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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUMMER READING CLUB AT HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRINGS MUSIC TO THE STACKS**  
**The 2018 Summer Reading Theme, *Libraries Rock!*, will bring concerts, community partners, and musical learning to libraries across the county to promote reading in Henrico.**

Henrico County Public Library locations are usually a quiet place to read, study, take a class, or attend a program. This summer, there will be a new addition to the library lineup – *music*.

“Libraries Rock!” is the theme for Summer Reading Club 2018, and while you will still find plenty of quiet spaces in Henrico libraries, patrons will also find opportunities to play, listen to, read about, and otherwise enjoy music all summer long. Plus, participants can win prizes when they log their reading online – and this year, winning is easier than ever.

“Libraries may not ‘Rock’ in the traditional sense,” says Patty Conway, HCPL’s Community Relations Coordinator, “but we should think of the phrase as meaning, ‘libraries are awesome.’”

"All summer long, Henrico libraries will be providing free reading and viewing material, free educational and musical programs to residents of all ages, free internet access, and a free place to relax and stay cool in the summer heat," Conway says. "What's more awesome than that?"

Summer Reading Club runs June 1 through August 31 and is sponsored by the Friends of Henrico County Public Library. Early registrants will be eligible to win a 4-pack of tickets to see the Flying Squirrels, and starting June 18 there will be weekly drawings for \$25 gift certificates to major retailers every Monday through August for participants who have logged at least some reading. Readers who reach their goal, defined as 20 days of reading for children and teens, and five books for adults, are eligible for valuable, music-related prize drawings, and the grand prize, a \$500 gift certificate to Great Wolf Lodge. Visit [henricolibrary.org/src](http://henricolibrary.org/src) or your local library for more information and to sign up on or after June 1.

Summer Reading Kickoff Parties in June will see musician Chris Campbell playing family-friendly songs for children and their caregivers from June 19-21 at all Henrico County Public Library locations. Families can expect music-themed storytimes and crafts throughout the summer months.

Concerts at Sandston, Twin Hickory, and North Park Libraries will bring free music to communities in Eastern, Western, and Northern Henrico. North Park Library will host a film screening series of musicals during the month of July. Fairfield Library will have an instrument petting zoo for teens with local nonprofit Girls Rock! RVA on June 16, and a Vinyl DJing Workshop for teens with DJ Ant Boogie on August 9.

At Tuckahoe Library on July 24, Code VA will present an overview of EarSketch, a free programming environment that mixes computer science concepts and music technology, teaching teens to use Javascript and Python to create original space compositions. Teens can combine music appreciation and space science at Varina Library on August 8 at "Interstellar Contact," a program about the Golden Record sent into space by NASA on the Voyager 1 & 2 launches in 1977. These programs are two of the many Space Science programs hosted at HCPL locations this summer as the NASA @ My Library project continues.

Patrons are encouraged to visit [events.henricolibrary.org](http://events.henricolibrary.org) to view and search the HCPL events calendar, or call their local HCPL location for more information. Readers can ask a librarian or request a Custom Book List online to get recommendations for books and movies about music and musicians, or any topic of interest (in person, or online at [henricolibrary.org/recommendations](http://henricolibrary.org/recommendations)). Library cardholders can stream music for free using Hoopla through HCPL ([hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com)).

"The most awesome thing about any library is its patrons," says Patty Conway. "We hope everyone will come read with us this summer."

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