

# **LITERACY CONNECT**

## **Resource Guide**



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**Linking Literacy Communities for Promising Futures**



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## **Purpose:**

Linking literacy communities for promising futures

## **Mission Statement:**

Literacy Connect is an initiative of the Education Committee of the Board of Directors. Its purpose is to rejuvenate conversations around literacy, to bring providers together for networking purposes, and to develop a resource guide for families, schools, and community organizations.

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## I. After School Programs

**The Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck (BGCNN)** offers year-round reading literacy, digital media and other critical thinking related activities for youth ages six to 18 years old. Contact Jackie Ammons at 804-435-9696 ext. 104 or [jammons@bgcnn.org](mailto:jammons@bgcnn.org) for information.

## II. Book Programs

**Lancaster County Public Schools** offers a school year “One School, One Book” program for school-aged students. Contact Christa Dameron at 443-235-6145 or [cdameron@lcs.k12.va.us](mailto:cdameron@lcs.k12.va.us) for information.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** provides access to free books year-round for all ages through Little Free Libraries located in multiple locations. Contact Susan Riley May at [srileymay@gmail.com](mailto:srileymay@gmail.com) for information.

**Lancaster Community Library** provides year-round reading programs for pre-school to middle-school aged children. Contact Tonya Carter at 804-435-1729 ext. 21 or [tmcarter@lancasterlibrary.org](mailto:tmcarter@lancasterlibrary.org) for information.

## **II. Book Programs (cont.)**

**The YMCA/Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck** Literacy Project facilitates the building of home libraries by providing self-selected free books to students enrolled in Lancaster County Public Schools or Early Childhood Education Center. Contact Bev Upshur at [Bev540@hotmail.com](mailto:Bev540@hotmail.com) or Donna Anderson at 804-339-3869 or [danderson@va.metrocast.net](mailto:danderson@va.metrocast.net) for information.

**The Bookworms** provides free books multiple times per year to the children who attend Lancaster Early Childhood Education Center. Contact Kathy Pittman at 804-435-7705 or [kpittman@investdavenport.com](mailto:kpittman@investdavenport.com) or Josh Long at 804-435-7705 or [jlong@investdavenport.com](mailto:jlong@investdavenport.com) for information.

**LCL Mobile Library** expands on the well-loved Storymobile service, offering access and ability to check out books for all ages, free Wi-Fi, and library cards. It brings library resources directly to our neighborhoods, senior communities, and individuals unable to visit the main library. You will find the Mobile Library at local farmers markets, festivals, and community events, along with both in person and virtual programming. Contact the Mobile Library manager at 804-435-1729 ext. 24, or [mobilelibrary@lancasterlibrary.org](mailto:mobilelibrary@lancasterlibrary.org) for information.

## II. Book Programs (cont.)

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library** has partnered with Lancaster Community Library! Children from birth to age five receive a new, age-appropriate book each month, delivered directly to their homes at no cost to their families. Contact 804-435-1729, or [dpillcl@lancasterlibrary.org](mailto:dpillcl@lancasterlibrary.org) for information.

## III. Book Stores

**The Bookshelf on Church** is a local independent bookshop that supports the joy of reading year-round by offering reading materials to third to high-school students and adults.

Community and literary events are listed at [www.bookshelfonchurch.com](http://www.bookshelfonchurch.com). Contact the Bookshelf at 804-875-1220 or Lisa McLaughlin at [lisa@bookshelfonchurch.com](mailto:lisa@bookshelfonchurch.com) for information.

**Dee's Attic Bookstore** is a used bookstore located inside the Lancaster Community Library. The bookstore offers gently read books, puzzles, CD's, DVD's, Audio Books and LP's. Contact 804-435-1729 ext. 28 for information.

## **IV. Early Education**

### **Chesapeake Academy's Early Childhood Program**

offers half-day and full-day classes during the school year for children aged three and four years old. Contact Sonja Smith, Director of Admissions, at 804-438-5575 or [ssmith@chesapeakeacademy.org](mailto:ssmith@chesapeakeacademy.org) for information.

**Lancaster Community Library** provides year-round reading programs for pre-school aged children. Contact Tonya Carter at 804-435-1729 ext. 21 or [tmcarter@lancasterlibrary.org](mailto:tmcarter@lancasterlibrary.org) for information.

**Mile High Kids** offers school year Head Start classes for pre-school children aged three to five living in the Northern Neck or Essex County areas. Contact Darlene Ransom at 804-250-2426 or [dransom@milehighkids.org](mailto:dransom@milehighkids.org) for information about enrollment, eligibility and registration.

**The Wiley Education Center of the YMCA of the Virginia Middle Peninsula** provides school year early literacy skill development for children aged six weeks to three years of age enrolled in the Center's childcare program. Contact Stephanie Hamrick at 804-480-0063 or [Stephanie.Hamrick@ymcavp.org](mailto:Stephanie.Hamrick@ymcavp.org) for information.

## **V. Parent Teacher Association**

**The Lancaster Elementary School Parent Teacher Association** offers reading incentives to Lancaster County Elementary School students. Contact Holly Braly or Lisa Shultz at [LES.VA.PTA@gmail.com](mailto:LES.VA.PTA@gmail.com) for information.

## **VI. Reading Programs**

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**Lancaster County Sheriff's Department** collaborates with local schools by reading to students in the classroom. Contact Sheriff Patrick McCranie at 804-462-6129 or [mccranie@lancastersheriff.net](mailto:mccranie@lancastersheriff.net), or Major Jimmy Smith at [smith@lancastersheriff.net](mailto:smith@lancastersheriff.net) for information.

## VII. Schools

**Chesapeake Academy** is a pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade independent school that provides scholarship opportunities to students based on financial need. Contact Sonja Smith, Director of Admissions, at 804-438-5575 or [ssmith@chesapeakeacademy.org](mailto:ssmith@chesapeakeacademy.org) for information.

**Lancaster County Public Schools** provide school year reading intervention and tutoring services to school-aged children. Contact Anna Kellum at 804-436-2783 or [akellum@lcs.12.va.us](mailto:akellum@lcs.12.va.us) for information.

**Rappahannock Community College Career and Transition Services** offers year-round career services through its Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program for Youth and Adult & Dislocated workers. Contact Jean White at 804-333-6818 or [sgrantham@rappahnnock.edu](mailto:sgrantham@rappahnnock.edu) for information.

**Rappahannock Community College Career and Transition Services** offers school year support to RCC students who are parents, and meet income requirements. Contact Dr. Ebony Lynch at [elynch@rappahannock.edu](mailto:elynch@rappahannock.edu) for information.

**Rappahannock Community College Career and Transition Services** offers year-round GED preparation classes for adults. Contact Sherry Grantham at 804-333-6829 or [sgrantham@rappahannock.edu](mailto:sgrantham@rappahannock.edu) for information.

## **VIII. Scholarships**

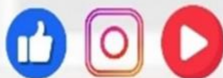
**Saint Mary's White Chapel Church** offers a scholarship program based on academic success and need for high school seniors and continuing education students who are interested in a two- or four-year degree or trade school. Contact Will Towles at 804-462-5589 for information.

## **IX. Summer Camps**

**The YMCA of the Virginia Peninsulas** summer camp program allows elementary aged youth the opportunity to unplug and safely discover new places, activities, and ideas. Call 804-435-0223 or visit <https://www.ymcavp.org/programs-and-classes/child-care-and-camps/summer-camp> for information.



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