m.
John Sayles directed this dramatization of the 1919 Black Sox scandal, in which members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team conspired with mobster Arnold Rothstein to throw the World Series. (PG)

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Viva Zapata! (1952)
Thursday, October 31, 2-4 p.m.
Marlon Brando stars as Emiliano Zapata, who led a revolution in Mexico against the corrupt government of Porfirio Díaz in the early 1900s. (NR)

November: It’s a Family Thing
Mrs. Miniver (1942)
Thursday, November 7, 2-4:20 p.m.
Seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Director, and Actress, were bestowed upon this film that stars Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier as a British family on the home front in the first months of the Second World War. (NR)

Follow Me, Boys (1966)
Thursday, November 14, 2-4:15 p.m.
This nostalgic and humorous family film stars Fred MacMurray as a scoutmaster in small-town America circa 1930s who mentors a generation of boys through good and bad times. (G)

You Can’t Take It with You (1938)
Thursday, November 21, 2-4:10 p.m.
Pandemonium ensues when a young woman (Jean Arthur) brings her fiancé to her home to meet her wildly eccentric family. (G)

Home for the Holidays (1995)
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2-3:50 p.m.
Holly Hunter plays a down-on-her-luck woman facing another Thanksgiving with her snooty parents home to meet her wildly eccentric family in this classic screwball comedy. (NR)

Celtic Film Series

Amazing Grace (2018)
Wednesday, September 25, 7-8:30 p.m.
Filmed in 1972 at L.A.’s New Temple Missionary Baptist Church, this transcendent concert captured Aretha Franklin at the height of her prodigious powers in a recorded performance that became the best-selling gospel album of all time. (G)

Booksma (2019)
Wednesday, October 23, 7-8:45 p.m.
On the eve of their high school graduation, a pair of best friends and academic over-achievers attempt to make up for all the time they spent studying by cramming four years of fun into one eventful night. (R)

They Shall Not Grow Old (2018)
Monday, November 11, 2-3:45 p.m., and Wednesday, November 20, 7-8:45 p.m.
In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, filmmaker Peter Jackson used ground breaking computer restoration technology on archival film footage to create a moving real-life depiction of WWI. (R)

Five Minutes of Heaven (2009)
Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m.
In 1975, 17-year-old Alistair Little, a member of the UVF, murdered 19-year-old Catholic Jim Griffin. The murder was witnessed by Griffin’s 15-year-old brother, Joe. Twenty-five years later the media arranges for the two men to meet again. (R)

The Quiet Man (1952)
Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m.
Retired boxer Sean Thornton returns to the village of his birth in Ireland to reclaim his homestead and escape his past. Sean’s eye is caught by Mary Kate Danaher, the younger sister of ill-tempered “Red” Will Danaher. (NR)

The Fighting 69th (1940)
Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m.
“The Fighting 69th” is a WWI regiment of mostly New York-Irish soldiers. Amongst a cocky crew, the cockiest is Jerry Plunkett, a scrappy fellow who looks out only for himself. The officers and non-coms of the regiment do their best to instill discipline in Plunkett, and the chaplain, Father Duffy, tries to make Plunkett see the greater good, all to no avail. (NR)

This series features indie, foreign, art house, and documentary films. All films are shown at the Williamsburg Library Theatre.

TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Libraries at Work:
You Can’t Take It with You (1938)
Thursday, November 21, 2-4:10 p.m.
Pandemonium ensues when a young woman (Jean Arthur) brings her fiancé to her home to meet her wildly eccentric family. (G)

Portraiture in American Art
Monday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Portraiture in American art ranges from folk to classical and from realism to impressionism. Delve into these stylistic variances with a visual exploration of painted portraits of Americans by Americans.

