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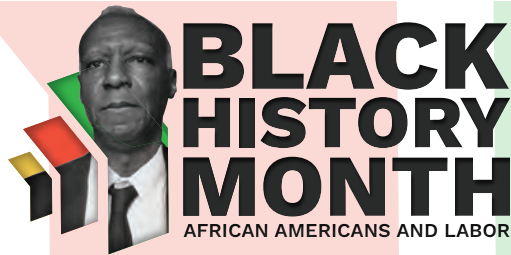


BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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your library card**

**Digitize at
the Memory Lab**

2025



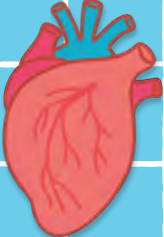
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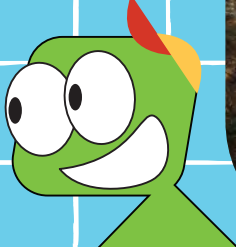
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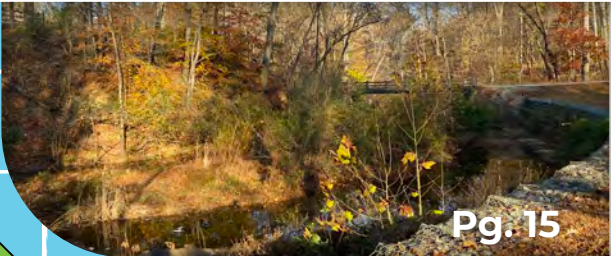
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Welcome to Richmond Public Library's **MEMORY LAB**

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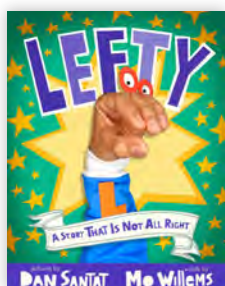
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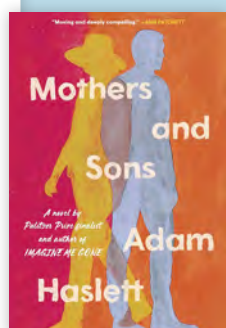
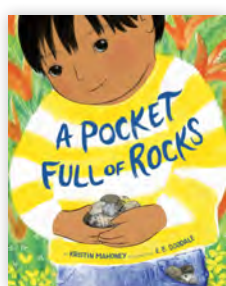
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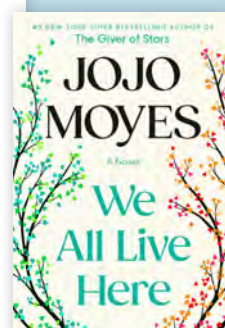
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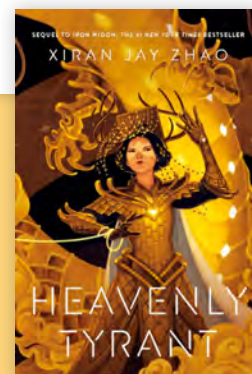
February



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Heavenly Tyrant by Xiran Jay Zhao

Heavenly Tyrant is the highly anticipated sequel to Zhao's *Iron Widow*. I love Zhao's work for her detailed world-building and set of diverse characters. The first book in the series had me on the edge of my seat the entire time I was reading it. It was full of action and the inclusion of Chinese mythology was so intriguing. I know the sequel will be just as exciting! This book is scheduled for release on December 24.



Kids & Family

Board Sunday!

Take a break from screens and have fun with a board game! Bring friends and family to choose a game or puzzle and play.

West End **Sundays** **1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Homework Help & Reading Together

Help with homework and reading!

Broad Rock

Monday-Thursday **3:30 PM-5:30 PM**

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 are welcome, children should be accompanied by an adult.

North Avenue **Wednesdays** **4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Play Connections

Join Richmond City Early Intervention for an enriching playgroup experience tailored for families with children ages 0-5 years old. Discover a welcoming environment where little ones can explore, learn, and make new friends along with their parents.

Main **12/2, 12/16** **10:00 AM**

Make It! Monday

Bi-weekly arts and crafts program, themed or freestyle.

Ginter Park

12/2, 12/16, 12/30, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24 **4:30 PM**

Family Bingo!

Calling all families — stop by for a few rounds of Bingo!

Main **12/4, 2/5** **4:00 PM**

Craft Corner

Bring your baby, toddler, or school-aged kiddo for a colorful, crafty, and creative afternoon.

Main **4:00 PM**

12/5	Sparkly Snow Painting
12/19	Homemade Snow Globes
1/2	Snowman Pom-Pom Launchers
1/16	Marshmallow & Sugar Cube Igloos
1/30	Chinese New Year Lanterns
2/13	Valentine Shaving Cream Art
2/27	Cotton Pad Traffic Lights

Stuffie Sleepover!

Bring your favorite stuffed friend to enjoy storytime, then tuck them into bed for their special sleepover at the library. Come back anytime after 4:00 PM on Tuesday 12/10 to pick them up and see what they've been up to. Each child will receive photos of their stuffie's library adventures!

Main **12/8** **3:00 PM**

Hot Cocoa To Go!

Come and listen to a warm and cozy story. Then, create your own hot chocolate cup! Best for grades 1 and up.


Main **12/9** **4:30 PM**

Ornament Crafting

Does your holiday tree have enough ornaments? Absolutely not! Use our templates and supplies to make an ornament to take "center branch" at home!

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

Elementary Art Club

 Dress for mess and join us as we explore different art materials and create artwork to take home. For children kindergarten through 5th grade.


Westover Hills **4:00 PM**

12/11 **Paint Swirl Ornaments**

1/8 **Sharpie Paintings**

2/12 **Making Valentines Cards with DIY stamps**

Ceramic Ornament Painting

 There's always room for one more ornament, so come by this afternoon and paint your own! We'll be using acrylic paints to bring a nutcracker, snowman, or candy cane to life. Ages 6-12.

Belmont **12/12** **4:00 PM**

Paper Wreath Making

Do you have a wreath for your door? Come learn to make this classic winter decoration you can hang just about anywhere with everyday materials! Best for ages 6 and up.

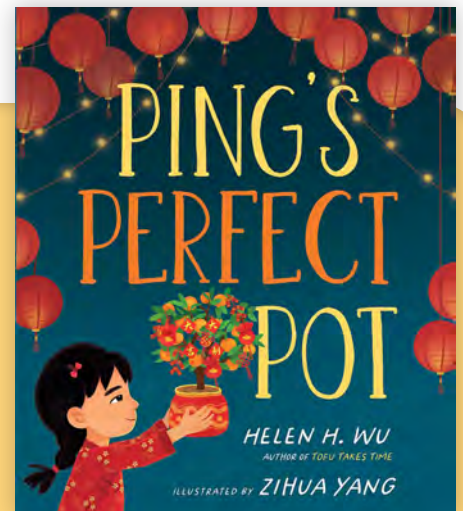
Ginter Park **12/12** **4:00 PM**



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Youth Services

Ping's Perfect Pot by Helen H. Wu

This beautifully illustrated story follows Ping as she attempts to find the perfect pot for her and Grandpa's new tangerine tree. Along the way, Ping creates pots from all sorts of materials — but none of them feel quite right. Grandpa encourages Ping to keep going and teaches her techniques to practice mindfulness during challenges. Eventually Ping learns to find beauty in flaws and embraces her creative process in this charming holiday tale of encouragement and perseverance. Just in time to celebrate Lunar New Year, *Ping's Perfect Pot* is set to be published in early January 2025.



Tunes & Toons

Get the wiggles out with songs and activities, then sit for a special cartoon show. Snacks provided. Best for ages 2-5.

Main		10:00 AM
12/13	<i>Llama Llama</i>	
1/10	<i>Daniel Tiger</i>	
2/14	<i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i>	

Holiday Party

Join us for a party celebrating the winter holidays! Enjoy food, games, and crafts!

