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J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library

Newsletter



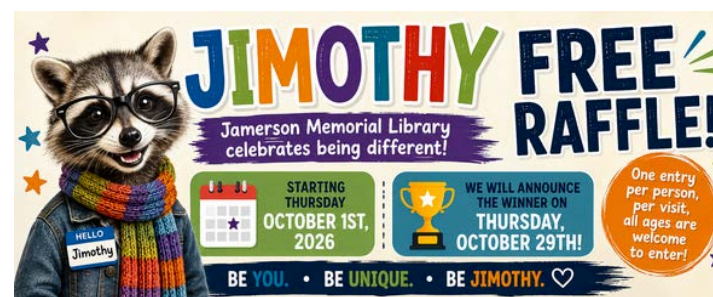
News about
your local
Library

Appomattox
Virginia

Welcome to the
October 2026
newsletter from the
Jamerson Library

Our Social Media Venues

Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Bluesky
YouTube



Starting on Thursday, October 1st, the Library will be celebrating individuality and being different with the famous raccoon, Jimothy. Jimothy sprang to stardom after he was first filmed in Seattle in July of 2026, with his distinctive compact, round body shape, likely due to short spine syndrome, which is a rare congenital condition. In honor of Jimothy, the Library will be hosting a free raffle with Jimothy-related items complete with his very own trash can! It is one entry per person, per visit. We will announce the winner on Thursday, October 29th. Good luck!

A Generous Community Makes A Generous Library

The people of Appomattox have always been at the heart of this Library. Your support and generosity make it possible for us to reach beyond our walls, and this fall and winter we will once again be partnering with local organizations that serve individuals and families in need.

One of the easiest ways to make a difference is through the Jamerson Library Free Food Pantry, located in our main foyer. Every item donated goes directly to a neighbor right here in our community. Simply drop off non-perishable food at the front desk or hand it to any Library staff member.

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Books
Movies
Magazines
Programs for Everyone

Online Services
Libby
Kanopy
24-Hour WiFi
Universal Classes

www.jrjml.org



157 Main Street

What's Happening at your local Library

Spot the Book Bus
to be at the Jamerson Library
Thursday, October
1st, 8th & 15th



9:50 am
to 11:00 am

Jamerson Library
to be a guest vendor at the
Holliday Lake State Park's
Fall Festival
Saturday, October 3rd
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Vendors - Food trucks - Live music
Kids zone - Live animals - Games
Pumpkin Painting & More!



Jamerson library
to be a guest vendor at the
Shadow & Sage
Night Market
Saturday, October 3rd
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Farm
451 Hawk Lane, Pamplin VA



Spot the Book Bus to be at the
Jamerson Library

Tuesday, October
6th & 13th
12:30 pm
to 1:00 pm



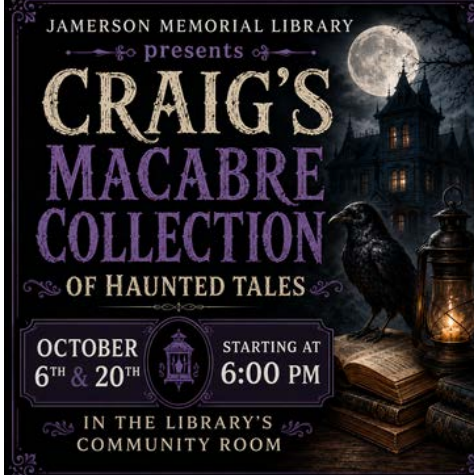
GED Outreach
at the
Jamerson Library
Tuesday,
October
6th, 13th
20th & 27th
4:00 pm to
6:00 pm



JAMERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
presents
**CRAIG'S
MACABRE
COLLECTION**
OF HAUNTED TALES

