

Books & Bytes

Cary Area Public Library • December 2020-February 2021



Don't worry, read happy.

In the know

Welcoming all to connect and explore— checkout the possibilities!

STRATEGIC PLAN • Some of you may remember taking a survey about the Library back in February (remember February?). We were in the process of gathering data for a new strategic plan to direct our goals and activities for the next several years. Based on feedback from patrons, users, staff, and the Board we have now completed the process and are excited to share our goals for the next several years.



Engage

We build meaningful relationships with community members and partners to increase awareness and connection.

- Reach out to non-users and special populations to increase awareness and demonstrate the Library's value
- Create connections at outreach events to promote Library resources, programs, and services
- Strengthen and expand partnerships that lead to mutually beneficial community engagement



Enrich

We expand horizons through our programs, collections, and technology.

- Offer a wide variety of diverse programs that inspire, entertain, educate and inform
- Provide technology access and alternative resources to enrich our community
- Support community members in navigating their educational journey



Experience

We value community input to provide exceptional service.

- Seek regular community feedback to increase responsiveness and inclusion
- Empower staff and Board members to provide excellent customer service
- Cultivate Library culture to increase job satisfaction and commitment to continuous improvement

TRANSPARENCY PORTAL • We will be debuting a new dashboard feature on our website where users will be able to look over financial and statistical information about the Library. As part of our above goal to seek regular feedback from the community, one important feature that we will be using is polling and surveying about initiatives we are considering. Keep your eye out for this new dashboard in the new year | caryarealibrary.org

I am a Library Lover

Our patron, Christine, is an expert on the Cary Area Public Library. She's been a faithful user for 50 years since moving to Cary in 1970. And she has seen a lot of changes over the years •



My favorite aspect of the Library is that it is no longer just books. The growth of services has made the Library the richest resource in the community. The selection of programs offered has been so far reaching and certainly enjoyable. How disappointing when the programs had to be canceled due to the pandemic.

At the beginning of the pandemic I seemed to have a supply of books, but didn't realize how long this would be. Speaking with a librarian by phone one day, she suggested I try online books, which I had never even considered. How helpful! Got me through until the Library opened. Really, a challenge for me. Once my church opened, and then the Library, I didn't need anything else.

Everyone working at the Library, from the initial pick-ups at the curb to the ease of the drive thru were so cheerful to be doing this service that it made dealing with rules and masks just a minor inconvenience.

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Christine

I would encourage anyone who doesn't use the Library to give it a try. Walk into the building. It is a true haven.

After my husband died two years ago I would go to the Library and feel so settled. It's quiet; people are there for as much or as little conversation as you need; it's so orderly compared to many life situations these days. It was a great comfort.

Since moving to Cary in 1970, I feel the growth of the Library has followed my life. First it was going up the steps at the corner of Rt. 14, usually with a baby in a carrier and a couple other children holding my hands; then when the Library moved to Village Hall Road I was working for the Cary Park District and it was my lunchtime refuge. When the current Library was built, it was closer to my home. How convenient. Then the advent of internet access and the ability to reserve, then run in to self-checkout the reserved books. And now the drive up window. We've come full circle.

FRIENDS OF THE CARY AREA LIBRARY (FOCAL)

If you need a read and can't make it to the Library, check one of FOCAL's three Little Free Libraries located at the Cary Park District Community Center, Krause Senior Center, and Greenfields Park.

FOCAL has contributed \$141,603.10 to the Library since the volunteer group began in the mid-1990s. They have funded special projects, equipment, and programs that are outside of the Library's budget such as the new Teen Area furniture, a large format printer, Summer Reading finishing prize books, and much more. Consider joining this community-focused group!

Another way to support their efforts (and therefore CAPL) is to make the Friends of the Cary Area Library your charity of choice on AmazonSmile. When you shop, a small percentage of money is donated at no additional cost to you | caryarealibrary.org/focal



Don't worry, read happy.

Will reading solve all of your problems? No. But reading can help you gain perspective, empathy, and solace in trying times. Add some joy back into your life and read happy.

Sign up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge beginning January 4. Once again we'll be using Beanstack to track time spent reading. You'll earn digital badges as you go and a ticket to allocate into the grand prize drawing of your choice.

We recommend downloading the Beanstack app to track your reading since it offers such convenient features, but you may also log your reading online through our website or on a paper log if you are not ready to take the digital leap.

