Beyond the Shelves

Programs for All Ages

March - May 2020
Director's Welcome

This year the library is ushering in spring on April 4th with the first Williamsburg Wisteria Festival. The festival is a grand gesture to the beautiful wisteria vines that garnish the garden terrace in City Square between the Williamsburg Library and the Stryker Center. The event will feature animals, a butterfly tent, homesteading skills, crafts, speakers, and activities for all ages, all celebrating the return of greenery and warm weather.

Spring will also mark the grand opening of the newly remodeled children's room at the James City County Library, the Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio. The renovated space will combine the best of a great children's library and an engaging children's museum, with rich learning activities for families, cozy window seats, a preschool play village, and much more. This exciting project was made possible with the support of James City County and a $245,000 fundraising campaign by the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library, which includes the generous support of all three area Kiwanis Clubs, local businesses, and individual library supporters.

It’s going to be a busy and fun-filled season at Williamsburg Regional Library—please join us in celebrating these two great events, and the many other wonderful programs listed in this guide!

Betsy Fowler, Library Director

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WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

Beyond the Shelves

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Library Locations
Williamsburg Library: 515 Scotland St., Williamsburg VA 23185
James City County Library: 7779 Croaker Rd., Williamsburg VA 23188
Stryker Center: 412 N. Boundary St., Williamsburg VA 23185

Library Phone Numbers
Williamsburg Library: 757.259.4040 (Answered live, M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)
James City County Library: 757.259.7770 (Answered live, M-F, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Library Website
www.wrl.org

WRL-Info Keep up with everything going on at WRL with this weekly digital newsletter sent directly to your email inbox every Monday morning. We’ll give you the rundown of everything happening at all of our buildings each week, plus extras like reading lists and info about our digital resources. Sign up at wrl.org/wrl-info.

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Anime Con

Wednesday, April 7, 11 a.m., Stryker Center

This all-ages storytime will feature counting-themed stories and activities celebrating the importance of being counted, as children are one of the most under-counted groups in the census. We’ll even have a visit from Count von Count himself!

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WILLIAMSBURG LIBRARY

STEAM SATURDAYS ARE BACK!

Check page 20 for more details.

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Meet Sprocket

This playful pup is our robotic dog mascot for the new Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio. Be sure to keep an eye out for the grand opening of this exciting new children’s area, coming this spring to the James City County Library. We will publicize the date on our website and on social media.
CONCERTS

J2B2: JOHN JORGenson BLUEGRASS BAND
Friday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
J2B2 is an all-star bluegrass supergroup featuring four legendary, award-winning musicians. The band’s live shows have the bluegrass world buzzing. This is the “high lonesome sound” of American roots music at its finest.

BILL JENKINS AND THE VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN BOYS
Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Singer, songwriter, and cross-picking guitar virtuoso Bill Jenkins and his string band, the Virginia Mountain Boys, bring to life the authentic ballads, camp meeting songs, and early bluegrass favorites of the Southern Appalachian Mountains.

VIRGINIA OPERA: PIRATES OF PENZANCE
Saturday, March 21, 11 a.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Virginia Opera returns to the Williamsburg Library, high-lighting scenes from Pirates of Penzance for young audiences. The opera is approximately 35 minutes, with a Q&A with the cast to follow.

RPR
Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
From stirring anthems to whisper-gentle ballads, RPR’s music evokes joy, tears, and laughter with a tapestry of musical styles from folk, rock, and blues traditions. It’s cinematic storytelling from four captivating songwriters.

MARK ROGERS
Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Mark Rogers is a well-traveled songwriter whose music reminds us of the years we spent scouring lyric sheets and liner notes, when words would take us places we couldn’t always describe.

THE LIBERTY LIVE BIG BAND
Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
The Libertylive Big Band is a community outreach group that seeks to uplift and inspire with swing, Latin, and jazz standards as well as modern big band arrangements.

WJCC JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
This newly-formed Jazz Ensemble is the brainchild of the three WJCC high school music directors and is made up of the best instrumentalists from each of the high schools.

BIG BAND MUSIC FROM THE ERA OF WORLD WAR II
Thursday, April 2, 7:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
The Ford’s Colony Dance Band, with its 17 musicians, will salute the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II by playing hit songs from Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and many others.

VIRGINIA SYMPHONY: “MEET THE BRASS” BRASS ENSEMBLE
Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
This kid-friendly presentation will celebrate the brass family of instruments. Through interactive demonstrations, children will learn how the brass family produces its unique voice. Audience members are encouraged to stick around for an instrument petting zoo after the performance.

