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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 be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 for New Years and MLK Day respectively.

You can check out digital items at [www.wrl.org](http://www.wrl.org).



## Talks@2: Drive-In Movies



Travel back to a bygone era! Adult Services Librarian Andrew Smith talks about America's obsession with drive-in movies -- January 17, 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center.

## Thursday Film Series

This Month: "Manuary" -- movies about manly men

01/04 - *Across the Wide Missouri*  
01/11 - *A Bridge Too Far*  
01/18 - *The Searchers*  
01/25 - *The Bridges at Toko-Ri*

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](http://wrl.org/events/films).



## New Year--New Reads

Start the new year off with some great reading at a great price by shopping in the Friends of WRL Foundation Book Nooks. Staffed by volunteers, the Book Nooks are a prime place to find a new author or catch up with older titles that you might have missed. In addition to books, you will find music CDs and LPs, DVDs, and magazines all at very reasonable prices. Funds from the the Book Nook sales support WRL, collections and programs



Find out more about joining the Friends of WRL Foundation or volunteering in the Book Nooks at [wrl.org/friends](http://wrl.org/friends).

### Friends Book Sale Figures

- Month to Date Sales: \$6,325.70
- Year to Date: \$85,834.85

## STEAM Saturdays Kicks Off with Mad Science



This month we're rolling out STEAM Saturdays, a new family program featuring activities and performances related to STEAM topics -- science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

One Saturday afternoon each month (1-4 p.m.), STEAM Saturdays will take over the James City County Library. Each event will include performances and demonstrations, hands-on activities, and art projects that tie into that day's theme. Read on for an overview of what's in store.

### January 13: Mad Science

The afternoon kicks off with a performance from Mad Science. Kids will be amazed with dazzling demonstrations using fire, bubbling potions, and carbon dioxide gas frozen to 109°F below zero. It's a show all about fire and ice, and it's so cool that it's hot!

After the show, check out our discovery stations and make-and-take booth for more interactive discovery and fun. Make your own crazy bouncing ball, manipulate sound waves by changing your voice, and witness the impressive power of air pressure.

Finally, throughout the afternoon our youth services librarians will be leading a science-related art project -- this month it's make your own lava lamp -- and other STEAM-related activities.

### February 24: Critters and Crawlies

Special guests from ZooPro Animal Adventures and Larsen's Amazing World of Reptiles will join us for a truly wild afternoon.

### March 17: Magical Math

Brian Curry the Mathematician will perform wonders with numbers as part of his Magical Math Tour.

### April 21: Hands-On Robots

Mad Science returns with a series of Radical Robots Workshops, where kids become wrapped up in the world of robotics!

### May 19: Animal Adventures

We'll be hosting four-legged, two-legged, and no-legged visitors from the Virginia Living Museum and the Virginia Aquarium.

All programs take place from 1-4 p.m. Some open-play independent activities will be repeated on the Sunday following each program.



Mark your calendars: AARP Tax-Aide at WRL starts February 1 and runs through April 17. For more information about the program, head to [www.wrl.org/taxes](http://www.wrl.org/taxes).

This series is underwritten with the generous support of the Friends of WRL Foundation.



## Featured Events for Kids



### **National Puzzle Day**

01/29, 1-4 p.m.

*Williamsburg Library*

Celebrate National Puzzle Day at the library! Drop in to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and a variety of fun puzzles for the whole family.

### **Learn to Play the Ukulele**

Saturdays in Jan. & Feb., times vary, *Williamsburg Library*  
Students will sharpen their skills in note reading, rhythm, technique, and music theory all while having a blast playing well known classical, pop, and Hawaiian tunes. Ukuleles provided. The younger class will accept kids 6-8, the older class will accept kids 9-15. Go to [www.wrl.org/events](http://www.wrl.org/events) for dates and times; call 757.259.4055 to register.

### **Puppet Storytime**

01/20, 11 a.m., *James City County Library*

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

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

## Featured Events for Teens



### **Teen Dungeons & Dragons**

01/07, 01/14, 01/21, 2 p.m.

*Williamsburg Library*

Learn to play this classic role-playing game and join a quest! Sign up for all three sessions at 757.259.4050.

### **Teen Anime Trivia**

01/11, 6 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Battle other fans in a team trivia contest!

### **Teen Tech Lab: Circuits and Coding**

01/13, 2 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

01/27, 2 p.m., *James City County Library*

The techies from Gizmoes will lead a workshop on soldering and coding at each library location. Space is limited, so register for your preferred session at 757.259.4050. For ages 11-18.

### **Film & Craft: Over the Garden Wall**

01/26, 1-4 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Join us for the 2-hour miniseries on the big screen in the theatre, then craft your own take-home fan gear with other teens. Interested in coming for just the craft? Stop by around 3 p.m.

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

## Featured Events for Adults



### **Opioid Crisis in Virginia**

01/18, 2 p.m.

*Stryker Center*

Opioids are a major issue in the U.S. and Virginia -- this informative talk will offer some insight into the current epidemic.

