

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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



September - October 2023

Ruby B. Archie Library Presents **Spirits of Danville**

A production of Smokestack Theatre Company



photo courtesy of
Danville Historical Society

Some tales can only be told by the spirits of the past. Relive Danville's history when the ghosts of Camilla Williams, Thomas Day, Police Chief Morris, mill worker Samuel Pruett, Dr. Craghead, and other ghosts of yesteryear, resurrected by Smokestack Theatre Company, pay visit to Danville's former freight depot.

September 30 · 6PM to 8PM · \$40/Ticket
Danville Community Market · 629 Craghead St.

Admission Includes Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
by Angela's Creative Catering

Additional Drinks Available for Purchase

Featuring the Musical Talents of Adam Hurt and Beth Williams
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TICKETS ON SALE NOW

434-799-5195 or www.ReflectionsofDanville.com



REFLECTIONS OF **HOME** ARTS FESTIVAL —Danville · Virginia—

Join us in celebrating the written, visual, and performance arts during this year's Reflections of Home Arts Festival. The festival kicks off on September 23 and runs through September 30.

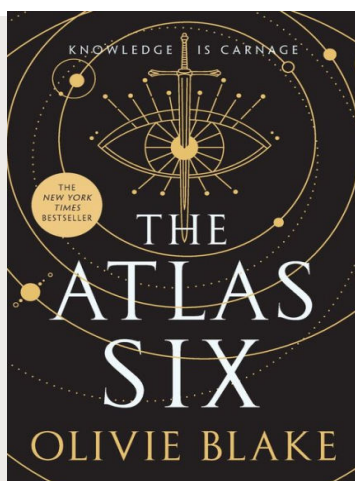
The 2023 performance schedule includes:

- Brightstar Touring Theater Presents A Tell-Tale Tale: The Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe - **Sept. 23**
- Nick George the Poet - **Sept. 28**
- Spirit of Frederick Douglas - **Sept. 29**
- Art of Historical Interpretation by Nathan Richardson - **Sept. 30**

The week will also include the Ruby B. Archie Public Library Art Exhibition.

For details about each show, visit
www.reflectionsofdanville.com.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



"The problem with knowledge, is it's an inexhaustible craving. the more of it you have, the less you feel you know." - Olivia Blake, *The Atlas Six*

Six students are tapped to compete for a position within the elusive Alexandrian Society. Five, they are told, will be initiated. One will be eliminated. These candidates will spend the next year competing to earn a place within the prestigious society, securing a life of wealth, power and knowledge. As someone who loves a good Dark Academia vibe, this book was right up my alley. Filled with enigmatic scholars, clandestine societies, and characters that are, at once, both charming and the epitome of arrogance. Best paired with a hot cup of coffee and a rainy afternoon, pick this book up at the library this fall!

Riley Shelton, Circulation Supervisor



While I love biographies and non-fiction, I thought it was time for a change. A patron returned the book *You Shouldn't Have Come Here* by Jeneva Rose, and it caught my eye. This story is a thriller suspense about a woman named Grace Evans who lives in New York city and just wants some peace and quiet.

She throws a dart at a map to decide where she will vacation and finds herself in a Wyoming bed and breakfast ranch, owned by a mysterious Calvin Wells. The storyline kept me interested the entire time with plenty of twists and turns all the way until the end. I love a good murder mystery, and I can't wait to read more by this author.

Wanda Yeatts, Information Specialist

LIBRARY BOOK BINGO

Celebrate **National Library Card Sign-Up Month** in a fun and engaging way with our exciting Library Bingo challenge!

Here's how it works:

1. Grab your library card and head to your local library to sign up or renew your membership.
2. Pick up your Book Bingo card – a unique and interactive grid filled with intriguing reading prompts and bookish activities.
3. Get out there! Branch out with a new book, try a new library service, get involved and have fun!
4. Aim to complete a row, column, or even the entire card to be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a grand prize at the end of the month!

Join us in celebrating National Library Card Sign-Up Month by grabbing your Book Bingo card, exploring new books and experiencing new things at your local library!

