

## Snuggle Club Winter Reading Program

Snuggle up with a book this winter! Children ages 0–6 and their caregivers are invited to participate in Prince William Public Library System's Winter Reading Program, The Snuggle Club. Just visit your nearest library beginning February 1 through March 1, 2014 to sign up. You'll receive an activity sheet featuring fun activities to help build early literacy skills.

Enjoy doing the activities with your child; then bring the sheet back to the library to receive stickers for each activity completed. It's that easy! And caregivers will be rewarded with an entry into a weekly drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants.

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## Prince William Reads

Prince William Reads, to be held during February and March 2014, provides adults a chance to win weekly prizes for reading or listening to library books.



Beginning February 1, 2014, participants 18 years and older may read or listen to adult fiction or nonfiction titles of their choice, fill out entry forms for each title, then drop them in a box located at the Information Desk at any of the full service libraries: Bull Run Regional Library, Central Community Library, Chinn Park Regional Library or Potomac Community Library. Entry forms are also available on the Library's webpage.

Each Monday, beginning on February 10, a winning entry will be selected by random drawing at each branch. Four grand prize winners will be drawn on April 1, 2014.

An individual may win only one weekly prize, but should continue to enter in order to qualify for the grand prize drawing. Winners' names will be posted in the Library where their names were drawn.

The Friends of the Library are generously funding the prizes for this program. Contact any Prince William Public Library for more information.

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## Bull Run Regional Library

8051 Ashton Avenue  
Manassas, VA 20109  
703-792-4500  
703-792-4524 (TTY)  
www.pwcgov.org/library  
Monday–Thursday 10–9  
Friday, Saturday 10–5  
Sunday 12–5 (September–May)

### Kids

Because space is limited, admission to many children's programs is by token, unless otherwise noted. Free tokens may be picked up 30 minutes before program start time. Attendees must be present in the library to receive a token. We ask that you make every effort to be on time to minimize disruptions, and that strollers be left outside the program room to maximize space for children to participate in program activities.

#### Snuggle Club Winter Reading Program

February 1–March 1

A Reading club for children 0–6 years old & their caregivers. Early literacy is encouraging your child to love language & books, and most of all—that reading is fun! By participating in the Snuggle Club you will help your children be ready to read when they start school.

#### Spanish Circle Time El Circulo de Cuentos en Español

Mondays, February 3, 10, 24  
10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time / El Circulo de Cuentos en Español is a special storytime featuring stories & songs in Spanish, presented by Ms Roxana. Una hora de cuentos especial: Introduciendo cuentos y canciones en Español presentados por la Señora Roxana.

Drop-in; for all ages. Para todas las edades.

#### Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.

February 4	Arctic Antics
February 11	Sweet Hearts
February 18	Happily Ever After
February 25	Snuggle Up and Read

For children 18 months–3 years old with a caregiver.

FREE admission tokens given out during the 30 minutes before each storytime session begins. Space is limited.



### Win tickets to the Hylton Performing Arts Center

Attend children's programs at Bull Run Library from February 1–March 13 to enter a drawing for a family pack of tickets to the Hylton Performing Arts Center. For each children's program attended, receive an entry into a random drawing for a family pack of tickets to the Pushcart Players production of Happily Ever After—a Cinderella Tale, scheduled March 23, 2014. Drawing will be held Thursday March 13.

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Saturday, February 1, 1:00–3:30 p.m.

Bring your children to the library for a book swap & personalized bookmark craft! Trade old (but in good condition) books for "new to you" books. Children can bring up to 4 books to swap. For each book traded in, they can select another to take home for free!

Book Swap Rules:

1. For children in kindergarten–5th grade.
2. Children may bring 1–4 books to swap. No one will take home more books than they brought to swap.
3. Books may be in gently used, but good condition (no missing pages, stains, crayon marks, etc).
4. Participants must understand that once they swap a book, it will not be returned to them. All books will belong to their new owners.

Grades K–5.



#### Preschool Pals

Thursdays, 10:30, 11:15 a.m.

February 6	Arctic Antics
February 13	Sweet Hearts
February 20	Happily Ever After
February 27	Snuggle Up and Read

Ages 3–4 with a caregiver.

Free admission tokens given out during the 30 minutes before each storytime session.

#### Movin' & Groovin'

Saturday, February 1, 11:00 a.m.

Shake, wiggle, move and groove while singing, dancing and playing with rhythm sticks, shakers & more!

For children ages 2–6 with an adult.

Free admission tokens available 30 minutes before the program begins.

#### Saturday Stories

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

February 8	Arctic Antics
February 15	Sweet Hearts
February 22	Happily Ever After

30 minutes of songs, fingerplays, and stories.

All ages.

Drop-in.

#### Pokemon Etc. Day

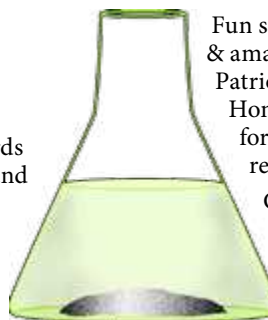
Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your handhelds and/or your cards for any game rated 'E'. Come to play and trade and enjoy the company.

For first grade and up.

Admission is limited.

Please pick up your free admission token beginning at 10:00 a.m.



#### PAWS to Read

Saturday, February 8, 22  
11:45 a.m.

Practice reading aloud while you make a new friend by reading to a therapy dog at the library. Bring your own book or use one of ours! This is a program for young readers to practice their skills with a friendly and non-critical listener.

For readers ages 5–11.

Drop-in.

#### Laptime Tales

Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m.

This program is designed for a parent or caregiver and an infant age 6–18 months. Through music, play, and sharing books we will learn about the early literacy skills children need to develop as readers.

Babies 6–18 months with an adult.

Free admission tokens available 30 minutes before storytime begins. Space is limited.

