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Providing a **FIRST CHOICE**
community through excellence
in public service

From the Director *Mike Mabe*



According to the American Library Association, there are approximately 9,000 public libraries in the United States. They collectively expend almost \$16 billion dollars annually in public operating revenue. If this revenue was divided evenly, each library in the country would receive approximately \$49.50 per capita in revenue to deliver service to their community. However, library funding is allocated locally. Some libraries receive more funding than the average, but most receive less, generally because they are not considered an essential service.

Research conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS) has found that as investment in libraries increases, through increases in budget and staffing, so does library use, such as visitation and circulation. Conversely, as library revenue is reduced (mostly in reaction to post-recessionary budgetary reductions, causing libraries to close their doors or limit their services) library use decreases. In other words, if libraries receive more funds, more people use the library. If libraries receive less public funding, fewer people visit the library.

Chesterfield County Public Library receives approximately \$28 per capita in annual funding. This allows us to provide materials, professional reference services, facilities and technology, including internet access to the diverse county population. Unfortunately, this does not cover all library expenses. Without the aid of the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library, our award-winning programming would not exist. The Friends, a 501c3 nonprofit, raises and donates several thousand dollars annually to supplement our program offerings, especially our summer learning programs. CCPL is grateful for the Friends and others who are willing to supplement the gracious public funding we receive in our quest to provide essential library services.

\$28 per capita

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



left to right: Leah Tweel, Nanci Clary, Karin Judson and Latika Lee

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

For several years, Chesterfield County has been ranked a "100 Best Communities for Young People" community by the America's Promise Challenge. CCPL strives to be a major part of this community, operating 10 locations countywide that are within a 15-minute drive of most residents – all on a budget of less than \$30 per capita.

Because we care greatly about serving our county, now is the time to close the gap between our increased needs and funding.

To this end, we have established a Development Services Office to direct and manage the library's efforts for stewardship, grants and fundraising.

We are currently looking for talented individuals to lend their support through their voices and influence to this new effort and help us better serve our "Best Places to Live" community. If you're interested, please contact Nanci Clary at the CCPL Development Services Office at 804-748-6412 or via email at chooseCCPL@chesterfield.gov.

Acoustic Concert Series

Immerse yourself in Virginia's musical roots! These family-friendly concerts feature a range of folk and traditional music from local bands, regional favorites and touring musicians. Hear the Celtic and blues roots of Virginia's music, traditional old-time tunes passed down through generations and original compositions that draw on our rich musical history. Concerts are free, and you don't need to register – *just stop on by, we'd love to see you!*

Broad Street Ramblers
Blues and roots music
Thursday, March 22

Sunny Mountain Serenaders
Old-time music
Thursday, April 5

Peregrine Road
French, English, Celtic and more
Thursday, April 12

North Sea Gas
Traditional Scottish band
Thursday, April 19

Alex Caton and Dick Harrington
Old-time tunes and songs
Thursday, April 26

Ragged Mountain String Band
Old-time string band
Thursday, May 3

Bill Mize
Acoustic guitar
Thursday, May 10

The Hot Seats
Eclectic old-time
Thursday, May 17

The Early Mays
Traditional and original songs
Thursday, May 24

Letters to Abigail
Appalachian Americana
Thursday, May 31

**Thursdays,
7-8 p.m.**

Features &

MEADOWDALE LIBRARY

Points of View | Community Conversations

Explore ideas, hear others' opinions and appreciate the diversity of your community. This series of community conversations are held at **Meadowdale Library** to explore current issues in a safe and honest space. Come prepared to listen critically, express your own thoughts and share human experiences.

- ▶ Meet & Greet from 6-6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Fourth Tuesday of every other month from 6:30-8 p.m.



Points of View

▶ NEXT EVENT | April 24

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Really Big Book Sale

The Friends will host its first big book sale! Multiple library Friends groups will join forces to offer lots of books, DVDs, CDs and more in one shopping location at great prices! This exciting event will be at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds June 8-10. More details will be available as the date approaches.

Renew your Friends membership for 2018!

For less money than most people spend on a daily cup of coffee, an investment in being a Friends member brings more lasting perks! Plus, membership dues help directly support library services and resources. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership today! To learn more about these great Friends of the Library events, subscribe to the free newsletter, or join or renew your membership for 2018. Please visit the Friends at www.chesterfieldfriends.org!



Annual Meeting

Nicholas Cooke of Black Swan Books is the featured speaker of the 2018 Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library annual meeting. Cooke is an expert on antiquarian and used books and will share his insights about the world of book collecting. *The meeting is free and open to the public.*



Friday, May 11

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

NORTH COURTHOUSE ROAD
LIBRARY



Follow the Friends on Facebook at facebook.com/chesterfieldfriends. It's a great way to learn about Friends events and get information!



Early Literacy

Most of us have heard of early literacy, and many think it has to do with teaching babies and young children to read, but it goes far beyond that.

Early literacy really involves the development of skills through the enjoyment of books, positive interactions between young children and parents, and the introduction of literacy-rich experiences. CCPL uses these principles to create a recipe for successful, engaging and interactive programs that help children reach the next level in their learning development. "We use a literacy program called Every Child Ready to Read," said Rose Marie Green, Clover Hill Library assistant branch manager. "We engage children with talking, reading, writing, singing and playing, which helps them to expand their skills."