### **Italian Film Series: Bread and Chocolate**

01/11, 6:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Ever-bumbling Nino (Nino Manfredi) is an illegal Italian immigrant working in a Swiss hotel. Waiting on the wealthy, he feels as if he's carved out his own place in paradise. When he loses his job after being arrested, Nino goes into hiding.

### **After Thoughts**

01/11, 7 p.m., *Virginia Beer Company*

Can we separate art we love from the behavior of the artist? Let's meet to discuss this topic that's recently become all too relevant.

### **Beginning Taijiquan**

01/13, 10:30 a.m., *James City County Library*

Improve your strength and balance with this ancient Chinese practice. Beginners welcomed!

### **Celtic Film Series: Calvary**

01/18, 7:00 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

After he is threatened during a confession, a good-natured priest must battle the dark forces closing in around him.

### **Colonial Parkway Murders**

01/20, 2 p.m., *James City County Library*

Peel back the rumors and myths behind the Colonial Parkway murders with author-investigators of the book *A Special Kind of Evil*.

### **Dewey Decibel Concert Series**

01/26 and 01/30, 7:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Catch the Ken and Brad Kolodner Band on 01/26 -- this dynamic father-son team weaves together a captivating soundscape on hammered dulcimer, banjo, fiddles, and vocals, pushing the boundaries of the American old-time tradition into uncharted territory. Then on 01/30, the Virginia Opera presents *An Evening of Opera & Broadway*, highlighting some of the most beloved arias and ensemble pieces that opera has to offer, as well as popular musical theater show tunes. Tickets for the Ken and Brad Kolodner Band show are \$5 for general admission; admission to the Virginia Opera performance is free.

### **Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**

01/31, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Members of the Confucius Institute will teach you how to create calligraphy. Sign up required at 757.259.4050.

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

## Getaway Cafe -- A Program for Adults with Early Memory Loss



This January, Williamsburg Regional Library is launching the Getaway Cafe -- a new program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners. Inspired by the Alzheimer Association's popular Memory Cafe model, this series will take place at the James City County Library on the third Friday of every month from 2-3:30 p.m., January through June

So what exactly is the Getaway Cafe? Like other Memory Cafes, it engages people with early memory loss and their care partners in a shared experience that includes conversation and cognitive stimulation. Every session will be based around a theme designed to stimulate conversation and memory recollection, like art, movement, and music, and will include short talks, group and paired discussion sessions, and special visitors from the community.

The first Getaway Cafe will take place on Friday, January 19, and the theme

for this debut session is "Pets." Few topics spark as many fond memories as our four-legged family companions, making this the perfect subject to spend the afternoon reminiscing about. The program will begin with a short talk on "Presidential Pets," the dogs, cats, and other animals that have inhabited the White House. This light and informative program will then segue into the day's breakout activity, which is Table Talk time. Small groups of attendees will have the chance to gather around some cute, funny, and interesting animal photos and share stories about the memories they inspire. Finally, the day will conclude with a visit from K9 Connection's therapy dogs, and participants can enjoy some quality time spent socializing with the dogs and each other. Light refreshments will also be served.



## Job Hunting January



Did you know that January is considered one of the best months of the year to look for a job? With all the holiday hubbub behind us, the start of the new year is a great time to start exploring new career opportunities, and WRL is here to help.

Our subscription to Lynda.com gives you access to free courses on the subjects you need to get ahead in your career -- everything from business to technology to creative skills. For those who are looking for something a little more basic, the library also offers several beginner and intermediate computer and technology skills each month at both library locations. Get a solid foundation in Microsoft Office Suite programs like Excel and Powerpoint, or even check out one of our specialty resume building classes. You can find links to all these resources and more at [www.wrl.org/jobs](http://www.wrl.org/jobs). Happy hunting!

## Cinema @ Scotland Street: A New Art Film Series

Are you missing your fix of independent films, art flicks, and documentaries ever since the Kimball Theatre stopped showing them? Then wander on down to the Cinema @ Scotland Street! The fourth Wednesday of every month, the Williamsburg Library Theatre will offer a free screening of one of the indie films or documentaries from our collection to scratch your art film itch. All movies will begin at 7 p.m., so make a date night of it by grabbing dinner downtown and then heading over for the show. We'll also occasionally offer repeat matinee screenings, for those who don't like to venture out so late,

The series kicks off on January 24 with *Sing Street*. This 2016 musical comedy-drama will transport you to 1980s Dublin, where 14-year old Conor tries to impress a girl by inviting her to star in his band's music videos. Just one problem: there's no band... yet. Directed by John Carney (*Once*), this film received multiple award nominations for its 80s-inspired soundtrack and a Golden Globe nomination for Best Musical/Comedy. *Rolling Stone* calls it "brimming over with music, fun and the thrill of first love." Head to [www.wrl.org](http://www.wrl.org) art-films for the rest of the spring line-up for this new film series.

