More Movies

Join us for these entertaining and compelling films, brought to us by some of our partner organizations in the community.

Jewish Film Festival - Muhi: Generally Temporary
3/3, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Italian Film Series - Light of My Eyes
3/19, 6:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Celtic Film Series - The Rising of the Moon
3/21, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library

All films are free. Find complete film descriptions on our calendar at www.wrl.org/events/films.

Against the Odds

3/7 - Deep Water
3/14 - Flight of the Phoenix
3/21 - Battle of the Bulge
3/28 - North Face

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.

Presidential Trains

Before Air Force One, presidents traveled by rail. What kind of cars did they ride in, how were they different from the cars used by regular people, and which train was the most special? Find out these questions and more with this talk from Adult Services Librarian Andrew Smith.

3/12, 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center

Local Oyster Gardening
3/4, 7 p.m., Stryker Center
Vic Spain, Master Oyster Gardener from the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association (TOGA), will talk about the dramatic rise and fall of the oyster industry in the Chesapeake and discuss how oyster gardeners are working to bring back this unique tradition.

Organic Gardening with Amy’s Garden
3/11, 7 p.m., Stryker Center
Amy Hicks operates a USDA Certified Organic garden in Charles City, Virginia. Her talk will focus on why she chose to pursue a life in organic gardening, its challenges, and why community supported agriculture (CSA) is vital to the local gardening economy.

Gauthier Vineyard
3/18, 7 p.m., Stryker Center
There’s no doubt vino is gaining in popularity in the Commonwealth. Sandi Gauthier from Gauthier Vineyard will talk about how she got into the wine making business, what type of grapes grow in the region, and why Virginia wines can stand up with the very best.

Artisan Cheeses
3/25, 7 p.m., Stryker Center
Patrick Curry from Fayton Farms Artisan Cheeses will discuss crafting cheese, including the history and process of this ancient art. He’ll even offer a demonstration for the audience.

Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation

In January, the Friends of WRL Foundation board approved several grant proposals from library staff for new and ongoing programs. These grants are essential to keeping library collections and programs innovative and responsive to users’ needs and interests. Funds were approved for:

• Multiple copies of popular print and audiovisual titles to shorten hold lists.
• Additional funds to support our new streaming video collection.
• Underwriting the FY20 Dewey Decibel Concert Series.
• Funding to bring children’s authors to the WJCC Public Schools in the 2019-20 school year.
• Funds to purchase technology to support our new Mobile Library Services visits to the Abram Frink Jr. Community Center in Grove.

Learn more at www.wrl.org/give.
Featured Events for Adults

In the Spirit of the People: James Monroe’s Presidential Tours 3/5, 2 p.m., Stryker Center Dan Preston from the University of Mary Washington will help open our exhibit in Stryker about the presidency of James Monroe. Mr. Preston will discuss the importance of the President’s travels and talk more at length about Monroe’s lasting legacy.

The Life of Spiders 3/7, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library William & Mary professor Norman Fashing discusses the fascinating ways that spiders live and thrive in nature.

Dewey Decibel Concert Series Various Dates, Various Times, Williamsburg Library Our popular concert series continues this month with several stellar performances. First up, on 3/9 Joan & Joni, a Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell tribute band, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Then on 3/23, the Virginia Opera will present the classic children’s tale Jack and the Beanstalk in a family-friendly performance at 11 a.m. At 7:30 p.m on 3/23, Little Doors will celebrate the popular music of the mid-20th century with covers of retro soul favorites. Finally, on 3/28 the Ford’s Colony Dance Band will offer up “A Tribute to the Swing Era” at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for Joan & Joni and Little Doors are $5; the Virginia Opera and Ford’s Colony Dance Band shows are free.

Featured Events for Teens

Teen Henna Party 3/2, 1 and 3 p.m., James City County Library Learn about henna body art in world culture and sit for your own henna design. For ages 11-18, register at 757.259.4050.

Cosplay Clinic: Ears & Tails 3/2, 2 p.m., Stryker Center Create a furry tail and ears using simple craft store supplies. Register at 757.259.4050.

Teen Writing Lounge 3/17, 2:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Teen writers are invited for fun prompts and creative exercises. For ages 11-18.

Anime Film and Craft: Ponyo 3/24, 6 p.m., Williamsburg Library Enjoy the film and create a sea creature in polymer clay. For ages 11-18; register at 757.259.4050.

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

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

Car Trouble? We Can Help.

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Don’t Forget -- AARP Tax-Aide Is Going On Now

AARP Tax-Aide is a partnership between WRL and the AARP Foundation in conjunction with the IRS, and it is offered free of charge here at Williamsburg Regional Library. The program’s mission is to provide high-quality, free income tax assistance and tax form preparation to low- and moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Free filing is performed electronically.

Tax-Aide is being offered on an appointment and a walk-in basis at both the Williamsburg Library and the James City County Library February 1 through April 15. Federal tax forms are also available at both libraries, though state tax forms are not. Times vary by location and by day of the week -- call 757.259.4928 for locations, days, and times, and 757.259.4072 to make an appointment.

Featured Events for Kids

Greek Hero Training & Storytime 3/17, 2 p.m., Stryker Center Come earn your place on Mount Olympus! We’ll read and act out some of the most famous myths, and then you’ll have a chance to make a Medusa mask or Cyclops origami eye and complete the trials of Hercules. For ages 5-10.

STEAM Saturdays: Exciting Engineering 3/2, 1 & 2 & 3 p.m. (Repeat Performances), Stryker Center In this program from the Children’s Museum of Richmond, young engineers will be challenged to create simple machines by tinkering with recycled materials. We will also be offering hands-on STEAM activities between 1-4 p.m., including the chance to build and launch your own rocket made of paper, tape, and other materials.

STEAM Saturdays Comes to You 3/23, 10 am - 1 p.m., Abram Frink Jr. Community Center Build your own rocket out of paper, tape, and other materials, then launch it 200 feet into the sky using our compressed-air launcher. Next, build a piano made of bananas with our Makey Makey circuit boards. We’ll also have app-enabled robot orbs, a robot sculpture craft, and other fun activities.

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Car Shopping? War Shopping? We Can Help With That Too.

Ebsco Masterfile offers access to full text Consumer Reports, which features extensive value and safety information for both new and used cars. Find out which cars are considered best in their class, plus read up on the pros and cons of financing and leasing.

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