

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Ruby B. Archie Public Library

News, Programs, and Events

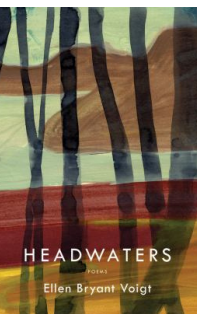
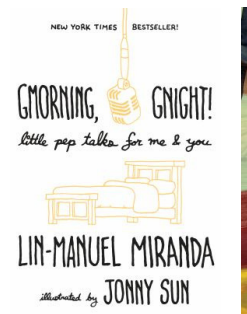
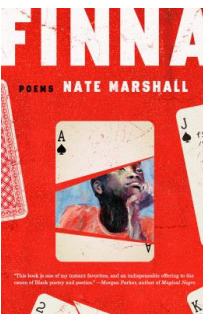
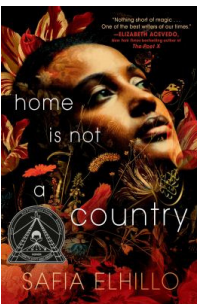
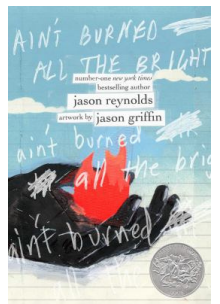
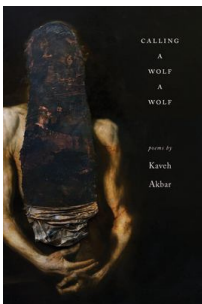
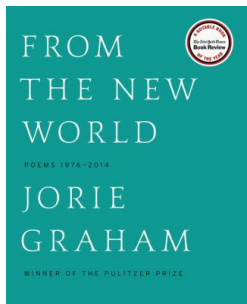
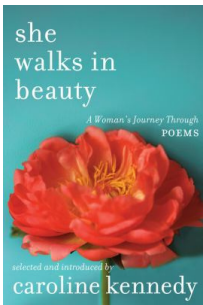
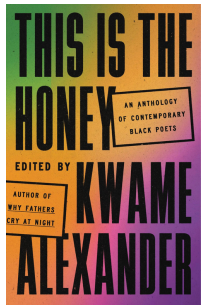


March - April 2024

April is Poetry

National Poetry Month was launched in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets and has been hailed as one of the largest literary celebrations in the world.

Be sure to celebrate at home with these collections that can be checked out from your local library.



Celebrating Women's History and National Poetry Months

In celebration of Women's History Month, which takes place in March, and National Poetry Month, which falls annually in April, the staff at Ruby B. Archie Public Library would like to highlight the works of local author Claudia Emerson (1957-2014).

According to poets.org, Emerson, a Chatham native, served as the poet laureate of Virginia from 2008 to 2010. She published six books of poetry including *The Opposite House* which can be found at the library. She received many awards and accolades over her lifetime including the Pulitzer Prize in poetry, which she was awarded in 2006 for her collection of poetry, *Late Wife*.

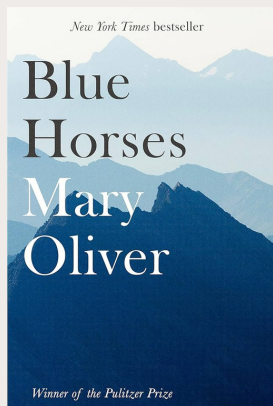
She was the poetry editor for the Greensboro Review and contributing editor for Shenandoah. She taught at Washington and Lee University, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and the University of Mary Washington.

Her published works include:

- *Pharaoh, Pharaoh* (1997)
- *Pinion: An Elegy* (2002)
- *Late Wife* (2005)
- *Figure Studies* (2008)
- *Secure the Shadow* (2012)
- *The Opposite House* (2015)



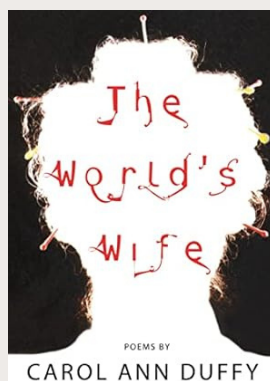
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



"Blue Horses" by Mary Oliver is a collection of poetry that captures the essence of nature, humanity and the undeniable interconnectedness between the two. As we celebrate Women's History Month and National Poetry Month, "Blue Horses" stands out as a poignant and timely recommendation.