CCPL's story times are designed to keep children interested, as well as to also provide simple activities that parents can repeat at home to further their child's literacy development.

Several libraries have toy stations in their children's area, and Clover Hill and Ettrick-Matoaca libraries have toy collections that can be checked out. "The toys help with dramatic play and brain function, and encourage social skills," Green said. If a child substitutes a toy shovel for a microphone, they are learning that one thing can represent another. This comprehension is critical to learning to read, where words represent or symbolize a thought or object. This type of play encourages language comprehension and story creation. The toys also help children develop fine motor skills, coordination and cognition.

Libraries have kits that include a book and a CD of the book being read aloud. For slightly older pre-schoolers, these kits allow the child to see the printed words on the page while also hearing the words read aloud. The audio version of the book will often have music and sounds, and the narrator may use various voices and vocal enhancements that add a new dimension to the story. This dual process expands the child's multi-sensory experience with books. Children's books are



Six Early Literacy Skills that can help parents guide their children:



PRINT MOTIVATION – being interested in and enjoying books

PRINT AWARENESS – noticing print everywhere and knowing how to handle a book and follow words on a page

LETTER KNOWLEDGE – knowing that letters are different from each other, the names of letters and sounds

VOCABULARY – knowing a variety of words

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS – hearing and playing with the smaller sounds of words

NARRATIVE SKILLS – describing things and events; knowing the order of events; and making predictions

PAWS TO READ • READ 2 ROVER • BABY SIGNS STORY TIME • STORY TIME



also available through e-library collections like hoopla! and Overdrive. Both collections include audiobooks and e-books that can be listened to or read from a computer, phone or tablet.

CCPL has received national recognition for its early literacy program, Play Smart with Toddlers. This program engages parents and children up to three years old, helping toddlers think symbolically, while giving them a chance to play with developmentally appropriate toys. Visit our event calendar for a complete schedule of all of our spring programs.

For more information on CCPL's early literacy services, products and programs, visit library.chesterfield.gov or call (804) 751-CCPL.

We engage children with talking, reading, writing, singing and playing which helps them to expand their skills.

— Rose Marie Green
Clover Hill Library



MOTHER GOOSE • MUSIC AND MOVEMENT • PLAY SMART WITH TODDLERS

Programs are provided in partnership with the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library.

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BON AIR LIBRARY

Can We Talk About Cultural Diversity Comfortably?



CCPL invites you to attend a workshop being facilitated by local educator Dr. Joshua Cole. Dr. Cole is nationally recognized for bridging economic, social and cultural gaps in education. Participants will explore the concept of cultural diversity and learn how to respond to differences that may impact their work and personal life.

THURSDAY
April 19
6-8 p.m.

Registration
begins April 8.

CHESTER LIBRARY ART EXHIBIT

SHERRIE BARNES BOWMAN

Member of Chester Artist's Association and Petersburg Art League

EXHIBIT DATES: APRIL 1 – MAY 31

Paper *Fantasies*



After returning from a 31-year career in elementary education, Sherrie Barnes Bowman began to explore an interest in art with watercolor and acrylic painting. Most of her work consisted of realistic depictions of flowers, people and landscapes. Recently,

she transitioned to using a different approach using torn paper and abstract fantasy. She enjoys cutting, pasting and creating her own designs.

For more information please contact the Chester Library at (804) 318-8977.

Sponsored by the Chesterfield Cultural Arts Foundation with support from the Woman's Club of Chester.

MEADOWDALE LIBRARY

Pull out your capes, boots, lightsabers, wings, horns, trench coats and sonic screwdrivers – *it's time for Comic Con!*

It's a cosplay extravaganza, with a costume contest, costume prizes, food and games. We've got tons of comics and merch for sale, and thousands of graphic novels you can check out with your library card.



FREE TO ATTEND!
FAMILY-FRIENDLY!
GAMES! COMICS!
ACTIVITIES!
FOOD! PRIZES!
COSTUME CONTEST!

CHESTERFIELD
COMIC CON
6th Year!

Saturday, March 17
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ETTRICK-MATOACA LIBRARY

A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Step into your overalls and engineer's hat while enjoying a family-friendly event-filled day in celebration of trains!

- Singing Conductor
- Bouncy House
- Music Performances
- Book Sales



- Story Time
- Train Displays
- Photo with Thomas the Tank Engine and More!

Saturday, May 19
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PREVENT A FATAL OPIOID OVERDOSE

REVIVE! training helps people recognize and respond to an overdose.

Participants learn how to administer naloxone, a prescription drug that may reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, and about available community resources.

All training sessions are held 6-7:30 p.m., in Chesterfield County. One box of naloxone will be provided to those who attend a training.

April 3 Chester Library

May 15 Bon Air Library

June 26 North Courthouse Road Library

If you have already completed REVIVE! training, pick up free NARCAN® at Chesterfield County Health Department clinics held monthly on the first and fourth Friday, 2-3 p.m.



For more information, call 748-1227 or visit www.chesterfield.gov/revive.

