

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Ruby B. Archie Public Library

News, Programs, and Events



May - June 2023



SUMMER READING

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

"To the Library and Beyond!"

Explore the galaxy through stories with the library this summer! Avoid Summer Slide while school is out by participating in the library's Reading Challenge, June 1-July 31. **Children and adults of all ages can read and complete activities to earn prizes.** A library card is not required to participate, but you'll want one to check out the books you choose for your challenge! Participants can log their reading themselves on the Beanstack Tracker app or pick up a paper reading log at the library.

Downloading the **Beanstack** app makes it super easy to keep track of your Summer Reading goals! Simply download the app from the app store.

Find the **Ruby B. Archie Library site.**

Register for an account or sign in if you have participated in previous challenges!

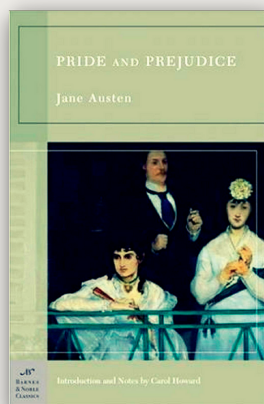


Join the the Ruby B. Archie Library's Summer Reading Challenge!

You can keep track of your reading by adding titles once you're finished or setting timers! **Earn badges by achieving your reading goals and completing activities!**

Once you've completed the challenge, come by the library to collect your prizes!

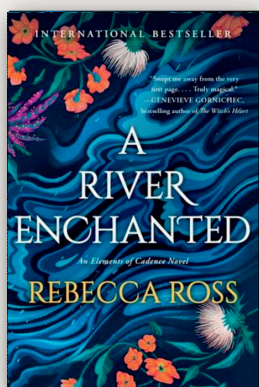
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



A classic I can reread over and over again, *Pride and Prejudice* will always be my go to “enemies to lovers” romance. Austen’s flowery language transports me to her small town in the south of England where everyone seems to be untouched by the outside world that rages on. Austen first wrote *First Impressions* in 1796, which

was later published as *Pride and Prejudice*, in the midst of the French Revolution. I am always blown away by her own small, sometimes sarcastic, sometimes quite in-your-face, criticisms of her own blight placed carefully throughout the novel. This book is stimulating, clever, and romantic in every way that I absolutely adore. It is a classic for a reason! Her book is just as much about the power of choice, and what it means to form the opinions that influence those choices, as it is a charming romance.

Freja Williamson, Circulation Specialist



I picked up *A River Enchanted* by Rebecca Ross right in time for Scottish American History Month! This breathtaking novel is the first of the *Elements of Cadence* duology, and I could not put it down. The story was the perfect marriage between historical fiction and fantasy.

On the isle of Cadence, something sinister is taking place. Young girls are seemingly disappearing into thin air, and Jack Tamerlaine is summoned back from the mainland to help solve the mystery. But what can a bard do to save them? With the help of his childhood rival, Adaira, they must come up with a plan to take back what was stolen. Lyrical, romantic, and all around a fantastic read!

Elise Eanes, Administrative Specialist

BUZZIN' ON BOOKTOK



Are you familiar with BookTok? Short for **Book TikTok**, this community is growing quickly online. Users typically create content centered around the books that they read! They have formed a unique combination of **social media and book reviews** and revolutionized the way people are finding new books to read. **Here at the library, we have especially seen this in the rise of author Colleen Hoover.** It's nearly impossible to keep her books on the shelves! Our display pictured was curated by staff members Elise and Freja to **highlight some of the most talked about books on BookTok!**

BOOK SALE



Love books? Love sales? Look no further than our book sale shelves! You can find them on both floors, just ask one of the Information Specialists.

- **hardcover books - \$1**
- **paperback books, DVDs, audiobooks - \$.50**

Don't forget to check out the Mystery Book Sale, too! All wrapped with love, these items are only \$.25 each!

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June 1 - July 31

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, May 2, 16, 30; and June 27

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

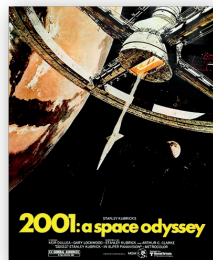
- Thursday, May 4
 - *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister
- Thursday, June 1
 - *Razorblade Tears* by S.A. Cosby

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, May 6
 - *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (1967)
- Saturday, June 10
 - *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968)



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.

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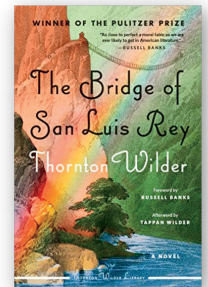
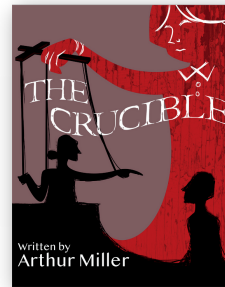
- Thursdays, May 11, 25

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, May 18, and June 8



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.readanddanvilleva.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

- Monday, May 22
 - *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
- Monday, June 26
 - *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder

Book Lovers Club

If you love to discuss your favorite books but don't always have time to complete a specific book for book club, this group is for you. Share your favorite titles with other readers in the community. We promise you will leave with a list of great books to read. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

Monday, June 12

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Cosmic Crafts: Tweens versus Adults

Join us for some out-of-this-world crafts. Try your hand at painting on tiny canvases and creating masterpieces out of buttons. Tween and adult sessions will be held in separate locations. Ages 12 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, June 15**
 - **Interplanetary Button Art**
- **Thursday, July 20**
 - **Galactic Tiny Art Show**

Walking with The Write Stuff

Walk with us for all the “write” reasons. Inviting all novelists, playwrights, poets, and assorted scribblers. Meet fellow writers and commune with nature. Exercise your body and mind and get inspired by the beauty of nature around you. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Anglers Park **Tuesdays, June 20, August 15**