Throughout the collection, Oliver explores themes of resilience, self-discovery, and the power of the natural world to inspire and heal. Her poems are imbued with a sense of reverence for life in all its forms, celebrating the strength and grace found in both the seen and unseen corners of existence. Not merely a collection of poems, "Blue Horses" is a journey in which Oliver's masterful use of language guides us through the landscape of life.

Riley Shelton, Circulation Supervisor



"The World's Wife" by Carol Ann Duffy is a poetic exploration of the experiences of women who shared their lives with famous and infamous men, both real and fictional. This thin, unassuming volume is filled with the voices of Mrs. Lazarus, Queen Kong, Mrs. Rip Van Winkle, along with other wives, sisters, and girlfriends from the

quiet corners of myth and history. Subtly subversive in scope, "The World's Wife" offers a unique perspective on their own worlds. Their view is often that of the silent partner who is familiar with the failures and foibles of great men, as well as their triumphs, but who rarely share in the storytelling. Carol Ann Duffy, a master of poetic wit, invites the reader into the spirited inner world of these women as they opine on the consequences of their male counterparts' actions. Her commentary through verse is as entertaining as it is occasionally biting, a clever addition to many well known stories.

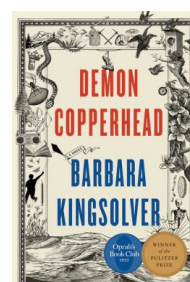
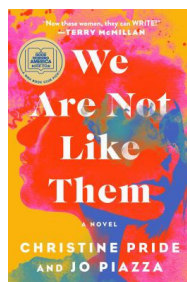
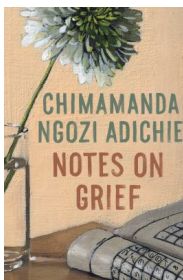
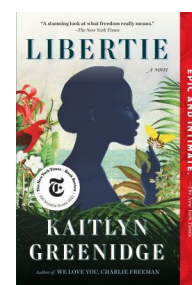
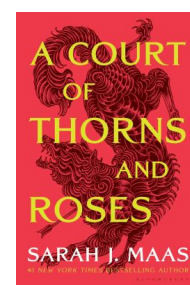
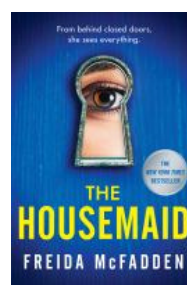
Rachel Timm, Adult Services Coordinator

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO READ MORE

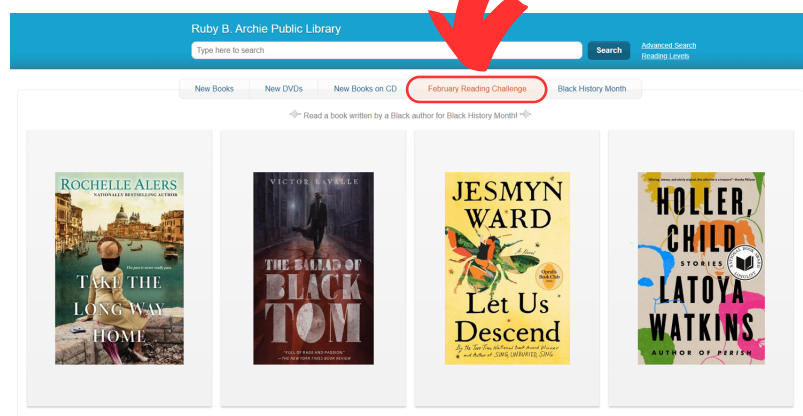
To kick off the new year, library staff started the 2024 Reading Challenge. Each month features a different reading category; January's challenge was to read a 2023 debut title and February was to read a book written by a Black author.

The challenge in March is to read a book written by a female author and in April is to read a collection of poetry. See the front page of this newsletter for suggested poetry titles. Below are some suggested titles written by female authors.

Let us know how you are doing in this challenge by posting your reads on social media and tagging @readdanvilleva



LISTS CAN MAKE THE SEARCH EASIER



Library staff have created reading challenge tabs on our website to help you find your next read that much quicker. Visit www.readdanvilleva.org and click on the catalog icon to browse the collection.



