

What's Happening



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LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

This September, *B sharp* and sign up for a library card!

Check out a classic story or discover something new at Richmond Public Library. Connect with your community through book clubs, author talks, storytimes, crafting programs, and special events at all nine locations. Find your rhythm in a study room, explore resources in a cozy reading nook, or dive into technology in the Memory Lab and Recording Pod. Access free ebooks, audiobooks, and online resources anytime with your library card. No matter where you are in life's soundtrack, Richmond Public Library has a place for you.

Vote for our next merch design!

We've teamed up with local artist Babs Mohammed to create a new design for our Richmond Public Library merchandise. Vote throughout September at any library location or online to tell us which design you want featured in our online shop!



Chief Babs was raised in Tamale, in Northern Ghana, where he learned painting alongside traditional cultural art forms. As a member of a cultural performance group, he toured throughout Ghana, sharing the country's rich heritage through drumming and dance. Since immigrating to the United States in 2011, Babs has continued to celebrate and preserve the stories, traditions, and spirit of his homeland through his artwork, creating pieces that connect audiences with the vibrant culture of Ghana.

Scan the QR code or go to this link to vote!

rvalibrary.org/events/library-card-sign-up-month/



"Jazz Music"



"Story About Rabbit"

Sing along at a family concert with Chris Campbell.

Enjoy live music, comedy, and interactive fun as Chris Campbell performs at all nine RPL locations this September. A family-friendly celebration of creativity, learning, and library joy.

Main	9/20	3:30PM
East End	9/21	11:00AM
Belmont	9/21	3:00PM
West End	9/23	11:00AM
Broad Rock	9/23	4:00PM
Ginter Park	9/24	12:00PM
North Avenue	9/24	3:00PM
Westover Hills	9/26	10:30AM
Hull Street	9/26	2:00PM



Keep the celebration going!

Adult Library Scavenger Hunt

Explore the library in a new way by scanning QR codes to uncover services, spaces, and resources across RPL.

Ginter Park **9/4-9/12** **All Day**

Books & Buttons

Create a custom library-themed button featuring pre-made designs—including Ripple—or design your own using Canva.

Ginter Park **9/18** **4:00PM**

Broad Rock Advisory Board Yard Sale

Discover unexpected treasures at our Library Yard Sale during Library Card Sign-Up Month! Browse a variety of unique items and support Richmond Public Library while finding something new to take home.

Broad Rock **9/19** **8:00AM-1:00PM**



Learn more and view events:
rvalibrary.org/events/library-card-sign-up-month/

Adults

Author Visits

An Evening with the Authors of *After Jail, Before Freedom*

Five formerly incarcerated men and their writing teacher discuss life after jail and the challenges of rebuilding and staying free. Their new book, *After Jail, Before Freedom*, continues the story begun in *Writing Our Way Out: Memoirs from Jail*.

Main 9/2 6:00PM

An Evening with Anthony P. Jones

Local author Anthony P. Jones discusses his novel, *Sorrowful Mysteries*, its journey to film, and the art of thriller writing.

Main 9/3 6:00PM

Kristin Kisska: Querying Fiction 101

RVA author Kristin Kisska shares tips for querying literary agents and navigating the path to traditional publication.

West End 9/24 6:30PM

Meet the Laureates! Rosa Castellano and Dr. Maurice "Moeflowz" Brown

Join our current Richmond Poet Laureates as they share their writing, inform the community of the Laureate program, and inspire creativity.

West End 10/4 2:00PM

Charleston Loyalists: Treason and Survival in the American Revolution

 Historian Kathryn Roe Coker explores the experiences of Loyalists during and after the Revolutionary War, including the women of Charleston who fought for property, protection, and survival.

Hull Street 10/26 11:00AM

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

Show & Tell Book Club

Discover new books! Make new friends! Bring any book you are currently reading and share it with the group.

Broad Rock 9/1, 10/6 6:30PM

Found in Translation Book Discussion

Cultivate curiosity and uncover surprising truths about yourself and the world.

Main 9/1, 11/10 6:30PM

Library Teatime Book Society

 A quarterly book club for women and their mothers and daughters to explore the world of tea together.

Hull Street 9/8 5:15PM

Horror, Fantasy, & Sci-Fi

 Love horror, fantasy, or sci-fi? We'll discuss a new book each month.

Ginter Park 9/11, 10/9, 11/13 5:00PM

Senior Book Club

Residents of Richmond 55+, join us for a book club led by the Office on Aging and Disability Services.

North Avenue 9/15, 10/20 11:30AM

Belmont 9/16, 10/21 10:15AM

Westover Hills 9/18, 10/16 10:15AM

Broad Rock 9/18, 10/16 1:00PM

Hull Street 9/21, 10/19 10:15AM

Recent Award-Winning Fiction

Read and discuss acclaimed contemporary novels that have captured critics' praise and literary awards.

East End 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 6:00PM

Community Action Book Club

 Engage in book talks covering such topics as green spaces, housing, and sustainability.

Hull Street 9/18 12:00PM

10/16, 11/20 5:00PM

Patterson Pages

Take part in a lively discussion on a variety of titles, both fiction and nonfiction.

West End 1:00PM

9/19*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

10/17*Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

11/21*The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland

Book Banter

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

Westover Hills 6:00PM

9/21*Assistant to the Villain* by Hannah Nicole Maehrer

10/19*This Is How You Lose the Time War* by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone

11/9*The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

Reading History Together

 A quarterly book discussion focused on classic or recently published works of narrative nonfiction.. September's selection is *Cuba: An American History* by Ada Ferrer.

Main 9/23 6:30PM

Behind You Is the Sea by Susan Muaddi Darraj

 As part of Between Two Worlds: Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion Through Yiddish Literature, a partnership with the Yiddish Book Center, join us for a discussion of a debut novel exploring the lives, relationships, and challenges of a Palestinian American community in Baltimore.

Main **9/27** **2:00PM**

Silent Reading Party

Quiet reading time with minimal chatting—bring your book and mug and enjoy!

