



Henrico County Public Library Program Guide



Calendar of Events for Fall

September, October, November 2025

Locations & Hours

AREA LIBRARIES

Mon–Thu 9 AM–9 PM
Fri, Sat 9 AM–6 PM

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

Libbie Mill (804) 501-1940
2100 Libbie Lake East St., Henrico VA 23230
also open Sundays 1–5 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 AM–9 PM
Thu 1 PM–9 PM
Fri, Sat 10 AM–6 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 AM–4:30 PM

Admin Offices (804) 501-1900

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Labor Day Mon., Sep. 1
Veterans Day Tue., Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Thu.–Fri., Nov. 27–28

   @HenricoLibrary



BOOooks & MORE

Visit the library for a spirited lineup this fall! From thrilling tales to a Haunted Henrico Reading Challenge, we have programs and resources to entertain, enchant, and educate leading up to the Spooky Season and beyond.

Look for additional “pop-up” programs by scanning the QR code below or visiting henricolibrary.org.

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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, complete events, and event details, visit our online events calendar.

henricolibrary.org/calendar



Book Discussions

Fall 2025

FAIRFIELD

Book Bites: A Tasty Book Club

Join our discussion and enjoy a bite-sized treat featured in the book. 60 min.

Sep 2, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. *The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland. Based on the true story of the Richmond Theatre fire in 1811, this novel follows the experiences of four unique characters through the disaster, including its aftermath and investigation.

Oct 7, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. *When No One Is Watching* by Alyssa Cole. As homes in a historic Brooklyn neighborhood rapidly change hands, one longtime resident seeks to preserve its character and hold her community together, unaware of the sinister forces at play.

Nov 4, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. Aspiring historian Caroline Parcewell stumbles on an 18th century mystery in London, the "apothecary murders," and a woman who sold well-disguised poisons to help her customers deal with the oppressive men in their lives.

Fairfield Black Authors Book Discussion

Sep 16, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. *Chain-Gang All-Stars* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah. Loretta and Hamara, lovers and teammates, are modern-day gladiators ensnared in the private prison industry, where fighters must entertain the masses and attempt to preserve their humanity as they fight to the death for freedom. 60 min.

Oct 21, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. *Long After We Are Gone* by Terah Shelton Harris. An explosive and emotional story of four siblings—each fighting their own personal battle—who return home in the wake of their father's death to save their family's home from being sold out from under them. 60 min.

Nov 18, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. *One of Us Knows* by Alyssa Cole. Years after a breakdown and a diagnosis of dissociative identity disorder derailed her historical preservationist career, Kenetria Nash and her alters have been given a second chance they can't refuse. Caught in a web of secrets and in a race against time, Ken and her alters must band together to prove their innocence and discover the truth of Kavanaugh Island—and their own past—or they risk losing not only their future, but their life.

Next Chapter Book Club

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Mondays 10:00 AM @Fairfield. An eight-week program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read, learn, and make new friends in a relaxed community setting. Two facilitators will be present to read aloud and lead book discussions. Books are provided. Participants are welcome regardless of their reading or ability level, but seats are limited. To register, please contact Kimberly Bridges at kbridges@henricolibrary.org or (804) 501-1929. 60 min.

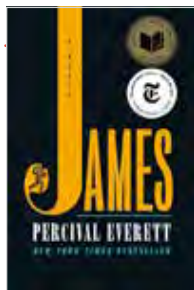
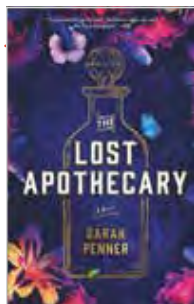
GAYTON

Gayton Afternoon Book Discussion

Sep 8, Mon. 1:00 PM @Gayton. *James* by Percival Everett. In this 2024 National Book Award winner, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is retold from Jim's perspective. 60 min.

Oct 13, Mon. 1:00 PM @Gayton. *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. Based on the life of the National Book Award-winning author's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C. 60 min.

Nov 10, Mon. 1:00 PM @Gayton. *The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland. 60 min.



Gayton Evening Book Discussion

Sep 8, Mon. 7:00 PM @Gayton. *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston. A woman working for a secret organization is assigned to gather information on a seemingly normal man, but unexpected twists keep changing her perspective. 60 min.

Oct 13, Mon. 7:00 PM @Gayton. *James* by Percival Everett. 60 min.

Nov 10, Mon. 7:00 PM @Gayton. *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. 60 min.

GLEN ALLEN

Glen Allen Book Discussion

Sep 9, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen. *Familia* by Lauren Rico. A fact-checker for a popular magazine takes a DNA test and discovers she has a sister in Puerto Rico who has been desperately trying to find her for 25 years, despite her parents saying it is impossible. 60 min.

Oct 14, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen. *Those Kids from Fawn Creek* by Erin Entrada Kelly. The twelve kids in the seventh grade at Fawn Creek K-12 have been together all their lives. When graceful Orchid Mason arrives, with exotic clothes and glorious hair, the other seventh graders do not know what to think. 60 min.

Nov 18, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen. *American Rambles* by Neil King Jr. The author documents his walk from Washington, D.C., to New York City and tells stories about the people and pieces of history he encounters along the way. 60 min.



LIBBIE MILL

Libbie Mill LGBTQIA+ Book Discussion

Sep 2, Tue. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. *All Fours* by Miranda July. A narrator decides the freedom of a cross-country road trip is not enough—she needs a few weeks unobserved in a roadside motel to feel out the contours of freedom, desire, perimenopause, and art. 60 min.

Oct 7, Tue. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. *Cuckoo* by Gretchen Felker-Martin. In a high-octane horror novel, seven survivors of a mid-90s conversion therapy camp are the only force that can save others from what haunts them. 60 min.

Nov 4, Tue. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. *On Community* by Casey Plett. In an extended essay, Plett examines how groups of people form, thrive, fail each other, offer protection, address conflict, and create meaning, connecting observations about specific communities (trans literary circles, Mennonites, and Silicon Valley hacker houses, to name a few) back to a larger vision of what community actually is and offers. 60 min.

Libbie Mill Afternoon Book Discussion

Sep 10, Wed. 1:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *The Office of Historical Corrections* by Danielle Evans. With this collection of perceptive short stories and one novella, Danielle Evans throws her deeply complex human characters into the messy environs of our modern world, exploring the wider themes of grief, history, culture, and truth through their actions. 60 min.

Oct 8, Wed. 1:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *The Bullet Swallower* by Elizabeth Gonzalez James. Antonio Sonoro, a legendary outlaw bent on revenge after his brother is killed in a shootout with Texas Rangers, and his grandson, Jaime Sonoro, a famous Mexican movie star writing a film script about his grandfather's exploits, are each haunted by a shadowy stranger who demands recompense for the Sonoro lineage's compounding evil deeds. 60 min.



For registration, latest events, and event details, visit henricolibrary.org/calendar.

Nov 12, Wed. 1:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange. In this expansive family saga, set over the course of 150 years and spanning from California to Pennsylvania, Red Feather descendants wrestle with the generational legacy of Cheyenne cultural erasure, institutionalized violence, and resultant trauma while building lives defiantly studded with joy and hope. 60 min.

Libbie Mill Evening Book Discussion

Sep 10, Wed. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *The Office of Historical Corrections* by Danielle Evans. 60 min.

Oct 8, Wed. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *The Bullet Swallower* by Elizabeth Gonzalez James. 60 min.

Nov 12, Wed. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange. 60 min.

NORTH PARK

Next Chapter Book Club

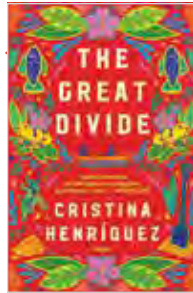
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov 5, 12, 19, Wednesdays 10:00 AM @North Park. See Fairfield description. 60 min.

North Park Evening Book Discussion

Sep 15, Mon. 7:00 PM @North Park. *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henríquez. The construction of the Panama Canal was a great engineering feat of the early 1900's that nonetheless resulted in significant social, economic, and political upheaval in Panama. 60 min.

Oct 20, Mon. 7:00 PM @North Park. *What an Owl Knows* by Jennifer Ackerman. In addition to playing a significant cultural role in society, owls also are well known for their fascinating biology and adaptations. 60 min.

Nov 17, Mon. 7:00 PM @North Park. *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Chicken Hill in Pottstown, PA rallies its Jewish, Black, and immigrant citizens to protect an orphaned deaf boy from the machinations and interference of the city's white establishment. 60 min.



SANDSTON

Savvy Sandston Book Discussion

Sep 10, Wed. 7:00 PM @Sandston. *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. The passengers and crew of a penal ship seek redemption in Victorian-era Australia. 60 min.

Oct 8, Wed. 7:00 PM @Sandston. *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. 60 min.

Nov 12, Wed. 7:00 PM @Sandston. *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Four abused orphans escape the Lincoln Indian Training School in Depression-era Minnesota in a canoe down the Mississippi, trying to evade capture and find a new home. 60 min.

TUCKAHOE

Tuckahoe Afternoon Fiction Book Discussion

Sep 11, Thu. 1:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. Sam and Sadie bonded as children, but when they are reunited as college students, their future really begins with a legendary collaboration in game design that will launch them to stardom. 60 min.

Oct 9, Thu. 1:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Young violinist Ray McMillian tackles his dream of being a world-class musician. The mystery begins when he is blindsided by the theft of his great-great-grandfather's fiddle, an instrument that holds a secret. 60 min.

Nov 13, Thu. 1:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. Over the course of the cherry harvest in the summer of 2020, a mother recounts her youthful summer love affair with a famous actor to her three grown daughters. 60 min.

Tuckahoe Evening Fiction Book Discussion

Sep 11, Thu. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. 60 min.



Oct 9, Thu. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. 60 min.

Nov 13, Thu. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. 60 min.

Not Just For Kids Book Discussion

Sep 23, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall* by Ali Standish. When a mysterious man with a pipe notices young Arthur's incredible deductive skills, Arthur's offered a spot at the esteemed Baskerville Hall and a chance to lift his family out of poverty. 60 min.

Oct 21, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor. Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. A deeply poignant, and beautifully crafted story about self-reliance, redemption, and hope. 60 min.

Nov 18, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller. This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother. 60 min.

Tuckahoe Real Stories Book Discussion

Sep 16, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *What A Fish Knows: The Inner Lives of Our Underwater Cousins* by Jonathan Balcombe. An exploration of fish reveals their complex mental and emotional lives, social behaviors, and surprising intelligence, with intricate courtship rituals and lifelong bonds revealed by the latest scientific insights. 60 min.

Oct 21, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *Springfield Confidential: Jokes, Secrets, and Outright Lies From A Lifetime Writing for The Simpsons* by Mike Reiss. In this memoir, a cartoon pioneer reflects on his unexpected journey with *The Simpsons*, revealing how he learned the art of writing and collaboration from its creators while navigating the challenges of the show's groundbreaking success. 60 min.

Nov 18, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. *Thucydides: The Reinvention of History* by Donald Kagan. This work offers a clear, timeless summary of Thucydides's *History of the Peloponnesian War*, highlighting how his methodical approach and restrained personal opinions marked a significant advancement towards modern historical writing. 60 min.

