

**Holiday Closings**

All WRL facilities will open at 12 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11 due to a staff event. You can always check out digital resources, including ebooks and downloadable audiobooks, at [www.wrl.org/digital](http://www.wrl.org/digital).



**Movies Inspired by  
Events of 1919**



- 10/3 - *Scarface*
- 10/10 - *Irene*
- 10/17 - *A Dangerous Man: Lawrence after Arabia*
- 10/24 - *Eight Men Out*
- 10/31 - *Viva Zapata!*

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, we'll be learning about amazing apples. Join us for an afternoon of apple tales, trivia, and, of course, tasting!



10/18, 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center



**Special Giving Opportunity**

Good news for those age 70 ½ and older: you can make tax-free gifts to the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation directly from your IRA, up to \$100,000 every year. Even better, these gifts count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This popular provision of the tax code, made permanent in 2015, applies to all qualified donors whether or not you itemize.

While these charitable IRA distributions are non-deductible, they do not increase your taxable income and are therefore tax-free. They also count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), and can be used to make your annual gifts and pledge payments to the Friends of WRL Foundation for unrestricted support, endowment, and other purposes.

Only donors age 70 ½ qualify, and these gifts can only be made from Traditional or Roth IRAs. Qualified charitable distributions can be made in cumulative amounts up to \$100,000 at any time during the year, but checks must be postmarked by December 31. These gifts are easy to make but there are special steps you must follow. Check with your financial advisor to determine if a Charitable IRA distribution is right for you. For more information about the Charitable IRA Rollover, contact Benjamin Goldberg, Library Development Officer at 757.259.4042 or visit us at [www.wrl.org/give](http://www.wrl.org/give).

**Introducing the Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio**



Exciting changes are coming to the James City County Library this fall, as the children's area undergoes a major renovation that will transform it into a vibrant, engaging new space that will place focus on the twin literacy skills of reading and play. The Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio will be a vibrant hybrid of a traditional library and a "children's museum"-style space full of books and interactive elements that help kids of all ages build literacy skills while having fun at the library. The completed Idea Studio is expected to debut in early 2020.

Features of the Idea Studio include:

- Great Books and Media Collections
- Cozy Reading Nooks
- Interactive Projection Wall
- Awesome Air Tubes
- Magnetic Ball Wall
- Illuminated Pixel Peg Wall
- LEGO Wall
- Build It Center
- Play Village with House, Market, and Pet Vet
- Art Studio



"Children begin learning literacy skills well before they even understand what reading and writing are. Play is the chief learning activity of children, and toys and games are their first reading tools. Essentially, play is the most important 'work' of children."

-WRL Youth Services Director Sandy Towers

Learn more at [www.wrl.org/idea-studio](http://www.wrl.org/idea-studio)

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## Featured Events for Kids



### Fang-tastic 3D Pens

10/19, 2-4 p.m.

*Stryker Center*

Tweens and teens, are you putting your costumes together and need a finishing touch? We've got you covered. Come use our 3D pens to craft spooky and spectacular Halloween accessories. For ages 9-18.

### Art Bot Adventure

10/22, 4:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Build some "art armor" for a programmable Sphero robot, then set it loose to create a masterpiece... double the creativity! No coding experience necessary. For ages 6+.

### The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

10/26, 1 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman are just spooky enough to delight as the days get shorter, the air gets colder, and the nights turn long and dark. Bright Star Theatre has put together a perfect introduction to this literary classic by Washington Irving. Recommended for ages 7-13.

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



### Teens' Fright Night Out

10/18, 7-9 p.m.,

*Stryker Center*

Teens ages 13-18 are invited after library hours for music, cosplay, food, and frightful activities. R.S.V.P. at 757.259.4050. Costumes not required, but highly encouraged!

### Teen Advisory Group

10/3, 6-8 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

10/20, 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.

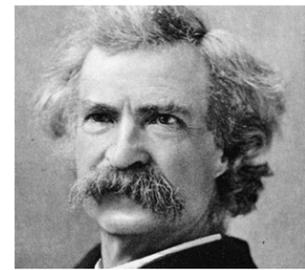
### Teen Tabletop Tuesdays

10/8, 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



### Mark Twain Visits WRL

10/6, 2 p.m.,

*Williamsburg Library*

See and hear this American legend, in his own words, as portrayed by actor Gary Robertson.

### Dewey Decibel Concert Series

Various Dates, 7:30 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Our popular, long-running concert series continues this month with a fantastic line-up of talented performers. First up, Frank Vignola's Hot Jazz Guitar Trio takes the stage on 10/19, offering up unique, fresh arrangements of everything from Beethoven and Bach to Paul Simon and Frank Zappa. Then on 10/25, the Runaway String Band and the Cary Street Ramblers team up for a rollicking evening of old-time music sure to please fans of both bands. Finally, on 10/29 the Virginia Opera returns for "An Evening of Opera & Broadway." Check [www.wrl.org/dewey-decibel](http://www.wrl.org/dewey-decibel) for ticket info.

### What Does Data Privacy Mean For You?

10/8, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Students from William & Mary Law School will discuss issues and concerns regarding the use and manipulation of personal information on social media platforms, including the potential liabilities these companies face from regulatory authorities and how this may affect social media users.