OCTOBER
6TH & 20TH STARTING AT
6:00 PM

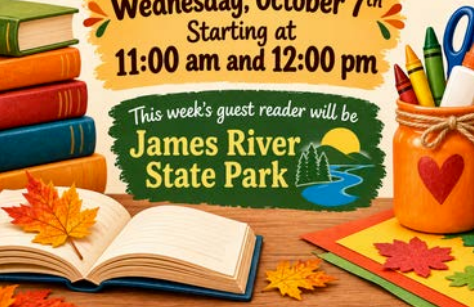
IN THE LIBRARY'S
COMMUNITY ROOM



Jamerson Library's
Story & Craft Time

Wednesday, October 7th
Starting at
11:00 am and 12:00 pm

This week's guest reader will be
**James River
State Park**



**VIRGINIA LEGAL
AID SOCIETY**
JUSTICE FOR ALL

to be at the
Jamerson
Memorial Library

Wednesday, October 7th
Starting at 2:00 pm

**Power of
Attorney**

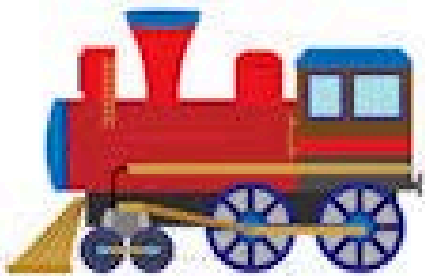


girls who
code
at the
Jamerson Memorial Library
Wednesday, October 7th
@4:00 pm



Ridin' the Rails

Word Search Puzzle



P	A	R	L	O	R	C	A	R	S	R	G	B	F	K	I	E	U	L
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K	R	E	J	I	D	F	N	T	L	R	A	X	S	G	D	L	O	F
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Z	F	C	I	P	J	H	T	N	S	T	E	J	H	A	R	A	T	C
I	E	A	K	P	A	J	N	I	A	U	F	I	M	G	R	R	I	N
U	Q	R	S	E	L	U	H	N	O	J	M	G	A	F	H	D	V	R
A	Q	K	P	R	T	F	C	A	X	N	A	I	N	P	A	H	E	I

ALL ABOARD	LIGHT RAIL	SLEEPER CAR
AMTRAK	LOCOMOTIVE	STATION
BOXCAR	PARLOR CARS	STEAM ENGINE
CABOOSE	PASSENGERS	SWITCHMAN
CONDUCTOR	PLATFORM	TERMINAL
CROSSING	PULLMAN CAR	TICKET
ENGINEER	ROUTE	TUNNEL
HOPPER	SIGNAL	WHISTLE



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Items that are especially helpful include shelf-stable milk, cereal, oatmeal, pasta and sauce, macaroni and cheese, rice, meal-in-a-bag kits, soups, and canned tuna, chicken, or ham. These are the staples that help families put warm, filling meals on the table during the colder months.

Thank you for helping us keep the pantry stocked and for showing, once again, what makes Appomattox such a caring place to call home.

For recipes for “Meal in a Bag” kits, please visit our website at www.jrjml.org and click on “Think Beyond the Can”.

On Tuesday, November 10th, the *Elves for the Elders* Christmas tree ornaments will arrive. Select an ornament off the tree and provide a local senior citizen with a very Merry Christmas. Each ornament will represent a local elder neighbor in need and their wish list. You do not have to buy everything off the list, and it is just a suggested list. You can purchase whatever your heart tells you to. If you do not wish to select an ornament, but wish to participate, you can donate an item (or two) so that ornaments that were not selected or returned can get gifts for Christmas.



Coming in November!

Jamerson Library's

Let's Dough This

Introduction to Sourdough Bread

Thursday, November 5th
at 6:00 pm

Library's Community Room





Jamerson Library's Cat Cafe!

Join the Library and the Appomattox Animal Shelter for Coffee, Tea, Cats and Kittens Meet & Greet.

November 21st, Saturday
10:00 am to 12:30 pm



J Robert Jamerson Memorial Library

Jamerson Library to be a guest vendor at the

Town of Appomattox's Picnic in Abbitt Park

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Jamerson Library's Fall Plant Swap

Thursday, October 8th
10am - 7pm

You must bring plants to take plants.

In observance of the

RAILROAD FESTIVAL WEEKEND and COLUMBUS DAY

JAMERSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

will be **CLOSED**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9 TH	SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 TH	MONDAY OCTOBER 12 TH
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We will reopen for normal business hours on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**, starting at 9:30 am.

Jamerson Library's Story & Craft

11 AM & 12 PM

October 14th, 21st & 28th

Jamerson Library's Adult Book Club

ANY TROPE BUT YOU
Victoria Lavine

Wednesday, October 14th
@ 5:30pm

Jamerson Library's Chick Flick Movie Night

Thursday, October 15th
@ 6:00 pm

United Healthcare Medicare Changes Seminar at the Jamerson Memorial Library

Thursday, October 22nd
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

157 Main Street Appomattox, VA

Jamerson Library's FILM NOIR

Thursday, October 22nd
5:00 pm

Featuring the classic "REAR WINDOW"

