

Virtual Programs

December 2020 Calendar



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Webex Meetings

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Breathing & Movement Meditation with Meena Gupta

Dec 1, Tue. 9:30 AM Webex ID: 126 341 9616

Dec 5, Sat. 9:30 AM Webex ID: 126 591 9992

Focused heart meditation is self-healing, and practicing breath awareness can have a welcome effect on your well-being. Allow Meena to guide you through diaphragmatic breathing practice and heartfelt silent meditation to set you on the path of self-harmony. 30 min.

ESL Conversation Cafe

Dec 1, Tue. 10:00 AM Webex ID: 126 324 6290

Dec 10, Thu. 6:00 PM Webex ID: 126 309 6830

Dec 15, Tue. 10:00 AM Webex ID: 126 413 1427

Practice speaking English in an informal setting. Registration is not required, but participants must be 16 or older, and able to speak some English. 60 min.

How to Avoid Common Investing Mistakes

Dec 2, Wed. 12:00 PM Learn easy ways to take control of your finances during uncertain times and beyond. Learn common investing mistakes and what you can do to avoid them. This webinar is designed for both novice and experienced investors alike, and will be led by a local CPA and CFP® professional. Webex meeting ID: 126 555 4009. 60 min.

Knit and Crochet with Ravelry.com

Dec 2, Wed. 7:00 PM Learn how to use free website Ravelry.com to find knit and crochet patterns, interact with other creators, and even keep track of your yarn stash! If you've ever wondered how technology could simplify your craft, join us as we explore this popular resource. We'll also look at crafting related materials in our ebook collections. All skill levels are welcome. Webex meeting ID: **126 956 4970**. 60 min.

Libbie Mill LGBTQIA+ Book Discussion

Dec 2, Wed. 7:00 PM *City in the Middle of the Night* by Charlie Jane Anders. On a planet divided into permanent day and permanent night with a thin strip of inhabitable space between the two, Sophie is exiled after a failed revolution and must find a way to survive outside the walls she was raised in. Webex meeting ID: **126 938 2694**. 60 min.

Glen Allen Book Discussion

Dec 3, Thu. 12:00 PM *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger. Movie-house owner Virgil Wander loses his memory after his car slides off an icy road. He gradually pieces together his personal history with the help of his community, as they work together to rejuvenate their town. Webex meeting ID: **126 664 9581**. 60 min.

Holiday Flowering Plants

Dec 8, Tue. 3:00 PM Learn about the most commonly received holiday plants and how to take care of them so they can be enjoyed through the holidays and beyond. Presented by the Henrico Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Henrico Master Gardeners in cooperation with HCPL. Registration is required, and this program will take place using Zoom. Visit henricolibrary.org/calendar for registration and other details. 60 min.

Varina Afternoon Book Discussion

Dec 8, Tue. 3:00 PM *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie. The holidays are anything but merry when a family reunion is marred by murder—and a notoriously fastidious investigator is quickly on the case. Webex meeting ID: 126 067 7141. 60 min.

Creative Writing Workshop

Dec 8, Tue. 5:00 PM Give your creative writing an end-of-year boost with a speed writing prompt and the opportunity to share your work with a supportive group. Sharing is optional, but we'd love to hear what you have to say! Webex meeting ID: 126 049 6749. 90 min.

Fairfield Black Authors Book Discussion

Dec 8, Tue. 6:00 PM *Knucklehead* by Adam Smyer. Marcus Hayes is a brilliant black attorney who struggles, often unsuccessfully, with the impulse to confront everyday bad behavior with swift and antisocial action. The cause of this impulse is unknown to him. When he unexpectedly becomes involved with the kind, intelligent Amalia Stewart, her love and acceptance pacify his demons. Webex meeting ID: **126 982 1075**. 45 min.

Improv Games for Adults

Dec 8, Tue. 6:30 PM Play improv games that are used in professional theaters, and be coached by a bona fide improv comedian. We will work collaboratively to make each other laugh, listen, think, and act in various unscripted and unexpected ways, so come ready to have fun. No prior experience necessary. Webex meeting ID: **126 807 2965**. 90 min.

Reynolds Community College Information Session

Dec 9, Wed. 12:00 PM Reynolds Community College has so much to offer. Whether you are thinking about spring classes or beyond, at this online information session you can learn about how to connect your passion with a career path. Reynolds' knowledgeable staff will answer questions. Webex meeting ID: **126 683 3509**. 60 min.

