

Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Library Closings

All library buildings will be closed Sunday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. You can always find digital items to check out at www.wrl.org.



Talks@2: The Canadian Rockies by Plane, Train, and Automobile



Dwight Woodward will discuss his two week adventure in the Canadian Rockies. He'll show pictures of the beautiful lakes and breathtaking waterfalls he saw over a two day train ride. The trip ends with a few fun days in the pristine city of Vancouver. Join us for this free and informative talk on September 27 at 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center.

Thursday Film Series

This Month: High Class Melodrama

09/07 - *Magnificent Obsession*
09/14 - *Where Love Has Gone*
09/21 - *A Rage to Live*
09/28 - *From the Terrace*

All feature films begin at 2 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Find complete film descriptions on our calendar at wrl.org/events/films.



FRIENDS OF WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY



By the time you are reading this newsletter, the Book Nook at the James City County Library should be moved into its new quarters, with attractive display shelving, new signage, and a digital display that enables us to promote the great work that the Friends of WRL Foundation does to support the library.

Stop by the James City County Library on Croaker Rd. and check out not only the new Book Nook, but all the great changes in our new Marketplace area, where you will find easily browsable collections of popular books and DVDs, comfortable seating for working or relaxing, and a welcoming entrance into the library.

Find out more about joining the Friends of WRL Foundation or volunteering in the Book Nooks at wrl.org/friends.

Friends Book Sale Figures

- Month to Date Sales: \$8,452.77
- Year to Date: \$52,051.63

A Book Group for Every Reader

Matching wits with the world's greatest detective, discovering galaxies unknown to humankind, or taking a closer look at the vibrant and fascinating world around us -- everybody knows that books have the power to expand your mind and take you on a fantastic journey. Sometimes those journeys are a little more fun when you have friends along for the ride, which is where WRL's new book groups come in.

"Librarians love to link people who read, and what better way to do it?" said Andrew Smith, readers' services librarian. "With six widely varied groups, everyone is bound to find a home in this community of readers."

There is no registration required to participate in any of the groups, and readers are welcome to drop in at any time during the year. Stop by any of the public service desks to learn more or for help finding a copy of one of the book group reading selections.



About Our New Book Groups

Six new book groups will be launching this month, each with its own specific literary theme:

- WhoDunnits** is a mystery book group that will spend its first year focusing on the adventures of the Great Detective, Sherlock Holmes. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Williamsburg Library. The September 5 meeting will be a discussion of any Sherlock Holmes-themed work of your choosing.
- Fellowship in a Ring** is a celebration of all things science fiction and fantasy in books, films, television, and other forms of pop culture. This group will meet at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the James City County Library, with the first meeting to take place on September 13. A short list of recommended books and discussion topics for the next meeting will be distributed each month, but readers are welcome to share any science fiction or fantasy titles they have been reading.
- Real People/Real Stories** focuses on nonfiction books in the areas of history, biography, science, and nature. This group will meet at 2 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Stryker Center. *Russian Roulette* by Giles Milton will be the subject of the September 21 discussion, and copies of the book are available to check out at the library.
- Power in the Panels** is a graphic novel book group for adults that will meet at 7 p.m. once a month to discuss selected independent graphic novel titles. Pick up a copy of *Mooncop* by Tom Gauld at the library for the September 27 meeting at the Williamsburg Library, and check the library's online calendar or stop by a public service desk for information about the schedule for future meetings.
- Novel Ideas** and **Turning Pages** are two similar but distinct discussion groups exploring classic and contemporary fiction and non-fiction from around the world. Novel Ideas will meet at 2 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the James City County Library. The September 18 discussion will be on *The Art of Confidence*. **Turning Pages** will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Williamsburg Library. The September 19 discussion will be on *The Year of the Comet*. Copies of these titles are available to check out at both libraries. Though many of the reading selections for the two groups will overlap over the course of the year, the groups will not read the selected titles at the same time so the meetings will not be interchangeable. Users are encouraged to join the group whose meeting time and location is most convenient to them.

Featured Events for Kids



Active Art

09/23, 11 a.m.

James City County Library

Jump up and create! Join us for an art program based on workshops by the renowned Herve Tuillet, creator of the picture book *Press Here*. Children ages 5-10 will swap places and move around to create a giant, collaborative painting that will truly be a "moving masterpiece." Registration required; call 757.259.7738.

Puppet Storytime

09/16, 11 a.m., *James City County Library*

Did you enjoy the puppets who sang and danced at our all-ages storytimes this summer? They're back as part of a monthly storytime series. Recommended for ages 3+.

Preschool Dance Party

09/23, 11 a.m., *James City County Library*

Music, bubbles, and balloons -- what could be more fun?

Paws to Read with K-9 Connection

09/24, 2:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Read aloud to a friendly therapy dog with K-9 Connection. Children must have a signed permission form from a parent.

Check out [all](#) this month's events and storytimes for kids at wrl.org/kids.

Featured Events for Teens



Teens Night Out

09/22, 7-9 p.m.

James City County Library

Come for teens-only after-hours fun at the newly renovated library! Join us for gaming, food, and fun. Register at 757.259.4050.

