What's Happening

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Winter 2026-2027



RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Adults

Author Visits

Reading with Phil Keeling
Join local author Phil Keeling for a reading from his latest horror short story collection, *Be Not Afraid*, followed by a Q&A. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
Main **2/20** **2:00PM**

Writing Your Legacy with Mary Smith Suber
🖍️ Richmond native Mary Smith Suber shares her writing and publishing journey, the inspiration behind her books, and her latest project, *Layden the Word Detective: The Case of the Noisy Word*, with a Q&A afterward. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
Hull Street **2/23** **6:00PM**

Book Clubs

Page Turners
A reading group for older teens and adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Main **Tuesdays** **10:30AM**

Community Action Book Club
🖍️ Engage in discussions covering such topics as green spaces, housing, and sustainability, and enjoy snacks on us.
Hull Street **12/7, 1/4, 2/1** **5:00PM**

Library Teatime Book Society
🖍️ A quarterly club for women and their mothers and daughters to explore the world of tea together.
Hull Street **12/8** **5:15PM**

Street Lit & Chill
Looking for a book club that keeps it 100? Join us for lively discussions of Street Literature, Neighborhood Drama, and Urban Romance—from legendary classics to the latest page-turners.
Broad Rock **12/8, 1/12, 2/9** **6:00PM**

Trash Talk Book Club
🖍️ Think you know what you hate to read? Put it to the test with the Trash Talk Book Club! Pick a book you'd normally avoid, read it, and join us to decide whether it's truly trash—or a hidden treasure.
Belmont **12/10, 1/14, 2/11** **5:00PM**

Horror, Fantasy, & Sci-Fi Book Club
🖍️ Love horror, fantasy, or sci-fi? We'll discuss a new selection each month.
Ginter Park **12/11, 1/8, 2/12** **5:00PM**

Book Banter
The only thing better than a good book is a good book discussion!
Westover Hills **12/14, 1/11, 2/8** **6:00PM**

Reading History Together
🖍️ A quarterly discussion focused on classic or recently published works of narrative nonfiction. December's selection is *Here Where We Live Is Our Country* by Molly Crabapple.
Main **12/16** **6:30PM**

Recent Award-Winning Fiction Book Club
Read and discuss acclaimed contemporary novels that have earned critics' praise and literary awards.
East End **12/17, 1/21, 2/18** **6:00PM**

Patterson Pages
Take part in a lively discussion on a variety of titles, both fiction and nonfiction.
West End **1:00PM**
12/19 .....*The Songlines* by Bruce Chatwin
1/16.....*The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller
2/20 .....*Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

Found in Translation Book Discussion
Cultivate curiosity and uncover surprising truths about yourself and the world.
Main **1/5** **6:30PM**

As Seen on TV Book Club
Explore well-loved titles of fictional (and sometimes real) characters.
Main **1/6** **6:00PM**

BIG Book Club
Tackle a BIG book with the BIG Book Club! We'll read *The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky over eight weeks, with four discussion sessions exploring this philosophical family drama set in 19th-century Russia.
Main **1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25** **6:00PM**

Crafting & Needle Arts

Library Yarns
Bring your portable handwork project for an informal group experience. Teens and adults welcome.
Belmont **Mondays*** **1:00PM**
*Except 2nd Mondays

Belmont Crafters
🖍️ Create projects that range from easy to intermediate.
Belmont **4:00PM**
12/2 .....Pinecone Wind Chimes
1/13.....Cloud Lamps
2/10.....Rustic Tin Hearts

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Art Club
🖍️ Explore a new skill or share your own expertise with fellow creatives in a relaxed, welcoming space.

Main	**12/2, 1/4 2/3**	**6:00PM**
	12/12	**10:00AM**

Crafts for Adults
Unwind with a fun, hands-on project designed just for adults.

Broad Rock **1:00PM**

12/4 .....Leaf Imprint Dishes

🖍️ 1/8 ..... Paint & Sip

Create Your Own Holiday Ornaments
Get ready for the holidays by assembling festive papercraft ornaments to decorate your home or tree.

East End	**12/5**	**11:00AM**

The Crafting Hour
🖍️ Where ingenuity is always in good form and every project is a clever twist on something familiar.

Westover Hills **6:30PM**

12/7 .....Winter Wonderland

1/4 .....Over the (Painted Book) Edge

2/1 .....Bell, Book, and Candle-Painting

Paper Snowflakes
Need a little winter cheer? Make 3D snowflakes out of paper to display in your home.

Ginter Park	**12/8**	**3:00PM**

Culture and Craft
🖍️ Explore the traditions of various communities through heritage handcrafts.

Ginter Park **6:00PM**

12/8 .....Moravian Stars

1/21 .....Islamic Geometric Tile Design

2/18 .....Gullah Geechee Coiled Basket Weaving

Embossed Tin Ornaments
🖍️ Turn a simple tin into a one-of-a-kind holiday ornament with embossed designs and innovative details.

Main	**12/10**	**6:00PM**

Book Folding Art
🖍️ Give old books new life as art! Choose from three folded book designs to form a unique piece or gift.

West End	**12/11**	**10:00AM**
	12/13	**2:00PM**

Stitching Circle
Grab your hooks or needles and your current project to work on with other fiber art enthusiasts.

Westover Hills	**12/12, 1/9, 2/13**	**2:00PM**

Crafting Conversations
🖍️ Make something special at our relaxed, monthly meetup.

West End **10:00AM**

12/14 .....Pomander Balls

1/11.....Stenciled Cork Coasters

2/8.....Beaded Tassel Necklaces

Dungeon Crawler Carl Crafty Hour
🖍️ Construct a cross-stitch honoring our beloved royal feline, Princess Donut the Queen Anne Chonk!

Belmont	**12/14, 1/13**	**6:30PM**

Yarn Yippee!
For individuals working on personal projects to come together, socialize, and learn from each other. Some beginner supplies available.

