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The Appomattox Regional Library System fosters lifelong learning, the availability of information, and the exchange of ideas using library resources and emerging technology.

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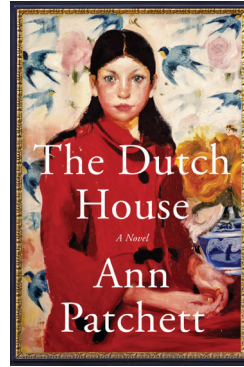
HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Last Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

There will be no meeting in December

January 29 / *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

February 26 / *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper



DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

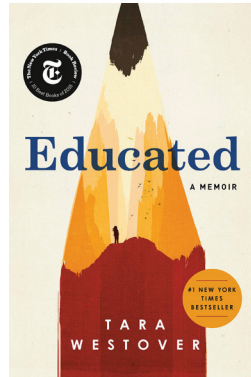
Third Thursdays at 7:00 pm

There will be no meeting in December

January 16 / *Educated* by Tara Westover

February 20 / *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*

by J. Ryan Stradal



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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

December 10

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

January 21

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

February 18

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

December 24 / Christmas Eve

December 25 / Christmas Day

December 31 / New Year's Eve (libraries close at 6pm)

January 1 / New Year's Day

January 20 / Martin Luther King Jr. Day

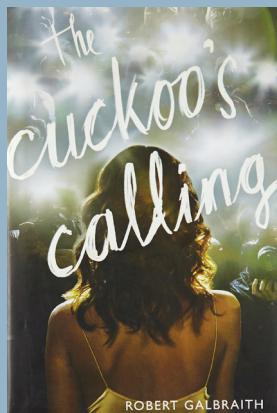
February 17 / President's Day

3 READS FOR 3 MONTHS

Reviews from Librarians

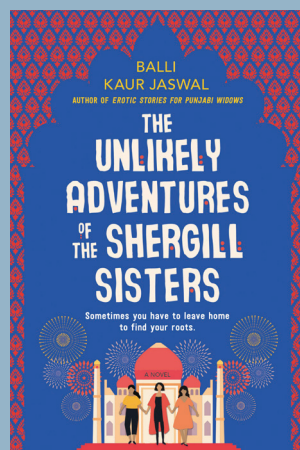
***The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith**
Reviewed by Elizabeth Trop

If you like fast-paced, suspenseful mysteries with complex characters, you'll love this book and the sequels! It's the first in a series, and each one is better than the previous one. The protagonist is a 35-year-old man who lost part of a leg in Afghanistan while serving with the British Army. Upon discharge from the army, he opens a private investigation agency and struggles to keep his business



afloat. He hires a temp secretary whom he really cannot afford, but she proves herself resourceful in helping him with his business. With their first case, the brother of a famous young model questions the police report that his sister committed suicide. If it's murder, who did it?

The Unlikely Adventures of the Shergill Sisters
by Balli Kaur Jaswal
Reviewed by Catherine Field



Meet the Shergill sisters, three flawed and likeable women, who in the aftermath of their mother's death follow her wishes to take a trip to India together. Each sister has a secret which will strain their already frayed relationships, as they deal with cultural struggles in modern day India, childhood memories, and their hopes for the future.

***The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal**
Reviewed by Chris Wiegard

Stradal's second novel involves a Midwestern family breakup over an unshared inheritance. The reader anticipates that the estranged sisters, and a special granddaughter, will someday meet again, but the long journey to that day involves the third best pie in Minnesota and the long battle between IPA and Lager for the throne of the local beer kingdom. You could savor this clever novel about food, brewing, and family without knowing and loving beer—but it helps if you do.



ADULT PROGRAMS

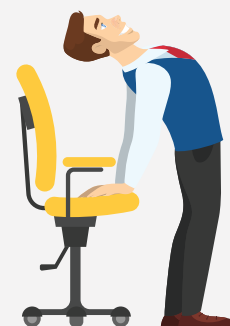
FITNESS AT THE LIBRARY

Sit & Be Fit

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Tuesdays, from 10:30–11:30 am

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.



Tai Chi for Health

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesdays, from 12:30–1:30 pm

There will be no classes in December

Improve your health with Tai Chi, a low-impact, slow-motion program that addresses muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and conditioning that is endorsed by the CDC. This exercise method has been practiced for centuries. As an introductory course, it is suitable for most people.

Yoga for Beginners

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursdays, from 12–1 pm

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.



Working Out for Arthritis

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesdays, from 10:30–11:30 am

There will be no classes in December

This class was designed by the Arthritis Foundation and is geared for people with all forms of arthritis. It will include gentle stretching and movement of all joints, ligaments, and tendons. Even a person who has not exercised in years will be able to participate. This class, conducted in both sitting and standing positions, will improve balance, increase lower body strength to prevent falls, improve upper body strength, and aid in normal daily activities.

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 LIBRARY

1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursday mornings from 10 am–12 pm

2nd & 4th Thursday evenings from 5:30–7:30 pm

No meeting December 26

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons from 1–3 pm

No meeting December 25

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday afternoons from 2–4 pm

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

1st & 3rd Wednesday from 3–5 pm

No meeting January 1

Quilting Angels

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, from 10 am–2 pm

Join the Quilting Angels as they create works of art out of fabric! Skilled quilters are available to answer questions, but all skill levels are welcome for a time of community and craft. No sewing machines provided, and workers must bring their own supplies.



Valentine Making with Lamb Arts

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesday February 12 at 6 pm

Join Lamb Arts as we reflect on our favorite love poems and create our own custom Valentines. No cost to attend, all supplies provided.



<3 CARDS OF CARING <3

ALL BRANCHES / December 1–14

Visit any branch of ARLS on your schedule to make a card for people in your community who need extra cheer this holiday season. Supplies will be provided, and all the cards will be given to local hospitals or residential homes.

Invest In Yourself: Financial Wellness Series

Taxes FAQ

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Thursday, February 6 at 6 pm

How does the new tax law that went into effect in 2018 change your taxes? Are there any new tax law changes for 2019? Get your basic tax questions answered by an accountant.



Introduction to Home Ownership

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Saturday, January 4 from 10:30 am–12:30 pm

Wednesday, January 22 from 5:30–7 pm

& Saturday, February 22 10:30 am–12 pm

Register by phone, or
[online at the Library's Facebook Page](#)



Explore the decision to buy or not buy and the early steps towards pursuing homeownership such as: financial readiness; the importance of the credit report and score; introduction to loan options and lender guidelines; available resources.

Credit & Credit Reporting

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Saturday, January 25 from 10:30 am–12 pm

Wednesday, February 19 from 5:30–7 pm

Register by phone, or
[online at the Library's Facebook Page](#)



Unravel the mysteries of credit and credit reporting: Join CCCSMD to learn what appears on the credit report; how to dispute inaccuracies; how a healthy credit report is important in finding, sustaining and maintaining affordable housing and in meeting other credit needs.

Mobile Photography

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Friday, February 7 from 10–11:30 am

Would you like to know how to take better pictures with your smartphone? Chuck Rudisil is a local photographer who will explain how to get the most out of your photos. He will show participants when and how to use the zoom, how to compose a picture, basic editing, settings, and printing. There will be time for questions and answers.



2ND ANNUAL

FINE-FORGIVENESS

FOOD DRIVE



ALL BRANCHES / January 2020

Last year we collected 643.8 pounds of food for our community partners, and we'd love to collect even more this year! For every non-perishable item donated a dollar of fines will be forgiven from your account. Fine forgiveness is limited to \$5 per account, but donations are unlimited. Check www.arls.org for a list of accepted items.

Family Nutrition

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesdays, January 15 & 29, February 12 & 26, 4–6 pm

Learn how to eat smart and be healthier. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is a USDA grant-funded program. Participants will attend for four classes. At the first meeting, a confidential nutrition assessment will help participants see what is working for them and how they can improve their food goals. All materials will be provided.

Poetry, Prose & Pizza

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, January 23 at 6 pm

Nathan Richardson, published poet and youth mentor, will host an open forum for participants to share original or favorite works of poetry and prose. Join us for this family friendly event and enjoy a slice of pizza from Luca's. Sponsored by The Hopewell / Prince George Friends of the Library.