### How to Make Your Own Compost!

10/12, 11 a.m., *James City County Library*

With an abundance of falling leaves, autumn is a great time to think about composting. VCE Master Gardener Justin Diaz will explain the science behind making compost and help you get started.

### Jell-O and Other Mid-Century Culinary Essentials

10/16, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

In the 1950s and 60s, frozen meals and pre-packaged foods made dinner faster and easier for the home cook, and entertaining featured appetizers with ingredients such as gelatin, canned fruit, and olives. Join us for this fun lecture, complete with a few tasty nibbles inspired by our discussion.

### Recycling in Our Community

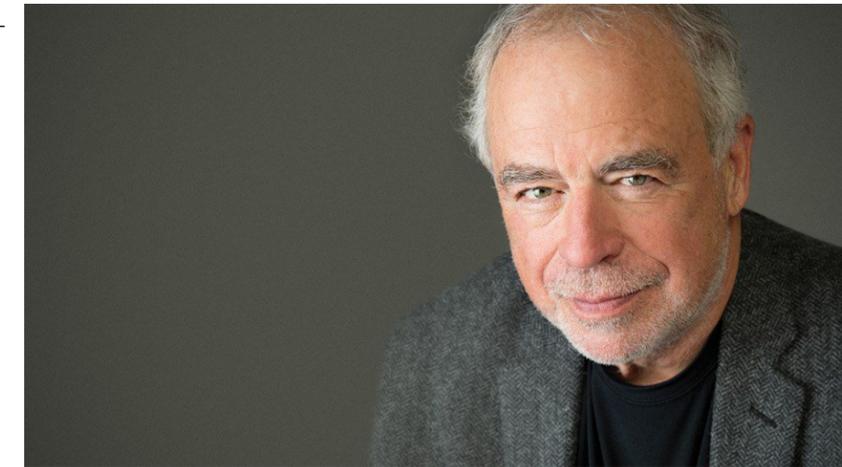
10/23, 2 p.m., *Stryker Center*

Join William & Mary's Director of Sustainability Calandra Waters Lake and Environmental Coordinator for James City County Dawn Oleksy for a moderated discussion on recycling. Learn how the college and the county plan to take on challenges coming to recycling, and ask these experts your questions.

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

## Author Spotlight: Richard Russo

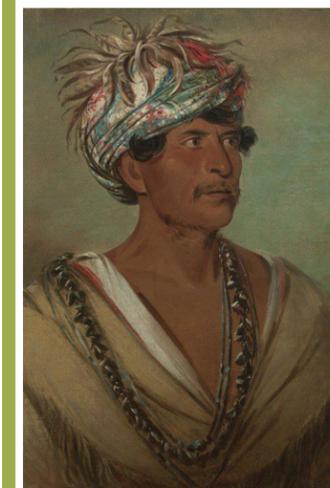
Richard Russo's writing focuses on small-town America, particularly the faded industrial towns of the Northeast. His novels contain elements of the author's autobiography, and Russo uses this to make his characters read like living, breathing people. They have never made it big, and perhaps never will, but are still giving life the good fight. With drama, humor, and relationships that will remind readers of their own, Russo finds nobility in the everyday.



Russo has written nine novels, two books of stories, a book of essays, and a memoir. Follow Russo's trajectory by starting with his first novels, *Mohawk* and *The Risk Pool*, or jump forward to mid-career masterpieces. *Nobody's Fool* mines territory in which Russo is especially brilliant—the relationships of fathers and sons. It's about a man in midlife struggling not to follow in his ne'er-do-well father's footsteps. *Straight Man* finds comic gold in the life of an English Department chairman at a small college whose routine academic life is thrown into chaos in one disastrous—but very funny—week. His Pulitzer Prize winner, *Empire Falls*, features Miles Roby, who runs the Empire Grill in a fading New England lumber and mill town. Roby and his town share similar fates: they are hard-working, decent, but have fallen on hard times. Both man and town struggle to find their way until fortunes revive.

Two of Russo's books have been adapted, *Nobody's Fool* as a film featuring Bruce Willis, Paul Newman, and Melanie Griffith, and *Empire Falls* as a miniseries with Ed Harris, Helen Hunt, Paul Newman, and Joanne Woodward. Both are very well acted, loyal to the source, and will give you a sense of Russo's work.

New this summer is the novel *Chances Are...*, in which three men who have been friends since their college days convene on Martha's Vineyard. In the course of their reunion, they are forced to forego their usual stoicism. They open up about their past and present, particularly what happened after 1969, when they waited together to see if they would be drafted into the Vietnam War and when they also all loved Jacy, a woman who later disappeared. This new novel shows Russo working familiar themes in fresh ways, this time bringing more suspense and mystery to his story line. It's another winner from an author who has become an American classic.



## Centuries of Art Returns!

This popular series, presented in partnership with the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, returns this month for its fall season.

- 10/14 -- Face Value: Portraiture in American Art
- 10/21 -- Pencil and Powder: Combat Artists of the Civil War
- 10/28 -- Climbing the Walls: Building Chartres Cathedral (1150–1260)
- 11/4 -- Intended & Unintended Meanings of the American Monument

All programs are free and take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Williamsburg Library.