

# ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Message

Dear Community,

Springtime brings sunnier days and beautiful flowers, as well as planning for the library's Annual Summer Reading Program! Plans are just about finalized for a summer of fun activities for all ages, from Babygarten to special guests and lectures to games such as MahJongg.

Since our founding in 1961 as The Community Library, Inc., our library has been exactly that - the library for our community. We continue to operate as a nonprofit organization, and 60% of our operating income for FY2025-26 will be received from the private sector.

Over the years, the belief of our community in its library has been proven by its generosity. This coming year, we want to acknowledge you in a special way. Anyone who provides a sponsorship of at least \$2,000 will be acknowledged in the lobby of the library as well as on our website.

Your sponsorship will be used to support important initiatives such as Children's Programming, the Summer Reading Program, the Mobile Library, the Teen Center, and the Technology Department.

You will be supporting literacy, a love of reading and a place for community building. You will be part of everything that you read about in this newsletter and of which you can be proud.

Thank you  
Alice Cooper, Library Director

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# Upcoming Events

## Summer Reading!

Get Ready for a Bold, Bright Summer at the Library!  
Join us from June 9 to August 2, for the LCL Adult and Children's Summer Reading Programs.

This year's theme "Color Our World" invites everyone to dive into art, stories, and imagination. We've planned free, fun, and educational programs for all ages.

What's Coming This Summer:



- Author Expo – July 5
- Check Me Out – June 12
- A Special Evening With... guest speaker series
- Monthly Art Shows
- Hands-on STEAM Activities
- Summer Book Sale
- Mobile Library Stops Around the Area
- Scam Safety Seminar: Don't Click that Link! - July 10

We're bringing back your favorite programs, and adding new ones you won't want to miss! Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and discover something new every week.

Let's make this summer one to remember. Find the full lineup at [www.lancasterlibrary.org](http://www.lancasterlibrary.org).

## Author Expo!

Meet This Year's Keynote Speaker: Kalela Williams  
Kalela Williams is the director of the Virginia Center for the Book and author of Tangleroot. She's also the co-founder of The Off Center in Staunton, VA—a creative space for writers and artists. Join us for the Author Expo on Saturday, July 5 from 1 PM to 4 PM at Lancaster Community Library.



To see the full list of participating authors and event updates, visit [www.lancasterlibrary.org](http://www.lancasterlibrary.org) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Discover new voices. Connect with authors. Don't miss it!

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# Library News

## **Best of Virginia Winner!**

We're proud to share exciting news: Dee's Attic Bookstore has been voted a "Best of Virginia" winner! Readers across the Eastern Region voted us their #1 favorite bookstore.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all our loyal patrons, incredible volunteers, and everyone who voted for us!

To learn more about Dee's Attic, how to make book donations, or volunteer call 804-435-1729 ext 28.



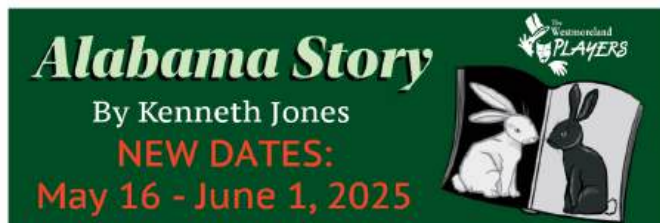
## *Summer Book Sale July 5 - Aug 2*

## **Annual Lottery Winners!**

Congratulations to our Lottery Winners: Lisa S., Laurie I. and Anne O! Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold tickets. We raised \$28,600!



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## "Alabama Story" Play Discount:

The Westmoreland Players Theatre, located in Callao, is offering a \$10 discount to patrons of the Lancaster Community Library for tickets to the upcoming production of "Alabama Story," by Kenneth Jones, playing from May 16 through June 1. This offer is being made to library patrons in recognition of the play's themes about libraries and the freedom to read. Tickets may be purchased at [www.westmorelandplayers.org/tickets](http://www.westmorelandplayers.org/tickets). Or, you may go to the library's website at [lancasterlibrary.org](http://lancasterlibrary.org) to access the link for the tickets. Thank you Westmoreland Players!

## Voices of Our Community

During National Library Week (April 6–12), Lancaster Community Library hosted Voices of Our Community—a special storytelling series honoring the people who make our community shine.

Each day, a new guest shared personal stories, memories, and perspectives that reflect the richness of life in the Northern Neck.

You can watch and listen to all of these powerful stories on our YouTube channel. Or, visit [lancasterlibrary.org](http://lancasterlibrary.org) and catch the series right from the homepage!



## Spring Break Fun Recap!

Spring Break at Lancaster Community Library was a blast! We kept kids smiling and engaged all week long with a variety of exciting programs: Catherine Baker and Daisy the Therapy Dog! Keva Planks and Lego! Popcorn, Punch, and Paint, Babygarten, Storytime and crafts!



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## Books and Doughnuts!

On Saturday, May 10, the LCL Mobile Library teamed up with Chesapeake Doughnut Company for a fun-filled morning of books and doughnuts. Visitors of all ages stopped by to pick out a free book and enjoy a free doughnut. Thank you to Chesapeake Doughnut Company! Visit [lancasterlibrary.org](http://lancasterlibrary.org) and click on Mobile Library see where we will visit next. Call 804-435-1729 ext. 24 or email [mobilelibrary@lancasterlibrary.org](mailto:mobilelibrary@lancasterlibrary.org).



## Senior Scam Program!

On March 6th we held our second seminar in our new quarterly program series: LCL Senior Scam Prevention Seminar Series: Guardians of the Golden Years-“Unmasking the Scammers: Common Online, Mail & Phone Senior Fraud Scams”

Each quarter we aim to cover new and current scams that are making the rounds. In this last one we covered such areas as online shopping scams, tech support fraud, phishing, IRS & Government scams and several more, including the current “Unpaid Tolls” scam. Our next program in the series will be held in July, and will be a part of the Summer Reading “A Special Evening With...” program. Be sure to join us on Thursday, July 10th at 6:30pm for a special seminar “Scam Alert! Don’t Click That Link!”



***We are so grateful to you, our members for your support!  
See you at the Annual Meeting on June 25 at 5 pm!***

# Annual Report

## January - December 2024

*Cover to Cover:*  
**“A Year of Community and Connection”**

Lancaster Community Library

**Adult Programs  
In Person & Online**

**309 Programs**  
**2,274 Attendees**



**Children's/YA Programs  
In Person & Online**

**292 Programs**  
**63,635 Attendees**



**Mobile Library  
In Person & Online**

**47 Programs**  
**704 Attendees**



**New Library  
Cards**

**720**



**Computer and  
WiFi Usage**

**69,842**



**Materials  
Circulations**

**52,497 Physical**  
**23,336 Electronic**



**Online Database  
Use**

**6,480**



**Dee's Attic  
Sales**

**\$42,924.71**



**Social Media  
Likes and  
Interactions**

**203,355**