Climbing the Walls: Building Chartres Cathedral (1150 – 1260)
Monday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
One hour’s drive southwest of Paris, Chartres Cathedral stands as a magnificently complete example of Gothic architecture, sculpture, and stained glass. But what looks like a unified design was really the result of several extended building campaigns that lasted for years and required the work of many skilled craft persons. This talk is richly illustrated by the speaker’s images of Chartres Cathedral.

Intended & Unintended Meanings of the American Monument
Monday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
The moment of the unveiling of a public monument marks the end of a process. The need for commemoration was felt, an artist engaged to express the idea, and the means found to bring the project to realization. Whatever the intended meaning, once in public eye an installation acquires its own history. This talk explores the varied meanings of American monuments.

Beyond the Shelves

Jean Arthur & James Stewart in You Can’t Take It with You at the Williamsburg Library Theatre.
The library provides copies of all book club titles. Check at the Adult Services desk to find your copy.

**TALKS & WORKSHOPS**

**NaNoWriMo at WRL**

November is National Novel Writing Month, better known as NaNoWriMo. 2019 marks the twentieth year of the annual writing challenge which encourages writers to get 50,000 words on paper, or hard drive, between November 1-30. Many traditionally-published and self-published novels began their first drafts as NaNoWriMo projects.

**NaNoWriMo: Ways and Means to Publishing**
Saturday, November 9, 1-3 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre

Members of the Chesapeake Bay Writers will encourage you on your writing journey. This panel discussion brings together local publishers and editors, including Jeanne Johansen from High Tide Publications, a small traditional press in Delaville, Virginia. Dawn Brotherton from Blue Dragon Publishing, a Williamsburg-based hybrid publisher, and Nauriel Living from Blue Fortune Enterprises in Yorktown, who also serves as the editor of Next Door Neighbors Magazine.

**NaNoWriMo Write-Ins**

Write-ins are welcome to gather at the Williamsburg Library to work on their novels. A local writer will be on hand each evening to provide moral support.
- Tuesday, November 12, 7-9 p.m., Williamsburg Library
- Tuesday, November 19, 7-9 p.m., Williamsburg Library
- Tuesday, November 26, 7-9 p.m., Williamsburg Library

**BOOK CLUBS**

**WHODUNNITS: A MYSTERY BOOK CLUB**

*First Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.*, Williamsburg Library

**WHODUNNITS** is a discussion group devoted to mysteries that follows a yearlong program of books and movies around a single topic. This year we’re taking a look at International Mysteries, both contemporary and historical. It’s murder worldwide!

**Death at La Fenice**
by Donna Leon

*Tuesday, September 3*

Venice’s Commissario Guido Brunetti must solve the murder of a conductor poisoned during the intermission of La Traviata. Readers are immersed in the pleasures of Venice, with Brunetti serving as a guide to its surprises.

**James City County Library**

**Open Mic with Chesapeake Bay Writers**

Williamsburg Regional Library and Chesapeake Bay Writers are sponsoring a monthly Open Mic for writers. Bring your poetry or prose, fiction or nonfiction, and share your writing. There is a five-minute time limit per person. Feel free to bring your coffee or tea. For more information, contact Susan Williamson at susanwilliamsonnc@gmail.com.

- Sunday, September 15, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
- Sunday, October 13, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
- Sunday, November 17, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library

**Power In the Panels: A Graphic Novel Book Club**

*Second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.*, Stryker Center

This group is for graphic novel enthusiasts (18+, please) who want to read and talk about independent graphic novels.

**Maus**
by Art Spiegelman

*Wednesday, October 9, 6-8 p.m. (SPECIAL TIME)*

Spiegelman’s Pulitzer Prize-winning depiction of the Holocaust as lived by his father shows Jews as mice and Germans as cats. William & Mary Professor Maggie Fraser Kirsh will lead a discussion of Maus and the topic of second generation Holocaust survivors in the first hour, followed by a general discussion of other Holocaust graphic novels.

**Mental Health**

*Wednesday, October 9*

We will be discussing titles featuring themes of mental health.

