

Federal Tax Assistance from the AARP

Volunteers from the AARP will once again provide tax assistance at both the main library and the downtown branch from early February until April 17. They will help citizens file their federal taxes electronically; citizens should bring all relevant financial information as well as their social security card. Assistance is offered on a first come-first served basis; no appointments are taken. The exact schedule will be announced in late January.



What to do with your old CDs and DVDs? Recycle Them @ Your Library

There are containers in both the main and branch libraries in which patrons can deposit CDs and DVDs (discs only) that they no longer need.

CDs and DVDs are made primarily from poly-carbonate plastics, which don't break down easily in a landfill. They also contain layers of aluminum. Every year, millions of the discs are thrown away because, until recently, there has been no alternative way to dispose of them. Check out www.CDrecyclingcenter.com for more information.

Gifts to the Library

The Friends of the Library gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

Mrs. Cora Woody Harvey for children's books
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Irvin in honor of Candice Michalik's retirement

Edith Lee Brooks Fund -- annual distribution through The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust in support of Youth Services

Donna Hladik Smith Born to Read Fund -- annual distribution through The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust to provide a book to all babies born at VA Baptist Hospital (2,400 annually)



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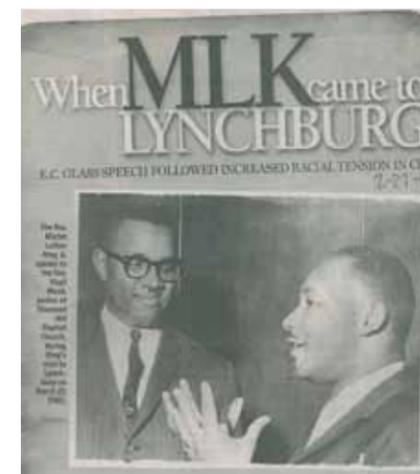
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14th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 16, 8:00-10:00 am



"Sustaining the Dream" is the theme for this year's celebration of Dr. King's birthday. The breakfast event is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council (MLKLCC). The Rev. Virgil Wood, former pastor of Diamond Hill Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. Rev. Wood was a leader of the civil rights movement in Lynchburg and coordinated Virginia's participation in the Historic March on Washington April 28, 1963. He was also instrumental in bringing Dr. King to Lynchburg, where he delivered a speech at E.C. Glass High School on March 27, 1962. (For the text of Dr. King's speech, go to the MLK Center

on the Library's website.) The Birthday Breakfast is at the Holiday Inn, 601 Main Street. Tickets are \$20 and available at both libraries or by calling 455-6330. The MLKLCC maintains the MLK Center for Human Rights at the Main Library.



Whoo's Awake in the Night

(Nocturnal Creatures) presented by The Wildlife Center of Virginia

Saturday, Jan. 14
1:00--2:00 pm

Creatures of the night use amazing adaptations to thrive in the dark. Learn about these unique characteristics, and how our actions during the day affect those who stay up all night. The Center will bring live animals who have been rescued but are no longer able to survive on their own in the wild. This program is best for PreK-5th grade, families, or mixed-age groups. Call 455-6320 for more information.

Santa Claus Is Coming to the Library

Thursday, Dec. 22

10:00 am--noon and 1:00--3:00 pm

On his way back to the North Pole, Santa Claus will make a stop at the Lynchburg Public Library, along with Mrs. Claus. He will listen to children's Christmas wishes, read a few of his favorite holiday stories, and have his picture taken with anyone who would like to capture the memory of when Santa came to the library. Mrs. Claus will have some of her very own home-baked cookies to share. His reindeer will be resting for the long trip home and won't be available to visit with the children. So mark your calendars and come see Santa!



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Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

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Children's Storytime Schedule

- Registration begins on Monday, January 9.
- Registration must be done in person.
- Storytimes begin the week of January 23.
- Complete information about dates, times, and different age groups is available on our website at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary. Make us one of your favorite bookmarks.



Children's Valentine Crafts @ the Library

Friday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 11
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Bring your imaginations and make something special for someone you love. All supplies are provided for free. Just bring your creativity.

Read Aloud Now! Your children's success depends on it.

Why read aloud?

- The first stage of learning a language is listening. As we read to our children, they listen to the sounds and learn the names of things, such as objects, actions or ideas.
- Children begin to understand that letters are different from each other, that they have different names, and that they are related to sounds.
- Children begin to respond to print motivation, which refers to their interest in and enjoyment of books. This begins at a very young age, long before children can read.
- Children begin to learn print awareness, which refers to recognizing print, knowing how to handle a book, and learning how to follow the words on a page.

