



DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

News, Programs, and Events

Ruby B. Archie Public Library - 511 Patton Street, Danville

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS



March - April 2025

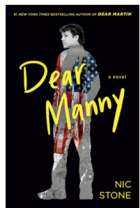
New spring reads



March 4



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March 11



March 18

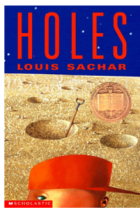


April 15

Check out these series firsts



Some of our childhood favorites



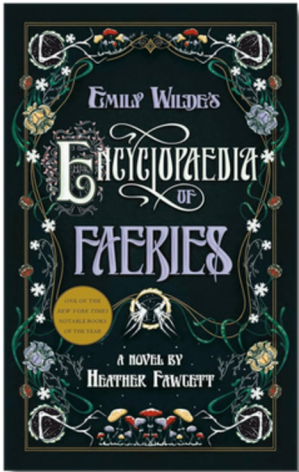
March Reading Challenge:
Read the first book in a series!

April Reading Challenge:
Read a childhood favorite!



THE BOOKS WE RECOMMEND

INTRODUCING OUR SEED LIBRARY



Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries is an enchanting fantasy that follows Emily Wilde, a brilliant yet socially awkward scholar, as she studies the Folk in the remote Scandinavian town of Hrafnsvik. Alongside her infuriatingly charming colleague, Wendell Bumbleby, Emily unravels the mysteries of the fae—while discovering that some legends are more dangerous than she ever

imagined. Emily’s arc - both as a scholar and as a person - feels fully realized, and her relationship with Wendell is given the kind of resolution that makes for the perfect blend of romance, magic, and adventure. It’s rare to find a series that so masterfully balances character growth, world-building, and plot momentum, but this one absolutely does. If you love fae folklore, academic rivals-to-lovers, or richly detailed fantasy worlds, this book (and its sequels) are a must-read.

Riley Ryan, Circulation Supervisor



As the days grow longer and our hemisphere tilts once more toward the sun, I find myself longing for the garden. However, since our mid-Atlantic region is not quite ready for spring planting, I find comfort in reading books like *Seedtime and Harvest: How Gardens Grow Roots, Connection, Wholeness, and Hope* by Christie Purifoy.

This small, unassuming volume is not necessarily a gardening “how-to” but rather an inspiring and generous exploration of the process of nurturing a garden. Managing the life, growth, and death of plants can teach us about our own selves and the parts we play in the cycle of nature. The author’s luscious pictures and interesting anecdotes about her own experiences are warm and inviting, providing unique snippets of gardening wisdom along the way, a treasure of a book!

Rachel Timm, Adult Services Coordinator

Have you ever wanted to grow your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers but didn’t know where to start? Well have no fear, our new seed library is here! Stop by to grab a packet of selected seeds from our repurposed card catalog and sign up for an upcoming gardening workshop to learn how to make your garden thrive. This initiative is provided in partnership with VA Cooperative Extension.



Trowel and Error
A Seed Library Series

SATURDAYS
March 8 - Seed Starting Basics
April 12 - Garden Bed Preparation

11 AM to 12 PM

Call (434)799-5195 or visit ReadDanvilleVA.org for information.



NATIONAL TARTAN DAY

Learn about Scottish heritage and culture with the Virginia-Carolina Scottish Society and Ruby B. Archie Public Library! Browse displays on Scottish highland clans, their tartans, ancient territories, crest badges, and coats of arms. Try haggis and other traditional Scottish treats. There will be crafts, stories for kids and special performances, all ages are welcome! (*See location below)

National Tartan Day

Scottish Culture Celebration

Saturday, April 5 from 12-4 PM

Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History*





12:30 PM & 1:30 PM

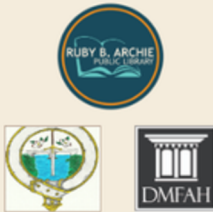
Dancing demonstrations by the Monroe School of Highland Dance with piper Andrew Prioli

This is a free event, registration is encouraged but not required. Call (434)799-5195 or visit readdanvilleva.org for more information.



2:30 PM

Special musical guests Scottish fiddle competition champion Lily Harwell with guitarist Sean Ashdown



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COMPUTER & 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
• Mondays, Mar. 3 and Apr. 7	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
• Thursdays, Mar. 13 and Apr. 24	11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There's An App for That!

Join us each month to explore free apps available on your phone or tablet, featuring a variety of topics. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Tuesdays
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	No fee
• March 18 - Lifestyle and Habits	
• April 22 - Budgeting and Finance	

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, March 19
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	No fee

Internet Safety 101

Learn the basics for protecting yourself and your privacy online. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Monday, April 14
3 p.m. to 4 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, Mar. 4, 18, and Apr. 1, 15
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	No fee

Voice and Verse Poetry Hour

Join us to read poems and discuss how they make us feel. We will read poetry together including classic, contemporary, and local selections. Feel free to bring your own choices to share. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Thursdays
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	No fee
• March 6 - Pioneering Women Poets	

