

# LOUD & CLEAR

Author Clare Schapiro's  
Culinary Explorations

Murder Mystery Theater!  
Black History Month



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## From the Director Mike Mabe



An entrepreneur is a person who engages in actions or activities that require considerable initiative and risk. According to the Kauffmann Index, there are on average 320 new businesses launched every month, for every 100,000 U.S. adults. That equates to 543,000 new U.S. companies every month. That's a lot of risk.

So what makes a person entrepreneurial? Some entrepreneurs are naturally driven by opportunity, while others are placed in circumstances that require them to take varying levels of risk to succeed, making everyone just a little entrepreneurial. Regardless of the reason, entrepreneurs are defined by their willingness to risk something today, with the expectation of gaining something tomorrow.

The fear of risk causes many to view entrepreneurship as a challenge beyond their capacity. Perhaps the challenge isn't the fear of risk, but instead the unwillingness to face failure. Ralph Waldo Emerson, who believed humankind could realize almost anything, said, "Do not be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better" – a great foundation for the entrepreneur in all of us.

Everyday CCPL helps scores of customers be "entrepreneurial." Every customer we help faces some level of risk in their desire to transform information into usable knowledge. Whether it is preparing for a test, learning a new skill, understanding an unfamiliar concept, filling out a job application, researching a business opportunity, finding answers to questions or even trying out a new fiction author, we can help them face the associated risk.

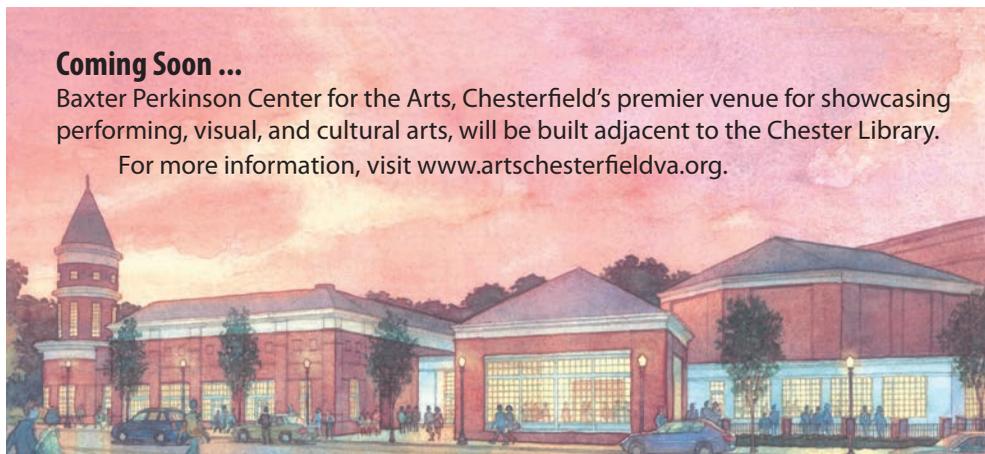
County Administrator Dr. Joseph P. Casey recently acknowledged CCPL's entrepreneurial approach to helping job seekers with our Ladders to Success program. This annual program connects local job seekers with local employers to provide on-the-spot interviews, as well as helpful programs on finding a job. This year's program brought together 549 job seekers and 34 employers; an outcome worth the risk.

CCPL is proud of our place in the community. For those who fear risk or are afraid of failing, we encourage you to be entrepreneurial at the library. Come in, get a card and take advantage of our tools and resources. We can help you invest your time, your intellect and your passion for the reward of a better tomorrow.

### Coming Soon ...

Baxter Perkinson Center for the Arts, Chesterfield's premier venue for showcasing performing, visual, and cultural arts, will be built adjacent to the Chester Library.

For more information, visit [www.artschesterfieldva.org](http://www.artschesterfieldva.org).





## Clare's Kitchen

Clare Schapiro is a passionate culinary explorer and regular contributor to the Richmond Times-Dispatch's food section, where she shares food adventures and favorite recipes. Her recently published book "Stories and Recipes from Clare's Kitchen" is full of her favorite, time-tested recipes as well as stories any foodie will want to hear. A book sale and signing will follow the program.

*Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library will have priority seating and are invited to a pre-event reception and book signing that will begin at 6 p.m.*

**Friday, Jan. 27, 7-8:30 p.m.**  
**North Courthouse Road Library**

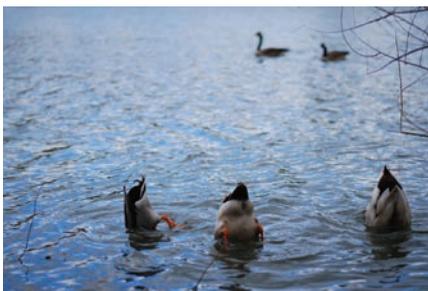
325 Courthouse Rd., North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Registration begins Friday, Dec. 30.  
 Please call 804-751-2275 for more information.



## Chester Library Art Exhibit and Reception

*Sponsored by the Chesterfield Cultural Arts Foundation with support from the Woman's Club of Chester.*



*Bottoms Up* by Anna Knowles

### "Country" by Anna Knowles Photography Exhibit: Dec. 1-31

This new exhibit features a series of photographs about country life and the beauty of the country in Virginia. The simple things in life are forgotten quite a bit these days but they are most often the best things in life.



