

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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



March - April 2023

March is Women's History Month



Check out these books by and about women from our collection to celebrate this March—or any time of the year you're looking to discover a new favorite read.

Be sure to checkout our digital borrowing platforms Libby and Hoopla to find even more women authors!

Get to know Ruby B. Archie



Danville Educator and Public Servant
February 9, 1934 - June 26, 2010

Archie dedicated 37 years of service to the Danville Public School System's English department.

She ran for and was elected to Danville City Council in 1994. From 1996 to 1998, she served as vice mayor.

She was chosen in 1998 by council members as the city's first woman mayor.

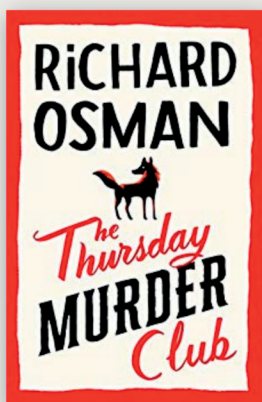
On August 11, 2018, the Danville Public Library was dedicated to Mrs. Archie. It is the first municipal building in Danville to be named after a woman.



A QUICK THOUGHT FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

April 12 is Drop Everything and Read, or D.E.A.R., day. This concept was brought to life by beloved children's author Beverly Cleary in *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. This year, the American Library Association has decided one day is not enough for D.E.A.R. and declared the celebration too robust for just one day and are encouraging us all to spend the entire month making reading a priority activity. To celebrate, I suggest revisiting one of Cleary's works. My youngest son picked up a complimentary copy of *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* last year during our summer reading kickoff thanks to the staff of the Center for Early Success. He is a strong reader, but never actually wants to sit down and read so I was very excited when he asked if we could read together. I had not read this book in years but remembered enjoying the story when I was a kid; that memory paled in comparison to reading it with my son!

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



"We all have a sob story, but we don't all go around killing people."

Murder meets geriatrics in this witty, charming mystery about four friends living in a British retirement village, spending their days solving cold cases and drinking tea. These unlikely friends have all of the skills necessary

for solving crimes: Elizabeth's background as a spy, Ibrahim's psychiatrist's insights, Joyce's romanticism, and Ron's enthusiasm for undercover work.

If you like dry humor, cozy mysteries, and characters with an unapologetic enthusiasm for life, I recommend adding this title to your 'to read' list. And if you want to go a step further and discuss it, come to the library for the March 9 meeting of the Whodunit Book Club!

Chrislyn Gardner, Youth Services Librarian



A stunning new release, I quickly became addicted, content to be lost in the story, forgetting briefly who and where I was. I was lost in the dialog, lost in the mystery, the things unsaid. I became entranced by the marriage of our unnamed male narrator and the secretive Indigo.

The codependent friendship between Indigo and Azure was unsettling, but I could not get enough of it! Even the House of Dreams became a beloved character.

This book was radiant, shocking and haunting. I would recommend it to adult readers who crave the kind of subtle magic that prowls through these pages and pulls you into The Other World.

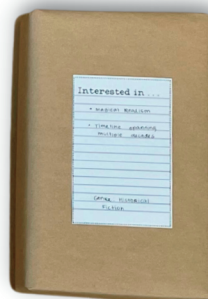
Elise Eanes, Administrative Specialist

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER



ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

This February, our patrons took a shot at finding true love by checking out from our "Blind Date with a Book" display. Circulation Supervisor Riley Shelton wrapped these books and came up with short clues for patrons to help pick their perfect Valentine's Date. Can you guess what some of the titles below are based on their clues?



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- magical realism
- timeline spanning multiple decades
- genre: historical fiction

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- regency romance
- steamy dukes
- genre: romance



- 3
- vampires
- steamy romance
- genre: fantasy

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- men who insult your family
- humorous social commentary
- genre: classic romance

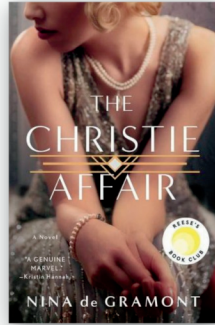
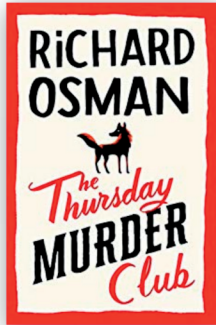


The Write Stuff – Writers Group

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.

Auditorium 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

- Tuesdays, March 7, 21, and April 4, 18



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. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

- Thursday, March 9
 - *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
- Thursday, April 6
 - *The Christie Affair* by Nina de Gramont

Deciphering Old Handwriting with Larry Cates

Learn about deciphering old handwriting in court records with Larry Cates, Genealogist for High Point Public Library in North Carolina. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. No fee

- Thursday, March 9

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Library

Don't panic! We are celebrating Douglas Adams' birthday in style with Vogun poetry writing, infinite improbability mad libs, and more. Show everyone you're a hoopy frood who really knows where your towel is. Ages 18 and up. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

- Monday, March 13

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.

Auditorium 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

- Thursdays, March 16, April 13
- Tuesdays, March 28, April 25

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.

Auditorium 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No fee

- Saturday, March 18
 - "The Adventures of Robin Hood" (1938)



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.

Auditorium 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

- Thursdays, March 23, and April 20

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.

