

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, & NOVEMBER 2023

# LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



## Go Back to School with HelpNow!

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The library has several helpful digital resources available for students, but one of the best is Brainfuse's HelpNow! HelpNow is a FREE, on demand, anytime, anywhere e-learning platform. Connect LIVE with a certified tutor, seven days a week between 2 and 11 pm, for assistance with assignments, research and writing. Also find practice tests, study plans, and more. Tutoring is available in English and Spanish and for all ages.

# Hello and Welcome!

Welcome to the Fall edition of Library Happenings. Fall is one of my favorite times of the year- not just because the cooler weather gives me a great excuse to stay home with a cozy book! Fall is also a time of celebrations. September marks the annual Library Card Sign Up month. It's a great time to sign up any friends or family who don't already have a library card. The library will also celebrate Blue Star Welcome Week- a week designed to make military feel welcome in the community (see page 4 for more info). And we'll end the autumn months by enjoying the rush of writing a 50,000 word novel in the 30 days of National Novel Writing Month or NaNoWriMo (see page 6). It will be a season of fun at the library for sure!

Hope to see you around the library soon!

*Megan Upshaw*  
Library Director



## Branch Closings

*Monday, September 4th*  
Labor Day

*Monday, October 9th*  
Indigenous Peoples' Day

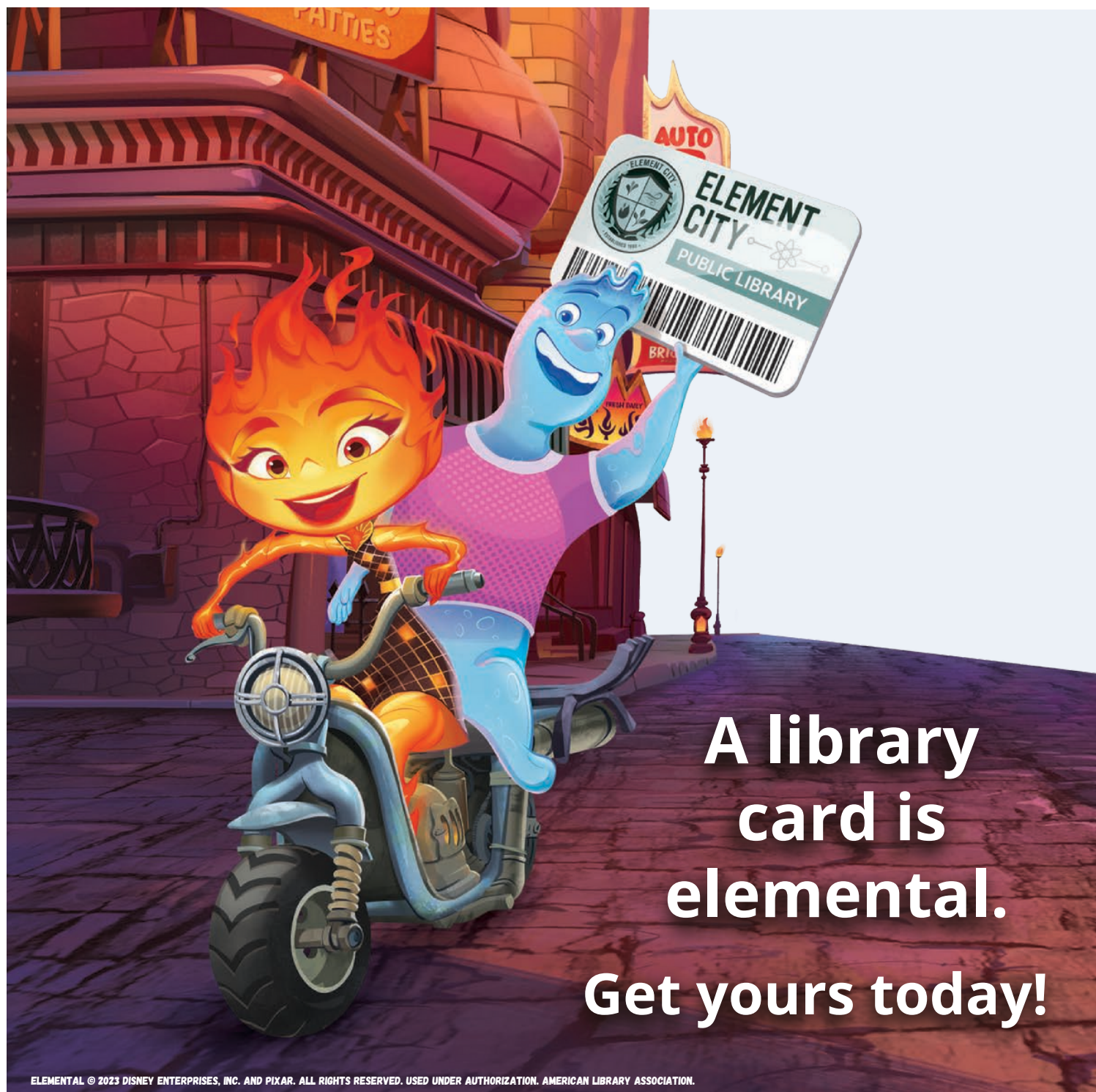
*Tuesday, November 7th*  
Election Day

*Friday, November 10th*  
