

### Holiday Closings

All WRL facilities will be closed on September 1-2 for Labor Day. You can always check out digital resources, including ebooks and downloadable audiobooks, at [www.wrl.org/digital](http://www.wrl.org/digital).



### Career Girls

- 9/5 - *The Girl in White*
- 9/12 - *Woman's World*
- 9/19 - *The Thrill of it All*
- 9/26 - 9 to 5



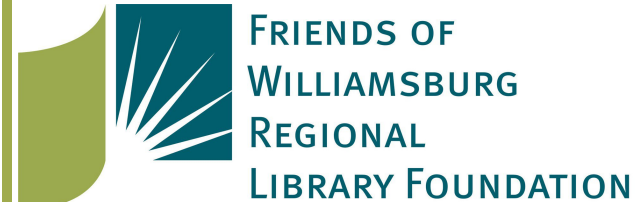
All programs begin at 2 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Find complete film descriptions on our calendar at [www.wrl.org/events/films](http://www.wrl.org/events/films).

### Getaway Cafe



Share conversation, experiences, and memories in WRL's program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners. This month, jazz up your fall dinner line-up with a new meal idea. Chef Tammy, owner of The Green Kitchen, will prepare a tasty fall dinner for us to sample.

9/20, 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center



### Music on City Square

If you have stopped by the plaza on City Square between the Williamsburg Library and the Stryker Center on Thursday afternoons this summer, you may have heard our exciting new program underwritten by the Friends of WRL.

Music Thursdays on City Square has brought the sounds of French accordion, mandolin, guitar and fiddle, and more to lunchtime listeners. Featuring local musicians, this innovative program offers the opportunity to enjoy lunch under the wisteria along with a mix of musical styles from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday through September. So pack a lunch and stop by the plaza on City Square.

Find out how you can become a Friend of WRL and support exciting programs like Music Thursdays at [wrl.org/give](http://wrl.org/give).

## Dewey Decibel Celebrates 20 Years

The Dewey Decibel Concert Series is back, and this fall we're celebrating a big anniversary: Dewey has been running for 20 years this month! The festivities include a great line-up of new and returning acts that are sure to have you dancing in your seat.

Though the series as we know it today launched in 1999, live music has been a library staple since the 1970s. It wasn't until a visiting musical act, Eddie from Ohio, coined the phrase "Dewey Decibel" (a pun on the well-known library classification system, Dewey Decimal) that the series was rebranded with the name we all know and love today.



Charm City Junction

Since its inception, the Dewey Decibel Concert series has always been focused on bringing high caliber local, regional, and national musicians to Williamsburg Regional Library. This fall's season is no exception, with a line-up that spans diverse genres including jazz, folk, bluegrass, and big band.

Though the quality of the musical acts and the venue has remained consistent across the years, one thing has changed. Concert goers can now enjoy these exceptional shows for a flat \$5 price for all ticketed performances. This relatively recent initiative, underwritten by a grant from the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library, has made the series more accessible than ever before (and members of the Friends can enjoy an even further discounted rate of \$4 a ticket). The slate of ticketed shows is complemented by several free shows to round-out the line-up.

"It is exciting to be celebrating the 20th year of the Dewey Decibel Concert Series," said Rob Haas, WRL's program services director. "The series has a long history of presenting world class musicians, including Tommy Emmanuel, Leon Russell, Mike Seeger, and many more. This fall's lineup carries on that tradition with series' newcomer Frank Vignola, far-travelled North Sea Gas from Scotland, and series stalwart Jae Sinnett. We couldn't be more appreciative of our performers and our concert goers, as well as the Friends of WRL, who underwrite this phenomenal series."

### Dewey Schedule at a Glance

Americana Groove Project: 9/13 & 9/14  
North Sea Gas: 9/20  
Frank Vignola's Hot Jazz Guitar Trio: 10/19  
The Runaway String Band & The Cary Street Ramblers: 10/25  
Virginia Opera: 10/29

Charm City Junction: 11/3  
Ford's Colony Dance Band: 11/21\*  
Peninsula Concert Band: 12/3\*  
The Jae Sinnett Zero To 60 Quartet: 12/13  
LCV Project: 12/18\*

All shows take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Tickets for all shows at \$5 for general admission, \$4 for Friends, unless listed with an \*, which indicates a free show.



