Holiday Closings

All library facilities will be closed on Sunday, April 21 in observance of Easter. You can always check out ebooks, digital audiobooks, and more at www.wrl.org/digital.

Girl Singers

4/4 - Mad about Music
4/11 - Calamity Jane
4/18 - The Harvey Girls
4/25 - Hello, Frisco, Hello

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.

Virginia Oddities

Adult Services Librarians Avery Hicks and Janet Curtis will share the stories behind many oddities of Virginia. Their talk will take you around the Commonwealth to learn about these unique local spaces and places.

4/23, 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center

Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation Annual Book Sale

It’s time for the Annual Friends Book Sale. Stop by the Williamsburg Community Building for deals on books, CDs, DVDs, and more.

- Friday 4/5 -- 3:00pm to 7:00pm (Open only to Friends members. You may join at the door)
- Saturday 4/6 -- 10:00am to 3:00pm (Open to the public)
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STEAM Saturdays Comes to You

We’re taking STEAM Saturdays on the road this Spring! As part of our ongoing partnership with JCC Parks and Recreation, we’ll be offering our popular STEAM Saturdays programs at the Abram Frink Jr. Community Center.

Mother Nature’s Miracles

Come to the Abram Frink Jr. Community Center for a nature-related STEAM Saturday. At 11 a.m., Ryan the Bugman will bring the incredible world of insects and bugs to life. Stick around after the presentation to get up close with live bugs.

But the fun doesn’t end there -- come any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for more STEAM-related crafts and activities. Make a piano made out of bananas with Makey Makey circuit boards, or build your own rocket out of paper, tape, and other materials and then launch it 200 feet into the sky using our compressed air rocket launcher. We’ll also have app-enabled robot spheres you can program and control, Tinkertoys, a rollercoaster challenge, and an epic domino rally!

Saturday, April 20
10 a.m. - 1 p.m
Abram Frink Jr. Community Center (8901 Pocahontas Tr.)

We’re also hosting weekly pop-up library events at the community center. Every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. we will bring portable library collections, including books and DVDs, into the building. Staff will be on hand to sign people up for library cards, answer reference questions, and make reading suggestions, and we’ll also offer crafts, storytimes, and other children’s programming. Come by and see us!

Check out pg. 3 for information about our regular in-building STEAM Saturday program this month.

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FEATURED EVENTS FOR KIDS

Poses with Picture Books
Weekly on Fridays from 4/5-5/10, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library
We’ll use yoga poses to playfully act out stories and songs in this movement storytime. For ages 4+.

Make Your First Podcast with StoryCorps
4/1, 11 a.m., Stryker Center
Build intergenerational connections and preserve your history by interviewing a family member! We’ll go through the basics, then set you loose to record your interview podcast together. This is a great chance for each child in your family to pair with an adult and learn more about each other through interviews. Register at 757.259.4055, for ages 5+. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Chemistry Magic Show
4/6, 11 a.m., Williamsburg Library
Come learn about the magic of chemistry, where liquids change colors, objects move without being touched, and flowers are smashed to pieces in this fun program from Professor Tyler and the WS&M Chemistry Club.

Featured Events for Teens

Build Your Own Bento Box
4/2, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Build a better lunch by creating a hand-folded origami box and filling it with your own delicious Japanese-style food. Register at 757.259.4050.

Teen Writing Lounge: Zines!
4/14, 2-3:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Join us to learn about zines and how you can incorporate writing and illustrations into your own. For ages 11-18.

Teen Job Fair
4/35, 5-7 p.m., Stryker Center
Teens ages 16+ are invited to meet local youth employers at our annual Teen Job Fair. Whether you’re seeking work or just want to practice your job-searching skills, dress to impress and bring a résumé if you have one. Mock interviews will also be offered.

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