

Calendar of Events for Spring

### **Locations & Hours**

AREA LIBRARIES

Mon-Thu 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Fri, Sat 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

Fairfield (804) 501-1930 1401 N. Laburnum Ave., Henrico VA 23223 also open Sundays 1:00–5:00 PM

Libbie Mill (804) 501-1940 2100 Libbie Lake East St., Henrico VA 23230 also open Sundays 1:00–5:00 PM

**Tuckahoe** (804) 501-1910 1901 Starling Dr., Henrico VA 23229

**Twin Hickory** (804) 501-1920 5001 Twin Hickory Rd., Glen Allen VA 23059

Varina (804) 501-1980 1875 New Market Rd., Henrico VA 23231

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Mon-Wed 10:00 AM-9:00 PM Thu 1:00 PM-9:00 PM Fri, Sat 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

**Gayton** (804) 501-1960 10600 Gayton Rd., Henrico VA 23238

**Glen Allen** (804) 501-1950 10501 Staples Mill Rd., Glen Allen VA 23060

North Park (804) 501-1970 8508 Franconia Rd., Henrico VA 23227

**Sandston** (804) 501-1990 23 E. Williamsburg Rd., Sandston VA 23150

SPECIAL OFFICES

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Admin Offices (804) 501-1900 Mobile Library (804) 501-1953 1700 N. Parham Rd., Henrico VA 23229

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## **ALL HENRICO READS 2025**

## An Evening with Author Ruth Reichl Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 PM Henrico Sports & Events Center

Free to the public; no tickets or registration required.

Bestselling author Ruth Reichl will join us to share insights from her latest book, *The Paris Novel*, a tale about living deliciously, taking chances, and finding your true home. Left with an unusual inheritance, a young woman navigates Paris alone in the 1980s, finding a city that is a true feast for the senses, filled with food, fashion, and art.

A leading voice in the culinary world, Ruth Reichl is the *New York Times* bestselling author of five memoirs, novels, and the cookbook *My Kitchen Year.* She was editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine, restaurant critic for *The New York Times*, food editor and critic for the *Los Angeles Times*, and a recipient of the James Beard Lifetime Achievement Award.

We have many other opportunities this spring to discuss *The Paris Novel* and participate in related programs. See pages 2 and 7.

March, April, May 2025

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## **Accessibility**

#### These events are for everyone.

If you require access services to fully participate in an event, or have any questions about accessibility, please contact the hosting library at your earliest convenience.

## Get your card!

A Henrico library card allows you to borrow books and ebooks, reserve rooms, access online services, and more. Cards are free for Henrico residents, and non-residents may also qualify. Ask at your library or visit henricolibrary.org/card for requirements.



🌃 = Program **requires registration** for each attendee. 🚨 = Program can be attended virtually.

For registration, latest events, and event details, visit our online events calendar.



## All Henrico Reads: Book Discussions

This year's All Henrico Reads title is *The Paris Novel*, the most recent book by James Beard Award-winning author, food editor, and restaurant critic

Ruth Reichl. Left with an unusual inheritance, a young woman navigates Paris alone in the 1980s, finding a city that is a true feast for the senses filled with food, fashion, and art. 60 min.

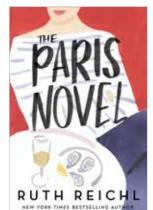
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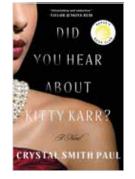


#### **FAIRFIELD**

#### Fairfield Black Authors Book Discussion

Mar 18, Tue. 7:00 PM at Fairfield. Come and Get It by Kiley Reid. When Millie Cousins is offered an easy yet unusual opportunity, she jumps at the chance. But Millie's starryeyed hustle becomes jeopardized by odd new friends, vengeful dorm pranks, and illicit intrique. 60 min.

Apr 15, Tue. 7:00 PM at Fairfield. The Prophets by Robert Jones, Jr. A singular and stunning debut novel about the forbidden union between two enslaved young men on a Deep South plantation, the refuge they find in each other, and a betrayal that threatens their existence. 60 min.



May 20. Tue. 7:00 PM at Fairfield. Did You Hear About Kitty Karr? by Crystal Smith Paul. When Kitty Karr Tate dies and bequeaths her estate to three young, wealthy Black women, it prompts questions. Set against the backdrop of the Hollywood machine, take an insightful and nuanced look at the inheritances of family, race, and gender—and the choices some women make to break free of them. 60 min.

#### **GAYTON**

#### **Gavton Afternoon Book Discussion**

Mar 10, Mon. 1:00 PM at Gayton. Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea. When Irene Woodward joins the Clubmobile Corps in 1943, she joins a sisterhood of women (nicknamed "Donut Dollies") whose accomplishments and service are often overlooked in the history of World War II. 60 min.

Apr 14, Mon. 1:00 PM at Gayton. Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb. A thought-provoking look behind the scenes of a therapist's world where her patients are not the only ones looking for answers. 60 min.

May 12, Mon. 1:00 PM at Gayton. Banyan Moon by Thao Thai. A Vietnamese-American mother and daughter must grapple with their family's legacy when they inherit the Banyan House manor. 60 min.



## **Gayton Evening Book Discussion**

Mar 10, Mon. 7:00 PM at Gayton. The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder by David Grann. An eighteenth-century puzzle of high seas intrigue, a fateful shipwreck, mutiny, and a real-life Lord of the Flies descent into mayhem, culminating in a gripping courtroom battle where opposing truths hang in the balance. 60 min.

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#### **GLEN ALLEN**

#### **Glen Allen Book Discussion**

Apr 8, Tue. 7:00 PM at Glen Allen. The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende. Samuel Adler was 5 years old when his father disappeared during Kristallnacht. Eight decades later, Anita Diaz, a blind 7-year-old girl, and her mother board another train, fleeing looming danger in El Salvador and seeking refuge in the United States. 60 min.

May 13, Tue. 7:00 PM at Glen Allen. Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Sutanto. Self-proclaimed tea expert Vera



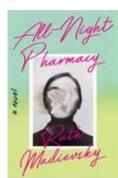
Wong enjoys nothing more than doing healthy "detective" work on the internet. But when Vera wakes up to find a dead man in her tea shop, it's going to take more than a strong Longjing to fix things. 60 min.

#### **LIBBIE MILL**

#### Libbie Mill LGBTOIA+ Book Discussion 🕮

Mar 4, Tue. 7:00 PM at Libbie Mill and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. Moby Dyke: An Obsessive Quest to Track Down the Last Remaining Lesbian Bars in America by Krista Burton. A writer embarks on a cross-country journey to visit the nation's last few dozen lesbian bars, digging into the reasons for their declining numbers and celebrating the distinctive community spaces they offer. 60 min.

Apr 1, Tue. 7:00 PM at Libbie Mill and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. When We Were Sisters by Fatimah Asghar. Three Muslim American siblings left to raise each other in the wake of their parents' deaths try to balance fierce love for each other with diverging needs. 60 min. May 6, Tue. 7:00 PM at Libbie Mill and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. All Night Pharmacy by Ruth Madievsky. Two sisters with a knack for finding trouble enter a southern California bar. One disappears, and the other sinks deeper into the world of hedonism and mysticism that beckoned them both, never quite able to shake what happened that night. 60 min.



## **Libbie Mill Afternoon Book Discussion**

Apr 16, Wed. 1:00 PM at Libbie Mill. The Map of Salt and Stars by Zeyn Joukhadar. Drawing inspiration from a legendary girl in the 12th century who disguised herself as a boy in order to join a famous mapmaker on his many adventures charting trade routes, a grieving daughter and her family flee violence in Syria and seek refuge far from home. 60 min. May 14, Wed. 1:00 PM at Libbie Mill. The House of Doors by Tan Twan Eng. In post-World War I Malaysia, famous English writer W. Somerset Maugham, seeking inspiration for his next work, visits a friend and his wife and uncovers a hotbed of secrets beneath their frosty exteriors. 60 min.

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#### **NORTH PARK**

#### Mext Chapter Book Club

Apr 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28, Wednesdays 10:00 AM at North Park. A nine-week program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read, learn, and make new friends in a relaxed community setting. Spots are limited, but anyone age 18+ can participate regardless of their reading or ability level. Two facilitators will be present to read aloud and lead book discussions. Books are provided. If you wish to attend



but registration is full or closed, please contact Kimberly Bridges at kbridges@henricolibrary.org or (804) 501-1929. 60 min.

## **North Park Evening Book Discussion**

Apr 21, Mon. 7:00 PM at North Park. Finding Me by Viola Davis. From poverty and hardships to remarkable achievements, Davis shares her compelling story in this intimate memoir. 60 min.

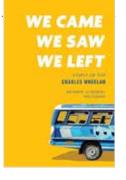
May 19, Mon. 7:00 PM at North Park. Yellowface by R.F. Kuang. Bestselling author Juniper Song is not who she says she is, and her attempt to steal another author's work will lead her to discovering just how far she'll go to protect her chilling secrets. 60 min.

#### **SANDSTON**

#### **Savvy Sandston Book Discussion**

Apr 9, Wed. 7:00 PM at Sandston. We Came, We Saw, We Left by Charles Wheelan. The Wheelan family took a year off to travel the world across six continents. Elements of global dynamics met family dynamics. 60 min.

May 14, Wed. 7:00 PM at Sandston. Met Her Match by Jude Deveraux. The daughter of an abandoning reprobate fights her feelings for a engaged wealthy man, triggering scandal and revelations throughout the community of Summer Hill, Va. 60 min.



#### **TUCKAHOE**

#### **Tuckahoe Real Stories Book Discussion**

Mar 18, Tue. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen. In a reflective journey through his life and music, Springsteen explores various aspects of his past by sharing some of his personal regrets and opening up about his battle with depression. His book is ultimately a celebration of resilience and recovery. 60 min.

Apr 15, Tue. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Happy-Go-Lucky by David Sedaris. In his latest collection, David Sedaris lightens the mood with his signature wit, tackling everything from gunthemed underwear to mistaken identity mixups, all while navigating personal and social chaos with a refreshing sense of humor. 60 min.

May 20, Tue. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder by David Grann. See Gayton description. 60 min.



#### **Not Just For Kids Book Discussion**

Mar 25, Tue. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. The Davenports by Krystal Marquis. In 1910 Chicago, the Davenport family grapples with societal expectations: Olivia balances marriage and civil rights, Helen challenges conventions, and brother John revolutionizes the auto industry.

Apr 22, Tue. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Hot Dog Girl by Jennifer Dugan. Elouise "Lou" Parker spends her last summer before senior year trying to save her local amusement park and get closer to her crush, and enlists her best friend to fake a relationship with her. 60 min.



May 27, Tue. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Dry by Neal Schusterman. As a severe drought dries up southern California, 16-year-old Alyssa Morrow and her brother Garrett must survive alone after their parents disappear. 60 min.

#### Mext Chapter Book Club

Apr 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, Mondays 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe. A seven-week program. See North Park description.

#### **Tuckahoe Afternoon Fiction Book Discussion**

Apr 10, Thu. 1:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Bewilderment by Richard Powers. Astrobiologist Theo Byrne searches for life throughout the cosmos while single-handedly raising his unusual nine-year-old son after the death of his wife. 60 min.

May 8, Thu. 1:00 PM at Tuckahoe. The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff. After her husband disappears, Geeta is enjoying the freedom that comes with being the town pariah... until the other women in town want her help getting rid of their husbands too! 60 min.

## **Tuckahoe Evening Fiction Book Discussion**

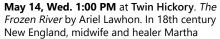
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May 8, Thu. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe. The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff. 60 min.

#### **TWIN HICKORY**

#### Twin Hickory Afternoon Book Discussion

Apr 9, Wed. 1:00 PM at Twin Hickory. The Only One Left by Riley Sager. Elderly, ailing Lenora Hope needs a caretaker to remain in the decrepit home where her entire family was murdered in 1929. When Kit McDeere arrives as caretaker in 1983, she begins to suspect that Lenora was at the dangerous center of the massacre. 60 min.



Ballard struggles to solve the mystery behind a local man's shocking death. 60 min.



#### Twin Hickory Evening Book Discussion

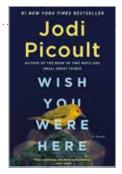
Apr 24, Thu. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory. In the Time of Our History by Susanne Pari. The Jahanis, an immigrant family from Iran, cope with heritage, tragedy, and profound changes a year after the death of one of their daughters. The surviving daughter Mitra and her mother confront decades of family secrets and hidden loyalties in this poignant family drama. 60 min.