Ginter Park	12/14	1:00 PM
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Family Flicks

Join us for a family-friendly flick. Snacks provided!


North Avenue		2:00 PM
12/14	<i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i>	
1/11	<i>Disney's Aladdin</i>	
2/8	<i>Disney's Alice in Wonderland</i>	

Holiday Suncatchers for Toddlers & PreK

Stop by our meeting room to practice some fine-motor skills while making a simple holiday suncatcher using contact paper and torn pieces of tissue paper. We will have Christmas tree and Star of David designs available as well as supplies to make any other design of your choice. Best for toddlers and preschoolers, ages 18 months-4 years old.

Belmont	12/20	10:30 AM
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Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

 All supplies will be provided to create your own edible, holiday masterpiece.

Westover Hills	12/21	11:00 AM
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Reindeer Scavenger Hunt

All nine of Santa's reindeer have gotten loose in the children's section! Can you find them? Turn them in for a reward!

Ginter Park	12/23	All day 4:30 PM
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Floating Chalk Art

Make a colorful work of art using only paper, water, and chalk dust.

Ginter Park	1/6	12:00 PM
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Galaxy Jars

Come in and learn a little bit about our galaxy and create a mini version to take home. Best for school-aged children.

Main	1/13
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Stuffed Animal Tea Party

It's tea time in the library! Come to our little get together with a favorite stuffed buddy, or adopt one from here. While supplies last.

Ginter Park	1/14	12:00 PM
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Sewing 101 for Kids

Learn the basics of hand sewing with needle and thread and take home a pillow made with your newfound skills. Ages 7+.

Broad Rock	1/16	4:30 PM
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Sparkling Snow Paintings

Join us for this "cool" craft where you'll create your own sparkling, 3D masterpiece using "magic snow crystals" and paint! Best suited for ages 6 - 12 years old.


East End	1/16	4:30 PM
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Pillowcase Sewing

Learn to sew a simple pillowcase by hand. No glue, zippers, or machinery required!

Ginter Park	1/21	4:00 PM
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Kids D&D Club

 Are you or your child interested in learning how to play Dungeons & Dragons but not sure where to begin? Join us for a fun, free, and new-player friendly D&D gaming session. Learn all the basics and create your very own character!

Ginter Park	1/22, 2/19	4:00 PM
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Baby Artsplay™

Greater Richmond Wolf Trap offers children ages 3 months to 36 months, along with their parents and caregivers, the opportunity to take part in a Baby Artsplay!™ residency program in their community for free. Taught by Greater Richmond Wolf Trap teaching artists, Baby Artsplay!™ Family-Based Program provides children and their parents/caregivers with classes that enhance learning and development through music, movement, and drama.

 Belmont	1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24	10:30 AM
Main	12/20, 1/17, 2/21	10:30 AM
 Westover Hills	2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28	10:30 AM



We provide the
LEGOs, you provide
the imagination!

Belmont

All day 12/9, 1/13

Broad Rock

4:30 PM 12/12, 1/9, 2/13

East End

4:00 PM 12/13, 1/10,

Ginter Park

All Day
12/7, 12/21, 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15

Hull Street

11:00 AM
12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

North Avenue

11:00 AM-4:00 PM Saturdays

West End

4:00 PM 12/19, 1/16, 2/20

Westover Hills

1:00 PM 12/21

Ice Skating Penguins for Toddlers & PreK

Join us as we embrace the cold weather and take cute penguins on an indoor ice-skating adventure. Our penguins – standing on colorful cubes of ice – will skate across the tables and around obstacles. Best for toddlers and preschoolers, ages 2-5.

Belmont 1/31 10:30 AM

DIY Ballerina Tutus

Come in and hear a story about some famous ballerinas and learn about World Ballet Day. Best for toddlers and preschoolers.

Main 2/6 4:30 PM

Virginia Opossums: The Marvelous Marsupial

Learn all about the natural history of the Virginia Opossum and their superpowers! Get to meet with opossum ambassadors under the direction of Awesome 'Possumz as they teach all about the often misunderstood and maligned marsupial.

 **Westover Hills** 2/8 10:15 AM

Valentine's Day Cards

Come make a Valentine's Day Card for someone special!

Ginter Park 2/11 All day

LoveBug Scavenger Hunt

Have you caught the lovebug? Well, we have several loose in the library. Come find them and turn them in for a sweet treat!

Ginter Park 2/14 All day

Valentine Cookie Decorating for Toddlers & PreK

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with us by helping your little one decorate their very own treat! Together we'll make edible paints using marshmallows then use our new paint to decorate a cookie. Come prepared to leave a little sticky (and full of sugar). For toddlers and preschoolers, ages 2-5.

Belmont 2/14 10:30 AM



These fun and interactive 30-min sessions feature stories, songs, music, and movement. Storytimes take place on a weekly basis, with the exception of holiday closures and other specified dates.

Unless otherwise noted, storytimes are offered on a drop-in basis and registration is not required. Some storytimes have limited capacity, so be sure to arrive early to snag your spot!

Book Babies

Belmont	Thursdays	10:30 AM
Broad Rock	Wednesdays	10:00 AM
	*Bilingual 1st Wednesdays	
East End	Mondays	10:00 AM
Main	Tuesdays	10:30 AM
North Avenue	Tuesdays	10:30 AM
West End	Wednesdays	11:00 AM
Westover Hills	Tuesdays	10:30 & 11:30 AM

Toddler Time

Belmont	Wednesdays	10:30 AM
East End	Mondays	11:00 AM
Main	Tuesdays	11:15 AM
North Avenue	Thursdays	10:30 AM
West End	Tuesdays	10:00 & 11:00 AM
Westover Hills	Thursdays	10:30 & 11:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Belmont	Tuesdays	10:30 AM
Broad Rock	Wednesdays	10:30 AM
	*Bilingual 1st Wednesdays	
Ginter Park	Tuesdays	10:30 AM
Hull Street	Wednesdays	10:30 AM
Main	Thursdays	10:30 AM
	*except 12/26	
West End	Thursdays	10:00 AM

Family Storytime

East End	Wednesdays	10:00 AM
	1/4	11:00 AM
Ginter Park	Thursdays	11:00 AM
North Avenue	12/14, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22	11:00 AM
Main	Sundays	3:30 PM
	Wednesdays	7:00 PM
West End	12/14, 1/11, 2/8	10:00 AM
	12/29, 1/26, 2/23	2:00 PM
Westover Hills	12/7, 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15	10:30 AM

Special Storytimes

Pajama Storytime

Westover Hills 12/30, 1/27, 2/24 7:00 PM

Toddler Noon Year's Eve Party

Main 12/31 11:15 AM

T-Rex Tea Party Storytime

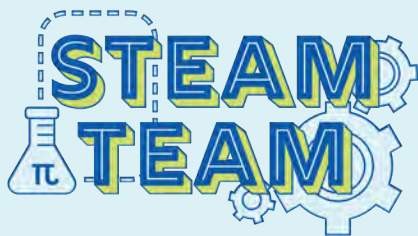
Main 1/12 3:00 PM

Preschool Storytime & Art

Westover Hills 1/15, 2/19 3:00 PM

Musical Imagination Adventure with local author

Christina Shawn
Main 2/2 3:00 PM



Exploding Snowmen

Learn about chemical reactions in this frosty experiment.

East End 12/3 4:30 PM

Binary Bracelets

Learn about how binary code is used when computers read, relay, and store information. Then, make a bracelet in binary code!

Ginter Park 12/5 4:30 PM

Simple Symmetry Christmas Trees

Come and create some fun Christmas tree decorations for your home while reinforcing math concepts and math vocabulary!

North Avenue 12/11 2:00 PM

Reindeer Balloon Race

Use the thrust of a balloon letting out its air to send your reindeer toward the finish line! Can you make the fastest reindeer?


