

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

Ruby B. Archie Public Library

News, Programs, and Events



July - August 2023

MEET LUNA!

Hello there, marvelous little earthlings! I am Luna, your extraordinary, enchanting, and utterly adorable stuffed moon friend! Floating down from the starry skies just to meet you and sprinkle some literary magic your way! Why, you may ask? Well, I've been chosen as the fabulous mascot for this summer's reading challenge, and I'm here to whisk you away on an incredible journey through the captivating world of books!

Now, my dear curious minds, let me tell you a secret that makes my heart glow brighter than the sun—reading is the key that unlocks countless wonders and transports you to places you've never even dreamed of!

From exploring lush jungles to zooming through space or embarking on daring quests, books have the power to ignite your imagination and set your spirits soaring.

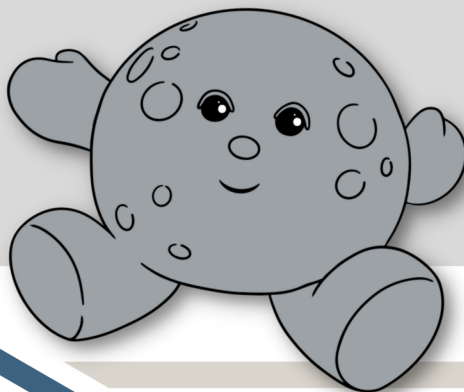
So, my lovable bookworms, let's make this summer shine with the radiance of a thousand constellations! Let's embark on a reading journey filled with joy, laughter, and endless treasures of knowledge. Remember, there's a whole universe of stories waiting to be discovered, and I, Luna, your faithful friend, am here to guide you every step of the way.

So, join me at the library, and let's explore the boundless realms of imagination! Together, we'll conquer reading challenges, explore new worlds through activities, participate in stellar programs and make this summer the most extraordinary one yet!

Are you ready? Buckle up, my magnificent little earthlings, because we're about to embark on a wild ride through the pages of wonder!

With love and moonlit cuddles,

Luna



SUMMER READING

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

"To the Library and Beyond!"

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Downloading the **Beanstack** app makes it super easy to keep track of your Summer Reading goals! Simply download the app from the app store.

Find the **Ruby B. Archie Library site.**

Register for an account or sign in if you have participated in previous challenges!

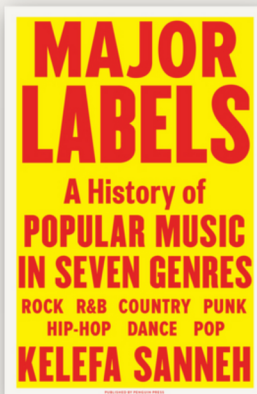


Join the the Ruby B. Archie Library's Summer Reading Challenge!

You can keep track of your reading by adding titles once you're finished or setting timers! **Earn badges by achieving your reading goals and completing activities!**

Once you've completed the challenge, come by the library to collect your prizes!

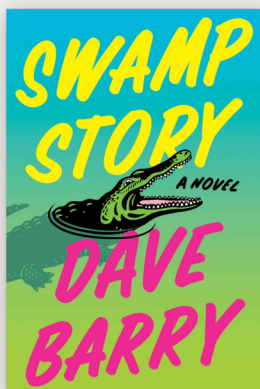
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS



I know most people's idea of a summer read is a light-hearted beach romance or an action-packed thriller, but the non-fiction section needs love too! Kelefa Sanneh's *Major Labels: A History of Popular Music in Seven Genres* is a great choice for anyone who's curious about what the world of non-fic has to offer.

This book looks at how different genres of music started, how they evolved over time, and how they continue to impact the world today. Throughout the book, Sanneh's tone feels less like reading a history book and more like listening to a friend tell you about their favorite artists and albums. If you love music and are curious about the way that popular culture and history have shaped each other, then venture into the non-fiction section and check out this fun and informative book!

Andrew Lynch, Information Specialist



Dave Barry's *Swamp Story* called to me from the top of the book pile the day it came into the library. The jacket promised chaos and it did not disappoint. The story features a get-rich-quick scheme, a reality TV wannabe, an unemployed newspaperman, and a giant Dora the Explorer costume

head. If that is not a recipe for adventure, I don't know how to cook one up. This book was a fantastic mindless romp through the Florida Everglades with more twists and turns than a python wrestling an alligator. Although I could predict the exact moment when trouble would hit, I had a fantastic time.

