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From the Director Mike Mabe

In days gone by, people lived by the motto "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without" to encourage frugality in daily life. This motto required a hands-on, do-it-yourself approach. People grew their own food, made their own clothes, and repaired their homes. In the midst of this rally-cry for frugality, modern mass production emerged with its stockpile of consumer goods – now easily available at affordable prices. This changed how consumers consume, but not their frugal hands-on, do-it-yourself approach.

Hands-on, do-it-yourself is here to stay.

During the 70's, home renovation spawned an entire DIY industry that includes more than homes. More recently, the DIY movement has shifted into the world of technology with the "Maker Movement" and a new generation of hands-on, do-it-yourself enthusiasts using 3-D printers and electronic components to build computers and robots. It seems that the hands-on, do-it-yourself approach is here to stay.

In addition to its vast array of information services and resources, CCPL has always supported a variety of hands-on learning initiatives, such as genealogy, personal investment and home gardening. During the past few years, we expanded our array of learning initiatives to include rain gardens, small business development and dozens of creative and creation programs. We recently added a technology makerspace at the Central Library. The 3-D printer, tools and equipment available there have already captured the attention of the "Librarybots," a VirginiaFIRST Robotics team.

In the coming months, the library will be adding the capacity to help customers with a variety of innovative hands-on, do-it-yourself makerspace initiatives, including media editing, raised garden beds and textile arts programs. So, the next time you would rather make something than buy it, let us help you learn how to make that happen.

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Cover photo: Andrew and Emily are working on the chassis of the robot for the "LibraryBots" robotics team.

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There's more to Friends than the Name



Volunteering is a key word for the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library. At nearly 500-strong, Friends volunteers act as library ambassadors by communicating with community members about all the library has to offer. The group also advocates for the library with local representatives, provides volunteer support for programs, and raises funds to enhance the library's programs, products and services.



As part of their fundraising efforts, the Friends help the library to qualify for grants and raise money through used book sales.

The organization offers gently used books at reduced prices in all library branches year-round, but hosts special sales throughout the year.

All Friends members receive preferential seating during author visits, discounts at book sales and special training and volunteer opportunities.

For more information about the Friends or to become a Friends volunteer, visit chesterfieldfriends.org.

Winter Book Sales

Clover Hill Library 20-Year Anniversary Celebration
Dec. 5-6 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Winter Artisans' Bazaar
LaPrade Library

Saturday, Dec. 13 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CCPL Invites Residents to Makerspace for High-Tech, Hands-on Learning

The Chesterfield County Public Library recently expanded its services by opening a makerspace at the Central Library for explorers of all ages who want to “hang out, mess around and geek out,” said Nanci Clary, Library Services Administrator. The makerspace is a fun learning environment where people can work with equipment like the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting tool, sewing machines, small hand tools and a 3-D printer.



Mary, Trinh and Emi show the mechanical hand created with the 3-D printer.

“It’s not designed just for individuals; it’s for a community of learners,” Clary said. “There are small tools for leather and metal work, and the 3-D printer can create just about anything you can conceive.”

3-D printing creates small objects by shaping melted material (usually plastic) using a computer-generated pattern. The resulting items range from very simple to highly complex. A beginner may print a piece of jewelry or a chess piece, while industries are using the same technology to create machine parts and prosthetic limbs. CCPL librarians are using the technology to build a toddler-size robot that will interact with customers at story times and special events.

mentor who has been part of CCPL’s makerspace since its inception. “This year we are working with Tomahawk Creek Middle School students who have already been using the 3-D printer for technology projects and prosthetics and are excited to have access to space where they can explore electronics, robotics, and computer programming in a laboratory setting outside of school.”

“Three students from L.C. Bird High School created a child-size mechanical hand,” said Bruce “Doc” Davies, Ph.D., a volunteer and

The library sponsors a team participating in the VirginiaFIRST Robotics program, which uses elements of gaming and engineering to design and build a robot to perform specific tasks as part of a challenge. The program teaches skills that are important for top education programs, STEM scholarships and successful careers.



3-D printer and mechanical hand

CCPL’s 3-D printer is currently available at no cost, although fees may soon be charged to cover the cost of materials. To use the printer, training is required. Sessions take place Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. at the top of each hour.