### Fourscore and More, Oral Histories of African Americans in Chesterfield County, Age 80 and Older Exhibit: Jan. 2-Feb. 28

**Opening Reception: Feb. 4, 3-4:30 p.m.**  
 This exhibit tells the powerful stories of Chesterfield County residents – their families, careers, struggles and choices. Developed by the African American History Committee of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia.

# Easy Ways to Grow Your Business with CCPL

Work smart for your small business – take advantage of FREE resources at the library! Here's what you can do at CCPL:

## Find a quiet workspace or second office

- Use a library computer, check out a laptop, or take advantage of free all-day wifi.
- Quiet study rooms are available at all locations.



## Conduct interviews and client meetings

- **Meeting rooms** are available in all Chesterfield County libraries – sign up online at [library.chesterfield.gov](http://library.chesterfield.gov) to reserve a space.
- Many libraries have a **Chesterfield Business Suite**, including a conference table and a whiteboard.
- Libraries provide a professional setting for **client meetings**, interviews, Skype interviews and more.
- North Courthouse Road Library offers a **co-operative conference table** with a large digital display. Multiple users can share their computer screen, making presentations and brainstorming a breeze!



## Boost your visibility

- Use the **One Button Studio** to film a commercial. This easy-to-use recording studio, located at Ettrick-Matoaca Library, allows you to film at the touch of a button, making it easy to create commercials and video portfolios.
- Create mailing lists and sales leads with **Reference USA**. This database has information on over 45 million businesses – including contact names, number of employees and sales volume – so you can search for the customers and clients you want to work with. Generate mailing lists for sending promotions and coupons.

## Product development

- **3-D printers** can be used for prototyping a wide variety of products. Use a 3-D printer at the Ettrick-Matoaca, Midlothian and LaPrade libraries.



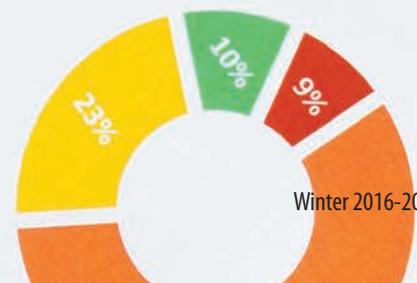
## Conduct market research

- Use **Reference USA** to research your competitors and customers, with details on businesses and residential households near you.
- **LexisNexis Library Express** has company dossiers on 53 million companies.
- Search for grants, grantmakers, 990s or companies with **Foundation Directory Online**, with assessment tools to help you quickly identify your best potential funding sources.



## Get the information you need – quickly and easily

- CCPL offers **free business workshops**. Look for the briefcase symbol  to see our small business workshops in the events calendar.
- CCPL partners with **SCORE**, a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses. They offer low-cost workshops at North Courthouse Road and Meadowdale libraries. Visit online at [Richmond.SCORE.org](http://Richmond.SCORE.org) or call 804-350-3569 for more information.
- **Nolo legal guides** offer guidance with a variety of legal and financial topics, such as home business tax deductions, working with contractors, and more.
- **Schedule an appointment with a librarian**. We provide personalized help with research, starting a business, etc.
- Visit [mybusinessstartshere.com](http://mybusinessstartshere.com) for a step-by-step guide to starting a business in Chesterfield County.



# & Black History Month



## Ban Caribe

Enjoy an evening of unforgettable soulful singing and Latin rhythms. Ban Caribe plays an exciting blend of Latin, Caribbean and soulful rhythm and blues music, based on the Afro-Clave and held together with pulsating percussion. The musical compositions and arrangements are spiritually inspired by the rhythmic beats and chants of African music.

**Thursday, Feb. 2 7-8:30 p.m. Meadowdale Library**

## Sukey: Life with Dolley Madison

This one-woman presentation focuses on slave life on the Montpelier plantation and the James and Dolley Madison White House. Through Sukey's storytelling, Charmaine Crowell-White explores the personality and talents of Dolley Madison. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.**

**Saturday, Feb. 4 2-2:45 p.m. Ettrick-Matoaca Library**  
**Thursday, Feb. 16 7-7:45 p.m. Bon Air Library**  
**Monday, Feb. 27 7-7:45 p.m. Meadowdale Library**

## Beginning African-American Genealogy

African-American genealogical research can be challenging and difficult. Jody Raab, of the Richmond Family History Center, introduces techniques and resources you can use in your search. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7 7-8 p.m. Chester Library**  
**Saturday, Feb. 18 10:30-11:30 a.m. Clover Hill Library**

## Black History Heroes, Soldiers and Spies



Ride with the Buffalo Soldiers in the American West, take flight with the Tuskegee Airmen who helped win World War II and spy for the Union during the Civil War. You'll be captivated by these exciting stories from black history! This program is for adults and children 8 years old and older. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11 2-2:45 p.m. Meadowdale Library**



## Meet Dr. King

Introduce children to the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in an easy-to-follow story. "Meet Dr. King" will inspire your child to use peace, leadership and conflict resolution in their own schools and communities. This program is for children ages 4-10. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11 10:30-11:15 a.m. North Courthouse Road Library**

## Virginia Untold

How can researchers learn about the lives of African-Americans, particularly those who lived before the Civil War? "Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative" is a new digital collection at the Library of Virginia, with thousands of digital records dating back to the 17th century. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 30.**

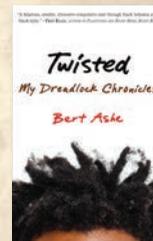
**Monday, Feb. 13 7-8 p.m. Chester Library**

## Twisted: My Dreadlock Chronicles



Join Dr. Bert Ashe as he discusses the historical journey, as well as his own personal journey, to dreadlocks, and the questions they raise about black identity.