West End **9/27** **2:00PM**

Gutenberg Cafe

Inspired by Johannes Gutenberg and the power of the printed word, Gutenberg Café is a safe and welcoming space for open discussion and the exchange of ideas.

West End **6:00PM**

10/6Let Books Be

11/10Non-Fiction November

As Seen on TV Book Club

Explore well-loved titles of fictional (and sometimes real!) characters! October's selection is *Conversations with Friends* by Sally Rooney featured in the TV series, *Succession*.

Main **10/7** **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 ranging from easy to intermediate.

Belmont **4:00PM**

9/9DIY Paper Quilling

10/14Paper Pumpkins

11/4Fall Napkin Rings

Stitching Circle

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

Westover Hills **9/12, 10/10, 11/14** **2:00PM**

Crafting Conversations

 Make something special at our relaxed, monthly crafting meetup.

West End **10:00AM**

9/14Felt Crafts for Fall

10/5Squishy Sock Pumpkins

11/9Fall Wreaths

The Crafting Hour

 Where creativity is always in good form and every project is a clever twist on something familiar.

Westover Hills **6:30PM**

9/14Fairy Jar

10/5A Boo-tiful Portrait

11/2Weave a Mug Rug

Explore Watercolor

 Explore watercolor in this relaxed, self-guided session. Experiment with techniques, share ideas, and get tips from staff as you create.

Ginter Park **9/16, 10/21, 11/18** **11:00AM**

Yarn Yippee!

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

Main **9/16, 10/21, 11/18** **6:00PM**

Culture and Craft

 Discover the history and meaning of different communities through hands-on craft traditions.

Ginter Park **4:30PM**

9/29Chilean Arpilleras

10/27The AIDS Memorial Quilt

Spooky Season Fuse Beads

 Create a Halloween- or fall-themed design with fuse beads, then turn it into a magnet or keychain.

Ginter Park **10/2** **4:30PM**

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 Best Worst in Show.

Belmont **10/5** **6:00PM**

LGBTQ+ Friendship Bracelet Making & Trading

 Honor LGBTQ+ History Month by creating a friendship bracelet representing identity and allyship.

Ginter Park **10/8** **6:00PM**

Fall Wreaths

Whether you prefer to color quietly or chat with others, this meetup is a welcoming space for anyone who loves coloring.

Ginter Park **10/16** **4:30PM**

Art Club: Watercolor

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

Main **11/4** **6:00PM**

Bucket Painting

 Decorate a 5-gallon bucket for use in children's music and game activities.

Ginter Park **11/6** **4:30PM**

Wax Sealing

 Learn the art of wax sealing and add a timeless touch to cards, letters, journals, and gifts.

Ginter Park 11/12 6:00PM

Gratitude Letter Writing

Inspired by *The Correspondent*? Explore the art of letter writing with the library and craft thoughtful notes or messages of gratitude to someone special.

Westover Hills 11/14 11:00AM

Color & Flow: Watercolor Holiday Cards

 Prepare for the holiday season by experiencing the art of watercolor.

Ginter Park 11/20 4:00PM

Fun & Games

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 Mondays 2:00PM

Adult LEGO Club

Embrace your inner builder at Adult LEGO Club—tackle themed challenges, collaborate on big builds, or create freely with fellow LEGO fans.

Ginter Park 9/3, 10/1, 11/5 5:00PM

Classical Music Bingo

Celebrate Classical Music Month with Classical Music Bingo

Ginter Park 9/4 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 9/5, 10/3, 11/7 1:00PM

How Do You Like Them Apples? Apple Ranking Party

 Taste and rank a variety of apples while learning about their history and Virginia's many varieties.

Main 9/9 6:00PM

Dialed.GG Color & Sound Memory Tournament

Think your color or sound memory is the best of the best? Compete in Dialed.GG's Color and Sound games and become the ultimate memory matcher.

Ginter Park 9/24 5:30PM

OBSESSED: The Pop Culture PowerPoint Party

 Got a weird obsession? Share it in this fun PowerPoint night where you've got 5–10 minutes to convince a delightfully nerdy crowd of your hottest takes and hyperfixations.

Belmont 9/28, 11/16 6:30PM

Puzzle Meetup

Bring a puzzle to swap then sip tea and chat while working on your new find.

Main 10/18 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 10/21 6:15PM

Adult Creepypasta Storytime

Love internet horror? Share your favorite creepypasta in a live storytelling session and give us a good fright!

Ginter Park 10/30 4:00PM

Puzzle Palooza: How Fast Can You Jigsaw?

 Join the Belmont Library's puzzle competition—solo or with a team—and race to finish a 500-piece puzzle for a chance to win and take it home!

Belmont 11/18 5:00PM

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

Libraries with Heart™

Get your blood pressure checked at your local library. Blood pressure kits are also available for checkout. This program is provided in partnership with VCU Health, American Heart Association, Daily Planet, and Capital Area Health Network.

Main	1 st Mondays	11:00AM-1:00PM
	3 rd Saturdays	11:00AM-1:00PM
Broad Rock	3 rd Mondays	3:30-5:30PM
Ginter Park	3 rd Tuesdays	11:00AM-1:00PM
North Avenue	4 th Tuesdays	11:00AM-1:00PM
East End	2 nd Wednesdays	11:00AM-1:00PM
Hull Street	2 nd Thursdays	5:00-7:00PM

Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Learn the warning signs and risk factors of suicide, along with practical strategies for prevention and support from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Westover Hills 9/5 3:00PM

Lifelong Learning

Advocacy in Action

Take part in a monthly advocacy panels focused on economic, civil, social, environmental, and health justice, featuring local organizations and community discussion.

West End 6:00PM
 9/3Economic Justice
 10/1.....Civil Liberties
 11/5.....Social Justice

Broad Rock Library Advisory Board Meeting

Help shape your library! Join the Advisory Group. Call 804-646-8488 for details.