May 22, Thu. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory. James by Percival Everett. This retelling of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is told from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Jim overhears he is about to be sold and separated from his wife and daughter forever, so decides to hide until he can formulate a plan. Thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River. 60 min.

#### **VARINA**

#### **Varina Evening Book Discussion**

Mar 17, Mon. 7:00 PM at Varina. Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult. With everything perfectly on track, Diana O'Toole finds things going off the rails when she is quarantined during her dream vacation in the Galapagos due to a virus, 60 min.



Apr 21, Mon. 7:00 PM at Varina. The House of Eve by Sadega Johnson. Two Black women from different backgrounds battle racism, infatuation, and unexpected pregnancies in the 1950s. 60 min.

May 19, Mon. 7:00 PM at Varina. The Housemaid by Freida McFadden. Millie, a young parolee, tries to build a new life, starting as a housekeeper to the incredibly rich and dysfunctional Winchester family. Though they might be a dangerous family, Millie has her own secret strengths that may keep her from becoming their victim. 60 min.

## **Computer & Media Lab Classes**

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Computer and media lab classes with this symbol require registration, online or in person. Other classes can be attended without registration, on a first-come, first-served basis. Large type keyboards are available for use upon request.

Bring your own USB drive if you want to save your work.

**BASICS AGES 14+** 

## Computer Basics: Keyboard & Mouse

Get familiar with how to interact with a desktop computer. If you know little or nothing about computers and want to learn more, this is the place to start!

Mar 27, Thu. 2:00 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs. Apr 3, Thu. 10:00 AM at Fairfield, 90 min. May 12, Mon. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

#### **Computer Basics: Windows &** File Management

Learn how to organize your files and use basic commands in Microsoft Office software.

Mar 10, Mon. 10:00 AM at Varina, 2 hrs. Apr 10, Thu. 2:00 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs. Apr 29, Tue. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill, 2 hrs. Apr 30, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield, 90 min.

## Internet Basics: Getting Started

Learn how to navigate the web with a hands-on tour of the basics.

Mar 20, Thu. 10:00 AM at Fairfield, 90 min. Apr 10, Thu. 10:00 AM at Varina, 2 hrs. Apr 16, Wed. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 2 hrs. May 13, Tue. 10:00 AM at Varina, 2 hrs. May 20, Tue. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

## **Password Management**

Remembering usernames and passwords is hard, but it doesn't have to be. We will learn how to use free password managers to securely keep track of your login information. 60 min. May 21, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield

### Introduction to Digital Resources

The library offers dozens of databases that provide a gateway to knowledge, research, and discovery. We'll explore a few of those, including Consumer Reports, Heritage Quest, Legal Forms, and Universal Class.

Mar 8, Sat. 3:00 PM at Fairfield, 60 min.

## Tech Tutor

Get assistance from library staff with your personal devices, such as cellphones, e-readers, and laptops. Find answers to your technology questions. Library staff can only offer basic assistance. We are not able to troubleshoot/ repair malfunctioning or broken hardware or software

Mar 14, Fri. 11:00 AM at Sandston, 60 min. Apr 19, Sat. 2:00 PM at Fairfield, 60 min. Apr 21, Mon. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 60 min. Apr 21, Mon. 2:00 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs. Apr 24, Thu. 2:00 PM at Sandston, 60 min. May 19, Mon. 11:00 AM at Sandston, 60 min.

#### 📝 Ebooks & Audiobooks Workshop

This workshop introduces new users to our collection of downloadable ebooks and audiobooks and demonstrates how to use them on your laptop or mobile device. Bring your laptop, tablet, smartphone, or e-reader, and staff will work with you to make finding and using downloadable content second nature. Mar 25, Tue. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 90 min.

#### **Ebooks and More**

This class will show you how to locate and check out ebooks and other digital materials. Apr 14, Mon. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

#### Meet Libby

Get guidance and learn about using our ebook and audiobook service, Libby. This session will cover signing in, navigating the app, browsing and searching for titles, placing holds, and more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own devices.

May 7, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield, 90 min.

## **PRODUCTIVITY**

**AGES 14+** 

#### Introduction to Google Tools

Increase your productivity and organization with your Gmail account. Learn and explore Google apps, Google Drive, and Google Calendar.

May 22, Thu. 2:00 PM at Varina, 90 min.

## Microsoft Word

Learn how to use basic features of the word

Mar 4, Tue. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill, 2 hrs. Mar 4, Tue. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs. Mar 19, Wed. 10:00 AM at Varina, 2 hrs. May 5, Mon. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs. May 6, Tue. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill, 2 hrs. May 21, Wed. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 2 hrs. May 22, Thu. 10:00 AM at Fairfield, 90 min.

## **Word Focus: Resumes**

Learn how to create your resumes using Microsoft Word. 90 min.

Mar 5, Wed. 10:00 AM at Varina May 8, Thu. 10:00 AM at Varina May 10, Sat. 10:00 AM at Twin Hickory

#### Microsoft Excel

Learn how to use basic features of the spreadsheet program.

Mar 12, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield, 90 min. Apr 15, Tue. 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs. Apr 15, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina, 2 hrs. Apr 17, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

#### Microsoft PowerPoint

Create slideshows with text, graphics, and animation. 2 hrs.

Mar 5, Wed. 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe Mar 6, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill Apr 15, Tue. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill May 15, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill

#### Microsoft Publisher

Create flyers and brochures with text, borders, and graphics. 2 hrs.

Mar 18, Tue. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill Mar 19, Wed. 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe May 20, Tue. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill

#### MEET THE MEDIA LAB

## Introduction to the Digital Media Lab

Discover the equipment and software available in the Digital Media Lab, such as Adobe Creative Suite, 3D printing, VHS transfer, podcasting, scanning, and green screens.

Mar 10, Mon. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 60 min. May 7, Wed. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.



#### **3D DESIGN**

## **3D Printing & Design Workshop**

Learn how to design objects and print in 3D. We'll discuss the real world applications of 3D printing technology, and practice using Tinkercad to create a 3D design you can submit to be printed.

Mar 3, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina for grades K–5 with an adult, 2 hrs.

Mar 13, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina for HS students and adults, 2 hrs.

Mar 26, Wed. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe for adults, 2 hrs.

Apr 2, Wed. 2:30 PM at Twin Hickory for grades 6–12, 60 min.

Apr 8, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield for adults, 2 hrs.

Apr 12, Sat. 10:00 AM at Fairfield for grades K-5 with an adult, 2 hrs.

#### **3D** Printing Photos

Learn how to 3D print your photos. Bring digital photo files to class on a thumb drive or access your files through a cloud service.

Mar 10, Mon. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill for teens and adults, 60 min.

#### **3D Printed Name Illusions**

Learn how to use Tinkercad, a free 3D design site, to create an object that shows different words as you rotate it. Everyone who attends will receive a free print through the library's printing service.

May 1, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

#### **IMAGING AND DESIGN**

#### **Adobe Photoshop Basics**

This class will provide an overview of the tools and concepts that are fundamental in Adobe Photoshop.

Mar 3, Mon. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill for adults, 90 min.

Mar 19, Wed. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory for adults, 2 hrs.

Mar 31, Mon. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe for adults, 2 hrs.

May 12, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina for HS students and adults, 2 hrs.

#### **Photoshop Shorts: Photo Restoration**

Restore old photographs with Adobe Photoshop. Learn how to heal blemishes and use neural filters to quickly mend rips and tears and correct any color issues on a sample photo. Beginner experience with Photoshop is encouraged but not required. 60 min.

Mar 11, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill

#### **Photoshop Shorts: Painting Basics**

Learn basic techniques for digital painting as well as understanding and organizing brush tools in Photoshop. 90 min.

Apr 8, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina Apr 22, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina

## Photoshop Shorts: Fun with Filters & Headshots

Experiment with Photoshop's neural filters to discover the creative ways that you can modify a basic portrait headshot. Bring a photo of your own, or use a class sample. Beginner level knowledge of Photoshop or working with digital images is required. 60 min.

Apr 2, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill

#### **Photoshop Shorts: Pop Art Pets**

For National Pet Month, learn how to create an Andy Warhol-inspired pop art piece based on a photo of your favorite companion. Bring a clear, well-lit photo (digital or physical) of your pet. 90 min.

May 20, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina

#### **Adobe InDesign Basics**

For adults. Learn the basic tools in Adobe InDesign. We will also cover design concepts that will help ensure your documents look great. 2 hrs.

Mar 3, Mon. 6:30 PM at Fairfield

May 7, Wed. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe May 13, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill

## **Adobe Illustrator Basics**

For adults. Learn the basics of Adobe Illustrator by creating a logo. 2 hrs. **Apr 23, Wed. 6:30 PM** at Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

#### **Button Making for Teens**

Create your own buttons using graphic design tools. Then use a button maker machine to turn your designs into unique buttons to take home. **Mar 25, Tue. 4:30 PM** at **Tuckahoe**, 60 min.

#### Slideshow Showdown: Hyperfixation Edition

Learn some tips for creating eye-catching slideshows in Canva, an online graphic design tool. Then create a short presentation based on a topic of your choosing and present it to the group. Prizes will be awarded. 90 min. **Apr 10, Thu. 6:00 PM** at Fairfield

#### Create Your Own Magnets and Backpack Buttons

Design your own backpack buttons or magnets for your fridge using Canva. Everyone will leave with a few buttons or magnets.

Apr 10, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min.

#### Introduction to Canva

Canva is an online graphic design tool used to create an array of projects, including cards, stickers, flyers, social media posts, and presentations. Get an overview of Canva with hands-on practice of the basics.

Apr 29, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina, 2 hrs.

#### **Canva Basics: Social Media and Marketing**

This instructional workshop will focus on using Canva for social media posts and marketing.

May 29, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina, 90 min.

### **Introduction to Photopea**

Learn the basics of Photopea, a web-based photo and graphics editor. Get an overview and some hands-on practice with the basics. 90 min.

Mar 11, Tue. 2:00 PM at Varina

#### **March 19** Digitizing Your Family History

We have resources for preserving genealogical information, films, photos, and documents, such as our photo scanner and VHS cassette converter. Learn the best ways to scan, organize, preserve, and manage your digitized family history. 90 min.

Mar 18, Tue. 2:30 PM at Fairfield May 19, Mon. 6:30 PM at Fairfield

#### **Product Photography**

Learn how to take professional-looking photos of your products. We'll use light boxes, green screens, and more to enhance your photos. Bring your own camera device or phone to class, or use one of ours. 2 hrs.

Mar 26, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield

#### **Smartphone Photo Editing for Beginners**

Most smartphones have fantastic image editing software included. Learn to make your smartphone pictures pop! Bring your personal device to class, or join device-less to listen and learn.

Apr 2, Wed. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 90 min. May 21, Wed. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 60 min.

#### **Mathematical Digitize Your Photos. Film and Slides**

Preserve your photos, film, and slides by digitizing them. This class demonstrates using the photo scanner and VHS cassette converter, and includes time to try the equipment yourself.

Apr 8, Tue. 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory, 90 min. Apr 23, Wed. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.



#### **Renaissance Pet Portraits**

Use Photoshop to insert your pet into a renaissance painting. Please bring a digital photo of your pet to the class. 2 hrs. May 12, Mon. 6:30 PM at Fairfield

## **Renewing Vintage Photographs**

Restore old photographs by using photo editing software like Photoshop. We will be going over how to mend rips and tears, heal blemishes, and correct any color issues on a sample photo. Beginner experience with

photography and Photoshop is encouraged but not required. 2 hrs.

May 14, Wed. 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe

#### CODING

#### Choose Your Own Adventure with Twine

For teens and tweens (grade 4-12). Create interactive, text-based games and explore experiences that other designers have created with Twine. A perfect entry point for anyone interested in game development. 60 min.

Apr 2, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina May 7, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina

#### **RECORDING AND EDITING**

#### **Podcasting Workshop**

For HS students and adults. Learn the basics of audio recording and editing with Audacity. 2 hrs.

Mar 10, Mon. 6:30 PM at Fairfield Apr 1, Tue. 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe Apr 14, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina

#### **Adobe Premiere Basics**

For HS students and adults. Learn how to make and edit videos. Get an overview of the tools and concepts fundamental to getting started in Premiere, a powerful video editing tool. 2 hrs.

May 6, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield May 20, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill

#### **W** Video Shooting Basics

For adults. Learn about the different types of camera shots used in professional filmmaking. We'll discuss filming tips to help improve your productions, then try out your new knowledge. Video recording devices will be provided or students are welcome to bring their own. 2 hrs.