A book sale and signing will take place after the event. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 9.**



**Thursday, Feb. 23 7-8 p.m. LaPrade Library**

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY  
 2017  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

THE CRISIS IN BLACK EDUCATION

## Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library

Anybody can donate books, CDs, DVDs and electronic games at any Chesterfield County Public Library. Most donated items are added to the library's collection, for the public to enjoy, or are sold by the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library to raise money for the library. By donating these items to the library, you are helping to support the services and programs you enjoy. **Thank you for your donations!**



**Follow the Friends on Facebook**  
 at [facebook.com/chesterfieldfriends](https://facebook.com/chesterfieldfriends).  
 It's a great way to learn about Friends' events and get information!



## Taking Care of Us, So We Can Take Care of You.

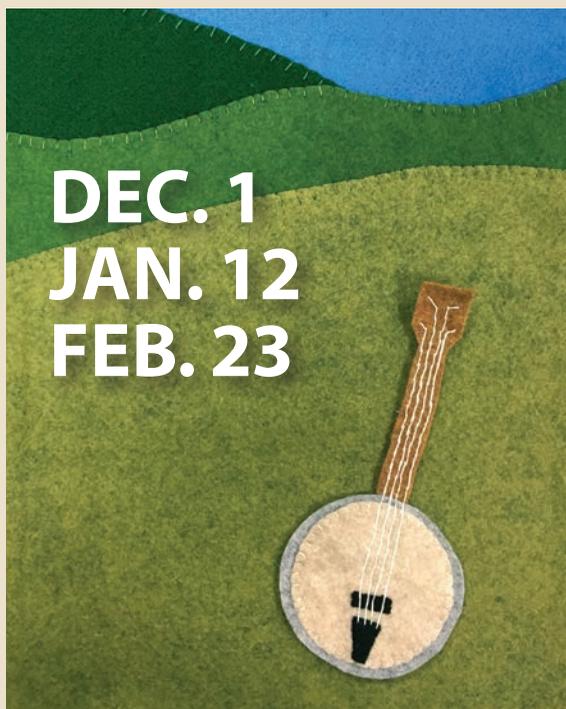
The small staff that makes up the Division of Human Resources and Organizational Development oversees everything from recruiting and employee development to conducting customer focus groups and producing customer surveys. "One of the things that shocked me when I got here is how many outcomes there are with so few resources," said the division's administrator Jennifer Sears. The department head describes the staff as talented individuals who like to give back to their community.

The division puts a lot of emphasis on attracting the right people. For example, librarians are required to hold a master's degree in Library Science. "Ultimately, we need to ensure that we are recruiting the best and then we need to take care of them," Sears said. Quoting from another professional leader, she added, "A lot of companies focus on taking care of the customer. If you take care of your employees, they will take care of your customers."

Currently, five people make up the division. However, the department will soon expand to six, when it brings on a Human Resources Analyst.



# & Featured Events



## Acoustic Concert Series

### The FREE Rangers

The FREE Rangers play songs you want to hear again and songs you've never heard, in a free-ranging Americana blend of bluegrass, country, cowboy, swing, folk and blues.

**Thursday, Dec. 1 7 p.m. North Courthouse Road Library**

### Bowld Sojer Band

Music from the 19th century, including traditional fiddle tunes and songs from the American Civil War.

**Thursday, Jan. 12 7 p.m. North Courthouse Road Library**

### Runaway String Band

With lush vocal harmonies and hot instrumentals, the Runaway String Band provides audiences with a taste of traditional and popular American music from the 1920s to the present.

**Thursday, Feb. 23 7 p.m. North Courthouse Road Library**

Look for more concerts in the next issue!

## Winter Artisans' Bazaar

Shop for one-of-a-kind handmade gifts at the Winter Artisans' Bazaar! Local authors and artisans will display and sell their work, including hand-felted scarves, woodcarvings, upcycled jewelry, handcrafted soap, fine art and Christmas ornaments.

**Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., LaPrade Library**



## Murder at the Library

Clover Hill Library and Sisters in Crime Virginia bring you an exclusive murder mystery theater event! Enjoy wine, beer and heavy hors d'oeuvres while you take on the role of detective. Check alibis, search for clues and see if you can solve the case.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, Jan. 3, for the Friends of the Library and Tuesday, Jan. 10, for the general public. Tickets cost \$35 each or two for \$60. Visit [library.chesterfield.gov/events/murder-mystery](http://library.chesterfield.gov/events/murder-mystery) for more ticket information.

**Friday, Feb. 10 7-10 p.m. Clover Hill Library**

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT:  
Visit [library.chesterfield.gov](http://library.chesterfield.gov) or call  
any Chesterfield County Public  
Library at 804-751-CCPL. Not all  
events require registration.

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## Bon Air

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Mondays** 10:30 a.m.  
**Wednesdays** 10:30 a.m.

#### ■ Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.

**Second Tuesdays** 10:30 a.m.  
**Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14**

#### ■ LEGO Club

We'll provide the building bricks — kids supply the imagination! Completed creations will be displayed in the library. Recommended for children 6-11 years old.

