

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Ruby B. Archie Public Library

News, Programs, and Events



May - June 2024



I BET I COULD FIND SOME BEAR-Y GOOD BOOKS FOR MY READING CHALLENGE AT THE LIBRARY...

SUMMER READING

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

"Adventure Begins at Your 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 **Ruby B. Archie Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge!**

Earn badges by achieving your reading goals and completing activities!

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

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

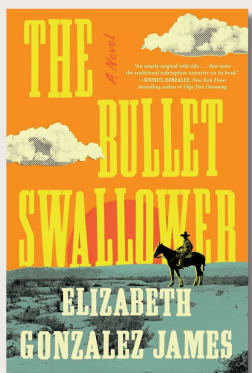
Celebrate the start of our Summer Reading program with balloon animals, face painting, and a variety of other activities provided by community partners. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

Tuesday, June 11

Library No fee

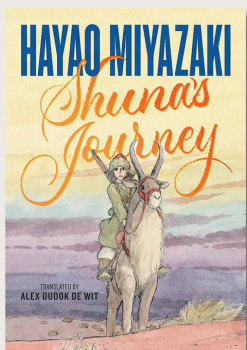
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



The Bullet Swallower by Elizabeth Gonzalez James is a rich tapestry of western adventure and family drama woven together with a thread of magical realism. The story is set primarily in two time periods, following Antonio Sonoro in 1895, a down on his luck bandido traveling to Texas to seek fortune and Jamie Sonoro in 1964, a renowned movie star in Mexico

grappling with the revelation of these buried family secrets. The writing style is vivid and evocative while still easy to follow and understand. The incorporation of real Mexican history and legends from the author's own family adds an important touch of authenticity. My own Mexican family has similar sensational stories. I believe we can all deeply relate to the conflicted feelings exploring our ancestors can bring.

Rachael Miller, Library Services Specialist



Shuna's Journey, originally published in 1983, is written and illustrated by Hayao Miyazaki co-founder of Studio Ghibli. The same studio that brought us classic animation such as *My Neighbor Totoro* and *Castle in the Sky*. *Shuna's Journey* is a 100-page stand alone graphic novel featuring an original storyline. Each panel is hand

drawn and hand painted by Hayao Miyazaki using a deep and rich color palette. I personally loved the raw art style used in this novel and how much care went into each panel. Every page is very colorful. As the story follows Shuna, we never know if the other characters he meets will be friends or enemies as they are all presented with a sense of mystery that keeps you guessing. Along the journey we get to see many varied landscapes and cityscapes. Miyazaki used many types of architecture from small huts to skyscrapers, from practical to fantastical construction. It really makes for a vibrant world full of possibilities!

Jeff Wells, Information Specialist

WELCOME TO MARINA CLEMENTS

Meet Marina Clements. Marina recently joined the library staff and is serving as the Mobile Services Library Specialist. Prior to that, she has worked in library services for the past nine years, a career that has been "a lifelong dream turned reality."



Her roots are based in Brunswick County, VA, the home of Brunswick Stew, but she is extremely thrilled about making Danville her home. Besides helping patrons, providing programs, finding new locations to visit, and books; anime is her next big passion. Two of her favorites are Dr. Stone and Tokyo Ghoul.

WE WILL SEE YOU AROUND TOWN

Look for the Bookin' It van out in the community this summer!

Marina is excited to meet you out around town.



WELCOME TO AMBER PILKIN



We would also like to introduce you to Amber Pilkin who recently joined the library staff as an information specialist. Amber lives with her partner Matthew and her two dogs, Winnie and Mithrandir, within walking distance of the library.

Reading has always played a huge role in her life. As someone with a vivid imagination and a love of art working in the library seemed the perfect fit. Whether it be cozier up with a book, hosting and running multiple Dungeons and Dragons groups, or crocheting she can always be found utilizing some form of creative outlet. She is excited to connect with others that share the love of a good story.



COMPUTER and TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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, May 15 and June 12**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

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 **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
No fee

- **Tuesdays, May 21 and June 25**
- **Thursdays, May 9 and June 13**

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-Friday, subject to availability. Please allow 48 hours advance notice. Call (434) 799-5195.

