

## Library Services for Seniors

Central Rappahannock Regional Library (or CRRL) is your local public library system. Our service area consists of the city of Fredericksburg and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, and Westmoreland. A library card is free for residents of these localities and we also have reciprocal agreements with card holders of several other localities.

Your card is your key to library materials and services. You can get the latest bestseller, a classic read, or that title that has been on your to-be-read list for ages. You can also check out a music CD, a book CD, or a DVD to watch--either a film, a documentary, or an instructional video.

The pandemic has shown us the importance of electronic resources and internet access. The library can help with both. In addition to eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, your library also provides access to streaming video on Kanopy and online courses through LinkedIn Learning and Universal Class. All of these are available with your library card. We have also added wifi hotspots to loan, empowering customers to access the internet, and Chromebooks--laptop computers that allow you to access the internet (over wifi).

The library is more than just books. Every branch has classes and events, both one-time and regularly occurring. At this time, most programs are being held virtually, but as we come out of the pandemic, more and more will be offered in person. Join a book club, attend a writers' group, or come to a concert or lecture.

Finally, don't forget about our accessible services. At Lobby Stops, staff bring a selection of materials to many senior apartments and assisted living facilities. At the time of this writing, Lobby Stop service has been suspended, so please check with us to see if service has resumed. Our Access Services department can also set up Books by Mail service for customers who are physically unable to visit a branch. The library also helps provide access to Talking Books and BARD. These allow individuals with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or physical or print disability to have books, magazines, musical scores, and more read aloud to them from a freely provided machine or from a downloadable app.

Learn more about the library and its services by visiting our website at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org) or by calling us at 540-372-1144.

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