CCPL Calendar of Events
Charleston County Public Library

All Libraries and Book Drops Closed
January 1 - 2 for New Year’s Day
January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Charleston County Public Library
68 Calhoun Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(843) 805-6930
www.ccpl.org

OVERVIEW OF ISLAM

Wednesday, January 25 at 11 a.m.
John’s Island Regional Library
What is Islam? Who was the Prophet Mohammed, and what are the duties of a Muslim? Learn about the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, and the Hadith, an integral part of Shari’a law; and discover what they say about social issues, including women’s rights. Presented by Penny B. Travis, Ph.D.

سلام
PEACE = SALAM
Family and Kids

THROUGHOUT JANUARY
Early Literacy Station
Throughout January
- Main Library
- Mt. Pleasant Regional Library
Visit the Early Literacy Station for a health and safety-themed activity based on the S.C. Day-by-Day Family Literacy Activity Calendar.

Winter Reading Bingo (ages 12 and younger)
- Cooper River Memorial Library
- Dorchester Road Regional Library
- Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library
- John L. Dart Library
- Main Library
- Mt. Pleasant Regional Library
- West Ashley Branch Library
Pick up a bingo card at the Children’s Desk, and complete one row of winter reading challenges to win a prize. Complete the entire bingo card to enter the grand prize drawing.

TUESDAY, JAN. 3 - MONDAY, JAN. 23
Mock Caldecott (all ages)
Main Library
Stop by the children’s room to cast your vote on which 2017 book title should win the Caldecott Medal. The Caldecott Medal is an award given to the best illustrated book of the year by an American artist. Find out if your prediction is right when the award is announced January 23.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3
Reel Heroes and She-roes
Cooper River Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m. 
*The Secret Life of Pets.* Rated PG; 90 minutes.
Afterschool Cool: Art in the Afternoon (ages 4-11)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 4 p.m.
Learn about art, and create your own masterpiece during a visit by a special guest from the Gibbes Museum of Art.

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12, 19 AND 26
Game On (ages 10-18)
John L. Dart Library from 3:30-5 p.m.
Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of gaming. Choose from board games and interactive video games.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
Crafternoon: Gratitude Jars (children)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 2:30 p.m.
Make a New Year’s resolution to look on the bright side each day, and decorate a jar to collect happy thoughts.

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 21 AND 28
Saturday Surprise (ages 11 and younger)
James Island Branch Library all day
Try a different activity or game each week.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
Fun with Legos (all ages)
West Ashley Branch Library all day
We supply the Legos, and you create the masterpiece.

Arts and Crafts with Ms. Grace (children)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 10 a.m.
Ms. Grace helps create fun paper and felt projects.

Baby Playtime (0-24 months with caregiver)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library at 10:30 a.m.
Encourage the joy of play, and socialize with other parents.

Wii and Board Games (ages 4-11)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 11 a.m.
Dance along with the Wii, or play a family board game.

Penguin Party
McClennanville Branch Library at 11 a.m.
Make a penguin craft, and play games.

Winter Fun
Edisto Branch Library at 11:30 a.m.
Read a story, and make snowflakes.

Library Reel (all ages)
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 12:30 p.m.
The BFG. Rated PG; 117 minutes.

Happy New Year
John’s Island Regional Library from 1-2 p.m.
Ring in 2017 with crafts, confetti, snacks and a countdown. Party hats included.

Arts and Crafts with Ms. Grace (all ages)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 1:30-3 p.m.
Craft with help from Ms. Grace.

Reel Heroes and She-roes
Cooper River Memorial Library at 3 p.m. 
The Secret Life of Pets. Rated PG; 90 minutes.

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9, 23 AND 30
After-School Club
Folly Beach Library at 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy snacks, homework help and fun activities.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Afterschool Club (ages 6-11)
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy cool toys, art activities, music and movement.

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 10 AND 24
Reading with Rommie (ages 11 and younger)
James Island Branch Library at 3 p.m.
Help your child improve literacy and communication skills by reading to Rommie, a STAR therapy dog.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
Full STEAM Ahead: ArtBots
Main Library at 3:30 p.m.
Create your own ArtBot, a moving robot that buzzes, spins and twirls to make colorful patterns.

Afterschool Cool: Pom Pom Painting (ages 4-11)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 4 p.m.
Create a masterpiece with pom poms and paint.

