

Serving the communities of Hopewell, Prince George, and Dinwiddie since 1974.



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

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Sept. 2 - Labor Day
Oct. 14 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
Nov. 5 - Election Day
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
Nov. 27 - Close at Noon
Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving

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

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The Appomattox Regional Library
Board Of Trustees Meets 1 pm

December 11, 2024 - Hopewell January 15, 2025 - Rohoic February 19, 2025 - Prince George

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Adult Programs

Tech Skills for Success Hopewell Library Tuesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12 at 11:00 am

Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to build on what you already know, our sessions offer a welcoming environment to learn and grow. Bring your own questions and devices, or use one of the library laptops to follow along with our guided activities. We'll cover essential skills such as opening and navigating email accounts, crafting effective resumes, and conducting job searches. Gain hands-on experience and practical tips to boost your confidence and tech proficiency, and take a significant step toward enhancing your career readiness.

Medicare 101 for Seniors Prince George Library: Friday, Nov. 15 Hopewell Library: Friday, Nov. 22 11:00 am -12:30 pm

This workshop is designed specifically for seniors approaching age 65 or preparing for retirement. This comprehensive session will provide you with essential knowledge about Medicare, focusing on its basics, coverage options such as Original Medicare (Parts A & B), Medicare D and Medigap, and enrollment processes including the upcoming Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) from October 15 to December 7. Our goal is to answer your questions and educate you about Medicare so that you can make informed decisions about your healthcare coverage.

Welctor Week 2024

Help make the move easier for military families PCSing and transitioning in your local community Join ARLS in celebrating #BlueStarWelcomeWeek from September 21-29 to create a greater sense of belonging for military and Veteran families in your neighborhood. Visit @BlueStarFamilies today to sign a virtual welcome card and learn how you can support local military families at

bluestarwelcomeweek.org/

COMING THIS FALL!

College and Career Readiness Classes at the Hopewell Library



Southside Programs for Adult Continuing Education

Enhance your reading, math, language, and employment skills, and prepare for your high school equivalency (GED®).

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12:30 - 2:30 pm September 10th - December 12th No class on Nov. 5, 26, and 28.

More Information at www.southsideadulted.org

209 East Cawson Street Hopewell, VA 23860



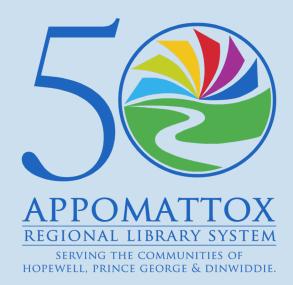
C To register 804-733-2670

Menstruation Products Available at ARLS

Individual pads and tampons are available at the Hopewell, Prince George, and Rohoic libraries. You can also pick up full kits, which contain a month's supply, at the front desk while supplies last. These products are provided by Sylvia's Sisters, an organization dedicated to ending period poverty by offering high-quality period products to menstruators locally and globally. Please be aware that kits are restocked every few months.

Discover the Enhanced Family Resource Collection at Your Local Library!

Explore our newly upgraded Family Resource Collection at the Hopewell, Prince George, and Rohoic Libraries. We've carefully curated the latest and most relevant materials to support and celebrate the unique journey of every family. Want to find specific titles? Search our online catalog by selecting "Collection" in the "Filtered By" drop-down menu and choosing "Family Resource Collection" to browse and request your desired resources.



ARLS 50th Anniversary Community Receptions

Hopewell Library: Saturday, Sept., 21 at 2:00 pm Prince George Library: Saturday, Sept., 28 at 2:00 pm Rohoic Library: Saturday, Oct., 12 at 2:00 pm

Come join our community receptions, open to all, as we celebrate 50 years! Enjoy refreshments as we gather to commemorate this special occasion. Delight in Jeanie Langford's presentation titled "Shining Stars of Hopewell, Prince George, Dinwiddie," where she'll share inspiring tales and notable accomplishments of individuals from our community, spanning from Hollywood to Broadway.