Winter Reading January 4–February 28

Tips for using the Beanstack App

- One-time sign-up: once you've signed up, you're set for this program and any future program you want to participate in
- Easily enter the book you're reading by scanning its barcode
- You do not need to log specific titles— just select Log a Day, Minutes, or Pages Only
- The app offers a built-in timer to track your reading and see your real-time stats
- If you're reading an audiobook, just add the stated time length
- Parents/caregivers can register their child(ren) and then log everyone's reading (parents and each child) with just a couple of clicks
- Parents/caregivers with multiple children can log each child's minutes quickly by selecting all the readers in the app

Download the "Beanstack Tracker" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play so you're ready to go January 4!

Program Registration

At this time, we will be hosting all our winter programs online to ensure the safety of our community. Should any programs switch to in person, registrants will be notified and our online calendar will be updated.

Registration is required for Zoom programs and begins Thursday, December 3 at 9 am online (carylibrary.evanced.info/Signup), in person, or by phone (847.639.4210, press 3). Some programs listed in this newsletter will not display on our online calendar until the morning of registration. Many of our Zoom programs are recorded, which you can then access through the calendar for a two week period if you are unable to attend live at the time of the program. Please notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel your registration. If a program is full, be sure to register for the wait-list-- people often cancel and spots open up for programs. You will be contacted as soon as possible if you have been moved to the attendee list.

Adult programs AGES 18+

MAKE IT ▼

Holiday Centerpiece

Tuesday, December 8, supply pick-up 5-6:30 pm; program 7-8 pm

Zoom. Peggy Garvin returns to help you create your own centerpiece with mixed evergreens like pine, juniper, fir, cedar, holly with taper candle, pine cones and ribbons. With proper care this can last a month and bring some fresh scents to your home. Makes a great gift, too! All materials are included in the \$15 fee (you will need your own pruners); no refunds. *Please note that you have not reserved a spot until you have paid.*

Needle Felting Cardinal Live

Tuesday, January 5, 7-8:30 pm

Zoom. Create your own cardinal figurine out of wool roving and learn the art of needle felting during this live session. Participants will be contacted about picking up supplies.

Needle Felting Cardinal On Demand

Debuts Wednesday, Jan. 6, 10 am

Video. Create your own cardinal figurine out of wool roving and learn the art of needle felting through this video on demand tutorial. Registrants will be contacted about picking up supplies.

Intro to Crochet Live

Tuesday, February 2, 7-8:30pm

Zoom. Participants will learn the basics of crochet in this live session. We will cover making a chain, single crochet, and crochet in the round. After taking this class, you will be prepared for the Crochet Amigurumi Octopus class. Participants will be contacted about picking up supplies. If you are unable to attend live, look for tutorials on Creativebug with your CAPL card.

Crochet Amigurumi Octopus On Demand

Monday, February 22, 10 am

Video. In this class we will explore the tiny world of amigurumi crochet and make small octopus figurines. We will not be going over the basics of crochet in this class, so please sign up for the Intro to Crochet Live class. This class will be available for on demand viewing and will not include a live session. Participants will be emailed about picking up supplies.



DISCUSSION GRQUPS

Great Decisions

First Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm

Feb. 4: *Global Supply Chains and National Security*

Zoom. Exchange ideas about foreign policy issues in this discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Participants must buy a briefing book and read a chapter prior to each meeting. This eight-month series begins in February but each chapter stands by itself so you can join the group at any time. Monthly descriptions available in our online calendar. Briefing book: \$15; no refunds. *Please note that you have not reserved a spot until you have paid.*

Books on Tap: A 20s-30s Book Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19 & Feb. 16 7-8:30 pm

Zoom. Eat, drink, and talk shop about books with others in their 20s and 30s. Each meeting we discuss a title chosen by the group. If you're interested in joining or to find out the current title, please email roberhauser@caryarealibrary.info.

Adult Book Discussion

Zoom. Join one of our book groups for a lively discussion. Books are available each month at the Service Center.

Hooked on Books

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
January 27: *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman
February 24: *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Turning Pages Together

Thursdays, 7-8 pm
January 28: *The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna* by Juliet Graves
February 25: *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey

Adult programs AGES 18+

HISTORY LESSONS ▼

The History of Christmas Carols
Wednesday, December 9, 7-8 pm
Zoom. We’ve sung and enjoyed countless Christmas carols, yet most of us know very little about the music’s history and meaning. Using audio and visuals, we’ll discover which songs are forms of worship, educational tools, secular entertainment, forms of protest, marketing gimmicks, or political commentary.

