

A Christmas without Rudolph
JCC Library -- YS Program Room
December 8, 6 p.m.



How will Christmas continue without this beloved red-nosed reindeer? Find out in this charming puppet show, followed by a craft.

Virginia's Legendary Santa Trains
JCC Library -- Norge Depot
December 8, 6:30 p.m.



Author Doug Riddell drove trains past Norge Depot as an engineer. Now he speaks there as he shares his book on the historic Santa trains you may remember from the 50s and 60s.

Victorian Dance Lessons
JCC Library -- Community Room
December 8, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.



Dance master Anne Marie Weissert teaches the steps of the dances one might have encountered at Mr. Fezziwig's party.

Oh! A Wonderful Pudding: Christmas
Dinner with the Cratchits
JCC Library -- McGaw Room
December 8, 7 p.m.



Food historian Kimberly Costa explores the story behind the story as she looks at the foods the Cratchit family ate and how they became part of English and Christmas tradition.



All programs that include this symbol are part of our "A Dickens Christmas" celebration. See the back for more details about this event -- we hope to see you there!



Our celebration
culminates with "A
Dickens Christmas"
on December 8,
4-8:30 p.m. at the James City
County Library. In addition to
programs in this brochure,
the event features:

- Food for purchase from a local favorite food truck, "Foodatude...Food With Attitude," and Virginia Chestnuts
- Dickens trivia, activities, and selfie station
- Performances from:
 - WJCC Elementary Brass & Woodwind Ensemble
 - Warhill High School String Ensemble
 - Jamestown High School James-Tones
 - Hornsby Middle School Hawkapella
 - Lois Hornsby Middle School Orchestra
 - Toano Middle School Chamber Ensemble
- Victorian parlour games
- Caroling sing-along



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Thursday Film Series Schedule

November 2 -- *A Tale of Two Cities*

November 9 -- *The Invisible Woman*

November 16 -- *Great Expectations*

November 21 (Tuesday Screening) -- *Oliver!*

November 30 -- *Nicholas Nickleby*

December 21 -- *A Christmas Carol*

All shows are at 2 p.m. at the
Williamsburg Library Theatre.

The French Revolution and *A Tale of Two Cities*
Williamsburg Library -- Schell Room
November 2, 4:20 p.m.

Charlotte Burcher compares the real French
Revolution with Dickens' classic novel in this
30-minutes talk immediately following the
showing of the film.

Dickens Read-a-Thon/A Tale of Two Scrooges
Williamsburg Library -- Schell Room and Gallery
November 6, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The day begins with long-time Scrooge portrayer
Brink Miller's 30-minute one-man preview of *A
Christmas Carol*, followed by a presentation on
Dickens' influence on Victorian serial fiction.
Then at noon we kick off a five-hour marathon of
over 20 readers sharing our favorite Dickens
excerpts. Stop by to listen to a chapter or get up
and read yourself! We bookend the day with a
second wonderful Scrooge, Ed Whitacre of Master
Thespian's *A Christmas Carol*, at 4:30 p.m.

Dickensian Decimal System: Ten Keys to Dickens
Williamsburg Library Theatre
November 9, 4 p.m.

Neil Hollands explores ten concepts that provide
insight into Dickens and his work in a lively
30-minute talk following the screening of *The
Invisible Woman*.

Dickens Picks
Williamsburg Library Theatre
November 16, 4:15 p.m.

Filmmakers love Dickens for his colorful characters
and twisty plots. Librarians Cheryl Edwards and
Neil Hollands reveal their picks for the best film or
miniseries adaptation of each of Dickens' major
works in a 40-minute talk with video clips
immediately following the showing of *Great
Expectations*.

Family-Friendly Christmas Carol Marathon
JCC Library -- Kitzinger Community Room
November 25, 11 a.m.

Get your holiday season started with a free
marathon of family-friendly versions of everyone's
favorite, *A Christmas Carol*. Bring your own cushy
chairs, blankets, and snacks (we'll have some
popcorn popping and extra seating as well) for
these four classics: *Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol*
(11 a.m.), *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (12 p.m.),
Mickey's Christmas Carol (1:30 p.m.), and Disney's
A Christmas Carol (3 p.m.). Drop in for your
favorite or compare all four!

Dean Shostak's Crystal Carols
Williamsburg Library Theatre
10 concert dates between Nov. 25 and Dec. 30

Local favorite Dean Shostak includes a touch of
Dickens in his holiday concert on historical crystal
instruments. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the
door -- head to www.crystalconcert.com for the
complete schedule of performances.

A Christmas Carol Preview
Williamsburg Library Theatre
November 30, 2 p.m.

Brink Miller, who has played Scrooge for over 20
years, brings a half-hour, one-man interpretation
of the Williamsburg Players production to the
library for a free preview immediately preceding
the screening of *Oliver!*

A Dickens Christmas Events

Historical Christmas in Virginia
JCC Library -- McGaw Room
December 8, 4 p.m.



Local author Wilford Kale shares stories about the
history of the holiday in Virginia from his book *A
Very Virginia Christmas*.

Historical Holiday Crafts
JCC Library -- Cosby Room
December 8, 4-8 p.m.



Try a variety of holiday craft projects authentic to
the time of Dickens, including ornaments,
cornucopias, and more.

Master Thespian's *Christmas Carol*
JCC Library -- Parking Lot
December 8, 5:30 and 8 p.m.



You've seen them in Merchant's Square, now see
them at the library. The Virginia Theatre Machine
presents Master Thespian's *Christmas Carol*, a fast
and funny 30-minute version of the Dickens classic
performed on a specially designed mobile stage.

Christmas, Dickens and Children
JCC Library -- McGaw Room
December 8, 6 p.m.



Dr. Simon Joyce of William & Mary's English
Department will present a 45-minute talk about
Tiny Tim and the underlying concern for child
welfare that drove much of Dickens' writing.

Victorian Ghost Stories
JCC Library -- Atrium
December 8, 6-8 p.m.



Thrill with us as local actors interpret classic tales,
interspersed with the holiday music of the
Williamsburg Youth Harp Society.