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HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES WINTER PROGRAMMING LINEUP

This Winter, HCPL offers a wide array of free programs, including original Black History Month Programs, the launch of the new Citizen Science series for children and families, a week-long celebration of Women & Girls In STEM with a screening of Hidden Figures, a Jane Austen Film Festival, and much more.

Winter programming at Henrico County Public Library will include eBook help, STEM workshops for all ages, the continuation of the NASA @ My Library project, a Jane Austen Film Festival, and Five Things: an original, interactive program from Untold RVA founder and nationally recognized historian Free Egunfemi, presenting little-known historical facts and acts of resistance by Black Henricoans, in celebration of Black History Month.

Where not listed in the description, please call your local library or visit events.henricolibrary.org to get additional program details, dates and times.

eBooks Workshops

All HCPL Locations will have a visit from our resident eBooks expert in January who will answer all of your eReader questions, from how to set up your device for eBooks, to streaming audiobooks on your tablet or smartphone.

Black History Month @ HCPL

Henrico County Public Library is celebrating Black History Month with lots of engaging programs for all ages. Call or visit events.henricolibrary.org to look for Black History-themed storytimes, crafts, and activities for children, and programs for teens and adults, at all library locations in February.

Untold RVA Presents: 5 Things

In Celebration of Black History Month, Untold RVA founder Free Egunfemi presents **5 Things**, an interactive trivia game featuring five little-known facts about Henrico history. Join the fun while learning about historical self-determination, intersectionality and resistance by Black Henricoans and their allies. Untold RVA is “the people's choice for the creative advancement of the most powerful narratives hidden in plain sight within Richmond's commemorative landscape,” specializing in thoroughly researched and thoughtfully retold local history. This will be their first Henrico-specific presentation.
Monday, February 12, 7pm at Libbie Mill Library.

Citizen Science: The Great Backyard Bird Count

Citizen Science, sometimes referred to as “crowdsourced science,” encourages amateur scientists to contribute data to real research projects. In this program, we will participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, counting the birds around us to “create a real-time snapshot of where birds are” (from gbbc.birdcount.org).

Friday, February 16, 3:30pm at Libbie Mill and Tuckahoe Libraries

Saturday, February 17, 10am at Twin Hickory and Varina Libraries

Austen Fest

Varina Library will be screening adaptations of classic Jane Austen novels through the month of February. Showtimes vary, call or visit events.henricolibrary.org for details.

Austen Fest: The Jane Austen Society of North America

Guest speaker Amy Stallings presents “Ponds, Pigs, and Pointers: Adapting Pride and Prejudice for the Screen,” a fascinating look at how a famous novel gets made into an award-winning, blockbuster film. Ms. Stallings is an adjunct professor of American History at William & Mary, and the coordinator for the Southeastern Virginia Region of the Jane Austen Society of North America (JASNA).

Saturday, February 17, 10am at Varina Library

Celebrating Women & Girls in STEM Week: March 3-10

Join us for a screening and book discussion of *Hidden Figures* to kick off a week-long celebration of Women & Girls in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). In conjunction with Teen Tech Week, Varina will host a week-long array of accessible technology workshops for teens. The week will close with an interactive panel discussion with local women leaders in STEM fields, who will discuss the challenges they overcame, and the challenges our community must overcome, to increase the representation of women and women of color in STEM careers. These programs are part of the NASA @ My Library project, to engage public audiences nationwide in informal and lifelong learning with the excitement of NASA exploration and discovery.

Hidden Figures Screening: Saturday, March 3, 12:30pm at Varina Library

Women & Girls in STEM Panel Discussion: Saturday, March 10, 1pm at Varina Library

Night Sky Astronomy

The Richmond Astronomical Society returns to Western Henrico Libraries with three programs in March. There will be a brief presentation on astronomy followed by the opportunity to use high-powered telescopes to see celestial objects with great clarity and detail. These programs are part of the NASA @ My Library project.

Tuesday, March 6, 6:15pm at Tuckahoe Library

Tuesday, March 20, 7pm at Glen Allen Library

Monday, March 26, 6pm at Twin Hickory Library

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