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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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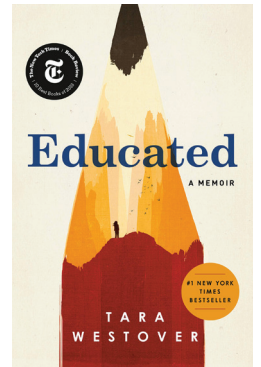
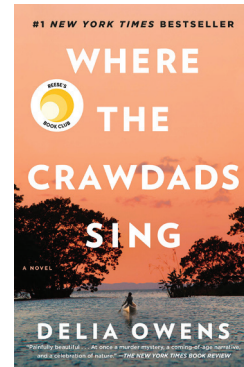
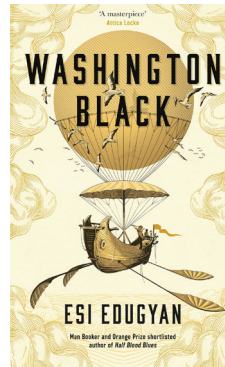
HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Last Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

March 25 / *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan

April 29 / *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

May 27 / *Educated* by Tara Westover



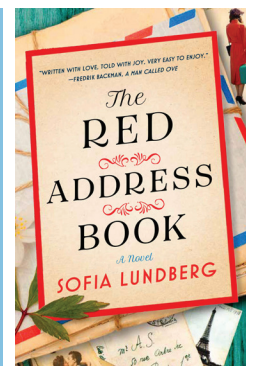
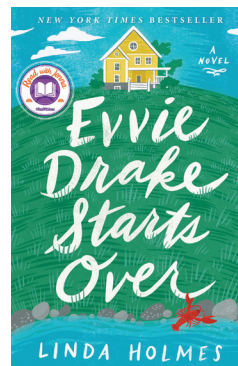
DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Third Thursdays at 7:00 pm

March 19 / *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes

April 16 / *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

May 21 / *The Red Address Book* by Sofia Lundberg



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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

March 17

CARSON LIBRARY

April 21

BURROWSVILLE LIBRARY

May 19

ROHOIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

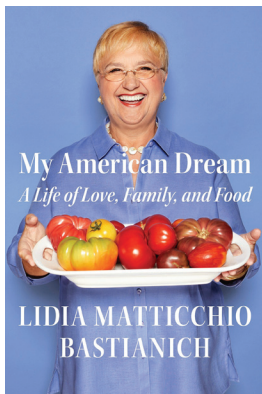
May 25 / Memorial Day / Libraries Closed

3 READS FOR 3 MONTHS

Reviews from Librarians

My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food
by Lidia Bastianich / reviewed by Elizabeth Trop

The popular chef, restaurant owner, and television host of Lidia's Kitchen, Lidia Bastianich, wrote a detailed and interesting memoir, describing her young life when her family left everything behind and started over in New York. She had a supportive family and was able to open an Italian restaurant and then many more throughout Manhattan. She is an example of a successful immigrant who achieved her American dream. This memoir would appeal to those who enjoy reading about strong family ties and the happiness associated with sharing your heritage.



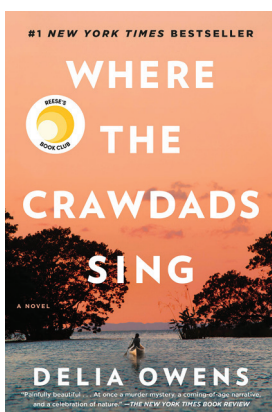
Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston
reviewed by Anne Rappe-Epperson

When the son of the first female president of the United States makes a mistake, he is forced to make friends with his adversary, the prince of England. However, dislike quickly turns to romance as these two flawed young men fall in love with each other. This delightful, diverse romance will have you laughing and cheering for the protagonists, Alex and Henry, as they navigate their long distance romance and their roles in the public and within their families.



Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
reviewed by Chris Wiegard

Kya Clark, the "Marsh Girl," grows up alone on the North Carolina coast, viewed with compassion or disgust by locals. As she reaches adulthood, she must choose between two local men, then undergo the ordeal of a murder trial. This unusual tale of abandonment and possible redemption was a breakout first novel by wildlife scientist Owens, and both of the ARLS book groups will discuss it in 2020.



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 either a seated or 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

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 for 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

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.



Beginning Tai Chi

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Mondays, from 12–1 pm

April 27, May 4, 11 & 18

Yang style Tai Chi Chuan is the most widely practiced martial art in the world today and this class will be a variation on this form. It was developed to help students quickly and easily understand the flow and use of internal energy for defense and health practices.



Bees, Trees & Clean Water

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Saturday, March 7 from 9 am–3 pm

The *Bees, Trees & Clean Water* workshop will teach the in-and-outs of creating habitat in your backyard for bees and other pollinators, as well as the role trees play in keeping our streams healthy. Participants will learn about the life cycle of native bees (and honey bees); how native plants attract songbirds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators to your yard; and the importance of riparian buffers and meadows to keep streams clean. Lunch will be provided. After lunch, participants are invited for a walking tour of local restoration projects to see what's thriving.