PLAYBILL
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MARCH: ART & ARTISTS

Goya’s Ghosts (2006)
Thursday, March 5, 2-4 p.m.
The painter Francisco Goya confronts forces of the Spanish Inquisition in an effort to free his artist’s model. (R)

Portrait of Jennie (1948)
Thursday, March 12, 2-3:30 p.m.
A struggling artist finds love and inspiration with a mysterious girl in this eerie romantic drama. (NR)

The Moon and Sixpence (1942)
Thursday, March 19, 2-3:35 p.m.
In this film loosely based on the life of Paul Gauguin, a businessman abandons his family and runs off to Tahiti to become an artist. (NR)

Art of the Steal (2009)
Thursday, March 26, 2-3:45 p.m.
This fascinating documentary follows the vicious battle for control of philanthropist Albert Barnes’ $25 billion collection of modern and post-impressionist art following the death of its long-time curator in the late 1980s. (NR)

APRIL: POP MUSIC

American Graffiti (1973)
Thursday, April 2, 2-3:55 p.m.
In this film loosely based on the life of Paul Gauguin, a businessman abandons his family and runs off to Tahiti to become an artist. (NR)

A Hard Day’s Night (1964)
Thursday, April 9, 2-3:30 p.m.
In their first film, the Beatles struggle through two “typical” days in their lives as they prepare for a television performance. This innovative film has a soundtrack that features over a dozen early Beatles songs. (G)

Thursday, April 16, 2-3:30 p.m.
This fun, tune-filled documentary tells the story of the many songwriters who worked out of New York City’s Brill Building in the early 1960s and wrote some of the most popular pop and Motown songs of the era. (NR)
ADULT PROGRAMS

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MAY: THE BIG CON

The Ladykillers (2004)
Thursday, May 7, 2-3:50 p.m.
Tom Hanks stars in this comedy about an eccentric Southern professor whose plans to rob a casino are threatened by his vexatious, elderly landlady. (R)

Elmer Gantry (1960)
Thursday, May 14, 2-4:30 p.m.
Burt Lancaster turns in a powerful performance as a charming con man who exploits a traveling revival show for money and the affection of beautiful Sister Sharon, until his past catches up to him. (NR)

A Fish Called Wanda (1988)
Thursday, May 21, 2-3:50 p.m.
In this wild comedy, four strangers team up to steal a valuable diamond and double-cross each other to keep the stone for themselves. (R)

The Talented Mr. Ripley (1999)
Thursday, May 28, 2-4:20 p.m.
A schemer insinuates himself into the good graces of a wealthy couple in Europe and will do anything to maintain the connection. (R)

DREW BARRYMORE AND HUGH GRANT IN MUSIC & LYRICS

JEWISH FILM SERIES

This series, presented in partnership with the Virginia Peninsula Jewish Film Festival, strives to use the power of film to entertain, educate, and connect audiences to issues related to Jewish life in the U.S.A. and around the world.

Shoelaces (2018)
Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
Shoelaces tells the story of a complicated relationship between an aging father and his special needs son. Reuben’s kidneys fail and his son Gadi wants to donate one of his own kidneys to help save his father’s life. He feels he finally has the chance to do something meaningful, but ends up in a fight for his right to save his father’s life. (NR)

Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles (2019)
Sunday, March 22, 2 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
This is the origin story behind one of Broadway’s most beloved musicals, Fiddler on The Roof, and its creative roots in early 1960s New York, when “tradition” was on the wane as ideas about gender roles, sexuality, race relations, and religion were evolving. (PG-13)

Celtic Film Series

These films with an Irish, Irish American, or Celtic connection are presented in partnership with the local chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Boxer (1997)
Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
Rising tennis boomer and Belfast native Danny Flynn is imprisoned for 14 years after getting involved with the Irish Republican Army. Newly freed from jail in his early 30s, Danny returns home and attempts to put his life back together. Reopening his neighborhood gym and reconnecting with his lost love, Danny battles against his former IRA compadres. (R)

Once (2007)
Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
A vacuum repairman moonlights as a street musician and hopes for his big break. One day a Czech immigrant who earns a living selling flowers approaches him with the news that she is also an aspiring singer-songwriter. The pair decide to collaborate, and the songs that they compose reflect the story of their blossoming love. (R)

ITALIAN FILM SERIES

This series, featuring films with an Italian or Italian-American connection, is presented in partnership with the Colonial Italian American Organization (CIAO).