## Featured Events for Kids



**Toddler Storytime**  
Tuesdays at the  
Williamsburg Library,  
Wednesdays at the  
Stryker Center, 11 a.m.

Toddler Storytime is designed for children aged 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers. It features brief stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and other activities. A short, optional playtime follows. **Please note that this fall our usual toddler storytime at the James City County Library will move to the Stryker Center.**

### Preschool Dance Party

9/14, 11 a.m., *Williamsburg Library*

What do you get when you add balloons and bubbles to music? A fantastic preschool dance party! Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an exciting hour of songs, movement, rhymes, and just plain fun.

### Painting with Spheros

9/24, 4:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

It's a rainbow of rolling robots! Create a work of art by steering programmable Sphero robots through puddles of paint, mixing art and technology. For ages 6+.

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

## Featured Events for Teens



### What Professors Want: Tips for the College Bound

9/29, 2 p.m.,  
Williamsburg Library

*Will This Be on the Test?* was written by former William & Mary freshman instructor and veteran teacher Dana Johnson to guide teens in the transition from high school student to independent adult learner. She joins us to share wisdom from the book and to host a Q&A.

### Teen Advisory Group

9/5, 6-8 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

9/15, 1-4 p.m., *James City County Library*

Would you like to contribute to teen programs, collections, and services at the library? Join us twice a month to share ideas and assist with library tasks. Application required; contact [teens@wrl.org](mailto:teens@wrl.org) for more information. For ages 13-18.

### Teen Tabletop Tuesdays

9/10, 6-8 p.m., *James City County Library*

Join us for Settlers of Catan, Superfight!, Machi Koro, and other tabletop favorites. ! For ages 13-18.

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



**Marie Antoinette's Library**  
9/10, 2 p.m.,  
*Stryker Center*

Have you ever wondered what books you would find on Marie Antoinette's nightstand? If so, join William & Mary Professor of History Ronald Schechter as he uncovers the inner life of the infamous monarch.

### Yinyang and Bagua Boxing: The Art of Balance

9/3, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Join the William & Mary Confucius Institute for this interactive workshop about the history and characteristics of Yinyang and Bagua Boxing, as well as the essence of Chinese martial arts. Register at 757.259.4050.

### Ever the Best – Williamsburg: The Story of a Patriot

9/9, 7 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Filmed in 1956, *Williamsburg: The Story of a Patriot* was never your average "you are here" tourist-attraction film. Hear inside stories about the making of the movie and consider how the film has been used and restored.

### Trees of Colonial Williamsburg

9/14, 11 a.m., *Stryker Center*

VCE Master Gardener and Peninsula Tree Steward Rick Brown will tell us about the 18th-century trees and shrubs found in Colonial Williamsburg.

### Open Mic with Chesapeake Bay Writers

9/15, 1 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Bring your poetry or prose, fiction or nonfiction, and share your writing. There is a five-minute time limit per person.

### Tie One On: Part Two!

9/16, 6:30 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Learn a variety of cool-weather scarf tying techniques to keep you warm this fall and winter. A limited selection of practice scarves will be available. Register at 757.259.4050.

### Software in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

9/18, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Software plays an increasingly central role in all aspects of our daily lives. In the latest talk in our Emerging Scholars series, learn about the potential benefits and drawbacks of artificial intelligence in our everyday lives from Dr. Kevin Moran, postdoctoral fellow in Computer Science at W&M.