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TWIN HICKORY

Twin Hickory Afternoon Book Discussion

Sep 10, Wed. 1:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. Englishwoman Rachel Verinder inherits a stunning yellow diamond that is sought by Hindu priests hoping to return it to India. The precious jewel's disappearance sets in motion an intricately plotted mystery in this 1868 detective novel that sets the standard for all detective fiction since. 60 min.

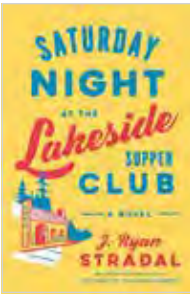
Oct 8, Wed. 1:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward. Annis is a young woman when she and her mother are both sold from the Carolina rice plantation where they were enslaved. On the long trek by foot to Louisiana, Annis finds comfort and spiritual strength through memories of her mother and grandmother and her keen sense of the spirit that surround her in the natural world. 60 min.

Nov 12, Wed. 1:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Four-year-old Ruthie's Mi'kmaq family travels from Nova Scotia every summer to work the blueberry harvest, and the little girl vanishes, leaving her brother Joe to look back on fifty years of guilt and trauma. Meanwhile, Norma, adopted by affluent parents grows up troubled by her recurring dreams and visions. 60 min.

Twin Hickory Evening Book Discussion

Sep 25, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *The Museum of Failures* by Thrity Umrigar. Remy Wadia returns to Mumbai after many years away and finds the mother he has been at war with for years sick, bedridden, and helpless. He also finds a photograph hiding a family secret that demands a reassessment of his relationship with his mother and a reevaluation of his childhood requiring deep and difficult forgiveness. 60 min.





Oct 23, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal. Minnesota couple Mariel and Ned are part of the world of restaurants, diners, and an old school supper club, but everything is on the brink of failure. When family tragedy strikes, maybe the Lakeside Supper Club can serve up redemption one more time, in this novel of Midwestern foodie nostalgia and family ties. 60 min.

Nov 20, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *Murder by Degrees* by Ritu Mukerji. In this historical mystery set in 19th-century Philadelphia, Dr. Lydia Weston,

professor at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania must investigate the disappearance of one of her patients. She suspects this is more than a suicide, and becomes part of a police investigation that relies on her clinical acumen to ferret out shocking secrets. 60 min.

VARINA

Varina Evening Book Discussion

Sep 15, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina. *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. In 18th century New England, midwife and healer Martha Ballard struggles to solve the mystery behind a local man's shocking death. 60 min.

Oct 20, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina. *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.

Nov 17, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina. *Finding Me* by Viola Davis. From poverty and hardships to remarkable achievements, Davis shares her compelling story in this intimate memoir. 60 min.



Computer & Media Lab Classes

Fall 2025

 Computer and media lab classes with this symbol **require registration**, online or in person. Other classes can be attended 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+ unless noted

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!

Sep 18, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Oct 2, Thu. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

Oct 8, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Oct 30, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Nov 12, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 60 min.

Learning Bytes

Best for grades K–5. Elementary learners with limited experience on computers practice using a keyboard and mouse, exploring file and folder navigation, and other basic skills. 30 min.

Sep 11, Thu. 4:00 PM @Fairfield

Nov 6, Thu. 4:00 PM @Fairfield

Computer Basics: Windows & File Management

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

Sep 8, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

Sep 30, Tue. 10:00 AM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Oct 16, Thu. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

Oct 23, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Nov 6, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Nov 17, Mon. 10:00 AM @Varina, 2 hrs.

Internet Basics: Getting Started

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

Sep 3, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Oct 1, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

Oct 18, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Oct 21, Tue. 6:00 PM @Varina, 2 hrs.

Nov 20, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Tech Tutor

Library staff assists with 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.

Sep 17, Wed. 6:00 PM @Varina, 60 min.

Sep 20, Sat. 3:00 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.

Sep 27, Sat. 10:30 AM @Sandston, 60 min.

Oct 9, Thu. 2:00 PM @Sandston, 60 min.

Oct 20, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 60 min.

Nov 10, Mon. 10:30 AM @Sandston, 60 min.

Nov 13, Thu. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

Nov 13, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.

Ebooks & More Workshop

Yes, we have ebooks and downloadable audiobooks, magazines, movies, and music too! Learn about all of the library's online collections and how to use them on our computers or your own internet-connected devices. Staff will be on hand to assist.

Oct 9, Thu. 10:00 AM @Varina, 60 min.

PRODUCTIVITY

AGES 14+

Microsoft Excel

Learn how to use basic features of the spreadsheet program. 2 hrs.

Sep 3, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe

Oct 14, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill

Oct 28, Tue. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory

Nov 5, Wed. 6:00 PM @Varina

Microsoft Word

Learn the basics of the popular word processor.

Sep 9, Tue. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

Sep 25, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Nov 4, Tue. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

Nov 24, Mon. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 90 min.

Word Focus: Resumes

Learn how to create your resumes using Microsoft Word.

Sep 10, Wed. 10:00 AM @Varina, 90 min.

Create a Resume with Google Docs

Learn to create a resume using Google Docs.

Sep 25, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Microsoft PowerPoint

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

Oct 20, Mon. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory

Oct 23, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Organize Your Gmail

Learn to use Gmail's tools and methods to bring some order to your overcrowded inbox, and pick up some tips for searching for specific messages. This class is for Gmail users who are comfortable with its basics features but want to use some advanced tools. Participants must have a Google Gmail account.

Oct 14, Tue. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory, 90 min.

Google Tools for Small Businesses

Whether you are just starting your business or looking to expand, learn about the suite of free and user-friendly Google tools designed to support growth and efficiency for small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Nov 1, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.



For registration, latest events, and event details, visit henricolibrary.org/calendar.

 = Program requires registration for each attendee.  = Program can be attended virtually using Webex.

MEET THE MEDIA LAB



Ask about
**OPEN LAB &
RESERVABLE
LAB HOURS**

 **Introduction to the Digital Media Lab**

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

Oct 4, Sat. 2:30 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.

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.

Oct 6, Mon. 6:00 PM @Varina for grades K–5 with an adult, 2 hrs.

Nov 10, Mon. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe for adults, 2 hrs.

Nov 19, Wed. 2:30 PM @Twin Hickory for grades 6–12, 60 min.

Oct 7, Tue. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe for grades K–5 with an adult, 2 hrs.

Nov 19, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield for grades K–5 with an adult, 2 hrs.

3D Printing Photos

For teens and adults. We'll learn about 3D printing and the history of lithophanes (embossed photos) before generating files for printing. Attendees get one free 3D print. Bring digital photos to class on a thumb drive or access your files through a cloud service.

Sep 11, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 60 min.

3D Printed Shoe Charms

Learn the basics of 3D modeling by making charms to decorate your shoes.

Oct 9, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

3D Jack-o'-Lanterns

For teens and tweens. Design your own jack-o'-lantern using 3D design software, then submit your creation to be printed.

Oct 25, Sat. 2:30 PM @Tuckahoe, 90 min.

3D Printed Business Card Holders

Use Tinkercad to design your own business card holder. Every participant will be eligible for a free print through the library's 3D printing services.

Nov 17, Mon. 6:30 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.

IMAGING AND DESIGN

Introduction to Photopea

Get an overview of Photopea—this free web-based photo and graphics editor similar to Photoshop—with hands-on practice of the basics. 90 min.

Sep 4, Thu. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill

Sep 22, Mon. 6:00 PM @Varina

Sep 29, Mon. 6:30 PM @Fairfield

Nov 18, Tue. 2:00 PM @Varina

Adobe Photoshop Basics

This class will provide an overview of the tools and concepts that are fundamental in Adobe Photoshop. Beginner experience with photography is encouraged but not required. 2 hrs.

Sep 23, Tue. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory for adults

Oct 14, Tue. 6:30 PM @Fairfield for adults

Nov 17, Mon. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill for adults

 **Renewing Vintage Photographs**

Restore old photographs using Adobe Photoshop. Learn how to use Neural Filters to quickly heal blemishes, mend rips and tears, and correct any color issues on a sample photo. Beginner experience with photography and Photoshop is encouraged but not required.

Sep 15, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

Oct 1, Wed. 7:00 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Nov 19, Wed. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

Digitize Your Photos and Home Movies

Preserve your old photos and home movies by digitizing them. We'll show how to use our photo scanner and VHS cassette converter. 90 min.

Sep 15, Mon. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill

Oct 8, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe

Digitize Your Photos, Film and Slides

Preserve your photos, film, and slides. We'll show how to use our photo scanner and leave time to try the equipment yourself. 90 min.

Sep 16, Tue. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory

Nov 18, Tue. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory

Digitizing Your Family History

The library has tools for preserving genealogical information, films, photos, and documents. We'll show how to use our photo scanner and VHS cassette converter, and show you the best ways to scan, organize, preserve, and manage your digitized family history. 90 min.

Sep 16, Tue. 2:30 PM @Fairfield

Sep 29, Mon. 2:00 PM @Varina

Adobe InDesign Basics

Learn about the essential tools of Adobe InDesign. We will also cover design concepts that will help ensure your documents look great.

Sep 22, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 60 min.

Oct 29, Wed. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

Nov 3, Mon. 6:00 PM @Varina, 2 hrs.

Nov 18, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

Create Your Own Magnets and Backpack Buttons

Learn how to design your own backpack buttons or magnets for your fridge yourself using Canva, a free graphic design site. Everyone will leave with a few buttons or magnets. 90 min.

Oct 2, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Digital Camera Basics

Learn basic photography concepts and discover how to control and adjust certain settings on your camera. Please bring your personal camera device and manual to class or feel free to join camera-less to listen and learn.

Oct 11, Sat. 2:30 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Creating Presentations with Canva

We'll focus on using Canva to create slide presentations, including utilizing Canva's AI features to create templates and content.

Oct 13, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe, 2 hrs.

Making Haunted Images in Photopea

Learn how to add ghosts to any image using Photopea, a free online photo editor. Bring a photo or use one of ours. 90 min.

Oct 27, Mon. 6:30 PM @Fairfield

Adobe Illustrator Basics

Learn the basics of Adobe Illustrator by using tools to create a logo. Bring your own hard drive/thumb drive if you want to save your work. 2 hrs.

Oct 29, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe for adults



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's knowledge of Photoshop or working with digital images is required. 60 min.

Oct 29, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Design a Business Card in Canva

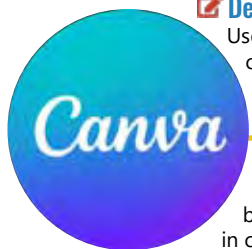
Use Canva to create your own personalized business card. Each attendee will leave with a sheet of printed business cards.

Nov 5, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield, 90 min.

Design Your Own Family Holiday Card in Canva

Design your own holiday card using Canva. Please bring any photos you wish to include on a flash drive or in cloud-based storage.

Nov 13, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill, 2 hrs.

**RECORDING AND EDITING****Video Shooting Basics**

Learn the types of camera shots used in professional filmmaking, then try out some tips and tricks to help improve your productions. Video recording devices will be provided, or bring your own. 2 hrs.

Sep 4, Thu. 6:30 PM @Fairfield for adults

Adobe Premiere Basics

Learn how to make and edit videos. Get a basic overview of the tools and concepts fundamental to getting started in Adobe Premiere, a powerful video editing software tool. 2 hrs.