Savvy Sandston Book Discussion

Dec 9, Wed. 7:00 PM *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. For years rumors of the ‘Marsh Girl’ have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead in late 1969, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. Webex meeting ID: **126 292 0211**. 60 min.

Tuckahoe Evening Fiction Book Discussion

Dec 10, Thu. 7:30 PM Our annual Bring Your Own Book meeting is a great way to get some good reading recommendations. Please bring in at least one title you have enjoyed to share with the group. Webex meeting ID: **126 574 4471**. 60 min.

Childcare Workshop: Using Math Concepts in Storytime and Circletime

Dec 12, Sat. 2:00 PM Virtual workshop for child care providers. Early numeracy often gets overshadowed by literacy. Learn practical ways to incorporate math concepts into circle time with books, activities, and games for toddlers and preschoolers. We will explore foundational math concepts beyond numbers and counting, including spatial awareness, measurement, geometry, data collection, interpretation and more. Child care providers earn 1 hour of CE credit. Registration is required—when you register we’ll email you instructions how to join us on Webex. 60 min.

Let's Get Graphic Book Discussion

Dec 14, Mon. 1:00 PM Graphic novels aren't just for kids. For this month's discussion, bring your favorite graphic novel you've read in 2020. Adults 18+. Webex meeting ID: **126 214 5556**.
60 min.

Twin Hickory Fiction Book Discussion

Dec 14, Mon. 6:00 PM *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes. Evvie Drake is stuck, unable to move forward after her husband's death. Major League pitcher Dean Tenney's pitching arm is also stuck. Discover the challenges both face in this rom-com as they transition from friendship to romance. Webex meeting ID: **126 475 8787**. 45 min.

Henrico Community Authors Showcase Online

Read, discuss, and connect with other writers and readers in our community. Local authors sign up and share their books. Visit henricolibrary.org/authors for details. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Dec 14, Mon. 7:00 PM Prakash Lothe, author of *The Defender of the Faith*. Almost everyone in the Shirodkar household knows Shyam is a doomed child. The family astrologer, who is never wrong, has predicted that Shyam will encounter three near-death accidents and will not survive the third. The question is not if, but when the event will happen. Webex meeting ID: **126 869 6970**. 60 min.

Dec 28, Mon. 7:00 PM Mz Tink, author of *Pride Before The Fall: Chandra's Story*. Born and raised in Richmond, Mz Tink has been writing since the age of 14, when she began writing poetry as a release. Reading has also been a big part of who she is, reading three to ten books a week. She aspires not only to write urban fiction packed with comedy, but also to share with the world her poetry that has helped mold her into the woman she is today. She charges her readers to be the best they can be and to follow all their dreams no matter what they may think is impossible! Webex meeting ID: **126 950 9802**. 60 min.

Gayton Book Discussion

Dec 14, Mon. 7:30 PM Share your favorite books read in 2020 and discover some great book recommendations. Webex meeting ID: **126 449 3262**. 60 min.

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Libbie Mill Afternoon Book Discussion

Dec 15, Tue. 1:00 PM *My Sister, The Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Korede's exasperation with her little sister Ayoola's habit of killing boyfriends turns to deepening unease when she starts dating Korede's crush and her loyalties are divided. Webex meeting ID: **126 046 1312**. 60 min.

Tuckahoe Real Stories Book Discussion

Dec 15, Tue. 7:00 PM Our annual Bring Your Own Book meeting is a great way to get good reading recommendations. Please bring at least one title you enjoyed to share with the group. Webex meeting ID: **126 478 3766**. 60 min.

Having Seen: A Film Discussion

Dec 17, Thu. 7:00 PM This month we will explore cinematic adaptations of two novels by Stephen King, the master of horror and mystery. We'll discuss *The Shining* (1980) directed by Stanley Kubrick, which celebrates its 40th anniversary, and its sequel *Doctor Sleep* (2019) directed by Mike Flanagan. Webex meeting ID: **126 562 5948**. 60 min.

True Crime Podcast and Book Lover's Discussion

Dec 21, Mon. 7:00 PM Get together with other true crime addicts to talk about your favorite podcasts, documentaries, books, and more! All interest levels are welcome. Webex meeting ID: **126 506 3940**. 60 min.