Russell Carter, Library Director

PATRON SPOTLIGHT



A talented artist, Mrs. Amparo V. Hutchinson used many library resources while creating the beautiful portrait she is seen holding above. Mrs. Hutchinson checked out a variety of books and library staff aided her in printing reference materials. The library is so proud to have talented patrons like Mrs. Hutchinson!

INTERSTELLAR SUMMER READING PARTY





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- **June 1 - July 31**

Whodunit Book Club

From cozy mysteries to intense thrillers, we will discuss all the twists and turns, and theories we have along the way. Join us for a thought-provoking discussion and meet other mystery lovers in the community. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, July 6**
 - **Arsenic and Adobo by Mia P. Manansala**
- **Thursday, August 3**
 - **The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley**

Classic Movie Club

Classic movies tell us stories of love, adventure, intrigue and so much more. Enjoy a classic movie viewing with a discussion after the film. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Saturday, July 8**
 - **Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope (1977)**

Zodiac-Themed Craft

Celebrate your sign by creating a unique craft representing your zodiac symbol. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, July 10**

The Write Stuff – Writers Group

If you love writing, join us for inspiration, encouragement, and feedback. Bring what you are working on to share with the group or just come to discuss your craft. All genres and writing styles are welcome. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Tuesdays, July 11, 25, and August 8**

Puzzlers Club

Put your thinking caps on and join us to discuss and decode ciphers, riddles, and logic puzzles. Email millerm@danvilleva.gov to submit your own brain teasers for the group to solve. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursdays, July 13 and August 17**

Book Lovers Club

If you love to discuss your favorite books but don't always have time to complete a specific book for book club, this group is for you. Share your favorite titles with other readers in the community. We promise you will leave with a list of great books to read. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, July 17**

Cosmic Crafts: Tweens versus Adults

Join us for some out-of-this-world crafts. Try your hand at painting on tiny canvases and creating masterpieces out of buttons. Tween and adult sessions will be held in separate locations. Ages 12 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, July 20**
 - **Galactic Tiny Art Show**

Unrequired Reading – Classics Book Club

We all learned about the classics in high school. Let's read them again just for fun! Join our discussion for a fresh perspective on these enduring tales. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, July 24**
 - **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams**
- **Monday, August 21**
 - **The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

UFO Night - Un-Finished Objects

Come craft with friends and fellow crafters. Bring a craft you are already working on or complete past adult arts and crafts projects you may have missed, based on availability, first come first serve. You will have access to general craft supplies such as glue, scissors, sharpies, and more. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**
• **Thursday, July 27**

Adult Arts and Crafts

Unwind from your day with a relaxing arts and crafts project. Let your creativity shine to create a cute craft or inspiring art piece. Bring your friends and meet new ones. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**
• **Thursdays, August 10 and 24**

De-Stress Night

Join us for an evening of relaxed fun to unwind. Enjoy coloring, candle-making, and hot beverages. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Auditorium **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**
• **Monday, August 14**

Walking with The Write Stuff

Walk with us for all the “write” reasons. Inviting all novelists, playwrights, poets, and assorted scribblers. Meet fellow writers and commune with nature. Exercise your body and mind and get inspired by the beauty of nature around you. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Anglers Park **Tuesday, August 15** **No fee**
• **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**



Customized Computer Class

Whether you are struggling with technology or want to become more acquainted with computers, we can help. Schedule a session to receive one-on-one assistance with library resources, smartphones, email, apps, and minor technology issues. Sessions will be scheduled Monday through Friday, subject to availability. Please allow 48 hours advance notice. Call (434) 799-5195.

CHECK THIS OUT!



Stargazing Kits

Peer into the great beyond with our stargazing kit. Each kit contains items to help you and your family learn about the universe while enjoying a night under the stars. Kits may be checked out for one week. Visit readdanvilleva.org or call (434) 799-5195 for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Youth Dungeons & Dragons

Solve puzzles, defeat the monsters, and discover treasure along the way. All experience levels are welcome. This is a 5th edition game. First time participants receive a free set of dice. Snacks are provided. Saturday sessions include lunch. Grades 6-12. Space is limited. Register by the Monday before the program. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **No fee**
• **Mondays, July 3 and August 7**
 • **4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**
• **Saturdays, July 15 and August 12**
 • **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