Main	**12/16, 1/20, 2/17**	**6:00PM**

Holiday Pokémon Fuse Beads
🖍️ Celebrate the holidays by adding a wintery theme to your favorite Pokémon with fuse beads.

Ginter Park	**12/17**	**6:00PM**

Last-Minute Gift Wrapping
Spread joy with us in a collective gift decorating effort—just in time for the holidays!

Ginter Park	**12/21**	**4:00PM**

Junk Journaling
Turn scraps and leftovers into expressive journal pages! Drop in to experiment with techniques, share ideas, and add new pages to your journal.

Westover Hills	**12/26, 1/23, 2/27**	**2:00-4:00PM**

Book Bind a 2027 Commonplace Book
Practice simple bookbinding techniques and build your own journal.

East End	**1/9**	**11:00AM**

Stardew Valley Fuse Beads
🖍️ Join us in assembling pixelated art inspired by the beloved video game, *Stardew Valley*.

Ginter Park	**1/14**	**6:00PM**

Bad Art Night
🖍️ Forget perfection and create your most wonderfully awful masterpiece at Bad Art Night! We'll finish with a gallery show and vote for the Worst in Show.

Belmont	**2/10**	**6:00PM**

Color & Flow: Valentine's Day Cards
🖍️ Welcome the season of love by experiencing the art of watercolor!

Ginter Park	**2/11**	**6:00PM**

Paper Flower Bouquets
Paper flowers will never wilt! Customize your bouquet to brighten your home or give as a gift.
East End **2/13** **11:00AM**

Fun & Games

Chess Night
Join friends, family, and community members for relaxed games of chess and friendly competition. All ages.
North Avenue **Mondays** **6:00-7:00PM**

Adult LEGO Club
Tackle themed challenges, collaborate on big builds, or create freely with fellow LEGO fans.
Ginter Park **12/3** **5:30PM**
1/7, 2/4 **5:00PM**

Holiday Music Bingo
Celebrate the season with a festive game of music bingo featuring classic holiday carols.
Ginter Park **12/4** **4:30PM**

Gaming & Theory
Adulting is hard—game night isn't. We've got the dice, sheets, and games ready. You just bring yourself.
West End **12/5, 1/2, 2/6** **1:00PM**

Virtual Bowling for Senior Adults
No special shoes or heavy ball to roll. Play seated or standing, only lifting up to one pound. All abilities welcome.
West End **12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28** **2:00PM**

OBSESSED: The Pop Culture PowerPoint Party
🖍️ Share your weird obsession in this fun PowerPoint night when you'll have 5-10 minutes to convince a delightfully nerdy crowd of your hottest takes and hyperfixations.
Belmont **1/27** **6:30PM**

Valentine's Music Bingo
Celebrate Valentine's Day with music bingo featuring iconic love songs through the ages!
Ginter Park **2/5** **4:30PM**

Puzzle Meetup
Bring a puzzle to swap, then sip tea and chat while working on your new find.
Main **2/7** **1:00PM**

Nerdy Wordy Adult Spelling Bee
🖍️ Enter our Adult Spelling Bee to match wits for some nerdy wordy fun! You can play solo or bring a team of friends (up to 4 people).
Belmont **2/22** **6:30PM**

Health & Fitness

Fitness Warriors: Feeling Fit with Pat
Have fun with Pat in a relaxed, low-to-moderate impact workout.
Ginter Park **Mondays** **6:30PM**

Shalom Farms Mobile Market
Shop affordable, fresh, local fruits and vegetables from Shalom Farms. Sliding-scale pricing with cash, credit, debit, and EBT accepted. Market moves indoors during the winter months.
Broad Rock **Thursdays starting in January** **1:30PM**

Rollator Repair Clinic
Get rolling again at this free clinic from Richmond Aging and Engaging, offering safety checks, tune-ups, and minor repairs by volunteers.
Westover Hills **1/9** **10:30AM**

Lifelong Learning

Spice Club
🖍️ Pick a seasoning, recipe, and survey, then join the discussion to share your results and suggest future flavors.
Ginter Park **12/2, 1/6, 2/3** **6:00PM**

An Introduction to AI
Explore the basics of artificial intelligence, including how it's used today, its limitations, and its potential impact on the future. Presented by AARP.
West End **12/3** **3:00PM**

Advocacy in Action
Join monthly panel discussions exploring economic, civil, social, environmental, and health justice, featuring local organizations and opportunities for community dialogue.
West End **6:00PM**
12/3 .....Environmental Advocacy
1/7 .....Health Advocacy

How to Launch Financially Independent Kids
Learn how financial literacy can build children's resilience, independence, and long-term success.
Main **12/5** **2:00PM**

Broad Rock Library Advisory Board Meeting
Help shape your library! Join the Advisory Group. Call 804-646-8488 for details.
Broad Rock **12/8, 1/12, 2/9** **3:00PM**

Haiku Happy Hour
Drop in between 4:30–5:30PM to compose a haiku and send your poetry out into the world through our magical SuperMegaAmazingAtronic Haiku Machine!
Belmont **12/8, 1/12, 2/9** **4:30PM**

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Church Hill Central Civic Association Meeting
Meet your neighbors and discuss important local issues at this monthly meeting.
East End **12/8, 1/12, 2/9** **6:00PM**

Master Gardener Help Desk
Master Gardeners are eager to answer any of your gardening questions and have soil sample kits and other resources.
Belmont **12/10, 1/14, 2/11** **3:30-5:30PM**
Westover Hills **12/17, 1/21, 2/18** **10:30-11:30AM**

Scam Landscape
Learn about current fraud trends, common scams, and prevention resources to help you stay safe.
East End **12/11** **11:00AM**

Winter Solstice Community Sing
🖍 Practice simple melodies together and experience the magic of singing in harmony. All levels welcome—no experience required.
Main **12/15** **6:00PM**