Veterans Day

*Thursday, November 23rd &  
Friday, November 24th*  
Thanksgiving Holiday







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**SEPTEMBER IS  
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

**[ILOVELIBRARIES.ORG/LIBRARY-CARD](https://ilovelibraries.org/library-card)**



# Blue Star Welcome Week

September 23rd - October 1st

More than 70% of American military families live off base in their local civilian communities. However, many don't feel a strong sense of belonging to those communities. Let's change this by being the neighbors our military and Veteran families can count on!

Welcome new military families into our community right now and share your appreciation for their service and sacrifices during this year's #BlueStarWelcomeWeek from September 23rd - October 1st! Sign a virtual welcome card and get involved with @BlueStarFamilies today:

[bluestarwelcomeweek.org/](http://bluestarwelcomeweek.org/). The library will also have in-person activities and welcome messages in our branches. We'll also highlight our VetNow database online.



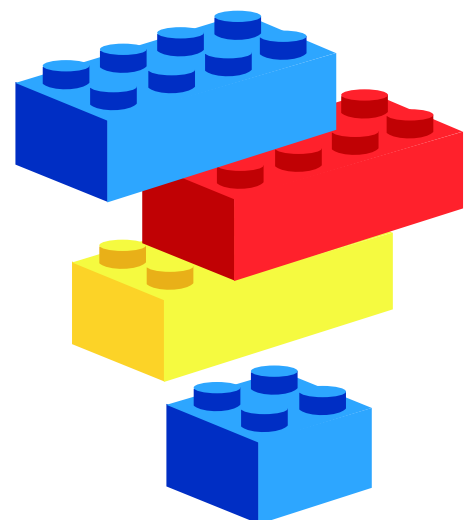
## Lego Club

*Thursdays at 5:00pm*

Ladysmith Branch

Ages 6 and up

Contact the branch at  
(804)448-0357 to sign up.



**Ladysmith Library**  
**Mother Goose**  
**Story Time**

**Ages Birth- 2 years old**  
**Tuesdays at 10:00am**

Enjoy a variety of stories and songs with your little one!  
Please call (804) 448- 0357 for more information.

**Ladysmith Library**  
**Preschool**  
**Story Time**

**Ages 3- 5 years old**  
**Thursdays at 10:00am**

Hear stories, sing songs, and create an awesome craft.  
Call (804) 448- 0357 for more information.