TO REGISTER FOR ANY LIBRARY PROGRAM, CALL 434-799-5195



Astrology 101 for Teens

Go beyond your horoscope in this introduction to astrology. Join us to learn about planetary archetypes and houses of the zodiac. Learn about the sun, moon, and rising signs, planets, and houses. You'll also discover some book recommendations and enjoy an astrological craft. Ages 11-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. No fee

- Monday, July 10

Bookworms: Tween Book Club

Talk about our book of the month and get to know your fellow bookworms! A free copy of the book will be given out to the first newcomer to register a month before the meeting. Snacks provided. Grades 5-8. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. No fee

- Wednesday, July 12
 - Stowaway by John David Anderson

Overbooked: Teen Book Club

Meet new friends and discuss a great book! A free copy of the book will be given out to the first newcomer to register a month before the meeting. Grades 9-12. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. No fee

- Wednesday, July 19
 - Reclaim the Stars: 17 Tales Across Realms & Space edited by Zoraida Córdova

Cosmic Crafts: Tweens versus Adults

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Auditorium 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. No fee

- Thursday, July 20
 - Galactic Tiny Art Show

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board is a way for teens to have a voice at the library and help others in their community. TAB goals include promoting library services, helping library staff develop teen programs and strong young adult book collections, and creating youth-led service projects. Grades 6-12. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. No fee

- Fridays, July 28 and August 25

Among Us: Life Size Edition

Can you keep your spaceship together until your return to Earth? Complete tasks around the library while avoiding Imposters – the safety of your Crewmates depends on you! Pizza dinner will be provided. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. No fee

- Friday, July 28

Tween Craft Night

Join us for a night of crafts, music, and snacks. Bring your friends and make new ones. Ages 10-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. No fee

- Wednesday, August 9
 - Paint and Sip Night



Storytellers: Creative Writing 101

Are you a tween who's creative and loves to write? Explore and foster your creative voice through writing prompts and exercises. Covering short stories, poetry, prose, non-fiction, and more, writers will be able to share their work and collaborate with others in a relaxed workshop environment. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. No fee

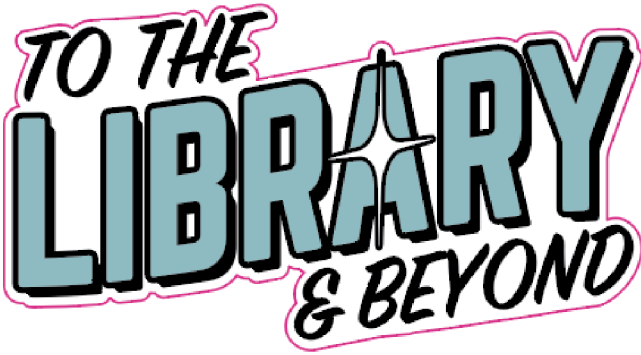
- Tuesday, August 15

Teen Takeover

After-hours at the library is for teens-only! Play video games with friends, make slime, have nerf battles, eat pizza, and more. Grades 6-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Teen Space 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. No fee

- Friday, August 25



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June 1 - July 31

LEGO Brick Engineers

Make your own LEGO brick creation to meet this month's creative challenge. Bricks provided, imagination required. All LEGO models will be displayed in the children's department. Ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**

- Mondays, July 3 and August 7

Adopt an Alien

Greetings Earthlings! These aliens are in need of new homes to learn our human ways. Design and create your own alien hand puppet to take home. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- Wednesday, July 5

Mad Scientists

Put your goggles and lab coats on and explore components of STEAM through hands-on demonstrations, experiments, and crafts. Ages 8 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** **No fee**

- Thursday, July 6
 - Extraterrestrial Exploration
- Thursday, August 3
 - Wooden Car Derby

Planetary Scavenger Hunt

Mercury and all his planet buddies are hiding in the River District. Can you find all of them? Using the Distrx app, follow clues left by the Ruby B. Archie Library and the River District Association staff to locate each of the planets and claim your prize. The scavenger hunt will be active on Saturday, July 8 between 10am and 1pm. Simply download the Distrx app on your mobile device, find the 'Planetary Scavenger Hunt' game (make sure that your sound and Bluetooth are on and that the app is able to use data), and start playing! This program does not require registration and is open to all ages. Call (434) 799-5195 for more information.