Computers for Beginners

Flustered by technology? Let's start with the basics. Get an introduction to the basic functions of a personal computer, how to navigate the internet, and how to send and receive email. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab **Thursdays, Mar. 21 and Apr. 25**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

Get More from Google

Do you use Gmail? Join us to learn about the many other things you can do with the free apps included in your Google account. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab **Wednesdays, Mar. 20 and Apr. 17**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Dig Into Your Device

Finally ready to figure out your iPad or Kindle? Not sure where to start? Join us for a brief introduction to several key features for mobile computing devices. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Wednesday, April 10**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Customized Computer Session

Whether you are struggling with technology or want to become more acquainted with computers, we can help. Schedule a session to receive one-on-one assistance with library resources, smartphones, email, apps, and minor technology issues. Sessions will be scheduled Monday through Friday, subject to availability. Please allow 48 hours advance notice. Call (434) 799-5195.

By appointment. **No fee**

Legal Aid Workshops

Representatives from Virginia Legal Aid Society will present a short workshop with questions and answers to follow. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **No fee**
 • **Thursdays, Mar. 7, Apr. 4** **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
 • **Tuesdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9** **1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**
 ◦ **March - Custody and child support**
 ◦ **April - Grandparent visitation**

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 **Tuesdays, Mar. 5, 19, and Apr. 2, 16, 30**
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

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 **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**
 • **Monday, March 18**
 ◦ **Rock Mosaic Art**
 • **Thursday, April 11**
 ◦ **Bead Butterflies**
 • **Monday, April 29**
 ◦ **Spring Tea Light Creations**

Pop Culture Geek Out Hour

So much media; so little time. Join us to talk about the geeky things we love the most from time travel, to cryptids, and fandoms beyond. We will fill up on recommendations from books, movies, podcasts, and more to keep you occupied all month. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Tuesdays, Mar. 12 and Apr. 9**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

“Real to Reel” Film Series

Enjoy viewing and discussing the 2017 biopic, *Jane*, about the life and legacy of Jane Goodall. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Saturday, April 6**
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **No fee**

Just Write

Flex your creative writing muscles and exercise your imagination. Bring your journal, laptop, or other device and join in on writing activities, prompts, and exercises. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Thursdays, Mar. 28 and Apr. 25**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

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**

- **March 25**
 - *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery
- **April 22**
 - *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway



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Page and Screen

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 at Ballou Recreation Center, followed by a movie viewing at Ruby B. Archie Public Library. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195 or (434) 799-5216.

Tuesdays **No fee**

- **April 23** **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** **Ballou Recreation**
 - *The Martian* by Andy Weir
- **April 30** **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** **Library Auditorium**
 - *The Martian* (2015 Movie)

De-Stress Night

Join us for an evening of relaxed fun to unwind. Enjoy coloring and candle-making. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Monday, April 15**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

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 **Thursday, April 4**
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**

- **Melanie Idle**
 - **Getting Start on FamilySearch**

Genealogy Day Resource Fair

Drop in for a day of discovery to begin your family research journey. Tour our collection, explore online resources, and meet community groups including Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont Genealogical Society, Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society, and Danville Historical Society. This is a drop in program. No registration is required. All ages are welcome. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Saturday, March 9**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **No fee**

Total Eclipse of the Sun

Learn about the eclipse and other outer space rarities through games and crafts and pick up a pair of free solar viewing glasses (while supplies last). Don't miss this unforgettable cosmic spectacle! All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesday, April 3**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Genealogy 101 for Your Group

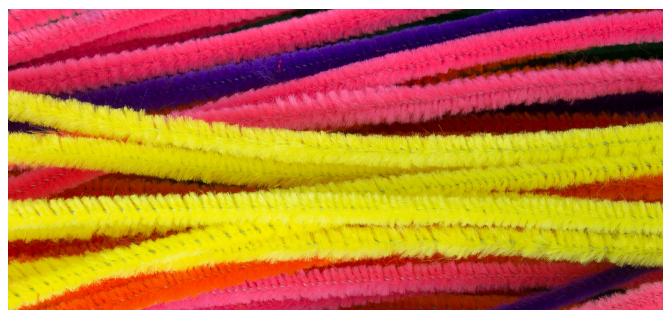
If you have a group of friends or colleagues interested in getting into genealogy, we are here to help. Learn about researching and documenting your family history. We will discuss simple steps for how to get started. All custom programs require advanced notice of at least 15 business days and are limited by group size. Sessions will be scheduled based on staff availability. Ages 18 and up. For more information contact Rachael Miller in Adult Services at millerm@danvilleva.gov or 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.