Friends of the Library Dinwiddie Open House

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Friday, December 6, from 3–6 pm

Mark your calendars for the Dinwiddie Library Christmas Open House. This annual tradition will have story time, refreshments and door prizes. Looking for a bargain on books? The Dinwiddie Library will host a half-price book sale December 6–31 during library hours.



Dinwiddie Illumination

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 3 at 7 pm

In celebration of the holiday spirit and in conjunction with Dinwiddie County, the Dinwiddie Library will be open late on the evening of the grand illumination and will have a craft for children. Come inside to say hello and warm up!



Dinwiddie Genealogy 102

ROHOIC LIBRARY

Thursday, January 16 at 6 pm

Join the Hopewell Library and the Dinwiddie Historical Society as they discuss research tips and tricks for putting together family history and materials specifically about Dinwiddie history.

Prince George Genealogy 102

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, January 30 at 6 pm

Come join staff from the Hopewell Library and the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center to hear of different resources available about Prince George County, with a focus on Czech and Slovak family history. Staff will also share tips and tricks to use with researching family genealogy.

Hopewell Genealogy 102

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Tuesday, February 4 at 6 pm

The Historic Hopewell Foundation and the Hopewell Library will share resources for those searching for Hopewell family history along with basic tips and tricks for searching for family history in the Hopewell area.



Showtime at ARLS

Join us at the Hopewell Library on the following Friday mornings at 10:30am for a film and snacks! These movies are intended for adults or mature teens.



HOPEWELL LIBRARY

December 6 — *Meet Me in St. Louis*

December 13 — *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*

December 20 — *White Christmas*

December 27 — *Cool Runnings*

January 3 — *Iron Man*

January 10 — *Sense & Sensibility*

January 17 — *Iron Man 2*

January 24 — *Remember the Titans*

January 31 — *Thor*

February 7 — *NO FILM*

February 14 — *You've Got Mail*

February 21 — *Captain America: The First Avenger*

February 28 — *Loving*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

All Ages



Mystery Movie Monday

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

HOPEWELL LIBRARY / Mondays at 5:30 pm
December 2 / January 13 & 27 / February 10 & 24

Classic Movie Saturday

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

HOPEWELL LIBRARY / Saturdays at 11 am

December 14 — *Babes in Toyland*
January 11 — *Aladdin* (1992)
January 25 — *The Land Before Time*
February 8 — *My Girl*
February 22 — *A Bug's Life*

Musical Painting — Holiday Edition!

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Monday, December 16 at 5 pm

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, December 19 at 5 pm

Throw on your play clothes and join us for a musical art adventure — holiday edition!

Family Craft Night

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm —

Winter holiday ornaments,
cards and gifts

Thursday, January 9 at 6 pm —

Alternative painting methods

Thursday, February 13 at 6pm —

Alternative sculpting methods /
sculpting with paper and cardboard

An evening full of crafting —
family night has never been this fun!



Light Up the Night Holiday Festival

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Sunday, December 8 at 6 pm

Join the Hopewell Recreation and Parks Department at the Hopewell Library during Light Up the Night to enjoy a variety of holiday activities. Children will make a holiday craft, enjoy refreshments, hear a story from Mrs. Claus, and visit with Santa himself!



Babies, Toddlers & Preschool

Story Time

Story time programs aim to instill a love of reading by encouraging parents and other special adults to read aloud to children.

There will be no story time December 23–January 4, January 20 and February 17–21

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Mondays at 10:30 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

ROHOIC LIBRARY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

CARSON LIBRARY

Fridays at 10:30 am

Yoga Story Time

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

NEW! HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Fridays at 10:30 am



We'll read a story, play with words to boost literacy skills, and then go on a yoga adventure to retell the story with our bodies. Staying quietly on a mat is not a requirement in this class. This class is recommended for families with kiddos from birth through 6 years, but all are welcome. Please bring a mat, if you have one.

There will be no story time December 23–January 4, January 20 and February 17–21

Stay & Play

Stay and Play is a drop-in playdate program for children from birth to 24 months. Stay after Baby and Me story time or just come in for the playdate to chat with other caregivers while your baby has fun with our toy collection.