Sep 9, Tue. 6:30 PM @Fairfield for HS students and adults

Sep 24, Wed. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe for HS students and adults

Podcasting Workshop

Learn the basics of audio recording and editing with Audacity. 2 hrs.

Nov 17, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe for adults

ADULT programs

Fall 2025

SEPTEMBER**The Power of Historical Storytelling: Retracing One Jewish Family's Escape From Nazi Germany**

Sep 3, Wed. 6:00 PM @Twin Hickory.

Former Deep Run High School teacher Jackie Dondero visited Cologne, Germany; Auschwitz in Poland; Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and London to retrace the escape of their Oma from Nazi Germany. Featuring images of the trip and showing the importance of historical storytelling, both in and out of the classroom. 90 min.

Diverse Backyard Habitats

Sep 6, Sat. 11:00 AM @Fairfield. Learn more about how nature benefits humans and how you can make a difference by creating a more diverse backyard habitat. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

Lesbian and Gay Richmond: An Author Talk with Beth Marschak

Sep 6, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield. Local author and LGBTQ+ historian Beth Marschak shares stories, photos, and further research she's completed since her book's printing. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Smartphone Photo Editing for Beginners

Sep 9, Tue. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory

Sep 24, Wed. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Most smartphones come with fantastic image editing software. Learn to make your smartphone pictures pop! Bring your own device, or join device-less to listen and learn. 90 min.

**Beyond The Book: Creative Extension Activities For Picture Books**

Sep 9, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Picture books are a powerful tool for young learners. In this hands-on workshop for childcare providers, early childhood educators will show creative ways to extend the magic of picture books through crafts, movement activities, games, and interactive storytelling. Learn practical ideas and ready-to-use activities to inspire young readers and bring books to life in new and exciting ways! 90 min.

Grant Strategies for Small Businesses, Part 2

Sep 10, Wed. 12:00 PM @Fairfield. Learn about grant calendars, grant compliance, writing compelling grant proposals, and six tips for applying to grants for your small business. Presented by the Small Business Administration. 60 min.

In Stitches: Handcrafts Social

Sep 10, Wed. 3:00 PM @Gayton. Bring a project to work on or try a sample craft (while supplies last). Whether you're an experienced crafter or a curious beginner, this gathering offers a supportive space to share ideas and learn new techniques. From crochet and quilting to embroidery and felting, all fiber arts and handcrafts are welcome. 90 min.

Intermediate Amigurumi

Sep 11, Thu. 2:00 PM @Varina. Make an amigurumi pumpkin with us. Amigurumi is the Japanese art of creating small, stuffed yarn creatures. Prior crocheting experience is beneficial. 2 hrs.

In the Driver's Seat: How One Family Transported Black Students in 1930s Hanover

Sep 11, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill.

In the early 1930s, Hanover County did not fund transportation for Black students, requiring them to walk up to five miles away to attend school. Tired of this inequity, local farmer Lucian Hunter purchased a school bus for \$50 and enlisted his three sons as bus drivers, helping Black students across Hanover County more easily gain education access. Patricia Hunter-Jordan, Lucian's granddaughter and President of the Hanover NAACP, discusses her family's legacy. 60 min.

**Color Yourself Calm**

Sep 11, Thu. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. Express yourself through coloring. Bring your favorite coloring book and materials, or use ours. 60 min.

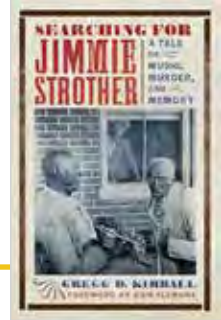
James River Week: Art Interpretations

Sep 12, Fri. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory

Sep 12, Fri. 2:00 PM @Fairfield. Art on Wheels leads a paper casting workshop inspired by the natural beauty of the James River. Presented in partnership with Keep Henrico Beautiful. 90 min.

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 Ukulele for Beginners**Sep 13, Sat. 10:00 AM @Fairfield****Sep 20, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Designed for adult and mature teen beginners with an interest in learning to play ukulele, one of the most recognizable art forms of Hawaii. Participants will learn proper handling and playing basic chords on this fun and portable instrument. 90 min. **Tea Time at the Library****Sep 13, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Let's mingle, sample various teas, play tea pairing games, and even create your own custom blend—all while learning about the benefits of different teas and ingredients. Presented by Savory Blends Tea Co. 90 min. **Jewelry Making****Sep 18, Thu. 6:00 PM @North Park.** The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen will teach how to create a necklace from start to finish, using different crimping techniques and tools to secure the clasps. 2 hrs.**Searching for Jimmie Strother: Book Talk and Performance with Gregg Kimball****Sep 20, Sat. 11:00 AM @Tuckahoe.** Author, historian, and musician Gregg Kimball discusses his most recent book: *Searching for Jimmie Strother: A Tale of Music, Murder, and Memory*, followed by a performance with local blues trio The Southside Homewreckers. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min. **Drawing as Meditation****Sep 20, Sat. 11:00 AM @Twin Hickory.**

Meditative drawing is not about skill or perfection, but to help find moments of peace and creativity in your day. Whether you're a seasoned artist or someone who hasn't picked up a coloring pencil since school art class, meditative drawing can be accessible and rewarding for everyone. 2 hrs.

 DIY Bag Charms**Sep 20, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina.** Seen all those fancy charms people are wearing on their handbags? Come learn how to make your own bag charms you can take home with you. We will also teach you how to upcycle old charms, necklaces, and bracelets into bag charms. 2 hrs.**Indoor Plants****Sep 16, Tue. 11:00 AM @Sandston.** Bringing the outdoors inside has many benefits. Houseplants require special attention to keep them healthy and beautiful. Learn about choosing and caring for different varieties of indoor plants. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.**Book Swap and Social****Sep 16, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Bring a gently used book that you loved and are ready to part with, mingle over light refreshments with other book-lovers, and go home with your next great read! Any books left over will be considered donations to the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.**Land Lovers Series: Sun-Loving and Shade-Loving Native Plants**

Virginia Master Naturalist Sheryl Smith presents native plant options that can enrich your surrounding landscapes and support local wildlife. Q&A will follow. Presented in partnership with Keep Henrico Beautiful. 60 min.

Sep 17, Wed. 3:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Native Plants for Shady Areas**Sep 24, Wed. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Native Plants for Sunny Areas**What is AI? Artificial Intelligence 101****Sep 17, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield.** This beginner-friendly course is designed to provide a solid foundation in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for those with little to no prior experience. Whether you're a student, aspiring professional, or simply curious about AI, this presentation will guide you through the fundamental concepts of AI, helping you understand how it works and how it's shaping the world around us. 60 min. **Learn to Knit****Sep 17 and 24, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield.** Learn basic knitting techniques such as holding the needles and yarn, making knit and purl stitches, creating swatches, and reading patterns in this two-part series. Registered participants should plan to attend both sessions. 90 min.**Medicare Basics and Q&A****Sep 18, Thu. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Learn about the Medicare Open Enrollment Period (Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, 2025, also known as the Annual Election Period or AEP), and have your Medicare questions answered by a trained professional. Presented by the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP). 60 min.**Fall Craft Supply Swap****Sep 20, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina.** Get ready for the holiday season by refreshing your arts and crafts stash at our fall Craft Supply Swap. Bring in your gently used tools, excess fabric, yarn, wrapping paper, beads, and other supplies to share and find something "new to you". Donations will be accepted in bags or boxes (limit of 2) from Sep. 15–19. 2 hrs.**Rain Barrel Workshop****Sep 24, Wed. 6:30 PM @Glen Allen.** James River Association staff members will teach how to assemble and install rain barrels at home. There is no fee to attend the workshop; for a rain barrel kit (\$50), please register on James River Association website, thejamesriver.org. 90 min. **Junk Journaling****Sep 25, Thu. 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe.** Junk journals are a fun, low cost, and creative way to capture your adventures, memories, and happy moments. We'll work on journals together and share ways to get started with techniques for creating unique journal pages. We'll provide journals and some supplies, but feel free to bring in your own pictures, scrap paper, and ephemera to make your journal meaningful to you. 90 min.**UnScene: A Musical Experience****Sep 27, Sat. 10:00 AM @Varina.** UnScene is a meditative musical experience in which classically trained musicians are positioned behind the audience, allowing listeners to focus on the music and all that is unseen. Arrive early to get a seat on the Grand Staircase for this wordless gathering. 45 min.**Landscape Design****Sep 27, Sat. 11:00 AM @Varina.** Do you have yard envy? Design and maintain your front yard so others will notice. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.**Steeped in Stories: A Literary Tea Party****Sep 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Celebrate the end of Steep-tember with a tea party. Sample a variety of blends, then check out which books we have paired with them and bring home something to read! If you have a child with you, stop by the Creation Classroom for some kid-friendly activities. 60 min.For registration, latest events, and event details, visit henricolibrary.org/calendar. = Program requires registration for each attendee.  = Program can be attended virtually using Webex.

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Nuestras Historias: Latinos in Richmond

Sep 20, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning the history and influence of Latinos in the Richmond in this program presented by the Valentine museum. 60 min.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Film Festival

Sep 26, Fri. 11:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *Roma* (2018, R, 135 min.)
Sep 30, Tue. 11:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *Beatriz at Dinner* (2017, R, 83 min.)
Oct 4, Sat. 11:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *Coco* (2017, PG, 105 min.)
Oct 9, Thu. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory. *McFarland USA* (2015, PG, 129 min.)

Frida Kahlo and Mexican Modernism

Oct 9, Thu. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill. VMFA Art Historian Dr. Jeanette Nicewinter considers Frida Kahlo's work within the larger cultural and societal context of post-Revolution Mexico and places them in conversation with works by other Mexican modernists. 60 min.

Familia Fiesta

Oct 11, Sat. 10:00 AM–3:00 PM @Tuckahoe

Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL.

10:00 AM Learn about the Mexican folk art tradition of alebrijes, then paint a blank, clay version of a figurine to take home with you. 60 min.
12:00 noon Viva la Vida: A Musical Celebration of the Life and Times of Frida Kahlo. VMFA faculty and classical guitarist William Feasley leads a musical journey through Mexican culture and history. The works of Manuel Ponce, the most prolific Mexican guitar composer and a contemporary of Frida Kahlo, will be highlighted alongside those of Carlos Chavez and Octaviano Yañez.

Supported in part by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. 60 min.

2:00 PM Tradición Dance Company presents performances based on Mexican arts and culture including the Vals de la Llorona, Día de los Muertos, and an interpretation of Miguelito's dances from the Disney movie *Coco*. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.



Historically Speaking: The Elko Tract

Sep 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Sandston. Learn the decades long story behind the "forgotten" World War II city located in Henrico's East End with historian and interpreter Mark Shubert. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico County Recreation & Parks. 60 min.



Legal Research 101

Sep 29, Mon. 3:00 PM @Gayton. In this presentation for non-lawyers, learn how to use the Henrico Municipal Government and Law Collection for legal research. Whether you're representing yourself or just learning about free resources available to you, we'll cover the basics and how to access legal databases through our website and computers. 60 min.

Free Plants!

