

# Jamerson Memorial Library

## Jamerson Memorial Library's After School Crafts

There is something "sketchy" going on at the Library!



Thursday  
April 23rd

Starting at  
4:00 pm

## Jamerson Library's Teen Crafts

### Bedazzle Your Favorite Book

Tuesday, April 28th  
Starting at 3:30 PM



## Cleared for Takeoff Free Bird Watching Raffle



One chance per patron, per visit.  
Winner to be announced on  
Thursday, April 30th

*Courtesy of the Flight Path Grant*



# JRJML

J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library

# Newsletter



News about  
your local  
Library

Appomattox  
Virginia

Welcome to the  
April 2026  
newsletter from the  
Jamerson Library

Our Social Media Venues

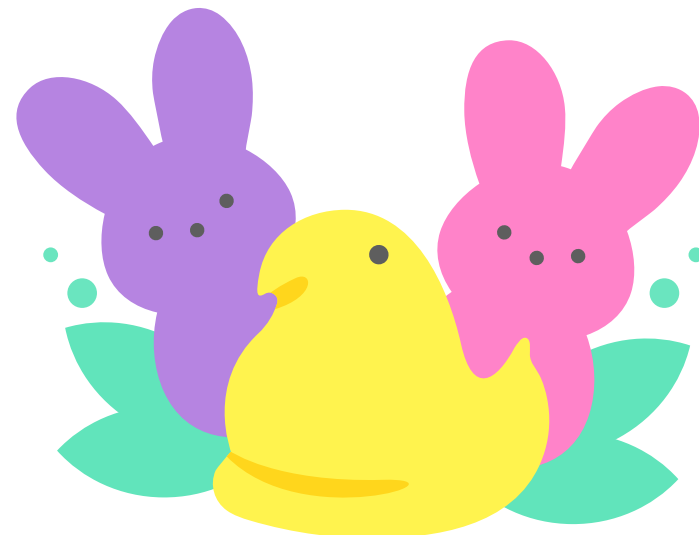
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*The Peeps come out at night,  
and to the Jamerson Library!*

Since Christmas of 2025, the Library has been providing a fun place to stop and take selfies, family, friends, and group photos.

April's theme is PEEPS®! Just in time for Easter, and the Holliday Lake and Jamerson Memorial Library's "Hop Into Spring" event!

Grab your phones or cameras, and a few friends, come by, and take your own photos. Don't forget to tag us on social media!



## Free Access to Transparent Language through Jamerson Memorial Library

Patrons of all ages are eligible for free access to Transparent Language through our website: [www.jrjml.org](http://www.jrjml.org). Look for the Research/Learn Link, select Learn, and then select Transparent Language.

Learn to speak 140+ foreign languages, including over 20 indigenous languages, American Sign Language, and Citizenship Preparation. This service also includes ESL/ELL (English as a Second Language/English Language Learner) materials for speakers of 34 different languages.

Transparent Language offers a mobile app, Transparent Language Online, available for iOS (iPhone/iPad) and Android. It requires an existing account, allowing users to sync progress, study languages, and access vocabulary/speaking activities on-the-go.

Transparent Languages, and many other of our online services are provided by the Library of Virginia.



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157 Main Street

# April is Citizen Science Month!

Something scientific this way comes!  
Citizen Science Kits were funded in part by the Science Across America Grant. They will be available for check-out soon! One kit per family; kits check out for 1 week.



# J Robert Jamerson Memorial Library

**GED Outreach at Jamerson Library**

Mondays from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

April 2026  
13th, 20th & 27th

A representative from the Adult Learning Center will be at the Library to answer your questions and help you sign up for classes to earn your GED.

**Jamerson Library's Tween STEAM Program**

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics!

Tuesday, April 14th  
Starting at 4:00 pm

**Snacks served!**

Appomattox Court House Quilt Guild to meet at the Jamerson Library

Tuesday, April 14th @ 5:30pm

**Jamerson Memorial Library's Story & Craft Times**

Family Hour  
April 1st @ 11:00 AM

Story & Craft Time  
April 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th  
11:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Jamerson Library's Adult Book Club

Wednesday, April 15th  
Starting at 5:30 PM

JAMERSON-LIBRARY'S TWEEN BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH  
STARTING AT 4:00 PM

Jamerson Memorial Library's **Kanopy Movie**

Friday, April 17th  
Starting at 2:00 pm

Appomattox County Sheriff's Office to host the Jamerson Memorial Library's **Story & Craft Time**

Wednesday, April 22nd  
11:00 AM & 12:00 PM  
Snacks & juice!  
Dog-themed crafts!

Jamerson Library's **Teen Book Club**

Wednesday, April 22nd  
Starting at 3:30 pm



# What's Happening at your local Library

## *J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library to Support Brooklyn Library's Books Unbanned Initiative*

In support of the Brooklyn Public Library's Books Unbanned, a national initiative (founded in 2022) to defend teens' right to access information, stories, and ideas without the suppression of censorship the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library is encouraging patrons to explore beyond our Library through the option of getting a free Books Unbanned library card(s).

A Books Unbanned library card gives teens and young adults (13 - 21) across the United States free digital access to ebooks and digital resources, including banned and challenged books—no matter where they live. Books Unbanned helps ensure teens can read what they like, explore new ideas and form their own opinions. The Jamerson Library encourages teens under 18 years of age to talk to their parents before applying. We do understand that not all books are right for all families and promote families to make their own decisions about what is appropriate for them, while also supporting the freedom to read.