There will be no story time December 23–January 4, January 20 and February 17–21*October 6–12, November 11 and November 25–30

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Mondays at 10 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Baby & Me

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.

There will be no story time December 23–January 4, January 20 and February 17–21

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Mondays at 9:30 am

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursdays at 10 am



Music & Movement

Shake, rattle and roll your way through this fun and interactive class! This class is designed for children ages 2–5.

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Monday, January 27 at 11:15 am

Monday, February 24 at 11:15 am

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 29 at 11:15 am

Wednesday, February 26 at 11:15 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, January 30 at 11:15 am

Thursday, February 27 at 11:15 am



Little Scientist

Join us for an interactive program designed to introduce your child to some of the aspects of STEAM. This program is for children ages 3–5.

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Monday, December 2 at 11:15 am

Monday, January 6 at 11:15 am

Monday, February 3 at 11:15 am

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 4 at 11:15 am

Wednesday, January 8 at 11:15 am

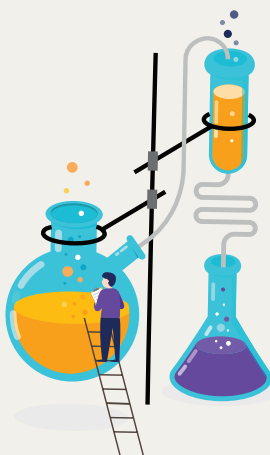
Wednesday, February 5 at 11:15 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, December 5 at 11:15 am

Thursday, January 9 at 11:15 am

Thursday, February 6 at 11:15 am



Pajama Story Time

Put on your jammies and grab your favorite stuffed animal for this special story time!

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 18 at 6 pm

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 15 at 6 pm



Elementary & Tweens

Homeschool Huddle

Join your local homeschool families for an educational afternoon at your local library!

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Monday, January 13 at 1 pm

Monday, February 10 at 1 pm

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Tuesday, January 14 at 1 pm

Tuesday, February 11 at 1 pm

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 15 at 1 pm

Wednesday, February 12 at 1 pm

STREAM

Stop on by for a science, technology, reading, engineering, art or math-themed program.

Themes will be:

December: Holidays

January: Natural Disasters

February: Law of Motion

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Monday, December 9 at 5 pm

Monday, January 13 at 5 pm

Monday, February 10 at 5 pm

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 11 at 4 pm

Wednesday, January 15 at 4 pm

Wednesday, February 12 at 4 pm

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, December 12 at 5 pm

Thursday, January 16 at 5 pm

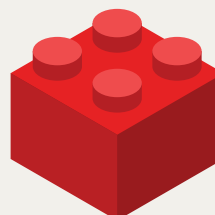
Thursday, February 13 at 5 pm

LEGO Club

ALL BRANCHES

Tuesday, January 28 & February 25, 5–6 pm

Whether you are a LEGO Master Builder or a first timer, this is the place for you! The library will provide the LEGO, while you provide the imagination! Designed for ages 6–12.



Teens

Teen Jewelry Making

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm

Learn to make your very own jewelry with pieces made from our brand-new 3D printer. All supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity!



Teen Scene Movies

Join us for snacks and these amazing movies!

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Saturday, December 14 at 2 pm —

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Saturday, January 11 at 2 pm — *Uncle Buck*

Saturday, February 8 at 2 pm — *Hairspray*



Terrarium Fun

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Saturday, January 18 at 2 pm

Do you have a hard time keeping plants alive? Then terrariums are for you! All supplies are provided, just come prepared to create!



Culture Club

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 29 at 5 pm

& Wednesday, February 26 at 5 pm

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.



Art Journaling Basics

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Saturday, February 15 at 2 pm

Learn to express yourself and your emotions through this exciting art journaling class. Learn basic techniques and start your own art journal creating visually creative backgrounds using mixed media and stencils.



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The Reader's Friend Book Store

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Open every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday
10:30 am–2:30 pm

Purchase gently used books, CDs and DVDs. 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.

The Hopewell—Prince George Friends of The Library

A 501(c)(3) organization serving the libraries of Hopewell, Prince George, Burrowsville, Carson, Disputanta, McKenney, and Rohoic. Meetings are held at the Hopewell Library.