Apr 29, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill May 29, Thu. 6:30 PM at Fairfield

# ADULT programs

#### **MARCH**

## **UnScene: A Musical Experience**

Mar 1, Sat. 10:00 AM at Varina. First Creatures presents UnScene, a musical experience that combines an appreciation for nature and meditation with music. 45 min.

#### **I**Unstable: The T-shirt Quilt Class for **Adventurers**

Mar 1, Sat. 10:00 AM at Varina. This class is for anyone with a collection of special T-shirts and some machine sewing skills. On practice shirts, we'll learn how to fashion T-shirts into a T-shirt guilt top—all without using stabilizers! We'll prepare

the shirts, cut them, and piece them together with sashing and cornerstones. We suggest bringing 9-12 tees to practice on and save your favorites until you have mastered the skills acquired in this class to create a memorable keepsake quilt! 3 hrs.

#### The Caregiver's Toolkit

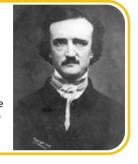
Mar 4, Tue. 11:00 AM at Sandston. The Capital Area Agency on Aging's Caregiver Support Team will present an informative and engaging session for family caregivers of older adults. We'll discuss strategies for reducing stress, accessing resources in your community, and finding joy in your caregiver journey. 60 min.

#### **Social Security 101**

Mar 6, Thu. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Learn all about Social Security, including when someone is eligible to receive retirement benefits, how early retirement affects benefits, how to get the most from benefits, the future of Social Security, and when to file for Medicare. 60 min.

## The Women in Poe's Life and Literature

Mar 8, Sat. 2:30 PM at North Park, 60 min. Mar 15, Sat. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe, 90 min. The most important people in Edgar Allan Poe's life were a select group of women who loved, supported, inspired, and challenged him. While we remember some of them as the inspirations for his most heartfelt poetry, there is much more to these remarkable women than first meets the eye. The Poe Museum will help you get to know them in this illustrated talk.



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## **Origami Creations**

Mar 10, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina. Learn folding techniques, turn origami into jewelry, and make origami with artistic flair. 90 min.

#### **Historically Speaking: A Tale of Two Spies**

Mar 13, Thu. 3:00 PM at Gayton. Rose O'Neal Greenhow of Washington, D.C., and Elizabeth Van Lew of Richmond each used their position in society to conduct clandestine activities behind enemy lines during the American Civil War. Historian Lisa Denton will present a comparative biography exploring their wartime successes and failures and examine how espionage impacted their personal lives. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico County Recreation & Parks. 60 min.

## **E** Fusible Fabric Collage

Mar 14, Fri. 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory. In this workshop for ages 18+, you will use quilting cottons and fusible web fabric adhesives to create a simple collage. You can choose to frame your work in a shadow box, or prepare it with batting and backing to guilt later at home. 3 hrs.

#### Living with Black Bears

Mar 15, Sat. 11:00 AM at Glen Allen. Learn about black bears, their natural history, why and when you might see one, and how to protect your property from their antics. Bring your bear-related questions for the Q&A session. Presented by the Riverine Chapter of the Virginia Naturalists with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. 60 min.



Programs related to art, food, and France, in support of All Henrico Reads and this year's featured book, *The Paris Novel* by Ruth Reichl. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. Also find Book Discussions on page 2.

## Portrait Drawing in Charcoal with VMFA Mar 1, Sat. 11:00 AM at Fairfield

Mar 12, Wed. 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe. Artist Marjorie Perrin will lead a workshop in one of the most expressive ways you can create. The focus will be on identifying simple patterns and forms that are the basis for a well-designed portrait. Suitable for beginners, participants will learn through demonstration to use form, value, and line to develop expression. Bring a printed photo or image on your electronic device to work from. Additional supplies will be provided, and there will a break for lunch. Supported in part by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. 5 hrs.

## Bingo En Français

Mar 4, Tue. 6:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Whether you speak beginning or intermediate level French, or no French at all—come test your French vocabulary skills in a fun, friendly, and noncompetitive game of French language bingo for adults. Children of participating adults can join in. There will be prizes! 60 min.

#### **Parisian Painting**

Mar 8, Sat. 10:30 AM at Tuckahoe. Zach Barnard from the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen will lead a Parisian-inspired painting class. No experience necessary. 90 min.

# Berthe Morisot and the Impressionist Image of Women

Mar 19, Wed. 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe. The VMFA highlights the extraordinary talents of artist Berthe Morisot, who carved a career for herself out of the male-dominated world of 19th century Paris. Supported in part by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. 60 min.

## French Cheese Tasting

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Mar 20, Thu. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Local purveyors Truckle Cheesemongers will provide a brief introduction to cheese history, the animals from which cheese is made (and why), and cheese ingredients. We'll sample cheeses of different styles and

France, then talk about how to taste, buy, and store cheese, and how to pair cheese with food and beverages. 90 min.

#### **Explore France with Virtual Reality**

Mar 22, Sat. 2:00 PM at Fairfield. Learn about our virtual reality equipment and and use it to explore the wonders of France. 2 hrs.

#### Cook & Book: Recipes from Ruth Reichl

Mar 24, Mon. 7:00 PM at Varina. we'll test and taste selected recipes from various written works by James Beard Award winner and author Ruth Reichl. 90 min.

## **C** Child Care Provider Workshop: Using Math Concepts in Storytime and Circle Time

Mar 15, Sat. 2:00 PM at Varina. Learn practical ways to incorporate math concepts into circle time with books, activities, and games for toddlers and preschoolers. We will explore foundational math concepts beyond numbers and counting, including spatial awareness, measurement, geometry, data collection, interpretation, and more. Child care providers earn 1.5 hours of CE credit. 90 min.

## **Women Writers of Virginia**

Mar 15, Sat. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Historian, Gallaudet University English professor, and author of *Women Writers Buried in Virginia*, Sharon Pajka will explore the lives and work of a Pulitzer Prize winner, the first woman to top the bestseller lists in the twentieth century, an important figure in the Harlem Renaissance, and others. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

## Learn to Let Yourself Create: Exploring Memory Through Food

Mar 18, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. Experiment with different ways of making pictures, telling stories, and thinking about your creative practice in an open, supportive environment. This session will focus on the theme of food and incorporate prompts and ideas from food writing throughout our collection. 90 min.

## Virginia529 College Savings Plan

Mar 18, Tue. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Learn how to save for future qualified higher education expenses in tax-advantaged 529 accounts. Then, ask questions about your family's specific needs during a Q&A session with the expert presenter from Virginia 529. 90 min.

## Culture 365 World Music & Dance Series: River City Taiko

Mar 22, Sat. 2:30 PM at Varina. Experience the thunderous beats and energetic movements of River City Taiko traditional Japanese drumming ensemble. Learn about the 1,400-year-old history and cultural context of taiko drumming in Japan and the United States. After the performance, a few lucky attendees may get the opportunity to play one of these massive drums. 60 min.

#### **Spring Fling**

Mar 25, Tue. 3:30 PM at Gayton. Ages 5 to 105 are invited to celebrate Spring with nature-inspired crafts, games, and other activities. 60 min.

#### **Land Lovers Series: Propagating Native Plants**

Mar 26, Wed. 6:00 PM at Gayton. Brad Davis from Davis Natives will demonstrate techniques for growing natives from seed and cuttings and discuss how to support local wildlife with ecosystem-friendly plantings. Presented in partnership with Keep Henrico Beautiful. 60 min.

## **Landscape Design**

Mar 29, Sat. 11:00 AM at Fairfield. Do you have yard envy? Do you want your home to have curb appeal? Want others to take notice of your yard? Design and maintain your front yard so others will notice. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

## Get Garden-Ready With the Lewis Ginter Mobile Seed Library

Mar 29, Sat. 1:00 PM at Fairfield. Learn about this circulating collection of seeds that people can borrow, plant, harvest, save, and return to the library for others to use. Expert gardeners will be available to answer questions about your growing environment and plants' needs, and librarians will help you browse select seed varieties to take home. 2 hrs.



#### **APRIL**

#### **Puzzle Challenge**

**Apr 1, Tue. 2:00 PM** at **Sandston**. Test your puzzling prowess in a race against the clock. Compete solo or with an all-ages team for a chance to win a prize. Age appropriate puzzles will be provided. 2 hrs.

## **Weathering a Financial Emergency for Small Businesses**

**Apr 1, Tue. 6:30 PM** at **Fairfield**. Learn to identify potential risks small businesses may encounter during financial emergencies and develop a personalized plan to stay resilient. Access resources designed specifically for small businesses to strengthen financial preparedness and support. Presented by Henrico Federal Credit Union. 60 min.

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## Spring Iris Paper Folding

Apr 2, Wed. 2:00 PM at Varina. Learn the basics of this eye-catching paper art by creating and embellishing cards with spring motifs. 2 hrs.

#### Creative Cardmaking and Letter Exchange

**Apr 3, Thu. 6:00 PM** at **Gayton**. It's National Card and Letter Writing Month! Create unique and artful cards, then find ways to share them via pen pal and mail art exchanges. 90 min.

## **Sewing 101**

**Apr 5, Sat. 10:00 AM** at Fairfield. Have you always wanted to learn how to sew but don't know where to start? Join us for this absolute beginners sewing class. We are "sew" looking forward to getting you started! 2 hrs.

## **Beginning Vegetable Gardening**

**Apr 5, Sat. 11:00 AM** at Fairfield. Growing your own food can be rewarding and healthy; it's also hard work. Learn how to plan, plant, and harvest a garden of any size. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

## America Saves Week: Saving for Your Past, Present, and Future

Apr 7, Mon. 3:00 PM at Tuckahoe Apr 8, Tue. 6:00 PM at Sandston

Apr 10, Thu. 11:00 AM at Libbie Mill

Henrico County Extension Office. 60 min.

Apr 11, Fri. 2:00 PM at Varina. For America Saves Week, Kim Edmonds discusses building financial resilience and strategies for saving at any age and for any life event. Topics include preparing for retirement, major milestones, unexpected expenses, and paying down debt as saving. Presented in partnership with the

#### We Got Game: Scrabble Night

**Apr 7, Mon. 6:30 PM** at Fairfield. Are you a great speller with a competitive spirit? Come prove it at this game night for adults. Scrabble experts and newcomers welcome. 90 min.

#### **Scrabble Social**

**Apr 8, Tue. 2:00 PM** at **Gayton**. Grab a seat at one of our Scrabble boards, and play the game with other game lovers in the community. 60 min.

### Child Care Provider Workshop: Getting Preschoolers Ready for Early Literacy through Cooking

**Apr 8, Tue. 6:30 PM** at **North Park**. Learn about unlocking early literacy skills for preschoolers while having fun with engaging activities geared to the non-reader in your group. Provided by ChildSavers. 90 min.

# **Hand Crafted**

Programs that explore the significance of handmade textiles in daily life during the American Revolutionary period and trace how these arts have evolved and continue to be passed on today. This project is supported, in part, by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250).

## **A History of American Samplers**

**Apr 10, Thu. 3:00 PM** at Glen Allen. Dawn Burnett of Preservation Virginia and Patrick Henry's Scotchtown presents the history of American samplers, including a hands-on demonstration of the basic steps of stitching and an explanation of historic function and design. 60 min.

## Indigo and Natural Dyeing, Historic and Modern Sustainability

**Apr 12, Sat. 10:00 AM** at Varina. Artist and designer Haylie Zapantis presents traditional dyeing techniques using indigo and discusses her current work in sustainable textile practices. All are welcome to come and observe; registered participants will also have the opportunity to dye a provided item using demonstrated techniques. 4 ½ hrs.

#### **Clotho's Handspinners Guild**

**Apr 12, Sat. 10:00 AM** at **Varina**. Guild members will demonstrate the art and craft of wool production including carding, spinning, and weaving. Drop in for several opportunities for hands-on learning. 4 ½ hrs.











## **EXECUTE** Learn to Cross Stitch Then and Now

Apr 14, Mon. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory
Apr 16, Wed. 2:00 PM at Fairfield. Historian
Lisa Denton gives a brief overview of the
history of counted cross stitch, then leads
hands-on practice of the fundamental
techniques of modern cross stitch. Participants
will leave with a stitching project of their own.
Presented in partnership with the History
Division of Henrico Recreation & Parks. 90 min.

#### Whole Cloth Quilting

Apr 17, Thu. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill Apr 22, Tue. 6:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Explore whole cloth quilting and embellishment techniques prevalent in eighteenth-century America. Registered participants will leave with their own example of a handsewn quilt block using reproduction fabrics. 90 min.