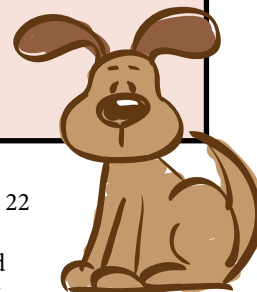
#### Super Science Saturday!

Saturday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.

Fun science activities that fizz, crackle & amaze. Presented by members of the Patriot High School Science National Honor Society. Make a science facts fortune teller to take home and register to win a door prize.

Grades 2–7.

FREE admission tokens available at the information desk 30 minutes before program start time.



## Kids continued

### **Calling all Dorks!**

Wednesday February 26, 7:00 p.m.

Are you a Nikki, or more of a Mackenzie? If you are not-so-graceful, or even if you write a gossip column for your school paper, meet other fans of Dork Diaries. We'll have fun give aways for all do-gooders, play not-so-popular games, and a few not-so-fabulous activities.

Grades K-5.

Register on-line, by phone or in person beginning February 19.

### **Playdate @ the Snuggle with a Book Cafe**

Friday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

In celebration of snuggling together with books, little ones are invited to enjoy our early literacy toys while their grown-ups relax & socialize over coffee, tea, & cookies. Juice & animal crackers will be available for children.

For preschool children and their parents/caregivers.



## Adults

All programs are free but registration is requested and begins three weeks prior to the program date unless otherwise noted. Registration is in person, by phone or online for select programs.

### **\*Writers' Groups**

<b>Memoirs Writers</b> Tuesday February 4 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon.	<b>Writers of Adult Literature</b> Saturday February 8, 22 2:00 p.m.
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These groups meet to share their writing and offer encouragement and constructive criticism. No registration required. New members are always welcome.

### **\*English Conversation Club**

Mondays, February 3, 10, 24, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 a.m.

This is an opportunity for new speakers of English to practice their speaking skills in a fun and friendly environment.

No registration required.

New members always welcome.

### **AARP Tax Aide**

Monday, February 3, 10, 24, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.

Free tax help for low- to moderate-income taxpayers and the elderly through the AARP Tax Aide program.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to assist with preparing the 1040 Form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B and the Virginia forms. Electronic filing (e-filing) is offered with no charge to the taxpayer and ensures more accurate tax returns and faster processing of tax refunds.

No appointments will be taken; taxpayers will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **\*Spanish for Fun!**

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and chat with new friends in Spanish. We'll supply coffee and dessert! A native Spanish speaker will be available for help.

No registration required. Todos bienvenidos.

## Young Adult

For middle and high school students.

### **Research Help One on One**

Whether it's science fair, a persuasive essay, or something else, we can give you a free, 30 minute session with your own private librarian to help you get started on your research project. We'll help you find the information you need from our shelves or our electronic resources.

Call 703-792-4863 to set up an appointment.

### **\*SOS Brigade Anime Club**

Saturday, February 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join other fans to watch some great anime, cosplay, share fan art, fiction, and talk about the series you love!

### **Pools and Parks Teen Summer Job/Volunteer Fair**

Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.

After a short presentation about finding and holding a job, prospective employers from local pools and parks will talk about the jobs available at their facilities this summer. Local volunteer organizations will also send representatives. Each representative will do a short presentation to the group, and then teens will have a chance to speak with them.

Ages 14–18.

No registration necessary.

### **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)**

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30 p.m.

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m.

English Class. Contact Literacy Volunteers at 703-670-5702 for information.

### **Your Library for Dummies (and Others with Questions)**

Thursday, February 23  
10:30 a.m.

Learn about all the wonderful things you can do in the library or from home using the library website. Download books or magazines, renew or request items, search for information, and more!

Registration is not required for this free program.

### **Bull Run Library Wants You to Go on a Blind Date – With a Book!**

February 9 – 15

There are no awkward questions, no forced conversation, and no need to call. Just take a book home with you from the Blind Date display in the Library. Sure, it might turn out to be a dud, or it could be a diamond in the rough! You won't know until you've checked it out and taken it home. If things don't work out, just return it – with no hurt feelings!

The display of brown paper-wrapped books will be inside the doors.

### **North of 50 – Valuable Volunteer Opportunities**

Thursday, February 27, 12:30 p.m.

Reach out, teach others and empower someone to follow their dream, as Prince William Volunteers share how one individual can help improve the quality of life in their communities.

Registration is requested for this free program and begins January 30. This is a special program for the over 50 set.



## Bull Run Regional Library *continued*

### Navigating the Affordable Care Act

Saturday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.

A certified application counselor from Neighbor's Keeper will provide information and guidance for using the Healthcare Insurance Marketplace. If you have questions or need help with the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare, don't miss this opportunity for free assistance.

No registration is required.

### Bull Run BookTalkers: A Tuesday Evening Book Club

*The House Girl* by Tara Conklin

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

An unforgettable story of love, history, and a search for justice, set in modern-day New York and 1852 Virginia. Weaving together the story of Josephine, an escaped slave in the pre-Civil War South and a determined junior lawyer, *The House Girl* follows Lina Sparrow as she looks for an appropriate lead plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking compensation for families of slaves. A searing, suspenseful and heartbreaking tale of art and history, love and secrets.

No registration required.

### Random Reads Book Club

*Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

Monday, February 24, 1:00 p.m.

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has never been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident. Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is. Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

No registration required.



### The Genealogy Doctor Is In

"Genealogy Doctor" Accepting Appointments for Research Help

Schedule a 30-minute session with RELIC's Don Wilson to discuss and analyze an historical or genealogical problem that has stumped you. Daytimes and evenings are possible.

For a free appointment contact RELIC at 703-792-4540 or email [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org). (Please note that you do not need an appointment to visit RELIC. Staff is available to help with your genealogy and local history research whenever the library is open.)

