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It doesn't take much to Be a Friend! Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Crewe: 1st Thursdays, 4-5pm (bi-monthly)

Blackstone: 3rd Tuesdays, 4-5pm

The Friends of the Library are non-profit, volunteer organizations which 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

The Information Junction



Literacy: Beyond the Basics

Literacy in its most basic sense is the ability to read and write. Headed by Literacy Director Kathy Oliver, the Nottoway County Literacy Program helps with that and so much more. Literacy itself is part of a broader set of skills, ones that include **health literacy**, **financial literacy**, and **civic and social literacy**.

This month, the Literacy Program will be offering events that touch on these areas. On **February 11 at 1pm**, a representative of the **Massey Cancer Center** will present **information about colo-rectal** cancer and then **answer your questions.** On Wednesday, **February 19 at 11am**, Nicole Sangillo will offer **information and clarification about your Medicare choices** and on Thursday, **February 27 at 1pm**, **Centra PACE** is hosting an **afternoon BINGO** while providing **information about the PACE program**.

Registration for these events at the Crewe Library is **not required**, but would be **appreciated** (call Kathy at 645-9594 to let her know you plan to attend). Each event is **free** and all offer **light refreshments**.

On the lighter side, Mrs Oliver is also starting a **Needle Arts Group** which will meet the **last Wednesday of each month**. Bring your latest project and join her at **4pm** to enjoy light refreshments as you work. Looking ahead, it's quite possible that the group will work on projects to be donated to those in need.

Family Fun on a Friday Night

Not that Ms Melissa doesn't have things planned for other days, but on this particular day, it's something different...a **Hot Chocolate Bar**! Everyone is welcome to join us from **6-8pm** at the **Crewe Library** on **Friday, February 21** to enjoy some "traditional" hot chocolate and perhaps sample some new-to-you additions.

We'll have marshmallows and whipped cream, of course, but you'll also have the chance to flavor your cocoa with a few drops of the gourmet flavorings like the ones you see here. There will be some surprises, too, so be prepared for a culinary adventure!





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<u>Locations</u>

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

Jacqueline Zataweski, Director

Demetrius Nelson IT Tech

What's Next?





What's Happening Back There?

If you've been past the Crewe Library lately, you may have noticed a new addition to the adjacent property. Actually, to be more precise, it would be ten additions...these are the beds of the brand new **Community Garden**. **Crewe Cares** is leading this effort, and **you can have a part in it!** Your group - family, club, neighbors, or whoever you'd like - can **sponsor a 4x8' bed** for a cost of \$25, and the rest is up to you. You are welcome to **keep what you grow**, and if you happen to have an excess, you could **trade with others** or **donate the surplus** to Crewe Cares for distribution through the food pantry. To get more information or to register, email <u>crewecares@gmail.com</u> or call 434-538-0437.

On a Related Note...

The Nottoway County Extension Office is partnering with Crewe Cares to help prepare you for the growing season ahead. They are offering a series of four classes at the Crewe Library according to the following schedule: Feb 11 (4-5:30): Garden Prep; Growing Zones; Composting Feb 25 (4-5:30): Planning Your Beds; Starting Seeds Mar 11 (4-5:30): Companion Planting; Crop Rotation; Bed Care Mar 18 (4-5:30): Planting, Hydrating, and Harvesting Your Crops To register, please visit: <u>https://tinyurl.com/CreweGardenClasses2025</u>

February Holiday Closure

The Nottoway County Public Library System will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, February 17. Remember that you can borrow eBooks (Overdrive and Hoopla) and digital magazines (RBDigital) at any time, day or night.

New Items in Our Collection

It is important that we have materials that interest our patrons. Please ask your librarian about requesting a book you would like to see us add to our collection or use the online form to place your request. Some recent additions include:







