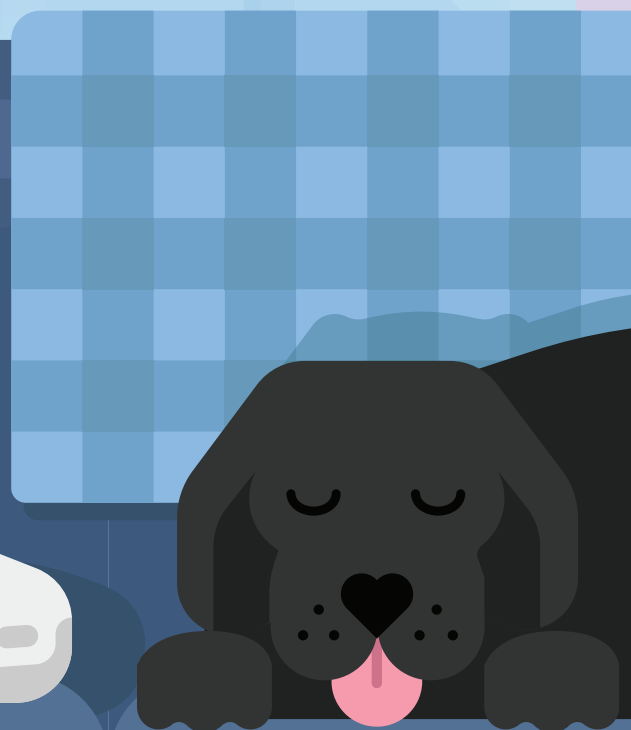


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LOCATIONS

HEADQUARTERS

Hopewell
804-458-6329
209 E. Cawson Street
Hopewell, VA 23860

Burrowsville
804-458-6329, ext. 2950
18701 James River Drive
Disputanta, VA 23842

Carson Depot
804-458-6329, ext. 2910
16101 Halligan Park Road
Carson, VA 23830

Dinwiddie
804-458-6329, ext. 2920
14103 Boydton Plank Road
Dinwiddie, VA 23841

Disputanta
804-458-6329, ext. 2930
10010 County Drive
Disputanta, VA 23842

McKenney
804-458-6329, ext. 2940
20916 Old School Road
McKenney, VA 23872

Prince George
804-458-6329, ext. 2970
6605 Courts Drive
Prince George, VA 23875

Rohoic
804-458-6329, ext. 2960
7301 Boydton Plank Road
Petersburg, VA 23803

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The library is always interested in hearing from patrons willing to help make the library better by serving on its board. The library board meets ten times a year for lunch to review the library's operations and make recommendations to the director. Several opportunities to serve will occur during 2018. Contact Brian Manning at bmannings@arls.org, or 804-458-6329, Ext. 2005 for more information and how to apply for appointment to the board.

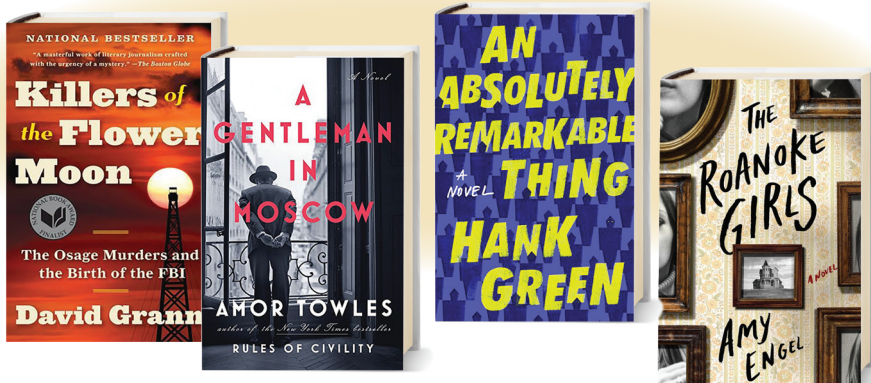
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bookgroups



Book Groups

Hopewell Library Evening | Last Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

January 30 **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

February 27 **Killers of the Flower Moon** by David Grann

Dinwiddie Library | Third Thursday 7:00 p.m.

