

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.



We get by with a lot of help from our Friends

Here at Williamsburg Regional Library we offer over 3,900 different programs and services to the communities of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County. Most of what we do is driven by one simple premise:

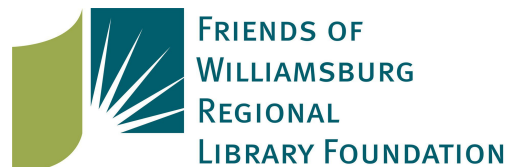
Reading is the most basic skill in a world of information.

Support from the Friends is helping to build a community of readers from birth to adulthood. Here are a few examples of the programs they help make possible.

Our **Hospital Outreach Program** provides the parents of every newborn baby at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center with a children's book and advice on encouraging reading from day one.

Our **Children's Summer Reading Program** is the largest of its kind, per capita, in the nation. This summer over 4,700 children of all ages registered for Summer Reading, which featured an extravaganza of events including crafts, live performances, puppet shows, outdoor fun, and much more – all of it focused on the power of reading. Our busy readers logged an astounding 14,884 hours of reading. Perhaps best of all, at the end of the summer students are invited to pick out their very own book as a gift from the library.

This year over 980 people signed up for our **Adult Summer Reading Program**. They received book recommendations, shared their book reviews online and were awarded fun prizes for reading multiple books – we're all just kids at heart!



None of these programs are possible without the help of our Friends. We know you have many requests for donations from very worthy causes – the decisions are difficult. But we hope you will consider becoming a Friend of the library by making a gift on our secure online giving page at www.wrl.org/give.

Your library is a thriving community of readers because people like you care enough to invest in the power of literacy.



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.

Celtic Film Series, Italian Film Series, and Jewish Film Series

These series are presented in partnership with the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the Colonial Italian American Organization, and the Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival, respectively. They take place intermittently throughout the year -- check www.wrl.org/events to see what's coming up.

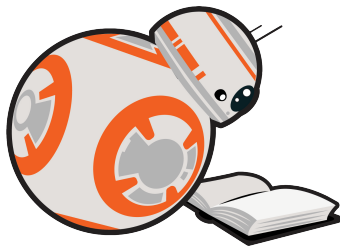
Next Up: Celtic Film Series -- *The Fighting 69th* (11/14, 7 p.m.)

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.



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 Teens



Teen NaNoWriMo Workshops

11/3 & 11/24, 2-3:30 p.m.

James City County Library

Are you ramping up your writing for National Novel Writing Month? Let us help you get your 10,000 words or simply help fuel your fanfiction. For ages 11-18.

Teen Advisory Group

11/7, 6-8 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

11/17, 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 for more information. For ages 13-18.

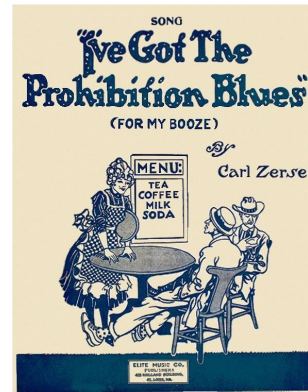
Teen Tabletop Tuesdays

11/12, 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.

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 Gregg 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 11/3 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.

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

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*.

NaNoWriMo Write-Ins

11/12, 11/19, & 11/26, 7-9 p.m., *Williamsburg Library*

Writers are welcome to gather at the Williamsburg Library to work on their novels. A local writer will be on hand each evening to provide moral support.

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!



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