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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 WRL facilities will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 22 and will remain closed Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. You can always find digital items to check out at www.wrl.org.



Talks@2: Impressionist Paintings and Gardens



Mobile Library Services Assistant Ann Marie Weissert will talk about Impressionist painters and how they used new techniques of light and color to paint beautiful gardens. Join us for this free presentation on 11/13 at 2 p.m. in the Stryker Center!

Thursday Film Series

This Month: A Dickens of a Time



11/02 - *A Tale of Two Cities*
11/09 - *The Invisible Woman*
11/16 - *Great Expectations*
11/21 - *Oliver!****
11/30 - *Nicholas Nickleby*

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.

***Special Tuesday Screening



In September, the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation approved several grants to support library programs. These grants enable WRL to provide excellent programming that supports the community.



Awards were made to support the second phase of WRL's Summer Reading 2017 program, to bring author visits to the Williamsburg-James City County Public schools in 2019, and to fund our "Growing Readers with Mother Goose and Friends" book giveaways at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Hospital during the sibling and new parent tours.

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: \$6,322.75
- Year to Date: \$72,918.63

A Red-Letter Year for Williamsburg Regional Library

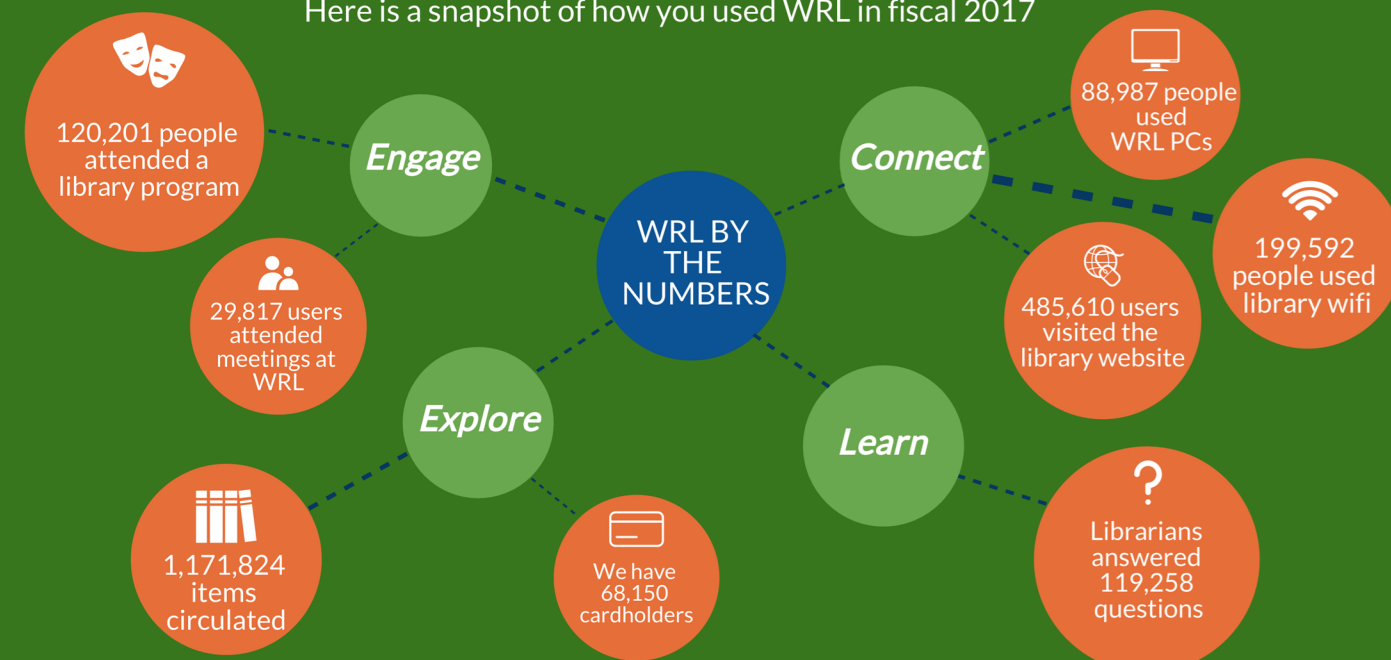
What a year it has been at Williamsburg Regional Library! We had many great changes at the library in fiscal year 2017, and we want to share all the good news with our users. Did you miss any of these exciting developments?