**First Saturdays** 1-3 p.m.  
**Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4**

#### ■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

Paws to R.E.A.D.® improves the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered therapy dogs. Sign up at the reference desk for a 20-minute individual reading session.

**First Tuesdays** 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7**

#### ■ Tweet Treats

Discover the types of winter birds we see in Chesterfield and what foods they need. Create a small bird feeder to hang in your own backyard — or to give as a gift! For children 6-12 years old. **Registration is required and begins Dec. 6. Only children need to register.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 20** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### ■ Snacks for Snow Birds

Learn about the birds we see in Chesterfield during winter and what foods they need. Create feeders for the birds that share your backyard! For children 3-5 years old.

**Registration is required and begins Dec. 7. Wednesday, Dec. 21** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### ■ The Backpack Storyteller

What's in her backpack? Why, stories, of course! Enjoy traditional stories presented by Deborah Alsko.

**Fireside Folktales from Scandinavia**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28** 10:30-11 a.m.

**Fireside Folktales from China**  
**Saturday, Jan. 21** 10:30-11 a.m.

**Fireside Folktales from Africa**  
**Saturday, Feb. 18** 10:30-11 a.m.

### For Teens

#### ■ Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.  
**Third Wednesdays** 3-5 p.m.  
**Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15**

#### ■ Discover Rock Climbing

Teens, explore rock climbing in this introductory session. Find out what kind of gear you need and how to use it. Learn basic techniques and safety practices.

**Registration is required and begins Jan. 14. Saturday, Jan. 28** 1-2 p.m.

### For Adults

#### ■ Crossroads Cinema

Come to the place where entertainment, learning and community intersect. Relaxed conversation followed by a great movie based on a book.

**The Maze Runner**  
**Monday, Dec. 19** 6-8:30 p.m.

#### ■ Bon Air Bookies

**The Beautiful Mystery** by Louise Penny  
**Wednesday, Dec. 21** 7-8 p.m.

**One Amazing Thing** by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
**Wednesday, Jan. 18** 7-8 p.m.

**Life After Life** by Jill McCorkle  
**Wednesday, Feb. 15** 7-8 p.m.

#### ■ Mindfulness Meditation

Learn how to cultivate concentration, awareness and kindness by practicing meditation. This introductory workshop will help you strengthen your feelings of calmness and well-being. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 10.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 24** 10:30 a.m.-noon

#### ■ All About Chocolate

Taste fine chocolate, learn how to melt and temper chocolate, and get tips on how to dip fruit and decorate truffles. Make elegant Valentine treats for your sweetheart — or to enjoy yourself! **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11** 1-3 p.m.

## Central

As of Oct. 30, Central Library is closed for renovations. The newly-renovated library will re-open in Fall 2017.

Library programs are held at our nine other locations. Here's where you can find some of your favorites:

■ **Story Time:** all locations

■ **Read 2 Rover:** Chester Library, Clover Hill Library, North Courthouse Road Library

■ **Chainmail:** Chester Library

■ **Between the Covers Book Discussion Group:** Chester Library

■ **Ancestry.com – Get Started at CCPL:** LaPrade Library

■ **Lunchtime Jam Session:** Chester Library

## Chester

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

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**Tuesdays** 10:30 a.m.  
**Wednesdays** 10:30 a.m.

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### ■ Day Care Story Times

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**First Fridays** 10:30 a.m.

**Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3**

### ■ Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointments are needed for drop-in sessions at the library.

**Fourth Mondays** 6-7 p.m.

**Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 27**

### ■ Reptiles in Winter

How do reptiles survive the cold weather? Find out and meet a corn snake and a box turtle in this Pocahontas State Park story time for children in pre-K-5th grade. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 19. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Dec. 3** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## For Teens

### ■ Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.

**Saturdays** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### ■ Teen Art Club

Get creative at our new Teen Art Club! We'll meet once a month to share our love of creativity and self-expression. Bring your own art project and supplies. For teens 12-18 years old.

**Third Saturdays** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18**

### ■ Introduction to Chainmail

Learn an ancient art that can be used to make everything from epic jewelry to mighty armor! All tools and supplies provided, plus enough rings for you to keep on working at home. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 11.**

**Saturday, Feb. 25** 2-4 p.m.

## For Adults

### ■ Chester Choices

**The Prince and the Pauper** by Mark Twain

**Wednesday, Dec. 7** 10:30 a.m.-noon

**Suspect** by Robert Crais

**Wednesday, Jan. 4** 10:30 a.m.-noon

**The Scarlet Letter** by Nathaniel Hawthorne

**Wednesday, Feb. 1** 10:30 a.m.-noon

### ■ Lunchtime Jam Sessions

Beginner-friendly, informal old-time music jam. Bring your instrument and play along!

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays**

**Noon-1:30 p.m.**

### ■ Backyard Chicken Basics

What does it take to raise healthy, happy chickens in your backyard? Betsy Trice of Peacemeal Farms will introduce you to her birds and teach you what chickens need to produce eggs for your family table. **Registration is required and begins Dec. 19.**

**Saturday, Jan. 7** 1-3:30 p.m.

### ■ Wills and Estates

Why do you need a will, and how do you even begin to make one? Attorney Paula Peaden explains the basics of estate planning. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 7.**

**Saturday, Jan. 21** 1-3 p.m.

### ■ How to Start a Start-Up

Find out what it takes to get your business idea off to a great start. Learn about product-service analysis, market research, start-up financing and developing a business plan. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11** 1-4 p.m.