Sep 30, Tue. 2:30 PM @Tuckahoe. Learn how to get new plants for free by growing them from seed, taking cuttings, dividing, and rooting. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 2 hrs.

OCTOBER

World Postcard Day

Oct 1, Wed. 5:30 PM @Tuckahoe. Drop by the library to make a collage postcard for World Postcard Day that you can send to a friend, family member, or even yourself! 60 min.



Estate Planning Basics

Oct 2, Thu. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. It's never too early to start planning for your future. Learn the basics of wills, trusts, and estate planning from estate planning attorney Christopher C. Johnson. 60 min.

Discover Quilting: The Potato Chip Quilt

Oct 2 and 9, Thursdays 5:00 PM @Varina. The potato chip quilt is a fun, scrappy quilting style for beginners and experienced quilters alike. In this two-part class, we will discover the versatility and creative potential of this adaptable pattern. Please plan to attend both sessions. 3 hrs.



Counted Cross Stitch for Spooky Season

Oct 2, Thu. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Bats, spiders, ghosts, and skulls are the spooky themes for a small-sized project. Beginners welcome. 2 hrs.

Basics of Artificial Intelligence

Oct 4, Sat. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe. What is AI? How does it impact our lives? How do we even recognize it? Dr. Mariah Crilley, Director of Interdisciplinary Studies and Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and University Curriculum Innovation at VCU, helps us find the answers to these questions and more. 60 min.

Collage Landscape Quilts

Oct 4, Sat. 10:00 AM @Varina. Ever wonder how folks make collages with fabrics? In this class, we will work on our own collage landscape quilts, creating unique pieces of art. Our finished products will be approximately 12" x 12". Participants are welcome to bring their own 100% cotton quilting fabric scraps in landscape colors to use. 3 hrs.

Indoor Plants

Oct 4, Sat. 11:00 AM @Fairfield. See Sep. 16 description. 60 min.

Novel Writing Workshop

Oct 4, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina. Have you always dreamed of writing a novel but didn't know where to start? This beginner-friendly workshop is designed to guide you through the essential elements of novel writing. From brainstorming story ideas to developing characters, crafting compelling plots, and staying motivated through the writing process, this session will provide practical tips, writing exercises, and encouragement to help you take the first steps toward finishing your book. Please bring a notebook, tablet, or laptop for notetaking and jotting down the beginnings of your novel. 2 hrs.

Home Safety and Fall Prevention

Oct 6, Mon. 2:00 PM @Glen Allen. Experts from the SPAN Center share vital information about home safety and fall prevention. 60 min.

Job Readiness for Older Adults

Oct 6, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. The SPAN Center presents a workshop geared towards adults 55+ returning to the workforce. 60 min.



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AI for Everyone: What is Artificial Intelligence?

Learn about Artificial Intelligence, how it works, what it can do, and how you can use it. Roland DePratti, a retired enterprise data architect, university adjunct professor, and data scientist, explains the fundamentals of AI and how it's used every day. Attend single sessions or all five; registration is required for the hands-on Nov. 4 session. 60 min.

Oct 7, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Explore the Basics Behind AI

Oct 14, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Everyday AI

Oct 21, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Smart Assistants

Oct 28, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. AI in Health

 **Nov 4, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** AI Creativity and Lab Experiments



Poe in Richmond

Oct 7, Tue. 6:00 PM @Varina. The River City is the alpha and omega of Poe's literary legacy, where he wrote his first lines of poetry, got his first job in journalism, and gave his last public reading before his death. This presentation by the Poe Museum follows Poe through his many years in Richmond to show how the city influenced his greatest works. 60 min.

Knowledge Challenge! United States Edition

Oct 7, Tue. 6:30 PM @Gayton. Participants will be divided into groups and will complete activities related to United States history, geography, and culture in a game show-like format. No special knowledge or expertise related to the U.S. is needed—just a desire to learn! 60 min.

Creative Workshop: Spooky and Seasonal Air Dry Clay

Oct 8, Wed. 3:00 PM @Gayton. Experiment with using air dry clay while making fun and decorative tea light holders. No previous art experience necessary, all skill levels are welcome. 90 min.

Human Hacking: Social Engineering 101

Oct 8, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield. Social engineering is one of the most common and dangerous threats to cybersecurity today. In this beginner-friendly class, Certified Information Security Manager Ervin McBride IV explains the fundamental concepts, how attackers manipulate human psychology to gain access to sensitive information, and most importantly, how to defend yourself and your organization from these tactics. 60 min.

Walk With Ease

Oct 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov 6, 13, Thursdays 11:00 AM @Fairfield. An evidence-based six-week program that helps increase balance, strength, walking pace, and improve overall health, designed by the Arthritis Foundation. Presenter Kathy Brown of the SPAN Center will give guidance on the roles of walking, stretching, and strengthening in enhancing mobility and reducing discomfort. 60 min.

Job Search Tips for Older Adults

Oct 9, Thu. 6:00 PM @North Park. The SPAN center presents tips for older adults for finding jobs and job fairs. They will also talk about which sectors and types of jobs are good fits for this age group. 60 min.

Pajaki, a Polish Folk Craft

Oct 10, Fri. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory. Elaborately embellished paper and straw mobiles called pajaki are a traditional Polish folk craft made in the home to celebrate holidays or to bring good luck, health, and happiness. In this workshop for adult attendees, we'll use traditional as well as contemporary materials and methods to create a simple and colorful pajak. 4 hrs.

Working with Color for Quilters

Oct 11, Sat. 10:00 AM @Varina. Karen Middleton presents a class on the interaction of color. Move beyond the basic color theory and learn a different way of working with color in your quilt designs. 3 hrs.

Amigurumi Pumpkins

Oct 11, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield. Make a stuffed crochet autumn pumpkin. Suitable for beginners; familiarity with crocheting recommended. 2 hrs.

Wizard of Oz Halloween Film Festival

Oct 11, Sat. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *The Wiz* (1978, G, 133 min.)

Oct 18, Sat. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *Wicked* (2024, PG, 160 min.)

Oct 25, Sat. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *The Muppets' Wizard of Oz* (2005, PG, 120 min.)

Living with Black Bears

Oct 11, Sat. 3:00 PM @Varina. 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 as a joint project with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. 60 min.



Seniors Make Stuff: Hand-Painted Fairy Light Lamps

Oct 14, Tue. 10:30 AM @Sandston. Bring your creativity to make hand-painted fairy light lamps to keep for yourself or give as a gift. We'll provide the bottles and the fairy lights. 2 hrs.

Childcare Workshop: Nutrition in Early Childhood

Oct 16, Thu. 6:30 PM @Gayton. Workshop for Childcare Providers. Kim Edmonds from Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension provides an overview of nutrition for young children including the topics of snacks and portion size. Participants will earn 1.5 hours of continuing education credit. 90 min.

Haunted Henrico

Oct 21, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen

Oct 28, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield. From legends of an innkeeper's spirits and lost treasure in Tuckahoe to tales of a haunted highway in Varina, Henrico County is host to many ghostly stories. Join Haunts of Richmond as they share some haunting tales of Henrico's past to celebrate the spooky season. 60 min.

Land Lovers Series: Pawpaw Trees and Other Fruiting Natives

Oct 23, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Mike Ferster from Woodside Pawpaw, an orchard and nursery specializing in North American Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), speaks about this Virginia native and other fruiting species that thrive in the region; followed by a Q&A session. Presented in partnership with Keep Henrico Beautiful. 60 min.



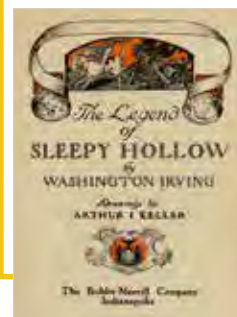
Recognizing and Evaluating AI

Oct 25, Sat. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe. Learn from an expert in this second lecture of our AI series. Dr. Shital Thekdi, Associate Professor of Analytics & Operations at the University of Richmond, will discuss the effective use—and potential problems—of AI tools. Dr. Thekdi will also share how to recognize AI in action and evaluate it for accuracy. 60 min.

Historically Speaking: Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*

Oct 30, Thu. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.

Washington Irving, as portrayed by John Pagano, discusses his life, writing, and the inspiration for what is arguably his most famous work—*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico County Recreation & Parks. 60 min.



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NOVEMBER

Managing Holiday Finances

Nov 3, Mon. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe. We know celebrating the holidays can come with a hefty bill. Sabrina Guerin, CCUFC, of Virginia Credit Union, will teach attendees how to avoid the financial hangover with intelligent planning, cost management, and organization. 60 min.

Vibrant: Coloring for Seniors

Nov 3, Mon. 10:30 AM @Sandston. Color your way to new friendships. Relax, socialize, and express your creativity in a fun and welcoming environment. Materials will be provided, or bring your own. We'll also have light refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 2 hrs.

AI for Everyone: What is Artificial Intelligence?

Nov 4, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. See Oct. 7 description. 60 min.

Indoor Plants

Nov 4, Tue. 2:30 PM @Tuckahoe

Nov 13, Thu. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill

Nov 17, Mon. 2:00 PM @Glen Allen. See Sep. 16 description. 60 min.

Bridge of Spies with Film Consultant F. Gary Powers, Jr.

Nov 5, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. During the Cold War, the Soviet Union captured U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers after shooting down his U-2 spy plane. Sentenced to 10 years in prison, Powers' hopes lay in New York lawyer James Donovan, recruited by the CIA to negotiate his release. F. Gary Powers, Jr., the pilot's son, consulted on the Steven Spielberg film portraying this episode in history, *Bridge of Spies* (2015, PG-13, 142 min.). He will join us to compare fact and fiction, talk about being on set, working with cast and crew, and offer a behind the scenes look at what motivated Spielberg to make this movie. 3 hrs.

Living with Black Bears

Nov 6, Thu. 2:00 PM @Sandston. See Oct. 11 description. 60 min.

What Can the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Do for You?

Nov 6, Thu. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Representatives from VDVS will share information about benefits and programming for veterans. 60 min.

Birds In Your Backyard

Nov 6, Thu. 3:00 PM @Gayton. You may be surprised by the number and variety of birds to be seen in your own backyard. Learn how to attract birds and get them to stay. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

Invisible Mending: Repairs with Personality

Nov 7, Fri. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory. Breathe new life into your well-loved garments with gorgeous repairs and personalized touches inspired by sashiko and other styles of embroidery. All materials are supplied but if you have a garment you'd like to work on, please bring it along. 2.5 hrs.

Land Lovers Series: Rescue Owls with AWARE

Nov 7, Fri. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Join wildlife specialists from the Alliance of Wild Animal Rehabilitators and Educators (AWARE) as they discuss their mission of rehabilitating, providing sanctuary and individualized care with intent to release for native wildlife, and provide tips on what to do if you find wildlife in need of help. Rescued birds will be present. Presented in partnership with Keep Henrico Beautiful. 60 min.

Robotics and AI

Nov 8, Sat. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe. Learn from a robotics expert in this third lecture of our AI series. Dr. Patrick Martin, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at University of Richmond, will discuss the current and future relationship between robotics and AI, and give a robotics demonstration. 60 min.

Spark Your Memory, Write Your Story

Nov 8, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield. Uncover the power of your personal experiences through reflective exercises that will transform memories into compelling narratives. Presented by the Richmond Story House. 2 hrs.

Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Nov 8, Sat. 2:00 PM @Gayton. 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 custom trophy. 2 hrs.

Anatomy of a Logo

Nov 10, Mon. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Learn what sets great logos apart and how to design them yourself. We'll focus on the foundational ideas needed for designing logos, including color philosophy, iteration, and industry standards, then make a few sketches of logo concepts. 90 min.

Senior Social Hour

Nov 12, Wed. 10:30 AM @Varina. Gather with other adults to socialize and enjoy puzzles, coloring and books. 60 min.

Cybersecurity Best Practices for Small Businesses

Nov 12, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield. Certified Information Security Manager Ervin McBride IV presents essential cybersecurity practices every small business owner should know to safeguard their operations and customer data. Discover simple, effective strategies to protect against common cyber security threats and strengthen your business's digital defenses. 60 min.

Fall Prevention and Medication Safety

Nov 13, Thu. 2:00 PM @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 the event of a fall. Shelly Clary, Educational Specialist at the Virginia Poison Center, will talk about the Poison Center, medication safety, and what to do in a poison incident. 60 min.

Indigenous History & Culture with Eastern Woodland Revitalization

Nov 13, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. For Native American Heritage Month, all are invited to experience the culture, history, and traditional arts of our regional tribal communities with special guests Eastern Woodland Revitalization. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL.

Cold War Virginia with F. Gary Powers, Jr.

Nov 14, Fri. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. F. Gary Powers, Jr., founder and chairman emeritus of the Cold War Museum, will explore roles that Virginia played in U.S. involvement in the Cold War. As a Cold War historian, author, and son of Soviet-captured U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, he will share true stories of espionage, heroism, and betrayal. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.



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Learn to Meditate

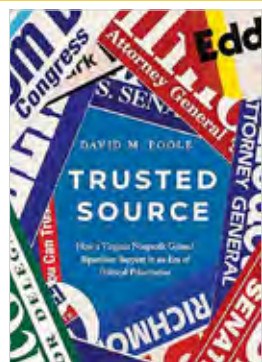
Nov 15, Sat. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory. A workshop for beginners seeking to destress, detox, and find peace and joy from within. A certified facilitator from the Heartfulness Meditation Center will share simple techniques that can be practiced for 20 minutes in the morning and evening that may produce transformative benefits for some people. 90 min.

Adult Spelling Bee

Nov 15, Sat. 2:00 PM @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.

Holiday Gift Creation Stations

Nov 15, Sat. 2:00 PM @Sandston. Thoughtful gifts don't have to be expensive. Stop by our gift creation stations to make cards, ornaments, and hot cocoa reindeers to give to friends and family. 2 hrs.



Author Talk: David Poole's *Trusted Source*

Nov 15, Sat. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Join author David Poole for a discussion of his recent book, *Trusted Source*. The founder of the Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP), Poole tells the unlikely story of how this organization revolutionized transparency in state politics, developed a business model to provide paywall-free information, and, most significantly, gained bipartisan support with its fiercely independent, fact-based approach. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Travel Journaling Made Easy: Planning and Documenting Your Adventures

Nov 15, Sat. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Unleash your inner globetrotter in as we turn trip-planning into a fun and creative adventure. We will teach you a simple and effective way of planning your next vacation using a journal. From there, you will learn ways to document your trip in style, creating a keepsake you'll cherish forever. You'll see examples of current travel journals, how to plan your trip stress-free in your journal, and all the different tools you can use. Bring your own notebook or blank planner, and we will show you the rest. 2 hrs.

Handmade for the Holidays: What Would Jane Do?

In honor of the 250th birthday of Jane Austen (Dec. 16, 1775), we will first explore British Regency Era holiday customs and then learn traditional embroidery stitches in order to create an embroidered handkerchief for holiday gift-giving. Suitable for beginners.

Nov 17, Mon. 10:30 AM @Sandston, 2 hrs.

Nov 18, Tue. 2:00 PM @Glen Allen, 2 hrs.

Nov 19, Wed. 2:00 PM @Gayton, 90 min.



Avoiding Senior Scams

Nov 18, Tue. 3:00 PM @Gayton. Protect yourself and your loved ones from fraud. This class focuses on common scams that target seniors, how to recognize the warning signs of identity theft, and the importance of using Power-of-Attorney wisely. Participants will also learn how to report fraud to the proper authorities. Presented by the Henrico Federal Credit Union. 60 min.

Resume Building Workshop

Nov 20, Thu. 10:00 AM @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. 60 min.

History of Machicomoco State Park

Nov 20, Thu. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe. A Virginia State Park ranger will introduce you to the first Virginia State Park dedicated to supporting the Indigenous history of Virginia. Learn about Tidewater Virginia's Indigenous history and the stories that surround the park, its mission, and what the park is working on today. 60 min.



REGULAR ADULT PROGRAMS

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

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.

Sep 4, 11, Thursdays 10:00 AM @Libbie Mill

Sep 11, Thu. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory

Bob Singer Senior Series

Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Sep 11, Thu. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Bingo with Trivia Twists! Not-so-current events are the challenge in today's Bingo and Trivia mash-up. How much can you remember from daily life and culture in the 50s, 60s, and 70s? There will be small prizes and a gift basket for one big winner.

Oct 9, Thu. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Based on a True Story: the Lizzie Borden Axe Murders. Phil Ford of the library's Outreach Department focuses on the fascinating Lizzie Borden murders, weaving in elements from Sarah Schmidt's 2017 novel, *See What I have Done*, in a presentation that compares facts and speculation.

Nov 13, Thu. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. International Travel: Adventure in Kazakhstan. International travel enthusiast Carol Sutton-Abair shares her recent personal experiences and adventures traveling in the 9th largest country in the world that nobody knows about.

Catalyst Henrico Business Academy

Presented by Henrico Economic Development Authority. 2 hrs.

Sep 11, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe.

Harnessing AI for Business Marketing.

Learn practical tools to boost efficiency, enhance customer engagement, and drive success. Gain insights, explore case studies, and get strategies to integrate AI into your business. This actionable session breaks down how small business owners can use tools like ChatGPT to save time, spark creativity, and strengthen their marketing voice—without needing to be tech-savvy.

Oct 9, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Planning for Tomorrow—Business Succession Strategies for Long-Term Success. Succession planning is vital to ensure your business thrives beyond your leadership. We'll guide you through identifying key roles, preparing future leaders, and creating a transition plan that preserves your company's legacy. Whether you're preparing for retirement, developing an exit plan, or simply planning ahead, you'll gain actionable strategies to secure your business's future.

Nov 13, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Business Essentials: Insurance, Accounting, and Legal Roundtable. Gain critical insights into these foundational pillars every business needs to thrive. Industry experts answer questions and share best practices for protecting your business, managing finances, and staying legally sound. Whether to tighten operations or avoid costly pitfalls, this is practical guidance you can apply immediately.



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Cook & Book

Sep 29, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina. Oktoberfest is Coming: Experience the flavors of German heritage cuisine as we explore classical dishes, cooking techniques, and cultural insights. Samples will be provided of German American family recipes. 90 min.

Oct 13, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina. Elevated Semi-homemade Cooking: Create delicious, homemade-style meals with the help of store-bought ingredients! Perfect for busy home cooks, this class will teach you how to enhance convenience foods with fresh flavors, creative twists, and time-saving techniques. You'll get simple recipes, smart kitchen shortcuts, and the confidence to whip up impressive meals with minimal effort. 90 min.



Crafternoon

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

Sep 13, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Mini matchbox *nichos* (shadowboxes).

Oct 11, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Needle felted pumpkins: Guest artist Angie Crews will guide us through creating adorable needle felted pumpkins. This project is designed to be a level two craft, but those who are new to the medium are still welcome to join in the fun!

Nov 15, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. 3D Snake Art: Use glue and paint to create superb, slithering works of 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.

Sep 8, Oct 13, Nov 10; Mondays 7:00 PM @Fairfield

Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12; Wednesdays 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory

Sep 15; Oct 6, 20; Nov 3, 17; Mondays 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe

Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24; Mondays 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill



Feel Good Films

Sep 8, Mon. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *You've Got Mail* (1998, PG, 116 min.)

Oct 13, Mon. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *Wizard of Oz* (1939, G, 102 min.)

Nov 10, Mon. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *Little Women* (2019, PG, 135 min.)

First Thursdays

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

Sep 4, Thu. 6:00 PM @Sandston. *The Freshman* (1990, PG, 102 min.)

Oct 2, Thu. 6:00 PM @Sandston. Bluegrass duo Liz Nance and Russell Lawson (Liz & Russ) have performed throughout central Virginia since 1994. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Nov 6, Thu. 6:00 PM @Sandston. *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* (1971, G, 98 min.)

Fun for All Abilities

Nov 18, Tue. 10:30 AM @Tuckahoe. Welcoming adults with diverse intellectual and developmental abilities, we'll have different activity stations (such as crafts and puzzles) that participants and caregivers can enjoy at their own pace. Registration for every participant and caregiver attendee is required. 60 min.

Great Films & Discussions

View and discuss popular films and occasional DVD commentaries. Film titles are announced as the scheduled program dates approach. 2.5 hrs.

Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24; Mondays 6:00 PM @Gayton



Having Seen: A Film Discussion Group

Sep 11, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory and via Webex: 2866 697 8088.

Election (1999, R) Tracy Flick is determined to be president of Carver High's student body. Popular teacher Jim McAllister decides to derail her obsessive overachieving with an opposition candidate. 60 min.

Oct 23, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory and via Webex: 2863 490 2419.

Moneyball (2011, PG-13) Based on the book by Michael Lewis. Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane (Brad Pitt) is forced to rebuild his small-market team on a limited budget, and along the way, forever changes how the game is played. 60 min.

Nov 13, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory and via Webex: 2630 160 1792.

Blood Simple (1984, R) The Coen Brothers' debut is a neo-noir thriller with dark humor, stylish visuals, and smart plot twists. 60 min.

Henrico EDA's Pop-up Mentoring Program (PUMP)

Meet your business needs and foster growth with this award-winning series from Henrico Economic Development Authority's (EDA) Connect with accomplished professionals for in-person coaching from a rotating list of SCORE Richmond mentors. These sessions will provide personalized business insights related to your specific business needs. 2 hrs.

Sep 10, Oct 8; Wednesdays 9:30 AM @Fairfield

Sep 24, Oct 22; Wednesdays 5:00 PM @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.

Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20; Thursdays 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory

Silver Screen Saturdays

Celebrate old Hollywood by watching classic movies from the 1920s through the 1970s, with facts related to the movie to give you additional background. Titles are announced as dates approach. 2 hrs.

Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22; Saturdays 3:00 PM @Gayton

Sit and Stitch

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.

Sep 9, 23; Oct 14, 28; Tuesdays 6:30 PM @Fairfield

Something to Talk About

Join us on second Tuesdays for movies, local history presentations, genealogy, and more! Friends of HCPL provide coffee and tea. 2 hrs.

Sep 9, Tue. 10:00 AM @Varina. Medicare: The Puzzle. Just in time for Open Enrollment, an insurance specialist from Senior Medicare Patrol will share tips for managing your Medicare.