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18 AND 25
Game On!
Main Library from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Challenge family and friends to Minecraft using “creative mode,” Wii and board games.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
Reading with Rommie and Friends
Main Library at 3:30 p.m.
Help your child improve literacy and communication skills by reading to STAR therapy dogs.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
Saturday Movie and Craft (children)
Folly Beach Library at 10 a.m.
Watch Alice Through the Looking Glass, eat popcorn, and make a fun craft. Rated PG; 113 minutes.

Snowman Craft and Storytime
Village Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
Create a snowman, and listen to magical stories about wintertime wonders.

STAR Therapy Dogs (ages 11 and younger)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 10:30 a.m.
Make a furry friend, and read a book with your new pal. Certified therapy dogs and their handlers love a good story.

Second Saturday Storytime (all ages)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library at 10:30 a.m.
Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft.

STAR Therapy Dogs (children)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
Share books with a furry friend.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow
McClellanville Branch Library at 11 a.m.
Read a book about snow, and make a snowy picture.

Cinema Saturday
John L. Dart Library at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Finding Dory. Rated PG; 97 minutes.

25th Anniversary Party (all ages)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 12-2 p.m.
Reminisce, and enjoy cake during a celebration of Mt. Pleasant Regional Library’s 25th anniversary.

Saturday Movie
John’s Island Regional Library at 2 p.m.
Finding Dory. Rated PG; 102 minutes, Sponsored by The UPS Store, 3575 Maybank Hwy. John’s Island, SC 29455.

I Have a Dream Art Activity
Cooper River Memorial Library at 3 p.m.
Create a picture of your dream for America. Materials provided.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
Afterschool Club (ages 6-11)
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy cool toys, art activities, music and movement.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
Winter Wonderland (ages 12 and younger)
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 10:30 a.m.
Explore the winter season with sensory-based activities and literacy-based crafts.

Afterschool Cool: Green Thumbs (ages 4-11)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 4 p.m.
Learn about nature, and make something cool with the Tri-County Clemson Master Gardeners.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
Preschool Special: Winter Wonderland
Main Library at 1 p.m.
Visit a winter wonderland for great stories, a tasty treat and a fun craft.

Riddles, Puzzles and Problem Solvers (ages 9-12)
John’s Island Regional Library from 3-4 p.m.
Solve riddles and hands-on puzzles for prizes.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
Afternoon Adventures: Green Thumbs
Main Library at 3:30 p.m.
Do you dig gardening? Join the Tri-County Clemson Master Gardeners to learn about nature, and make a winter-themed craft.

Building Bots: littleBits (ages 7-12)
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 4 p.m.
littleBits are easy-to-use electronic building blocks that empower children to invent anything from a remote controlled car to a smart home device. The Bits snap together with magnets; so soldering, wiring and programming are not needed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
Cuentos y Canciones: Bilingual Storytime
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy stories and songs in English and Spanish.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
Lego Club (ages 11 and younger)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 10:30 a.m.
We supply the Legos; you supply the imagination.

Mitten Crazy (children)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
Make a cheerful mitten garland to decorate your room.

STAR Therapy Dogs (all ages)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Make a furry friend, and read a book with your new pal.

Cozy Crafting
McClellanville Branch Library at 11 a.m.
Make crafts inside, and stay warm.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Edisto Branch Library at 11:30 a.m.
Read a story about Dr. King, and make a craft.

Library Reel (all ages)
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 12:30 p.m.
Finding Dory. Rated PG; 103 minutes.

Sigma Saturday (families)
John L. Dart Library at 1 p.m.
Enjoy a carpentry workshop with members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Saturday Movie (all ages)
West Ashley Branch Library at 2 p.m.
Disney’s Planes. Rated PG; 92 minutes.

Reel Heroes and She-roes
Cooper River Memorial Library at 3 p.m.
The BFG. Rated PG; 117 minutes.

Thomas Time (ages 3-8 with adult)
John’s Island Regional Library from 3-4 p.m.
All aboard the train to the island of Sodor for games and crafts.
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

*Afterschool Club (ages 6-11)*
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy cool toys, art activities, music and movement.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

*I Make a Difference Storytime and Craft*
Cooper River Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m.
Listen to stories about inspirational African-American leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Movie and Munchies*
Main Library at 3:30 p.m.
*Finding Dory.* Rated PG; 103 minutes.