For more information about the Books Unbanned initiative please visit: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/books-unbanned>

To apply for a Brooklyn National Teen BPL ecard visit: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org/card/teens.php>

### What the Books Unbanned Library Card Includes

Partner libraries nationwide provide free digital library cards that allow teens to:

- Access ebooks and audiobooks online
- Explore diverse perspectives and voices
- Read privately, safely and without restriction

The following libraries have joined Books Unbanned as crucial partners in defending and expanding the freedom to read.

- [Boston Public Library](https://www.bpl.org/books-unbanned/) - <https://www.bpl.org/books-unbanned/>
- [LA County Library](https://lacountylibrary.org/books-unbanned/) - <https://lacountylibrary.org/books-unbanned/>
- [Long Beach Public Library](https://www.longbeach.gov/library/borrow/books-unbanned/) - <https://www.longbeach.gov/library/borrow/books-unbanned/>
- [San Diego Public Library](https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/booksunbanned) - <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/booksunbanned>
- [Seattle Public Library](https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/teens/books-unbanned) - <https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/teens/books-unbanned>

You can visit the Books Unbanned coalition website at: <https://booksunbanned.com>

County Administrator  
Susan Adams  
to be our guest reader for  
*Jamerson Library's*  
*Family Story & Craft Time*  
Wednesday, April 1st  
Starting at 11:00 am

**Crafts & Snacks**



Jamerson Memorial Library  
Presents  
*girls who*  
*code*  
Wednesday, April 1st  
4:00 pm at the Collaboration Tables



**Legal Aid presents**  
Garnishments/Debt  
Collections Advice  
Wednesday, April 1st  
@ 2:00 pm

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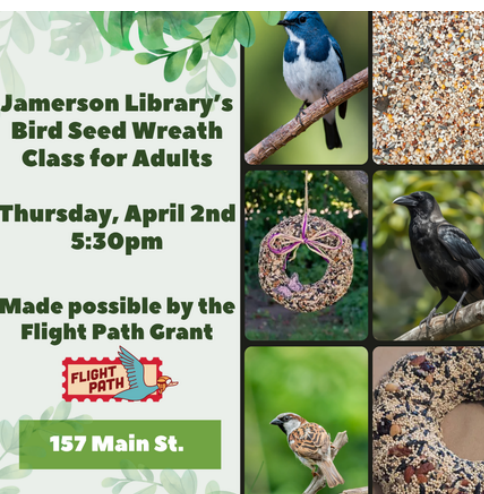
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Jamerson Library's  
Bird Seed Wreath  
Class for Adults  
Thursday, April 2nd  
5:30pm

Made possible by the  
Flight Path Grant

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Holliday Lake &  
Jamerson Memorial Library's  
**Hop Into Spring**  
Saturday, April 4th  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Abbitt Park  
Games & Prizes  
Crafts & Education  
Photos with the Easter Bunny



Sun Bonnet Sue Stitchers  
to meet at the  
Jamerson Memorial Library

Mondays April 6th & 20th  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm



PEATC to meet at the  
Jamerson Memorial Library  
Tuesday, April 7th  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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Robert E. Lee Soil &  
Water Conservation District  
to host the  
Jamerson Memorial Library's  
Story & Craft Time  
Wednesday, April 8th  
11:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Snacks & Juice!  
Spring-themed Crafts!



Jamerson Memorial Library's  
Creative Class for Adults  
Saturday, April 11th @ 11:00 am






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# EDIBLE BOOKS FESTIVAL



**23 APRIL | THURSDAY | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**




Join us in celebrating books, art, and culture with this creative contest where participants submit edible art projects made to resemble books, or inspired by a story or book title.


The main rule: submissions must be made of edible materials and have something to do with a book(s), in shape or concept.


Over the years, "edible books" have been made from cake, breadsticks, chocolate, veggies, and matzo meal. We are looking for good fun and creativity, and maybe a pun, so don't be shy!



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
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
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- The Jamerson Memorial Library Edible Book Contest is open to book lovers, lovers of crafting, jokesters, and those who appreciate a good cake.
- Each edible creation must depict a fictional or non-fictional literary work or character.
- All entries must be family friendly. The library reserves the right to reject any entries which are considered to be inappropriate.
- Each food creation must be at least 95% edible. Edible means: made of food or foodstuffs. The creation will be without refrigeration and on display for 3-4 hours, so it must not be made of extremely perishable ingredients.
- The creation must be on a disposable base (cardboard, plastic, etc.) and will be discarded at the end of the show if contestant does not pick up their creation by disposal time. \*\*\*Jamerson Memorial Library and any member of staff is not liable for any personal items that are brought into the library. \*\*\*
- Complete the official entry form. The entry form must be received on or before the contest deadline: Thursday, April 23, 2025. Edible creations will not be accepted until the stated drop-off date and time.
- By entering this contest, the creator of the "edible book" is giving the Jamerson Memorial Library permission to photograph and publish information on the creation and its creator on, but not limited to, the library's website, social media platforms, library publications, and other community publications of the library's choosing.
- Each "edible book" submission should have a physical copy or an image of the book used for the creation to be displayed on the day of the contest.
- Each entry will be judged on the following criteria: (a) Originality and Creativity; (b) Skill and Construction; (c) Visual Appeal; and (d) Tie-in with the literary work being depicted.
- Awards will be given in the following categories: Best of Show Adult Book; Best of Show Young Adult Book; Best of Show Children's/Juvenile Book; and People's Choice.
- Due to limited space, an individual or family may submit one "edible book" for this contest.
- Creations will be judged as presented for viewing. \*\*\*Edible books will not be judged based on photographs in the case of damage prior to drop-off. \*\*\*
- The Jamerson Memorial Library accepts no responsibility for the food safety of edible treat created for this event. Participants and patrons consume at their own risk.

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