

AGENDA

Potomac Library Community Room
2201 Opitz Boulevard
Woodbridge, VA 22191

June 25, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance	6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	6:30 p.m.
Disposition of Minutes	6:32 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	6:33 p.m.
Citizen Time	
Chair Time	6:35 p.m.
Library Staff Introductions	
Stefanie Freeman, Branch Coordinator	
Teresa Sulik, Branch Manager, Bull Run Library	
Presentations	6:45 p.m.
Summer Reading – Kristen Bridges, Manager, Office of Programming and Events	
Potomac Library Update – Karen Tate, Branch Manager	
Unfinished Business	
New Business	
FY2027 Election of Officers	7:15 p.m.
Director Time	7:25 p.m.
Board Time	7:35 p.m.
Adjourn Meeting	7:45 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Library Advisory Board
will be at the Montclair Library Community Room
July 23, 2026**

MAY: AT A GLANCE

Prince William Public Libraries
Statistics

2026 2025

Circulation

Physical	171,447	●	202,427
Digital	48,357	●	50,487
TOTAL	219,804	●	252,914

Holds Requests

Physical	21,475	●	24,213
Digital	21,554	●	20,762

Library Visits

Door Count	62,175	●	68,900
Total Page Views	91,615	●	78,584
TOTAL	153,790	●	147,484

Programs

Number of Events	369	●	357
Attendance	9,287	●	10,234

Mobile Outreach

Number of Events	38	●	32
People Reached	1,609	●	1,824
Library Cards Issued	104	●	197

Library Visits - Door Count (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report Automatic Door Counter)												CUMULATIVE			
												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run	12,205	10,114	10,124	10,246	8,317	7,949	7,826	10,344	12,077	10,924	9,472		109,598	108,821	0.7%
Central	7,341	5,274	4,952	5,828	4,570	5,309	4,453	5,516	6,049	6,251	5,057		60,600	47,653	27.2%
Chinn Park	21,573	16,020	16,306	17,027	14,357	0	739	1,895	2,542	2,472	1,927		94,858	177,448	-46.5%
Haymarket Gainesville	15,778	11,657	12,067	12,290	9,671	8,936	9,656	9,798	11,718	22,476	9,771		133,818	119,062	12.4%
Manassas City	4,459	3,903	3,539	3,953	2,829	3,080	3,188	3,616	4,036	4,007	3,583		40,193	38,002	5.8%
Montclair	13,983	12,201	12,704	12,545	9,902	10,837	10,552	10,891	12,745	12,353	11,819		130,532	119,305	9.4%
Potomac	9,855	7,793	8,037	7,968	6,442	3,954	7,158	10,610	10,668	12,006	9,753		94,244	81,389	15.8%
Dale City	2,423	2,190	1,928	1,901	1,556	2,596	2,095	2,461	2,511	2,674	2,265		24,600	19,189	28.2%
Dumfries	3,318	2,649	2,351	2,352	1,789	2,090	1,854	2,000	2,353	2,460	2,144		25,360	21,928	15.7%
Independent Hill	1,659	1,624	1,497	1,574	1,138	1,218	1,204	1,287	1,503	1,750	1,355		15,809	14,199	11.3%
Lake Ridge	4,037	3,290	3,226	3,933	2,910	5,449	4,430	4,024	5,083	4,428	4,231		45,041	38,181	18.0%
Nokesville	1,896	1,544	1,421	1,406	1,180	1,181	1,196	1,253	1,266	1,403	798		14,544	14,308	1.6%
Total	98,527	78,259	78,152	81,023	64,661	52,599	54,351	63,695	72,551	83,204	62,175	0	789,197	799,485	-1.3%

Patron PAC Logins (Source: Polaris)															
Total	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
Total	22,283	20,609	18,632	18,149	16,449	16,318	17,365	14,963	16,224	14,535	14,566		190,093	245,264	-22.5%

Web Transactions (Source: OCM Monthly Stat Report)															
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
OverDrive Unique Users	9,896	9,871	9,661	9,639	9,516	9,519	10,266	9,558	9,903	6,603	10,098		104,530	99,802	4.7%
Facebook Unique Users (Engaged Users)	3,241	2,604	1,466	3,338	2,510	1,822	2,807	4,374	2,090	1,712	1,524		27,488	176,978	-84.5%
Pinterest Average monthly engaged users	239	271	327	373	427	625	478	495	512	493	399		4,639	2,075	123.6%
Instagram Engagement	950	808	479	969	904	643	789	757	663	569	217		7,748	14,454	-46.4%
YouTube Video Views	7,150	5,705	5,972	6,134	5,260	5,401	5,717	4,252	4,910	4,715	4,361		59,577	68,671	-13.2%
Total	21,476	19,259	17,905	20,453	18,617	18,010	20,057	19,436	18,078	14,092	16,599	0	203,982	361,980	-43.6%

Electronic Resources Visits (Sessions) (Source: Vendor Supplied)															
Total	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
Total	12,342	50,473	52,885	38,358	14,884	12,287	12,663	11,001	10,820	14,078	13,056		242,847	197,317	23.1%

Library System Total	154,628	168,600	167,574	157,983	114,611	99,214	104,436	109,095	117,673	125,909	106,396	0	1,426,119	1,604,046	-11.1%
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Circulation (Source: Polaris Statistical Summary Report)													CUMULATIVE		
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference
Bull Run	33,012	30,216	27,921	26,542	26,314	25,400	26,320	24,855	27,882	25,143	25,450		299,055	315,506	-5.2%
Central	12,817	11,508	10,175	9,840	9,758	9,900	10,357	9,755	11,550	10,646	10,414		116,720	129,323	-9.7%
Chinn Park	48,300	44,318	40,488	38,217	36,822	21,024	13,557	11,675	10,776	6,458	6,225		277,860	443,832	-37.4%
Haymarket Gainesville	55,250	50,015	46,482	44,088	41,134	40,617	42,328	40,508	44,528	41,925	42,425		489,300	509,567	-4.0%
Manassas City	13,557	12,623	11,815	11,093	10,471	11,428	10,758	10,617	11,656	11,118	11,088		126,224	127,669	-1.1%
Montclair	31,128	29,332	26,122	24,705	23,867	25,020	27,046	24,906	28,034	26,930	26,814		293,904	285,605	2.9%
Potomac	18,342	17,708	16,145	15,679	15,077	13,735	16,151	15,625	16,423	15,671	17,285		177,841	176,938	0.5%
Dale City	5,184	4,870	4,673	4,547	4,647	6,041	6,406	5,642	6,237	5,925	6,525		60,697	52,490	15.6%
Dumfries	6,320	6,056	5,985	5,781	5,043	4,976	4,680	4,497	4,998	4,727	4,802		57,865	56,841	1.8%
Independent Hill	5,876	6,313	5,312	5,189	5,145	4,915	5,085	4,811	5,308	5,501	5,370		58,825	57,041	3.1%
Lake Ridge	7,348	6,745	6,842	6,474	6,865	13,056	13,873	10,926	11,757	11,014	11,183		106,083	74,299	42.8%
Nokesville	7,655	6,783	6,623	6,282	6,084	5,617	6,339	5,341	5,949	5,860	3,330		65,863	70,813	-7.0%
Total Circulation	244,789	226,487	208,583	198,437	191,227	181,729	182,900	169,158	185,098	170,918	170,911	0	2,130,237	2,299,924	-7.4%

Chinn Park Library closed November 23, 2025 through August 30, 2026 for renovations.

Circulation - Holds												C U M U L A T I V E			
												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Reserve Requests (Holds) (Source: Polaris Monthly Statistics Report & OverDrive)															
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Holds Placed	27,847	25,916	25,466	24,121	21,714	18,331	23,813	21,407	23,170	20,975	21,475		254,235	262,098	-3.0%
Holds Filled (Satisfied)	26,649	22,953	24,399	22,601	18,569	18,747	20,705	21,198	22,531	19,696	18,777		236,825	245,944	-3.7%
Requests placed in OverDrive eBook (Standard + Mobile)	11,422	10,427	9,391	9,227	8,784	9,111	12,417	9,196	10,134	9,305	10,460		109,874	114,906	-4.4%
Requests placed in OverDrive Audiobk (Standard + Mobile)	10,795	10,611	10,366	10,635	9,745	9,912	12,418	10,061	11,061	11,065	11,094		117,763	103,333	14.0%
Total OverDrive requests placed	22,217	21,038	19,757	19,862	18,529	19,023	24,835	19,257	21,195	20,370	21,554	0	227,637	218,239	4.3%

Self Check-Outs	Included in Circulation totals.												CUMULATIVE		
	All Libraries and Administrative Support Center (Source: Polaris)												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
ASC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	-100.0%
Bull Run	9,482	5,739	5,538	5,830	4,904	4,928	5,252	5,108	5,445	4,848	5,264		62,338	63,308	-1.5%
Central	3,182	1,855	1,555	1,814	1,431	1,527	1,720	1,732	1,880	1,782	1,462		19,940	21,531	-7.4%
Chinn Park	14,661	9,044	8,611	7,741	6,868	4	0	0	1	1			46,931	91,608	-48.8%
Haymarket Gainesville	19,710	12,149	12,027	10,773	9,698	9,386	11,249	10,227	10,949	9,743	10,620		126,531	127,788	-1.0%
Manassas City	3,116	1,933	1,674	1,694	1,560	1,386	1,805	1,747	1,626	1,642	1,671		19,854	21,492	-7.6%
Montclair	10,729	6,600	6,135	5,799	5,410	5,778	6,387	6,092	6,618	6,402	6,463		72,413	70,396	2.9%
Potomac	4,390	2,717	2,903	2,904	2,311	1,804	2,876	2,535	2,494	2,503	2,737		30,174	32,346	-6.7%
Dale City	484	193	225	125	122	289	305	264	335	370	334		3,046	2,914	4.5%
Dumfries	1,057	756	618	706	464	524	453	482	481	284	566		6,391	6,808	-6.1%
Independent Hill	270	274	102	92	152	115	135	65	129	99	105		1,538	990	55.4%
Lake Ridge	568	463	550	452	487	1,709	1,484	1,108	1,166	1,128	988		10,103	4,886	106.8%
Nokesville	678	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		750	5,360	-86.0%
Total	68,327	41,795	39,938	37,930	33,407	27,450	31,666	29,360	31,124	28,802	30,210	0	400,009	449,445	-11.0%

Circulation/Digital Checkouts (Source: Vendor Reports)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference	FY26
Magzter																
Magazine Checkouts*	1,420	1,280	1,240	1,020	1,320	1,170	1,180	0	0	0	-		8,630	18,710	-53.9%	
Freeding																
Digital Checkouts	382	345	284	287	94	74	23	6	6	1	1		1,503	3,215	-53.3%	
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Digital Checkouts	15,332	15,825	15,242	15,018	14,500	14,143	15,106	13,135	15,530	13,038	14,084		160,953	192,674	-16.5%	
OverDrive																
eBook (Standard + Mobile)	17,498	16,539	15,389	14,998	15,040	15,377	16,739	14,517	15,330	14,788	15,844		172,059	183,734	-6.4%	
Audiobook (Standard + Mobile)	17,720	17,373	17,122	17,588	16,899	17,297	18,607	16,108	18,408	17,608	18,428		193,158	169,950	13.7%	
OverDrive Total (eBook + Audiobook)	35,218	33,912	32,511	32,586	31,939	32,674	35,346	30,625	33,738	32,396	34,272	0	365,217	353,684	3.3%	
Total Library Materials Circ: Digital (E-books, OverDrive eBook + OverDrive Audiobook)	52,352	51,362	49,277	48,911	47,853	48,061	51,655	43,766	49,274	45,435	48,357	0	536,303	568,283	-5.6%	85,000
% of performance measure target													630.94%			

*Magzter - tracking checkouts discontinued effective February 1, 2026.

													CUMULATIVE			Perf Measure Target FY26
													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference	
Circulation Totals																
ASC (Source: Polaris Statistical Summary Report)																
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Total	284	390	374	325	320	301	366	238	381	358	279		3,616	3,824	-5.4%	
Curbside Pickups (Source: Monthly Branch Report)																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Manassas City	4	5	2	9	4	5	4	4	4	10	3		54	25	116.0%	
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Potomac	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		2	0		
Dale City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	-100.0%	
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	9	-100.0%	
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Lake Ridge	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3		5	1	400.0%	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Total	5	6	2	9	5	5	4	4	5	10	6	0	61	36	69.4%	
Read & Returns (Source: Monthly Branch Report)																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	151	-100.0%	
Haymarket Gainesville					0								0	0	0	
Manassas City													0	0	0	
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Potomac	2	65	63	31	42	26	41	0	45	22	25		362	691	-47.6%	
Dale City	4	11	8	3	6	5	2	1	5	1	1		47	118	-60.2%	
Dumfries	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0		6	21	-71.4%	
Independent Hill													0	0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Nokesville													0	0	0	
Total	6	76	71	35	51	31	44	2	50	23	26	0	415	981	-57.7%	
ILL Total Items Borrowed and Loaned (Source: ILL Work Unit)																
Items Borrowed	144	144	197	162	128	99	121	156	156	115	147		1,569	1,844	-14.9%	
Items Loaned	49	56	70	52	34	46	47	58	62	29	78		581	624	-6.9%	
Total	193	200	267	214	162	145	168	214	218	144	225	0	2,150	2,468	-12.9%	
Total Library Materials Circulation: <u>Print</u>																
Total Circulation (FS,NLs,ASC,Curbside Pickups,Self Check Outs,Read & Returns & ILL)	313,604	227,159	209,297	199,020	191,765	182,211	183,482	169,616	185,752	171,453	171,447	0	2,204,806	2,307,233	-4.4%	
Total Circulation (Full Service, NLs, ASC, Read & Returns, Digital, Self Check Outs & ILL): <u>Print + Digital</u>																
FY26 Circulation System Total	365,956	278,521	258,574	247,931	239,618	230,272	235,137	213,382	235,026	216,888	219,804	0	2,741,109	2,875,516	-4.7%	2,700,000

Registered Patrons

												CURRENT			
(Source: Polaris Statical Summary Report + Find Tool)						Note: # of patrons = latest monthly figures available. This is not cumulative.						Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference	
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
New Patrons	1,795	1,563	1,790	1,674	1,205	817	1,306	1,131	1,186	1,172	1,339		14,978	16,521	-9.3%
Deleted Patrons	32	25	29	47	27	22	23	452	30	25	16		728	408	78.4%
Systemwide Total	414,601	416,437	418,673	420,658	422,032	423,155	424,895	425,849	427,543	428,730	430,465		430,465	409,881	5.0%

Manassas Patrons	19,027	19,099	19,213	19,246	19,327	19,325	19,372	19,278	19,320	19,387	19,494		19,494	18,822	3.6%
Residents with Library Cards (population as of 6-30-23: PWC: 492,576)												87.39%			

Web Patrons

OverDrive

New Patrons	560	562	459	570	448	448	567	457	472	472	286		5,301	5,608	-5.5%
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Facebook

New "Daily Likes"	149	111	29	68	70	150	785	133	111	51	29		1,686	4,219	-60.0%
Lifetime Total Likes	18,797	18,908	18,937	19,005	19,075	19,225	20,010	20,143	20,254	20,305	20,334		20,334	18,543	9.7%
Active Users (Includes Fans (Likes) & Non-Fans)	177,461	139,120	73,358	214,468	165,840	204,158	281,480	358,742	169,797	100,921	88,847		88,847	149,566	-40.6%
Daily Total Reach															

Twitter

New Followers	21	7	0	12	-10	-8	-7	-5	-16	5	-6		-7	-138	-94.9%
Lifetime total followers	4,468	4,475	4,475	4,487	4,477	4,469	4,462	4,457	4,441	4,446	4,440		4,440	4,427	0.3%

Pinterest

New Followers	-4	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	2	0	-1	-1		-5	0	
Lifetime total followers	1,887	1,887	1,888	1,887	1,886	1,886	1,886	1,888	1,888	1,887	1,886		1,886	1,890	-0.2%

Instagram

New Followers	66	27	13	34	20	25	24	22	19	-6	51		295	467	-36.8%
Lifetime total followers	3,397	3,424	3,437	3,471	3,491	3,516	3,540	3,562	3,581	3,575	3,626		3,626	3,302	9.8%

YouTube

Registered Subscribers	1,064	1,078	1,095	1,109	1,118	1,134	1,156	1,173	1,186	1,205	1,218		1,218	999	21.9%
Total Video Watch Time	347	246	347	319	373	246	295	210	382	428	208		208	578	-64.0%

Wowbrary

E-Mail Total Active Users	2,115	2,109	2,105	2,109	2,109	2,103	2,098	2,090	2,082	2,080	2,084		2,084	2,122	-1.8%
RSS Feeds Active Users	15	11	16	16	12	14	17	16	16	16	13		13	16	-18.8%

Freading*

*Freading will no longer be offered to PWPL patrons, effective February 15, 2026.

Total Unique Users	96	89	86	104	94	74	7	4	5	1	1		1	101	-99.0%
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New Users	413	439	381	393	283	291	343	308	366	250	286		3,753	4,084	-8.1%
Total Users	38,952	39,375	39,773	40,165	40,515	45,947	46,613	46,937	47,267	47,560	47,812		47,812	37,834	26.4%

Information Requests (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	FY26
Bull Run	7,284	5,715	5,591	5,769	4,202	4,536	4,975	6,578	6,634	6,859	5,489		63,632	65,082	-2.2%	
Central	3,474	2,892	2,980	3,282	2,342	3,474	2,951	3,349	3,502	3,600	3,098		34,944	29,169	19.8%	
Chinn Park	17,758	14,304	14,892	13,002	11,897	2,686	4,209	4,635	8,417	6,168	6,141		104,109	120,345	-13.5%	
Haymarket Gainesville	9,884	7,764	6,752	7,008	5,207	4,959	6,003	6,065	6,224	6,490	5,802		72,158	79,121	-8.8%	
Manassas City	3,647	3,076	2,587	2,288	1,938	2,383	2,564	3,141	2,809	3,095	2,836		30,364	29,887	1.6%	
Montclair	8,663	5,973	4,936	5,791	4,800	5,561	5,643	5,280	6,056	5,916	5,143		63,762	66,045	-3.5%	
Potomac	667	4,592	4,572	4,160	3,808	2,377	5,105	1,320	4,545	5,217	3,813		40,176	54,411	-26.2%	
Dale City	1,586	1,049	1,330	1,153	822	1,718	1,827	2,521	2,260	1,787	1,236		17,289	9,536	81.30%	
Dumfries	2,393	2,007	1,864	2,140	1,227	1,940	1,801	1,355	1,874	1,680	1,500		19,781	19,348	2.24%	
Independent Hill	1,394	983	761	998	898	1,122	998	1,135	970	1,171	1,250		11,680	8,502	37.38%	
Lake Ridge	2,422	1,976	1,611	2,006	1,655	3,297	2,915	2,379	3,288	2,568	2,468		26,585	17,453	52.32%	
Nokesville	1,213	848	867	717	627	721	713	594	569	558	370		7,797	11,870	-34.31%	
Total	60,385	51,179	48,743	48,314	39,423	34,774	39,704	38,352	47,148	45,109	39,146	0	492,277	510,769	-3.62%	
Electronic Resources Sessions (Source: Vendor Supplied)																
Total	12,342	50,473	52,885	38,386	14,884	12,287	12,663	11,001	10,820	14,078	13,056		242,875	514,055	-52.8%	
AWE Stations																
Bull Run	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Chinn Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Manassas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Montclair	273	197	156	172	147	149	153	158	159	169	129		1,862	1,835	1.5%	
Potomac	342	223	219	220	185	132	238	234	221	260	241		2,515	3,222	-21.9%	
Dumfries	418	217	206	163	171	187	156	199	214	226	230		2,387	2,416	-1.2%	
Total	1,033	637	581	555	503	468	547	591	594	655	600	0	6,764	7,473	-9.5%	
Web Transactions (Source: OCE)																
Library website page views			98,397			79,252			79,020				256,669	214,179	19.8%	
Facebook daily total impressions	300,813	235,176	144,006	341,468	270,896	303,991	365,471	565,087	264,634	140,364	120,630		3,052,536	4,566,284	-33.2%	
Twitter daily total impressions	8,395	7,674	7,014	6,836	4,472	5,602	6,765	5,500	7,351	3,120	3,973		66,702	222,006	-70.0%	
Pinterest average monthly views	6,916	7,855	10,025	11,908	12,107	19,763	17,242	15,750	14,658	15,239	13,759		145,222	76,465	89.9%	
Instagram impressions	24,012	20,282	14,969	27,879	23,008	19,801	21,598	20,826	15,456	12,120	15,699		215,650	199,881	7.9%	
Total	340,136	270,987	274,411	388,091	310,483	428,409	411,076	607,163	381,119	170,843	154,061	0	3,736,779	5,278,815	-29.2%	

													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	FY26
Information Requests cont'd (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)																
Wowbrary (Source: Wowbrary)																
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Clicks thru to Catalog	3,302	14,335	6,717	4,746	1,735	1,957	1,810	1,633	2,349	2,360	4,719		45,663	37,782	20.9%	
Electronic Information requests handled																
Total	356,813	336,432	334,594	431,778	327,605	443,121	426,096	620,388	394,882	187,936	172,436	0	4,032,081	5,838,125	-30.9%	
Total Information Requests (Total Staff Assisted Requests & Total Patron Electronic Information Transactions)																
System Total	417,198	387,611	383,337	480,092	367,028	477,895	465,800	658,740	442,030	233,045	211,582	0	4,524,358	6,348,894	-28.7%	4,000,000
% of Performance Measures Target (Electronic)													113.11%			

Passport Services													C U M U L A T I V E		
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
Central: Appointments	65	61	58	67	31	65	40	52	53	66	51		609	768	-20.7%
Central: Photos Issued	28	38	31	33	16	28	19	0	0	0	0		193	313	-38.3%
Haymarket: Appointments	88	71	74	54	62	72	47	88	81	81	53		771	988	-22.0%
Haymarket: Photos Issued	54	43	45	37	43	47	20	0	0	0	0		289	469	-38.4%
Potomac: Appointments	43	21	51	36	17	9	36	36	32	32	41		354	916	-61.4%
Potomac: Photos Issued	20	19	27	11	9	2	7	0	0	0	0		95	333	-71.5%
Total	205	154	197	138	131	130	110	124	113	113	94	0	1,509	2,706	-44.24%