CCPL is looking for mentors and volunteers with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering or textiles. Also, the makerspace is in need of donations – both equipment and monetary. Please call 804-748-1603 for more information on how to help!

Financial Gift Allows Ettrick-Matoaca Library to Offer Customers State-of-the-Art Equipment

The Ettrick-Matoaca Library has been awarded a \$13,000 gift from the Ettrick Neighborhood and Business Foundation to establish a makerspace – an area for individuals or a community of learners to have hands-on experience to create, innovate and collaborate on projects. The library plans to purchase a 3-D printer, a One Button Studio, sewing machines and materials to create raised garden beds.

“The 3-D printer gives users the opportunity to use some 21st century skills,” said Jennifer Hayek, a library branch manager who has worked on both the Ettrick-Matoaca and Central makerspaces. “We have already received calls

from a local elementary school.”

The library is exploring partnership opportunities with Virginia State University, which would involve planting the raised garden beds and establishing the One Button Studio.

The One Button Studio is a do-it-yourself video recording setup which allows users to create a high-quality video production without any previous experience. Users only need a flash drive – everything else is provided.

The library hopes to open the makerspace in early 2015. The equipment will be available for use at no cost.

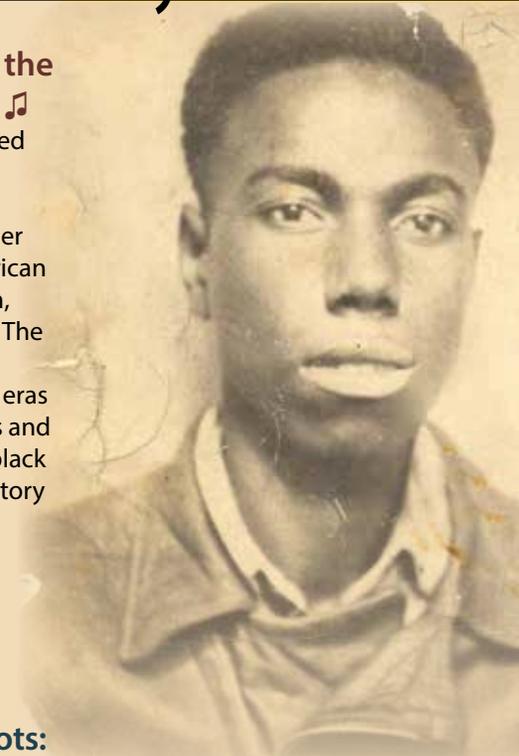
& Black History Month

Speaking of Jazz with the Victor Haskins Group 🎵

Hear how jazz music developed over time in this interactive performance! Learn the basic concepts behind jazz and other music rooted in African-American culture, such as improvisation, rhythm, and communication. The Victor Haskins group will perform music from different eras to demonstrate compositions and stylistic developments from black musicians throughout the history of jazz.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 20.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 7-8:30 p.m.
Central Library



The Moses of Our People

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery but emerged as one of the Underground Railroad's most well-known "conductors." Her efforts, made at great personal risk, resulted in the rescue of more than 300 slaves and she became known as the "Moses" of her people. Actress Charmaine Crowell-White brings to life this fearless and determined hero of American history.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 24.

Saturday, Feb. 7 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Monday, Feb. 9 7-7:45 p.m.

Central Library

Saturday, Feb. 21 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Midlothian Library

Tuesday, Feb. 24 7-7:45 p.m.

Meadowdale Library

Searching For Your Roots: African-American Genealogy

African-American genealogical research can be challenging and difficult because of the under-representation of African-Americans in public records as well as the absence of legal surnames for slaves. Joan Jackson, president of the Chesterfield Historical Society, will discuss her own experiences in researching her roots and explain some of the techniques and resources that can help in researching your family tree.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 24.

Saturday, Feb. 7 10:30 a.m.-noon
Central Library

Talking Gourd

Participate in an interactive presentation that closes the gap between performer and audience. A member of the Elegba Folklore Society will share oral histories, images, music and ceremony that will introduce participants to the contributions and influences that originated in Africa and surround us today. Refreshments will be served. This program is for all ages.

Registration is required and begins Feb. 14.