### Did You Know? Fascinating Stories About Prince William County History

Wednesday February 12, 2:00 p.m.

Don Wilson, Virginia Librarian, has been studying Prince William's unique past for over 30 years. Join him as he shares some of his favorite stories from Prince William County's rich 283 year history

### The Latest in Online Mapping Tools for Genealogists

Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.

Learn about the exploding world of online mapping tools from longtime researcher, lecturer and certified genealogist, Rick Sayre. A retired military officer, Rick has an M.A. in Management Information Services and currently works for the Defense Department as a civilian.

### Genealogy 201: Beyond the Basics

Wednesday, February 26, 11:00 a.m.

Genealogy 101 introduced you to the basics. RELIC's Tish Como will demonstrate advanced search techniques and alternate resources to add detail and interest to your family history.

To register for these free programs, contact RELIC @ (703) 792-4540 or email [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org).

## Central Community Library

8601 Mathis Avenue  
Manassas, VA 20110

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703-361-7572 (TTY)

[www.pwcgov.org/library](http://www.pwcgov.org/library)

Monday–Thursday 10–9

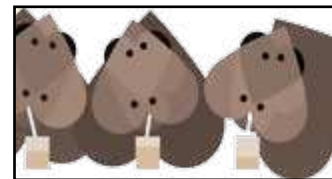
Friday, Saturday 10–5

Sunday 12–5 (September–May)

### Kids

#### \*The Snuggle Club

February 1–  
March 1



Join the Snuggle Club and help your child be Ready to Read! It's simple! Just register and pick up the activity sheet and start having fun! There are 12 activities to do together that help prepare your child to be Ready to Read. As you and your child complete the activities, bring the activity sheet back to the library to get stickers.

Adults, we've got something for you too! When you sign your child up, you will be entered in our weekly drawings for a \$25 gift certificate to local restaurants! We'll also have Starbucks coffee and other refreshments at our Anansi/End of Snuggle Club program on February 27.

For ages 0–6

Register at the library.

### Music & Motion

Alternating Tuesdays

February 4, 18, 10:45 a.m.

Everyone marches, jumps, stretches, claps and more as they move and groove to the music! Don't miss this fun, free program.

Ages 2–6, with an adult.

Drop-in, no registration required.

### Muncha Buncha Books

Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

Help your child "get ready to read" by engaging in a few simple practices: talking, reading, writing, singing and playing. This season we will focus on these practices and give you tips to try at home. Join the Snuggle Club too! It will also help reinforce these practices.

February 5, 6 Winter Critters

February 12, 13 Hearts & Hugs

February 19, 20 Cuddly Cats

If your child wishes to do the craft, pick up a craft stick from the Information Desk before each program. The number of craft sticks is limited to the first 24 children.

Ages 2–6, accompanied by an adult

Drop-in, no registration required.

**Kids** continued

**Family Fun**

Alternating Wednesdays,  
February 12, 26, 6:30 p.m.

This brand new program started in January and was greeted with enthusiasm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend and participate in this interactive program. Each program may contain stories, songs, games, crafts, or dancing. Who knows? Whatever is planned; it will be fun for everyone attending! Don't miss out on having a new experience at the library!

For all Ages.

Drop-in, no registration required.

**\*Shenanigans**

Alternating Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

Make practical or whimsical items and have fun while doing it! All of the programs are free and all materials are supplied!

February	6	Marshmallow Sledding Snowmen
February	20	Snowflake Picture Frames

Grades K-5.

Registration is required and may be done by phone or [online](#).

**\*Mind Benders Contest:  
Hearts & Flowers**

February 1-28

Pick up contest form at the Information Desk. The first entry drawn with the most correct answers will win a new book.

Grades K-5.

**\*Preschool Coloring  
Contest:  
Hearts &  
Flowers**

February 1-28

Pick up a coloring sheet each month from the Information Desk. One winner will be chosen by random drawing from all entries submitted.

Ages 2-5.



**\*Super Bowl Sundaes**

Sunday, February 2, 2:00-3:00 pm.

There are many kinds of super bowls and ours are filled with ice cream and toppings. Before the big game, come and enjoy a Super Sundae with our fabulous Sunday staff!

For all ages.

Drop in, no registration required.

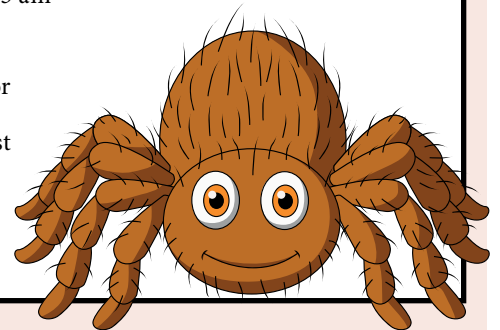
**\*The Rainbow Company Presents Anansi Stories- A  
Black History/End of Snuggle Club Super Celebration**

Thursday, February 27, 10:45 am

Child volunteers from the audience actually perform in this interactive children's theater production providing for a unique experience for performers and audience members alike. Come and be part of the fun of these classic tales about Anansi, a West African trickster spider!

For children ages 2-6 and their caregivers.

Pick up FREE tickets beginning February 20.



**Adults**

**\*Speaking of Spanish!**

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27  
12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

Whatever your level of fluency, come hone your conversation skills by chatting with others who are practicing their Spanish. Come on in to Central Library's Community Room any Thursday afternoon, bring your lunch, and hable español!

Drop-in; no registration is required.

**\*Mystery Book Club**

*Crawl Space*  
by Sarah Graves

Monday, February 10  
7:00 p.m.