Keys to Homeownership: Affordable Housing Workshop
Two homebuyer classes in one day for your convenience.
9:30–10:30AM: Downpayment Assistance/Affordable Housing Program
🖍 10:30AM–4:45PM: Virginia Housing Homebuyer Education sponsored through Virginia Housing.
Main **12/19, 1/16, 2/20** **9:30AM-4:45PM**

Richmond Writing Community
🖍 Whether you're new or experienced, meet writers, sharpen your craft, and exchange feedback in a supportive community.
Hull Street **12/21, 1/25, 2/22** **1:30PM**

Introduction to Managing Your Privacy
Learn how ads track your activity, how to limit data collection, and where to find browser settings and tools that help protect your information. We'll also explore password managers and why they're one of the safest ways to secure your accounts.
West End **1/7** **3:00PM**

Is It Real or AI?
Test your observation skills and see if you can determine what's real from what's AI-generated.
Ginter Park **1/19** **4:00PM**

Bicycle Maintenance with Field Trip Bikes
🖍 Join Joel Alford of Field Trip Bikes for maintenance tips and hands-on learning.
East End **1/26** **6:00PM**

Out of Rushmore's Shadow
Experience the life of Mount Rushmore master carver Luigi Del Bianco through multimedia, storytelling, and theater.
Main **1/26** **6:00PM**

Winter Career, Entrepreneurship, & Wealth Building Expo
Connect with career opportunities, workforce training, entrepreneurship resources, and financial education at this expo featuring employers, educators, business organizations, and money management professionals.
Main **1/30** **10:00AM-2:00PM**

Hidden Gem Websites
Discover free and open-source tools that can boost your productivity, replace paid subscriptions, and help you learn something new. Bring your own device and get ready to bookmark your favorites!
Ginter Park **2/19** **4:30PM**

Repair Cafe RVA
Bring your broken items to Repair Cafe RVA! Get help fixing appliances, bikes, electronics, furniture, jewelry, textiles, toys, and more.
Main **2/28** **1:30-4:30PM**

Movies & Entertainment

Movie Matinees
Catch a movie you might've missed! Snacks provided; bring your own drink.
West End **Wednesdays** **2:00PM**

Friday Movies
Relax and enjoy a Friday afternoon movie just for adults.
North Avenue **Fridays** **3:00PM**

Sunday Matinees with Hard Light Cinema
Watch a movie handpicked by Richmond's favorite film buffs.
Main **12/6, 1/3, 2/7** **2:00PM**

Nowhere Cinema Presents: Saturday Morning Cartoons of the World
Partake in a global cartoon adventure every Saturday morning!
Main **11:00AM**
12/12.....Shorts Showcase
1/9 .....*Delta Space Mission*
2/6.....*Cat City*

Technology

1-on-1 Tech Help
🖍 Meet with our library staff for 1-on-1 help in reaching your digital goals. Schedule a 30-minute session by calling your preferred location.
Hull Street
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00AM-4:30PM
Tuesdays, Thursdays 10:00AM-6:30PM
Broad Rock Monday-Thursday 11:00AM-5:00PM
Belmont Tuesdays 2:00-3:00PM
West End Tuesdays 2:00-5:00PM
East End Wednesdays 11:00AM-1:00PM

Holiday Break Prep with Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy

Get ready for your holiday reading with our free library apps. Borrow e-books, audiobooks, movies, TV, and more from any device.

Ginter Park **12/10** **5:00PM**

New Year, New Me: Digital Storage Cleanup

Start the New Year with a digital cleanup! Organize files, photos, and emails with guided support for folders, cloud storage, and file transfers.

Ginter Park **1/5** **4:00PM**

Memory Lab

Richmond's Cemeteries: Past, Present, and Future

Explore the past and future of Richmond's city-owned cemeteries with Community Engagement Manager Kimberly Jackson, including current projects and Richmond Public Library's new digital cemetery records collection.

Main **12/3** **10:00AM**

Introduction to the Memory Lab

Learn how to digitize old photos and VHS tapes at Richmond Public Library's Memory Lab. Explore available equipment, the digitization process, and what to expect during an appointment.

Main **12/4, 1/8, 2/5** **10:00AM**

Richmond Remembers

Look back on the people, places, and moments that shaped Richmond in 2026 through photographs, news stories, archival materials, and community memories. Share your own recollections and reflect on a year of change.

Main **12/19** **1:00PM**

That's Me! Richmond in Photographs

View Richmond's history through photographs from the collections of the Richmond Free Press and the city's Parks & Recreation collections. Join an interactive photo hunt and share stories about the people, places, and events captured in the images.

Main **1/16** **1:00PM**

Digital Special Collections—What's New?

🖍️ Explore Richmond Public Library's Digital Special Collections and discover newly added items, including cemetery records and architectural photography of downtown Richmond.

Main **2/10** **1:00PM**



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Who Gets to Tell the Story: Black History, Books, & the Power of Representation
Kick off Black History Month with Demetrius Frazier, owner of Resist Booksellers, as he explores who records and shapes history, the importance of Black authors and newspapers, book challenges, and the roles of libraries and bookstores in preserving access to information.
Hull Street **2/2** **6:00PM**

Ella Baker and the Long Civil Rights Movement
Dr. Adam Ewing explores the life and legacy of Virginia-born civil rights activist Ella Josephine Baker and her pivotal role in the movement. Discover how her organizing work shaped the fight for voting rights and the lessons it offers today.
East End **2/6** **11:00AM**
Westover Hills **2/13** **11:00AM**

***Black Beyond Borders*: Season 2 Premiere**
🖍️ Richmond filmmaker and author Ebony Walden premieres Season 2 of *Black Beyond Borders* with a 40-minute screening, followed by a talk on identity, culture, and belonging across the Black diaspora.
Main **2/10** **6:00PM**