Saturday, Feb. 28 10:30 a.m.-noon

LaPrade Library

Saturday, Feb. 28 2-3:30 p.m.

Chester Library

Clover Hill Library Enhances its Look as it Celebrates 20 Years

Clover Hill Library is preparing for another 20-plus years of service by replacing its furniture and computers. The library is undergoing a slight re-haul to better meet the needs of its customers, including teenagers, who will soon be able to enjoy an area of the library that has been rearranged with teens in mind. Clover

Hill serves more children and teens than any other library in the system.

On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Clover Hill Library will celebrate its 20-year anniversary with refreshments and a special Friends of the Library Book sale. The library is located at 6701 Deer Run Dr., Midlothian.



Family Calendar &

Letters to Loved Ones

Rediscover the lost art of letter writing. Drop in to write a letter or create a holiday card for a friend or loved one. We will provide quality paper, envelopes, holiday cards, writing utensils and examples of historical letters.

Tuesday, Dec. 9 6-8 p.m.

Meadowdale Library

"The Polar Express" Story Time and Sing-along

Get in the holiday spirit with a special reading of "The Polar Express!"

We'll sing carols, have a craft activity and refreshments.



Registration is required and begins Dec. 6.

**Saturday, Dec. 20 10:30-11:15 a.m. and
Clover Hill Library 2-2:45 p.m.**

**Monday, Dec. 22 7-8 p.m.
Bon Air Library**

CCPL Chess Club

Drop in and learn to play chess or meet up with others who enjoy the game in a relaxed, stress-free environment. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Tuesdays, Dec. 30, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24

Meadowdale Library 5-7 p.m.

Culture Club: Morocco

Curious about other cultures? Come to the first Culture Club and learn about the language, land and culture of Morocco. Create your own craft to take home, and see some authentic items from the country!

Registration is required and begins Jan. 10.

**Saturday, Jan. 24 1-2:30 p.m.
LaPrade Library**

To register for an event, visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

Love Your Heart Craft Night

Show your love for someone special with a fun twine necklace craft! Enjoy a heart-healthy snack while you make your project.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 19.

Monday, Feb. 2 6-7 p.m.

Enon Library

Tuesday, Feb. 3 6-7 p.m.

Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Family Knitting Adventure

Interested in learning how to knit? Join us for a fun activity the whole family can enjoy.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 24.

Saturday, Feb. 7 10:30 a.m.-noon

Midlothian Library

All You Need is Love: Make A Special Valentine

Make your own valentines with personalized quotes and cool materials! Learn the history and evolution of Valentine's Day.

Saturday, Feb. 7 1-4 p.m.

Bon Air Library

Family Book Swap

Swap a gently-used book for one you haven't read. There's no limit to the number of books, and we'll have hundreds to choose from. See how libraries use the Dewey Decimal system to keep books organized.

Saturday, Feb. 28 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bon Air Library

Book Hedgehog

Make a cute hedgehog out of an old book. Then get creative by dressing him up in a costume of your own design, and take him home to keep you company!

Registration is required and begins Feb. 14.

Saturday, Feb. 28 1-2:30 p.m.

LaPrade Library



Acoustic Concert Series Central Library, 7-8 p.m.

The Get Rights

The Get Rights bring all that classic country has to offer: the stories, the heartaches and even the gentle reminders of what love could be.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Dana and Susan Robinson

Dana and Susan Robinson are two guitar-playing, banjo-flailing, fiddle-sawing and harmony-singing interpreters of the American experience. Their unique blend of contemporary songwriting and traditional Appalachian music bring to their performances a deep understanding of America's musical heritage.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Mac and Jenny Traynham

Mac and Jenny Traynham specialize in early country duet singing and old-time gospel and mountain music.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Celebrate the New Year with Chesterfield Cooperative Extension

We have something for everyone this spring. Find out about our programs at 804-751-4401 or stop by our office, located next to the Historical Courthouse Green at 6807 Mimms Loop, Chesterfield, Va. 23832



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Cooperative
Extension**

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& Kids Calendar

LEGO® Club

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

Saturdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7
Bon Air Library 1-3 p.m.

Rubber Band Creations

Learn how to design and make rubber band bracelets.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 4-5 p.m.
Central Library

Chester Family Film Fest



Join us for the newest, just released family-friendly movies, and children's crafts and activities.