January 17 **An Absolutely Remarkable Thing** by Hank Green

February 21 **The Roanoke Girls** by Amy Engel

Library Board Meetings

The Appomattox Regional Library Board of Trustees meets at **1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month** as follows:

December 4, 2018 **Carson Library**

January 15, 2019 **Dinwiddie Library**

February 19, 2019 **Hopewell Library**

Library Closings

December 24, 2018 **Christmas Eve**

December 25, 2018 **Christmas Day**

December 31, 2018 **All Branches will close at 6:00 p.m.**

January 1, 2019 **New Year's Day**

January 21, 2019 **Dr. Martin Luther King Day**

February 18, 2019 **Presidents Day**

NEW

ARLS Canvas Totes

All proceeds from the totes go to the Hopewell-Prince George Friends of the Library! Totes are \$10 and are available in the Friends bookstore and Hopewell, Prince George, Carson, Disputanta and Burrowsville.



ADULT PROGRAMS

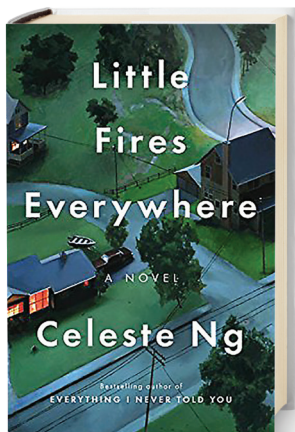
3 Books for 3 Months

Reviews from Librarians

***Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng**

Reviewed by Chris Wiegard

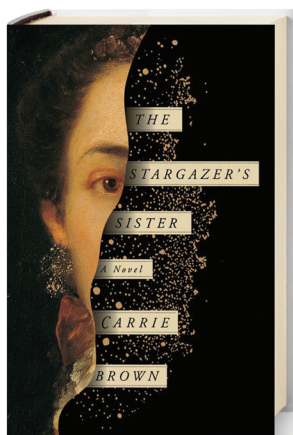
I felt that this novel was one of the best of 2017. Author Celeste Ng explores the interactions and secrets of two families in the wealthy suburb of Shaker Heights, Ohio, to deftly reach into deep moral issues. Her ability to paint solidly real characters and ask the reader how we should live our lives resembles Charles Dickens without the comedy; a truly memorable and finely-crafted tale with literary merit that our book groups savored.



***The Stargazer's Sister* by Carrie Brown**

Reviewed by Elizabeth Trop

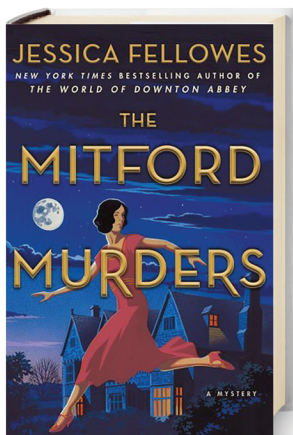
This is an historical novel with a touch of science about a real female astronomer – Caroline Herschel – who lived in the 18th and 19th centuries, discovered several comets, and helped to catalog her brother's discoveries. Her brother, William Herschel, was an astronomer and musical composer who relied on his sister to assist him in his work as well as maintain his busy household. The story blends family collaboration and conflict as well as the tale of a woman trying to find her place in the world. The author was a professor at a Virginia college for over 20 years and has written numerous books.



***The Mitford Murders* by Jessica Fellowes**

Reviewed by Catherine Field

Part Downton Abbey, part Agatha Christie mystery, this novel set in 1919 weaves together the lives of two women, one a nurse during and after WWI, the other a nursery maid to a wealthy family. Track down a murderer with a cast of relatable, well-written characters as they tromp across London and Oxfordshire. The first in a witty and endearing series.



Alzheimer's and Dementia 411

The Tri-Cities Region of the Alzheimer's Association will be presenting these informational sessions about Alzheimer's.

Holiday Tips and Know the 10 Signs

Prince George Library

December 13, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

The holidays can be an emotional time of year for many families, and that is no less true for families of Alzheimer's or dementia patients. With a little planning, your celebrations can still be happy, memorable occasions you will cherish for years to come. There are 10 warning signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's. Every individual may experience one or more of these signs in different degrees. Learn what these are and how they differ from typical age-related symptoms.

Fitness at the Library

Sit and Be Fit

Hopewell Library

Tuesdays, December 4 - February 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This full-body workout is designed to be done from both a seated chair and a standing position. The class will emphasize exercises to improve flexibility, muscle and bone strength, circulation, and balance. It is fun, easy, and suitable for people of all fitness abilities.

The class will not meet on December 25 for the observance of Christmas Day or January 1 for the observance of New Year's Day.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Hopewell Library

Wednesdays, December 5 & 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Do you want to improve balance, lower body strength, and prevent falling? Even if you do not have arthritis, the benefits of Tai Chi are numerous. This class is based on a program created by Dr. Paul Lam, a retired family physician who was once wheelchair bound by arthritis. Frustrated by his lack of movement, he put his background and roots to work for him. Now he has won many gold medals performing Tai Chi and is well known for bringing Tai Chi to the Western World. The CDC recognizes Tai Chi as beneficial for overall health.

Tai Chi for Health

Hopewell Library

Wednesdays, January 9 - February 27, 2019, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Yang 24 is the most popular form of Tai Chi in the world. It will promote flexibility, strength, muscle control, and a fun form to challenge yourself. Anyone can do this regardless of their strength and flexibility. The program will be modified for those who are still working on their strength and flexibility.

Yoga for Beginners

Prince George Library

Thursdays, December 6 - February 28, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Receive the abundant benefits of yoga. This gentle class offers flowing movements at a gentle pace with attention to breathing and postures. You will see improvement in muscle strength, circulation, flexibility, and balance. It is suitable to people of all fitness levels. Please bring a yoga mat to class.

Dinwiddie Library

Christmas Open House

Dinwiddie Library

Friday, December 7, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

You are invited to the Annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy refreshments, story time, and door prizes. **The Friends of the Dinwiddie Library will host a half-price book sale December 7- 31.**



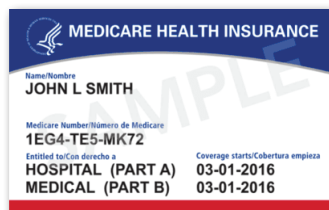
Hopewell Library

Medicare Counseling

Hopewell Library

Tuesday, December 4, 12 p.m.

Ms. Brummett from the Agency on Aging will provide basic information and guidance for signing up during Open Enrollment. Please bring your Medicare card and a list of your present prescriptions. The last day of enrollment is Friday, December 7, 2018.



Woman's Club of Hopewell - Community First Winter Series

Living Among the Slavs

Hopewell Library

Wednesday, January 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Daniel Jones was offered the opportunity to teach English in Prague. He developed a love of photography while living in the Czech Republic and Croatia. Through his photographs, he will tell us about the people and culture of these two countries.

From Tragedy to Survival

Hopewell Library

Wednesday, February 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Michelle Leshok is the owner of four award-winning home décor stores called The Lazy Daisy. She will share with us the heartbreaking story of losing her seven-year old son in a tragic shooting incident and how she was able to find her way to survival by establishing her stores. These stores honor the memory of her son.

