



Literacy & Education

- **12 Grow a Reader early literacy classes** offered each week in Spotsylvania, plus monthly evening and weekend programs, **36** classes system-wide
- **Hundreds participate in Read Across America** events honoring Dr. Seuss and celebrating literacy with stories and educational activities
- **160 students** participate in **Cafe Book discussion groups** in **6** Spotsylvania middle schools
- **PAWS for Reading** offered at 8 branches monthly including Towne Centre, Salem Church, and Snow branches

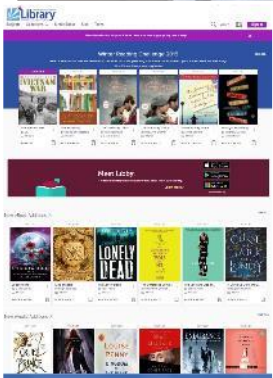
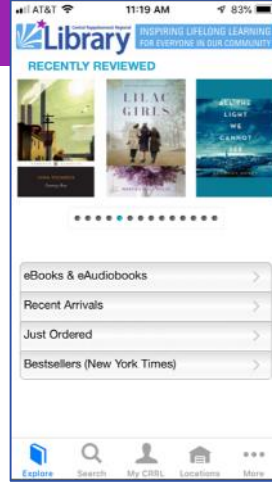


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- **Classroom Carryout** provides curriculum support for area teachers. We had **926 requests** and provided **14,344 items for classroom instruction**.
- **100 early childhood educators** attended our bi-annual **Early Childhood Education workshops** which provide two hours of credit for state licensing requirements
- **Over 8,200** people of all ages signed up for **Summer Reading** in 2018
- Loaned **1,458,515** items in Spotsylvania County, **4,056,516** system-wide, and added **14,071 new borrowers**



Digital Access



- **151,251 public computer users** and over **1,114,000 wifi sessions**
- **2,265,712 website visits**
- **66,142 mobile app sessions**
- **5,432 streaming videos** accessed on **Kanopy**
- **110,679 eBooks** checked out
- **81,108 eAudio** checked out
- **29,240 eMagazines** checked out



Workforce Development

- **Users logged 7,271 learning sessions** and viewed a total of **39,906 training classes** on **Lynda.com**
- **1,025 tests proctored** for high school, college, post-grad courses; homeschool students; driving schools
- **373 customers** took a **Training on Demand** computer literacy class

The screenshot displays the Lynda.com website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Lynda.com logo, a search bar, and user information. Below the navigation bar, the course title 'Everyday Statistics, with Eddie Davila' is prominently displayed. The left sidebar contains a 'Contents' section with a search bar and a list of course topics, including 'New This Week', 'Introduction', and 'Quarter Four'. The main content area features a large video player with the title 'EVERYDAY STATISTICS' and a 'Watch Now' button. Below the video player, there is an 'Overview' section with a description of the course, an 'Author' section with a profile picture, and a 'Skill Level' indicator.



Lifelong Learning & Experiences

- **6,682 participants attended 410 sessions in CRRL MakerLabs** where we provide STEM exploration space for all ages and **trained 258 participants in badging sessions on 3D printers, sewing machines, and drawing tablets** for customers to reserve for their own use
- **724 adults participated in our first-ever Adult Winter Reading Challenge**, reading **2,495 books** and completing **2,115 missions**



Lifelong Learning & Experiences

140 local authors and authors-to-be
attended our **2nd Annual Writers Conference**



Community Engagement



- Students received **892 library cards** through our annual **Kindergarten Library Card Campaign**
- CRRL staff reached **8,274** local residents by attending **Back to School Night, Orientation, and Business Night** events at area schools
- **Early literacy classes** attended by **4,742 children** and rotating collections of books offered at **18 preschools, 24 childcare facilities,** and **Head Start** programs in Fredericksburg, Stafford County, and Spotsylvania County through CRRL's *Library on the Go* outreach



Community Engagement

- **Summer Meal Programs:**
Partnership with **Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank** provided **2073 meals over 20 days** (Tues-Thurs) to children and teens at Salem Church Branch
- Salem Church community garden donated **257 lbs of fresh produce** for the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank
- **6,517 lbs of non-perishable food collected** through Food for Fines and other initiatives



Community Engagement

- **15,709 questions answered, 5,995 material requests filled, and 15,960 items provided** to senior care facilities through our *Library on the Go Lobby Stops*
- CRRL's **Access Services** department provided **40,875 books** through the **Books-by-Mail** and Library of Congress **Talking Books** programs
- **25,361** local residents reached at **102** community events and festivals



Community Engagement



Community conversations

The Opioid Crisis

While drug addiction affects people of all ages, heroin and other opioids have taken a particular toll on our community and our nation. Learn about local interventions for safety, prevention, and recovery. Engage in an open dialog with local experts and providers who will share current issues, initiatives, and challenges.

