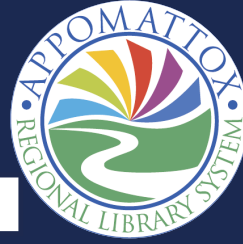


Appomattox Regional Library System

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Sponsored by the Hopewell- PG Friends of the Library

March- May 2024



Adopt



ANIMALS ALONG THE APPOMATTOX!

Every pet has a story. Start your tale at a local shelter today.

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APPOMATTOX REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Appomattox Regional Library System (ARLS) fosters lifelong learning; provides open access to information, entertainment, and technology; cultivates the exchange of ideas; inspires personal growth ;and encourages community engagement and gathering.

www.arls.org

ARLS BRANCH LOCATIONS

Hopewell Library x1001

209 E Cawson St., Hopewell, VA23860
Mon.- Thurs. 9:00 am- 8:00pm
Fri.- Sat. 9:00 am- 6:00pm

Burrowsville Library x2950

18701 James River Dr.,Disputanta, VA 23842
Mon.- Weds. 3:00pm- 7:00pm
Thurs. 10:00 am- 7:00pm
Sat. 10:00 am- 1:00pm

Carson Depot Library x2910

16101 Halligan Park Rd.,Carson, VA23830
Mon.- Thurs. 3:00pm- 7:00pm
Fri. 10:00 am- 6:00pm
Sat. 10:00 am- 1:00pm

Dinwiddie Library x2920

14103 Boydton Plank Rd., Dinwiddie, VA 23841
Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 3:00pm- 7:00pm
Weds. 10:00 am- 7:00pm
Fri. 3:00pm- 6:00pm
Sat. 10:00 am- 1:00pm

Disputanta Library x2930

10010 County Dr., Disputanta, VA 23842
Mon., Weds. & Thurs. 3:00pm- 7:00pm
Tues. 10:00 am- 7:00pm
Fri. 3:00pm- 6:00pm

McKenney Library x2940

20916 Old School Rd., McKenney, VA 23872
Mon. &Weds.- Thurs. 3:00pm- 7:00pm
Tues. 10:00 am- 7:00pm
Fri. 3:00pm- 6:00pm

Prince George Library x2970

6605 Courts Dr.,Prince George, VA 23875
Mon.- Thurs. 10:00 am- 7:00pm
Fri.- Sat. 10:00 am- 6:00pm

Rohoic Library x2960

7301 Boydton Plank Rd.
Petersburg VA, 23803
Mon.-Weds. 3:00pm- 7:00pm
Thurs. 11:00 am- 7:00pm
Fri. 3:00pm- 6:00pm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

May 27 Memorial Day

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The Appomattox Regional Library
Board Of Trustees Meets 1 pm

March 20- Mckenney

April 17- Rohoic

May 22- Prince George

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ANIMALS ALONG THE APPOMATTOX!

Every pet has a story. Start your tale at a local shelter today.

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Get ready for a paws-itively awesome April at the Appomattox Regional Library System! We're joining forces with local animal shelters for a month of furry fun! Swing by your local branch to fetch info on adorable animals up for adoption.

Consider contributing items for donation. Check out the full wishlist at www.arls.org or ask at your local branch.



Palette & Paws: Painting with Beckie Childers

Hopewell Library

Saturday, April 6, 2- 4 pm

Registration Required (15 Max)

Beckie Childers from the Creative Friends Art Center will lead us in painting animal-inspired art! There will be snacks and nonalcoholic beverages. Registration is strongly recommended, the class will be capped at 15 participants. Register on our online event calendar or call 804-458-6329.

Growing a Paradise for Pollinators

Hopewell Library

Saturday, March 23, 10-11 am

Discover the secrets to creating a garden that hums. Peggy Singlemann, the dynamic host and co-producer of "Virginia Home Grown" on VPM/PBS, and owner of RVA Gardener LLC will be your guide to transforming your garden into a buzzing haven for the essential guests, the pollinators.

The Prince George Animal Shelter Mobile Adoption Trailer

Prince George Library

Thursday, April 4, 10 am - Noon

Explore the Adoption Trailer filled with a variety of lovable pets eagerly waiting for a forever home. This event is the perfect opportunity to meet and connect with your potential new family member.

Chase from Paw Patrol will be on site!