**Umbrella Academy, Volume 1**
by Gerard Way

*Wednesday, November 13*

Seven extraordinary children are adopted by a millionaire inventor to save the world.

**Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue**
byurgeon Way

*Wednesday, November 13*

A debut novel about a man who must navigate the social hierarchy of Georgian London.

**Mind Control**
by Charles Soule

*Wednesday, November 13*

A young woman must navigate the dangerous world of mental manipulation.

**NOVEL IDEAS: A Contemporary Book Club**

*Third Monday of each month, 2 p.m.*, James City County Library

Explore classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction from around the world. Sample critically acclaimed and prize-winning titles with open and inclusive discussion.

**Still in Love**
by Michael Dowling

*Monday, September 16*

Partnered with the Professor, Mark Sternm co-teaches a writing class at an exclusive college. He’s still in love with the classroom and students, but campus politics obstructs his work. And the revered, unreliable Professor thinks nothing of changing Mark’s classes, while driving Mark and their students to excel in their writing.

**Home Fire**
by Kamila Shamsie

*Monday, October 21*

Their father’s politics cause the three British-born Pasha children to live under a cloud of suspicion. When Parvaiz CONTINUED ON PAGE 12
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movie and consider how the film has
new movie-viewing experience—which
a landmark in cinema history—and a
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EVER THE BEST –
Williamsburg: The Story of a Patriot
Monday, September 9, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Filmed in 1956, Williamsburg: The Story of a Patriot was never your average “you are here” tourist-attraction film. Colo-

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Steaming Piles of Black Gold: How to Make Your Own Compost!
Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m., James City County Library
With an abundance of falling leaves, fall is a great time to think about compost-
ing. VCE Master Gardener Justin Diaz will explain the science behind making compost and help you get started. Com-
post will make your garden thrive and re-
duce the need for chemicals or fertilizers.

Irresistible Irises
Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m., Stryker Center
Iris flowers caught the imagination of a pharaoh nearly four millennia ago and found their way into our history, myth,
ADULT PROGRAMS

The Photography of Matt Eich
Saturday, November 2, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Matt Eich is a photographic essayist who creates long-form bodies of work related to memory, family, community, and the American condition. He will share an overview of his project, The Invisible Yoke, which explores the question “who are we as Americans and where are we headed as a nation.”

Yinyang and Baqua Boxing: The Art of Balance
Tuesday, September 3, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Join the William & Mary Confucius Institute for this interactive workshop about the history and characteristics of Yinyang and Baqua Boxing, as well as the essence of Chinese martial arts. Register at 757.259.4050.

Tie One On: Part Two!
Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., Stryker Center
Learn a variety of cool-weather scarf tying techniques to keep you warm this fall and winter. Bring your favorite scarves and let’s play with different ways to style them. A limited selection of practice scarves will be available to use in class. Register at 757.259.4050.

What Does Data Privacy Mean For You?
Tuesday, October 8, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Students from William & Mary Law School will discuss issues and concerns regarding the use and manipulation of personal information on social media platforms, including the potential liabilities these companies face from regulatory authorities and how this may affect those of us using social media.

Goodey Booze: The Music of Prohibition
Tuesday, November 12, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Gospel songwriters, Tin Pan Alley tunesmiths, and even moonshiners and bootleggers produced a torrent of commentary on alcohol through their music. The mass marketing of sound recordings corresponded closely with the rise of the Prohibition movement, leaving us with thousands of 78-rpm records from songsters on every side of the issue. Historian and musician Gregg D. Kimball of the Library of Virginia will trace this musical legacy through spoken narrative, period images, and live and recorded music.

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Watch it Wiggle: Jell-O and Other Mid-Century Culinary Essentials
Wednesday, October 16, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
In the 1950s and 60s, frozen meals and pre-packaged foods made dinner faster and easier for the home cook and entertaining featured appetizers with ingredients such as gelatin, canned fruit, and olives. Join us for this fun lecture, complete with a few tasty nibbles inspired by our discussion.