Maker Space **No fee**

- **Mondays, March 11 and April 8**
 - 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays, March 23 and April 20**
 - 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 12-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesdays**

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

- **March 13 - Pipe Cleaner Flowers**
- **April 10 - Pom Pom Cacti**

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 **Fridays, Mar. 22 and Apr. 26**

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

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 **Fridays, Mar. 22 and Apr. 26**

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**



Knitters Unraveled

Learn beginner knitting techniques from an expert. Knitters will need to bring a pair of knitting needles and are welcome to bring their own yarn as well. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Mondays, Mar. 25 and Apr. 29**

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **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 **Tuesday, April 23**

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

Murder Mystery Dinner

Use problem solving and deductive reasoning to figure out which dinner guest is the murderer. More details on the night's theme to come. Grades 6-12. Space is limited; reservations required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Friday, March 15**

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

Total Eclipse of the Sun

Learn about the eclipse and other outer space rarities through games and crafts and pick up a pair of free solar viewing glasses (while supplies last). Don't miss this unforgettable cosmic spectacle! All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesday, April 3**

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **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 **Tuesdays, March 5 - April 23**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **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 **Mondays, Mar. 4, Apr. 8**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

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.

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

- **Thursday, March 7**
 - **Somewhere Over the Rainbow**
- **Thursday, April 11**
 - **Water, Water Everywhere**



Book Babies

Music and rhymes, stories, and fingerplays in a lap sit program for babies and their caregivers. Recommended for children 0-18 months. Registration is required.

Activity Room **Fridays, Mar. 8, Apr. 12**
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **No fee**

Code Challengers

Learn how to make your own computer games, mobile apps, and more! Join us to experience hands-on coding and robotics. No experience required: just curiosity and creativity! Ages 8-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesdays, Mar. 27, Apr. 24**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Random Fandom

Embrace your inner geek at the library in a series of programs celebrating the awesomeness of Pokémon, Minecraft, Studio Ghibli, and more! Each month we will highlight a new fandom for you to create around, explore, and geek out about. Gather your friends and family and embark on this epic quest. Ages 7-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

- **March 28**
 - **Pokemon: Gotta Catch Them All**
- **April 18**
 - **Marvel Universe**

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 7-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

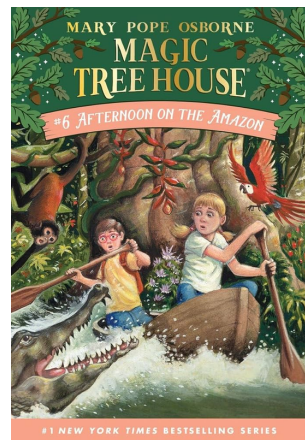
Maker Space **Mondays**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

- **March 25**
 - **Recycled Flowers**
- **April 29**
 - **Peep Dioramas**

Tree House Tuesday

If you are an adventurer like Jack and Annie from the Magic Tree House series, 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 **Tuesday, March 26**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**



Mad Scientists

Put your goggles and lab coats on and explore components of STEAM through hands-on demonstrations, experiments, and crafts. Ages 8-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

- **April 4**
 - **Acids and Bases**

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Coding with Cubetto

Tell a story and learn the basics of programming with Cubetto, a friendly wooden robot. Children will learn sequencing, prediction and other coding concepts through hands-on play and screen-free adventures. Ages 3-6. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Activity Room

Monday

- **March 11**
 - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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 at the library, after which the children may take them home if they wish. Ages 3-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

Thursday, March 14

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

No fee

Lessons in 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 lessons to master the art of 3D printing. Kids will be able to take home a premade 3D object. Ages 7-12. Spots are limited! Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195. Basic computer experience necessary.