Ginter Park 12/17 12:00 PM

Pom Pom Drop

Create a track from everyday items for a pom pom to race through! See which factors affect how the pom poms drop, and adjust your track accordingly.


Broad Rock 12/19 4:30 PM

Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses

 Come design and build your own house out of graham crackers. Will you go high? Wide? See how much candy you can support? The choice is yours!

Ginter Park 12/21 3:00 PM

Let It Snow

 Let it snow, let it snow! Whatever the weather outside, we'll be celebrating the fluffy white stuff with a fun, snow-themed STEAM Team.

West End 12/31 4:00 PM

No Bake Cookies

 Come make tasty cookies, no heat source required!

Ginter Park 1/3 4:00 PM

Grow a Snowflake

Grow your own salt-based snowflake in a jar while learning about the science behind snowflake formation.

East End 1/7 4:30 PM

Crystal Snowflakes

Create some fun winter-themed crystal snowflakes out of common household items. Add some sparkling fun to your room in fun colors!

North Avenue 1/16 2:00 PM

Marshmallow and Toothpick Architecture

Build structures using only mini-marshmallows and toothpicks. How high and how complex can you make your architectural marvel?

Ginter Park 1/16 4:00 PM

Ice Experiments

Fish for ice to learn more about how salt affects melting. We will also learn about how blubber keeps animals warm in cold water.

Belmont 1/23 4:30 PM

Shoebox Cities

Do you have what it takes to be an urban planner? Use recycled materials to design and build a city with all the amenities you want and need for an effective metropolis!

Broad Rock 1/23 4:30 PM

Static Snake

Bring in the Year of the Snake with science. Make a snake out of tissue paper, and using the power of static electricity, make it dance!

Ginter Park 1/29 12:00 PM

Kaleidoscope Making

Kaleidoscopes use mirrors and lights to create new patterns every time you look inside one. Come make one of your own!

Ginter Park 2/1 3:00 PM

Fake Snow

Come make "snow" with baking soda and shaving cream! Wear clothes you don't mind getting messy!

Ginter Park 2/5 12:00 PM

Fingerprint Valentine Poems

It's Valentine's Day and love is in the air! Come create a fun craft with paint and your fingerprints for someone special in your life.

North Avenue 2/5 2:00 PM

Invisible Ink

Learn how to write secret messages that can only be revealed by applying heat! We'll make our own invisible ink and try it out.

Ginter Park 2/15 3:00 PM

Tabletop Coding

Learn how coding works with familiar low-tech objects. We will play a fun game to see how code makes instructions and how coders use those instructions to create specific programs.

Broad Rock 2/20 4:30 PM

Marble Mazes

Come combine science, technology, engineering and art to design and create our mazes.

West End 2/25 4:00 PM

Snakeskin Exploration

The Lunar New Year was on January 29th, and we are now in the Year of the Snake! Learn more about why snakes shed their skin and make your own using white glue and rubber snakes.

Belmont 2/27 4:00 PM

Tweens & Teens

It's a Vibe

It's a Vibe is a relaxing hangout where you can color, sketch, do puzzles/board games, or bring your own knitting/crochet projects to work on while listening to music or hanging with friends.

Main **Sundays** **1:00-3:00 PM**

Teen Open Study

Come to do homework, stay for the snacks! Open study is a place to do homework, get research assistance, and study for tests.

North Avenue **Mondays** **4:00-6:00 PM**

Level Up!

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

East End **Mondays** **4:30 PM**

Except 1/6

Main **2nd & 4th Fridays** **4:30 PM**

Teen Open Play

Game time! Join us every week to play card games, board games, or bring your own gaming system.


North Avenue **Thursdays** **4:00-6:00 PM**

Teen Chill Corner

Need help winding down after a stressful week? Try out some coloring, painting, puzzling, or embroidery as we listen to lofi beats. You'll be feeling chill in no time!

East End **Saturdays** **3:30 PM**

Introduction to Sewing Machine Class for Teens

 Open to teens who are beginners looking to develop their sewing skills for personal use or as a marketable skill. This is a one-time, three hour course.

Main

12/1 **1:30-4:30 PM**

12/7 **10:45 AM-1:45 PM**

2/1 **10:45 AM-1:45 PM**

2/4 **5:00-8:00 PM**

Tween Book Club

Come hang out, discuss the middle grade book picked the previous month, and eat snacks! We will also be choosing a book for discussion at our next meeting. First Monday of every month! Newcomers welcome! Ages 9-13/Grades 4-8

Ginter Park **12/2, 1/6, 2/3** **4:30 PM**

Boldly Empowering Tomorrow (BET)

BET is a YA social justice and empowerment club, which provides teens a space to address social challenges and advocate for positive changes in their lives and communities.

Main **12/2, 1/6, 2/3** **4:30 PM**

Aspire to Excel - College Preparation with GRASP

Aspire to Excel (ATE) is a college preparation workshop series for high school students. Each month focuses on a different theme to help prepare Richmond teens to better navigate the processes of college preparation, application, and beyond.

Main **4:30 PM**

12/3

College Financial Aid 101

1/7

Admissions in a Test Optional World

2/4

CSS Profile Deep Dive

Warhammer Club

Over several sessions, we'll introduce you to the worlds of Warhammer, teach you the art of building and painting miniatures, and the lore and gameplay of both Age of Sigmar and Warhammer 40k. The first twelve members to join will get free miniatures to build, paint, and use in the game!

Ginter Park **12/4, 12/15, 1/15, 1/29, 2/11, 2/26** **4:30 PM**

WYA? The Wednesday YA Club!

WYA? The Wednesday YA Club! is a YA read your own book club where teens read books of their choosing with a common theme, which is decided by teen vote. Teens lead the book discussion and have the option of working on a themed craft while they discuss and enjoy snacks.

Main **12/4, 1/8, 2/5** **4:30 PM**



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A Cruel Thirst by Angela Montoya

Move aside *Twilight*, there's a new vampiric romantasy in town! Carolina is eager to protect her family from the threat of vampires, having secretly been in training with her Abuelo as a huntress. She's fiery, whip-smart, and determined to show that she's more than pretty. Poor, naïve Lalo gets bitten and turned into a vampire while trying to exact revenge for his parent's deaths. He is dead set (pun intended) on finding a way to end the curse of vampirism, his own life included, to protect his sister. Will Lalo survive crossing paths with Carolina? Will Carolina get to show she is capable of defending her family? Will vampires descend on them all before they can reach their goals? This book will keep you on the edge of your seat following the twists and turns of the narrative. Look for it in mid-December!



Teen Art Club

Let your creativity soar in a chill, non-judgmental space for all teen art enthusiasts of any skill level. Join us for our monthly craft or use the time to expand your sketchbook! Snacks provided.

Broad Rock 12/5, 1/2, 2/6 4:30 PM

Cosplay Club

Welcome to Cosplay Club! On the first Thursday of every month, we will meet to learn a new cosplay skill.

Belmont 4:45 PM

12/5 Hot Glue Gems
2/6 Unusual Materials

Get Crafty Together

Novice and experienced crafters alike, get ready to create something special as we all get crafty together!

East End 4:30 PM
1/29 Origami Photo Frames

Ginter Park 4:30 PM

12/16 Needle Felted Ornaments
1/27 Mending and Embellishing Clothes
2/13 Valentine's Day Earrings and Keychains

Main 4:30 PM

12/6 DIY Winter Animal Plushies
1/3 Paint and Sip Hot Chocolate
2/7 Identity and Belonging - Free Art

Mindfulness Jars

✏️ Come for a relaxing afternoon activity while you make your own mindfulness jar!

Westover Hills 12/7 3:00 PM

Anime Club

Do you love anime and manga? Join us for Anime Club, where we'll be watching anime, chatting about our favorite series, and munching on popular Japanese snacks (Pocky, anyone?).