Transcribing Black History with Virginia Untold
🖍️ Learn to transcribe handwritten documents from the Library of Virginia's Virginia Untold digital collection. Explore the history behind the records, practice transcription, and help preserve the stories of Black Virginians.
East End **2/11** **6:00PM**

Discussing Richmond's Black History with the Community Memory Fellow
Join Community Memory Fellow Marvin L. Hicks for a discussion of Richmond's Black history and lesser-known stories. Learn how the Memory Lab and Richmond Room can help preserve your family's legacy.
Hull Street **2/13** **1:00PM**

The Broad Rock Advisory Board's Black History Month Celebration
Celebrate Black History Month with the Broad Rock Library Advisory Board and community members! Enjoy engaging presentations and tasty treats.
Broad Rock **2/20** **1:00-3:00PM**

Teen STEAM: Molasses Pull Candy
🖍️ Uncover the sweet science and history of molasses pull candy while making your own light, chewy treat.
Main **2/22** **4:00PM**

Teen Crafting: Black History Month Cross Stitch
🖍️ Celebrate the importance of Black History Month by stitching a design commemorating famous symbols and people in Black history.
Belmont **2/23** **4:30 PM**

Coded Language and the Underground Railroad
Explore the coded language used by freedom seekers and their allies on the Underground Railroad and uncover the meanings behind their words and phrases. Ages 5-13.
Ginter Park **2/23** **4:30PM**

Remembering Our Schools: Preserving Black Schoolhouse Memories
Community members and preservation organizations will share their efforts to save the histories of Black schools through photos, yearbooks, testimonies, and more.
Ginter Park **2/27** **1:00PM**

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Tweens & Teens

Express Yourself

It's a Vibe
Hang out and unwind with art, games, and friends.
Main **Sundays** **1:00-3:00PM**

Library Yarns
Bring your portable handwork project for an informal group experience. Teens and adults welcome.
Belmont **Mondays*** **1:00PM**
*Except 2nd Mondays

Get Crafty Together
Novice and experienced makers alike, get ready to create something special as we all get crafty together!
Broad Rock **4:30PM**
- **12/1.....Studio Ghibli Scrapbooks**
- **1/5.....Colorful Cord Wraps**
- **2/2.....Circle Weaving**

East End **4:30PM**
- **12/2 .....Studio Ghibli Scrapbooks**
- **1/6 .....Colorful Cord Wraps**
- **2/2.....Circle Weaving**

Main **4:00PM**
- 🖍 **12/4 ..... Winter Charm Bracelets**
- 🖍 **1/15..... Paint & Sip Hot Chocolate Night**
- 🖍 **2/5..... Lunar New Year**

Hull Street **4:30PM**
- 🖍 **12/22 ..... Polymer Clay Snuggle Bookmarks**
- **1/28 .....Watercolor Valentine Art**
- **2/25.....Styrofoam Printmaking**

Culture and Craft
🖍 Explore the traditions of various communities through heritage handcrafts.
Ginter Park **6:00PM**
- **12/8 .....Moravian Stars**
- **1/21.....Islamic Geometric Tile Design**
- **2/18.....Gullah Geechee Coiled Basket Weaving**

Teen Crafting
🖍 Try a new DIY project each month in this relaxed program designed for teens of all skill levels.
Belmont **4:30PM**
- **12/15.....Felt Portraits**
- **1/26 .....Bedazzling**
- **2/23.....Black History Month Cross Stitch**

Wednesday Teen Crafting
🖍 Easy DIYs, cozy vibes, and a new project each week.
Ginter Park **4:30PM**
12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

Made by Me
🖍 Show the world who you are, one project at a time!
Main **4:00PM**
- **12/18 .....Indoor Planter Pot**
- **1/22 .....Winter Beanie Embroidery**
- **2/19.....Faux Stained Glass Wall Art**

Holiday Inky Ornaments
🖍 Design a vibrant, one-of-a-kind ornament using colorful alcohol inks—perfect for gifting or decorating your tree.
Westover Hills **12/19** **2:00PM**

New Year's Gratitude Journals
Start 2027 with gratitude. Decorate your own journal with collage materials, scrapbook paper, and more.
Belmont **1/5** **4:00PM**

2027 Vision Boards
What are your goals for 2027? Dream big and construct a vision board to inspire your year ahead.
North Avenue **1/27** **5:00PM**

Winter *Starry Night* Paint & Sip
🖍 Cozy up with hot cocoa and art as we explore Vincent van Gogh's life and iconic paintings. Then create your own snowy *Starry Night*-inspired masterpiece while enjoying music and warm drinks.
Westover Hills **1/30** **2:00PM**

Pokémon Terrariums
🖍 Gotta catch 'em all—and give them a home! Build a miniature Poké Ball terrarium for your favorite Pokémon using tiny landscapes and your creativity.
West End **2/24** **5:00PM**
North Avenue **2/27** **1:00PM**

Get Involved

Young Adult Film Society
The Young Adult Film Society is your ticket to discovering unforgettable stories, iconic characters, and the magic of cinema.
Main **12/2, 1/6, 2/3** **4:00PM**

Teen Anime Manga Association (TAMA)
TAMA is an anime and manga club that meets for screenings, discussions, and an optional Japanese cultural craft.
Main **12/3, 1/21, 2/4** **4:00PM**
Westover Hills **12/29, 1/26, 2/23** **4:00PM**
Hull Street **12/30, 1/27, 2/24** **4:00PM**
Broad Rock **1/28** **4:30PM**
East End **1/13, 2/10** **4:30PM**

Tween Book Club
Discuss the middle grade book of the month and eat snacks! Newcomers ages 9-13 welcome.
Ginter Park **12/7, 1/4, 2/1** **4:30PM**

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Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Get involved with TAB to help design YA programs, events, and displays while serving the Richmond community.