#### A Revolution in Quilting

Apr 19, Sat. 11:00 AM at Varina. Alicia Thomas, Executive Director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, will discuss how quilting has changed, and, in some ways, stayed the same over the course of the past 250 years, focusing on how it has always been an art form that allowed women to express their opinions. Quilts from the museum education collection will be present. 60 min.

#### **B** Discover Basic Patch Quilting

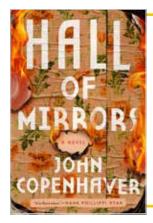
Apr 24 and May 1, Thu. 5:00 PM at Varina. The square patch quilt block is one of the oldest and most popular quilt blocks, great for beginners and experienced quilters alike. In this two-part class, we will discover the versatility and creative potential of working with nine simple squares of fabric. Plan to attend both sessions. 3 hrs.

## **18th Century Virginia Needlework**

Apr 26, Sat. 11:00 AM at Varina. Kim Ivey, Textile Historian and recently retired Senior Curator of Textiles and Historic Interiors at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, presents a look at 18th century needlework focusing on examples of American schoolgirl samplers from Virginia. 60 min.

## The Art of Weaving

Apr 29, Tue. 6:00 PM at Sandston May 2, Fri. 2:00 PM at Gayton. We'll show the role of fabric production in 18th-century America, along with basic weaving concepts and techniques. Each participant will produce an example of a handwoven textile using lap looms. 90 min.



## Author Talk: John Copenhaver's Hall of Mirrors

Apr 9, Wed. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Join author John Copenhaver for a discussion of Hall of Mirrors, one of the Washington Post's "12 Thrillers to Read this Summer" and Oprah's Bookclub's "Sizzling Summer Reads." Set in 1954 Washington, D.C. in the wake of the Lavender Scare, this complex and fast-paced historical mystery features a biracial ghostwriter seeking justice for his dead partner and a hunt for a serial killer. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

## **Kitchen Gardens**

**Apr 9, Wed. 6:30 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. Many of us love the idea of growing fresh vegetables but don't have the space or time. Kitchen gardens are a new trend that combines vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers in a garden right outside your back door. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

#### **Birding 101**

**Apr 10, Thu. 6:30 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. Learn the basics of bird identification and binocular use before heading outside to explore our local habitat and the birds that call it home. Binoculars are available on a limited basis, but feel free to bring your own. 90 min.

#### **CANCELED: Comadres of Bolivia: Bolivian Folk Dancing**

Apr. 12, Cat. 2.00 PM at Fairfield. Watch and Joan about Polinian falls.

#### **Living with Black Bears**

Apr 17, Thu. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. See Mar. 17 description. 60 min.

## Land Lovers Series: Dragons and Damsels, Oh My!

Apr 18, Fri. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe. One of the most diverse Odonata (dragonfly and damselfly) populations in all of North America reside in Virginia. Master Naturalist Cindy Andrews educates on how to identify our local species and provides resources on life cycles, physical adaptations, roles in the ecosystem, and preservation strategies. Presented in partnership with Keep Henrico Beautiful. 60 min.



## **April Showers Bring May Wildflowers**

**Apr 19, Sat. 10:00 AM** at **Fairfield**. Learn to use field guides to identify plants wherever you find them. 60 min.

#### **March 19** DIY Seed Bombs

**Apr 19, Sat. 11:00 AM** at **Glen Allen**. Celebrate this Earth Day by creating seed bombs! Drop in and discover the art of seed bomb creation with native plant seeds. 60 min.

#### **Library Mini Golf**

Apr 19, Sat. 11:00 AM at Libbie Mill. "Drive" or walk to the library for some "tee-rific" mini golf. No sandtraps here—just free "un-fore-gettable" fun for folks of all ages. Note: two golfers may play together at a time. Children under 10 years old must golf with an adult—no ifs, ands, or "putts." Created and hosted by the Northside Teen Advisory Board. 2 hrs.

#### **Vibrant Adult Coloring**

**Apr 22, Tue. 10:30 AM** at **Sandston**. Color your way to new friendships. Relax, socialize, and express your creativity in a fun and welcoming environment with light refreshments. Materials will be provided, or bring your own. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 2 hrs.

## Mail Art: A Practice For Creativity and Connection

Apr 22, Tue. 7:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Get inspired by library collections, try your hand at popular techniques, and create some art of your own to mail out. 60 min.

#### **Identity Theft**

Apr 23, Wed. 2:00 PM at Gayton. Protect yourself with confidence. In this class, you'll uncover the signs of identity theft and fraud, explore common



scams, and discover smart strategies to keep your information safe. Learn practical habits to protect your data and secure your personal information. Presented by the Henrico Federal Credit Union. 60 min.

#### **Plant A Seed**

**Apr 26, Sat. 2:00 PM** at **Libbie Mill**. Celebrate the first days of spring by planting some seeds. Drop in anytime during the program to enjoy creating your own container pots, filling them with soil, and planting a variety of seeds. 2 hrs.

## **Tai Chi for Health with Senior Connections**

**Apr 29–Jun 17, Tuesdays 10:00 AM** at Twin Hickory. Tai Chi is a gentle slow-moving exercise that promotes health and relaxation. Kathy Brown from Senior Connections leads this 8-week series of workshops designed to help participants improve health and well-being. 2 hrs.

#### Historically Speaking: The Surrenders of the Civil War

**Apr 29, Tue. 2:00 PM** at **Gayton**. In honor of the 160th anniversary of the conclusion of the American Civil War, Robert Dunkerly, National Park Service ranger with Richmond National Battlefield Park, discusses the last surrenders that effectively led to the end of the war. Sites in Virginia, notably Richmond and Petersburg, will be highlighted. Books for purchase and signings will be available. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico County Recreation & Parks, and sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 90 min.

#### **MAY**

#### **Bicycling Workshop**

Get ready for biking season. We'll have handouts for local biking trails and bike-friendly parks. 60 min.

May 1, Thu. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Learn how to clean a bike, and steps to take to keep safe while biking.

May 31, Sat. 11:00 AM at Twin Hickory. Learn how to change a bike tire.

#### Sashiko Style Stitchery

May 3, Sat. 10:00 AM at Varina. Learn about sashiko, an eye-catching and useful hand-embroidery method from Japan to create simple, beautiful embellishments on fabrics. We'll cover the basics of a simple running stitch and practice on pre-printed pieces of indigo. 2 hrs.

### Spring Migration: Become a Better Birder with Technology

May 3, Sat. 11:00 AM at North Park. Spring migration is a peak time to learn how to use technology to help us understand how birds are moving and what we should be seeing. Staff will introduce tools like BirdCast, Merlin, and eBird before going outside for a brief demonstration. 90 min.

### **Greater Richmond Children's Choir**

May 3, Sat. 2:00 PM at Varina. Celebrate the love of music and enjoy the talented singers of the Greater Richmond Children's Choir. 90 min.

## Mahjong in May: An Introduction to the Game

May 3, Sat. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Celebrate May with the ancient Chinese game of Mahjong. Touted as giving your mind a healthy workout, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. Best of all, it's fun! 2 hrs.

## **Manual of the Adult Spelling Bee**

May 5, Mon. 7:00 PM at Fairfield. If you've ever corrected the spelling in your friends' text messages or quadruple-checked the spelling of a word before sending an e-mail, you're the perfect candidate for our no-

elimination spelling competition. Sign up solo or register with

a friend for even more fun. 60 min.

#### **Fall Prevention Workshop**

May 6, Tue. 11:00 AM at Sandston. Amanda Rudderman, Fall Prevention Coordinator at VCU Medical Center, will give an overview of fall risk for older adults, discuss prevention strategies, and provide some guidance on what to do in event of a fall. 60 min.

#### **Discover Richmond's Faces & Places**

May 6, Tue. 6:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Get to know some of the iconic people and places that shaped Richmond history and its landmarks. Presented by the Valentine museum. 75 min.

### **Shade Gardening**

May 7, Wed. 6:30 PM at Tuckahoe. There are many shady yards in Henrico County. How do you define shade? What plants do well in a shady garden? Can a shady garden be colorful and appealing? The answers to these questions and how to work with the shade in your yard will be discussed. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

#### Fun with Flannel Child Care Provider Workshop

May 8, Thu. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. For child care providers. In this handson workshop, attendees will learn the benefits of incorporating felt and flannel boards into early childhood instruction. They will leave with rhymes and activities, as well as create a portable flannel board of their own. Child care providers will earn 1.5 hours of continuing education credit at the conclusion of this event. 90 min.

#### **Color Yourself Calm**

May 8, Thu. 7:00 PM at Fairfield. Express yourself through coloring. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite coloring

#### **UnScene: A Musical Experience**

May 10, Sat. 10:00 AM at Varina. See Mar. 1 description. 45 min.

### **Garden Bloopers**

May 10, Sat. 11:00 AM at Fairfield. Overwatering, mulch volcanoes, shrub balls and "crape murder" are mistakes we've all made. Avoid these and other bloopers in your garden while saving time and money. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

#### **Z** Jigsaw Puzzle Race

May 10, Sat. 2:00 PM at Varina. Puzzlers, assemble! Teams of up to four people compete to see who can finish a 500-piece puzzle the fastest. The winning team will receive a prize! 90 min.



#### **Springtime Cyanotypes**

May 13, Tue. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Celebrate the lengthening days with the art of cyanotypes, or sun prints. We'll talk about the history of the technique and online archives you can turn to for inspiration, then explore the effects of different plants, objects, and semitransparent overlays on prints of your very own. 60 min.

### **Avoiding Senior Scams**

May 14, Wed. 2:00 PM at Fairfield. Join us for an insightful class on identifying and preventing scams targeting senior citizens. Discover these common scams and learn strategies to safeguard yourself and your loved ones from fraudsters. Presented by Henrico Federal Credit Union. 60 min.

## Creative Workshop: Frida Kahlo **Inspired Self Portraits**

May 14, Wed. 3:00 PM at Gayton. Be inspired by one of the greatest artists of the twentieth century and their colorful style while creating your unique self-portrait. No previous art

experience necessary, all skill levels are welcome. 90 min.



May 14, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. It's never too early to start planning for your future. Learn the basics of wills, trusts, and estate planning from an expert. Presented by Christopher C. Johnson, attorney at law. 60 min.

#### **E**Learn to Meditate

May 17, Sat. 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory. A workshop for beginners interested in learning meditation techniques to destress, detox, and find peace and joy from within. A certified facilitator from the Heartfulness Meditation Center will share simple techniques that can be practiced 20 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the evening that may produce transformative benefits from the inside out for some people. 90 min.

### Craft Supply Swap

May 17, Sat. 2:00 PM at Fairfield. Revitalize your craft supply collection at our Craft Supply Swap. Bring in your gently used crafting materials: tools, fabric, yarn, paper, beads, and other supplies to share and find something new to you. With fresh materials in mind, you can peruse our crafting books for project inspiration! Donations will be accepted in bags or boxes (limit of 2) from May 1-15 at the adult reference desk. 2 hrs.



#### Culture 365 World Music & Dance Series: Sacred Heart Folklórico

May 17, Sat. 2:30 PM at Varina. Experience the vibrant energy and cultural richness of Mexican heritage through an electrifying folk dance performance by the Sacred Heart Folklórico dance troupe. Adorned in stunning, color-rich attire of traditional Mexican celebrations, the dancers bring to life the dynamic rhythms of regional styles. 60 min.

May 17, Sat. 3:30 PM at Varina. Folklórico Dance-Inspired Crafts: Create a color decoupage vase, paper flowers, and other crafts inspired by the stunning attire featured in the performance. 60 min.

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## Adult Programs, continued

## Historically Speaking: Horse Sense, The History of the Horse in Virginia

May 20, Tue. 2:00 PM at Glen Allen. From Olympic champions to battle horses, and Misty of Chincoteague to Secretariat, Virginians have had an enduring and special relationship with horses from the earliest days to the 21st century. The Virginia Museum of History and Culture joins us to highlight the Commonwealth's unique place in equine history. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico Recreation & Parks, and sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

### **Resume Building Workshop**

May 22, Thu. 10:00 AM at Libbie Mill. Learn what makes a strong resume and get pointers for creating or updating your own. Bring in a draft to get personalized suggestions from the presenter if time allows. 90 min.

#### **Container Gardening**

May 22, Thu. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Don't have room for a full garden? Try containers on your deck, balcony, front porch, or tucked into your courtyard. Anything can go in a container and anywhere can be a garden! Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

## Meditation and Mindfulness Workshop

May 24, Sat. 10:30 AM at Fairfield
May 31, Sat. 10:30 AM at Fairfield. Explore new
ways of managing stress, being present, and
finding inner peace in honor of Mental Health
Awareness Month. A certified facilitator from
the Heartfulness Meditation Center will offer
insights into the benefits of meditation and
lead you through a variety of guided exercises
in this 2-week series. Attend one or both
sessions. 90 min.