Winter Lecture Series - Petersburg National Battlefield (For Families)

Archaeology at City Point

Hopewell Library

Thursday, January 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

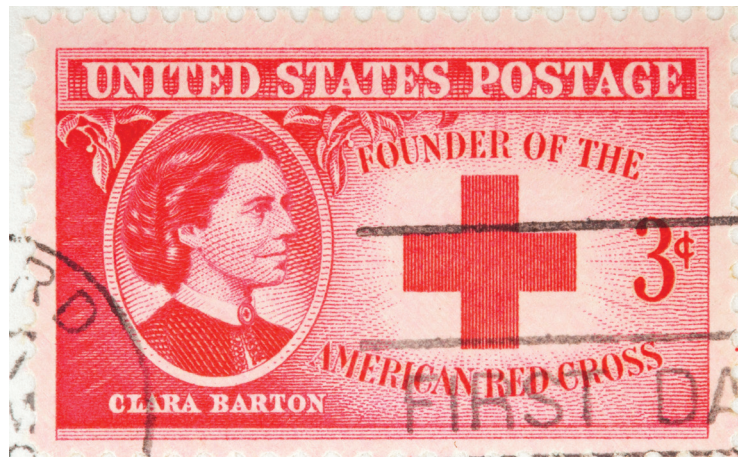
Speakers will be **Alexis Morris**, Petersburg National Battlefield Archaeologist and Julie Steele, Chief of Resource Management

Clara Barton

Hopewell Library

Thursday, February 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Jake Wynn will discuss Clara Barton and the Missing Soldiers Office in Washington DC.



Prince George Library

Poetry, Prose and Pizza

Prince George Library

Thursday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.

Nathan Richardson, published poet and youth mentor, will host an evening to share original or favorite poetry or prose selections. The **Hopewell/PG Friends of the Library** host this event and provide pizza from **Luca Italian Restaurant**. Stop by to enjoy a slice of pizza and participate in this family-friendly evening.



All Branches

Fine Forgiveness Food Drive

Month of January

Reduce your fines by up to \$5! For every non-perishable food item donated we'll waive a dollar worth of fines. Start the New Year off by clearing those small fines from your library card! Even if you don't have fines to forgive donating items will be a great way to give back. Please visit the library website, Facebook, or call for a list of acceptable non-perishable items. All donations will go to charities located in Hopewell, Dinwiddie and Prince George counties.



COUNTRY CRAFTS

Beautiful Bows

December 3-8

Back by popular demand our Bow Tying Stations will be available at all branches of ARLS during the first week of the month. Stop by on your schedule and learn how to tie a beautiful Christmas bow. Ribbon and supplies provided while supplies last.

Outrageous Ornaments

Tuesday, December 11, All Day

Visit any branch of ARLS on December 11th and make your own ornament. This is the perfect activity for families, grandparents, and crafty adults. Why not gather your friends and each make an ornament? A lovely memento for the holiday season! All supplies provided.



Light Up the Night: Ornament Making with Lamb Arts

Hopewell Library

Sunday, December 2, 6-8 pm

Join the Lamb Center for Arts and Healing in celebrating this annual Hopewell tradition. Investigate color mixing with clay and make something special for your tree. **This program is a special Sunday event free and open to all. The library will not be open to check-out books.**



Southside From the Heart

Join our knitters and crocheters as they create items for local hospitals, nursing homes and shelters. Crafters of all ages and skill levels are welcome.



Hopewell

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday evenings
from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th Thursday mornings from
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Dinwiddie

2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons
from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

