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**EXPLORE ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON SCREEN AND IN PERSON AT VARINA LIBRARY THIS FEBRUARY**

*A documentary screening, exhibit, and electric vehicles are coming to the Varina Library February 16 thanks to Drive Electric RVA, as part of the 2019 RVA Environmental Film Festival.*

Drive Electric RVA, the RVA Environmental Film Festival, and Henrico County Public Library are teaming up to present a screening of “EVOLVE: Driving a Clean Future in Coal Country” at the Varina Library on Saturday, February 16 at 1 pm and 3 pm. The documentary explores how Kentucky, a state well-known for mining coal, can adapt to become a leader in America’s clean transportation future. The screening is part of the 2019 RVA Environmental Film Festival.

Directed by award-winning, Louisville-based filmmaker Ben Evans, the film follows a small group of electric vehicle (EV) owners as they form EVolve KY with the intent to show that EVs are a smarter choice for consumers and better for the planet than gas-powered cars. Growing from humble beginnings over the course of a few years, the group works to install free chargers, engage the community, and encourage renewable energy – all in the heart of coal country. The documentary’s production was funded by a successful Indiegogo campaign with nearly 300 backers. The campaign describes the film as a “story of passionate people doing exceptional work in unlikely places.”

**“EVOLVE:**

**Driving a Clean Future in Coal Country” will be screened twice on February 16 at the Varina Library, first at 1 PM and again at 3 PM.** Before and after the screenings, curious attendees can explore several EVs on display in the library’s parking lot, as well as The EV Experience, an educational exhibit developed by Drive Electric RVA. In between the screenings, the audience is invited to a panel discussion with Stuart Ungar, founder of EVolve KY, who will appear via Skype and converse with local electric vehicle owners about their experiences and the technology behind their cars.

Since 2008, the RVAEnvironmental Film Festival (RVA EFF) has showcased films that raise awareness of environmental issues relevant to the Richmond region, the nation, and the planet. The 2019 Festival includes free screenings and events on February 4-13 and 16. Learn more about the RVA EFF, and find the complete schedule of events, at [rvaeff.org](http://rvaeff.org).

Drive Electric RVA (DERVA), a chapter of the Electric Auto Association, promotes electric vehicles as a fun, practical transportation alternative that also reduces energy consumption and air pollution. Learn more about DERVA at [driveelectricrva.wixsite.com/home](http://driveelectricrva.wixsite.com/home).

The Varina Library is located at 1875 New Market Road. Please visit [henricolibrary.org](http://henricolibrary.org) to learn about this and other upcoming events at Henrico County Public Library.

**For questions about this topic, please contact Patty Conway, Community Relations Coordinator for Henrico County Public Library, at [pconway@henricolibrary.org](mailto:pconway@henricolibrary.org) / 804.501.1906.**

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