Makerspaces													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run: Appointments	27	22	19	67	41	20	26	32	20	24	50		348	279	24.7%
Bull Run: Attendance	28	23	138	239	93	148	156	233	240	338	436		2072	285	627.0%
Central: Appointments	31	29	31	34	17	38	16	25	18	20	41		300	228	31.6%
Central: Attendance	182	114	127	127	65	182	72	108	89	99	157		1,322	1,356	-2.5%

MAGIC - Chinn Park Library													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Appointments: County	199	186	129	112	65	88	97	112	208	135	189		1520	1,548	-1.8%
Appointments: Non-County	69	26	28	41	20	17	14	24	54	35	34		362	527	-31.3%

RELIC - Central Library													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Appointments: County	300	282	25	7	3	8	32	26	3	57	5		748	2,540	-70.6%
Appointments: Non-County	69	171	291	344	208	234	215	271	302	300	322		2727	769	254.6%

Library Events and Activities (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													CUMULATIVE			Perf Measure Target
	Full Service Branches												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Diff	FY26
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Preschool (B-5)	11	10	8	13	7	8	10	12	10	11	7		107	131	-18.3%	
Children (5-11)	14	13	15	16	10	10	9	10	15	13	12		137	135	1.5%	
YA (12-18)	4	4	4	2	6	3	0	3	1	1	1		29	34	-14.7%	
Adult	22	23	32	31	23	2	27	50	54	44	39		347	387	-10.3%	
Bull Run total	51	50	59	62	46	23	46	75	80	69	59	0	620	687	-9.8%	
Preschool (B-5)	8	5	4	9	7	9	9	12	10	8	5		86	68	26.5%	
Children (5-11)	11	5	0	7	4	13	4	3	3	8	4		62	52	19.2%	
YA (12-18)	3	2	3	3	4	3	1	2	2	4	5		32	28	14.3%	
Adult	30	30	37	32	24	19	27	22	7	23	23		274	92	197.8%	
Central total	52	42	44	51	39	44	41	39	22	43	37	0	454	240	89.2%	
Preschool (B-5)	8	2	18	19	14	0	2	3	2	2	3		73	146	-50.0%	
Children (5-11)	15	5	11	9	8	0	2	3	34	3	2		92	74	24.3%	
YA (12-18)	12	5	19	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	1		49	79	-38.0%	
Adult	45	30	44	34	24	2	3	8	10	8	13		221	341	-35.2%	
Chinn Park total	80	42	92	68	51	5	7	15	46	13	19	0	438	640	-31.6%	
Preschool (B-5)	19	7	17	22	14	3	10	18	20	18	9		157	153	2.6%	
Children (5-11)	22	11	9	8	13	1	4	7	8	5	7		95	96	-1.0%	
YA (12-18)	8	10	6	6	3	13	3	8	7	6	3		73	79	-7.6%	
Adult	19	19	22	15	15	13	14	26	23	30	23		219	196	11.7%	
Haymarket Gainesville total	68	47	54	51	45	30	31	59	58	59	42	0	544	524	3.8%	
Preschool (B-5)	6	5	7	8	3	2	6	8	8	10	4		67	47	42.6%	
Children (5-11)	5	3	3	4	4	5	3	7	6	5	6		51	29	75.9%	
YA (12-18)	4	3	6	8	6	6	4	5	6	5	3		56	22	154.5%	
Adult	4	4	8	8	7	7	7	12	9	13	11		90	25	260.0%	
Manassas City total	19	15	24	28	20	20	20	32	29	33	24	0	264	123	114.6%	
Preschool (B-5)	8	6	6	7	3	6	4	7	11	10	5		73	86	-15.1%	
Children (5-11)	13	10	5	5	4	8	9	8	8	10	4		84	80	5.0%	
YA (12-18)	7	3	7	7	6	5	6	5	5	5	7		63	55	14.5%	
Adult	15	13	10	17	7	14	18	20	20	18	16		168	148	13.5%	
Montclair total	43	32	28	36	20	33	37	40	44	43	32	0	388	369	5.1%	
Preschool (B-5)	9	4	11	16	6	6	15	7	11	14	7		106	109	-2.8%	
Children (5-11)	12	6	7	4	5	3	3	3	3	5	5		56	51	9.8%	
YA (12-18)	7	3	3	4	6	2	2	2	2	2	3		36	36	0.0%	
Adult	35	30	34	46	11	16	37	50	46	51	45		401	314	27.7%	
Potomac total	63	43	55	70	28	27	57	62	62	72	60	0	599	510	17.5%	
Full Service Total	376	271	356	366	249	182	239	322	341	332	273	0	3,307	3,093	6.9%	

Library Events and Activities (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target
	Neighborhood Branches												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Diff	FY26
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Preschool (B-5)	5	6	6	7	8	6	4	6	6	8	7		69	68	1.5%	
Children (5-11)	8	7	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	2	3		54	49	10.2%	
YA (12-18)	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2		16	20	-20.0%	
Adult	2	3	5	4	3	3	4	2	3	3	1		33	21	57.1%	
Dale City total	18	18	17	17	17	17	12	14	15	14	13	0	172	158	8.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	6	6	9	9	4	6	7	6	8	8	6		75	60	25.0%	
Children (5-11)	13	10	7	9	8	6	8	5	5	11	9		91	96	-5.2%	
YA (12-18)	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	2	1	1		16	37	-56.8%	
Adult	8	5	7	13	11	7	8	8	6	8	7		88	67	31.3%	
Dumfries total	28	22	25	32	26	21	25	19	21	28	23	0	270	260	3.8%	
Preschool (B-5)	7	6	6	5	4	3	6	6	4	6	4		57	63	-9.5%	
Children (5-11)	7	8	7	6	7	5	5	5	6	6	6		68	63	7.9%	
YA (12-18)	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	2		22	41	-46.3%	
Adult	10	11	5	11	13	17	14	11	14	14	16		136	78	74.4%	
Independent Hill total	27	27	20	25	25	26	26	25	26	28	28	0	283	245	15.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	5	4	8	7	7	4	6	9	8	5	5		68	59	15.3%	
Children (5-11)	5	3	3	4	3	1	1	4	3	4	4		35	36	-2.8%	
YA (12-18)	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		12	7	71.4%	
Adult	7	5	8	9	4	8	6	8	11	9	8		83	51	62.7%	
Lake Ridge total	18	13	20	21	16	14	14	22	23	19	18	0	198	153	29.4%	
Preschool (B-5)	4	4	5	6	3	3	5	4	5	6	3		48	44	9.1%	
Children (5-11)	7	6	7	5	9	7	6	9	6	5	4		71	61	16.4%	
YA (12-18)	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0		8	12	-33.3%	
Adult	4	5	4	5	5	7	6	6	10	8	7		67	72	-6.9%	
Nokesville total	15	15	17	17	18	18	18	20	22	20	14	0	194	189	2.6%	
Neighborhood Total	106	95	99	112	102	96	95	100	107	109	96	0	1,117	1,005	11.1%	
Library Events and Activities Totals	482	366	455	478	351	278	334	422	448	441	369	0	4,424	4,098	8.0%	5,000
% of Performance Measures Target	9.64%	7.32%	9.10%	9.56%	7.02%	5.56%	6.68%	8.44%	8.96%	8.82%	7.38%	0.00%	88.48%			

Attendees to Library Events (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report) Full Service Libraries													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY26
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Preschool (B-5)	399	426	306	460	283	259	341	406	337	428	244		3,889	5,014	-22.4%	
Children (5-11)	427	351	410	433	271	214	219	220	300	244	199		3,288	3,180	3.4%	
YA (12-18)	15	381	14	8	390	55	0	150	2	3	3		1,021	1,158	-11.8%	
Adult	192	354	321	324	185	215	193	1,441	1,751	1,061	380		6,417	7,782	-17.5%	
Bull Run Total	1,033	1,512	1,051	1,225	1,129	743	753	2,217	2,390	1,736	826	0	14,615	17,134	-14.7%	
Preschool (B-5)	394	174	95	300	208	466	217	399	409	263	164		3,089	2,384	29.6%	
Children (5-11)	537	231	0	176	91	598	42	87	128	416	67		2,373	1,563	51.8%	
YA (12-18)	60	10	16	30	58	12	10	70	24	23	33		346	288	20.1%	
Adult	1,075	511	489	702	330	235	207	502	327	317	348		5,043	1,459	245.6%	
Central Total	2,066	926	600	1,208	687	1,311	476	1,058	888	1,019	612	0	10,851	5,694	90.6%	
Preschool (B-5)	1,055	216	818	1,084	854	0	59	44	52	44	33		4,259	7,187	-40.7%	
Children (5-11)	1,782	471	611	265	370	0	34	350	752	314	104		5,053	5,802	-12.9%	
YA (12-18)	247	124	211	77	762	0	0	2	0	0	3		1,426	1,751	-18.6%	
Adult	877	594	1,427	443	1,125	2	72	149	194	78	314		5,275	6,799	-22.4%	
Chinn Park Total	3,961	1,405	3,067	1,869	3,111	2	165	545	998	436	454	0	16,013	21,539	-25.7%	
Preschool (B-5)	1,271	319	702	1,240	674	213	522	963	1,032	809	434		8,179	7,653	6.9%	
Children (5-11)	2,035	798	211	261	1,196	138	106	151	452	128	322		5,798	7,573	-23.4%	
YA (12-18)	182	176	48	73	37	19	92	96	163	44	50		980	1,496	-34.5%	
Adult	694	238	868	440	292	199	266	622	275	920	734		5,548	8,438	-34.2%	
Haymarket Gainesville Total	4,182	1,531	1,829	2,014	2,199	569	986	1,832	1,922	1,901	1,540	0	20,505	25,160	-18.5%	
Preschool (B-5)	210	161	200	390	85	55	175	192	307	265	104		2,144	1,502	42.7%	
Children (5-11)	162	181	33	214	110	159	77	426	201	120	184		1,867	1,661	12.4%	
YA (12-18)	100	64	56	95	84	69	77	107	98	77	35		862	355	142.8%	
Adult	45	90	155	1,150	163	101	127	168	200	199	177		2,575	1,139	126.1%	
Manassas City Total	517	496	444	1,849	442	384	456	893	806	661	500	0	7,448	4,657	59.9%	
Preschool (B-5)	553	459	570	484	212	308	290	475	313	453	245		4,362	2,816	54.9%	
Children (5-11)	5,070	3,934	1,465	1,260	466	1,128	1,667	808	808	326	801		17,733	14,883	19.1%	
YA (12-18)	202	38	101	65	1,592	71	1,570	1,580	1,580	142	227		7,168	673	965.1%	
Adult	596	406	449	640	441	487	637	440	440	414	436		5,386	5,976	-9.9%	
Montclair Total	6,421	4,837	2,585	2,449	2,711	1,994	4,164	3,303	3,141	1,335	1,709	0	34,649	24,348	42.3%	
Preschool (B-5)	388	212	363	472	357	136	612	251	400	552	253		3,996	3,927	1.8%	
Children (5-11)	926	357	328	147	62	139	100	46	64	203	309		2,681	2,819	-4.9%	
YA (12-18)	158	81	51	112	28	64	87	77	104	62	106		930	1,584	-41.3%	
Adult	348	469	317	859	393	133	421	964	951	1,224	638		6,717	5,161	30.1%	
Potomac Total	1,820	1,119	1,059	1,590	840	472	1,220	1,338	1,519	2,041	1,306	0	14,324	13,491	6.2%	
FS Total	20,000	11,826	10,635	12,204	11,119	5,475	8,220	11,186	11,664	9,129	6,947	0	118,405	112,023	5.7%	

Attendees to Library Events (Source: Branch Monthly Statistics Report)													CUMULATIVE			Perf Measure Target FY26
													Total FY25 To Date	Total FY26 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Neighborhood Libraries																
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Preschool (B-5)	388	252	261	236	229	244	194	456	195	383	303		3,141	2,080	51.0%	
Children (5-11)	926	281	193	121	191	391	136	64	151	211	87		2,752	2,596	6.0%	
YA (12-18)	158	20	17	26	17	41	18	17	16	23	13		366	336	8.9%	
Adult	348	11	100	49	46	63	55	36	43	46	31		828	354	133.9%	
Dale City Total	1,820	564	571	432	483	739	403	573	405	663	434	0	7,087	5,366	32.1%	
Preschool (B-5)	108	148	233	132	61	104	109	176	141	185	158		1,555	1,408	10.4%	
Children (5-11)	406	221	105	277	165	115	224	63	139	293	191		2,199	2,977	-26.1%	
YA (12-18)	71	24	34	5	39	30	38	0	27	30	30		328	225	45.8%	
Adult	22	13	62	143	323	87	87	71	70	99	123		1,100	1,024	7.4%	
Dumfries Total	607	406	434	557	588	336	458	310	377	607	502	0	5,182	5,634	-8.0%	
Preschool (B-5)	118	147	137	159	87	128	233	125	115	288	78		1,615	1,360	18.8%	
Children (5-11)	675	257	119	239	60	150	77	267	170	139	105		2,258	1,087	107.7%	
YA (12-18)	25	35	9	10	2	6	16	8	10	11	4		136	285	-52.3%	
Adult	66	155	160	139	117	167	194	190	150	187	184		1,709	972	75.8%	
Independent Hill Total	884	594	425	547	266	451	520	590	445	625	371	0	5,718	3,704	54.4%	
Preschool (B-5)	136	154	193	146	439	192	144	459	486	157	215		2,721	1,324	105.5%	
Children (5-11)	184	125	80	510	106	17	75	170	188	242	479		2,176	1,745	24.7%	
YA (12-18)	30	14	12	22	101	8	17	42	21	8	29		304	224	35.7%	
Adult	183	135	225	442	97	181	177	142	320	231	147		2,280	1,823	25.1%	
Lake Ridge Total	533	428	510	1,120	743	398	413	813	1,015	638	870	0	7,481	5,116	46.2%	
Preschool (B-5)	167	131	150	134	56	32	73	59	76	115	48		1,041	1,037	0.4%	
Children (5-11)	270	127	157	119	180	58	134	171	86	72	42		1,416	1,278	10.8%	
YA (12-18)	0	0	6	4	3	2	8	5	7	6	0		41	50	-18.0%	
Adult	39	39	85	62	75	71	55	67	77	82	73		725	625	16.0%	
Nokesville Total	476	297	398	319	314	163	270	302	246	275	163	0	3,223	2,990	7.8%	
NL Totals	4,320	2,289	2,338	2,975	2,394	2,087	2,064	2,588	2,488	2,808	2,340	0	28,691	22,810	25.8%	
Attendees to Library Events Totals	24,320	14,115	12,973	15,179	13,513	7,562	10,284	13,774	14,152	11,937	9,287	0	147,096	134,833	9.1%	
% of performance measure target	14%	8%	7%	9%	8%	4%	6%	8%	8%	7%	5%	0%	84.05%		175,000	

													C U M U L A T I V E		
Library Events and Activities - Outreach and Group Visits													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Diff
events that occur at a location other than a library facility; events are included in appropriate age level totals above; do not count these in library events totals															
Outreach Events	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run	1	2	3	7	1	1	1	2	1	4	4		27	33	-18.2%
Central	0	1	0	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	0		15	13	15.4%
Chinn Park	8	11	23	11	9	3	10	13	19	21	21		149	95	56.8%
Haymarket Gainesville	1	3	6	6	5	1	3	7	6	7	2		47	63	-25.4%
Manassas City	1	3	4	10	0	7	13	1	4	8	12		63	9	600.0%
Montclair	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	2		10	6	66.7%
Potomac	3	5	8	3	3	4	2	3	8	5	2		46	42	9.5%
Dale City	0	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0		10	12	-100.0%
Dumfries	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	3		9	6	-83.3%
Independent Hill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		2	2	-100.0%
Lake Ridge	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	2		17	9	-77.8%
Nokesville	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	1	3		14	19	-94.7%
Total:	17	28	52	46	27	24	32	33	45	54	51	0	409	309	-89.3%

													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Diff
Group Visits	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1		8	16	-50.0%
Central	1	4	2	2	3	7	2	0	2	1	3		27	22	22.7%
Chinn Park	0	0	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		16	34	-52.9%
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1	6	-83.3%
Manassas City	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	1		12	4	200.0%
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0		5	0	
Potomac	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0		6	1	500.0%
Dale City	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	-100.0%
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		2	2	-100.0%
Total:	7	7	12	8	7	10	4	1	5	12	5	0	78	86	-98.8%
Outreach and Group Visits Total	24	35	64	54	34	34	36	34	50	66	56	0	487	395	-91.4%

Attendees to Outreach and Group Visits												C U M U L A T I V E			
Outreach Attendees												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Bull Run	50	173	87	744	96	103	75	149	43	356	947		2,823	3,259	-13.4%
Central	0	43	0	86	77	20	30	113	149	14	0		532	617	-13.8%
Chinn Park	225	337	778	414	595	60	216	770	490	774	1,369		6,028	3,690	63.4%
Haymarket Gainesville	169	82	643	260	178	6	100	358	163	721	153		2,833	7,502	-62.2%
Manassas City	20	183	207	341	0	139	223	7	154	703	357		2,334	1,092	113.7%
Montclair	45	100	0	241	97	0	0	65	0	111	220		879	869	1.2%
Potomac	99	148	249	81	88	115	53	117	369	112	305		1,736	2,409	-27.9%
Dale City	0	0	346	20	8	40	0	0	0	69	0		483	1,303	-62.9%
Dumfries	0	250	136	182	0	103	0	226	0	0	647		1,544	983	57.1%
Independent Hill	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0		36	118	-69.5%
Lake Ridge	0	15	16	312	6	37	10	49	309	150	49		953	687	38.7%
Nokesville	18	0	19	5	313	0	16	21	143	19	1,542		2,096	2,847	-26.4%
Totals:	641	1,331	2,481	2,686	1,458	623	723	1,875	1,841	3,029	5,589	0	22,277	25,376	-12.2%

Group Visit Attendees												Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Bull Run	29	0	9	0	0	7	0	7	20	27	78		177	135	31.1%
Central	10	39	14	25	22	40	30	0	35	10	40		265	170	55.9%
Chinn Park	0	0	112	69	56	0	0	0	0	0	0		237	595	-60.2%
Haymarket Gainesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0		7	296	-97.6%
Manassas City	26	5	0	15	8	12	15	0	9	95	28		213	88	142.0%
Montclair	0	0	0	0	0	15	50	0	0	36	220		321	0	
Potomac	11	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	24	305		446	39	1043.6%
Dale City	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	0	
Dumfries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	58	-100.0%
Independent Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Lake Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Nokesville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0		42	45	-6.7%
Totals:	76	77	135	109	86	74	95	7	139	241	671	0	1,710	1,426	19.9%
Outreach and Group Attendees Total	717	1,408	2,616	2,795	1,544	697	818	1,882	1,980	3,270	6,260	0	23,987	26,802	-93.0%

Community + Study Room Use: Non-Library (Library-sponsored meetings + events are not counted)													C U M U L A T I V E		
Number of Non-Library Uses:													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run: County	1	1	2	0	0	3	1	1	1	3	5		18	14	28.6%
Bull Run: Non-County	118	84	123	115	94	112	102	95	107	88	110		1148	1,119	2.6%
Bull Run: Total	119	85	125	115	94	115	103	96	108	91	115	0	1166	1,133	2.9%
Central: County	6	4	3	3	5	6	12	20	7	24	7		97	56	73.2%
Central: Non-County	92	65	108	98	68	92	95	109	67	161	108		1063	666	59.6%
Central: Total	98	69	111	101	73	98	107	129	74	185	115	0	1160	722	60.7%
Chinn Park: County	7	9	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		27	24	12.5%
Chinn Park: Non-County	155	130	141	143	121	0	0	0	0	0	0		690	1,113	-38.0%
Chinn Park: Total	162	139	145	147	124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	717	1,137	-36.9%
Haymarket Gainesville: County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville: Non-County	245	180	218	228	169	169	159	175	187	200	199		2129	2,171	-1.9%
HG: Total	245	180	218	228	169	169	159	175	187	200	199	0	2129	2,171	-1.9%
Manassas City: County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	4		14	31	-54.8%
Manassas City: Non-County	43	32	33	38	21	30	35	40	50	45	49		416	405	2.7%
Manassas City: Total	44	32	33	38	21	30	35	41	55	48	53	0	430	436	-1.4%
Montclair: County	2	5	1	1	2	3	0	1	10	4	3		32	39	-17.9%
Montclair: Non-County	370	328	370	377	277	335	287	332	397	341	298		3712	3,893	-4.6%
Montclair: Total	372	333	371	378	279	338	287	333	407	345	301	0	3744	3,932	-4.8%
Potomac: County	0	3	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1		11	6	83.3%
Potomac: Non-County	41	45	43	44	74	30	56	50	50	68	65		566	98	477.6%
Potomac: Total	41	48	44	45	77	30	57	50	50	69	66	0	577	104	454.8%
ASC: County	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0		7	10	-30.0%
ASC: Non-County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	2	-100.0%
ASC: Total	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	12	-41.7%
Dumfries: County	1	0	3	2	0	2	3	5	3	6	5		30	46	-34.8%
Dumfries: Non-County	77	84	68	74	49	54	67	69	69	71	46		728	693	5.1%
Dumfries: Total	78	84	71	76	49	56	70	74	72	77	51	0	758	739	2.6%
Total County Uses:	18	22	14	12	16	14	18	29	27	41	25	0	236	226	4.4%
Total Non-County Uses:	1141	948	1104	1117	873	822	801	870	927	974	875	0	10,452	10,160	2.9%
Total County + Non-County Use:	1159	970	1118	1129	889	836	819	899	954	1015	900	0	10,688	10,386	2.9%

