

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 Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. You can always find digital items to check out at www.wrl.org.



Talks@2: A Regional Tour of Spain



From the splendor of the Alhambra to the wonders of Zaragoza, Adult Services Library Rachael Nelson takes you on a guided tour of the glories of Spain. Join us for this free presentation on 12/12 at 2 p.m. in the Stryker Center.

Thursday Film Series

This Month: Victorian Classics

- 12/07 - *The Great Train Robbery*
- 12/14 - *The Wings of the Dove*
- 12/21 - *A Christmas Carol*
- 12/28 - *Young Winston*

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.



A generous grant from the Friends of WRL Foundation has allowed the library to offer a great new ticket price for all of our Dewey Decibel concerts. At \$5 per show (\$4 for Friends members), this new price opens up the concert series to even more community members. This fall, we have seen an 23% increase in concert attendance, with 1,289 attendees enjoying great music at the library.



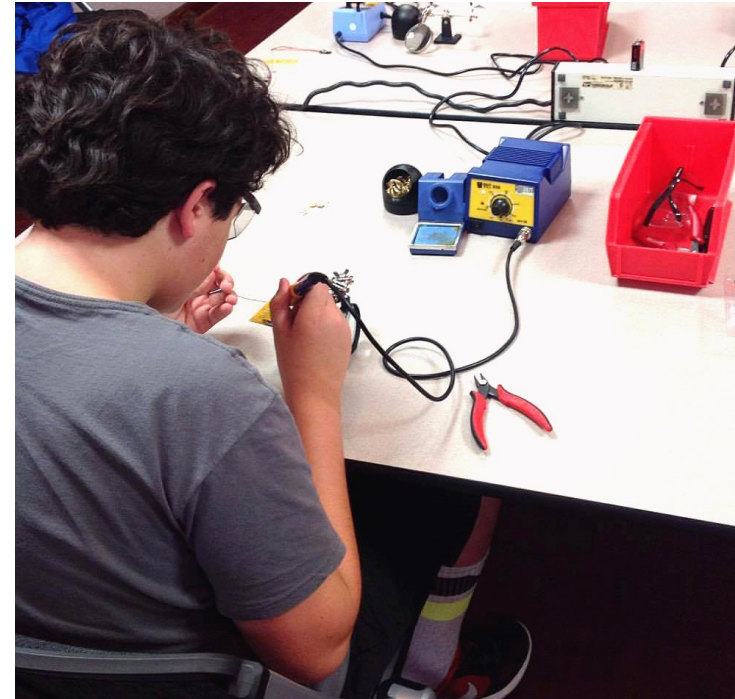
"Support from the Friends of WRL Foundation allows the library to bring in great musical programs that resonate with the community," says WRL Program Services Director Rob Haas. Check out the spring concert schedule at www.wrl.org/dewey-decibel.

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: \$6,590.52
- Year to Date: \$79,509.15

STEAM Saturdays Coming in 2018

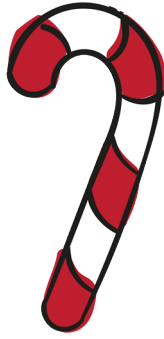


Bring the whole family for a fun and educational afternoon out on our new STEAM Saturdays. One weekend each month, WRL will be hosting exciting STEAM (that's science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) programs at the James City County Library. We'll have big events – like performances from Mad Science and Brian Curry Mathmagician, animal encounters, or tech labs with local robotics clubs – on Saturday afternoons, plus other hands-on activities taking place before and after the main event. Join us again on the Sunday following the program for STEAM open play. This series is underwritten with the generous support of the Friends of WRL Foundation.



Mark your calendars now for our STEAM Saturdays on 1/13, 2/24, 3/17, 4/21, and 5/19, and stay tuned for more information about the amazing programs and guests we have lined up.

Featured Events for Kids



Chris & Neal's Holiday Magic Show

12/02, 1 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

Our favorite Carolina rockstar magicians roll back into Williamsburg for another round of stunning illusions and gut-busting laughter, wrapped around the positive and uplifting message of their holiday magic show.

Mad Science Winter Show

12/28, 11 a.m., Williamsburg Library

You never know what is hiding in the snow banks when you spend a jolly holiday with a Mad Scientist! Help Santa "Eggbert" get down a glass chimney, lend a hand to Mother Nature by creating an indoor snowfall, and de-frost Frosty. And what shall we do about Jack Frost's cold? This holiday special event will use a little magic plus fun, exciting science demonstrations.

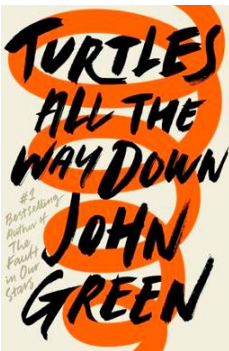
Puppet Storytime

12/30, 11 a.m., James City County Library

Sing and dance with our puppets and enjoy stories, games, and other activities. Our puppets and teen puppeteers are back for a fantastic monthly storytime, recommended for ages 3+.

Check out [all](#) this month's events and storytimes for kids at wrl.org/kids.

Featured Events for Teens



Teen Book Discussion: John Green and Turtles All the Way Down

12/28, 7 p.m.

James City County Library

Join us to talk about John Green's latest, as well as any of your favorite books from the best-selling young adult author, and enjoy refreshments. RSVP at 259.4050.

Make a Mug

12/22, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Create a marbled art mug using nail polish -- our librarians will show you how! Sign up at 757.259.4050.