Button and Magnet Making

Drop in and make a button or a magnet. Bring in your own photo or drawing, or use one of the images we provide, that can be cut and turned into a button or magnet 2.25 inches in diameter. Perfect for buttons of school photos that can be made into gifts for loved ones.

DISPUTANTA LIBRARY

Tuesday, April 7 from 3–4:30 pm

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, April 8 from 10:30 am–12 pm

ROHOIC LIBRARY

Thursday, April 9 from 10:30 am–12 pm

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Monday, April 13 from 10:30 am–12 pm

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, April 16 from 10:30 am–12 pm

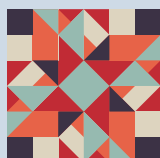


Quilting Angels

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, and all skill levels are welcome for a time of community and craft. No sewing machines provided, and workers must bring their own supplies.



Caregiving 101

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Thursday, March 12 from 10–11 am

No matter where you are in the journey of family caregiving—just beginning to anticipate a need, helping to coordinate a big move, or taking care of a family member full time—having a good framework to help guide both you and your loved one will make the process easier. During this session, we will share a framework to help you make plans to care for friends, family members, or loved ones. You will have the opportunity to connect with other family caregivers, exchange tips and advice, and learn about the resources available to you and your loved ones. Presenter Pat Jones Scott, a State and Community Service Team Member with AARP, will be present to answer questions.



Showtime at ARLS

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

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

March 6 — *The Avengers*

March 13 — *A League of Their Own*

March 20 — *Iron Man 3*

March 27 — *Harriet*

April 3 — *Thor: The Dark World*

April 10 — *The Upside* (2019)

April 17 — *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*

April 24 — *Men in Black: International*

May 1 — *Guardians of the Galaxy*

May 8 — *Shazam!*

May 15 — *Avengers: Age of Ultron*

May 22 — *Man from U.N.C.L.E.* (2015)

May 29 — *Ant-Man*



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

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

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

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

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

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

1st & 3rd Wednesday afternoons from 3–5 pm

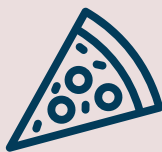


Poetry, Prose & Pizza

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, April 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.*



Art Exhibit

Opening Reception

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 4 from 3–5 pm

Join the *Hopewell/Prince George Friends of the Library* for their annual spring meeting as we commemorate one of our founding board members, Charlotte "Cholly" East-erling's life with an exhibit of her artwork. Learn what it means to be a friend of the library and the great work the friends do year round. Refreshments will be served.



Census FAQ

The 2020 Census is right around the corner and is the first census to be completed largely online. What does that mean for you? What kind of information will they be collecting and how will they collect it? Get answers to these questions and more from a representative of the U.S. Census.

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Thursday, March 5 at 6 pm

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 pm

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 pm



Genealogy 101

Learn the basics of using local genealogy resources, such as the Ann K. and Preston Leake Local History and Genealogy Collection, Hopewell News, and resources available from the Library of Virginia. Hear from staff about their favorite tricks for researching your family's history.

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 pm

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Thursday, May 14 at 6 pm

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 26 at 5:30 pm



Afternoon Tea with Downton

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Saturday, May 9 at 2 pm

Join us for afternoon tea and a viewing of *Downton Abbey*, the film. British hats encouraged, but not required. Bring your friends for a lovely afternoon of tea and delicacies. Wonder City Bakery will provide scones and more.



Introduction to Home Ownership

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

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

& Saturday, May 16 from 10:30 am–12 pm

Explore the decision to buy or not buy and the early steps towards pursuing home-ownership 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, March 21 from 10:30 am–12 pm

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.



\$1-a-Bag Book Sale

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 25 from 11 am–2 pm

Come celebrate National Library Week and National Volunteer Week with a *Friends of the Library* sponsored book sale. Bags will be provided. All proceeds will benefit the Hopewell–Prince George Friends of the Library.



Friends of the Library Dinwiddie, Oldies but Goldies Antique Appraisals

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Sunday, April 26 from 1–3 pm

Join friends of the Library Dinwiddie for their annual meeting, part treasure hunt and part history lesson. Watch as specialist Darrell Olgers, former V.P. of the Antique & Estate Division at Motley's Auction & Realty Group offers free verbal appraisals of antiques and collectibles. *The number of appraisals is limited. Registration is required. Register online at www.arls.org. Opinions of value are informal, and may not be used for insurance or charitable donations, which require a certified appraisal.*



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
March 9 & 23 / April 6 & 20 / May 4 & 18



Classic Movie Saturday

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

HOPEWELL LIBRARY / Saturdays at 11 am

March 7 — *Hercules* (G)

March 21 — *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (PG)

April 4 — *The Sword and the Stone* (G)

April 18 — *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (PG)

May 2 — *Black Beauty* (G)

May 16 — *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (PG)

May 30 — *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* (G)

Family Craft Night

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

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Thursday, March 12 at 6 pm

Spring Craft Night

Thursday, April 9 at 6 pm

Paint Night

Thursday, May 14 at 6pm

Recycled Craft Night

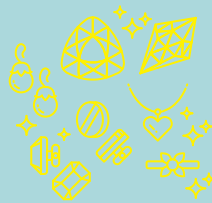


Jewelry Making for Kids

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!

