

The Information Junction



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**Friends of the Library
Board Meetings**

Crewe:

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

Blackstone:

3rd Tuesdays, 4-5pm

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are non-profit, volunteer
organizations which work
to support the
Nottoway County
Public Libraries.

They raise funds for
library improvements
and programs and gladly
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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



Literacy: Beyond the Basics, Part 2

Last month, we used this space to define literacy at its most basic level as the ability to read and write. We mentioned then some other aspects of literacy, such as health literacy and financial literacy, and we spoke of the programs offered to touch on those areas.

This month, we'd like to talk briefly about another type of literacy... **information literacy**. This is defined, in part, as* "the ability to express, connect with and understand knowledge and communication" and "the ability to distinguish between credible and non-credible sources". Much of our information comes from sources on the internet these days, and it can be hard to determine its accuracy. Many colleges and universities offer guides to help you with the process, but here are a few **key questions**:

- Do other sources verify the information? Has it been reviewed?
- Who is the author? What are their credentials?
- Does the tone seem unbiased? Are both sides presented?
- What is the date of the information? Has it been updated?

It's important to remember that, not only information needs vetted; websites do, too! We won't say it's true every time, but odds are that you're going to need to **scroll past those first search results** that say "sponsored" or "ad" before getting to the one you really need. We've seen cases where someone has entered their banking or credit card information into a site, thinking they're renewing their vehicle registration, for example, only to discover that wasn't the case.

*<https://paforward.org/information-literacy/>

Countering Rising Prices?

The VT Extension Office is offering some programs that have the potential to save you money at the grocery store. On March 6 from 6:30 - 7:30, there's a **Backyard Poultry Zoom meeting**, the second of five scheduled. <https://tinyurl.com/backyardseries>

On March 11 and March 18, classes will meet 4 - 5:30 at the Crewe Library to learn about **companion planting and crop rotation** (3/11) and **planting, hydrating, harvesting, and putting your garden to bed** (3/18). <https://tinyurl.com/CreweGardenClasses2025>

Don't forget - **Crewe Cares' Community Garden** has raised beds available for just \$25 per year.

What's Next?



www.nottlib.org

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 2nd Street NW

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/Thur	10-6
Tue	10-8
Wed	10-8
Thur	10-6
Fri	closed
Sat	10-2

Administration

Jacqueline Zataweski,
Director

Demetrius Nelson,
IT Tech

Keeping Busy with Ms Melissa

Since the inclement weather kind of threw us off our game in the past few weeks, we're playing catch up now, so if you (and your little ones) missed the opportunity to make a traffic light suncatcher at the end of February, you - and they - have another chance the first week of March.

Ms Melissa will be doing some training the following week, but each branch will have take and make activities available. After that, it's back to the usual schedule of Tuesday (2-6 in Blackstone), Wednesday (2-8 in Crewe), and Thursday (11-3 in Burkeville, followed by 3:15-6 in Crewe). The plan is for daffodil suncatchers during the week of the 17th, and the following week, we'll be painting cherry trees. You're welcome to come to whichever session you choose, so don't let the weather keep you away!

Borrow a Backpack, Visit a Park

A list of some upcoming park programs can be found below.

Before you go adventuring, be sure to stop at a library to borrow a nature backpack - it includes a pass that provides free parking.



March 8 (10-11am) - Feeding Frenzy at James River (Visitor Center)

March 8 (11am-12pm) - The Boys that Wore the Green at Sailors Creek (Visitor Center)

March 14 (7:30-8:30pm) - Worm Moon Hike at Pocahontas (CCC Field)

March 15 (9-12pm) - Tree Planting at Powhatan (Shelter 2)

March 23 (1-2pm) - Tree Topia at Twin Lakes (Discovery Area)

March 28 (8-10pm) - Star Party at Staunton River (Observation Field)

And don't forget, when you stop in the Discovery Area at Twin Lakes, make sure that you pick up one of the park Whodunit booklets we supplied!

New Items in Our Collection

It is important that we have materials that interest our patrons. Please ask your librarian about requesting titles you would like to see added to the collection. Some recent additions include:

