

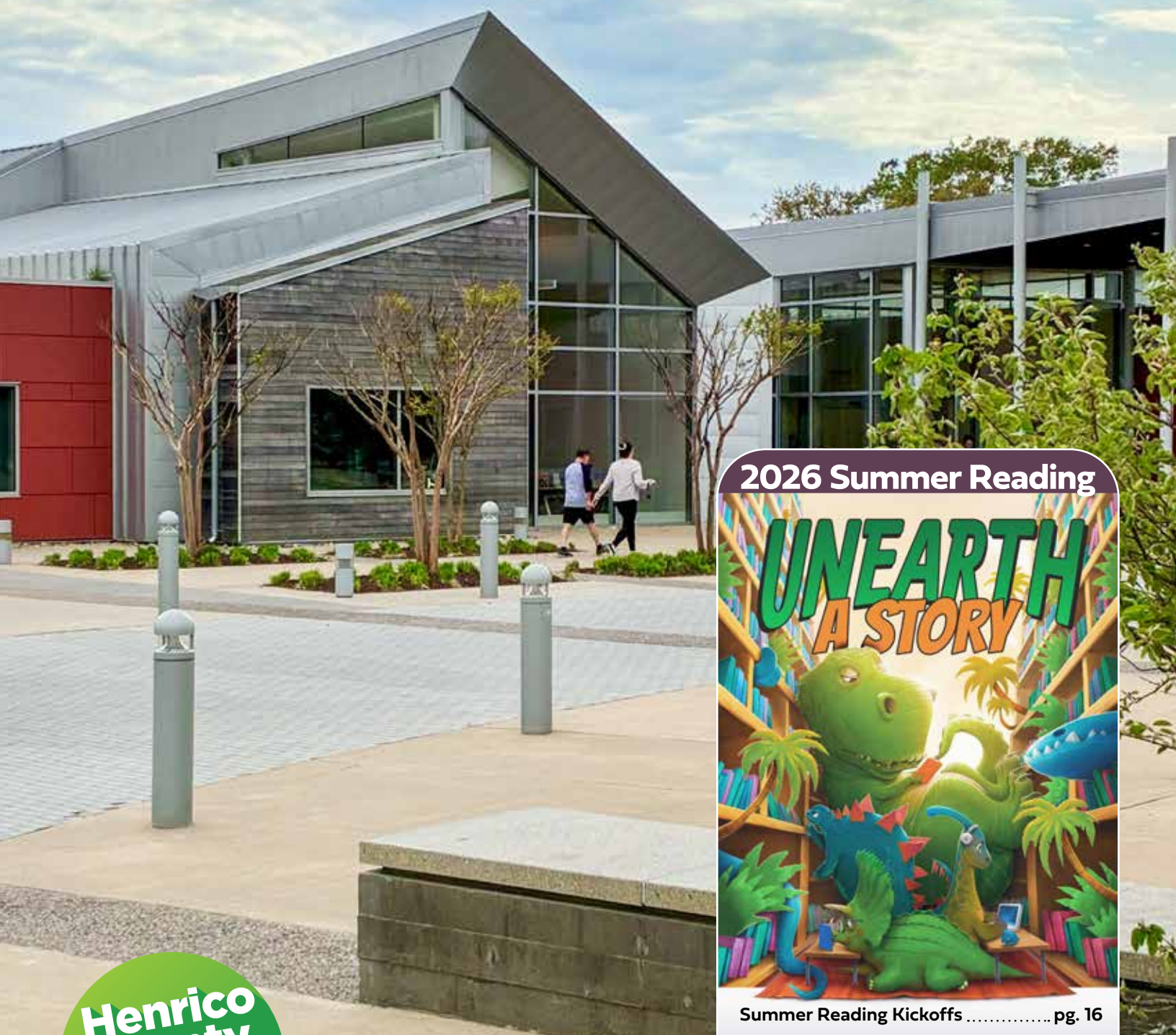
Henrico County Public Library

# Program Guide



Calendar of Events for Summer

June, July, August 2026



2026 Summer Reading

## UNEARTH A STORY

A colorful illustration of a library interior. A large green dinosaur is sitting on a bookshelf, reading a book. Other dinosaurs, including a blue one and a green one, are also present. There are books, a laptop, and a small table with a blue object on it. The scene is set in a library with bookshelves and a warm, golden light.

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### FAIRFIELD

#### Book Bites: A Tasty Book Club

Enjoy bite-sized treats related to each book.

**Jun 4, Thu. 1:00 PM @Fairfield.** *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. Gay sitcom star Patrick lands his most challenging role yet when a family tragedy leaves him as the primary caretaker for his niece and nephew for the summer. 60 min.

**Jul 2, Thu. 1:00 PM @Fairfield.** *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune. An enchanting love story, beautifully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place. 60 min.

**Aug 6, Thu. 1:00 PM @Fairfield.** *The Missing Half* by Ashley Flowers. Two women haunted by their sisters' unsolved disappearances band together in this captivating mystery from the host of the true crime podcast *Crime Junkie*. 60 min.

#### Next Chapter Book Club

**Jul 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Mondays 10:00 AM @Fairfield.**

A multi-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, contact Kimberly Bridges at [kbridges@henricolibrary.org](mailto:kbridges@henricolibrary.org) or (804) 501-1929. 60 min.

#### Fairfield Black Authors Book Discussion

**Jun 16, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield.** *Sweet Heat* by Bolu Babalola. As maid of honor for her best friend's wedding, Kiki finds her emotional walls tested when she's thrown together with the best man, her ex Malakai, and forced to confront desire, vulnerability, and the possibility of love. 60 min.

**Jul 21, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield.** *Summer on the Bluffs* by Sunny Hostin. In the exclusive black beach community of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, the three unofficial "goddaughters" of Amelia Vaux Tanner, successful women from different backgrounds, gather for one last summer together before Amelia moves to the south of France and gives her home to one of them. 60 min.

**Aug 18, Tue. 7:00 PM @Fairfield.** *James* by Percival Everett. In this 2024 National Book Award winner, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is retold from Jim's perspective. 60 min.

### GAYTON

#### Gayton Afternoon Book Discussion

**Jun 8, Mon. 1:00 PM @Gayton.** *Mary Jane* by Jessica Anya Blau. Over the course of a summer in the 1970s, young Mary Jane finds her world expanding in unexpected ways when she nannies for a free-spirited family. 60 min.

**Jul 13, Mon. 1:00 PM @Gayton.** *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander. In 1988, Charles Bell learns about basketball, family, and responsibility when he is sent to live with his grandparents for the summer. 60 min.

**Aug 10, Mon. 1:00 PM @Gayton.** *Disney's Land* by Richard Snow. In this nonfiction history selection, Walt Disney's dream of building a new kind of amusement park in the 1950s runs into problems at every turn. 60 min.

#### Gayton Evening Book Discussion

**Jun 8, Mon. 7:00 PM @Gayton.** *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. An elderly tea shop owner in San Francisco's Chinatown decides to do some detective work when a man is found dead in her store. 60 min.

**Jul 13, Mon. 7:00 PM @Gayton.** *Mary Jane* by Jessica Anya Blau. 60 min.

**Aug 10, Mon. 7:00 PM @Gayton.** *Rebound* by Kwame Alexander. 60 min.



### GLEN ALLEN

#### Glen Allen Book Discussion

**Jun 9, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen.** *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. Grace March's weekly attic room dinner parties serve as a balm to all participants, but when sudden violence shocks them all, will the group have to reckon with who is the real enemy in their midst? 60 min.

**Jul 14, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen.** *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Given only two years to live by her doctor in 1954, Annie Wilkins sets out on horseback from her home in Maine to see the Pacific Ocean. 60 min.

**Aug 11, Tue. 7:00 PM @Glen Allen.** *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian. In this Civil War love story inspired by a real-life friendship across enemy lines, the wife of a missing Confederate soldier discovers a wounded Yankee officer and must decide what she's willing to risk for the life of a stranger. 60 min.



### LIBBIE MILL

#### Libbie Mill LGBTQIA+ Book Discussion

**Jun 2, Tue. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill** and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. *Housemates* by Emma Eisenberg. Two artists working in different mediums set off on a road trip that will change them both, in this love letter to group houses and growing into yourself. 60 min.

**Jul 7, Tue. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill** and via Webex: 2631 850 5153. Select-your-own-text month: We'll each read a different graphic novel with an LGBTQIA+ author, theme, or subject, then meet with questions designed to spark conversation across multiple books. A curated set of books and sample questions will be available by the Libbie Mill adult services desk, or choose a book on your own. Email [LibbieMillEvents@henricolibrary.org](mailto:LibbieMillEvents@henricolibrary.org) for suggestions. 60 min.

**Aug 4, Tue. 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar. Newly sober and obsessed with stories of martyrdom, a poet delves into a family secret and finds a dying artist key to understanding the stories that have shaped him. 60 min.

#### Libbie Mill Afternoon Book Discussion

**Jun 9, Tue. 1:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** *Open Throat* by Henry Hoke. Enter the perspective of a queer mountain lion living under the Hollywood sign, perplexed by hikers' conversations, hungry, meditative. When a fire drives them further into town, their confrontation with humanity reveals deeper truths about LA, climate grief, and what it means to be sentient. 60 min.

**Jul 14, Tue. 1:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. Bestselling author Juniper Song is not who she says she is, and her attempt to steal another author's work will lead her to discovering just how far she'll go to protect her chilling secrets. 60 min.

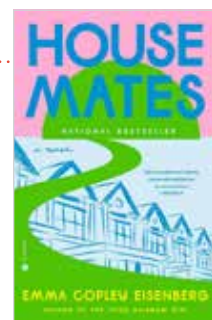
**Aug 11, Tue. 1:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* by Kate Beaton. In this graphic-format memoir, the author, fresh from college, depicts her eventful two-year odyssey working in the oil sands of northern Canada, digging into the immense personal, social and environmental tolls experienced as a result. 60 min.

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**NORTH PARK**

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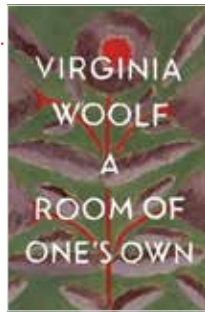
**Jun 22, Mon. 7:00 PM @North Park.** *James* by Percival Everett. See Fairfield description. 60 min.

**Jul 20, Mon. 7:00 PM @North Park.**

*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.



**Aug 17, Mon. 7:00 PM @North Park.** *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf. In a classic extended essay on independence and selfhood, Woolf explores the conditions necessary for women writers to excel. 60 min.



**Next Chapter Book Club**

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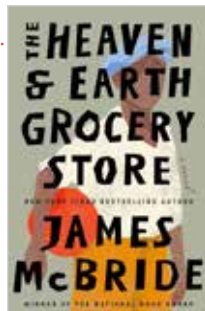
**SANDSTON**

**Savvy Sandston Book Discussion**

**Jun 10, Wed. 7:00 PM @Sandston.** *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. The Jewish, Black, and immigrant citizens of Chicken Hill in Pottstown, Pa., rally to protect an orphaned deaf boy from the machinations and interference of the city's white establishment. 60 min.

**Jul 8, Wed. 7:00 PM @Sandston.** *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. Millie, a young parolee, hopes for a fresh start as a housekeeper to the incredibly rich and dysfunctional Winchester family. Though they might be a dangerous family to become enmeshed with, Millie has her own secret strengths that may keep her from becoming their victim. 60 min.

**Aug 12, Wed. 7:00 PM @Sandston.** *There There* by Tommy Orange. A kaleidoscopic look at Native American life in Oakland, California, through the experiences and perspectives of many characters. 60 min.



**TUCKAHOE**

**Tuckahoe Afternoon Book Discussion**

**Jun 11, Thu. 1:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Banyan Moon* by Thao Thai. A Vietnamese-American mother and daughter must grapple with their family's legacy when they inherit the Banyan House manor. 60 min.

**Jul 9, Thu. 1:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *The Plinko Bounce* by Martin Clark. Murder rocks a small town in Virginia's Patrick County, and seasoned public defender Andy Hughes must defend the violent felon who confesses to the killing. 60 min.

**Aug 13, Thu. 1:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *The House Is On Fire* by Rachel Beanland. Based on the true story of the Richmond Theatre fire in 1811, this novel follows the experience of four unique characters through the disaster, including its aftermath and investigation. 60 min.



**Tuckahoe Evening Book Discussion**

**Jun 16, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. Told through the fearful young second Mrs. de Winter, this haunting tale follows her growing obsession with her husband's first wife, Rebecca, whose lingering presence at Manderley leads to shocking revelations and the rebirth of a shattered marriage. 60 min.

**Jul 21, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Tocqueville: A Very Short Introduction* by Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr. Alexis de Tocqueville's aristocratic roots, political career, and travels shaped his passionate defense of liberty and his enduring insights into American democracy, grounded in his admiration for self-government and his disillusionment with France. 60 min.