Community + Study Room Use: Non-Library (Library-sponsored meetings + events are not counted)															
Number of Attendees for Non-Library Uses:													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run: County	26	2	33	0	0	10	50	2	10	19	48		200	294	-32.0%
Bull Run: Non-County	434	262	441	450	370	400	409	358	383	244	445		4,196	3,868	8.5%
Bull Run: Total	460	264	474	450	370	410	459	360	393	263	493	0	4,396	4,162	5.6%
Central: County	73	65	29	28	68	73	84	226	72	188	88		994	699	42.2%
Central: Non-County	349	150	271	348	272	349	369	314	262	381	308		3,373	2,270	48.6%
Central: Total	422	215	300	376	340	422	453	540	334	569	396	0	4,367	2,969	47.1%
Chinn Park: County	173	223	110	207	110	0	0	0	0	0	0		823	2,065	-60.1%
Chinn Park: Non-County	326	248	376	242	216	0	0	0	0	0	0		1,408	3,074	-54.2%
Chinn Park: Total	499	471	486	449	326	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,231	5,139	-56.6%
Haymarket Gainesville: County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Haymarket Gainesville: Non-County	651	424	458	485	593	315	352	434	494	382	404		4,992	5,194	-3.9%
HG: Total	651	424	458	485	593	315	352	434	494	382	404	0	4,992	5,194	-3.9%
Manassas City: County	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	8	9		32	56	-42.9%
Manassas City: Non-County	94	42	65	70	47	48	62	98	111	111	109		857	935	-8.3%
Manassas City: Total	98	42	65	70	47	48	62	101	119	119	118	0	889	991	-10.3%
Montclair: County	55	140	30	20	13	57	0	40	154	68	40		617	664	-7.1%
Montclair: Non-County	916	682	868	1011	772	789	673	850	905	815	636		8,917	9,717	-8.2%
Montclair: Total	971	822	898	1,031	785	846	673	890	1,059	883	676	0	9,534	10,381	-8.2%
Potomac: County	0	93	0	36	1,058	0	1	0	0	65	3		1,256	1,255	0.1%
Potomac: Non-County	120	183	149	76	193	97	181	181	407	415	318		2,320	858	170.4%
Potomac: Total	120	276	149	112	1,251	97	182	181	407	480	321	0	3,576	2,113	69.2%
ASC: County	0	0	0	27	56	0	6	4	4	0	0		97	173	-43.9%
ASC: Non-County	0	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		111	45	146.7%
ASC: Total	0	111	0	27	56	0	6	4	4	0	0	0	208	218	-4.6%
Dumfries: County	2	0	4	3	0	2	4	8	4	7	6		40	76	-47.4%
Dumfries: Non-County	125	111	92	109	60	89	113	80	104	103	51		1,037	1,085	-4.4%
Dumfries: Total	127	111	96	112	60	91	117	88	108	110	57	0	1,077	1,161	-7.2%
Total County Attendees:	333	523	206	321	1305	142	145	283	252	355	194	0	4,059	5,282	-23.2%
Total Non-County Attendees:	3,015	2,213	2,720	2,791	2,523	2,087	2,159	2,315	2,666	2,451	2,271	0	27,211	27,046	0.6%
Total County + Non-County Use:	3,348	2,736	2,926	3,112	3,828	2,229	2,304	2,598	2,918	2,806	2,465	0	31,270	32,328	-3.3%

Computer Use													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
# Users Logged On (SAM Statistics)													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26				
Bull Run	913	887	867	897	702	750	671	1,190	983	1,014	925		9,799	8,571	14.3%	
Central	509	454	420	490	383	428	393	623	484	503	463		5,150	4,817	6.9%	
Chinn Park	973	910	956	928	758	5	45	171	152	168	139		5,205	8,519	-38.9%	
Haymarket Gainesville	514	452	414	102	878	323	350	470	411	390	383		4,687	4,163	12.6%	
Manassas City	249	246	235	274	168	202	220	359	294	305	264		2,816	2,843	-0.9%	
Montclair	641	568	532	582	454	598	588	852	692	707	663		6,877	5,418	26.9%	
Potomac	1,078	1,083	1,105	1,187	991	618	1,136	1,564	1,157	1,234	1,101		12,254	10,294	19.0%	
Dale City	207	209	215	192	164	261	225	356	279	278	236		2,622	2,187	19.9%	
Dumfries	361	365	299	317	251	311	253	349	316	268	249		3,339	2,998	11.4%	
Independent Hill	35	32	22	25	18	30	28	30	25	29	25		299	291	2.7%	
Lake Ridge	192	173	149	198	176	271	185	288	233	217	203		2,285	1,760	29.8%	
Nokesville	49	46	42	34	30	33	36	37	36	33	28		404	471	-14.2%	
Total	5,721	5,425	5,256	5,226	4,973	3,830	4,130	6,289	5,062	5,146	4,679	0	55,737	52,332	6.5%	

# User Sessions (SAM Statistics)													C U M U L A T I V E			Performance Measure Target
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Bull Run	1,409	1,363	1,388	1,394	972	1,152	1,038	1,965	1,528	1,533	1,408		15,150	13,551	11.8%	
Central	867	776	706	818	591	662	587	961	759	823	780		8,330	8,399	-0.8%	
Chinn Park	1,644	1,572	1,585	1,539	1,208	16	57	312	276	292	215		8,716	15,417	-43.5%	
Haymarket Gainesville	785	710	658	607	471	499	526	731	607	564	600		6,758	6,770	-0.2%	
Manassas City	383	410	390	430	251	310	311	607	451	449	426		4,418	4,454	-0.8%	
Montclair	968	847	782	857	685	902	850	1,265	1,027	1,054	920		10,157	8,902	14.1%	
Potomac	2,021	1,868	1,800	1,962	1,594	917	1,751	2,523	1,847	2,139	1,872		20,294	18,125	12.0%	
Dale City	344	341	333	299	247	433	347	576	422	437	351		4,130	3,228	27.9%	
Dumfries	590	561	436	444	356	436	335	563	464	405	353		4,943	4,578	8.0%	
Independent Hill	45	38	29	31	20	38	35	44	27	41	29		377	412	-8.5%	
Lake Ridge	272	247	209	298	233	473	316	508	408	355	326		3,645	2,754	32.4%	
Nokesville	90	69	67	45	30	50	37	54	46	42	49		579	695	-16.7%	
Total	9,418	8,802	8,383	8,724	6,658	5,888	6,190	10,109	7,862	8,134	7,329	0	87,497	87,285	0.2%	

WiFi Use													C U M U L A T I V E		
Users: (Source: DoIT)													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run	837	810	2,334	1,698	2,417	2,247	2,147	2,622	2,899	2,609	2,504		23,124	10,548	119%
Central	429	383	3,171	866	1,322	1,173	1,030	1,044	1,284	1,412	1,356		13,470	6,414	110%
Chinn Park	1,607	1,448	2,651	2,204	2,911	1,782	1,887	1,864	1,904	1,950	1,830		22,038	16,992	30%
Haymarket Gainesville	935	809	625	1,386	1,631	1,456	1,494	1,605	1,874	2,100	2,135		16,050	10,256	56%
Manassas City	265	249	494	316	336	322	319	387	455	422	424		3,989	2,742	45%
Montclair	1,236	1,157	1,182	1,348	1,735	1,829	1,723	1,830	2,126	2,148	2,242		18,556	16,409	13%
Potomac	621	544	2,138	834	1,234	1,032	1,210	1,415	1,401	1,525	1,444		13,398	6,343	111%
Dale City	49	39	3,042	1,888	2,898	2,765	2,662	2,884	3,131	3,086	3,497		25,941	784	3209%
Dumfries	88	96	448	317	422	396	383	356	423	418	485		3,832	877	337%
Independent Hill	37	42	375	135	164	160	126	141	183	267	260		1,890	999	89%
Lake Ridge	81	93	403	469	751	799	751	729	822	761	925		6,584	786	738%
Nokesville	27	22	579	71	108	113	101	97	99	151	150		1,518	854	78%
Total WiFi Users:	6,212	5,692	17,442	11,532	15,929	14,074	13,833	14,974	16,601	16,849	17,252	0	150,390	74,004	103%

													C U M U L A T I V E		
Dwell Time (Average in Minutes): (Source: DoIT)													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Difference
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26			
Bull Run	18.00	18.00	120.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	120.00	60.00	120.00	120.00		876.00	211.00	315%
Central	23.00	23.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	120.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	60.00		766.00	183.00	319%
Chinn Park	25.00	31.00	90.00	120.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	120.00		806.00	245.00	229%
Haymarket Gainesville	40.00	34.00	90.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		1124.00	390.00	188%
Manassas City	108.00	62.00	90.00	120.00	120.00	180.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		1280.00	678.00	89%
Montclair	18.00	20.00	90.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		1088.00	225.00	384%
Potomac	24.00	34.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		1138.00	270.00	321%
Dale City	9.00	11.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		80.00	94.00	-15%
Dumfries	12.00	16.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00		598.00	153.00	291%
Independent Hill	12.00	12.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		984.00	643.00	53%
Lake Ridge	25.00	37.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		992.00	184.00	439%
Nokesville	13.00	19.00	120.00	60.00	60.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		992.00	524.00	89%
Average Dwell Time:	327.00	317.00	1,200.00	1,020.00	960.00	1,140.00	1,140.00	1,200.00	1,080.00	1,140.00	1,200.00	0.00	893.67	316.67	182%

Library Human Resources

Training Office (Source: HR Training Manager)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	
Total number of Training Events	110	69	114	63	81	92	32	52	70	100	94		877	745	18%	
Total number of Staff	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263	263				
Total number of Staff Attended	44	110	138	101	141	85	68	56	78	104	144		1,069	766	40%	
% of Staff Attending Training Events	17%	42%	52%	38%	54%	32%	26%	21%	30%	40%	55%	0%				40%

Recruiting (Source: HR Analyst)													C U M U L A T I V E		
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff
Total # of Recruitments Processed (new req#)	5	2	5	4	4	5	7	0	10	6	5		53	0	
Additional Recruiting (recruiting from previous req #)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1		4	0	

													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Meas Target FY26
													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	
Financial Services (Source: FS Administrator)																
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26	
Financial Status Updates	1,142	1,028	1,047	1,469	847	1,090	909	824	1,100	1,346	1,093	11,895	12,223	-2.7%	15,143	
% of performance measure target													78.55%			

													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26
Library Facilities Maintenance (Source: Library Facilities Manager)																
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26	
Work Orders forwarded to B&G	59	36	43	44	49	34	62	41	40	47	37	492	436	13%		
In-House Work Orders Completed	35	28	34	38	26	44	38	40	34	48	42	407	393	4%		
Total	94	64	77	82	75	78	100	81	74	95	79	899	829	8%	814	
% of performance measure target													110.44%			

													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26
Office of Communications and Marketing (Source: OCM Manager)																
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26	
Web requests + print pieces produced	276	481	464	492	392	422	418	529	527	711	843	5,555	18,564	-70.1%	10,000	
% of performance measure target													55.55%			

													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26
Office of Programming and Events (Source: OPE Manager)																
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26	
System-Wide Program Events Coordinated	126	47	65	80	76	41	52	56	87	90	59	779	578	34.8%	600	
Attendees at System-Wide Program Events	5,219	1,244	1,728	1,489	2,449	722	1,381	1,060	3,460	1,732	1,617	22,101	18,436	19.9%	30,000	
Reading Program Participants	2,794	648	458	774	124	80	1,510	144	79	112	218	6,941	4,207	65.0%	20,000	

													Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26
Community Outreach Services (Source: COS Manager)																
Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	% of Diff	Perf Meas Target FY26	
Outreach Events and Bookmobile Stops Coordinated	26	23	34	36	25	24	22	29	32	37	38	326	264	23.5%	300	
People Reached at Outreach Events and Bookmobile Stops	804	581	1,360	1,718	783	619	409	715	873	1,171	1,609	10,642	10,273	3.6%	14,000	
People Who Signed Up for a Library Card at an Outreach Event or Bookmobile Stop	35	56	216	107	100	19	25	65	49	69	104	845	899	-6.0%	800	
Information Requests Handled	261	321	422	312	272	150	207	497	444	267	298	3,451	2,009	71.8%		

Mail Room Transactions (Source: Monthly report from Mailroom)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY26
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Materials Transported	5,943	6,127	5,521	5,759	5,631	5,326	4,931	5,482	5,887	6,117	6,527		63,251	59,051	7.1%	55,000
% of performance measure target													115.00%			

Materials Services Transactions (Source: Polaris Monthly Statistics Report)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY26
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Items Added	10,985	9,284	10,097	10,138	8,046	8,927	10,162	9,352	11,807	12,009	11,083		111,890	111,444	0.4%	
Items Deleted	5,825	5,459	6,121	6,321	4,139	6,295	5,439	5,514	5,528	5,424	5,664		61,729	80,489	-23.3%	
Bibs Added	4,854	3,530	3,648	4,506	3,433	5,107	4,152	4,110	4,310	4,230	3,290		45,170	79,690	-43.3%	
Bibs Deleted	12,823	12,867	10,443	20,269	6,355	10,819	48,615	12,878	16,477	18,196	7,308		177,050	102,585	72.6%	
Total Transactions	34,487	31,140	30,309	41,234	21,973	31,148	68,368	31,854	38,122	39,859	27,345	0	395,839	374,208	5.8%	
% of performance measure target																

Technology Services (Source: Monthly report from Technology Services)													C U M U L A T I V E			Perf Measure Target FY26
	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total FY26 To Date	Total FY25 To Date	Percent of Difference	
Total Support Requests Received in TSD	331	265	306	243	236	272	213	329	351	322	322		3,190	3,473	-8.1%	
% of performance measure target																

Library Collection Size Annual Totals (Source: Polaris Fiscal Year Turnover Rate Report as of June 30, 2025)					
Systemwide Totals by Collection			Cumulative		
	June 2025		Total June 2025	Total June 2024	Percent of Difference
Physical Books	392,468		421,058	421	99913.8%
E-Books-Electronic Products	2,407,709		2,407,709	2,092,963	15.0%
Physical Serials	19,025		19,025	19,553	-2.7%
Physical Audio-Visual Materials	35,325		35,325	38,007	-7.1%
Other	3,981		3,981	3,762	5.8%
Microforms	74		74	71	4.2%
Grand Total / All Library Materials	2,858,582				
Library Branch Totals - All Formats (Number of Items in Polaris)					
	June 2025		Total June 2025	Total June 2024	Percent of Difference
Bull Run	70,360		70,360	78,086	-9.9%
Central	46,385		46,385	59,644	-22.2%
Chinn Park	65,883		65,883	70,613	-6.7%
Community Outreach Services	3,881		3,881	3,737	3.9%
Haymarket Gainesville	69,986		69,986	68,970	1.5%
Manassas City	22,639		22,639	21,800	3.8%
Montclair	44,441		44,441	44,207	0.5%
Potomac	57,480		57,480	59,271	-3.0%
Total	381,055		381,055	406,328	-6.2%
Dale City	14,758		14,758	14,010	5.3%
Dumfries	16,372		16,372	14,391	13.8%
Independent Hill	11,752		11,752	10,862	8.2%
Lake Ridge	13,060		13,060	11,650	12.1%
Nokesville	11,554		11,554	11,162	3.5%
Total	67,496		67,496	62,075	8.7%
Non-branch Collections: ASC	2,051		2,051	1,879	9.2%
Web	302,111		302,111	285,605	5.8%
Total	304,162		304,162	287,484	5.8%
Grand Total	752,713		752,713	755,887	-0.4%

FY2026 Report Notes for Individual Sheets in Prince William Public Libraries Monthly Report

Circulation

- Dale City Library closes at 12:00 p.m. due to a power outage - October 28, 2025
- Montclair Library closes at 3:00 p.m. due to heating issues - January 2, 2026 and January 3, 2026
- Central Library opens at 11:00 a.m. due to a scheduled power outage - January 7, 2026
- Bull Run Library closed due to potential winter weather - January 25, 2026
- Lake Ridge Library closed due to a power outage - February 20, 2026
- All libraries closed at 5:00 p.m. due to potential inclement weather - February 23, 2026
- Nokesville Library closed for full interior painting - May 18 through June 6, 2026

**Information Requests
(Full Service Libraries)**

- _Directional/Serviceing Technology and Informational/Point of Use Instruction statistics combined into one report:

**Computer Use Statistics
Library Events and Activities**

- December 2009: SAM Flextime implemented (extension of patron's time no longer counts as a separate session).
- February 1, 2011: \$2.00 Internet visitor card charge in effect for users without library cards.

Financial Services

- New financial + budget system, Mobius Financials replaces Ascend: July 1, 2021

OCM

- New web site launched: May 2021
- December 2016: Pinterest site changed + boards dropped which resulted in a negative number of patrons.
- Beginning in January 2018, Library Web Site Page Views + Session are only reported by the County to OCE on a Quarterly basis.
- OCE (Office of Community Engagement) renamed OCM (Office of Communications and Marketing) - January 1, 2022

OPE

- Office of Programming and Outreach renamed OPE (Office of Programming and Events) - July 1, 2022

COS

- Community Outreach Services division established July 1, 2022
- Mobile Library ribbon cutting February 21, 2024

Magisterial Districts

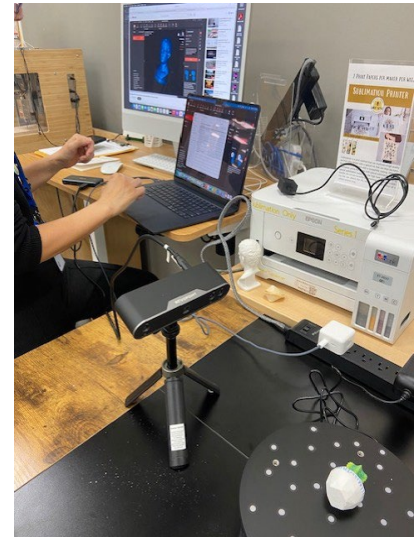
- Brentsville: Nokesville
- Coles: Central, Independent Hill
- Gainesville: Bull Run, Haymarket Gainesville
- Neabsco: Dale City
- Occoquan: Chinn Park, Lake Ridge
- Potomac: Dumfries, Montclair
- Woodbridge: Potomac
- City of Manassas: Manassas City

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Bull Run Makerspace added a Revopoint Plus 3D scanner to our collection this month. We have invited staff from Central Library's makerspace and Chinn Park's makerspace to help us explore as we learn how to use it. It is projected to be offered to the public by winter 2026.



The Makerspace also celebrated National Pet Month by using sublimation to decorate pet bandanas for Make it Fridays.



Outreach and Community Engagement

Shelley, Kat and Maddy visited three different elementary schools this month to discuss PWPL's summer reading program, library events and library services. At Unity Hill Elementary school, they used a drop-in format during lunch in the cafeteria to share information with students, and made it more fun with a prize wheel!



Students from Loch Lomond Elementary visited the branch for a tour and story time as part of their community helper's unit. Shelley brought out the big parachute which was perfect to allow all 78 kids to participate and learn to be a community helper by keeping the parachute up!



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Larisa attended training from The Center for Leadership Studies on Leading Multiple Generations in the Workplace.

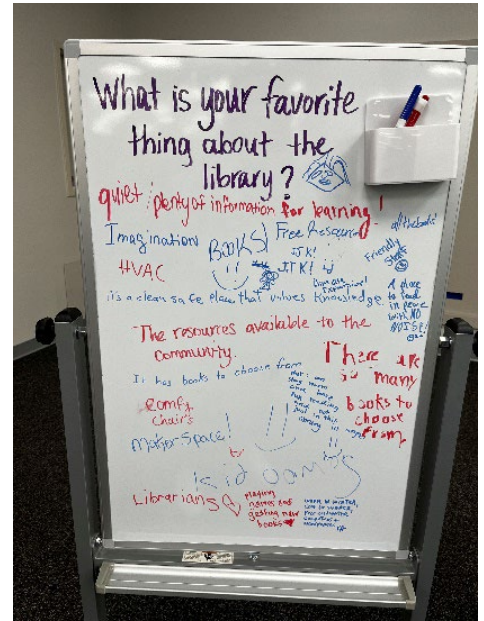
Inviting Spaces

May's lobby art display "Feathered Friends" was provided by members of p-ART-ners, a local Manassas artist group. Bull Run staff appreciated seeing our branch mascot, Athena the owl, represented in the artwork this month.



Claire created an interactive display using a whiteboard in the library's entryway. Each week, customers are asked different questions about library resources, how they use the library, or what book they're reading. We've all enjoyed reading the responses from

customers, and the questions are sparking discussion amongst staff too!



Community Responsive Enrichment

A local group of teen volunteers from the STEMsters club at Woodbridge Senior High School partnered with Bull Run Library to offer a program for children teaching them how to create a pump from upcycled materials.



The Little Rangers event came with an interactive exhibit with animal pelts, taught kids more about wild animals in our area, and included a craft activity.



The Bull Run Ukulele Players presented a concert to celebrate International Play Your Ukulele Day on May 2. This dynamic group is committed to changing the world with just four strings.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

In May, Central installed an vent for our Studio 8601 Glowforge. Previously, using the Glowforge required us to vent the machine through an open door, creating an uncomfortable environment for patrons when in use. With the Glowforge being one of our most popular machines, this has made Studio 8601 easier to use for everyone.

As part of Central's digital inclusion efforts, Studio 8601 supported a non-profit to help them create harm reduction materials. This group aims to spread awareness for safe options throughout Virginia and provides free items to help residents apply what is taught. The Makerspace allowed access to resources that would have otherwise been unavailable for this group.



Outreach and Community Engagement

The Local History Walking Tour Group visited Rippon Lodge in Woodbridge, the only home that is known to have existed during the 18th century. It was a beautiful day, and the tour was well attended, and they asked about volunteering opportunities, took lots of pictures, and left well informed about Rippon Lodge, the Blackburn family, the enslaved laborers, and Prince William County history.

In Studio 8601, patron Nicole Stein sublimated t-shirts for the community organization she runs, The Manassas Drop & Swap. Their events are held monthly at the City of Manassas Community Center. These events bring neighbors together to exchange items they no longer need. Participants can give and take freely, at no cost. Remaining items are donated to a local Manassas charity or church.



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

In May, all staff took a half day to train in customer service. They were taught best practices for internal and external customer service and had the opportunity to learn and grow closer as a team. Events like these help Central maintain our expertise and support our community.

Central Library's youth service department continues to offer educational programs to our community. In May, our programmers offered story times, Little Makers, and Little Lab, which all offer hands on learning for kids. The community appreciates these offerings and loves our youth services librarians. Central Library supported the Story times, Little Makers, and Little Lab offered hands-on activities for all ages.

The English Conversation Class offered by Central has grown by leaps and bounds since it was established last year. The group has grown large enough that it moved from the Makerspace to the Community Room, and the class and teachers are talking about other programs and activities to offer. One student was particularly complimentary of the course, telling us:

"Today I took a test at Prince William School, and starting in July I will begin attending English classes. My level is 3, even though I came here without knowing any English. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Ken for giving me knowledge and a lot of practice, and to all of you as well."