Jamerson Library to be a guest vendor at the Appomattox Elementary School's

Fall Festival

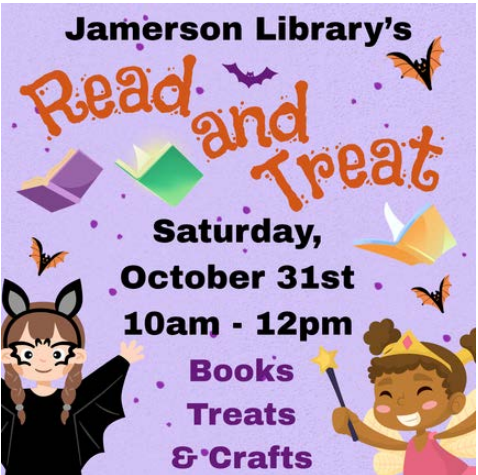
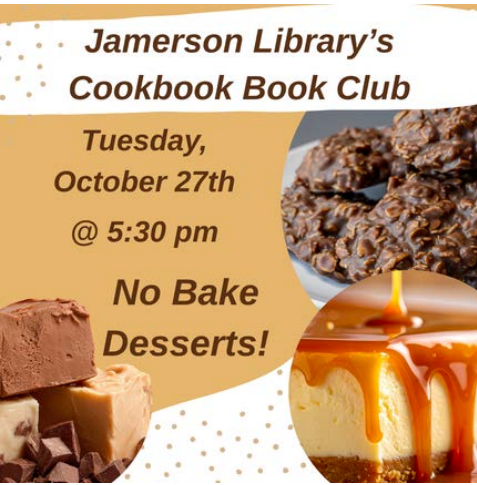
Thursday, October 22nd
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm



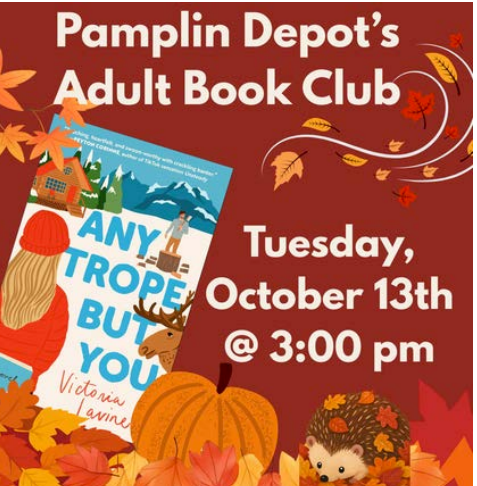
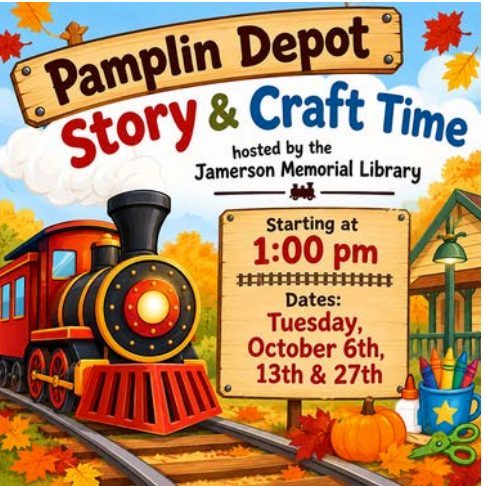
Continued Jamerson Library Events



Library Hours
Mon & Fri
9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Tue, Wed & Thur
9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Sat
9:30 am - 1:00 pm



Pamplin Depot Events



An Homage to Houdini

Jamerson Memorial Library

DARRIIN RACE PRESENTS 100 YEARS OF HOUDINI'S LEGACY

A TRIBUTE TO THE WORLDS GREATEST ESCAPE ARTIST!
HISTORY ★ MAGIC ★ MYSTERY ★ INSPIRATION

Starting at 4:00 pm

AN ENTERTAINING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCE that Educates, Inspires and Amazes!

OVER 4 DECADES OF PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING EXPERIENCE!

Thursday, October 29th



Introducing Voices of Appomattox: A Collaborative Youth-led Community Project

Insights From Amy McDuffie,
Teen Reporter

When you think of Appomattox, what comes to mind first? Some might say the deep agricultural roots or historical significance. But for Voices of Appomattox, we think of our neighbors above all else. Appomattox has always been centered around community and building relationships. Our goal is simple. We want to strengthen local bonds and uplift our close-knit town.

The best way to bring Appomattox closer together is to first find out the dreams and aspirations of its people. We have been asking fellow citizens for their opinions on how to strengthen our community. A vast majority of interviewees have expressed a longing for a stronger connection with nature, while others wish that Appomattox had more opportunities for the youth, such as internships, apprenticeships, and educational support. Using this feedback, our group of volunteers is currently planning an event centered around nature, social bonding, and youth empowerment.

Voices of Appomattox is an all-volunteer group of community members. The majority of our founding members are from the Appomattox High School drama team. These young leaders are steadfast and determined to make their community stronger. They have been working around the clock, starting by asking family, friends, and neighbors about their visions for Appomattox and moving on to interviewing people at local churches and library. The youth have expressed so much love and support for this project, and we don't plan on letting their hard work go to waste. They are committed to bringing the dreams they have heard to life in the coming months.