#### **100 Square Foot Gardening**

May 28, Wed. 3:00 PM at Gayton. How many vegetables can you grow in a 100 square foot garden? More than you think using the methods taught in this class! Learn about successive plantings, container gardening, inter-planting, and vertical gardening. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

#### **Walk & Talk: May Flowers**

May 31, Sat. 2:00 PM at Fairfield. Meet us inside the library for a short discussion about spring flowers, then head outside for a nature walk to observe and identify various plants and animals. Wear comfortable shoes and bring sun or rain protection if needed. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be moved indoors and participants will instead learn to identify native plants using field guides. 75 min.

#### **REGULAR ADULT PROGRAMS**

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

#### **Anime Club for Adults**

Gather with other anime lovers to watch and talk about Japanese animation. At each meeting, we'll screen a different anime and enjoy everything from classic titles to new favorites. 2 hrs.

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#### Art for All Abilities

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers are invited to explore hands-on art projects in this workshop led by Art on Wheels. Spots are limited and registration is necessary for all participants, including a required caregiver. 90 min.

Mar 6, Thu. 10:00 AM at Fairfield Mar 6, Thu. 6:30 PM at Varina Mar 13, Thu. 10:00 AM at Fairfield Mar 13, Thu. 6:30 PM at Varina



#### **Bob Singer Senior Series**

Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Mar 13, Thu. 2:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Healing Foods: Making strategic choices about what we eat can have a big influence on our immune systems. Kathy Brown from Senior Connections shares some healing dietary choices we can make that are fun and delicious but may also help protect against inflammation and improve gut health.

**Apr 10, Thu. 2:00 PM** at **Twin Hickory**. Josh Wortham and Shannon Gibson Brown in Concert: Local fan favorites are together in concert sharing love songs from Broadway, Disney, and other classics.

May 8, Thu. 2:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Virginia Through My Lens: Virginia conservation photographer Lori A. Cash shares her images and the stories behind her art.

#### **Coffee & Conversation**

Enjoy coffee, tea, and pastries as Allied Theatre Legacy Artists and Supporters (ATLAS Partnership) and guest speakers present a series of panel discussions on various theater topics. 2 hrs.

**Apr 17, Thu. 10:00 AM** at **Libbie Mill**. "Gabriel" Preview and Progress: This month's talk will center around a soaring new musical that tells the story of Gabriel's Rebellion, one of the most important slave uprisings in Virginia and American history.

#### Cook & Book

Mar 24, Mon. 9:00 AM at Varina. Recipes from Ruth Reichl: We'll test and taste selected recipes from various written works by author and James Beard Award winner Ruth Reichl.

**Apr 28, Mon. 7:00 PM** at Varina. Open-Hearth Cooking in Colonial America: Imagine what it might take to cook a meal in an American colonial era kitchen. Linda Eikmeier, historical interpreter for Meadow Farm and Patrick Henry's Scotchtown, presents open-hearth cooking. 90 min.

May 19, Mon. 7:00 PM at Varina. Knead Some Dough: Slow fermentation is an easy way to make a pizza or focaccia taste great! We'll explore quick and slow doughs and show you how to shape pizza and focaccia. We will taste test both kinds and choose our favorite. 2 hrs.

#### **Crafternoon**

Explore different crafts and techniques one Saturday a month with beginner and veteran makers alike. 2 hrs.

May 3, Sat. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Decoupaged Flower Petal Pots Apr 12, Sat. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Faux Stained Glass Mar 8, Sat. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Salad Spinner Art

#### **ESL Conversation Cafe**

Practice speaking English in an informal setting. Registration is not required, but participants must be age 16+ and able to speak some English. 75 min.

Mar 3, Mon. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe Mar 10, Mon. 7:00 PM at Fairfield

Mar 12, Wed. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory Mar 17, Mon. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe

Mar 24, Mon. 7:00 PM at Libbie Mill Apr 7, Mon. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe Apr 9, Wed. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory

Apr 14, Mon. 7:00 PM at Fairfield Apr 21, Mon. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe Apr 28, Mon. 7:00 PM at Libbie Mill

May 5, Mon. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe

May 12, Mon. 7:00 PM at Fairfield May 14, Wed. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory

May 19, Mon. 7:00 PM at Tuckahoe



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#### **Feel Good Films**

**Mar 10, Mon. 10:00 AM** at Twin Hickory. *Queen of Katwe* (2016, PG, 124 min.)

**Apr 14, Mon. 10:00 AM** at Twin Hickory. *March of the Penguins* (2005, G, 85 min.)

**May 12, Mon. 10:00 AM** at Twin Hickory. *Yellow Rose* (2019, PG-13, 94 min.)

#### **First Thursdays**

Alternating months of live music and screenings of food-themed movies. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL.

Mar 6, Thu. 6:00 PM at Sandston. *Today's Special* (2009, R, 99 min.). Apr 3, Thu. 6:00 PM at Sandston. Jason Jenkins Jazz Quartet: Presenting their crowd-pleasing "straight-ahead modern jazz". 60 min.

May 1, Thu. 6:00 PM at Sandston. Julie & Julia (2009, PG-13, 123 min.).

#### Fun for All Abilities

Welcoming adults with diverse intellectual and developmental abilities, this program will provide different activity stations (such as crafts and puzzles) that participants and caregivers can enjoy at their own pace. Registration for every participant and caregiver is required. 60 min.

Mar 11, Tue. 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill May 1, Thu. 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill

#### **Great Films & Discussions**

View and discuss popular films and occasional DVD commentaries. Titles will be announced as the scheduled program dates approach. 2.5 hrs.

Mar 24, Mon. 6:00 PM at Gayton Apr 28, Mon. 6:00 PM at Gayton May 19, Mon. 6:00 PM at Gayton



#### Having Seen: A Film Discussion Group

Mar 13, Thu. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory and via Webex: 2633 286 5365. Ex Machina (2015, R). In Alex Garland's directorial debut, Caleb Smith, a programmer for an internet search giant, is brought to the isolated estate of the company's brilliant and reclusive CEO to evaluate the capabilities and consciousness of his latest experiment in artificial intelligence. 60 min. Apr 24, Thu. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory and via Webex: 2867 231 5180. Chinatown (1974, R). When Los Angeles private eye J.J. "Jake" Gittes (Jack Nicholson) is hired by Evelyn Mulwray to investigate her husband's activities, he believes it's a routine infidelity case. Jake's investigation soon becomes anything but routine when he meets the real Mrs. Mulwray (Faye Dunaway) and realizes he was hired by an imposter. 60 min.

May 15, Thu. 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory and via Webex: 2632 275 8520. The Last Picture Show (1971, R). As two friends approach adulthood languishing in a 1950s Texas town, they face the inner struggle of whether to leave and seek their fortune in the outside world, or stay behind with the familiar faces of their dwindling community. 60 min.

#### Henrico EDA Business Educational Series

Interactive workshops from the Henrico Economic Development Authority (EDA). 2 hrs.

Mar 13, Thu. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. The Price is Right—Pricing Strategies for Business Owners: What to charge for your products or services is a key question for any business. Learn to maximize profits and find the best pricing for your business to grow. 2 hrs.

**Apr 10, Thu. 6:00 PM** at Libbie Mill. Craft Your Business Marketing Strategy: A marketing strategy makes a business successful, but putting a plan together can be daunting. We'll show you why you need one, and how to do it so your business can be as successful as possible.

May 8, Thu. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Managing Business Cash Flow

and Expenses: If you ever wonder whether you are making the right financial decisions to maximize both growth and profits, this hands-on workshop is for you. You'll learn to identify resources to use now and later, how to understand your business needs, what cash flow is, and how to manage it.

## Henrico EDA Pop-up Mentoring Program (PUMP)

Meet your business needs and foster growth with the award-winning Pop-Up Mentoring Program (PUMP) series from Henrico EDA. Join us to connect with accomplished professionals for in-person coaching from a rotating list of SCORE Richmond mentors. Get personalized business insights related to your specific business

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Mar 26, Wed. 5:00 PM at Libbie Mill Apr 23, Wed. 5:00 PM at Libbie Mill May 28, Wed. 5:00 PM at Libbie Mill

#### **Jueves En Español**

An opportunity to practice speaking conversational Spanish in an informal setting. Registration is not required, but participants must be 16 years old or older and must be able to speak Spanish on an intermediate level. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Mar 20, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory Apr 17, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory May 15, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory

## **Let's Play Cards**

Card games are a fun, relaxing, and easy to learn activity that you can enjoy with others. Join us each month on the fourth Tuesday to learn and play a new card game. 2 hrs.

Mar 25, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina. Hearts Apr 22, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina. Spades May 27, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina. Euchre

## **Rainbow Stitching**

A stitching group for LGBTQIA+ makers! Join us on first Thursdays to create community while knitting, crocheting, sewing, and crafting. Bring your own projects and supplies and get to know other LGBTQIA+ crafters. Beginners are welcome. 90 min.

Mar 6, Thu. 6:30 PM at Tuckahoe Apr 3, Thu. 6:30 PM at Tuckahoe May 1, Thu. 6:30 PM at Tuckahoe

## Adult Programs, continued

#### **Silver Screen Saturdays**

Celebrate old Hollywood by watching classic movies from the 1920s through the 1970s, and discuss facts related to the movie for additional background. Titles will be announced as dates approach. 2 hrs.

Mar 29, Sat. 3:00 PM at Gayton Apr 12, Sat. 3:00 PM at Gayton May 10, Sat. 3:00 PM at Gayton

#### Sit and Stitch

Stitch socially with us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for an informal craft night. Bring whatever fiber craft you are working on, whether that be knitting, crocheting, weaving, or cross stitch, and join the conversation with your fellow crafters. All skill levels are welcome. 90 min.

Mar 11, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield Mar 25, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield Apr 8, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield Apr 22, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield May 13, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield May 27, Tue. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. 90 min.

#### Something to Talk About

Come on second Tuesdays for movies, local history presentations, genealogy, and more! Sponsored by the Friends of HPCL, who will provide coffee, tea, and water. 2 hrs.

Mar 11, Tue. 10:00 AM at Varina. Roller Coaster Rides: Experience the thrills and chills of roller coasters from the comfort of your seat. Join a roller coaster aficionado as she shares her extensive insights into these teeth-rattling adventures, minus the motion sickness.

**Apr 8, Tue. 10:00 AM** at **Varina**. Down on the Farm: Representatives from Henrico's Meadow Farm Museum will talk about the Farm and its assortment of heritage animal breeds.

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**May 13, Tue. 10:00 AM** at **Varina**. Parrot Talk: Learn more about these talkative feathered friends. Their rescuer shares her stories of a lifetime of love and commitment with her parrots. 2 hrs.

## **Tuckahoe Stitching Group**

Come meet other crafters for knitting, crocheting, sewing, and crafting on the third Thursday of each month. Bring your own projects and supplies and get to know other crafters. Beginners are welcome. 90 min.

Mar 20, Thu. 1:00 PM at Tuckahoe

Apr 17, Thu. 1:00 PM at Tuckahoe May 15, Thu. 1:00 PM at Tuckahoe

#### **Varina Stitchers**

Craft socially with us twice a month. Knit, crochet, weave, sew—bring your supplies and join the conversation. 2 hrs.

Mar 6, Thu. 10:00 AM at Varina Mar 18, Tue. 10:00 AM at Varina Apr 3, Thu. 10:00 AM at Varina Apr 15, Tue. 10:00 AM at Varina May 1, Thu. 10:00 AM at Varina May 20, Tue. 10:00 AM at Varina

#### Virginia Housing First-time Homebuyer Class

Learn the entire homebuying process from start to finish, and how to stay on track as a responsible homeowner. This free, no obligation class satisfies the educational requirements for a VHDA loan, and participants will receive a 2-Year Certificate upon completion. Registration is required at VirginiaHousing.com/FindAClass. 6 ½ hrs. Apr 5, Sat. 10:00 AM at Twin Hickory Apr 12, Sat. 10:15 AM at North Park



## **TEEN & TWEEN programs**

## Spring 2025

#### **MARCH**

#### The Search for the Perfect Bite

Mar 4, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill Mar 11, Tue. 6:30 PM at Tuckahoe Mar 19, Wed. 6:30 PM at Varina. Inspired by French hors d'oeuvres or amuse-bouches, see what perfect (or perfectly weird) bite you can create using everyday food!