Auditorium 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. No fee

- Mondays, March 27 and April 24

Talk Like Shakespeare

Do you know what the words "lackluster", "dauntless" and "swagger" have in common? These are all words invented by William Shakespeare. Learn more about the bard's lasting legacy with a fun discussion, games, and more. Ages 18 and up. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. No fee

- Monday, April 17

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, March 6, April 3**
 - 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays, March 25, April 22**
 - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

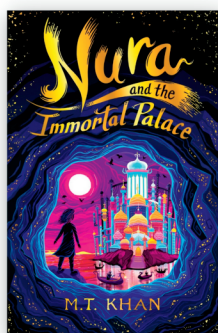
Bookworms: Tween Book Club

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.

- **Wednesday, March 8**
 - *Nura and the Immortal Palace* by M.T. Khan



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.

- **Wednesday, April 12 -**
 - *If You Could See the Sun* by Ann Liang



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.

- **Tuesday, 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, Mar. 17, Apr. 21**

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, Mar. 17, Apr. 21**

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, March 8 - Glass Painting**
- **Wednesday, April 12 - Paper Mache Creations**

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



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, April 4

Nailed It! Library Edition

Can your creativity rise to the challenge? Inspired by the hit Netflix TV show, kids will show us their wacky, artistic side by recreating a work of delicious art using the provided supplies. Ages 8 and up. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Thursday, March 23

Tiny Library Craft

Design and build a miniature library inside an Altoids tin box in honor of National Library Week. All supplies will be provided, but teens are welcome to bring any additional supplies they would like to add to their libraries. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Monday, April 24

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

- Wednesday, February 22 **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**
- Saturday, February 25 **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

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, March 6, April 3

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.

Maker Space

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 7 - April 18

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, March 10, April 14

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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, March 9
 - How to Catch a Leprechaun
- Thursday, April 13
 - Springtime Senses



An Evening in Narnia

Step through the wardrobe and into the magical world of C. S. Lewis' imagination. Play games with Aslan, get crafty with Mr. Tumnus, and build with the beavers. Ages 5-12. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Monday, March 13

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, March 27
 - LEGO Brick Car Challenge
- Monday, April 17
 - Bird Houses



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, March 28, April 25

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, April 6 - Intro to Environmental Science

Fairy Tale Bash

Here ye, here ye! All young princes and princesses are hereby invited to partake in an evening of enchanted games, a jousting tournament, and more. With a bounce in the inflatable castle and a visit from a real unicorn, this party is sure to end in a happily-ever-after. Guests are encouraged to dress in fairy tale costumes. Ages 12 and under. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Parking Lot

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

- Wednesday, April 19



Earth Day Celebration

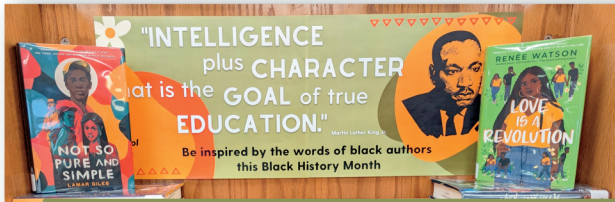
Learn more about how you can Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle to help save our planet. Make your own recycled art and participate in our "Recycling Our Reads" book swap by bringing in a gently used age appropriate book to swap with others. Become a Planeteer today! Ages 7 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

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

- Thursday, April 20

JANUARY - FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



CELEBRATING BLACK AUTHORS

In February, the Youth Services Department's display featured around 60 middle grade and YA titles written by black authors. Visit the library to pick up a few of the titles from the collection!



Adult Services Specialist Rachael Miller and her classic movies club program were featured in the January 26 edition of the Danville Register and Bee. Rachael does a great job and hopes you will join us for the March meeting of the club! Call 434-799-5195 for more information or to register.

STORYWALK TRAIL

PICTURE THE FUN

January and February were full of wintery fun in the Youth Services Department.



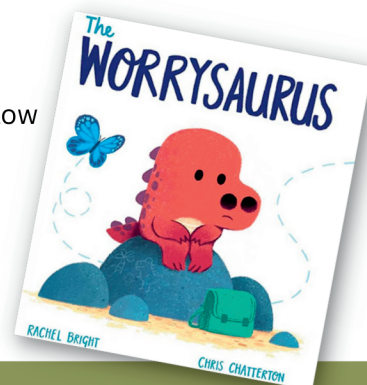
Make your way to Dan Daniel Memorial Park where you will find the StoryWalk Trail: a series of posts that hold the pages of a storybook to be read while walking along the trail. The trail features a new story at the beginning of every month.

March's story is *The Worrysaurus* by Rachel Bright.

April's story will be *Crab Cake* by Andrea Tsurumi.

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

Dan Daniel Memorial Park
302 River Park Drive
Danville, Virginia



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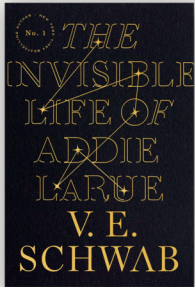
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BLIND DATE DISPLAY ANSWERS



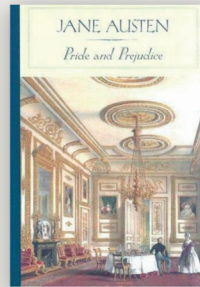
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NEW YEAR, NEW START RESULTS

We kicked off the new year with a new amnesty program!

Thanks to your contributions we were able to donate over **30 bars of soap**, **30 toothbrushes**, **20 sticks of deodorant** and many more necessary items to Department of Social Services on behalf of youth in foster care.

With **135 items donated** we were able to **waive \$270 dollars worth of fines** from patron accounts this January.

Our amnesty programs not only provide an opportunity to give back to our community, but to welcome patrons back to the library fine free!



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, April 10 the Library will be closed in observance of Easter Monday.

Did you know?

Your library card gets you access to thousands of digital titles for free!

Simply download the **Libby** and **Hoopla** apps to get started.



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 digital catalog and select your item.

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