Main 12/10, 1/14, 2/11 5:00PM

Lit Happens
A book club for young adults to discuss selections they choose on a common theme or genre.

Main 12/16, 1/13, 2/10 4:00PM

Live & Learn

Future Ready
🖍️ Learn life skills that will help you navigate everyday challenges and achieve success.

Main 4:00PM
- 12/1.....The Adulting Admin Playbook
- 1/5.....Where Did My Paycheck Go?
- 2/2.....Meal Planning on a Budget

Student Success
🖍️ Build your academic success toolkit with practical workshops on studying, focus, and stress management.

Main 4:00PM
- 12/7 .....Managing Citation & Research Tools
- 1/4 .....Semester Reset
- 2/1 .....Reading Comprehension

Mindful Mondays
Be present and intentional at the start of the week by learning new ways to practice self-care and mindfulness.

Main 4:00PM
- 12/21.....Snowflake Art
- 🖍️ 1/11..... Winter Stillness Art Journaling
- 2/8.....Connecting with Our Hearts Art

Play

Level Up!
Join us for an hour of low-stress gaming. Ages 10-18.

East End Mondays 4:30PM
Main 12/17, 1/28, 2/18 4:00PM

Warhammer Club
Learn to build and paint miniatures and explore Age of Sigmar and Warhammer 40k lore and gameplay.

Ginter Park 12/3, 12/17, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25 4:30PM

Gaming Teen Alliance (GTA)
We'll discuss our favorite video games, watch YouTube and Twitch streamers, and play some games of our own (*Among Us*, anyone?).

East End 12/30, 1/27, 2/24 4:30PM



Harry Potter-Inspired Escape Room
🖍️ Put your wizarding skills to the test in a magical escape room! Solve puzzles, find the Deathly Hallows, and defeat Lord Voldemort. Call 804-646-4768 to reserve a 30-minute session; groups of up to six may be combined. Ages 10+.

Main

12/11	1:00-5:00PM
12/12	10:00 AM-4:00PM
12/13	1:30-4:00PM

TEEN STEAM

Ages 11-18

Tessellation Wrapping Paper
🖍️ Use geometry to design your own custom repeating pattern and create one-of-a-kind wrapping paper.
Ginter Park 12/2 4:30PM

Holiday Homopolar Motors
Build a simple spinning motor using batteries, wire, and craft materials, then decorate it with a festive holiday twist.
Belmont 12/3 4:45PM

Agate Coasters
🖍️ Learn about these colorful stones, then create your own swirling agate-inspired artwork.
Hull Street 12/10 4:30PM

Code a Snowboarding Game
🖍️ Construct your own snowboarding game while learning the basics of coding.
Main 12/14 4:00PM

Balloon-Powered Car
Explore wind power by building a balloon-powered car with different materials to see which design travels the farthest.
East End 12/16 4:30PM

Invisible Ink
Uncover the chemistry behind secret messages by formulating your own invisible ink!
Broad Rock 12/17 4:30PM

Bracelet Coding
🖍️ Learn the basics of coding by designing a bracelet with secret messages or fun designs!
West End 12/21 4:00PM

Have a Geode Time!
Investigate how geodes form, then crack one open and take home your very own.
North Avenue 12/23 5:00PM

Color-Changing Mugs
🖍️ Experiment with heat-reactive pigments as you decorate a colorful marble-dipped mug to take home.
Belmont 1/7 4:45PM
West End 1/25 4:00PM

DIY Snowflakes
Discover what makes each snow crystal unique, then build your own glittery winter decoration using sticks.
North Avenue 1/12 3:00PM

Kitchen Lithography
🖍️ Explore the science of grease, water resistance, and acidification using simple kitchen supplies while creating your own custom art prints.
Ginter Park 1/13 4:30PM

Candles
🖍️ Learn candle making techniques as you melt, pour, and scent your own unique candles to take home and enjoy.
Hull Street 1/14 4:30PM

Cloud Dough
See how different substances combine as you make your own batch of soft, moldable cloud dough.
East End 1/20 4:30PM

All About Pixels
Investigate how tiny pixels work together to create images, then journey through video game history to see how graphics evolved.
Broad Rock 1/21 4:30PM

Mic Check Podcasting Intro
🖍️ Get hands-on with professional recording and editing tools as you learn to produce your own podcast.
Main 1/25 4:00PM

Binary Code Bracelets
Create bracelets with secret messages hidden in the bead patterns using binary code—the foundation of modern computing.
Belmont 2/4 4:45PM

Slime
Experience the science of slime while exploring various textures.
West End 2/8 4:00PM

Tech Take Apart
🖍️ Take apart old technology and discover how everyday devices work!
North Avenue 2/10 5:00PM

Scandi Woven Heart Garland
🖍️ Combine math, geometry, and textile art in this cozy workshop.
Hull Street 2/11 4:30PM

Marble Runs
Build a marble run while experimenting with friction and gravity!
East End 2/17 4:30PM

Anatomy of Basquiat
Discover how Jean-Michel Basquiat blended anatomy and street art, then design your own inspired artwork.
Broad Rock 2/18 4:30PM

The Art of Kumihimo Friendship Bracelets
Weave vibrant threads onto a simple round loom to produce custom friendship bracelets and keychains
Westover Hills 2/20 2:00PM

Black History Month: Molasses Pull Candy
🖍️ Uncover the sweet science and history of molasses pull candy while making your own light, chewy treat.
Main 2/22 4:00PM

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STEAM TEAM

Ages 5-13

Let It Snow!
Make your own "snow" with baking soda and shaving cream. Come ready to get messy and have fun.
Ginter Park 12/2 12:00PM

Fuse Bead Snowflakes
🖍 Design a unique snowflake to brighten your home this winter.
Hull Street 12/3 4:00PM

Holiday Book Folding
Create an amazing piece of art for your home or to use as a gift for someone special. Choose to make a book, candle, or holiday tree.
Main 12/10 4:30PM