Festival of the Book Author Talk:
Katherine Locke
Saturday, October 5, 5 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Katherine Locke’s debut young adult novel, The Girl with the Red Balloon, a time-travel mystery about a present-day girl transported to a time before the fall of the Berlin Wall, was a 2018 Sydney Taylor Honor Book from the Association of Jewish Libraries. The companion novel, The Spy with the Red Balloon, was released in October 2018. Ms. Locke will be signing copies of her books both before and after talking about her journey as an author.

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Going Cardboard: A Board Game Documentary (2012)
Friday, November 8, 4-5:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
This 2012 documentary shows how modern board games became popular in the United States, including coverage of the 2009 board game event “Spiel” in Essen, Germany. Game designers, fans, collectors, shop owners, specialized journalists, and entrepreneurs explain how the internet promoted the success of non-digital games. (NR)

Recycling in Our Community
Wednesday, October 23, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Join William & Mary’s Director of Sustainability Calandra Waters Lake and Environmental Coordinator for James City County Dawn Oleksy for a moderated discussion on recycling. Learn how the university and the county plan to take on challenges coming to recycling, and ask these experts your questions.

Mark Twain Visits WRL
Sunday, October 6, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
See and hear this American legend, in his own words, as portrayed by actor Gary Robertson.

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and folklore. Join iris enthusiast and VCE Master Gardener Elizabeth McCoy as she unravels the mystery of the many different types of iris, their growing habits, and what care they need to thrive. Enjoy gorgeous photographs of the Iris Border at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden.

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Teen Advisory Group
Would you like to contribute to teen programs, materials, and services at the library? Join us twice a month to share ideas and assist with library tasks geared toward service to teens like you. Application required; contact teens@wrl.org for more information. For ages 13-18.
• Thursday, September 5, 6-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library
• Sunday, September 15, 1-4 p.m., James City County Library
• Thursday, October 3, 6-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library
• Sunday, October 20, 1-4 p.m., James City County Library
• Thursday, November 7, 6-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library
• Sunday, November 17, 1-4 p.m., James City County Library

Teen Scream Film Night
Friday, November 1, 6-9 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Join us for pizza followed by the scariest PG-13 movie you’ve ever seen, The Ring. Those who stumble upon an old VHS tape and watch it receive a mysterious phone call and die. RSVP for dinner and a movie at 757.259.4050, if you dare! For ages 13-18.

Teen NaNoWriMo Workshops
Are you ramping up your writing for National Novel Writing Month? Let us help you get your 50,000 words or simply help fuel your fanfiction. All teen writers welcome! For ages 11-18.
• Sunday, November 3, 2-3:30 p.m., James City County Library
• Sunday, November 24, 2-3:30 p.m., James City County Library

Teen Nervous Breaks (2013)
Friday, October 18, 7-9 p.m., Stryker Center
Teens are invited after library hours for music, cosplay, food, and frightful activities. Costumes not required, but highly encouraged! RSVP at 757.259.4050. For ages 13-18.

Teen Fright Night Out
Friday, October 18, 7-9 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
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What Professors Want: Tips for the College Bound
Sunday, September 29, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Will This Be on the Test? What Your Professors Really Want You to Know about Succeeding in College was written by former William & Mary freshman instructor and veteran teacher Dana Johnson to guide teens in the transition from high school student to independent adult student. Johnson joins us to share wisdom from the book and to host a Q&A—a must for students headed to college and their families! Books will be available for signing and purchase.
KIDS PROGRAMS

September 3-
November 28,
11 a.m.
Free tickets will be available at the Youth Services Reference Desk one hour prior to the start of storytime; capacity is limited to 40 participants. Due to capacity restrictions, we are not able to accommodate childcare centers at storytimes.