By appointment. **No fee**

CREATIVE and LITERARY PROGRAMS

Books & Beans Social Hour

Let's discuss what we've been reading and discover what to read next! Join other booklovers for a casual morning of coffee and conversation. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Links Coffee House Cafe **Saturdays, May 11 and June 8**
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. **No fee**

Books & Brews Social Hour

Let's discuss what we've been reading and discover what to read next! Join other booklovers for a casual evening of drinks and dialogue. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Ballad Brewing **Wednesdays, May 29 and June 26**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

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, May 7 and June 4**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Let's Make a Scene! Reader's Theatre Series

Plays are best when we experience them together so join us, along with Smokestack Theatre Company, to read a role or just read along! This is not a performance. Participation is encouraged but not required. Scripts will be provided during the program. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Mondays**
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

- **May 13 - *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie**
- **June 10 - *Radium Girls* by D.W. Gregory**

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, May 14, 28 and June 25**
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**

- **Thursday, May 16 - Tissue Paper Cherry Blossoms**
- **Thursday, May 30 - Tiny Art**
- **Monday, June 24 - Craft Stick Bird Feeder**

Why Historic Preservation?

Historic Preservation seeks to preserve historic buildings, objects, landscapes, streetscapes, and artifacts. Join us for a special presentation by Sonja Ingram, Executive Director of the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Friday, May 17**
2 p.m. to 3 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**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**
 • May 20 - *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
 • June 17 - *The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith

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, May 23 and June 13**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

The Magic of Everyday Objects

From a pocket watch that belonged to a beloved ancestor to a favorite childhood toy, sometimes mundane objects can give the most joy. Bring a small item that represents a family story of remembrance and we will help you capture the magic of your memento! A historic preservation program in partnership with Danville Historical Society. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Friday, May 24**
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**

Artist's Studio Series

Develop your creativity and explore new forms of artistic self-expression through this series of workshops led by local artists and creatives. No previous skill necessary, all materials provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Saturdays**
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **No fee**
 • May 25 - Acrylic Scrape Art
 • June 22 - Pocket Sketching



Nathan Richardson Presents

"The Spirit of Frederick Douglass"

Join us for a special Juneteenth performance by poet and author, Nathan M. Richardson, as he portrays the great writer, orator, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass! Sponsored by Arts for Learning and Virginia African American Cultural Center. All ages are welcome. Seating limited; registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Union Street Pocket Park **Monday, June 17**
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **No fee**

I'm a Star! Summer Solstice Celebration

Let's enjoy the longest day of the year together! Join us to celebrate our amazing star with celestial crafts and activities. Ages 13 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Thursday, June 20**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Riddle Me This! Adventures in Brain Teasers

Join us to enjoy a plethora of perplexing puzzles and bewildering brain busters. We will solve riddles, crosswords, logic grids, and more. Feel free to bring your own favorite word puzzle to share with the group. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Thursday, June 27**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

GENEALOGY and COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROGRAMS

Legal Aid Workshops

Representatives from Virginia Legal Aid Society will present information for common legal issues that are pertinent to the community. Presentations will include general guidelines, applicable eligibility, common concerns, and helpful tools to assist with the topic. Programs will give general legal information only. Representatives cannot answer questions about specific situations. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

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

- May 2 - Protective Orders
- June 6 - Protective Orders

Tuesdays - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

- May 14 - Wills and Advance Directives
- June 4 - Wills and Advance Directives

Genealogy 101

Learn how to get started researching and preserving your family history. We will discuss completing your pedigree, using the census, helpful online resources, and other important steps on your genealogy journey. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

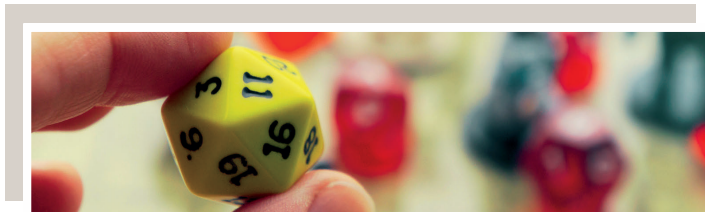
Auditorium **Thursday, May 9**
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**

VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society Presents

Learn helpful tips and hear interesting stories from a guest speaker. Topics will relate to genealogy, family heritage, and local history. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Thursday, June 6**
2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **No fee**
• Speaker, TBD

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



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, May 6 and June 3**
 ◦ **4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
• **Saturdays, May 18 and June 15**
 ◦ **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**
• **May 8 - Mini Secret Garden Tin Craft**
• **June 5 - Jewelry Making 101**

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 **Tuesdays, May 14 and June 18**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) 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.