Teen Advisory Group

09/07, 6-7 p.m., *James City County Library*

Kick off this year in the new JCC Library Marketplace! New teen volunteers welcome.

Anime Club

09/14, 6-7 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Give your lunch-packing skills a boost by making a bento box in the Japanese tradition. For ages 12-teen.

The Princeton Review: Practice SAT Exam

09/16, 12-4:30 p.m., *James City County Library*

Register at www.wrl.org/princeton-review-sat-prep. Arrive by 11:45 a.m. -- no late admittance.

Check out [all](#) this month's great teen events and more at www.wrl.org/teens.

Featured Events for Adults



After Thoughts

09/14, 7-8 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

Get ready to meet other curious minds to discuss interesting cultural issues. For our first meeting we'll watch an episode from the first season of *Will & Grace* and discuss how America's perception of gay culture has changed.

A Historian's Response

09/13, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Professor Nadine Zimmerli from William & Mary will discuss the lives of American expats in pre-World War I Germany.

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop

09/13, 6 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Jewel Williams-Jones, Career Services Coordinator for Thomas Nelson Community College, will help you create a winning cover letter and resume.

Horses of Virginia

09/23, 2 p.m., *James City County Library*

Author Julie Campbell from Washington and Lee University will discuss the role horses played in Virginia's history.

Find [all](#) of this month's library programs & classes at wrl.org/events
Dewey Decibel Concert Series
New Season, New Price



The fall season of the Dewey Decibel concert series kicks off this month, and now it's more affordable than ever to enjoy performances from renowned jazz, folk, Americana, and classic musical acts.

Thanks to the support of the Friends of WRL Foundation, tickets to all concerts in the series this season will cost \$5 or less. Ticketed shows include Jae Sinnett and the Zero to 60 Quartet on Sept. 8 and 9, Victor Haskins on Sept. 24, Three Jolly Coachman on Oct. 4, Ayreheart in a special off-site show at Ewell Hall on Oct. 6, Low Lily on Oct. 19, and Jimmy Masters & Bill Gurley on Oct. 24.

In addition to these ticketed performances (general admission to each show is \$5, or \$4 for members of the Friends), the fall line-up includes several free shows: Virginia Symphony Orchestra on Sept. 6, LCV Project on Sept. 21, the Virginia Symphony Orchestra's Instrument Petting Zoo on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., and the Peninsula Concert Band on Dec. 12 -- all free of charge.

All shows will take place at the Williamsburg Library Theatre at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Another Successful Summer of Reading



Thanks to the support of the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation, the Herbert Friedman Library Fund, and community donors, children once again enjoyed a wonderful summer of reading fun at the library. This year we continued using our online reading program, Beanstack, which allows kids to log their reading and earn virtual badges. Children up to 10 years old participated in "Read With Friends." They logged over 35,000 books this year, and over 2,300 children were able to take home a new, free book during one of our summer reading book giveaway events.

Our program for teens, #GAMEON, also continued to be popular, with 10% more teens participating this year. All together, our teens logged 700,000 minutes of reading this summer. That's equivalent to over 11,600 hours, or 486 days, of reading!

In addition to the reading components of the summer reading program, we planned a wide variety of family programming at both library locations and at selected Mobile Library Services neighborhood stops. Performers such as the Virginia Living Museum, Teeny Tiny Farm Petting Zoo, Juggler Jonathan Austin, Magician Krendl, Rockstar Magic of Chris and Neal, Mad Science, Impressions Theatre, Hampstead Stage Company, Bright Star Theatre, the Concert Ballet of Virginia, Llama "Spirit of the Game," Storytellers Atumpan and Lynn Ruehlmann, and musicians Big Bang Boom and Chris Campbell put on great family friendly shows that enriched and informed our users. Weekly programs such as family movies, storytimes, and crafts also continued to be popular. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy reading and having fun with us this summer!

Talks@2 Returns

Talks@2 is back with a fresh new lineup of fascinating topics that are sure to intrigue and delight series regulars and newcomers alike. This informal presentation series features library staff giving talks on particular areas of interest to them, with a different presenter and topic each month.

The season begins with "The Canadian Rockies by Plane, Train, and Automobile" on September 27. Adult services librarian Dwight Woodward will share his two week adventure amidst the wild landscapes of our neighbor to the north. Next up, on October 23 adult services librarian Andrew Smith will give a talk on "1918: The Year America Invaded Russia." The series continues on November 13 with a talk from mobile library services assistant Ann Marie Wessert on impressionist painters and the gardens in their works. Finally, on December 12 adult services librarian Rachael Nelson will share stories from her travels in Spain.

All talks will take place at 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center. Check www.wrl.org/events/lectures-and-workshops for more information on these and other lectures and presentations coming to WRL this fall.



Get up to Speed in STEM with ScienceFlix



Over the past year, the library has increased STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programming for children in response to local interest and broader trends in education.

ScienceFlix is an online resource that offers over 6,500 science-related activities to provide students with a better understanding of science concepts and ideas through hands-on projects, videos, multiple text types, interactive features and more.

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of WRL Foundation, we have added this exciting new resource for elementary and middle school students. Check it out at www.wrl.org/scienceflix.