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Meet our new Technology Specialist, Liz!



The Ruby B. Archie Public Library is proud to offer one-on-one tech assistance with the following:

- Mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, laptops, and e-readers
- Basic software such as web browsers, Microsoft Office, and other similar programs
- Basic assistance with operating systems such as Windows, MacOS, Android, and iOS
- Setting up and troubleshooting Libby and Hoopla for free e-content with a valid library card

Call 434-799-5195 to set up an appointment!

REFLECTIONS OF HOME ARTS FESTIVAL



Reflections of Home Art Exhibition

Staff at the Ruby B. Archie Public Library will begin accepting submissions for the Reflection's of Home Art Exhibition beginning August 4. This year's theme will be People, Places, and Progress. We hope that through various mediums, these pieces will reflect the people that make up our multifaceted community, the places that we hold dear and will explore how our home continues to evolve and grow. Entries must be submitted alongside a **\$20 entry fee**. Space is limited to the first 50 artists. One piece per artist. Categories will include photography, mixed media, and painting. Prizes will be awarded to the top piece in each category. The judged exhibition is for artists **age 18 and up**. Pieces will be on display at the library **September 22, - September 29, 2023**.

Bright Star Touring Theater Presents "A Tell-Tale Tale: The Stories and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe"

No one tells a story quite like the great Edgar Allan Poe! With a mastery of language that few can match, Edgar Allan Poe's clever stories and poems are as impactful today as they were in the 19th century when they were written. This show blends rich language with expert storytelling to produce a fun and spooky experience for middle grades. Stories include "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Raven," "The Bells," and more! Watch this performance by the Bright Star cast, play games, and enjoy snacks in a night of festive fun. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Union Street Park **Saturday, September 23**
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **No fee**

Bring-Your-Own-Bag Painting Party

Using a reusable tote bag is good for the environment and stylish. Add some color to your canvas and decorate your bag with us. Bring any canvas bag of your choice or purchase a library bag at any service desk prior to the program. Painting supplies will be provided. Tween and adult sessions will be held in separate locations. Ages 12 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Tuesday, September 26**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Nick George the Poet

Join educator and nonprofit founder Nick George for a workshop on creative writing, free-verse poetry, and generating your own original poetry, followed by a live performance of original work. Sponsored by River District Association. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Union Street Park **Thursday, September 28**
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **No fee**

Nathan Richardson Presents "Spirit of Frederick Douglass"

Poet, author and spoken word performer Nathan M. Richardson portrays the great writer, orator, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Sponsored by Arts for Learning and Virginia African American Cultural Center. Seating is limited; registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Union Street Park **Friday, September 29**
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

Art of Historical Interpretation with Nathan Richardson

Are you a history lover, theatre performer, actor, teacher, or museum docent? This workshop with Mr. Richardson will provide attendees with a 30 minute in-character performance and a 45-minute lecture on the concepts of Historical Interpretation including creating a character's foundation, finding a character, research, interpretation techniques, and the business of historical interpretation. Sponsored by Arts for Learning and Virginia African American Cultural Center. Ages 10 and up. Seating is limited; registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Smokestack Theatre Company, 319 Lynn Street
Saturday, September 30 **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
No fee

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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, Sept. 5, 19, and October 3, 17, and 31**

Whodunit Book Club

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 **Thursdays**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**
 • **September 7**
 ◦ **“A Study in Scarlet Women” by Sherry Thomas**
 • **October 5**
 ◦ **“Nothing More Dangerous” by Allen Eskens**

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 friends and meet new ones. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Tuesdays and Thursdays**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**
 • **September 14**
 ◦ **Button Flower Bouquet**
 • **October 24**
 ◦ **Monster Slime Jar**

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

Auditorium **Mondays**
6 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**
 • **September 18**
 ◦ **“Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave” by Frederick Douglass**
 • **October 23**
 ◦ **“The Picture of Dorian Gray” by Oscar Wilde**

Puzzlers Club

Put your thinking caps on and join us to solve crosswords, logic puzzles, and other riddles. You are welcome to bring 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, Sept. 21 and Oct. 12**

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**
 • **September 23**
 ◦ **“Singin’ in the Rain” (1952)**
 • **October 21**
 ◦ **“Frankenstein” (1931)**

Page and Screen: “To Kill a Mockingbird”

Is the book always better? Let’s find out together. Share your thoughts on the strengths of each version as we look at popular movie adaptations of the books we love. This is a two-part program starting with a book discussion and followed by a movie viewing. Our selection this month will be “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee and the 1962 movie starring Gregory Peck. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195 or (434) 799-5216. There is no fee.

