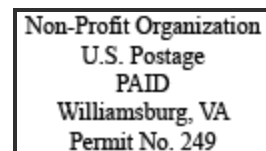




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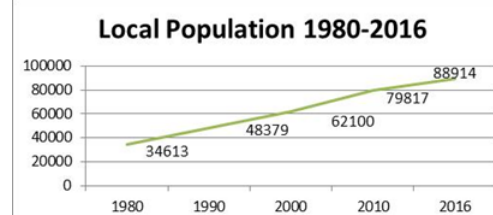
All library buildings will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. You can always check out ebooks and other digital resources online at: www.wrl.org/digital



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The Williamsburg Library -- A Look Back

As you may have heard, Williamsburg Regional Library is currently considering future plans for the Williamsburg Library. This is the first article in a three-part series that looks at where we've been, where we are, and where we're going. Check back next month for the next piece of our story.



Since 1980, the local population has increased by 156%, driving the need for expanded library services.



Thursday Film Series

This Month: Request Month

7/5 - *A Passage to India*
7/12 - *Barefoot in the Park*
7/19 - *Exodus*
7/26 - *The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse*

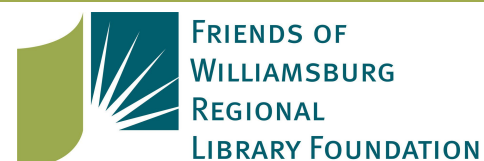
All feature films begin at 2 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Find complete film descriptions on our calendar at www.wrl.org/events/films.



Family Movie Mondays

Enjoy family movies each Monday throughout the summer. Films will be at 11 a.m. at the Williamsburg Library and at 6:30 p.m. at the James City County Library (bring your own beach chairs, blankets, and snacks -- JCC Library only).

7/2 - *Despicable Me 3*
7/9 - *The Good Dinosaur*
7/16 - *The Jungle Book* (1967)
7/23 - *Kubo and the Two Strings*
7/30 - *Pete's Dragon* (2016)



The generous support of the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation (FWRLF) allows the library to offer new collections to users, explore new ways to provide access to those collections, and bring a host of fascinating programs to the community. At their May meeting, the FWRLF board awarded a number of grants that meet these ends. Thanks to the FWRLF, WRL will be providing a streaming video collection starting on July 1 (see the full story on page 3). Also included in the awards this May were grants to enable WRL to take summer reading programming to local neighborhoods (see page 3 for details) and to experiment with leasing popular children's titles for summer reading use. WRL is pleased to be offering its first adult summer reading program, with chances to win great prizes supported by a fourth grant. Finally, the FWRLF sponsored the library's exciting Summer Reading Kick-Off event on the Williamsburg Library Plaza in June.

The support of the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation makes WRL a special library. To find out more about the Friends of WRL Foundation, head to www.wrl.org/give.

A Brief History of the Williamsburg Library

March 22, 1910 - The Williamsburg Free Public Library opened in the St. George Tucker House. This first iteration of the library lasted only two months before it was closed and packed into storage.
November 5, 1910 - The library reopened in the Market Square area of what is now Colonial Williamsburg.
March 25, 1916 - When the owner of Market Square property decided to sell, the library was moved to the Bruton Parish House.
January 6, 1917 - The library reopened again in the Ludwell-Paradise House, just a stone's throw down DoG Street.
April 25, 1925 - The library moved to a small cottage known as the Little Green House. This was the first library building that was owned rather than rented, though they owned only the structure, not the lot itself.
April 1931 - Following the sale of the property on which the Little Green House sat, the library moved into two rooms on the second floor of the Williamsburg Methodist Episcopal Church's parish house.
June 24, 1933 - When dreams of moving into the 1770 Court House fell through, Colonial Williamsburg offered to rent out the Nicholas-Tyler Office to the library for \$1 a year. This building was to remain the library's home for forty years.
1973 - The Williamsburg Library opened in its current location. The original building was just 16,385 square feet.
1982 - The first expansion to the Williamsburg Library, which included the Theatre, Gallery, and Youth Services Area, added 15,845 square feet to the building.
1998 - The second and most recent expansion to the Williamsburg Library, which included the current Adult Services and Circulation areas, added another 10,000 square feet to the building.



A Note from the Director

Looking back over the 109 year history of the Williamsburg Library, one of the first things I noticed was how hard the community has worked to help the library grow over the years. Each time the library moved or upgraded there were many different opinions about how to proceed, and yet in the end the community always rallied together to find a solution.

Now in 2018, the community has outgrown our beloved Scotland Street building and the story continues. I've worked on many library building projects, and there is always a process that has to unfold. Information has to be shared, and the community needs time to ask questions and provide feedback. We're kicking off that conversation now, and I believe that together we will create something great -- a library that meets the needs of 21st century users while remaining true to our history. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

- Betsy Fowler, WRL Director

Featured Events for Kids



Video Game Building with Bloxels
7/13 and 7/29, 2 p.m.

Williamsburg Library (7/13)

James City County Library (7/29)

Build and play your own 16-bit game with Bloxels tools and software. We'll show you how to build a game, create a character, and customize animations. For ages 11-18. Register at 757.259.4055

Puppet Mania

7/18, 19, & 20, 2-4 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Learn how to operate the library's hilarious Muppet-style puppets, make a puppet of your own, and put on a show for friends and family. This program runs for 3 consecutive afternoons. For ages 9-18; register at 757.259.4055.