Varina Evening Book Discussion

Dec 21, Mon. 7:00 PM *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Francie Nolan grows up in this classic coming of age story. Webex meeting ID: **126 397 4515**. 60 min.

Some Future Book Discussions

Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl by Andrea Lawlor

Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

Let's Make Ramen! by Hugh Amano

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis

Visit henricolibrary.org/discussions for more.

Teen & Tween programs

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Anime Club

Dec 2, Wed. 7:00 PM With Libbie Mill teen staff.

Webex meeting ID: **126 418 2358**.

Dec 17, Thu. 6:00 PM With Varina teen staff.

Webex meeting ID: **126 916 5909**.

Dec 19, Sat. 2:00 PM With Twin Hickory teen staff.

Webex meeting ID: **126 657 2830**.

Teens meet up online for a spirited discussion of all things anime and manga. Meetings are strictly BYOP (bring your own Pocky)! Follow us on Instagram @hcpl_teenscene to find out what we'll discuss each week. 60 min.

Virtual Video Game Trivia

Dec 3, Thu. 6:00 PM Put your video game knowledge to the test at our virtual video game trivia night! From Atari to the Switch, how much do you know about video games? Webex meeting ID: **126 496 8780**. 60 min.

Improv! for Grades 5-8

Dec 3, Thu. 6:30 PM Play improv games used in professional theaters, while being coached by a bona fide improv comedian. We will work together to make each other laugh, listen, think, and act in all kinds of ways. Improv is great for exercising your creative mind as well as developing your storytelling skills. Come ready to have fun! Webex meeting ID: **126 424 7544**. 90 min.

Hour of Code Party

Dec 5, Sat. 2:00 PM Come celebrate the power of code! Try your hand at the Hour of Code, a global movement by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour introduction to computer science and computer programming. Webex meeting ID: **126 180 9345**. 60 min.

Teen RPG: D&D One-Shot Adventure

Dec 5, Sat. 2:00 PM Dive into a single, one-shot adventure to practice your Dungeons & Dragons skills. Bring your own character or play with one of our pre-made characters. All experience levels are welcome. Registration is required—when you register we'll email you instructions how to join us on Webex. 120 min.

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Teen Title Talk

Dec 8, Tue. 7:30 PM Teens are invited to hang out at online book chat, where you can meet face-to-face with us and talk about what you're reading, share your favorite titles, and get suggestions from librarians. This week's featured genre is Dream Stories. Webex meeting ID: **126 968 2701**. 60 min.

Zine Workshop

Dec 9, Wed. 6:00 PM Zines are DIY magazines. They can be about anything from favorite movies or bands to favorite foods and everything in between! Across the nation people have been making quaranzines to talk about their life during the pandemic. In this workshop you will learn how to make a pocket zine using supplies found at home: a piece of printer paper (8.5 x11), markers or pens, and a pair of scissors. Webex meeting ID: **126 277 2102**. 60 min.

Logic Games for Teens

Dec 21, Mon. 2:00 PM Play, explore, and discuss games that focus on strategy and logical thinking. Kick off your winter break with a relaxing hour of game-centric fun! Webex meeting ID: 126 202 7722. 60 min.

Among Us: The Library Edition

Dec 22, Tue. 2:00 PM Get together with your library friends to play the online multiplayer game Among Us. Your teamwork and logic skills will be put to the test as you help your crewmates repair their broken ship. Unless you're the imposter—in that case, your mission is sabotage! Participants will need to download the free Among Us app on their iOS or Android device in order to play. Webex meeting ID: 126 107 1327. 60 min.

Kids & Family programs

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Weekly Virtual Storytimes

No weekly storytimes December 20 - 31.

Mondays 10:30 AM Family Storytime

Tuesdays 6:30 PM Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 AM Family Storytime

Thursdays 10:30 AM Family Storytime

Saturdays 10:30 AM Family Storytime

Enjoy stories and songs with your favorite HCPL librarians! Live on Facebook at [facebook.com/henricolibrary](https://www.facebook.com/henricolibrary). 30 min.

Bring on the Books!

Dec 4, Fri. 3:30 PM

Dec 11, Fri. 3:30 PM

Dec 18, Fri. 3:30 PM

Kids in grades K-5 and their grownups are invited to join us the first three Fridays in December for some festive book-related activities and a preview of new titles! Webex meeting ID:

126 387 7111. 30 min.