Dog First Aid

Dinwiddie Library

Saturday, April 20, 10 am

Join Carrie from the Dinwiddie 4-H Dog Club and fellow members to explore the essentials of first aid for your canine companion! We'll be delving into the DogSafe Canine First Aid manual, and there will be real dogs joining us during the event.

Adult Programs

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Fitness Warriors Presents:

Fitness Fly Wit Ty

Hopewell Library

Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Become a better, more confident you by helping to achieve longevity by incorporating physical fitness into your lifestyle while promising yourself you will!

No class on May 27.

Yoga for Beginners

Prince George Library

Mondays, 11 am - Noon

Receive the abundant benefits of yoga. This gentle class offers flowing movements at a gentle pace with attention to breathing and postures. It is suitable for people of all fitness levels. Please bring a yoga mat to class.

No class on May 27.

Chair Yoga and Mindfulness

Hopewell Library

Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

This adult class is perfect for people at any level of yoga and exercise and is done from the comfort of a chair. It's completely beginner friendly and focuses on areas such as strength, balance, flexibility, and mobility.

Sit and Stay Fit

Hopewell Library

Wednesdays, 11 am - Noon

Join instructor Tyiesha Allen for a class designed for older adults focusing on strength, balance, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness.

Tone It Up With Ty

Hopewell Library

Thursdays, 5:30- 6:30 pm

This class is based on focusing on strength training exercises while integrating some cardio exercises and ending with stretching and meditation as we cool down.

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Blood Drive

Hopewell Library

Tuesday, April 16, 11 am - 4 pm

Appointments are required and can be made by visiting redcrossblood.org and searching for either the sponsor code "hopewelllibrary" or the zip code 23860.

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Blood Pressure Monitors

Available for Check-Out on March 1

The American Heart Association (AHA) and the Virginia Department of Health's Crater Health District are partnering with ARLS to make blood pressure monitors available for check-out. Kits will be available at the Hopewell, Prince George, RoHoic, and McKenney Libraries on March 1.

In addition to the blood pressure monitor loaner program, blood pressure screenings will be provided at the following locations.

Hopewell Library

Mondays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Wednesdays, 11 am-noon

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Prince George Library

Mondays, 11 am-noon



Financial Literacy Series

Navigating Home Buying and Down Payment Assistance

Prince George Library

Tuesday, March 19, 5:30-6:30 pm

Discover the essentials of home buying and learn about available down payment assistance programs in this insightful workshop. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or seeking to make informed decisions, join us to gain valuable knowledge and insights into the home buying process.

Budgeting Workshop

Eastside Enhancement Center

Thursday, April 18, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for an engaging budgeting workshop where we will explore valuable resources for budgeting and share practical savings tips. This session is designed to enhance your financial literacy and empower you with effective budgeting strategies.

Safeguarding Against Scams and Identity Theft

Hopewell Library

Saturday, May 18, 10-11 am

In this session, older citizens will gain insights into understanding, recognizing, and avoiding financial fraud. The discussion will also cover the intricacies of identity theft, how it occurs, and ways seniors can recognize warning signs to protect themselves. Additionally, valuable tips on the benefits of collaborating with a trustworthy financial caregiver will be provided. Randi Hawkins will be the presenter for this informative program.

Book Groups

Hopewell Library Book Group

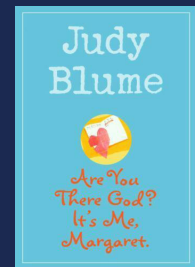
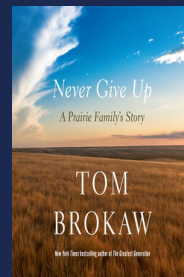
Fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Email etrop@arls.org to register.

March 26- Summer Skies, Jenny Colgan

April 23 - Never Give Up, Tom Brokaw and Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret, Judy Blume

May 28 - Stateless, Elizabeth Wein



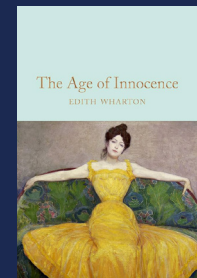
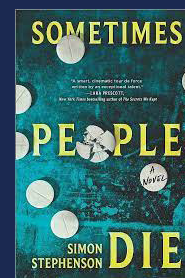
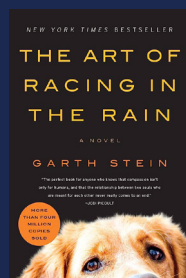
Dinwiddie Library Book Group

Third Thursdays at 7 pm.