Saturday, Dec. 13 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Chester Library

Box-It-Up: Your Box Band

Come and explore what you can do with boxes during an interactive family program where participants will hear stories, sing songs and make their own musical instruments to play and take home.

Registration is required and begins Dec. 3.
Wednesday, Dec. 17 10:30-11:30 a.m.
LaPrade Library

Support for Box-It-Up: Your Box Band was provided by the LEGO Children's Fund.

Kids Review: A Book Discussion Just for Kids

Read the Newbery Medal-winning book, "When You Reach Me," by Rebecca Stead, over your holiday break. Then, come to the library for a kids-only discussion and see what others your age thought of the book. Refreshments provided. Recommended for children 8-11 years old.

Registration is required and begins Dec. 15.
Saturday, Jan. 3 11 a.m.-noon
Midlothian Library

To register for an event, visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

Winter Picnic

Join us for a winter picnic inside the library! Enjoy winter-themed stories, winter refreshments, and go ice fishing.

Registration is required and begins Dec. 27.
Saturday, Jan. 10 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Enon Library

Saturday, Jan. 17 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Hola, Mi Amigos!

We are having a fiesta! Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, snacks and dancing while learning Spanish! Recommended for children 3-6 years old.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 3.
Saturday, Jan. 17 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Clover Hill Library

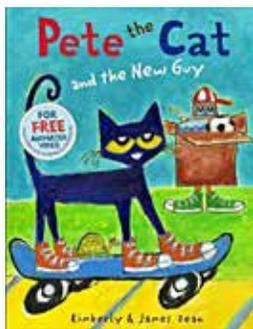
Painting Like Piet

Paint like a master! Learn about Dutch painter Piet Mondrian, how he created his paintings and influenced modern art. Get creative and make your own Mondrian masterpiece!

Registration is required and begins Jan. 3.
Saturday, Jan. 17 10:30 a.m.-noon
Chester Library

Starring... "Pete the Cat"

Who's the coolest cat in picture-book-land? Pete the Cat! Listen to Pete the Cat stories, help decorate Pete's shirt, and get a visit from Pete himself!
Saturday, Jan 24 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Central Library



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 these libraries.



Central Library
Every Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chester Library
Fourth Monday 6-7 p.m.

Clover Hill Library
Fourth Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Third Monday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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 of these libraries for a 20-minute individual reading session.



Bon Air Library
Second Wednesday 6:15-8 p.m.

Clover Hill Library
Second Wednesday 6-7:30 p.m.
Third Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.
Fourth Monday 6-7:30 p.m.

LaPrade Library
Second Saturday 10-11:30 a.m.

Midlothian Library
Fourth Saturday 10:30 a.m.-noon



Reading with Ringling Bros.

Beginning in January, earn a Ringling Bros. circus ticket just by reading! Children ages 2-12 can pick up a Rewards Club Card at any Chesterfield County Public Library – talk to a librarian to get started. Read five books to earn a circus ticket!

Exact dates to be announced. Visit our website at library.chesterfield.gov for the latest updates.

Young Readers Blast through Summer Reading Challenge

Hundreds of Chesterfield County students embraced the summer reading challenge by logging thousands of minutes' worth of reading this summer. Two of the top readers were 6-year-old Samuel Avolio and 7-year-old Emma Owens.

"It's fun," said Emma. "When I get bored, I have something to do." Emma's parents say she is always reading. During their weekly visits to the library, Emma would check out between 20 and 30 books.



Samuel has the same voracious appetite for reading. As a military family, the Avolios move frequently. Samuel's mother says books have been constant companions for Samuel and his older brother.

"I always have a book," said Samuel. In fact, his parents have to make the dinner table a "no book zone."

Both Samuel and his brother developed their love of reading because their mom, a former English teacher, enjoys books. Wendy Avolio said she has served as a role model, and as a result Samuel began reading fluently at 3 1/2. "He's completely self-taught," said Avolio.

Twelve-year-old Swift Creek Middle School Student Takes Home the Prize

For iPad mini winner Joy Waters, reading over the summer began as something to do. She didn't set a goal to compete for the iPad mini and didn't start out by keeping track of her minutes – she read for her own entertainment.