Varina Family Band: Winter Sing-a-long

Dec 5, Sat. 11:00 AM Celebrate winter weather and the various Festivals of Light by lifting your voices with Varina Children's Department staff for our seasonal sing-a-long. Webex meeting ID: **126 032 8316.** 60 min.

Hour of Code Party

Dec 5, Sat. 2:00 PM See Teen & Tween listing.

Junior Explorers: Hibernation

Dec 8, Tue. 3:30 PM Best for ages 4-8. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and explore hibernation with us. We will read books, sing songs, and use our engineering skills to create safe places for animals to hibernate during the winter using marshmallows and toothpicks. Have these supplies ready to join in with the craft: marshmallows, toothpicks, three craft sticks, markers, construction paper (gray and brown, but any color would do), cotton balls, and pencils. Webex meeting ID:

126 124 5822. 60 min.

K-2 Bookworms

Dec 10, Thu. 3:30 PM Grades K-2 only. Get ready for an interactive look at books and find out just how fun reading can be! We will read a book together during the program and do a related activity. Webex meeting ID: **126 002 4934**. 60 min.

Lego Holiday Ornaments

Dec 14, Mon. 5:30 PM

Sharpen your building skills as we make Lego holiday ornaments! Bring your basic Lego pieces and we will walk you through how to make simple ornaments that will brighten up your tree or holiday display. Downloadable instructions will be provided. Webex meeting ID: **126 830 2257**. 60 min.

Let It Snow!

Dec 17, Thu. 4:30 PM Come make your own winter wonderland! Learn how to make paper snowflakes and share some snow-themed stories and songs. Webex meeting ID: **126 533 1932**. 60 min.

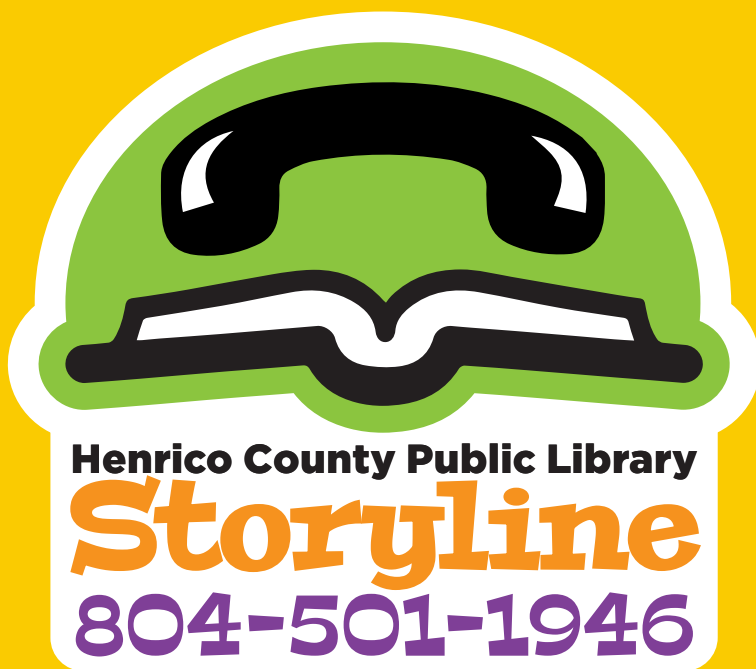
Move and Groove Storytime

Dec 18, Fri. 10:30 AM Enjoy dance, music, and stretching activities in this playful and interactive storytime. Webex meeting ID: **126 008 9313**. 30 min.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Dec 31, Thu. 11:00 AM Best for ages 4-8. Bring your favorite snack and we'll toast the New Year together at noon. We will sing songs, read a story, and create a paper plate noise maker to use when the clock strikes noon! To make the noise maker with us, have ready: a paper plate (one you can fold in half easily); anything to decorate it with, such as markers, stickers, ribbon, or other odds and ends you can stick or glue to your plate; dried beans, pasta, or small bells that will make noise when you shake it; and glue, tape, or a stapler to secure the plate and the objects inside. Webex meeting ID: **126 299 9480**. 60 min.

New service!



Call **Storyline** for recorded stories over the phone, anytime! Most stories are under five minutes, and are geared for preschool and early elementary kids and their families. New stories every Wednesday at 10 AM. Dial **(804) 501-1946**.