



LIBRARY NEWS

CAROLINE LIBRARY

SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2016

Read for the Win! this summer at the library.

Registration is taking place now at your favorite branch. Just stop by to get a reading log and a list of events happening this summer at the library.

As you and your child set goals for this summer's reading we would like to make a few suggestions. For our youngest patrons, it may be best to set a goal for the number of minutes you will read to your child (e.g. 10 minutes a day.) For children who are beginning readers, we also suggest setting a number of minutes they will read to you as a goal. For older children, you and your child could decide to read a

certain number of chapter books this summer or, if your child does not really enjoy reading, setting aside time each day that they dedicate to reading may more conducive to their summer reading.



Besides just encouraging reading, the library has planned a trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond, Fredericksburg Location on Friday, July 15th. Many other programs and activities are planned for all

ages, from preschool to teens. Please stop by your favorite branch to pick up a brochure or check out the events on our webpage (carolinelibrary.org) under Library News.

Games Registration Dawn and Port Royal

June 6th - 11th

Opening Games

Bowling Green

Monday, June 6th, 10 - 12

Ladysmith

Thursday, June 9th, 10 - 12

Summer Reading Trip

July 15th

Children's Museum of Richmond, Fredericksburg Location

HELP PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE

Did you know that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. However, children who participate in Summer Reading Programs and read a minimum of six books over the

summer score higher in reading AND math when they return to school.

There is so much to do at your library this summer. We are here to help your children be at their best when they return to school in the fall. This sum-

mer we have planned fun summer time activities for children of all ages. Activities that will engage your child and will help prevent the summer slide. Please stop by to see what we have planned for this summer.

S U M M E R L U N C H P R O G R A M

Caroline Library is happy to announce that it is once again partnering with the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank for 'Kids On the Go Summer Feeding Program'. From June 7 until August 11 meals will be served at the Bowling Green library on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 1–2:30 pm. Meals will be served at the Port Royal library Tuesdays from 11 am–12:30pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays

meals will be served from 12:30 pm–2.

This lunch program is **FREE** and available to all children 18 years old or younger, regardless of household income. Children will receive a complete (USDA-approved) meal.

In addition to the meals, the library will have different crafts and activities available for children, before and after meals.

We encourage you to take advantage of this free service this summer. Not only will children be served a nutritious meal, they will be exposed to many enriching activities with the library staff, all in an air-conditioned environment.



*“Children are
made readers on
the laps of their
Parents” -
Emilie Buchwald*

Summer is a time that can be used to help your child get a leg up on their next school year. To help those children who may need a little extra attention and help while reading, we will be offering “Read to Me” at the Dawn and Lady-smith Branches.

Read to Me has been designed to allow children to come to the library and read

R E A D T O M E

their favorite book to a library staff member or a teen volunteer. We will provide a low stress environment in which children can improve their reading skills. Staff will also encourage children to try harder books as the summer progresses. It is our hope that children who take advantage of this program will discover a lifelong love of

books.

In addition to encouraging reading, the time your child spends reading at the library can be counted towards their summer reading goals. For those who have overdue books, your child can read down their fines at the same time. For each 15 minutes reading we will reduce fines by \$2.50.

T A K E H O M E A C T I V I T I E S A N D C R A F T S

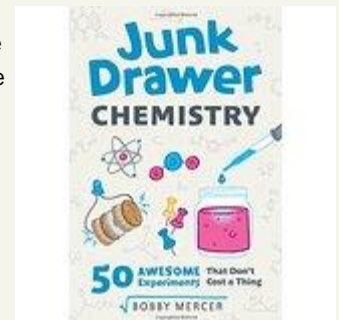
Ever have those afternoons or early evenings that you need to find some way to entertain the children? The library can help!

At every one of our branches this summer we will offer Take Home Crafts and Activities. You will be provided

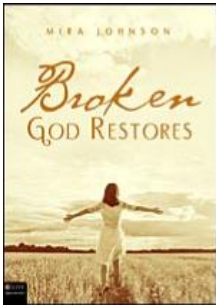
ready-to-make crafts with your children that will either include easy-to-follow instructions or a picture of the completed craft. The library will also have many experiments to do with your children. The things needed to do these experiments will be items you can find in your very own junk

drawer or kitchen drawer.

Once you and your child have completed these activities we would love for you to either bring them back into the library for us to see or send us a photo. We will share these on Facebook



M E E T T H E A U T H O R



Local author Mira Johnson will be at the Bowling Green library and the

Ladysmith library for a book signing this July.

Minister Mira Johnson was born in Spotsylvania County, VA but spent the majority of her childhood growing up in Caroline county. The author humbles herself and exalts the Name of the Lord and Savior in this most touching memoir of her past.

The author shares that she was inspired by God to write and share her testimonial with the world about the goodness of the Lord and Savior.

Many times, she wondered if she would ever get it right. She had made so many wrong choices, including two failed marriages. Author Mira Johnson believes that her wrong choices were meant to teach her a lesson, to change the direction in which she was headed and to save her soul from being lost forever.

www.mirajohnsonbooks.com

A D U L T W R I T I N G G R O U P

The Adult Writing Group meets every third Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity to share portions of your writing, ask for feedback from the group and participate in writing exercises to improve your writing skills.

If you enjoy writing and want to explore the possibility of pursuing it as a hobby or as a voca-

tion, join us at the Bowling Green Library on one of the following dates:

June 21

July 12

August 2

Feel free to bring writing to share.

*“Get it down.
Take chances. It
may be bad, but
it’s the only way
you can do
anything really
Good” - William
Faulkner*

H O M E G A R D E N I N G S E R I E S

Do you need some advice about gardening? The Ladysmith library will be hosting a Home Gardening Series sponsored by the Hanover Master Gardeners.

- Save money and eat better with home grown vegetables
- Growing seeds indoors—Get a jump start on your garden

- How to make and use compost
- Insects; the good, the bad, and the ugly.

This is a free program available to all our patrons. Come learn how to grow your best garden ever and enjoy the fruits of your labor all summer long.

Meeting times will be each Saturday in the month of June

at 10:30 am in the Ladysmith library meeting room.

Please call the Ladysmith library to reserve your seat today. 804-448-0357.





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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.

CRAFTING NEWS

Looking for something to do this summer? Why not try your hand at crafting.

At the Ladysmith library, you can join the Caroline Crafters group. This group meets each Monday at 6:30 pm and is open to all types of needlework. If needlework is not your favorite thing, you could join the Quilting group that meets every Monday at 9am.

The Port Royal library offers Drop-in Latchkey Kids where a variety of crafts and activities are available for children. Port Royal also offers an adult crafting class the 3rd Thursday of the month at Noon. In June the group will be Relaxing while coloring, July they will be creating plastic canvas coasters, and in August they will be making

crepe paper flowers.

At the Bowling Green library kids (ages 6-12) on Saturday, July 9 from 1-2:30 can enjoy making your very own CD Wind Spinner! These unique crafts are great for hanging in a tree, off your deck, or as window decorations in your child's room. Everything is supplied and all we need is you!

All branches will have crafts and activities available for you to take home and do with your children.