• **Tuesday, September 5 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
 ◦ **Ballou Recreation Center: Book discussion**
 • **Tuesday, September 12 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
 ◦ **Ruby B. Archie Public Library Auditorium: Movie viewing and discussion**

VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society Presents

Learn helpful tips and hear interesting stories related to genealogy topics with our guest speaker. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **2 p.m. to 3 p.m.** **No fee**
 • **September 7**
 ◦ **Tracing My Family Lineage with Joseph P. Lovell, author of “Echoes of Sandy Creek”**
 • **November 2**
 ◦ **Finding Women Ancestors with Larry Cates, Genealogist and Research Librarian, Heritage Research Center**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society

Members of Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society will be available wearing their own tartans to provide information on Scottish Highland clans, their tartans, clan crest badges, coats of arms, and ancient territories. No registration is required. All ages are welcome. Call (434) 799-5195.

First Floor **Saturday, September 16**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **No fee**

Tweens Vs. Adults - Frankentoys

Get your mad scientist on and bring your creation to life. We will use a variety of tools to disassemble toys and put them back together as a whole new creature. Tween and adult sessions will be held in separate locations. Ages 12 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Wednesday, October 11**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Tweens Vs. Adults - Spooky Terrariums

Get in the spirit by creating your own haunted scene. You provide the spooky ideas, and we will provide the supplies. Tween and adult sessions will be held in separate locations. Ages 12 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Monday, October 16**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Genealogy Show and Tell

Your family history is so much more than birth and death records. Join us to hear about unique heirlooms, photos, and other family artifacts from members of the community. If you have an item you would like to tell us about, contact Rachael Miller at millerm@danvilleva.gov to be included in the presentation. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Thursday, October 19**
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Bookish Box: Fall Edition

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 Fall box will include a mystery or thriller book and will be available October 1. Registration opens on September 15. Call (434) 799-5195.

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 **Friday, September 22**
4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

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.

Maker Space **No fee**
• **Mondays** **4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
 ◦ **Sept. 11 and Oct. 2**
• **Saturdays** **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
 ◦ **Sept. 9 and Oct. 7**

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 **Wednesdays**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**
• **September 13**
 ◦ **Macrame Leaf Hanging**
• **October 18**
 ◦ **Vampire Sock Gnome**

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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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.

Second Floor
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, September 22,
No fee

Storytellers: Creative Writing 101

Are you a tween who is 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.

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

Tuesday, October 10
No fee

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Maker Space
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Wednesday, October 11
No fee

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

Monday, October 16
No fee

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Book Babies

Music and rhymes, stories, and fingerplays in a lap sit 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.

Friday, September 1
No fee

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, September 5 through October 24**

Comic Creations: National Comic Book Day

Do you love comics, superheroes, manga, and graphic novels? Comics tell the stories of our times, other times, and other worlds. Activities will include creating your own comics and drawing the superhero you could be! Do you have a favorite comic book? Bring it along! Ages 7-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

Tuesday, September 5
No fee

Paint Pals

Children will create multimedia works of art to be completed by an unknown 'paint pal' from the Ballou Recreation Center 'Paint Pals' program. Finished projects will be displayed in the library's Reflections of Home Art Gallery, September 23 - October 4, at the end of which the children may take them home if they wish. Ages 3-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

Wednesday, September 6
No fee

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 5-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**
• **Mondays, September 11 and October 2**



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

StoryWalk Adventures

Explore, examine, and play outside in this STEAM program for littles. We will meet near the StoryWalk Trail at the Upper Dan Daniel Memorial Park Trail Head. Ask library staff for directions ahead of time if you are unsure of where to find us. Recommended ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