BABY STORYTIME
Mondays at the Williamsburg Library
Baby Storytime is a lap sit storytime program for babies from birth to 18 months and their caregivers. A short, optional playtime follows.

TODDLER STORYTIME
* Tuesdays at the Williamsburg Library
* Wednesdays at the Stryker Center
Toddler Storytime is a storytime program designed for toddlers aged 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers, featuring brief stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and other activities. A short, optional playtime follows.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Wednesdays at the Williamsburg Library
Preschool Storytime is a storytime program designed for preschoolers aged 3 to 5 and their caregivers featuring stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and other activities. It is followed by Preschool Stay and STEM, a drop-in playdate program.

YOGA STORYTIME
Saturdays, 11 a.m.
October 5, Williamsburg Library
November 16, Stryker Center
We’ll use yoga poses to playfully act out stories and songs in this movement storytime. No yoga experience is necessary. Free tickets will be available at the Youth Services Reference Desk one hour prior to the start of the program. For ages 3+.

STORYTIMES

October 5, Williamsburg Library
November 16, Stryker Center
We’ll use yoga poses to playfully act out stories and songs in this movement storytime. No yoga experience is necessary. Free tickets will be available at the Youth Services Reference Desk one hour prior to the start of the program. For ages 3+.

Chess Open Play
Sundays, 2-4 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Chess Open Play is designed for kids, but is open to players of all levels and ages, from beginning to advanced. Come learn to play the game, or deepen your skills by playing with others.

PAWS TO READ WITH K-9 CONNECTION
Sundays, September 22, October 27, and November 24, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Kids, dogs, and books... what a great relationship! Paws to Read attracts children from the entire spectrum of reading levels to read to trained K-9 Connection therapy dogs. The dogs listen uncritically and wag their tails as the kids read, providing unspoken encouragement and affirmation. No prior registration is needed, but a signed permission form from a parent is required.

PUPPET STORYTIME
* Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m., Stryker Center
* Saturday, November 2, 11 a.m., Williamsburg Library
Our puppets and teen puppeteers visit each month for a fantastic storytime. Sing and dance with our puppets and enjoy books, flannel board stories, and other activities. This program is recommended for ages 3+.
Art Bot Adventure
Tuesday, October 22, 4:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Build some “art armor” for a programmable Sphero robot, then set it loose to create a masterpiece… it’s double the creativity! No coding experience necessary. For ages 6+.

Family Pumpkin Carving
Sunday, October 27, 2-3 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Get in the spooky spirit by carving a jack-o-lantern! Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided. Drop in until the pumpkins run out—supplies are limited.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
Saturday, Oct. 26, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman are just spooky enough to delight any audience as the days get shorter, the air gets colder, and the nights turn long and dark. The actors of Bright Star Theatre create a perfect introduction to this literary classic by Washington Irving. Recommended for ages 7-13.

LEGO Open Play
Saturdays, September 14, October 12, and November 9, 2-4 p.m., Williamsburg Library
LEGOs facilitate open-ended play—the opportunity to play without structure, to build and take apart as necessary. With no directions, no mistakes, and no external goals, kids develop creativity and manual dexterity while they have fun! Due to small pieces, this drop-in playtime is recommended for ages 5+.

Painting with Spheros
Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
It’s a rainbow of rolling robots! Create a work of art by steering programmable Sphero robots through puddles of paint. You don’t need any coding experience to discover how you can mix art and technology. For ages 6+.

Sphero Light Painting
Tuesday, November 12, 4:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Help create a glowing group art project. With the help of a long-exposure camera app, teams will create colorful “paintings” by driving LED-lit Sphero robots. No coding experience required. For ages 6+.