Broad Rock 9/8, 10/13, 11/10 3:00 PM

Church Hill Central Civic Association Meeting

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

East End 9/8, 10/13, 11/10 6:00PM

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 9/12 10:30AM

The 2026 Elections Newsroom

Learn how to spot misinformation, evaluate sources, and navigate news and social media with a librarian in this hands-on media literacy sessions.

Main 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28 6:00PM

Master Gardener Help Desk

Master Gardeners are eager to answer any of your gardening questions and have soil sample kits and other helpful resources.

Westover Hills 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 10:30-11:30AM
Ginter Park 9/17, 10/15 11:00AM-1:00PM

Start Speaking Spanish

Develop the basics of conversational Spanish in a friendly, supportive setting. This six-week course is designed for adults with little or no prior experience.

Broad Rock
 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 2:00PM

Starting a Small Business

Discover the legal basics of business formation, filings, and entity types from a lawyer, and discover free library and community resources to support your endeavor.

Broad Rock 9/17 6:00PM

Keys to Homeownership: Affordable Housing Workshop

9:30-10:30AM: Downpayment Assistance/Affordable Housing Program

10:30AM-4:45PM: Homebuyer Education Program sponsored through Virginia Housing

Main 9/19, 10/17, 11/21 9:30AM-4:45PM

Fall Planting Panel with the Master Gardeners

Hear from the Virginia Master Gardeners about how to make the most of your garden this fall!

Main 9/19 2:00PM

Richmond Writing Community

Whether you're new or experienced, meet writers, sharpen your craft, and exchange feedback in a supportive community.

Hull Street 9/21, 10/19, 11/16 1:30PM

Promote Your Own Book

An interactive workshop for authors, self-publishers, and small presses covering practical marketing and PR strategies to help promote your book.

Main 9/26 2:00PM

Tea Workshop with Savory Blends Tea Co.

Study tea ingredients and flavor pairings, and leave with 3 oz. of your personalized blend.

Main 10/3 12:00PM

Greek Mythology 101

A three-part series exploring classic myths, legendary heroes such as Achilles, and the origins of the Greek gods and their enduring cultural influence.

Broad Rock 10/7, 10/14, 10/21 5:00PM

Divination 101

Discover the history and traditions behind tarot, oracle cards, runes, and other divination practices.

North Avenue 10/14 5:00PM
West End 10/28 5:00PM

James River Association Rain Barrel Workshop

Build your own rain barrel in this hands-on workshop. Registration is \$50 which includes a 55-gallon drum and DIY kit.

Belmont 10/14 6:00PM

Know Your Rights! - Police and ICE Interactions

Learn about your constitutional rights during police and ICE interactions, including warrant requirements and Fourth Amendment protections.

Broad Rock 10/22 6:00PM

Seasons of the James

Get to know the plants and animals of the James River, learn about the river's health, and discover ways to support conservation at home.

East End 11/7 11:00AM

Dr. Hilary Levinson on Translation

Explore the art of translation through creative and scholarly approaches, practical techniques, and insights into today's translated literature.

Main 11/8 2:00PM

Repair Cafe RVA

Bring your broken items to Repair Cafe RVA! Get help fixing appliances, bikes, electronics, furniture, jewelry, textiles, toys, and more.

Main 11/15 1:30PM

Protect Yourself from Fraud

Understand how to spot scams, prevent identity theft, and protect yourself from fraud with practical tools and resources. Presented by AARP.

 Hull Street 11/16 11:00AM

Main 11/19 6:00PM

AI and Disinformation

 Investigate how AI is shaping online information and discover strategies for spotting misinformation and disinformation on the web. Presented by AARP.

Broad Rock 11/17 3:00PM

Caregiving for Your Family, Friends, and Loved Ones

Familiarize yourself with how to assess needs, build a care plan (including self-care), find resources, and connect with others for support. Presented by AARP

West End 11/18 6:00PM

Virtual Museum Tours

Tour world-famous museums from home using digital tools that bring art, architecture, and history to life. Presented by AARP.

Belmont 11/23 3:00PM

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 with a Friday afternoon movie just for adults.

North Avenue Fridays* 3:00PM

*except 9/14

Nowhere Cinema Presents: Saturday Morning Cartoons of the World

Delight in a global cartoon adventure every Saturday morning!

Main 11:00AM

9/5.....*My Entire High School Sinking into the Sea* with director Dash Shaw

10/10*The Wolf House*

11/21.....*Bubble Boy* with director Dash Shaw

Sunday Matinees with Hard Light Cinema

Enjoy a movie handpicked by Richmond's favorite film buffs.

Main 9/6, 10/4, 11/1 2:00PM

Dybbuk Film Screening

 Part of Between Two Worlds: Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion Through Yiddish Literature, a partnership with the Yiddish Book Center.

Main 10/25 1:30PM

Zoe Beloff Presents

Screen *Shadow Land* (2000) and *Charming Augustine* (2005), two feminist explorations of early cinema shot on 3D 16mm film. Beloff will bring her silver screen and projector for a rare 3D viewing experience.

Main 10/31 2:00PM

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 2:00-4:00PM

West End Tuesdays 2:00-5:00PM

East End Wednesdays 11:00AM-1:00PM

Westover Hills 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 3:00-5:00PM

Tech 101

Practice the basics of computers, smartphones, internet use, and online safety, with time for Q&A. No device needed. Hosted by Humana.

Main 9/15 11:00AM

Holiday Break Prep with Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy

Get ready for holiday breaks with free library apps like Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy. Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV, and more from any device.

Ginter Park 11/24 4:00PM

Memory Lab

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 9/4, 10/9, 11/6 10:00AM

Richmond Through Diaries, Letters, and Personal Archives

Examine Richmond's history through diaries, letters, photos, and more. See how historians use personal archives and how to preserve your own.

Main 9/12 1:00PM

Our Top 100: Richmond Submission Day

Visit the Memory Lab to join artist Jody Servon's community project, Our Top 100: Richmond. All ages are invited to share a song and the memory it brings up, helping build a public archive of Richmond voices through music.

Main 9/19 9:00AM-5:00PM

Researching Richmond 101

🖋️ Become familiar with the history of your home or favorite park. Learn about Richmond Public Library's local history resources—microfilm, photos, maps, and more—and get guidance on your own research projects.

