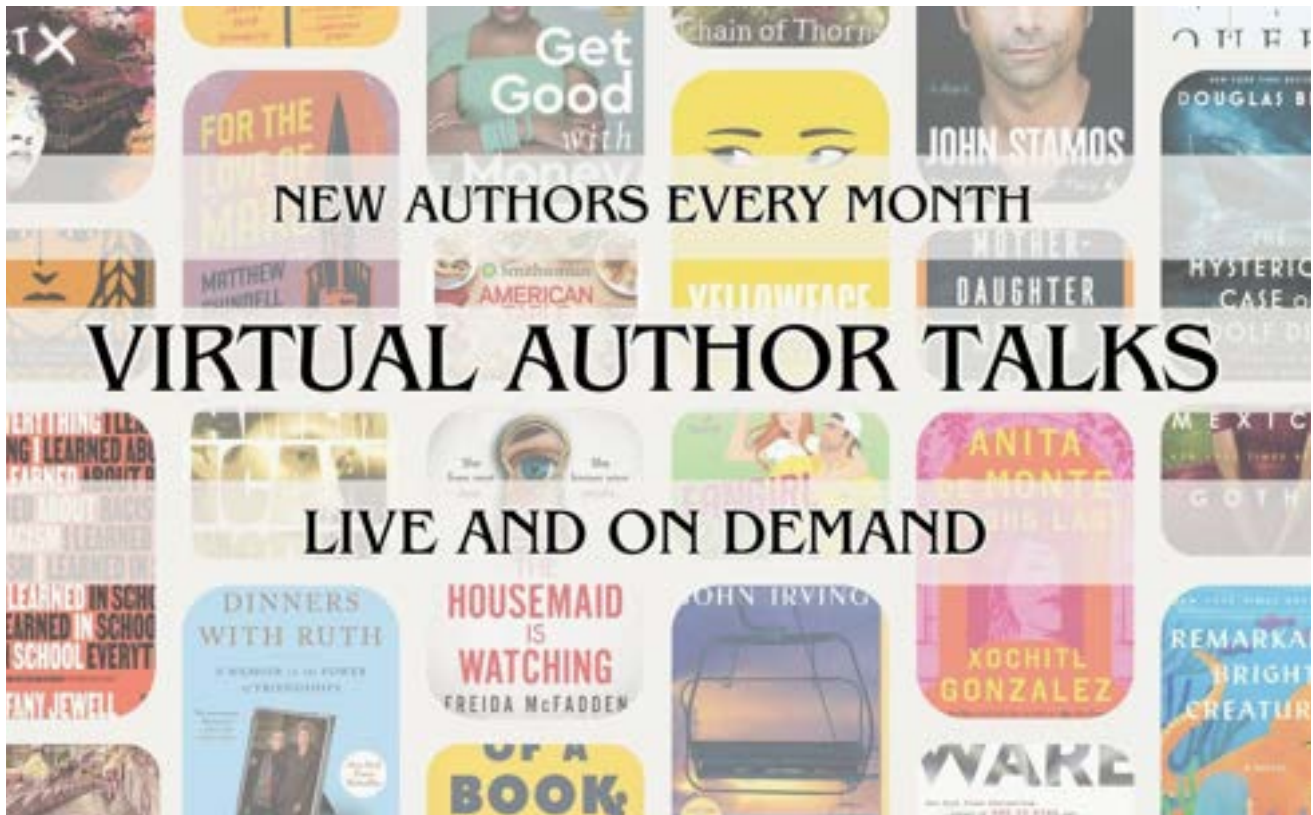


LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Caroline County Library is happy to announce a brand new online resource: Virtual Author Talks Live and On Demand, which is brought to us in partnership by the Library Speaker's Consortium! LSC offers a range of talks with bestselling authors and thought leaders. Webinars can be watched live or through archived recordings, which can be accessed on our website under Read/Listen/Watch in the Digital Resources tab.

Hello and Welcome!

Hello all and welcome to the winter edition of the library newsletter! Winter may have some terrible weather, but it is a great time in the library. If you prefer staying inside when it's cold, we've got great new releases and electronic resources you don't even have to come into your local branch to check out. You can even attend an author talk from the comfort of your own home with our new Library Speakers Consortium (LSC) programming (see pages 1 & 10 for more information). If too much time

indoors gives you cabin fever, we've got plenty of programs at our library branches this winter. Back by popular demand, Paint Nights will be returning to the Bowling Green branch and the Ladysmith branch will host a craft night for adults (see page 8). There are also some new teen programs at the Ladysmith branch, as well as our ongoing story time programs for younger kids (see pages 3- 5). Whatever you're feeling this winter, we have something for you at Caroline County Library!