**Aug 18, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Factory Man* by Beth Macy. The story of John Bassett III's fierce battle to protect American furniture manufacturing from unfair Chinese competition, offering a vivid, deeply researched look at globalization's effects on Appalachian workers and the decline of a once-thriving family industry. 60 min.

**Not Just For Kids Book Discussion**

**Jun 23, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Matilda, an extraordinary girl ignored and mistreated by her parents and headmistress, finds an equally extraordinary power and wields it to change everyone around her. 60 min.

**Jul 28, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *The War I Finally Won* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Continue Ada's personal journey through 1940s wartime England in this sequel to *The War That Saved My Life*. 60 min.

**Aug 25, Tue. 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon. Two brothers embark on a summer of adventure when they meet a charismatic teen neighbor who persuades them to attempt the Great Escalator Trade—a plot to exchange one small thing for something bigger until all their dreams come true. 60 min.

**Next Chapter Book Club**

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**TWIN HICKORY**

**Twin Hickory Afternoon Book Discussion**

**Jun 10, Wed. 1:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry. When a woman stumbles across a mysterious children's book, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during World War II are revealed. 60 min.

**Jul 8, Wed. 1:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter. A family argument pushes journalist Rhys Kinnick over the edge and into a life off grid in the woods. Years later, after learning that his grandchildren are in danger and his daughter has gone missing, Kinnick reemerges to track them down and save them from a dangerous militia. 60 min.

**Aug 12, Wed. 1:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** *Clever Little Thing* by Helena Echlin. A taut, powerful, mom-noir psychological thriller following a pregnant mother who must confront a sudden and terrifying change in her daughter after the abrupt death of their babysitter. 60 min.



**Twin Hickory Evening Book Discussion**

**Jun 25, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** *Clever Little Thing* by Helena Echlin. 60 min.

**Jul 23, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Social psychologist Haidt shows how the decline of "play-based childhood" in the 1980s and the arrival of "phone-based childhood" in the early 2010s have deprived children of play and independent exploration they need to mature into competent, thriving adults. 60 min.

**Aug 27, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry. 60 min.

**AREA LIBRARIES**

**Henrico Community Authors Showcase**  
Read, discuss, and connect with other writers and readers in our community as local authors share their books. Visit [henricolibrary.org/authors](http://henricolibrary.org/authors) for details about the program and authors scheduled to appear. Sponsored by the Friends of HCLP.

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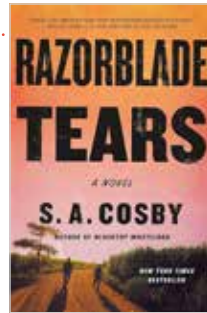
**VARINA**

**Varina Evening Book Discussion**

**Jun 15, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina.** *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Byron and Benny are left a puzzling inheritance: a black cake recipe with a long history and a voice recording by their mother. 60 min.

**Jul 20, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina.** *Razorblade Tears* by S.A. Cosby. After a terrible crime upends their lives, two fathers with nothing in common find themselves united in a search for justice. 60 min.

**Aug 17, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina.** *The Saints of Swallow Hill* by Donna Everhart. Two young strangers fleeing difficult pasts find themselves working in a harsh turpentine camp in rural Georgia during the Great Depression. 60 min.



**Book Show & Tell**


Tell the group about a book you read, loved, and would recommend! Bringing in a copy of the book is optional. Please ensure that your selection is in the library's collection so that others can check it out if they are interested. Stay for light refreshments and chat with the group.

**Jun 24, Wed. 6:30 PM @Varina.** Celebrate Rainbow Books with LGBTQIA+ themes and characters. 60 min.

**Jul 22, Wed. 6:30 PM @Varina.** Share your favorite beach reads. 60 min.

**Aug 26, Wed. 6:30 PM @Varina.** In August, we'll discuss romance novels for Romance Awareness Month! 60 min.

**Computer & Media Lab Classes**

 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!

**Jun 11, Thu. 10:00 AM @Varina,** 2 hrs.

**Jun 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 21, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 10, Mon. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 13, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 13, Thu. 2:00 PM @Varina,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 25, Tue. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe,** 90 min.

 **Computer Basics: Windows & File Management**

Learn how to organize your files and use basic commands in Microsoft Office software. Handouts and sample files are available for review before class.

**Jun 11, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Jun 22, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe,** 90 min.

**Jul 15, Wed. 2:00 PM @Varina,** 90 min.

**Jul 30, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 18, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 24, Mon. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

 **Internet Basics: Getting Started**

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

**Jun 10, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 1, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe,** 60 min.

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

**Aug 19, Wed. 10:00 AM @Varina,** 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.*

**Jun 11, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield,** 60 min.

**Jun 18, Thu. 1:30 PM @North Park,** 60 min.

**Jun 25, Thu. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe,** 60 min.

**Jul 6, Mon. 6:00 PM @North Park,** 60 min.

**Aug 5, Wed. 11:00 AM @North Park,** 60 min.

**Aug 5, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield,** 60 min.

**Aug 5, Wed. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

**PRODUCTIVITY** **AGES 14+**

 **Microsoft Word**

Learn the basics of the popular word processor.

**Jun 3, Wed. 2:00 PM @Varina,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 8, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 9, Thu. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 16, Thu. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 25, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 26, Wed. 3:00 PM @Tuckahoe,** 90 min.

 **Word Focus: Resumes**

Learn how to create your resume using Microsoft Word. 2 hrs.

**Jun 25, Thu. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory**

 **Microsoft PowerPoint**

Learn how to create slideshows with text, graphics, and animation.

**Jun 3, Wed. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 9, Thu. 11:00 AM @Varina,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 14, Tue. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe,** 90 min.

**Jul 28, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 19, Wed. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

 **Microsoft Excel**

Learn the basic features the popular spreadsheet program.

**Jun 8, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe,** 90 min.

**Jun 22, Mon. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

**Jun 30, Tue. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill,** 2 hrs.

**Jul 11, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield,** 2 hrs.

**Aug 20, Thu. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

 **Introduction to Library Research Databases**

Before you start researching a topic, you need to know where to dig up the facts. In this presentation, we will be highlighting research databases that you have access to through your Henrico Library card. These databases will help you unearth information on people, newspaper articles, and other subjects. 90 min.

**Jul 28, Tue. 2:00 PM @Varina**

**MEET THE MEDIA LAB**





 **Introduction to the Digital Media Lab**

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

**Jul 22, Wed. 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory,** 2 hrs.

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**3D DESIGN AND PRINTING****Intro to 3D Modeling**

Learn the basics of 3D modeling using Tinkercad. We'll explore real-world uses of this technology, see a printer in action, and create your own digital designs. 2 hrs.

**Jul 22, Wed. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill for grades K–5 with an adult

**Jul 22, Wed. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield for adults

**Jul 23, Thu. 2:30 PM** @Fairfield for grades K–5 with an adult

**Aug 24, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe for adults

**3D Printed Dino Tracks**

Unearth a story and learn the basics of 3D modeling. We'll show you how to create a model of dinosaur or other creature tracks to 3D print. 90 min.

**Jun 25, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**DinoLab 3D: Create Your Own Dinosaur**

In this hands-on creative program, tweens and teens design and build their own dinosaurs using professional 3D modeling software. Students learn the basics of 3D design, sculpting, and digital art while bringing a unique dinosaur to life—from body shape to colors and personality. 2 hrs.

**Jul 13, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Varina

**DIY 3D Printed Dino Nugget Fidget Clickers**

Design your own dino nugget fidget clicker while learning the basics of designing in 3D with Tinkercad. Each participant will be able to submit their clicker to be printed on the library's 3D printer for free. 2 hrs.

**Jul 14, Tue. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield

**3D Modeling: Dinosaur Edition**

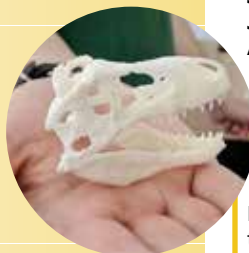
Learn the fundamentals of 3D modeling with Tinkercad, and create a 3D dinosaur! Submit your design for printing, and return another day for the finished product. 90 min.

**Jul 30, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe

**3D Sculpting Undiscovered Creatures**

Using SculptGL, a free web-based 3D sculpting app, you can make that creature come to life! Learn to sculpt creatures from pre-made 3D models and then submit your creation for printing. 90 min.

**Aug 4, Tue. 6:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**2D DESIGN AND IMAGING****Adobe Photoshop: Essential Tools & Techniques**

This class provides an overview of fundamental tools and concepts in Adobe Photoshop—perfect for beginners interested in editing and enhancing images. 2 hrs.

**Jun 9, Tue. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield

**Jul 27, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory

**Aug 10, Mon. 6:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Aug 11, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe

**Adobe Illustrator: Vector Graphics Basics**

Learn the basics of vector-based design using Adobe Illustrator. We'll use essential tools to create simple shapes and artwork—perfect for those exploring logo design, icons, and illustrations.

**Jun 11, Thu. 6:30 PM** @Twin Hickory, 2 hrs.

**Aug 25, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Varina, 90 min.

**Beginner Digital Photography**

Learn key photography concepts and how to adjust the basic settings on your digital camera. Bring your own camera and manual, or attend camera-free to listen and learn. 90 min.

**Jun 18, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield

**Introduction to Canva**

Canva is an online graphic design tool that can create an array of projects, including cards, stickers, flyers, social media posts, and presentations. Get an overview of what Canva offers, as well as the opportunity to practice the basics by designing a card. 2 hrs.

**Jul 6, Mon. 6:30 PM** @Twin Hickory

**Canva Basics: Apps**

An overview of some of Canva's apps and hands-on practice. Prior experience with Canva is recommended. 90 min.

**Jul 15, Wed. 6:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Prehistoric Pixels**

Learn some pixel art basics using Krita, a free open-source painting program, and a drawing tablet as you doodle some dinosaurs. Then bring your designs to life with some simple animation. 2 hrs.

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield for teens

**Adobe InDesign: Layout & Document Design**

Explore essential tools and layout concepts in Adobe InDesign to help your documents look professional and polished.

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Varina, 60 min.

**Jul 22, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe, 60 min.

**Aug 18, Tue. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield, 2 hrs.

**Design Brochures in Canva**

Tips for making polished and professional trifold brochures. 90 min.

**Aug 13, Thu. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield

**Smartphone Photo Editing for Beginners**

Most smartphones have fantastic image editing software included. Learn to make your smartphone pictures pop! Bring your personal device to class, or join device-less to listen and learn. 90 min.

**Aug 26, Wed. 6:30 PM** @Twin Hickory

**DIGITIZING AND PRESERVING****Preserving Your Family History**

The library has resources for preserving genealogical information, films, photos, and documents. Learn the best ways to scan, organize, preserve, and manage your digitized family history. We'll also demonstrate how to use a photo scanner and VHS converter.

**Jun 13, Sat. 2:30 PM** @Fairfield, 90 min.

**Jun 24, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe, 90 min.

**Renewing Vintage Photographs**

Restore old photographs using Adobe Photoshop. Learn how to mend tears, heal blemishes, and correct color issues using sample images. Beginner Photoshop experience is helpful but not required. 90 min.

**Jun 15, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield

**Jun 16, Tue. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill

**RECORDING AND EDITING****Adobe Premiere Pro: Video Editing Basics**

Learn the essentials of video editing using Adobe Premiere Pro. This beginner-friendly class covers importing footage, arranging clips on the timeline, adding simple transitions, and exporting a finished video. 2 hrs.

**Jun 10, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe

**Jul 13, Mon. 6:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Aug 6, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Varina

**Intro to Podcasting**

For HS students and adults. Learn the basics of audio recording and editing using Audacity. We'll also discuss podcasts as both a creative format and a growing industry. 2 hrs.

**Jun 15, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Jul 23, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Varina



**Aug 26, Wed. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield

**Green Screen Basics**

For HS students and adults. An overview of using a green screen, including how to use Photoshop to edit the background by removing and replacing the green screen with an image of your choice. 90 min.

**Aug 20, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Varina,

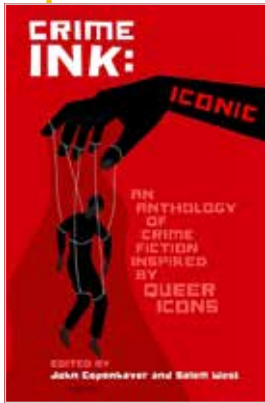
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JUNE



**Author Event: John Copenhaver's *Crime Ink: Iconic***  
**Jun 2, Tue. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Drawing inspiration from queer icons such as James Baldwin, Oscar Wilde, Candy Darling, Radclyffe Hall, the Babadook, Megan Rapinoe, Laverne Cox, Dolly Parton, Vita Sackville-West, and many more—the tales in the anthology *Crime Ink: Iconic* span the rich spectrum of crime fiction, from cozy mysteries and whodunnits to noir, psychological thrillers, and police procedurals. Co-editor and award-winning author John Copenhaver presents a volume bursting with intrigue, twists, and unforgettable characters, with each story serving as a testament to the depth, ingenuity, and originality of queer voices in the genre. 60 min.

