

Poquoson Public Library

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National Library Week

April 7-April 13

Celebrate National Library Week with us by participating in Library Spirit Week! Show your Library Spirit in fun daily activities.

Monday: Decade Day

Dress as your favorite decade.

Tuesday: "Tip Your Hat" to a Library Worker Day

Wear a fun hat.

Wednesday: Libraries Rock Day

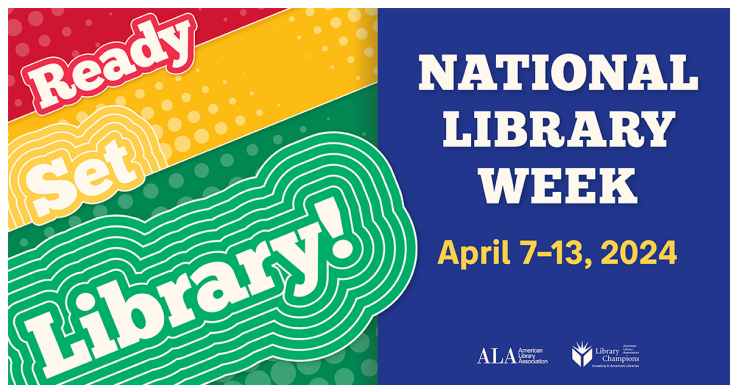
Wear your favorite rock band shirt or dress as a rockstar.

Thursday: Superhero Day

Dress as your favorite superhero.

Friday: Book Character Day

Dress as your favorite book character.

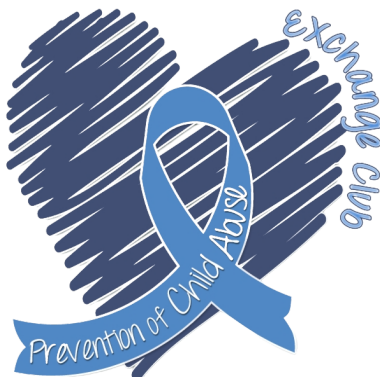


Child Abuse Prevention Month

Pinwheel Craft Kits

April 1 - 30

The Exchange Club of Poquoson is offering free take and make pinwheel craft kits for ages 11 and under (while supplies last) during the month of April to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Kits can be picked up at the library front desk. Informational literature for parents will also be in the packet. Pinwheels will also be on display along Victory Boulevard in recognition and to raise awareness.



Spring's Around the Corner

Get growing with the York/Poquoson Master Gardeners as they present a series of programs to help you with your garden.

Growing Vegetables

Monday, March 11

7pm

Learn ways that you can eat better, healthier food that you grow in your own yard. Learn the basics of vegetable gardening for our local climate and conditions from a York/Poquoson Master Gardener.

Planting for Pollinators

Monday, March 25

7pm

Learn how small changes can transform your landscape to have a big effect on the butterflies, bees, and other pollinators that surround us.

The Amazing Honey Bee

Monday, April 15

7pm

The honey bee has become indispensable to our American agricultural system – but why? Come and learn about the fascinating world of honey bees, their role in our ecosystem, how they are threatened, and what you can do to help.

25th Annual Poetry Contest

The Teen Advisory Board is sponsoring their 25th Annual Poetry Contest. All ages, kindergarten through adult, are invited to **submit one, unsigned, single page, original poem**. Mark your calendars with the following dates:

Entry forms available	Monday, April 1	10am
Submissions are due	Tuesday, April 30	9pm
Reception for Poets	Thursday, May 23	6:30pm

A celebration will be held with poetry readings, generous cash awards, encouragements from our judge, and refreshments.

Program Registration Required Registration Opens:

Children Programs	2 Weeks
Teen Programs	3 Weeks
Family Programs	4 Weeks
Adult Programs	4 Weeks

Kids Corner



Early Learning Classes

Session 1 March 4-April 10
Session 2 April 29-June 5

Babygarden
Tuesdays 10am
Ages 0-15 months with caregiver/parent. We will share books, nursery rhymes and songs that you can duplicate at home to develop early literacy and motor skills. Playtime to follow.

Music & Movement
Mondays 10:15am
Ages 16-23 months with caregiver/parent. Designed to engage toddlers in gaining fine motor skills and tune musical ears while having fun! We will introduce your little ones to various musical instruments and play & dance along to music. Playtime to follow.

Toddler Tales
Wednesdays 10 or 11am
Ages 2-3 years with caregiver/parent. We will share play and read books, nursery rhymes, & songs to enhance early literacy and motor skills.