McKenney

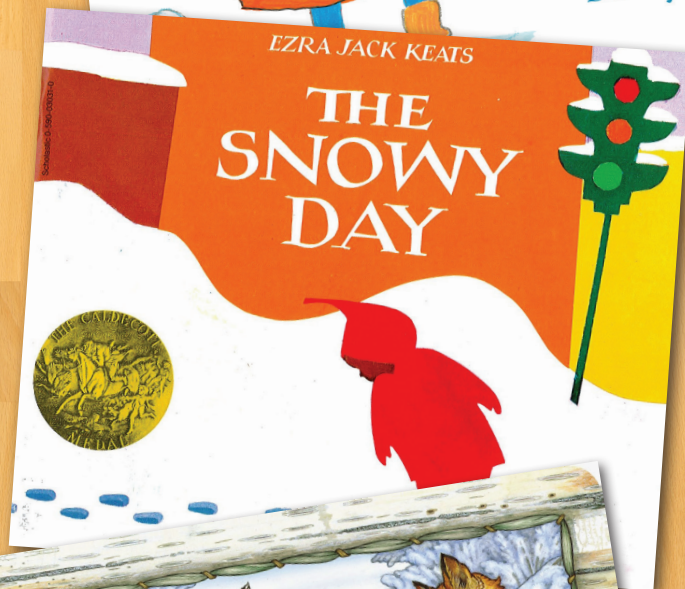
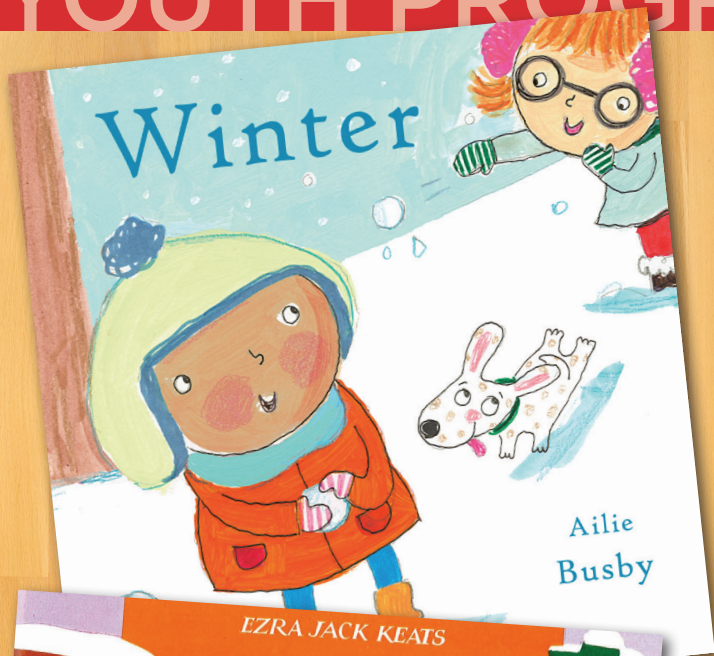
1st & 3rd Wednesday afternoons from
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Prince George

1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoons from
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

*The group will not meet on January 1
for the observance of New Year's Day.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Youth

Winter Story Time

December 3 - February 28

Story time programs aim to instill a love of reading by encouraging parents and other special adults to read aloud to children. Please join us! No registration is required.

Monday - Hopewell Library - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday - McKenney Library - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday - Dinwiddie Library - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday - Prince George Library - 10:30 a.m.

Thursday - Rohoic Library - 10:30 a.m.

Fridays - Carson Depot Library - 10:30 a.m.

There will be no story time December 17 - January 5, January 21, or February 18-23.

Baby and Me

December 3 - February 28

A great introduction for you and your new family member to the wonderful world of books, rhymes, and songs. For babies ages birth to 24 months old, this program is limited to 15 babies and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Hopewell Library 10:00 a.m. on Mondays

Prince George Library 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays

There will be no Baby and Me December 17- January 5, January 21, or February 18-23.

All Ages

Homeschool Huddle

Hopewell Library

Tuesday, January 15, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19, 1 p.m.

NEW Dinwiddie Library

Wednesday, January 16, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20, 1 p.m.

Babies, Toddlers, & PreSchool (Birth to Pre-K)

Music and Movement Pre-school (ages 2 - 5)

Hopewell Library - January 28, and February 25, 11 a.m.

Dinwiddie Library - January 30, and February 27, 11 a.m.

Prince George Library - January 31 and February 28, 11 a.m.