Inviting Spaces

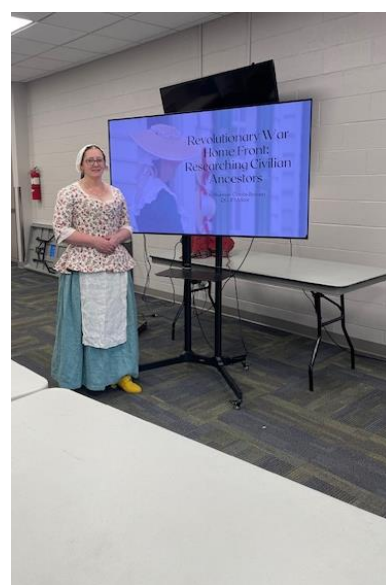
Central Library has continued to work to create an inviting space for everyone who comes in. Central has continued to add to its passive programs, offering more games and activities. Our

programmers also work to add to the inviting atmosphere by offering themed programs that relate to our community. In May, the Youth Services department offered a baseball themed story time which was well received. The Makerspace celebrated Star Wars Day by creating 3D Droids for patrons to color. These types of programs create a welcoming environment in the library, and our community enjoys their time here.



Community Responsive Enrichment

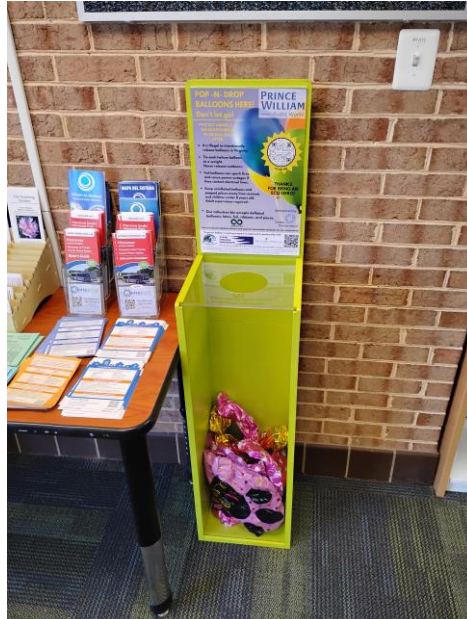
As part of VA250, RELIC offered a variety of programs to teach our community about the history of the United States. Dr. Larrie D. Ferreiro came to do a program on the role of Spain in the American Revolution. His program was very informative, interactive, and everyone left wanting to learn more. Dr. Ferreiro stayed after the program to continue the discussion. Dr. Shannon Combs Bennett came to teach participants about lineage societies and how to start the process and research. She also came the next day dressed in period outfit to teach people about finding their colonial civilian ancestors. The programs were informative and participants and teachers stayed well beyond the end of the program to continue the discussion and answer questions.



Accessible Resources and Collections

Central Library added a latex recycling container to our collection. This allows patrons to recycle latex and foil balloons, as well as their strings. Central Library is committed to sustainability and recycling, and this offers an accessible resource for our community to use.

Central Makerspace continues to develop programs that offer easy access to the resources in the Makerspace. In May, the staff there offered a Mother's Day program, creating an embroidered tattoo-inspired heart. The class learned several embroidery stitches, allowing them to undertake more projects in the future.



Technology and Digital Inclusion

PWPL will provide effective and equitable access to technology within the library for staff and patrons and digital resources beyond the library walls.

MAGIC continued to expand training support for both patrons and staff. Heather and Kat delivered three training sessions on the Candid Search platform, helping participants navigate the integrated system and strengthen their grant research skills. Heather also led two training sessions on the AtoZ Database and conducted a Prince William Public Libraries information session. In addition, Myra provided digital database training for a staff member from another library department, further extending MAGIC's internal knowledge-sharing efforts.

Outreach and Community Engagement

PWPL will engage with our evolving community through outreach to reduce barriers to access.

School visits to promote the Summer Reading Program began in May. Staff visited Minnieville Elementary School and Beville Middle School to talk about this year's Summer Reading Program. Staff also went to Holy Family Catholic School for their literacy night and to Rockledge Elementary School's Career Day. Staff also conducted their final visits of the school year to the Chinn Center preschool. Roger visited the Evermore Senior Living Center to read books aloud to the residents, and Sarah continued her silent book club at Arbor Terrace Assisted Living Center.



Figure 1 The MAGIC team at the Calibrate Conference.

Figure 1 Myra sharing MAGIC resources with local entrepreneurs.

MAGIC maintained strong community engagement throughout May, participating in a wide range of outreach events that expanded connections across county departments, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations. The team attended the Calibrate Small Business Conference hosted by the Prince William County Economic Development Department, reaching entrepreneurs and strengthening MAGIC's

presence within the local business ecosystem. MAGIC also joined the PWC Quality Service Council Ice Cream Social at both the Ferlazzo and McCoart buildings, engaging directly with county staff.

Myra welcomed 33 new PWC employees during New Employee Orientation, while Heather and Kat continued their weekly involvement with GEMS and 1 Million Cups (1MC), where Heather delivered a presentation highlighting MAGIC's support for small businesses and expanding awareness of available tools. Myra represented MAGIC at the Chamber of Commerce's Government Contracting Council and Kat attended the Chamber's Not-For-Profit Council. Altogether, MAGIC's outreach efforts reached more than 600 people this month.



Figure 1 Heather fostering connections with county employees.

Inviting Spaces

PWPL will cultivate accessible, multifunctional spaces to serve as safe, sustainable, and welcoming destinations.

Our May book display featured books inspired by the Star Wars franchise along with some amazing pieces created with our makerspace equipment. Staff spent the last weeks of May cutting out paper leaves, making flowers, and purchasing items to decorate our space for summer reading. Decorations will go up in the week of June 8.



Figure 1 Star Wars display

Community Responsive Enrichment

PWPL will provide inclusive resources, services, and programming to serve and fulfill the needs of our evolving community.

In honor of Star Wars Day on May 4, CP Youth Services held a Star Wars-themed scavenger hunt for the month of May. Children were delighted to search for the Star Wars characters hidden in the library, and each finisher received a Star Wars bookmark and sticker.

Voting on Squirt's final adventure for the coloring book opened this month and will close in June before Summer Reading starts. Patrons have enjoyed voting on Squirt's adventures and picking up the new coloring sheets for each new escapade.

Dane Doty continued to lead a weekly story time at Montclair in May, and John Diaz visited Lake Ridge library on May 12 to do a story time there.

In May, we provided three different Take and Make crafts for patrons. The Cupcake Liner Flowers and Yarn Butterflies were fun for all ages, and the Soap Carving was for patrons ages 10 and up. The Adult Boox Boxes continue to be popular with patrons loving the books and treats carefully curated by Kris. In May, patrons took over 500 seed packets from our indoor and outdoor seed libraries.



Figure 2 Yarn Butterfly Take and Make



MAGIC facilitated extensive access to library resources for county employees, internal library departments, and the local business community by responding to 223 inquiries, including multiple specialized research requests. Staff provided in-depth industry reports covering the Jewelry and Gold industry, Data Processing and Hosting Services, IT and Management Consulting, Ambulatory Health Care Services, Scientific Research and Development, and Business Coaching. MAGIC also curated lists of educational nonprofits using Candid, performed targeted grant searches for another library department, and compiled research studies and case studies examining current trends in federal employment, with a focus on artificial intelligence and workforce surveillance.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

PWPL will foster training and professional development opportunities that support the growth and knowledge of staff to ensure excellent patron experiences in our libraries.

The CP YS staff attended J Share Day at the Haymarket-Gainesville Library. Two of the presentations were given by CP staff, with Dane Doty presenting on Project Management and Andreea Whitley giving an update on the ongoing project to recatalog and relabel graphic novels.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Two members of Dale City's staff attended Mental Health Crisis Response training hosted by Social Services this month. Useful resources both for helping library staff handle a crisis and to help the public navigate hardships were brought back to the rest of our team.

Inviting Spaces



Dale City staff spent some time this month taking the metal book supports off the shelves in the children's area. The dividers were replaced with book ends. The result is tidier, easier to read shelves and increased shelf space – especially useful as we head into the summer months!

We also emptied and removed shelving units in the adult fiction area. A small table and two chairs will eventually go into the space, filling a need for extra seating. The chairs purchased for the area have no casters and are visually distinct from our chairs with wheels. Now, patrons who may have mobility issues do not have to worry about their seat rolling away or out from under them.

Community Responsive Enrichment



Zumbini returned this month with a vibrant movement program for babies and toddlers. Participants used parachute games, hand and feet motions, and music to have fun and stay active!

We also welcomed a special guest from Leesylvania State Park as our reader for Little Rangers Story Time. Our back-to-back sessions of Spanish Story Time were full and filled the branch with energy.

Now the branch is gearing up for Summer Reading!

Outreach and Community Engagement

Dumfries Library did a lot of school Outreach this month to promote our upcoming Summer Reading Program, which has a dinosaur related “Unearth A Story” theme! We visited Triangle Elementary School on May 21st in a fabulous Dinosaur costume and then visited Swans Creek Elementary School on May 28th and May 29th. At Swans Creek we presented 3 times each day to each class, covering almost the entire student body! The kids were extremely engaged throughout and excited about the dinosaur theme for summer reading and eagerly anticipating the programs we highlighted. We did a story time presentation during the outreach, reading “There Was an Old Scientist Who Swallowed a Dinosaur”, which got lots of comments and engagement from the audience! At the end of each session the kids all lined up to ask a question, and there so many questions that we even ran out of time to answer them all at some sessions.



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

This month three of our staff attended the Summer Reading Program training – the other two staff members will catch up on the recordings next month. One of our staff members also took the Mental Health Crisis Response training and brought back a lot of excellent tips and ideas for communicating with patrons and handling crisis situations.

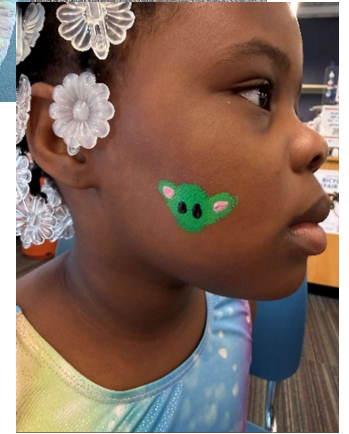
Inviting Spaces

We were very excited to get a new chair to go over in our sitting area by the study rooms! The chair matches the other one in this area, has a tablet so patrons can use their devices while seated, which helps make up for our limited table space, and allows us to move another adult sized chair to the children’s area, making it easier for parents to accompany their children comfortably.



Community Responsive Enrichment

The big event of May was Star Wars Day, which featured activities based on the upcoming movie and previous Star Wars films for children and families spread throughout the library! Activities included a craft to make your own Baby Yoda (aka Grogu) headband and a BB-8 figure from paper plates, and we also featured face painting, with participants getting a choice between either Baby Yoda or a custom lightsaber face paint. We also had coloring sheets, stickers, and a door raffle prize! Other programs this month included another visit from PBS Kids for their Play and Learn Science program, our final Spanish Circle Time and Baby Story Time programs of the spring, a Zipper Bracelet Take and Make craft, and our Book on Tap book club, hosted by Sinistral Brewery. Our Family Story Times were extra popular in the second half of the month as well, since many neighboring libraries paused their story times to prepare for summer.



Accessible Resources and Collections

Displays this month included a display highlighting our Nonfiction materials, an Extreme Weather display, a Star Wars Day display highlighting Star Wars titles of all kinds, a display about Cars and car maintenance on the endcap, and a display themed around the number 5 in the children's area.



Outreach and Community Engagement

Harper's Station Outreach

Sharon visited Harpers Station this month to make flower magnets with the residents there to enjoy. She noted that the residents loved to make crafts where they were not only able to make it for themselves, but to be able to give to others within the community!



Flower Magnet Craft

Farmer's Market

We hosted our Haymarket Gainesville Library tent at the Haymarket Farmers Market twice this month, led by Jeanine and Henricka the second Sunday and Meghan L. and Caitie during the fourth Sunday. They were able to meet with many members of the community during these dates while showcasing all the library had to offer from programs, promoting the upcoming Summer Reading Program, and talked about various resources available to patrons.

Youth Services Outreach

Jeanine collaborated with school principals and librarians to distribute Summer Reading flyers to local families. Many schools shared printed flyers, while others chose to include the information in their digital communications. Jeanine also partnered with the librarian at Alvey Elementary School to help students obtain library cards.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Getting Ready for Summer Reading!

We had a couple of branch staff-led training this month to help staff learn about new resources and to be even more prepared for the summer rush. To get ready for the 2026 Summer Reading Program, the Youth Services staff of Jeanine, Caitie, Roseanne, and Tracy held in-house, small group SRP trainings ahead of the official to help with more Haymarket Gainesville Library specific questions. This allowed new staff members to be introduced to the overview of summer reading, while helping review and provide updated information for seasoned staff members.

Display Archive

Katie and Meghan L did a short training session during a May staff meeting about the display archive within the Haymarket Gainesville Library's SharePoint page that they have worked on and created together for staff to use. Staff are now able to use the display archive to find individual entries for book and window displays to help them brainstorm or create their own when they volunteer for a month along with other resources to make it easier, which could come in handy during the summer reading rush.

Youth Services Share Day

This year, HG Youth Services staff hosted the annual Youth Services Share Day. The afternoon brought together YS staff from across the library system for networking, collaboration, and professional development. Attendees enjoyed lunch and refreshments, enjoyed three informative presentations, and engaged in discussions about successes, challenges, and opportunities for growth related to the library's strategic plan. The event concluded with staff stepping into the role of patrons

to experience a program firsthand. The featured program was Biorhythms, an interactive experience led by musician and educator Tom Teasley, who partnered with our libraries during Summer Reading Program 2025. Through music, movement, and cultural storytelling, participants explored rhythm as a tool for communication, stress relief, connection, and community building. Additional activities included a resource-sharing table, where staff could exchange supplies and materials and a “Proud Table,” where attendees highlighted recent accomplishments and successful programs from their branches.

School Library Journal’s Day of Dialog

Caitie attended the virtual convention *School Library Journal’s Day of Dialog*, where juvenile and young adult authors discussed current trends in children’s and teen literature while highlighting upcoming titles. The event provided valuable insights into emerging publishing trends and helped expand Caitie’s knowledge of children’s and YA literature, strengthening her readers’ advisory and reference skills.

Caitie also participated in the Mental Health Crisis Intervention training offered by Library Human Resources. The training focused on best practices for assisting patrons who may be experiencing a mental health crisis within the library. Participants received guidance on recognizing signs of distress, responding appropriately, and connecting patrons with local support services and resources.

Inviting Spaces

Displays

Henricka took lead this month with the Haymarket Gainesville window display by celebrating National Burger Month and Summer Movies. For National Burger Month, they gave some fun facts about the most expensive burger, showcased famous burgers in the media, displayed burger focused cookbooks available for check out, while also giving patrons a chance to vote on what local business has their favorite burger. Patrons are excited about the results of this survey! For the Summer Movies section of the window, Henricka highlighted many of the movies that are coming out this summer that are based on books, like *The Sheep Detective*, *Animal Farm*, and *The Odyssey*, and provided where patrons could find these books within the library themselves!



National Burger Month

Community Responsive Enrichment

Youth Services Programs

As we prepare for the start of Summer Reading, we recently wrapped up our spring session of Story Times and PreK Skill Builders. These programs will take a seasonal break, except for Baby Story Time, as we shift our focus to the wide variety of exciting Summer Reading programs. Throughout the year, our recurring programs have continued to be extremely popular and well attended. Story Times, PreK Skill Builders, Reading to Dogs, Pokémon Club, Chess Club, Teen Advisory Group (TAG), and BrainSTEMS have all seen strong participation, with many sessions reaching record attendance levels. The consistent enthusiasm from families highlights the important role these programs play in fostering literacy and community connections and enrichment.

Our year-round reading programs also continue to thrive. Since September 2025, 71 children have registered for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, with 17 young readers reaching the



Reading to Dogs

milestone and completing the challenge. Following the launch of our Level Up reading program, we welcomed 194 registrations with 13 completions. These numbers reflect the community's ongoing commitment to reading and we look forward to building on this throughout the summer reading program.

Adult Programs

May embraced the springtime vibes with many of our special event programs. We had the Second Annual Community Plant Swap where over 70 patrons visited to trade plants and talk all about their gardens and plants along with the PWC Master Gardener volunteers. Patrons were able to get crafty by learning the basics of cross stitch through a couple of floral based patterns that they were able to work on at the library during our Spring Cross Stitch Class. We also hosted Homegrown and Harvested, a program where patrons were able to get some beginner gardening basics so they can start their own garden at home.



Community Plant Swap

Our recurring adult programs have been also doing well, especially with our newer book clubs, Among the Stars and Around the World, which have started to grow with their members.



Homegrown and Harvested



Spring Cross Stitch Class

May 2026

Community Responsive Enrichment

This month featured Leatherworking 102: Dragon Hunter Bag. In this two-part series, participants learned leather-stitching techniques and made their own bags.



Inviting Spaces

The gardens provided a lovely space for the community and wildlife, including a Gray Tree Frog. The Eastern Red Columbine, whose flowers are a primary food source for hummingbirds, is native to Virginia.



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Staff took part in professional development activities, including the EI Leadership Cohort, Mental Health Crisis Response, Collection Maintenance, Youth Services Share Day, and Summer Reading.

Outreach and Community Engagement

For this month's Books on Tap @ Brightworks Brewing Company, the group discussed Markus Zusak's bestseller, "The Book Thief." In the novel, Death narrates the story of Liesel Meminger, a young girl who grows up in Germany during the rise of Nazi Germany.

Technology and Digital Inclusion



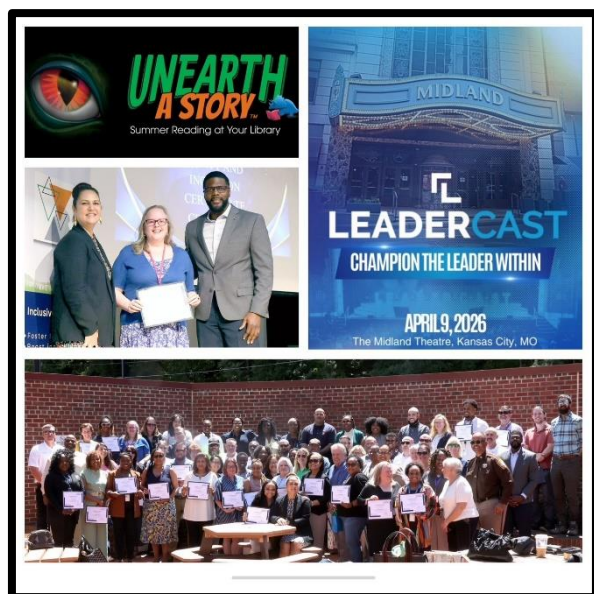
Joanna attended a “scoping study” on behalf of Lake Ridge where she assisted in the early mapping and information gathering processes. With her decades of experience in PWPL she offered insight into circulation functions and customer service workflows that TSD and ByWater Solutions will utilize moving forward.

Outreach and Community Engagement

Staff continued to prioritize their partnership with Westminster Senior Living Community, providing another afternoon of “Tech Help” to residents in need. The team also went to Rockledge Elementary to speak at their Kindergarten Career Day and invited Mr. John from Chinn Park to join in the fun.

Elsewhere, a special interaction took place when a young girl visited Lake Ridge in search of her “book lovers” badge for her local scouting group. In order to receive the patch, she requested a tour of the library and signed up for a library card. Even though she and her family visit all the time, staff members were able to highlight some details they hadn’t heard before, especially surrounding new books and fun media options like the Wazoodles. As long-time users of books on CD, they were sad to hear the collection might be phased out in the future, but they were very happy to discover the Playaway alternative!

Approachable, Adaptive Experts



May offered plenty of learning opportunities for the staff at Lake Ridge. Joanna, Nikki and Rebecca all ventured to Bull Run on the 13th for a new Collection Maintenance Training. The next day, Greer and Lissette participated in Leadercast, a virtual conference with multiple speakers. As the month came to an end, Lissette and Greer participated in an online Summer Reading Training, which Nikki cohosted with Kristen from OPE, and others from their SRP planning committee. On May 28th, Greer earned her graduation certificate for completing the Equity and Inclusion Leadership Cohort. Over 75 county employees graduated alongside her, including 4 other PWPL managers. Finally, Lissette joined the four other full-time library technicians from the smaller libraries for a check-in. During their quarterly meetings, the group of five share challenges, successes, and brainstorm together.

Inviting Spaces



Patrons enjoyed updates to the branch as a colorful new bulletin board brightened up the youth services area, and another local artist introduced her work to the community. Dawn Pritchett is a member of the Artists' Undertaking Gallery in nearby Occoquan. She specializes in watercolors inspired by her hiking, gardening, and other nature adventures.

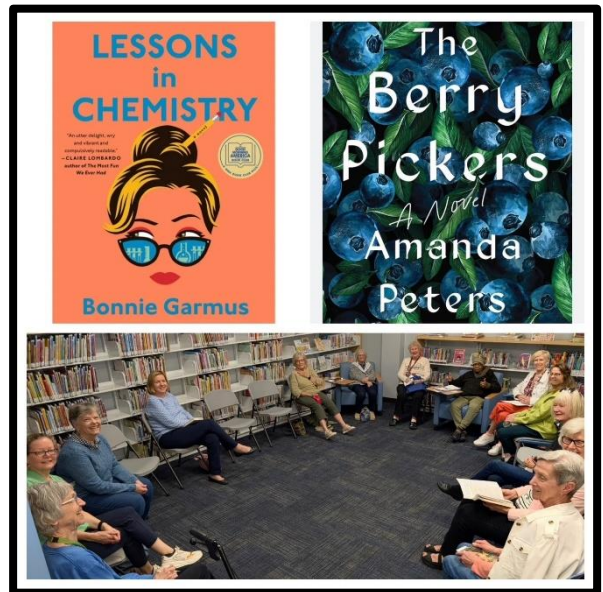
The Lake Ridge team also provided a warm welcome to staff from other branches and departments in May. Adina worked a shift during Nokesville's closure, while Kelcey stopped by to tour the space and share a bit about her new role with OCM.

The Chinn Park Friends of the Library Board also met at Lake Ridge for their quarterly board meeting (a first!) and were surprised by the volunteer appreciation celebration awaiting them. They enjoyed cards, balloons, food, drinks, and more.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Story time hour kept Tuesday mornings busy in May whether hosted by volunteer Jane, Spanish Circle Time's Roxanna, or a PWC Park Ranger.

