LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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



September - October 2024





SEP 21

Of Words and Art - Author and Artisan Fair Meet your favorite local authors and artisans! Community Market - 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SEP 21

Open to all ages. Registration is required.

Smokestack Theatre Company - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Library of the Lost Watch a live role playing game! Ages 18 and up. Ballad Brewing - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SEP 23 Boos and Brushes - Viral Ghost Painting Ages 11 and up. Registration is required.. Library Maker Space - 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Community Cardboard Quilt Squares
Let's paint a community quilt! Ages 18 and up.
Library Auditorium - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



The Spirit of Harriet Tubman All ages welcome. Registration is required. Union Street Park - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Five Forks Creators Guild - Art in the Old West End Enjoy an outdoor Art Walk and meet local artists! Green Street - 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.





Of Poetry and Prose.

an Evening with Mark Twain and Langston Hughes

The keynote event for this year's Reflections of Home Arts Festival will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on **Saturday, Sept. 28** and will feature Actor Ryan Clemens' portrayal of celebrated author and humorist, Mark Twain and Actor Daron Stewart as renown poet Langston Hughes. The show will explore the connections between the two American writers and offer a glimpse into their worlds.

The event costs \$30 per person and will be held at the Danville Community Market. The cost of admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres by Angela's Creative Catering and a beverage token courtesy of Danville Harvest Jubilee. Additional spirits may be purchased.

To purchase tickets, call 434-799-5195 or stop by any of the Ruby B. Archie Public Library service desks. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.ReflectionsofDanville.com.

SUMMER READING WRAP UP



What You are Looking for is at the Library by Michiko Aoyama is the answer to everyone's life's questions. This heartwarming story follows five people who are all in different stages of their lives and are dealing with various struggles. Circumstances have led them to their local library and to Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi, who has the

unique ability to know exactly what each of her library guests need. She recommends seemingly random books that change the course of their lives in ways they never thought possible. With charm and wisdom, this book is a testament to the magic of libraries and their impact on communities and is perfect for anyone who has ever found themselves at a crossroads in their life and in need of a little advice. For fans of cozy magical realism like *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, this charming novel shows how the perfect book recommendation can change a reader's life.

Jess McAllister, Library Services Specialist



Where would you go if you could use any door to travel anywhere in the world? The Book of Doors is a delightful debut novel by Gareth Brown in which two unsuspecting young women get caught up in a dangerous game of cat and mouse with mysterious magical books.

Cassie leads a quiet life working in a bookstore in NYC but one day a favorite customer leaves

her an unusual book with strange drawings and an inscription explaining that for the person who possesses this book, any door is every door. Cassie and her best friend Izzy are soon swept into the midst of a terrifying race to find other magical books by those who wish to protect and use them only for good as well as those who use them with cruel and evil intent. A thrilling read full of beautiful writing and memorable characters, I highly recommend this one!

Rachel Timm, Adult Services Coordinator

Another summer is at an end and with it our 2024 Summer Reading program. The last couple of months have been filled with exciting programs and good memories that we're so glad to have made with everyone who participated in the fun.

The Summer Reading Challenge saw 314 participants ranging in ages 0 to 63 who read books and completed activities for prizes. With your help, we surpassed our Community Goal of reading 1,500 books by an additional 956!

Grand Prizes for the Reading Challenge were awarded to 12 readers who completed the challenge.

While you're waiting for the 2025
Summer Reading Program, join us in the library's Year-Long
Challenge!



THE YEAR-LONG CHALLENGE CONTINUES

Can you believe we only have four more months left of our 2024 reading challenge? During the month of **September** we encourage you to read books by a Hispanic author. In **October** we challenge you to read books with a supernatural element or theme. Be sure to also listen to our podcast, *Russell Reads With the Rach(a)els*, at the beginning of each month for our Reading Challenge discussion and let us know what book treasures you discover along the way!



Scan the QR code to see how you can tune in to our podcast!



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, Sept. 18 and Oct. 30

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

• Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

o Sept. 24 and Oct. 29

• Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 12 and Oct. 10

Better Business Bureau Presents

Learn helpful and interesting tips from a guest speaker. Topics will relate to avoiding scams and keeping yourself safe online. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium No fee

• Thursday, September 19 3 pm. to 4:30 p.m.

Employment Scams & Job Search Tips

• Wednesday, October 23 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Online Scam Awareness and Safety

Indeed, You Can! - Job Search 101

Re-entering the workforce? Not sure where to start? Join us for an introduction to Indeed.com, one of the most-used resources for online job searching. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Computer Lab Wednesday, October 9

5 p.m. to 6 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-Friday, subject to availability. Please allow 48 hours advance notice. Call (434) 799-5195.

By appointment 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, Sept. 3, 17; and Oct. 1, 15

5 p.m. to 6:30 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.