Little Scientists Pre-school (ages 3-5)

Hopewell Library - February 4, 11 a.m.

Dinwiddie Library - February 6, 11 a.m.

Prince George Library - February 7, 11 a.m.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

There is no better gift you can give your child than snuggling up and reading aloud to him or her every day. Reading 1,000 books to your baby, toddler, or preschooler may sound daunting, but this program allows you to set your own pace, while giving your child a jumpstart to their education. The only criteria is to complete 1,000 books before the child enters kindergarten. If you read just 1 book a day, you will finish in 3 years...if you read 3 books a day, you can finish in just 1 year!

During the month of February, you can get 1 book for every 100 you read. Make sure to stop by your local branch to pick up your prize.

Stop by any of our locations for more details and to register your child. If you have questions, please call the Youth Services Department at 458-6329 ext. 1013. Happy Reading!

Great Libraries Need Great Friends. Become a Friend Today!

- **Raise awareness** of library programs and resources
- **Receive early notice** of special programs and events
- **Help in The Reader's Friend Bookstore** and book sales
- **Serve as an officer or committee member** to host and plan events or work on special projects
- **Support new initiatives** and the **Summer Reading Programs** for children and adults

Contact **Megan Kitchen** at 804-458-6329, ext. 2001 or email mkitchen@arls.org

Membership envelopes are available at all locations



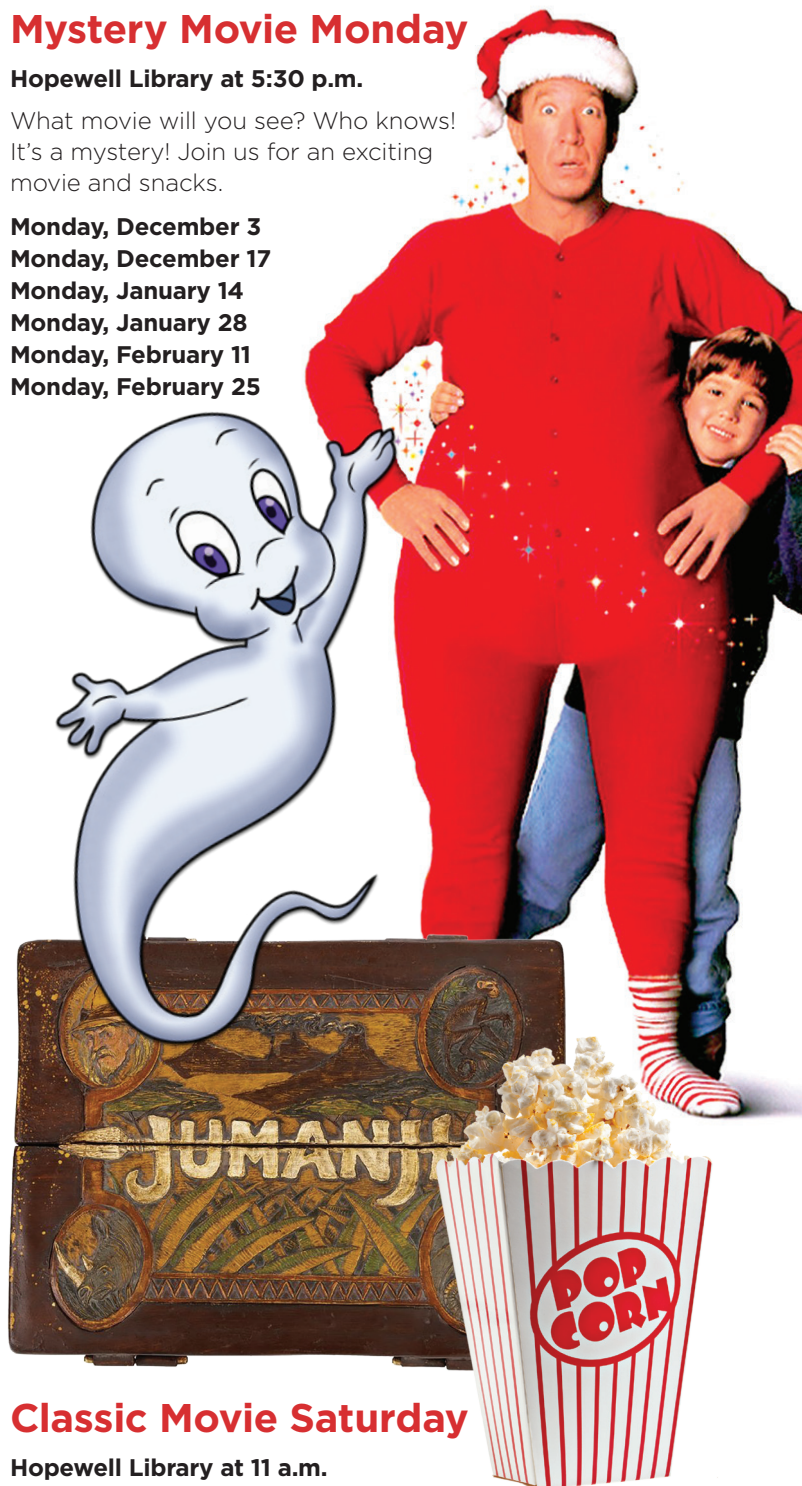
Elementary and Tweens (Ages 7-12)