Hot Chocolate Lab
Explore how temperature affects solubility while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate with friends.
East End 12/12 2:00PM

Snow Slime
🖍 Learn a little chemistry while making fluffy, sparkly slime to take home.
West End 12/15 4:00PM

Ice Fishing
Can you get an ice cube out of the water without getting wet?
Ginter Park 12/15 4:30PM

Northern Lights Ornaments
🖍 Learn about the northern lights, explore stunning photos, and create your own northern lights ornament.
Westover Hills 12/16 4:30PM

Clay Moon Phase Ornaments
🖍 Discover why the moon changes shape, then decorate your own moon-inspired ornament to take home.
North Avenue 12/22 4:00PM

Snowstorm in a Jar
🖍 Mix science and art to create a swirling, bubbling snowstorm in a jar while exploring weather, density, and chemical reactions.
Hull Street 1/7 4:00PM

DIY Angry Birds
Build your own tabletop Angry Birds game using engineering and art skills.
Broad Rock 1/7 4:30PM

Snowman Challenge
Use marshmallows and toothpicks to see who can build the tallest snowman.
East End 1/9 2:00PM

Learn to Draw a Barn Owl
🖍 Start with basic shapes, add soft feather textures, and bring your owl to life with its big, bright eyes.
Westover Hills 1/13 4:30PM

Snowman Wind Chime
Build a snowman wind chime and use it to track the wind from the comfort of indoors.
Main 1/14 4:30PM

Making Fake Snow
🖍 Become a winter scientist as you mix, mold, and play with realistic, fluffy fake snow. Take your snowy creation home to enjoy.
Westover Hills 1/16 1:00PM

Toothpick Towers
🖍 Tackle construction challenges using toothpicks and everyday materials. Discover how engineers use geometry to design and build cell phone towers and skyscrapers.
West End 1/19 4:00PM

Testing Foods for Starch
Explore the science of starch, how our bodies use it, and how to test for it in different foods.
North Avenue 1/20 4:00PM

Sparkle Slime
Flex your science skills and make a glittery, slimy concoction to take home.
Ginter Park 1/25 4:30PM

Marbled Paper
Transform plain white paper into a swirl of color using shaving cream, food dye, and chemistry.
Ginter Park 1/28 12:00PM

Shadow Painting
Get ready for Groundhog Day by using light and shadow to create unique portraits—no groundhogs required!
Belmont 1/28 4:00PM

Water Clock
🖍 Travel back in time and build an ancient timekeeping device while exploring water flow, gravity, and engineering.
Hull Street 2/4 4:00PM

Geometric Ndebele Art
Observe the colorful patterns of Ndebele art and learn the mathematics behind them, then create your own design.
Broad Rock 2/4 4:30PM

Kaleidoscope-Making
🖍 Experience the magic of mirrors and light by creating your own kaleidoscope!
Ginter Park 2/6 3:00PM

Guatemalan Worry Dolls
🖍 Discover Guatemalan folk art by making traditional worry dolls with colorful yarn and sticks.
Westover Hills 2/10 4:30PM

Dancing Candy Hearts
Explore density and buoyancy by making candy hearts dance.
Ginter Park 2/11 12:00PM

Candy Construction
Design and create your own candy box while learning about food science.
Main 2/11 4:30PM

Invisible Ink Valentines
Make secret Valentine's messages with invisible ink, then use science to reveal them.
East End 2/13 2:00PM

Fizzing Poké Balls
🖍 Celebrate Pokémon Day with a Pokémon-themed baking soda and vinegar experiment.
West End 2/16 4:00PM

Slime Time
🖍 Learn the science behind slime, explore how it appears in nature, and make your own stretchy, gooey creation to take home.
North Avenue 2/17 4:00 PM

Kids & Family

Arts & Crafts

Rock Painting
Use Posca paint pens to produce a colorful design on a small rock to give as a holiday gift or brighten your indoor or outdoor space.
Broad Rock 12/3 4:30PM

Take & Make: Christmas Tree Beaded Keychains
Get ready for the holidays with a festive take & make kit! Pick one up while supplies last and create at home.
Belmont 12/7-12/11 All Day

Gingerbread Village
Build and decorate gingerbread houses using recycled materials, then take your creations home or add them to our library's gingerbread village.
Main 12/8 3:00-5:00PM

Make It! Monday
Bi-weekly arts and crafts program, themed or freestyle.
Ginter Park 12/14, 12/28, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22 4:30PM

Salt Dough Holiday Decorations
Make last-minute holiday decor with salt dough. Choose from red, green, or white dough and use your artistry to make a wreath, snowman, or your own festive design.
Belmont 12/16 4:00PM

Family Zine-Making
Learn about zines as a form of art and self-expression, then design your own using paper, scissors, and your imagination. Share your creations and connect with fellow zinesters.
Main 12/22, 1/26, 2/23 4:00PM

Craft Corner
Bring your toddler, preschooler, or school-aged kiddo for a colorful, crafty, and creative afternoon.
West End 3:00PM
- 12/29.....Snow People
- 1/15.....Painted Rocks
- 2/5.....Lunar New Year Paper Lanterns

Floating Chalk Art
Construct a colorful work of art using just water and chalk dust. Experiment with color and texture to make your own unique masterpiece.
Ginter Park 1/7 12:00PM

Wool Pictures
Learn the science behind wet felting and use wool and produce your own imaginative design.
Main 1/12 3:00-5:00PM

Goat Mobiles
Welcome the Year of the Goat by crafting a festive mobile to hang at home.
Ginter Park 1/30 3:00PM

Valentine's Day Cards
Skip the store-bought cards this year and create something truly one of a kind.
Westover Hills 2/6 11:30AM
Ginter Park 2/9 All Day
West End 2/11 All Day