**Retro Media Swap and Social**

**Jun 4, Thu. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Kick off this year's Summer Reading challenge by digging out gently used physical media that you're ready to part with (think vinyl, cassettes, CDs, VHS, DVDs, and print books) and swapping them for something new-to-you. Mingle with other analog fans over light refreshments while you browse. Advance donations will be accepted in bags or boxes (limit of 2) at the Libbie Mill adult reference desk starting Thursday, May 7. 2 hrs.

**Adult Spelling Bee** **VA250**

**Jun 6, Sat. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Test your spelling ability and build your vocabulary in this fun, family-friendly, and noncompetitive spelling bee where no one is eliminated. Partner with someone or participate alone. The whole family is welcome to participate or observe and children may participate with an adult. This year we will include a category of vocabulary focused on celebrating the 250th year of the United States' Independence and history. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

**Saturday Movie Matinee** **VA250**

**Jun 6, Sat. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *National Treasure* (2004, PG, 131 min.).



**The American Revolution** **VA250**

**Jun 9, 16, 23, 30; Jul 7, 14; Tuesdays 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory.** (2025, PG-13) We'll be screening the six-episode documentary series by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, one episode per week from June 9–July 14. 2 hrs.

**Pollinators**

**Jun 10, Wed. 2:30 PM @Tuckahoe.** Bees, butterflies, insects and even bats work hard to pollinate our plants. Many pollinators are now in decline. Protect these essential and beautiful creatures. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.



**StoryCorps DIY: My America** **VA250**

**Jun 10, Wed. 3:00–7:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Join us in collecting stories from our community about what it means to be an American. We will start with an orientation to the StoryCorps program, explore prompts to help us think through the theme, and learn how to capture our stories to share with others. Please register for only one session. 60 min.

**Beginner Fusible Collage Fabric Art**

**Jun 10, Wed. 5:00 PM @Varina.** Unearth a story using your own personal fabric. In this class, we will work on our own collage-style fabric art. Our finished products will be approximately 12" x 12". We will discuss the law of thirds, fussy cutting, fusible and other non-sewing techniques, and play with fabric. Participants should plan to bring their own 100% cotton quilting fabric scraps to use in their pieces. 3 hrs.

**Movie Afternoon**

**Jun 12, Fri. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Rebecca* (1940, PG-13, 130 min.).

**Sit and Stitch: World Wide Knit in Public Day**

**Jun 13, Sat. 10:00 AM–2:00 PM @Fairfield.**

Celebrate with fellow knitters, crocheters, and fiber artists for a relaxed, social crafting session. Bring your current project and enjoy creating in a welcoming public space. Also see our group's regular listing on page 11.



**Propagation: Making Plants for Free**

**Jun 13, Sat. 11:00 AM @Fairfield.** 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. 60 min.

**Experience the Powerful Story of Dave the Potter** **VA250**

**Jun 17, Wed. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** VMFA's resident potter Steven Glass tells the powerful story of David Drake, known as Dave the Potter, an enslaved person whose life and work stand as extraordinary achievements in American ceramic art. Through images of his work and live performances of period songs on guitar, this engaging presentation brings Dave the Potter's art, courage, and enduring legacy to life for today's audiences. This program has been organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. 60 min.

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**Introduction to Ham Radio**

**Jun 17, Wed. 3:00 PM @Varina.** Amateur (ham) radio operators range from hobbyists to essential personnel in emergency situations. The Hanover Virginia Ham Radio Club presents an overview of ham radio technology, including its historical significance and usage in the present day. Get an up-close look at the technology, view a live demonstration, and learn more about getting started, including information about the licensing process and local resources for ham radio enthusiasts. 60 min.

**Handmade: a Crafty Social**

**Jun 18, Thu. 3:00 PM @Gayton.** Whether you're an experienced crafter or a curious beginner, we offer a supportive space to share ideas, learn new techniques, and celebrate crafting in community. From crochet and quilting to jewelry-making and collage, all handcrafts and fiber arts are welcome. Bring a project to work on or show off your latest finished object. 90 min.

**📌 Jurassic Jungle: Build Your Own Dinosaur Terrarium**

**Jun 18, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Create your own miniature prehistoric world in a glass container! Dig into this fun, hands-on experience for plant lovers, beginners, and those seeking a creative escape. 90 min.

**Backyard Composting**

**Jun 24, Wed. 2:00 PM @Gayton.** Viewing food waste and yard debris as a renewable resource instead of garbage makes good sense. Demystify composting with these easy steps. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.



**Unearthing Revolutionary Virginia and the Golden Ball Tavern**



**Jun 24, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Learn how archaeological excavations at Petersburg's Golden Ball Tavern help us understand challenges of feeding a fledgling nation. Constructed circa 1764 by prosperous tobacco merchant Richard Hanson, the tavern was originally built as a dwelling, then used as a tavern after Hanson, a fervent loyalist, fled Virginia in 1776. In 2008, Dr. Chris Stevenson from Virginia's Department of Historic Resources led excavations at the tavern site, identifying intact 18th-century deposits. Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Virginia's state archaeologist, will discuss how interpreting his findings alongside letters from the period can teach us about the Revolutionary era. 60 min.

**📌 Improv Comedy Games for Adults**

**Jun 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Improv is great for exercising your creative mind, developing your storytelling skills, and making new friends. If you like to act, do imitations, create stories, or have a laugh, you should join us to play games used in professional improv theaters while being coached by an improv comedian. We will work together to make each other laugh, listen, think, and act in all kinds of silly ways. Come ready to have fun! Only one person per registration, please. 2 hrs.

**📌 Ukulele for Beginners**

**Jun 27, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina.** Designed for adults 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 basic chords on this fun and portable instrument. Observers are welcome to attend, if the workshop is waitlisted. Presented in partnership with Virginia Ukapolooza, Inc. 90 min.

**JULY**

**The American Revolution, episodes 5-6**



**Jul 7, 14; Tuesdays 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory.** For episodes 1-4, see June 9 description. 2 hrs.

**Mid-Day Matinee**



**Jul 7, Tue. 12:00 PM @Varina.** 1776 (1972, PG, 142 min.)

**Digging for History**

**Jul 8, Wed. 2:00 PM @Varina.** Archaeologist Frankie Snyder, who has 17 years of experience at several historic sites in the Holy Land, explains the wet-sifting process, shows us some of her discoveries, and explains how this work can help give us a fuller picture of life throughout the ages. Younger explorers can get some hands-on experience in digging and learning how to excavate. 2 hrs.

**📌 Board Game Design Workshop: Make Your Own Card-based Game**

**Jul 8, 15; Wednesdays 6:30 PM @Twin Hickory.** Learn about game design fundamentals in this two-session workshop. We will be creating our own card-based tabletop games. No experience needed. Plan to attend both sessions. 90 min.



**📌 Be the Beat: Hands-Only CPR**

**Jun 20, Sat. 10:00 AM @Varina**  
**Jun 23, Tue. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Learn the why and how of hands-only CPR and AED use. This is a non-certification class that includes a presentation and hands-on practice guided by Community Safety & Response Educators (CSRERVA.com). Presented as part of the American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers campaign, and sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 90 min.

**Women of the Revolution with Bert Dunkerly**



**Jun 23, Tue. 1:00 PM @Gayton.** From the wooded slopes of Kings Mountain to the fields of Cowpens, historian and author Robert M. Dunkerly covers the stories and legends of the women caught up in the struggle for American independence. His book, *Women of the Revolution: Bravery and Sacrifice on Southern Battlefields*, which chronicles the experiences of women in the eighteenth century, will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

**Kitchen Gardens**

**Jun 23, Tue. 2:00 PM @Glen Allen.** Many of us love the idea of growing fresh vegetables but don't have the space or time. Kitchen gardens are a new trend that combines vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers in a garden right outside your back door. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.



**What's in a Name? The Legacy of African Names**

**Jun 23, Tue. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory**  
**Jun 27, Sat. 11:00 AM @Fairfield.** Historian Amina Coleman Davis will discuss the cultural, symbolic, and spiritual meanings behind common African names and naming conventions. Discover the significance of traditional African names from Central, Western, and Southern Africa, and explore how these names were transformed during the colonial period, Civil Rights Era, and beyond. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico County Recreation & Parks. 60 min.

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**From Dinosaur Tracks to Sabretooth Cats: Exploring Prehistoric Virginia**

**Jul 8, Wed. 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe.** Explore evidence of dinosaurs and other extinct species with Jim Weinpress, Manager of Zoology for Henrico Recreation & Parks, and find out more about what was roaming the state during the Ice Age. 60 min.

**Discover Colonial and Native American Plants**

**Jul 9, Thu. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Central Virginia Botanical Artists will host live art demonstrations, crafts, and activities for all ages. Their focus will be on plants that Native Americans and colonists used 250 years ago for medicinal and culinary purposes as well as toy-making. 2 hrs.



**3rd Wave in Concert**

**Jul 9, Thu. 7:00 PM @North Park.** 3rd Wave's surf rock sounds and other classic tunes from the 60s and 70s are perfect for a summer evening. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL. 60 min.

**Tie-Dye Craft**

**Jul 13, Mon. 3:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Bring your creativity and a cotton t-shirt or tote bag you wish to dye; we'll provide the rest. Don't worry if you don't have shirt or tote to spare—we have bandanas you can dye, too! Throughout the program, we'll rotate participants in groups through the tie-dye creation process. It might get messy, so please dress appropriately. 60 min.

**Good Bugs, Bad Bugs**

**Jul 15, Wed. 2:30 PM @Tuckahoe.** Encouraging beneficial insects in your garden can reduce your chemical use, saving you money and time and protecting the environment. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.



**Prehistorically Speaking: Hunting Dinosaurs with the Science Museum of Virginia**

**Jul 15, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill**

**Jul 22, Wed. 2:00 PM @Gayton.** Join Timshel Purdum, Deputy Director of Education at the Science Museum of Virginia and a Virginia Master Naturalist, on an unforgettable journey into the world of dinosaur hunting. Inspired by her own hands-on paleontology experiences, discover the challenges and excitement of uncovering fossils hidden for millions of years. Together, we'll explore what truly defines a dinosaur, meet modern-day relatives, and even put some Hollywood dinosaurs to the test. 60 min.

**DIY Dino Terrariums**

**Jul 15, Wed. 7:00 PM @Fairfield.** Come create your own prehistoric world in a glass container! This hands-on experience is great for plant lovers, dinosaur enthusiasts, and beginner crafters. Plants and terrarium materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own mini figures as well. 60 min.



**Coffee & Conversation: "We the People"—Virginia 250 History Revisited in Songs Popular During the Revolution**



**Jul 16, Thu. 10:00 AM @Libbie Mill** and via **Webex: 2868 625 0680.** Enjoy coffee, tea, and pastries as Allied Theatre Legacy Artists and Supporters (ATLAS Partnership) and guest speakers present a series of panel discussions on various theater topics. 2 hrs.

**Avoiding Senior Scams**

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Join us for an insightful class on identifying and preventing scams targeting senior citizens. Discover these common scams and learn strategies to safeguard yourself and your loved ones from fraudsters. Presented by Henrico Federal Credit Union. 60 min.

**National Park Game Night**



**Jul 16, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** The National Park System spotlights some of America's greatest beauty. Celebrate America 250 with a fun-filled night of National Park themed games and puzzles. 2 hrs.

**Bring Some, Take Some!**

**Jul 18, Sat. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory.** Bring in your jigsaw puzzles and/or books (in good condition) that you've already enjoyed, and swap out for new ones. 3 hrs.

**Quilting with the Kuumba Afrikan American Quilting Guild**

**Jul 18, 25; Saturdays 10:00 AM @Fairfield.** Kuumba Afrikan American Quilting Guild will lead a two-part workshop series on quilting. Guild members will introduce the history of quilts and the basics of sewing machine use, and guide participants through making a take-home jelly roll fabric project. Suitable for beginners. Plan to attend both sessions. 4 hrs.

**Scanning the Past: Inside VCU's Virtual Curation Lab**

**Jul 21, Tue. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Learn from Dr. Bernard K. Means, professor and project director of VCU's Virtual Curation Lab, how cutting-edge 3D scanning technology is used to digitally preserve archaeological, paleontological, and historical objects. Discover how these detailed 3D models help researchers study the past and even inspire creative projects like educational comic books that bring history and science to life. 60 min.



**Underwater Archaeology: To Protect and Conserve**

**Jul 22, Wed. 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe.** State archaeological conservator Katherine Ridgway and state underwater archaeologist Brendan Burke, from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), discuss the field of maritime archaeology and explore sites and projects, including conservation efforts, related to submerged areas across the Commonwealth. 60 min.

**Based on a True Story: Lizzie Borden**

**Jul 23, Thu. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Exploring real events that inspired works of fiction, HCPL's Phil Ford will talk about the book *See What I Have Done* by Sarah Schmidt, an eerie and compelling historical novel based on the ax-murders of Andrew and Abby Borden on August 4, 1892. Their daughter, Lizzie, stood trial and was acquitted. But did she do it? Find out the fascinating true story behind one of the most famous unsolved murder cases in American criminal history. 90 min.