La Stanza del Figlio (The Son’s Room) (2001)
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre
A psychoanalyst and his family go through profound emotional trauma when their son dies in a scuba diving accident. (R)

Honeyland (2019)
Wednesday, March 25, 7-8:30 p.m.
In the isolated Balkan mountains, beekeeper Hatidze cares for her mother and tends her hives—half of the honey for her, and half for the bees—until her life and livelihood are disrupted by new neighbors. Filmmakers spent three years getting the visually sumptuous shots that earned this documentary Critics Choice and Sundance awards for cinematography. (NR)

The Good Liar (2019)
Wednesday, April 22, 7-8:50 p.m.
A career con artist meets a well-to-do widow online, and is surprised to find himself caring about her—turning what should be a cut-and-dried swindle into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life. (R)

The Galapagos Affair: Satan Came to Eden (2013)
Wednesday, May 27, 7-9 p.m.
In this stranger-than-fiction true-crime documentary, a handful of expatriates in the 1950s flee conventional society for a remote island paradise but leave behind a murder mystery unsolved to this day. (NR)
**TALKS & WORKSHOPS**

**SERIES/REPEATING**

**IN THE GARDEN**
Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners share wisdom and insight to inspire your green thumb.

**Landscaping Like a Pro**
Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., James City County Library
Learn tips and tricks to make your yard the best-looking one in the neighborhood! Professional landscape designer Peggy Krapf will share her many years of experience and teach you how to avoid the most common mistakes, choose the right plants and materials, and find the best contractors to do the work to make your yard beautiful.

Tomatoes: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Do you try to grow tomatoes but by the end of the season feel disappointed in the quantity and quality of your harvest? Do you have questions about heirlooms, hybrids, insects, and keeping plants from sprawling all over your garden? Harriet Parsons will share her experiences and knowledge about growing tomatoes here in humid Virginia. This timely talk will get your tomato season off to a great start!

**COUNTDOWN TO RETIREMENT**
Attend any or all of these special talks geared towards those considering or just beginning retirement.

**Social Security and Medicare: Know Your Benefits**
Monday, April 6
• 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center
• 7-8:30 p.m., Stryker Center
You’ve paid into this system your entire working life. Now it’s time to figure out how to file and what benefits you can expect to receive.

**The Retirement Puzzle: Finance, Family, Friends, and FUN!**
Monday, April 13, 7-8:30 p.m., Stryker Center
Retirement requires thoughtful daydreaming and planning. Explore the elements needed to help you fulfill your retirement dreams.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
From Clutter to Calm
Monday, April 20, 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center
You wake up one morning and think, “Yikes! How in the world did I accumulate all this stuff?” Abundance Organizing will inspire you to de-clutter and maintain an orderly home.

**Take Care of Yourself**
Monday, April 27, 7-8:30 p.m., Stryker Center
A licensed clinical social worker will offer advice on how to sustain good mental health while preparing for and during your retirement.

**BOOK GROUPS**

**NOVEL IDEAS: a contemporary book group**
Third Monday of each month, 2 p.m., James City County Library
Explore classic and contemporary fiction and nonfiction from around the world. Sample critically acclaimed and prize-winning titles with open and inclusive discussion.

**Be sure to attend the Book Group Boot Camp on Saturday, April 11! Call 757.259.4050 to reserve your spot.**

**POWER IN THE PANELS: a graphic novel book group**
Second Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Stryker Center
This group is for graphic novel enthusiasts (18+, please) who want to read and talk about independent graphic novels.

**Food**
Wednesday, March 11
Join us to talk about graphic novels centered on food and eating. Please bring your title to share and discuss.

Alan Moore
Wednesday, April 8
Alan Moore is universally hailed as the graphic novel creator who sets the standard for the medium. His imaginative and subversive stories have been the source for both popular films and revolutionary social movements. Read any of his titles for this discussion.

**Who Dunnit?: A Mystery Book Group**
First Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., location varies
Who Dunnit? is a discussion group devoted to mysteries that follows a yearlong program of books and movies around a single topic. This year we’re taking a look at International Mysteries, both contemporary and historical.