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 18 at 11 am



Train Day

Join us as we celebrate National Train
Day with activities, tours and train-
themed snacks!

CARSON DEPOT LIBRARY

Saturday, May 9 at 3 pm



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

March 30–April 4, and May 25–June 20*

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

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.

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

*There will be no Yoga Story
Time at Prince George from
March 30–April 4. The last
Yoga Story Time at Prince
George will be April 10.*

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Fridays at 10:30 am

*There will be no Yoga Story Time at Hopewell from
March 30–April 10. The last Yoga Story Time at
Hopewell will be May 19.*



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 March 30–April 4,
and May 25–June 20*

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Mondays at 9:30 am

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10 am

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesdays at 10 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursdays at 10 am

ROHOIC LIBRARY

Thursdays at 10 am

CARSON LIBRARY

Fridays at 10 am



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 Stay & Play on May 11–15 or May 25

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Mondays at 10 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday at 10:30 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, March 23 at 11:15 am

Monday, April 27 at 11:15 am

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 25 at 11:15 am

Wednesday, April 29 at 11:15 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, March 26 at 11:15 am

Thursday, April 30 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, March 2 at 11:15 am

Monday, May 4 at 11:15 am

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 4 at 11:15 am

Wednesday, May 6 at 11:15 am

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, March 5 at 11:15 am

Thursday, May 7 at 11:15 am



Pajama Story Time

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

There will be no Story Time March 30–April 4, and May 25–June 20

BURROWSVILLE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 18 at 6 pm

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm

CARSON LIBRARY

Thursday, May 14 at 6 pm



Elementary & Tweens

Homeschool Huddle

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

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Monday, March 9 at 1 pm

Monday, April 13 at 1 pm

Monday, May 11 at 1 pm

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 10 at 1 pm

Tuesday, April 14 at 1 pm

Tuesday, May 12 at 1 pm

DINWIDDIE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 11 at 1 pm

Wednesday, April 15 at 1 pm

Wednesday, May 13 at 1 pm



STREAM

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

Themes will be:

March: Dinosaurs

April: Space

May: Nature

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Monday, March 2 at 5 pm

Monday, April 6 at 5 pm

Monday, May 4 at 5 pm

MCKENNEY LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 4 at 4 pm

Wednesday, April 8 at 4 pm

Wednesday, May 6 at 4 pm

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Thursday, March 5 at 5 pm

Thursday, April 9 at 5 pm

Thursday, May 7 at 5 pm

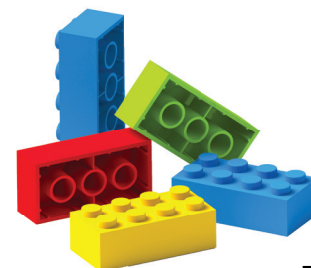


LEGO Club

ALL BRANCHES

Tuesdays, March 31, April 28
& May 26, from 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 Knitting

Teens join our knitters and crocheters from *Southside from the Heart* as they create items for local hospitals, nursing homes and shelters. Crafters of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

March 12 & 26 / April 9 & 23 / May 14 & 28
from 5:30 – 7:30 pm



Teen Scene Movies

Join us for snacks and these amazing movies!

Movies shown during Teen Scene Movie are intended for teens

PRINCE GEORGE LIBRARY

Saturday, March 7 at 2 pm —

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (PG-13)

Saturday, May 2 at 2 pm — *Clue* (PG)

Culture Club

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.

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 25 at 5 pm

Wednesday, April 29 at 5 pm

Wednesday, May 27 at 5 pm



Teen Craft Night

Join us as we craft the evening away!

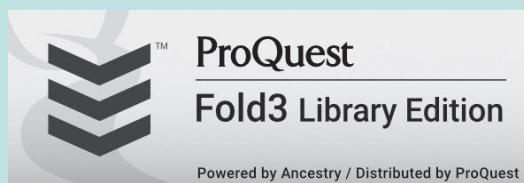
HOPEWELL LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 5 at 6 pm



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ProQuest Heritage Quest



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The Reader's Friend Book Store

HOPEWELL LIBRARY

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

We are a used bookstore, stocking a selection of fiction, classics, nonfiction, juvenile and children's books at very reasonable prices. You can search our shelves for your favorite author or just browse by subject. Each trip to our store is always a treasure hunt and you can be assured that every purchase helps us to support the library and fund programming for all ages.

Volunteers are an important part of our bookstore operations. They help with customer service, cashiering, sorting materials, pricing, shelving and much more. The Friends of the Library are also looking for board members and committee members. *Apply to be a volunteer at www.arls.org. Contact the volunteer coordinator (804-458-6329 ext 2001) with questions.*