*CD Magic (ages 11 and younger)*
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 4 p.m.
Create a cool craft with old CDs.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

*Lego Movie Maker*
Main Library at 3:30 p.m.
Build with Legos, then tell a story through Lego stop-motion animations. Have fun while you shoot, edit, and score your movie with music.

*Building Bots: Snap Circuits (ages 7-12)*
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 4 p.m.
Snap Circuits make learning about electronics fun and easy as kids follow colorful pictures in manuals and build exciting projects that snap together.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

*Let it Snow (children)*
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
Make a snow globe picture with finger paint.

*Chinese New Year Stories and Craft*
Village Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
Explore the meaning of the Chinese New Year, and make an animal craft to celebrate a cultural tradition.

*Fairy Tale Ball*
Main Library at 11 a.m.
Dress in your finest gown, suit of armor or character costume for a morning of fantasy and magic. Meet real princesses, battle terrifying dragons, dance your heart out, create magical crafts, and enjoy a royal feast at the Fairy Tale Ball.

*Year of the Rooster*
McClellanville Branch Library at 11 a.m.
Celebrate Chinese New Year. Learn “I Had a Little Rooster” and other silly songs.

*Stories and a Craft (ages 11 and younger)*
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 11 a.m.
Listen to stories, and make a cool craft to take home.

*Unplugged Afternoon (grades K-5)*
John L. Dart Library at 1 p.m.
Build and play with K’nex, Legos and games.

*Lego Club (ages 4-11)*
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 2-3:30 p.m.
Build with library Legos.

*Family Finger Painting Fun*
Cooper River Memorial Library at 3 p.m.
Get creative with a family craft; completed paintings will be displayed in the library.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

*Afterschool Club (ages 6-11)*
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4:30 p.m.
Enjoy cool toys, art activities, music and movement.

**Teen Events**

**THROUGHOUT JANUARY**

*Seventh Annual Black History Essay Contest*
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library
The essay contest is open to all Charleston area students in grades 6-12. One winner will be chosen from middle and high school to receive a prize package. Entries must be submitted by February 28, and the winner will be notified March 13. Visit the Reference Desk for additional details.

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 4, 11, 18 AND 25**

*Web Wednesday*
Main Library, Teen Lounge from 3:30-4 p.m.
Check out a short collection of the latest and greatest viral videos and websites.

**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12 AND 26**

*Teen Café*
Main Library, Teen Lounge from 3:30-5 p.m.
Enjoy snacks and games after school.

**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12, 19 AND 26**

*Game On (ages 10-18)*
John L. Dart Library from 3:30-5 p.m.
Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of gaming. Choose from board games and interactive video games.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**

*Club Anime!*
John’s Island Regional Library from 3-4:30 p.m.
Watch episodes of *Princess Jellyfish*.

**MONDAY, JAN. 9-FRIDAY, JAN. 20**

*Teens Share Resolutions*
West Ashley Branch Library
Share one of your New Year’s Resolutions to receive a sweet treat.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

*TeenSpot Movie Monday*
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 3:30 p.m.
*Central Intelligence.* Rated PG-13; 114 minutes.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10**

*Teen Movie Time*
John’s Island Regional Library from 3:30-5:35 p.m.
*Warcraft.* Rated PG-13; 123 minutes.

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18 AND 25**

*Teen Wil Time*
John’s Island Regional Library from 3:30-5 p.m.
Play Wii games in the Auditorium.
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

**Lounge at the Library**
Dorchester Road Regional Library from 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Hang out with friends, and play games. Feel free to bring a snack.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

**After-School Teen Movie**
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4 p.m.
*Freedom Writers.* Rated PG; 126 minutes.

**Club Anime!**
John’s Island Regional Library from 4:30-6 p.m.
Watch episodes of Okami-san and Her Seven Companions.

**Planning to Pay for College (teens and adults)**
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Learn about college funding with Steven Turner of College Planning U.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

**Teen Movie Time**
John’s Island Regional Library from 3:30-5:20 p.m.
*Final Fantasy XV: Kingsglaive.* Rated PG-13; 110 minutes.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**Wednesday Movie**
John L. Dart Library at 3:30 p.m.
*Star Trek Beyond.* Rated PG-13; 122 minutes.