The Nutcracker Suite
Saturday, November 23, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
It’s time once again to enjoy the loveliest of holiday traditions as the Concert Ballet of Virginia, the state’s oldest continually operating ballet company, presents The Nutcracker Suite. The bright, colorful costumes and exciting, enthusiastic performances by dancers from throughout Virginia are sure to delight children of all ages.
YOUTH & FAMILIES OUTREACH Events

Pop Up Library
Thursdays, 4-7 p.m.,
Abram Frink Jr. Community Center (8901 Pocahontas Trail)
Come by to check out books, participate in crafts, access Wi-Fi, and get your questions answered! We’ll also have games and activities for all ages. Please note that we are closed on Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving, and no Pop Up Library will take place on this date.

FUNFEST SATURDAYS
Select Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Abram Frink Jr. Community Center
Join us for fun programs and activities, plus free pizza and ice cream at each event at 12 p.m. Call 757-259-7748 for more information about these programs.

• Up, Up, and Away! September 14
Our Mad Scientist will amaze as we learn all about the principles of air and pressure. Hot air balloons, vortex generators, and flying toilet paper will help children of all ages understand the power of air. Showtime is at 11:30 a.m., and the fun doesn’t end there—come any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for more science activities and crafts, including Ozobots, TinkerToys, and Makey-Makey Banana Pianos. Plus, make your own paper rocket and shoot it 200 feet in the air using our compressed air rocket launcher.

• Robots on the Move October 5
Explore the world of robotics as we code mini-robot Spheros and Ozobots and use virtual reality goggles to experience new worlds. Travel around the world, to distant planets, and even back in time without ever leaving the room! Enjoy other interactive science activities, including a RollerCoaster Challenge, LEGOs, and an Epic Domino Rally.

• Reptile Mania! November 16
Larsen’s Amazing World of Reptiles experts Scott and Kim Larsen share stories, interesting facts, and trivia questions about their dazzling array of lizards, frogs, turtles, and snakes—then invite you to meet the reptiles up close and personal! Caution: holding, petting, and eye-to-eye greeting may occur. Showtimes are at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and the fun doesn’t end there—come any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for more science activities and crafts, including Ozobots, TinkerToys, and Makey-Makey Banana Pianos.

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Computer Classes & Labs
We offer computer classes every month on using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Head to www.wrl.org/computer-classes to see the latest schedule.

Open Lab Having a problem with your iPad? Need some help checking out an ebook with your Kindle? Bring your device and visit the Open Lab to get answers to your technology needs. Open Lab is available every Wednesday 3-4 p.m. Check our calendar for location—www.wrl.org/events.

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Stryker Center Exhibit Space
September 5-November 22 Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center Member Show
Celebrating its sixtieth anniversary, Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center (WCAC) proudly presents recent works by 52 member artists. This selection of works highlights the diversity of contemporary art in Williamsburg. Join us for a public reception on September 29 from 2-4 p.m.

Williamsburg Theatre Gallery
September 3-October 31 Spinners and Weavers
The Williamsburg Spinners and Weavers Guild is an educational organization formed in 1986 to foster interest in spinning, weaving, and the related fiber arts. The Williamsburg Library Gallery will be decorated with some of the beautiful works of the Guild.

November 1-December 31 Lifelong Friends and Painters
Friends and members of Christopher Newport University’s Lifelong Learning Program share their love of nature and art. This is an exhibition of favorite works by those who love to paint and learn together.
Good news for those age 70½ and older. You can make tax-free gifts to the Williamsburg Regional Library directly from your IRA up to $100,000 every year. Best of all, these gifts count toward your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). This popular provision of the tax code, made permanent in 2015, applies to all qualified donors whether or not you itemize. While these charitable IRA distributions are non-deductible, they:

- Do not increase your taxable income and are therefore tax-free
- Count toward your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)
- Can be used to make your annual gifts and pledge payments for unrestricted support, endowment, and other purposes

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These gifts are easy to make but there are special steps you must follow. Check with your financial advisor to determine if a Charitable IRA distribution is right for you. For more information about the Charitable IRA Rollover, call Benjamin Goldberg in the WRL Development Office at 757.259.4042 or visit us at WRL.org/give.