## Clover Hill

## For Kids and Families

### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Mondays** 6:30 p.m.

*(Pajama Story Time, wear your pjs)*

**Wednesdays** 10:15 a.m.

**Wednesdays** 11:15 a.m.

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**Fourth Tuesdays** 10:30 a.m.

**Dec. 27, Jan. 24, Feb. 28**

### ■ Read 2 Rover

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**Fourth Wednesdays** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 25, Feb. 22**

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**Second Tuesdays** 6-7:30 p.m.

**Third Tuesdays** 6-7:30 p.m.

**Fourth Tuesdays** 6-7:30 p.m.

### ■ Mother Goose Story Time

Stories, songs, lap rhymes and movement for babies, from birth to two years old, and their caregivers. Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session. Only children need to register.**

**Tuesdays** 10:30-11 a.m.

### ■ Music & Movement for Preschoolers

Preschoolers will shake, rattle and roll their way to mastering early learning skills. For children 2-5 years old. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program. Only children need to register.**

**Thursday, Dec. 8** 10:30-11 a.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 12** 10:30-11 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 9** 10:30-11 a.m.

### ■ Play Smart with Toddlers

Smart play=smart kids! Have fun with your toddler and learn how play is important in your toddler's development. A child development specialist will be available for questions. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session.**

**Thursday, Jan. 26** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 23** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### ■ Mad Science: Wizarding Workshop

Experience the highlights of Hogwarts!

Participate in our Bertie Botts Every Flavor Bean challenge, and taste dry ice Butter Beer Burps. Try a levitating wand, meet our little fire-breathing dragon, and more. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Dec. 31. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Jan. 14 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

## ■ Mad Science: Dry Ice-Capades

Probe the shifting states of matter as metal melts and re-solidifies before your eyes. Explore the properties of matter at extreme temperatures with dry ice. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 21. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday Feb. 4 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

## ■ Game On @ Your Library

Wii gaming is always available. Ask at the desk for the controls!

## For Teens

### ■ Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

High school students, here is your chance to make book recommendations and get involved with library programming! We meet each month for activities, snacks and pizza. Earn volunteer hours, build leadership skills and boost your résumé. Contact Barbara Gumulak at gumulakb@chesterfield.gov for more details.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 10 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Feb. 7 6:30-8 p.m.**

### ■ Young Adult Writers Workshop

So you want to be a writer? We are hosting a monthly workshop to help you hone your skills and develop your style. Join fellow writers for creative writing exercises and fun discussions. Ages 15-21 welcome.

**Second Wednesdays 5-6:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8**

TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT:  
Visit [library.chesterfield.gov](http://library.chesterfield.gov) or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL. Not all events require registration.

## For Adults

### ■ Clover Hill Critics

**The Cuckoo's Calling** by Robert Galbraith  
**Friday, Dec. 16 11 a.m.-noon**

**People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks  
**Friday, Jan. 20 11 a.m.-noon**

**Dead Wake** by Erik Larson  
**Friday, Feb. 17 11 a.m.-noon**

### ■ Nifty Knitters

Relax with others who share a love of knitting and crochet. All skill levels are welcome! Beginners can learn the basics with "From the Heart Stitchers." Bring your own project and supplies, or work on group projects like baby caps and afghans for charitable organizations.

**Monday, Jan. 9 11 a.m.-noon**

**Monday, Feb. 13 11 a.m.-noon**

### ■ Encore Entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs over the age of 50 are one of the fastest-growing groups of business owners. Discover what resources are available to help you use your knowledge, passion and experience to create a small business. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 13.**

**Friday, Jan. 27 10:30 a.m.-noon**

### ■ Murder at the Library

An exclusive murder mystery theater event! **See page 7 for details.**

**Friday, Feb. 10 7-10 p.m.**

## Enon

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.**

#### ■ Adventures in Ancient China

Travel back in time with the Children's Museum of Richmond as we explore Chinese inventions, clothing and more, and how they influence our world. Learn why dragons are such an important symbol in China and make a paper dragon

puppet to take home. For children in grades 3-5. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 21. Only children need to register.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 4 1-1:45 p.m.**

### ■ Mad Science: Walloping Weather

Learn about the reasons for seasons. Try out tools that meteorologists use, create weather forecasts for cities around the world and stage an indoor storm! Take home a color-changing sun bead kit to detect ultraviolet light from the sun. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 4. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Feb. 18 1-2 p.m.**

## For Teens

### ■ Art Adventures: Drawing for Teens

You can create life-like drawings — we can teach you how! Learn advanced tools and techniques to improve your drawing skills. Beginners and experienced students welcome. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 26.**

**Saturday, Dec. 10 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

## For Adults

### ■ Holiday Needle Felting

Wool felting is easy, trendy and fun! Sculpt a Santa or holiday elf out of wool, for a gift or Christmas decoration. Artist Janice Stegall-Seibert will show you how. All materials provided. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 22.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 6 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

## Ettrick-Matoaca

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.**

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### ■ Mad Science: The Science of Toys

What makes toys work? Whether they flip, spin, roll, change color or stick together, energy, gravity, kinetic forces and magnetism are at play. Put toys to the test and take home a Mad Science Yo-Yo! For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 7. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Jan. 21 1-2 p.m.**