**TeenSpot Pizza and Pages**
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 3:30 p.m.
Chat about books, play word games, eat pizza and win prizes. Bring a copy of a book you are reading, and be prepared to share a review.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

**Putt Putt in the Shelves**
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4 p.m.
Play the back nine in the shelves to win prizes.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

**Teen Movie Time**
John’s Island Regional Library from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
*Ghostbusters (2016).* Rated PG-13; 116 minutes.

**After-School Clock Making**
Cooper River Memorial Library at 4 p.m.
Make a CD clock. Registration is limited to 10 attendees; sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Celebrate Chinese New Year**
Dorchester Road Regional Library from 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Make a craft, and enjoy refreshments during an early Chinese New Year celebration.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

**YA Movie**
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 12:30 p.m.
*The Legend of Tarzan.* Rated PG-13; 109 minutes.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

**Teen Movie Time**
John’s Island Regional Library from 3:30-5 p.m.
*Lights Out.* Rated PG-13; 81 minutes.

**THROUGHOUT JANUARY**

**Tech Help: Book-a-Librarian**
- Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library
- John’s Island Regional Library
- Mt. Pleasant Regional Library
Have a technology question? Need help formatting your resume or completing a job application? Want to learn how to use the library’s downloadable media on your tablet, phone, e-reader or laptop? Call the branch to make an appointment with a librarian for a 30-minute one-on-one session. Registration required.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

**An Introduction to Yoga and Meditation**
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 6:30-8 p.m.
Enjoy an hour of Vinyasa yoga to increase flexibility, improve balance and promote health, followed by a relaxing 30-minute guided meditation. Presented by Healing Tree Holistic Health and Yoga; participants are encouraged to bring water and their own mat.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

**Small Business Counseling with SCORE (adults)**
John’s Island Regional Library from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Receive free, confidential counseling for your start-up idea or existing business from members of the Charleston Coastal Chapter of SCORE.

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 4, 11, 18 AND 25**

**Knitting on the Edge (adults)**
Folly Beach Library at 6 p.m.
Bring a knit or crochet project to work on, and share ideas with others.

**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 5 AND 19**

**College Admission Assistance**
John’s Island Regional Library from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Adults interested in pursuing a GED, certificate, diploma, associate degree or bachelor’s degree at any U.S. college are encouraged to attend an information session with representatives from the Educational Opportunity Center. Attendees will learn about college admission, financial aid and career counseling assistance offered by the EOC.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

**West Ashley Quilting Group (adults)**
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 5 p.m.
Meet fellow quilters, and share ideas for your next project.

**Knit and Purl: A Casual Knitting Group (adults)**
John’s Island Regional Library from 5-6:30 p.m.
Bring your knitting materials, and knit with fellow crafters. All skill levels welcome.
THURSDAYS, JANUARY 5, 12 AND 26
Mah Jong Nights (adults)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 5:30 p.m.
Learn to play this fun and fast-paced game.

FRIDAYS, JANUARY 6, 13, 20 AND 27
Affordable Care Act Assistance (adults)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Need health insurance and want to compare insurance options? Sign up for Affordable Care Act (ACA) health plans and subsidies, and receive personalized, expert advice from federally-certified Palmetto Project representatives. Call 1-888-998-4646 for an appointment.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7
Tiny Tassel Handmade Jewelry (families)
John L. Dart Library at 11 a.m.
Meet Mimi Striplin, the owner of Tiny Tassel, a handmade jewelry business. Learn how she became an entrepreneur, and make a tassel charm to keep. Registration recommended; supplies limited.

Lowcountry Creative Writing Group (adults)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 1 p.m.
Write and network with other writers.

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 21 AND 28
Harry Potter VIII Read-Aloud Series (teens and adults)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 12:30 p.m.
Can’t get tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child in London? Revisit Harry’s wizarding world during weekly installments of this read-aloud series.

MONDAYS, JANUARY 9, 23 AND 30
Memoir Writing Circle (adults)
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.
Come, write, and share your stories for fun and feedback.

Affordable Care Act Assistance (adults)
John’s Island Regional Library from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Need health insurance and want to compare insurance options? Sign up for Affordable Care Act (ACA) health plans and subsidies, and receive personalized, expert advice from federally-certified Palmetto Project representatives. Call 1-888-998-4646 for an appointment.