Women in History
Wednesday, January 6, 7-8 pm
Zoom. History comes alive as Martina Mathisen (see article below!) portrays Anne Oakley, Harriet Tubman, and Amelia Earhart (just to name a few)—all women who have made a difference in our American experience. The women represented were doing big things, secret things, and even dangerous things—marvelously expressing themselves and their passions.

Notorious: The Life of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Wednesday, January 13, 7-8 pm
Zoom. An inspiration to many, her strong will, persistence, and influential role in women’s rights led her to become an icon to many Americans. Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a woman who flourished in the role as Supreme Court Justice for 27 years.

BEHIND THE SCENES *with presenter Martina Mathisen*

“History is a passion of mine, but even more I love to excite interest in a new topic. Also, I especially love the interaction with library patrons.”

Q: *How long have you been doing portrayals?*
A: Since 2013. I began with Meet Marie Antoinette and grew into educational entertainment from there.

Q: *How do you choose and research your subjects?*
A: I use what I call a literary ‘spine’—that is, I use one book as a source of information and then branch out my research based on what I found in the spine, and so expand my resources. It is extremely important to me to be accurate as I weave facts into a live presentation.

FOODIES ▼

Winter Soups & Stews with Chef Susan Maddox
December 16, 7-8 pm
Zoom. The weather is starting to get chillier outside and it is nice and warm in the kitchen. Chef Susan Maddox will present some great winter soups and stews which makes for great dining as well as clean up. Friends and family will enjoy these tasty and delectable dishes with minimal work involved. This is a nice evening to learn some great recipes as well as learn some methods and techniques in the kitchen for making cooking fun and easy.

YOUR HEALTH ▼

Connecting with Your Emotions to Care For Yourself and Others
Wednesday, January 20, 7-8 pm
Zoom. In this workshop, psychotherapist Regina E. McCarthy will share how being emotionally aware can help you achieve the balance you need to become responsive, not reactive, to the needs of yourself and your loved ones. You will learn easy techniques to calm and focus your body, mind, and spirit.



Q: *How long does it take you to develop your programs?*
A: I enjoy losing myself in the process. I plan in terms of months. It begins with research, then the script, the images are collected, after that assembly, back to script and the refining process, next rehearsals, while that is happening the costume is determined and materials for it collected. My wonderfully talented mother helps me with all my costumes. Getting ready on an individual day also varies. Cleopatra, for example takes an hour just for the makeup.

Q: *Which portrayal is your favorite?*
A: The truth is, my favorite character to perform is whichever one I’m doing that day. From content review, to rehearsal, to performance, the character I am doing that day has 100% of my attention and focus. Then the next day someone new is in my head!

GENEALOGY ▼

Facebook: A Tool for Genealogy Research
Sunday, January 10, 2-3:30 pm
Zoom. Let’s look beyond the basics of setting up a Facebook account and learn with Thomas MacEntee: privacy settings, how to search for living relatives and groups that share your interests, the difference between a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group, and how to create your own page or group. Appropriate for intermediate skill level.

Finding the Hidden on Ancestry
Sunday, February 7, 2-3:30 pm
Zoom. Join Cary librarian Nancy Gaynor as she points out some of the hidden resources on Ancestry. You don’t have to have a paid subscription or be in the library to use these hints. Appropriate for all skill levels.

RootsMagic User Group
Wednesdays, January 27 & February 24, 7:30-9 pm
Zoom. For users of the popular genealogy software, join us as we discuss the intricacies of using it to organize and keep track of your research. Appropriate for all skill levels.

JOB SEARCH LIKE A PRO

Resumés
Wednesday, February 17, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Erica Reckamp from TopResume, Monster.com, and ZipJob will discuss how to update your resume in light of changes in the job market. She will also discuss Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS), keyword optimized content, and how to position yourself as a top candidate. Special topics include recent grads, career change, return to work, and how to set yourself apart in a competitive market. Erica will review one job seeker document or LinkedIn page for each registered participant.

Professional Branding
Wednesday, February 24, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Erica Reckamp from TopResume, Monster.com, and ZipJob returns to break down the latest on professional branding: remain top-of-mind with well-honed professional presentation, LinkedIn presence, networking skills, and mentor scenarios. Learn how to stand out for consideration for plum assignments and special projects.

Women in the Workforce
Wednesday, March 3, 7-8 pm
Erica Reckamp from TopResume, Monster.com, and ZipJob will help women learn strategies to address common issues faced in the workforce, including how to address career gaps, pay disparity, imposter syndrome, self-advocating for promotions/projects, and more. Erica will review one job seeker document or LinkedIn page for each registered participant.