Once Upon a STEAM

Select Wednesdays 2pm
Ages 4-5 join us for early learning fun with a focus on STEAM elements as we explore picture books and create hands-on book-based art, science, and math activities for your preschooler. Separate registration is required for each date.

Building Bridges March 6
Egg-sighting March 20
Solar Eclipse April 3
Spring into Spring April 24
Making Rainbows May 1
Hidden Nature May 15

LEGO Club

Select Tuesdays 5pm
All K-5th graders are invited to imagine and create with us as we build and display unique structures using these fun themes!

Mirror That March 5
Build Vertical April 9
Circus May 7

STEM CLUB

Select Thursdays 6pm
3rd through 5th graders are invited to explore STEM concepts with LEGO! Each month we'll use LEGO bricks of all shapes, sizes, and colors to imagine, create, and build structures while learning about engineering, math, and science.
Wrecking Balls March 7
Boat Races April 25
Catapults and Levers May 16

Paws to Read

Select Tuesdays 5pm
March 26 April 30 May 28
Pre-K through 5th graders who are reading on their own are invited to practice their literacy skills by reading to a trained therapy dog. Reading times are in 15 minute increments.

Curious George Visits the Library

Thursday, April 4 2pm
For ages 8 & under. Monkey around with Curious George at the library! The WHRO Literacy Van and Curious George will join us for stories and activities. Be sure to bring your camera to snap a few pictures.

Eclipse Chalk Art

Monday, April 8 2:30pm
Open to all ages. Get eclipse ready at the library. We'll explore the science behind the eclipse and create our own eclipse chalk art. Each participant will receive a pair of eclipse glasses to use as we step outside to view the event.

Star Wars Scavenger Hunt

April 29-May 5
Attention all K-5th graders: Master Yoda has sent a message to Luke Skywalker, but some of the letters are missing! Follow the clues around the library to find the letters hidden in the library to win a prize!

Free Vision Screening

Second Tuesdays of the Month 3-6pm
March 12 April 9 May 14
The Poquoson Lions Club will provide free vision screenings at the library for ages 6 months to 6 years old. The screening is useful in detecting vision issues for young children so that it does not impede their early learning abilities. The screening device is able to detect risk factors for amblyopia, refractive errors that need corrective lenses, and unequal vision.

Teen Scene

Teen Programs are open to 6th-12th graders unless otherwise specified



What's on Your Shelf? Teen Web Design Art Contest

March 1-March 30

The Teen Advisory Board is sponsoring a digital art contest to update the Teen Scene page of the library's website. Art submissions will be accepted from teens in grades 6-12 via e-mail from March 1 until March 30 and should reflect the theme, "What's on your shelf?" Please see the Teen Scene section of the library's website for full contest rules and submission forms. All submissions should be accompanied by a submission form and digital artwork should be in .jpg or .png format sized to 1000x142px. We look forward to seeing what's on your shelf!

Teen Totes Subscription Service Registration Open March 1-15

If you love reading, surprises, or both, this free service is perfect for you! Each month, for three months, you'll receive a selection of books and other goodies selected just for you based on your interests! While the books, feedback, survey, and tote bag need to be returned to the library, the goodies are yours to keep! All you need is a library card. Online registration is required and is open from March 1st-15th.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

Wednesday, March 6 6:30pm

Mario Day is approaching quickly. Celebrate by joining our Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament. Choose your character and prepare for head-to-head competition. Feel free to bring your own Switch if you would like to practice between rounds. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place finishers.

Manga and Anime Club

Third Wednesdays of the Month 6:30pm
March 20 April 17 May 15

Do you love to watch anime, read manga, or even draw characters? At anime club, we read and discuss our favorite/least favorite manga, choose anime shows and movies to watch together, and play various games, crafts, and other activities related to Japanese culture.

Bad Art Night

Wednesday, April 3 6:30pm

Enjoy a night of no pressure, free-style creativity. The rules are simple: create the best bad art you can with supplied materials before time runs out. At the end of the night, we'll vote on the best bad creation and crown the best worst artist with the Bad Art Prize. Bring your creativity but leave your good taste at home.

Solar Eclipse Modeling

Sunday, April 7 2pm

The next North American solar eclipse will be Monday, April 8, but what is a Solar Eclipse, and why doesn't it happen more often? Participants will create and take home a model that demonstrates what occurs during a solar eclipse and why one does not occur every time the sun, moon, and earth are in a syzygy. They will leave with a better understanding of the next day's celestial event.