The Widows of Malabar Hill
by Sujata Massey
Tuesday, March 3, Stryker Center
Bernie Gunther is an ex-Berlin policeman who hung out his PI shingle just as the Nazis took power. Now there are dead bodies turning up everywhere, and behind-the-scenes plotting amongst the top Nazis. Bernie must find his way out with his (few) principles and himself in one piece.

March Violets
by Philip Kerr
Wednesday, May 13
Before he became Mr. Sulu on Star Trek, Takei was taken to a concentration camp in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was four years old. That experience of growing up behind barbed wire turned him into an activist when he wasn’t on camera.

The library provides copies of all book group titles. Check at the Adult Services desk to find your copy.

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and the tension of another drought is killing the town, as a young teen. A two-year
his hometown for the first
gator Aaron Falk returns to
Williamsburg Library
Tuesday, May 5,
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13+. Register at 757.259.4050.
afterwards. All classes are open to ages
13+. You need to bring in your Pi. Connect with
 others just getting started on this versa-
tile little computer.

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Adult Tabletop Game Club
• Wednesday, March 25, 6-9 p.m.,
Stryker Center
• Wednesday, April 22, 6-9 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library
• Wednesday, May 27, 6-9 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library
Do you love board or card games? Join
us at the library for Settlers of Catan,
Machi Koro, and other tabletop favorites.
Learn a new game or upgrade your skill
at a tried-and-true classic. Attendees
are welcome to bring their own favorite
to teach others.

Open Mic with Chesapeake Bay Writers
Sundays, March 15, April 19, May 17,
1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Chesapeake Bay Writers sponsor a
monthly Open Mic for writers. Bring
your poetry or prose, fiction or nonfic-
tion, and share your writing. There is a
five-minute time limit per person. Feel
free to bring your coffee or tea. For more
information, contact Susan Williamson
at susanwilliamsonmnc@gmail.com.

LET’S EAT
This is a chance to share recipes
and cookbooks—and the stories of food and
foodways that come with them—at the
library.

Cooking Like Grandma
Wednesday, March 25, 2-3 p.m.,
Stryker Center
Want to cook like Grandma? Join Cur-
tor Tracey Neikirk of the Isle of Wight
County Museum in Smithfield for a dis-
cussion on how recipes became favorites
from the 1930s forward. Bring your own
classic recipes or cookbooks to share.
Food samples will be provided.

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Sweet Tea, SOFAs, and Sugar Cubes
Tuesday, April 14, 2-3 p.m.,
James City County Library
Want to review healthy eating basics? Need to re-set your New Year’s resolutions? What about SOFAs (solid fats and added sugars)? Come to an interactive, hands-on class to learn about sugar, sodium, fiber, whole grains, and fat. Read labels and make nutrition facts real, practical, and useful to you. Bring your own healthy recipes or cookbooks to share. This class is taught by a WJCC Schools Registered Dietitian.

GETAWAY CAFÉ
Share conversation, experiences, and memories in WRL’s program for adults with early memory loss and their care partners. Please call 757.259.7752 for more information.

An Afternoon of Irish Dance
Friday, March 20, 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center
Dancers from the Rose and Sword Academy of Dance will entertain us and demystify the secrets of the fast-stepping, high-kicking, traditional Celtic dance form.

Under the Big Top
Friday, April 17, 2-3:30 p.m., Stryker Center
“Step Right Up, Folks” and join us for an afternoon reminiscing about the circus, often called “The Greatest Show on Earth.”

Printmaking
Friday, May 15, 2-4 p.m., James City County Library
The Muscarelle Museum of Art’s Artist in Residence, Steve Prince, will teach us how to make watercolor mono-prints. No art experience is required, just a healthy imagination!

Jennifer Ackerman: Bird Migration and Navigation
Saturday, April 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre
Jennifer Ackerman, author of the best-selling The Genius of Birds and Birds by the Shore, returns to Williamsburg to talk about the annual spring migration of birds up the East Coast and the incredible ways they have of navigating the vast territory they cover each year. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Restoring Williamsburg
• Monday, March 2, 2-3 p.m., Williamsburg Library/Theatre
• Monday, March 9, 7-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library/Theatre

Williamsburg: Before and After (1988) focused on the reconstruction of the Colonial Capital. Carl Lounsbury has updated that story in Restoring Williamsburg, looking past 1776 to the Civil War era and detailing the work being done today to deepen our understanding of Colonial Williamsburg’s residents. He’s also widened the focus to include the disruption that the restoration caused, especially among the city’s African American residents.

