

MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2026

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2026 Reading BINGO

January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

25 Squares ★ BINGO Prizes* ★ Grand Prize Drawing**



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Challenge yourself to explore and use a wide range of items and resources from our library collection as part of the year-long 2026 Reading Bingo Challenge! Starting in January, patrons who are interested can pick up BINGO cards at their local branch. A total of 25 squares offer a variety of ways to achieve BINGO. Patrons are able to claim BINGO a total of three (3) times*, wherein they will receive a small prize. However, completing the full card will earn you an entry in a grand prize drawing**. Make sure to stop by your local branch to pick up a BINGO card with the full explanation of rules and resources on the back!

Hello and Welcome

Welcome from the Director

Hello and welcome to Caroline County Library! Punxutawney Phil may have predicted a few more weeks of winter this year, but we're definitely moving toward spring at the library. I'm not sure about you, but this time of year makes me feel like I'm ready to take on new projects and crafts. The library has quite a few creative groups that you can join, like Paint Night at Bowling Green (page 6) and the knitting and crocheting group at Dawn (page 5). If you're looking to up your sewing game, Carolyn will be holding a two-part Applique class on April 18th and 25th. Sign-up is required and spaces are limited, so reach out to the Ladysmith branch if you're interested and able to attend both sessions (page 5). If the new project you're looking for is a new book or a new genre, you can join the Ladysmith Book Club (page 7) or a monthly Beanstack challenge to push yourself or find a new favorite (page 4). You should also challenge yourself to visit a different branch than usual. The Port Royal branch would be a great little day trip as it's located in the historic Town Hall building and is just a few blocks away from the Rappahannock River.

Springtime is also synonymous with tax season at the library. AARP tax preparers will be at the Bowling Green branch until April 8th, so if you'd like to make an appointment, it's best to do it as soon as possible. Library staff are available to make those required appointments and give out tax packets whenever the library is open, but please remember that we are not tax professionals and cannot answer your questions.

Here's to warmer temperatures and more fun at the library. We hope to see you here soon!

Megan Upshaw
Library Director

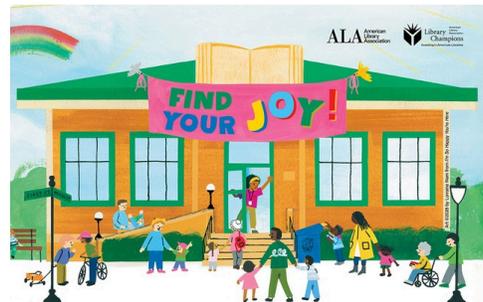
Branch Closings

April 21, 2026

Dawn & Port Royal
CLOSED
Special Election

May 28, 2026

All Branches
CLOSED
Memorial Day



Celebrate
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK**

April 19-25, 2026

The Dinosaurs are Coming!

A blue dinosaur with a book and a fossil. The dinosaur is standing on a small patch of ground with a book and a fossil. The text "UNEARTH A STORY" is written in large, bold, green letters. Below it, "SUMMER READING 2026" is written in smaller, bold, green letters. At the bottom, "COMING SOON TO CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY" is written in bold, black letters.

**UNEARTH
A STORY™**
SUMMER READING 2026
**COMING SOON TO
CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY**

Children's Storytime!



Mother Goose Storytime

Ages 0-2. Stories, songs and rhymes for babies and toddlers with their caregiver.

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Ladysmith Branch

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Bowling Green Branch



Preschool Storytime

Ages 2-5. Stories, crafts and more for young children with their parent and/or guardian.

Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Ladysmith Branch

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Bowling Green Branch



Family Storytime

All Ages. Stories and a craft.

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Dawn Branch



Dawn Monthly Scavenger Hunt

Join us at the Dawn Branch each month for a themed scavenger hunt. Find all the pictures and get a sticker as a prize!

Children & Teen Programs

LEGO Club

Ages 6+. Participate in themed building challenges or free build. LEGOs are provided.



Every Thursday
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Ladysmith Branch

Teen Writing Group

Ages 13-17. Join us at the Ladysmith Branch for our monthly meeting. Share your drafts of your creative writing and help one another to improve your skills!



Second Mondays
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Ladysmith Branch

Experience **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) based activities, practical skills, games and more at the **Ladysmith Branch!**



Kidz Corner
(Ages 6-8)

Second Tuesdays
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Tween Hideout
(Ages 9-12)

Fourth Tuesdays
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Teen Hangout
(Ages 13-17)

Third Wednesdays
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Beanstack

Track your reading and participate in reading challenges on your mobile device with the Beanstack Tracker app.