Adults also got in on the fun with another round of Knot Just a Hobby, Chinn Chats, and the Lake Ridge Readers Book Club. Hosted for the first time by Lissette and Ashley, the LR Readers enjoyed a lively discussion about *Lessons in Chemistry*, while the Chinn Chats group shared their views on *The Berry Pickers*.



Finally, take and make craft kits were available for patrons of all ages, thanks to Ashley and Marianne. One of the library's littlest patrons even asked Greer for help putting hers together the minute she picked it up. She then proudly displayed her "silly side-eared bunny" for everyone to see.

Accessible Resources and Collections



Otis says, "You otter know about Interlibrary Loans"

Is there an item you are interested in getting from the library that is not in the PWPL system? Consider trying to get it through Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

What items?

- library books
- microforms
- photocopies of articles

Where will they come from? from other libraries across the US
How do you get it? you'll choose a PWPL branch for pick up*
How much does it cost? it's FREE
How do you sign up? Go to the Interlibrary Loans page of the PWPL website - it can be found under the Find a Book or Digital Resource heading

- Register for an InterLibrary Loan internet accessible database, or Iliad, account ([New Users!](#))
- Log into Iliad and place a request
- When notified your ILL item is ready for pick up, head to the designated library branch*

*In Library Use: All in-library use materials can be held for you at any of our branches. Microforms: All microforms can be held at Central Library, where microform readers are available.

HAVE AN OTTERIFIC MAY!

2 Brothers & Sisters Day
May 3 World Laughter Day
4 Star Wars Day
5 Cinco de Mayo
10 Mothers Day
12 International Nurses Day
16 Armed Forces Day
25 Memorial Day

Nikki ran point in the youth services area with a "Food from Around the World" display, while Joanna highlighted "National Teacher Appreciation Day" and Ashley featured books that offered "Retellings of Classic Stories." In honor of National Train Day (May 10th) Greer put together a bonus train display which afforded patrons the chance to check out train books, enjoy a train crossword, or enter to win a train puzzle or model train. A few weeks later the branch had a terrific time celebrating National Otter Day (May 27th). In addition to showcasing otter books from the collection, the team also offered interesting otter trivia, memory matching games, coloring sheets to decorate the service desk, prizes, and more! Even Joanna's monthly slide rotation enlisted the help of Lake Ridge Library's otter mascot to explain how ILLs are an excellent PWPL resource!

To ensure the library's collection was in the best shape possible ahead of Summer Reading and the upcoming transition from one ILS software to another, everyone in the branch committed to completing another annual inventory. Over the course of one week, staff took turns targeting different areas of the collection. In the end, a series of reports helped to identify the small percentage of errors as well as a suggestion for improvement that Greer took forward to MSD in the next Branch Managers Meeting. Special thanks to TSD for providing a loaner laptop that enabled the team to double up and complete the process quickly and efficiently.

Technology and Digital Inclusion



Spice Club invites patrons to check out cookbooks and take a sample spice with a recipe from the Digital Library.

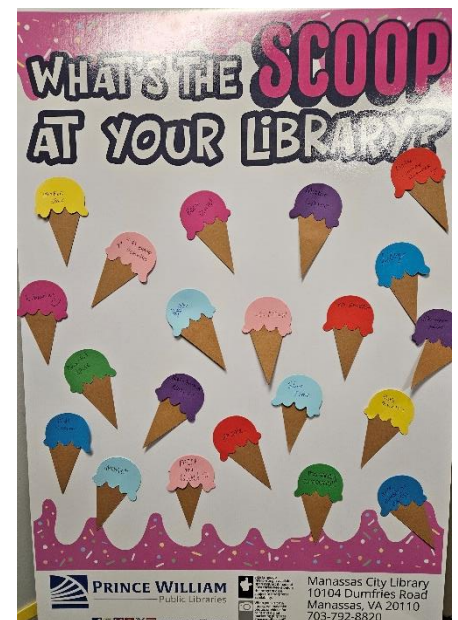
A frustrated patron, with limited technology experience, asked Caylin for help to navigate the process to apply for Medicare. Caylin patiently helped her with each step until she was able to submit her complete application. The patron was so appreciative, that she returned to the branch with a bouquet of flowers and a big hug for Caylin.

Another patron requested a book that was only available on Hoopla. Reluctantly, he agreed to download Hoopla and give it a try. Kelly and the patron's wife walked him through the process until he could access what he wanted to read. The patron was appreciative and confident to access ebooks going forward.

Outreach and Community Engagement

May was a particularly busy outreach month with a focus on Summer Reading promotion, connecting with veterans, and engaging community partners. As a result, we also had a 7% increase in the number of library visitors compared to May last year, and we made 100 new library cards.

- Clea presented a story time for 5 classes at Baldwin Elementary. She promoted upcoming programs and led literacy activities.
- Jennifer engaged over 100 PWC Employees at the Ice Cream Social and tested out a new ice cream-themed interactive activity board called "What's the Scoop at Your Library?"
- Fressia talked with community members and partners at the Manassas City Community Center during the Parent E3 Series focusing on youth mental health.
- Jennifer delivered 4200 Summer Reading flyers, 1 for each student at all the Manassas City Public elementary and intermediate schools. She also shared the promotional video with Metz Middle and Osbourne High School.
- Jennifer and Lisa met with the Manassas Museum exhibits and programming team to explore collaboration opportunities to include a MAGIC-led program in conjunction with the museum's upcoming exhibit on the history of business in Manassas City and potential shared displays, in both locations, featuring museum artifacts and library resources.



Interactive activity board for outreach

- Lena presented to the Rotary Club of Manassas, sharing the PWPL strategic goals, an overview of the COHS program, and opportunities to partner with the library for service projects.
- Lena connected with local businesses and non-profits at the City of Manassas Business Appreciation Breakfast, hosted by the PW Chamber of Commerce. She also attended the City of Manassas Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture community input session on the topic of History and Education.
- Julie, Fressia, and Lena observed adult ESOL classes at Metz Middle School to further their learning for the TEFL certification program, and Lena returned to offer students an overview of PWPL and library card registration.
- Lena tabled at the City of Manassas 1st Annual Veterans Resource Fair initiated by the mayor.
- Sarah hosted the monthly Silent Book Club at Arbor Terrace in Woodbridge.
- Lena shared donated books from the Friends of MC Library and PWPL app and the Digital Library bookmarks with residents at Birmingham Green Assisted Living and UVA Behavioral Health.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Caylin, Jennifer and Lena attended Leadercast 2026 “Champion the Leader Within.” They are earning the Leadership Passport to grow their skills as managers. At “Setting Up Base Camp,” Caylin learned different communication styles, how to identify what our branch's "norms" are and how to make new norms.

MC staff help each other grow their skills and learn new things from PWPL colleagues. Kelly taught us how to upload photos in bulk from OneDrive to Teams. Julie and Fressia met with PWPL collection maintenance staff to share best practices. Fressia worked with Caylin to ensure that the MC Circulation and Collection Maintenance procedures are updated. Danyelle continues to expand her knowledge and skills with customer service through weekly experience on the service desk. Jennifer completed 3 Financial Services p-card recertification trainings. Lena attended the PWC Community Services “Mental Health Crisis Response Training.” Monika attended the YS Share Day and the Summer Reading training.

Fressia is developing a new Spanish language family program. To learn new approaches, activities, and strategies, she observed Maggie Dobrev's Culture Connections: Bulgaria program, and she watched a Niche Academy/PCI webinar “Time Travel Club: Bring Children’s History Programming to Your Library.

Inviting Spaces



Young patron poses with environmental project.

We added a temporary display created by a young patron for her American Heritage Girl environmental project, and it seemed the perfect fit to add to the seed library. In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, Kelly decked Manny out in Hawaiian garb and created a Lei Day display. We added STATS picture hanging rail along the wall opposite to the art wall to further support local artists, to expand exhibits and to feature special library projects and community collaborations.



Lisa celebrates students and teachers' exceptional work.

The new Art Wall exhibit reflects work by young artists from all 5 Manassas City Public Schools elementary schools. Their exceptional work brightens the branch with bold colors and stunning talent! Their Art Opening was attended by MCPS Superintendent Dr. Kevin Newman, Electives and Library Coordinator Sarah Weaver, respected art teachers, proud parents, and young artists.

MC received this 5-star Google review: "Friendly service, nice clean and quiet space. It's small but cozy and has a little bit of something for most tastes and likes."

Community Responsive Enrichment

Clea hosted a storytime at MC for children, parents and teachers from the United Methodist Daycare. During Tween STEAM, she led exuberant participants through the Mbot Robot Challenge. Clea also hosted popular Toddler Play Times, and Monika hosted a well-attended Construction Club for all ages.



Storytime and dancing fun with Clea!

MC hosted a couple of firsts this month: Maggie from PO came to share Culture Connection: Bulgaria for a crowd of almost 50! With OPE, we also hosted our first concert at the Harris Pavillion featuring Vocalist Randy McHugh. Ms. Roxana returned this month for a crowd of over 50 parents and children for Spanish Circle Story Time.



It's Turtle Day with Ms. Roxana!

Julie worked with TAG volunteers to create dino suncatcher make and takes and prepare collage materials for summer programs.

Chair Yoga at MC and the new book club "Prose and Cons" are gaining popularity with adults. Jennifer led a discussion of fiction and nonfiction titles featuring water disasters this month, and for Books on Tap at Brightworks Brewing Co, she facilitated a discussion of *The Mad Wife* by Meagan Church. At Art Happening, local artist Mary Beth Keenan demonstrated how to make art by pounding flowers and botanicals into fabric for a fun hands-on art experience.



"I read 4,000 minutes!"



New Dewey Decimal "find it" posters.



Flower pounding demonstration at Art Happening

Kelly learned to run a new report to find hidden gems to merchandise materials. Caylin created new "Find it in Dewey" signs for juvenile nonfiction to make it easier for kids to find fact books. She also created new shelf talkers to highlight Digital Library databases for kids.

Due to the efforts of Julie, Caylin and Sarah, the YA fiction has seen a 31% rise in circulation, and the YA nonfiction is up 166% since interfiling with the adult nonfiction. Large Print circulation has also increased, since we moved it to a more accessible location with 8 additional shelves.

At Art Happening, Lena promoted CreativeBug, and at the Veterans Resource Fair, she demonstrated VetNow and other Digital Library databases. MC staff are heavy Digital Library users, so they regularly share their go-to databases and firsthand digital experience with patrons.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Adult Services –

Montclair patrons enjoyed a taste of what PWPL's Makerspaces can do during our Sprayed Book Edges program. CP Makerspace staffer, Chris, walked patrons through using the Cricut to create custom stencils to paint onto their favorite books. This trendy craft received rave reviews from both teens and adults, so we hope to host it again in the future.



Outreach and Community Engagement

Youth Services –

The YS team attended outreach events at River Oaks Elementary and Henderson Elementary. They also coordinated with schools to get summer reading information for the students, including flyers and a presentation about all the wonderful events coming to the library.

Adult Services –



Montclair was visited by Seals on Wheels in May, offering mobile County Clerk services to folks on this side of the county. This partnership is always highly successful as it provides accessible county resources to those unable to travel to Manassas or make it to the Clerk's office during business hours.

This Seals on Wheels visit was especially eventful - Montclair hosted THREE weddings, beating the county record formerly held by the Dumfries Library. What better place to feel warm and fuzzy than the public library?

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Youth Services –

Jacquie continued creating the weekly desk schedules as a part of her yearly goals. Katie attended the summer reading training from OPE.

Circulation Services –

Library Technician Lillie, Library assistants Johana and V, library page Tressie attended the Summer Reading 2026 training session. Johana also attended the Mental Health Crisis presentation.

Inviting Spaces

Youth Services –

The YS team created a Would You Rather Summer Edition display in the Teen area, which has been getting great responses. They also continued their display celebrating the 2026 graduating class and have been excited to display the seniors' accomplishments.

In preparation for summer reading, the Children's display was taken over by dinosaur book recommendations. A new display was also created advertising SRP as well as 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

The teens also saw an update to its layout with a new study table and additional seating, which is already seeing good usage by teens.

Circulation Services –

Library manager Nancy facilitated her monthly Stitchers Circle gathering an ever-growing number of attendees. Beginners learn from seasoned stitchers who discuss projects, share ideas, and provide advice and suggestions.



Library Page Mary created an engaging book display which featured award winning Juvenile books, including Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery, New Voices, Odyssey, Pura Belpre', Theodore Seuss Geisel, and Robert F. Sibert Informational Medal award winners. Each side of the display had a brief description of the award and included books who won or received an honor. On top of the display, Mary created eight trophies to highlight each award with an example of the medals that are displayed on the book cover.

Library Assistant Johana created a stroke awareness display, complete with items to check out as well as practical information flyers on how to quickly respond to potential emergencies. Library supervisor Fabienne created a display titled "Read me or they'll weed me" highlighting items that have not circulated in a while.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Youth Services –

The YS team hosted a story time, teaching patrons about dyslexia for all ages, where our community showed their appreciation for the program. The STEAMsters teen group facilitated their final program of the school year. The program received great attendance overall.



Adult Services –



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which we chose to honor with this month's passive program. Patrons were invited to try out suminagashi, the Japanese art of designing patterns in ink floating upon water. Our take-and-make kits included everything needed to play around with patterns before preserving them onto rice paper bookmarks.

Other May program offerings included many of our cyclical successes, like book clubs, social crafting groups, English Conversation classes, and our yoga workshop, and a one-time

craft program which encouraged participants to embrace nature and get messy by stamping custom tea towels using an assortment of real fruits.

Circulation Services –

Library Supervisor, Fabienne facilitated her monthly knitting program where customers gathered to work on various projects, questions and passion for yarn possibilities. Fabienne welcomed two new customers to the program who are just discovering the craft.



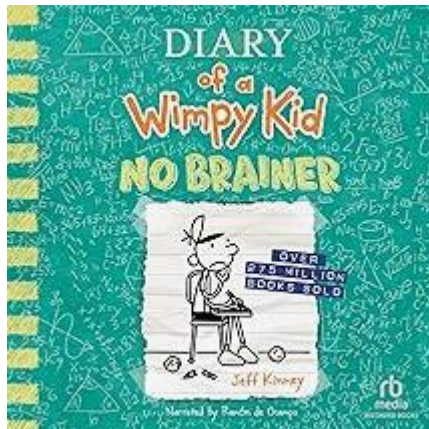
Accessible Resources and Collections

Youth Services –

To make the collection more accessible, the YS team coordinated with the circulation staff to relocate the launchpads to the media collection at the front of the building with the playaways and Whazoodles. We also moved the children's magazines and concept book bags to the shelving areas so they would get more circulation.

Circulation Services –

In May, Montclair circulated 26814 items and created 156 new library cards. Our top 2 items circulated for May:



Outreach and Community Engagement



Over 250 people visited Adina and Teresa at a booth in front of the branch for Nokesville Day on May 16 and took turns spinning the prize wheel, learning about library resources, shopping the book sale offered by Friends of Bull Run Library, and talking with library staff and volunteers.

On May 29, Sunny and Adina visited The Nokesville School to discuss PWPL's Summer Reading Program, including our reading challenge, events, and other resources the library offers that kids and their families can use over the summer. Sunny also attended Career Day at Cedar Point Elementary school to share about working at the library, as well as share library resources and discuss Level Up Reading with attendees.

Ginger visited Harper Station with staff from Haymarket-Gainesville Library to learn more about the monthly outreach that they offer to the community, as well as look at offering similar outreach to retirement communities in Nokesville's service area.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Sunny and Adina visited Youth Services Share Day at Haymarket-Gainesville Library and learned about programs that other libraries within PWPL offer and got to know the YS staff from other locations.

Ginger ran the monthly Code Adam drill, an emergency drill to help locate a missing child. She even brought her own 'child' and hid an American Girl doll for staff to find based on the description given in the drill. Staff appreciated her creativity in making a routine safety drill more interesting.

Adina visited Dale City and Lake Ridge to work a shift at each and learn more about library services at those locations, as well as get ideas for how Nokesville might be able to incorporate some new ways of offering services from other libraries within PWPL.



Inviting Spaces

Staff prepared the branch for closure for painting- cleaning out unused items, moving books off the shelves and ordering supplies for a facility refresh. The branch will reopen with an updated look in June.

Accessible Resources and Collections

Helen and Ginger attended the first Collection Maintenance meeting for all PWPL staff. They came back to the branch eager to follow up and implement some of the training they'd received. They both commented that they really appreciate Gregg from Materials Services organizing these meetings for staff.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Library of Things

This month, Stephanie created a display to highlight PWPL's Library of Things, a collection of non-traditional items including bicycle repair kits, thermal cameras, American Girl dolls, keyboards, and memory kits.

PWC Tech Help

PWC DoIT's Tech Help remains a popular service at Potomac, with staff offering bilingual, in-person support every Monday and Wednesday to help patrons build confidence with basic computer and smartphone skills.

Potomac Tech Clinic

Roger hosted Tech Clinic sessions on May 7 and 21, offering drop-in, one-on-one help with computers and digital devices. Patrons brought their own phones, tablets, and laptops for hands-on support, and one regular visitor praised Roger for his patience and for helping her "understand her own questions" as she learned her new computer.



Library of Things Display

Outreach and Community Engagement

School Outreach

On May 14, Thymie and Christine visited Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary's 3rd and 4th graders to share the joy of libraries. Potomac Youth Services staff posed the classic question: "What do you need to check out a book?" The answer "A library card!"

On Saturday May 30, Sarah represented the library at the Potomac View Elementary School Summer Resource Fair.



Elizabeth Vaughan ES 3rd Grade



Elizabeth Vaughan ES 4th Grade

Community Engagement

In May, we delivered a slate of standout community programs: the PWC Sheriff's Office led a hands-on family gun-safety session; Veterans and military families explored mindful creativity in a slow-stitch workshop; residents received free legal guidance through Lawyer in the Library; Marymount's Center for Optimal Aging provided expert health education and screenings; and AARP equipped job seekers with sharp tools for today's market.



Slow Stitch Collage Workshop

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

May is for Crafting

Potomac was busy with creativity in May. Staff showcased their talents in our display case with hand-made cards, repurposed CD suncatchers, no-sew heart pillows, crocheted squares, dioramas, paper fans, and hand-painted miniatures. Staff also shared these skills with patrons—on May 29, Roger led a hands-on session where participants created their own no-sew heart pillows.



PO staff display their crafty skills



PO patrons proudly show-off their no-sew heart pillows

Inviting Spaces

Adding Functionality

Our porter identified a practical improvement for the library: toilet seat cover dispensers. We purchased wall-mounted units and our outstanding facilities team installed them in every public stall and both staff restrooms. The covers are now easy to find and reach, eliminating the need for patrons and staff to search around for them.



Toilet Seat Cover Dispenser

Community Responsive Enrichment

Explore, Learn, and Enjoy

Potomac staff delivered a full month of engaging, community-focused programs that encouraged patrons of all ages to explore, learn, and enjoy the library.

Programs included movement and wellness activities such as Chair Yoga, Stroller Strides, and Music & Motion; creative outlets like Potomac Miniature Painting, Craft & Chat, Paint Party with Acrylics, and a No-Sew Heart Pillow workshop; and a wide range of story times and early literacy experiences, including Family Story Time, Early Intervention Story Time & Tour, Preschool Skill Builders, and Spanish Circle Time. Patrons also enjoyed cultural learning through Culture Connection: Bulgaria, weekly English and Spanish conversation groups, and Dungeons & Dragons sessions. Ongoing enrichment opportunities like the Seed Library, Spice Club, scavenger hunts, contests, displays, and monthly Take & Make kits continued to draw steady participation.



PO Patrons proudly show-off their works of art



May Mobile Market



Spanish Conversation

Accessible Resources and Collection

May Book Clubs

Book clubs are always popular at Potomac, with staff leading and moderating lively discussions.

- May 12: Books on Tap @ Ghost Fleet *Legends and Lattes* by Travis Baldree
- May 13: African American Book Club *James* by Percival Everett
- May 18: Books Alive *The Curious Case of Benjamin Buttons* by F. S. Fitzgerald
- May 20: Annual Brit Lit and Historical Fiction *Her Lost Words* by Stephanie Thornton
- May 21: Third Thursday Thrillers *Flags on the Bayou* by James Burke

May Displays



Stranger than Fiction book display



Mystery Theme book display. Can you guess the theme?

Outreach and Community Engagement

May Outreach Events Attended:

- Touch a Truck at Veterans Park
- Immigrant Youth Event for PWCS
- Adult Detention Center Resource Fair
- Career Expo at the Hylton
- Four Ice Cream Social Events with the help of branch staff!
- Older Americans Month Celebration with Aging

.....plus our regularly scheduled Mobile Library stops, now totaling 30 a month!



Approachable, Adaptive Experts



Our COS Manager took a trip in May to Central Rap Library. We toured their Fredericksburg branch, Admin Offices and their makerspace library. We also got to speak to their staff and learned about their structure, programming and outreach set up and more. It was a fun day of team building and learning.

Community Responsive Enrichment

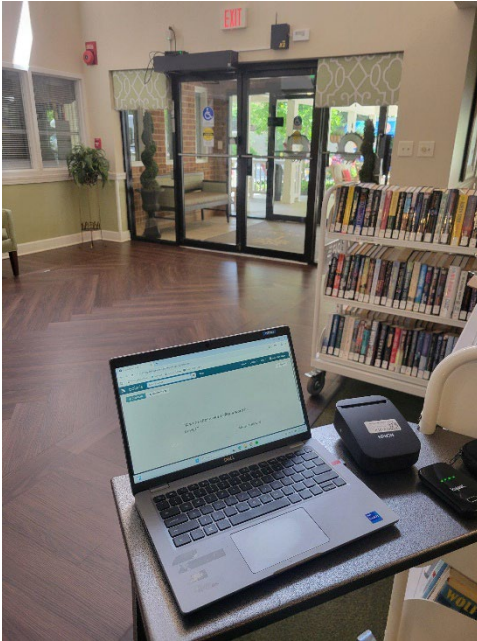


Wreath making was a hit this month with our senior population!

Our story time theme of the month for our daycares was Things That Go!



