

JANUARY
2026

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

....always something great happening at your library

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Public Library System

Got New Year's Resolutions? Let us help!

Tips for Sustainable Resolutions

January 15th. Rocky Mount 2:30-3:30pm or 5:45-6:45pm.
Ages 18+

This workshop will guide you through the process of setting realistic goals, teach you how to rely on consistency rather than motivation, and get you started on the right foot with a plan of action that will take you into the next few months. [Register now!](#)

Budget Friendly Nutrition

Rocky Mount. January 30th.
11am-12pm. Ages 18+.

Come learn some budget-friendly tips for eating well and discover that cost doesn't have to be a barrier to good nutrition. [Registration opens December 19th at 12:30pm.](#)



LITTLE WOMEN



Literary Classics: "Little Women"

Rocky Mount | Jan 12th, 2pm-4:30pm

Follow the lives of the March Sisters in this coming-of-age film about love, loss, ambition, and most of all, family. Light snacks provided. 2pm. Run time is 135 minutes. [Register now!](#)

Note: This film is rated PG, but is not recommended for children under 12.

Craftworks

Rocky Mount Wine Bottle Snowman

Jan. 9th 2-4pm



All supplies
provided.
Ages 18+
Registration
begins Dec.
15th at
12:30pm.

Westlake Fruit Print Tea Towels

Jan 13th 1-3pm



Candle Painting

Westlake Library
Jan 27th, 6:00-6:45pm
Ages 16+

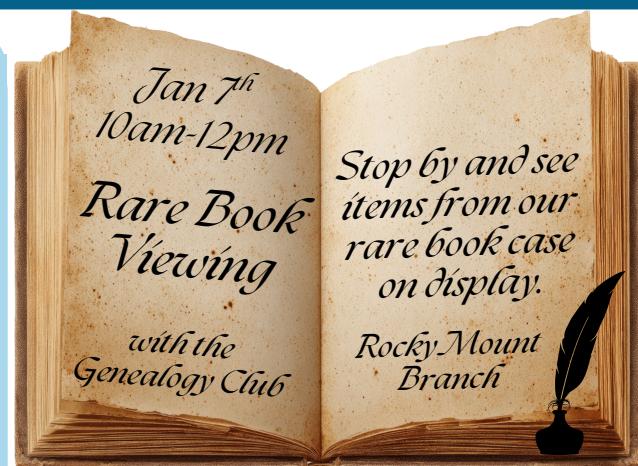
Unleash your creativity at our Candle Painting Program! All supplies provided, **registration required**. Don't miss out on this illuminating experience!



Adult Book Swap

Jan 31st | 11:00am-12:30pm

Bring books in good condition to our Book Swap at the **Rocky Mount Branch**. Trade books with other patrons, talk about your favorite reads, and meet new friends. Ages 18+. No registration required.



Jan 7th
10am-12pm

Rare Book Viewing

with the
Genealogy Club

Stop by and see
items from our
rare book case
on display.

Rocky Mount
Branch

TRIVIA NIGHT!

5:45-6:45PM | AGES 18+

Come to Trivia Night at the **Rocky Mount library** and battle for the right to be called a "Know-It-All." Bring your friends along or come alone to make some new ones. There will be prizes for 1st & 2nd Place. [Register now!](#)



Jan 6th: Tolkien & Middle Earth

Do you know what year J.R.R. Tolkien was born? Can you recall the inscription on the inside of the One Ring? Costumes are encouraged but not required!



Jan 29th: 1980s History & Pop Culture

Can you identify some top-charting songs of the 80s? Or name the lead actors in "Back to the Future?" If you're "Hip to Be Square", you'll be here. Shoulder pads are encouraged but not required!





Continues through February 28th!

Adults: read and review books in Beanstack! Each review (up to 10 total) will count as an entry in our final drawing.

Teens: read 3 books to win a book or Teddy Bear keychain.

Kids 0-11: read 5 books to win a book or Teddy Bear keychain.

Sign in and sign up at franklincountyva.beanstack.org!



Intro to Dungeons & Dragons

Jan 22 @ Rocky Mount. 5-6pm, all ages welcome

Do you enjoy epic quests, roleplay games, and forming unbreakable bonds with friends? Join us for an introductory class on Dungeons & Dragons and delve into a world of fantasy fun! Learn the basics of the game, how to create your first character, and discover what you'll need to get started. Register now.



DIGITAL DISCOVERIES

January 15th @ Westlake: 1-2pm | Register Now!

Discover how to download and navigate free e-books and audiobooks using the Libby app.



TECH TIME

January 21st @ Rocky Mount: 1-2:30pm | Register Now

This month, learn the basics of computer research.



Westlake - Jan. 26, 10a-3p. Drop in or make an appointment at redcrossblood.org

Mahjong @ Rocky Mount - Every Tuesday at 1p - Call Ingrid for info: (540) 420-2074

Genealogy Friends @ Rocky Mount - First Wednesday of the Month at 10a

Don't miss our event calendars for kids & teens. See attached!

Register for Events



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MASTER GARDENERS: PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

January 12th

Rocky Mount: 10-11am | Westlake: 1-2pm

Get a head start on planning your garden for the coming year. Learn how to utilize a garden journal to keep track of everything you've planted, how to run a soil test, the brilliant effects of composting, and everything you need to know for seeds, seedlings, and bulbs.

Register Now!



Raising the Shade

January 24th 11am-12:30pm

January 28th 2-3:30pm

Join us at the **Rocky Mount Library** for this exploration of history as special guests from "Raising the Shade" use historical records to piece together the lives of the seventy Black men born in Franklin County who fought in the United States Colored Troops. [Registration recommended](#). Walk-ins welcome.

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Dolly Parton's

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Children under the age of five are eligible to receive a **FREE BOOK EVERY MONTH** from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, with the help of the Franklin County Library Foundation. Sign up at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/VAFRANKLIN/>



To make a donation to the FCL Foundation to support this project, please visit franklincountylibraryfoundation.org



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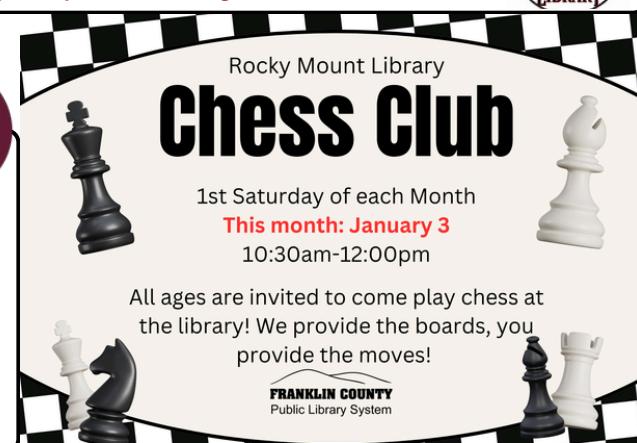
Chess Club

1st Saturday of each Month

This month: January 3

10:30am-12:00pm

All ages are invited to come play chess at the library! We provide the boards, you provide the moves!



Holiday Closures

Jan 1st - New Year's Day

Jan 19th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



ROCKY MOUNT & WESTLAKE

Mon, Wed, Fri, 9a-5p Tues, Thurs, 9a-7p Sat, 9a-1p
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