March 21 - The Art of Racing in the Rain, Garth Stein

April 18- Sometimes People Die, Simon Stephenson

May 16- The Age of Innocence, Edith Wharton



Poetry, Prose, And Pizza

Prince George Library

Thursday, April 25, 5:30-7 pm

This family-friendly gathering is a celebration of storytelling, expression, and community. Whether you're a seasoned wordsmith or someone with a tale to tell, step up to the mic and share your poetry or prose. Pizza will be served at 5:30 pm. Sponsored by the Hopewell-Prince George Friends of the Library.

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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. Contact Cathy if you have questions, cfield@arls.org or 804-458-6329 x1008

Prince George Library

1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday From 2-4 pm

Dinwiddie Library

2nd & 4th Wednesday From 1-3 pm

Hopewell Library

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday From 10 am-12 pm

2nd & 4th Thursday From 5:30-7 pm

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Tea Party with Savory Blends Tea Co.

Dinwiddie Library

Saturday, March 16, 1-3 pm

Registration Required (15 max)

Join Lori from Savory Blend Tea Co. for a tea tasting and mixing party. Learn about the health benefits of various teas. You will explore different blends and flavors of tea, and get to blend your own to take home! Registration is strongly recommended, the class will be capped at 15 participants. Register on our online event calendar or call 804-458-6329

CTF Mommy's Connect Presents:

Confessions of a Single Mom:

Chat & Chew

Hopewell Library

Saturday, May 18, 1-2 pm

Registration Required

Becoming a parent can be challenging and being a single mother comes with its own unique set of obstacles as well. Confessions of a Single Mother is a chew, chat, and support session, where mom's band together in an open dialogue that aims to provide resources, guidance, and a sense of belonging as they navigate through parenthood. Please join us for this interactive and confidential conversation with other mother's who are experiencing the same challenges. Register on our online event calendar or call 804-458-6329.

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CTF Mommy's Connect Presents:

Queen for a Day

Hopewell Library

Saturday, April 13, 1-3 pm

Registration Required (50 max)

Please join us for a day of relaxation, mommy makeovers, pampering sessions and more. This event is designed for all moms, grandmothers and/or guardian women raising children. No matter the circumstances we would love to honor you. Register on our online event calendar or call 804-458-6329.

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Healthy Bites: Lunch and Learn Series with Humana and Jencare

Join us on March 12th, April 9th, and May 14th at 1 pm for an enlightening exploration of diverse healthcare topics.

PARENT RESOURCE FAIR &

Hopewell Library Nursing Mothers' Room Dedication

Hopewell Library
Wednesday, April 3 at 6 pm

Nursing Mothers' Room Dedication 6 pm in the children's section

ARLS is honored to have garnered the support of Virginia Physicians for Women as the naming sponsor for the nursing mothers' room. Participants are welcome to come and tour the new room!

Pajama Story Time

6:30 pm in the children's section

Wear your coziest PJs and cuddle up with your favorite stuffed animal for pajama story time.

Early Bird Giveaways

The first 50 participants at the Parent Resource Fair will receive a free ARLS canvas tote.

Baby's First Library Card!

Create cherished memories by signing up your bundle of joy for their first library card. Capture the moment with a special keepsake Polaroid photo.

To enroll, simply bring your government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport. If your current address differs from the one on your ID. We accept proof of your current address, such as a DMV change of address card, a recent utility bill, or a pay stub with your current address.

Free Baby Supplies and Clothing Swap

Baby items can be expensive, and little ones outgrow them fast. This swap will focus on items intended for babies, ages 0 to 24 months. All items are given and taken freely and are not for sale. Participants do not have to bring anything to take items home.

Please bring only items from the accepted list below.

- New or gently used clothing (washed and pre-sorted by size),
- Unopened formula (not expired before April 2024; check lot number for recalls),
- Breastfeeding supplies such as pumps or pump parts (used or new), breastmilk storage bags.
- Open or unopened packs of diapers, and unopened containers of wipes.