- A New Director:** One of the most exciting events in FY17 was welcoming our new director, Betsy Fowler. Betsy has a long history of service and leadership in libraries all over the state, and we're thrilled to have her on board.
- Friends and Foundation Merge:** Our two fantastic support organizations -- the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library and the Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation -- began the exciting process of merging this past summer. As the newly renamed Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation, their members and leadership will be better situated than ever before to continue their tireless work to benefit our library.
- James City County Library Marketplace:** If you've been to the JCC Library in the past few months, you've probably noticed we got a makeover. The new Marketplace and Cafe area at the front of the building makes this space more appealing, more easily navigated, and more useful than ever. Stop by and check it out!
- Capital Campaign:** This past spring the WRL Foundation completed its first-ever capital campaign, which raised over \$750,000 to help furnish and equip the recently constructed Stryker Center. The library and Foundation celebrated the completion of this project with the unveiling of a brick walkway in front of the Williamsburg Library, which honors the campaign's donors.

WRL at a Glance

WHAT DOES YOUR LIBRARY DO FOR YOU?

Here is a snapshot of how you used WRL in fiscal 2017



Featured Events for Kids



Art in Action

11/07, 2 p.m.

James City County Library

Join us for an active art project inspired by Hervé Tullet's book, *Art Workshops for Children*. Participants will move from place to place to create group artwork -- a moving masterpiece. Call 757.259.7733 to register; for children ages 5+.

Puppet Storytime

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

Our puppets and teen puppeteers are back this fall for a fantastic monthly storytime. Sing and dance with our puppets and enjoy stories, games, and other activities. This program is recommended for ages 3+.

The Concert Ballet of Virginia's The Nutcracker Suite

11/18, 1 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Join us for a show from the state's oldest continually operating ballet company. The bright, colorful costumes and exciting, enthusiastic performances by dancers from throughout Virginia are sure to delight children of all ages.

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

Featured Events for Teens



Teen Games Day

11/04, 2-4 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

In celebration of International Games Week, we are hosting *Super Smash Bros.* and *Just Dance* for WiiU, as well as a card café for players of Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh!, Pokémon, and other card games. Light refreshments provided; for teens 12+.

Teen Advisory Group

11/2, 6 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Join us to work on ideas for teen services and programs in the library and earn volunteer hours.

NaNoWriMo Sundays

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 2-3 p.m., *James City County Library*

Join us for writing support as you work on your novel or just to meet other teen writers and keep writing. Come to one or all sessions.

Anime Club

11/09, 6-7 p.m., *James City County Library*

Join us to watch anime with other fans. Ages 12-teen; video content may be rated PG-13.

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

Featured Events for Adults



Aspiring Author Workshop

11/04, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

James City County Library

We're kicking off National Novel Writing Month with a daylong event featuring several authors discussing the art of writing. NaNoWriMo events will also be held on each of the following Monday evenings starting on Nov. 6.

Panglossian Productions Presents Souvenir

11/03-05 & 11/10-12, various times, *Williamsburg Library*

In a Greenwich Village supper club in 1964, Cosmé McMoon flashes back to the musical career of Florence Foster Jenkins, a wealthy socialite with a famously uncertain sense of pitch and key. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. 11/03-04, 11/10-11 and 2 p.m. 11/05 and 11/12. Call 757.259.4070 for ticket information.

Centuries of Art @ Your Library

11/06 and 11/13, 7:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Join us this month for the final two talks in the Centuries of Art Fall season. First up, on 11/06 Donald Schrader will give a talk on fresco painting in the Renaissance. Then on 11/13, Amanda Dalla Villa Adams will share some insight into Japanese aesthetics. See you there!

The Unknown and Impossible

11/08, 7 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

The authors of *The Unknown and Impossible: How a Research Facility in Virginia Mastered the Air and Conquered Space* will discuss their exciting new book about Hampton's Langley Research Center. A Q&A session will follow.