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We learn CPR for heart attacks, but would you know what to do for a bleeding injury? Uncontrolled bleeding can be life-threatening within minutes, so a quick response is critical. Learn proper bleeding control techniques that can save lives in an emergency.

Registration is required and begins March 27.

LaPrade Library

April 10, 2018

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This program is being presented in partnership with:



Johnston-Willis Hospital
Trauma Center
HCA

AN HCA AFFILIATE / A CAMPUS OF CVM MEDICAL CENTER



Chippenham Hospital
Trauma Center
HCA

AN HCA AFFILIATE / A CAMPUS OF CVM MEDICAL CENTER

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SATURDAY, MAY 5

Ice Cream Social • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Enjoy free ice cream!

The Secret Garden • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Chesterfield Children's Theatre brings Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic novel to life in a play the whole family can enjoy.

Games and Stories for Children • noon-1 p.m.

Historical storyteller Deborah Alsko will lead this interactive playtime, featuring games from yesteryear.

Musical Selections by the REV'L Quartet • 1:30-2:15 p.m.

Come hear live music by a barbershop quartet.

Gilded Age Fashion Show • 3-4 p.m.

Calling gowns, corsets, elaborate hats, livery and frock coats are among the beautiful turn-of-the-20th-century fashions modeled by historical interpreters in this dynamic program of Downton Abbey-style fashion.

Friends Book Sale • All Day

Children's Crafts • 11:30 a.m.-noon

TUESDAY, MAY 8

The Great American Sing Along! • 7-8 p.m.

Join Hudson & Clark in an entertaining program of classic American music that everyone can sing along with. Learn history and have fun at the same time!

THURSDAY, MAY 10

The Postmistress of Bon Air • 7-8 p.m.

Relive the early days of mail-carrying, as portrayed by historical storyteller Deborah Alsko.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Bon Air Victorian Day Parade • 11:15 a.m.-noon

The parade runs from Bon Air Baptist Church on Buford Road. Bon Air Library staff and Friends of the Library will walk in the parade to the festival at Bon Air Christian Church. Join the Friends of the Library for a special book sale at the festival!

MEADOWDALE LIBRARY

Spring Career Fair

Meet with employers and attend workshops on financial management, interviewing, and marketing yourself.

Thursday, April 19 | 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

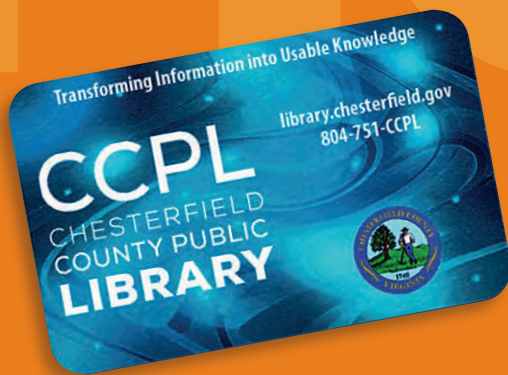
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& Special Feature Page

Bienvenido a la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Chesterfield (CCPL)!

La biblioteca es un lugar acogedor para recibir asistencia, aprender nuevas cosas y un buen lugar para reunirse. Cada trimestre, esta revista tendrá información sobre materiales y programas que podrán ser de interés para usted. ¡Recoja nuestra edición de verano en Junio!



¡Obtener una tarjeta de la biblioteca es tan fácil como un, dos, tres!

1. Complete una solicitud de tarjeta de biblioteca <http://library.chesterfield.gov/library-card/> (formularios están disponibles en español).
2. Muestre una identificación con foto.
3. Muestre prueba de dirección actual.

¡Eso es todo! Ahora que usted tiene una tarjeta de biblioteca, usted puede sacar libros, DVDs, CDs y revistas; utilizar una computadora de la biblioteca para completar las solicitudes de empleo, formularios o tener acceso a internet y tener acceso a libros, música, películas u otros productos desde su teléfono, tablet o computadora.

No hay requisitos de edad para obtener una tarjeta de la biblioteca. CCPL, respeta la privacidad de sus clientes. Solamente la información necesaria para las operaciones de la biblioteca será solicitada. Toda la información es confidencial.



Colección de World Languages

CCPL tiene una gran colección de libros en español. La colección incluye libros infantiles, populares y clásicos de ficción, no ficción. Libros podrán ser prestados durante 28 días. Visite <http://ccpl-catalog.chesterfield.gov/ftlist> y haga clic en "New World Languages Received" para obtener una lista completa de los títulos.

Transparent Language®

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Transparent Language Online es un gran recurso para cualquier persona interesado en aprender otro idioma, incluyendo Inglés, Alemán y Portugués. Usted necesitará su número de tarjeta de biblioteca para crear una cuenta. Una vez que haya creado su cuenta, usted puede comenzar a aprender los conceptos básicos del idioma y practicar la lectura, el habla y la escritura.

Visite <http://library.chesterfield.gov/research/databases/> y desplácese hacia abajo hasta "Transparent Language" en línea para empezar.

La Biblioteca de Meadowdale, ubicado en 4301 Meadowdale Blvd., North Chesterfield, tiene varios empleados que hablan español. Estarán encantados de ayudarle.

