

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

CAROLINE COUNTY LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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With summer coming to a close, school starting back up, and the prospect of cooler weather on the horizon, Caroline County Library is excited to share our love of books! This September, stop by your favorite branch and help us celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month. Whether you're looking to get your first library card with us or replace your old one, library staff at one of our four branches will be more than happy to assist you on your reading journey! Even if you already have a card with us, be sure to stop by to take a look at our catalogue or explore our digital resources online. Happy reading!

Branch Closings

Mon. September 7

All Branches

CLOSED

Labor Day

Mon. October 12

All Branches

CLOSED

Columbus Day

Tues. November 3

All Branches

CLOSED

Election Day

Wed. November 11

All Branches

CLOSED

Veteran's Day

Wed. November 25

All Branches

CLOSING AT 12PM

Thurs. November 26

- Sat. November 28

All Branches

CLOSED

Thanksgiving Holiday
and Black Friday

Welcome From The Director

Hello everyone and welcome to the Fall 2026 edition of Library Happenings! Fall is a great time to visit the library. The madness of summer reading is over, but plenty of programs and activities are still available. This includes some new programs, such as UNO Family Game Night, STEAM Workshop, Bedtime Stories, and Adult Sew-In, as well as some returning favorites like Paint Night, Sew, Let's Sew, and Watercolor Pencil Workshops for tweens, teens and adults! We'll also be hosting an informative Scam Prevention Seminar sponsored by the AARP in September.

If the cooling weather makes you want to stay at home instead, there are plenty of options for you too! New books are arriving all the time, in our physical branches and our online one too. And if you've got too much homework to have fun with the library, we can help you with that too. Check out our online databases, especially Homework HelpNow, where you can look up information and get tutoring help as well.

Come out and see what the library has in store for you this fall!



Megan Upshaw
Library Director

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 3-5. 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



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 September
Fall Into Reading



Month of October
Hallow-Read



Month of November
Read Grateful

Youth Programs

Monthly Scavenger Hunt

All Ages. Participate in themed monthly scavenger hunts throughout the library. Find all the images and get a small prize!
Every Month | Passive Activity | Bowling Green and Dawn Branches

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

Bedtime Stories **New!**

All Ages. Enjoy stories to delight and calm your kids in their pj's!
Every Second Wednesday | 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM | Ladysmith Branch

STEAM Workshop **New!**

Ages 10+. Participate in group building challenges using a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) kits and activities. Challenges will range in difficulty. All materials provided. Sign-up required.

Every Third Wednesday

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM | Bowling Green Branch

Water Color Pencil Workshop - Autumn Scene **New!**

Ages 10-16. Learn to blend, layer, and create stunning effects with these versatile tools. Perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike, these sessions cover techniques and tips to bring your artwork to life. Sign-up required.

Saturday, September 12th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Ladysmith Branch



With school back in session, we'd like to remind patrons that we offer free access to educational resources, videos, homework help and more! Find all our digital resources on our website under the Digital Resources tab or scan the QR Code for direct access. <https://carolinelibrary.org/digital-resources/>

Family & Other Misc. Programs

UNO Family Game Night **New!**

Stop by the library and enjoy a game of Uno! Challenge yourself or your friends. The game (and the rules) are up to you! Sign up required. Visit or call (804) 633-5455 for more information.

Every Third Monday in September - November

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Bowling Green Branch

Mini Pumpkin Painting **New!**

Ages 6+. Join us on Halloween to decorate a mini artificial pumpkin! Children and adults welcome.

Sign-up required.

Saturday, October 31st

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bowling Green Branch

Banned Books Silent Read-In **New!**

The Caroline County Library will be hosting a silent read-in to celebrate Banned Books week on October 6th at the Bowling Green Library.

Banned Books Week is an annual event to celebrate everyone's freedom to read and falls on October 4th through 10th. This event will be held in partnership with the [Virginia Library Association](#), [Libro.fm](#), and [Silent Book Club](#). Look out for additional information as we get closer to Banned Books Week!

Tuesday, October 6th

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Bowling Green Branch



Adult Programs

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 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Ladysmith Branch

Creative Hands

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

Every Wednesday | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Ladysmith Branch

Dawn 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

Adult Paint Night

Create an acrylic painting! Stencils and example printouts available. Feel free to bring your own project or idea! Painting materials provided. Smocks not provided.

Sign-up required. For more information or to sign up, visit the Bowling Green Branch or call (804) 633-5455.

Every Second Wednesday | Bowling Green Branch



Note: *Caroline County Library will be closed the second Wednesday of November in observance of Veteran's Day. The November session will instead be on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.*

Adult Sew-In **New!**

An open sewing workshop. Bring a project to work on and socialize. Assistance is available if needed.

Every Third Saturday | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Ladysmith Branch

Adult Programs Cont.

Adult Water Color Pencil Workshop - Landscape Scene **New!**

Learn to blend, layer, and create stunning effects with these versatile tools. Perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike, these sessions cover techniques and tips to bring your artwork to life. Sign Up required. For more information call the manager of the Ladysmith Branch at (804) 448-0357.

Monday, September 15th

5:50 PM - 6:45 PM | Ladysmith Branch

AARP Scam Prevention Seminar **New!**

Join an IRS instructor to learn how to avoid falling prey to identity theft and a vast array of tax-related scams. Sponsored by the AARP.

Wednesday, September 23rd

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Ladysmith Branch



Sew, Let's Sew - For Beginners **New!**

Three continuous sessions. Learn about machine basics, trouble-shooting, buying fabric, notions and sewing small projects.

Session 1: Saturday, Sept. 26th

Session 2: Saturday, Oct. 3rd

Session 3: Saturday, Oct. 10th

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Ladysmith Branch



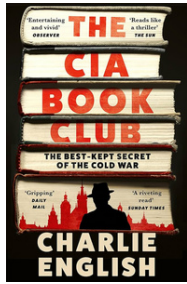
Scandinavian Ornament **New!**

Create an ornament for the holidays, with no sewing required! Make one to keep and one to give to brighten someone's day.

Saturday, November 7th

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Ladysmith Branch

Ladysmith Book Club



September 12, 2026 | 1:00 PM

The CIA Book Club: The Secret Mission to Win the Cold War with Forbidden Literature (2025)

by Charlie English

Common Grounds Coffee Shop



October 10, 2026 | 1:00 PM

A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping (2025)

by Sangu Mandanna

Common Grounds Coffee Shop



November 14, 2026 | 1:00 PM

Anne of a Different Island (2026)

by Virginia Kantra

Common Grounds 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.



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

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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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