Mystery Movie Monday

Hopewell Library at 5:30 p.m.

What movie will you see? Who knows! It's a mystery! Join us for an exciting movie and snacks.

Monday, December 3
Monday, December 17
Monday, January 14
Monday, January 28
Monday, February 11
Monday, February 25



Classic Movie Saturday

Hopewell Library at 11 a.m.

Join us at the Hopewell Library for a classic film and snacks!

Saturday, December 1 - **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**
Saturday, December 15 - **The Santa Clause**
Saturday, January 12 - **Jumanji**
Saturday, January 26 - **Matilda**
Saturday, February 9 - **Beauty and the Beast**
Saturday, February 23 - **Casper**

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Teens

Culture Club

Hopewell Library
January 23 and
February 27 at 5:00 p.m.



Take a journey around the world! Learn about different cultures and try some of their foods. **Please inform Youth Services of any food allergies at programs start.**

Volunteer Orientation

Hopewell Library
February 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Teens interested in volunteering at the library can learn more at the Teen Volunteer Orientation. Please fill out your application online at www.arls.org/support/volunteer and submit it by January 14 to participate. If you have questions, please email the Volunteer Coordinator at mkitchen@arls.org or call 804-458-6329 extension 2001.

Polar Express Party

Hopewell Library
Saturday, December 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Watch this classic holiday film, while making crafts and enjoying some of our favorite holiday snacks.



STEAM

Batteries Included!

Hopewell Library - January 28, 5 p.m.
McKenney Library - January 30, 4 p.m.

Heart Matters

Hopewell Library - February 24, 5 p.m.
McKenney Library - February 27, 4 p.m.

LEGO Club

Dinwiddie Library, Disputanta Library, and Hopewell Library
January 29 and February 26, 5-6 p.m.

If you are already a LEGO Master Builder or even if you're a first timer, this is the place for you! The library will provide the LEGO's, while you provide the imagination! Ages 6-12.



Don't forget to visit **The Reader's Friend Book Store** at the **Hopewell Library** to find gently used books, CDs and DVDs. The Book Store is open **Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Proceeds from the bookstore and the ongoing sales at libraries like Dinwiddie, Carson, and McKenney help support programming for adults and children throughout the Appomattox Regional Library System.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW DATABASES

Career Transitions

Looking for a job? Want to brush up on your interview skills or need to create a cover letter or resume for a job? Then this database is for you and the best part is it is completely free. It is available both in the library and from home. Check our website for the service or ask a librarian for a demonstration.

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