Main 9/21 10:00AM

Out in Richmond: Queer Histories of the City

Join public historians Matthew Guillen and Anne McCrery for a talk on Richmond's LGBTQ+ history, from early communities and the 1920s literary scene to nightlife, drag culture, and late-20th-century activism. Investigate key research methods and local archival resources.

Main 10/3 1:00PM

Genealogy 101

🖋️ Get started with researching your family history at the library using databases like Ancestry, HeritageHub, and NewsBank.

Main 10/22 10:00AM

Pandemic Reflections: Richmond Then & Now

Explore how Richmond communities responded to public health crises from the 1918 flu to COVID-19. Using archival materials and personal accounts, we'll examine impacts on daily life and how libraries and oral histories preserve these experiences.

Main 10/24 1:00PM

Exploring Adoption, Identity & Belonging

🖋️ Connect with professionals from C2Adopt on Mondays in November for informational sessions in recognition of National Adoption Awareness Month.

Main 1:00PM

11/2Understanding Foster Care, Kinship Care, & Adoption Today

11/9 "Whose Story Is It?" — Identity, Records, & the Lifelong Impact of Adoption

11/16Talking About Adoption with Children: Building Healthy Family Narratives

11/23Adoption Through the Lifespan: Voices of Experience

Oral History Training Workshop

Discover the basics of oral history collection and preservation in this hands-on workshop. Explore interview techniques, recording tips, ethics, and simple tools for documenting and preserving family and community stories.

Main 11/21 1:00PM

Richmond Free Press

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Richmond Free Press Collection Announcement

Richmond Public Library is happy to announce donation of the archives of the Richmond Free Press, an independent Black-owned newspaper that operated in Richmond from 1992 to 2026. After 1996, it was the only Black-owned newspaper in the city. The collection is over 200 boxes of photographs, subject files, ephemera, biography files, and newsroom materials, as well as the correspondence and writing of Raymond H. Boone, the Free Press' founder, editor, and publisher.

Researchers and individuals looking for information that may be in the collection are encouraged to contact Special Collections at RichmondRoom@rva.gov or 804-646-0117

Special Events



The Arts

First Fridays

Make the Main Library a stop on your culture crawl by joining us on First Fridays! These events feature openings from a variety of local artists in each of our gallery spaces.

Main **9/4, 11/6** **6:30-8:30PM**

Fall Concert Series

Experience Richmond's unique independent spirit at your library with free live music from local legends.

Main 2:00PM

9/26Erin Demastes (experimental)

10/17Chamber Music Society of Central Virginia

11/7Alan Biller x Sara Bouchard (multidisciplinary/guitar)



Fall Fairy Tale Festival

Step into a fairy tale at the Westover Hills Fall Fairy Tale Festival! Dress as your favorite storybook character and enjoy live performances by Virago Alley, enchanted vendors, crafts, games, a Golden Goose Egg Hunt, magic wand making, prizes, and more. Come in costume and experience a magical day at the library.

Westover Hills **9/19*** **11:00AM-4:00PM**

*Rain date: 9/26.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Mini Piñatas

Piñatas have been a party favorite for generations, but where did they come from? Explore the Mexican and Spanish roots of these colorful creations, then make your own mini piñata to take home. Ages 8-13.

Belmont 9/17 4:00PM

Papel Picado

Create colorful papel picado designs while exploring shapes, patterns, and a little math. Craft your own festive paper art inspired by this traditional Mexican art form. Ages 5-13.

Broad Rock **9/17** **4:30PM**

Hojalata Art

Learn about hojalata, a Mexican folk-art tradition that uses painted embossed metal. Then create your own hojalata-inspired artwork using foil and markers. Ages 5-18.

Ginter Park 9/22 4:30PM

Mango-Chili Lollipops

 Explore the science of candy-making during Hispanic Heritage Month by creating mango-Tajín-inspired lollipops. Ages 10-18.

Main 9/28 4:00PM

An Homage to Home: A Workshop & Reading

✏ Explore identity, memory, and belonging through poetry in this all-levels workshop for Richmonders affected by diaspora. Using ekphrasis—writing inspired by visual art—participants will create original work based on an image that connects them to their place of origin. Please bring a digital or physical copy of a photograph, painting, video, or other visual artwork. The workshop will be led by Fairouz Bsharat and Felix Salmoran and will be followed by a reading featuring local writers and an open mic.

Main 10/18

1:00-3:00PM Workshop

3:15-4:00 Reading



Support Richmond Animal Care & Control: Resource Drive & Pet Party

Help support Richmond Animal Care & Control with a supply drive at West End Branch Library from September 20–October 11. Donate collars, leashes, towels, pet food, treats, and bedding. Visit their wish list at <https://bit.ly/RACCwishlist>. Then, celebrate with a Pet Party & Adoption Event featuring animals of all kinds, plus activities, treats, music, photo ops, local pet businesses, and adoptable pets from area shelters. Rain or shine.

West End 10/11

2:00-4:00PM



International Games Month

Chess Night

Make your next move at Chess Night! Join friends, family, and community members for relaxed games of chess and friendly competition. All ages.

North Avenue Mondays 6:00PM

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.

North Avenue Wednesdays 4:00-6:00PM



International Games Month Celebration

Drop in for an afternoon of board games in celebration of International Games Month! Play with family and friends, try something new, and if you find a favorite, check it out to enjoy at home. All ages.

Belmont 11/21 All Day

Native American Heritage Month

Native American Heritage Month Storytime

Explore the cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples of North America. Children's librarian Summer, a member of the Eastern Delaware Nations, will share stories by Indigenous authors and discuss Native life in the U.S. today. Ages 5-13.

Broad Rock 11/19 4:30PM

Bookmark Weaving Inspired by Navajo Textiles

Learn about the weaving traditions of the Navajo people. Then create a colorful geometric bookmark using a simple loom made from drinking straws.

Ages 5-13.