Maker Space **Fridays, May 24 and June 28**
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, May 24 and June 28**
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**

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Auditorium

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Thursday, June 20

No fee

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Code Challengers

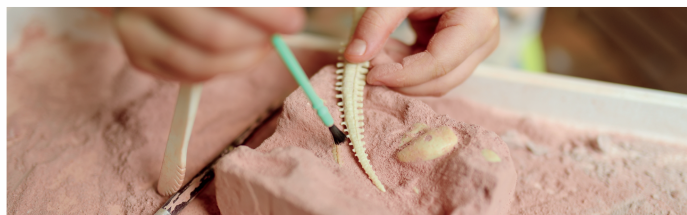
Learn how to make your own computer games, mobile apps, and more! Join us to experience hands-on coding and robotics. No experience required: just curiosity and creativity! Ages 8-12. Registration is required as space is limited. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer lab

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

Wednesdays, May 1, June 5

No fee



We Dig Science

We're getting down to the nitty-gritty this summer with a look at several sciences. Between digging up dinosaur fossils and doing messy experiments, this summer is sure to be "groundbreaking." Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursdays

No fee

- May 2 - Archeology
- June 6 - Paleontology

Teddy Bear Picnic

Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic and you are invited! Bring your stuffed animals and get ready to par-tea. This program will take place at the picnic shelter outside of Coates Recreation Center. Snacks provided. Ages 2-6. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Coates Recreation

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

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

No fee

Mondays, May 6 and June 3

- 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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, May 7 - August 13*

No fee

***No storytime on May 28, June 11, 25 and July 30**

Riding the Rails with Thomas

All aboard! Little train enthusiasts are invited to journey to our library station. Enjoy a Thomas storytime, games and crafts. Become a conductor today! Ages 2-6. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

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

Thursday May 9

No fee

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. Call (434) 799-5195.

Activity Room

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Fridays, May 10, 24; June 14, and 28

No fee

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

Maker Space **Monday, May 13**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 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 2-6. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursdays**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**
 • May 16 - Family Show and Tell

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 6-11. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Mondays**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**
 • May 20 Bead Buddy Keychains

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, May 21**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Ozobot Adventures

Help Ozo find his way! Use simple coding to navigate tiny robots through wild adventures! No experience needed. Ages 6-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursdays, May 23 and June 27**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Evening Storytime at the Park

Explore, examine, and play outside in this STEAM storytime for littles. Recommended ages 2-5. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Wednesdays **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**
 • May 29 Ballou Park
 • June 26 Grove Park

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 **Thursday**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**
 • May 30 Percy Jackson

Dino Tea Party

Invite your prehistoric stuffed animals to teatime where we'll sip iced tea, snack, dance, and play games. Ages 10 and under. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Friday, May 31**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

Preschool Picassos

Join us for an evening of finger-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 6 and under. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Monday, June 17**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Forest Findings

Grow oyster mushrooms good enough to eat and learn about animals that camouflage through experiments and games. Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursdays**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**
 • June 20 The Fungus Among Us

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.

Computer Lab **Monday, June 24** **No fee**
 • Session 1: 4-5 PM
 • Session 2: 5-6 PM

*Basic computer experience necessary (i.e. how to use keyboard and mouse)



Let's keep in touch.

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TUNE IN TO OUR PODCAST



Russell, Rachel, and Rachael discuss their favorite books, the library, and, without keeping their feet as Bilbo Baggins so wisely suggested, wherever they might be swept off to.

Episodes Hosts



Riley is a Reader Whose Name Starts with R

APRIL 15, 2024



April is Poetry...and Pirates?

APRIL 01, 2024



The Reading Challenge, Women's History, and a Panther

MARCH 14, 2024



Episode One - A New Show Arises

MARCH 14, 2024



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

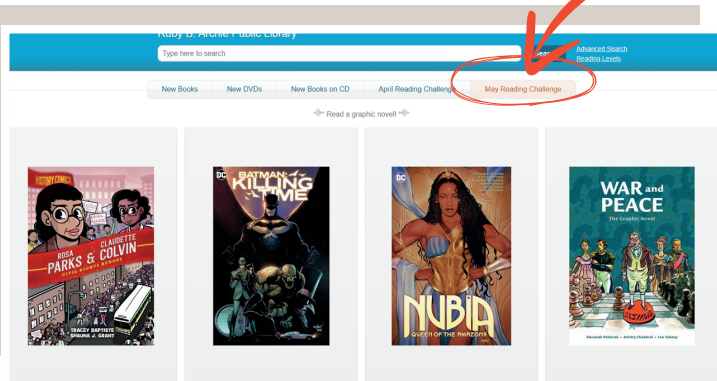
Monday, May 27 Closed in observance of Memorial Day.
Wednesday, June 19 Close in observance of Juneteenth

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It's easy to send ebooks from Libby to your Kindle!

1. Tap **Shelf**.
2. Tap **loans** at the top of the screen.
3. Tap **Read With** and select **Kindle**.
5. You'll be taken to Amazon's website. If prompted, sign into your Amazon account.
6. Tap **Get Library Book**.

THE READING CHALLENGE CONTINUES



For those participating in our reading challenge, May is graphic novels and June is adventures. Check out our website for suggestions!

