Holiday Closings
All library facilities will be closed on Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. You can always check out ebooks, digital audiobooks, and more at www.wrl.org/digital.

My Deep Dark Secret
5/2 - A Stolen Life
5/9 - The Woman in the Window
5/16 - Kitty
5/23 - The Prisoner of Zenda
5/31 - The Sin of Ester Waters

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.

Virginia’s Crooked Road
Special Projects Director Barry Trott takes you on a trip down Virginia’s musical highway. Enjoy this talk with music and stories of famous Virginian music makers.

5/14, 2 p.m. at the Stryker Center

Book Sale Report
Thanks to the great work of the Friends of WRL book sale committee volunteers, WRL facilities and finance staff, and volunteers from Alpha Chi Omega at the College of William and Mary we had another successful spring book sale in April. The three-day sale brought in over $13,557.75 and involved over 73 volunteers who gave 206 hours of their time. We are grateful for all the hard work!

Proceeds from the annual book sale fund new and ongoing initiatives at the Williamsburg Regional Library, including streaming video, Summer Reading, the Dewey Decibel Concert Series, multiple copies of popular materials, and much more.

Become a Friend at wrl.org/give.

Looking for a Great Read?

Wowbrary
Sign up for Wowbrary, our new email newsletter that rounds up the newest books, DVDs, and CDs added to our collection each week. Head to www.wrl.org/new to sign up.

Checking in at Your Library
Head over to www.youtube.com/wrlibrary to check out our series of video book reviews, “Checking in at Your Library.” Our library staff will share some of their favorite titles with you.

LFGB: Readers’ Advisory
Looking for a Good Book is our readers’ advisory service that offers personalized reading suggestions based on your interests. You can find the sign-up form at www.wrl.org/lfgb, or pick up a print copy at our reference desks.

BookPage
This monthly magazine is a discovery tool for readers, highlighting the best new books across all genres. Find the latest issue on our shelves near the new items at each library location.

We have suggested reading lists on all kinds of topics and genres. You can find print copies near the reference desk in both library buildings and online at www.wrl.org/books-and-reading/adults.
Featured Events for Kids

STEAM Saturdays at AFCC: Up, Up, and Away
5/25, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Abram Frink Jr. Community Center
Come learn the science behind things that move. Build your own rocket out of paper, tape, and other materials then launch it 200 feet into the sky! You can also create and test your own paper airplanes and color and test your own boomerang. Drop by any time and you can build a piano with Makey Makey circuit boards or check out our app-enabled robot orbs you can program and control.

Featured Events for Adults

WRL Welcomes Monica Hesse
5/4, 4 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Learn the real story about a group of the structure fires set on the Eastern Shore of Virginia from Monica Hesse, author of American Fire.

Dewey Decimal Concert Series
Various Dates, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
We’re finishing up our spring season this month with a trio of shows that are sure to delight music lovers of all stripes. First up, John Gorka takes the stage on 5/3, offering up his unique brand of energetic acoustic music. On 5/17, pianist Jacqueline Schwab will present a program of vintage songs that celebrate immigrants and the vibrant spirit of community. Finally, the WJCC Jazz Ensemble, a newly formed group made up of the best instrumentalists from each of the three WJCC high schools, will close out the season on 5/29 with a special free performance.

Solar Power for Your Home or Business
5/6, 7 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Join Aaron Sutch from Solar United Neighbors of Virginia to get the facts about solar power. Learn the benefits of solar, how it works, and how to get started.

Featured Events for Teens

Make a Bath Bomb for Mom!
5/11, 2 p.m., James City County Library
Create a custom bath bomb for mom or anyone else that needs pampering. Register at 757.259.4050.

Anime Film & Craft: Spirited Away
5/4, 1-4 p.m., Williamsburg Library
We’ll watch this animated classic and create polymer clay creatures. For ages 11-18, register at 757.259.4050.

Teen Sphero Challenge
5/10, 4-6 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Learn to block code our rolling robots and try to meet or beat our challenges. Register at 757.259.4050.

Teen Writing Lounge
5/19, 2-3:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Teen writers are invited for fun prompts and creative exercises. For ages 11-18.

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

Have You Visited the Getaway Café?

Last year we added the Getaway Café to out line-up of regular programs in an effort to support adults with early memory loss and their care partners. It’s an opportunity to come together with other community members in a gentle environment, learn new things, share memories, make new friends, and get away from the challenges of daily life.

Each Getaway Café is designed to stimulate conversations and memory recollection. Each session of the program is based on a theme and includes a variety of different elements, including librarian-created illustrated talks on a popular topic, discussion sessions, multi-sensory components, and special guests from the community.

Program participants range in age from 50-90+ years old and have included parent/adult child pairs, married couples, neighborhood pairs, and friend pairs.

“I wanted your staff to know that you touched something in him, and he remembered it and loves coming” one attendee remarked of her experience coming to the Getaway Café with her husband.

Our program this month is all about “Animal Actors” and will highlight celebrities from silver screen and television. It will take place on 5/17 at 2 p.m. in the Stryker Center. We welcome new attendees, and registration is not required. Please call 757.259.7752 for more information.

Sankofa: Looking Back, Moving Forward

Sankofa is an Adinkra symbol from Ghana, which translates as, “to look into ones past in order to move forward.” This exhibit is comprised of drawings and prints by artist Steve Prince. His work offers a candid look into America’s past and challenges us to look deeper for meaning and understanding of how we have collectively arrived at this juncture in history. This exhibit will be on display in the Stryker Center from May 1 through June 12. The artist will be in residence May 13-17; check www.wrl.org/events for times.