



# EX LIBRIS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

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## FRIENDS SUPPORT LIBRARY COLLECTIONS, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES

Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) helps the library to sustain “the margin of excellence that residents expect from the library” (WRL Strategic Plan 2012-2015). This help comes in the form of support for library collections, programs, and services that we offer to inform, enrich, and strengthen our community. In September, the Friends awarded four grants that clearly build that margin of excellence. In last month’s newsletter, we covered the support from Friends of WRL for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra series at the library. This month, we will take a look at the other three grants that Friends awarded in September.

First, is a cooperative program between the WRL Youth Services Division and the College of William and Mary’s Swem Library that took place in October. WRL and Swem jointly sponsored visits by picture book author and illustrator Jennifer O’Connell, first to three Williamsburg James City County (WJCC) elementary schools on Friday, October 17, 2014, and then to be guest speaker at William and Mary’s annual Children’s Author Breakfast during this year’s Homecoming. Ms. O’Connell is the author and illustrator of *The Eye of the Whale*, an award-winning picture book about the daring rescue of a humpback whale by four divers off the coast of San Francisco. Endorsed by Jane Goodall, this true story is both touching and inspiring. This program provided an excellent opportunity for WRL to work cooperatively with the College of William and Mary, as well as being a valuable addition to our partnership with the WJCC schools.

Next, the Friends continued their support for *BookPage*, a monthly give-away magazine focusing on books and reading, funded by the Friends since 2003. An important part of our services to readers, *BookPage* provides WRL users with information to assist them in making reading choices. Author interviews and reviews of forthcoming titles make *BookPage* a valuable resource in discovering and expanding reading interests. User response to its availability has been uniformly positive - one user made a point of telling a librarian that she makes a special trip to pick up *BookPage* every month, and another told us that *BookPage* is “such a helpful way to find out about new books.” Few, if any, copies of *BookPage* are left on the shelves at the end of the month. A librarian reports that a user placed holds on nine titles after scanning a recent issue. Friends support for *BookPage* both complements and strengthens our service to readers.

Finally, the Friends sponsored one of the Virginia Library Association’s (VLA) major prizes, the Jefferson Cup Award, for 2014. According to the VLA, “The Jefferson Cup honors a distinguished biography, historical fiction, or American history book for young people. Presented since 1983, the [award’s] goal is to promote reading about America’s past; to encourage the quality writing of United States history, biography, and historical fiction for young people; and to recognize authors in these disciplines.” Jefferson Cup Award sponsorship reflects the Friends’ long-time focus on supporting children’s literacy and programs. Additionally, the high profile nature of the Jefferson Cup Awards presentations provides an opportunity to highlight Williamsburg Regional Library’s commitment to youth services, support of librarianship, and recognition of superior children’s books. The 2014 Jefferson Cup Awards were presented at the VLA Annual Conference, held October 22-24, 2014 in Williamsburg.

## SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY

Thanksgiving is coming. There is plenty to be thankful for at the Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL).

WRL serves an exceptionally supportive and appreciative community. Library users are always asking questions, making requests, selecting materials, researching, learning, reading, watching, listening, and communicating. This ensures staff are involved and interacting. We can all be thankful for this.

WRL consists of two buildings and Mobile Library Services. The library is active within the walls of the buildings and throughout the community. You can sign up for computer classes, attend lectures, listen to music, and read about practically anything in the library. WRL also serves adult care centers, neighborhoods, preschools, summer camps, and summer school sites with collections, programs, and services. We can all be thankful for this.

The Friends of WRL is over 900 members strong. Proceeds from book sales and memberships support the library’s collections, programs, and services. As the Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation continues to steward endowment funds and support special projects, it also helps support a margin of excellence at WRL. We can all be thankful for this.

Your assistance to the library, through time, energy, and private funds, helps to make WRL among the best public libraries in the country. If you are interested in learning more about recent WRL accomplishments, check out *WRL At a Glance 2014*, available on the library website at [www.wrl.org/about-us/wrl-glance](http://www.wrl.org/about-us/wrl-glance). We are all thankful for your generous support.



# NOVEMBER 2014 PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

**On view in the Williamsburg Library Gallery:**  
515 Scotland Street - open during regular library hours

Nov. 1-30 - *Autres Directions: At Home and Abroad* - Holland Wentz Etheridge and Jim Dees

Nov. 1-30 - National American Indian Heritage Month Exhibit - Featuring dolls and artifacts of various tribes, along with Indian-related books. Items are on loan from the personal collections of Carol Bohlman and Jacqueline McMichael.