Medicare Made Clear
Saturday, March 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Stryker Center
Join Gina Bundy of UnitedHealthcare to learn all about your Medicare choices. We’ll also share tools and resources to help you understand the coverage that may be right for you, including a free educational guide. Register at 757.259.4050.

Creator Fair
Sunday, March 8, 2-4 p.m., Stryker Center
Learn a craft or chat with some very talented creators about their work. We’ll have crocheting, painting, lace making, and more—try your hand at one or all.

Career Coaching
• Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
• Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., James City County Library
• Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., James City County Library
Need help with your resume, job search, or career planning? Sign up for a one-on-one session with a certified career coach. Register at 757.259.4050.

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ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 6:30-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library
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WISTERIA FESTIVAL
Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., City Square
Celebrate springtime and the blossoming of this iconic purple flower with the library! See page 3 for more details.
Mary Poppins Singalong

Friday, April 17, 6-8 p.m.,
Williamsburg Library Theatre

An event for all ages! Come sing along with the magical nanny in a special showing of Disney’s classic movie musical. Bring your enthusiasm and warmed-up vocal cords! If you don’t know all the words, there’s always “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!”

Emerging Scholars: Hybrid Novelty and the Diversity of Life

Wednesday, April 1, 2-3 p.m.,
Stryker Center

The variety of life on Earth is astounding, but how does all this diversity arise? Learn about how changes in DNA lead to different versions of genes and the diversity of life. Join Caroline Schlutius, a Master’s student in biology at W&M, to hear about the concept of hybrid novelty in the development of new genetic traits and its impact on our everyday lives, from food crops to cancer research.

Printmaking

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The Muscarelle Museum of Art’s Artist in Residence, Steve Prince, will teach us how to make watercolor mono-prints. No art experience required, just a healthy imagination! For ages 13+. Register at 757.259.4050.

Chinese Painting Workshop

Tuesday, May 5, 5-6:15 p.m.,
Stryker Center

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Introduction to Tai Chi

Tuesdays, May 19 and 26,
9:15-10 a.m., City Square

Qigong and taijiquan are Chinese mind-body exercises that can reduce stress, improve focus, and bring about relaxation. No special clothes, shoes, props, or experience needed; just wear flat shoes and loose-fitting clothes that you can easily move in. This is an outdoor workshop, so please dress for the weather. Inclement weather location is the Stryker Center.

Help Us Count William&burg! Census 2020 Kickoff

April 1, 2020

Wednesday, April 1
• 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Stryker Center
• 10 a.m.-1 p.m., James City County Library

Did you know that this is the first year you will be able to fill out the U.S. Federal Census online? Williamsburg Regional Library is here to help you! Join us at either library location for the kickoff event, or you can drop by the library and submit your census data on one of our public computers any time after you receive your invitation in the mail. If you need computer assistance, ask at the Adult Services desk.

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Teens and Scholars in Residence: Hybrid Novelty and the Diversity of Life

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An Afternoon of Scrapbooking

Sunday, May 17, 2-4 p.m.,
Stryker Center

Bring your projects to the library and preserve those precious memories! Learn how to use the library’s Cricut machine to cut paper shapes to accent your photos, then work on your own the rest of the afternoon. Bring your colored paper from home or use ours. Register at 757.259.4050.

An Anime Con

Sunday, May 3, 1-5 p.m., Stryker Center

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3-D&D
Saturday, March 21, 2-4 p.m., Stryker Center

Join us to design your own game pieces for D&D or figurines from your favorite fandom for the 3D printer! This program is free. Finished pieces will need to be picked up at a later date. For ages 13+. 

Teens’ Night Out
Friday, March 6, 7-9 p.m., Stryker Center

Teens are invited after library hours for Nintendo Switch gaming, karaoke, snacks, and more. For ages 13+. 

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament
Tuesday, April 7, 1 p.m., Stryker Center

For Spring Break we will be hosting a SSB Ultimate bracketed tournament for teens and adults, with prizes for top finishers! For ages 13-adult. Register at 757-259-4050.

Teen Craft Lounge
Wednesday, April 8, 2 p.m., Stryker Center

Come try your hand at a few crafts with other teens and tweens. Make a bracelet, create string art, and try other maker activities in our relaxed craft space. No experience necessary. All items are make and take! For ages 11-18.

Teen Job Fair
Thursday, May 7, 5-7 p.m., Stryker Center

Meet multiple local youth employers looking for staff for the summer and beyond, and practice your interviewing skills. Practice your job-seeking skills have one. Most employers are hiring ages 16+, but all are encouraged to come to practice their job-seeking skills. 

