

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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



November - December 2024

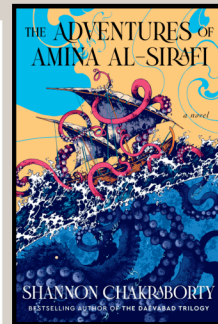
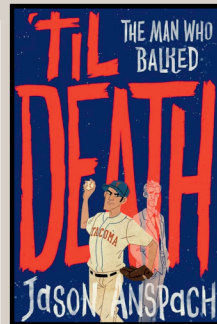


Join in on the fun

It is not too late to start

With just a short time left in the 2024 Reading Challenge, you can still start. Pick a few months from the list below and read accordingly. Staff are happy to suggest a title or two so visit the desk!

- January - Read a Debut Author
- February - Read a Book by an African American Author
- March - Read a Book by a Female Author
- April - Read a Book of Poetry
- May - Read a Graphic Novel
- June - Read an Adventure Book
- July - Read a Book Set in Another Country
- August - Read a Book Set at the Beach or at Sea
- September - Read a Book by a Hispanic Author
- October - Read a Supernatural or Spooky Book
- November - Read a Book by and Indigenous Author
- December - Read an Award Winner

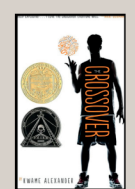
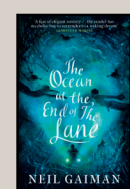
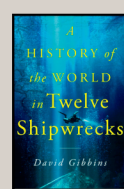
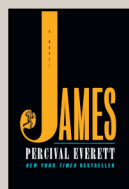
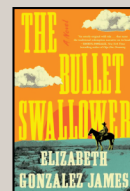
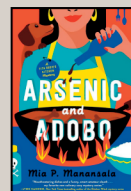


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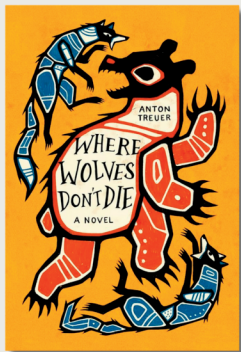
Staff close out the 2024 reading challenge with long list of new favorite books.

In 2024, library staff accepted the challenge to read a uniquely-themed book each month for the entire year. Staff had so much fun discussing their reads each month, the “Russell Reads with the Rach(a)els” podcast was born. We wanted to celebrate the close of the year by sharing some of our favorite books and look forward to sharing next year’s monthly themes.

Check out some of our favorites and be sure to tune in to the podcast by visiting www.ReadDanvilleVA.org or download episodes on Spotify.



STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

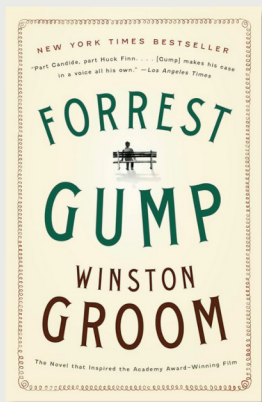


I picked up *Where Wolves Don't Die* by Anton Treuer to read as a part of the November reading challenge, which is to read a book by an Indigenous author. It quickly rocketed to the top of my “Favorite Book I have Read This Year” list. The story features Ezra Cloud, an Ojibwe teenager who is constantly being targeted by a

local bully for his ancestry. When the bully’s house burns to the ground, Ezra becomes a top suspect and is soon whisked away to stay on a reservation in Canada with his grandparents. There, Ezra learns to embrace his culture and his self while helping his grandfather run a trap line in the back woods.

I mostly listened to this audiobook, which is narrated by the author, on the Libby app. I would recommend giving that format a try to fully experience the heart behind the text of this beautifully written book.