Bon Air

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of April 23 and resume the week of June 18.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Mother Goose Story Times

Learn and play with stories, songs and movement for babies up to 2 years old. Story times end the week of April 23 and resume the week of June 18. **Registration begins two weeks before each program.**

Mondays 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Day Care Story Times

These large-group story times are specially designed for child care providers.

Second Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

March 13, April 10, May 8

■ LEGO® Club

We'll provide the building bricks—kids supply the imagination! Creations will be displayed in the library. For ages 6-11.

First Saturdays 1-3 p.m.

March 3, April 7 (No programs in May)

■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

Improve the literacy skills of your children through the assistance of registered therapy dogs. **Sign up at the desk for a 20-minute session.**

First Tuesdays 6-7:40 p.m.

March 6, April 3, May 1

■ Backyard Wildlife

Learn about the wild animals that share your backyard! Meet rescued birds and animals in this program presented by local animal rehabilitators. **Registration begins Feb. 24.**

Saturday, March 10 11 a.m.-noon

■ Reptile Roundup

Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and learn more about the scaly creatures that call Virginia home. Meet a baby alligator! For grades K-5. **Registration begins March 31.**

Saturday, April 14 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Yoga & Eric Carle

Join us for fun yoga story times based on Eric Carle books. Learn playful and developmentally appropriate movements. For ages 3-6. **Registration begins two weeks before each program.**

Friday, May 11 10:30-11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16 10:30-11 a.m.

Friday, May 25 10:30-11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 30 10:30-11 a.m.

For Teens

■ Watercolors Made Easy

Teens, learn the basics of watercolor painting. Get tips, tricks and techniques to create a beautiful painting in just one day! No art experience necessary.

Registration begins March 31.

Saturday, April 14 1-3 p.m.

For All Ages

■ Mystery Palooza

Interested in writing and publishing? Join the discussion with Sisters-in-Crime and their panel of authors about the mystery of writing and publishing. Light refreshments will be served. **Registration begins March 10.**

Saturday, March 24 1-4 p.m.

■ Bon Air Victorian Day

Programs for all ages! **See page 6 for details.**

Saturday, May 5 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For Adults

■ Bon Air Bookies

Fates and Traitors: A Novel of John Wilkes Booth by Jennifer Chiaverini
Wednesday, March 21 7-8 p.m.

Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand
Wednesday, April 18 7-8 p.m.

Wishful Drinking by Carrie Fisher
Wednesday, May 16 7-8 p.m.

■ Herb Container Gardening

Fresh, fragrant herbs can be grown easily in small spaces. Learn the basics of container gardening from a Chesterfield County Master Gardener. **Registration begins May 5.**

Saturday, May 19 1-2 p.m.

Central

Central Library is closed for renovations and will reopen in Spring 2018.

Library programs are held at our other nine locations. Here's where you can find some of your favorites:

■ **Story Times:** all locations

■ **Read 2 Rover:** Chester Library, Clover Hill Library, North Courthouse Road Library

■ **3-D Printing:** LaPrade Library, Meadowdale Library

■ **Acoustic Concert Series:** North Courthouse Road Library

■ **Between the Covers Book Discussion Group:** Chester Library

■ **Lunchtime Jam Sessions:** Chester Library

■ **Online Genealogy:** LaPrade Library, Meadowdale Library

Chester

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of April 23 and will resume the week of June 18.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Day Care Story Times

These large-group story times are specially designed for child care providers.

First Fridays 10:30 a.m.

March 2, April 6 (No programs in May)

■ Reptile Roundup

Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and learn more about the scaly creatures that call Virginia home. Meet a baby alligator! For grades K-5. **Registration begins March 3.**

Saturday, March 17 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointment needed.

Fourth Mondays 6-7 p.m.

March 26, April 23 (No program May 28)

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■ Sewing Machine Basics

Learn how to use a sewing machine, and make a project to take home. For ages 7-12. Materials provided. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Saturday, April 14 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, May 5 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

■ Off the Cuff: Improv with Thomas Dale Drama

Learn the basics of improvisational theater with students from TDHS Specialty Center for the Arts. Play theatre games, create fun characters and think quick to create original scenes on the spot!

Registration begins April 28.

Saturday, May 12 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

■ Rockets!

Learn how rockets work, then build and launch your own! For grades K-5. Registration begins May 3.

Thursday, May 17 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For Teens

■ Teen Art Club

Share your love of creativity and self-expression! Bring your own project and supplies. Ages 15-21.

Third Saturdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
March 17, April 21, May 19

■ Teen Spring Break Mini Leadership Institute

Use your spring break to build valuable leadership skills that will help you to gain future success. Registration begins March 5.

Monday, April 2- Wednesday, April 4
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For Adults

■ Chester Choices

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers

Wednesday, March 7 10:30 a.m.-noon

All-Girl Filling Station by Fannie Flagg

Wednesday, April 4 10:30 a.m.-noon

I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron

Wednesday, May 2 10:30 a.m.-noon

■ Between the Covers

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant
Monday, March 26 1-2 p.m.

A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
Monday, April 23 1-2 p.m.

The Sound of Broken Glass by Deborah Crombie
Monday, May 21 1-2 p.m.

