

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Ruby B. Archie Public Library News, Programs, and Events



January - February 2023

NEW YEAR, NEW START

JANUARY 3 - 31

The Ruby B. Archie Public Library would like to offer its patrons a fresh start going into the New Year. From January 3rd through the 31st, the library will be accepting donations for our New Year, New Start amnesty program.

This year, we will be accepting toiletries on behalf of Social Services and youth in Foster Care. **For every approved toiletry item donated, the library will waive \$2 in fines up to \$50 per library account.** The library will only accept donations that are new, undamaged and unopened.

Items can be donated to the Ruby B. Archie Public Library at 511 Patton Street during regular business hours. A full list of acceptable donations may be found on our website or social media pages.

The library views New Year, New Start as not only an opportunity to serve the community but to welcome our patrons back to the library in 2023!

Help by donating these items:

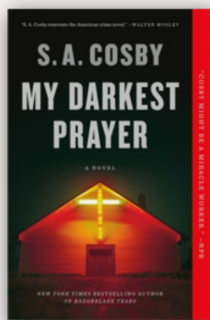
- ✓ Shampoo
- ✓ Conditioner
- ✓ Body Wash
- ✓ Bar Soap
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Baby Wipes
- ✓ Toothbrush
- ✓ Toothpaste
- ✓ Mouthwash



A QUICK THOUGHT FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

I wish I was a more sophisticated reader, but the truth is, I love to read from our Children's and Youth Collections. Not one to back away from a challenge, I recently checked out several autobiographies and new releases penned by popular adult authors in an attempt to bolster my *Goodreads* reading list. I barely made it through the first few chapters of each. Everything just seemed so heavy. I eventually settled on *The Unforgettable Logan Foster* by Shawn Peters, a recommended book for middle grade readers. Maybe it is because I am the father of young boys, or maybe my tastes are just not well defined, but I like what I like. I often get asked how to encourage someone to read who is "not a reader." I believe that accepting the fact that reading is reading regardless of interests or reading levels is the first step to unlocking the passion for literature. Read what you like without worrying.

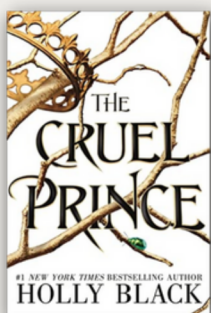
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



S.A. Cosby is one of my favorite authors, as he's a very gifted writer. Every sentence is descriptive, lyrical and humorous. He's a native of Matthews, Virginia, so the sights and sounds of our state resonate throughout his writing.

My Darkest Prayer was recently rereleased in paperback, and two of his other books, *Blacktop Wasteland* and *Razorblade Tears* are ones that I most frequently recommend. You'll want to read some sentences aloud to be able to fully savor them, and laugh at the character's wit and ingenuity.

Jessica Austin, Technical Services Librarian



The Folk of the Air series by Holly Black became an instant favorite for me in 2022. I could not put these books down! Jude and Cardan's story swept me away in this first of the trilogy, *The Cruel Prince*.

A human surrounded by immortals in the Court of Faerie, Jude has to work twice as hard to find her place among the creatures that stole her and her twin sister from their home.

Prince Cardan is cruel as he is handsome, and his hate and wickedness burn the brightest for Jude. Because fate is cruel, the two enemies will have to form a twisted alliance in order to save the corrupted and crumbling Faerie. This enemies-to-lovers trilogy will whisk you away to somewhere magical.

Look out for Black's newest novel, *The Stolen Heir*, published on January 3, 2023!

Elise Eanes, Administrative Specialist

FIND SOMETHING NEW TO READ



ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

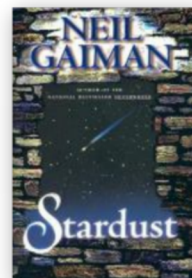
In January, Adult Services Specialist Rachael Miller set up our main display and decided to take a break from the traditional New Year collection of dieting cookbooks, new hobbies, and self-help books. Instead, she opted to explore brand new worlds in the new year. Check out some of our favorites, now available at the library.



