Library Hours
Mon-Thu: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Library Closings
All WRL facilities will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 for New Years and MLK Day respectively.
You can check out digital items at www.wrl.org.

Talks@2: Drive-In Movies
Travel back to a bygone era! Adult Services Librarian Andrew Smith talks about America’s obsession with drive-in movies — January 17, 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center.

Thursday Film Series
This Month: “Manuary” — movies about manly men
01/04 - Across the Wide Missouri
01/11 - A Bridge Too Far
01/18 - The Searchers
01/25 - The Bridges at Toko-Ri

All feature films begin at 2 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre. Find complete film descriptions on our calendar at wrl.org/events/films.

New Year—New Reads
Start the new year off with some great reading at a great price by shopping in the Friends of WRL Foundation Book Nooks. Staffed by volunteers, the Book Nooks are a prime place to find a new author or catch up with older titles that you might have missed. In addition to books, you will find music CDs and LPs, DVDs, and magazines all at very reasonable prices. Funds from the the Book Nook sales support WRL, collections and programs.

Find out more about joining the Friends of WRL Foundation or volunteering in the Book Nooks at wrl.org/friends.

Friends Book Sale Figures
• Month to Date Sales: $6,325.70
• Year to Date: $85,834.85

Mark your calendars: AARP Tax-Aide at WRL starts February 1 and runs through April 17. For more information about the program, head to www.wrl.org/taxes.
Featured Events for Kids

National Puzzle Day
01/29, 4-7 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Celebrate National Puzzle Day at the library! Drop in to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and a variety of fun puzzles for the whole family.

Learn to Play the Ukulele
Sat. Jan. 6 & Feb. 10, 10-11 a.m., Williamsburg Library
Students will sharpen their skills in note reading, rhythm, technique, and music theory while having a blast playing well known classical, pop, and Hawaiian tunes. Ukuleli provide. The younger class will accept kids 6-8, the older class will accept kids 9-15. Go to www.wrl.org/events for dates and times; call 757.259.4050 to register.

Puppet Storytime
01/20, 01/27, 11 a.m., James City County Library
Our puppets and teen puppeteers are back for a fantastic monthly storytime for ages 3+. Sing and dance with our puppets and enjoy stories, games, and other activities.

Check out all this month’s events and storytimes for kids at wrl.org/kids.

Featured Events for Teens

Teen Dungeons & Dragons
01/07, 01/14, 01/21, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Learn to play this classic role-playing game and join a quest! Sign up for all three sessions at 757.259.4050.

Teen Anime Trivia
01/11, 6 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Battle other fans in a teen trivia contest!

Teen Tech Lab: Circuits
01/07, 01/14, 01/21, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library
The techies from Gizmoes will lead a workshop on soldering and then heading over for the show. We’ll also occasionally offer repeat screening of one of the indie films or documentaries from our collection to scratch your art film itch. All movies will begin at 7 p.m., so make a date night of it by grabbing dinner downtown and then heading over for the show. We’ll also occasionally offer repeat showings for those who don’t like to venture out so late.

Cinema @ Scotland Street: A New Art Film Series

Are you missing your fix of independent films, art flocks, and documentaries ever since the Kimball Theatre stopped showing them? Then wander down to the Cinema @ Scotland Street! The fourth Wednesday of every month, the Williamsburg Library Theatre will offer a free screening of one of the indie films or documentaries from our collection to scratch your art film itch. All movies will begin at 7 p.m., so make a date night of it by grabbing dinner downtown and then heading over for the show. We’ll also occasionally offer repeat screenings for those who don’t like to venture out so late.

Job Hunting January

Did you know that January is considered one of the best months of the year to look for a job? With all the holiday hubbub behind us, the start of the new year is a great time to start exploring new career opportunities, and WRL is here to help.

Our subscription to Lynda.com gives you access to free courses on the subjects you need to get ahead in your career -- everything from business to technology to creative skills. For those who are looking for something a little more basic, the library also offers several beginner and intermediate computer and technology skills each month at both library locations. Get a solid foundation in Microsoft Office Suite programs like Excel and Powerpoint, or even check out one of our specialty resume building classes. You can find links to all these resources and more at www.wrl.org/jobs. Happy hunting!

Getaway Cafe -- A Program for Adults with Early Memory Loss

This January, Williamsburg Regional Library is launching the Getaway Cafe -- a new program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners. Inspired by the Alzheimer Association’s popular Memory Cafe model, this series will take place at the James City County Library on the third Friday of every month from 2-3:30 p.m., January through June.

So what exactly is the Getaway Cafe? Like other Memory Cafes, it engages people with early memory loss and their care partners in a shared experience that includes conversation and cognitive stimulation. Every session will be based around a theme designed to stimulate conversation and memory recollection, art, movement, and music, and will include short talks, group and paired discussion sessions, and special visitors from the community.

The first Getaway Cafe will take place on Friday, January 19, and the theme for this debut session is "Pets." Few topics spark as many fond memories as our four-legged family companions, making this the perfect subject to spend the afternoon reminiscing about. The program will begin with a short talk on "Presidential Pets," the dogs, cats, and other animals that have inhabited the White House. This light and informative program will then segue into the day’s breakout activity, where small groups of attendees will have the chance to gather around some cute, funny, and interesting animal photos and share stories about the memories they inspire. Finally, the day will conclude with a visit from K9 Connection’s therapy dogs, and participants can enjoy some quality time spent socializing with the dogs and each other. Light refreshments will also be served.

For more information about the Getaway Cafe, call 757.259.4050 or visit www.wrl.org/early-memory-loss.

Featured Events for Adults

Opioid Crisis in Virginia
01/18, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Opioids are a major issue in the U.S. and Virginia -- this informative talk will offer some insight into the current epidemic.

Italian Film Series: Bread and Chocolate
01/11, 6:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Evee-bumbling Nino (Nino Manfredi) is an illegal Italian immigrant working in a Swiss hotel. Waiting on the wealthy, he feels as if he’s carved out his own place in paradise. When he loses his job after being arrested, Nino goes into hiding.

Aft 'er Thoughts
01/11, 7 p.m., Virginia Beer Company
Can we separate art we love from the behavior of the artist? Let’s meet to discuss this topic that’s recently become all too relevant.

Beginning Taijiquan
01/13, 10:30 a.m., James City County Library
Improve your strength and balance with this ancient Chinese practice. Beginners welcomed!

Celtic Film Series: Calvary
01/18, 7:00 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Peel back the rumors and myths behind the Colonial Parkway murders with author-investigators of the book A Special Kind of Evil.

Dorsey Decibel Concert Series
01/26 and 01/30, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Catch the Ken and Brad Kolodner Band on 01/26 -- this dynamic father-son team weaves together a captivating soundscape on hammered dulcimer, banjo, fiddles, and vocals, pushing the boundaries of the American old-time tradition into uncharted territory. Then on 01/30, the Virginia Opera presents An Evening of Opera & Broadway.

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop
01/31, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Members of the Confucius Institute will teach you how to create calligraphy. Sign up required at 757.259.4050.

Find all of this month’s library programs & classes at wrl.org/events

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

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