■ Chesterfield Needlework Friends

Knit, crochet, socialize and share your techniques. All skill levels welcome.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays
1-2:30 p.m.

■ Lunchtime Jam Sessions

Informal old-time music jam. Bring your instrument and play along!

Second and Fourth Tuesdays
Noon-1:30 p.m.

■ Art in the Modern World: Connect *

Create a one-of-a-kind personalized self-expression sculpture in this VMFA workshop. Registration begins Feb. 24.
Saturday, March 10 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

** This program has been organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.*

■ Professional Practices for Artists *

Learn how to document, market, exhibit and sell your art in a professional manner. Registration begins March 24.

Saturday, April 7 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

** This program has been organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.*

■ Sewing Machine Basics

Learn the basics of sewing and work on a small project. Materials and machines provided. Registration begins April 7.

Two Saturdays, April 21 and 28
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Clover Hill

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of April 23 and will resume the week of June 18.

Mondays 6:30 p.m.
(pajama story time, wear your pjs)
Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.

■ Mother Goose Story Times

Learn and play with stories, songs, and movement. For babies birth to two years old. Story times end the week of April 23 and resume the week of June 18.

Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Tuesdays 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

Improve the literacy skills of your children through the assistance of registered therapy dogs. Registration begins two weeks before each program. Sign up online for a 20 minute reading session.

Second Tuesdays 6-7:40 p.m.

Third Tuesdays 6-7:40 p.m.

Fourth Tuesdays 6-7:40 p.m.

■ Reptile Roundup

Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and learn more about the scaly creatures that call Virginia home. Meet a baby alligator! For grades K-5. Registration begins February 17.

Saturday, March 3 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Music & Movement for Preschoolers

Let your preschooler shake, rattle and roll their way to mastering early literacy skills. For ages 2-5. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Second Thursdays 10:30-11 a.m.

March 8, April 12, May 10

■ Busy Hands by Home Depot

Join us as kids build a DIY project with volunteers from Home Depot.

Saturday, March 10 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

■ LEGO® Club

We'll provide the building bricks—kids supply the imagination. Ages 6 and up.

Second Tuesdays 3-5 p.m.

March 13, April 10, May 8

■ Symphony Story Time with Clover Hill High School Orchestra

Students from Clover Hill High School's Orchestra bring story time to life! Books and music will work together to create a new reading experience. For ages 2-5.

Registration begins March 1.

Thursday, March 15 10:30-11:15 a.m.

■ Play Smart with Toddlers

Learn how play is important to your toddler's healthy development. For ages 0-3. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Fourth Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.
March 22, April 26, May 24

■ Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointment necessary.

Fourth Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.
March 28, April 25, May 23

■ Stranger Awareness

Child Safety Officers from the Chesterfield County Police Department will teach a program to help children interact safely with people. For grades K-3. Registration begins March 22.

Thursday, April 5 2-3 p.m.

■ Rockets!

Learn how rockets work, then build and launch your own! For grades K-5. Registration begins March 24.

Saturday, April 7 1-2 p.m.

■ Pre-coding for Preschoolers

Fun, screen-free games can teach children the simple, logical thinking they will need to learn computer programming. For preschool-kindergarten. Registration begins May 2.

Wednesday, May 16 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Scaly Reptiles

Enjoy slithering snakes? Meet a live snake and other reptiles brought by Rockwood Nature Center. Registration begins May 5.

Saturday, May 19 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For Teens

■ Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Develop leadership skills, earn volunteer hours, meet new people and get involved with library programming. Contact Barbara Gumulak at gumulakb@chesterfield.gov for more details.

First Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m.
March 6, April 3, May 1

■ Young Adult Writers Workshop

Join fellow writers for creative writing exercises and fun discussions. Ages 15-21 welcome.

Second Tuesdays 6-7:30 p.m.
March 13, April 10, May 8

■ Caring Community Placemats

Create a placemat from recycled materials. Make one for yourself and donate one to a noble cause. For ages 10-18.

Wednesday, April 4 2-3 p.m.

For All Ages

■ Friendship Rocks!

Paint friendship rocks to inspire your community. Materials will be provided. Registration begins March 31.

Saturday, April 14 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For Adults

■ Clover Hill Critics

The Shipping News by Annie Proulx
Friday, March 16 11 a.m.-noon

Relic by Douglas J. Preston and Lincoln Child
Friday, April 20 11 a.m.-noon

Pretty Girls by Karin Slaughter
Friday, May 18 11 a.m.-noon

■ Nifty Knitters

Bring your own project and meet others who enjoy knitting or crocheting. All skill levels welcome.

First Thursdays 11 a.m.-noon
March 1, April 5, May 3

■ Infant Massage for Parents

Massage can enhance bonding, promote social and cognitive development, decrease excessive crying and reduce gas and colic. Certified instructors will teach you how to massage your baby. Registration begins April 24.

Tuesday, May 8 10:30 a.m.-noon

Enon

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of April 23 and will resume the week of June 18.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Mother Goose Story Times

Learn and play with stories, songs and movement. For babies up to two years old. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Thursdays 10:30-11 a.m.
March 1, 15 and 29; April 12 and 26;
May 10 and 24

■ Music & Movement for Preschoolers

Let your preschooler shake, rattle and roll their way to mastering early literacy skills. For ages 2-5. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Thursday, March 15 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, April 12 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, May 10 11:15-11:45 a.m.