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**📌 Henrico History Bingo: The American Revolution** **VA250**

**Jul 23, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Gayton, 45 min.  
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**Jul 24, Fri. 11:00 AM** @Sandston, 60 min. Learn about the people, places, and events from Henrico's Revolutionary War era in this game of bingo with historian Lisa Denton. Stay for the fun and prizes, and leave with new knowledge of Henrico's role in our nation's past. Please only register for one session. Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico Recreation & Parks.

**Senior Summer Camp!**

**Jul 23, Thu. 2:00–4:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. A summer camp just for seniors?! Older adults can stop by to partake in camp style crafts, science experiments, eating challenges, and tests of "outdoorsy" knowledge and skills. This is a drop-in program and some supplies will be limited.

**Lawn Alternatives**

**Jul 25, Sat. 11:00 AM** @Varina. If you don't need a tough playing surface for kids and dogs, grass can be replaced with just about anything—trees, shrubs, perennials, edibles or ground covers. Replacing grass may also save money and improve the environment. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.

**Native Plants**

**Jul 25, Sat. 11:00 AM** @Fairfield. There are many advantages to growing native plants. Native plants take less care, feed wildlife, attract birds, and butterflies. Learn which native plants are best for landscaping. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.



**Jurassic Park Double Feature**

**Jul 25, Sat. 1:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. Enjoy some popcorn and see the first two *Jurassic Park* films back-to-back on our big screen as we wind down the Summer Reading challenge: *Jurassic Park* (1993, PG-13, 127 min.), followed by *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* (1997, PG-13, 128 min.). 4 ½ hrs.

**Creating Time Capsules**

**Jul 25, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Learn about time capsule creation and gain inspiration to begin building a meaningful keepsake of your own. Supplies are provided, but participants are welcome to bring personal memorabilia to aid in the creation process. 2 hrs.

**📌 Dino-Punch Needle Craft**

**Jul 28, Tue. 10:00 AM** @Glen Allen. Learn how to punch needle, a no-sew embroidery technique, and create a dinosaur keepsake. 60 min.

**Turquoise, Jade, Shell, and Feathers: Materiality in the Ancient Americas**

**Jul 29, Wed. 6:30 PM** @Tuckahoe. Using examples from the VMFA's collection, art historian Dr. Jeanette Nicewinter explores how materials used in the creation of Ancient American artworks like jade, turquoise, feathers, shells, gold, and silver were highly prized and give meaning based on their association with life-giving forces such as water, the sky, the sun, and the moon. Organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. 60 min.

**AUGUST**

**📌 Basic Suminagashi Marbling Paper Art for Adults**

**Aug 1, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. This marbling technique uses ink and water to create mesmerizing, swirling designs on paper. In this hands-on workshop, attendees will have the chance to experiment with color, explore a traditional art form, and make their own one-of-a-kind marbled paper creations. All artistic skill levels are welcome. 2 hrs.



**The Making and Memory of the American Revolution in Virginia** **VA250**

**Aug 4, Tue. 6:30 PM** @Tuckahoe. Associate Professor of History Samantha Seeley from the University of Richmond will discuss how Virginia played a major role in the American Revolution, producing key leaders and hosting one of the war's most pivotal battles. Yet beneath this legacy of unity, the state was divided by a complex, multi-sided civil war in which many Virginians supported independence while others opposed it. 60 min.

**Medicare and Social Security Scam Awareness**

**Aug 5, Wed. 11:00 AM** @Varina. Learn how to recognize Medicare and Social Security scams and strategies to protect yourself from fraud. Leave feeling empowered to recognize and report suspicious activity. 60 min.

**📌 Unearthing Reptiles & Amphibians in Local Landscapes**

**Aug 6, Thu. 6:00 PM** @North Park. Reptiles and amphibians often hide in our local landscapes, spending much of their time underground or under other organic objects naturally found in our earthly surroundings. Folks from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources will bring live specimens of each so we can see them up close. 60 min.



**📌 Pencil Sketching Basics**

**Aug 8, 15; Saturdays 1:00 PM** @Fairfield. Unlock your artistic potential in this hands-on workshop designed for all skill levels. In this two-part series, learn the fundamental skills of pencil sketching, with a special focus on blending and shading techniques that bring drawings to life, presented by Reggie Hood, a local artist. Participants should plan to attend both sessions. 90 min.

**📌 Be the Beat: Hands-Only CPR**

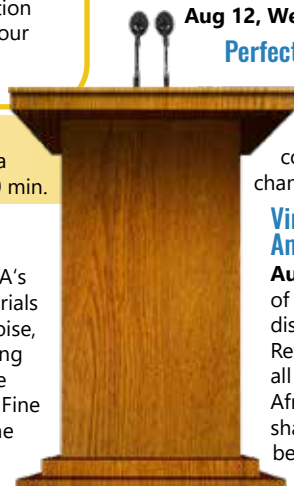
**Aug 12, Wed. 6:00 PM** @Varina. See June 20 description. 90 min.

**Perfect Your Presentation Skills**

**Aug 20, Thu. 6:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. Learn practical techniques for structuring a presentation, engaging an audience, and using body language and tone to communicate effectively. The workshop will include chances to practice what you've learned. 90 min.

**Virginia and the Many Endings of the American Revolution** **VA250**

**Aug 20, Thu. 6:30 PM** @Tuckahoe. Associate Professor of History at University of Richmond, Samantha Seeley, will discuss the story of Virginia's role in ending the American Revolution. In the years that followed, Virginians from all walks of life—soldiers, diplomats, free and enslaved African Americans, women, and Loyalists—worked to shape the peace process and determine the meaning and beneficiaries of the war. 60 min.



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**Shade Gardening**

**Aug 22, Sat. 11:00 AM @Fairfield.** There are many shady yards in Henrico County. How do you define shade? What plants do well in a shady garden? Can a shady garden be colorful and appealing? The answers to these questions and how to work with the shade in your yard will be discussed. Presented by Henrico Cooperative Extension and Henrico Master Gardeners. 60 min.



**Herbalicious: Easy Recipes**

**Aug 22, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Learn how to make dips and spreads from fresh herbs. Herbs are delicious, nutritious, and easy to use in recipes. Taste our creations and take a copy of the recipes to try at home. 60 min.

**Mocktail Hour**

**Aug 25, Tue. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Expand your spirit-free happy hour repertoire as library staff demonstrate how to make a few mocktails (non-alcoholic drinks), and enjoy some tasty samples. 60 min.

**Pollinators**

**Aug 26, Wed. 2:00 PM @Gayton.** See Jun. 10 description. 60 min.

**Historically Speaking: Sparring in the South**

**Aug 27, Thu. 6:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** For International Boxing Day, historian Mark Shubert traces the roots of the sport in America from the colonial period through the early twentieth century, when in the Jim Crow South, a boxer in Jackson Ward named Edward "Wildcat" Thomas became the "Pride of 2nd Street." Presented in partnership with the History Division of Henrico Recreation & Parks. 90 min.

**Trivial Kahoot: 80s Edition**

**Aug 29, Sat. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** No-so-current events are the focus in today's trivia challenge. How much can you remember from daily life and culture in the 80s? We will use Kahoot—bring your own device or use one of our iPads. There will be small prizes. 90 min.

**REGULAR ADULT PROGRAMS**

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

**Art for All Abilities**

**Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Mondays 10:00 AM @Fairfield.** 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. Art materials and instruction will be provided. 90 min.

**Cook & Book**

**Jun 29, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina.** Hem and Her Food. As the son of Cambodian immigrants, Santana Hem wanted to share his love of Khmer cuisine. Hem and Her Food serves up unique and flavorful provisions that are sure to satisfy. 90 min.

**Jul 6, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina.** DIY Salad Dressings. Learn easy to make, minimal ingredient, bold flavored salad dressings. From vinaigrettes to classic ranch and more to try at home. 90 min.

**Aug 24, Mon. 7:00 PM @Varina.** Pantry Hacks: Making the Most of Everyday Ingredients. In collaboration with the Hacking Adulthood Series, we invite young adults to learn how to make a meal of available ingredients, be it for a college dorm, a first apartment, or a hotel room. 90 min.



**Crafternoon**

Explore different crafts and techniques with beginner and veteran makers alike. 2 hrs.

**Jun 13, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Make a monochromatic collage using a singular color of your choice.

**Jul 11, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Dino Dishes. In honor of our Summer Reading theme, we will use a variety of supplies to make dinosaur-centric trinket trays.

**Aug 15, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Make glittering mandala keychains using diamond painting kits.

**Creative Workshop**



Beginners welcome. 60 min.

**Jul 8, Wed. 3:00 PM @Gayton.** Create a cross stitch bookmark that features a delicious and historic motif: the pineapple.

**Aug 12, Wed. 3:00 PM @Gayton.** An art that has stood the test of time, silhouettes have remained popular since the 1700s. Learn to capture a unique and timeless portrait of loved ones, including pets!

**English Conversation Practice**



Practice speaking English in an informal setting. This meet-up style program is perfect for ELL (English Language Learner) and ESL (English as a Second Language) adult students who are ready to practice their English conversation skills. Registration is not required, but participants must be age 16+ and able to speak some English. 75 min.

**Jun 1, 15; Jul 6, 20; Aug 3, 17; Mondays 7:00 PM @Tuckahoe**

**Jul 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Mondays 7:00 PM @Fairfield**

**Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, Wednesdays 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory**

**Jun 22, Jul 27, Aug 24, Mondays 7:00 PM @Libbie Mill**

**Fall Prevention Workshop**

Amanda Rudderman, a fall prevention coordinator at VCU Medical Center, will give an overview of fall risk for older adults, discuss prevention strategies, and provide guidance on what to do in event of a fall. 60 min.

**Jul 8, Wed. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe**

**Aug 19, Wed. 10:00 AM @Tuckahoe**



**Feel Good Films**

**Jun 8, Mon. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory.** *Barbie* (2023, PG-13, 116 min.)

**Jul 13, Mon. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory.** *The American President* (1995, PG-13, 113 min.)

**Aug 10, Mon. 10:00 AM @Twin Hickory.** *Mars Attacks!* (1996, PG-13, 120 min.)

**Fiber Friends Crafting Night**

Bring your supplies and craft with friends. We have a small number of knitting needles and crochet hooks for folks looking to try something new, and crafting books on hand to spark your imagination. 60 min.

**Jul 16, Thu. 6:30 PM @North Park**

**Aug 13, Thu. 6:30 PM @North Park**

**Foster Care Information Meeting**

Henrico County Foster Parent Coordinators from the Department of Social Services will provide an orientation session about the process of becoming a foster parent in Henrico County, and the next steps for becoming licensed providers. 60 min.

**Jun 10, Wed. 6:00 PM @Fairfield**

**Aug 12, Wed. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill**

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**Great Films & Discussions**

View and discuss popular films and occasional DVD commentaries. Titles will be announced as the scheduled program dates approach. 2 ½ hrs.

**Jun 22, Mon. 6:00 PM @Gayton**  
**Jul 27, Mon. 6:00 PM @Gayton**  
**Aug 24, Mon. 6:00 PM @Gayton**



**Having Seen: A Film Discussion Group**

**Jun 18, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory** and via **Webex: 2867 008 3035**. *The Long Goodbye* (1973, R). Smart-aleck, cat-loving private eye Philip Marlowe (Elliott Gould) is certain that his friend Terry isn't a killer, even after the cops throw Marlowe in jail for not cooperating! 60 min.  
**Jul 30, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory** and via **Webex: 2631 891 9076**. *Nashville* (1975, R). Director Robert Altman weaves the stories of twenty-four characters from country star to wannabe to reporter to waitress into a cinematic tapestry that is equal parts comedy, tragedy, and musical. 60 min.  
**Aug 27, Thu. 7:00 PM @Twin Hickory** and via **Webex: 2864 590 8454**. *Boyhood* (2014, R). Filmed over an unprecedented 12-year span with the same cast, this quietly remarkable drama traces the life of Mason from age seven through his departure for college. 60 min.

**Henrico Economic Development Authority**

**Business Educational Series**

**Jun 11, Thu. 6:00 PM @Fairfield**. Managing Business Cash Flow and Expenses. If you have ever wondered whether you are making the right financial decisions to maximize both your growth and your profits, this hands-on workshop is for you. You'll learn to identify resources for you to use now and later, how to understand your business needs, and what cash flow means and how important it is to manage. 2 hrs.

**Aug 6, Thu. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe**. What It Takes to Start Your Own Business. An interactive session designed for aspiring entrepreneurs and early-stage business owners. This session will cover the essential steps to turn your idea into a viable business, from planning and structure to next practical moves. This workshop offers clear guidance, practical insights, and time for questions. Whether you are just getting started or refining your concept, you'll leave with tools you can use right away. Led by Sharon Grooms from Henrico Economic Development Authority. 2 hrs.