### ■ Adapt in the Habitat

Join the Children's Museum of Richmond to learn about animals and birds – where they live, what they need, and how they adjust to their world with hibernation, migration, mimicry and camouflage. Design your own bird with unique adaptations to take home! For children in grades 1-4. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11 1-2 p.m.**

## For Teens

### ■ Art Adventures: Advanced Drawing for Teens

You can create life-like drawings — we can teach you how! Learn advanced tools and techniques to improve your drawing skills. Beginners and experienced students welcome. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 19.**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

## For Adults

### ■ Needle Felting Workshop

Using wool roving and a barbed felting needle, you will sculpt an adorable owl. The basic techniques you learn in this class can be used for a wide variety of two- and three-dimensional projects. Easy and fun! No experience required. All materials provided. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 25.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**

## LaPrade

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

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**Mondays 10:30 a.m.**

#### ■ Day Care Story Times

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**Fourth Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.**

**Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22**

#### ■ Paws to R.E.A.D.®

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**Second Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11**

#### ■ Mother Goose Story Time

Begin your baby's appreciation for books! Develop early learning skills through stories, songs, lap rhymes and movement. This program is for babies, from birth to two years old, and their caregivers. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session. Only children need to register**

**Wednesdays 10:30-11 a.m.**

**Dec. 7, Jan. 4 and 18, Feb. 1 and 15**

#### ■ GoldieBlox Engineering in Teams

Does your princess want to build her own castle? Girls will collaborate in teams on a GoldieBlox building project, gaining confidence in their abilities and the inspiration to pursue science and math. Recommended for girls 5-9 years old. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 19.**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

#### ■ GoldieBlox Engineering Free Play

Drop in for unstructured, imaginative play time where girls can build their own GoldieBlox project, gaining confidence in their abilities and the inspiration to pursue science and math. Recommended for girls 5-9 years old. No registration required.

**Saturday, Jan. 7 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.**

### ■ Mad Science: Wizarding Workshop

Experience the highlights of Hogwarts! Participate in our Bertie Botts Every Flavor Bean challenge and taste dry ice Butter Beer Burps. Try a levitating wand, meet our little fire-breathing dragon and more. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 4. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Feb. 18 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

## For Teens

### ■ Tokens of Love

How do you tell someone you're crushing on them? Explore the history and symbolism of love tokens. See a collection of tokens dating back to the 15th century! **Registration is required and begins Jan. 21.**

**Saturday, Feb. 4 3-4:30 p.m.**

### ■ Balloon-Powered Cars

Teens, hone your engineering skills by designing and building a balloon-powered car, then customize it and race it against everyone else's. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 11.**

**Saturday, Feb. 25 1-2 p.m.**

## For Adults

### ■ First Friday Coloring Club

Adults, drop in to color Johanna Basford's Secret Garden coloring prints and relax with us over free coffee. Materials are provided, or bring your own.

**First Fridays 3-5 p.m.**

**Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3**

### ■ Doc & Dine

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! Each year, through the Extreme Mustang Makeover Challenge, 100 people from across the country attempt to tame a wild mustang in 100 days. "Wild Horse, Wild Ride" is an intimate portrait of the horses and trainers. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 19.**

**Saturday, Dec. 3 12:30-2:30 p.m.**

### ■ Winter Artisans' Bazaar

Holiday gift shopping in the library — see page 7 for details.

**Saturday, Dec. 10 10 a.m.-3 p.m.**

## ■ Pysanky Workshop

Learn how to make decorative Ukrainian eggs. Design and color your very own egg as local artist Ann Bosch shows you how to use traditional tools to apply layers of dye and wax. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session.**

**Saturday, Dec. 17** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 14** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## ■ LaPrade Bookthink

**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**

by Rachel Joyce

**Friday, Dec. 9** 10:30 a.m.-noon

**Lafayette in the Somewhat United States**  
by Sarah Vowell

**Friday, Jan. 6** 10:30 a.m.-noon

**Mission to America: A Novel** by Walter Kirn

**Friday, Feb. 10** 10:30 a.m.-noon

## ■ Doc & Dine

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! **"Through the Wormhole"** explores the deepest mysteries of existence: What happened before the beginning of time? What are we made of? Are we alone? **Registration is required and begins Dec. 24.**

**Saturday, Jan. 7** 12:30-2:30 p.m.

## ■ Sorting Through the Financial Issues of a Serious Illness

Medical debt is one of the largest causes of financial distress and bankruptcy — an outcome which can sometimes be avoided by prompt strategic action and advocacy. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 7.**

**Saturday, Jan. 21** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## ■ Doc & Dine

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! **"Who Killed the Electric Car?"** investigates the birth and death of the electric car in the mid-1990s, as well as the role of renewable energy and sustainable living in the future. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 21.**

**Saturday, Feb. 4** 12:30-2:30 p.m.

## ■ Ancestry.com – Get Started at CCPL

Discover the world's largest online family history resource. Learn how to trace your family tree using public records. Basic computer skills required. Participants are

welcome to bring personal laptops and devices to use during the class.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6** 2-3 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 19** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 28** 7-8 p.m.