Russell Carter, Library Director



In keeping with the December reading challenge, which is to read an award-winning book, I recently read the 1986 novel *Forrest Gump* by Winston Groom. This book was thrust into the bestseller spotlight after being adapted into an award-winning film in 1994. I expected it to be similar to the movie with a few differences, but boy was I wrong! The book

is quite a bit darker in tone than the film, which portrays the loveable titular character as innocent and endearing. In contrast, Groom’s Forrest, while still being likeable, is gruff at times as he blunders his way through life, trying to maintain a sense of dignity. Another point of interest is that the book is written from Forrest’s perspective and in his voice, so his spelling and grammatical errors are included. If you are a fan of the movie then give the book a try and see which version of Forrest most resonates with you!

Rachel Timm, Adult Services Coordinator

THE HOPEFUL RETURN OF ARCHIE



Archie Jollyreader, joined us at the library last year and proved to be an adventurous Scout Elf. Follow along on our Facebook and Instagram accounts to see what Archie gets in to this December.

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THE BOOK SALE HAS A NEW HOME



In case you have not stopped by in a while, not only does the first floor have a new coat of paint, we have also re-located our book sale to the back wall near the graphic novels.

Be sure to stop in and browse the weeded collection. Hard backs cost \$1 and everything else costs 50 cents. All proceeds support library programming.

COMPUTER and TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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	No fee
• Thursday, Nov. 14	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
• Tuesday, Nov. 26	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
• Thursday, Dec. 12	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Exploring AI – Chatbots and You

Join us for an overview of different AI Chatbots and their pros and cons (no, they're not taking over the world). Bring your own device and try them out! Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Wednesday, November 13
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	No fee

3D Printing for Adults

Kids shouldn't have all the fun! Join us for our first 3D printing class for adults. Learn how the process works and design a holiday ornament. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space	Wednesday, November 20
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	No fee

Drone Basics Workshop

Curious about using drones? Join this beginner-friendly workshop to learn the basics of this exciting technology with guest instructor and local drone operator, Nick Carty.

Ages 16 and up.

Registration is required.

Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space	Saturday, November 23
11 a.m. to 1 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	Wednesday, December 18
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	No fee

CREATIVE and LITERARY PROGRAMS

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, Nov. 5, 19 and Dec. 3, 17
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	No fee

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. Call (434) 799-5195.

Links Coffee House Cafe	Saturdays, Nov. 9, Dec. 14
9 a.m. to 10 a.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. Chat with us about your geekiest passions and fill up on recommendations for books, movies, podcasts, and more to keep you occupied all month. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10
5:30 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 **Tuesdays and Thursdays**

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

- **November 14 - DIY Cozy Teacup Felt Bookmark**
- **December 12 - DIY Gift Tags and Burlap Bows**

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.

Auditorium	Saturdays
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	No fee

- **November 16 - Upcycled Wreaths with Jessica Driver**

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.

Auditorium
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mondays
No fee

- **Nov. 18 - "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike by Christopher Durang**
- **Dec. 9 - "A Christmas Story" by Philip Grecian, based on the 1983 motion picture**

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. Call (434) 799-5195.

Ballad Brewing Wednesdays, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

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

The Loop Group – Open Needlecraft Hour

Bring your own knit, crochet, or other needlecraft projects to work on! Share skills and learn techniques from others. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium

Thursdays, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19

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

No fee

- **Nov. 25 - "The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson**
- **Dec. 16 - "The Color of Magic" by Terry Pratchett**



Page and Screen Book Club

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.

Ballou Recreation Center / Ruby B. Archie Public Library
No fee

- **December 3 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
 - **"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens**
- **December 10 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
 - **"The Muppet Christmas Carol" (1992 Movie)**

A Very Krampus Christmas!

Join us for an after-hours celebration of the one whose list we REALLY don't want to be on! Krampus crafts, games, light refreshments, and general merriment shall be had by all... OR ELSE! Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 13

No fee

Winter Solstice Celebration

Let's celebrate Midwinter, the shortest day of the year, with yule-themed crafts and activities! Ages 13 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

No fee

GENEALOGY and COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

Thursdays

No fee

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

- **November 7 - How to File for Divorce**
- **December 5 - Wills and Advance Directives**

Tuesdays

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

- **November 12 - Tenant Rights**
- **December 17 - How to File for Divorce**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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