Genealogy Room Thursdays, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3

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 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 Tuesdays, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8

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

- September 12 Sparkly Rhinestone Corn Craft
- October 10 Mummified Fairies
- October 29 Monster Mouth Pinch Pot



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

- September 16 "You Can't Take It with You" by George S. Kaufman, Moss Hart
- October 21 "Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose

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, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 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

- September 28 Watercolors with Cali Earp
- October 26 Polymer Clay with Lesly Martin

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

- September 30 "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie
- October 28 "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson





Braver Angels - Crossing the Continental Divide

Tired of the political divide? Want to be part of the solution? By getting curious about our common ground, we can learn better ways of communicating. Learn from Braver Angels leaders about how to more effectively navigate political differences through empathy and understanding. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium Saturday, October 19 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. No fee

D&D&DIY - Minifigure Painting

Level up your next game night with gaming crafts and accessories! Learn the basics of minifigure painting so you can create your own original characters for your next TRPG. 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 Tuesday, October 22

5:30 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.

Links Coffee House Cafe Saturdays, Sep. 14 and Oct. 12 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, Sep. 25 and Oct. 30

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

GENEALOGY and COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROGRAMS

Legal Aid Workshops and Clinics

Representatives from Virginia Legal Aid Society will present information for common legal issues. Presentations will include general guidelines, applicable eligibility, and helpful tools to assist with the topic. 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.

- September 5 Child Support Workshop
- October 3 Wills and Advance Directives Clinic
 - Based on income eligibility, representatives will assist in creating a will or advance directive. First come, first served.

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

- September 10 Child Support Workshop
- October 8 Tenant Rights Workshop

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

- September 17 (GED)
- October 22 (ESL)

VA-NC Piedmont Genealogical Society Presents "Too Many Smiths! Tackling a Common Surname" presented by Larry Cates

Learn helpful tips and hear interesting stories from a guest speaker. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium Thursday, October 3

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

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, Sept. 9, Oct. 7
 - 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, Sept. 7, Oct. 5
 - o 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

No fee

- Mondays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21
 - ∘ 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1
 - o 5 p.m. to 6 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

• September 18 Shrinky Dinks

• October 23 Frankenstein Button Art Creations

Boos and Brushes - Viral Ghost Painting

Add a side spookiness to your art in the style of the viral ghost paintings. Painting supplies and prints on 8.5" x 12" cardstock will be provided. Participants may send an image to be printed on library cardstock ahead of time or bring a print of their own if they prefer. Ages 11 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, September 23

No fee



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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, Sept. 27, Oct. 25

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

September 27 Indoor Mini GolfOctober 25 Pumpkin Painting

Cross Stitch Tacos

Sew and knot your way through a taco cross stitch pattern in celebration of National Taco Day. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space Thursday, October 3

5 p.m. to 6 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, Oct. 8

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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, Sept. 4, Oct. 2

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

• September 5 Georges Seurat and Pointillism



Gathering of Grands

Celebrate the "Grands" in your life. Ballou Recreation Center and Ruby B. Archie Public Library are welcoming all grandparents and grandchildren to join us for a morning of games, crafts, and fun to celebrate Grandparents Day. Registration is required by September 5. Ages 4 and up. Call (434) 799-5195.

Ballou Recreation Center Saturday, September 7 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.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, Sept. 10 - Dec. 31 *No storytime on Oct. 29 or Dec. 24 11 a.m. to 12 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. All LEGO models will be displayed in the children's department. Ages 5-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7

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



The Wild Robot Visits the Library

Celebrate the release of The Wild Robot movie with crafts and games that bring nature and robotics to life. Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space Wednesday, September 11

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 2-6. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space Thursdays
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. No fee
• September 12 Sink or Float
• October 10 Monster Madness

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, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.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 • October 9 Entomology

It's a Pirate's Life For Me!

Arr, matey! Climb aboard our ship to learn how to dress, act, and speak like a pirate. Enjoy a treasure hunt to find the library's buried treasure. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space Thursday, September 19

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



Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents "Peter Pan"

Join Bright Star's acclaimed comic duo Lenny and Mabel as they hilariously work to bring this literary classic to life in a hysterical play within a play. Children will love the antics of Tinkerbell, the bumbling Captain Hook, Darling Wendy (or should we say Wendy Darling) and of course the free-spirited adventurous boy who just wouldn't grow up. Written for grades Pre-K to 5, but open to all ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Smokestack Theatre Company Saturday, Sept. 21 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

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, Sept. 24 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. No fee

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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, Sept. 26

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

Mondays No fee

- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 September 30 Pet Rocks
- October 28 Jack-o-Lantern Collages

Myths and Legends

Let your imaginations run wild as we delve into the fascinating world of myths and legends from around the globe. Ages 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space Tuesday, October 1 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 Thursday

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

• October 17 Goosebumps

Jurassic Park Rescue

The jungles of Isla Nublar are calling and your help is needed! Together with your fellow explorers, find the escaped dinosaurs, repair their enclosures, and save the islanders. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library Friday, October 4

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No fee

Fall Spooktacular

Turkeys and trickery, gobblers and ghosts! Dress up as your favorite book character and join us for a night of fall festivities. All ages welcome. Registration required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library Thursday, October 24

5 p.m. to 6 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 September, the Trail will feature

artwork painted by kids and teens at the library in honor of our 2024 'Reflections of Home' Arts Festival.

October's story will be The Very Last Leaf by Stef Wade.

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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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, September 2nd the Library will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Monday, October 14th the Library will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

Did you know?

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 - October 15. Celebrate by reading a title written by a Hispanic author!

The Fall of Whit Rivera by Crystal Maldonado is a great choice to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month while indulging in all the fall feels!

You can find this title and more stories written by Hispanic authors on Libby!

