Holiday Closings

All WRL facilities will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and remain closed Nov. 28-29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. You can always check out digital resources, including ebooks and downloadable audiobooks, at www.wrl.org/digital.

What's Playing This Month?

Let's Go To The Movies!

Did you know that WRL has five different film series that run throughout the year in our Theatre?

Thursday Film Series
Now in its 15th year, this series screens a variety of classic and contemporary movies for an adult audience. Themes change every month; we even have “User’s Recommendation” months every so often.

What's Playing This Month?
11/7 - Mrs. Miniver
11/14 - Follow Me, Boys
11/21 - You Can’t Take It with You
11/26 - Home for the Holidays***

***Special Tuesday Screening

Cinema @ Scotland Street
This series features indie, foreign, art house, and documentary films. It takes place the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Next Up: They Shall Not Grow Old (R) (11/20)
In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, filmmaker Peter Jackson used groundbreaking computer restoration technology on archival film footage to create a moving real-to-life depiction of World War I. We’ll have a bonus screening of this film on 11/11 at 2 p.m.

Next Up: Celtic Film Series -- The Fighting 69th (11/14, 7 p.m.)

Watch and Stream Movies at Home

When you’re more in the mood for a cozy night in than a trip to the theatre, WRL has you covered! In addition to our extensive DVD collection, we offer free movie streaming through Kanopy and RBDigital. With Kanopy, library card holders can stream up to four movies per month from a collection of over 30,000 documentaries and classic and foreign films. RBDigital gives you access to Acorn TV (world-class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond), Great Courses, IndieFlix, and more great streaming content. Get started today at www.wrl.org/streaming-video.

November 2019
Williamsburg Regional Library
Featured Events for Kids
Star Wars Reads Day
11/2, 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center
The fun of a galaxy far, far away is coming to the library. Star Wars fans of all ages are invited to enjoy crafts, trivia, games, and more. Costumes are encouraged!

Sphero Light Painting
11/12, 4:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Help create a glowing group art project! With the help of a long-exposure camera app, teams will create colorful “paintings” by driving LED-lit Sphero robots. No coding experience required! For ages 6+.

The Nutcracker Suite
11/23, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
It’s time once again to enjoy the loveliest of holiday traditions as the Concert Ballet of Virginia, the state’s oldest continually operating ballet company, presents The Nutcracker Suite. The bright, colorful costumes and exciting, enthusiastic performances by dancers from throughout Virginia are sure to delight children of all ages.

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

Featured Events for Adults
Goodbye Booze: The Music of Prohibition
11/12, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Gospel songwriters and Tin Pan Alley tunesmiths produced a torrent of commentary on alcohol through their music. Historian Greg D. Kimball of the Library of Virginia will trace this musical legacy through spoken narrative, period images, and live and recorded music.

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. Returning favorite Charm City Junction takes the stage on 11/13 with their dance-inducing old-time rhythms and foot-stomping Irish melodies. Then on 11/21, The Ford’s Colony Dance Band will salute big band royalty with a 90-minute Tribute to Count Basie, including favorites like “April in Paris,” “Shiny Stockings,” “Cute,” “Hay Burner,” and “Jive at Five.”

Check www.wrl.org/dewey-decibel for ticket info.

Intended & Unintended Meanings of the American Monument
11/4, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
The moment of the unveiling of a public monument marks the end of a process. Whatever the intended meaning, once in the public eye an installation acquires its own history. This talk explores the varied meanings of American monuments.

In the Garden: Irresistible Irises
11/9, 11 a.m., Stryker Center
Iris flowers caught the imagination of a pharaoh nearly four millennia ago and found their way into our history, myth, and folklore. Join iris enthusiast and VCE Master Gardener Elizabeth McCoy as she unravels the mystery of the many different types of iris, their growing habits, and what care they need to thrive.

Getaway Café: Thymely Tips
11/15, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Cinnamon, nutmeg, and coriander, once exotic and extravagant, are kitchen staples today. A Mariners’ Museum guest speaker will take us on a spicy journey into the European Age of Exploration in this program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners.

It’s NaNoWriMo Time!

November is National Novel Writing Month, better known as NaNoWriMo. 2019 marks the twentieth year of the annual writing challenge which encourages writers to get 50,000 words on paper (or hard drive) between November 1-30. Many traditionally-published and self-published novels began their first drafts as NaNoWriMo projects – here’s what we have going on at the library to help you get started on your own project.

NaNoWriMo: Ways and Means to Publishing
11/9, 1-3 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Members of the Chesapeake Bay Writers will encourage you on your writing journey. This panel discussion brings together local publishers and editors, including Jeanne Johansen from High Tide Publications, a small traditional press in Deltaville, Virginia; Dawn Brotherton from Blue Dragon Publishing, a Williamsburg-based hybrid publisher; and Narielle Living from Blue Fortune Enterprises in Yorktown, who also serves as the editor of Next Door Neighbors Magazine.

Open Mic with Chesapeake Bay Writers
11/17, 1-3 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Williamsburg Regional Library and Chesapeake Bay Writers are joining to sponsor an Open Mic for writers of all sorts! Bring your poetry or prose, fiction or nonfiction, and share your writing. Five minute limit per person. Feel free to bring your coffee or tea.

Looking for programs for teen writers? Check out “Teen NaNoWriMo Workshops” on pg. 2!

Featured Events for Teens
Teen NaNoWriMo Workshops
Open Mic with Chesapeake Bay Writers
Teen Tabletop Tuesdays

Teens are welcome to gather at the Williamsburg Library to work on their novels. A local writer will help you get started on your NaNoWriMo project, as well as provide ideas and assist with library tasks. Application required; contact teens@wrl.org for more information. For ages 13-18.

November 3-9 is International Games Week, and we’re celebrating with events for game enthusiasts of all ages!

Head to www.wrl.org/events for more information on these programs and more.

- Chess Open Play – Every Sunday, 2-4 p.m., Williamsburg Library
- Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament (13-adult) – 11/5, 1 p.m. Williamsburg Library Theatre
- Going Cardboard: A Board Game Documentary – 11/8, 4 p.m. Williamsburg Library Theatre
- Build a Game with Bloxels (10-adult) – 11/9, 2 p.m. Williamsburg Library

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

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