True-crime writer Carolyn Rathbone and her unhappy assistant, Chip Hahn, arrive in Eastport, Maine, to research Randy Dodd, a psycho who faked his own death six years earlier after Cordelia Lang Dodd, Randy's wealthy wife, took a fatal fall down the stairs. Now Randy has returned to Eastport after the stabbing murder of Anne Dodd, the wife of his brother, Roger, and Cordelia's sister. Did Randy kill Anne, as the blubbering Roger claims? Soon after kidnapping snoop Carolyn, a cosmetically altered Randy nabs Sam, series heroine Jake Tiptree's recovering alcoholic son, who's an unlucky witness.

No registration required. New members are welcome.

**\*Science Fiction Book Discussion**

*The Affinity Bridge: A Newbury & Hobbes  
Investigation* by George Mann

Saturday, February 15, 2:30 p.m.

Sir Maurice Newbury and Miss Veronica Hobbes, agents of Queen Victoria, battle both physical and supernatural enemies of the crown. They are called in to investigate the wreckage of a crashed airship and its missing automaton pilot while dealing with a zombie plague in the slums of the capital and attempting to solve a string of strangulations credited to a mysterious glowing policeman.

New members are always welcome; no registration is necessary.

**\*Central Reads Book Club**

*The Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moyes

Wednesday, February 19, 1:00 p.m.

Unwillingly rendered an object of obsession by the Kommandant occupying her small French town in World War I, Sophie risks everything to reunite with her husband a century before a widowed Liv tests her resolve to claim ownership of Sophie's portrait.

No registration required.



## Chinn Park Regional Library

13065 Chinn Park Drive  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
703-792-4800  
703-792-4876 (TTY)

www.pwcgov.org/library

Monday–Thursday 10–9

Friday, Saturday 10–5

Sunday 12–5

(September–May)

### Kids

All programs are drop-in; no registration or tickets required unless noted.

#### Story Times

Stories, songs, and activities. Our story hours are designed to support the pre-reading skills every child needs to become a good reader.

#### Beginning with Books

Mondays, February 10, 24,  
10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, and  
fingerplays.

Babies 12–36 months and  
a caregiver.

Online registration begins one week  
before each program. No siblings,  
please.

#### Lunch Bunch: Shhh...The Bears are Sleeping

Monday, February 10, 12:00 noon

Pack a lunch and picnic while  
listening to great stories.

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver.

#### Bedtime Storyhour: Stories, Songs & Fingerplays

Mondays, 7:15 p.m.

February	3	Shape up
February	10	Funny Valentines
February	24	Febru-BEARy

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver.

#### Tuesday Tales

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

February	4	Frog Fun
February	11	Funny Valentines
February	18	AfricanAdventures
February	25	Shape by Shape

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver

#### Wednesday Wonders

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

February	5	Funny Frogs
February	12	Friends Forever
February	19	Sing a Song and Dance Along
February	26	That's Silly!

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver.

#### Friday Flicks

Join us for quality movies based on  
books. Each week's films have a different  
theme. Parents and their children,  
daycare providers and daycare centers  
with their children are all invited to  
attend.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

February	7	Magical Stories
February	14	Love and Friendship
February	21	We Love William Steig!

February	28	Folk Tales from Africa
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Ages 2–7 with a caregiver. Drop-in.

#### Second Saturday Storyhour, Craft: Be My Valentine!

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories and a craft.

Ages 2–6 with a caregiver.

\*Funded by The Friends of the Chinn Park Regional Library.

#### Inclusive Storytime

Saturday, February 22, 11:00 a.m.

Children with varying learning styles and  
abilities will relax and have fun together in a  
safe and supportive environment where respect  
and appreciation for differences is encouraged.

Ages 2 and up with a caregiver.

#### Multicultural Book Club

Saturday, February 22, 1:00 p.m.

Join our monthly book club in which children  
read a book appropriate for their age. The  
Multicultural Book Club promotes reading  
comprehension and incorporates strategies to  
improve reading and reading fluency. Reading  
opens the door to a child's future.

A free, drop-in program.

No tickets or registration necessary. Parent  
attendance and support are strongly encouraged.

### Special Events

#### Winter Reading Program—Snuggle with a Book

February 1–March 1

Complete 12 early literacy activities & receive  
a special sticker for each activity. Pick up a  
Winter Reading brochure at the Information  
Desk. Caregivers who read with their children  
will be entered into a weekly  
drawing for gift certificates  
for area restaurants.

Ages 0–6

#### \*Talking to the Author Bookmark Contest

Through March 15

Design a bookmark around  
the theme

"Gingerbread Man Loose in  
the Library."

The bookmark contest form is available on the  
library website and at the Information Desk.

First place winners (one for each grade K  
through 5) receive a gift certificate.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive an  
autographed copy of a recent book by children's  
author Laura Murray, author of *The Gingerbread  
Man Loose in the School* and *The Gingerbread  
Man Loose on the Fire Truck*.

Prizes will be awarded Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

#### Valentines for Veterans

Through Monday, February 3

Create a handmade valentine for a hospitalized  
veteran with supplies provided by the  
library.

For children ages 3 and up.

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 1st

#### Storyhour—11:00 a.m.

Join us for a story hour about the Library!

For all ages.

#### Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a library scavenger hunt at the  
Information Desk to do with your child  
& win a prize!

For children ages 5 and up.

#### Sleep 101

Monday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.

Get answers to your questions  
about baby sleeping through  
the night or getting baby "on  
schedule?" Let Mommy Sleep,  
the DC area's overnight baby  
care experts, answer all  
your infant sleep questions.  
Babies are welcome and  
encouraged!

Free, drop-in program. No  
registration required.

#### Harriet Tubman

Saturday, February 8  
2:00 p.m.

A dynamic one-woman show  
about Harriet Tubman and  
the Underground Railroad.  
A Black History Month  
program.

Ages 6 and up with a caregiver

Free, drop-in; no tickets or  
registration required.