Accessible Resources and Collections



Pushing book carts in and out of senior lobby stops every day is tough work! But our patrons are very appreciative and love the service. We received a new table this month for our laptop and printer, making checkout and service at the retirement centers a lot smoother!

Accessible Resources and Collections

May brought two new faces to MSD: both of our part time vacancies in Physical Processing/Interlibrary Loan were filled by excellent candidates who were both welcomed by current staff and have embraced their new job and duties with enthusiasm and an obvious commitment to our mission. We said goodbye to our one full-time PPU/ILL staff member on the last day of April, and thanks to quick work by the supervisor and Library HR, we are already working to recruit for that vacancy. Having that unit fully staffed and trained in the near future will fix the one remaining “bottleneck” in MSD processes—we have successfully streamlined a lot of our ordering and cataloging procedures, so once we get our processing staff up to full strength we expect the entire MSD workflow to be much quicker than it used to be.

There has been a lot more cross training in MSD, with staff from different units working with each other and training each other. Many staff members have learned how to process in order to help out PPU/ILL, many others have learned some cataloging practices in order to reduce inefficiencies (for example, Acquisitions staff now know how to receive new copies of already-cataloged titles and put them directly into the Catalog themselves). And some other staff have learned Acquisitions practices.

Also, some MSD staff have been cross trained in Financial Services, both to help FSD with a backlog of work as well as to learn more about County finance and purchasing practices.

Assistant Division Chief Gregg Grunow has assumed responsibility for leading Collection Maintenance and had his first meeting with CM staff from all branches. The Cataloging unit, working with Gregg, have already come up with some innovative changes to improve our collaboration with CM staff in Public Services.

May was, overall, a very productive and forward-looking month. We are looking forward to June.

Technology and Digital Inclusion

Continued Promotion of Library Services and Programs: OCM continues to amplify ongoing services and programs, including Level Up, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, and Central Library's Digital Preservation Lab, through targeted social media and digital outreach, to increase visibility and reinforce the value of these programs to the community.

Outreach and Community Engagement

Manassas City Library Summer Exhibit: OCM coordinated with Manassas City Library to highlight community partnerships by featuring the library's summer exhibit, showcasing student artwork from every City of Manassas elementary school, and reinforcing the library's role as a welcoming space and platform for local artists of all ages.

Summer Reading Sponsorships: In support of 2026 Summer Reading, OCM secured more than \$40,000 in monetary and in-kind sponsorships from 24 businesses, demonstrating strong investment in library initiatives.

OCM also assisted in securing sponsorships and business engagement for the upcoming FanFest on July 18, 2026.



Approachable, Adaptive Experts

Summer Reading Teen Volunteer Recruitment: OCM and Bull Run Library staff leveraged timely, audience-specific digital content to support teen volunteer recruitment for Summer Reading, aligning messaging with current trends to reach younger audiences while also supporting operational needs.

ALA Conference, Central Library Manager Presentation: OCM helped advance PWPL's Approachable, Adaptive Experts goal by preparing and submitting a successful application for ALA's Resilient Communities cohort, resulting in a Central Library Manager's selection to present at the ALA conference—positioning PWPL as a leader in sustainability-focused library practices.

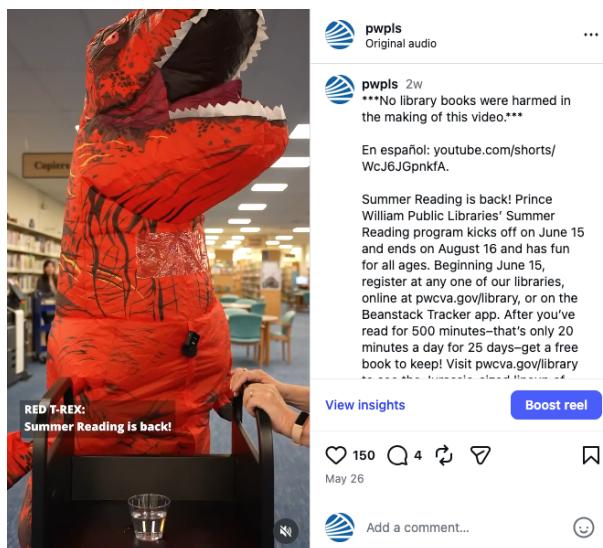
Inviting Spaces

World Turtle Day: Squirt the Turtle Move to Chinn Park ASC Library: OCM used digital storytelling to enhance public connection to library spaces and experiences. Leveraging World Turtle Day, OCM and Chinn Park Library staff highlighted the relocation of Squirt to Chinn Park ASC Library, combining on-site visitation messaging with promotion of the established 24/7 livestream. This initiative reflects ongoing cross-departmental collaboration and sustained community engagement with local businesses, including the ongoing support from Ridge Library Animal Hospital.

Community Responsive Enrichment

Summer Reading Promo Video: OCM collaborated with the Office of Programming & Events to produce a themed Summer Reading promotional video, using creative, audience-friendly content to generate excitement and participation.

Popular Social Media Post: Best Book of May: OCM continues to enhance its social media strategy through interactive content. A “Best Book of May” engagement post generated strong audience response, reinforcing the value of participatory content and helping OCM make informed, data-driven decisions about ongoing monthly engagement.



Accessible Resources and Collections

Seed Libraries and Gardening: OCM promoted PWPL's ongoing collaboration with the Prince William County Seed Library Coalition, made up of local garden clubs, organizations, and Prince William Public Libraries. Additional storytelling about Montclair Library's garden highlighted tangible outcomes of these initiatives, increasing awareness of the environmental and educational resources available through PWPL.

Approachable, Adaptive Experts

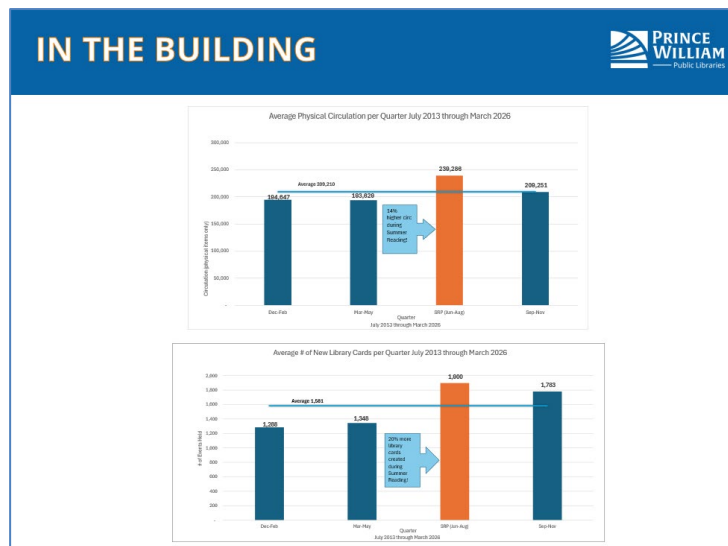
As part of Summer Reading preparations, the Office of Programming & Events (OPE) collaborated with the Training Office to host two virtual staff training sessions. The sessions featured critical updates and instructions from both OPE and the Office of Communications & Marketing (OCM).

Staff reviewed a decade of statistics demonstrating Summer Reading's significant impact on Prince William Public Library (PWPL), including measurable growth in:

- Library cards issued
- Item circulation
- Program offerings and attendance
- Overall visitor numbers

Additionally, Kristen detailed the program's prize structure and reading goals and how the budget is managed to support them, while OCM staff demonstrated how to navigate the reading challenge software for patron registration and log minutes. For convenience, a recording of the training is available for staff review at any time. This initiative highlights PWPL's ongoing commitment to equipping its team with the resources needed to deliver excellent customer service.

Kristen participated in Leadercast, a comprehensive, day-long virtual leadership training focused on the core elements of effective management. This coursework, paired with insights from the Outward Mindset training, serves as an excellent framework for advancing the OPE team's strategic planning and professional development initiatives.



Community Responsive Enrichment

Demonstrating the power of local collaboration, OPE partnered with the Manassas City Library and Historic Old Town Manassas this month for a library-sponsored community concert featuring a local musical artist. By securing the Harris Pavilion at no cost through the Historic Old Town Manassas team, the library was able to maximize resources while providing a vibrant community space. Attendees enjoyed music, refreshments, and books courtesy of the Manassas City Friends, while library staff successfully engaged the public to promote PWPL services.

This event establishes a vital ongoing partnership with the City of Manassas, which has already committed to hosting a follow-up performance next season to continue bringing high-quality, accessible programming

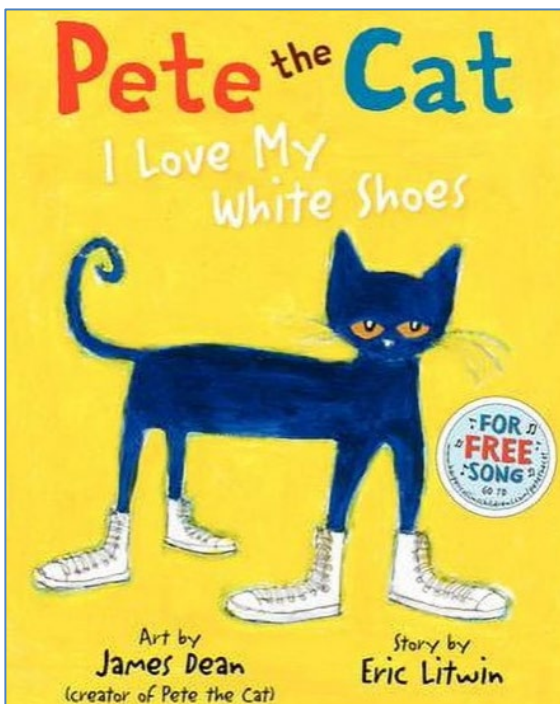
to city residents.

OPE continues to strengthen its vital partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) to distribute free produce to the community. Initially launched as a successful pilot at the Potomac Library, CAFB has approved four additional PWPL locations as permanent distribution sites. Emily and Kristen are currently collaborating with these branches to coordinate training, secure volunteer support, and finalize logistical workflows.

This rapid expansion directly supports the Prince William County Strategic Plan—specifically the Health & Wellbeing and Resilient Economy focus areas—by addressing local food insecurity and equity of access. Furthermore, it advances PWPL's strategic goal to position libraries as essential, trusted community hubs that provide holistic resources extending well beyond traditional library services.

Concurrently, OPE is finalizing the Fall Shared Programming lineup, which leverages key inter-agency and community partnerships to deliver high-impact public events:

- **911 Story Time and Touch-a-Truck:** Formed in partnership with the Department of Public Safety Communications to promote public safety awareness for young patrons.
- **Imagine a World Without Water:** Developed in collaboration with Prince William Water to provide environmental and resource education through Beanstack.
- **Lawyer in the Library:** Offered in partnership with the Prince William County Bar Association to connect residents with vital, pro bono legal resources.
- **America 250 Historical Programming:** A cross-divisional collaboration with PWPL's two MakerSpaces to celebrate historical milestones through hands-on learning.



A major highlight of the fall lineup will be an author event featuring Eric Litwin, creator of the *Pete the Cat* series. Hosted at the Haymarket Gainesville Library, this premier program will serve as a strategic initiative to promote and drive registrations for the library system's *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* reading challenge.

Sonal is overseeing the planning and implementation, and we look forward to meeting Mr. Litwin and connecting him with our young readers.



Books by Mail Offers Free Delivery for People Physically Unable to Visit the Library

May 1, 2026



Provided by Prince William Public Libraries

Books by Mail is a free service from Prince William Public Libraries for residents of Prince William County and the City of Manassas who are physically unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent disability or impairment. Through this service, library materials are delivered directly to your home, making it easier to stay connected to reading, learning, and entertainment.

Participants can request large print books, audiobooks on CD, and DVDs and Blu-rays, all selected based on their interests. When you're finished, return the items by switching over the white card on the front of the blue bag and place everything in your mailbox — no trips to the library required.

How It Works

After you register for Books by Mail, you can place holds on large print books, audiobooks on CD, and DVDs and Blu-rays on the Online Catalog by selecting "Books by Mail" as your pick-up location. Materials are shipped in a postage-paid library mailing bag, with a pre-addressed pouch included for easy returns. Delivery typically takes up to one week.

Books by Mail patrons may place up to 20 items on hold and check out up to 40 items at a time.

Through the U.S. Postal Service®, Prince William Public Libraries can mail these materials free of charge to patrons who are blind or have other qualifying impairments. Please note that only large print, audiobooks on CD, and DVD and Blu-ray materials are eligible under this program. Learn more about this service by visiting the U.S. Postal Service "Mailing Free Matter for Persons Who are Blind or Visually Impaired" webpage

at about.usps.com/publications/pub347/pub347_v03_revision_102015.htm.

What Can Be Borrowed

- Large Print Books
- Audiobooks on CD
- DVDs and Blu-rays

Register by Mail or Online

- Complete the Printable Registration Form and mail it to PWPL (no postage necessary).
- Complete the Online Registration Form.

Contact Information

For more information, contact Community Outreach Services Books by Mail at 703-792-4871 or LibBooksbyMail@pwcgov.org.

Young Artists Recognized at Circuit Court Clerk's Annual Law Day Award Ceremony

May 4, 2026

Provided by the Circuit Court Clerk's Office



On May 1, 2026, at 6 p.m., Jacqueline Smith, Esq., Clerk of the 31st Judicial Circuit Court, hosted the 6th Annual Law Day Award Ceremony at the historic Prince William County Old Manassas Courthouse. The event celebrated student artwork illustrating this year's theme, "The Rule of Law and the American Dream." Several young artists were recognized for their creativity and received awards for their submissions.

Law Day, observed each May, is a national initiative that highlights the importance of the rule of law in a free society. Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the observance encourages reflection on the principles that support an orderly, fair, and just system. Legal professionals across the country mark the occasion through educational programs,

community events, and civic engagement activities.

Clerk Smith's annual Law Day Art Contest blends civics education with artistic expression, offering local students a dynamic platform to explore the role of law in American life. The contest encourages thoughtful dialogue, creativity, and a deeper understanding of the values that shape our democracy.

During this year's ceremony, Tom Gordy, Brentsville District Supervisor, presented Clerk Smith with an official Law Day Proclamation on behalf of the Prince William County Board of County Supervisors. The proclamation underscored the significance of the rule of law and its connection to the American experience.

In alignment with the national theme, the contest invited public participation through an online voting system. Finalists were selected through community polling, and winners were chosen across four categories: high school, middle school, and two elementary school divisions.



First-place artwork includes:

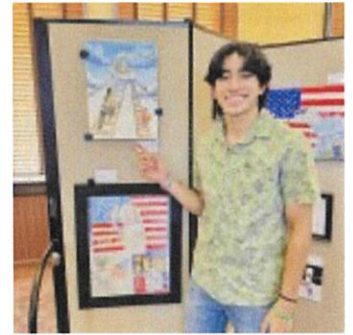
Elementary School (1st – 2nd grades): “My Voice Matters” by Anuheia M. of Covington-Harper Elementary

Elementary School (3rd – 5th grades): “Dream for the World” by Rose L. of The Merit School of Prince William

Middle School (6th–8th grades): “Freedom For All” by Abigail N. of Gainesville Middle School

High School (9th–12th grades): “We Can Do This” by Marcus B. of Patriot High School

Winning artwork will be displayed at the Manassas Park City Library, 100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park, beginning May 13, 2026.



The Circuit Court Clerk’s Office extends appreciation to the schools and students from Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park for their participation. A special thank you to the generous sponsors who supported student awards and activities, including Prince William County Historic Preservation, **Prince William Public Libraries**, Bach to Rock – Bristow, Cafe Pottery and Splatter Paint Room (A.C. Fun Factory), Dabble Creative ReUse Center, Hylton Performing Arts Center, Time Mission, Uptown Alley, Benny Capolago’s Pizza, Honey & Ivy Gluten Free, AR Workshop – Gainesville, Prince William County Parks and Recreation, and The Merit Schools of Manassas and Prince William County.

What's happening this week: May 5 to May 13

Staff Report May 5, 2026

Tuesday, May 5

English conversation for adults: 10 a.m. to noon. For adults. Improve your speaking skills in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Speakers of all languages welcome. No child care. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Tech help: Noon to 1 p.m. For adults and students in grades 11 and 12. One-on-one hourlong sessions with a library staff member using your device or one of the Public Access Computers. Bring your logins and passwords, power cords and cables (if you are bringing your device). Registration required at 703-792-8700. Haymarket Gainesville Library, 14870 Lightner Road, Haymarket. Free.

Thursday, May 7

Books on Tap at Great Mane Brewery: 7 to 8 p.m. Monthly book club hosted by the brewery and Prince William Library. Discuss "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. Info: jraghunathan@pwcgov.org. Great Mane Brewery, 6620 James Madison Highway, Haymarket.

Gun Safety: 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For ages 8 to 12. Learn from the Prince William County Sheriff's Office the four basic rules when it comes to guns: Stop, Do Not Touch, Leave, Tell an Adult. Potomac Library, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

Saturday, May 9

Community plant swap with Master Gardeners: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do you have too many house plants, or are you looking to get more? Bring your extra or unwanted seeds, seedlings, cuttings, plants, transplants, and garden supplies to the community plant swap. Prince William County Master Gardener volunteers ready to offer advice and answer questions. No registration required. Haymarket Gainesville Library, 14870 Lightner Road, Haymarket.

Sunday, May 10

GIVE Tutoring: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For grades K-6 with a caregiver. High school students tutor elementary students in math, science and reading. Register at giveyouth.org. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Monday, May 11

Evening English conversation: 6 to 7:30 p.m. For adults and students in grades 11 to 12. Improve your speaking skills in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Speakers of all languages welcome. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Tech help: 10:30 to noon. For adults. From navigating smartphones to mastering basic computer skills. Potomac Library, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

Tuesday, May 12

Protect yourself from fraud and identity threat: 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. For adults and age 16 and over. Steps to avoid identity theft, and how to regain your identity if you become a victim. Registration required: 703-792-4500. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Lawyer In the Library: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For adults. Free, 20-minute meeting with a lawyer. First, a presentation about a legal topic, then individual meetings with an attorney. Registration required: 703-792-8360. Potomac Library, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

Books on Tap at Ghost Fleet: 7 to 8 p.m. For adults. Discuss the book "Legends and Lattes" by Travis Baldree. More info: jrader@pwcgov.org or 703-792-8330. Ghost Fleet, 15201 Potomac Town Place, Woodbridge.

Wednesday, May 13

Books on Tap at Hector's of Nokesville: 7 to 8 p.m. For adults. Discuss "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep" by Joanna Cannon. More info: Sunnyscarito@pwcgov.org. Hector's of Nokesville, 12846 Fitzwater Drive, Nokesville.

Don't Miss Out: Area Weekend Events

May 6, 2026

By *Prince William Living Staff* | Sponsored by **OmniRide**

Looking for a fun way to make the most of this weekend? From a nostalgic drive-in movie under the stars to a lively art show, family-friendly celebrations, and a meaningful 5K honoring our nation's heroes, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're planning a relaxed night out with the kids, hunting for treasures at a community yard sale, or exploring local arts and nature, these events are a great way to connect with neighbors and celebrate all that our community has to offer. Don't Miss Out!

Star Wars Day

Celebrate May the 4th and the upcoming release of the new "Star Wars" movie with Star Wars-themed crafts, selfie station, and costume contest. All Ages/Families. *Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Dumfries Library, 17115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Triangle*

What's happening this week: May 11 to May 20

Staff Report May 11, 2026

Monday, May 11

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Thursday, May 14

Stitchers Circle: 10 a.m. to noon. Cross-stitch gathering for beginners and experienced stitchers; basic supplies provided for beginners. Montclair Library, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries.

Music and Motion: 10:30 to 11 a.m. Songs, dancing, and movement activities for young children. Nokesville Library, 12993 Fitzwater Drive, Nokesville.

Family Story Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Story time featuring books, music, movement, and play for children ages 18 months to 6 years. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Crafternoon: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weekly drop-in crafting program for all ages following story time. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Books on Tap: 6 to 7:15 p.m. Book group will discuss "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Brightworks Brewing Co., 9776 Center St., Manassas.

Sunday, May 17

GIVE Tutoring: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For grades K-6 with a caregiver. High school students tutor elementary students in math, science and reading. Register at giveyouth.org. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Monday, May 18

Yarn Art take and make: All day. Take-home craft kits with yarn and mini canvases available while supplies last. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Zipper bracelet take and make: All day. Create zipper bracelets using provided kits; pliers required at home. While supplies last. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Tuesday, May 19

LEGO Lab: 2 to 4 p.m. Building challenges and creative storytelling for children age 5 and up. Central Library community room, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas.

Morning Stretch chair yoga: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Gentle chair yoga class designed to improve overall well-being. Bring a blanket or towel for exercises. Registration and waiver required. Manassas City Library, 10104 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

Wednesday, May 20

English conversation: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Relaxed conversation group for speakers of all languages looking to improve English-speaking skills. Montclair Library community room, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries.

Central Reads Book Club: 1 to 2 p.m. Monthly discussion group for fiction and nonfiction. This month "Finlay Donovan Is Killing It" by Elle Cosimano. Central Library community room, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas.

Central Library Unveils New Community Quilt

Monday, 18 May 2026 [Prince William Public Libraries](#)



Crafting and the arts have a way of bringing people together—something Prince William Public Libraries sees every day through its programs and inviting spaces. It is with that goal in mind that Prince William Public Libraries is excited to announce the completion and permanent installation of their new community quilt at Central Library. The community quilt is a collaborative project between library patrons, Central Library's Adult Services and Makerspace staff, and local fabric artist Sharon Triska.

Central Library staff began 2025 with the goal of creating a more inviting, inclusive space throughout the branch. Multiple projects were completed throughout the year, including reorganizing the foreign language collection to increase visibility, revitalizing the Children and Teen spaces with new furniture, and reorganizing the Makerspace to make machines and supplies easily accessible to patrons and staff. One of the many projects included creating a creative space specifically for adults looking for a calm, clean, and comfortable place to work, study, or spend time. The focus on connection and creativity is reflected in the community quilt itself.

"This quilt is a beautiful example of how our libraries bring people together to create something meaningful that reflects who we are as a community," said Library Director Jennifer Patterson. "We're proud to provide spaces where creativity and connection can thrive, and this project will inspire visitors for years to come."

The library put out a call to the public last September, requesting donations of handmade quilt squares that would be added to its community quilt. Eighty-eight squares were collected, organized, and sewn together by Makerspace Librarian Wendy Weldon and local artist Sharon Triska. Wendy has over 32 years of experience creating a wide range of sewing projects for her children and for the library's Makerspace programs.