**Pop-Up Mentoring Program (PUMP)**

Meet your business needs and foster growth with Henrico Economic Development Authority's (EDA) Award-winning Pop-Up Mentoring Program (PUMP) series. Join us to 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.

**Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, Wednesdays 9:30 AM @Fairfield**  
**Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, Wednesdays 5:00 PM @Libbie Mill**

**Jueves en Español**

Practice speaking conversational Spanish in an informal setting. Registration is not required, but participants must be age 16+ and able to speak Spanish on an intermediate level.

Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL.  
 60 min.  
**Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Thursdays**  
**6:30 PM @Twin Hickory**



**KnitFlix**

Enjoy the fun of crafting with friends while we watch pop culture classics! Lights will be kept on at a low level to allow you to craft with confidence during the screening. Best suited for portable crafts that can be done without the support of a table—knitting, crochet, hand sewing, etc.  
**Aug 27, Thu. 6:00 PM @Gayton**. *While You Were Sleeping* (1995, PG, 103 min.)

**Sandston Stitchers**

Do you knit, crochet, or do any needlework of any kind? Bring your projects and craft socially! 90 min.  
**Jun 1, 15; Jul 6, 20; Aug 3, 17; Mondays 10:30 AM @Sandston**

**Seniors Make Stuff**

**Jun 9, Tue. 10:30 AM @Sandston**. Wind Chimes and Suncatchers. Let your creativity sparkle! Design and create your own wind chime and beaded suncatcher. 2 hrs.  
**Jul 14, Tue. 10:30 AM @Sandston**. Sea Shell Jewelry. Create beach-themed jewelry using seashells, beads, and ocean-inspired charms. 2 hrs.

**Silver Screen Saturdays**

Celebrate old Hollywood by watching classic movies from the 1920s through the 1970s. Before and after each screening, we will share facts related to the movie for additional background on the production. Titles will be announced as program dates approach. 2 hrs.  
**Jun 20, Sat. 3:00 PM @Gayton**

**Sit and Stitch**

Stitch socially with us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for an informal craft night. Bring whatever fiber craft you are working on, whether that be knitting, crocheting, weaving, or cross stitch, and join the conversation with your fellow crafters. All skill levels are welcome. 90 min.  
**Jun 9, 23; Jul 14, 28; Aug 11, 25; Tuesdays 6:30 PM @Fairfield**



**Something to Talk About**

Come out on the second Tuesday of every month for movies, local history presentations, genealogy, and more! Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL, who provide coffee, tea, and water. 2 hrs.  
**Jun 9, Tue. 10:00 AM @Varina**. Edible Lawns. Master Naturalist Drew Fridley discusses seeding your lawn for food!  
**Jul 14, Tue. 10:00 AM @Varina**. Virginia Voice. Hear about the services Virginia Voice provides for the hearing impaired and learn about volunteer opportunities.

**UnScene: A Musical Experience**

UnScene is a 30-minute 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. We recommend that you arrive before 10 AM and take a seat on the Grand Staircase for this wordless gathering. 45 min.  
**Jun 6, Aug 29, Saturdays 10:00 AM @Varina**

**Varina Stitchers**

Craft socially with us twice a month. Knit, crochet, weave, sew—bring your supplies and join the conversation. 2 hrs.  
**Jun 2, 16; Jul 7, 21; Aug 4, 18; Tuesdays 10:00 AM @Varina**

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# TEEN & TWEEN programs

Summer 2026

## JUNE

### Summer Reading Kickoff: Unearthing Stories on Screen

**Jun 2, Tue. 5:00 PM** @Fairfield. *Jurassic Park* (1993, PG-13, 127 min.)

#### ☑ UV Resin Keychains

**Jun 3, Wed. 1:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Make your own unique keychains using light-sensitive resin. Just bring your imagination. 60 min.

#### Dino Games: Summer Reading Kickoff for Teens!

**Jun 3, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Kick off Summer Reading and have a DINO-mite good time! Enjoy our competitive single-elimination DINO-games program in the Meeting Room, and when you're done, come up to the Teen Room to sign up for our Summer Reading program and enjoy crafts, snacks, and open gaming. 2 hrs.

#### ☑ Dinosaur Amigurumi

**Jun 4, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Gayton. Best for ages 14+. Use basic crochet stitches to create a small dinosaur stuffed animal. Suitable for beginners with some crochet experience. 90 min.



#### Origami Dinos

**Jun 4, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Fairfield. Learn folding techniques with the art of Japanese paperfolding and make some dino-mite origami. 60 min.

#### ☑ Hacking Adulthood: Professional Headshots Workshop

**Jun 6, Sat. 4:00 PM** @Varina. Best for ages 15–25. Teens and young adults, prepare for the workforce as we discuss the importance of professional appearance, along with taking headshots that can be used for LinkedIn and other career sites. 2 hrs.

#### ☑ Disco Dinos

**Jun 9, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. We're creating disco dinos! Cover a dinosaur figurine in shiny bits and take your prehistoric party pal home with you. 90 min.



#### Rising 6th Grade Celebration

**Jun 9, Tue. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. Calling all rising 6th graders! Celebrate your transition to middle school by dropping in to learn about our regularly recurring programs and events, sign up for video gaming, and find out about other library resources just for teens. 2 hrs.

#### ☑ Teen Trivia

**Jun 11, Thu. 6:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Best for grades 6–12. Put your trivia knowledge to the test in this friendly competition. Participants will compete in teams of up to three people, so bring your friends or make new ones. Trivia topics may include science, history, geography, pop culture, and more. Winners will receive prizes! 90 min.

#### Perler Bead Photo Frames

**Jun 15, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. Make a magnetic photo frame out of Perler beads. 60 min.

#### ☑ Bananagrams Tournament

**Jun 15, Mon. 6:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Grades 6+. Show off your vocabulary and puzzling skills in Twin Hickory's second Bananagrams Tournament! Compete against your friends and neighbors for a grand prize (and bragging rights!) in this fast-paced, "word grid" contest. We hope to see a BUNCH of you there! 90 min.



#### ☑ Patriotic Beaded Jewelry

**Jun 16, Tue. 12:00 PM** @Sandston. Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by creating your own patriotic seed bead jewelry. Participants will have the opportunity to design bracelets, necklaces, or a flag pin using red, white, and blue seed beads while learning basic beading techniques. 90 min.

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#### ☑ Terrariums for Teens

**Jun 17, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Glen Allen. Grades 6–12. Dig into the summer by making a terrarium. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring small figures or trinkets you would like to add to your terrarium. 60 min.

#### ☑ Jurassic Park Escape Room

**Jun 17, Wed. 7:00 PM** @Twin Hickory  
**Jun 18, Thu. 11:00 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Jun 18, Thu. 1:00 PM** @Twin Hickory.

Grades 6–12. The dinosaurs are coming...will your team survive? You and a team of explorers and scientists are locked in a safe room. The generator can provide electricity for only one hour. Solve puzzles and find clues to avoid disaster! Please only register for one session. 60 min.

#### Unearthing Stories on Screen

**Jun 18, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield.  
*Dinosaur* (2000, PG, 82 min.)

#### ☑ Make a Scene

**Jun 20, Sat. 2:30 PM** @Fairfield. Go on tiny adventures and learn how to stage miniatures and dioramas to capture epic shots. 90 min.



#### Comic Book Workshop

**Jun 20, Sat. 4:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Dive into the world of comics with Do Art Productions' interactive workshop! Participants explore the unique languages of comics, from expressive eyes and body posture to dynamic speech bubbles, learning how storytelling and visual cues work together to bring characters to life. 60 min.

#### Pressed Flower Pinch Pots

**Jun 22, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. Make a pinch pot or trinket tray with air dry clay, using pressed flowers and leaves to decorate. 90 min.

#### ☑ Nailed It: Cupcake Edition for Teens

**Jun 24, Wed. 2:00 or 6:00 PM**  
@Fairfield. Throw on an apron as you and your team attempt to recreate an archaeology-themed cake with the supplies provided. Kids will compete in teams of five, so bring some friends or make new ones, and then watch the sugar fly! Prizes will be awarded. Please register for only one session. 90 min.



#### ☑ Mario Kart Tournament

**Jun 25, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. Put your gaming skills to the test in our Mario Kart tournament. Compete with other tweens and teens in the race to achieve victory and win prizes. The Nintendo Switch and controllers will be provided. 2 hrs.

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**Minecraft**  
**Build-a-thon: Building with Dinosaurs**

**Jun 25, Thu. 6:00 PM**

@Varina. Become a paleontologist and show off your building skills!

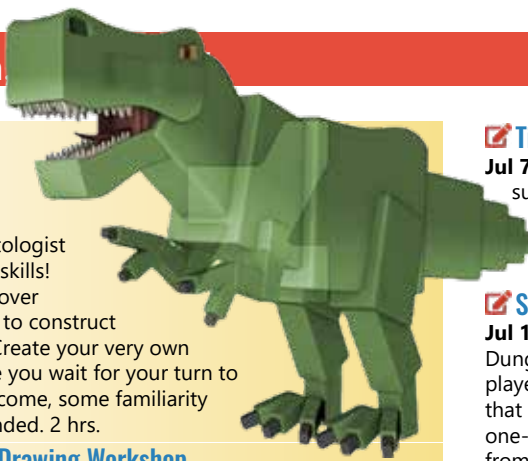
Team up with others to uncover dino-blocks, then use them to construct detailed dinosaur models. Create your very own Minecraft self-portrait while you wait for your turn to build! All skill levels are welcome, some familiarity with Minecraft is recommended. 2 hrs.

**Fossils Reimagined: a Drawing Workshop**

**Jun 29, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Fairfield. Learn the basics of how to read fossils and draw your reinterpretations of creatures based on their bones. 90 min.

**Dinosaur Cosplay Contest**

**Jun 30, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield. Become a dinosaur of your own design. Use craft supplies to create a dino costume and show off your cosplay skills. 90 min.



**JULY**

**Hamilton's Ice Cream & Trivia Party**



**Jul 1, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. Grades 6–12. Celebrate *Hamilton* at the library! We will be listening to songs from the musical as we eat Hamilton's favorite dessert, vanilla ice cream (while supplies last) and compete in a few rounds of Hamilton Trivia (both the musical and IRL). Don't throw away your shot—or your scoop. 60 min.

**Unearthing Stories on Screen**

**Jul 2, Thu. 6:30 PM** @Fairfield. *Night at the Museum* (2006, PG, 110 min.)

**Jul 9, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Fairfield. *The Mummy* (1999, PG-13, 125 min.)

**Jul 23, Thu. 6:00 PM** @Fairfield. *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989, PG-13, 126 min.)

**Babysitting Workshop**

**Jul 6, Mon. 12:00 PM & Jul 8, Wed. 12:00 PM** @Tuckahoe

**Jul 7, Tue. 10:00 AM & Jul 9, Thu. 10:00 AM** @Fairfield. Ages 12–18.

The Henrico Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension offers a two-day workshop covering fun activities to do with children, making healthy snacks, handling emergencies, and the business of babysitting. Teens must commit to attending both days at a location; finishers receive a tote bag and a certificate. 3 hrs.

**Dinosaur Spelling Bee**

**Jul 6, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Varina

**Jul 7, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe

**Jul 8, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Jul 9, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield

**Jul 10, Fri. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory.

Ages 7–14. Put your prehistoric spelling skills to the test.

Contestants will compete to spell words inspired by dinosaurs, fossils, paleontology, geology, and natural history. Words will grow more challenging as the rounds progress, until only one apex predator is left standing! Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL and a generous donation by the Science Museum of Virginia. 60 min.



**Dino Fossil Dig**

**Jul 6, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Fairfield. Enhance your archaeology skills as you dig for 3D printed fossils. Books on archaeology and prehistoric creatures will be provided for checkout. 60 min.

**Tie Dye Nail Art**

**Jul 7, Tue. 1:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. Try out a fun summer nail look! We will be creating colorful and vibrant nail designs using a water marbling technique. Please come to the program with unpainted fingernails. 60 min.



**So, You Want To Play D&D?**

**Jul 11, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Varina. Have you ever wanted to learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons but didn't know where to start? Or maybe you've played before and want to find others who share a similar interest? If that sounds like you, you're in the right spot! Join us quarterly for a D&D one-shot experience, where you can make your own characters or choose from pre-made characters, learn the basics, and immerse yourself in the world of Dungeons and Dragons! 2 ½ hrs.

**Glow in the Dark Dinosaur Lanterns**

**Jul 11, Sat. 3:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Stop by to make your very own glow-in-the-dark dinosaur lantern! 60 min.

**Beaded Keychains**

**Jul 13, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. Make an animal keychain using pony beads. Materials and instructions for various animal and bug designs will be provided. 60 min.

**Memory Wire Jewelry for Teens**

**Jul 14, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Create unique pieces of jewelry using memory wire. 90 min.

**Teen Cookie Excavation**

**Jul 15, Wed. 6:00 PM** @Gayton. Excavate chocolate chips out of a cookie using a grid and some archaeological techniques. 60 min.

