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PRESS RELEASE: WRL Launches New Teen Room with Summer Events

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (June 8, 2023) – Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is launching its new teen room at the James City County Library with a variety of teen programs throughout the summer.

The teen room features fun tech (funded by the Friends of WRL Foundation) like a virtual whiteboard, Nintendo Switches, and an arcade game table; a collaborative workspace; a magnetic poetry wall; board games and crafts; and comfortable study and lounge seating. The Young Adult book collection has also been moved adjacent to the teen room for easier access to reading material.

“We just recently opened the space and teens are already using it to connect, play, study, and have a place they can call their own in the library,” said Library Director Betsy Fowler. “The Kiwanis Kids Idea Studio, a space in the same building where younger kids can learn, read, and explore, has been a great success and we wanted to offer teens the same opportunity.”



The new teen room at the James City County Library. High-res image available upon request.

The teen room, open to teens ages 13+ during library hours, is the focus of special teen-only programs this summer including Teens Night Out every Friday night after regular library hours, anime films and related activities, a video game tournament, crafts, and more.

“Our goal is to create engaging spaces in the library for readers of all ages, so everyone always feels as though they have a special place to call their own,” Fowler said. “This is how our youngest library visitors transition into being lifelong readers and library users.”

For more information on events happening at WRL, visit wrl.org/teens.

Summer Activities Happening in the Teen Room

Teens Night Out, Friday, June 16, 6:00-8:00 pm (occurs every Friday)

Teens Night Out, Friday, June 23, 6:00-8:00 pm

Anime Afternoon & Activity, June 24, 1:30-4 pm, Kitzinger Room & Teen Room

Teens Night Out, Friday, June 30, 6:00-8:00 pm

Teens Night Out, Friday, July 7, 6:00-8:00 pm

3D Pen Art, July 12, 12-2 pm

Teens Night Out, Friday, July 14, 6:00-8:00 pm

Teens Night Out, Friday, July 21, 6:00-8:00 pm

Teens Night Out, Friday, July 28, 6:00-8:00 pm

Anime Afternoon & Activity, July 29, 1:30-4pm, Kitzinger Room & Teen Room

Teens Night Out, Friday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 pm

Smash tournament at Teens Night Out, August 11, 6:30-8:30 pm

Teens Night Out, Friday, August 18, 6:00-8:00 pm

Anime Afternoon & Activity, August 26, 1:30-4 pm, Kitzinger Room & Teen Room

CD painting, Teen Room, August 31, 1-3 pm

The Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is an award-winning regional library system that consists of the Williamsburg Library on Scotland St. in Williamsburg, the James City County Library on Croaker Rd. in James City County, the Stryker Center on N. Boundary St. in Williamsburg, and its Mobile Library Services vehicles. The WRL service area includes the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.

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