East End 12/11, 1/8, 2/12 4:30 PM

Rainbow Readers: a Queer YA Book Club

Join us to eat snacks and discuss a queer book chosen at last month's meeting! Information about the book choice will be updated online. New members are always welcome!

Ginter Park 12/11, 1/8, 2/12 4:30 PM

Hour of Code

Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, using fun tutorials to show that anyone can learn the basics. Participants will use gamification to gain computer science skills.

East End 12/12 4:30 PM

Teen Advisory Board

Want to learn leadership skills while giving back to your community? The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a



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forum for teen voice and choice where middle and high school students who are dedicated to serving the Richmond community have the opportunity to develop YA programs, events, displays, and promotions alongside librarians.

Main 12/12, 1/9, 2/13 5:00 PM

Presentation Party

✏️ Have a passion? Want to infodump about it? Come to the presentation party and teach us about it! Each participant will use presentation software to "share with the class" about their favorite character in media, a book they love, or any passion they want to share with others!

North Avenue 12/17 4:00 PM

"Snow" Ball Number Challenge

Join us for a frosty, fun-filled event where math meets "snow"ball fight! Kick off the excitement by crafting your own snowballs, each one packed with cool math facts. Then, get ready for a wild snowball battle!

East End 12/17 4:30 PM

Teen Anime Manga Association (TAMA)

Anime & Manga club that meets for anime screenings, anime and manga discussions, and an optional Japanese cultural craft.

Hull Street 12/17, 1/21, 2/18 4:30 PM

Main 12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16, 2/6, 2/20 4:30 PM

Westover Hills 12/31, 1/28, 2/25 4:30 PM

Gift Wrapping Party

Have some gifts to wrap but no supplies? Or maybe you'd like to learn one of those fancy new wrapping tricks you saw on TikTok? Drop in to wrap gifts, listen to holiday tunes, and sip hot cocoa.

East End 12/18 4:30 PM

Richmond Writers Circle

A writing club for young adults interested in creative writing who want to hone their skills in a supportive peer environment.

Main 4:30 PM

12/18 Winter Words
1/15 Science Fiction
2/19 Afrofuturism

Cozy Cookie Decorating

Who doesn't love a cozy night with cookie decorating?

Main 12/20 4:30 PM

Comix Club

Love comic books, graphic novels, and/or manga? Want to try your hand at making your own? Come to Comix Club for fun creative prompts and to discuss your favorite comics!

Broad Rock 12/26, 1/30, 2/27 4:30 PM

D&D Character Creation

Want to jump into the world of D&D but don't know where to start? Have a character in your head that you'd love to get down on paper? Then join us as we create our very own fantasy characters using official D&D tools and rulebooks!

Broad Rock 1/7 4:30 PM

Financial Aid: Paying for College

✏ Virginia Credit Union will present a financial aid workshop helping teens/adults understand the financial aid process and options to pay for college.

Westover Hills 1/18 1:00 PM

Life Skills for Teens

Welcome to life skills for teens! Each month will have a different "adulting" skill teens should know how to do.

North Avenue 4:00 PM

✏ 1/21 First Aid
✏ 2/18 Sewing Basics

Gaming Teen Alliance (GTA)

Get ready for East End's very first video game club, the Gaming Teen Alliance (GTA)! We'll discuss our favorite video games, watch YouTube & Twitch streamers, and play some games of our own (Among Us, anyone?).

East End 1/22, 2/26 4:30 PM

Building Generational Wealth

Learn when and how to increase your net worth as a young adult with the Virginia Credit Union.

Main 1/22 4:30 PM

Buying a Car and Avoiding Scams

Join us and the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for a workshop on buying used cars and how to avoid scams.

Main 1/23 4:30 PM

Teen Knitchet Club

Calling all teen and tween crocheters and knitters! Come hang out with fellow fiber enthusiasts and work on a current project or start a new one. We'll have tea, a limited amount of knit and crochet supplies to borrow, and good company of course! Registration recommended, but not required.

Ginter Park 1/28, 2/25 4:30 PM

Lunar New Year Celebration

Happy Lunar New Year! Celebrate the Lunar New Year by crafting a handheld Lion Dance or Dragon Dance puppet, making a snake hanging charm to celebrate the Year of the Snake, and trying Lunar New Year snacks.

Main 1/29 4:30 PM

White Chocolate Snowman Oreos

✏ Make your own snowman Oreos by dipping them in melted white chocolate and decorating them to look like a snowman!

Main 1/30 4:30 PM

DIY Fudge

Ever wanted to learn how to make your own fudge? Join us for a DIY fudge night where you can learn how to make a variety of fudge flavors.

Main 2/12 4:30 PM

Frankenstein Plushie Workshop

Take some basic plushies and use your cutting and sewing skills to recombine them into whatever our imagination is craving – just in time to gift them to your Valentine (or keep for yourself).

Belmont 2/13 4:30 PM

Sylvia's Sisters: Menstrual Health Workshop

Join us and a Professor of Nursing from Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing as well as some Bon Secours nursing students as they talk about menstrual health, hygiene, and advocacy. Supplies and informational brochures will be provided.

Main 2/26 4:30 PM




Watch ANIME on hoopla

For the most up-to-date information or to register for a program, visit rvalibrary.org
Programs with ✏ require registration.


TEEN STEAM

DNA Extraction

 DNA is all around us! Learn how to extract the DNA from different kinds of fruit, then try the experiment at home.

North Avenue	12/3	4:00 PM
West End	12/20	4:00 PM

Screen Printed Tote Bags

 We'll walk you through the process of creating your own design and learn about screen printing. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring an extra item (like a shirt or patch) if you'd like to print your design several times!


Belmont	12/4	4:30 PM
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Snowstorm in a Jar

Learn about chemical reactions by creating your very own snowstorm in a jar!

East End	12/4	4:30 PM
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Code a Game with Scratch

 Join us to learn how to code a basic game with Scratch, a block coding tool. We'll teach you the basics and then you can personalize your game!


Ginter Park	12/9	4:30 PM
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DIY Candles

Learn the science behind candle making as you make and scent your own candle to take home.

Main	12/30	4:30 PM
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DIY Lava Lamps

 Let's go back to the 90's and make lava lamps! Learn about the density of different liquids, and have rad decor for your room.

North Avenue	1/7	4:00 PM
West End	1/17	4:00 PM

Hydroponic Houseplants

Hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil that can be easily replicated at home. Learn how to make a hydroponics set up using just a soda bottle!

Belmont	1/15	4:30 PM
Ginter Park	1/23	4:30 PM



Snowflake Salt Painting

Learn all about how snowflakes are formed -- then paint your very own salt snowflake using watercolors!


East End	1/15	4:30 PM
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Cosmetic Chemistry - DIY Fizzing Bath Bombs

Attend our Cosmetic Chemistry lesson and learn how to make a bath bomb with fizz!

Main	1/27	4:30 PM
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Paint by Numbers

 Let your inner artist shine! Participants will be reimagining classic works of art, adding their own unique twist.

North Avenue	2/4	4:00 PM
West End	2/14	4:00 PM



Catapult/Trebuchet Competition

Using popsicle sticks, rubber bands, and other craft supplies, compete to see who can build the most powerful catapult or trebuchet and win a prize!

Ginter Park	2/18	4:30 PM
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Sun Prints (Cyanotypes)

This method of "photography" uses UV-sensitive salts and the light of the sun to create beautiful images. We'll have all the supplies needed, but feel free to bring small (preferably flat) items such as leaves, keys, and other knick-knacks to use in your images!

Belmont	2/19	4:30 PM
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Snowflake Oobleck

Learn about non-Newtonian fluids with this fun and easy oobleck recipe!

East End	2/19	4:30 PM
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Digital Pixel Art

Learn how to use technology to design your own digital pixel art!

Main	2/24	4:30 PM
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2025



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR

The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans, and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, which was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federation of Labor.

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Annual Black History Month Social

Join the Broad Rock Advisory Group to celebrate the Black experience, past, present, and future!