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Teen Video Game Night
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Puppet Storytime
Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m., Stryker Center

Join us for Spring Break with our puppets and teen puppeteers visit for an all-ages storytime. Sing and dance with our puppets and enjoy books, flannel board stories, and other activities. Recommended for ages 3+.

Kids Count! Storytime
Wednesday, April 7, 11 a.m., Stryker Center

This all-ages storytime will feature counting-themed stories and activities celebrating the importance of being counted, as children are one of the most under-counted groups in the census. We’ll even have a visit from Count von Count himself!

Yoga Storytime
Monday, April 6, 11 a.m., Stryker Center

We’ll use yoga poses to playfully act out stories and songs in this movement storytime. No yoga experience is necessary. For ages 3+.

Next Chapter Book Club
Saturdays, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Williamsburg Library

Join a unique community-based book club for adolescents and adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other intellectual or developmental disabilities. Our members, including some who cannot read, love books for the same reasons most people do. They enjoy being transported to different worlds where they meet interesting characters and learn about exciting new things. Taking that journey with a group of friends makes it even more enjoyable! For ages 13+.

Easter Egg Coloring
Sunday, March 22, 2-4 p.m., Stryker Center

Do you like to decorate eggs, but hate the preparation and mess? Drop in at the library to color your eggs! Children of all ages are invited to paint, dye, and decorate. We will supply the eggs and everything you need to decorate them—please supply the creativity! Limit two eggs per child.
Paws to Read with K-9 Connection
Select Sundays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
• March 15, April 19, Williamsburg Library
• May 17, James City County Library
Kids, dogs, and books... what a great relationship! Paws to Read attracts children from the entire spectrum of reading levels to read to trained K-9 Connection therapy dogs. The dogs listen uncritically and wag their tails as the kids read, providing unspoken encouragement. No prior registration is needed, but a signed permission form from a parent is required.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

Music, Movement, and Me
Sunday, March 22, 2 p.m., Stryker Center
Atumpan uses traditional African instruments and West African rhythms to teach kids about communication and culture. Kids will participate through rhythm, dance, and call and response in a complete musical package that builds kindergarten readiness skills.

Beanbag Book Club
Sundays, March 29, April 26, May 31, 1 p.m., Williamsburg Library
Join the party as we craft with Perler beads and play Mario Maker, Bionix, Tetris, and more! It’s hip to be square! For ages 10+.

Mary Poppins Singalong
Friday, April 17, 6-8 p.m., Williamsburg Library/Theatre
An event for all ages! Come sing along with the magical nanny in a special showing of Disney’s classic movie musical. Bring your enthusiasm and warmed-up vocal cords! If you don’t know all the songs, there’s always “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!”

Goode Earth
Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m., Williamsburg Library
Celebrate Earth Day with storyteller Via Goode, featuring humorous folktales from around the world. Listeners will be inspired to imagine all the ways we can support the earth and its resources, while participating in the stories themselves with chants, rhymes, and reins.

STEAM SATURDAYS

CHIMESTRY MAGIC
Saturday, March 28, 1-4 p.m., Stryker Center (Shows at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.)
They say good magicians never reveal their secrets, but that’s exactly what Professor Tyler and the William & Mary Chemistry Club will do. Come learn about the magic of chemistry, where liquids change colors, objects move without being touched, and flowers are smashed to pieces. Between 1 and 4 p.m. you can also participate in other STEAM-related interactive activities and art projects, including programming our mini robots.

STEAM AT THE WRL WISTERIA FESTIVAL
Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Williamsburg Library and Stryker Center
Enjoy STEAM-related activities at the Wisteria Festival! Touch and feed butterflies in our Butterfly Safari tent. Come meet over 10 different miniature farm animals, including a horse, donkey, cow, pig, and llama, as well as live goats, sheep, and bunnies. For more information on the WRL Wisteria Festival, please see page 3.

SKULLS, SKINS, & SCALES
Saturday, May 16, 1-4 p.m., James City County Library
Do you know what kinds of wildlife live in York River State Park? Can you identify them by their skulls and skins? Join a YRSP Ranger to learn about creatures that live in our nearby parks. (Shows at 1 and 3 p.m.)

