



# The Information Junction



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Crewe:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 4-5pm  
(bi-monthly)

Blackstone (Board):  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 4-5pm

The Friends of the Library work to support the Nottoway County Public Libraries. They raise funds for library improvements and programs and gladly welcome new members.

The Nottoway County Public Library offers a wide selection of **eBooks** and **digital magazines**. These are available to download through the website at [www.nottlib.org](http://www.nottlib.org)

## January Happenings

January is when we “traditionally” take a break from programming so that Ms Melissa can make plans for the next few months - and even for Summer Reading! - this year is no exception. She wouldn’t dream of leaving the littles without something to do, though, so be sure to come by to pick up the activity packs she has ready (and books, too, of course). January’s packs are suited to the time of year, giving the little ones lots of opportunity to practice those all-important small motor skills while coloring, cutting, and pasting winter trees, penguins, and winter scenes.

There is one big event planned for the end of the month, and you’ll want to be sure to get it added to your calendar...**Winterfest** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 31** at the **Crewe Library from 2-4pm**. Get the kiddos out of the house for a while, and bring them to the library to make their very own **yetis**, cut some **snowflakes**, enjoy some **hot chocolate**, and more! There’s even been a rumor that there will be a **snowball battle**...

You’ll need to keep in mind that winter’s arrival can also bring not just low temperatures, but other forms of weather. **Safety is of the utmost importance**, so don’t stress about getting your borrowed items back on their due date when the weather is bad...our new system renews (most) items automatically. You can **find information about any inclement weather closures on our website, our Facebook page, or on WRIC**.

## New Year, New...Project?

We’re still working on getting organized, but we will soon be asking you to **search your memory banks** and share. We are currently working with the Town of Crewe to **create an oral history collection**. We’re interested in your answers to questions such as “What are the biggest changes you’ve seen (in Crewe) - good or bad?” and “Who were the characters that shaped Crewe’s culture?” Prepare to share, please?!

## Holiday Closure

The Nottoway County Public Library System will close for **Martin Luther King Jr Day on Monday, January 19**, but don’t let that keep you from reading! Remember that you can **borrow eBooks** (Overdrive and Hoopla) and **digital magazines** (Magzter) at **any time, day or night**.



# What's Next?

## From the Desk of Kathy Oliver...

Here begins a series you can use to improve the 2026 YOU! I will touch on improving your literacy in Finance, Reading and Education, Health and Nutrition, and Digital and Information Literacy, and today we start with Workforce!

Unique to 2026 is that recent college grads are finding a flat job market and a big shift to trades and manufacturing requiring different skills. All is not lost, however, because graduate school may lead to promising opportunities, but do your homework and investigate what fields are most likely hiring and offering stable employment during the next 10 years. Here is great place to start your research. This article by Investopedia gives projected occupations with promising job openings including Law, Social Work and Pharmacists. Check it out. <https://bit.ly/49DZKkh>

## New Items in Our Collection

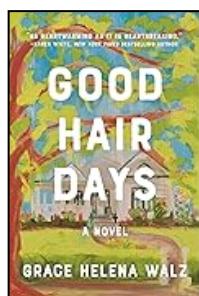
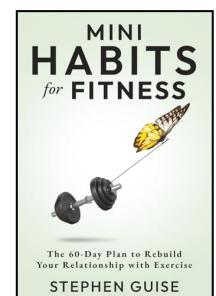
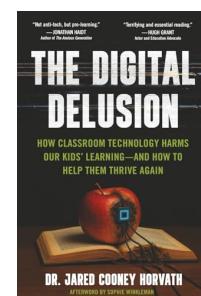
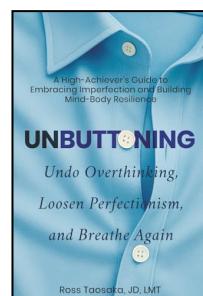
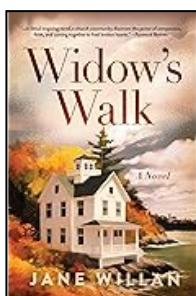
**These books will soon be part of our collection (if they're not already)...**

***The Second Chance Year*** by Melissa Wiesner: "a fresh, fun spin on a classic set-up. A self-aware, flawed, quirky heroine--with a strong supporting cast...and well-drawn scenes that tackle issues of feminism and workplace microaggressions." — *Shelf Awareness*

***The Mis-Arrangement of Sana Saeed*** by Noreen Mughees: "[A] humorous, charming contemporary novel...Fans of Jane Austen will appreciate the familiar plot filled with new customs." — *Audiofile Magazine*, audiobook review

***Mask of the Deer Woman*** by Laurie Dove: "...an astonishingly effective thriller, filled with complex characters, urgent suspense, a vivid sense of the land, and genuine mystery." — *BookTrib*

***A Guardian and a Thief*** by Megha Majumdar: "...an achievement. It deserves praise. It deserves study. It deserves to be read, and sat with, and thought about. . . . The craft of this novel is something approaching immaculate." — *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*



## Locations

### BLACKSTONE Library

Demetrius Nelson, Manager  
434-292-3587

415 South Main Street

Sun	closed
Mon	closed
Tue	12-6
Wed	12-6
Thur	12-6
Fri	10-2
Sat	10-2

### BURKEVILLE Library

Agnes McCormick, Manager  
434-767-5555

224 West Nunnally Street

Sun	closed
Mon	closed
Tue	9:30-5
Wed	closed
Thur	9:30-5
Fri	10-2
Sat	9-12

### CREWE Library

Susan Howe, Manager  
434-645-8688

414 Tyler Street

Sun	closed
Mon.	10-6
Tue	10-8
Wed	10-8
Thur	10-6
Fri	closed
Sat	10-2

## Administration

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