- **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**



Fandom-Inspired Art

Celebrate your favorite space fandom with us. Fans of Star Wars, Star Trek, Doctor Who, and more can all find common ground while making a work of art. Create a unique painting on glass inspired by your favorite fandom. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

Thursday, June 29

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Teen Bookish Box

Are you looking for something new to read? Introducing the “Bookish Box,” our very own library seasonal subscription box! A subscription box is a fun packaged experience. Each box comes with a book you get to keep as well as a few fun bookish surprises that fit that box’s theme. Best of all? It’s totally free! There is no charge for the boxes but registration is required and boxes are limited. Only one bookish box per family. The library currently offers two subscription boxes options: Middle Grade (Grades 5-8) or Young Adult (Grades 9-12). Our Summer box will be available June 1. Registration opens on May 15. Call (434) 799-5195.

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, May 1, June 5**
 - **4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturdays, May 20, June 17**
 - **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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.** **No fee**

- **Wednesday, May 10**
 - **Glass Painting**

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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.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Fridays, May 19, June 23**

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.** **No fee**

- **Fridays, May 19, June 23**

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, June 14**
 - ***Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson**



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Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, June 15**
 - **Interplanetary Button Art**
- **Thursday, July 20**
 - **Galactic Tiny Art Show**



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, June 20**

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.** **No fee**

- **Wednesday, June 21**
 - ***Skyward* by Brandon Sanderson**

Extraterrestrial 3D Printing

Are you interested in printing on the Library's 3D printer? Learn the basics of Tinkercad, a free, online 3D modeling program, and then follow along with easy step by step instructions for creating your own Extraterrestrial design. Your design will be printed, and you will be emailed with more information regarding when to pick it up from the library. Ages 11-17. Spots are limited! Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, June 26**

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



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.

Maker Space 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

- Tuesday, May 23

Dino Day

Stomp over to the library to learn about your favorite dinosaurs. Enjoy dino-style games, crafts and activities, including making your own stuffed dino friend to take home. Spots limited! Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

- Thursday, May 25

Interstellar Summer Reading Party

Celebrate the start of our cosmic Summer Reading program with a blacklight party, glow-in-the-dark crafts, and a variety of activities provided by community partners. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

- Tuesday, June 13

Family Storytime

Listen to stories, sing, 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. All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **No fee**

- Wednesday, June 21 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Planets
- Saturday, June 24 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Planets

Series Spotlight

Bring adventures found in books to life with STEAM experiments and activities. Save the galaxy with "Cleopatra in Space" and learn about Ethiopian mythology and play augmented reality games with "Last Gate of the Emperor"'s Yared. Ages 7-13. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

- Thursday, June 22
 - *Cleopatra in Space* by Mike Maihack

Guardians of the Library

Do you have what it takes to become a guardian of the library? Join us for a night of games and crafts inspired by Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy." Make your own Baby Groot, go on a galactic quest and test your Guardian knowledge with our trivia game. Ages 7-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

- Thursday, June 29



CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

In April, the Youth Services Department's display featured around 60 middle grade and YA titles inspired by nature and the great outdoors. Visit the library to pick up a few of the titles from the collection!



We celebrated Tartan Day on April 6 with our friends from the Virginia Carolina Scottish Society. Bill Smith and other members of the society joined us to give patrons information on their surname and associated clan and tartan! Member Tim Carpenter, pictured at left, regaled patrons with bagpipe music.

MARCH - APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

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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.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

- Mondays, May 1 and June 5

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. **No fee**

- Tuesdays, May 2 - June 20

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.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

- Thursday, May 4
 - It's a Bug's Life
- Thursday, June 1
 - Mission to the Moon

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.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

- Thursday, May 11
 - Construction, Construction What's Your Function?

Little Learning Lab: Outer Space Edition

Asteroids, planets, and space travel, oh my! Learn about interplanetary science and become a junior astronaut. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

- Thursday, June 8



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.

Activity Room 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **No fee**

- Fridays, May 12 and June 9

Paint and Sip for Kids

Join us for an evening of painting and fun. Let those creative juices and drinks flow as you create your own work of art. Materials and drinks will be provided. Ages 7 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

- Monday, May 15

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.

Maker Space 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

- Monday, May 22
 - Bead Buddy Keychains



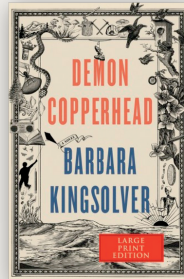
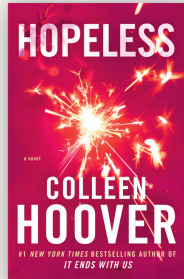
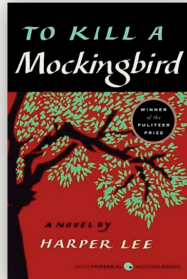
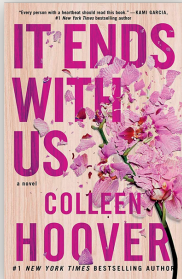
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2023 SO FAR



These books have the highest circulation counts this far in 2023! Have you read any of these titles yet?

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, May 29 the Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
Monday, June 19 the Library will be closed in observance of Juneteenth

Did you know?

STORYWALK TRAIL

Make your way to Dan Daniel Memorial Park where you will find the library's 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.

May's story is *The Digger and the Duckling* by Joseph Kuefler.

June's story will be *A Place for Pluto* by Stef Wade.

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

TOTE-ALLY AWESOME BAGS



We have some amazing new tote bags, exclusively available for purchase at the Ruby B. Archie Public Library.

You can bring one of these fashionable bags home for just \$6.00, and filling it up with books is always free!

