



DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY News, Programs, and Events

Ruby B. Archie Library - 511 Patton Street, Danville

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS



January - February 2025



Join us in the 2025 reading challenge!

Tune in to the podcast as Russell and
the Rach(a)els discuss their favorite books

Sometimes knowing what to read is the hardest part of setting
reading goals. We thought we would help with this
12-month prompt. Be sure to let us know how it is going.
Post your selections and tag us @readdanvilleva on social media.

January – Memoir or autobiography

February – Love story

March – First book in a series

April – Childhood favorite

May – Short story collection

June – Book with a movie adaptation

July – Book set in another world

August – True crime

September – Book set in a library

October – Folklore, fairy tales, and cryptids

November – Book about a historic event

December – Book with a holiday theme



Amnesty program set to renew in January

The Ruby B. Archie Public Library would like to offer its patrons a fresh start going into the New Year. From January 1st through the 31st, the library will be accepting donations for our New Year, New Start amnesty program.

This year, we will be accepting toiletries on behalf of Social Services and youth in Foster Care. **For every approved toiletry item donated, the library will waive \$2 in fines up to \$50 per library account.** The library will only accept donations that are new, undamaged and unopened.

Items can be donated to the Ruby B. Archie Public Library at 511 Patton Street during regular business hours. A full list of acceptable donations may be found on our website or social media pages.

The library views New Year, New Start as not only an opportunity to serve the community but to welcome our patrons back to the library in 2025!

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Baby Wipes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash





COMPUTER & 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 **Wednesday, January 22**
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 **No fee**
 • **Mondays, Jan.6 and Feb.3** **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**
 • **Thursdays, Jan.16 and Feb. 13** **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**
 • **January 21 - Health & Fitness**
 • **February 18 - Language Learning**

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, February 10**
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, Jan. 7, 21, and Feb. 4, 18**
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**
 • **January 9 - Introduction - Your Favorites**

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. Register early to receive a list of suggested episodes for upcoming 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**
 • **January 14 Introduction - Your Favorites**

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 p.m. to 7 p.m. **No fee**
 • **February 10 - "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry**

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, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20**
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**

- **January 18 - Polymer Clay with Lesly Martin**
- **February 15 - Cricut Basics with Brian Stanley**

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**

- **January 27 - *A Good Man Is Hard To Find and Other Stories* by Flannery O’Conner**
- **February 24 - *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston**

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, Jan. 22 - Library Auditorium**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 19 - Roman Eagle Activity Center**

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**

- **Jan. 30 - DIY Pompom Wall Letter**
- **Feb. 27 - Bottle Painting**

Taste and Talk Murder Mystery Book Club

Nothing goes together like tasty treats and cozy mysteries. This month we will discuss “Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder” by Joanne Fluke while enjoying delicious treats. This book club is facilitated by Ruby B. Archie Public Library and meets at Ballou Recreation Center. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195 or (434) 799-5216.

Ballou Recreation Center **Tuesday, January 7**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

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 **Thursday, January 23**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Brain-boozled! Puzzler Club

Enjoy a plethora of perplexing puzzles and bewildering brain busters with us. 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 **Tuesday, January 28**
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, February 11**
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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, February 13**
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, February 26**
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **No fee**

Seen & Heard – The Movement: Danville 1963

Attend a special screening of this documentary which sheds light on the local Civil Rights Movement events of 1963. Program provided in partnership and hosted by the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History. Light refreshments served. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History
Saturday, Feb. 1 **5:30 p.m. to 7:30 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, Jan. 11 and Feb. 8**
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 **Wednesday, Jan. 29**
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**
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Jan. 2 - Expungements
- February 6 - Wills and Advance Directives

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

- Jan. 14 - Expungements
- Feb. 11 - Wills and Advance Directives

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**

- February 6
 - Ina Dixon, "A Dan River Fabric: Exploring the Life and Legacy of Dan River Mills and Schoolfield Village"

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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, Jan. 15, 29 and Feb. 12, 26

The logo for Girls Who Code, featuring the words "girls who" in a teal script font and "code" in a teal block font, set against a background of soft, overlapping pastel shapes in shades of yellow, orange, and teal.