Wendy describes how she first found her love for sewing as a new mother. "I needed to find an outlet, so I took a sewing class at a local community college in California. One of my favorite quilts that I'm hoping to complete this year is a tall ship quilt with friendship stars. It will be for my son, who is in the Navy, and I'm looking forward to being able to send it to him so he can feel a hug from his mom."

Sharon has been crafting all her life and calls sewing her "superpower." She has mastered the art of creating handmade purses, quilts, and even a plush bat for each staff member at Central Library. Each one reflected their favorite colors and came with a tag personally signed by Sharon as a token of appreciation for their dedication to public service.

The idea for the quilt was inspired by another quilt that Adult Program Librarian Rachel Rivero had seen at a previous branch where she had worked in Texas. She said that "the Community Quilt is a reflection of our community, their artwork, and their stories. It gives them a chance to participate in creating a more beautiful space, one where everyone has a chance to enjoy it while spending time in the library." She also stresses that the project would not have been possible without the contributions from the patrons, the support from library staff, and Sharon's expertise.

The quilt was officially unveiled by Greg Fahey, Central Library's branch manager, at the Library Advisory Board meeting on April 23. It will be hung permanently in the library near the Quiet Study Rooms for everyone to enjoy.

The quilt offers visitors a reason to pause and take in the details—each square a small piece of the community that created it. Projects like this reflect a larger part of what PWPL aims to do: give people space to create, learn, and connect. For those interested in trying quilting or other crafts, the library offers programs, online resources through the Digital Library, and a range of resources available through its collection at [pwcva.gov/library](https://www.pwcva.gov/library).



New Community Quilt Installed At Prince William Central Library

The community quilt project was part of a larger initiative to improve library spaces.

Michelle Witte, Patch Staff Posted Mon, May 18, 2026 at 4:55 pm ET



The new community quilt in Prince William County's Central Library. (Credit: Rachel Rivero)

MANASSAS, VA — A new community quilt now hangs inside Prince William Public Libraries' Central Library. The county calls the collaborative project both a work of art and a symbol of community connection.

The project brought together library patrons, staff members, and local fabric artist Sharon Triska, the county said in a press release. The installation is intended to reflect the people and creativity of Prince William County.

“This quilt is a beautiful example of how our libraries bring people together to create something meaningful that reflects who we are as a community,” Library Director Jennifer Patterson said, according to the release. “We’re proud to provide spaces where creativity and connection can thrive, and this project will inspire visitors for years to come.”

The project began in September when the library invited residents to donate handmade quilt squares for the community piece. A total of 88 squares were submitted and later assembled by Makerspace Librarian Wendy Weldon and Triska.

Weldon, who has been sewing for 30 years, said she first discovered the hobby after becoming a mother and enrolling in a community college class in California.

Triska, a longtime crafter who says sewing is her “superpower,” also gifted Central Library staff with a custom plush bat as a token of appreciation for their dedication to public service.

The idea for the community quilt came from Adult Program Librarian Rachel Rivero, who had seen a similar project while working at a library in Texas, the release said.

The county says the quilt project was part of a larger initiative launched in 2025 to improve spaces throughout the branch. The quilt was officially unveiled April 23 during a Library Advisory Board meeting by Central Library Branch Manager Greg Fahey. It will be permanently displayed near the library’s Quiet Study Rooms.

Residents interested in quilting and other crafts can find related programs and digital resources through Prince William Public Libraries [here](#).



Monday Moment

Your weekly look at events and stories
around our community

Your Monday Moment: Creativity, Community, and a Kickoff to Summer —
May 18 to 24, 2026

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By Rebecca Barnes, Publisher, Prince William Living

As we move closer to Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer, Prince William County is buzzing with creativity, connection, and community pride. This week's events and stories celebrate everything from music and art to innovation and honoring those who served. Whether you're looking for a relaxing night out, a meaningful cause to support, or inspiration from local success stories, there's something happening that reminds us why this community is such a special place to call home.

Stories

[Prince William Public Libraries' Books by Mail Exhibits Constant Innovation](#)

This innovative library program continues to expand access and connect readers throughout the community in meaningful ways.

One of the things I love most about this season is seeing our community come alive outdoors—in parks, performance spaces, local businesses, and gathering places across Prince William County. These moments of creativity and connection are what continue to strengthen our community and remind us that local matters.

Event details may change; please confirm with the event organizer before attending.

A Simpler Summer: How We're Rethinking the Season Close to Home

May 31, 2026



By Rebecca Barnes, Publisher, Prince William Living

As June settles across Prince William, the change in season arrives gradually. The pace of the day begins to soften. Mornings carry less urgency, and evenings stretch just long enough to invite one more walk, one more conversation, one more reason to stay outside a little later.

For many, this transition has long marked the beginning of a carefully managed season. Calendars fill quickly with camps, activities, and plans designed to make the most of the weeks ahead. Summer becomes something to organize, something to shape into a collection of meaningful experiences. This year, however, the tone feels different.

Across neighborhoods and conversations, residents are thinking less about how to fill the season and more about how they want it to feel. The shift is subtle, but it is present. The goal is no longer simply a full summer, but one that feels balanced, intentional, and in step with the slower rhythm the season naturally offers.

A Season Reconsidered

The expectation that summer should be full is not new. A well-planned schedule has long been associated with opportunity, especially for families seeking to enrich and structure their children's lives. For adults, it offers a sense of direction during months that might otherwise feel undefined.

Yet as those schedules have grown more complex, the tradeoffs have become harder to ignore.

A full calendar often carries a quiet sense of obligation. Time between activities becomes compressed. Even moments intended for enjoyment can begin to feel managed rather than experienced. In response, many residents are reconsidering what defines a meaningful summer.

It is not a rejection of activity, but a recalibration of it. A recognition that value does not necessarily increase with volume, and that a season defined by constant motion may leave little space for reflection or connection.

The Balance Between Structure and Space

Camps and organized programs remain an important part of summer in Prince William County. They offer opportunities for learning, skill development, and peer engagement, and they continue to serve a meaningful role for many households.

What is changing is not their presence, but their proportion. Rather than filling each week with scheduled commitments, families are becoming more selective. Activities are chosen with greater attention to interest and impact, and time between them is left open by design.

Within that open space, the day's pace begins to shift. Without the need to move quickly from one obligation to the next, time expands in ways that feel almost unfamiliar. Conversations last longer. Plans evolve organically. The day takes shape gradually, rather than all at once.

The Value of Unstructured Time

Unstructured time, once a defining characteristic of summer, is finding its way back into daily life. It appears in simple, familiar forms. Children gather in neighborhoods without a set agenda. Walks that extend beyond their intended route. Evenings that unfold without a clear destination.

Research in child development and wellness consistently points to the benefits of unstructured time. It supports creativity, encourages independence, and allows for mental rest that structured activities often do not.

Just as telling are the observations being made within households themselves. When time is less constrained, the tone of the day often changes. Children move at a different pace. Adults find themselves more present. The absence of constant transitions creates space for a more continuous, less fragmented experience.



Rediscovering the Local Landscape

Alongside this shift in scheduling is a renewed attention to place. Prince William offers a wide range of opportunities that, while familiar, are being experienced in new ways. Parks, trails, community events, and seasonal markets are becoming central to how residents shape their summer days.

Libraries are part of that landscape in ways that extend well beyond their traditional role. Rachel Johnson, Communications and Marketing Director for the [Prince William Public Library System](#), describes the system as continuing to evolve alongside the community it serves.

“Prince William Public Libraries continue to be vibrant community hubs, offering print and digital collections, programs, and new services,” she says. Over the past year, the library system has expanded English as a Second Language and workforce development programs, responding to increasing demand from a diverse, multilingual population. At the same time, familiar offerings have adapted to meet changing needs.

“We launched ‘Level Up Your Reading,’ a gamified reading program for students in grades K through 12 to track minutes, earn prizes, and work their way toward a grand prize drawing,” Johnson says. “The goal is to encourage students to read more and enjoy the journey.”

Rather than planning large, infrequent outings, many residents are turning to smaller, more consistent experiences. A morning visit to a local trail. An evening spent at a community gathering. A routine stop at the library that becomes part of the week.

Spaces like the Manassas Park Community Center offer a similar sense of accessibility. As a year-round gathering place, it brings together fitness, recreation, and community programming in a way that allows participation without rigid commitment. A visit can be as simple as a swim, a workout, or time spent in a shared space. It does not require advance planning; instead, it fits naturally into the flow of the week.

These experiences share a common quality. They are accessible, repeatable, and rooted in the community itself. Over time, they begin to define the season not through singular events, but through a series of moments that build upon one another.



Different Life Stages, Shared Intentions

The experience of summer varies by life stage, yet the underlying shift toward simplicity remains consistent. For families with children, the adjustment often means reducing the intensity of scheduling and allowing greater flexibility within the day. Time at home becomes intentional, rather than incidental. For individuals living independently, summer offers an opportunity to establish personal rhythms. Without the structure of a shared household schedule, the season can feel open and inviting to definition. Weekly routines, familiar places, and informal gatherings begin to shape that experience.

For older adults and those whose households have grown quieter, summer becomes a period of rediscovery. With fewer obligations, there is space to explore the region, connect more deeply with community offerings, or simply enjoy the pace of daily life. Spaces like the library support all of these experiences in quiet, consistent ways. “This summer, we welcome residents to join us for Summer Reading and ‘Unearth a Story,’” Johnson says. “The program encourages readers of all ages to read for 500 minutes to receive a free book and be entered into a prize drawing.”

Participation, however, remains flexible. “For those looking for a more laid-back time at the library, we offer Take and Make activities for both kids and adults,” she adds.



Well-Being and the Pace of the Season

This recalibration of summer is closely tied to well-being. A schedule that allows for pauses between activities can reduce stress and create a more sustainable rhythm for both individuals and families. While outcomes vary, there is broad agreement among mental health professionals that balance, rest, and manageable expectations contribute positively to overall health.

In practical terms, this often results in fewer daily transitions, more consistent routines, and a greater sense of ease within the household. The impact is gradual, but noticeable. The day feels less fragmented. Interactions become less hurried. The season's experience becomes more cohesive.

A Season Experienced, Not Managed

Summer has long been associated with possibility. It is a time when the structure of the year loosens, creating space for something different. For a time, that possibility was treated as something to optimize—a series of opportunities to schedule and complete. Now, there is a growing willingness to approach it differently.

Residents are allowing time to unfold, appreciating moments that unfold naturally and experiencing summer as it happens. Johnson points to one example of how the library is working to support that flexibility.

"PWPL now offers Books by Mail, a free service for residents who are physically unable to visit the library," she says. "Through this service, materials are delivered directly to the individual's home, making it easier to stay connected to reading, learning, and entertainment."

In doing so, residents across Prince William are finding that a simpler summer does not mean a lesser one. It means being more present. And in that presence, the season takes on a quality that cannot be scheduled, but is immediately recognizable when it appears.

LIFESTYLES

Upcoming events

ONGOING

"4 the Love of Virginia," Christine Raymond solo exhibit: ARTfactory, 9419 Battle St., Manassas. Now to May 31. The solo exhibit is a visual love letter to her adopted home state, drawing on more than two years of exploring Virginia's five distinct geographic regions. Info: Jordan Exum, 703-330-2787 or jexum@VirginiaARTfactory.org.

Historic Manassas Farmers Thursday Market: Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 9201 Center St., Manassas.

Historic Manassas Farmers Saturday Market: Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 9024 Prince William St., Manassas.

Haymarket Farmers Market: Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 15000 Washington St., Haymarket.

Gainesville Central Farm Market: Saturdays, 7500 Iron Bar Lane, Gainesville (parking lot next to the Virginia Gateway Building.)

Dale City Farmers Market: Sundays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 14050 Gemini Way, Dale City.

Tackett's Mill Farmers Market: Tuesdays, 3 to 6:30 p.m., 2030 Tackett's Mill Dr., Lake Ridge

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Woodbridge Flute Choir presents "Music at the Movies": 8 p.m. Open dress rehearsal featuring beloved film scores and iconic cinematic themes performed by the Woodbridge Flute Choir. Free. Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield.

Stitchers Circle: 10 a.m. to noon. Cross-stitch gathering for beginners and experienced stitchers; basic supplies provided for beginners. ✓ Montclair Library, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries.

Music and Motion: 10:30 to 11 a.m. Songs, dancing, and movement activities for young children. ✓ Nokesville Library, 12993 Fitzwater Drive, Nokesville.

Family Story Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Story time featuring books, music, movement, and play for children ages 18 months to 6 years. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries. ✓

Crafternoon: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weekly drop-in crafting program for all ages following story time. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries. ✓

Books on Tap: 6 to 7:15 p.m. Book group will discuss "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Brightworks Brewing Co., 9776 Center St., Manassas. ✓

More online

For a full list of events, please visit online at www.princewilliamtimes.com

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Bike to Work Day: Biking is celebrated as a healthy, sustainable, fun way to commute. Free giveaways, refreshments, and activities at pit stops across the region. Registration is free at biketoworkmetrodc.org. Stops include Manassas, Manassas Park, Woodbridge, Rippon Landing, and other Prince William County locations.

Member Expo: 9 to 11 a.m. Monthly networking event hosted by the Prince William Chamber of Commerce. Showcase tables, business connections and community engagement opportunities. Open to all chamber members. Prince William Chamber, 9733 Buchanan Loop, Manassas.

Town walking tours - Bristow: 6 to 7 p.m. Explore the historic center of Bristow and its connection to the Orange & Alexandria Railroad and Bristow Station Battlefield. Tour includes less than a mile of walking. Ages 8 and older. Free. Meet at 10710 Bristow Road, Bristow.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Ben Lomond Day: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Experience the history of Ben Lomond Historic Site through talks, demonstrations, activities, games, farm animals, tractors, and more. All ages. Free. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas.

Kim Hosen Memorial Hike: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Honoring Prince William Conservation Alliance founder Kim Hosen. Hike runs through the Bull Run Mountains Natural Area. Donations appreciated. Tickets: Eventbrite Registration. Virginia Outdoors Foundation's preserve, 17502 Beverley Mill Drive, Broad Run.

City of Manassas inaugural annual Veterans Resource Fair: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For active-duty and retired veterans, their families, and community members. Information on health, employment, education, housing, recreation, and other services. Light snacks provided. Baldwin Intermediate School, 1978 Eagle Way, Manassas. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

GIVE Tutoring: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For grades K-6 with a caregiver. High school students tutor elementary students in math, science and reading. Register at giveyouth.org. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Family archery: For ages 7 and up. Certified instructors teach

the fundamentals of archery. All equipment provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required through Prince William Parks & Recreation.

MONDAY, MAY 18

Senior Services committee meeting: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Community discussion focused on supporting seniors and aging adults through collaboration and advocacy. Prince William Chamber of Commerce, 9733 Buchanan Loop, Manassas.

Yarn Art take and make: All day. Take-home craft kits with yarn and mini canvases available while supplies last. ✓ Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Zipper bracelet take and make: All day. Create zipper bracelets using provided kits; pliers required at home. While supplies last. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries. ✓

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Poppies for Patriots Memorial Day ceremony: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Honoring those who gave their lives in military service. Includes a children's coloring activity and community remembrance activities. Free; public welcome. Sean T. Connaughton Plaza, 1 County Complex Ct., Woodbridge.

LEGO Lab: 2 to 4 p.m. Building challenges and creative storytelling for children ages 5 and up. Central Library ✓ community room, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas.

Morning Stretch chair yoga: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Gentle chair yoga class designed to improve overall well-being. Bring a blanket or towel for exercises. Registration and waiver required. Manassas City Library, 10104 Dumfries Road, Manassas. ✓

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Workout Wednesday Zumba Classes: Wednesdays, 7 to 7:50 p.m. Bring your own mat and water. Park Central Plaza, 100 Park Central Plaza, Manassas Park. Free.

English conversation: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Relaxed conversation group for speakers of all languages looking to improve English-speaking skills. Montclair Library community room, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries. ✓

Central Reads Book Club: 1 to 2 p.m. Monthly discussion group for fiction and nonfiction. This month "Finlay Donovan Is Killing It" by Elle Cosimano. Central Library community room, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas. ✓



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CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

ONGOING

All Prince William public libraries closed: May 23 to 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

PWC Spring Carnival: May 22 to 31. Rides, food vendors, games and daily attractions at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Monster trucks May 22-23, demolition derby May 24, fireworks May 25 and rodeo performances May 30-31. Free admission May 26-29. Opening times vary by day. Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

"4 the Love of Virginia," Christine Raymond solo exhibit: Through May 31. Art inspired by Virginia's five geographic regions. ARTFactory, 9419 Battle St., Manassas. Info: 703-330-2787 or jexum@VirginiaARTFactory.org.

Kevin Jones, Reflections in Black and White: Through June 20. Large-scale works inspired by science fiction, comic books and anime exploring themes of Black erasure. Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. Info: 703-993-7759 or Hylton@gmu.edu.

Prince William County community pools: Outdoor pools open for the season May 25. Check individual facilities for hours, pricing and special events. Locations throughout the county.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park tours: Free tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the second and fourth weekends of every month through October. Grounds open daily from dawn to dusk. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10501 Ten Alabama Way, Bristow. Info: 703-366-3049.

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Gainesville Central Farm Market: Saturdays, 7500 Iron Bar Lane, Gainesville.

Dale City Farmers Market: Sundays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 14050 Gemini Way, Dale City.

Tackett's Mill Farmers Market: Tuesdays, 3 to 6:30 p.m. 2230 Tackett's Mill Drive, Lake Ridge.

Woodbridge Farmers Market: Thursdays, 2 to 7 p.m. 2300

Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

Prince William County Homeless Mobile Unit: Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m. Hot lunches and mental health, housing and substance abuse referrals. Presbyterian Church parking lot, 8201 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Family story time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Books, music, movement and play for children ages 18 months to 6 years. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

English language class for work: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Focused on workplace communication and professional skills. Potomac Library, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

Open mic night: 6 to 9 p.m. Live music and open mic performances from local musicians. Eavesdrop Brewery, 7223 Centreville Road, Manassas.

Journey Through the Decades with Randy McHugh: 7 to 9 p.m. Live acoustic music. Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center St., Manassas.

Kelly Snow: 5 to 9 p.m. Live outdoor singer/songwriter performance. NOVA Live, 20109 Discovery Blvd., Manassas.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Monster Trucks at the PWC Spring Carnival: Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

Brian Franke: 2 to 6 p.m. Live outdoor performance by Washington-area singer-songwriter. NOVA Live, 20109 Discovery Blvd., Manassas.

The Significant Others: 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Live outdoor performance featuring indie, classic rock and '80s and '90s hits. NOVA Live, 20109 Discovery Blvd., Manassas.

Acoustic Fridays: Jerry Irwin: 7 p.m. Live acoustic music performance. Rockwood, 7505 Iron Bar Lane, Gainesville.

Kids Night Out, ages 5-12: 6 to 9 p.m. Games, music, arts and crafts for children ages 5-12. Veterans Memorial Park, 14300 Veterans Drive, Woodbridge. Info: 703-792-8794.

Adapted Paint Nite: 6 to 7 p.m. Creative social painting event for teens and adults with and without disabilities. Participants will create an 11x14 canvas painting. Birchdale Recreation Center, 14730 Birchdale Ave.,



PHOTO BY DOUG STROUD

The PWC Spring Carnival happening at the fairgrounds from May 22 to 31.

Dale City. Fee: \$20. Info: 703-792-8664.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

American film classics, "Back to Bataan": Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Classic World War II drama starring John Wayne. National Museum of the Marine Corps, 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle. Admission \$8.

Science in the Park pop-up: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free family science event exploring fungi, native plants and invasive species with scavenger hunts and hands-on activities for children. Neabco Creek Boardwalk, 15125 Blackburn Road, Woodbridge.

Nature seekers: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Hands-on nature program for children ages 4-10 exploring plants, animals and conservation through guided activities. Lake Ridge Park, 12350 Cotton Mill Drive, Woodbridge. Fee: \$12. Info: 703-792-8992.

Adaptive flatwater kayaking: 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Adaptive kayaking program for ages 10 and older. Bring water and sunscreen. Lake Ridge

Marina, 12350 Cotton Mill Drive, Woodbridge. Info: 703-792-8992.

Oddities on Tap, a curiosities market: Noon to 5 p.m. Unusual art, preserved specimens and themed merchandise. Eavesdrop Brewery, 7223 Centreville Road, Suite 115, Manassas.

Nightcap Acoustic: 2:30 to 6 p.m. Live acoustic performance covering a variety of genres. NOVA Live, 20109 Discovery Blvd., Manassas.

Be Kind & Rewind: 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Live outdoor performance featuring '90s hits and throwback music. NOVA Live, 20109 Discovery Blvd., Manassas.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Demolition Derby: 7 p.m. Cars collide at the Prince William County Fairgrounds Spring Carnival. 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

"Raisin": 2 p.m. Somersal Productions presents a musical adaptation of Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun." Hylton Performing Arts Center, Gregory Family Theater,

10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. Hyltoncenter.org.

Dale City winter farmers market: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Indoor farmers market featuring produce, baked goods, meats and prepared foods. 14040 Gemini Way, Woodbridge.

MONDAY, MAY 25

Fireworks show: 9 p.m. At the Prince William County Fairgrounds Spring Carnival. 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

Meet a Horse Day: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Meet rescue horses, tour the equine sanctuary and learn about horse care. Equine Connection Center, 14420 Owls Nest Road, Nokesville.

Star Wars Unlimited weekly play: 7 to 10 p.m. Weekly Star Wars Unlimited tournament. Entry fee includes one booster pack and promo pack while supplies last. Born 2 Game, 1372 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Story time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. Picture book story time

for children and families. Independent Hill Library, 14418 Bristow Road, Manassas.

Cup of Cozy Mysteries: 11 a.m. to noon. Book discussion: "Murder in the Cookbook Nook" by Ellery Adams. Vita Nova Creatives & Coffee, 13051 Fitzwater Drive, Nokesville.

Crafting in community: 5 to 7 p.m. For teens and adults ages 15 and older. Bring craft supplies and work alongside fellow crafters. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Trivia night: Doors open at 6 p.m.; trivia from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pop culture, geography and general knowledge trivia. Free; public welcome. Tun Tavern at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, 1775 Semper Fidelis Way, Triangle.