Broad Rock
2/22 12:00 - 2:00 PM

10th Annual Black History Month Virginia Author Celebration

Visit Hull Street Branch for a book fair featuring Black-owned bookstores as well as publishers and authors of color. We'll also have speakers, presentations, panel discussions, giveaways, and prizes!

Hull Street
2/25 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Black History Month Bingo!

Stop by and choose a Bingo card any time during the month of February. Read a book by a Black author or illustrator. Visit a Richmond site that celebrates African-American achievements. Watch a film that focuses on Black history. The possibilities are many! Once you hit Bingo! you may stop by the West End Branch for a prize. (All ages)

West End

All month long

Black History Month-Adinkra Block Stamping

🖌️ Learn the history behind Africa's Adinkra symbols. Participants will make their own Adinkra stamps and use them to decorate their own handbags. (Teens)

Westover Hills 2/1

1:00 PM

Black History Month Crossword Puzzle

Complete a Black History crossword puzzle to win a prize. (Teens)

Hull Street 2/4

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Civil Rights Protest Signs

Learn about the Civil Rights Movement and recreate some of the popular slogans used on picket signs during historical protests and boycotts. (Tweens & Teens)

East End 2/5

4:30 PM

Family Storytime

Join us for a fun-filled, interactive family storytime that celebrates Black artists and their unique styles. (Ages 0-5)

Main

7:00 PM

2/5 Black History Month
2/12 Getting Groovy with Jazz
2/19 Love Your Hair
2/26 Black Artists

African American Inventors

Come join us every Thursday for the month of February as we celebrate different African American inventors through story and art. (Kids & Family)

Hull Street **11:00 AM**

2/6 Garret Morgan
2/13 Madame C. J. Walker
2/20 Sarah Boone
2/27 Elijah McCoy

Poetry Slam/Open Mic

Poetry and music have been powerful forces of change in Black American history, from gospel music to the Harlem Renaissance. Come read your favorite poem or song for Black History Month, or share an original piece you've written! Snacks and inspirational poetry books will be provided.

(Ages 11 - 24)

Ginter Park **2/6** **5:00 PM**

Teen Bingo

All teens are welcome to come to Hull Street Branch for a game of Black History Bingo. (Tweens & Teens)

Hull Street **2/11** **5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Paper Quilts

An afternoon of snacks and lively conversation about how quilting became a powerful way for African Americans to share stories and preserve history through bold and beautiful designs. (All Ages)

East End **2/18** **4:30 PM**

Exploring the Harlem Renaissance

Learn about the Harlem Renaissance and the contributions of Black musicians from that time period while making a creative collage. (Grades 3-5)

Main **2/18** **4:30 PM**

VCU Health & Humanities Presents: East Marshall Street Well Project

The East Marshall Street Well Project is a community-led process to ensure the appropriate study, memorialization, and burial of over 50 human remains uncovered on VCU's campus in 1994. Join the VCU Health Humanities Lab in reflecting on this history, the role of racism in medicine, and the future of the well. (Teens & Adults)

Westover Hills **2/22** **2:00 PM**

Coded Language and the Underground Railroad

When the Underground Railroad was in operation, those escaping slavery and those assisting them couldn't speak plainly about what they were doing. To pass messages along safely (relatively speaking), they would use coded language. Come learn some of the words and phrases they used, and what they meant. (Tweens & Teens)

Ginter Park **2/25** **3:00 PM**

Book Swap

Swap books by and about African Americans and People of Color. Featuring books for all ages. Bring one, take one. (All ages)

Hull Street **2/27** **4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**



Spike Lee on June 29th, 2024, Tessa Bury.

Weekend Film Fest: A Spike Lee Joint

Celebrate Black History Month with films by talented, prolific director and producer, Spike Lee.

West End **2/15 & 2/16**

Saturday, February 15

10am - School Daze (1988) Rated R

Spike Lee (who also stars as Half-Pint) injects musical numbers into this tale of discord at an all-black college.

12:15pm - Do the Right Thing (1989) Rated R

Racial tensions grow in a Brooklyn neighborhood on the hottest day of the summer while everyone tries to cope with the heat. Spike Lee received an Oscar nomination for his screenplay.

2:30pm - Get on the Bus (1996) Rated R

A disparate group of African-American men travel by bus to Washington, DC for the Million Man March.


Sunday, February 16

1pm - Crooklyn (1994) Rated PG-13

Spike Lee's vibrant semi-autobiographical portrait of a school teacher, her stubborn jazz musician husband and their five kids living in Brooklyn in 1973.

3pm - Inside Man (2006) Rated R

A police detective, a bank robber, and a high-power broker enter high-stakes negotiations after the criminal's brilliant heist spirals into a hostage situation.



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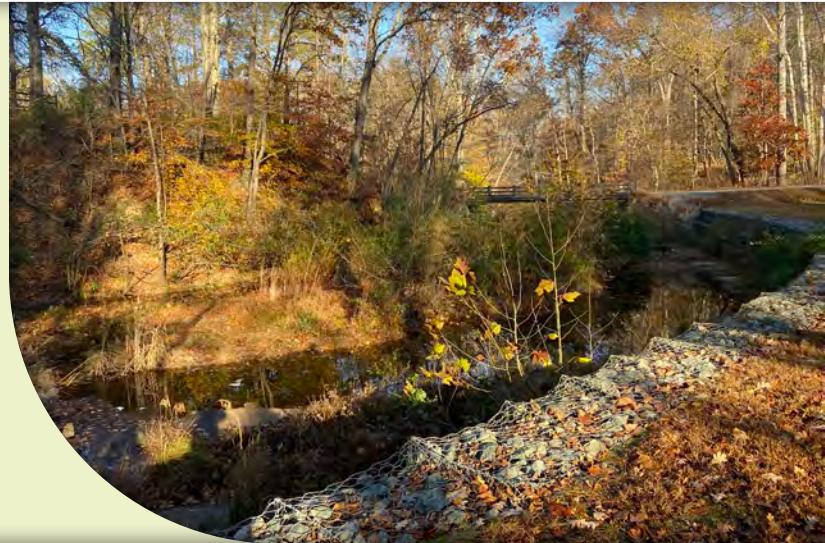
Not Just Books!

What else can you check out with a library card?

I love Virginia State Parks: Survival Skills Backpack

Each Pack contains:

- Free parking pass/entrance to all Virginia State Parks
- Live and learn outdoor skills card set
- Leave no trace reference cards
- Maps, compass, tarp, paracord, Port-a-bug container, dip net, and binoculars
- Journal and pen set
- And, various guides including weather, plants, and field guides



Science Museum Pass

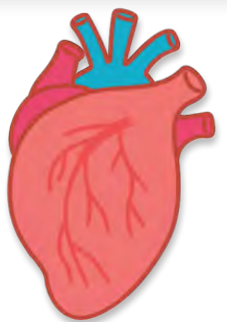
Show this pass at Guest Services and enjoy free general admission to the Science Museum of Virginia*. Through exhibitions, artifacts, interactive technologies, programs, dynamic films, live animals, and lab demos, the Science Museum has something for curious-minded guests of all ages!

*Pass includes admittance for two adults and four youth in the same household for up to twice per year, and may be checked out for up to two weeks. It is not valid for The Dome, special events, or discounts in the gift shop or café.



Check It Out: Your Blood Pressure at the Library

These Richmond Public Library locations are now offering Blood Pressure Screening Kits for checkout.



Westover Hills Hull Street

Main

Ginter Park

East End

North Avenue



Visit rvalibrary.info/bpscreening for details or ask at your local branch.

Adults

Virtual Bowling for Senior Adults

No special shoes or heavy ball to roll, so it's disability-friendly. Play seated or standing, only lifting up to one pound.