StoryWalk Trail

Thursdays

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

No fee

- **September 14**
 - Flower Power
- **October 12**
 - Bug You Later

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 7-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

Mondays

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

No fee

- **September 18**
 - Fall Bucket List
- **October 23**
 - Bug Taxidermy
- **November 27**
 - DIY Worry Pets

Tree House Tuesday

If you are 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

Tuesdays, September 19

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

No fee

Danville Derby Days Workshop

Experience the world of pinewood derby engineering as you build a car worthy to compete in the derby race at the 'Rollin' 'Round the Market' event on Saturday, October 7. Participants will design, finish, and adjust their own derby car with the help of library staff. Ages 6 and up. Registration is required. This program costs \$8/vehicle for both sessions. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

Wednesdays

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

\$8/Vehicle

- **September 20**
 - Car Design/Derby Principles
- **October 4 Car**
 - Weight, and Wheel Adjustment

Night at the Living Library

Join us as we turn the library into a spooky haunt after hours. Enjoy zombie games, creepy crafts and more. Ages 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, October 6

No fee

Cruisin' 'Round Coates

Grab your helmets and your bikes for a day at the races! Race stations will include a zig zag course, slow race, figure-eight and more. This event will also include a pinewood derby for all cars created in the library's 'Danville Derby Days Workshop' program. Helmets are required. A limited supply of bikes will be available to use for the program if you do not have your own. Ages 3-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Coates Recreation Center

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

No fee

Dumbledore's Army

Calling all witches, wizards, and Muggles. Join us monthly as we learn different wizarding subjects, from Herbology and Charms to Defense Against the Dark Arts, with crafts, activities, and demonstrations. Become a DA member today! Ages 9 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

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

Thursdays

No fee

- **October 19**
 - Defense Against the Dark Arts

Library Spooktacular

Dress up as your favorite book character and join us for a night of spooky fun and games. All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Second Floor

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 26

No fee

SPECIAL EDITION CARDS

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month in style with our exclusive special edition library card.



Available only during the month of September, visit the library and get yours before they're gone! Free for first time library sign ups, \$2 to replace an existing card.

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Let's keep in touch.

Scan the QR code to sign up for the digital version of this newsletter!

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REFLECTIONS OF HOME ART EXHIBITION

2023 Theme:
People, Places, Progress



Organized by the Ruby B. Archie Public Library as part of the Reflections of Home Arts Festival, this exhibition will feature works submitted by local artists. We feel this Art Exhibition will provide a unique opportunity not only for artists to receive public recognition for their work, but for our community to engage with art and one another.

- Limited to 1 entry per participant.
- Limited to first 50 entrants.
- This exhibition is for participants aged 18 years or older.
- Artist's name, e-mail, phone number and title of work must be written on back of entry.
- Artwork must be picked up on the specified date.
- Artwork left over 7 working days will be considered a donation to the Ruby B. Archie Public Library.
- Only original artwork will be accepted.
- Only prints of photographs will be accepted; no prints of artwork.
- Artwork may not be removed until the close of exhibit unless approved by the Director.

We will begin accepting submissions August 4, 2023.

Deadline for submissions is no later than 4 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023.

Submissions will only be accepted at Ruby B. Archie Library at 511 Patton St. during normal business hours.

Pieces will then be on display for the public at Ruby B. Archie Library during normal business hours from September 22, - September 29, 2023

\$20 nonrefundable entry fee required to enter this exhibition.
Prizes to be presented to winners of art contest.



Please call 434.799.5195 or email readdanvilleva@danvilleva.gov for more information.

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, September 4 the Library will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Monday, October 9 the Library will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

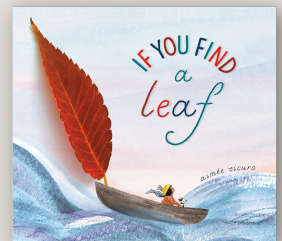
Did you know?

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.

September's story is *If You Find a Leaf* by Aimee Sicuro.

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