Programming Fundamentals
Main Library from 6:15-7:30 p.m.
Join a collaborative class that covers core programming elements with Python language, and learn real-world examples of functions, objects, classes, lists and tuples, loops, sets, conditionals and error handling concepts. A valid CCPL card and attendance during the first class are required to attend future sessions. No prior programming experience is necessary. Registration begins December 31; call 843-805-6885 to register.

Knit and Stitch
West Ashley Branch Library at 6:30 p.m.
Want to know more about knitting or share your knowledge? Bring your knitting supplies, and knit with friends. This group is for all skill levels.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Photo Talk
Main Library Auditorium from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Learn about the art of photography. For more information, contact Ron Rocz at ronroczphoto@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
S.C. History Series presents The Grand Skedaddle:
Refugee Conditions in Civil War South Carolina
John’s Island Regional Library at 10:15 a.m.
The movement of Federal troops through S.C. during the years 1861-1865 displaced thousands of people and disrupted traditional food production and distribution networks. As the war raged on, many people struggled to find the basic necessities of life. Join CCPL’s historian, Dr. Nic Butler, for a discussion of the civilian conditions related to the state’s largest refugee crisis.

One80 Place Outreach
Main Library, Reference Area from 1-5 p.m.
Join representatives from One80 Place to learn about available assistance. The organization provides food, shelter and hope to end homelessness and hunger one person at a time.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
Business Owners’ Roundtable Meeting
Main Library from 9-11 a.m.
SCORE will host a round-table discussion for business owners and CEOs who have been in business a year or more. Take advantage of this great opportunity to network with peers, share ideas, and discuss the challenges that face small businesses in Charleston.

Winter Walk around the Library (adults)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library from 1-2 p.m.
Enjoy a guided nature walk around the library, identify birds and insects, and observe cold weather adaptations. Supervised children over age 10 are welcome.

Mah Jongg the American Way (adults)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 2-4 p.m.
Join other Mah Jongg enthusiasts for an afternoon of enjoyable play.

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18 AND 25
English Conversation Club (adults)
Dorchester Road Regional Library from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Practice speaking English with a small group. Beginners to advanced learners are welcome.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
Digital Drop-in: Gadget Help (adults)
Cooper River Memorial Library at 10:30 a.m.
Receive help with your new gadgets from CCPL Tech Team representatives.

Film Movement
Main Library Auditorium at 6 p.m.
Mad Tiger. Not rated; 82 minutes.

Hamilton and John Laurens: A Closer Look
Main Library Auditorium at 6 p.m.
Charlestonian John Laurens is Alexander’s bosom buddy in the hit musical Hamilton, but there’s more to the story than audiences realize. Join CCPL’s historian, Dr. Nic Butler, for a look at their wartime friendship and Laurens’s remarkable activities during the American Revolution.

Planning to Pay for College (teens and adults)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Learn about college funding with Steven Turner of College Planning U.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
Race Relations Film Marathon (teens and adults)
Dorchester Road Regional Library from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
10:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. To kill a Mockingbird. Not rated.
3:30-5:40 p.m. Selma (2014). Rated PG-13

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
Knit and Stitch (adults)
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 3 p.m.
Bring a knit or crochet project to work on.

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 17, 24 and 31
THURSDAYS, JANUARY 19 AND 26
Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 2-4 p.m.
The foreign policy discussion group returns for a new year of hot topics. Each week, read the briefing book for background information, then join one or both discussion groups:
January 17 and January 19: The Future of Europe
January 24 and January 26: Trade and Politics
January 31 and February 2: Conflict in the South China Sea
For more information, email MtpReference@ccpl.org

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
Introduction to Seeking Grants
Main Library from 12-1 p.m.
Foundation Center Resources Area, Second Floor
Explore the grants database, learn basic and advanced search functions, and research foundation profiles.

Knit and Purl: A Casual Knitting Group (adults)
John’s Island Regional Library from 5-6:30 p.m.
Bring knitting materials, and knit with fellow crafters. All skill levels welcome.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
MET Opera Live! in HD
Main Library at 1 p.m.
Giuseppe Verdi: Nabucco
The legendary Plácido Domingo brings another new baritone role to the Met under the baton of his longtime collaborator James Levine. Liudmyla Monastyrska is Abigaille, the warrior woman determined to rule empires, and Jamie Barton is the heroic Fenena.