Call for Artists! Community Art Exhibit 50 years of Community Creativity

Join us in celebrating a milestone of inspiration and creativity with "50 Years of Community Creativity." This special exhibit honors the profound impact that literature, storytelling, and community engagement have had through our library system over the past half-century. We invite artists to showcase their talents and reflect on the pivotal role libraries have played in sparking innovation and imagination within our community.

Exhibit Details:

Venue: Prince George Library

Dates: February 1, 2025 – May 5, 2025 **Submission Deadline:** November 1, 2024

Submission Guidelines:

- Open to all artists, regardless of age or experience level.
- Accepting artwork in various formats, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, mixed media, and digital art.
- Artwork should be inspired by themes of literature, storytelling, or the influence of libraries on community life.
- Family-friendly pieces are highly encouraged as the exhibit will be accessible to visitors of all ages
- Artists may submit multiple pieces for consideration.

How to Submit Artwork:

Digital Submissions: Email digital images of your artwork to mranes@arls.org. Include your name, contact information, and a brief description of each piece.

Physical Submissions: If you cannot submit digital images, drop off your physical artwork at Hopewell Library during regular business hours. Please attach your contact information with each submission.

For More Information: Contact Megan Ranes at mranes@arls.org or 804-458-6329 ext 2021.

50 years of Community Creativity Opening Reception

Prince George Library Saturday, February 1, at 2:00 pm

Join us at the opening reception of "50 Years of Community Creativity." This special event marks the official launch of our commemorative art exhibit,

honoring the rich history and enduring influence of our library system over the past five decades. Light refreshments will be served. Admission to the opening reception is free and open to the public.



ARLS 50th Anniversary Community Archive Initiative

In commemoration of this momentous occasion, we invite you to participate in our Community Archive Initiative. Bring forth your artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia that reflect the rich tapestry of our local area and the invaluable contributions of our library system over the past half-century. These treasures will be digitized, ensuring their preservation for future generations to explore and appreciate. The owner is entitled to retain any items they contribute for digitization. Email Jeanie Langford at jlangford@arls.org or 804-458-6329 for more information.



Here's a list of things people might consider contributing:

Photographs: Old photographs of community events, landmarks, businesses, schools, and churches are invaluable for documenting the visual history of the area.

Documents: Documents such as letters, diaries, and other records that provide insights into the community's past.

Memorabilia: Items like event programs, tickets, flyers, posters, brochures, and souvenirs can offer a glimpse into the cultural and social life of the community.

Oral Histories: Share personal stories, memories, and oral histories that provide firsthand accounts of significant events, traditions, and experiences within the community.

Media: Bring audio recordings, video recordings, films, and other media that capture important moments in the community's history.

Genealogical Information: Bring family trees, genealogical records, and other genealogical information that helps trace the lineage and connections of community members.

Consider providing labels, descriptions, and context for the materials being contributed, including dates, names, locations, and any relevant historical information. Items can be in physical or digital formats.



Book Groups

Hopewell Library Virtual Book Group Fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Email Morgan Devlin at mdevlin@arls.org to register.

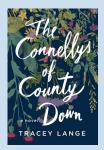
September 24: The Connellys of County Down, by

Tracey Lange

October 22: Sometimes People Die, by Simon

Stephenson

November 26: Silver Alert, by Lee Smith







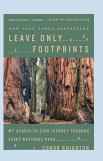
Dinwiddie Library Book Group Third Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

September 19: The Collected Regrets of Clover, by Mikki Brammer

October 17: The Last Masterpiece, by Laura Morelli **November 21:** Leave Only Footprints, by Conor Knighton







Poetry Prose and Pizza Prince George Library Thursday, October 24, 5:30-7:00 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.



Prepare to be captivated by the spellbinding storytelling of acclaimed authors Harper Kincaid and Mollie Ann Cox as they transport you into the heart of their latest works. Following both presentations, engage in a lively Q&A session where you can delve into the creative minds of these talented authors, gaining insights into their writing process and the secrets behind crafting gripping mysteries. Don't miss the chance to have your copies of their latest novels personally signed by the authors.