■ Scaly Reptiles

Meet and touch various reptiles native to Virginia from Rockwood Nature Center. Registration begins March 20.

Tuesday, April 3 11 a.m.-noon

■ Reptile Roundup

Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and learn more about the scaly creatures that call Virginia home. Meet a baby alligator! For grades K-5. Registration begins April 14.

Saturday, April 28 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Rockets!

Learn how rockets work, then build your own and launch it! For grades K-5. Registration begins April 21.

Saturday, May 5 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For Teens

■ Makey Makey to the Max!

Build game controllers out of everyday objects like bananas or modeling clay and see if you can become an expert in classic video games with Makey Makey kits. Registration begins March 24.

Saturday, April 7 2-3 p.m.

(Enon Library, continued next page)

For Adults

■ Drawing with Colored Pencils

Learn to use colored pencils like a pro! Discover easy techniques to create eye-popping fruit or flowers, and make a greeting card in just one class! Registration begins Feb. 26.

Monday, March 12 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

■ Enon Editions

Swamplandia! by Karen Russell
Tuesday, March 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Expats by Chris Pavone
Tuesday, April 17 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
Tuesday, May 15 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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For Kids and Families

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Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Mother Goose Story Times

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Thursdays 10:30-11 a.m.
March 8 and 22; April 19; May 3, 17 and 31

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Thursday, March 8 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, April 19 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, May 17 11:15-11:45 a.m.

■ Reptile Roundup

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Saturday, March 10 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Star Wars: Hour of Code

Build a galaxy – in code, that is! We'll use code.org's Star Wars game to learn more about programming. Bring your Chromebook or laptop if you have one. Registration begins April 21.

Saturday, May 5 11 a.m.-noon

For Teens

■ Teen Spring Break Mini Leadership Institute

Use your spring break to build valuable leadership skills that will help you to gain future success. Registration begins March 7.

Wednesday, April 4-Friday, April 6 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For Adults

■ Pruning Crepe Myrtles

Learn correct pruning techniques: when and how to prune, choosing the right tools and how to avoid future problems. Registration begins Feb. 17.

Saturday, March 3 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

■ Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening

Join the Chesterfield County Master Gardeners and learn how to create raised beds with healthy, nutrient rich soil for growing vegetables. Registration begins March 10.

Saturday, March 24 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

LaPrade

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of April 23 and will resume the week of June 18.
Mondays 10:30 a.m.

■ From Book to Movie Night

Watch your favorite classic children's books on the big screen! Popcorn and drinks provided. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

The Cat in the Hat
Thursday, March 1 5-7 p.m.

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
Thursday, April 5 5-7 p.m.

The Jungle Book
Thursday, May 3 5-7 p.m.

■ Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Join us for a special story time (and snacks) to celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday! Registration begins Feb. 16.

Friday, March 2 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Mother Goose Story Times

Learn and play with stories, songs and movement. For babies up to two years old. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Wednesdays 10:30-11 a.m.
March 7 and 21; April 4 and 18

■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

Improve the literacy skills of your children through the assistance of registered therapy dogs. Sign up at the desk for a 20-minute session.

Second Saturdays 10-11:40 a.m.
March 10, April 14, May 12

■ Baby Signs Story Times

Learn sign language through stories, songs, rhymes and play. Ages 0-23 months. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Wednesday, March 14 10:30-11 a.m.
Wednesday, April 11 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Day Care Story Times

These large-group story times are specially designed for child care providers.
Fourth Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.
March 28, April 25, May 23

■ Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

Are you a bug-smasher or a bug-watcher? Join us to discover which bugs are "good" and "bad," and explore bug habitats and life cycles. For ages 3-5. Registration begins April 26.

Thursday, May 10 11 a.m.-noon

■ Reptile Roundup

Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and learn more about the scaly creatures that call Virginia home. Meet a baby alligator! For grades K-5. Registration begins April 28.

Saturday, May 12 10:30-11 a.m.

For Teens

■ Online Test Prep

If tests have you stressed, learn how to get free access to Learning Express. This online resource has help and practice tests for the PSATs, SATs, AP exams, science, trigonometry and more. Registration begins Feb. 24.
Saturday, March 10 2-3 p.m.

■ Knitting for Teens

Teens will learn the art of basic knitting in one session and will begin to create a green scarf for St. Paddy's Day! Registration begins March 3.
Saturday, March 17 1-2:30 p.m.

■ Babysitting Essentials for Teens

Join fellow teens to learn the essentials of babysitting, including safety tips, age-appropriate play, behavior issues and first aid. Registration begins April 5.
Thursday, April 19 3:30-5:30 p.m.

For All Ages

■ Family Game Night

Wii, board games and more! Bring the whole family for our weekly game night!
Tuesdays 5-8 p.m.