#### Mending Workshop

Mar 5, Wed. 6:00 PM at Fairfield Mar 12, Wed. 6:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Learn how to upcycle and reinvent your clothing during this hand-mending workshop from SCRAP RVA.

#### **All About Crystals**

Mar 6, Thu. 6:00 PM at Fairfield. Learn about crystals with Aquarian Bookshop, including the significance of various crystals and how to work with them. All participants will receive a crystal of their own. 90 min.

#### Mario Kart Party

**Mar 6, Thu. 6:00 PM** at Libbie Mill. It's Mario Time! Mario Day 2025 is upon us. Celebrate with some friendly Mario Kart competitions on the big screen, Mario-themed crafts, snacks, games, and prizes. 2 hrs.

#### **Open D&D Hours**

Mar 13, Thu. 6:00 PM at Fairfield. Whether you're an adventurer looking for a Dungeon Master or a DM looking for players, stop by in March to sign up for a campaign. Then meet your party and start your adventure. The library will not be providing a DM for this program, but will have D&D resources to use such as pre-printed character sheets and one-shots, maps, character tokens, official rule books, and more. Library staff will be on hand to monitor games and provide support. 2 hrs.

#### **Mand-Stitching Workshop**

Mar 18, Tue. 4:30 PM at North Park. Learn creative handstitching techniques to help you skillfully and creatively mend or repurpose a loved garment. We will also explore the art of Sashiko-style stitchery. Feel free to bring a garment to practice your mending on! 90 min.

#### Gift a Playlist

Mar 19, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. Highlight your favorite women musicians by making a QR code playlist. As a throwback to gifting mixtapes, we'll design cassette-tape-inspired cards to attach your QR codes to using Canva so you, your friends, and loved ones can celebrate women's voices. 90 min.

#### **Garden Pot Decorating**

Mar 26, Wed. 4:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Get ready for spring by personalizing your own terra-cotta pot. We will decorate the pots with Mod Podge and other craft materials, and discuss how you can use the pots to plant seedlings in preparation for your garden. 60 min.

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#### **Break a World Record Challenge**

Mar 31, Mon. 2:30 PM at Fairfield. Try your hand at a variety of stations, such as how many times you can clap in one minute or how fast you can type the alphabet backwards on an iPad, and see if you have what it takes to break a world record. 60 min.

#### APRIL



## Spring Break: En Plein Air!

Apr 1, Tue. 1:00 PM at North Park. Drop by for creative art time outside! Bring your supplies or use our art supplies to create your doodles, sketches, and masterpieces. There will be a guided art activity available outside, painting "en plein air", or work on a project of your own. 60 min.

#### **Pet Care Workshop**

**Apr 1, Tue. 6:30 PM** at Twin Hickory. Calling all teens who are curious about pet ownership! Whether you're dreaming of adopting a furry friend or want to learn how to care for the pets in your life, stop by this workshop led by Henrico Humane Society to learn more. 60 min.

#### Straw-volution

**Apr 2, Wed. 2:00 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. Show off your engineering skills by building dynamic structures, vehicles, and art using drinking straws. Bring a friend and challenge them to a build-off, or test your problem-solving abilities while working as a team. 60 min.

#### **Mathematical DIY Slime for Tweens and Teens**

**Apr 2, Wed. 4:00 PM** at **Gayton**. Learn about the science of slime while creating various slime textures. 60 min.

#### **Minecraft Tween and Teen Party**

**Apr 3, Thu. 2:00 PM** at **Varina**. Get ready for an epic Minecraft adventure during Spring Break! Tweens and teens are invited to join us for a thrilling afternoon of crafting, building, and exploring in the world of Minecraft.

Whether you're a pro or just getting started, you'll enjoy exciting activities like creative challenges, team competitions, and survival quests. Plus, we'll have snacks, Minecraft-themed crafts, and plenty of chances to show off your gaming skills. 2 hrs.



#### **Teen Gaming**

**Apr 3, Thu. 3:00 PM** at **Glen Allen**. Ages 13–17. Challenge your friends to one of our games on the Nintendo Switch. 2 hrs.

#### **Pocky Poetry**

**Apr 3**, **Thu. 6:00 PM** at **Fairfield**. Forget having a poem in your pocket; try poetry with your Pocky! Learn some tips and tricks about writing poetry as you snack on Pocky. 60 min.

#### **Cottontail Creations**

**Apr 5, Sat. 11:00 AM** at **Sandston**. Get ready for a hoppin' good time at the library with an easy, whimsical bunny craft. 60 min.

#### **Miniature Libraries for Teens**

**Apr 8, Tue. 6:30 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. Celebrate National Library Week by making your own teeny tiny library, complete with miniature books and decor. 60 min.



#### **Aviation Adventure**

Apr 9, Wed. 4:00 PM at Varina Apr 21, Mon. 4:00 PM at Libbie Mill

**Apr 29, Tue. 4:00 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. The Virginia Department of Aviation presents their Introduction to Flight program, featuring an ICON A5 light sport amphibious aircraft and a flight simulator. Two people at a time can sit in the cockpit to learn about flight controls and the instrument panel. Participants will learn how aircraft fly and about aviation careers. 2 hrs.

## Tiny Food Party

**Apr 14, Mon. 6:00 PM** at **Fairfield**. Learn how to make some delicious snacks...in miniature! 60 min.

#### Middle Eastern Textile Kites

Apr 16, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. Come learn about fiber arts, pattern designs, and the significance of different motifs. We'll draw inspiration from digital exhibitions and experiment with printmaking techniques to print your design onto a kite to fly home! 90 min.



Apr 21, Mon. 2:30 PM at Fairfield. Take your taste buds on a Takis adventure. Taste them all, then crown the ultimate flavor champion. 90 min.

#### **Book Page Roses**

**Apr 23, Wed. 4:30 PM** at **Twin Hickory**. Even when books fall apart, we can create art. Learn how to make book page roses. 60 min.

#### **Banking Basics for Teens**

**Apr 23, Wed. 6:00 PM** at **Fairfield**. Come enjoy pizza and a fun-filled evening dedicated to you and your finances. We'll dive into how the banking system works and how it can work for you. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Presented by Virginia Credit Union. 90 min.

#### Introduction to Astrology for Teens

**Apr 24, Thu. 6:00 PM** at Fairfield. Learn the basics of astrology, explore how it's used beyond daily horoscopes, and dive into the key foundational elements that shape this ancient practice. We'll also introduce you to the "Big 3"—Sun, Moon, and Rising signs—and how they influence your unique astrological profile. 90 min.

#### **MAY**

#### Cute Origami

May 3, Sat. 2:00 PM at Gayton. Learn the art of Japanese paperfolding and make cute origami. 60 min.

#### Mindfulness: Zentangles

May 7, Wed. 4:30 PM at Twin Hickory. May is Mental Health Awareness month. Zentangles are a miniature work of art that focuses on shapes and patterns as a form

of meditation. Take a breather and focus your mind on completing a zentangle or two. 60 min.

## **Tell Your Story Through Comics**

May 7, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. Discover how artists use graphic memoirs to tell their family's stories. Then learn how to tell your own by drawing comics. 90 min.

#### Teen Craft: Bee Hotels

May 9, Fri. 4:30 PM at Glen Allen. Help our local pollinators help the environment. Bee hotels are beneficial to solitary bee species by providing them with more nesting habitats. Learn how to make and maintain a hotel. 60 min.

#### **Crafting with Zip Ties**

May 10, Sat. 2:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Take a break from school and have fun creating useful objects with zip ties. 60 min.

#### **Fifth Grade Celebration**

May 21, Wed. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. Calling all rising 6th graders! Celebrate the end of the school year by playing video games and learning how the library can help you in middle school. 90 min.

#### **Charm and Chill**

May 22, Thu. 6:30 PM at Fairfield. Make friendship bracelets and shrinky dinks as you chill with your friends. 90 min.

#### **Teens Help Out: Pet Edition**

May 28, Wed. 4:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Earn one hour of community services by volunteering to make things to donate to local animal rescue organizations. Bring any documents you need to verify hours. 60 min.

#### **REGULAR TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS**

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

Watch anime, meet other fans, learn about

### **Anime Club**

Japanese culture, draw, and talk manga with friends at our monthly anime club meetings. Mar 6, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 90 min. Mar 12, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina, 90 min. Mar 25, Tue. 7:00 PM at Fairfield, 60 min. Mar 26, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min. Apr 9, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina, 90 min. Apr 10, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 90 min. **Apr 22, Tue. 7:00 PM** at Fairfield, 60 min. Apr 23, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min. May 8, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory, 90 min. May 14, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina, 90 min. May 27, Tue. 7:00 PM at Fairfield, 60 min.

May 28, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min.



#### **Community Service Night**

Earn community service hours for school by doing something creative to benefit others. Stop by the Teen room to create a craft that we will donate to Meals on Wheels to gift to the community. Supplies will be provided, while they last. Please remember to bring your community service paperwork with you if it needs to be signed. 2 hrs.

Mar 5, Wed. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Origami Bookmarks Apr 8, Tue. 6:00 PM at Libbie Mill. CD Suncatchers

## Hacking Adulthood: Life Skills for Teens and Young Adults

For ages 15–25. A three-part workshop series focused on learning essential job search skills through hands-on activities and expert guidance. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops. 2 hrs. Mar 22, Sat. 2:00 PM at Varina. Effective Job Searching Skills: Are you looking to land your first job or find one that will inspire you take the next steps toward your career goals? Learn your best first steps.

Apr 19, Sat. 2:00 PM at Varina. Resume Writing: Get help creating or refining your resume. May 3, Sat. 2:00 PM at Varina. Interviewing Skills: Learn and practice the essential skills to succeed in job interviews and internships. Through workshops and mock interviews, participants will learn how to prepare, present themselves confidently, and answer common questions, building the communication and professionalism needed to excel in any interview.



#### **Improv!**

Play improv games used in professional theaters while being coached by a bona fide improv comedian. We will work together to make each other laugh, listen, think, and act in all kinds of ways. Improv is great for exercising your creative mind as well as developing your storytelling skills. Come ready to have fun! Only one person per registration, please. 2 hrs.

Mar 25, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. for teens in grades 9-12 Apr 22, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill for teens in grades 9–12

Apr 30, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. for grades 6-8 May 20, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. for grades 6-8

May 27, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. for teens in grades 9–12

## Super Smash Bros. Gaming Tournament

Put your Smash skills to the test as you challenge other teens in your quest for victory and prizes in our Super Smash Bros. tournament.

Nintendo Switch gaming system and controllers supplied.

Mar 5, Wed. 4:30 PM at Twin Hickory. 2 hrs. Apr 3, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. 90 min.

#### Teen Art Club

Drop by for some creative art time after school. Bring your supplies or use our art supplies to create your doodles, sketches, and masterpieces. There will be a guided art activity available, or feel free to hang out and create your project. Imagination is encouraged. 60 min.

Mar 24, Mon. 5:30 PM at North Park May 5, Mon. 5:30 PM at North Park

#### Teen Art Studio

All artistic skill levels are welcome. 2 hrs.

Mar 18, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina. Inspirational Women Artists: From Frida Kahlo's bold self-expression to Georgia O'Keeffe's stunning landscapes and Kara Walker's historic storytelling through bold silhouettes, we will explore the lives and works of trailblazing figures who transformed the art world. Teens will create their own artwork inspired by these visionary artists, using a variety of techniques and mediums. Whether it's painting, drawing, or mixed media, this is your chance to express your creativity while celebrating the contributions of women who've shaped our world. Apr 15, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina. Assemblage Printmaking

May 13, Tue. 6:00 PM at Varina. Suminagashi Marbling Paper Art

#### **Teen Community Service Drop-In**

Drop in to earn community service hours through a variety of projects benefiting local organizations. Please bring any forms that need to be signed for your service credit.

Mar 12, Wed. 6:00 PM at Fairfield. 60 min. May 1, Thu. 6:00 PM at Fairfield. 60 min. May 6, Tue. 6:00 PM at Glen Allen. 2 hrs.

#### **Teen Craft Club**

Experiment with a variety of crafts utilizing different media. Each meeting, we will set out various materials for you to create with. 90 min.

Mar 20, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina Apr 24, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina May 22, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina

## **Teen Graphic Novel Book Club**

Best for grades 9–12. Each month, read a graphic novel and then meet up to discuss the book with other teens. Make sure to borrow a digital copy from Hoopla or grab a copy from the Teen desk starting a month in advance. 60 min.

