Last Days of Summer Reading
Summer Reading is wrapping up this month – mark your calendars:
Last Day to Share Titles for Kids and Teens:
  - August 11
Last Day to Share Titles for Adults:
  - August 31
We hope you’ve had fun reading with us this summer!

Hot Days, Cold Hearts
8/1 - Double Indemnity
8/8 - This Gun for Hire
8/15 - The Postman Always Rings Twice
8/22 - Murder, My Sweet
8/29 - The Killers

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.

Fiction and nonfiction, teen titles, and lots of picture books mean you can find something for every reader in the family. You can also purchase audiobooks and music CDs to listen to in the car.

Find out more about the Friends of WRL at www.wrl.org/give and start reading today.

Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation
Looking for a great last minute read to take with you on an end-of-summer vacation? The Friends of WRL Book Nooks at each library are filled with wonderful titles for all ages, and at bargain prices!

Take a late summer stroll down to the Stryker Center to see the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Artmobile, which will be setting up outside on August 10-11. This interactive mobile museum features original work by Virginia artists.

The exhibit’s theme is “How Far Can Creativity Take You?” and features works by 12 Virginia artists, all past winners of the Fellowship that the VMFA awards each year. The works were produced between 1940 and 2017 and are a diverse mix of paintings, photographs, and prints. The artists themselves have roots all over the Commonwealth.

The exhibition is divided into three sections, beginning with an introduction to the VMFA and its unique history of serving the Commonwealth of Virginia. This history includes highlights of the statewide programs, including video footage and historic images. The second space is a gallery presenting works of art along with in-depth video interviews with the artists, VMFA curators, and educators. The exhibit also includes a modular studio where visitors can participate in a collaborative project to be completed over the course of the Artmobile’s tour, and also create their own take-home project. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, August 10 & Sunday, August 11
1-5 p.m., Stryker Center

Create Your Own Masterpiece
Join Christy Clements from Wine & Design as she guides you through this fun painting class held during the VMFA’s Artmobile exhibit. Registration required at 757.259.4050.

Saturday, August 10, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Featured Events for Kids

STEAM Saturdays
8/24, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Abram Frink Jr.
Community Center
Join astrophotography enthusiast Chris Becke as he describes how to photograph easy targets with equipment you may already have. He'll lead you through increasingly sophisticated tools and techniques to capture more challenging astronomical objects such as nebulae, galaxies, and even the rings of Saturn.

In the Garden (with WRL): Beyond Dogwood and Redbud
8/10, 11 a.m., Styrkry Center
Explore the variety of trees you can enjoy while adding curb appeal to your home, including planting tips, proper pruning, and disease prevention.

Discover Your Family Roots
8/3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., James City County Library
Find all of this month’s library programs & classes at www.wrl.org/events.

Featured Events for Adults

Introduction to Astrophotography
8/6, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Join astrophotography enthusiast Chris Becke as he describes how to photograph easy targets with equipment you may already have. He'll lead you through increasingly sophisticated tools and techniques to capture more challenging astronomical objects such as nebulae, galaxies, and even the rings of Saturn.

Preserving Family Treasures
8/15, 7 p.m., James City County Library
Do you have family photographs, books, letters, and other treasures that need to be preserved? Jay Gaigmord, Director of Special Collections in the Earl Gregg Swem Library at William & Mary, will provide basic tips for preserving your family's history so it can be enjoyed by future generations.

Tech Zee Zoooo
8/24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Meet one-on-one with a certified career coach to discuss career goals and job seeking skills. Register at 757.259.4050.

Getaway Cafe’ Friend for Life
8/26, 12:30 p.m., Styrkry Center
Come out to this special program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners -- this month we’ll be discussing service animals and the amazing things they do to help people. Meet a pup/FCW trainer pair from "Mutts with a Mission," a local organization that trains and pairs service dogs with veterans and wounded warriors.

Dewey Decibel Concert Series: Peninsula Concert Band
8/20, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
The Peninsula Concert Band has been performing in the Tidewater area for over sixty-five years. Their mission is to educate, entertain, and enrich the community.

Teen Writing Lounge
8/11, 2-3:30 p.m., James City County Library
Tweens and teens are invited to create a memory wire bracelet using simple tools and supplies. For ages 11-18.

Learn to Make Beats!
8/17, 12:30 p.m., Styrkry Center
Recording professional and teacher Sean Slaughter of Life Power Music Mentoring leads this workshop on creating and mixing music using free digital software. For ages 13-18, register at 757.259.4050.

Music Thursdays on the Plaza
Bring your lunch and enjoy the warm breeze from 11:30 a.m. til 1:30 p.m. each Thursday from July 11 through August 29 on the library plaza. Local musicians will provide delightful background music as you take a break — check our calendar at www.wrl.org/events for information about specific performers each week.

Check out this month’s great kids events & more at www.wrl.org/kids.

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

Discover Your Family Roots
Williamsburg Regional Library is excited to announce two new resources for genealogists that are available to WRL users. Starting this month, anyone with a library card can access our new subscription to Fold3, the premier collection of US military records from the Revolutionary War to the present day. Additionally, Fold3 includes a variety of international military records as well as non-military records, including naturalization records, Native American and African American records collections, passport applications, and more. Military records include not only registers and service records but also letters, maps, and photographs. Fold3 is a treasure trove for anyone researching a family member who served in the armed forces, and is available in the library or from home with a valid WRL card.

Genealogists know that there is an abundance of records available from the FamilySearch databases, provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. But up until now access to many of those resources was limited to those who could get to a Family History Center. WRL is pleased to announce that both our library locations are now registered FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries, meaning that many records that would otherwise be locked can now be accessed on computers at either library location. FamilySearch includes the largest collection of genealogical and historical records in the world, and is international in scope. Virginia genealogists will be excited to get full access to vital records such as Virginia Deaths and Burials, 1853-1912, previously only available at the Library of Virginia or through interlibrary loan. A free, easy-to-set-up FamilySearch account is required to access all of these resources.

In addition to these new resources, genealogists should also be aware that WRL also provides access in the library and remotely to Heritage Quest, which allows you to search census data and genealogical books and magazines as well as explore special resources devoted to African-Americans and to the Revolutionary War, Ancestry Library Edition (only available in the buildings), which includes US census records, military records, court, land and probate records, vital and church records, directories, passenger lists, and more; and our own Virginia Gazette Obituary Index, which gathers together all of the obituaries published in the local paper from 1930 to the present.

Get started exploring your roots with all of WRL's great family history resources at www.wrl.org/genealogy, or stop by the reference desk at either library location for help with these resources.