### Celtic Film Series: *The Quiet Man*

9/19, 7 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

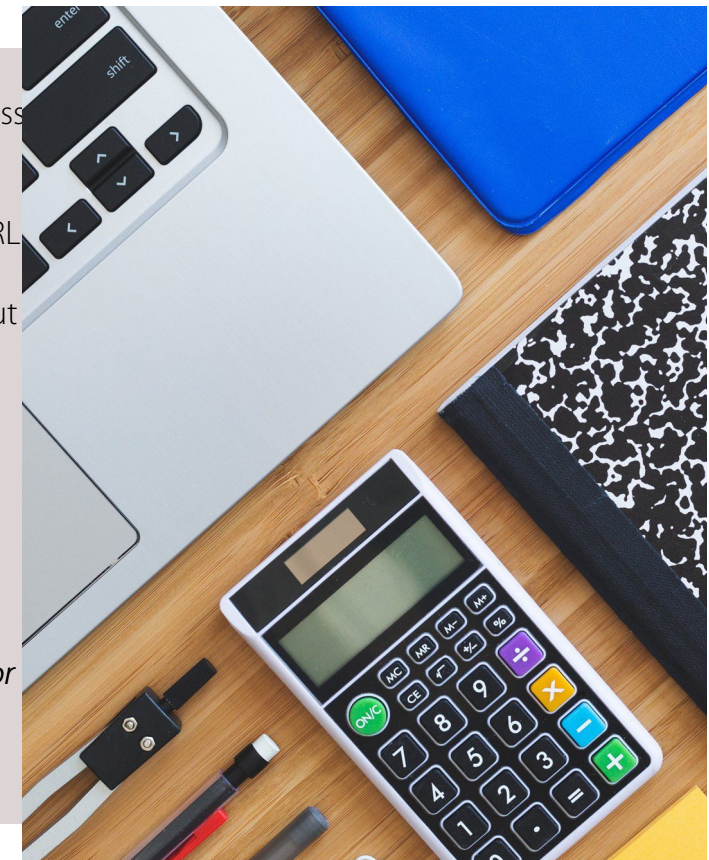
Retired boxer Sean Thornton returns to the village of his birth in Ireland to reclaim his home and escape his past.

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

## This School Year Succeed with Your Library Card

As students are heading back to school, one of the most important tools they need to ensure a successful year is a WRL library card. With a library card, students can not only check out print and digital materials, they can also access a wide range of online resources from home, school, or wherever they happen to be.

Did your child just remember an English paper is due tomorrow and it is 8:45 p.m.? No worries. You can access *Literary Reference Center* with literary criticism, author bios, and other information to make that paper shine. Need some facts about American or world history? WRL has you covered with a great collection of *online encyclopedias* and history reference books. What about that opinion project that is due soon? Take a look at the *Points of View Reference Center*, which presents multiple perspectives on over 400 contemporary, hot-button topics. The rich content here helps users of all ages build persuasive arguments and essays. Need to polish up your language skills? *Mango Languages* is a complement to classroom study for over 70 world languages. Younger students can access *World Book's Early World of Learning* or *Encyclopaedia Britannica for Kids* for kid-friendly information for school projects on almost any topic. To access these and many other student-focused resources, go to [wrl.org/find](http://wrl.org/find).



In addition to great resources for students, WRL supports academic success through our partnership with the Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools. Now starting its 17th year, this collaboration brings these two strong organizations together as community partners to (a) bring a love of reading and books to area students; (b) teach students to access and analyze information in all formats; and (c) support individuals in their goals for lifelong learning. From author visits to teacher cards to training, the WRL/WJCC partnership builds a more literate and informed community.



### Year of Making Fair

Our Year of Making is coming to a close this month, and what a year it's been! Over the past 12 months we've offered a variety of activities ranging from wreath-making to weaving to 3D printing, and everything in between. We're wrapping up this adventure with a Year of Making Fair, which will feature awesome opportunities to both watch and try your hand at some of our most popular making activities. We'll have a variety of demonstrations, including a robotics demo from Menchville High School, a rice paper calligraphy demo from William & Mary's Confucius Institute, an embroidery demo from the Embroidery Guild, and more. You can also try some of our crafts and making activities for yourself, including button-making and green screen photography. We'll even be offering a look at some making activities not previously explored during our Year of Making, such as a strained glass demonstration and a look at how James City County's media van is equipped to make videos on the go. Don't miss this final chance to get in on the Year of Making fun!

Saturday, September 21, 1-4 p.m. at the Stryker Center