Video Games at the Library Hopewell Library Every Thursday from 4:00 to 6:00 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.





Craft Workshops

Whimsical Junk Journal Pages Hopewell Library Saturday, September 7 at 2:00 pm

Join us for a creative workshop where our instructor will guide participants through the art of crafting unique pages typically found in junk journals. Examples will be showcased, and materials will be provided to kickstart your own junk journal. Feel free to bring your own materials as well if you have specific items you'd like to incorporate. Throughout the workshop, you'll learn how to create plenty of pockets and tuck spots, enhancing your journal with vintage ephemera, handmade tags, cards, and a variety of other embellishments. For a sneak peek into the pages and techniques that will be covered, visit KathyCraftsandMore on YouTube for a full flip-through of similar projects.

Crafting Magic Prince George Library Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm Registration Required: 10 Max

Don't miss this chance to unleash your creativity and create something special. Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and crafting magic! During the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to create charming cards and paper crafts. No need to worry if you're not confident in your crafting skills, we've got you covered!

Homemade Christmas Cards Prince George Library Saturday, November 16 at 2:00 pm Registration Required: 10 Max

Let your creativity shine and share some festive joy with your own handmade cards! In this session, participants will have the opportunity to craft three basic Christmas cards. We'll provide all the necessary materials and guidance to help you create beautiful, personalized cards. This workshop is especially suited for those who have never used stamps before or are fairly new to card making.

Fitness at the Library

Yoga for Beginners Prince George Library Mondays, 11:00 am - Noon

Dive into the abundant benefits of yoga in this gentle class designed for beginners. Flow through movements at a gentle pace, focusing on breath and posture. Suitable for all fitness levels. Please bring your own yoga mat. No class on Oct. 14 or Nov. 11.

Fitness Fly Wit Ty Hopewell Library Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Become a better, more confident you by incorporating physical fitness into your lifestyle and promising yourself longevity. Join us for an empowering fitness class that aims to improve overall well-being. No class on Oct. 14 or Nov. 11.

Sit and Stay Fit Hopewell Library Wednesdays, 11:00 am- Noon

Tailored for older adults, this class by instructor Tyiesha Allen focuses on strength, balance, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness. No class on Nov. 27.

Let's Keep Moving Prince George Library Wednesdays, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join instructor Latrice Davis for a 45-minute session of moving and grooving to upbeat tunes, incorporating both intense workouts and low-impact movements. Suitable for all fitness levels. Bring a yoga mat or towel and water. Get ready to bring your best moves! No class on Nov. 27.

Chair Yoga and Mindfulness Hopewell Library Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Perfect for all levels, this adult class is conducted entirely from the comfort of a chair. Embrace strength, balance, flexibility, and mobility in a beginner-friendly environment. No class on Nov. 27.

Tone It Up With Ty Hopewell Library

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

This class focuses on strength training exercises while integrating cardio exercises. We will end with stretching and meditation as we cool down. No class on Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Nov. 28.

Community Health Worker (CHW) drop-in services and blood pressure checks

The Virginia Department of Health, Crater Health District will provide these drop-in services and blood pressure checks at the following locations.

Hopewell Library:

Mondays, 5:00-7:00 pm Wednesdays, 10:30 am -12:30 pm Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Prince George Library:

Mondays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Blood pressure monitors are available for Check-Out at the Hopewell, Prince George, Rohoic, and McKenney Libraries!

HOPEWELL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Hopewell Library 209 East Cawson Street Hopewell, VA 23860

Our dedicated family service worker is available in person at the Hopewell Library on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday and Thursday** of every month.

Tuesdays 10 am - 1 pm Thursdays 1 pm - 4 pm

Questions? Please call Hopewell Department of Social Services at **804-541-2330**.



Blood Drive Hopewell Library

December 9 11:00 am - 4:00 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.

Southside From the Heart: Knitting and **Crocheting for a Cause**

Join us with Southside From the Heart Stitchers as we craft items for local hospitals, nursing homes, and shelters. This is a welcoming group for knitters and crocheters of all ages and skill levels. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cathy at cfield@arls.org or 804-458-6329 x1008.