Mar 18, Tue. 4:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Lost Boy by Jay Martin Apr 15, Tue. 4:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Illegal by Eoin Colfer May 20, Tue. 4:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Nimona by ND Stevenson

#### **Teen Role-Playing Game: D&D One-Shot Adventure**

Dive into a single one-session adventure to practice your Dungeons & Dragons skills. Bring your own character or play with one of our pre-made characters. All experience levels welcome. 2 hrs.

Mar 12, Wed. 5:00 PM at Gayton for level 3 characters Mar 22, Sat. 3:00 PM at Libbie Mill for level 5 characters Mar 26, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina for level 3 characters Apr 5, Sat. 3:00 PM at Libbie Mill for level 5 characters Apr 23, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina for level 3 characters May 3, Sat. 3:00 PM at Libbie Mill for level 5 characters May 28, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina for level 3 characters

#### **Teen Trivia Night**

It's Trivia Night in the Teen room! Eat snacks, hang out, compete against your friends, and win prizes. Topics change every month, so there's always something for everyone.

Mar 20, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min.
Mar 31, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina, 60 min.
Apr 17, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min.
Apr 28, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina, 60 min.

May 15, Thu. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill, 90 min. May 19, Mon. 6:00 PM at Varina, 60 min.

#### Teens Make Stuff

Come craft with us! Bring your friends, hang out, and make something cool. We'll provide the materials and books for inspiration, you provide the creativity. 90 min. Mar 12, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. Button silhouette art Apr 9, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. Mini bookshelf magnets with books

May 7, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill. Beaded flower bracelets

#### Tween Lego Club

Calling all tweens! Get together to create with Lego bricks. Whether you prefer freestyling your masterpieces or want a challenge, hang out and de-stress with fun, brick-by-brick designs. We will take pictures of your creations after each session to display in a Lego gallery. 60 min.

Mar 10, Mon. 5:30 PM at North Park Apr 7, Mon. 5:30 PM at North Park May 12, Mon. 5:30 PM at North Park

#### **Twisted Stitches**

Learn to crochet, make something silly, and hang out with other fabric artists. Join us monthly to make fun projects and creatures from your favorite shows and games! Craft books and supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. 60 min.

Mar 27, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina Apr 17, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina May 15, Thu. 6:00 PM at Varina

# **KIDS & FAMILY programs**

Spring 2025

#### **MARCH**

#### **Women's Day Celebration**

Mar 5, Wed. 3:00 PM at Fairfield. Join us for an afternoon of crafts and activities that pay homage to this international celebration of women. This event is part of the library's commemoration of Women's History Month. 60 min.

#### **Toddler Music Time**

**Mar 7, Fri. 10:30 AM** at Twin Hickory. Best for ages 2-3, with an adult. Come sing, dance, and hear a spring story. 30 min.

#### Rangoli Art

Mar 8, Sat. 11:00 AM at Glen Allen. Best for ages 5+. Participate with your neighbors in a collaborative art project outside on our patio in preparation for Holi and the arrival of spring. Rangoli, which means "an array of colors" in Sanskrit, is a traditional Hindu art form drawn on the ground to celebrate important occasions. 2 hrs.

#### Mario Day

Mar 10, Mon. 12:00 PM at Libbie Mill. We're celebrating National Mario Day! If you're a fan of the iconic character from the popular Nintendo game series, drop by the library from noon onward and enjoy some Mario-themed crafts and activities. 8.5 hrs.

### Pi Day Celebration

Mar 13, Thu. 4:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Best for grades 3–6 with an adult. March 14 (3/14) marks the commemoration of the irrational, neverending ratio, pi. Come celebrate by exploring math-related games and activities. 60 min.

## Leprechaun Craft & Activity

Mar 13, Thu. 5:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Best for ages 5–10. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day early with a fun craft and activity. Be prepared to get a little messy. 30 min.

#### Baby Explore

Mar 15, Sat. 10:30 AM at Sandston. Best for ages 0–24 months with a caregiver. Let's explore new rhymes, bounce, make animal sounds, and meet some new friends. 30 min.

#### 🌃 Make a Leprechaun Trap

Mar 15, Sat. 2:30 PM at Libbie Mill. Best for ages 6+. Let's catch a leprechaun! We will read stories, learn about leprechauns, and use our engineering skills to design traps, just in time to try to catch a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. 60 min.



## Kids & Family, continued

## Spring 2025

#### **Bluev Bash**

Mar 21, Fri. 3:30 PM at Varina. Let's get together for a Bluey Bash with all things Bluey. We'll have Bluey-themed crafts, Bluey episodes, Bluey memory match, Bluey tic-tac-toe, Bluey bean bag toss, and more! 90 min.

#### **Protect Your Peeps**

Mar 24, Mon. 4:00 PM at Fairfield. Create a raft capable of keeping your Peeps cozy and dry in this STEM-based challenge. 60 min.

#### **Pretty Peacocks**

Mar 25, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5, with an adult helper. You are invited to hear the story of the beautiful and fascinating peacock, and craft one to take home. 30 min.

#### Travel Back in Time: Ancient Egypt

Mar 26, Wed. 4:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Best for grades K-5. Travel back in time to a land of pyramids, mummies, pharaohs, and hieroglyphs. Through different activity stations, we will get a glimpse of how Egyptians lived during this time period. 60 min.

## **Spring Has Sprung**

Mar 27, Thu. 11:00 AM at Varina. In celebration of the First Day of Spring, we're hosting various fun-filled plant-related activity stations for the whole family. 60 min.

#### **Beech Tree Puppets**

Mar 31, Mon. 10:30 AM at North Park Mar 31, Mon. 2:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Hand-crafted puppets are invading the library. Beech Tree Puppets present meaningful and sensory-friendly stories for kids of all ages, featuring beautiful singing and live music. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.



#### **Toddler Dance Party**

Mar 31, Mon. 10:30 AM at Glen Allen. Ages 1-6. Grab your dancing shoes and boogie on down to the library for a high energy dance party. Expect bubbles, stories, and lots of fun! 30 min.

## **Block Party**

Mar 31, Mon. 3:00 PM at Fairfield. Best for ages 4+. Explore your creativity by building with Lego bricks and other blocks. 60 min.

#### **APRIL**

#### **Spring-Along Sing-Along**

Apr 1, Tue. 10:00 AM at Fairfield. Best for ages 1-10. Celebrate spring with music and movement. Put on your dancing shoes, warm up your singing voice, and come ready to have fun. 60 min.

#### Peter McCorv: The One-Man Band Concert

Apr 1, Tue. 10:30 AM at Glen Allen Apr 1, Tue. 2:30 PM at Gayton. Get ready for a toe-tapping, high-energy one-man show. Peter McCory has been strumming guitar, while simultaneously playing harmonicas, kazoos, whistles, and drums, for over 25 years. Sing, clap, and dance along to familiar songs, folk tunes, and original pieces in this unique and joyful celebration of music. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.



Apr 1, Tue. 11:00 AM at Tuckahoe. Build with a variety of blocks and let your imagination take over! Children will have plenty of space and building materials as they experiment with different techniques. 45 min.

## **Spring Watercolors**

Apr 1, Tue. 2:00 PM at Varina

Apr 10, Thu. 3:30 PM at Gayton. Bring your creativity as we explore watercolor painting. Participants can choose to create a spring-themed project or make their own design using watercolor techniques. 60 min.

#### **Spring Break Fun: After School Art**

Apr 1, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Grades 1–5. Enjoy your Spring Break at the library by playing various April Fools' Art Games. 60 min.

### **Lovely Letters**

Apr 2, Wed. 10:30 AM at North Park. For children and tweens. Write an informal letter to a relative, friend, or library staff member and include what you enjoy about the library. Practice your printed handwriting or try your hand at cursive. 90 min.

#### **Uncle Ty-Rone's World**

Apr 2, Wed. 10:30 AM at Sandston Apr 2, Wed. 2:30 PM at Varina. Uncle Ty-Rone is bringing his team of ventriloquppets to the library, along with self-produced music and comedy. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

#### **Candy Sushi**

Apr 2, Wed. 2:30 PM at Fairfield. Learn how to make candy sushi in celebration of Japanese culture. Taste your creations and then head to the Meeting Room for more activities. 90 min.

## **Cherry Blossom Festival**

Apr 2, Wed. 2:30 PM at Fairfield. Explore Japanese culture and animation with a variety of activities and crafts celebrating the beautiful pink flowers that bloom every spring. Then head to the Creation Classroom to make some candy sushi. 90 min.

## **Disney Picture Bingo**

Apr 2, Wed. 3:00 PM at Tuckahoe. Families celebrate Spring Break with a few rounds of bingo featuring beloved characters from your favorite Disney storybooks. 45 min.

#### Milkshake Duo Concert

Apr 3, Thu. 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill Apr 3, Thu. 2:30 PM at Fairfield

Apr 3, Thu. 6:30 PM at Twin Hickory. It's time for a spring break dance party at the library! Milkshake Duo features Lisa Matthews and Mikel Gehl, both from the Grammy-nominated kindie rock band Milkshake. Put on your dance pants and get ready to rock out with all of your library friends. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

#### **Pokemon: Card Traders for Kids**

Apr 3, Thu. 2:00 PM at Gayton. Trading

Pokémon cards is un-Bayleaf-able fun. We will provide a safe space to trade cards and have other Pokémon-themed activities. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 60 min.

## Spring Break Fun: Lego Club Turtle Races

Apr 3, Thu. 2:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Grades K-5 with an adult. We bring the Lego bricks; you bring your creativity. Test your building skills with our newest theme, Turtle Races: the slowest car wins. 60 min.



🗹 = Program requires registration for each attendee. 🛮 🟭 = Program can be attended virtually using Webex. Unless noted, all supplies are provided. Selected books and materials that support program concepts will be available for checkout.



#### **Amazing Mr. B Magic Show**

**Apr 4, Fri. 2:00 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. Families are invited to celebrate during Spring Break by attending a special magic show with the Amazing Mr. B! This family-friendly show features many silly magic tricks. 30 min.



#### **Barefoot Puppets: Galapagos George**

**Apr 5, Sat. 11:00 AM** at **Libbie Mill**. Best for ages 5+. Enjoy a performance from the award winning Barefoot Puppets! Based on the story of "Lonesome George," this show tells the tale of a one-of-a-kind tortoise from the Galapagos Islands. 60 min.

## **G** Going on a Dragon Hunt

**Apr 7, Mon. 10:30 AM** at Libbie Mill. Enter a land of make believe as we use our imaginations to make a fairytale story come alive. 45 min.

## **Upcycled Button Making**

**Apr 11, Fri. 2:00 PM** at **Tuckahoe**. Celebrate National Library Week by making a library button upcycled from old books and magazines. 60 min.

#### **Escape the Library**

**Apr 12, Sat. 1:00 PM** at Varina. Best for grade 2+. Younger friends may need an older teammate to be able to participate. Use your problemsolving skills to unlock the Super-Secret Box! Can you come up with a solution in time? Participants can drop in for opportunities to join the game every half hour. 2 hrs.

## **Elementary Explorers: Engineering Challenge**

**Apr 16, Wed. 4:00 PM** at **Varina**. Best for grades K–5. Explore different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics through fun, hands-on activities, challenges, and demonstrations. This month your challenge is to build structures with everyday materials. 60 min.

#### **Read**, Reuse, Recycle

**Apr 21, Mon. 6:00 PM** at Fairfield. Create an upcycled craft to celebrate Earth Day, followed by some time reading as a family in a makeshift camp setting. 60 min.

#### **Books and Bites: Growing Vegetable Soup**

**Apr 23, Wed. 4:00 PM** at Varina. Celebrate Earth Day with with a reading of *Growing Vegetable Soup* by Lois Ehlert. Learn how to safely prep vegetables and sample a flavorful vegetable soup prepared in our demonstration kitchen. Please be conscious of your child's food allergies and inform us of any potential issues. 60 min.

#### **Fabulous Flamingos**

Apr 29, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5 with an adult helper. What's a flamingo's favorite game? Hopscotch! Come play the flamingo's favorite game, make a flamingo craft, and hear a story. 30 min.

## **MAY**

## **D.I.Y. Magic Wands**

May 1, Thu. 4:00 PM at Twin Hickory. Grades 3–6 with an adult. Come celebrate Harry Potter Day (May 2nd) by creating your own light-up wand. 60 min.

#### May the Third Be With You

May 3, Sat. 12:00 PM at Sandston. Embark on an intergalactic adventure. Practice your Jedi skills with Star Wars-themed crafts and activities. Feel free to don your favorite Star Wars attire or costumes! 2 hrs.