"My teacher mentioned it, but I didn't really think about it until I completed my first 1,000 minutes," said Joy.

Joy, a Swift Creek Middle School student, read more than 2,900 minutes. When asked how she did it, she said she read after lunch, at bedtime and during car rides. "It's calm, very amusing and very descriptive."

Despite spending much of the summer with a book in her hand, 12-year-old Joy did many of the other things that a preteen does during the summer – babysitting, beach trips, enjoying the pool and hanging out with friends.

"You can be yourself when you're reading, just like your books," Joy said. "You can imagine yourself being in the book."

Nearly 17,000 people of all ages read more than 6.8 million minutes, as registered participants in the CCPL Summer Reading program. Last year's winner was 10-year-old Jessica Horton, who helped present the prize to Joy.

Plans are already under way for next year's summer reading program, which will have a fun and unique interactive component.



Early Literacy Story Times

Story times end Dec. 17 and begin again Jan. 6.

Bon Air Library	Monday	10:30 a.m.
	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
Central Library	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
Chester Library	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
Clover Hill Library	Monday	6:30 p.m. ☾
	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
Enon Library	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
Ettrick-Matoaca Library	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
LaPrade Library	Monday	10:30 a.m.
Meadowdale Library	Monday	6:30 p.m. 🌐
	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
Midlothian Library	Monday	10:30 a.m.
	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.

🌐 = Bilingual Spanish-English story time

☾ = Pajama story time

Day Care Story Times

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

Bon Air Library	Second Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
Central Library	First Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
Chester Library	First Friday	10:30 a.m.
Clover Hill Library	Fourth Tuesday	10:30 a.m.
LaPrade Library	Fourth Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
Meadowdale Library	Third Monday	10:30 a.m.
Midlothian Library	Fourth Monday	10 a.m.

Mother Goose Story Times at Clover Hill Library

These story times are specially designed for babies, birth to two years old, and encourage parent or caregiver involvement. Each session is limited to 12 babies. Please call 804-318-8668 for more information.

Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 10
Clover Hill Library 10-10:20 a.m.



& Teen Calendar

Make a Hexagon Headband

Why buy your fashion accessories when you can make them? Learn a quilting skill called "English paper piecing" to create a rad hexagon headband.

Registration is required and begins Nov. 18.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Enon Library

Tuesday, Dec. 9 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Awesome Anime Afternoons: Initial D

Why watch great anime on a tiny screen? Meet other anime fans and watch "Initial D" on a big screen. Snacks and drinks provided!

Saturday, Dec. 20 Noon-3 p.m.
Meadowdale Library

Zentangle®

If you like to doodle, you can Zentangle®. Discover this Zen-like meditative way of creating complex, free-flowing abstract designs using repetitive patterns and shapes. Get a basic kit to take home.

Registration is required and will begin Jan. 10.

Saturday, Jan. 24 1-3:30 p.m.
Bon Air Library

College Library Boot Camp

Headed to college? Learn what to expect at your college library and get familiar with the types of research resources you'll encounter there. This program is recommended for high school juniors and seniors.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 4-5 p.m.
Midlothian Library

Job Corps 101

Learn more about Job Corps and what it can do for you. Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for 16-24-year-olds looking for great careers.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 4-6 p.m.
Meadowdale Library

Trick Your Kicks! Shoelace School

Did you know there are almost 2 trillion ways to tie your shoes? Try some new methods or create your own as we learn unique, creative ways to tie shoelaces in this hands-on workshop.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 24.

Saturday, Feb. 7 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Clover Hill Library

Creative Photo Collage

Take photos and create a digital artwork collage! We'll supply the equipment and help you develop your eye for photography – just bring your creativity!

Registration is required and begins Jan. 27.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 4-5 p.m.
Chester Library



Introduction to 3-D Printing

Teens! Learn to use the coolest new technology: a 3-D printer! Check out TinkerCad and print something cool to take home.

Registration is required and begins Feb. 7.

Saturday, Feb. 21 1-4 p.m.
Central Library

Sticky Note Art

Help create a wall-sized mural using sticky notes. Together we will plan, plot and execute a very large mural on one of Meadowdale's walls.

Registration is required and begins Feb. 14.