If those aren't reasons enough, here is a recommendation from Rosemary Wells, a noted children's author. "Every day, make a quiet, restful place for twenty minutes. Put your child in your lap and read a book aloud. In the pages of the book you will find a tiny vacation of privacy and intense love. It costs nothing but twenty minutes and a library card" (from [Read to Your Bunny](#)).

Stop by the Youth Services Department for a free set of *Recipes for Reading Success*.



Inclement Weather Reminder @Your Library

Don't sweat the fines if we have inclement weather. When Lynchburg City Schools are closed due to the weather, the library does not charge fines. The library makes every attempt to maintain regular hours, but weather conditions may warrant opening later or closing earlier. Any time it is necessary to alter library hours, fines are waived for the day. Please call 455-6300 or 455-3820 for information concerning library hours.

Year End Tax Planning

Please consider the Friends of the Library when planning your end-of-the-year charitable contributions. We are a 501(C) 3 organization so all contributions to the Friends are tax-deductible. Gifts may be "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" a named individual or group and may be dedicated to a use by the Library which you specify. For more information, please call Cheryl Bray at 455-6330.

Did you know...that the library has its own blog?

For up-to-date information regarding new book titles, children's activities, computer classes, and other library and community happenings, visit lynchburgpubliclibrary.wordpress.com. Something new is posted every weekday. If you would like to be notified by email, just check the box under comments that says "Notify me of new posts via email."

Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Library Board	Tuesday, January 10	4 pm	Community Room
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Visitors are always welcome at Board Meetings.



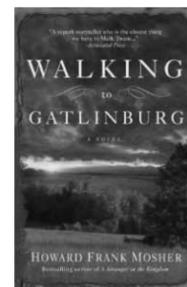
Free Computer Classes at the Main Library

Get connected to technology with free computer classes offered at the Main Library throughout January and February. Taught in the Gates Lab, each class provides participants with instructional materials and hands-on experience. The classes will teach basic and intermediate skills, covering topics

such as using the mouse, Internet browsing, email accounts, file management, digital photos, social media, and digital materials. Registration for each class is required. Anyone interested can call Elisa Rollins at 455-6318 for details and registration or check the website for a complete schedule of upcoming classes.

"Speaking of Books" @ The Library

Come talk books by attending a book discussion group at the Library. Each month, readers generate a lively conversation by sharing thoughts and opinions about a selected title. "Speaking of Books" meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1 pm in the Library. No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. In celebration of Black History Month, the February discussion will take place at the Legacy Museum, located at 403 Monroe Street. Call Elisa Rollins at the Reference Desk at 455-6310 for further information. Visit our website to find a list of titles to be discussed from January to May.



Walking to Gatlinburg by Howard Frank Mosher Jan. 18

In the tradition of Charles Frazier's *Cold Mountain*, Mosher's latest is a Civil War odyssey in which a Vermont teenager travels south to find his older brother, a Union soldier reported MIA at Gettysburg. After accidentally causing the death of a runaway slave he was leading to safety in Canada, Morgan is pursued by slave catchers, accompanies an elephant on an Erie Canal showboat, visits the battlefield at Gettysburg, meets an escaped slave who turns out to be the dead slave's granddaughter, and gets wounded during a mountain feud before learning of his brother's fate. This book is also available as a free ebook at vppl.lib.overdrive.com.



The Grace of Silence by Michele Norris Feb. 15

In an eloquent memoir, Norris, co-host of NPR's All Things Considered, examines her family's racial history, particularly their silence regarding two key events: her maternal grandmother's short career as a traveling "Aunt Jemima," which always embarrassed her mother, and her father's shooting by a white policeman in Alabama in 1946. It is the shooting, which occurred soon after Belvin Norris, Jr. was honorably discharged from the Navy, that forms the narrative and emotional backbone of this story, as she travels to Birmingham to piece together what happened. Norris poignantly illuminates the struggle of black veterans returning home and receiving nothing but condemnation for their service, as well as the broader issue of race in America. This book is also available as a free ebook at vppl.lib.overdrive.com.

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Information
455-6310

Youth Services
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Technical Services
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455-6330

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9:30 am-8:00 pm

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Mon.- Fri.
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AND LAW LIBRARY**
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Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

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Friday through Monday
December 23 - 26
Christmas Holiday
Monday, January 2
New Year's Holiday
Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20
Presidents' Day

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