River District **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** **No fee**

- Saturday, July 8

Little Explorers Storytime

Children and their caregivers are invited to join us for songs, stories, and activities that promote language development and pre-literacy skills. Recommended for ages 2-5. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** **No fee**

- Tuesdays, July 11 - August 22



Little Learning Lab: Outer Space Edition

Asteroids, planets, and space travel, oh my! Learn about interplanetary science and become a junior astronaut. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**

- Thursday, July 13

Book Babies

Music and rhymes, stories, and fingerplays in a lapsit program for babies and their caregivers. Recommended for children 0-24 months. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Activity Room **10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** **No fee**

- Fridays, July 14 and August 11

Family Storytime

Listen to stories, sing, dance, and complete a craft in this storytime series. Choose between the Wednesday or Saturday session, which will each feature the same activities and stories. All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **No fee**

- **Wednesdays, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.**
 - July 19 - Aliens
 - August 16 - Pirates
- **Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
 - July 22 - Aliens
 - August 19 - Pirates

Stop Motion Mini Movies: Lost in Space

Bring objects to life with the magic of stop motion animation. Create your scene, take some pictures, and put them together with our animation software. Make your own movie or create one with friends. With stop motion animation the fun never ends! Ages 7-17. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, July 24**

Series Spotlight

Bring adventures found in books to life with STEAM experiments and activities. Play augmented reality games with *Last Gate of the Emperor's Yared*. Ages 7-13. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, July 27**
 - *Last Gate of the Emperor* by Kwambe Mbalia



Chalk Space Walk

Grab some chalk and leave your mark! We're giving the sidewalks some color! Spend a chalk-ed full of fun morning decorating the library sidewalk with your own space-inspired creations. Supplies provided. Enjoy a cold treat for all your hard work! All ages welcome. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Library Parking Lot **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Saturday, July 29**

Space Junk

We're cleaning out our craft supply closets to make room for new programs! Use our leftover supplies to create your own masterpiece. Drop in anytime between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to make an out-of-this-world art project. All ages. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, July 31**

Little Learning Lab

Explore, create, and learn through interactive STEAM based activities that will engage the mind and body as your child builds their fine motor skills and creativity while exploring scientific concepts. Ages 2-7. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, August 10**
 - **Flying Marvels**

Dumbledore's Army

Calling all witches and wizards and Muggles. Join us monthly as we learn different wizarding subjects, from Herbology and Charms to Defense Against the Dark Arts, with crafts, activities and demonstrations. Become a DA member today! Ages 9 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Thursday, August 17**

Tree House Tuesday

If you're an adventurer like Jack and Annie from the Magic Tree House, this program is for you! Learn about ninjas and twisters, perform experiments, and make crafts in this literary STEAM program. Ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Tuesday, August 29**

Maker Mondays

Put your maker caps on to build, explore, tinker, and create fun hands-on projects. Each session will have different activities to try and problems to solve. Ages 7 and up. Registration is required. Call (434) 799-5195.

Maker Space **4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** **No fee**

- **Monday, August 28**
 - **Squeegee Paintings**



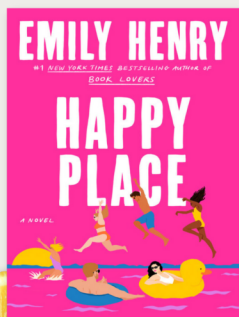
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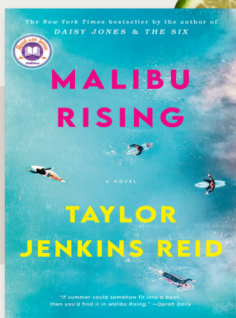
For Fans of *Firefly Lane*
Friends to lovers romance
Coming of age into adulthood



Not set at the beach!
Family drama
Indulgent escapism



Set in 1983
Huge end of the summer party
Author of *Daisy Jones & the Six*



Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Upcoming Closings

Tuesday, July 4 the Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day

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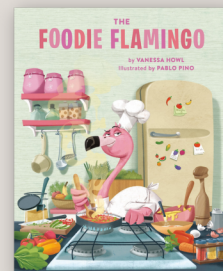
STORYWALK TRAIL

Make your way to Dan Daniel Memorial Park where you will find the library's StoryWalk Trail: a series of posts that hold the pages of a storybook to be read while walking along the trail. The trail features a new story at the beginning of every month.

July's story is *Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket* by Sue Fliess.

August's story will be *The Foodie Flamingo* by Vanessa Howl.

The StoryWalk Trail can be found on the section of the Riverwalk Trail that runs below the Otterbots stadium.



Dan Daniel Memorial Park
302 River Park Drive
Danville, Virginia