Saturday, Feb. 28 Noon-4 p.m.
Meadowdale Library

Game On @ Your Library

Visit the library to play Wii games! Thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing all Wii equipment and games.

Clover Hill Library
Wii gaming is always available for use in the children's section. Ask at the desk for the controls!

Meadowdale Library
Every Tuesday, 3-5 p.m.

Bon Air Library
Third Wednesday, 3-5 p.m.

Central Library
Third Thursday, 3-5 p.m.

Chester Library
Second Monday, 3-5 p.m.

LaPrade Library
Third Wednesday, 3-5 p.m.

Midlothian Library
First Tuesday, 3-5 p.m.

**Family-friendly!
Games! Vendors! Prizes!
Stormtroopers!
Costume contest!**

Chesterfield Comic Con
March 21, 2015
Meadowdale Library

Adult Calendar &



Southern Community Cooking

Food writer Sheri Castle is a food lover, expert food taster and a storyteller at heart. "The Southern Living Community Cookbook: Celebrating Food and Fellowship in the American South" weaves food and stories into a cookbook that is reflective of our own recipe boxes, full of those well-loved and well-worn recipe cards, each with its own story. A book sale and signing will follow the program. **Registration is recommended and begins Dec. 18.**
Thursday, Jan. 15 7-8:30 p.m. Central Library

Morning Coffee Break: Handbell Choir

Ring in the holidays with the festive sound of traditional English handbells. Learn about the art and history of handbell music.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 10:30 a.m.-noon
Bon Air Library

Wednesday, Dec. 10 10:30 a.m.-noon
Midlothian Library

Saturday, Dec. 20 10:30 a.m.-noon
LaPrade Library

Chester Library
Date and time to be announced

Walgreens sponsors the Morning Coffee Break series. Our thanks to them for providing refreshments and for their **wellness welcomes** at the start of each program!



Meet You at the Movies "A Most Wanted Man"



Movies are 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Tuesday, Dec. 2
Midlothian Library

Monday, Dec. 15
Bon Air Library

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

CCPL Scrabble Club

Show off your vocabulary with the Scrabble Club.

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4
LaPrade Library 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Ikebana Flower Arranging

Learn the history and see a demonstration of Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 2-3 p.m.
Chester Library

Yoga: What's It All About?

Hectic holiday season got you stressed? Spend an hour learning introductory information about yoga with certified instructor Tereasa Kaai, and take away some tips on breathing and meditation.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 7-8 p.m.
Midlothian Library

Winter Artisans' Bazaar

Shop for the perfect holiday gift at this year's Winter Artisans' Bazaar. Local artists will sell handmade items, including handcrafted silver jewelry, fine art, photography, sculpture, hand-carved hiking sticks, birdfeeders crafted from gourds, wood-work and fused glass. The event benefits the Chesterfield Center for the Arts Foundation.
Saturday, Dec. 13 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
LaPrade Library



Resume Review

Drop in for one-on-one resume assistance. Bring your own laptop or call to reserve one. Completed resumes will be printed on high quality paper.

Monday, Jan. 5 10 a.m.-noon
Meadowdale Library

Meet You at the Movies "Jersey Boys"



Movies are 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Tuesday, Jan. 6
Midlothian Library

Monday, Jan. 12
LaPrade Library

Monday, Jan. 26
Bon Air Library

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Hearing Loss: Prevention and Treatment

Learn the signs and symptoms of hearing loss and tinnitus, how to prevent hearing loss, and the newest technologies to treat hearing from Doctor of Audiology Keshunna Biddings.

Monday, Jan. 12 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Chester Library

Tai Chi: A History and Instructional Guide

Tai Chi Master John Crouse will provide historical background and teach some basic moves for this increasingly popular health-oriented form of stress relief and self-defense.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Bon Air Library

Crochet for a Cause

Learn to make a blanket, and then donate it to a child in need. The library will partner with Project Linus to crochet afghan blankets for babies and children in local area hospitals.

Registration is required and begins Dec. 31.

Wednesdays, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11
Central Library 1-2:30 p.m.