Plus, reptile experts Scott and Kim Larsen will share stories, interesting facts, and trivia questions about their dazzling array of lizards, frogs, turtles, and snakes, then invite you to meet the reptiles up close and personal! Caution: holding, petting, and greeting eye-to-eye may occur. (Shows at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.)

Chinese Painting Workshop
Tuesday, May 5, 5-6:15 p.m., Stryker Center
Chinese painting, with its emphasis on the beauty of simplicity, smooth brush strokes, and graceful designs, reflects the time-honored principles of Chinese philosophy and culture. Practicing Chinese painting is a great way to relax and creatively express yourself. Try your hand at Chinese painting with Ningjing Lin, a teacher from the William & Mary Confucius Institute. For ages 10+. Register at 757-259-4050.

Caribbean Dreaming
Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m., Williamsburg Library
Sail the Caribbean seas on the sound waves of steel drums with musician Gary Garlic! Participants will learn how the people of the Caribbean claimed their independence and developed an art all their own as they enjoy this unique musical form.
**YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**OUTREACH Events**

**MARCH MADNESS** March 28
Explore the world of basketball through science, augmented reality, and arcade and retro electronic games. The fun doesn’t end there—outpace and outfox your opponents in Match Madness, the game of quick thinking and fast reaction! Enjoy other interactive science activities, including a RollerCoaster Challenge, LEGO, and an Epic Domino Rally. Special guest appearance by W&M’s Women’s Basketball Team!

**MAGIC AND MORE** April 18
Join us for a magic show with Hunter Rhodes at 11 a.m. A dynamic up-and-coming magician, Hunter delivers a show filled with talent, humor, and a likable charm that’ll leave kids laughing and amazed. The fun doesn’t end there—start down the magical road to sweet surprises with our gigantic Candy Land game. Plus, more science activities and crafts, including Ozobots, TinkerToys, and Makey-Makey banana pianos, will be available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**THE TEENY TINY FARM** May 23
Children will delight in the experience of meeting over 10 different miniature farm animals up close. Plus, enjoy other interactive science activities and crafts, including Spheros, TinkerToys, and LEGO.

**Funfest Saturdays**

**JOIN IN THE FUN!**
Select Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Abram Frink Jr. Community Center (8901 Pocahontas Trail)
Join us for a fun program and activities, plus free pizza and ice cream at each event at 12 p.m.

**POP UP LIBRARY AT AFCC**
Thursdays, 4-7 p.m., Abram Frink Jr. Community Center (8901 Pocahontas Trail)
Come by to check out books, participate in crafts, access Wi-Fi, and get your questions answered. We’ll also have games and activities for all ages. Call 757 259 7748 for more information.

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**SPRING EXHIBITS 2020**

**STRYKER CENTER EXHIBIT SPACE**
Artists, Mentors, Teachers—Images in Word & Form
March 19-May 29

**WILLIAMSBURG THEATRE GALLERY**
Williamsburg Photo Guild
March 1-April 30

**COMPUTER CLASSES**
We offer computer classes every month on using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Head to www.wrl.org/computer-classes to see the latest schedule.

**Beyond the Shelves**
Williamsburg Regional Library
Spring 2020
PATHS OF DISCOVERY TAKE MANY FORMS. For Jennifer and John Boag, their paths often lie in the great outdoors. Jennifer says their family’s shared love of nature and the library have always been intertwined. “We’ve relied on many of the guidebooks and other resources to research our next big adventure,” says Jennifer. “Both of our children participated in the Summer Reading Program where the books and stories gave them many new experiences.”

Through the years, the family has also enjoyed various programs and performances at both library locations, including John’s favorite, the Dewey Decibel Concert Series. And, of course, countless trips to the stacks. So when John and Jennifer began to consider their estate plans, Williamsburg Regional Library naturally came to mind. Their bequest will establish the Boag Family Book Fund to support the library’s fiction collection in perpetuity. Thanks to their generosity and good planning, future generations of avid fiction readers will find many new paths awaiting discovery at Williamsburg Regional Library.

The Bisland Legacy Society recognizes those who have made future provisions for the library in any form, in any amount. We invite you to become a member of the Bisland Legacy Society by including the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library foundation in your estate plans.

We also encourage you to consider becoming a Friend by sending your contribution to the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library (7770 Croaker Rd. 23188) or through our secure online giving page at www.wrl.org/give.

For assistance with your charitable plans, contact Dr. Benjamin Goldberg, CFRE: bgoldberg@wrl.org or Tel. 757.259.4042