- **December 5 - "Patrick Henry: The Essentials" with Patrick Henry Jolly**

GED and ESL Information Sessions

Representatives from the Adult & Career Education Center and Danville Project Literacy will be available to discuss and answer questions about the GED and ESL programs they offer. The October session will feature information for non-Native English learners. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium No fee

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

- **Nov. 19 (GED)**
- **Dec. 3 (ESL)**

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, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2**
 - **4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
- **Saturdays, Nov. 2 and Dec. 14**
 - **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Girls Who Code

Join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science and coding to change the world. This is a four month series; participation in all eight sessions is recommended. Grades 6-12. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

No fee

- **Tuesdays, Nov. 12, Dec. 17**
- **Mondays, Nov. 25, Dec. 30**

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

- **Nov. 13 - Cozy Crafts**
- **Dec. 18 - Memory Boxes**

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, Dec. 10

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

No fee



Hour of Code

Celebrate the Hour of Code with fun coding activities at the library! Bringing your own device is recommended. Grades 6-12. Registrations required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium

Wednesday, December 11

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

No fee

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

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 (CLOSED DEC. 24)**
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, Nov. 4, Dec. 2**
4 p.m. to 5 p.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 as space is limited. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer lab **Wednesdays, Nov. 6, Dec. 4**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Paint Like an Artist

Learn about famous artists and the art movements they were a part of before painting your own masterpiece in their style. Ages 3-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, Nov. 7**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**
 • Pablo Picasso and Cubism

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 **Fridays, Nov. 8, Dec. 13**
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.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**
 • Nov. 14 - The Floor is Lava
 • Dec. 12 - Artic Animals

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, November 19**
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.

Activity Room **Thursday, November 21**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Oh, Christmas Tree

Create your own mini tree to celebrate this festive season. Supplies will be provided. All Ages welcome! Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, December 5**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**





Gingerbread Ornaments

Make your own ginger salt dough ornaments and try your hardest to catch the gingerbread man! Ages 2-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Monday, December 9**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

We Dig Science

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

Maker Space **Wednesdays**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**
 • **December 11 - Chemistry**



Nutcracker Hot Cocoa Party

Help Clara defeat the Mouse King, dance with the sugar plum fairies, enjoy hot cocoa, and make your own nutcracker craft to take home. Make sure to wear your cozy pjs! Ages 2-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Monday, December 16**
4 p.m. to 5 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**
 • **December 19 - Disney/Pixar**

Countdown to Noon

Ring in the year 2025 with a party for little ones and their families. We'll dance, snack, and craft our way through a celebration of the new year. Ages 10 and under. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Friday, January 3**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

STORYWALK TRAIL

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



In November, the Trail will feature the book *Thanksgiving in the Woods* by Philis Alsdurf.

December's story will be *The Magical Snowflake* by Bernette Ford & Erin K. Robinson

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





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

Presented below are selected works from our 2024 Art Exhibition, which showcased local artists' interpretations of the theme "People, Places, Progress." This exhibition encouraged the artists to reflect on their personal concepts of "Home."



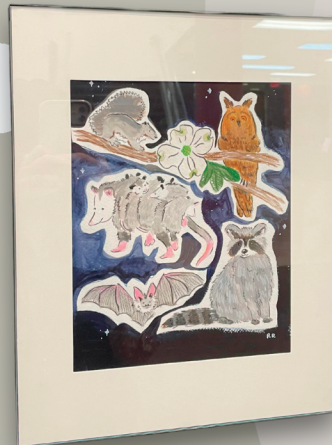
Danville's Playful Side
Lesly Martin



South Union St
Hannah Toufas



Their Home Too
Riley Ryan



Eyes Forward
Leanna Cali Earp



Her Garden, Her Comfort
Diana McManus



Roadwork
Kelsey Bolton

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, November 11 the Library will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

November 27 at 12:00 p.m. through November 30 the Library will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

December 24 and 25 the Library will be closed in observance of Christmas.

Did you know?

Even when the Library is closed you can access our digital collections on Libby and hoopla 24/7!