PWC Trails & Blueways Council meeting: 6:30 p.m. Public meeting on county trails and blueways systems. George Helwig Administration Building, 14420 Bristow Road, Manassas.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Let's Go Skate Day | No School Day: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Skateboarding event for ages 8-15 featuring instruction, games and contests. Veterans Memorial Park, 14300 Veterans Drive, Woodbridge. Info: 703-792-8794.

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FULL LIST OF EVENTS

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LIFESTYLES

WEEKEND HAPPENINGS

Get your comic book fix at Big Lick Comic Con

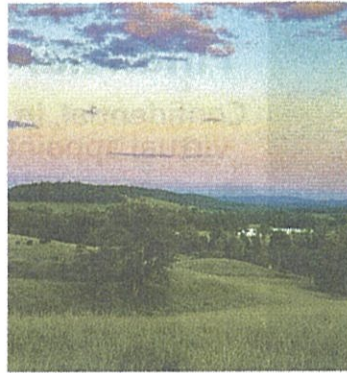
Learn about the night sky while relaxing under the stars

BY SONDRA ANZALONE
Contributing Writer

Whether you're a hardcore comic book fan, a movie buff, or just on a quest for family-friendly fun, there's adventure for everyone at **Big Lick Comic Con**. Dive into an immersive world of fandom with panel discussions, meet-and-greets, autograph sessions and hard-to-find merch.

At the very least, there's gotta be some pretty good costumes. Bonus: Adults can hit the "after spot" — **Kawaii Rave** — where cosplay continues with high-energy tunes.

Joined by the 50 voices of the Greater Manassas Children's Choir, **Lights, Camera, Music!** showcases young



SUBMITTED

Astronomy for Everyone: Saturday, May 30 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Sky Meadows State Park. Learn about planets, stars and other wonders of the night sky while relaxing under the stars.

performers with big smiles belting out happy tunes. Catch their joy of singing and their excitement of performing as

they conclude their 32nd season.

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of going fishing with my dad. Experience those same heartwarming moments with your own family at the **Fishing Derby**. Just bring the kids — they'll provide the rest, including bait!

Whether you're a lifelong space enthusiast or just curious about what's above us, experience the universe at **astronomy for everyone**. Learn about planets, stars, and other wonders of the night sky while relaxing under the stars. Then get an up-close look through powerful telescopes during an observation session with knowledgeable guides.

Details:

Big Lick Comic Con: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 30; continues 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 31. Comic convention featuring artists, vendors, cosplay and pop culture attractions. Manassas Mall, 8300 Sudley Road, Manassas. Tickets available on eventbrite. Kids 12 and under free with

a paid adult.

Kawaii Rave 2026 (21+): 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 30. Anime-inspired rave featuring EDM, K-pop, hyperpop and cosplay themes. Uptown Alley, 8300 Sudley Road, Manassas.

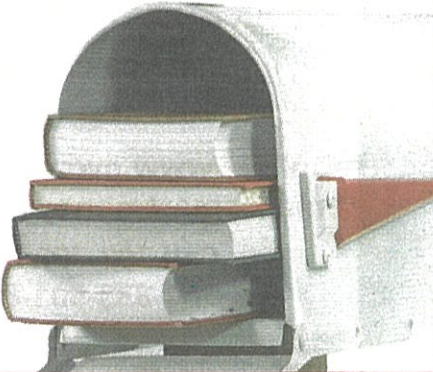
Lights, Camera, Music! 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 29. Live music performance at Merchant Hall, Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. \$30 adult; free student (George Mason and 18 and under).

Fishing Derby: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30. Family-friendly fishing derby with prizes; bait and equipment provided. Locust Shade Park, 4701 Locust Shade Drive, Triangle. Free. Info: pwcparks.info/fishingderby



Astronomy for everyone: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31. Featuring NASA Jet Propulsion Lab ambassadors and telescope observation with the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club. Bring chairs or blankets. Parking fees apply. Sky Meadows State Park, 11012 Edmonds Lane, Delaplane.

Books By Mail

Can't make it to the library? If you live in Prince William County or the City of Manassas and have a temporary or long-term physical disability or impairment, we'll deliver your books to you for free.



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CITY OF MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

PUBLIC HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to § 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, that the City Council of Manassas will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on a proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget during its meeting on **Monday, June 22, 2026**, which begins at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, at 9027 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. The proposed amendment being considered is for \$5,200,000, which exceeds one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget. The proposed amendment being considered is:

An appropriation of State Revenue to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in the amount of \$5,200,000 for the Manassas City Public Schools.

A copy of any additional information regarding the proposed amendment is available for public inspection from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. weekdays at City Hall, 9027 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia. This information is viewable at the counter space located to the right of the entrance to City Council Chambers, as well as at the Finance Office and City Clerk's Office upon inquiry.

This meeting is being held in a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person with questions on the accessibility of the public hearing should contact the City Clerk at the above address or by telephone at 703/257-8280 or TTY 7-1-1. Persons needing interpreter services for the deaf must notify the City Clerk no later June 15, 2026.

LIFESTYLES

Upcoming events

ONGOING

Prince William County Spring Carnival: Through May 31. Rides, food vendors, games and attractions at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. Rodeo performances May 30 to 31. Opening times vary by day. Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

"4 the Love of Virginia," Christine Raymond solo exhibit: Through May 31. Art inspired by Virginia's five geographic regions. ARTfactory, 9419 Battle St., Manassas. Info: 703-330-2787 or jexum@VirginiaARTfactory.org.

Kevin Jones, Reflections in Black and White: Through June 20. Large-scale works inspired by science fiction, comic books and anime exploring themes of Black erasure. Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. Info: 703-993-7759 or Hylton@gmu.edu.

Prince William County community pools: Outdoor pools throughout the county open for the season. Check individual facilities for hours, pricing and special events.

Bristow Station Battlefield Heritage Park tours: Free tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the second and fourth weekends of every month through October. Bristow Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10501 Ten Alabama Way, Bristow. Info: 703-366-3049.

Prince William historic sites self-guided walks: Open daily. Self-guided tours available at Bristow Station Battlefield Heritage Park, King's Highway Historic Site and the National Trade Center Monument.

Prince William historic site guided tours: Fridays through Mondays, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Ben Lomond Historic Site, Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre and Rippon Lodge Historic Site. Grounds open sunrise to sunset daily.

Historic Manassas Farmers Thursday Market: Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 9201 Center St., Manassas.

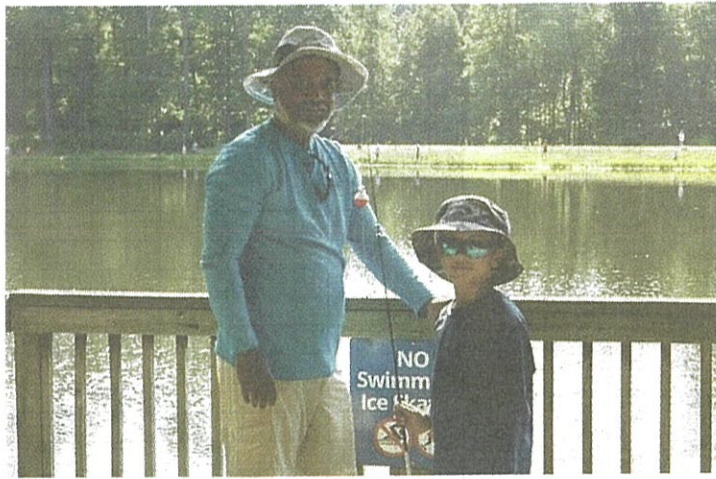
Haymarket Farmers Market: Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 15000 Washington St., Haymarket.

Gainesville Central Farm Market: Saturdays, 7500 Iron Bar Lane, Gainesville.

Dale City Farmers Market: Sundays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 14050 Gemini Way, Dale City.

Tackett's Mill Farmers Market: Tuesdays, 3 to 6:30 p.m. 2230 Tacketts Mill Drive, Lake Ridge.

Woodbridge Farmers Market: Thursdays, 2 to 7 p.m. 2300 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.



SUBMITTED

Family-friendly Fishing Derby: Cast your line at Locust Shade Park in Triangle during their fishing event this Saturday, May 30 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Prince William County Homeless Mobile Unit: Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m. Hot lunches and mental health, housing and substance abuse referrals. Presbyterian Church parking lot, 8201 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Level Up Your Reading Challenge: Ongoing through the summer. Students in grades K-12 can track reading progress, earn prizes and complete challenge levels for a chance to win a grand prize. Chinn Park Library, 13083 Chinn Park Drive, Woodbridge.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Kid Cudi: Live performance by rapper Kid Cudi at Jiffy Lube Live, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow.

International Business Council meet and greet: 4:30 to 6 p.m. Networking event hosted by Prince William Chamber's International Business Council. Prince William Chamber, 9733 Buchanan Loop, Manassas.

The Lees of Stratford and the Cause of Liberty: 7 p.m. Dr. Gordon Blaine Steffey discusses the role of the Lee family in the founding era and the development of the American Revolution. Prince William County Office of Historic Preservation, 17757 Main St., Dumfries. Free.

Baby story time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Interactive. Stories, music and rhymes for age 2 and under with a caregiver. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Family story time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Books, music, movement and play for children

ages 18 months to 6 years. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Crafternoon: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop-in crafting event following story time; supplies available while they last. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Tech Help: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Introductory technology help sessions covering smartphones, internet basics and computer skills. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Leatherworking 102: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advanced leatherworking workshop creating a Dragon Hunter bag, registration required. Independent Hill Library, 14418 Bristow Road, Manassas.

AARP: Your Next Career Chapter: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Job-search workshop focused on resumes, interviewing and online presence. Potomac Library community room, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

English language class for work: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Focused on workplace communication and professional success. Potomac Library community room, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

Books on Tap: 7 to 8 p.m. Adult book club discussion hosted at Brightworks Brewing Co., 9776 Center St., Manassas.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Lights, Camera, Music! 7:30 to 9 p.m. Live music performance at Merchant Hall, Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas.

Little Rangers: 10:30 to 11:30

a.m. Nature-themed reading, games and crafts program presented with Leesylvania State Park. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Bull Run Ukulele Players: 1 to 2:30 p.m. Casual ukulele jam session and beginner-friendly music gathering; registration required. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Friends of Montclair Library Book Sale: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Used book sale supporting the Friends of the Library. Montclair Library community room, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

GOTAWAY Band, farewell to Cedar Run Brewing: 5 to 8 p.m. Live farewell performance celebrating the closing of Cedar Run Brewing on May 31. Cedar Run Brewery, 12801 Hazelwood Drive, Nokesville.

Saturday Great Meadow Polo: 5 to 11 p.m. Memorial Day weekend. Arena polo, tailgating and social events. Saturday events continue through November. Great Meadow, 5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains.

Big Lick Comic Con: Comic convention featuring artists, vendors, cosplay and pop culture attractions. Manassas Mall, 8300 Sudley Road, Manassas. Tickets: eventbrite.com/check-out-external?eid=1612074832219. Continues on Sunday, May 31.

Kawaii Rave 2026 (21+): 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Anime-inspired rave featuring EDM, K-pop, hyperpop and cosplay themes. Uptown Alley, 8300 Sudley Road, Manassas.

More online

For a full list of events, please visit online at www.princewilliamtimes.com

Fishing Derby: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Family-friendly fishing derby with prizes; bait and equipment provided. Locust Shade Park, 4701 Locust Shade Drive, Triangle. Free. Info: pwcparcs.info/fishingderby

Graham Park Pool: Opens weekends beginning May 30, noon to 6 p.m. Outdoor pool with zero-depth entry, spray features and dumping bucket attractions. Graham Park Pool, 3511 Graham Park Road, Triangle.

PLL Que CookOut: 2 to 7 p.m. Fundraiser benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital featuring food, and music by DJ Cricket. VFW Post 1503, 14631 Minnieville Road, Dale City.

Neabco District Dumpster Day Area Cleanup & Shred Event: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community cleanup and shred event hosted at the Dale City commuter lot. Dale City Commuter Lot, 14050 Gemini Way, Woodbridge.

Mah-Jongg Game Club: 10 a.m. to noon. Casual mah-jongg club open to players of all skill levels. Haymarket Gainesville Library, 14870 Lightner Road, Haymarket.

Watercolor with Mark Murphy: 1 to 4 p.m. Hands-on watercolor class led by Prince William Art Society artist Mark Murphy. Registration required. Central Library, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas.

Wonder Wanders: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Story time hike and craft program led by a master naturalist with outdoor activities for children and families. Independent Hill Library, 14418 Bristow Road, Manassas.

Saturday movie party at the library: 2 to 4:30 p.m. Family-friendly movie screening of "Holes" (2003). Free snacks while supplies last; no registration required. Haymarket Gainesville Library, 14870 Lightner Road, Haymarket.

Astronomy for everyone: 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Featuring NASA Jet Propulsion Lab ambassadors and telescope observation with the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club. Bring chairs or blankets. Parking fees apply. Historic area, Sky Meadows State Park, 11012 Edmonds Lane, Delaplane.

Spice Club: All day. Pick up a monthly spice kit featuring recipes, fun facts and culinary ideas while supplies last. Lake Ridge Library, 2239 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

USA Instructor archery course: 4 to 8 p.m. Introductory instructor certification course for age 18 and older. Registration and completion of online study materials required before the in-person session. Fee: \$50. Silver Lake Park, 15800 Silver Lake Road, Haymarket. Info: 703-792-8320.

Colossal Collage Contest: Begins June 1. Pick up art supplies and create a collage to be judged by library patrons; entries due June 30. Manassas City Library, 10104 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

Summer Scavenger Hunt: All day. Dinosaur-themed scavenger hunt with clues hidden throughout the children's area. Dumfries Library, 18115 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Dumfries.

Mobile Market: 4 to 6 p.m. Fresh food distribution in partnership with Capital Area Food Bank. Produce available first-come, first-served. Potomac Library, 2201 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge.

TAG: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Group meeting for students ages 12-18 to help plan library events and earn volunteer hours. Central Library Studio 8601 Makerspace, 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas.

Hatha Yoga Workshop: 6 to 7 p.m. Beginner-friendly adult yoga workshop; bring a mat. Montclair Library community room, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Machine Gun Kelly with Wiz Khalifa: 8 p.m. Live concert at Jiffy Lube Live, 7800 Cellar Door Dr., Bristow.

English conversation for adults: 10 a.m. to noon. For adults looking to improve English-speaking skills in a relaxed environment. Bull Run Library, 8051 Ashton Ave., Manassas.

Story time: 10:30 to 11 a.m. Weekly picture book story time for children and families. Independent Hill Library, 14418 Bristow Road, Manassas.

Construction Club: 4 to 5:30 p.m. LEGO, DUPLO and other building activities for teens and adults. Manassas City Library, 10104 Dumfries Road, Manassas.

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at The Winery at Bull Run



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 May 30th - May 31st
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CAMEL HERDERS WHISKEY & CIGAR NIGHT



Saturday May 30, 2026 6-10pm
 Kena Shriners Pavilion
 9529 Technology Dr.
 Manassas, VA
 Live Entertainment

Whiskey & Cigar Night 2026 - Kena Shriners
 @ 6pm / \$61.50
 Historic District, 9500 Technology Drive, Manassas. Recorder@Kena.org, 703-257-6316



Improv Church
 @ 7pm / \$10
 The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. vine2501@gmail.com, 703-573-5836

SUN 5/31

Vintage & Vibes with Babygirl Vintage
 @ 12pm
 Eavesdrop Brewery, 7223 Centreville Road, Manassas. info@thebabygirlvintage.com, 787-616-4055

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Prokofiev - Sounds of Genius with Claire Huangci, piano
 @ 4pm / \$45
 Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. info@fairfaxsymphony.org, 703-563-1990

MON 6/01

Future Soldier Technology USA 2026
 @ 8am / Free-\$1799
 Jun 1st - Jun 2nd
 Hilton Arlington, 950 N Stafford St., Arlington. Alessandra.DeMaria@saemediaagroup.com, +44 (0) 20 7827 6124

Monster Jam
 @ 12pm
 Capital One Arena, 601 F St. NW, Washington




TUE 6/02

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 @ 7pm
 Tally Ho Theater, 19 W Market St., Leesburg

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 @ 1pm / Free
 Haymarket Gainesville Library, 14870 Lightner Road, Haymarket. aarpva@aarp.org, 571-217-7043

FRI 6/05

Western Loudoun Art & Studio Tour
 @ 10am
 Jun 5th - Jun 7th
 Western Loudoun County, Virginia, 36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville. studiotourwlast@gmail.com, 540-338-7973

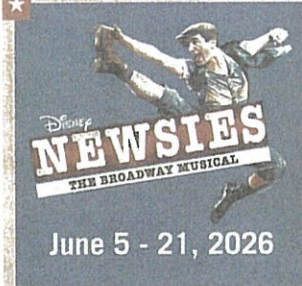



Balmora and other bands
 @ 5pm
 Crooked Run Brewing, 22455 Davis Drive, Suite 120, Sterling

Secret Agent Adult Night at LEGO
 @ 6pm / \$24.99
 LEGO Discovery Center Washington, D.C., 6563 Springfield Mall, Springfield. Info.washingtondc@legodiscoverycenter.com

Double Duran - The Ultimate Duran Duran Tribute Experience
 @ 7pm / \$51.55
 Capital One Hall, 7750 Capital One Tower Road, Tysons. BoxOffice@CapitalOneHall.com, 703-343-7651

Disney's NEWSIES THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
 June 5 - 21, 2026



ARTfactory's Disney's 'Newsies'
 @ 7:30pm / \$35
 Jun 5th - Jun 21st
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. info@virginiaartfactory.org, 703-330-2787



SAT 6/06

The Big Bounce America
 @ 9am / \$35
 Jun 6th - Jun 14th
 Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. info@thebigbounceamerica.com



Loudoun Pride Festival 2026
 @ 12pm / \$5
 Ida Lee Festival Field Parking, 60 Ida Lee Drive, Leesburg. info@loudounpride.org, 703-774-3251

Encore Stage & Studio - Dream On: Pajama Dance Party
 @ 2pm / \$9
 Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington. info@encorestage.org, 703-548-1154

Neil Forever: The Ultimate Neil Diamond Tribute
 @ 7pm / \$37.50
 Capital One Hall, 7750 Capital One Tower Road, Tysons. BoxOffice@CapitalOneHall.com, 703-343-7651

Taste of Woodbridge Festival
 @ 11am
 Potomac Mills Mall, 2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Woodbridge. info@kojamevents.com, 703-328-4531



BBQ & Blooms Summer Bash
 @ 4pm / \$150
 Rock Spring Church, 5010 Little Falls Road, Arlington. jwitcher@culpeppergarden.org



YOU'RE INVITED!

BBQ Blooms
 Culpepper Garden invites you to join us
 Saturday, June 6, 2026
 from 4-7 pm at
 Rock Spring Church
 5010 Little Falls Rd, Arlington, VA
 for an afternoon of live music, food, fellowship and philanthropy
 Tickets: \$150 per person

RSVP by
 May 25, 2026



Salesforce: 2026 Polo in the Park
 @ 6pm / Free-\$270
 Morven Park International Equestrian Center, 41580 Sunday Morning Lane, Leesburg. events@morvenpark.org



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The SpongeBob Musical!
 @ 8am / \$35-\$40
 Workhouse Arts Center, Theater in Building 3, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. info@workhousearts.org



Becoming American: 2026 Mount Vernon Symposium
 @ 9am / \$525
 George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. tickets@mountvernon.org, 703-780-2000



Morven Park 2026 Prom Photo Sessions
 @ 4pm / \$25-\$100
 The Davis Mansion at Morven Park, 17269 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. events@morvenpark.org



Spring Hue: An Open-Air Art Market
 @ 4:30pm
 Carlyle Crossing, 2495 Mandeville Lane, Alexandria

Putts FORE Patriots and Puppies
 @ 5pm / \$75
 Play The Par Social Club, 38 Catoclin Circle SE, Leesburg. lsittner@vetsfwd.org, 703-665-2129

'Death by Numbers' documentary screening
 @ 5:30pm
 Reston Hospital Center, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. jamie.weaver@hcahealthcare.com, 703-949-9670

Meisha Herron live
 @ 6pm
 Velocity Wings, 10088 Dumfries Road, Manassas

The Alexandria Singers: 'Dream Loud' pop chorus concert
 @ 7:30pm / \$25
 Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. tickets@alexandriasingers.com

SAT 5/30



The Cloud Run
 @ 8:30am
 Quantum Park, 22001 Loudoun County Parkway, Ashburn. brian@h2dstrategies.com, 302-542-3580



Walking For Water
 @ 8:30am
 Morven Park, 17195 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. susanhough@wisdomspring.org, 703-505-5152

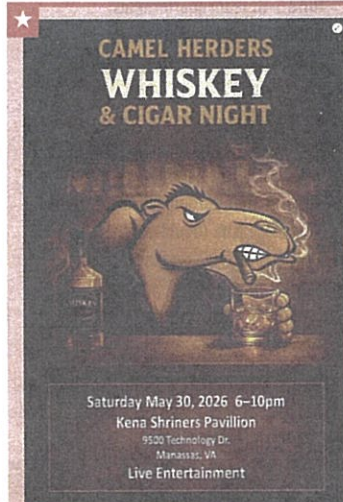


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 @ 7:30pm / \$60
 The Anthem, 901 Wharf St. SW, Washington. info@howsweetthesound.com, 800-962-5241



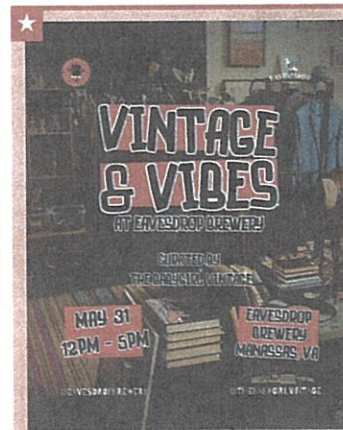
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 @ 6pm / \$61.50
 Historic District, 9500 Technology Drive, Manassas. Recorder@Kena.org, 703-257-6316



SUN 5/31

2026 Davis Mansion Tours
 @ 10am / Free-\$16
 The Davis Mansion at Morven Park, 17269 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. grouptours@morvenpark.org

Archwood Green Barns Farmers Market
 @ 10am
 4559 Old Tavern Rd, 4559 Old Tavern Road, The Plains. archwoodgreenbarn@gmail.com, 540-253-5289



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