To register for library events, visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

& Adult Calendar

Yoga for Life

Have you ever wondered if yoga is for you? Find out in this information session and mini-class. Learn about the different types of yoga and some of the benefits, and get a step-by-step demonstration of poses and breathing for relaxation.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 10

Saturday, Jan. 24 10 a.m.-noon
LaPrade Library

Meet You at the Movies

"42: The Jackie Robinson Story"

Movies are 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Tuesday, Feb. 3
Midlothian Library

Monday, Feb. 9
LaPrade Library

Monday, Feb. 16
Bon Air Library

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Backyard Composting

It's never too early to start planning for spring. Learn to conserve the environment by turning trash and yard waste into organic compost for your garden!

Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.

Saturday, Feb. 14 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Saturday, Feb. 28 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Enon Library

Blood Pressure Health Expo

Do you know your blood pressure or do you have concerns about your heart health? Speak with VCU student pharmacists about your heart health and get your blood pressure taken for free!



Saturday, Feb. 21 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
LaPrade Library

Historic Preservation in Your Local Community

Learn about the importance of historic preservation in your local community and how your home, property or a landmark can tell your community's story. Participants will learn about the National Register for Historic Places and how to complete the nomination form for consideration.

Saturday, Feb. 28 10:30 a.m.-noon
Clover Hill Library

To register for an event, visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

CCPL Getting Geared-Up for F.U.N.

Chesterfield County Public Library will kick off the second session of F.U.N. (Families Understanding Numbers), a grant-funded, financial literacy program for all residents, but specifically designed for grandparents who are either raising their grandchildren or who have significant involvement in their grandchildren's lives.



The 10-session program will begin in April at the Meadowdale and LaPrade libraries. Classes cover budgeting, making a financial plan, consumer safety, reducing debt, saving and investing. The session also includes field trips, activities for all ages and a light meal.

Sixty-five-year-old Jasper Kittrell, his wife Julia and three of their grandchildren participated in the last F.U.N. program. Kittrell said six weeks into the program, he and his family could already see differences in the way they handled their finances.

"We have a better understanding of our personal finances," Kittrell said. "We are taking a closer look at the budgeting process and making wiser choices in banking. Also, I have seen a difference in our grandchildren, who now know how to budget and save money."

Registration for spring classes begins Jan. 26. To register or for more information, visit library.chesterfield.gov or call 804-706-2607.



Ingredients for Retirement

Is retirement on your mind? Not sure how to make it happen? Learn how Social Security works and how benefits are calculated. Get an introduction to Medicare, its parts and costs, and what is covered. Understand retirement expenses and how to meet them using your Social Security benefits and your potential health care costs.

Registration is required and begins Jan. 7

All programs are 7-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21 Meadowdale Library
Monday, Jan. 26 Central Library
Tuesday, Feb. 3 Chester Library
Wednesday, Feb. 11 Midlothian Library
Monday, Feb. 16 Ettrick-Matoaca Library
Tuesday, Feb. 24 LaPrade Library

Programs are made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through smartinvesting@yourlibrary.org, a partnership with the American Library Association.



Adults &

Book Discussion Groups

No registration is required and new attendees are always welcome.

Bon Air Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

- Dec. 17** *A Week in Winter*
by Maeve Binchy
- Jan. 14** *What Alice Forgot*
by Liane Moriarty
- Feb. 18** *Lost Lake*
by Sarah Addison Allen

Central Library Brown Bag Page Turners

Mondays, 1-2 p.m.

- Dec. 15** *The Most Dangerous Thing*
by Laura Lippman
- Jan. 26** *The Ghost Bride*
by Yangsze Choo
- Feb. 23** *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*
by Nancy Horan

Chester Choices

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

- Dec. 3** *Slaughterhouse-Five*
by Kurt Vonnegut
- Jan. 7** *The Red Badge of Courage*
by Stephen Crane
- Feb. 4** *Coal Black Horse*
by Robert Olmstead

Clover Hill Critics

Fridays, 11 a.m.-noon

- Dec. 19** *Lone Survivor*
by Marcus Luttrell
- Jan. 23** *Destiny of the Republic*
by Candice Millard
- Feb. 20** *What Alice Forgot*
by Liane Moriarty

Ettrick-Matoaca Readers

Tuesdays, 2-3 p.m.