The Zero Waste Mindset
Wednesday, January 27, 7-8 pm
Zoom. The average person in the United States sends 4.4 lbs of trash to the landfill every day. This presentation provides tips on reducing waste while saving money and improving your health.

Exotic Morocco
Wednesday, February 3, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Morocco is a diverse country filled with majestic palaces and mosques, interesting museums, mouth-watering cuisine and stunning natural beauty. Join us as we explore the exotic cities of Casablanca, Fez, Marrakesh, and Rabat, wander through old world bazaars filled with spices, carpets, and other handmade items and admire the natural beauty of the Sahara Desert, the Atlas Mountains, and the Todra Gorge.

The Best Gift is Your Last Gift
Wednesday, February 10, 7-8 pm
Zoom. The sudden loss of Dawn’s husband when their triplets were high school seniors was difficult. The added stress of not knowing where important documents were and what they meant just about did her in. Dawn will share the surprising key to making your will or trust work. Why leave pain and confusion when you can leave comfort and clarity to your loved ones?

Teen programs GRADES 6-12



TEEN VOLUNTEER BOARD

Tuesdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, 7-8 pm
Zoom. Formerly known as Teen Advisory Board, join this fun service club to help with FOCAL book sales, projects, and help around the Library. Participants will get volunteer hours for every meeting they attend.

GAMING

Dungeons and Dragons for Returning Players
Saturdays, Dec.19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, 1-4 pm
Zoom. Continue your campaign in the Saltmarsh! This adventuring group is for players who have already participated in D&D at the Library, new players should sign up for the New Players session.

Dungeons and Dragons for New Players
Sundays, Dec.20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, 2:30-5 pm
Zoom. Join a D&D Adventuring Group. Rules taught to beginners, and experienced players are also welcome. Pre-generated characters and all supplies provided. Cooperative play emphasized, so come and help your group succeed! Limited to 6.

Teen Gaming
Tuesdays, Dec. 22, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, 7-8:30 pm
Discord. Play video games and board games with other teens! While meeting virtually, we will play Jackbox games via discord and registration will be required.

Minecraft Mania!
Monday, February 15, 1:30-3 pm
Zoom; grades 6-8. Minecraft Mania Advanced Survival is the perfect time for kids that already know their way around Minecraft. Kids will be instructed to do different challenges in survival mode while collaborating with each other over the Minecraft Mania server!

MAKE IT

Reindeer Pom-Pom Craft Live
Sunday, December 20, 11:30-12:30 pm
Zoom. Learn how to make pom-poms from yarn and then turn them into an adorable reindeer with a big, red nose! This class will be a synchronous live session. Participants will be emailed about picking up supplies.

DIY Tic Tac Toe Live
Sunday, January 17, 11:30-12:30 pm
Zoom. In this winter-themed class, participants can create a reusable tic tac toe board with penguin and polar bear game pieces, made out of a burlap bag and polymer clay. To cure the clay, participants will receive instructions on how to bake their projects at home. Participants will be contacted about picking up supplies.

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COLLEGE PREP

Free ACT or SAT Practice Test
Saturday, January 16, 12-4 pm
Online. Take the jitters out of testing and maximize your performance on the SAT or ACT. Take an online practice test under realistic conditions and get a measurement on your performance for free. This practice test is meant for students in grades 9-12 and advanced 8 graders. Students will want to have a scientific calculator for the math portion of the test that indicates using a calculator. Test provider: C2 in Vernon Hills.

READING RECS

The annual Teens’ Top Ten list, the best reads nominated and voted on by teens across the country, is newly released for 2020:

- Wayward Son by Rainbow Rowell
- Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell; illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks
- With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Aurora Rising by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- Broken Throne: A Red Queen Collection by Victoria Aveyard
- #MurderFunding by Gretchen McNeil
- We Hunt the Flame by Hafsah Faizal
- Lovely War by Julie Berry
- Wilder Girls by Rory Power
- The Memory Thief by Lauren Mansy

How about reading recommendations that are more local? Read in-depth book reviews by other teens in the community on our website. Reviews include *The School of Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani (reviewed by Lauren W.), *The Ballad of Songbird and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins (reviewed by Ciara W.), and *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (reviewed by Nathan B.) and more | teens.caryarealibrary.org/tag/teen-review/

If you’re interested in getting in the book game review yourself (especially for volunteer credit!) visit our website to find out how | teens.caryarealibrary.org



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STREAMING
FAMILY
STORY
TIME

Tuesdays, 10:30 am
Dec. 1, 8, 15
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb. 2, 9, 23

For children birth to age 6.
Join us virtually on Facebook
Live (@caryarealibrary) for
stories, music, shoutouts to your
kiddos, and more with Rose
and Amy. If you can't watch
live, we post it for you to view
any time (and you don't need
a Facebook account to watch).
Storytimes are typically 15-20
minutes long.