## ■ Legal Documents You Need Now (Before You Become Incapacitated)

If you become incapacitated, who will take charge of your medical care, your finances and your family? Smart planning now can save your family future stress. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## ■ Leaving Everything to the Ones You Love

Rather than having a court decide on the distribution of your possessions, you can make sure that the people you love are cared for after your death. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 11.**

**Saturday, Feb. 25** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## For All Ages

### ■ Family Game Night

Scrabble, chess, puzzles, Wii gaming and more! Bring the whole family to LaPrade's "living room" for your board game night!

**Tuesdays** 5-8 p.m.

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# Meadowdale

## For Kids and Families

### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Tuesdays** 10:30 a.m.

### ■ Bilingual Spanish-English Story Time

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Mondays** 6:30 p.m.

## ■ Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.

**Third Mondays** 10:30 a.m.

**Dec. 19, Feb. 20**

## ■ Mad Science: Spin! Pop! Boom!

Use science to defy gravity, create awesome rainbow reactions, dissolve a Styrofoam head and create elephant toothpaste! For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11** 11-11:45 a.m.

## For Teens

### ■ Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.

**Tuesdays** 3-5 p.m.

### ■ Chinese Seal Printing

Translate your name into Chinese characters to make a personal signature mark. Carve your mark into a print block to make greeting cards in this VMFA workshop. Bring aprons, or wear clothing appropriate for arts & crafts. For high school-age teens. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 14.** *This program has been organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.*

**Saturday, Jan. 28** 1-4:30 p.m.

## For Adults

### ■ Meadowdale Book Discussion

**The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry**

by Gabrielle Zevin

**Monday, Dec. 5** 7-8 p.m.

**Oregon Hill** by Howard Owen

**Thursday, Jan. 12** 7-8 p.m.

**The Mathews Men: Seven Brothers and the War Against Hitler's U-boats**

by William Geroux

**Thursday, Feb. 9** 7-8 p.m.

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## (Meadowdale Cont.)

### ■ **Coupons 101**

Learn how to save on your grocery bills, where to find coupons, how to organize your coupons, how to use meal planning to save money, where to find bargains and more with "Frugal in Virginia" blogger Tiffany Cutts.

**Wednesday, Dec. 7 6-8:30 p.m.**

### ■ **Résumé Workshop**

Build a successful résumé, using an online tool that makes it easy! **Registration is required and begins Dec. 26.**

**Monday, Jan. 9 11 a.m.-noon**

### ■ **Leaving Everything to the Ones You Love**

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**Wednesday, Jan. 11 6-8 p.m.**

### ■ **Data Resources for Small Business**

Get the information you need to grow your business. Learn how to use Reference USA to conduct market research, generate sales leads and create mailing lists for advertising. **Registration is required and begins Dec. 29.**

**Thursday, Jan. 12 7-8 p.m.**

### ■ **Running in Heels: Women's Entrepreneurship 2.0**

Meet two successful woman entrepreneurs and hear how they built their businesses, and how they use networking and branding to succeed. Program begins at 10:30 a.m. with a meet and greet and light refreshments, followed by a talk session and Q&A. **Registration is required and begins Dec. 31.**

**Saturday, Jan. 14 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

## For All Ages

### ■ **CCPL Chess Club**

Learn to play the beautiful game of chess in a relaxed, stress-free environment. Join our club and meet others who enjoy the game. All ages are welcome!

**First and Third Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.**

### ■ **Intermediate and Advanced Chess Nights**

Need a quiet place to play some chess? Do you want to meet others who play the game well? Join us for intermediate and advanced play.

**Second and Fourth Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.**

### ■ **Conquer the Wave of Trash**

The garbage we toss into the roads, parking lots and woods gets flushed into storm drains, then rivers and finally to the ocean. Every year this trash kills thousands of fish and birds and smothers critical environments like fisheries, affecting human life here in Virginia and around the world. Learn how you can make a difference by reducing litter and recycling.

**Saturday, Jan. 7 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

### ■ **Explore Post-Modern African American Art**

Learn how we can discover new things when properly looking at a work of art. We'll begin with simply looking. Then we'll explore influences, technique and subject matter in the work of Kehinde Wiley, Julie Mehretu, Martin Puryear, Lorna Simpson, Kara Walker, Allison Saar, Renée Stout and Robert Pruitt. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 9.** *This program has been organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.*

**Thursday, Feb. 23 7-8 p.m.**

## Midlothian

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ **Early Literacy Story Times**

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Mondays 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.**

#### ■ **Day Care Story Times**

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**Fourth Mondays 10 a.m.**

**Jan. 23, Feb. 27**

### ■ **Paws to R.E.A.D.®**

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**Second Tuesdays 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Fourth Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-noon**

### ■ **Creative Kids Writing Workshop**

Discover the secret, universal story structure. Learn how to build entire stories from a single word! Children's author Brian Rock will show you how to unleash your creativity. For children 8-12 years old. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 21. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Feb. 4 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

### ■ **La Petite France**

Learn French through stories, games and hands-on activities with the Midlothian High School French Club. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 28. Only children need to register.**

**Saturday, Feb. 11 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

## For Teens

### ■ **Teen Digital Photography Workshop**

Learn the fundamentals of photography in this hands-on workshop. Understand aperture, focal length, depth of field and shutter speed, so you can use your digital camera in full manual mode like a pro. Students must bring their own digital SLR camera. For teens 12-17 years old. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 4.**

**Saturday, Feb. 18 1-3 p.m.**

## For Adults

### ■ **Crossroads Cinema**

Come to the place where entertainment, learning and community intersect. Relaxed conversation followed by great movies!