**Kids** continued**Dog Tales****Reading to Rover**

Thursday, February 13, 27  
4:00 p.m.

**Rover Sunday Edition**

Sunday, February 16  
1:00 p.m.

PAL (People Animals Love) provides early readers and kids who just love to read the opportunity to read to registered therapy dogs in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring your own book or use one of ours.

Ages 6–10.

**Saturdays with Sophie**

Saturday, February 1  
2:00 p.m.

Early readers and kids who just love to read can read to a registered therapy dog in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring your own book or use one of ours.

Ages 6–10.

**Family****\*Craft Night:  
Luv Bug Card Holder**

Thursday,  
February 13  
7:00 p.m.

Make an adorable, silly luv bug card holder for all your valentines! One craft per child.

For families.

Drop-in; no registration required.

Limit 30 children.

**We Shall Not Be Moved:  
Black History Month Celebration**

Sunday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History month with Freedom Rider Joan Trumpauer Mulholland and Author M.J. (Mike) O'Brien as they discuss Joan's civil rights career. Joan was the first white student to integrate into Tougaloo, an historically Black college, and one of the students who sat at the Jackson, MS Woolworth's Lunch Counter in the iconic 1963 photo on the cover of Mr. O'Brien's book, "We Shall Not Be Moved: The Jackson Woolworth's Sit-In and the Movement It Inspired." The movie, "An Ordinary Hero: The Joan Trumpauer Mulholland Story," memorialized her civil rights career. Mike and Joan will be available to sign copies of the book and DVD.

For Families

Free; drop-in. No registration required

**Young Adult**

For middle and high school students.

**Teen Trivia**

February 1–14

★**Vampire Academy**—Based on the *Vampire Academy* series by Rachel Mead

Just in time for this teen movie debut, test your knowledge and win two free movie tickets. The winner will be the first entry drawn with the most correct answers.

A free, drop-in program.

**Café Chinn**

Tuesday, February 4, 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Create a special treat with Jason Shriner, The Aubergine Chef.

Free, drop-in program. Limited to the first 20 students.

**Teen Summer Job  
Workshop**

Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.

Learn tips & techniques for finding summer employment. Meet a representative of the Prince William Park Authority, the county's largest employer of teens! Plus, other business representatives that employ teens in the summer.

A free, drop-in program. No registration required.

**Blind Date with a Book**

February 14–March 7

Are you ready for something new in your life? Let the library arrange a blind date. Find a book wrapped in paper in the Teen Section. Each book has a short but mysterious description on the front. Select one that appeals to you, check it out, and take home the book to unwrap and enjoy.

After you've read the book, fill out the "Rate Your Date" review form with your name and phone number and enter it in the box at the Information Desk for a chance to win a pair of movie tickets!

Limit two entries per person.

**Adult****INOVA Blood Services Blood Drive**

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

INOVA Blood Services will sponsor a blood drive from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Call 1-866-256-6371 or visit [www.inova.org/donateblood](http://www.inova.org/donateblood) to schedule an appointment.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority. Must weigh at least 110 pounds and have a photo ID.

**\*CPRL Chess Club**

Mondays, February 3, 10, 24, 6:00 p.m.

If you enjoy playing chess and would like to play and improve your skills, we invite you to attend the CPRL Chess Club. This program is open to adults and young adults 13 years and older.

New members are always welcome! Please bring your own chess set, if you are able. Refreshments are provided.

**Needles and Hooks Club**

Tuesdays, February 4, 18, 7:00 p.m.

If you like to make crafts with a needle or hook, join us on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and have fun sharing your craft and meeting others who also enjoy needlework.

For adults and teens.

Drop-in; no registration.



### \*Prince William County Bar Association Legal Series

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

A different legal topic will be presented each month throughout 2014. This month Landlord/Tenant issues will be discussed by Heather R. Steele, Esq. The Landlord/ Tenant lecture will focus on the leasing process, tips for tenants to protect their rights, tips for landlords to protect their rights, the rent payment process from both a landlord's and a tenant's perspective, and the eviction process from each point of view.

Free, drop-in.



### \*Spanish Charlas

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for those with a basic knowledge of Spanish to practice their conversation skills in a friendly, relaxed setting. Fluent Spanish speakers are also welcome to offer help and support.

Drop-in. ¡Hablemos en español!

### \*English Chatter Club

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26  
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 7:00–8:30 p.m.

All new speakers of English are welcome to join us for some friendly conversation where they can practice and improve their speaking skills. Fluent English speakers are also welcome to help lead the conversations. This program is also made possible through the support of The Literacy Volunteers of America.

Drop-in; no registration.

### AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

Thursdays and Fridays, starting February 6  
10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Free tax help for taxpayers with low- and middle-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Advanced reservations will not be available. Tax help is on a first come, first served basis.

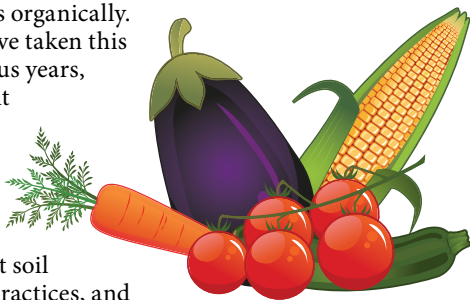
Please see the [www.AARP.org/taxaide](http://www.AARP.org/taxaide) website to find out what important documents you will need to bring with you.

### VCE Sustainable Vegetable Gardening Series

Saturday, February 8, 10:15 a.m.

Part I—Planning your organic vegetable garden and soil preparation. Join VCE Prince William Master Gardener Volunteers for a series of three classes on growing your own vegetables organically. Even if you have taken this class in previous years, you will benefit from these classes filled with new information and ways of thinking about soil fertility, best practices, and maintaining your vegetable garden. You will leave shovel-ready with plan in hand.