Star Wars Trivia

Saturday, May 4 3pm

Gather your team or arrive Solo and join a team as we test your knowledge of the Star Wars Saga. Will you be defeated by a Jedi Master or prove to be your team's only hope through multiple rounds of trivia? We would wish you luck, but there's no such thing as luck. May the 4th be with you!

Reading Garden Spruce Up

Monday, May 13 5:30pm

The Teen Advisory Board will be weeding, planting, and mulching to get the library's reading garden ready for summer, and they could use your help! It's a great way to enjoy time outside with friends while earning community service/volunteer hours. We'll enjoy a cool treat when we're done!

Werewolf!

Wednesday, May 29 6:30pm

There's a werewolf loose in the woods by the library, and we need your help to eliminate them before they decimate the entire village. This in-person murder mystery game is sure to test your social deduction skills. If you enjoy playing Mafia or Among Us, you'll love Werewolf.

Bubble Painting

Tuesday, March 5

7pm

Have fun blowing bubbles and learn how to make art with them! You will create two unique paintings by making colored bubbles, placing on paper and then use colored pencils to turn it into an artistic masterpiece.

Introduction to Mahjong

Thursday, March 7 & 14

2pm

Looking for a new hobby? Learn the exciting game of Mahjong, a tile game originating in China. This is a two-part class so please plan to attend both sessions.

Beginner Yoga

Select Wednesdays

March 13 & 27

6pm

April 10 & 24

Become more flexible in the new year by learning yoga! Join a certified instructor and try yoga to improve your health and well-being. Bring your own yoga mat.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia Behaviors

Wednesday, March 27

4pm

Learn about some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs, and how to intervene effectively.

Spring Book Sale

**APRIL 18-APRIL 21
THURSDAY-SUNDAY**

Members preview sale:

Thursday 5-9

General public sale:

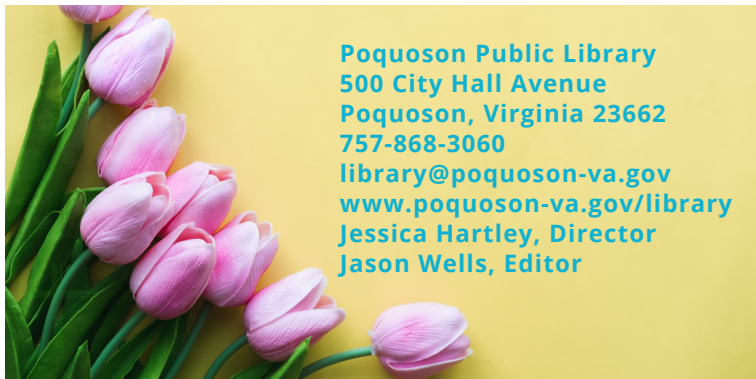
Friday 9-5

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 1-5



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Among Friends

The **Friends of the Poquoson Public Library** is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy and financial support for the library. The Friends donated \$8,000 for library programs and equipment last year. Join the Friends of the Library today. Call **757-561-9556** or email **lsbangert@cox.net** for more information.

The Friends of the Library are committed to ensuring that we provide financial support to the Poquoson Library, helping to make it a great asset to the community. Your membership and/or monetary donation is needed now more than ever. Please visit the library website at **www.poquoson-va.gov/library** for your membership application and drop it off at the library or mail it in. Please specify FOPPL (Friends of the Poquoson Public Library).

Books à La Carte

Visit our ongoing used book sale located in the back of the library. Shop for bargains on books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs. Gift cards and tote bags are also available.

Book Club

Members meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month to discuss books they have chosen. For more information call 757-254-8994.

Scholarship Opportunity

Each year, the Friends of the Poquoson Public Library awards deserving students \$1000 scholarships in honor of our retired Library Director, Elizabeth Tai. The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who have volunteered at the Poquoson Public Library. Applications will be available at the library circulation desk and at the PHS Guidance Office in early March. To date, thirty-seven \$1000 scholarships have been awarded to deserving students since 2003. Last year's recipients were Evie Weimert and Lillian Linthicum.

Friends of the Library 2024 Essay Contest

The Friends of the Poquoson Public Library 2024 essay contest will be open for submissions the first week of January. Any K-12 student who uses the Poquoson Library is invited to submit a single entry. Essays may be submitted electronically to essaycontest22@gmail.com, dropped off at the Poquoson Public Library, or to your student's PCPS school library. To assure anonymity, please submit entries without a name on the essay and a separate page with the student's name, address, phone number, and grade stapled together. Cash prizes will be given at the awards ceremony. Mark your calendar with the following dates:

Essays Due

Awards Ceremony

Thursday, March 7

Thursday, April 18