Historic Hopewell Foundation: Lunch & Learn

The Hopewell American Legion

Wednesdays, June -August at 12 pm

Bring lunch or order some at the American Legion. Drink and dessert provided. All programs are free and open to the public.

ARLS will film the lectures and post them weekly to our YouTube Page. www.youtube.com/c/AppomattoxRegionalLibrarySystem

For more information contact
admin@historichopewell.org
804-458-4682.



**Join us for video games at the library!
Hopewell Library
Every Thursday from 4 to 6 pm
& Saturday, May 11, 2 pm**

Calling all gamers! Come join us at the library on Thursday evenings for multiplayer fun on the Nintendo Switch. There will be classic Nintendo games as well as Nintendo Sports where you can compete to be the best of the best. Meet local gamers, bring your friends, and enjoy our snacks. Contact Alex with any questions, at aking@arls.org.

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**VA Storytellers Alliance
Prince George Library**

Saturday, April 6 at 6 pm

Join us for the Hopewell Prince George Annual Spring Meeting presenting VA Storytellers Alliance. Les Schaffer and Judith Onesty, two experienced storytellers, will be conducting a one-hour interactive workshop about the fundamentals of storytelling and the craft of recounting your family's unique narrative and history. Don't miss this interactive and enriching experience!

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**Shining Stars of Hopewell, Prince George, and Dinwiddie
Burrowsville Library**

Tuesday, April 16, 7 pm

Jeanie Langford, Local History Room Archivist, will give a presentation on the cultural and artistic heritage of Hopewell, Prince George, and Dinwiddie. Musicians, dancers, artists, and actors all have roots in our area. Everyone is welcome to learn what role local artists have played in local history.

**Friends of the Library Dinwiddie
Annual Meeting: Travelogue of India
Dinwiddie Library
Monday, May 6, 7 pm**

Join the Friends of the Library Dinwiddie for a travelogue of India. Susan Chappell will share her experiences from her recent trip to India and Nepal. Learn about Sikh culture with a visit to a Sikh soup kitchen and temple in New Delhi. Admire the beautiful Taj Mahal through photos and commentary in Agra. Explore Varanasi and the fascinating Ganges River ceremonies. Visit the varied Durbar Squares in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal.

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**The Readers' Friend Book Store
Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday
10:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Located at the Hopewell Library We are a used book 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 Appomattox Regional Library System (ARLS). Credit cards accepted.

**The Readers' Friend Bookstore is
looking for Thursday and Saturday
Volunteers!**

Are you ready to be a bookworm with a purpose? Join us as a volunteer at Readers' Friend Book Store, nestled within the Hopewell Library! Bring a friend along, and make the experience twice as fun! Contact mranes@arls.org or 804-458-6329 ext 2001 for more information.

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers Programs

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Story Time

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

Story Time starts at 10:30 am

Hopewell Library: Mondays
McKenney Library: Tuesdays
Dinwiddie Library: Wednesdays
Prince George Library: Thursdays
Rohoic Library: Thursdays
New: Disputanta Library: March 19 and April 16 at 10:30 am

Baby & Me

Hopewell Library - Mondays, 9:30 am
Dinwiddie Library- Wednesdays, 10 am
Prince George Library- Thursdays, 10 am

A great introduction for you and your new family member to the wonderful world of books, rhymes, and songs. For ages birth to 24 months old.

Stay and Play

Hopewell Library - Mondays at 10 am
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.

Story Time, Baby & Me, or Stay & Play programs will not be held on March 4- 8 or May 20-31.

NEW: Yoga Time with Mrs. Aliyah Prince George Library Tuesdays at 11:00 AM

Move and learn! This special program will feature simple, child-friendly yoga for children and adults. For ages 3-7, with a caregiver. Please bring your own mat.

No Yoga Time April 2 & 9, and May 21 & 28.

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Bluey Party

Hopewell Library
Saturday, April 6 from 10 am - 12 pm
It's a party! A Bluey party! Grab your Bluey gear and join us as we celebrate everyone's favorite dog, with Bluey-themed games and activities.