The Pod People – Podcast Discussion Series

It's like a book club, but make it podcasts. Avid listeners and curious newbies are invited to join our lively discussion about a variety of podcast genres including true crime, history, limited series, and more. Listen to the monthly selection on a long commute, while you do housework, on your daily run, or anywhere you find the time. All selections should be available on your choice of podcast player. Register early to receive a list of suggested listening for upcoming genre discussions. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Tuesdays
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	No fee
• March 25 - True Crime Taste Test	

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

Plays are best when we experience them together so read a role or just read along! This is not a performance. Scripts will be provided during the program. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Mondays
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	No fee
• April 14 - "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde	

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, Mar. 13 and Apr. 24**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 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**

- **March 15 - Linocut Printing with Lesly Martin**
- **April 19 - Drawing with Cali Earp**



Community Memory Cafe

Enjoy a fun, comfortable environment where people experiencing memory loss, their caregivers, family, and friends can relax, engage, and enjoy the company of others on the same journey. The program provides structured activities to promote reminiscence, cognition, and engagement, as well as time to share in conversation and get to know others in a safe and supportive environment. Light refreshments included. This program is provided in partnership with Roman Eagle Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **No fee**
 • **Wednesday, Mar. 19 - Library Auditorium**
 • **Wednesday, Apr. 16 - Roman Eagle Activity Center**

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**
 • **March 24 - The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame**
 • **April 28 - The Weary Blues by Langston Hughes**



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

- **Mar. 27 - Clothespin Butterfly**
- **Apr. 10 - Fairy Door**

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 **Thursday, April 17**
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. Chat with us and 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 **Tuesday, April 22**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Get Connected! Adult LEGO Hour

Join us for an hour of LEGO brick free play just for adults! Enjoy conversation and creating with fellow adult LEGO fans. We provide the bricks; you provide the imagination. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **Wednesday, April 30**
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Trowel and Error - A Seed Library Series

Learn how to start your own garden using our new Seed Library and get tips and tricks from seasoned gardeners! This program is provided in partnership with the VA Cooperative Extension. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium	Saturdays
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	No fee
• March 8	Seed Starting Basics
• April 12	Garden Bed Preparation

D&D&DIY – Fantasy Map Making

Level up your next game night with gaming crafts and accessories! Join us for a great opportunity to socialize with other tabletop gamers and create unique items for your games. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space	Monday, March 31
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	No fee

Books & Beans Social Hour

Let's discuss what we have 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, Mar. 8 and Apr. 12
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	No fee

Books & Brews Social Hour

Join other booklovers for a casual evening of drinks and dialogue. Ages 18 and up. No registration required.

Ballad Brewing	Wednesdays, Mar. 26 and Apr. 30
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	No fee

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.

Activity Room	No fee
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Tuesdays - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Mar. 4 - Child Support**
- **Apr. 8 - Custody**

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

- **Mar. 6 - Child Support**
- **Apr. 3 - Custody**

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	Thursdays
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	No fee
• April 3 - Melanie Orr	FamilySearch Tips and Tricks

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.	
◦ Mar. 3 and Apr. 7	
• Saturdays - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	
◦ Mar. 22 and Apr. 19	



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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Girls Who Code

Join a sisterhood of supportive peers and role models using computer science and coding to change the world. This is a series of multiple meetings; participation in all sessions is recommended. Grades 3-8. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**
Wednesdays, Mar. 12, 26 and Apr. 9, 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**
• **March 19 - Mini Canvas**
• **April 16 - Egg Carton Art**

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. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Fridays, March 21 and April 18**
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, have nerf battles, eat pizza, and more. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Fridays**
5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**
• **March 21 - Leprechaun Games**
• **April 18 - Super Smash Bros. Tournament**

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 8**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

LEGO Brick Engineers

Make your own LEGO brick creation to meet this month's creative challenge. Bricks provided; imagination required. Ages 5-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Mondays, March 3, April 7**
4 p.m. to 5 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 4 - April 22**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**



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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, March 5 and April 2**
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**

- **March 13 - Weather, Weather Everywhere**
- **April 10 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

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, March 14, 28, and April 11, 25**
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.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.

Makerspace
Thursday, April 17
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
No fee



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**

- **March 31 - Mini Tin Habitats**
- **April 28 - Recycled Art**

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 25**
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**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

- **April 3 - Georgia O'Keeffe and Florals**

A Beautiful Day with Daniel Tiger

Visit the Neighborhood of Make Believe and let the wisdom of Daniel Tiger teach you about kindness and being a good neighbor with activities, games and crafts galore. This is sure to be a grr-rific time! Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, March 6**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

Enchanted Tea Party

Join us for tea at the royal Ballou castle where we shall enjoy a morning of sweets, games and crafts with visiting princesses. Guests are encouraged to dress in fairy tale costumes and come escorted by their esteemed caretakers. Registration required by March 24. Ages 2-12.

Ballou Recreation Center **Saturday, March 29**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

Fairy Tale Bash

Hear ye, hear 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 from a unicorn, 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.

Library Parking Lot **Wednesday, April 23**
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**



Let's keep in touch.

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

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

4th Annual Fairy Tale Bash

All young knights, princesses, fairies and more are invited to partake in an evening of festivities!

We can't wait to see you there!

Ages 12 and under
Wednesday, April 23
5pm - 6:30pm



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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, April 21 the Library will be closed in observance of Easter Monday.

CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BY READING A HERSTORY!