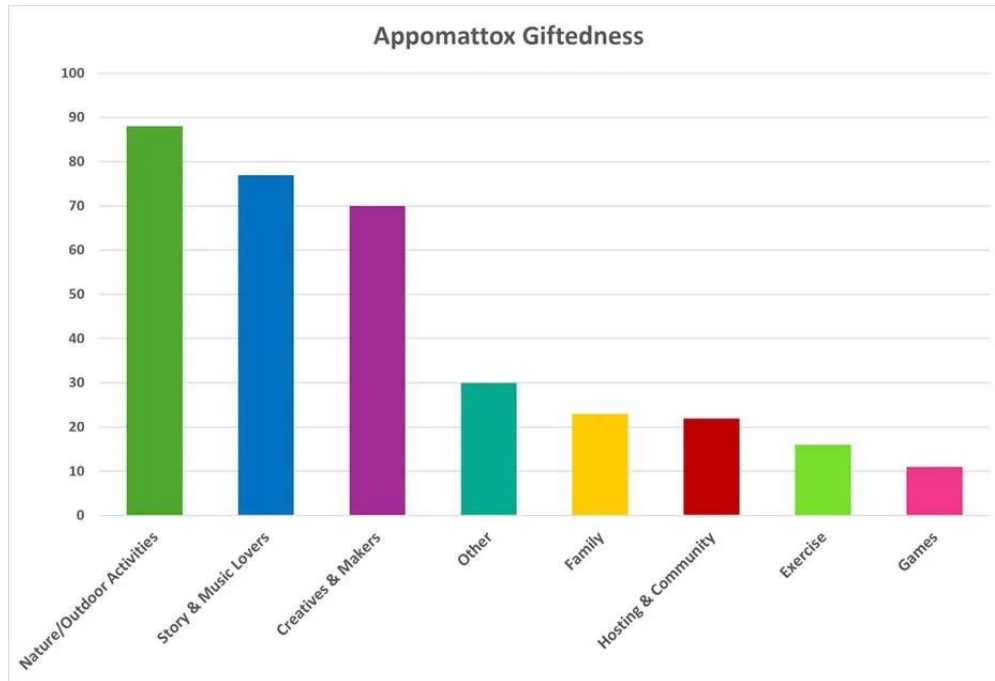
While our youth are driving the effort, Wendy McCaig has aided them through the community listening process. McCaig started working in community cultivation in 2003 before founding the non-profit, Embrace Communities, in 2005. She has coached churches, health organizations, and schools in building brighter and healthier connections. Alongside McCaig, many wonderful adults in Appomattox have also volunteered to assist us in achieving our goals. They have worked side by side with the students to make sure all of the dreams are made visible and help the students find the threads that unite our community.

We want everyone in Appomattox to have a say in the future of our community. By joining Voices of Appomattox, every single person, no matter how young or how old, can help us shape the future of Appomattox and its citizens. We hope that you will pitch in and help us bring our community to its full potential.

A Summary of Learnings and Next Steps:

Over the summer, students interviewed and documented the gifts and dreams of over 100 community members. When asked, "If you could do anything to strengthen Appomattox?" The top response was to **cultivate greater belonging and acceptance of all**. The second most common response among adults was to support youth by providing opportunities for them to grow and be engaged in the community. However, among the youth, the interest was in helping to care for the earth.

All those who participated felt that bridging the divide between the younger generation and the more seasoned community members should be a priority. To discover the interests of the community, the students asked this question: “What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?” The graph below captures what the students discovered. With this information to guide them, they are setting out to make this dream of greater commUNITY a reality this fall.



Their first community event, *Trash Talk*, will be hosted at Abbitt Park, on Oct.18th 3:00-5:00. The event will include a community clean-up along with other beautification efforts. If you are a community member or community organization and would like to get involved in this or future activities, please follow Voices of Appomattox on Facebook ([Facebook.com/voicesofappomattox](https://www.facebook.com/voicesofappomattox)) and Instagram ([Instagram.com/voicesofappomattox](https://www.instagram.com/voicesofappomattox)) or email us at voicesofappomattox@gmail.com.

Voices of Appomattox would like to thank those who supported their summer listening project by providing space and hosting conversations:

- J Robert Jamerson Memorial Library
- Appomattox United Methodist Church
- Embrace Communities
- Holliday Lake State Park
- St. Annes Episcopal Church
- Appomattox for Equality
- Grace Hill Baptist Church
- The Beautiful Kingdom Builders