***The Dark Tower; The Gunslinger
The Journey Begins***
by Stephen King
Published 2019



The Waking Land
by Callie Bates
Published 2017



Stardust
by Neil Gaiman
Published 1999



***The Deepest Blue:
Tales of Renthia***
by Sarah Beth Durst
Published 2019



Child of Light
by Terry Brooks
Published 2021

Adult Arts and Crafts

Unwind from your day with a relaxing arts and crafts project. Let your creativity shine to create a cute craft or inspiring art piece. Bring your friends and meet new ones. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- Thursday, Feb. 2 - Pop Up Groundhog Craft
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Paper Flower Bouquet



The Write Stuff – Writers Group

If you love writing, join us for inspiration, encouragement, and feedback. Bring what you are working on to share with the group or just come to discuss your craft. All genres and writing styles are welcome. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 24; and Feb. 7, 21

Whodunit Book Club

Find your new favorite book! From cozy mysteries to intense thrillers, we will discuss all the twists and turns and theories we have along the way. Join us for a thought-provoking discussion and meet other mystery lovers in the community. In January we will discuss *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. Visit readdanvilleva.org for a full list of titles. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- Thursdays, January 12, and February 9

Puzzlers Club

Put your thinking caps on and join us to discuss and decode ciphers, riddles, and logic puzzles. Email millerm@danvilleva.gov to submit your own brain teasers for the group to solve. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- Thursdays, January 19, and February 16

Classic Movie Club

Classic movies tell us stories of love, adventure, intrigue and so much more. Enjoy a classic movie viewing with a discussion after the film. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

- Saturday, Jan. 21 - *An Affair to Remember* (1957)



Unrequired Reading – Classics Book Club

We all learned about the classics in high school. Let's read them again just for fun! Join our discussion for a fresh perspective on these enduring tales. Upcoming selections include *Animal Farm* by George Orwell and *The Street* by Ann Petry. Visit www.readdanvilleva.org for a full list of titles. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

- Mondays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 27



De-Stress Night

Join us for an evening of relaxed fun to unwind from the holidays. Enjoy coloring, candle-making, and hot beverages. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- Tuesday, January 31



Youth Dungeons & Dragons

Solve puzzles, defeat the monsters, and discover treasure along the way. All experience levels are welcome. This is a 5th edition game. First time participants receive a free set of dice. Snacks are provided. Saturday sessions include lunch. Grades 6-12. Space is limited. Register by the Monday before the program. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space

- **Mondays, January 9, February 6**
 - 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays, January 28, February 25**
 - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bookworms: Tween Book Club

Talk about our book of the month and get to know your fellow bookworms! A free copy of the book will be given out to the first newcomer to register a month before the meeting. Snacks provided. Grades 5-8. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- **January 11 - *Lines of Courage***
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- **March 8 - *Nura and the Immortal Palace***
by M.T. Khan

Tween Craft Night

Join us for a night of crafts, music, and snacks. Bring your friends and make new ones. Ages 10-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Wednesday, January 11 - Yarn Painting**
- **Wednesday, February 8 - DIY Book Totes**

Teen Hobby Hour

Want to try a new hobby? Join us for a night of arts and crafts with fellow teens. Bring whatever craft you're working on and come hang out. Don't have a craft? Supplies for selected crafts such as coloring, doodling and sewing will be available. Ages 11-17. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Tuesdays, January 17, March 21**

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is a way for teens to have a voice at the library and help others in their community. TAB goals include promoting library services, helping library staff develop teen programs and strong young adult book collections, and creating youth-led service projects. Grades 6-12. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Fridays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17**

Teen Takeover

After-hours at the library is for teens-only! Play video games with friends, make slime, have nerf battles, eat pizza, and more. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Teen Space 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- **Friday, January 20**



CREATIVITY ON DISPLAY

Youth Services wrapped up the holiday season with a Secret Santa display. Forty-three titles from the YA and Juvenile Fiction collection were wrapped in festive packaging and readers were asked to pick a book without knowing the title (we did share genre of course!). Of the 43 titles on display, 38 were checked out! If you read one and would like to share your thoughts, contact the Youth Services Department.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Overbooked: Teen Book Club

Meet new friends and discuss a great book! A free copy of the book will be given out to the first newcomer to register a month before the meeting. Grades 9-12. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. No fee

- **Wednesday, Feb. 8**
 - "The Silence of Bones" by June Hur

After Hours Laser Tag

Join us for a special evening of laser tag in the library! Each round, players will get a chance to battle in the stacks after the library closes. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Ages 11 and up. Spots are limited! Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Library **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

- **Friday, February 17**



Storytellers: Creative Writing 101

Are you a tween who's creative and loves to write? Explore and foster your creative voice through writing prompts and exercises. Covering short stories, poetry, prose, non-fiction, and more, writers will be able to share their work and collaborate with others in a relaxed workshop environment. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

- **Tuesday, February 21**

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



Little Explorers Storytime

Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for songs, stories, and activities that promote language development and pre-literacy skills. Recommended for ages 2-5. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Tuesdays, January 10 - February 21

Mad Scientists

Put your goggles and lab coats on and explore components of STEAM through hands-on demonstrations, experiments, and crafts. Ages 8 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

- **Thursday, January 19 - Circuits**
- **Thursday, February 2 - Geology 101**



Book Babies

Music and rhymes, stories, and fingerplays in a lapsit program for babies and their caregivers. Recommended for children 0-24 months. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Activity Room **10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