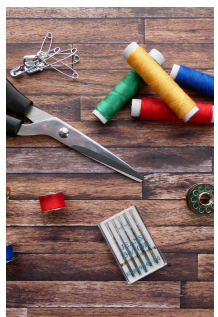
Concert Ballet of Virginia Presents *The Velveteen Rabbit*

7/14, 1 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Join us for a ballet presentation of this beloved children's classic.

Check out all this month's great kids events and more at www.wrl.org/kids.

Featured Events for Teens



Creative Clothing Construction
7/21, 12-5 p.m.,

James City County Library

Design instructor and artist Mo Regulinski from the VMFA presents a workshop on garment design and fine arts processes for beginners and makers alike. For ages 11-18; register at 757.259.4050.

Polymer Clay & Anime

7/8, 2-4 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Join us to create some classic anime characters in polymer clay, and to watch anime while they set! For ages 11-18; register at 757.259.4050

Teen Writing Lounge

7/15, 2-3:30 p.m. *James City County Library*

Join other teens for fun writing prompts, brainstorming, fun, and support. New and experienced teen writers welcome!

Teen String Art

7/24, 2-3 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Register at 757.259.4050 to hammer out a design! For 11-18.

Check out all this month's great teen events and more at www.wrl.org/teens.

Featured Events for Adults



Battle of Green Spring

7/6, 6:30 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

Archaeologist Alain Outlaw will give a lecture about findings from his study of the Battle of Green Spring.

Adult Henna Class

7/12, 6 p.m., *James City County Library*

Our popular Henna expert Colleen Heller will have a class that's just for adults! Learn about the art of Henna and get your own Henna tattoo. Space is limited, so please call 757.259.4050 to sign up today.

WRL Antiques Show and Tell

7/15, 2 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Dan Rogers from Williamsburg Antiques will evaluate items submitted by our users. Hear the stories and learn about antiques from around Williamsburg.

Getaway Café: Pony Penning -- A Virginia Tradition

7/20, 2 p.m., *James City County Library*

Join us for a fun, relaxed event specifically made for adults with early memory loss and their care partners.

Beginning Meditation

7/23, 2 p.m., *James City County Library*

Rebecca Merrick returns to guide you through basic meditation exercises.

Find all of this month's library programs & classes at www.wrl.org/events.



Mobile Library Services Brings Summer Reading to You

An expanded version of our summer reading program is making its way to our neighborhood stops! Though kids and families living in the eleven neighborhoods that are currently visited by our Mobile Library Services van have long been able to participate in the "reading" part of our summer reading program – logging books and sharing titles with library staff – fans of the program will attest to the fact that summer reading is so much more than that.

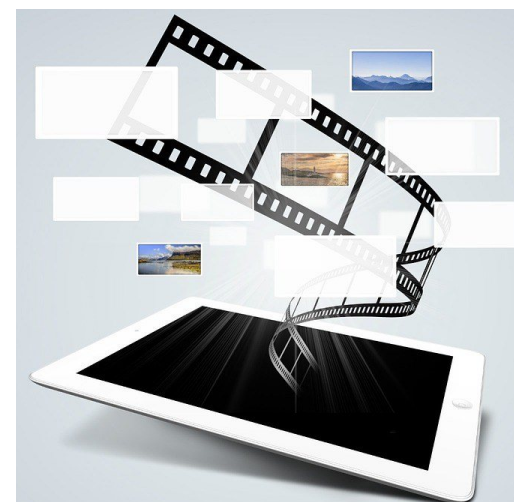
With decades of support from the Friends of WRL Foundation (previously the Friends of WRL), we have been able to deliver a multi-faceted program in both of our buildings that includes dynamic performances, enriching activities, and family-friendly fun to complement the summer reading experience. This year, we're bringing some of those performances and activities on the road with us so that our neighborhood stop kids and families can enjoy the full summer reading program experience.

The bi-monthly neighborhood stops will feature puppet shows, crafts, and special events such as performances from juggler Jonathan Austin, animal encounters with ZooPro, and tech sessions with Ozobots and Spheros.

"Keeping children engaged with the library and with reading through exciting programming is a key goal of our summer reading program," said youth services director Sandy Towers. "Adding enrichment activities to MLS services in the summer will create opportunities for children who might not otherwise visit the library buildings to explore, experiment, and experience some of the same types of programming we are offering in the buildings."

Check out the complete list of MLS neighborhood stops and calendar of events at www.wrl.org/wrl-comes-to-you.

WRL Introduces New Movie Streaming Service



Calling all movie lovers! Beginning July 1, the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy will be available for free from Williamsburg Regional Library.

Offering what the *New York Times* calls "a garden of cinematic delights," Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS, and thousands of independent filmmakers. Kanopy provides WRL users with access to films of unique social and cultural value and films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere.

"Kanopy is a great addition to our digital collections," said adult services librarian Charlotte Burcher. "Thanks to a generous grant from the Friends of WRL Foundation, we are able to offer our users a great collection of streaming documentary, classic, and foreign films that are a complement to the DVD collections at WRL."

All library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting wrl.kanopy.com. Users can view up to four films each month, and have three days to watch the film as many times as they like once it is checked out. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device, or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast, or Roku.