■ Intro to 3-D Printing

Learn how to bring 3-D digital models into the real world, from finding or creating your model to slicing and supporting your print. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

First Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.
March 6, April 3, May 1

■ American Sign Language Chat

Practice, meet new friends and learn new signs. All skill levels welcome. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Fourth Thursdays 6:30-8 p.m.
March 22, April 26, May 24

■ Introduction to Chainmail

All tools and supplies provided, plus enough rings for you to keep working at home. Registration begins March 23.
Friday, April 6 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

For Adults

■ LaPrade Bookthink

One Summer: America, 1927 by Bill Bryson
Friday, March 9 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins
Friday, April 13 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Their Eyes Were Watching God
by Zora Neale Hurston
Friday, May 11 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ First Friday Coloring Club

Adults, drop in to color Johanna Basford's Secret Garden coloring prints and relax with us over free coffee. Materials provided, or bring your own.
First Fridays 3-5 p.m.
March 2, April 6 (No programs in May)

■ Doc & Dine: How to Cook Your Life

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! Zen chef Edward Brown offers tips on cooking and the art of meditation. Registration begins Feb. 17.
Saturday, March 3 12:30-2:30 p.m.

■ Introduction to Online Genealogy

Learn how to conduct genealogical research using free online tools, including the library's access to Ancestry.com. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Tuesday, March 6 2-3 p.m.
Thursday, April 12 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 8 7-8 p.m.

■ Doc & Dine: Cool It

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! "Cool It" will give you food for thought regarding your established beliefs on the topic of global warming. Registration begins March 24.
Saturday, April 7 12:30-2:30 p.m.

■ STOP the Bleed

Learn proper bleeding control techniques that can save lives in an emergency. Registration begins March 27. See page 6 for details.
Tuesday, April 10 5:30-7:30 p.m.

■ Doc & Dine: We Steal Secrets:

The Story of WikiLeaks

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! This film sheds light on Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and his controversial website which made for one of the largest security breaches in U.S. history. Registration begins April 21.
Saturday, May 5 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Meadowdale

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

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Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Day Care Story Times

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Third Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
March 15, April 19, May 17

■ Reptile Roundup

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Saturday, April 21 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Build A Day at the Zoo

Learn about animals with fun Lego® Duplo activities! Preschool children will use concepts like counting and patterning to create fun, simple animal sculptures. Registration begins April 18.
Wednesday, May 2 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For Teens

■ Cosplay Creation with Brandon James

Learn how to use latex for mask-making to create your own cosplay masterpiece. Brandon James will share experiences and techniques for cosplay. Registration begins Feb. 17.
Saturday, March 3 1-3 p.m.

(Meadowdale Library, continued next page)

■ Japanese Tie-Dye for Teens

Teens, learn about the science behind pigments and dyes while creating your own "Shibori" or Japanese tie-dye shirt and silk scarf. Registration begins Feb. 24.
Saturday, March 10 1-4 p.m.

For All Ages

■ Meadowdale Meditation Hour

Don't let Monday get you down. Join us for an hour of uninterrupted quiet time and some piece of mind. Space, mats and ambience provided.

Mondays 3-4 p.m.

■ CCPL Chess Club

Play the beautiful game of chess in a relaxed environment, and meet others who enjoy the game.

Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.

■ Comic Con

Free, family-friendly event. See page 5 for details.

Saturday, March 17 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ Meadowdale Spring Chess Tournament

The Virginia Scholastic Chess Association presents a K-12 Scholastic Chess Tournament with quads for adults and advanced scholastic players. Pre-register at vschess.org. Fees apply, \$7-20.

Saturday, May 19 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For Adults

■ Business Before Hours: Chesterfield County Business Watch Program

Stay up to date on crime trends, the latest crime prevention techniques, and unique training opportunities with Chesterfield County's Business Watch program. Registration begins Feb. 21.

Wednesday, March 7 8-9 a.m.

■ Points of View

A series of community conversations. See page 2 for details.

Tuesday, April 24 6-8 p.m.

Midlothian

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of April 23 and resume the week of June 18.

Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Day Care Story Times

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Fourth Mondays 10 a.m.

March 26, April 23 (No program May 28)

■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

Improve the literacy skills of your children through the assistance of registered therapy dogs. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Second Tuesdays 6-7:40 p.m.

Fourth Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

■ Reptile Roundup

Slither into the secretive world of reptiles and learn more about the scaly creatures that call Virginia home. Meet a baby alligator! For grades K-5. Registration begins March 10.

Saturday, March 24 10:30-11 a.m.

■ Earth Day Suncatchers and Paper Beads

Upcycle CDs into suncatchers in honor of Earth Day! We will also recycle paper into beads to string on our finished crafts.

For ages 6-10. Registration begins April 7.

Saturday, April 21 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Mommy and Me Painting

Celebrate Mother's Day with a family art project! Children and adults will work together to create beautiful pieces of art. No art experience necessary. For ages 6-12. Registration begins April 21.

Saturday, May 5 10:30 a.m.-noon

For Teens

■ Midlothian Teen Volunteer Fair

Do you need volunteer hours for school, or just want to help your community and aren't sure where to start? Find the right opportunity for you!

Saturday, April 28 2-3:30 p.m.

For Adults

■ Midlothian Book Discussion Group

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
Wednesday, March 28 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Wednesday, April 25 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Wednesday, May 23 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ A Morning of Jazz with Carol Covell

Join returning local jazz singer Carol Covell and keyboardist Stan Smith for a musical performance and commentary.