- **Friday, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14**

TO REGISTER FOR ANY LIBRARY PROGRAM, CALL 434-799-5195



LEGO Brick Engineers

Make your own LEGO brick creation to meet this month's creative challenge. Bricks provided, imagination required. All LEGO models will be displayed in the children's department. Ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

- Monday, January 9 and February 13

Little Learning Lab

Explore, create, and learn through interactive STEAM based activities that will engage the mind and body as your child builds their fine motor skills and creativity while exploring scientific concepts. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

- Thursday, January 12
 - Erupting Volcanoes
- Thursday, February 9
 - Duck Boat Challenge

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Celebrate your unbirthday with the Mad Hatter, play flamingo croquet with the Queen of Hearts and craft with Alice. Ages 3-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

- Wednesday, January 18

Tree House Tuesday

If you're an adventurer like Jack and Annie from the Magic Tree House, this program is for you! Learn about ninjas and twisters, perform experiments, and make crafts in this literary STEAM program. Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

- Tuesdays, January 24 and February 28

Snow Place Like the Library

Join us as we turn the library into a winter wonderland after hours. Build your own snow fort, make your own snow and compete in our indoor snowball fight. Ages 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Library **5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

- Friday, January 27

Maker Mondays

Put your maker caps on to build, explore, tinker, and create fun hands-on projects. Each session will have different activities to try and problems to solve. Ages 7 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

- Monday, January 30
 - Plastic Canvas Creations
- Monday, February 27
 - DIY Stained Glass



Bright Star Children's Theatre Presents: George Washington Carver and Friends

Black History heroes laid the groundwork for some of the most amazing discoveries of the modern era, especially when it comes to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Hosted by the incredible scientist, George Washington Carver, a man who invented thousands of uses for the lowly peanut, this show introduces students to other incredible scientists, entrepreneurs and groundbreakers from Black History. Meet Madame CJ Walker, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall and more! Ages 3 and up. **Registration is required.** Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

- Monday, February 6

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Family Storytime

Listen to stories, sing and dance, and complete a craft in this storytime series. Choose between the Wednesday or Saturday session, which will each feature the same activities and stories. This program will take place every other month. All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, February 22
- Saturday, February 25

Pal-entine's Day

Valentine's Day is not just for couples. This year we are celebrating friendship! Bring your best friends for a night of partner-themed crafts, activities and sweets. Ages 7 and up.

Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195. There is no fee.

Maker Space

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 14



PICTURE THE FUN



Children's Programming Fun

We had such a great time playing at the library in 2022! Here is to hoping for another great year!

STORYWALK TRAIL



Make your way to Dan Daniel Memorial Park where you will find the StoryWalk Trail: a series of posts that hold the pages of a storybook to be read while walking along the trail. The trail features a new story at the beginning of every month.

January's story is *The Littlest Yak* by Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley.

February's story will be *Can I Give You a Squish?* by Emily Neilson.

The StoryWalk Trail can be found on the section of the Riverwalk Trail that runs below the Otterbots stadium.



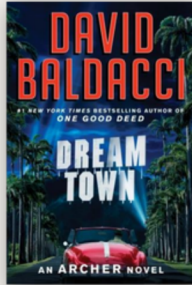
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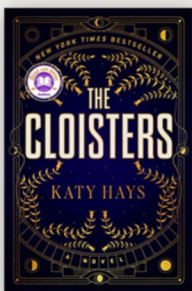
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LOOKING BACK



In 2022, our top circulated book was **Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild** by **Dav Pilkey** with **28 checkouts**. When Dog Man is sent to the pound for a crime he didn't commit, his friends work to prove his innocence. This wildly popular series appeals to readers of all ages and explores positive themes, including empathy, kindness, persistence, and the importance of being true to one's self.

LOOKING FORWARD



Kickstart your 2023 reading challenge with one of these new books! From learning new Lego builds to crafting cocktails, our new shelves are fully stocked for your reading pleasure. Our Technical Services Librarian Jessica adds new titles **every Tuesday** so be sure to come in and check them out!

Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Upcoming Closings

Monday, January 16 the Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday, February 20 the Library will be closed in observance of President's Day.

Did you know?

You can place up to **five holds** with your library card!

Holds can be placed over the phone by calling **434.799.5195** or **online** through our catalog!

Simply visit readdanvilleva.org and click on **My Account**.

Once prompted type in your **library card number and pin** (this should be the last four digits of your card number).

Use the search bar to browse our catalog and select your item.

Click the **orange place hold** button and then **submit hold**.

A staff member will grab the item and have it ready when you arrive!

Holds are kept at the Adult Service Desk on the **first floor** for three business days.