Belmont 11/24

4:00PM

Indigenous Virginia Foodways

✏ Discover the science behind Indigenous-inspired cooking as you recreate recipes using ingredients connected to Native agriculture in Virginia.

Ages 10-18.

Main 11/30 4:00PM

Culture and Craft: Plains Indian Ledger Art

✏ Delve into the history of Plains Indian Ledger Art, a Native storytelling tradition, then create your own inspired artwork. Ages 13+

Ginter Park 11/17 4:30PM

Metallic Embossed Aztec Suns

✏ Uncover the story behind the Aztec Sun Stone and craft your own embossed sun to take home.

Ages 5-13.

Westover Hills 11/18

4:30PM



Tweens & Teens

Express Yourself

It's a Vibe

Hang out, create, 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

Wednesday Teen Crafting

Easy DIYs, cozy vibes, and a new project each week.

Ginter Park Wednesdays 4:30PM

Get Crafty Together

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

Broad Rock 4:30PM

9/1Paper Beads

10/20Halloween Plushies

East End 4:30PM

9/3Paper Beads

10/24..... Halloween Plushies

11/4Among Us Scratch Art

Main 4:00PM

9/4..... Clay Maple Leaf Trinket Dish

10/2 Halloween Felt Banners

11/6 Celebrate Diwali!

Hull Street 4:30PM

9/22.....Mexican Heart Pom-Poms

10/27.....Fall Luminaries

11/24.....Seasonal Sun Catchers

Teen Crafting

Explore a new DIY project each month in this relaxed, hands-on program designed for teens of all skill levels.

Belmont 4:30PM

9/10.....Polymer Clay Earrings

10/21.....Faux Bug Taxidermy

11/19Luminary Jars

Made by Me

Show the world who you are, one craft at a time!

Main 4:00PM

9/18.....DIY Character Pins

10/9Catrín and Catrína Jewelry

11/20.....Cozy Fall Magnets

Mid-Autumn Festival Lantern

Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival by crafting a glowing autumn tea light lantern inspired by this harvest tradition.

Main 9/25 4:00PM

Culture and Craft

Discover the history and meaning of different communities through hands-on craft traditions.

Ginter Park 4:30PM

9/29Chilean Arpilleras

10/27The AIDS Memorial Quilt

11/17Plains Indian Ledger Art

LGBTQ+ Friendship Bracelet Making & Trading

Honor LGBTQ+ History Month by creating a friendship bracelet representing identity and allyship.

Ginter Park 10/8 6:00PM

Wax Sealing Workshop

Write a fancy letter to a friend or family member by practicing calligraphy and wax sealing.

North Avenue 11/4 5:00PM

West End 11/16 6:00PM

Untitled Goose Game Terrariums

Build a terrarium for your trouble making goose!

North Avenue 11/7 11:00AM

Get Involved

Teen Anime Manga Association (TAMA)

TAMA is an anime and manga club that meets for screenings, discussions, and an optional Japanese cultural craft.

North Avenue Mondays 4:30PM

Main 9/3, 10/1, 11/5 4:00PM

East End 9/9, 10/14 4:30PM

Broad Rock 9/24, 10/29 4:30PM

Westover Hills 9/29, 10/27, 11/24 4:00PM

Hull Street 9/30, 10/28, 11/18 4:00PM

Young Adult Film Society

The Young Adult Film Society is your ticket to discovering unforgettable stories, iconic characters, and the magic of cinema.

Main 9/2, 10/30*, 11/4 4:00PM

*House on Haunted Hill (1959)

Lit Happens

A social read-your-own-book club where young adults read YA books of their choosing with a common monthly theme/genre.

Main 9/9, 10/7*, 11/18 4:00PM

*Banned Books Social

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Get involved with TAB to help design YA programs, events, and displays while serving the Richmond community.

Main 9/10, 10/8, 11/12 5:00PM

North Avenue 9/16, 10/7 5:30PM

Tween Book Club

Discuss the middle grade book of the month and eat snacks! Newcomers ages 9-13 welcome.

Ginter Park 9/14, 10/5, 11/2 4:30PM

Book to Screen Discussion

Join us to discuss your favorite screen adaptations and their original stories.

North Avenue 2:00PM

9/29*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

10/27*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

11/17*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Bookbinding and Scary Stories

 Listen to spooky folktales while binding a book to record your own scary stories.

Ginter Park 10/29 4:30PM

Live & Learn

Future Ready

 Learn life skills that will help you navigate everyday challenges and succeed in life.

Main 4:00PM

9/1Civic Awareness Month

10/6Your First 90 Days at a Job

11/10Social Capital Maxxing

Student Success

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

Main 4:00PM

9/14Choosing the Right College

10/5Writing the College Admissions Essay

11/2Foundations of College Level Research

Mindful Mondays

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

Main 4:00 PM

9/21Safe Space Visualization Art

10/26Face Your Fears

11/16Gratitude & Memory Jars

College Prep 101

Learn the basics of getting into college and what to expect when you are there. We'll cover entrance exams, financial aid, scholarships, and career paths.

North Avenue 9/23 5:00PM

West End 9/30 5:00PM

Greek Mythology 101

This three-part series explores the legends, characters, and stories that have shaped culture for centuries—from Achilles and his famous heel to the origins of the gods themselves.

Broad Rock 10/7, 10/14, 10/21 5:00PM

Divination 101

Discover the history and traditions behind tarot, oracle cards, runes, and other divination practices.

North Avenue 10/14 5:00PM

West End 10/28 5:00PM

Play

Level Up!

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

East End Mondays* 4:30PM

*except 10/5 & 11/23

Main

9/24, 10/22, 11/19 4:00PM

Broad Rock 11/24 4:30PM

Warhammer Club

Dive into *Warhammer*! Learn to build and paint miniatures and explore *Age of Sigmar* and *Warhammer 40k* lore and gameplay.