#### **Infinitely Polar Bear**

**Tuesday, Dec. 6 6-8:30 p.m.**

### ■ **Midlothian Book Discussion**

**The Picture of Dorian Gray**

by Oscar Wilde

**Wednesday, Dec. 21 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War that Changed American History** by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger  
**Wednesday, Jan. 25 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

**The Liar's Club: A Memoir** by Mary Karr  
**Wednesday, Feb. 22 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

## North Courthouse Road

### For Kids and Families

#### ■ Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end the week of Dec. 12 and begin the week of Jan. 2.

**Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.**

#### ■ Day Care Story Times

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**Fourth Tuesdays 10 a.m.**  
**Dec. 27, Jan. 24, Feb. 28**

#### ■ Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointments are needed for drop-in sessions at the library.

**Third Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15**

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**Third Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-noon**  
**Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18**

#### ■ Culture Club: Poland

Eat Polish food, make a flag of Poland and a "gwiazdy," a form of colorful folk art paper-cutting. Learn more about the culture, history, food and language of this European country! **Registration is required and begins Dec. 31. Parents and children need to register.**

**Saturday, Jan. 14 1-2 p.m.**

#### ■ The Story Lady: Winter Animals

What's it like to be an animal in winter? Through stories, songs and poems, Story Lady Ali Pfautz will take children on an imaginary walk through the woods, where children will learn why some animals hibernate and some don't. For children 2-5 years old. **Registration is required and begins Feb. 9. Parents and children need to register.**

**Thursday, Feb. 23 10:30-11:15 a.m.**

### For Teens

#### ■ Parents and Tweens Book Group

Parents and kids ages 9-12, read together in this new book group. Come for food, get a free writing journal, and discuss the book together. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session. **All participating family members must register. Please call 804-318-8499 to find out the next book and get more information.**

**Monday, Dec. 5 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, Jan. 9 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, Feb. 6 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

#### ■ 3-D Printing Jewelry

Teens, design your own jewelry with a 3-D printer! In this two-part workshop, you'll learn how to use Computer Aided Design (CAD) software, how a 3-D printer works and how to use one safely. Design your piece in the first session. We'll print the parts for you so you can assemble them in the second session. For teens 12-17 years old. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 14.**

**Saturday, Jan. 28 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Feb. 4 11 a.m.-noon**

### For Adults

#### ■ Bringing Horror Out of the Darkness

Pamela K. Kinney, author of horror novels and true-life ghost books, will discuss the pleasures of writing horror; the legacy of classic writers like Edgar Allan Poe, Bram Stoker and Mary Shelley; and how modern writers like Stephen King and Virginia author Elizabeth Massie show

there's more to monsters than just scaring people. **Registration is required and begins Nov. 22.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 6 7-8 p.m.**

#### ■ Derrick Rutledge About Face

Meet successful entrepreneur Derrick Rutledge, makeup artist for Oprah Winfrey and formerly to First Lady Michelle Obama. He'll talk about how he started his business, built his brand, and how he continues to innovate and grow his company. Meet-and-greet begins at 6 p.m. with light refreshments, followed by a talk session and Q&A. **Registration is required and begins Dec. 6.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 20 6-9 p.m.**

#### ■ The RVA Environmental Film Festival

CCPL hosts a screening of the award-winning documentary "Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch" and a Skype interview with journalist/filmmaker Angela Sun. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, syphons plastics from three distant continents, shedding light on the effects of our rabid plastic consumption. **Registration is required and begins Jan. 25.**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8 6:30-9 p.m.**

#### ■ Acoustic Concert Series

Free monthly concerts featuring traditional, folk and Virginia roots music. **See page 7 for details.**

#### ■ North Courthouse Road Book Discussion Group

**The Red Garden** by Alice Hoffman  
**Thursday, Dec. 8 1-2 p.m.**

**Lord of the Flies** by William Golding  
**Thursday, Jan. 12 1-2 p.m.**

**The Guest Room** by Chris Bohjalian  
**Thursday, Feb. 9 1-2 p.m.**

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# QUIRK BOARD

## PLEASE NOTE

The library will be closed in observance of:

### Day before Thanksgiving

November 23 (Wednesday) Close at 5 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Day

November 24 (Thursday)

### Day after Thanksgiving

November 25 (Friday)

### Day before Christmas Eve

December 23 (Friday)

### Christmas Eve

December 24 (Saturday)

### Christmas Day

December 25 (Sunday)

### Day after Christmas

December 26 (Monday)

### New Year's Day

January 2 (Monday)

### Lee-Jackson Day

January 13 (Friday)

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 16 (Monday)

## *Save the Date*

### CHESTERFIELD COMIC CON

Saturday, March 18, 2017  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Meadowdale Library

### EMBRACE YOUR SPACE

Saturday, April 29, 2017  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. LaPrade Library

### BON AIR VICTORIAN DAYS

Saturday, May 6-Saturday, May 13, 2017  
Bon Air Library



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Everything you need  
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And guess what?  
All you have to do is  
go to the library.

-Henri Frederic Amiel

## Central Library is closed for renovations and will reopen in the fall of 2017.

The following collections have been temporarily moved to other locations:

- Central's New materials - Chester Library
- Law Library collection - Chester Library
- Local History collection - LaPrade Library
- Local Author collection - Midlothian Library