After Thoughts

11/09, 7 p.m., *off site*

This discussion group will meet at Triangle restaurant (601 Prince George Street) to discuss *Ear Hustle*, the podcast produced and hosted by men incarcerated in California's San Quentin prison.

VSO Presents Patriotic Fanfare Brass Ensemble

11/11, 11 a.m., *Williamsburg Library*

This family presentation will celebrate our veterans. Through interactive demonstrations, children will learn how the brass family produces its unique voice. Audience members are encouraged to stick around for an instrument petting zoo after the performance. This event is made possible by the Friends of WRL Foundation.

Adult Drawing Class

11/15, 1 p.m., *James City County Library*

Learn the basics of drawing from an instructor for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. No sign up required!

Find [all](#) of this month's library programs & classes at wrl.org/events

A Dickens of a Time

Join Williamsburg Regional Library for a *Dickens of a Time*! We're celebrating the work of Charles Dickens throughout November and early December with movies, talks, performances, and family-friendly activities.

The fun begins Monday, November 6 with a Dickens Read-a-Thon, starting in the Schell Room of Williamsburg Library at 11 a.m. with "A Tale of Two Scrooges," in which local actors Ed Whitacre and Brink Miller share interpretations of the classic humbug. From noon to 5 p.m. in the Gallery, spirited readings from Dickens works continue. Come by to watch, or take the microphone and read an excerpt yourself.

The Thursday Afternoon Film Series for November features Dickens movies (see back for details), with short talks about Dickens' life and work accompanying many films. Stop by the Program Services desk or check the online calendar at www.wrl.org/events for details about the talks, which address "A Tale of Two Cities" and the French Revolution, interesting facts about Dickens' life, and our picks for the best film and television adaptations of his work.

Local favorite Dean Shostak will offer a series of eight "Crystal Carols" concerts at the Williamsburg Library throughout the holiday season. The shows begin November 25 as he plays seasonal favorites -- and includes a touch of Dickens -- on historical glass instruments.

It wouldn't be a Dickens event without plenty of chances to enjoy *A Christmas Carol*. Fans of the holiday favorite can check out actor Brink Miller previewing his portrayal of Scrooge at Williamsburg Library on November 6 and 30. Bring the whole family to James City County Library on Saturday, November 25 for a marathon of family-friendly *Christmas Carol* films beginning at 11 a.m. Last but not least, save the date for Friday, December 8, when the James City County Library hosts "A Dickens Christmas" from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Virginia Theatre Machine will present "Master Thespian's Christmas Carol," an endlessly creative version of the show performed out of their specially designed trailer, and all ages will find something to enjoy among a wide selection of crafts, musical performances, historical talks, ghost story readings, period dance demonstrations, and a host of other Dickensian holiday fun in our newly-renovated Marketplace setting. Check out the newsletter next month for more information about this exciting event.

For more information about any of our Dickens events, visit our website or call the Reference Desk at 757.259.4050.

Volunteers Needed for AARP Tax-Aide



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest volunteer-run tax assistance program, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season. The program provides free tax counseling, preparation, and filing service to taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those aged 60 and older. This service will be offered at both library from February 1 to April 14, 2018.

Certified tax counselors usually volunteer for one or two 4-hour sessions each week. Facilitators are also needed to register and do the initial screening of our clients. You do not need to be a previous tax preparer, retiree, or AARP member to volunteer. Volunteers receive free training in January on computers at the James City County Library. For detailed information about the program and training, contact George Richmond, District Coordinator, at grichmond4@live.com.

Ebooks and Audiobooks for Kids

Need something to keep the kids entertained on that long drive to Grandma's house for Thanksgiving? WRL has a great collection of ebooks and digital audiobooks for kids that will be sure to keep them entertained for hours! Let them choose from over 2,500 ebooks, including both fiction and non-fiction for a variety of different age groups and reading levels, or download one of our 2,200+ kids and teens digital audiobooks for hours of listening enjoyment. Happy travels!