Teens' Night Out

12/29, 7-9 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Come for teens-only after-hours fun at the library! Join us for an ugly sweater contest, gingerbread house-making, a hot beverage bar, WiiU gaming, and other activities.

Check out [all](#) this month's great teen events and more at www.wrl.org/teens.

Featured Events for Adults



Ken Conger Photography: Four of a Kind

12/13, 7 p.m.

Williamsburg Library

Wildlife photographer Ken Conger will present a buffet of spectacular photos captured during his 2016 adventures to the Amazon, Assam (India), Artic, and special places in America.

Fords Colony Model Railroad Club Train Show

12/02 & 12/03, library business hours, JCC Library

Get your holidays on track with this annual tradition. New layouts join old favorites -- marvel at the detailed settings and intricate track planning. Don't forget to stop by the Norge Depot to learn a bit about Williamsburg railroad history.

The First Ladies: Behind the Gowns

12/06, 2 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Discover the fascinating stories behind the gowns and accessories worn by the First Ladies in this illustrated talk by popular local author Feather Schwartz Foster. This presentation is being repeated (with new and exciting additional material) for those who were unable to attend earlier this year.

Will Rogers' USA

12/09, 3 p.m., James City County Library

Actor Rob Cork and Kaleidoscope Theatre Company use the great American humorist's own words to tell his story.

Peninsula Concert Band Christmas Show

12/12, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Join us for this spirited holiday performance from one of the area's most enduring musical acts.

After Thoughts

12/14, 7 p.m., Virginia Beer Company

Internet trolls have gained a great deal of power online. We'll read an article by Whitney Phillips from *The Atlantic* and discuss the sticky subject of online trolling. This discussion group meeting will take place at the Virginia Beer Company, located at 401 Second Street.

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



A Dickens Christmas

Williamsburg Regional Library continues to have a *Dickens of a Time* this December. We've spent the last several weeks celebrating the life and works of Charles Dickens through a series of movies, talks, and other programs. Now we are concluding the festivities with "A Dickens Christmas" at the James City County Library on Friday, December 8 from 4 to 8:30 pm.

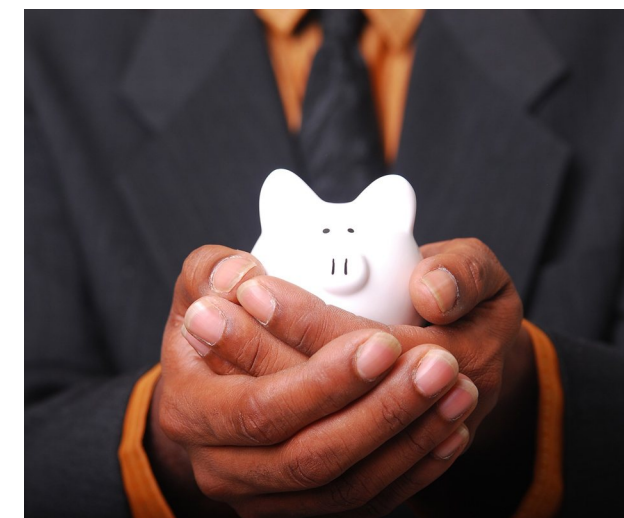
"A Dickens Christmas" is for the whole family, from the tiniest Tim to the oldest Scrooge. The event will feature two performances of "Master Thespian's Christmas Carol" by the Virginia Theatre Machine at 5:30 and 8 p.m. -- this fast and furious telling of Dickens' classic tale in just thirty minutes is sure to charm audiences with its humor, creativity, and heart.

Additionally, the event will highlight lesser-known aspects of both Dickensian and Virginian Christmases of yore, with talks including "Historical Christmas in Virginia" by Wilford Kale at 4 p.m., "Christmas, Dickens, and Children" by Simon Joyce at 6 p.m., "Virginia's Legendary Santa Trains" by Doug Riddell at 6:30 p.m., and "Oh! A Wonderful Pudding: Christmas Dinner with the Cratchits" by Kimberly Costa at 7 p.m. Or you can enjoy a program of Christmas ghost stories -- a favorite holiday tradition during Victorian times.

There will be plenty of music in the air, with performances by the Jamestown High School James-Tones, the Williamsburg Harp Society, the WJCC Elementary Brass & Woodwind Ensemble, the Warhill High School String Ensemble, Hornsby Middle School Hawkapella, Hornsby Middle School Orchestra, and Toano Middle School Chamber Ensemble scheduled throughout the event.

We round out the one day festival with crafts for all ages, Dickens trivia, Victorian dance lessons, a puppet show for the little ones, a family carol sing-along, Victorian parlour games, and a selfie station. With so many fun activities to hit, we imagine you'll work up an appetite -- that's why award-winning, local-favorite food truck "Foodatude... Food with Attitude" will be on site selling meals, snacks, and hot beverages. You can even treat yourself to chestnuts roasted on an open fire from Virginia Chestnuts. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed for AARP Tax-Aide



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest volunteer-run tax assistance program, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season. The program provides free tax counseling, preparation, and filing service to taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those aged 60 and older. This service will be offered at both libraries from February 1 to April 14, 2018.

Certified tax counselors usually volunteer for one or two 4-hour sessions each week. Facilitators are also needed to register and do the initial screening of our clients. You do not need to be a previous tax preparer, retiree, or AARP member to volunteer. Volunteers receive free training in January on computers at the James City County Library. For detailed information about the program and training, contact George Richmond, District Coordinator, at grichmond4@live.com.