West End **Mondays (except 12/23) 2:00-4:00 PM**

Page Turners

A reading group for older teens and adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Main **Tuesdays** **10:30 AM**

GED Classes

Register through the Career and Technical Education - Adult Education at 804-780-8311 or email adulthood@rvaschools.net. In-person registration will be offered at the Hull Street Branch on 1/14, 1/16, 2/21, 1/23, 1/28, & 1/29 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Hull Street

Tuesdays & Thursdays starting in February
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

1-on-1 Tech Wednesdays

Struggling to learn a skill on your smart device or computer? Learn one-on-one with library staff who will work with you to accomplish your digital literacy goals. Half-hour appointments are available, so please call 804-646-4474 to schedule one today!

East End

Wednesdays starting in January **11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Office of Community Wealth Building Barrier Navigator Office Hours

Talk to a Barrier Navigator about the Office of Workforce Development's programs.

Broad Rock

2nd & 4th Wednesdays **2:00 PM-4:30 PM**

East End

1st & 4th Wednesdays **2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

Hull Street

3rd Wednesdays **3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Introduction to Sewing Machine Class

Open to adults/older teens who are beginners looking to develop their sewing skills for personal use or as a marketable skill. This is a one-time, three hour course.

Main

12/1	1:30-4:30 PM (Holiday Edition)
12/7	10:45 AM-1:45 PM (Holiday Edition)
1/4	10:45 AM-1:45 PM
1/5	1:30-4:30 PM

Tech Talk

Come receive one-on-one computer support and help with your computer knowledge and skills. Call North Avenue (804-646-6675) to schedule a half-hour appointment. No repairs or specific device setup.

North Avenue **12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23** **2:00-4:00 PM**

Nerdy Wordy Adult Spelling Bee

Back by popular demand! Think you're the best speller in Richmond? Want to have fun and meet other dictionary devotees? Then come on down and 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 **12/2, 1/6, 2/3** **6:30 PM**

The Crafting Hour

Get your craft on at Westover Hills! Participants will be led through a single craft project that they can take home.

Westover Hills **6:30 PM**

12/2	It's a Wonderful Wreath!
1/6	Clean Slate Scraper Painting
2/3	You're Sew Sweet

Computer Drills For Sharper Skills

Join us as we hone our basic computer skills with repetitive drills, where precision meets practice! Attend one or all of our series to reinforce these key skills through repetition.

Ginter Park **2:00 PM**

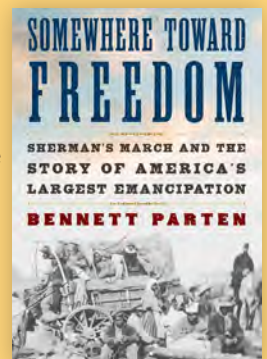
Mousing	12/3, 12/5, 1/7, 1/9, 2/4, 2/6
Keyboard Shortcuts	12/10, 12/12, 1/21, 1/23, 2/18, 2/20
Typing	12/17, 12/19, 1/30, 1/31, 2/27, 2/28



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Library Technician

Somewhere Toward Freedom: Sherman's March and the Story of America's Largest Emancipation by Bennett Parten

The most misunderstood section of American history begins with one of its most misunderstood military actions: Sherman's burning of Atlanta and other confederate strongholds. The March to the Sea has been a long fascination for me because of its dual qualities. One on hand, there's no way around the massive amount of destruction the American army wrought to justly end the war. Then there's what's less discussed. Sherman's Special Field Orders No. 15 declared that around 400,000 acres of plantation land were designed to be put aside in 40 acre plots for previously enslaved families to work and live on. *Bennett Parten's Somewhere Toward Freedom: Sherman's March and the Story of the America's Largest Emancipation* should bring this fascinating story to more attention, and allow us to think critically about the Civil War as being about something more. Scheduled for publication in January."



Shalom Farms Mobile Market ~ Mercado Móvil de Shalom Farms

Shalom Farms will be selling their affordable fresh, local fruits and vegetables!

¡Shalom Farms vendrá sus frutas y vegetales baratos, frescos, y locales!

Broad Rock **12/5** **11:00 AM-1:00 P**


Pixelated Art with Fuse Beads

Build stunning pixel snowflakes and other designs using fuse beads. They'll look great on a tree, mantle, or refrigerator, and make fantastic last minute gifts and decorations for any occasion!

East End


12/6, 12/13, 12/14, 12/20, 12/21 **12:00 PM**

Buying 101: How Buying a Home Works

 This is a First-Time Homebuyers Workshop. Grants may be available for those who complete the program totaling up to 25k (20k downpayment/5k closing costs). For more information/ to RSVP email: empowermentcenter@rvafinancial.com

Hull Street **12/7** **10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

S.T.I.N.G The Thing: Overcoming Grief with Lynn Lewis

 Lynn Lewis is a certified grief coach and author who supports adults aged 50 and above who are navigating the aftermath of suicide loss. Her mission is to empower her clients to lead meaningful and impactful lives despite the profound loss they have experienced.

Hull Street **12/7** **1:00 PM**

Cozy Board Game Gathering

Bring the fam, bring a friend, or attend solo to play against a neighbor you haven't met yet! Games will be in the meeting room for unstructured play, so drop in whenever you want. Light snacks will be provided.

Belmont **12/7, 1/4, 2/1** **2:30 - 4:30 PM**

Broad Rock Library Advisory Board Meeting

Get involved with your library! Join the Advisory Group. Contact the Broad Rock Branch manager for more details. 804-646-8488


Broad Rock **12/10, 1/14, 2/11** **3:00 PM**

Church Hill Central Civic Association Meeting

Meet your neighbors and discuss important neighborhood issues with the Church Hill Central Civic Association at their monthly meeting.

East End **12/10, 1/14** **6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Richmond Community Sing

 This group singing event turns attendees from solo singers into an emergent choir, as we learn and teach simple, beautiful songs to each other and sing them on the spot! All levels welcome, no singing experience required.


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

Belmont Crafters

Belmont Crafters is an adult arts and crafts program that holds workshops once a month. The workshops range from easy to intermediate and all supplies will be provided.

Belmont

4:00 PM

 **12/11** **Pine Cone Gnomes**
1/8 **What did you miss in 2024?**

This month we will have 3 projects to choose from that we made last year. Tie-Dye Mug, Mushroom Lamps, and Paper Quilling.

 **2/12** **Cloud Lamp**

DIY Clay Fridge Magnets

 Stop through and create your very own fridge magnet using clay!

Main **12/11** **5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Author Talk with Nicole Rich Stevens

Ms. Stevens is the author of *A Mother's Ugly Child: Never Feeling Loved*, a thought-provoking short memoir about the author's childhood and how she came to start her healing journey.

Copies of Steven's book will be available for purchase at the author talk.


Hull Street **12/12** **6:00 PM**

Financial Empowerment

 RVA Financial will teach Financial Empowerment in a series of workshops.

Hull Street **12/13** **12:00 PM**

Crochet Critters with @emotionalsupporthippos

 Join @emotionalsupporthippos in this free workshop and learn how to crochet an emotional support critter! All ages are welcome - previous crochet experience is encouraged.

Ginter Park

12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, 2/14, 2/21 **3:30 PM**

The Keys to Homeownership - Affordable Housing Workshop

Two homebuyer information class sessions in one day that will cover down payment assistance/affordable housing programs and the homebuying process.

Main **12/14**

Session 1: Down Payment Assistance/Affordable Housing Program **9:30 AM-10:30 AM**

 **Session 2: Virginia Housing Homebuyer Education** **10:30 AM-5:00 PM***

*This class is a certified Virginia Housing homebuyer education class and meets the educational requirements for Virginia Housing loans, some other loan products, and most downpayment and closing cost assistance programs. A certificate of completion will be provided. Please register at www.virginiahousing.com/individuals-families/calendar.

Broad Rock Library Mini Fashion Show

Community members strut their stuff and show off unique looks.