Elementary & Tweens

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Mystery Movie Monday

Hopewell Library
Mondays at 5:30 pm
What movie will you see? Who knows? It's a mystery! Join us for an exciting movie and snacks. *There Will Be No Mystery Movie on May 27.*

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Classic Movie Saturday

Hopewell Library / Saturdays at 11 am
Join us at the Hopewell Library for a classic film and snacks!
March 2- Annie (PG)
March 16- The Brave Little Toaster Goes to Mars (NR)
March 30- Holes (PG)
April 13- Airbud (PG)
April 27- The Road to El Dorado (PG)
May 11- The Emperor's New Groove (G)
May 25- Thumbelina (G)

STREAM Programs

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

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Let the music move you!

Join us as we make musical instruments using everyday items. Decorate the end product with your own creativity.

Hopewell Library: Tues. March 12, 5:30 pm
McKenney Library: Wed. March 13, 5:30 pm
Prince George Library: Thurs. March 14, 5:30 pm

Solar Power

The power of the sun is undeniable. Learn some fun ways to harness that power and use it in creative ways. We'll make solar-powered s'more ovens, night lights, and more!

Hopewell Library: Tues. April 16, 5:30 pm
Rohoic Library: Wed. April 17, 5:30 pm
Prince George Library: Thurs. April 18, 5:30 pm

Homopolar Motors

Have you ever made a simple electric motor? No? Come and see how to make one. This requires some fine motor skills so we recommend ages 9+

Hopewell Library: Tues. May 7, 5:30 pm
Dinwiddie Library: Wed. May 8, 5:30 pm
Prince George Library: Thurs. May 9, 5:30 pm

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LEGO Club

All Branches at 5:30 pm

March 26, April 30, May 28

The library will provide the LEGO, while you provide the imagination! Ages 6 – 12.

Family Craft Night

An evening full of crafting? Family night has never been this fun.

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Celebrating Women Artist

It's International Women's History Month let's celebrate by creating art inspired by famous female artists!!

Rohoic Library- Wed. March 6, 5:30 pm
Prince George Library- Thurs. March 7, 5:30 pm

Old Masters Paint Night

Want to paint like Van Gough or Rembrandt? Come to family craft night and create crafts inspired by some of the world's most famous artists!!

Dinwiddie Library- Wed. April 3, 5:30 pm
Hopewell Library- Thurs. April 4, 5:30 pm

Galaxy Paint Night

Use the force to make some amazing space-themed crafts!!

Rohoic Library- Wed. May 1, 5:30 pm
Prince George Library- Thurs. May 2, 5:30 pm

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Messy Craft Day

Prince George Library

Saturday, May 18, 11 am

Spring is here and Messy Craft Day is back!!! Celebrate spring by wearing your best mess-making clothes and doing some fun messy crafts with us.



Grow a Healthier You

Hopewell Library

Wednesday, March 13, 11 am

Join the Virginia Nutrition Program as we learn about the different parts of the plant, such as the parts of that plant that we eat, why fruits and vegetables are good for you, and the benefits of gardening.

Teen Programs

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Pour Paint Flowers

Prince George Library

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 pm

Celebrate Spring with Pour paint flowers. This trend has been all over TikTok and is a teen favorite at the library. Great for beginner artists, no experience required.

Dot Painting

Hopewell Library

Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 pm

Create your own art of nothing put dots! Dot painting is often described as relaxing, therapeutic, and beautiful. No experience is necessary.

Sand Art Terrariums

Hopewell Library

Saturday, March 30, 2 pm

Love sand art? What about plants? Bring the best of both worlds together and make a colorful creation that you will enjoy! For ages 9+.

Fairy Jar Craft

Hopewell Library

Thursday, April 18, 5:30 pm

Capture magic in a jar! Add some whimsy to your room with this cute little craft!

Galactic Pepakura

Hopewell Library

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 pm

Get ready to celebrate International Star Wars Day with foldable paper crafts of your favorite characters and ships! Recommended for ages 10+.

Teen Scene Movie:

May 18- Barbie (PG-13)

Prince George Library

Saturday, May 18, 2 pm

Join us for this amazing movie! Movie is intended for teens 13+.

Paint A Pet

Hopewell Library

Sat. April 20, 2 pm

Choose from various 3D-printed animals to paint and decorate your very own desk pet!

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Summer Reading Coming Soon!

June 1 - August 17





NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13, 2024

ALA American
Library
Association



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209 East Cawson Street
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