Computer Lab

Tuesday, March 19

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

No fee

Total Eclipse of the Sun

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Maker Space

Wednesday, April 3

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

No fee

Enchanted Houses

Spring fairies, water fairies, animal fairies - they all need homes to cozy up in! Make an enchanted fairy house and a fairy to live in it out of recycled and natural materials. Ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

Monday, April 15

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

No fee

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 to the face paint cottage, 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

Thursday, April 25

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

No fee

MARCH THROUGH THE STACKS

During February, kids celebrated Black History Month by learning about important historical figures in fun and engaging hands-on experiments and activities.



LIFE SIZE OREGON TRAIL

Young pioneers faced many dangers on their journey along the Oregon Trail. Four wagon trains of pioneers worked as teams to earn food rations and medicine, build rafts to carry their wagons, crawl through tunnels filled with vipers, complete target practice with buffalo patties, herd cows, and survive natural disasters.



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

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Saturday	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

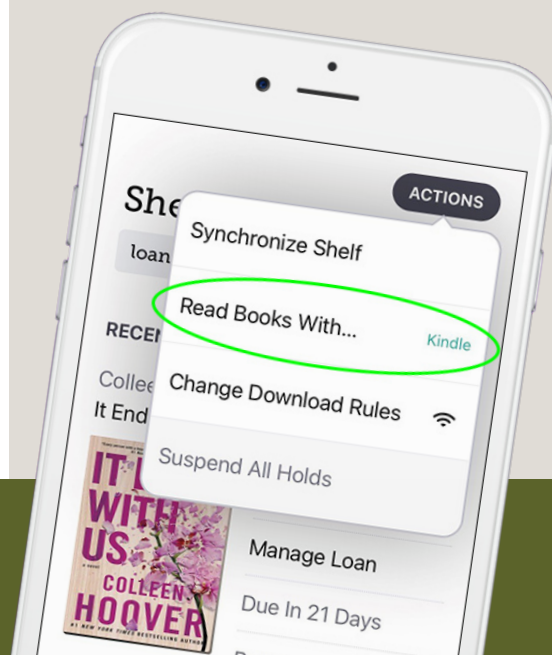
Upcoming Closings

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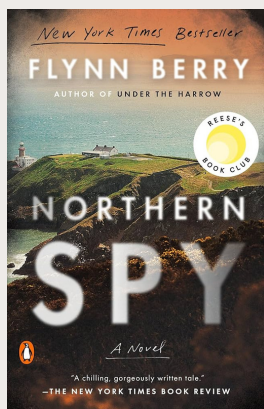
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1. Tap **Shelf**.
2. Tap **loans** at the top of the screen.
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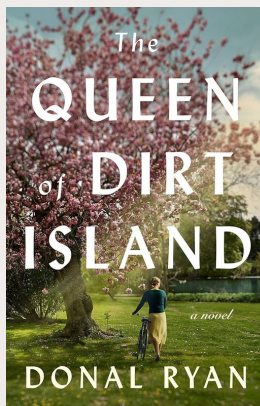
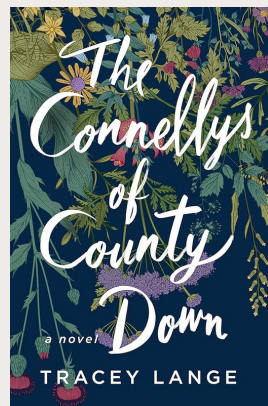
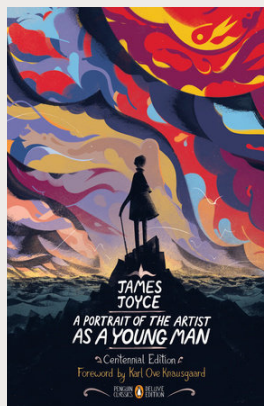


SHAMROCK STORIES



Northern Spy by Flynn Berry

A gripping narrative set against the backdrop of Northern Ireland's tumultuous past, weaving together themes of loyalty, betrayal, and the complexities of identity.



National Tartan Day!

Saturday, April 6 10am~1pm

Learn about Scottish Highland clans, their tartans, crest badges, coats of arms and ancient territories. Craft a Scottish thistle, taste traditional Scottish shortbread and tea, and enjoy *ag èisteachd ri ceòl* (that's listening to music, you Sassenach!) Provided in partnership with the Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society. All ages welcome, no registration required.