# Kids Programs



**Bowling Green**  
**Mother Goose**  
**Story Time**

**Ages Birth- 2 years old**  
**Thursdays at 9:30am**

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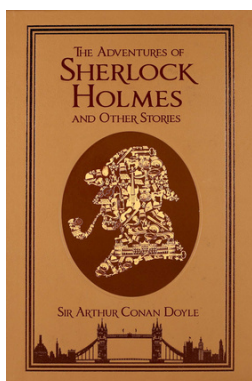
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# Adult Programs

## Ladysmith Book Club's Fall Picks



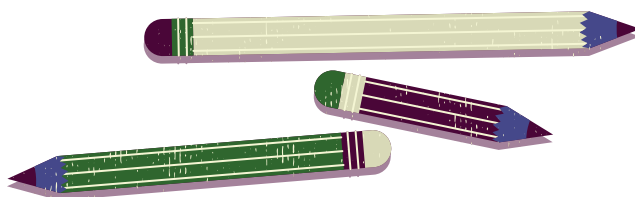
**Saturday, Sept. 9th**  
**1:00pm**  
**Ladysmith Branch**

**Choose Your  
Own Sherlock  
Holmes  
Sequel,  
Retelling,  
Spin-Off, etc.**

**Saturday, Oct. 14th**  
**1:00pm**  
**Ladysmith Branch**



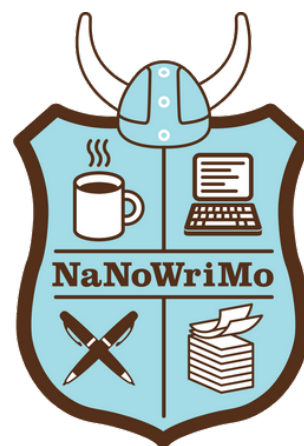
**Saturday, Nov. 18th**  
**1:00pm**  
**Ladysmith Branch**



## National Novel Writing Month

*This November at the Ladysmith Library*

Have you ever wanted to write a novel but were too afraid to try or thought you didn't have the time? Then November is the month for you! National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo, challenges you to write a 50,000 word novel in just 30 days. Join the Writers' Group for a month of writing and fun!



### Kickoff

**Nov. 1, 6:00pm**  
**Economic Development  
Conference Room**

### Mid-Month Check In

**Nov. 16, 6:30pm**  
**Ladysmith Branch**





### **Dawn Knitting and Crocheting Group**

*Wednesdays  
2:30- 4:30pm*

Some basic supplies provided and creations are donated to From the Heart Stitchers.



### **Ladysmith Creative Hands Group**

*Tuesdays at 10:00am*

Call the Ladysmith Branch at 804-448-0357 for more information.



### **Ladysmith Quilting Group**

*Mondays at 9:00am*

Call the Ladysmith Branch at 804-448-0357 for more information.



### **Ladysmith Adult Writing Group**

*Regular Meeting  
3rd Thursday of the month  
6:30pm*

*Writing Workshop  
1st Wednesday of the month  
6:00- 8:00pm*

*Economic Development  
Conference Room*

# **Craft & Hobby Groups for Adults**



# Caroline County Library

[www.carolinelibrary.org](http://www.carolinelibrary.org)

## **Bowling Green Branch**

17202 Richmond Turnpike

Milford, VA 22514

804-633-5455

Monday: 9:00am- 6:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am- 6:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am- 8:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am- 6:00pm

Friday: 9:00am- 6:00pm

## **Dawn Branch**

31046 Richmond Turnpike

Hanover, VA 23069

804-632-8341

Monday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

## **Ladysmith Branch**

7199 Clara Smith Drive

Ruther Glen, VA 22546

804-448-0357

Monday: 9:00am- 8:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am- 8:00pm

Friday: 9:00am- 5:00pm

2nd Saturday of the month:

9:00am- 3:00pm

## **Port Royal Branch**

419 King Street

Port Royal, VA 22535

804-742-5254

Monday: 9:00am- 2:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am- 2:00pm

Wednesday: 12:00pm- 5:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm- 5:00pm