11/02 - **Opening Art Reception**  
2:00 p.m. - WL Gallery

11/03 - **Centuries of Art @ Your Library - Raiders of the Lost Art**  
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

Art crime has become a multi-billion dollar industry, one branch of which is the looting and black market trade of art and artifacts from tombs and temples - the world's oldest treasure troves. Who are the winners and losers in this game, and who is ultimately to blame?

11/04 - **Constitutional Conversations**  
6:30 p.m. - WL Theatre (*adults*), WL Schell (*students*)

**Topic for adults:** Election Law and Right to Vote/Suffrage

**Topic for students:** Who gets to vote? What laws govern this fundamental exercise in democracy?

11/05 - **Being the Best Job Candidate**  
10:00 a.m. - WL Schell Room

James City County HR personnel are coming to the library to give a presentation to the public about job searching and online applications. Come with job application questions that you would like to ask a professional.

11/06 - **Basic Book Group Training**  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - JCCL Cosby Room

Let's talk about what a good book group looks like, and how the library can support you in getting there. Designed for people who want to form their own groups or newbies who want to improve their contributions. Space is limited, please register at 259-4050 or at the Reference desk.

11/07 - **New West Guitar Group**  
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

Featuring John Storie, Perry Smith, and Jeff Stein, New West Guitar Group has been making their mark as a fresh, cutting-edge guitar ensemble. Performing classic popular covers, jazz standards, and exciting originals, NWGG combines the acoustic and electric guitar to create their signature sound. Praised as "sharp and refined" by the *Seattle Times*, NWGG infuses its latest disc "Big City" with its signature blend of laid-back virtuosity and expert arrangements that "sometimes verge on the orchestral" (*All Music Guide*). Tickets: \$18 adults, \$16 Friends of WRL and students, \$9 under 17 - Call 259-4070 to reserve.

11/10 - **Centuries of Art @ Your Library - A Tale of Two Sofas: Belter at VMFA**  
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

Following several years of new research and an extensive conservation campaign, a magnificent pair of sofas in the VMFA collection have emerged with a captivating history and a distinctive look. Produced by celebrated furniture maker John Henry Belter over 160 years ago, the sofas graced the homes of powerful American businessmen and socialites alike. Their story is replete with Gilded Age elegance and Jazz Age intrigue.

11/15 - **Soundworks**  
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

Soundworks is comprised of a group of seasoned male singers who come together from a variety of musical and professional backgrounds to present a repertoire as varied as themselves. The ensemble unleashes the power and natural resonance of the unaccompanied male voice in musical genres that encompass classical, pop, barbershop, blues, spiritual, rock, jazz, and even the occasional, downright silly. Tickets: \$16 adults, \$14 Friends of WRL and students, \$8 under 17 Call 259-4070 to reserve.

11/15&16 - **Card Exchange**  
All day - JCCL McGaw Room

Do you have birthday, holiday, or special event cards left from previous years? Bring them to the library and exchange them with your neighbors. If you'd like to drop off cards in brand-new condition before the exchange dates, bring them to the Reference desk. The more people who participate, the better the selection!

11/18 - **Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group Meeting**  
7:00 p.m. - JCCL

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This month's topic: Not Quite Human Protagonists

11/22&23 - **Card Exchange**  
All day - WL Room C (*see above description*)

11/19 - **Celtic Film Series - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**  
7:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (*rated PG, 1945*)

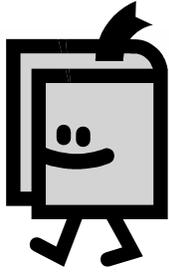
Encouraged by her idealistic, if luckless, father, a bright and imaginative young woman comes of age in a Brooklyn tenement during the early 1900s.

11/21 - **Battlefield Band**  
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

Recently awarded "Scottish Folk Band of the Year" and previously "Best Live Act" at the Scots Trad Music Awards, Battlefield Band has been an ever-evolving bedrock of traditional music and talent for over forty years, and is rightly regarded as the great flagship of the Scottish traditional music scene. Tickets: \$25 adults, \$22 Friends of WRL and students, \$11 under 17 Call 259-4070 to reserve tickets.

**Coming in December:** The 10th Annual Ford's Colony Model Railroad Show, December 6 & 7 at JCCL

**AARP Tax-Aide Seeks Williamsburg Volunteers for 2015:** AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance program is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax season. For detailed information about the upcoming training, contact Jane Alcorn, District Coordinator, at [mjanealcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:mjanealcorn@yahoo.com).