Oct 14, Tue. 10:00 AM @Varina. Lewis Ginter Library: A Growing Resource. Discover the resources of the Robins Library with a virtual visit.



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Understanding Your Medicare Options

Learn about Medicare enrollment, costs, and coverage from the Virginia Insurance Counseling & Assistance Program (VICAP) and the SPAN Center. Find out about programs available to save on Medicare costs and where you can go to find the answers to your Medicare questions. 60 min.

Oct 9, Thu. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill
Oct 23, Thu. 2:00 PM @Sandston
Nov 6, Thu. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory



Varina Stitchers

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

Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6; Thursdays 10:00 AM @Varina
Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18; Tuesdays 10:00 AM @Varina

Virginia Housing First-time Homebuyer Class

Oct 11, Sat. 10:15 AM @North Park. 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 requirement for a VHDA loan, and participants will receive a 2-Year Certificate upon completion. Registration is required and will open one month before the class at VirginiaHousing.com/FindAClass. 6-1/4 hrs.

TEEN & TWEEN programs

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SEPTEMBER

Richmond SPCA

Get to know everyone's best friend—dogs! Participants will interact with a dog and be required to sign a waiver ahead of these events. 60 min.

Sit, Stay, Read: A Community Service Opportunity

Sep 3, Wed. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Get back into the swing of school by practicing your reading. These hand-picked dogs are the best listeners, and they can't wait to hear your story! Afterwards make a bookmark that will be donated to a local senior living community. Remember to bring any community service paperwork that you will need signed.



Dog Training

Sep 11, Thu. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Whether you are a first-time dog owner, curious about dog ownership, or just love animals! A trainer from the SPCA and a furry guest will cover clicker training, as well as responsible dog ownership and safety. It is sure to be a pawsitively fun time!

Understanding Dog Behavior

Sep 30, Tue. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Why do dogs act the way they do? We'll tell you! You'll also learn about the importance of enrichment for pets and then make an enrichment toy to take home to your pet or donate to a pet in our shelter.

Slime Science: Chemistry of Polymers & Reactions

Sep 6, Sat. 4:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Learn about the science of slime. This hands-on experiment will explore the role of polymers and chemical reactions that affect slime's texture, viscosity, and stretchiness. 90 min.

Monday at the Movies

Sep 8, Mon. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Drop by the teen room to vote for your favorite movie, and we'll watch the one with the most votes while snacking on popcorn. 2 hrs.

Pizza & Professions

If you love history but also want to pay the rent when you grow up, come join us for pizza as you learn about the wide and diverse field of historic preservation. A panel of professionals will speak about job opportunities in conservation, archaeology, and other historic trades. Presented by Historic Richmond and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. 60 min.

Sep 9, Tue. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory
Sep 10, Wed. 6:30 PM @North Park

Geoguessr Challenge

Sep 10, Wed. 4:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Geoguessr is a game that drops you somewhere in the real world with a street view panorama. Your mission is to find clues and guess your location on the world map. Combine critical thinking, communication, and teamwork with geographical and cultural knowledge to determine where you are. Prizes will be awarded. 60 min.



The Secret Life of Bees (and Why You Should Care)

Sep 10, Wed. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Peek inside the hive with Dr. Hollee Freeman of City Bees RVA to uncover the tiny heroes behind your food, flowers, and future—and make a bee-utiful craft to take home. 60 min.

Teen Gaming

Sep 12, Fri. 4:15 PM @Glen Allen. Stop by to celebrate national video game day and play games on our Nintendo Switch. 75 min.

Teen Role-Playing: Honey Heist

Sep 15, Mon. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Players in this RPG will work together as bears to complete the ultimate heist in their quest for honey. 2 hrs.

Shrinky Dinks

Sep 17, Wed. 6:00 PM @Varina. Come create your own Shrinky Dink charms for keychains and necklaces. Just bring your imagination! 60 min.

Career Exploration

Sep 23, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Jump-start your future! In this interactive session presented by the College Place students will: discover high-growth careers, complete a personalized career assessment, and explore the education and training pathways that align with their unique interests and strengths. Whether you're mapping out your college major or exploring alternative training programs, this workshop will equip you with the insights and resources you need to build a career roadmap tailored to you. 60 min.

Honey Snack Taste Test

Sep 24, Wed. 4:30 PM @Fairfield. Taste a variety of honey-flavored snacks to determine your new favorite. 60 min.

Car Maintenance 101

Sep 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Best for ages 16+. Participate in a hands-on demonstration while learning best practices for basic car maintenance, including how to track mileage, check air pressure, check oil levels, and more. Pre-register for a mileage log and tire pressure gauge to take home! All attendees will need to sign a waiver. 60 min.



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College Admissions & Aid

Ayuda financiera universitaria 101 / College Financial Aid 101

Sep 18, Thu. 6:30 PM

@Tuckahoe. Presented in Spanish/Presentado en español.

GRASP, una organización sin fines de lucro que promueve el acceso a la universidad, informa los aspectos básicos de las subvenciones, préstamos y becas de ayuda financiera. Conozca cómo acceder a la financiación y asegúrese de que obtiene la mejor ayuda económica. 90 min.

College Admissions Night

Sep 24, Wed. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Representatives from Virginia universities explain what their schools have to offer, their admissions criteria, and the application process—and answer your questions so that you can feel prepared heading into application season this fall. Parents, students, and anyone looking to learn more about local options in higher education are welcome. 90 min.

College Financial Aid 101

Sep 25, Thu. 6:30 PM @Glen Allen. GRASP (Great Aspirations Scholarship Program), a non-profit college access organization, presents the basics of financial aid grants, loans, and scholarships. Learn how to access funding and make sure you're getting the best award package. 90 min.

Financial Aid Basics

Sep 30, Tue. 6:30 PM @Fairfield. The College Place helps students and parents navigate the FAFSA process step-by-step, and learn about federal and state aid options, and eligibility requirements for grants, loans, and work-study programs. You'll create your own FAFSA ID, so you are ready when the application opens on Oct. 1. Bring your questions—and your mobile device—to leave this session confident and empowered to secure the financial support you need for college and training programs. 60 min.

Author Visit: An Evening with Susan Metallo

Sep 29, Mon. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Meet the author of the YA novel *Reasons to Hate Me*. Q&A and book signing will follow. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Pokémon Card Painting

Sep 30, Tue. 6:00 PM @Gayton. Expand the art on Pokémon cards for a fun bookmark or decoration. 60 min.

OCTOBER



Gaming Tournament of Champions

Oct 2, Thu. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Challenge your new and old friends in a tournament of Mario Kart Deluxe 8! 90 min.

Mario Party Mini-game Mayhem

Oct 4, Sat. 2:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Put your gaming skills to the test as you challenge other teens and tweens in your quest for victory and prizes in our Mario Party mini-game competition. 60 min.

Spooky Stories for Tweens

Oct 7, Tue. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Have a scary good time as we read some haunting tales and create a few of our own. Spooky snacks will be provided. 60 min.



The Haunted Pen: Teen Horror Writing Workshop

Oct 7, Tue. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory

Oct 14, Tue. 6:30 PM @Varina

Oct 21, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Explore what fear looks like around the world in this writing workshop for teens. The program will culminate in us drafting three-sentence horror stories about what scares us. 60 min.

Spooky Movie Marathon

Oct 13, Mon. 10:00 AM–8:00 PM @Fairfield. We're screening spooky movies and anime all day, so stop by to enjoy some snacks and work on a craft while you watch.

Escape From Sleepy Hollow

Oct 13, Mon. 2:00, 3:00, or 4:00 PM @Varina

Oct 20, Mon. 2:00, 3:00, or 4:00 PM @Libbie Mill. Bring your wits and courage to the eerie town of Sleepy Hollow in this escape room. You have a limited time to solve the puzzles, uncover clues, and break free before the Headless Horseman finds you! Please register for only one session. 45 min.

Diwali Mandala Diamond Art

Oct 15, Wed. 4:30 PM

@Twin Hickory. Express your creativity using diamond art pens to make a shimmering mandala coaster. 60 min.



Teens vs Librarians: Mario Kart Edition

Oct 20, Mon. 12:00–6:00 PM

@Fairfield. Challenge a librarian to a Mario Kart race and come in first to win a prize. After you finish racing, relax and read in the teen room.

Upcycled Paper Lab

Oct 20, Mon. 6:00 PM @Varina. Reuse various paper products to create an awesome DIY item. Just bring your creativity and imagination! 90 min.

Puzzle Hangout

Oct 21, Tue. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Work independently or with friends to complete a variety of puzzles. Bring your own or use one of ours. 2 hrs.

Special FX Makeup Workshop

Oct 23, Thu. 5:30 PM @Fairfield

Oct 29, Wed. 5:30 PM

@Tuckahoe. Learn how to create creepy special effects makeup techniques from a Virginia Repertory Theatre artist! All are welcome, although pre-registered participants will also have the opportunity to have their very own bone-chilling makeup design applied. 3 hrs.



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Teen Craft: Skull Painting

Oct 24, Fri. 3:00 PM @Glen Allen. Paint your own decorative ceramic skull for the spooky season. 60 min.

Creepy Cake Parfaits

Oct 28, Tue. 6:00 PM @Gayton. Create a creepy parfait creation using cake, pudding, and other sweets. 60 min.



Día de los Muertos Crafts

Oct 30, Thu. 4:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Choose from a variety of traditional activities such as decorating sugar skulls, cutting papel picado, and crafting tissue paper marigolds while learning about the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). 60 min.

DIY Terrorariums

Oct 30, Thu. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Put the "terror" in terrarium as you create your own spooky or fall-themed planter. 90 min.

NOVEMBER



Aerodynamic Origami Derby

Nov 3, Mon. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Best for grades 6–10. November is National Aviation History Month, and we're celebrating with a paper airplane competition. Start by learning about airplanes and the history of controlled flight, then transition to learning how to control our own flight—using paper airplanes, of course! We'll have multiple rounds of competition to determine whose paper airplane will be crowned the aviation champion, with separate heats for different age groups. 90 min.

A Wicked Movie Night

Nov 3, Mon. 5:30 PM @Fairfield. *Wicked: Part I* (2024, PG, 160 min.)

Teen Community Service Drop-In

Nov 6, Thu. 6:00 PM @Fairfield

Nov 22, Sat. 3:00 PM @Glen Allen. Drop in to earn community service hours through a variety of crafts and projects benefiting local organizations. Please bring any forms that need to be signed for your service credit. 60 min.

Building Generational Wealth for Teens

Nov 12, Wed. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Dive into the world of finance as we break down the big, scary world of money into bite-sized, easy-to-understand pieces. We'll start by explaining what generational wealth is and why it's so important. Presented by Virginia Credit Union. 60 min.

Paint 'n' Sip for Teens

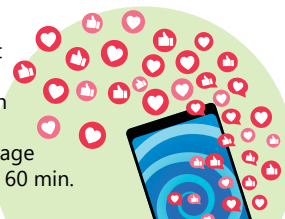
Nov 12, Wed. 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe. Paint along with an artist while enjoying a tasty beverage. All supplies provided, while they last. 90 min.

Drop-In Board Games in the Cafe

Nov 13, Thu. 4:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Whether experienced or new to the world of board games, stop by to play a selection of games. 2 hrs.

