



## Winter Reading Challenge

January 1 - February 28

All ages are invited to participate in our "Be a Reading Machine" Winter Reading Challenge. Sign up on our website or use the Beanstack app to track your reading progress between January 1st and February 28th. Those who complete the challenge will earn a prize and be invited to the Winter Reading Finale Celebration.

## Reading Road Trip

Sunday, March 2

2pm

Celebrate the end of our Winter Reading Program and the start of Read Across America Week! Embark on a literary journey across the United States through captivating stories. Explore different regions of the country, participate in fun activities, and collect stamps in your passport along the way!

### Program Registration Required

#### Registration Opens:

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

## Gardening Workshops

The York/Poquoson Master Gardeners will present programs to help you bring a garden inside for the winter to bring you joy as well as tempt you with the secrets of honey!

### Thriving with Houseplants

Monday, January 13

7pm

Join the York-Poquoson Master Gardeners as they guide us on how to choose and care for houseplants. See some creative ways to use them and some interesting containers. Consider some plants you might not have thought of as indoor plants.

### Beyond Honey

Monday, February 10

7pm

Honey is a tasty treat, but how good is it really? What else do honey bees make in their hives? And how do things like honey, wax, propolis and pollen get harvested out of the hive so you can use them? Join the York-Poquoson Master Gardeners for a workshop on all things honey.

## Busted Canvas

Tuesday, January 28

7pm

**Open to all adults.** Try a new and unique mixed media art project that involves creating a 3D effect by cutting and popping out sections of a flat canvas to reveal more art beneath! Create your own theme or try a seasonal look.

## Teen Advisory Board's Souper Bowl Soup Drive

January 11 - February 8

Food insecurity is no game and is especially hard this year for many local families. Please help the library's Teen Advisory Board tackle hunger by donating boxed crackers and hearty canned soup, stew, or chili to the Souper Bowl Soup Drive. Donations can be placed in the marked bin at the library during business hours January 11th through February 8th. With your help, we can score a touchdown for our local food bank.



# Kids Corner

## Early Learning Classes

**Session 1**  
**Session 2**

**January 6 - February 12**  
**March 3 - April 9**

**Babygarten**  
**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. A program for toddlers to gain some motor skills while having fun! In this program we will introduce your little ones to various musical instruments and let them play and dance along with music! This will be a great way to develop gross and fine motor skills and tune musical ears.

**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**

**December 18    January 15    February 5 & 19**

**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.

**Penguins**

**December 18**

**Shape of Snowflakes**

**January 15**

**How the Heart Works**

**February 5**

**Super Sound Waves**

**February 19**

## Free Vision Screening

**Select Dates**

**2-5pm**

**Dec 10**

**Jan 14 & 15**

**Feb 5 & 11**

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.

## 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!

**Zip Liner Racers**

**January 7**

**LEGO Games**

**February 4**

**Zoo**

**March 4**

## Paws to Read

**Select Tuesdays**

**5pm**

**January 28**

**February 25**

**March 25**

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.

## Tea-Rex Party

**Sunday, January 19**

**3pm**

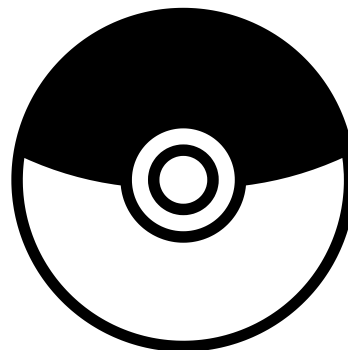
**For ages 3-7.** January is National Hot Tea Month, and we are celebrating with a T-Rex Tea Party! Join us for tea (juice) and dino-themed snacks, as well as T-Rex-sized crafts. Get ready to stomp, chomp, and enjoy fun activities that even the fiercest dinos will love. Don't miss out on this roar-some adventure!

## Pokémon Escape Room

**Thursday, February 27**

**6:30pm**

**Attention 3rd-5th Grade Pokémon Trainers!** Pikachu has been captured by Team Rocket while on vacation, and he needs your help to set him free. Gather your team, crack the codes, and rescue Pikachu before time runs out!





# Teen Scene

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

## Teen Totes Subscription Service

**Registration Open January 2-15**

If you love reading, surprises, or both, this free service will be 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. Registration is required and is open from January 2nd-15th.

## Teen Advisory Board

**Select Mondays**

**December 9**

**January 13**

**February 10**

**5pm**

**Calling all 6th-12th graders!** The Teen Advisory Board needs you to share your ideas and abilities to make our library and the community a better place. Have fun and use your talents to make a difference as you add terrific community service experience to your resume.

## Manga and Anime Club

**Third Wednesdays of the Month**

**December 18**

**January 15**

**February 19**

**6:30pm**

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 as well as do crafts and other activities related to Japanese culture.

## Cozy Crochet Club

**Select Tuesdays**

**January 7 & 21**

**6:30pm**

**February 4 & 18**

Whether you are an experienced crocheter or are just starting out, this group provides a warm and inclusive environment where you can share your passion for crocheting, learn new techniques, and connect with crochet enthusiasts of all ages.

## Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag

**Friday, January 17**

**5:30pm**

Practice your teamwork, strategy, and stealth in the library after hours. Teams will work together to protect their territory while invading enemy territory in a Glow-in-the-Dark game of Capture the Flag.

## Pine Cone Roses

### Valentine's Day Project

**Wednesday, February 12**

**6:30pm**

Roses are red, violets are blue, come craft a bouquet to give or keep for YOU! Using acrylic paint, we will transform pinecones into beautiful Valentine's Day bouquets that will never wilt. Each participant will leave with their own unique work of art.



# Adult Craft Supply Swap

**Saturday, February 22**

**10am-4pm**

Do you have a surplus of craft supplies? Bring them to our Craft Swap for trade to help spark new inspiration! If you're looking to try a new craft but don't want to invest a lot of money, visit our Swap! Early entry at 10 am will be given to people who bring in items on Thursday and Friday for the swap; General admission is from 12-3 PM, for those that do not donate supplies. Items not picked up during the swap will be used for future library programs or donated. Please bring only items that are in good condition; please no opened paint or items that are no longer usable. More details will be shared as the time approaches!

# Google Suite Showcase

**Unlocking Google App Suite**

**Monday, January 27**

**7pm**

Designed for beginners looking to unlock the potential of the Google App Suite! Discover how to use Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides to enhance collaboration, streamline sharing, and access your work from any device with internet connection. Boost your productivity and skills with these essential tools!

**Maximize Productivity with Google Suite**

**Monday, February 24**

**7pm**

Tailored for beginners wanting explore the Google App Suite! Discover valuable tips and tricks to maximize your productivity with Google Drive, Forms, and more to unlock the full potential of these powerful tools. Learn to organize your documents, create efficient forms, and manage your schedule.



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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 more than \$10,000 for library programs and equipment in the 2024 fiscal year. They are committed to providing 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, so please become a member today! Visit the library front desk or [www.poquoson-va.gov/library](http://www.poquoson-va.gov/library) for your membership application. Completed applications can be submitted to the library in person or via mail. Please specify FOPPL (Friends of the Poquoson Public Library) if mailing. Email [debbanton@gmail.com](mailto:debbanton@gmail.com) for more information about the Friends of the 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 award a deserving student a \$1000 scholarship in honor of retired Library Director, Elizabeth Tai. The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors who have volunteered at the Poquoson Public Library. Applications are made available at the library circulation desk and at the PHS Guidance Office in early March. Thirty-nine scholarships have been awarded to deserving students since 2003. This year's recipients are Lucy Ash and Lilly Hall.