Megan Upshaw
Library Director

Branch Closings

Tuesday, December 24
Closed Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25
Closed Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1
Closed New Years Day

Monday, January 20
Closed for Martin
Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 17
Closed for President's Day

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**
Happy New Year

Children's Storytime!

Mother Goose Storytime

Ages 0-2

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Ladysmith Branch

Thursdays at 9:30 AM

Bowling Green Branch

Preschool Storytime

Ages 2-5

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Ladysmith Branch

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Bowling Green Branch

*Bowling Green Storytime canceled December 26th
Storytime will resume as scheduled in January*

Dawn Storytime

All Ages

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Dawn Branch



Fine Motor Skills



Ages 2-5
Second & Fourth
Wednesdays
at 10:00 AM
Ladysmith Branch

LEGO Club



Ages 6+
Every Thursday
at 5:00 PM
Ladysmith Branch
LEGOs are provided!



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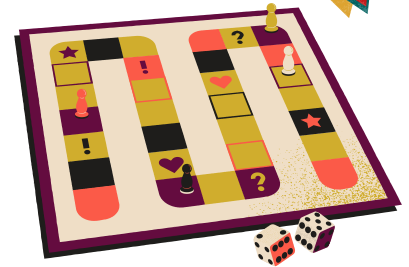
Caroline's newest STEM/STEAM learning activity is a large-scale, loose parts building and engineering kit that promotes hands-on free-play and teamwork.

Caroline Tourism authored the grant with Change X to be used in partnership with the Caroline County Library and Parks and Recreation.

Upcoming events to be announced!

Winter Teen Programs

Ages 13-18



Teen Library Council

**Wednesday,
December 18th
at 5:30 PM**

Ladysmith
Branch

Chill Art Day

**Wednesday,
January 15th
at 5:30 PM**

Ladysmith
Branch

Board Game Day

**Wednesday,
February 19th
at 5:30 PM**

Ladysmith
Branch



Ages 14-18

**Monday,
December 9th
at 5:30 PM**

Ladysmith
Branch

**Monday,
January 13th
at 5:30 PM**

Ladysmith
Branch

**Monday,
February 10th
at 5:30 PM**

Ladysmith
Branch



Beanstack

Upcoming Challenges:



Reading Wrap-Up
December 2024



Be a Reading Machine
January 2025



Your Next Chapter
2025 Year Long Reading Challenge

Did you know? The Beanstack app is a simple tool designed to make reading fun by introducing challenges, allowing you to easily track your reading progress, set reading goals, and earn rewards!

Scan the QR code below to download the app today and start tracking your reading goals!



Adult Crafts Groups

Quilting Group

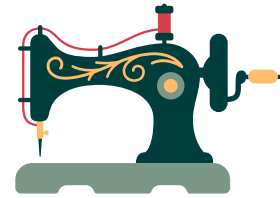
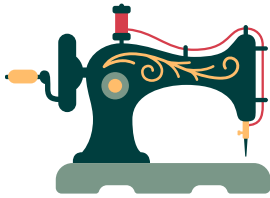
Mondays at 9:00 AM
Ladysmith Branch

Creative Hands

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM
Ladysmith Branch

Knitting & Crocheting Group

Wednesdays at 2:30 PM
Dawn Branch



**A class for looking to learn how to sew or
for those who need help with their sewing projects.**

**Please sign up by visiting the Bowling Green Branch or
calling (804) 633-5455. Class size is limited to 8.**

*Sew, Let's Sew
canceled
December 14th*

**Saturday,
January 18th
9AM - 1PM**
Bowling Green
Branch

**Saturday,
February 15th
9AM - 1PM**
Bowling Green
Branch

Adult Crafts Groups Cont.

Sparkling Holiday Decoration

Saturday, December 7th
10:30-11:30 am

Please sign up by visiting the
Ladysmith Branch or calling
(804) 448-0357. Capacity is
limited to 12.



Paint Night

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Adults & Children 8+

Please sign up by visiting the
Bowling Green Branch or
calling (804) 633-5455.
Capacity is limited to 20.

