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# The Information Junction



*Adventure into the Wild with Reading  
Kick-off Event Saturday, June 7th*

## Monthly for the Kids

### Imagination Works! Story and Craft Time

- **CREWE Library**  
Mondays 10:30 to 11:30
- **BURKEVILLE Library**  
Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30
- **BLACKSTONE Library**  
Fridays 10:30 to 11:30

Children are invited for stories, crafts and fun.

## Monthly for the Adults

- **Crewe Friends of the Library board meetings, 1st Thursdays, 4-5 pm**
- **Blackstone Friends of the Library board meetings, 3rd Tuesdays, 4-5 pm**

## Save the Dates

### Adventure into the Wild with Reading

**Saturday, July 12th**

**Saturday, August 9th**

**Crewe Library 10 till Noon**

**Blackstone Library 1 to 3 pm**

**Animal Demonstration,  
Games, Crafts and Fun!**



### Fuzzy Bunnies and Buzzy Bugs

The Nottoway County Public Libraries are kicking off our Summer Reading Program with games, crafts and an animal demonstration. Join us on Saturday, June 7th from 10 am till noon at the Crewe Library or from

1 pm till 3 pm at the Blackstone Library.

Children up to the age of 12 will learn more about woodland creatures, enjoy games and have an opportunity to do crafts.

The Friends of the Blackstone Library have also donated books so that each child may select a free book to take home to read.

This is the first of three events the library system will present this summer. Feathered Friends Forever will be presented on Saturday, July 12th and Leaping Lizards and Silly Snakes will be the topic on Saturday, August 9th. So please mark your calendars now and join us for fun in the sun.

For more information contact your local library.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Run don't walk to your local library and pick-up your Reading Challenge Card now.

Children ages 4 to 13 can win prizes by participating in our reading challenge. The challenge is to read 10 books from June 7th through August 9th. There is no limit to the number of reading challenge cards each child may complete.

How to participate:

- Visit your local library
- Pick-up your Reading Challenge Card
- Select books
- Read your books
- Return your books to your library
- Have your Reading Challenge Card punched
- After having your

Reading Challenge Card punched 10 times turn it into the Librarian

- Receive your prize

Explore the many adventures available through reading.





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### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library for both Crewe and Blackstone are non-profit, volunteer organizations which work to support the Nottoway County Public Libraries. They raise funds for library improvements and programs. To learn more call:

Blackstone 804-490-8342  
Crewe 434-645-7527

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# What's New



## Library of Virginia

### Find Your Family History at the Library of Virginia: Getting Started

This beginner level genealogy workshop is being led by **Minor Weisiger**, archives reference coordinator at the Library of Virginia. He has extensive experience with our resources and knows how they can be used to

get you started researching your family's history.

This workshop is being offered three different Fridays this year June 6th, August 8th and November 14th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The non-member price for the workshop is \$25.

If you have any questions about this workshop, you can reach Adrienne Robertson at 804-692-3001.

The Library of Virginia is located at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA, 23219.

More information about their services can be found at [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)

## Discover Local Family Histories

Both the Crewe and Blackstone Libraries have established History Rooms to house donated items and collections about local families, businesses and organizations.

If you are interested in discovering more about your family history we invite you to visit our History Rooms to see what information we have available.

We also accept donations of materials to add to our local history collections. Please see your librarian if you have something for us to consider adding to our collection.

## Recent Additions to Our Collection



### Non-Fiction Books

- ◆ Get Started Sewing
- ◆ Mayo Healthy Heart
- ◆ Vampire Legends and Myths
- ◆ Origami Farm Animals
- ◆ Moray Eel
- ◆ Mapping Information



### Fiction Books

- ◆ Grasshopper Jungle  
By Andrew Smith
- ◆ Be Careful What You Wish For  
By Jeffrey Archer
- ◆ I Even Funnier A  
Middle School Story  
By James Patterson



### Books on CD's

- ◆ Thomas Jefferson the Art of Power  
By John Meachum
- ◆ The Universe in a Nutshell  
By Stephen Hawkins

## Barry's Book Review

### "The Times of Our Lives" by Tom Brokaw

Tom Brokaw is a familiar personage in the American literary environment. His first book, *The Greatest Generation*, was a best seller and one which established Mr. Brokaw as someone who really thinks about what it means to be an American and why we owe so much to the men and women who surely saved the world from a great tyranny during World War II.

This current book takes a good, hard look at America today. For one thing, the author feels that national service is something that all Americans should be expected to undertake. This does not just include military service, but many types of service such as service in the Peace Corps, in the school system or with an agency such as what was known as VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

Concerning the issues we need to address, Brokaw focuses on education, and the fact the Americans still consume such a high percentage of the resources of the world. The author tells the stories of several individuals in the field of education who have helped turn around poor schools, such as Tony Smith, a principal at Taft High in Cincinnati, who partnered with the CEO of the local phone company. Summarizing Chapter 3, on education, he says: "It is hard and noble work and, yes, it is not always done perfectly, but the failures of the system ought not to be blamed on the teachers alone. We all have a stake."

Unfortunately, as the book goes on, it seems to lose focus. At first the book seemed to offer a serious discussion of several issues being faced by our country. As the book progressed, it no longer was a serious discussion of national issues. For example, the financial services industry and the fact that it almost brought down our financial system was not really discussed. It is possible to get the sense that Brokaw was losing interest in the project.

In discussing public service, he talks about how awesome several acquaintances of his are for finding meaningful ways to support wounded combat veterans--rightly so, of course--but he does not extend these specific stories of individuals into a directive for all Americans to take up the call to support the troops. By the time he gets to talking about the effect of the Internet on journalism, he's doing little more than offering unsurprising statistics about declining newspaper circulation.

In summary, this book was not quite as good as its predecessor, *The Greatest Generation*, but offers some interesting observations. It doesn't offer the kind of serious dialogue you might expect from the author. This book is available in the ebook format for checkout for either the epub or Kindle reading format.

Take a  at our  Books.

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### Crewe Library

Susan Howe, Manager  
(434) 645-8688  
400 Tyler St., Crewe, VA 23930

Mon/Thur 10-6

Tue/Wed 10-8

Sat 10-2

Closed Sunday and Friday

### Blackstone Library

Joyce Norton, Manager  
(434) 292-3587

415 S. Main St., Blackstone, VA  
23824

Tue/Thur 12-6

Wed 12-8

Fri/Sat 10-2

Closed Sunday and Monday

### Burkeville Library

Agnes McCormick, Manager  
(434) 767-5555

114 Agnew Street Burkeville, VA  
23922

Mon/Thur 9:30 - 5

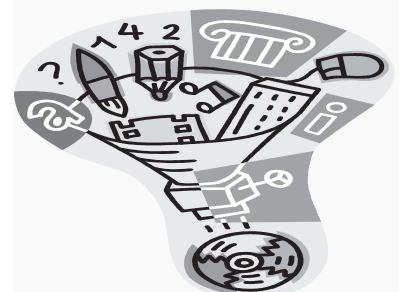
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