Emerging Author Drop-In (all ages)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 2-4 p.m.
Meet emerging authors, listen to their stories, and enjoy refreshments. Books will be available to purchase, and a portion of proceeds will benefit the Charleston Friends of the Library. Contact the Reference Desk for the author lineup. Writers interested in joining the next quarterly drop-in should email MtpReference@ccpl.org.

Adopt a Matinee
Cooper River Memorial Library at 3:30 p.m.
Selma. Rated PG-13; 122 minutes.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23
Coffee and Conversation (adults)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 10-11 a.m.
Socialize with other seniors, and enjoy coffee and a breakfast treat.

Moms’ Afternoon Meet and Greet
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 1:30 p.m.
Stop by with your little ones for playtime, coffee and socializing.

Indie Lens Pop-Up: The Bad Kids (teens and adults)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 2-3:30 p.m.
Located in an impoverished Mojave Desert, Black Rock Continuation High School is an alternative school for students at risk of dropping out. Every student has fallen so far behind in credits that they have no hope of earning a diploma at a traditional high school, and Black Rock is their last chance. Extraordinary educators believe that empathy and life skills, more than academics, give these underserved students command of their own futures. This coming-of-age story watches education combat the crippling effects of poverty in the lives of these so-called “bad kids.” Not rated.

Prepare for Jobs with Volvo and Mercedes (adults)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Charleston’s employment market is booming, and Volvo and Mercedes plan to open facilities in the area. Learn how to prepare for employment opportunities, and receive answers to questions about the GED and Work Keys from representatives of Trident Technical College and Charleston Adult Education.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
One80 Place Outreach
Main Library, Reference Area from 1-5 p.m.
Join representatives from One80 Place to learn about available assistance. The organization provides food, shelter and hope to end homelessness and hunger one person at a time.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
Introduction to Islam
John’s Island Regional Library at 11 a.m.
What is Islam? Who was the Prophet Mohammed, and what are the duties of a Muslim? Learn about the Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, and the Hadith, an integral part of Shari’a law; and discover what they say about social issues, including women’s rights. Presented by Penny B. Travis, Ph.D.

Round Table Discussion with Councilwoman Johnson
John’s Island Regional Library at 12:30 p.m.
Discuss concerns and issues with Councilwoman Anna Johnson of Charleston County District 8.

Mah Jongg the American Way (adults)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 2-4 p.m.
Join other enthusiasts for an afternoon of play.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
Entertainment on the Web (adults)
Hurd/St. Andrews Regional Library at 6 p.m.
Ready to ditch cable TV? Learn how to maximize entertainment opportunities with web resources.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
Lowcountry Creative Writing Forum (all ages)
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Write and network with other writers.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
The Language of Libations in Early Charleston
Main Library Auditorium at 6 p.m.
Before clean water became available a century ago, Charlestonians of all ages drank a wide variety of alcoholic beverages every day. Join CCPL’s historian, Dr. Nic Butler, for a light-hearted overview of the essential vocabulary related to the consumption of beer, wines, spirits and cordials in early Charleston.
CCPL Calendar of Events

**Book Discussions**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**  
**Edisto Book Club**  
Edisto Branch Library at 3 p.m.  
*I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

**Not Fiction Book Discussion**  
Main Library at 6:30 p.m.  
*The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt’s New World* by Andrea Wulf

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**Monday Book Discussion (adults)**  
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
*The Circle* by Dave Eggers

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**  
**Read Anything Book Club (adults)**  
Mt. Pleasant Regional Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Read and share books you enjoy with other Charleston book lovers.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**Folly Beach Book Club (adults)**  
Folly Beach Library at 2:30 p.m.  
*Elsewhere* by Richard Russo

**Great Books Discussion**  
Main Library at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room B  
“Ode 3.2” by Horace and “Dulce et Decorum Est” by Wilfred Owen found in *Counterparts*. Contact 843-805-6904 for the anthology and more details.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**  
**Urban Book Club**  
Cooper River Memorial Library at 3 p.m.  
*Something on the Side* by Carl Weber

**Special Event**

**THROUGHOUT JANUARY**  
**Saul Alexander Gallery Exhibit**  
Main Library  
*Dog (and a Pony) Show* by Kelly Bozarth  
*Dog (and a Pony) Show* is a series of animal portraits that offer a playful look at the personality of man’s best friend. Each painting tells a different story and incorporates layers of detail on subjects that range from a pair of German Shorthaired Pointer sisters to a seafaring Boston Terrier with a bad attitude.

