



# LIBRARY NEWS

## CAROLINE LIBRARY

### WINTER AT THE LIBRARY

- Pre-K Stories and story times at Bowling Green and Ladysmith
- Art with Aaron on Saturdays at Dawn
- Writing Group at Bowling Green
- GED Classes at Ladysmith
- Free AARP Tax Preparation

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### ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM



This winter we invite you to put on your sleuthing hat and join us for our adult winter reading program "A Murder at the Library". You will have from February 1st until March 15th to complete this challenge and solve the crime. All who complete this challenge will receive a coupon for one free late charge. If you correctly solve the crime, you will also be entered into a system-wide

drawing for one of three prizes:

- 2 tickets for the Friends of the Caroline Library Murder Mystery Theater
- One of two murder mystery prize baskets.

So how does this reading program work?

1. Read the mystery provided in your brochure.
2. Set your own reading goal.
3. Record all 5 clues to the mystery. These will be in our weekly emails and posted on our Facebook page on Monday mornings.
4. Check out one of our mysteries of Caroline County displays, brought to you by the

Caroline Historical Society Inc.

5. Solve the crime.
6. Submit your challenge by 5 pm on Thursday, March 15th, and receive a thank you coupon.

All who correctly solve the crime will be entered into the system wide drawing that will occur Friday morning.

The library would like to thank the Friends of the Caroline Library for donating the tickets to their 3rd annual murder mystery fundraiser. We would also like to thank the Caroline Historical Society, Inc. for the wonderful mystery displays at each of our branches.

### 2018 BOOK CHALLENGE

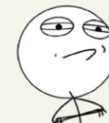
Welcome to our 2018 book challenge. This year we are challenging you to pick up one of our bookmarks and read one book in each of our 24 different categories. Just like our other year long challenges you have all of 2018 to complete your bookmark.

Finish your bookmark and you will be entered to win an Amazon gift certificate. There will be one winner from each of our branches.

Completed bookmarks will be due by 6 pm on Thursday, December 27th. On Friday,

December 28th we will randomly select one winner from each branch.

#### CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



## GENRE OF THE MONTH CLUB

You have made it to the end of our year long genre of the month challenge. Please return your completed challenge to your favorite branch by 5 pm on January 3rd.

Those that have completed the challenge will be entered in a drawing for a mystery gift basket. We hope you have enjoyed this challenge and welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Congratulations on completing this challenge.

Only one more genre to explore. With December being such an incredibly busy month with family and the holidays we saved mysteries for the last. So on one of these cold December evenings curl up with your favorite mystery, a cup of tea and enjoy.

The library has a large selection of mysteries so if you are stumped for a good read, we are here to help!



### December

Are you a fan of Sherlock Holmes? How about Agatha Christie? Have you read Margaret Truman? Did you know we have a number of local authors that write mysteries?

Did you know our library director is a mystery author? Mysteries come in many shapes and forms. They may have a romantic twist like those of local author Kay Brooks or they may have a lighter air like those of Amy Lilly, our library director.

We challenge you with this genre to not pick up your old and trusted mystery but to branch out into the world of a new author.

*"Start writing,  
no matter what.  
The water does  
not flow until  
the faucet is  
turned on."  
Louis L'Amour*

## BOWLING GREEN WRITERS GROUP

Are you an aspiring author looking for some writing tips? Have you already published and are looking for ideas for your next big novel? Then join the Adult Writing Group at the Bowling Green Branch! Writers of all experience levels meet every three weeks to discuss whatever we're currently working on, even if we haven't worked on it since the last meeting. We share our cri-

tiques and encouragement so that we all can become better writers! No genres or formats are excluded, but this group is for adults so participants should be comfortable talking about adult topics or hearing foul language. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm. Bring something to share with the group and don't be shy!

Our upcoming meetings are December 19<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup>, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and February 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00pm in the Library's genealogy room. Call the Bowling Green Branch at (804) 633-5455 for more information.

## THURSDAY'S TEA TIME TRIVIA

Did you enjoy playing Trivial Pursuit or other trivia games? We have just the thing for you, introducing Thursday's Tea Time Trivia.

Each Thursday afternoon we will post a trivia question on the libraries Facebook page. These questions will be sure to test your trivia knowledge. Answer the trivia question by responding to our post. The

answer to the question will be posted around noon on Friday.

Don't worry we will have a wide range of trivia topics from geography to world history to science to sports and beyond.

So please join us this December through February. We will have a great time testing

our knowledge of the obscure and not so obscure trivia.

The first trivia question will be posted on Facebook on Thursday, December 7th.



## WINTER HOLIDAYS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

We would like to remind you that in case of inclement weather, the library system follows the Caroline County Government for late opening or closings. This information will be listed as Caroline County Government Offices on local TV stations and sent out on Caroline Alert. We will also post this information on our Facebook page. If you are not sure if the library is open please give us a call before you head out in unpleasant weather.

Winter also has many holidays which the library observes. Notices about library closings will be posted on our Facebook page and on entrance doors to the branches. Additionally, the library will be closing at 5pm the week of December 25th - 30th.

Mon., Jan. 1st - New Year's Day  
 Tues., Jan. 2nd  
 Friday, Jan. 12th - Lee Jackson Day  
 Monday, Jan. 15th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Monday, Feb. 19th - Presidents Day

**Observed Holidays:**

Fri., Dec. 22nd Closing at Noon  
 Sat., Dec. 23rd  
 Mon., Dec. 25th - Christmas Day  
 Tues., Dec. 26th



## VIRGINIA'S FORGOTTEN CANNERIES

Are you looking for something to do over the holidays? Why not take a trip to the Library of Virginia.

Tuesday, August 1 - Saturday, December 30, 2017  
 Place: Second Floor Reading Rooms  
 Free

Created by the Blue Ridge Institute of Ferrum College, *Virginia's Forgotten Can-*

*neries* documents the home canning industry developed by local farmers that supplied vegetables and fruits to the commonwealth's increasingly urban population for more than 50 years. These rural canneries were small operations that also provided cash wages for rural residents. Counties along Virginia's central Blue Ridge Mountains were particularly rich in canneries, such as Botetourt

County, which was home to 193 of them in 1915. The exhibition features colorful and eye-catching labels—on graphic panels as well as on a pyramid of actual cans—many of which were created by the Piedmont Label Company (now Smyth Companies), of Bedford, which donated approximately 10,000 of its pre-1960 labels to the Blue Ridge Institute in 2014.

*“A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.” Norman Cousins*

## AARP TAX PREPARATION

Starting in February, AARP will again this year be preparing taxes for FREE at our Bowling Green, Dawn, and Ladysmith branches. This service is available for anyone regardless of age and/or income.

Please bring the following things to your appointment.

- All year-end tax statements
- Last year's tax return

- Driver's license or other form of government-issued photo ID
- Social security card for yourself and each family member
- If you purchased health insurance through the Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act, your 1095A form. However, even if you didn't buy insurance through the Marketplace, you may receive a 1095B or 1095C. You should

- bring that as well.
- If you bought or sold your home, bring your final closing papers
- If you think you might itemize your expenses, bring information summarizing your medical expenses, property and real estate taxes, interest paid on a home mortgage, charitable donations, and miscellaneous deductions.
- If you plan to have your re-

fund or amount due paid directly to/from your bank account, you will need to have your bank's routing number and your account number. For checking accounts, this can usually be found at the bottom of the check.

**Please note** tax preparers will not be available everyday at each of the branches. Therefore it is important to call ahead and make an appointment.



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### Our Mission:

To educate, entertain, and empower all people of Caroline County through dynamic collections, state-of-the-art services, and innovative programming.

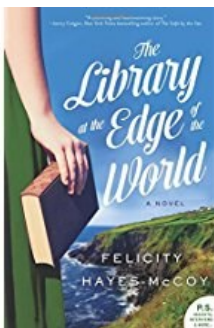
The Caroline Library strives to connect people with information via our collections, services and programs.

Visit one of our 4 branches, Bowling Green, Dawn, Ladysmith and Port Royal.

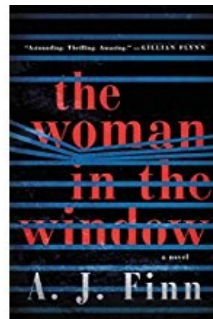
## NEW TITLES COMING THIS WINTER

### Coming in December

Fate of the Gods by Matthew J. Kirby  
A Distant Heart by Sonali Dev  
The Last Suppers by Mandy Mikulencak  
Bad Behavior by Kiki Swinson  
The Glamorous Dead by Suzanne Gates  
Vaccines by Kristen A. Feemster  
Enemy of the State by Vince Flynn  
The Ice House by Laura Lee Smith  
Ginger Snapped by Gail Oust  
A Plain Leaving by Leslie Gould  
Wild Chamber by Christopher Fowler  
Firefly Cove by T. Davis Bunn  
Year One by Nora Roberts



### Coming in January



The Gambler by William C. Rempel  
The Black Painting by Neil Olson  
Tell Me More by Kelly Corrigan  
Rise and Grind by Daymond John  
The Girlfriend by Michelle Frances  
The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert  
Thunderhead by Neal Shusterman  
The Mitford Murders by Jessica Fellowes  
Blood Sisters by Jane Corry  
Perish by Lisa Black  
The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce  
Munich by Robert Harris  
Unbound by Stuart Woods

### Coming in February

The Glass Forest by Cynthia Swanson  
The French Girl by Lexie Elliott  
The One by John Marrs  
Feel Free by Zadie Smith  
An American Marriage by Andrew Morton  
White Houses by Amy Bloom  
Agent in Place by Mark Greaney  
Hello Stranger by Lisa Kleypas  
The Deceivers by Alex Berenson  
Poison by John T. Lescroart  
Surprise Me by Sophie Kensella  
Look for Me by Lisa Gardner  
Night Moves by Jonathan Kellerman