Brand Up Jr.

Nov 13, Thu. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Learn about personal branding while discovering your strengths and exploring your interests. Through a series of hands-on activities and interactive sessions, teens will learn how to set goals, manage their time, and craft a positive online presence. 60 min.



DIY Popping Boba

Nov 15, Sat. 3:00 PM @Gayton.

Learn about molecular gastronomy and spherification by making popping boba using fruit juices. Afterwards participants will make boba tea using the boba just created. 60 min.

DIY Crochet Bookmarks

Nov 19, Wed. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Enjoy some snacks, and learn how to crochet bookmarks with different stitches and patterns. 90 min.

K-Pop Night

Nov 25, Tue. 6:30 PM @Fairfield. Celebrate idols, fandoms, and all things K-pop with things like DIY activities and snacks. Plus, learn how to listen to some of your favorite K-pop bands on Hoopla. 90 min.



REGULAR TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

Anime Club

Watch anime, meet other fans, learn about Japanese culture, draw, and talk manga with friends at our monthly anime club meetings.

Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12; Wednesdays 6:00 PM @Varina

Sep 23, Oct 28; Tuesdays 7:00 PM @Fairfield

Sep 24, Oct 22; Wednesdays 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Oct 2, Thu. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory

Hacking Adulthood

Best for ages 15–25. 2 hrs.

Sep 6 and 20, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina. Young Adult Workforce Edition. A two-part workshop designed for teens and young adults to gain essential skills in résumé writing, networking, joining organizations, interview preparation, and crafting elevator pitches.

Oct 18, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina. Blending Wellness into Your Routine with the Art of Tea. Learn how tea can support focus, sleep, and stress relief in this hands-on workshop for teens and young adults.

Nov 8, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina. Winter Car Maintenance. Get your car winter-ready! Learn the basics of cold-weather car care—checking tires, fluids, battery, and building an emergency kit. Perfect for new drivers and anyone wanting to stay safe on the road. No experience needed!

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.

Sep 10, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill for grades 6–8

Sep 23, Oct 28, Nov 25; Tuesdays 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe for grades 9–12

Origami Creations

Learn folding techniques and make origami with artistic flair. 60 min.

Sep 15, Nov 17; Mondays 6:00 PM @Varina

Teen Art Club

Drop by for creative art time after school. Bring your art supplies or use ours to create your doodles, sketches, and masterpieces. Otherwise, feel free to hang out and create your own project. Imagination is encouraged. 60 min.

Sep 8, Mon. 5:30 PM @North Park. Monotypes! A form of printmaking.

Oct 6, Mon. 5:30 PM @North Park. Painting mini pumpkins! Bring your own if you want.

Nov 10, Mon. 5:30 PM @North Park. Nature Crowns! Sculpture made of natural items like sticks and pinecones.

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Teen Art Studio

Drop by for some fun, hands-on creativity! We'll discuss different styles of art and do a variety of art, craft, and drawing projects. All artistic skill levels welcome.
Sep 16, Oct 7, Nov 4; Tuesdays 6:00 PM @Varina. 2 hrs.
Oct 22, Wed. 4:30 PM @Twin Hickory. 90 min.

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. Bring your creativity and imagination! 90 min.
Sep 25, Oct 30, Nov 20; Thursdays 6:00 PM @Varina

Teen Gaming Club

Calling all gamers! Every month, drop in for video games and tabletop board games. Try out games from the library's collection, or you can bring a teen-friendly favorite from home. Snacks provided! 60 min.
Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 4; Tuesdays 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe

📖 Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot Adventures

Dive into a single adventure to practice your D&D skills. Play one of our pre-made characters or bring your own. All experience levels welcome. 2 hrs.
Sep 6, Sat. 3:00 PM @Libbie Mill for level 5 characters
Nov 3, Mon. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe

Teen Trivia Thursdays

It's our monthly Trivia Night! Eat snacks, hang out, compete against your friends, and win prizes. Topics change every month. 90 min.
Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20; Thursdays 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

📖 Teens Make Stuff

Bring your friends, hang out, and make something cool. We'll provide the materials and books for inspiration, you provide the creativity. 90 min.
Sep 3, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Bullet journals
Oct 1, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. 3D 'Franken-prints'
Nov 5, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Melted crayon art

Tween Lego Club

Whether you prefer freestyling your masterpieces or want a challenge, hang out and de-stress with fun, brick-by-brick designs. We'll take pictures of your creations after each session to display in a Lego gallery. 60 min.
Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24; Mondays 5:30 PM @North Park

Twisted Stitches

Join us monthly to learn to crochet, make something silly, and hang out with other fabric artists. 60 min.
Sep 18, Oct 9, Nov 13; Thursdays 6:00 PM @Varina



KIDS & FAMILY programs

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SEPTEMBER

📖 Grandparent/Grandfriend Celebration

Sep 3, Wed. 4:00 PM @North Park. Bring a grandparent or 'grandfriend' to share in a story, an activity, and an art project. 60 min.

Camping Sing-along

Sep 3, Wed. 4:00 PM @Varina. Bring your camping bag and cuddle up to a paper fire to sing camping songs together. Munch on some s'mores and pretend to gaze up at the stars indoors. 90 min.

Grandparents Storytime

Sep 4, Thu. 3:30 PM @Gayton. Ages 3–5. Come out to enjoy a special storytime with grandparents. Stay after for a fun craft as we all learn together! 30 min.

Colorful Creations

Sep 6, Sat. 3:00 PM @Varina. Let creativity flow by creating your own colorful creations. Come and enjoy the fun of making a personalized glue bookmark, a stylish pencil bag, and a sparkling sun catcher. 2 hrs.

📖 Young Writers Workshop: Crafting Your Best Essay

Sep 11, Thu. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Grades 3–5. The first of a seven-part series to help children build confidence in their writing. Each month from September to April, participants will focus on a different stage from brainstorming to rewriting and publishing a final essay. Sessions are 60–90 min. long; participants are strongly encouraged to attend all seven.



Lego Building Challenge

Sep 13, Sat. 3:00 PM @Fairfield. Put your creative problem solving to the test! Build your own deserted island from Lego bricks, and when disaster strikes, decide what you'll build next to fix it. 60 min.

STEM Craft: Boxcar Balloon Racing

Sep 15, Mon. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Decorate a miniature boxcar, then race your friends with the power of gravity and airflow to see who reigns as champion. 60 min.

Talk Like a Pirate Day!

Sep 19, Fri. 3:30 PM @Glen Allen. Best for ages 4–9. International Talk Like a Pirate Day is held annually, and to celebrate, we're having a pirate party! Expect a story followed by games and crafts. 60 min.

Preschool STEAM: Flying Bats

Sep 23, Tue. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5 with an adult helper. What's that in the sky? It's a bird, it's a plane it's a flying bat! Craft a movable toy bat and listen to a story about this amazing nocturnal creature. 45 min.



The Science of Sound

Sep 8, Mon. 4:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Best for grades 2–5 with an adult. Come and explore the nature of sound. Discover how sound travels, while creating your own noise-making creations. 60 min.

📖 Homework Resources

Sep 9, Tue. 4:00 PM @North Park. Drop in and learn how free resources can assist you and your family with a successful school year. 60 min.

📖 Mystery Puppet Theatre

Sep 10, Wed. 3:00 PM @Fairfield. Make puppet characters out of a variety of different materials, explore narrative elements to craft a story, then put on a show with your friends! 60 min.

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Watercolor Fun

Sep 24, Wed. 12:30 PM @Sandston. Best for ages 4–11. Kids explore the joys of watercolors by creating their own masterpieces. Adult helpers are welcome, especially for younger participants. 60 min.

Owl Pellet Dissection

Sep 24, Wed. 4:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Best for grades 3–6 with an adult. Ever wondered what owls eat? Learn firsthand and perform an owl pellet dissection to uncover the bones of their prey. 60 min.

Creative Movement

Sep 26, Fri. 10:30 AM @Libbie Mill. Best for ages 4–8. Kids explore the wonders of rhythm and movement by dancing to diverse music tempos, transforming into animals through playful motions, and creatively acting out a captivating story. 60 min.

Stuffed Animal Tea Party

Sep 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield. Craft some fancy attire and bring a stuffed animal to join you. Sip on different teas and other beverages, and see which books we have paired with them! Older siblings and adults can have a tea pairing experience too, in the Meeting Room. 60 min.



Firefighter Visit

Sep 29, Mon. 9:30 AM @Twin Hickory. Best for ages 3–5. Meet one of our neighborhood community helpers. We will learn to be safe with our good friends from the Henrico County Division of Fire. Come hear stories, meet a real firefighter and learn more about how they take care of our community. A fire truck may be available for a close-up look. 30 min.

Ephemeral Art with Loose Parts

Sep 30, Tue. 2:30 PM @Fairfield. Join us for process art where we will share and explore interesting materials and express ourselves through play and design. 60 min.

OCTOBER

Bingo en Español

Oct 1, Wed. 6:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Ages 5–17 with an adult. Beginning and intermediate level Spanish-speakers, test your basic Spanish vocabulary skills in this fun, friendly, and noncompetitive game of Spanish language bingo for adults. Participate for a chance to win a prize. Presented in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. 60 min.



Baby Explorer

Oct 3, Fri. 10:30 AM @Sandston. Best for under 24 months with a caregiver. Let's explore new rhymes, bounce, make animal sounds, and meet some new friends. 30 min.

Papel Picado

Oct 11, Sat. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month by making a fun decorative craft where you make elaborate cutting designs from sheets of tissue paper. 60 min.

Tiny Tales

Oct 13, Mon. 9:30 AM @Libbie Mill

Oct 14, Tue. 9:30 AM @Twin Hickory

Oct 15, Wed. 10:30 AM @Sandston. 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

Oct 16, Thu. 10:00 AM @Fairfield. Best for ages 3–12. Neurodivergent children and those needing accommodations are invited to this smaller, registration-required session. We are happy work with parents/guardians and participants to help promote an enjoyable program experience. 60 min.



Bright Star Theatre

A professional acting troupe brings classic stories to life with a modern twist. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

Oct 13, Mon. 10:30 AM @Fairfield. *Franken-Bully.* Young scientist Frankie Sparks builds a giant, goofy creature named Bolt, hoping to create the perfect friend. When Bolt shows mean-spirited behavior, chaos erupts! Packed with laughs and heart, this show is all about building kindness and friendship.

Oct 13, Mon. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill. *A Tell-Tale Tale.* Best for grades 3+. Rich language with expert storytelling bring the stories and poems of Edgar Allan Poe to life, and is sure to put you in the mood for spooky season. Stories include *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Raven*, *The Bells*, and more!

Oct 13, Mon. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.* Best for grades 4+. Washington Irving's classic story of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman is just spooky enough to delight any audience as the days get shorter, the air gets colder, and the nights turn long and dark.

Oct 25, Sat. 11:00 AM @Twin Hickory. *The Wizard of Oz.* Take a stroll down the yellow brick road as Dorothy, Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Toto challenge the wicked witch in this interactive retelling of the classic book.