Printmaking
Design a unique print block together, add your print to our community fabric display, and take your block home.
Main 2/9 3:00-5:00PM

Lunar New Year Sheep Portraits
Create a fluffy sheep portrait using cotton balls in this fun, festive craft. Ages 2-5.
Belmont 2/12 10:30AM

Games

Tabletop/Board Games
Was it Colonel Mustard, in the study, with the lead pipe? We have all the classics here along with decks of cards. All ages welcome.
North Avenue Wednesdays 4:00-6:00PM

D&D 101
🖍️ Are you or your child interested in learning how to play *Dungeons & Dragons*? Join us for a free, beginner-friendly information session. Each month, we'll explore different aspects of the game to help new players get started.
Ginter Park 4:00PM
- 12/2.....Leveling Up
- 1/6.....Combat Time
- 2/3.....Roleplaying

Trivia Time
Love knowledge but hate tests? This game is for you! Enjoy pressure-free trivia with plenty of musical hints along the way.
Main 12/3, 1/7, 2/4 4:00PM

Kids *D&D* Club
🖍️ Step into a world of adventure with a beginner-friendly *Dungeons & Dragons* session. All materials provided, but players are encouraged to bring their own character.
Ginter Park 12/16, 1/20, 2/17 4:00PM

Reindeer Scavenger Hunt
Santa's nine reindeer have escaped into the Children's section! Can you find them all? Turn them in for a special reward.
Ginter Park 12/23 All Day

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Lovebug Scavenger Hunt
Have you caught the lovebug? We have several loose in the library! Find them, turn them in, and receive a sweet treat.
Ginter Park **2/14** **All Day**

Movies

First Friday Family Flicks
Join us for a free family-friendly movie.
Hull Street **12/4, 1/8, 2/5** **3:30PM**

The Muppet Christmas Carol Movie and Crafting Event
Celebrate the holidays with a family movie, hot chocolate, and festive ornament crafting.
Westover Hills **12/5** **1:30PM**

Play & Learn

Homework Help & Reading Together
Get help with homework and reading. Always accepting volunteers to help with the program. Please call (804) 646-8488 for more information.
Broad Rock **Monday-Thursday** **3:30-5:30PM**

LEGO Club
We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination!
North Avenue **Saturdays** **11:00AM-4:00PM**
East End **12/4, 1/8, 2/5** **4:00PM**
Ginter Park
12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27 **All Day**
Broad Rock **12/10, 1/14, 2/11** **4:30PM**
Hull Street **12/11, 1/8, 2/12** **3:30-5:30PM**
West End **12/12, 1/9, 2/13** **10:00AM-3:00PM**
12/22, 1/26, 2/23 **4:00PM**
Belmont **1/11, 2/8** **All Day**

Tunes & Toons
Get the wiggles out with songs and activities, then sit for a special cartoon show. Ages 2-5.
Main **10:00AM**
12/4 .....*Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*
1/8 .....*Sesame Street*
2/12 .....*Peppa Pig*

Read to Callie the Dog!
Bring your kids to read to Callie and her 2-legged buddy, Landon (from PUP READers).
Ginter Park **12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20** **10:30AM**

Holiday Party
Celebrate the winter holidays with food, games, crafts, and a visit from Santa.
Ginter Park **12/12** **1:00-3:00PM**

Play Connections
Join Richmond City Early Intervention for an enriching playgroup experience. Ages birth-5 years.
Main **12/14, 1/11, 2/8** **10:00AM**

Preschool STEAM
Build creativity, reasoning, and observation skills with a hands-on challenge paired with a special story!
Main **3:30PM**
12/17.....Tangrams
1/20 .....Marshmallow Snowflakes
2/17 .....Fairy Tales

Story Crafters
Let stories spark your creativity! We'll read a story together and then create a related themed craft.
Hull Street **4:30PM**
12/17.....Gingerbread
1/21 .....Snowmen
2/18.....Hearts

(Slightly) Scary Stories
Telling spooky stories in winter is a centuries-old tradition. Gather for chilling tales including Heckedy Peg, Paradise Sands, and Fergus and the Night-Demon.
Ginter Park **12/18** **4:30PM**

Sensory Sprouts
A hands-on play program for babies and toddlers to explore through their senses and support early development.
East End **12/19, 1/16** **10:00AM**
Hull Street **12/19, 1/23, 2/27** **10:30AM**

Belmont's Noon Year's Eve
Ring in 2027 with dancing, crafts, and treats! Ages 2-5.
Belmont **12/31** **12:00PM**

Baby Artsplay!
Join Baby Artsplay!, a family program led by Greater Richmond Wolf Trap artists, using music, movement, and drama to boost learning and development.
Main **1/15** **10:30AM**
🖍️ **North Avenue** **1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/22** **10:30AM**
🖍️ **Westover Hills** **1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26** **10:30AM**
🖍️ **East End** **2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26** **10:30AM**

Hot Cocoa Sensory Bins
Warm up with cocoa-themed sensory play. Toddlers and preschoolers can scoop and pour in taste-safe bins filled with Cocoa Puffs and marshmallows. Ages 2-5.
Belmont **1/25** **10:30AM**

STORY TIMES

Book Babies		Ages birth-17 months
Belmont	Thursdays	10:30AM
Broad Rock	Wednesdays*	10:00AM
	*Bilingual 1st & 3rd Wednesdays	
East End	Tuesdays	10:30AM
Ginter Park	Wednesdays	10:30AM
Hull Street	Tuesdays	10:30AM
Main	Tuesdays	10:30AM
North Avenue	Tuesdays	10:30AM
West End	Wednesdays	11:00AM
Westover Hills	Tuesdays	10:30 & 11:30AM