Registration encouraged but not required.



### eReader One-on-One Help

Monday, February 10, 3:00 p.m.

PWPLS Librarian and eReader expert, Charlie Rosenthal, will provide individual help with downloading ebooks from Overdrive to your e-reader device.

This program meets on the third Monday of every month. Registration encouraged, but not required. Those who are registered will be served first.

### \*Chinn Park Chats: A Monday Afternoon Book Discussion Club

*Dear Life* by Alice Munro

Monday, February 10, 1:00 p.m.

As one of the foremost short-story writers of her generation, Alice Munro features the small towns of southwestern Ontario in her latest collection of “quiet but powerful” stories. Munro’s tales include four autobiographical ones based on her childhood. Each story in this collection is filled with characters like you and me, going about life, until Life intervenes without any warning and swiftly changes everything. Munro employs melodrama and even “ironic, O. Henry-esque” conclusions in her writings.

Drop-in. No registration required. Light refreshments.

### \*Brit Lit Book Club

*The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton

Monday, February 24, 1:00 p.m.

During a party at the family farm in the English countryside, 16-year-old Laurel Nicolson has escaped to her childhood treehouse and is dreaming of the future when she sees her mother speak to a stranger. Before the afternoon is over, Laurel will witness a shocking crime that challenges everything she knows about her family and especially her mother.

Drop-in. No registration required. Light refreshments.

### \*NOVA Novel Book Club— Meet the Author @ CPRL

*Saturday Night Widows: the Adventures of Six Friends Remaking Their Lives* by Becky Aikman

Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.

NOVA Novels Book Club will skype with Becky Aikman, Author of *Saturday Night Widows: the Adventures of Six Friends Remaking Their Lives*. This non-fiction title describes the author’s experiences as a young widow and the pivotal relationships she forged with five other widows, recounting the stories of their losses and bravery as exchanged throughout a year of monthly Saturday night meetings.

Drop-in. No registration required. Light refreshments.





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Woodbridge, VA 22191  
703-494-8126  
703-494-8129 (TTY)  
www.pwcgov.org/library  
Monday–Thursday 10–9  
Friday, Saturday 10–5  
Sunday 12–5 (September–May)

## Kids

Ticket, pass and registration policy: An individual may request no more than five tickets for any program. Daycare and school groups are encouraged to call the Children's Department to schedule a visit.

### \*Preschool Coloring Contest: Hearts & Flowers

February 1–28

Pick up a Coloring Contest form at the Potomac Library (or print it from our Kids' page) and enter to win a prize. Return your entry to the Coloring Contest box in the Children's Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28. Our winner will be drawn from the entries received.

Ages 2–5.

### \*Mind Bender Contest: Hearts & Flowers

February 1–28

Complete the form and return it to the entry box in the Children's Department by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28. Our winner will be drawn from the entries with the most correct answers.

Grades K–5.

### Mishmash

Mondays, 2:00 p.m.

Stories, songs, fingerplays and activities especially for preschoolers

February	3	<b>Celebrate Black History Month</b>
February	10	<b>Love, Love, Love</b>
February	24	<b>Music &amp; Motion</b>

Ages 2–5.

Drop-in; no registration required.

### Book Babies

Tuesday, February 4, 18, 10:30 a.m.

Babies need books, too! Join us for stories, songs and play. Limited to 10 infants and their care-givers.

Ages 6–24 months.

Register online, in person or by phone beginning one week prior to each program.



### Magic Carpet Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities especially for preschoolers.

February	5	<b>Music and Motion</b>
February	12	<b>Love, Love, Love</b>
February	19	<b>In My House</b>
February	26	<b>Celebrate Black History Month</b>

Ages 2–5.

Drop in; no registration required.

### Totally Terrific Thursdays!

Alternating Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

(formerly Family Craft Time) Crafts and activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult helper. Younger siblings are welcome.

February	13	<b>Valentines for Your Family</b>
February	27	<b>The Lorax Truffula Tree</b>

Ages 4 and up.

Pick up a free pass beginning at 4:00 p.m. A pass is required for each child doing the craft.

Limit 24 crafters.

### Snuggle Club: Winter Reading Program

February 1–March 1

Celebrate early literacy and reading with your child by joining "The Snuggle Club" at your local Prince William Public Library.

Our Winter Reading Program is for infants and children through age

6. To sign up, stop by any library branch to register and

receive an activity sheet of fun things to do with your child to get ready for reading. Attend our storytimes and other library program, collect stickers when you complete each activity, and get a reward for yourself. You can enter our weekly drawing when you complete the program!

### Zetas' Read-In for Black History Month

Saturday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a read-in of books by African-American authors, and about Black History Month, shared by members of the Phi Kappa Zeta chapter of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Listen to stories and excerpts from books, and take the books home to re-read or complete!

All ages.

Drop-in; no registration required.

### Bedtime Stories

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for bed, and come to the library for a before-bed treat of stories, songs, and fingerplays. PJs, blankets, and stuffed animals are optional.

All ages.

Drop in; no registration required.



### Life-Size Candy Land

Saturday, February 15, 2:00 p.m.

Do you remember the game Candy Land? Come to Potomac Library to play it once again,

only this time you'll be the pieces in this magical life-size land of candy!

Wind

your way on the Rainbow Path to King Kandy's Castle, and pick up a treat or two along the way. Feel free to wear a costume!

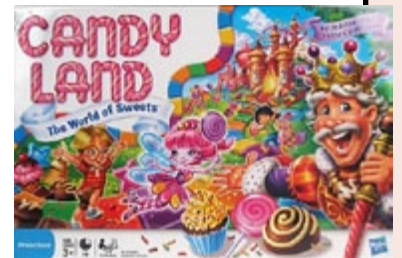
All ages. Children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker. Families are encouraged to play together.