Broad Rock 12/14 11:00 AM

Under the Bridges of Paris

Chantal Maréchal, former professor of French at Virginia Commonwealth University, invites you to travel through Parisian history via the architectural backstory of the Seine's bridges.

West End 12/15 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Book Banter: Adult Book Discussion Group

 The only thing better than a good book is a good book discussion!

Westover Hills 6:00 PM

12/16 *Twelfth Knight* by Alexene Farol Follmuth

1/13 *Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

2/10 *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler

Yarn Yippee!

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

Main 12/17, 1/21, 2/18 3:00 PM
12/18, 1/22, 2/19 6:00 PM

Adulthood 101: Fostering Healthy Relationships

Workshop designed to offer tips and advice on navigating the challenges of adulthood.


Broad Rock 12/17 6:00 PM

Blood on the Pages True Crime Book Club

Join us on the third Thursday of each month to discuss this month's true crime book!

East End 12/19, 1/16, 2/20 6:00 PM

Community Action Book Club

 Read and discuss books on topics that matter! Everything from romantic green spaces and urban housing patterns, to food sustainability and book bans. Children's literacy and homeschooling, to chemicals in our food and medical bias concerns. Then, we'll discuss ways of keeping up with what's happening or possibly taking action. Bring your lunch and come early so that you can help decide on book selections.

Hull Street 12/20, 1/17, 2/21 12:00 PM

Patterson Pages: Adult Book Discussion Group

Join the lively discussion of a variety of titles, both fiction and nonfiction. Copies of each title are available to borrow. New members are encouraged to attend!

West End 1:00 PM

12/21 *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck

1/18 TBD

2/15 TBD

Fourth Friday Films

Enjoy a classic movie matinee at Westover Hills!


Westover Hills 2:00 PM

12/27 *Home Alone*

1/24 *Pride and Prejudice*


2/28 *Hidden Figures*

Chair Yoga

 Start the year on a healthy note! Chair Yoga offers a safe space to slow down and develop deeper awareness through gentle seated postures, breathing, and deep relaxation. Individuals that are new to yoga, in wheelchairs, canes, or walkers are welcome at this seated practice.

Westover Hills 1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/3 3:00 PM

Ready to Ride: Bicycle Maintenance 101 with Wheel Simple

 It may be the off season, but that's the perfect time to get your bike ready for the new year! Join East End Branch Staff at Wheel Simple (located at 2225 E. Clay Street), as owner and expert Robbie Wood hosts a hands-on workshop and helps you get your ride ready for spring. Workshop attendees are invited to bring their own bicycle

Wheel Simple (2225 E. Clay St.) 1/7 7:00 PM

Members Recital - Richmond Music Teachers Association

Join us for a biannual celebration of the Richmond area's talented musicians. This year's recital will feature a diverse lineup of skillful performers, including piano solos, violin and piano duets, as well as voice and piano collaborations.

Main 1/11 2:00 PM

Mending Mondays

Need a button replaced? Have a small tear in a shirt? How about that dragging hem? You may also stop by to work on your own project in a communal setting.

West End 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Seasons of the James

Join the James River Association to learn about flora and fauna found along the James River.

East End 1/18 11:00 AM

Work-from-Home Cat Café

Treat yourself to a kitty-filled WFH day in our meeting room-turned-cat café and vote to name one of the kitties! All cats will be adoptable, if you want to turn your WFH kitty colleague into a lifetime pal! In partnership with Richmond Animal Care and Control.

Belmont 1/21, 1/22, 1/23 12:00-4:00 PM

Mixtape Love Letters

✏ Decorate a 3D printed cassette tape to give away for the holiday or to keep for yourself! If you come with a spotify/apple music/youtube playlist already made, we can create a QR code to attach to your design!

Main 2/11

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Childcare Provider Workshop: All About Math

✏ Learn practical tips and tricks for developing math skills in a toddler and preschool classroom. Attendees will receive 1.5 CEUs. Refreshments provided.

Main

2/20

6:00 PM



Midweek Movie Matinees

Enjoy a movie with us that you may have missed at the theater. Snacks provided — bring a drink.

West End

Wednesdays

2:00 PM

12/4	<i>The Great Escaper</i>	1/29	<i>Arthur the King</i>
12/11	<i>Victoria & Abdul</i>	2/5	<i>Respect</i>
12/18	<i>Ordinary Angels</i>	2/12	<i>Soul</i>
1/8	<i>What Happens Later</i>	2/19	<i>Selma</i>
1/15	<i>Carrot Cake Murder</i>	2/26	<i>Luce</i>
1/22	<i>The Winter Guest</i>		

English Language Acquisition ELA Class

Broad Rock 10:30 AM-1:00 PM
12/3, 12/5, 12/10, 12/12, 12/17, 12/19

Westover Hills 10:30 AM-1:30 PM
12/2, 12/9, 12/11, 12/16, 12/18, 1/6, 1/8, 1/13, 1/15, 1/22, 1/27,
1/29, 2/3, 2/5, 2/10, 2/19, 2/24, 2/26

✏ If you have trouble speaking, reading, or understanding English, Richmond Public Schools' Adult Services can help you with English classes for adults. These classes do include a small fee and registration. For more information or to register, please call 804-780-8311 or email adulted@rvaschools.net

Si tienes dificultad al hablar, leer, o entender inglés, los servicios para adultos de las escuelas públicas de Richmond te pueden ayudar con clases de inglés para adultos. Estas clases si incluyen un pequeño cobro y registración. Para más información llamar a Tori Smith at 804-780-8311 or email adulted@rvaschools.net

Feeling Fit with Pat

Come join Pat for a fun, relaxed, low to moderate impact workout. Pat is a fitness instructor with many years of experience leading people of all ages and fitness levels.

Ginter Park

Mondays

6:30 PM

Sweat It with Yeh

✏ Energetic body weight exercise that includes intervals, circuits, and variations! Bring a yoga mat, workout clothes/footwear, and water!

Main

Mondays

6:30 PM

Fit 4 Favor with Erica

✏ Upbeat, low/mid intensity cardio class that focuses on controlled movement to strengthen, tone, and stretch muscles. Classes are infused with dance moves to improve joint flexibility and enhance balance. Bring a yoga mat, workout clothes/footwear, and water!

Main

Wednesdays

6:30 PM
except 4/3

Fitness Warriors

Richmond Room

Hours

Sunday	1PM-5PM
Monday-Thursday	9AM-8PM
Friday	9AM-6PM
Saturday	9AM-5PM

Main Library – Richmond Room
101 E. Franklin St., Richmond, VA, 23219
(804) 646-3425
RichmondRoom@rva.gov
rvalibrary.org/richmond-room

Historical Richmond Recipe Exchange & Display

This holiday season, stop by to flip through old Richmond cookbooks and exchange your favorite holiday recipe for another. During December and January, cookbooks and recipes from Richmond's history will be on display. We invite you to leave a copy of your own favorite recipe – especially if it includes a personalized story or has a connection to Richmond – and exchange it for a copy of a recipe from one of our local cookbooks. Be warned – you may end up with an “interesting” recipe from the past!

Main **December - January** **All day**

Spotting Fraud and Financial Scams

Staff from Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and SouthState Bank will be present to educate older adults and their caretakers about the dangers of financial scams. Topics will include recognizing scams, what to do if you fall victim to a scam, and proactive steps you can take to keep yourself and your wealth safe.

Ginter Park	12/4	11:00 AM
Broad Rock	1/14	11:00 AM
East End	2/25	11:00 AM

Lunch and Learn - Contract Law

Come learn what is legally required to create a contract – and how to enforce it. Also learn about MOUs, NDAs, Licensing Agreements, and more. The Law Librarian will also show patrons how to find free and low-cost legal services for small business and nonprofits.

Main **12/11** **12:00 PM**

Genealogy 101: Using Ancestry and Other Family History Databases

Start researching your family's history! Learn how to use databases like Ancestry, HeritageHub, and NewsBank (all free at the library!) in your search. An expert will be on hand to guide you through the process and offer tips and tricks for how to get the most out of researching your ancestors.