Wednesday,
December 11th
at 5:30 PM

Bowling Green
Branch

Wednesday,
January 8th
at 5:30 PM

Bowling Green
Branch

Wednesday,
February 12th
at 5:30 PM

Bowling Green
Branch

Adult Writing Group

“The Caroline Wordsmith Society”

Writing Workshop

First Wednesday of the Month

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Economic Development

Conference Room at the

Caroline County Visitor’s Center



Regular Meeting

Fourth Monday of the Month

5:30 PM–8:00 PM

Ladysmith Branch

Meeting Room

*Writing Group Regular
Meeting Canceled
December 23rd*



One-On-One Computer Classes

We offer FREE one-on-one computer classes for adults at the Ladysmith Branch! By appointment only! Call the Ladysmith Branch at (804) 448-0357 for more information.

Virtual Author Talks Live and On Demand



Upcoming Author Talks



- Dec 4, 2024** 2:00 PM ET Jeff Post (NMNH) for The Smithsonian National Gem Collection, author of *Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels* (2021)
- Dec 11, 2024** 2:00 PM ET Laura Dave, author of *The Night We Lost Him* (2024)
- Jan 15, 2025** 7:00 PM ET T.J. Klune, author of *Somewhere Beyond the Sea* (2024)
- Jan 23, 2025** 2:00 PM ET Amanda Montell, author of *The Age of Magical Overthinking: Notes On Modern Irrationality* (2024)
- Jan 28, 2025** 1:00 PM ET Seth Fishman, VP and Literary Agent at Gernert Company, presenting on publishing process
- Feb 4, 2025** 2:00 PM ET Sabrina Sholts, Director of the Smithsonian Institution Bio-Imaging Research (SIBIR) Center, author of *The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemics, from Our Bodies to Our Beliefs* (2024)
- Feb 11, 2025** 7:00 PM ET Waubgeshig Rice, author of *Moon of the Turning Leaves* (2023)
- Feb 18, 2025** 2:00 PM ET Lee Hawkins, author of *I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family's History Set Me Free* (2025)

Ladysmith Book Club



Holiday Books
Reader's Choice

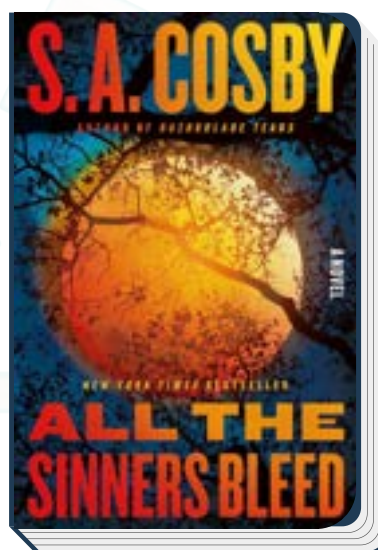
**Saturday, December
21st at 11:00 AM**
Ladysmith Branch

Gift Books
Reader's Choice

**Saturday, January
11th at 1:00 PM**
Common Grounds
Coffee Shop

*All The Sinners
Bleed* (2023)
by S.A. Cosby

**Saturday, February
8th at 1:00 PM**
Common Grounds
Coffee Shop





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www.carolinelibrary.org

Bowling Green Branch

17202 Richmond Turnpike
Milford, VA 22514
(804) 633-5455

MON: 9:00AM-6:00PM
TUE: 9:00AM-6:00PM
WED: 9:00AM-8:00PM
THUR: 9:00AM-5:00PM
FRI: 9:00AM-5:00PM
SAT: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Ladysmith Branch

7199 Clara Smith Street
Ruther Glen, VA 22546
(804) 448-0357

MON: 9:00AM-7:00PM
TUE: 9:00AM-7:00PM
WED: 9:00AM-7:00PM
THUR: 9:00AM-7:00PM
FRI: 9:00AM-5:00PM
SAT: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Dawn Branch

31046 Richmond Turnpike
Hanover, VA 23069
(804) 632-8341

MON: 9:00AM-6:00PM
TUE: 9:00AM-5:00PM
WED: 9:00AM-5:00PM
THUR: 9:00AM-5:00PM
FRI: 9:00AM-5:00PM

Port Royal Branch

419 King Street
Port Royal, VA 22535
(804) 742-5254

MON: 9:00AM-2:00PM
TUE: 9:00AM-2:00PM
WED: 11:00AM-5:00PM
SAT: 9:00AM-1:00PM