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Welcome Spring By Reading Aloud Together!

March 2025

Welcome to Imagination Library RVA'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! You can also visit us at www.imaginationlibraryrva.org.

Manage Your Digital World

Your March 2025 reading tip



Cellphones, computers, tablets, and the television are ever-present, but they can also present a distraction while reading together. When you sit down to read with your child, try removing all digital distractions. By putting your devices out of sight, you are demonstrating that your family reading time is special and not to be interrupted. (You can totally have a piece of paper on hand to jot down anything you'd like to discuss or research further after you finish reading!)

Upcoming Community Partner Events

March 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Basics With Bluesy, Richmond Main Library, 10:00 - 11:00am, freeWaco's Winter Day, Maymont Nature Center, 10:00am - 5:00pm, advanced registration requested, freeCome, Read to Caffe: The Dog! PLU! READers, Ginter Park Library, 10:30 - 11:30am, free
March 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toddler Time presented by Virginia Family Dentistry, Maymont, 10:00 - 11:00am, \$
March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Preschool Storytime, Ginter Park Library, 10:30 - 11:00am, ages 3-5 with an adult, free
March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Book Babies, Ginter Park Library, 10:30 - 11:00am, ages birth to 7 months with a caregiver, free
March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toddler Time, Ginter Park Library, 2:00 - 6:00pm, ages 18 to 26 months with a caregiver, free
March 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moves at the Museum, Children's Museum of Richmond Downtown, ages 2 to 5, free

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](#).

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Celebrate World Wildlife Day with Maymont

On Saturday, March 1, Maymont invites all nature lovers to come out and celebrate **World Wildlife Day** with our animal ambassadors, animal keepers and special guests from The Wildlife Center of Virginia and over a dozen other wildlife organizations.

From 10 am to 5 pm, the schedule is packed with animal keeper talks, presentations, film screenings and hands-on crafts. Drop-in opportunities include an exhibition hall where guests can meet representatives from regional wildlife organizations and get creative with wildlife-related activities.

Bonus, get a sneak preview of the enhancements underway on Maymont's own [Virginia Wildlife Trail](#)!

The event is FREE and fun for all ages. Most activities will take place in The Robins Nature Center and at Maymont Farm. Advance registration is recommended -- for details, visit maymont.org/wwd.

90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5

Make it count!

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Make It Count!

VPM is partnering with the [Robins Foundation](#) and [Thrive Birth to Five](#) to launch a new initiative that stresses the importance and value of a child's earliest days of learning for overall family wellbeing. **90by5** stems from the objective that 90% of a child's brain develops by the age of 5, and how the smallest interactions can influence future learning.

Throughout the campaign, parents and caregivers will have access to a series of scenarios to visualize the future impact of their daily steps and actions. VPM will also be sharing support resources for families to access.

Learn more at 90by5.org!

SPRING 2025 AID EVENTS

"Partnering in a Diverse World: Building Connections and Relationships"

According to the 2024 Surgeon General Report, families are under pressure and there are many factors contributing to this heightened stress, from economic challenges to social and environmental factors. This presentation will explore the importance of building connections and relationships, and how these can help families navigate these challenges. The presentation will be led by Dr. James Hays, MD, a pediatrician and a member of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine.

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Where: Community Room, located in the First Baptist Church

"Fun & Free Ways for Families to Connect to RVA!"

The largest benefit of community is the ability to connect with others. This presentation will explore the importance of building connections and relationships, and how these can help families navigate these challenges. The presentation will be led by Dr. James Hays, MD, a pediatrician and a member of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine.

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Partners in Parenting
Advocates in Parenting Roadmap Series

Community Partner Spotlight

Children's Museum OF RICHMOND

Discover the Power of Play at the [Children's Museum of Richmond!](#)

The Children's Museum of Richmond (CMoR) believes in the power of play to inspire growth, creativity, and learning for children ages 0 to 8 and their families. With hands-on exhibits, engaging programs, and special events, CMoR creates joyful experiences that spark curiosity and connection for families.

CMoR is also committed to making play accessible to all. Through the Museums for All program, families receiving SNAP or WIC benefits can visit for just \$2 per person. Additionally, CMoR partners with schools, libraries, and community organizations to offer free and reduced-cost admission and memberships. Learn more at www.cmoreva.org!

Among our offerings:

Every Tuesday - Make and Play Co-Labs! @ Downtown Art Studio, 3:15 - 4:15pm, ideal for ages 3-8
Every Thursday - Make and Play Co-Labs! @ Chesterfield Art Studio, 3:15 - 4:15pm, ideal for ages 3-8

First Tuesdays - Try-It Tuesdays with Resilient Karate @ Children's Museum of Richmond, Chesterfield Location 11:00 - 11:30am, ages T-8 with caregivers. Free with museum admission.

First Fridays - CultureFest with Culture Encounters @ Children's Museum of Richmond, downtown location, 3:30 - 4:30pm, ages 0-8 with caregivers. Free with museum admission.

First Saturdays - Miss E. Godwin High School Women of STEM Club @ Children's Museum of Richmond, downtown location, 2:30 to 3:30, ages 3-8 with caregivers. Free with museum admission.

Second Fridays - Bella Ballerina @ Children's Museum of Richmond, downtown location, 2:15 - 2:45pm, T-8 with caregivers. Free with museum admission.

Third Tuesdays - Acting Through Play @ Children's Museum of Richmond, Chesterfield location, 11:00 to 11:30am, T-8 with caregivers. Free with museum admission.

Third Thursdays - Bella Ballerina @ Children's Museum of Richmond, Chesterfield location, 3:30 - 4:00pm, T-8 with caregivers. Free with museum admission.

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Last Friday of the Month - Make and Paint Friday @ Downtown Art Studio, from 1:30 - 3:30pm