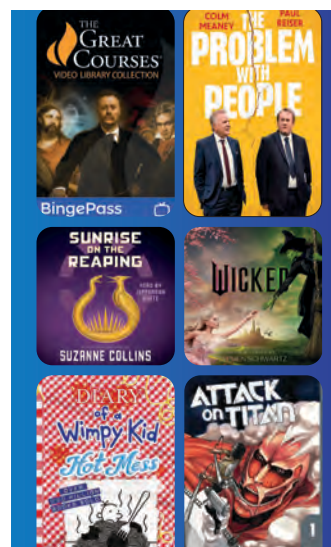
Ginter Park

9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19 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 9/23, 10/28 4:30PM



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and have your
library card handy.





Ages 11-18

Sewing 101

Learn the basics of hand sewing with needle and thread and take home a pillow or coin purse made with your newfound skills.

Broad Rock 9/3 4:30PM

Break Your Own Geode

Discover how geodes are made, then crack one open to reveal the crystals inside.

Belmont 9/3 4:45PM

Build-A-Board Game

Create your very own board game using geometry and chance.

North Avenue 9/12 1:00PM

Iridescent Prints

Explore iridescent printing through hands-on experimentation with color, texture, and materials.

Hull Street 9/15 4:30PM

Pico Park 2

Build logic, collaboration, and problem-solving skills while tackling fun puzzles in the indie game *Pico Park 2*.

East End 9/16 4:30PM

Leonardo Da Vinci Bridge

Uncover Leonardo da Vinci's engineering skills by building and testing your own self-supporting bridge.

Ginter Park 9/17 4:30PM

Macramé

This beginner-friendly workshop teaches teens how to make their own macramé wristlet/keychain using basic knots.

Westover Hills 9/18 4:30PM

Mango-Chili Lollipops

Explore the science of candy-making during Hispanic Heritage Month by creating mango-Tajín-inspired lollipops.

Main 9/28 4:00PM

Invisible Ink

Learn the chemistry behind writing secret messages while having fun with invisible ink!

West End 9/28 4:00PM

Bioplastic Suncatchers

Use cornstarch gel (sometimes referred to as bioplastic) to turn pressed flowers into lovely suncatchers.

Belmont 10/1 4:45PM

Suncatchers & Potion Bottles

Get into the Halloween spirit with glow-in-the-dark potions and suncatcher ghosts while learning the science behind potions.

North Avenue 10/10 11:00AM

Fingerprint Forensics

Start your CSI journey by learning to identify fingerprint patterns and lift fingerprints like a forensic investigator.

Broad Rock 10/15 4:30PM

Periodic Table Battleship

Combine chemistry and strategy in this game of Periodic Table Battleship—can you locate all the hidden elements?

Ginter Park 10/15 4:30PM

Create Your Own Art Journal

Discover art journaling as a creative form of self-expression through both writing and visual art.

Westover Hills 10/16 4:30PM

Fall Scented Bath Bombs

Create a fall-scented bath bomb and discover the chemistry behind the fizz.

Hull Street 10/20 4:30PM

Snipperclips

Work on your collaboration and ingenuity skills in this BAFTA-nominated multi-player indie puzzle game. Create different shapes to make it through various scenarios—in this game, geometry is your superpower!

East End 10/21 4:30PM

Spooky Soap Making

Join us for spooky soap making and create your own using Halloween-themed molds.

Main 10/23 4:00PM

Witchy Potion Bottles

Experiment with density to make some cool witchy potion bottles.

West End 10/26 4:00PM

Butter for Toast & Tea

Gather for some buttered toast and tea. The catch? We'll be making our own butter.

Belmont 11/5 4:45PM

Teeny Tiny Terrariums

Using glass spice jars and other small containers, we'll build up layers of sand, gravel, and soil and create a closed ecosystem that only needs light to thrive.

Ginter Park 11/12 4:00PM

DIY Bread & Butter

Celebrate National Butter and National Bread Day by making your own butter and breadsticks.

Hull Street 11/17 4:30PM

Soy Wax Fall Candles

Craft your very own fall-themed soy wax candle.

East End 11/18 4:30PM

West End 11/23 4:00PM

DIY Mini-Watercolor Kits

Create your own lightweight, refillable travel art kit with paints, paper, and a brush.

Westover Hills 11/20 4:30PM

Indigenous Virginia Foodways

Discover the science behind Indigenous-inspired cooking as you recreate recipes using ingredients connected to Native agriculture in Virginia.

Main 11/30 4:00PM



Ages 5-13

Apple Magic

Celebrate fall by exploring apples through hands-on experiments.

Hull Street 9/3 4:00PM

What Makes Pinecones Open & Close?

Ever wondered why pinecones open and close? Join us for a hands-on experiment to uncover the science behind it.

Ginter Park 9/8 12:00PM

Move It! Keith Haring Art

Get inspired by Keith Haring's bold and colorful style! Learn about his artwork and create your own fun, expressive piece.

Westover Hills 9/9 4:30PM

Apple Wrecking Ball Engineering

Build and test your own structure! Learn basic engineering, then see if it can survive an Apple Wrecking Ball.

Main 9/10 4:30PM

Ice Cream

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! Kids will learn about chemical reactions while making ice cream in a bag.

East End 9/12 2:00PM

Butterfly Symmetry Painting

In honor of the great monarch migration, learn a simple painting trick that will help you nail butterflies' natural symmetry.

Ginter Park 9/15 4:00PM

Slime

Mix up some ooey, gooey fun while learning about the science of polymers.

West End 9/15 4:00PM

North Avenue 10/21 4:00PM

East End 11/14 2:00PM

Marbled Rainbow Paper

Use simple household materials to make beautiful rainbow paper while learning a bit of basic chemistry.

North Avenue 9/16 4:00PM

Papel Picado

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by creating colorful papel picado designs. Explore shapes and patterns while using a bit of math to guide your creativity.

Broad Rock 9/17 4:30PM

Color-Mixing Sensory Bottles

Explore density by making color-mixing sensory bottles that can be used over and over again.

Belmont 9/24 4:00PM

Salt Painting

Learn about absorption while creating watercolor art with salt.

Ginter Park 10/1 12:00PM

Antibody Attack

Investigate immunity and discover how antibodies launch attacks on invaders.