7:00-8:30
Thursday, September 20
Porter Branch
2001 Parkway Boulevard, Stafford

Tuesday, September 25
Salem Church Branch
2607 Salem Church Road, Fredericksburg

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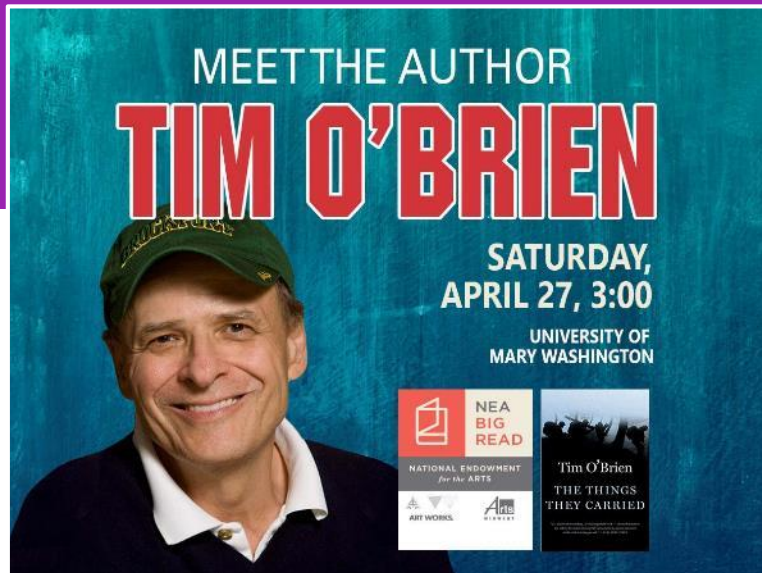
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- **Hosting Community Conversations panels** on topics such as the opioid crisis and civility attended by **129 residents**
- **2,452 tax returns filed returning over \$2,941,524 to our community** via Rappahannock United Way and AARP Tax Clinics in our branches in 2018.
- **DMV Connect partnership** provides state services for **137** residents at the library



Grants

- CRRL received an **\$18,000 NEA BIG Read grant**, which will allow us to host a community read of **Tim O'Brien's** Vietnam War novel *The Things They Carried* and provide associated *Perspectives on Vietnam* programming leading up to the author event on April 27. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.
- For the 3rd time, CRRL was awarded an **ALA Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Great Stories Club grant**. This grant allows us to engage underserved teens by providing training for staff and materials for theme-related book discussions. CRRL staff will present the program to incarcerated teens through our partnership with **Rappahannock Juvenile Center**.



Recent Initiatives

- Opened **Spotsylvania Towne Centre Branch**
- **Creative Minds** class for school age children in partnership with Paragon Autism Services
- **New website** launched
- **New MakerLab equipment** and **badging classes** offered



Our customers

A girl who frequently attends Paws for Reading at Salem Church Branch came to **Creative Minds** with her caregivers. She often has meltdowns when she is encouraged to try something new, but at the last Creative Minds, she found a station that she loved (sorting the plastic animals into different habitats). **Her caregivers were very impressed that she stayed focused on the same activity for the entire hour**, and she even started trying to pronounce the names of the animals that they had never heard her say before.

“We love that you offer Creative Minds because it gives my child a chance to **socialize with other kids** in a **new, safe environment where he won't be seen as the problem child.** ”

- Salem Church Branch customer



Our customers

"As an educator, I can't tell you how much I love Kanopy. The documentaries are especially useful in a **global studies curriculum.** Please keep providing this amazing resource!" - **Snow Branch customer**

"My iPad was my only internet device for years (no smart phone, no TV, no computer) and the librarian showed me how to use it to perform almost everything a computer can do: documents, spreadsheets, music, movies, books, magazines, privacy and online protection, and email. **The Training-on-Demand service is a light at the end of the tunnel for me,** and your staff was a great guide to that light. He made cyberspace a real place to someone who wasn't born there!" - **Snow Branch customer**



Our customers

"I had no idea how to use the copier, since it was the first time I used the new machine at the library. I would like to thank the library staff who helped me along with this new task. **Her kindness helps make the library fun, very friendly, and a learning place for me.** I saw the fall At Your Library magazine. That has a lot of helpful events, meetings, and happenings. Thank you! **The library really does open a door to me other than just shopping. I can be exposed to new ideas** by reading books and magazines."

- Spotsylvania Towne Centre Branch customer



Thank you, Spotsylvania County!

- **Salem Church Branch:** New flooring in Teen Computer and Lobby Cafe areas, new LED lighting throughout entire library, new ceiling tile in original part of building, repairs to curbs and sidewalks
- **Towne Centre Branch:** HVAC and water heater repairs and new transformer
- **Snow Branch:** New blinds in the children's room and minor repairs to the building and furnishings

Thank you for supporting CRRL!