Oct 25, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill. *The Wizard of Oz*

Mad Science: Mineral Mania

Oct 13, Mon. 1:00 PM @Sandston. Designed for kids in grades 3–6. Explore science with this energetic and engaging show from Mad Science of Central Virginia. Kids will recreate the process of rock formation and devise ways to identify and classify rocks and minerals. They'll experience the thrill of panning for gems and take home their finds for further study and investigation. 60 min.



Villains Karaoke

Oct 13, Mon. 3:30 PM @Tuckahoe. Best for grades K–5 and family. "It's good to be bad!" Family and friends sing alone or as a group to their favorite animated children's classic villain tunes. 60 min.

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Lego Club: Crash Landings

Oct 13, Mon. 4:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Best for grades K–5. We bring the Legos, you bring your creativity. Test your building skills with our newest theme: crash landing. See if your creations can survive the fall. 60 min.

Scooby Doo: Mysteries to Solve

Oct 13, Mon. 6:00 PM @Varina. Crafts and games involving Scooby Doo, Shaggy, Fred, Velma and Daphne. Enjoy solving mysteries and a scavenger hunt with clues to help locate Scooby and the gang. 60 min.

**Baby Rave**

Oct 15, Wed. 9:30 AM @Varina. Dance, enjoy music, pop bubbles, play with toys and more. It's the hottest ticket in Varina for the youngest generation. To get in this club, you must be accompanied by a baby or toddler and the dress code is set to: fun, sparkly, or comfy! 45 min.

Autumn Watercolors

Oct 20, Wed. 2:00 PM @Varina. Participants can create a seasonal project or make their own design using watercolor techniques. 60 min.

Bluey Halloween Bash

Oct 21, Tue. 3:00 PM @Glen Allen. Celebrate Halloween with Bluey-themed crafts, games, treats, and trick-or-treat candy. Come in costume as your favorite Bluey character for even more fun! 60 min.

TAB Halloween Fair

Oct 22, Wed. 6:30 PM @Gayton. Enjoy seasonal games and activities hosted by our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members. Community-friendly costumes are encouraged. Sponsored by the Friends of HPCL. 60 min.

Pre-K Costume Dance Party

Oct 25, Sat. 10:30 AM @Libbie Mill. Best for ages 2–6.

Put on your costume and enjoy dancing and singing in this interactive music program. Parents are also welcome to show off their best dance moves! 45 min.

Escape the Library

Oct 25, Sat. 1:00 PM @Varina. Best for grades 2+. Younger friends may need an older teammate to be able to participate. Use your problem-solving 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.

Scary Stories for Scaredy Cats

We are telling some of our favorite scary stories for kids. We will start with tales that are not too spooky and will slowly progress to more scary ones. Families are welcome to leave at any time. How long will you last? 60 min.

Oct 27, Mon. 6:00 PM @Sandston

Oct 28, Tue. 6:00 PM @North Park

Oct 29, Wed. 6:00 PM @Glen Allen

**Spooky Sensations**

Oct 30, Thu. 3:30 PM @Fairfield. Squish your hands in mystery textures, guess at spooky sounds, and look up close at ghoulish imagery in this event designed to ensnare the senses. 60 min.

NOVEMBER**Kids' Pokemon Card Swap**

Nov 3, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe. Best for ages 7–13. Bring your spare Pokemon cards and trade with fellow fans. 60 min.

DiNovember

Nov 3, Mon. 3:00 PM @Varina. Dive into DiNovember with roaringly Dynamic Dino activities and crafts. 60 min.

Unplugged Gaming

Nov 4, Tue. 2:30 PM @Fairfield. Take a break from screens by coming to the library to play some board games. From classics to some you may not be familiar with, enjoy time with family or friends. 90 min.

Race Car Track Build

Nov 4, Tue. 3:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Design your own race car track and see how fast your car will go! Participants will learn about the basic properties of engineering and physics. 60 min.

A Dino-mite Storytime

Nov 8, Sat. 11:00 AM @Glen Allen. Best for ages 2–6. It's Dinovember, and we're celebrating with a dinosaur-themed storytime and craft. Join us for a roaring good time! 45 min.

STEAM: Super-Secret Spy School

Nov 10, Mon. 4:00 PM @Twin Hickory. Best for grades 3–6 with an adult. Calling all spies! The library is recruiting Junior Agents this month. Gain your super-secret codename and complete secret missions to improve your espionage skills. 60 min.

Colorful Camouflage

Nov 10, Mon. 6:00 PM @Fairfield. Learn about of concealment by taking an animal figure and painting it to match its background. 60 min.

Nocturnal November: Glow in the Dark

Nov 12, Wed. 6:30 PM @Varina. All ages with an adult. See what glows in the night as we head out for an adventure at the library. Explore the trail with glow sticks and flashlights to find luminescent items hidden along the outdoor path. Put your explorer skills to the test! 60 min.

Books and Bites: Sweet Potato Pie

Nov 13, Thu. 4:00 PM @Varina. Get ready for the holidays with a reading of *Sweet Potato Pie* by Kathleen Lindsey. Learn how to safely prep ingredients and sample a flavorful sweet potato pie prepared in our demonstration kitchen. Please know your child's food allergies and inform us of any potential issues. 60 min.

**Birding for Kids**

Nov 15, Sat. 11:30 AM @North Park. Play games to learn fun bird identification and binocular basics before heading outside to explore our local habitat and the birds that call it home. Dress for the weather. 60 min.

Triceratops Tuesday: Dinosaur Party!

Nov 18, Tue. 3:30 PM @Fairfield. Have a DINomite time with activities and games celebrating DINovember! 60 min.

Fairy Houses

Nov 19, Wed. 3:30 PM @Fairfield. Best for ages 7–10. Build an enchanted house from sticks, leaves, and other natural materials. 60 min.

Pokemon: Card Traders for Kids

Nov 20, Thu. 3:30 PM @Gayton. Trading Pokémon cards is un-Bayleaf-able fun. We will provide a safe space to trade cards and have other Pokémon-themed activities. 60 min.

Lego Party

Nov 21, Fri. 3:30 PM @Varina. Best for ages 2+. 60 min.

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Superhero Training Camp

Nov 22, Sat. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill. Suit up and join us for an action-packed program! Kids will create their own super hero gear with fun crafts and put their powers to the test through exciting challenges. 60 min.

Preschool Fun: Hedgehogs

Nov 25, Tue. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5 with an adult helper. An afternoon of stories and crafting using our prickly friend. 60 min.

Coloring Extravaganza

Nov 26, Wed. 10:00 AM–8:00 PM @Fairfield. Find pockets of color throughout the library, as you color everything from bookmarks to a mural.

REGULAR KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

After School Art

Grades 1–5. 60 min.

Sep 2, Tue. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. A Grand Portrait: Create a portrait of your favorite older person for a Grandparents' Day gift. Bring your grandparent to pose for their picture, or bring a photo of them.

Oct 7, Tue. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Paint a vivid October sunset blazing with magenta, orange, and violet colors.

Nov 4, Tue. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Clay Sculptures using air dry clay.

Baby & Toddler Playtime

Babies and toddlers are invited to play together and explore their senses. Just bring your imagination! 60 min.

Oct 10, Nov 7; Fridays 10:00 AM @Fairfield

Busy Hands

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.

Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21; Fridays 10:30 AM @Tuckahoe

Chess Time

Best for ages 5+. Chess players of all experience levels are welcome to stop by for a casual game. 90 min.

Sep 18, Oct 16; Thursdays 3:30 PM @Fairfield

📖 Dungeons & Dragons for Kids

Dive into the world of D&D and grow your role-playing game skills. These one-shot adventures 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.

Sep 17, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Oct 14, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Nov 19, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill

📖 Elementary Art Club

Sep 17, Wed. 3:00 PM @Fairfield. Monet Water Lilies: Explore the impressionist style and build texture and movement in your art. 60 min.

Oct 15, Wed. 3:00 PM @Fairfield. Watercolor Pumpkins: Use tie-dye techniques to create swirly, colorful pumpkin prints! 60 min.

Nov 26, Wed. 3:00 PM @Fairfield. Fabergé Eggs: Explore the intricate craftsmanship of this Russian art by decorating an egg of your own. 60 min.

Elementary Explorers

Best for grades K–5. Explore different STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics through fun, hands-on activities, challenges, and demonstrations. 60 min.

Sep 17, Wed. 4:00 PM @Varina. Coffee Filter Parachute

Oct 8, Wed. 4:00 PM @Varina. Manta Rays

Nov 5, Wed. 4:00 PM @Varina. Earthquakes

Explore Earth's Environment

Grades K–2 with an adult. We'll dive deep into rainforests, deserts, prairies, and other habitats in order to discover how animals, plants, and people live in very different surroundings. Each program begins with a book about that month's ecosystem, then fun activities to learn more. 60 min.

Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18; Tuesdays 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory

K–2 Bookworms

Best for grades K–2. Kids are invited to meet up with friends for an interactive look at books. We will read a book together, discuss the story, and do a related journaling activity.

Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13; Thursdays 3:30 PM @Tuckahoe, 45 min.

Oct 9, Nov 13; Thursdays 3:30 PM @North Park, 30 min.

📖 Krafty Kids

Enjoy creative learning and fun with a seasonal-themed project. 45 min.

Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22; Saturdays 11:00 AM @North Park

Lego Builders

Best for ages 4+. 60 min.

Sep 13, Nov 8; Saturdays 3:00 PM @Sandston

Pre-K Open Art

Best for ages 3–5. Encourage your child's creativity through open-ended art experiences. Children will explore different textures and media through a developmentally appropriate art project emphasizing discovery and independence. 60 min.

Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17; Mondays 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill

Preschool Craft

Ages 3–5 with an adult helper. Hear a story and create a craft. 60 min.

Sep 25, Thu. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Giant Leaf Art

Oct 23, Thu. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Magnificent Monsters

Nov 20, Thu. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory. Recycled Robot Art

PUP READers

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

Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1; Saturdays 11:30 AM @Varina. 60 min.

📖 Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 13; Thursdays 6:00 PM @Glen Allen, 90 min.

📖 Oct 7, Tue. 3:30 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.

📖 Nov 12, Wed. 3:30 PM @Fairfield, 60 min.

Saturday Make and Take

Best for ages 3+. Open-ended art and crafts fun, perfect for budding artists and crafty kiddos. 60 min.

Sep 13, Oct 18, Nov 29; Saturdays 11:00 AM @Glen Allen

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.

Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17; Mondays 3:30 PM @Gayton

📖 Young Art Explorers Club

For grades 3–5. Each month, learn about a new artist and their technique. Then make your own piece of art to either take home or leave at the library to be included in the Art Show in May. Some months may get a little messy, so appropriate clothing is recommended. 60 min.

Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12; Wednesdays 3:30 PM @Tuckahoe

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Weekly Storytimes

Fall 2025



These storytimes take place weekly, except holidays and during storytime breaks. Storytimes are on break October 12–25.

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 Gayton
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 10:00 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 Tuckahoe
Thursdays 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.

Mondays 10:00 AM at Tuckahoe
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

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 inglés. / 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

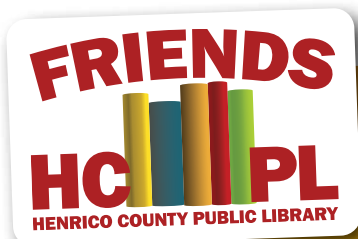
Tuesdays 10:30 AM at Varina

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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