Spring/Summer 2018 Upcoming Library events/programs

Summer Reading Adventure

- June 15 to September 1
- Kids can sign up online or in a branch; they can track their reading online or on a paper log (available at all the branches)
- Sponsored by 23 Friends groups and the Fairfax Library Foundation
- Requirements to earn the coupon books:
  - 15 books – preschoolers through third grade (children can have books read to them)
  - 10 books – fourth and fifth graders
  - 5 books – students in grades 6-12
- Prize is a booklet full of coupons for free or discounted items from 24 different businesses/organizations include the Park Authority, Krispy Kreme, SplashDown Waterpark, Victory Comics, Domino’s Pizza, Children’s Science Center and more.
- Programs are popular each year and can fill up quickly. New events this year include “The Bubble Lady,” “Kuumba Kids,” “Rainbow Rock Band,” “The wizard of Reading” and “Jacks are wild.”
- Additionally, the Library will be partnering with FCPS, having the Pop-Up Library at several “summer meal” sites and co-hosting three evening events in July.

Adult Summer Reading

- Adult Summer Reading Programs are planned individually by the branches. Many of our branches offer them. Please check with the staff at the branches in your district.
- Many require adults to read five books and the prize is a coupon for a free book at the used book sale. Herndon offers a chance to win a prize at the end of the summer. And Dolley Madison is repeating its successful adult Bingo from last year.
- All Trustees are encouraged to participate in the Adult Summer Reading program!

STEAM Early Literacy Kits

- The library has recently introduced a series of STEAM Early Literacy Kits available for check out by preschool teachers and other group educators. The kit themes are:
  - Music and Movement
  - All About Me
  - My Healthy Body
  - Buildings and Roads
  - Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales
- Each kit includes 5-6 books on the theme, a puppet to use with books and activities and a list of songs, fingerplays and rhymes related to the theme. The kits also include
components for children and caregivers to try several STEAM activities for extended learning.

- These kits are not available at any branch; educators must put them on hold. To place a hold, go to the library’s catalog and search “STEAM name of kit.” The kit will be sent to whatever branch is requested and will be available for pick up there.
- FCPL’s Early Literacy Services team created the new kits with generous support from the Fairfax Library Foundation.

Library at **Celebrate Fairfax June 8-10**

- Three-day event on the grounds of the Government Center—20 FCPL staff will work the booth.
- FCPL will have its biggest booth ever (largest square footage).
- Last year the booth had 1,000 visitors over three days and we hope for more this year.
- Final details still being determined by the team but will include storytime, library card signup and activities for adults and as part of the exhibits.

Two Recurring Contests this Summer

- **Teen Cover Art Contest**
  - Keeping with Virginia’s theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program is “Reading Takes YOU Everywhere,” teens will create a reimagined cover that puts them inside of the story— with a self-portrait or another item unique to them.
  - The teen cover art contest runs from June 15-August 4.
  - Winners and runner-up’s in all categories (grades 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) get a gift card for up to $75.
  - Winners will have their art memorialized on a bookmark, to be distributed at branch locations.

- **Essay and Poetry Contest**
  - 10th Annual Love of Country Essay and Poetry Contest (in partnership with the For Love of Country Foundation)
  - June 15 to September 1; no date set yet for the award ceremony.
  - For rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders.
  - Multiple winners for both essay and poetry for each grade level 7-9, including gold $100; silver $50; bronze $25 and certificate of merit.