Drop-in; no registration required, you may arrive anytime between 2:00 and 3:30 to begin play.

### Snuggle Café

Thursday, February 27 10:00 a.m.

Share a story with your child and join us for an activity to celebrate your participation in our Winter Reading Program, "The Snuggle Club." We will also have juice, coffee (for the adults) and breakfast treats to share. For children ages 0–6 and their caregivers. Drop in; no registration required.



## Adult

No registration required unless otherwise noted.

### English Discussion Group

Friday, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

This free program is designed to encourage language learning, and speakers of any language are welcome to attend. This is not a class but rather an opportunity to practice English in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and new speakers are particularly welcome. Typically, people from all over the globe attend and enjoy the opportunity to brush up their language skills. Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Give the gift of life and donate blood. To make your life-saving appointment call 1-800-GIVELIFE or go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code 05310637. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.

Drop-in donors will be accepted.

### Historical Fiction Book Discussion Group

*The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka

Tuesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m.

The stories of six Japanese mail-order brides whose new lives in early twentieth-century San Francisco are marked by backbreaking migrant work, cultural struggles, children who reject their heritage, and the prospect of wartime internment.

New participants are always welcome.  
Bag lunches are welcome.

### African-American Book Discussion Group

*Quiet Strength: the Faith, the Hope, and the Heart of a Woman who Changed a Nation*  
by Rosa Parks and Gregory Reed

Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

On June 15, 1999, Mrs. Rosa Parks was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor—a tribute to the power of one solitary woman to influence the soul of a nation. But awards and influence were far from her mind when, on December 1, 1955, she refused to move to the back of a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She was not trying to start a movement. She was simply tired of social injustice and did not think a woman should be forced to stand so that a man could sit down. Yet her simple act of courage set in motion a chain of events that changed forever the landscape of American race relations. *Quiet Strength* celebrates the principles and convictions that guided her through a remarkable life.

No registration required.

### Meet the author—Civil War Author Bob O'Connor

Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.

In honor of Black History Month, Potomac Community Library will have Bob O'Connor discuss his book *The U.S. Colored Troops at Andersonville Prison*, the account of the 103 black soldiers at the prison and a biography of each.

Registration is not required but recommended. You may register beginning Saturday, February 8 in person, by phone or online.



### Latino Reads

*The Sound of Things Falling* by Juan Gabriel Vasquez (Colombia)  
Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m.

In the city of Bogotá, Antonio Yammara reads an article about a hippo that had escaped from a derelict zoo once owned by legendary Colombian drug kingpin Pablo Escobar. The article transports Antonio back to when the war between Escobar's Medellín cartel and government forces played out violently in Colombia's streets and in the skies above. Back then, Antonio witnessed a friend's murder, an event that haunts him still. As he investigates, he discovers the many ways in which his own life and his friend's family have been shaped by his country's recent violent past. His journey leads him all the way back to the 1960s and a world on the brink of change: a time before narco-trafficking trapped a whole generation in a living nightmare.

You can choose to read in English and/or Spanish. New members are always welcome.

Drop-in; no registration required.

### Third Thursday Thrillers Book Discussion

*Deadly Politics* by Maggie Sefton

Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

Molly Malone was driven from Washington, D.C., by political back-stabbing, scandals, and personal heartbreak. She swore she'd never come back to but now is starting her life over again back in Washington, D.C.

When Molly's only Washington job prospect falls through, her politico niece, Karen, arranges for her to work in the office of a freshman senator. As the former wife of a congressman, Molly well aware of office politics, and is alarmed to hear that Karen is having an affair with her boss, congressional chief of staff Jed Molinoff. Days later Molly finds Karen shot to death and discovers that Molinoff has ransacked Karen's apartment. Molly investigates further, and finds herself in the crosshairs of a shadowy political group that's killing anyone who gets in its way.

New participants are always welcome and no registration is required.



## Neighborhood Libraries

### Dale City Neighborhood Library

4249 Dale Boulevard  
Dale City, VA 22193  
703-792-5670

Monday–Thursday	10–7
Saturday, Friday	10–2
Sunday	Closed

#### Coloring Contest

February 1-28

Pick up a coloring sheet each month and return your entry anytime during the month to be displayed on our display board. One winner each month will be chosen by random drawing from all entries submitted. Two groups–Ages 2-5 and 6-12.

#### Monday Evening Storytime

Mondays, February 10, 24, 5:30 p.m.

For families who can't come to the library during the day, Monday Evening Storytime offers stories and fun.

All ages. Drop-in.

#### Wednesday Storytime

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26  
10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, and activities.

Ages 2–5. Drop-in.

#### Library Baby!

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26  
3:00 p.m.

We sing! We play! We read! Stories, songs and finger plays for moms and babies.

Ages 0–2. Drop-in.

### Gainesville Neighborhood Library

4603 James Madison Highway  
Haymarket, VA 20169  
703-792-5660

Monday–Thursday	10–7
Friday, Saturday	10–2
Sunday	Closed

Call for program information.

#### Doggie Tales

Saturday, February 8  
11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

This is a reading program sponsored by PWPLS and Therapy Dog International where children ages 4-11 come and read to a few canine friends. Come by and read to a dog or just drop in for a visit.

Drop-in.

#### 3rd Friday Book Discussion Group

*Turn of Mind*  
by Alice LaPlante

Friday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. at Padrino's Pizza in the Center Plaza Shopping Center behind the library.

Implicated in the murder of her best friend, Jennifer White, a brilliant retired surgeon with dementia, struggles with fractured memories of their complex relationship and wonders if she actually committed the crime.

No registration required.

#### Gotta Catch em All – Pokémon Day!

Saturday, February 22, 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Bring your cards and Pokemon DS games to play, trade and earn points towards badges. No reservation required.

