



# The Information Junction



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**Friends of the Library Meet:**  
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)

## February Happenings

The month of planning has come to an end, and now Ms Melissa is back at it, offering a variety of programs for a range of ages. As with the January events, everything depends on the weather cooperating, so please check our Facebook page or call the program location to check for cancellations. The regular, weekly program hours and locations are as follows:

Tuesdays in Blackstone - 2-6pm

Wednesdays in Crewe - 10am-8pm

Thursdays in Burkeville - 12-3



During the **first week of the month**, the kiddos will have a chance to make a **snowflake ballerina**, and the **following week**, they'll make **crepe paper hearts**. The **week of Presidents Day**, the littles will make **horse puppets**, and they'll **finish the month** with **traffic light suncatchers**.

Ms Melissa has programs planned **for the adults**, too. The month starts out with **Dark Chocolate Tastings** (2/11 from 6-8 in Crewe, 2/12 from 1-3 in Burkeville and 4-6 in Blackstone), and once we've had our fill of that, we'll have the chance to create beautiful **book page roses**. The roses will be offered 2/19 (3-5 in Burkeville), 2/25 (6-8 in Crewe), and 2/26 (4-6 in Blackstone).

## But Wait! There's More...



In addition to the weekly programs, we have several special events scheduled, too! February 2 is the official half-way point of winter, and we're going to celebrate making it that far with...**Winterfest!** The whole family is invited to enjoy this free event that includes hot cocoa, treats, and an indoor snowball fight. Join us Saturday, **February 7 from 2-4 in Crewe.**

One week later, you'll be using a spinner to **see what color square you advance to on the game board laid out on the floor.** We hope you'll join us for that family-friendly event at the **Crewe branch on Valentine's Day from 2-4.**



Last but not least, we are looking forward to the return of a **Twin Lakes State Park Ranger on Saturday, February 21 at 11am.** We hear that the ranger will be bringing a selection of **pelts and skulls to Crewe**, and it's going to be up to us to figure out what mammal they came from.



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# What's Next?

## From the Desk of Kathy Oliver...

Tax season is here - the IRS is now accepting returns for 2025 taxes. As you dip your toe into doing your returns, or gathering your W2's, receipts, and other info, it is a good idea to be informed about tax law changes both federally and on the state level. The One Big Beautiful Bill rewrote the tax code, adding new deductions and credits while eliminating some energy efficient deductions. Overall, if you earned \$30,000 to \$150,000, you are likely eligible for new deductions and that could mean a larger than normal refund check for you. It also means that you might want to adjust your withholding for 2026 and now is the time to do this. TurboTax is one site among many that discusses these and other changes: <https://turbotax.intuit.com/tax-reform/>

## February Holiday Closure

The Nottoway County Public Library System will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, February 16. Remember that you can borrow eBooks (Overdrive and Hoopla) and digital magazines (Magzter) at any time, day or night.

## New Items in Our Collection

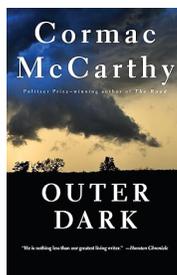
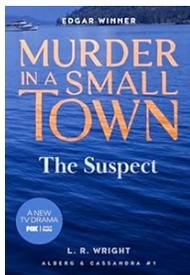
**These books will soon be part of our collection (if they're not already)...**

***Vigil*** by George Saunders: "Vibrant, fiendishly clever . . . Saunders varies pointillist technique with staccato dialogue, slapstick humor, even touches of horror. It's all thrilling on the page . . ." — *The Boston Globe*

***Widow's Walk*** by Jane Willan: "... In the inspiring novel *Widow's Walk*, a church community discovers the power of compassion, faith, and coming together to heal broken hearts." — *Foreword Reviews*

***The Botanist's Assistant*** by Peggy Townsend: "A fun murder mystery steeped in the world of scientific research and botany." — *Scientific American*

***Buckeye*** by Patrick Ryan: ". . . *Buckeye* draws the reader into its time and place and simply beguiles. This chronicle of leaving and loss, loving and forgiving, burns slowly and hopefully until the end." — *BookPage*



### 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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