Minecraft Mania!

Monday, January 18, 1:30-3 pm
Zoom; grades 3-5. Using Minecraft's
Creative Mode, players will have the
opportunity to build objects related
to a theme within the game and
participate in Minecraft challenges.
Minecraft Mania can provide up to
ten participants with a one-time use
account--first come, first serve--if you
do not have one.

ART ON DEMAND ▼

These tutorials will be available on
our YouTube channel to watch after
their debut. If you want to receive
a supply kit that accompanies the
video, be sure to register and you
will be contacted about picking it up.
Registration full? Enjoy the lesson
using your own supplies.

Finger Painted Snowflakes

Debuts Monday, Dec. 7, 10 am
Grades K-5. We will be using vinyl
snowflakes as stickers on canvas.
Once we paint around them with
acrylic paints and remove the stickers
the snowflake will remain white with
colorful artwork surrounding them.

Torn Paper Owl

Debuts Monday, Jan. 25, 10 am
Grades K-2. Using torn paper and
white paint students will create an
owl on a snowy night.

Foil Art

Debuts Monday, Feb. 8, 10 am
Grades 3-5. Let's experiment with
lines, shapes, and patterns on foil.
Students will then mount their
textured foil squares on paper and
continue their designs onto the
paper border.

SCIENCE ON DEMAND ▼

These tutorials will be available on
our YouTube channel to watch after
their debut. If you want to receive
a supply kit that accompanies the
video, be sure to register and you
will be contacted about picking it up.
Registration full? Enjoy the lesson
using your own supplies.

Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles!

Debuts Monday, Dec. 14, 10 am
Grades 1-5. This would be a really
fun activity to do during your
holiday break. You'll be shown two
homemade recipes, one to make a
bubble inside a bubble and another
to make bouncing bubbles.

Double Your Fun With Water

Debuts Monday, Jan. 18, 10 am
Grades 1-5. You will have two
experiments using water. One will
look like magic and the other will
involve dancing cans. You'll see
cohesion and water density in these
fun experiments.

Invisible to the Eye!

Debuts Monday, Feb. 15, 10 am
Grades 1-5. We'll show you how
to test areas in your home, make
solution containers, and see if
the samples will grow mold. Your
predictions on where your house is
cleanest may surprise you in this fun
experiment!



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a new release | [youtube.com/user/cpqtech](https://www.youtube.com/user/cpqtech)



Adventure
LEGO
Online Contest
Dec 21-Jan 11

Grades 1-6. Use your imagination to design and build a LEGO
construction project that shows adventure. Winners, one in
each of the three age groups, will receive a fun prize! You must
have a CAPL card to enter and submit only one entry per child.
Photo entries can be submitted to caryarealibrary@gmail.com
from December 21 through January 11. Full entry details can be
found online beginning December 3 | kids.caryarealibrary.org

Entries will be shared on our Facebook and Instagram accounts
and voting for the contest will take place through an online form
from January 12-18. Winners will be announced January 19.



We have a variety of STEM Kits for
three-week checkout to engage your
child in the Science, Technology,
Engineering and Math subjects.
Recently added kits include:

- Remote Control Dog Robot (ages 3+)
- Coding Critters Bopper (ages 4+)
- Robot R2D2 (ages 6+)
- Story Blox
- Power Blox
- Gravity Maze Marble Run (ages 8+)
- Hydrobot Robotic Arm (ages 8+)
- Air Walker Robot kit (ages 8+)

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HOURS

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CLOSINGS

December 4	Closed 9-1, open 1-5
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
February 5	Closed 9-1, open 1-5

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ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

A green screen, ring light, and a metal detector have joined the growing list of non-traditional items we have available for checkout to CAPL cardholders. We've also added more STEM Kits that would be of interest to parents and caregivers— find the details on page 11. See the full list of items online | caryarealibrary.org/libraryofthings



Welcoming all to connect and explore— checkout the possibilities!