Toddler Time		Ages 18-36 months
Belmont	Wednesdays	10:30AM
Broad Rock	Wednesdays*	10:30AM
	*Bilingual 1st & 3rd Wednesdays	
East End	Mondays	11:00AM
Ginter Park	Thursdays	11:00AM
Hull Street	Tuesdays	11:15AM
Main	Tuesdays	11:15AM
North Avenue	Thursdays	10:30AM
West End	Tuesdays	10:00 & 11:00AM
Westover Hills	Thursdays	10:30 & 11:30AM

Preschool Storytime		Ages 3-5 years
Belmont	Tuesdays	10:30AM
Broad Rock	Mondays*	5:30PM
	*Bilingual 1st & 3rd Mondays	
East End	Thursdays	10:30AM
Ginter Park	Tuesdays	10:30AM
Hull Street	Wednesdays	10:30AM
Main	Thursdays	10:30AM
North Avenue	Tuesdays	2:00PM
	Wednesdays	11:00AM
West End	Thursdays*	3:30PM
	*except 12/3 & 1/7	
Westover Hills	Thursdays	3:00PM

Family Storytime		Ages birth-5 years
East End	12/10, 1/14, 2/11	4:00PM
Hull Street	12/12, 1/9, 2/13	10:30AM
Main	Sundays	3:30PM
North Avenue	Thursdays	1:00PM
	Saturdays*	11:00AM
	*except 12/26 & 1/2	
Westover Hills		
12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20		10:30AM



Storytime @ SCRAP Creative Reuse

🖍️ Enjoy a storytime followed by a craft led by SCRAP in their special crafting room located at 322 W. Brookland Park Blvd. After the program, SCRAP will be open and available for kid-friendly browsing and shopping. Ages 1-5.

SCRAP RVA **12/7, 1/4, 2/1** **10:00AM**

Preschool Storytime: Noon Year's Eve

Celebrate New Year's Eve at Preschool Storytime. Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and activities, then join us for a special countdown to noon to ring in the New Year. Ages 3-5.

East End **12/31** **11:00AM**

Space Yoga: A Storytime Adventure

🖍️ Blast off for a cosmic storytime and yoga adventure. Through stories, movement, and imaginative play, little astronauts will stretch, breathe, and explore the wonders of space. Ages 4-10.

East End **1/23** **11:00AM**

Toddler Rave

Get ready to move and groove! Enjoy an interactive story, music, bubbles, and colorful light play. Ages 17 months-3 years.

East End **2/20** **10:00AM**

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the arts

Winter Art Exhibits
Make the Main Library a stop on your culture crawl! Join us for an opening reception featuring artwork by local artists Zoe Brzezinski, Marty McMahon, and David Bowen.
Main **12/4** **6:30-8:30PM**

Winter Concert Series
Experience Richmond's unique independent spirit at your library with free live music from local legends.
Main **2:00PM**
- **12/5 ..... Cold Toast (improvised kosmische musik)**
- **1/23 ..... Francesca Hurst (classical & contemporary piano)**
- **2/20 ..... Phil Murphy & Laura Ann Singh (singer-songwriters)**

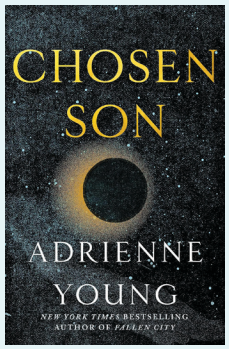
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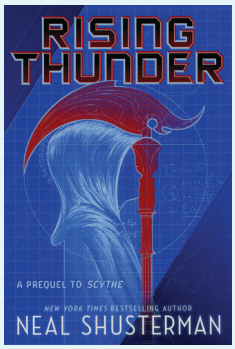
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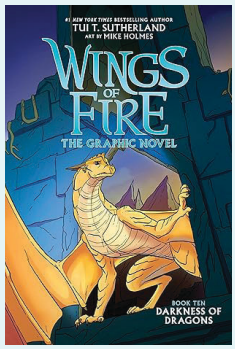
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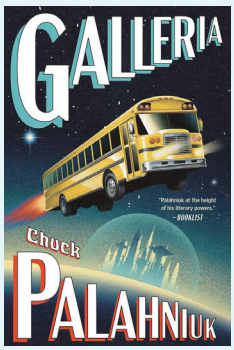


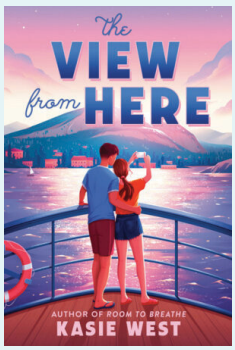
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Chuck Palahniuk

The View from Here
Kasie West

Violet and the Frost King
Virginia Hamilton





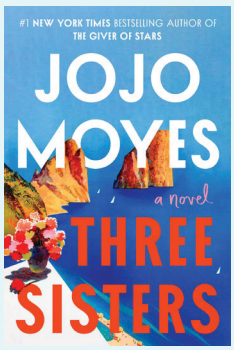


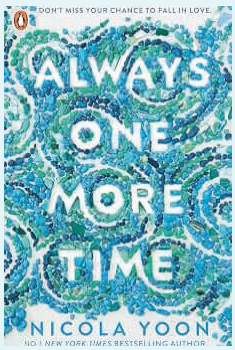
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Three Sisters
Jojo Moyes

Always One More Time
Nicola Yoon

Agents of S.U.I.T.: Tomb and Gloom
John Patrick Green







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December 9, 2026 — All libraries closed

Winter Holiday 2026
December 24-25, 2026 — All libraries closed

New Year's 2027
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Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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Main	**1/27**	**11:45AM**
Broad Rock	**2/24**	**11:45AM**

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Sunday 1PM-5PM
Monday - Thursday 9AM-8PM
Friday 9AM-6PM
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1200 N 25th St., Richmond, VA 23223
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Saturday 9AM-5PM

Ginter Park 804-646-1236
1200 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227
Sunday 1PM-5PM
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5420 Patterson Ave., Richmond, VA 23226
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