Dinwiddie Library

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

Hopewell Library

First Thursday of each month 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Afterward, meetings alternate between morning and evening. Upcoming dates are:

Thurs., Sept. 5 - 10:00 am Tues., Sept. 10 - 5:30 pm Thurs., Sept. 19 - 10:00 am Thurs., Nov. 7 - 10:00 am Tues., Sept. 24 - 5:30 pm Thurs., Oct. 3 - 10:00 am Tues., Oct. 8 - 5:30 pm Thurs., Oct. 17 - 10:00 am

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Tues., Oct. 22 - 5:30 pm Thurs., Oct. 31 - 10:00 am Tues., Nov. 12 - 5:30 pm Thurs., Nov. 21 - 10:00 am Tues., Nov. 26 - 5:30 pm

Friends of the Library Events

Hopewell- Prince Friends of the Library Annual Fall Meeting Hopewell Library Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm

Come be a part of the Hopewell-Prince Friends of the Library Annual Fall Meeting, where we'll come together to celebrate and support our dynamic library community. We're in the process of finalizing the details and will keep you posted with updates on our website www.arls.org and social media. Stay tuned for more information!

Bagful of Books Sale Hopewell Library

Saturday, October, 26, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for the Bagful of Books Sale, happening at the end of National Friends of Libraries Week. Hosted by the Friends of the Hopewell - Prince George Libraries, a non-profit organization committed to enhancing and advocating for The Appomattox Regional Library System. Get a bagful of books for \$2. Whether you're on the hunt for a timeless classic, an enthralling mystery, or educational materials, our sale has something to offer everyone. Bring along your standard-sized plastic grocery bags or reusable totes to carry away your literary treasures. Additionally, plastic grocery bags will be provided on-site while stocks last, so you can gather as many as you need. Keep in mind that children's books are in limited supply, so arriving early is advisable. While volunteers will strive to categorize books by genre and author beforehand, the sorting is general, adding an element of excitement as you explore to uncover hidden gems. Interested in joining our team of volunteers to help set up the book sale? Reach out to us at 804-458-6329 ext. 2001.

Friends of the Library Dinwiddie (FOLD) **Annual Holiday Open House Dinwiddie Library**

Friday, December 6, 3:00-6:00 pm

The Friends of the Library Dinwiddie (FOLD) is delighted to announce its Annual Holiday Open House and Book Sale at the Dinwiddie Library. This festive event has become a beloved tradition for the community, and this year's edition promises to be even more delightful. Join FOLD for an afternoon of holiday cheer, refreshments, door prizes, and an exciting half price holiday book sale. The book sale will take place during library hours, Dec. 6 - Jan. 4.

Dinwiddie Grand Illumination

The Dinwiddie Library will remain open on the evening of the Illumination. Come inside for a take-home craft! More information about the event can be found at www.dinwiddieva.us.

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers Programs

Story Time

Hopewell Library: Mondays at 10:30 am
McKenney Library: Tuesdays at 10:30 am
Dinwiddie Library: Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Prince George Library: Thursdays at 10:30 am
Rohoic Library: Thursdays at 10:30 am
Story time programs aim to instill a love of reading by encouraging parents and other special adults to read aloud to children.

Baby & Me

Dinwiddie Library - Wednesdays at 10:00 am Prince George Library -Thursdays at 10:00 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 10:00 am

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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 September 2, October 14, November 5, November 11, or November 25-29.

Elementary & Tween Programs

LEGO Club

ALL BRANCHES @ 5:30 pm on September 24, October 29, and November 26.

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

Family Craft Night

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

Colorful Crafts: As summer fades into fall we will do crafts that embrace the colors around us. Come to the library for colorful crafts.

Hopewell Library - Tues., Sept. 3 at 5:30 pm Rohoic Library - Wed., Sept. 4 at 5:30 pm Prince George Library - Thurs., Sept. 5 at 5:30 pm

Art But Make it Spooky: Have you ever wanted to make the starry night scary, make the scream make you scream we're going to make art scary again to celebrate spooky season and artober all in one go.