**Painting Exhibit**  
John’s Island Regional Library  
Lynn Mizell displays her watercolor painting of birds, marsh scenes and the Lowcountry.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**  
**Sea Islands Book Club (adults)**  
John’s Island Regional Library at 2 p.m.  
*The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan* by Jenny Norberg

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**  
**Circulo Hispano Americano of Charleston Book Club**  
Main Library, Meeting Room A from 6-7:30 p.m.  
Join a monthly Spanish language book club, open to all. The featured book this month is *El general en su laberinto* by Gabriel García Marquez.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**  
**Not Fiction Book Discussion**  
West Ashley Branch Library at 11 a.m.  
*The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt’s New World* by Andrea Wulf

**Dart After Dark Book Club**  
John L. Dart Library at 6:15 p.m.  
*Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**  
**Bring Your Own Book Club**  
St. Paul’s/Hollywood Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.  
Bring a recent or favorite read, and enjoy coffee and great discussion. Call 843-889-3300 for more information.

**Beach Lovers Book Club (adults)**  
Poe/Sullivan’s Island Branch Library at 10:30 a.m.  
*The Last Midwife* by Sandra Dallas

**eBook Club Discussion (adults)**  
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 2 p.m.  
*Washington and Hamilton: The Alliance that Forged America* by Tony Williams

**Adult Book Discussion**  
Dorchester Road Regional Library at 3 p.m.  
*Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**  
**Fairy Tale Ball**  
Main Library at 11 a.m.  
Dress in your finest gown, suit of armor or character costume for a morning of fantasy and magic. Meet real princesses, battle terrifying dragons, dance your heart out, create magical crafts, and enjoy a royal feast at the Fairy Tale Ball.
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|                               | John's Island Regional Library: Mondays, January 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m. |
|                               | Main Library: Mondays, January 23 and 30 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.          |
|                               | Mt. Pleasant Regional Library: Wednesday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.      |
|                               | West Ashley Library: Tuesdays, January 24 and 31 at 10:30 a.m.          |
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|                               | James Island Library: Wednesday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m.                |
|                               | Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 years with adult):                         |
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|                               | James Island Library: Mondays, January 9 and 23 at 10:30 a.m.            |
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|                               | West Ashley Library: Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10:30 a.m. |
COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS

Getting Started with Computers
Main Library
Wednesday, January 4 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins December 28

Dorchester Road Regional Library
Tuesday, January 10 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 3

Using the Mouse and Keyboard
Main Library
Wednesday, January 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins January 4

Dorchester Road Regional Library
Tuesday, January 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 10

Working with Windows
Main Library
Wednesday, January 18 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins January 11

Dorchester Road Regional Library
Tuesday, January 24 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 17

Creating and Organizing Files
Main Library
Wednesday, January 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins January 18

Dorchester Road Regional Library
Tuesday, January 31 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 24

WEB ESSENTIALS

Searching the Web
Main Library
Saturday, January 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins December 31

Finding Popular Sites and Apps
Main Library
Saturday, January 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins January 7

Exploring Email and Contacts
Main Library
Saturday, January 21 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins January 14

Staying Safe Online
Main Library
Saturday, January 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins January 21

PICTURE POINTERS

Managing Your Photos
Main Library
Tuesday, January 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 17

Editing and Sharing Photos
Main Library
Tuesday, January 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 24

BASIC OFFICE 2016

Basic Word 2016
John’s Island Regional Library
Tuesday, January 10 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration begins January 3

Hurd St. Andrews Regional Library
Thursday, January 12 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 5

Basic Excel 2016
John’s Island Regional Library
Tuesday, January 17 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration begins January 10

Hurd St. Andrews Regional Library
Thursday, January 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 12

Basic PowerPoint 2016
John’s Island Regional Library
Tuesday, January 24 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration begins January 17

Hurd St. Andrews Regional Library
Thursday, January 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 12

Basic Publisher 2016
John’s Island Regional Library
Tuesday, January 31 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration begins January 24
20 Tips for Your Windows 10 Computer
Bring your laptop (or come and watch), and take a look at Windows' newest upgrade. Learn how to customize your settings, explore some of the latest features, and discover some helpful shortcuts. Registration is not required.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Thursday, January 5 from 6-7:30 p.m.