#### **Barefoot Puppets: Galapagos George**

May 3, Sat. 11:00 AM at Twin Hickory. Ages 5+. See Apr. 5 description. 60 min.

#### **Loose Parts Lab**

**May 5, Mon. 3:00 PM** at **Fairfield**. Best for ages 7–12. What can you make with a bucket of bits and pieces? Come experiment with nuts, bolts, brackets, and hinges and see what you can invent! 60 min.

#### Revenge of the 5th

May 5, Mon. 3:00 PM at Varina. Celebrate Star Wars Revenge of the 5th! Watch a Lego Star Wars movie and enjoy Star Wars-themed games and crafts at various stations. You are encouraged to dress like your favorite Star Wars character. 2 hrs.

#### **Ready. Set. Kindergarten**

May 7, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina. Alphabet and Literacy

May 14, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina.

Routines and Transitions

May 21, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina. Fine Motor Skills and Cutting

May 28, Wed. 6:00 PM at Varina.
Social Emotional Skills and Nutrition.
For rising Kindergarteners. This
four-part series will help you and your
child get ready for school. Each week will
cover a different topic and will have
speakers for both parent and child. 90 min.



## The Amazing Mr. B

May 7, Wed. 6:30 PM at Gayton. See Apr. 4 description. 60 min.

#### **Preschool STEAM: May Flowers**

**May 13, Tue. 3:30 PM** at **Twin Hickory**. Ages 3–5 with an adult. April showers bring May flowers. We will read a book about spring flowers and craft a bouquet of a variety of beautiful blooms. 30 min.

#### Lilo & Stitch Party

May 14, Wed. 3:00 PM at Fairfield. Explore Pacific Islander culture with crafts, music, and activities, just in time for *Lilo & Stitch* in theaters. 60 min.

#### **Busy Hands**

May 16, Fri. 10:30 AM at Tuckahoe. Best for ages 3–5. Take part in some creative learning by listening to a fun story and then creating a related craft to take home and enjoy. 30 min.

### **CANCELED Bike Rodeo**

May 17, Sat. 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill. Bring your bike, appropriate clothing, and helmet for a chance to learn how to bike safely from the pros from the Henrico County Police Division. 2 hrs.

#### **Tiny Tales**

May 20, Tue. 11:00 AM at Fairfield

May 21, Wed. 11:00 AM at Gayton

May 22, Thu. 10:30 AM at Varina. Best for ages 3–8. Enter a land of make believe with the Virginia Repertory Theatre. Storybooks come alive in this creative drama workshop as children explore fun and fantastical worlds and characters through movement and play with the help of seasoned actors. 60 min.

## **Adaptive Tiny Tales**

May 19, Mon. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Best for ages 3–12. Neurodivergent children and those needing accommodations are invited to this smaller, registration-required session. 60 min.

#### Family Karaoke

May 22, Thu. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe. "Look at this stuff, isn't it neat?" Family and friends sing alone or as a group to their favorite Disney Movie tunes. Choose from our pre-selected list of titles and "Let it go!" 60 min.

#### **Build A Birdhouse**

**May 22, Thu. 6:30 PM** at Libbie Mill. Celebrate spring by building and decorating your own birdhouse. 60 min.

#### **Preschool Dance Party**

May 24, Sat. 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill. Come get your groove on! Young children learn a great deal from music and movement. We'll jump and jive and enjoy moving to some rockin' tunes. Bring your water! 60 min.

#### **REGULAR KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

#### **After School Art**

Best for grades 1-5. 60 min.

Mar 4, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Stand and Scribble: After sitting in school all day, it's time to stand up, stretch and move to make art.

May 6, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Chalk Art: Decorate the sidewalks of the library. In case of bad weather, we'll draw indoors.

## **Baby & Toddler Playtime**

Babies and toddlers are invited to play together and explore their senses. Just bring your imagination and we'll supply the materials! 60 min.

Mar 14, Fri. 9:30 AM at Fairfield Apr 11, Fri. 9:30 AM at Fairfield May 9, Fri. 10:00 AM at Fairfield

#### **Chess Time**

Best for ages 5+. Stop by for a casual game of chess. Players of all experience levels are welcome! 2 hrs.

Mar 20, Thu. 3:30 PM at Fairfield Apr 17, Thu. 3:30 PM at Fairfield May 15, Thu. 3:30 PM at Fairfield

## **March 19** Dungeons & Dragons for Kids

Dive into the world of D&D and grow your role-playing game skills. This one-shot adventure will help young gamers get a feel for how

tabletop role-playing games work. We will have a selection of pre-made characters, or you can bring your own level-one character. All experience levels are welcome. 60 min.

Mar 18, Tue. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill Apr 23, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill May 21, Wed. 6:30 PM at Libbie Mill

#### **Elementary Art Club**

Best for grades 3–5. Join us for our monthly art club. We may get messy, so appropriate clothing is recommended. 60 min.

Mar 12, Wed. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe. Mar 19, Wed. 3:00 PM at Fairfield Apr 9, Wed. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe Apr 16, Wed. 3:30 PM at Fairfield May 14, Wed. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe May 21, Wed. 3:00 PM at Fairfield

#### **☑** K-2 Bookworms

Best for grades K–2. Kids are invited to meet up with friends to find out just how fun reading can be! We will read a book together, discuss the story, and do a related activity.

Mar 13, Thu. 3:30 PM at North Park. 30 min. Mar 13, Thu. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe. 45 min. Apr 10, Thu. 3:30 PM at North Park. 30 min. Apr 10, Thu. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe. 45 min. May 8, Thu. 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe. 45 min.

#### **Krafty Kids**

Best for preschool–grade 2. Enjoy some creative learning and fun at a rainbow-themed event. 45 min.

Mar 15, Sat. 11:00 AM at North Park Apr 26, Sat. 11:00 AM at North Park May 10, Sat. 11:00 AM at North Park

#### **Lego Builders**

Best for ages 4+. Your imagination is the limit as you build creations out of Lego bricks. 60 min.

Mar 1, Sat. 3:00 PM at Sandston May 10, Sat. 3:00 PM at Sandston

#### Pre-K Open Art

Best for ages 3–5. Encourage your child's creativity through openended art experiences. Children will explore different textures

and media through a developmentally appropriate art project emphasizing discovery and independence. 60 min.

Mar 17, Mon. 2:30 PM at Libbie Mill Apr 21, Mon. 2:30 PM at Libbie Mill May 12, Mon. 2:30 PM at Libbie Mill

#### **Preschool Craft**

Ages 3–5, with an adult helper. Listen to a story, then make a craft. 60 min.

Mar 20, Thu. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Hanging Rainbows

**Apr 24, Thu. 3:30 PM** at **Twin Hickory**. Whimsical Fairy and Garden Creature Homes

May 22, Thu. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. Mouse Paint Art

#### **UP READers**

Best for ages 6+. Read a story aloud to a trained therapy dog from Paws Unleash Potential. Improve your reading confidence and make a new furry friend!

Mar 1, Sat. 11:30 AM at Varina. 60 min.
Mar 11, Tue. 3:30 PM at Fairfield. 60 min.
Mar 20, Thu. 6:00 PM at Glen Allen. 90 min.
Apr 5, Sat. 11:30 AM at Varina. 60 min.
Apr 8, Tue. 3:30 PM at Fairfield. 60 min.
Apr 17, Thu. 6:00 PM at Glen Allen. 90 min.
May 15, Thu. 6:00 PM at Glen Allen. 90 min.

#### Readers Rule

Grades K–2, with an adult. Explore a different outstanding beginner book series each month as an engaging way to support emerging literacy. We'll celebrate the appealing characters populating the pages with a readaloud and other fun activities. 45 min.

Mar 18, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory Apr 15, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory May 20, Tue. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory

#### **Saturday Make and Take**

Best for ages 3+. Enjoy open-ended art and crafts at this fun program, perfect for budding artists and crafty kiddos. 60 min.

Apr 5, Sat. 11:00 AM at Glen Allen May 24, Sat. 11:00 AM at Glen Allen

#### **Tea Time Tales with Royalty**

Ages 3–5 with an adult. Wear your favorite royal (or superhero) costume to the library, and we will read a story and have a festive "tea party". There will be a brief introduction to tea time etiquette with snacks and drinks. To finish up the royal party, the children will have a dance. **Mar 6, Thu. 3:30 PM** at **Twin Hickory.** 45 min.

Apr 10, Thu. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. 60 min. May 8, Thu. 3:30 PM at Twin Hickory. 45 min.

#### **Toddler and Preschool Playtime**

Best for ages 2–5. Experience creative learning and fun as we develop fine motor skills through hands-on art and sensory play. 60 min.

Mar 17, Mon. 3:30 PM at Gayton Apr 21, Mon. 3:30 PM at Gayton May 19, Mon. 3:30 PM at Gayton



## **Weekly Storytimes**

Spring 2025



These storytimes take place weekly, except during holidays and storytime breaks. Storytime breaks are March 30-April 12 and May 18-June 7.

#### Newborn Giggle & Gather

For newborns and infants. Help start a lifelong love of books and reading while networking with other parents and caregivers. 30 min.

Tuesdays 9:30 AM at Tuckahoe Wednesdays 9:30 AM at Fairfield Thursdays 9:30 AM at Libbie Mill

## **Baby Songs & Stories**

Best for ages 6–24 months. 30 min. Mondays 10:00 AM at Fairfield Mondays 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory Mondays 11:00 AM at Tuckahoe Tuesdays 9:30 AM at Libbie Mill Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Glen Allen Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory Wednesdays 9:30 AM at Tuckahoe Wednesdays 9:30 AM at Varina Saturdays 9:30 AM at Libbie Mill Saturdays 9:30 AM at Twin Hickory Saturdays 10:00 AM at Fairfield Saturdays 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe

#### Music, Rhymes, & Wiggle Time

Best for ages 24–36 months. 30 min.

Mondays 10:30 AM at Glen Allen

Mondays 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill

Mondays 10:30 AM at North Park

Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Fairfield

Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Tuckahoe

Wednesdays 9:30 AM at Libbie Mill

Wednesdays 9:30 AM at Twin Hickory

Wednesdays 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill

Thursdays 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory

Thursdays 10:30 AM at Varina

#### Read. Play. Grow

Best for ages 3–5 years. 30 min.
Mondays 9:30 AM at Libbie Mill
Mondays 9:30 AM at Twin Hickory
Tuesdays 9:30 AM at Twin Hickory
Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill
Tuesdays 11:00 AM at Fairfield
Wednesdays 10:30 AM at North Park
Wednesdays 10:30 AM at Sandston
Wednesdays 11:00 AM at Gayton
Thursdays 9:30 AM at Twin Hickory
Thursdays 11:00 AM at Tuckahoe

#### **Family Fun**

All ages. 30 min.

Tuesdays 6:30 PM at Fairfield
Wednesdays 10:30 AM at Glen Allen
Wednesdays 7:00 PM at Twin Hickory
Thursdays 3:30 PM at Varina
Saturdays 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill
Saturdays 10:30 AM at Twin Hickory
Saturdays 10:30 AM at Varina
Saturdays 11:00 AM at Tuckahoe
Sundays 2:00 PM at Fairfield
Sundays 2:00 PM at Libbie Mill

Mondays 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe

#### **Pajama Time**

All ages. Evening storytime with songs and stories. Pajamas welcome! 30 min.

Tuesdays 6:30 PM at Varina

Wednesdays 6:30 PM at Fairfield

### **Hello! Storytime**

All ages. Stories, simple rhymes and repetition to help build English language skills. Not just for children but for the whole family. 30 min.

Thursdays 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe

#### **Cuentos Bilingües (Bilingual Storytime)**

Todas las edades. Ven a escuchar cuentos que fomentan las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. En español e ingles. / All ages. Come listen to stories that encourage early literacy skills. In Spanish and English. 30 min.

Wednesdays 10:30 AM at Libbie Mill

## **Adaptive Storytime**

Ages 1–12 and all abilities, with an adult. Designed for neurodivergent children, this inclusive storytime incorporates movement, music, stories, sensory activities, and play. Activities presented generally fall within a preschool interest level. Siblings and therapists are welcome.

Mondays 3:30 PM at Tuckahoe Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Varina Thursdays 10:00 AM at Fairfield

#### Virtual Family Storytime

All ages. An online family storytime filled with stories, songs, and activities to help your child grow a love of books and acquire the skills they need to start school ready to learn.

Thursdays 6:30 PM via Webex: 2631 310 3414





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