Hopewell Library - Tues,. Oct. 1 at 5:30 pm Dinwiddie Library - Wed., Oct 2 at 5:30 pm Prince George Library - Thurs., Oct. 3 at 5:30 pm

Fall Art Night: The seasons are changing and it's time to embrace the change. Paint trees with colorful leaves and let your imagination run wild with the colors of fall.

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

Jonathan Austin Juggling and Magic Show Hopewell Library

Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 am

It's Appomattox Regional Library System's 50th Anniversary and what better way to celebrate than with Jonathan Austin juggler and magician!



STREAM

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

Pinwheels: "I'm just sitting here watchin' the wheels go 'round and 'round" * John Lennon Get your groove on by joining us and making a pinwheel. It's easier than you think.

Hopewell Library- Tues., Sept. 10 at 5:30 pm McKenney Library- Wed., Sept. 11 at 5:30 pm Prince George Library - Thurs., Sept. 12 at 5:30 pm

Halloween: Join us for a spooktacular-themed program. Costumes are welcome but not necessary.

Hopewell Library- Tues., Oct. 8 at 5:30 pm Rohoic Library- Wed., Oct. 9 at 5:30 pm Prince George Library- Thurs., Oct. 10 at 5:30 pm

Origami: The Art of folding objects out of paper. No matter your skill level, you can come to make a simple or complex creation.

Hopewell Library- Tues., Nov. 12 at 5:30 pm Dinwiddie Library- Wed., Nov. 13 at 5:30 pm Prince George Library- Thurs., Nov. 14 at 5:30 pm

Nana & Papa's Parrot Rescue Prince George Library Saturday, October 19

2:00 - 3:00 pm Geared towards ages 10 and under. 3:00 - 4:00 pm Geared towards ages 11 and older. Meet some feathered friends while learning about parrot rescue! Presented by Nana & Papa's Parrot Rescue, Inc. from Wakefield, Virginia.



Teen Programs



Art Journaling Prince George Libray Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 pm

Art Journaling is a great stress relief, it helps you explore your emotions and is a great way to explore your creativity. Free art Journal for every Teen that comes.

Teen Hot Glue Art Hopewell Library

Monday, September 30 at 5:30 pm

Make a beautiful and unique piece of art using nothing but hot glue and pigment powder.

Make a Mosaic Prince George Thursday, October 17 at 5:30 pm

Celebrate October by making a mosaic!

Pour Paint Prince George Library Thursday, November 21 at 5:30 pm

This trend is blowing up TikTok and would make a great gift for anyone on your holiday gift-giving list.

Painted Pots Hopewell Library Saturday, November 23 at 2:00 pm

Paint a terracotta pot and add an artificial succulent plant. The perfect shelf decor that you don't have to water. Please note that we will be using acrylic paint. This may stain clothing. Aprons will be provided. Recommended for ages 9 and above.

Elementary & Tween Programs Continued...

Pick a Better Snack Hopewell Library

Join the Virginia Family Nutrition Program for this fun and informational program. During this six-lesson program, you will explore a variety of topics including fruits and vegetables, physical activity, parts of a plant, food safety, and handwashing. Registration is required. Visit the online Library Calendar to register.

Starts Wednesdays, September 4- October 9 for these age ranges:

Kindergarten- 11:00 am-12:00 pm 1st Grade- 12:30 -1:30 pm

2nd Grade- 2:00- 3:00 pm



Mystery Movie Monday Hopewell Library Mondays at 5:30 pm

What movie will you see? Who knows? It's a mystery! Movies will be held on September 2, October 14, November 11, or November 25.

Classic Movie Saturday Hopewell Library / Saturdays at 11:00 am

A delightful morning of timeless films.

September 14- The Lion King (G)
September 28- The Cat in the Hat (PG)
October 12- Casper (PG)
October 26- Corpse Bride (PG)

November 9- The Little Mermaid (G)

November 23- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)