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 open at noon on Monday, October 9 as we celebrate staff recognition day. You can always find digital items to check out at www.wrl.org.

 Talks@2: 1918 -- The Year the U.S. Invaded Russia

In 1918, the United States and its allies landed in Russia in an ill-defined mission that quickly became an invasion. Adult Services Librarian Andrew Smith will discuss the reasons, the people, and the aftereffects of the Year America Invaded Russia in this free presentation on 10/23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stryker Center!

Thursday Film Series
This Month: The Russian Revolution

10/05 - Balalaika
10/12 - The Romanovs: An Imperial Family
10/19 - Anastasia
10/26 - Burnt by the Sun

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

Friends Book Sale Figures
- Month to Date Sales: $7,111.81
- Year to Date: $60,595.88

James City County Library Renovations

Have you stopped by the James City County Library lately? We’ve been hard at work to bring you a new Marketplace and Cafe, and we think these changes have gone a long way towards making the library more inviting, more exciting, and more accessible. Better yet, these changes are just the first in a multi-phase project to update our library spaces and ensure we’re meeting the needs of today’s users. Like what you see, or have a suggestion to make it better? Stop by the Reference Desk and let our library staff know!

Digital Content at WRL

Stop by your library may be one of the best parts of your weekly routine, but are you also making a regular stop at your library website? WRL has tons of great digital resources that are accessible from the comfort of your own home.

Ebooks are among our most popular digital resources. With over 14,000 titles across dozens of genres (everything from classic literature to thrilling mysteries to steamy romances) there’s something in our collection for everyone. Our ebooks are also easy to access from a variety of devices and if you’re not the most tech savvy person in the world, never fear -- our librarians would love to help you get set up with ebooks on your device!

Ebooks are great, but we don’t recommend using them while you’re driving, cooking, or taking a jog around the neighborhood; that’s where audiobooks come in! Audiobooks are a great way for those who are perpetually busy or on-the-go to start making a dent in their reading lists. We have over 10,000 titles available for digital download, and our collection is growing all the time. Our website has helpful instructions and videos to guide you through the download process, but when in doubt you can always ask a librarian!

There’s nothing quite like the feeling of flipping through the pages of a glossy new magazine, and now you can capture that experience on your tablet with the help of WRL’s digital magazine collection. Heard about a new article in the latest issue of the Atlantic that’s getting some buzz? Looking for an easy recipe your friend told you about from this month’s Rachel Ray Every Day? Or maybe you need some fall fashion inspiration from the style gurus at Elle? Up-to-date issues of these magazines and more are always at your fingertips with our RBdigital subscription.

Finally, one of the more recent additions to our digital content line-up is our Freegal music streaming and downloading service. This handy little website (which also has an easy-to-use app) lets you stream up to three hours of ad-free music every day, completely free! You can also download up to three songs for your own personal collection every week; that’s free music just available for the taking.

You can find all these resources and more with just the click of a button. Head to www.wrl.org/digital to start exploring!
Featured Events for Kids

Family Fort Night
10/27, 5:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Pick out a book (maybe a scary one!) and then build a fort where you can snuggle and read after the library has closed. Bring a flashlight and blankets or towels for your fort. Registration required at 757.259.4055. Children must be accompanied by at least one parent. 

Alice in Wonderland
10/07, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
The professional actors of Bright Star Theatre bring the 1865 Lewis Carroll classic to life in this 45 minute retelling.

Contagion
10/25, 6 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Learn how to use your scores or practice scores to do better next time! Register at www.wrl.org/princeton-review-sat-prep.

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

Featured Events for Teens

Bookstagram Contest
10/08 - 10/14
We want to see your books and photo skills! Use the hashtag #wrlbookstagram on Instagram, and the best entry from teens 13-18 will win a $10 gift card. Entries due by 11:59 p.m. 10/14

Anime Club
10/12, 6 p.m., James City County Library
Join us for anime and activities. Ages 12-teen.

The Princeton Review: Scores Back Session
10/14, 2 p.m., James City County Library
Learn how to use your scores or practice scores to do better next time! Register at www.wrl.org/princeton-review-sat-prep.

Fake News Lecture
10/31, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
To get ready for November’s election, Dr. Elizabeth Losh, Professor of American Studies and English at William & Mary, will talk about fake news in the media.

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

Featured Events for Adults

After Thoughts
10/12, 7 p.m., Triangle Restaurant
For Halloween we’ll meet and discuss the horror movie Get Out, the first film directed by an African American to gross over $100 million at the box office. What is it about this film that caught America’s attention?

Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins Night
10/05, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Join millions of Star Wars fans around the world and discover how every page is a journey during Star Wars Reads Day, a celebration of the joy of reading and a galaxy far, far away. The festivities take place on 10/28 from 1-3 p.m. at the James City County Library, and we will have something for fans of all ages. Test your Star Wars trivia knowledge, try your hand at a themed craft, get your picture taken in front of an out-of-this-world backdrop, and check out clips from past Star Wars movies, including a trailer for the upcoming movie release of Star Wars: 8, The Last Jedi. We’ll even have costumed actors portraying Rey and a Jedi on site for photo ops and a very special storytime. Participants are encouraged to dress in costume, as there will be a costume contest – come as your favorite character and you may win the prize!

"Ten Days that Shook the World": The Russian Revolution at 100
10/4, 7 p.m., Stryker Center
Join us on 10/09 for a talk on the Russian Revolution and Faberge Eggs, in which Twyla Kitts of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts will explore the fascinating story of these symbols of the Romanov family’s wealth, including how Faberge eggs ended up in Virginia (7 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre). Next up in the series is "The Revolution, Its Causes, and Consequences" on 10/19, courtesy of Dr. Elena Prokhorova of William & Mary’s Russian Studies program (3 p.m., Williamsburg Library). Finally, on 10/23 adult services librarian Andrew Smith will give a presentation about The Year America Invaded Russia, an exploration of the ill-defined mission to Northern Russia that nearly sent us back to war, as part of our Talks@2 series (2 p.m., Stryker Center). We’ll also be screening movies on the Revolution as part of our regular Thursday film series – see the back for details.

Author Spotlight: Beth Macy
Journalist Beth Macy investigates "outsiders and underdogs," and she arrives at their stories by the back roads, meandering through Virginia history with odd but fascinating side trips.

Hear more from Beth Macy at Literacy for Life’s annual fundraiser, “Reading Between the Wines,” on 11/14. Details at www.literacyforlife.org/events.