Scan the QR Code to download the app!



Upcoming Challenges:



Month of March:
IditaRead



Month of April:
April Library Love



Month of May:
Teacher Appreciation Month

Adult Craft & Hobby Groups

Creative Hands

Explore a variety of crafts.
Supplies not provided. For more
information call the Ladysmith
Branch at (804) 448-0357.

Every Wednesday
1 PM - 3 PM
Ladysmith Branch

Knitting and **Crocheting Group**

Learn to knit or crochet with
instruction at the Dawn Branch!
A few basic supplies are available.
For more information call the
Dawn Branch at (804) 632-8341.

Every Wednesday
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Dawn Branch



NEW!

Applique Class

Limit of 6, sign up is required.
Both sessions need to be attended.

Learn three methods of applique,
raw, freezer paper and interfacing
to complete a small project.

Saturday, April 18th & 25th
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Ladysmith Branch

Quilting Group

Experienced quilters work on
projects of their own.
Instructions are not provided.
For more information call the
manager of the Ladysmith Branch
at (804) 448-0357.

Every Monday
9 AM - 2 PM
Ladysmith Branch

Adult Craft & Hobby Groups Cont.

Paint Night: Unbound

Ages 18+. Create a painting of your choice. No specific stencils will be given, however previous stencils and example printouts will be available. Feel free to bring your own project or idea!

Canvases, paintbrushes & paints provided. Smocks not provided. Space is limited. Sign up required. Visit or call the Bowling Green Branch at (804) 633-5455 to sign up!



March 11, 2026 5 PM - 7:30 PM
Bowling Green Branch

Please note, if you are more than 15 minutes late, then you forfeit your spot and will not be able to participate. No participants or guests under 18.

Adult Writing Group

Ages 21+. Love to write? Would you like to meet other writers? Come explore your inner author with other members of the Caroline Wordsmith Society. No matter what genre you like to write, all are welcome!

All meetings are held in the Economic Development Conference Room at the Caroline County Visitor's Center.

* **PLEASE NOTE:** The May regular meeting has been moved to Monday, May 18th.



Regular Meeting*

Fourth Monday of the Month
6PM—8PM

Writing Workshop

First Wednesday of the Month
6PM—8PM

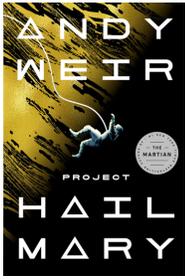
Online Digital Resources

Be sure to check out our digital resources on our website for access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, vidoes, educational resources and more! Find all our digital resources on our website under the Digital Resources tab, or scan the QR code to get started!

<https://carolinelibrary.org/digital-resources/>



Ladysmith Book Club



March 7, 2026
1:00 PM

Project Hail Mary (2021)
by Andy Weir

Common Ground Coffee Shop



April 11, 2026
1:00 PM

The Stolen Queen (2025)
by Fiona Davis

Common Ground Coffee Shop



May 16, 2026
1:00 PM

Sunrise on the Reaping (2025)
by Suzanne Collins

Common Ground Coffee Shop

Did You Know?

Caroline County Library offers patrons a collection of ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines as part of our partnership with [Southern Virginia Libraries United Electronically](#) (SOVALUE).

Read or listen online or in the [Libby App](#) with your library card. A PIN number is required to login, which can be setup in-person or over the phone at any Caroline County Library branch!



Virtual Author Talks Live and On Demand, 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 by following the link or scanning the QR code below. Follow our [Facebook](#) for updates on upcoming talks.

A banner with a teal background. On the left, there is an illustration of a hand holding a smartphone over a laptop screen displaying a bookshelf. To the right, the text 'VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS' is written in large, white, bold letters. Below this, 'Live and On Demand' is written in a smaller, teal font. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the banner area.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Live and On Demand

Scan the QR code or visit <https://libraryc.org/carolinelibrary> to sign up for future talks or to watch previous ones on demand.





CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY

www.carolinelibrary.org

Bowling Green Branch

17202 Richmond Turnpike
Milford, VA 22514

Phone: (804) 633-5455

FAX: (804) 633-9069

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

Phone: (804) 448-0357

FAX: (804) 448-3124

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

Phone: (804) 632-8341

FAX: (804) 280-0074

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

Phone: (804) 742-5254

FAX: (804) 742-5263

MON: 9:00AM-2:00PM

TUE: 9:00AM-2:00PM

WED: 11:00AM-5:00PM

SAT: 9:00AM-1:00PM



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