Broad Rock 10/1 4:30PM

Frankenworms

Using vinegar and baking soda, we'll make gummy worms come alive (not really...but they'll move like it)!

Ginter Park 10/6 4:30PM

Candy Stained Glass

Dive into the science of candy making and create your own edible stained glass to take home or enjoy.

Main 10/8 4:30PM

Pumpkin Volcano

Create volcano pumpkins that fizz, bubble, and pop while learning simple chemical reactions.

East End 10/10 2:00PM

West End 10/20 4:00PM

Monarch Migration

Explore the amazing journey of monarch butterflies as they migrate to Mexico each fall. Learn fun facts and create your own monarch-inspired artwork.

Westover Hills 10/14 4:30PM

Halloween Thaumatrope

Design and build your own thaumatrope, a classic optical illusion that comes to life with a spin.

Belmont 10/22 4:00PM

Let's Talk Candy

Put sour candy and candy corn to the test as we discover the science behind our favorite treats.

Hull Street 10/22 4:00PM

Dinovember!

It's Dinovember! Let's talk dinosaurs and make a dinosaur terrarium night light.

Hull Street 11/5 4:00PM

Unstable Table

Experiment with balancing different objects on a platform and discover how to make the seemingly impossible possible.

Broad Rock 11/5 4:30PM

It's All About the Shake

Grab a jar and get shaking as we turn cream into butter, make whipped cream, and create fresh salsa

Main 11/12 4:30PM

Plastic Lung

Make a model out of a plastic bottle and balloons to explore how lungs work.

Ginter Park 11/16 4:30PM

Owl Pellet Dissection Workshop

Explore the fascinating world of owls by dissecting an owl pellet and uncovering clues about its last meal.

West End 11/17 4:00PM

Gumdrop Geodesic Domes

Learn about geodesic domes and construct your own edible model using gumdrops and toothpicks.

North Avenue 11/18 4:00PM

Metallic Embossed Aztec Suns

Uncover the story behind the Aztec Sun Stone and craft your own embossed sun to take home.

Westover Hills 11/18 4:30PM

Magic Milk

Take a closer look at surface tension using milk, food coloring, and dish soap.

Ginter Park 11/24 12:00PM

Kids & Family

Arts & Crafts

Family Shrink Art

Design a one-of-a-kind shrink art keychain to take home.

Westover Hills 9/5 11:30 AM

Pinecone Birdfeeders

Create an eco-friendly treat for your feathered friends. Make a pinecone bird feeder to take home and enjoy watching local birds visit.

Ginter Park 9/15 12:00PM

Make It! Monday

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

Ginter Park
9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30 4:30PM

International Dot Day Celebration

Celebrate *The Dot* with local artist Katherine Neri! Enjoy a reading of the book, then create your own dot-inspired craft to take home. Ages 2-5.

Belmont 9/25 10:30AM

DIY Costumes

Transform everyday materials into wearable works of art.

Main 4:00PM

9/28Troll Headbands

10/26.....Pipe Cleaner Glasses

11/30.....Duct Tape Bow Ties

Tissue Paper Pumpkin Lanterns

 Get into the Halloween spirit by creating a festive tissue paper pumpkin lantern. Design a pumpkin that's cute, spooky, or somewhere in between.

Westover Hills 10/3 11:30AM

Take & Make: Mummy Luminaries

This spooky decoration is perfect for Halloween night or as a festive seasonal nightlight. While supplies last!

Belmont 10/5-10/10 All Day

Paint a Pumpkin

Enjoy the harvest season by painting a baby pumpkin.

Ginter Park 10/20 4:30PM

Broad Rock 10/22 4:30PM

Turkey Bean Mosaics

 Celebrate the season with a creative family craft. Use colorful beans to design a unique turkey mosaic.

Westover Hills 11/7 11:30AM

Styrofoam Turkey Craft

Create a festive turkey using Styrofoam, feathers, and other craft materials.

Ginter Park 11/19 12:00PM

Tape Resist Art

Discover the art of tape resist! Use removable tape and vibrant colors to create striking designs with a stained-glass effect.

Ginter Park 11/23 4:30PM

Games

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

9/2Making Sense of Stats

10/7Character Creation

11/4Spells

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 9/16, 10/21, 11/18 4:00PM

National Ghost Hunting Day Scavenger Hunt

In the spirit of National Ghost Hunting Day, come to the library and help us find the sly specters hidden in the children's area. Turn in the ghoulies and ghosties for a prize!

Ginter Park 9/27 All Day

Monster Scavenger Hunt

Monsters have hidden themselves all over the children's section! Can you find them? Turn five in and earn a treat.

Ginter Park 10/31 All Day

Movies

Family Flicks

Join us for a free family-friendly movie!

Hull Street 9/4, 10/2, 11/16 3:30PM

North Avenue 2:00PM

9/19*The Land Before Time*

10/24.....*It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*

11/21.....*Disney's Pocahontas*

Play & Learn

Homework Help & Reading Together

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**

Hull Street **9/4, 10/2, 11/6** **3:30PM**

East End **9/4, 10/2, 11/6** **4:00PM**

Broad Rock **9/10, 10/8, 11/12** **4:30PM**

Ginter Park

9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21 **All Day**

West End **9/12, 10/10, 11/14** **10:00AM-3:00PM**

9/22, 10/27, 11/24 **4:00PM**

Belmont **9/14, 11/9** **All Day**

YWCA: Care for Kids

Join the YWCA for a developmentally appropriate program teaching positive self-esteem, safe decision-making, and confidence. Children will also learn about body boundaries and how to communicate with trusted adults. Ages 3-7

East End **9/3, 9/10** **10:00AM**

Read to Callie the Dog!

Bring your kids to read to Callie and her 2-legged buddy, Landon (from PUP READers).

Ginter Park

9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28 **10:30AM**

Reading Rhythms

Take part in a lively, interactive performance where a local artist will bring literacy to life through music, movement, and rhyme.