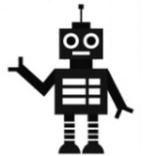


# KIDS & TEENS

Call Youth Services for additional information:  
JCCL = James City County Library - 259-7733  
WL = Williamsburg Library - 259-4055

## NOVEMBER FUN

The Williamsburg Regional Library is the place to go in November, whether your child loves the grace of ballet or prefers things that move with a “clink, clank, clunk.” The Concert Ballet of Virginia will do two performances of *The Nutcracker Suite* at the Williamsburg Library on Saturday, November 22. The following weekend, the James City County Library will host a Robot Storytime and Craft. See below for details.



## JUST FOR TEENS

Visit our website for a page just for teens featuring new book titles, a blog for teens, event listings, and more.

<http://www.wrl.org/books-and-reading/teens>

### November Art Exhibit at WL:

Walnut Hills Baptist Church Learning Center

11/05 - **Teen Advisory Group Meeting**  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - WL

11/07 - **After Hours Paranormal Hunt**  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - WL Ages 15-18

11/08 - **Drop-in LEGO Club (ages 5+)**  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL

11/13 - **Anime Club**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - JCCL

11/15 - **Drop-in LEGO Club (ages 5+)**  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL

11/15 - **Celebrate the Holidays!**  
11:00 a.m. - WL YS Program Rm.  
The College of William and Mary chapter of the Student Virginia Education Association (SVEA) would like to invite children, family, and friends to a special Thanksgiving Read-Aloud.

11/15 - **Hunger Games Marathon and Party**  
2:00 - 8:00 p.m. - JCCL



Join us for the *Hunger Games* (PG-13), *Catching Fire* (PG-13), fun, and games before the release of *Mockingjay* in theaters! Middle schoolers welcome with parent’s permission.

11/22 - **The Nutcracker Suite**  
11:00 a.m. - WL Theatre  
1:30 p.m. - WL Theatre  
Presented by the Concert Ballet of Virginia

11/23 - **Paws to Read**  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - WL  
Read to a therapy dog at Paws to Read with K-9 Connection. Signed permission from a parent is required.

11/29 - **Robot Storytime and Craft**  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - JCCL  
Recommended for ages 4 and up.

### Coming in December:

12/06-07 - **Ford’s Colony Model Railroad Show**  
all day - JCCL

12/13 - **Christmas Puppet Show and Craft**  
3:00 p.m. - JCCL

12/13 - **Drop-in LEGO Club (ages 5+)**  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL

12/14 - **Paws to Read**  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - WL  
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## STORYTIMES

*Storytimes at WRL are planned by trained professionals to promote emergent literacy and a love of books with young children and to share ideas for using books, music, movement, and activities with parents and early childhood educators.*

*Holiday stories may be featured during this month’s storytimes.*

### MONDAYS

**Toddler Time (ages 2-4)**  
10:30 a.m. WL

**School Age Storytime**  
2:15 p.m. WL

### TUESDAYS

**Toddler Time (ages 2-4)**  
10:30 a.m. JCCL

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**Baby Time (birth-2)**  
10:30 a.m. JCCL

### THURSDAYS

**Baby Time (birth-2)**  
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. WL

**School Age Storytime**  
2:15 p.m. WL



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### FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE FIGURES:

month to date           \$7,114.52  
year to date            \$67,603.91  
  
Internet sales to date   \$8,908.55

Book Nook sales are ongoing at both library locations and include hardbacks, paperbacks, magazines, CDs, records, and more at low prices. Proceeds go towards special library programs and the purchase of new library materials.

## LIBRARY HOURS: \*

*The Williamsburg & James City County Libraries*

Mon - Thurs: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

\*Libraries OPEN Nov. 26 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., CLOSED Nov. 27 & 28

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With 27 votes out of the 117 cast, *To Kill a Mockingbird* was the favorite Banned Book from a display at the Williamsburg Library. As part of Banned Book Week, users were encouraged to select their favorites from among 17 controversial titles. The *Harry Potter* series, the *Hunger Games* trilogy, and *The Great Gatsby* were the next highest vote-getters, with one person noting, "These are all great books!"

## COMPUTER CLASSES

### Basic Classes

Basic Computers: Cut/Copy/Paste	Basic Microsoft Word
Basic Computers: Internet	Intermediate Word
Basic Computers: Mouse	Basic PowerPoint
Basic Computers: Online Forms	Hints for Online Job Searching
Basic Excel	Move to the Cloud
Intermediate Excel	

### Featured Class - Best free and low-cost tools for businesses and non-profits

There are many Internet resources for business owners, independent contractors, or non-profit organizations that provide free or low-cost options for office software, social media, file sharing, and more.

*Prerequisite: Some familiarity with using a computer*

November 8 - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Room

For class dates and times, visit [www.wrl.org/computer-classes](http://www.wrl.org/computer-classes) or stop by the Reference desk for a class brochure. Call 259-7720 for more information or to register.

## YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE FRIENDS AND RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION!

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