Westover Hills **1/10** **1:00 PM**

Lunch and Learn - Intellectual Property Law, Trademarks, and Copyright

What's the difference between a patent and a trademark? How do I apply for a copyright? What is “fair use”? This workshop, presented by the Richmond Public Law Library, will help nonprofits, entrepreneurs, and small business owners get the information they need to protect their ideas and their brands.

Main **1/15** **12:00 PM**

Digital Collections with University of Richmond

Learn from University of Richmond staff about their publicly-available Digital Collections including the Daily Dispatch newspaper, Wyatt Tee Walker collection, Civil War-era sheet music, oral histories with University of Richmond staff and students, and much more. UofR staff will also discuss the process of digitizing their collections and how to access them online for local history research.

Main **1/23** **11:00 AM**

Richmond Sports History Film Screening

Come for a viewing of a film that explores Richmond's African-American Athletic History. Discuss topics such as Pre-1980's Richmond sports and academic culture, the Maggie Walker-Armstrong Classic, the role of memory in community building, as well as tour our Memory Lab and learn about preservation. Wear your school colors and rep your pride!

Main **1/25** **2:00 - 4:00 PM**

Jackson Ward Walking Tour

A 20-stop walking tour of Historic Jackson Ward in the downtown section of Richmond, Virginia. Tour includes historic educational, economic, religious and social institutions that inspired the name “Black Wall Street” and “The Harlem of the South”, and reflect the Ward's culturally historic past. The walking tour is approximately 1.5 miles long.

Main	2/8	1:00 - 3:30 PM
Main	2/22	1:00 - 3:30 PM

Richmond Urban Renewal Conversation

Discuss the effects of Urban Renewal on modern day Richmond with an expert, as well as explore displays of these forgotten spaces.

Main **2/10** **6:30 PM**

Lunch and Learn - Labor Laws for Small Businesses and Nonprofits

What are your rights in the workplace? What are your responsibilities as an employer? Join the Richmond Public Law Library for an informative lunchtime workshop focused on state and federal Labor Laws. Learn about recent updates to overtime pay, non-compete clauses, and workplace discrimination law.

Main **2/12** **12:00 PM**

Welcome to Richmond Public Library's **MEMORY LAB**

made possible by the Mellon Foundation

The Memory Lab is a place for community memory. Anyone can digitize materials in various formats, conduct oral histories, and learn methods for archiving and preserving personal, family, or organizational materials.

**We can help
you scan,
preserve,
and share:**

**Photographs
Books
Slides
Negatives
8mm film**

**VHS
DV/mini-DV
Cassettes
Beta
and More!**

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Appointments are strongly suggested. We cannot guarantee access on a walk-in basis. Please visit our website at **rvalibrary.org/services/memory-lab/**, email **MemoryLab@rva.gov**, or call **804-646-1609** to schedule a time for your visit.

Why Digitize?

Public Knowledge!

We believe everyone has a place in Richmond's history!

Together, we can contribute to community life, promote civic engagement, and grow the public record.

We have a large collection of city records and historical materials, but we are also interested in making you and your families' stories part of Richmond history.

When you use the Memory Lab, you can choose to add digital copies of your materials to the library's collection (and keep the originals!). Check out our digital collections online:

rvalibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/

For more information visit us at

rvalibrary.org/services/memory-lab

Make the Main Library a stop on your culture crawl by joining us on **First Fridays from 6:30PM until 8:30PM**. These events feature openings in each of our gallery spaces from a variety of local artists.

FIRST FRIDAYS

at Richmond Public Library

rvalibrary.org/events/first-fridays

The Richmond Public Library is looking for artists and photographers to exhibit at the Main Library. Gallery space is offered free of charge to the artist with a suggested donation of 10% of any sales during the show.

Apply today at rvalibrary.org/art-exhibits



Richmond Public Library is proud to take part in First Fridays, a signature Downtown Richmond's long-standing art walk happens year-round on the first Friday of every month. Galleries, shops, restaurants, non-profits, and other venues open their doors in celebration of art and community. event in Richmond's Arts District.
richmondartsdistrict.org/rva-first-fridays



SATURDAYS 2PM MAIN-RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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10/19 JUSTIN GOLDEN & TREY BURNART HALL
11/23 SALLY IRWIN & ANNE JAMES
12/21 SWEET POTATOES
1/18 CROOKED CREEK MISFITS
2/15 CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA
3/8 TAM TRIO
4/26 JENNY AND THE GHOULS
5/17 ELIOT & FRIENDS



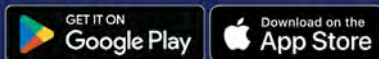
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Just search: "rvalibrary" in your app store!

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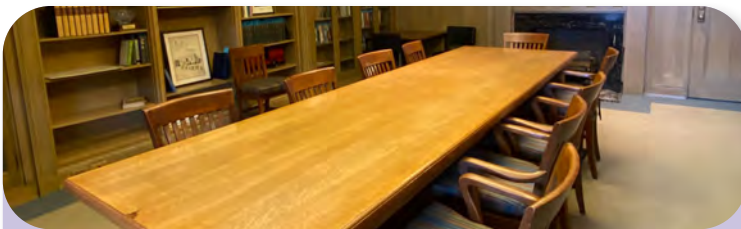
Where did you learn to speak Italian so perfectly? I really want to become fluent.

Thanks, I'm still learning with **Lingopie**. Have you heard about it?



What's that? Smth like Duolingo?

Nope! It's about **Watching TV shows and movies**. It's a great way to learn Italian. It's THAT simple



Library Board of Trustee Meetings

Attend our monthly Library Board of Trustee meetings and learn about all the goings on at Richmond Public Library. These meetings are all open to the public and we encourage you to attend.

Westover Hills	12/4	11:45 AM
Main-Auditorium	1/22	11:45 AM
Hull Street	2/26	11:45 AM

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Shelfish Respect

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Holidays

Winter Holidays

12/24/24, 12/25/24

Closed

New Years Day

1/1/25

Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/20/25

Closed

Presidents' Day

2/17/25

Closed

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What's Happening - Winter 2025

Location & Hours

Belmont

804-646-1139

3100 Ellwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23221

Monday, Wednesday

10AM-8PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10AM-6PM

Saturday

10AM-5PM

Broad Rock

804-646-8488

4820 Old Warwick Rd., Richmond, VA 23224

Sunday

1PM-5PM

Monday - Thursday

9AM-8PM

Friday

9AM-6PM

Saturday

9AM-5PM

East End

804-646-4474

1200 N 25th St., Richmond, VA 23223

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9AM-6PM

Tuesday, Thursday

9AM-8PM

Saturday

9AM-5PM

Ginter Park

804-646-1236

1200 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227

Sunday

1PM-5PM

Monday, Wednesday

10AM-8PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10AM-6PM

Saturday

10AM-5PM

Hull Street

804-646-8699

1400 Hull St., Richmond, VA 23224

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10AM-6PM

Tuesday, Thursday

10AM-8PM

Saturday

10AM-5PM

Main

804-646-4867

101 E Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219

Sunday

1PM-5PM

Monday-Thursday

9AM-8PM

Friday

9AM-6PM

Saturday

9AM-5PM

North Avenue

804-646-6675

2901 North Ave., Richmond, VA 23222

Monday, Wednesday

10AM-8PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10AM-6PM

Saturday

10AM-5PM

West End

804-646-1877

5420 Patterson Ave., Richmond, VA 23226

Sunday

1PM-5PM

Monday-Thursday

9AM-8PM

Friday

9AM-6PM

Saturday

9AM-5PM

Westover Hills

804-646-8833

1408 Westover Hills Blvd., Richmond, VA 23225

Monday, Wednesday

10AM-8PM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10AM-6PM

Saturday

10AM-5PM