Main **9/13** **3:30PM**

Broad Rock **10/21** **10:30AM**

North Avenue **11/14** **11:00AM**

Play Connections

 Join Richmond City Early Intervention for an enriching playgroup experience. Ages birth-5 years.

Main

9/14, 9/28, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23 **10:00AM**

Story Crafters

Let stories spark your creativity! We'll read a story together and then create a themed craft inspired by it.

Hull Street **4:30PM**

9/17Turtles

10/15Spiders

11/19Rain

Sensory Sprouts

Take part in a hands-on play program for babies and toddlers to explore through their senses and support early development.

East End **9/19, 10/17, 11/20** **10:00AM**

Hull Street **9/26, 10/24, 11/28** **10:30AM**

VA Opera Presents: *Three Little Pigs*

Enjoy *The Three Little Pigs* brought to life by the Virginia Opera in a fun musical performance for ages 3 and up.

Main **9/19** **11:00AM**

Touch a Fire Truck

It's Fire Safety Week and we're celebrating with a very special event. Local firefighters will visit the library and teach us all about fire safety. We'll also get to explore their fire truck! Ages 5-12.

Broad Rock **10/5** **4:00PM**

West End **10/6** **4:00PM**

Westover Hills **10/8** **4:00PM**



Reading with Canine Companions

Welcome a "companion-in-training" to the library and hear a story about their work.

West End **10/8** **3:30PM**

Halloween Party for Toddlers & PreK

Celebrate Halloween with us a few days early as we play games, dance, and make a craft. We'll also host an in-library trick-or-treat. Costumes encouraged! Ages 2-5.

Belmont **10/26** **10:30AM**

West End **10/29** **3:00PM**

Spooky Stories

Hear a spine-tingling mix of read-alouds and storytelling, guaranteed to scare and delight. Costumes encouraged!

Ages 5-10.

Main **10/29** **7:00PM**

Chia Seed Slime Sensory Bins

If you're ready to get a little goopy, stop by the meeting room to dig through some sensory bins filled with colorful slime made from chia seeds. Ages 2-5.

Belmont **11/20** **10:30AM**



Book Babies Ages birth-17 months
Toddler Time Ages 18-36 months
Preschool Storytime Ages 3-5 years
Family Storytime Ages birth-5 years

Book Babies

Belmont	Thursdays	10:30AM
Broad Rock	Wednesdays*	10:00AM
	*Bilingual 1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays	
East End	Tuesdays	10:00AM
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

Belmont	Wednesdays*	10:30AM
	*Except 3 rd Wednesdays	
Broad Rock	Wednesdays*	10:30AM
	*Bilingual 1 st & 3 rd 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

Belmont	Tuesdays	10:30AM
Broad Rock	Mondays*	5:30PM
	*Bilingual 1 st & 3 rd 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*	3:00PM
	*Except 10/29	
Westover Hills	Thursdays	3:00PM

Family Storytime

East End	9/10, 10/8, 11/12	4:00PM
Hull Street	9/12, 10/17, 11/14	10:30AM
Main	Sundays	3:30PM
North Avenue	Thursdays	1:00PM
	Saturdays	11:00AM
Westover Hills	9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 11/7, 11/21	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 9/14, 10/5, 11/2 10:00AM

Storytime with a Firefighter

It's Fire Safety Week and we're celebrating with a very special storytime. Listen to fire-themed stories, sing songs, and visit with local firefighters. You'll even get to touch a fire truck!

Ages 3-5.

East End	10/5	11:00AM
Belmont	10/6	10:30AM
Hull Street	10/7	10:30AM
North Avenue	10/7	11:00AM
Main	10/8	10:30AM
Ginter Park	10/8	12:00PM

Book Babies: Mini Rave

Storytime meets dance party! Enjoy books, songs, movement, bubbles, and colorful lights at this baby-friendly mini rave.

East End 10/6 10:00AM

Native American Heritage Month Storytime

Explore the cultures and histories of Indigenous peoples of North America. Children's librarian Summer, a member of the Eastern Delaware Nations, will share stories by Indigenous authors and discuss Native life in the U.S. today.

Broad Rock 11/19 4:30PM

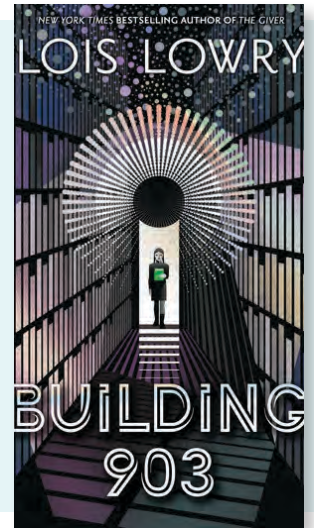
Reading Recommendations

September

Hollywood, Ending
by John Green

Anger is Only a Shadow
by Elizabeth Acevedo

Building 903
by Lois Lowry



October

Partita
by Barbara Kingsolver

The Pools
by E. Lockhart

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Fight or Flight
by Jeff Kinney

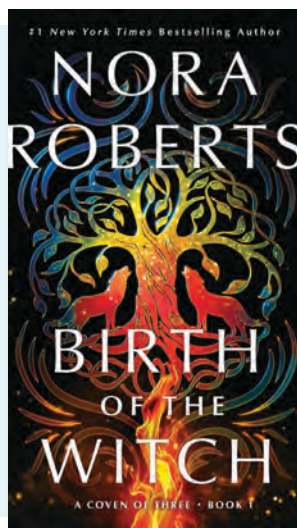


November

Birth of the Witch
by Nora Roberts

Sharpest Court
by Kiera Azar

Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time
by Dav Pilkey



Library Closings

Labor Day

September 7

All libraries closed

Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 12

All libraries closed

Election Day

November 3

All branches closed

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November 11

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November 14 2026

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Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25-27

All libraries closed

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Hull Street	10/28	11:45AM

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Ginter Park 1200 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, VA 23227 Sunday Monday-Thursday Friday Saturday	804-646-1236 1PM-5PM 9AM-8PM 9AM-6PM 9AM-5PM
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