**Cross-Stitch Bookmarks**

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. Bring a dinosaur bookmark roaring to life with a cross-stitch pattern! It's the perfect craft to mark your place in your summer reading! No experience necessary. 60 min.

**Story Archaeology**

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Come learn about archaeology and artifacts and try your hand at being an archaeologist. Participants will have the opportunity to dig up "artifacts" and use them to determine what book they just unearthed. 60 min.

**Clay Charms**

**Jul 17, Fri. 4:00 PM** @Glen Allen. Grades 6–12. Make your own key chain or bracelet charm with air dry clay. 60 min.

**Hands on History: Feather Quill Making**



**Jul 20, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Sandston

**Jul 21, Tue. 2:00 PM** @North Park

**Jul 22, Wed. 2:00 PM** @Glen Allen

**Jul 27, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Gayton. Step back in time to

Colonial America and discover how people wrote before pencils and ballpoint pens. Learn how feathers were transformed into quill pens, then make your own quill to try writing the old-fashioned way. 60 min.



**Dinosaur Fashion Show**

**Jul 20, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Fairfield. Channel your inner fashion designer to create a t-rexcellent outfit for a plastic dinosaur. Then we'll roll out the red carpet for a dinosaur fashion show. 90 min.

**Dinosaurs Rock! Rock Painting for Teens and Tweens**

**Jul 20, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. Stop by to paint some dinosaur-themed rocks. When you're done, take the rocks home with you, or leave them here to decorate the library for Summer Reading. 60 min.

**Dino Dioramas**

**Jul 21, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Varina. Create your very own Dino Dioramas! Choose from a variety of craft items and Dino friends to add to your prehistoric scene. 90 min.

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**✂ Pterodactyl Kites**

**Jul 22, Wed. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Make your own pterodactyl kite to fly this summer! 90 min.

**✂ Unearthing Candy Rocks**

**Jul 23, Thu. 2:30 PM @Fairfield.** Learn about the rock cycle through edible experiments. We'll use candy to make different kinds of rocks, and then eat our creations. 60 min.

**✂ Dino Terrariums: Build a Prehistoric Mini World**

**Jul 25, Sat. 2:00 PM @Varina.** Step back in time and design your own mini prehistoric habitat! In this hands-on maker program, teens and tweens will create a dinosaur terrarium using mini dinos, natural materials, and creative design elements. Participants will explore how environments tell stories while building a unique dino world to take home. 2 hrs.

**✂ Sun Print Fossils**

**Jul 27, Mon. 2:30 PM @Fairfield.** Explore paleobotany collections of fossilized plants, then make your own impressions using cyanotype or sun print photography. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own trinkets, flora, or other bits to create unique impressions. 60 min.

**✂ Sand Art Creations for Tweens and Teens**

**Jul 29, Wed. 3:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Make a sand art creation. 60 min.

**✂ Hacking Adulthood: Sustainable Home Gardening**

**Jul 30, Thu. 3:00 PM @Varina.** Best for ages 15–25. Teens and young adults, join us for a beginner workshop designed to cover essential gardening topics including: soil science, parts of a plant, seed starting, watering, plant maintenance, and basic pest control. Get practical knowledge to confidently grow and care for healthy home plants. 60 min.

**Explore Libbie Mill's 3rd floor and Meet Junior Achievement**

**Jul 30, Thu. 4:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Explore the 3rd floor of Libbie Mill Library and check out the hands-on tools Junior Achievement of Central Virginia uses to teach basic budgeting and career exploration to our area students. 2 hrs.

**AUGUST**

**✂ Sew Your Own Pencil Case**

**Aug 3, Mon. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Learn the basics of sewing as you make your very own pencil case. 2 hrs.

**Make a Prize Ribbon for Teens**

**Aug 5, Wed. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Take button making to a new level of whimsy by making prize ribbons. Feel free to bring an image or photo of someone or something you love, no more than 2 ½ inches. All other materials provided. 60 min.

**✂ Potato Chip Taste Test Challenge**

**Aug 5, Wed. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Take your taste buds on an adventure as we explore the weird and wild world of potato chip flavors. We'll taste them all, then decide on the ultimate flavor champion of chips. 60 min.

**✂ Digging into Databases**

**Aug 6, Thu. 2:30 PM @Fairfield.** Practice your public speaking skills by giving a three-minute talk on your special interests. Use library databases to find facts and information on your area of interest, then share what you know with the group. 90 min.

**The Auction of Arbitrary Art**

**Aug 6, Thu. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Experience the thrill of a live art auction. All attendees will receive the same amount of funny money they can use to bid on an eclectic mix of art, posters, and tchotchkes collected by Libbie Mill Teen staff. Manage your budget and keep what you win. Snacks will be provided during an intermission. 2 hrs.



**Jurassic Park Interactive Movie for Teens**

**Aug 8, Sat. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Join us for a movie showing like no other! Become a part of the action of *Jurassic Park* (1993, PG-13, 127 min.) through interactive and passive elements incorporated within the showing. Dinosaurs, adventure, and maybe a little danger (from the dinosaurs!) await. All supplies and props will be provided. 2 ½ hrs.

**✂ Katamari Damacy**

**Aug 8, Sat. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Get together for a casual Katamari Damacy gaming experience. Whose katamari will collect the most objects? 60 min.

**✂ Air Dry Trinket Trays**

**Aug 10 & 17, Mondays 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Make a trinket tray or glasses tray using air dry clay on August 10. Come back August 17 to paint your creation! Plan to attend both days. 90 min.

**✂ Nature Trail Cyanotype Photography**

**Aug 11, Tue. 2:00 PM @Varina.** Discover the science behind cyanotype photography, one of the oldest forms of photography there is! Then, take a walk on our nature trails where you can pick your own subject and make a beautiful cyanotype photo that's yours to keep. Bring your walking shoes! 60 min.



**Indiana Jones Board Game Night**

**Aug 11, Tue. 6:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Drop in and try your hand at one of an assortment of Indiana Jones themed board games, such as Indiana Jones Monopoly, Life, and more. 60 min.

**✂ 3D Origami Sculpture**

**Aug 12, Wed. 2:30 PM @Twin Hickory.** Try your hand at making folded paper sculptures! We will be constructing art using folded triangles. 90 min.

**Bad Art Night**

**Aug 12, Wed. 6:00 PM @Fairfield.** Discover who can make the best worst art project. Work together or in a team to create truly terrible works of art. 90 min.



**Freaky Friday Fest**

**Aug 14, Fri. 1:00 PM @Fairfield.** It's Friday the 13th (or close enough)! Celebrate with a double feature of *Freaky Friday* (2003, PG, 97 min.) and *Freakier Friday* (2025, PG, 111 min.). 4 hrs.

**✂ Hand-Stitch Your Own Planner**

**Aug 17, Mon. 2:30 PM @Fairfield.** Learn how to hand-make a planner for the upcoming school year. We will be using the traditional Coptic stitch method to bind the pages together—no glue necessary. 90 min.

**✂ Fold Your Own Faux Dumplings**

**Aug 18, Tue. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Ever wanted to learn how to fold your own dumplings? Learn a few different styles of folds on fake dumplings—you can't eat them, but they're a great way to learn! 90 min.

**✂ Buttons For Your Backpack**

**Aug 19, Wed. 2:00 PM @Glen Allen.** Design and create your own original button for your school backpack from a variety of materials! 60 min.

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**Mochi Taste Off**

**Aug 19, Wed. 2:00 PM @Gayton.** Try different flavors and styles of mochi, a steamed Japanese rice cake. We will taste all of them and decide whose flavor reigns supreme. 60 min.

**Fan Art Night: Draw This in Your Style**

**Aug 19, Wed. 6:30 PM @Fairfield.** Draw inspiration from your favorite graphic novels and manga as you put your own spin on the art. We'll also discuss some drawing techniques to help bring your drawings to life. 90 min.

**T+T Movie Night**

**Aug 27, Thu. 5:30 PM @North Park.** Tween and teen movie night! Relax with an awesome epic, *National Treasure* (2004, PG, 131 min.). Bring your friends to watch with us and crunch on snacks.

**DIY Worry Stones**

**Aug 27, Thu. 6:30 PM @Fairfield.** If you're nervous about the school year, stop by to make your own personal worry stone. Plus, pick up some information about how the library can help you succeed in school as well as some mental health resources. 60 min.

**REGULAR TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS**

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

**Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot Adventure**

Embark on an epic D&D one-shot adventure designed just for tweens and teens! Whether you're battling mischievous goblins, dinosaurs, dragons, solving ancient riddles, or rescuing a village in need, this quick and exciting game is perfect for beginners and seasoned young heroes alike. We'll use level 3 characters and 2024 handbook rules. 2 hrs.

**Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15, Saturdays 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe**

**Improv!**

If you like to act, do imitations, create stories, or have a laugh, you should come play improv comedy games with us. We will play games used in professional improv theaters while being coached by an improv comedian. We will work together to make each other laugh, listen, think, and act in all kinds of silly ways. Improv is great for exercising your creative mind, developing your storytelling skills, and making new friends. Come ready to have fun! Only one person per registration, please. 2 hrs.

**Jun 15, Mon. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe** for grades 6-8

**Jul 14, Tue. 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe** for grades 9-12

**Jul 29, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill** for grades 6-8

**Aug 8, Sat. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe** for grades 6-8

**Aug 11, Tue. 6:30 PM @Tuckahoe** for grades 9-12

**Aug 19, Wed. 6:30 PM @Libbie Mill** for grades 6-8



**Manga Mingle and More**

Dive into Japanese media at our club in the teen department. Explore our collection of manga and anime, meet peers with similar interests, make cool crafts, and participate in various activities and discussions. Don't miss out on epic adventures and unforgettable fun!

**Jun 18, Thu. 2:00 PM @Varina.** This month we'll celebrate International Sushi Day by making our own candy sushi creations! 2 hrs.

**Jul 8, Wed. 6:00 PM @Varina.** 60 min.

**Aug 12, Wed. 6:00 PM @Varina.** 60 min.

**Super Smash Bros. Gaming Tournament**

Put your Smash skills to the test as you challenge other teens in your quest for victory and prizes in our Super Smash Bros. tournament. Nintendo Switch gaming system and controllers will be provided.

**Jun 11, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** 90 min.

**Jul 23, Thu. 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** 2 hrs.

**Teen Art Club**

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

**Jun 8, Mon. 5:30 PM @North Park.** Plein Air Painting

**Jul 13, Mon. 5:30 PM @North Park.** Watercolor Dinosaurs

**Aug 24, Mon. 5:30 PM @North Park.** Mess with Charcoal

**Teen Art Studio**

Drop by for fun, hands-on creativity! We'll explore different styles of art through a variety of projects—no experience needed and all skill levels are welcome. 2 hrs.

**Jun 23, Tue. 6:00 PM @Varina.** Show Your Pride

**Jul 14, Tue. 6:00 PM @Varina.** Texture in Paint & Fiber

**Aug 18, Tue. 6:00 PM @Varina.** Polymer Clay Magnets & Pins

**Teen Game Night**

Come game with us! We will have a variety of video, card, and board games. Each month we will feature a specific game. Snacks will be provided, so come to play or just to hang out. 90 min.

**Jun 11, Jul 9, Thursdays 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill**

**Teen Trivia Thursdays**

It's our monthly Trivia Night in the teen room! Eat snacks, hang out, compete against your friends, and win prizes. Topics change every month, so there's always something for everyone. 90 min.

**Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Thursdays 6:00 PM @Libbie Mill**

**Teen Yarn Club**

Each month we will explore a different style of fiber craft. Working on something already? Feel free to bring your own project.

**Jun 1, Mon. 4:30 PM @Twin Hickory.** Yarn Painting. 60 min.

**Jul 6, Mon. 4:30 PM @Twin Hickory.** Yarn Painting. 60 min.

**Aug 3, Mon. 4:30 PM @Twin Hickory.** Cross Stitch. 30 min.

**Teens Make Stuff**

Come craft with us! Bring your friends and your creativity, hang out, and make something cool. 60 min.

**Jun 1, Mon. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Friendship bracelets

**Jul 6, Mon. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Jar lid collage magnets

**Aug 3, Mon. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill.** Pressed flower bookmarks

**Tween Lego Club**

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

**Jun 29, Jul 27, Aug 10, Mondays 5:30 PM @North Park**

**Twins Make Stuff**

Come craft with us! Bring your friends, hang out, and make something cool. We'll provide the materials and books for inspiration. 60 min.

**Jun 30, Tue. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Perler beads

**Jul 28, Tue. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Friendship bracelets

**Aug 18, Tue. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Himmeli, using wire, pipe cleaners, and straws

**Twisted Stitches**

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

**Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13,**

**Thursdays 6:00 PM**

**@Varina**



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# KIDS & FAMILY programs

Summer 2026

## JUNE

### Varina Library 10th Anniversary Open House

**Jun 1, Monday all day** @Varina. Celebrate the first ten years of Varina Area Library with activities for kids, teens, and adults alike. See our online calendar or ask a librarian for a full schedule of the day's programs.