### Lake Ridge Neighborhood Library

Tackett's Mill Shopping Center  
2239 Old Bridge Road  
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3007  
703-792-5675

Monday – Thursday	10–7
Friday, Saturday	10–2
Sunday	Closed

#### Thursday Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

February 13	Will You Be My Friend?
February 27	Thank You Dr. Seuss!

Ages 0–5. Drop-in.

### Dumfries Neighborhood Library

18007 Dumfries Shopping Plaza  
Dumfries, VA 22026  
703-792-5678

Monday–Thursday	10–7
Saturday, Friday	10–2
Sunday	Closed

Call for program information.

### Independent Hill Neighborhood Library

14418 Bristow Road  
Manassas, VA 20112  
703-792-5668

Monday–Thursday	10–7
Saturday	10–2
Friday, Sunday	Closed

#### Tuesday Storytimes

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

February 4	The Cat's Meow
February 11	Happy Valentine's Day
February 18	Monkey in the Middle
February 25	Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Ages 0–5. Drop-in.

### Nokesville Neighborhood Library

12993 Fitzwater Drive  
Nokesville, VA 20181  
703-792-5665

Monday – Thursday	10–7
Saturday	10–2
Friday, Sunday	Closed

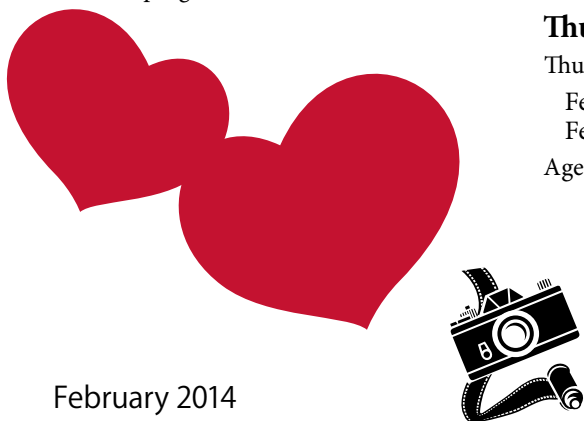
#### Miss Glenna's Storytime

Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

February 6	What Did Mr. Groundhog See?
February 13	Won't You Be My Valentine?
February 20	Introducing Jonathan London
February 27	Excellent Elephants

#### Nokesville Book Discussion

Monday, February 17, 11:00 a.m.  
Meets at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren.





# Snuggle Club

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The Snuggle Club is designed to help children learn to love language and books, and most of all, to have fun! Snuggle Club is based on these principles:

- Learning begins at birth.
- Reading is an essential life skill.
- Parents and caregivers are a child's first teachers.
- Public libraries support parents and caregivers as they develop early literacy skills in children.

We will also be featuring special Snuggle Club events at many libraries. So get your activity sheet beginning February 1 and you and your child will both reap the rewards of reading!

For information about this or any other library program, contact your local Prince William Public Library or visit us on the web at [www.pwcgov.org/library](http://www.pwcgov.org/library)

## Special Snuggle Club Events

### Potomac: Snuggle Cafe

Thursday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.

Share a story with your child and join us for an activity to celebrate your participation in our Winter Reading Program, "The Snuggle Club." We will also have juice, coffee (for the adults) and breakfast treats to share. For children ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Drop in; no registration required.

### \*Central: The Rainbow Company Presents Anansi Stories

Thursday, February 27, 10:45 am

Child volunteers from the audience actually perform in this interactive children's theater production providing for a unique experience for performers and audience members alike. Come and be part of the fun of these classic tales about Anansi, a West African trickster spider!

For children ages 2-6 and their caregivers.

Pick up FREE tickets beginning February 20.

\*Program sponsored by Friends of the Library

### Bull Run: Playdate @ the Snuggle with a Book Cafe

Friday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

In celebration of snuggling together with books, little ones are invited to enjoy our early literacy toys while their grown-ups relax & socialize over coffee, tea, & cookies. Juice & animal crackers will be available for children.

For preschool children and their parents/caregivers.

### Chinn Park: Read Across America Day

Saturday, March 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a special Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss storyhour with plenty of stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Light Refreshments.

For Families.

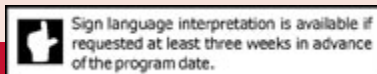


## Take Our Technology Survey; Enter the Drawing

Please support the library and help us improve our services. Go to the library website [www.pwcgov.org/library](http://www.pwcgov.org/library) to fill out the survey or access it from one of the library's public access computers.

At the completion of the survey follow the instructions to enter our weekly drawing for a 2gb USB flash drive.

Impact Survey is a project of the University of Washington Information School. For more information about the Impact Survey, inquire at the library information desk or visit <http://impactsurvey.org>.



## Library Information

### Library Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Support Center's Trustees Room.

Note: The Trustees Room is located in the lower level of the Chinn Park Regional Library.

### Library Foundation Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Foundation Board of Directors will be Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Support Center's Trustees Room.

### Renewals of library materials:

Renewal Line: 703-792-4885

Web Renewal: [librarycatalog.pwcgov.org](http://librarycatalog.pwcgov.org)

### Electronic Newsletters

- Off The Shelf, an email newsletter of timely library-related topics.
- MAGIC Newline, an electronic newsletter with information on the latest news, trends, and tips for business, management and government.
- What's New in RELIC, a listing of new materials and programs offered by the Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC) that features the latest acquisitions in genealogy and local history.
- Visit our website to view or subscribe to any of the available electronic newsletters, including for your favorite branch: [www.pwcgov.org/library](http://www.pwcgov.org/library).

### Volunteering

Volunteers are needed.

Call 703-792-6100 for more information.

[www.pwcgov.org/library](http://www.pwcgov.org/library)

### Library Closings

All Prince William Public Libraries are closed Monday, February 17, for President's Day.

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