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 - 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
 - Jan. 6 and Feb. 3
- **Saturdays - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
 - Jan. 25 and Feb. 22

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**

- **January 8** Shrinky Dinks
- **February 19** "Eye Candy" Creations

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, Jan. 17 and Feb. 21**
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**

- **January 17 - Rubber Duck Races**
- **February 21 - Groundhog Day Games**

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, February 4**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



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**

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, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3**
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, Jan. 7 - Feb. 18**
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **No fee**

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

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, Jan. 8 and Feb. 5**
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**

- **January 9 - Science Rocks!**
- **February 13 - Maps Make the World Go Round**

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, Jan. 10, 24, and Feb. 14, and 28**
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **No fee**

Rubber Duckie Day

Waddle down to the library and celebrate nearly 100 years of rubber ducks with games and crafts that will make you 'quack' up! Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Monday, January 13**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **No fee**

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Party

Celebrate Dolly Parton's young graduates with United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County at the library! Families interested in joining the Imagination Library are also invited to attend and learn about the program, enjoy a pizza meal, and listen to a story. Ages 0-5. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesday, January 15**
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **No fee**

Anything Goes Book Club

Are you more of a reader or a watcher? In this book club any form of media goes. This month's meeting will focus on *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. This book has been turned into a movie, a tv show, a graphic novel, and an audiobook; choose your favorite form of media and then read or watch it before we meet. Ages 7-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Wednesday, January 22**
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. **No fee**

***Please note: Participants are expected to have completed the book in their chosen media before the meeting.**

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 **Thursdays, January 23**
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**

- **January 27 Vision Boards**
- **February 24 Dragon Eggs**

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 **Tuesdays January 28**
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **No fee**

Mini Disco

This dance party is gonna be out of sight! Show off your funky moves, create some groovy crafts and compete in our Limbo challenge! Ages 2-10. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **Thursday, January 30**
4 p.m. to 5 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

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday

No fee

- February 6 - Eric Carle and Collage

Ancient Explorers

Delve into the depths of history by exploring civilizations of long ago. Discover what life was like for the peoples of the past from the Aztecs, to Feudal Japan, to Mesopotamia and beyond and their contributions to the world. Activities, experiments, and crafts will bring the ancient world to life. Ages 7-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday

No fee

- February 10 - Aztecs

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. This month's focus will be on Marine Biology. Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18

No fee

March Through the Stacks

Join the march to learn about important historical figures in fun and engaging hands-on experiments and activities. All ages welcome. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

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

Thursday

- February 20 - Black History Month

Stuffed Animal Hospital

Has your favorite stuffed animal seen better days? It may be time for your stuffie's annual check-up! Stop by the library clinic with your stuffie (or two) and give them some much needed love and care. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25

No fee



SEEN & HEARD

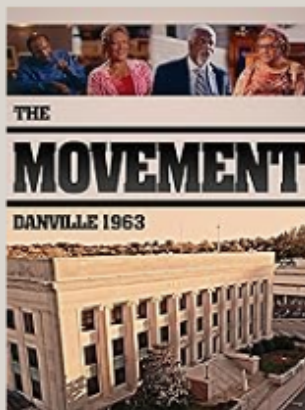
During the month of February, we wish to honor the unique Black History of our region by hosting events, through recommended reading, book and film discussions, and a wide array of digital resources available to anyone with a library card. Visit the library all month long to learn more about our distinctive history and to engage with compelling displays and exhibits!

The Movement Danville 1963

Saturday, February 1

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History



Attend a special screening of this documentary which sheds light on the local Civil Rights Movement events of 1963. Program provided in partnership and hosted by the Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History. Q&A with special guests to follow, light refreshments served. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.





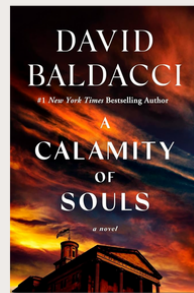
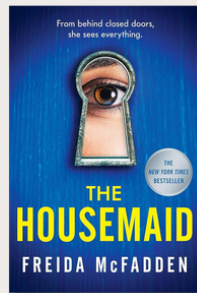
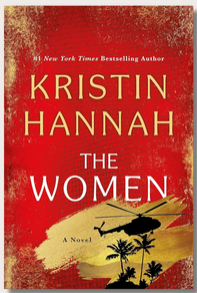
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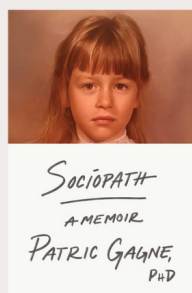
LOOKING BACK



Kristin Hannah's ***The Women*** captivated readers in 2024. The novel follows Frankie McGrath, a young woman who volunteers as an army nurse during the Vietnam War, only to face the challenges of reintegration and societal scorn upon her return.

However, Frieda McFadden's gripping thriller series stole the spotlight in overall popularity, dominating circulation numbers. Her suspenseful plots and unexpected twists kept readers eagerly turning pages, making her the reigning queen of checkouts this year.

LOOKING FORWARD



The first two reading challenges for 2025 include exploring a memoir or autobiography, as well as a love story. Check out some of the above titles and get a jump on your 2025 reading challenge!

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

Wednesday, January 1 the Library will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

Monday, January 20 the Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 17 the Library will be closed in observance of President's Day.

Did you know?



You can stop by the library to access the Black Life in America database

The database, a product of NewsBank, is sourced from more than 19,000 American and global news sources, including over 400 current and historical Black publications.

While on one of our public access computers, just visit ReadDanvilleVA.org and click on Online Resources then News Resources.