Wednesday, April 11 10:30-11:30 a.m.

■ Reaching Toward Hope

Artist Constance de Bordenave will discuss the creation of "Reaching Toward Hope and a Future," an art exhibit about the refugee experience. Learn about local work with refugees and how you can become involved. Registration begins April 19.

Thursday, May 3 7-8 p.m.

North Courthouse Road

For Kids and Families

■ Early Literacy Story Times

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Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

Improve your children's literacy skills through the assistance of registered therapy dogs. Registration begins two weeks before each program. Sign up online for a 20 minute reading session.

Third Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

March 17, April 21, May 19

■ Mother Goose Story Times

Learn and play with stories, songs and movement. For babies up to two years old. Registration begins two weeks before each program.

Third Mondays 10:30-11 a.m.

March 19, April 16, May 21

■ Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointments necessary.

Third Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m.

March 21, April 18, May 16

■ Day Care Story Times

These large-group story times are specially designed for child care providers.

Fourth Tuesdays 10 a.m.

March 27, April 24, May 22

■ Parents and Tweens Book Group

Parents and kids ages 9-12 read together. Registration begins one month before each program.

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Monday, March 5 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Monday, April 2 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Monday, May 7 6:30-7:30 p.m.

■ GoldieBlox Engineering

Girls will collaborate in teams on a building project, gaining confidence and the inspiration to pursue science and math. For ages 5-9. Registration begins April 7.

Saturday, April 21 11 a.m.-noon

■ Reptile Roundup

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Saturday, May 19 10:30-11 a.m.

For Teens

■ A Wrinkle in Time Celebration

Geek out with other Madeline L'Engle fans! Partake of tuna sandwiches and cocoa! Bring a T-shirt and make it cosmic! Prove your mastery of "A Wrinkle in Time" lore and trivia! Registration begins Feb. 17.

Saturday, March 3 3-5 p.m.

■ Escape Room: Rebel Revolt

Compete in teams to take down an antimatter warhead facility! Bring your friends or join a team to race the clock, then celebrate with pizza! Registration begins April 21.

Saturday, May 5 1-3 p.m.

For All Ages

■ Acoustic Concert Series

Concerts featuring traditional, folk and Virginia roots music. See page 5 for details.

■ Tabletop Thursdays

Drop in to play board and card games!
Thursdays All day

■ North Courthouse Fiber Artists

Drop in to knit, crochet, socialize and share tips and tricks with others! Beginners welcome.

Every Tuesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Alternating Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.

Mar. 7, Mar. 21; Apr. 4, Apr. 18; May 2, May 16, May 30

For Adults

■ North Courthouse Road Book Discussion Group

Wish You Well by David Baldacci

Thursday, March 8 1-2 p.m.

The Winter People by Jennifer McMahon

Thursday, April 12 1-2 p.m.

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown

Thursday, May 10 1-2 p.m.

■ Birdwatching 101

Learn how to spot and identify birds native to our area! Learn about field marks, calls and habitat. Registration begins March 31.

Saturday, April 14 1-2:30 p.m.

Chesterfield County Public Library Locations

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Bon Air Library

9103 Rattlesnake Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23235-2939
(804) 318-8966

Central Library

9501 Lori Road
Chesterfield, VA 23832-6631
**Closed for renovation –
Reopens Spring 2018**

Chester Library

11800 Centre St.
Chester, VA 23831-1781
(804) 318-8977

Clover Hill Library

6701 Deer Run Drive
Midlothian, VA 23112-1901
(804) 318-8668

Enon Library

1801 Enon Church Road
Chester, VA 23836-6164
(804) 318-8911

Ettrick-Matoaca Library

4501 River Road
South Chesterfield, VA 23803-1732
(804) 318-8688

LaPrade Library

9000 Hull Street Road
North Chesterfield, VA 23236-1304
(804) 318-8988

Meadowdale Library

4301 Meadowdale Blvd.
North Chesterfield, VA 23234-5467
(804) 318-8778

Midlothian Library

521 Coalfield Road
Midlothian, VA 23114-4406
(804) 768-7907

North Courthouse Road Library

325 Courthouse Road
Richmond (North Chesterfield),
VA 23236
(804) 318-8499

LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SUNDAY
CLOSED

QUIRK BOARD

**Central Library is closed
for renovations.**

WILL REOPEN IN SPRING 2018!

The following collections have been temporarily moved to other locations:

Central's new materials - Chester Library
Law Library collection - Chester Library
Local History collection - LaPrade Library
Local Author collection - Midlothian Library



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The library will be closed
in observance of:

STAFF TRAINING DAY

Friday, May 4

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 28

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- Choose "NextReads"
- Check the box next to "Loud & Clear Events Magazine"
- Submit your email address
- You'll get all CCPL's events and news delivered to your inbox!

In the next issue,
look for
information
about our
**Summer Learning
Program.**



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS
SAVE THE DATE

Maker Expo
SATURDAY, JUNE 2
Check back soon for location

Author Event
SATURDAY, JULY 21
Angie Thomas
North Courthouse Road Library

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