Library Closings

All WRL facilities will open at noon on Monday, October 8 as we celebrate staff recognition day. You can always find digital items to check out at www.wrl.org.

Classic Monster Movies

10/4 - Dracula
10/11 - The Invisible Man
10/18 - The Wolf Man
10/25 - Bride of Frankenstein***

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.

***W&M’s Prof. Kim Wheatley will give a short talk on Frankenstein author Mary Shelley’s life and the themes of her famous novel preceding this film at 1:30 p.m.

Baseball in America

Join Mobile Library Services Assistant Connie Van Bourgondien to learn a little about the history and popular culture associated with America’s favorite pastime.

10/16, 2 p.m. Stryker Center

Make, Create, and Do -- Get Hands-On with Your Library

Williamsburg Regional Library is launching its "Year of Making," a new program that gives library users a chance to try out a variety of hands-on projects and learn exciting new skills. The series, which runs from October 2018 through September 2019, is divided into four quarters featuring different making-oriented themes: Arts and Crafts (Oct.-Dec. 2018), Technology Lab (Jan.-March 2019), Textiles (April-June 2019), and Tech Zoo (July-Sept. 2019).

Talks @2

Here’s what we have coming up this quarter:

10/7 -- Fun with Clay**
10/14 -- Cupcake Decorating**
10/21 -- Papermaking**
10/28 -- Art in the Dark
11/4 -- Make Your Own Wreath**
11/11 -- Papermaking**
11/18 -- Draw Your Own Mini Comic**
11/25 -- Paperfolding
12/2 -- Cardmaking*
12/9 -- Make Your Own Henna Tattoo**
12/16 -- Jewelry
12/23 -- Library Closed -- No Program
12/30 -- String Art

Programs will take place every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the James City County Library, unless otherwise noted. All programs are limited to ages 10+ with no exceptions. All programs are free and all materials will be provided.

* This program will take place at the Stryker Center.
** This program requires registration at 757.259.4050.
Featured Events for Kids

Star Wars Reads Day
10/13, 2-4 p.m.
James City County Library
Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day with trivia, games, crafts, movie clips, and more. Come in costume for a chance to win a prize.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
10/20, 1 p.m.
Williamsburg Library
Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman are just spooky enough to delight any audience as the days get shorter, the air gets colder, and the nights turn long and dark. The actors of Bright Star Theatre create a perfect introduction to this literary classic by Washington Irving.

Family Pumpkin Carving
10/28, 2 p.m.
James City County Library
Come to our family pumpkin carving event to spend some time together and have some fun. We'll provide one pumpkin per family, as well as carving tools, but no outside tools will be permitted.

Slightly Scary Stories Around the Campfire
10/29, 6:30 p.m.
James City County Library
Join us for fun and shivers as we share slightly scary stories around the campfire, then enjoy hot cocoa and roasted marshmallows. For ages 4+.

Featured Events for Adults

Where to See Fall Foliage
10/23, 2 p.m.
Stryker Center
Blood red, flame orange, and sunburst yellow -- the Virginia Department of Forestry will tell you where you can see all the colors this fall.

Virginia2: Getting Out the Vote
10/2, 3 p.m.
Stryker Center
Join Tim Cwynski from Virginia2 as he discusses how their organization works to educate and excite people to vote.

Dewey Decibel Concert Series

Various Dates, 7:30 p.m.
Williamsburg Library
Mark your calendars for the amazing performances we have coming up this month! Join us on 10/5 for John Bullard, then an evening of arias and duets from the Virginia Opera on 10/17. Next up, series newcomer Nicole Zuratis will take the stage on 10/19. Finally, Higher Ground Big Band will perform on 10/25. Check www.wrl.org/dewey for ticket info.

Using Hardy Ferns in the Landscape
10/8, 2 p.m.
Williamsburg Library
Jim Orband will present a discussion of ferns that are hardy to the climate of the Tidewater area.

Centuries of Art @ Your Library Series

Various Dates, 7:30 p.m.
Williamsburg Library
This popular series, presented in conjunction with the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center and VMFA, is back and better than ever. First up, we'll have "Art of the First Cities: Worship and Warfare in the Art of the Ancient Sumerians" on 10/8. Then on 10/15 we'll have "A Collector's Guide to Prints." Finally, on 10/22 we'll have an encore of photographer John Plash's "A Beautifully Broken Virginia."

Featured Events for Teens

Dia de Muertos Sugar Skull Craft
10/21, 2 p.m.
Williamsburg Library
Create a sugar skull in celebration of this Latin American tradition. Register at 757.259.4050 for ages 11-18.

Teen Tabletop Thursdays
10/25, 6 p.m.
James City County Library
Join us for open tabletop gaming the last Thursday of each month this fall! We have several popular games on hand, and welcome you to bring your own as well. Magic: the Gathering / Yu-Gi-Oh / Pokemon) or D&D dice for a game.

Teen Campfire Night
10/29, 7:45 p.m.
James City County Library
Join us for an hour of teen-only campfire fun. Register at 757.259.4050 and dress for the outdoors!

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

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

The Great American Read

“The Great American Read” is coming to WRL! On Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre, join in a discussion of your favorite book on the list, watch a special screening of an upcoming PBS episode of “The Great American Read,” and learn about the importance of literacy. Vote for your favorite title on “The Great American Read” list, and stop by our social media table to be a part of our short film about what our users’ favorite books are.

There will even be a drawing for a free Kindle e-reader at the end of the event -- all you have to do is fill out a card and write briefly about your favorite book. See you there!

AARP Tax-Aide Needs Volunteers!

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation’s largest volunteer-run tax assistance program, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season. The program provides free tax counseling, preparation, and filing service to taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those aged 60 and older.

This service will be offered from February 1 to April 15, 2019. Our certified tax counselors usually volunteer for one or two 4-hour sessions each week. We also need facilitators for each session to register and do the initial screening of our clients.

You do not need to be a previous tax preparer, retiree, or AARP member to volunteer. Volunteers receive free training in January at the James City County Library. It is a great way to learn new skills and be involved in your community. Tax-Aide is provided in partnership with the IRS. For detailed information about the program and training, contact George Richmond, District Coordinator, at grichmond4@live.com.

STEAM Saturdays are back! Join us on 10/27, when we’ll have Mad Science presenting “Up, Up and Away.” Hot air balloons, vortex generators, and flying toilet paper will help children understand the power of air -- shows at 1 and 3 p.m. at the JCC Library.