- Dec. 9** *The Good Lord Bird*
by James McBride
- Jan. 13** *Orange is the New Black*
by Piper Kerman
- Feb. 10** *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*
by Junot Diaz

LaPrade BookThink

Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

- Dec. 12** *I am Malala*
by Malala Yousafzai
- Jan. 9** *Life After Life*
by Kate Atkinson
- Feb. 13** *A Passage to India*
by E. M. Forster

Meadowdale Book Discussion Group

Mondays, 7-8 p.m.

- Dec. 1** *Guests on Earth* by Lee Smith
- Jan. 5** *Defending Jacob*
by William Landay
- Feb. 2** *The Light Between Oceans*
by M. L. Stedman

Midlothian Book Discussion Group

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

- Dec. 17** *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*
by Anna Quindlen
- Jan. 28** *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf
- Feb. 25** *What's So Funny?: My Hilarious Life*
by Tim Conway

Technology Classes

All classes require registration, which begins two weeks before the class.

Classes are on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

PC Basics

- Jan. 21** Ettrick-Matoaca Library
- Jan. 21** LaPrade Library
- Jan. 28** Central Library

Microsoft

- PowerPoint**
- Feb. 25** Central Library

Microsoft Excel

- Jan. 7** LaPrade Library
- Feb. 18** Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Internet Basics

- Jan. 14** Central Library
- Jan. 14** Ettrick-Matoaca Library
- Feb. 11** LaPrade Library

Microsoft Publisher

- Feb. 18** LaPrade Library

Microsoft Word

- Feb. 11** Central Library
- Feb. 11** Ettrick-Matoaca Library

Don't Get Schooled by Your Chromebook!
Ask Your Personal Librarian

CCPL offers free one-on-one appointments with professional librarians to assist with a variety of different topics. Submit your request for a 15-30 minute appointment at any Chesterfield County Public Library.



Leslie
CCPL Librarian



The Beauty of Mother Nature
by Larry Grina
Exhibit Nov. 1-Dec. 29

This collection of watercolors explores Larry Grina's vision of nature. Grina exhibits locally.

Chester Library Art Exhibit and Reception

Provided in partnership with the Chesterfield Center for the Arts Foundation.



Inspirations Everywhere
by Gene Berry

Exhibit Jan. 3-Feb. 25

Opening Reception Saturday,
Jan. 10, 3-4:30 p.m.

Watercolor explorations of people, animals, architecture and the things of everyday life.

QUIRK BOARD

Tuesday Night Westerns



LaPrade Library

Showtime
7 p.m.

Feb. 3-March 31

Join hosts Harry Daniel and Tom Wyatt for these classic western movies.

Learn more about making!

We're having a big festival to celebrate our makerspace. Look for details in the spring issue.

REMINDER

The library will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- THANKSGIVING** Closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26
Closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28
- CHRISTMAS** Closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25
- NEW YEARS EVE** Closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31
- NEW YEARS DAY** Closed Thursday, Jan. 1
- LEE-JACKSON DAY** Closed Friday, Jan. 16
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY** Closed Monday, Jan. 19

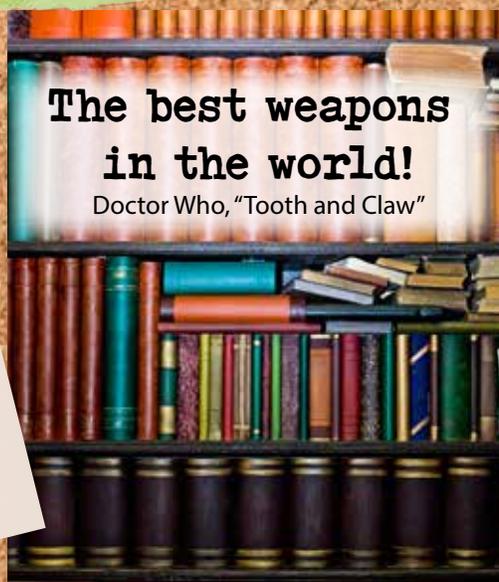


Check Facebook for the progress of our new library on Courthouse Road.

Look for our next issue in March!

The best weapons in the world!

Doctor Who, "Tooth and Claw"



Need a speaker for your next business meeting, community or civic group event? CCPL offers programs on a variety of topics. For more information, call Pam White at 706-2826.

Check out CCPL's new **Local Author** collection, located at the Central Library.

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