

Let's Read, Petersburg! April 2025

Welcome to Imagination Library's monthly e-newsletter. Below, you will find helpful information designed to keep you informed and connected to our community's ongoing work to promote literacy. We are thrilled to have you as part of our growing family of readers! Learn more by visiting our website here.

In the News



We joined Westover Hills Elementary for their Literacy and Art Night. The families at the event were treated to performances by the Guitar Club and a visit with local author and illustrator, Theodore Taylor III. The event was further bolstered by make and take literacy stations and tons of art stations for handson activities during the event. Rounding out this night of great fun was a silent auction, where all proceeds benefit the elementary school's library and art department, as well as a presentation by the Richmond Public Library on the Benefits of Reading to Children.

A big thank you to Westover Hills Elementary for inviting us to this wonderful event. We look forward to joining you again next year!

Bring a Book With You Your April 2025 reading tip



When waiting – be it for the school bus or in line at the grocery store– you might be tempted to pick up your phone to pass the time. Try to get into the habit of carrying a book in your bag or your child's diaper bag. For instance, the next time you're waiting for the school bus, you can spend the wait reading a

few pages with your child. You could even bring a book when you go to the docto's office and explore a story while waiting to be seen. You'll be surprised how many books you can read together in these little moments.

Upcoming Community Partner Events

April 2

• Book Babies, Ginter Park Library, 10:30 - 11:00am, ages birth to 17 months with a caregiver, free

April 3

• <u>Toddler Time</u>, Ginter Park Library, 2:00 - 6:00pm, free

April 4

• Opening Night 2025 at the Diamond, Ginter Park Library, 5:00 - 10:00pm, \$ • Family Night Hike, Maymont Children's Farm, 6:30 - 8:30pm, ages 4 and older, children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult, \$

April 5

• Come, Read to Callie the Dog!, Ginter Park Library, 8:00am - 5:00pm, free • Richmond Flying Squirrels - Kids Club T-shirt Giveaway, The Diamond,

April 7

12:30pm - 5:00pm, free

- Book Babies, East End Library, 10:00 10:45am, free
- Toddler Time, East End Library, 11:00am 12:00pm, free

April 8

- Week of the Young Child: Tasty Tuesday, East End Library, 12:00 1:00pm, take caution if there are allergy concerns to berries and apples, free
- Baby Artsplay! with RPAA, Children's Museum of Richmond Downtown, 3:30 - 4:30pm, free

April 11

- Moves at the Museum, Children's Museum of Richmond Downtown, 2:15 -2:45pm, recommended for dancers ages 2 to 5, parents may need to join children under 3, free
- Bella Ballerina Pop Up Dance Class, Children's Museum of of Richmond -Downtown, 2:15 - 2:45pm, free with museum admission

April 15

• Child Abuse Awareness Event with Greater Richmond SCAN, Oak Grove Complex, 5:30 - 7:30pm, contact Kevin Robertson (804) 952-8100 for details, and see flyer below.

April 19

• Dominion Energy Family Easter, Robins Nature Center or Maymont Farm at Maymont, 9:00am - 3:00pm, free for Maymont members and Museums for all (with SNAP/EBT card), \$

April 21

• Out-of-School Day Camps presented by Call Federal Credit Union, Maymont, 9:00am - 3:00pm, \$

Have a community event you would like us to include? Email us!

For even more community events for the whole family, be sure to pick up a free copy of Richmond Family Magazine, available at over 850 spots all over RVA, including these locations.



Parks and Rec Summer Camp!

Join PPL for throughout the month for all sorts of fun!



WHEN: June 16th - August 1st, 9am – 4pm

WHO: Ages 6-12, Petersburg residents only

WHERE: Lakemont Elementary School

COST: Free

Breakfast and lunch provided!

For pre-registration information, email <u>recreation@petersburg-va.org</u> or call (804) 324-4015



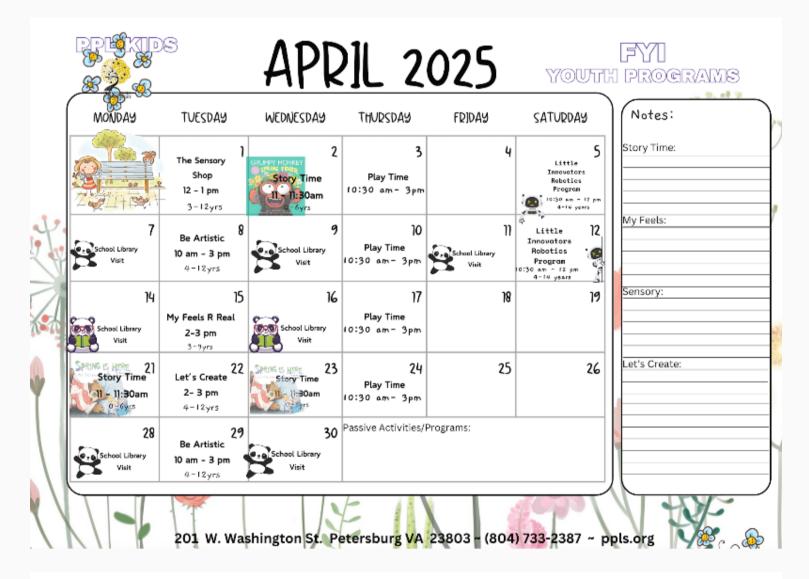
Life's greatest adventures begin with a solid foundation!

Westview Early Childhood Education Center is pleased to announce that Pre-Kindergarten enrollment is officially OPEN for the 2025-2026 school year. Get ready to unleash a world of imagination and learning!

Secure your child's spot by <u>clicking here</u> to get started.

April at Petersburg Public Libraries

Join PPL throughout the month for all sorts of fun!



PPL Programs

St	ory Time: 0-буг	Promoting soaring imaginations, social interactions, self encouragement, and creative thinking with read aloud tales, fables, and other exciting fictional literature.
My	Feels R Real: 3-9yrs	Expressing and Identifying feelings through storytime, games, or creative projects.



Learn more information about Petersburg Public Libraries here.

Learn About the World with Your Child This Month!

Your April 2025 "Focus on the Basics" Tip



Learn How They See the World

Reading a book together is the perfect time to expose your child to new topics and ideas, and to expand what they already know. When you're out and about, try asking, "What do you know about _____?" See what they can tell you! If they come up empty, don't discourage them. Use this opportunity to learn as a family by visiting your local library for a book on the topic they're curious about.

Visit this principle from the Basics here.

To learn more about how you can *Talk, Sing, Point,* click here.

Early childhood organizations all around the City of Richmond have joined The Basics movement, a strategy for whole communities to support vibrant learning and brain development among infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Fun, simple, and powerful, starting at birth, The Basics are five science-based parenting and caregiving principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development. Each month Read to Them will highlight tips and strategies that will assist you in creating a sturdy foundation for school readiness for our youngest citizens. Visit <u>theBasicsVirginia.org</u> for more information.

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As Dolly says, "You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children!"

Check availability in your area today!



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