



LIBRARY NEWS

CAROLINE LIBRARY

WINTER AT THE LIBRARY

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AWE EARLY LITERACY STATION NOW AT LADYSMITH

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's C.A.R.E., which is part of the Operation Round Up program, awarded a grant to the Caroline Library. This grant is made possible by Cooperative's customers who choose to round up their electric bill. That change goes to support grants such as the one received by the Library.

As part of the effort to increase digital literacy in a safe environment, The Caroline Library pursued this grant as a way to introduce children to computers in a positive way that supports learning. With this grant,

the Library purchased an AWE Early Literacy Station for the Ladysmith branch. The Early Literacy Station is designed specifically for the Library's youngest patrons (ages 2-8) and features over 4,000 localized learning activities. The fun, interactive and engaging content spans all seven curricular areas: math, science & nature, social studies & geography, reading, art & music, writing & computer skills, and reference.

Studies show that the integration of blended learning into early child-

hood education can increase literacy, improve school readiness, and prepare young learners for curriculum that is based on STEAM.

Stop by the Ladysmith branch and check it out.



ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

The Adult Winter Reading Program is back. This year we would like you to set your own reading goal for the months of January and February.

How does this work? Come

in to any branch and pledge the number of books you will read from January 1st to February 28th. Complete your goal and be entered to win an Amazon gift card. There will be one winner from each of our

branches. Winners will be drawn at random on March 1st. Good luck!



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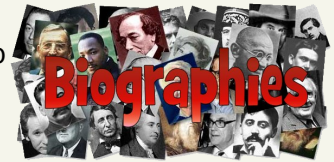
Are you stuck in a rut? Need some help branching out with your reading selections? We have the answer - Genre of the Month Club. This unique challenge will help you branch out into unfamiliar territory. You may find you enjoy these uncharted genre territories.

Each month we will chose a different genre for you to explore. Read one book in that genre in the month and let us know what you have read. At the end of the year if you have completed all twelve genres, you will be entered for a chance to win a gift basket.

If you get stuck, we will encourage you and help make book selections that will make this exploration a little less intimidating.

Your challenge begins: January - Biography February - Romance

Start your adventure today and sign-up at your favorite branch.



January



February

C A N S F O R F I N E S W E E K

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

- Aesop

With the holidays, local food pantries deplete their resources to help the hungry in our communities. The Library would like to help restock these food pantries and help you with your late fees. During the week of January 9th - 14th we will waive \$1 of your late

fees for every nonperishable item you donate to the Library. These items will then be given to food pantries in your community. Bowling Green and Port Royal items will be given to Social Services. Items from Dawn will be given to the Second Mt. Zion food pantry. Lady-

smith items will be given to Rehoboth United Methodist Church food pantry. Before bringing in your canned goods, please check the expiration date on your items, thank you!

*Does not apply to lost or damaged items.

O P E R A T I O N G R A T I T U D E

This is how you can show your gratitude for our troops.

**Simply
Knit or crochet a scarf
Knit or crochet a hat
Donate supplies**


We will collect all fin-

ished projects by March 1st. The library will send them to Operation Gratitude who will distribute them to our troops. Free patterns are available.

Acceptable colors are subtle - Blues, browns, olive, grays, maroon, and black. Scarves should be a maximum of 4 inches wide and 36 inches long (no fringes).

HATS & SCARVES

Scarves should be a maximum of 4" across and 36" long so they fit in our care packages. No fringe, please!



HOLIDAY HOURS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS



Winter brings 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 27th - 30th.

Observed Holidays:

- Sat., Dec. 24th
- Mon., Dec. 26th
- Sat., Dec. 31st
- Mon., Jan. 2nd
- Friday, Jan. 20th
- Monday, Jan. 23rd

Monday, Feb. 20th

In case of inclement weather, the Library system will follow the Caroline County Government for late openings or closings. This information will be listed as Caroline County Government Offices on local TV stations and sent out on Caroline Alert.

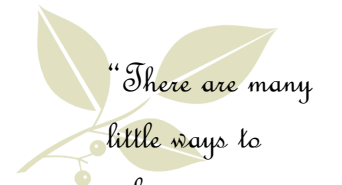
VIRGINIA MEMORY

Virginia Memory is part of the online presence of the Library of Virginia, the state archives and reference library at the seat of government for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Established in 1823, the Library maintains vast and varied col-

lections of print materials, manuscripts, archival records, newspapers, photographs and ephemera, maps and atlases, rare books, and fine art that tell the history of the Commonwealth and its people. Since the mid-1990s, the Library has

digitized parts of the collections in an effort to make materials more widely available to our online users.

For more information please go to: www.virginiamemory.com



“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.” -

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

LEARN TO CODE AT LADYSMITH

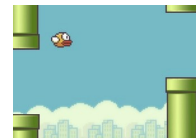
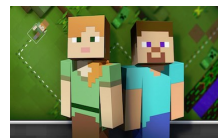
The holidays are fast approaching. The kids will be out of school and we have just the thing to keep them busy, their minds active, and learn a new skill.

Presenting Learn to Code

This program will be offered at the Ladysmith

branch from Tuesday, Dec. 27th until Friday, Dec. 30th from 1 - 2:30. Children, ages 7+, are invited to come and learn to code with Minecraft, Angry Birds, Flappy, and Star Wars. Space is limited to 12 participants so sign-up is required. Call the Lady-

smith branch at 448-0357 or stop by to sign-up your young coder for this wonderful program.





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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.

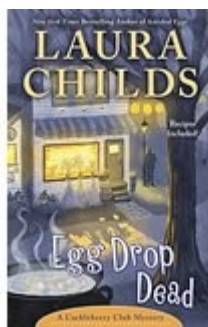
The Caroline Library strives to connect people with information via our collections, services and programs.

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

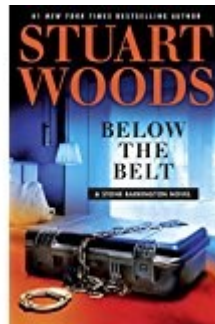
NEW TITLES COMING THIS WINTER

Coming in December

The Burning Page by Genevieve Cogman
Crown of Blood by Nicola Tallis
Curried Away by Gail Oust
Ms. Marvel 6 by G. Willow Wilson
Come and Get Us by James Patterson
Being Elvis by Ray Connolly
The Ice Beneath Her by Camilla Grebe
Horizon by Scott Westerfeld
Egg Drop Dead by Laura Childs
The Seventh Plague by James Rollins
Curtain of Death by W.E.B. Griffin
Island of Glass by Nora Roberts



Coming in January



Hidden by James Patterson
Behind Her Eyes by Sarah Pinborough
The Guests on South Battery by Karen White
Death's Mistress by Terry Goodkind
Carve the Mark by Veronica Roth
Clownfish Blues by Tim Dorsey
The Prisoner by Alex Berenson
The Old Man by Thomas Perry
Fatal by John T. Lescroart
The Mistress by Danielle Steel
Below the Belt by Stuart Woods
Copycat by Kimberla Lawson Roby

Coming in February

Sci-Fi Junior High by Scott Seeger
The Night Bird by Brian Freeman
The Turn by Kim Harrison
The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jennifer Ryan
I See You by Clare Mackintosh
Portraits of Courage by George W. Bush
Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman
Devil in Spring by Lisa Kleypas
Born of Vengeance by Sherrilyn Kenyon
Echoes in Death by J.D. Robb
Heartbreak Hotel by Jonathan Kellerman