### Creative Movement

**Jun 5, Fri. 10:30 AM** @Libbie Mill. Best for ages 4–8. Explore the wonders of rhythm and movement! Kids will dance to diverse music tempos, transform into animals through playful motions, and creatively act out a captivating story. Take part in an enchanting blend of music, imagination, and dance—a delightful experience fostering creativity and expression in our young attendees. 60 min.

### Living Dinosaurs! with My Three Chambered Heart

**Jun 8, Mon. 10:30 AM** @Fairfield  
**Jun 8, Mon. 2:30 PM** @North Park  
**Jun 15, Mon. 11:00 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Jun 22, Mon. 10:30 AM** @Gayton  
**Jun 22, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Tuckahoe. Meet a variety of real reptiles up close in this wildlife show-and-tell with My Three Chambered Heart. Learn how today's reptiles are (or are not) related to dinosaurs and discover fascinating facts about reptile behavior, adaptations, and more. Live reptiles will be present. 60 min.



### STEAM: Magnet Mania

**Jun 8, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Best for grades 2–6 with an adult. You are invited to explore magnets and magnetism. Master the electromagnetic force by creating your own electromagnet and testing it on different objects. 60 min.

### Summer Movie Rewind

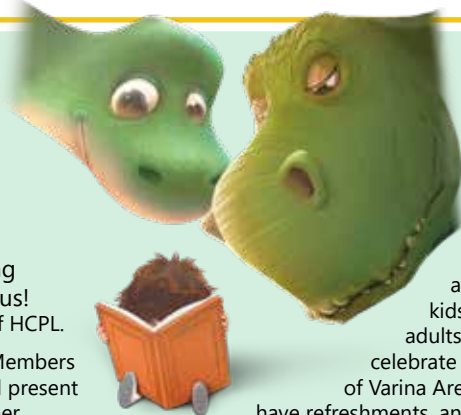
**Jun 9, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West* (1991, G, 76 min.)  
**Jun 16, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. *James & the Giant Peach* (1996, G, 79 min.)  
**Jun 23, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. *Matilda* (1996, PG, 98 min.)  
**Jun 30, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. *Aladdin* (1992, G, 90 min.)

## Summer Reading Kickoffs

Come sign up for Summer Reading and start Unearthing Stories with us! Programs sponsored by the Friends of HCPL.

**Jun 1, Mon. 2:00 PM** @Glen Allen. Members of the Northwest Teen Advisory Board present a variety of activities to kick off Summer Reading. Usher in summer with anything from games to crafts. Fun for all ages! 60 min.

**Jun 1, Mon. 3:00 PM** @Gayton. Begin summer on a high note! Enjoy some games, construct a dinosaur from Lego bricks, and have a dino-mite time. 60 min.



**Jun 1, Monday all day** @Varina.

Join us at our Open House for all kinds of great activities for kids, teens, and adults alike. We'll celebrate ten years of Varina Area Library, have refreshments, and sign up for Summer Reading to begin your reading adventure!

**Jun 2, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield. Join us for a dino-tastic celebration with hands-on activities and opportunities to sign up for this year's Summer Reading program. 90 min.

**Jun 3, Wed. 10:00 AM** @Sandston. Enjoy a variety of games, crafts, and plenty of fun for all ages. 2 hrs.

**Jun 4, Thu. 11:30 AM** @Tuckahoe. We'll have dino-mite fun with trivia for all ages, a dinosaur-themed fossil dig, and other surprises. 3 1/2 hrs.

**Jun 6, Sat. 11:00 AM** @North Park. Digging Up Wonder with the Amazing Mr. B! Enjoy a dino-sized adventure where ancient mysteries meet modern magic. With fossils, fun, and a few surprising twists, this show unearths the thrill of discovery. Perfect for curious kids, budding paleontologists, and anyone who enjoys a good laugh! 45 min.

**Jun 6, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Enjoy a performance by Jonathan the Juggler and find out about our exciting Summer Reading program! 60 min.

**Jun 9, Tue. 1:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Sign up the whole family for Summer Reading and enjoy a sweet treat together. 60 min.

### Underwater Archaeology

**Jun 9, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield. Archaeology isn't just for digging in the dirt. Investigate shipwrecks and what we can learn from ancient artifacts found under the sea. 90 min.

### Friendship Bead Bracelets

**Jun 9, Tue. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. Discover the joy of crafting friendship bead bracelets! This event encourages kids to explore beadwork, creating unique bracelets that they can share and swap with friends. 60 min.

### Summer Kid's Club

**Jun 11, 18, 25; Thursdays 3:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. Best for ages 5+. Every Thursday this summer, we will have a fun craft or activity to enjoy. 30 min.

### Star Wars Adventures

**Jun 12, Fri. 1:00 PM** @Sandston. All ages. An intergalactic adventure! Practice your Jedi skills with *Star Wars*-themed activities and crafts. Come dressed in your favorite *Star Wars* pajamas, t-shirt, or costume. 2 hrs.

### Young Writers Workshop: Unearth a Story

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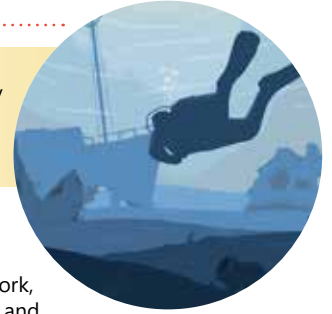
**Jun 15, 22, 29; Jul 6, 13, 20, 27; Mondays 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. For rising fourth and fifth graders. Dig into the past and uncover your imagination. Each week, young writers will "unearth" stories, people, and objects from history and use them as inspiration for creative writing. Please plan to attend all seven weekly sessions from June 15–July 27. 60–90 min. per session.

### Become a Dinosaur

**Jun 15, Mon. 3:00 PM** @Fairfield. Create dinosaur feet and claws, then stomp around and give us your best roar! 60 min.

### Summer Trivia Program: Quest for the Brightest Brain

**Jun 16, Tue. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Grades 1–5. Show off your trivia chops by joining us for a dino edition of this quiz game, in honor of our Summer Reading theme. How much do you know about these prehistoric creatures? Answer questions in kid-centric categories. The top three contenders will win prizes and bragging rights. 60 min.



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**☑️ Snack Stars**

**Jun 17, Wed. 11:00 AM @Fairfield.** Enhance your child's early literacy skills as we make some yummy snacks. We'll learn how to use various kitchen tools, like measuring cups, and follow the recipe. 60 min.

**Travel Back in Time: Ancient Egypt**

**Jun 17, Wed. 3:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Grades K–5. Travel back in time to a land of pyramids, mummies, pharaohs, and hieroglyphs. Through different activity stations, we will get a glimpse of how Egyptians lived during this time period. 60 min.

**Dinosaur Party!**

**Jun 18, Thu. 3:00 PM @Glen Allen.** Make dinosaur crafts, try your hand (or tail) at a dino-activity or two, and sing everyone's favorite Laurie Berkner song, *We Are The Dinosaurs*. 45 min.

**☑️ Mad Science: Dinosaurs**

**Jun 23, Tue. 2:00 PM @Sandston.** Best for grades K–5. Kids examine fossil casts and explore the differences in the teeth of herbivorous and carnivorous dinosaurs. Students participate in a mini dinosaur excavation and make an impression of a dinosaur to take home. 60 min.



**☑️ Nailed It: Cupcake Edition for Kids**

**Jun 23, Tue. 2:00 PM @Fairfield**

**Jun 25, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield.** Throw on an apron as you and your team attempt to recreate an archaeology-themed cake with the supplies provided. Kids will compete in teams of five, so bring some friends or make new ones, and then watch the sugar fly! Prizes will be awarded. Please register for only one session. 90 min.

**Line Dancing**

**Jun 23, Tue. 3:30 PM @Twin Hickory.** Grades K–5. Come learn popular line dances to show off at your next party. 60 min.

**Jonathan the Juggler**

**Jun 24, Wed. 3:00 PM @Glen Allen.** Join veteran entertainer Jonathan Austin for magic, juggling, and lots of laughs. 45 min.

**Science and Stories: Digging for Dinosaurs**

**Jun 25, Thu. 11:00 AM @Tuckahoe.** Ages 3–5. Celebrate Summer Reading with us while pretending to be an archaeologist. Through a story, songs, and different station activities, we will explore the lives of different dinosaurs through the eyes of a preschooler. 60 min.

**Patriotic Summer Music Time**

**Jun 26, Fri. 10:30 AM @Twin Hickory.** 3–5 year olds and their caregivers are invited to this special time to sing, march, and hear a story as we celebrate America's 250th birthday. 30 min.

**Trivia For Everyone**

**Jun 27, Sat. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Best for grades 4+. Come alone or with a group to hang out, compete against your friends or family members, and attempt to become the ultimate trivia champion! Categories will vary, so there's sure to be something for everyone! 90 min.

**JULY**

**☑️ Adopt a Dinosaur**

**Jul 1, Wed. 10:30 AM @Fairfield.** Looking for a new friend? Browse adoptable dinos, customize their adoption certificate and habitat, and enjoy some bonding time over books and activities. 60 min.



**Dinosaur Spelling Bee**

**Jul 6, Mon. 2:00 PM @Varina**  
**Jul 7, Tue. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe**  
**Jul 8, Wed. 2:00 PM @Libbie Mill**  
**Jul 9, Thu. 2:00 PM @Fairfield**  
**Jul 10, Fri. 2:00 PM @Twin Hickory.** Ages 7–14. See Teen & Tween description on page 13.



**Dino Design Workshop**

**Jul 7, Tue. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** We will use a variety of materials to build and decorate our very own dinosaurs. We will also learn how paleontologists believe dinosaurs may have looked. Books on dinosaurs and fossils will be available at the event for checkout. 60 min.

**☑️ Dino Poo Detectives**

**Jul 7, Tue. 3:00 PM @Gayton.** Junior paleontologists will sort through "dinosaur poop" finding clues to determine whether the poo belongs to a herbivore or carnivore dinosaur. 60 min.

**Narwhal and Jelly Party**

**Jul 7, Tue. 3:00 PM @Fairfield.** Enjoy activities and games based on the graphic novel series *Narwhal and Jelly*, such as narwhal-horn ring toss and a waffle-making station! Learn some fun facts about sea creatures, and check out the series to keep the fun going at home. *Please be conscious of your child's food allergies.* 60 min.

**Summer Kid's Club**

**Jul 9, 16; Thursdays 3:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** Best for ages 5+. We'll have a fun craft or activity to enjoy. 30 min.

**Baby Explorer**

**Jul 10, Fri. 10:30 AM @Sandston.** Best for ages 6–24 months with a caregiver. Let's explore new rhymes, bounce, make animal sounds, and meet some new friends. 30 min.

**Peppa Pig Party**

**Jul 11, Sat. 11:30 AM @Varina.** Enjoy all things Peppa Pig with fun activities, a scavenger hunt with cool prizes, and crafts. Check out your favorite Peppa Pig book and make new friends. 60 min.

**Open Book Club**

**Jul 13, Mon. 2:30 PM @Libbie Mill.** Drop in for great summer reading suggestions from our librarians and share what you have been reading too! We'll enjoy some fun and creative book-based activities. 60 min.

**Barefoot Puppets: The Girl Who Cried, "Dragon!"**

**Jul 14, Tue. 10:30 AM @North Park.** A premiere presentation of Barefoot Puppet Theatre's newest production! Handcrafted puppets and hammered dulcimer music bring to life a tale of adventure featuring a young shepherdess, her missing sheep, and a quest that just might involve a dragon. 60 min.

**Summer Movie Rewind**

**Jul 14, Tue. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *A Bug's Life* (1998, G, 95 min.)  
**Jul 21, Tue. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Emperor's New Groove* (2000, G, 78 min.)  
**Jul 28, Tue. 2:00 PM @Tuckahoe.** *Wizard of Oz* (1939, G, 101 min.)

**Living Dinosaurs! with AWARE**

**Jul 15, Wed. 11:00 AM @Twin Hickory**  
**Jul 15, Wed. 2:00 PM @Glen Allen**  
**Jul 22, Wed. 11:00 AM @Varina**  
**Jul 22, Wed. 2:00 PM @Sandston.** Meet a variety of real birds up close in this wildlife show-and-tell with the Alliance of Wild Animal Rehabilitators and Educators (AWARE). Learn how today's birds are descended from dinosaurs and discover fascinating facts about their behaviors, adaptations, and the conservation efforts that are keeping these living dinosaurs from going extinct. Rescue birds will be present. 60 min.



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## Kids & Family, continued



### Primitive Cordage with Powhatan State Park

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield. Have you ever found yourself in need of a length of string while out in the wilderness? Ever wondered what our ancestors used to tie things together? Come gather around as we learn to harness the power of plant fibers to make basic cordage. 60 min.

### Games Galore

**Jul 16, Thu. 2:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Best for grades K–5 with an adult. We encourage families to come together for an exciting afternoon of playing board and card games. Play to learn, play for fun, but most importantly, play together. 60 min.

### Finding Dinosaurs

**Jul 16, Thu. 3:00 PM** @Glen Allen.

Best for ages 4+ with an adult. Pretend to be a paleontologist and learn skills they use to discover fossils and dinosaur bones. Activities will include digging chocolate chips out of a chocolate chip cookie, making fossils out of salt dough, and creating your own dinosaur skeleton out of Q-tips. Books about dinosaurs will be available for checkout. 60 min.



### Night Light Dinosaur

**Jul 18, Sat. 11:00 AM** @Sandston. Ages 3+ Paint your very own! 60 min.

### Lego Waterworks

**Jul 21, Tue. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. Put your Lego skills to the test in a series of build challenges that use water to heighten the difficulty. We will attempt to make boats that really float as well as containers that are waterproof. All Lego blocks will be provided for the event. 60 min.

### The Good Dinosaur

**Jul 22, Wed. 11:30 AM** @North Park. (2015, PG, 100 min.) Best for ages 7+. Refreshments courtesy of the Friends of HCPL.

### Ancient Arts and Crafts Expo

**Jul 22, Wed. 3:00 PM** @Fairfield. Make a sample of several crafts inspired by our summer reading theme. 60 min.

### Ninja Kitty Party

**Jul 23, Thu. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5 with an adult. You are invited to a fun party with stories, activities and arts and crafts. Stuffed critter friends are also welcome to join us. 60 min.



## Summer Reading Finales

It's been a great summer! Come pick up your finishing prize and stay for these fun activities. Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL.

### Digging Up Wonder with the Amazing Mr. B

**Jul 28, Tue. 11:00 AM** @Sandston, 60 min.

**Jul 28, Tue. 3:00 PM** @Glen Allen, 45 min.

**Jul 30, Thu. 3:30 PM** @Gayton, 60 min.

Enjoy a dino-sized adventure where ancient mysteries meet modern magic. Perfect for curious kids, budding paleontologists, and anyone who loves a good laugh!



### Dino Film Fest

**Jul 30, Thu. 11:00 AM–5:00 PM** @Varina. Dig in to some great movies! Come watch *Land Before Time* and *Dinosaur* (rated G) in our Grand Stairwell, or *Jurassic Park* (PG-13) in the Conference Room. We'll have several dinosaur-themed activities, and refreshments.

### Ice Cream Truck

**Aug 1, Sat. 11:45 AM** @North Park. Enjoy an ice cream treat (while supplies last) courtesy of the Friends of HCPL. You deserve it! 60 min.

### Screen Printing with Studio Two Three

**Aug 1, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill. Learn about the art of screen printing with Studio Two Three's mobile printing truck! Print on paper (provided), or bring a t-shirt or tote bag to print on. 2 hrs.

### School Bus Safety Workshop

**Jul 27, Mon. 9:30 AM** @Twin Hickory

**Jul 28, Tue. 10:00 AM** @Fairfield

**Jul 29, Wed. 10:00 AM** @Varina

**Jul 30, Thu. 10:00 AM** @Tuckahoe

**Aug 3, Mon. 9:30 AM** @Libbie Mill. Children entering kindergarten will practice getting on and off a school bus, learn about bus safety, and get a free box of crayons. A bus and driver from Henrico County Public Schools' Pupil Transportation department will be on hand to answer any questions incoming kindergarten families might have before starting the new school year. All children must be accompanied by a legal guardian. 60 min.

### Kindergarten Readiness

**Jul 30, Thu. 10:00 AM** @Tuckahoe. For children entering kindergarten, explore different stations designed to teach skills that will prepare them for their next big learning adventure. Along with their adults, they will discover some easy ways to practice those kindergarten readiness skills at home before the school year begins. This program will be held alongside our School Bus Safety Workshop. 60 min.

### Rhyme Time Players

**Jul 31, Fri. 10:30 AM** @Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5, with an adult. Fun with nursery rhymes for the preschool set. Children take turns acting out a classic verse, followed by a craft. 30 min.

## AUGUST

### Paint and Sip For Kids

**Aug 3, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. Enjoy a juice box while learning to recreate a painting step-by-step. Paints, brushes, canvases, and juice boxes will be provided. Books on art and painting will be available for checkout at the event. 60 min.

### Family Movie Night

**Aug 3, Mon. 7:00 PM** @Sandston. *The Land Before Time* (1988, G, 69 min.)

### Potholder Loom Weaving

**Aug 5, Wed. 3:30 PM** @Fairfield. Learn basic weaving skills and have fun with colors and patterns as we create handmade potholders! 60 min.

### Stickers and Stamping

**Aug 7, Fri. 11:00 AM** @Tuckahoe. Celebrate all things stickers and stamps! Let your toddler stamp and place as many stickers as they want. 30 min.



### Reading Rocks!

**Aug 3, Mon. 3:00 PM** @Tuckahoe. Bring the family to celebrate your summer reading accomplishments with a rock painting party, a scavenger hunt, and other fun surprises. Sweet treats will be provided! 60 min.



### Jonathan the Juggler

**Aug 4, Tue. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. Join veteran entertainer Jonathan Austin for magic, juggling, and lots of laughs. 60 min.

### Dino Dance

**Aug 8, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Fairfield. Say farewell to summer with live music, dancing, and a frozen treat. RVA Square Dance will be leading dinosaur-themed dances on our outdoor patio; then come inside, grab a dessert, and pick up your summer reading finisher prize! 90 min.

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**Boat Race Science**

**Aug 10, Mon. 2:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Best for grades K–5 with an adult. Come investigate the science behind boats by creating a model of your own and putting its speed to the test. 60 min.

**Drop in & Play**

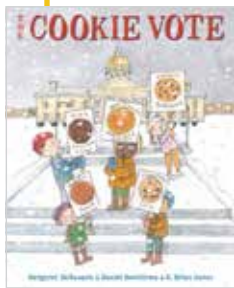
**Aug 11, Tue. 10:00 AM** @Tuckahoe. Best for ages 2–5. Explore movement with fun gross motor activities. 60 min.

**Dino Egg Hatchery**

**Aug 11, Tue. 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill. In this hands-on program, children will carefully “hatch” their very own dinosaur eggs—frozen water balloons with a surprise dinosaur waiting inside. Using safe tools and warm water, children will chip, melt, and discover which prehistoric creature they’ve uncovered. 60 min.

**Dinosaur Eggs-travaganza**

**Aug 11, Tue. 3:00 PM** @Glen Allen. Best for ages 4+ with an adult. Prepare to get messy as you create your own dinosaur egg out of clay. 60 min.



**If You Give Virginia a Cookie**

**Aug 11, Tue. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Grades 1–5. Following an interactive reading of *The Cookie Vote* by M. McNamara and D. Bernstrom, elementary schoolers will snack on cookies, learn more about existing Virginia symbols, and brainstorm ideas for new ones to suggest to state legislators. 60 min.

**Open Art**

**Aug 11, Tue. 3:30 PM** @Gayton. Best for ages 4–12. Bring your creativity, and we will bring the supplies. Paint, sketch, sculpt, design—it’s up to you! 60 min.

**Kindergarten Readiness**

**Aug 13, Thu. 10:30 AM** @Fairfield. Starting school is a big transition for children and adults. With your soon-to-be kindergartener, explore various learning stations that will help strengthen their motor, reading, writing, math, and social/emotional skills that will get them ready for their first big day of school! 60 min.

**Tea Time Tales with Royalty**

**Aug 13, Thu. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Ages 3–5 with an adult. Wear your favorite royal (or superhero) costume to the library, listen to a story, and have a festive “tea party.” There will be a brief introduction to tea time etiquette, snacks, and drinks. To finish up the royal party, the children will have a dance. 45 min.



**Movie Monday**

**Aug 17, Mon. 6:00 PM** @Fairfield. *The Wild Robot* (2024, PG, 102 min.) Come take a break from the summer heat with a movie before school starts up again.

**Dinosaur Bone Excavators**

**Aug 20, Thu. 2:00 PM** @Gayton. Junior paleontologists will dig and sift through sand to excavate different dinosaur bones. 60 min.

**Only the Lonely Octopus Puppet Show**

**Aug 22, Sat. 12:00 PM** @Varina. All ages. With live music by local group Aminal, featuring Laura Ann Singh, a hand painted puppet theatre, and a hand sewn octopus puppet! 60 min.

**After School Origami**

**Aug 27, Thu. 3:30 PM** @Fairfield. You made it through the first week back to school! Relax by making some origami creations. 60 min.

**REGULAR KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS**

These programs occur regularly or semi-regularly.

**Dungeons & Dragons for Kids**

Dive into the world of D&D and grow your role-playing game skills. This one-shot adventure will help young gamers get a feel for how tabletop role-playing games work. We will have a selection of pre-made characters, or you can bring your own level-one character. All experience levels are welcome. 60 min.

**Jun 17, Aug 12, Wednesdays 6:30 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Krafty Kids**

Enjoy some creative learning and fun! 45 min.

**Jun 20, Sat. 11:00 AM** @North Park. Father’s Day

**Jul 18, Sat. 11:00 AM** @North Park. Dinosaurs

**Lego Builders**

Best for ages 3+. Your imagination is the limit as you build creations out of Lego bricks. We’ll have books and challenge cards for inspiration. 60 min.

**Jun 20, Aug 15, 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.

**Jun 15, Jul 20, Aug 10, Mondays 2:30 PM** @Libbie Mill

**Preschool Craft**

Ages 3–5 with an adult. Hear a story and create some cool art. 60 min.

**Jun 25, Thu. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Dinosaur Eggs

**Aug 20, Thu. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Straw Painting

**Preschool Fun**

Ages 3–5 with an adult. Create a craft to bring home or give to a loved one. 45 min.

**Jul 7, Tue. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Pom-Pom Flowers

**Aug 18, Tue. 3:30 PM** @Twin Hickory. Puff Paint Rainbows

**PUP READers**

Best for ages 6+. Read a story aloud to a trained therapy dog from Paws Unleash Potential. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend! 60 min.

**Jun 6, Aug 1, Saturdays 11:30 AM** @Varina

**Saturday Family Movie**

**Aug 22, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. *How to Train Your Dragon* (2025, PG, 125 min.) Best for ages 8+.

**Aug 29, Sat. 2:00 PM** @Twin Hickory. *The Bad Guys 2* (2025, PG, 104 min.) Best for ages 6+.

**Saturday Make and Take**

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

**Jun 6, Aug 8, Saturdays 11:00 AM** @Glen Allen



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# Weekly Storytimes

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These storytimes take place weekly, except holidays and during storytime breaks. Storytimes are on break May 18–July 5 and Aug. 3–15.

## 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** @Tuckahoe  
**Wednesdays 9:30 AM** @Fairfield  
**Thursdays 9:30 AM** @Libbie Mill

## Baby Songs & Stories

Best for ages 6–24 months. 30 min.

**Mondays 10:00 AM** @Fairfield  
**Mondays 10:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Mondays 11:00 AM** @Tuckahoe  
**Tuesdays 9:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Tuesdays 10:30 AM** @Gayton  
**Tuesdays 10:30 AM** @Glen Allen  
**Tuesdays 10:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Wednesdays 9:30 AM** @Tuckahoe  
**Wednesdays 9:30 AM** @Varina  
**Saturdays 9:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Saturdays 9:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Saturdays 10:00 AM** @Fairfield  
**Saturdays 10:00 AM** @Tuckahoe

## Music, Rhymes, & Wiggle Time

Best for ages 24–36 months. 30 min.

**Mondays 10:30 AM** @Glen Allen  
**Mondays 10:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Mondays 10:30 AM** @North Park  
**Tuesdays 10:00 AM** @Fairfield  
**Tuesdays 10:30 AM** @Tuckahoe  
**Wednesdays 9:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Wednesdays 9:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Wednesdays 10:30 AM** @Tuckahoe  
**Thursdays 10:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Thursdays 10:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Thursdays 10:30 AM** @Varina

## Read, Play, Grow

Best for ages 3–5 years. 30 min.

**Mondays 9:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Mondays 9:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Tuesdays 9:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
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## Family Fun

All ages. 30 min.

**Mondays 10:00 AM** @Tuckahoe  
**Wednesdays 7:00 PM** @Twin Hickory  
**Thursdays 3:30 PM** @Varina  
**Thursdays 6:30 PM** @Fairfield  
**Saturdays 10:30 AM** @Libbie Mill  
**Saturdays 10:30 AM** @Twin Hickory  
**Saturdays 10:30 AM** @Varina  
**Saturdays 11:00 AM** @Tuckahoe  
**Sundays 2:00 PM** @Fairfield  
**Sundays 2:00 PM** @Libbie Mill

## Pajama Time

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

**Tuesdays 6:30 PM** @Varina

## 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** @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** @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** @Tuckahoe  
**Tuesdays 10:30 AM** @Varina  
**Thursdays 10:00 AM** @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



## Locations & Hours

**Accessibility:** Library 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.

### 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

**Juneteenth** Fri., June 19  
**Independence Day** Fri.–Sat., July 3–4

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