John’s Island Regional Library
Wednesday, January 18 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Digital Drop-In
Do you need a little help with your new laptop, phone or tablet? Would you like to see some popular laptop and tablet options before making a purchase? Drop in and play with our “tech toy box,” or see a Tech Team member for assistance with your own device. Registration is not required. First come, first served. Additional appointments may be necessary.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Tuesday, January 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Cooper River Memorial Library
Thursday, January 12 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

20 Tips for Your iPhone or iPad
Bring your iPhone or iPad (or come and watch), and practice 20 tips every iOS owner should know. Registration is not required.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Thursday, January 12 from 6-7:30 p.m.

eBooks and Audiobooks at CCPL
Get an overview of CCPL’s eBook and audiobook collection, and practice using www.ccpl.org and related apps to check out books from OverDrive, OneClickdigital and Hoopla. Review the lending restrictions and additional features, as well.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Tuesday, January 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.

20 Tips for Your Android Phone or Tablet
Bring your Android tablet or smartphone (or come and watch), and practice 20 tips every Android owner should know. Registration is not required.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Thursday, January 19 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Skype Me!
Do you have a computer with a webcam and Internet access? If so, you can use Skype to chat live with family and friends. Learn about this free video-calling site, and practice having a live chat. We’ll talk about some competitor products like FaceTime and Google Hangouts, too.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Thursday, January 26 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Programming Fundamentals
Join a collaborative class that covers core programming elements with Python language, and learn real-world examples of functions, objects, classes, lists and tuples, loops, sets, conditionals and error handling concepts. A valid CCPL card and attendance in the first class are required to attend future sessions. No prior programming experience is necessary. Registration begins December 31; call 843-805-6885 to register.

Main Library, Second Floor Classroom
Mondays, January 9, 23 and 30 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Tech Help: Book-a-Librarian
Have a technology question? Need help formatting your resume or completing a job application? Want to learn how to use the library’s downloadable media on your tablet, phone, eReader or laptop? Call the reference department at 843-849-6161, and make an appointment with a librarian for a 30-minute face-to-face session.

Mt. Pleasant Regional Library
Throughout January and February
THOMAS & FRIENDS

PLAY DAY WITH THOMAS THE TRAIN
(ages 3-8 with caregiver)
Saturday, January 21 from 3-4 p.m.
All aboard the train to the island of Sodor for games and crafts.
Light refreshments provided.

John’s Island Regional Library
3531 Maybank Highway, John’s Island, SC

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Charleston County Public Library
Library Locations and Hours

Main: 68 Calhoun St. 29401
(843)805-6930 Mon.-Thur. 9-8; Fri.-Sat. 9-6; Sun. 2-5

Cooper River Memorial: 3503 Rivers Ave. 29405
(843)744-2489 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

John L. Dart: 1067 King St. 29403
(843)722-7550 Mon.-Sat. 10-6

Dorchester Road: 6325 Dorchester Rd. 29418
(843)552-6466 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

Edisto: 1589 Hwy. 174 29438
(843)869-2355 Mon. 10-6; Tue./Fri. 2-6; Thu. 12-6; Sat. 10-2

Folly Beach: 55 Center St. 29439
(843)588-2001 Mon./Fri. 10-6; Wed. 12-8; 2nd Sat. of month 10-2

Hurd/St. Andrews: 1735 N. Woodmere Dr. 29407
(843)766-2546 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

James Island: 1248 Camp Rd. 29412
(843)795-6679 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

John’s Island: 3531 Maybank Hwy. 29455
(843)559-1945 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

McClellanville: 222 Baker St. 29458
(843)887-3699 Mon. 2-6; Tue./Thur.-Fri. 9:30-1 & 2-6; Sat. 9:30-2

Mt. Pleasant: 1133 Mathis Ferry Rd. 29464
(843)849-6161 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

Otranto Road: 2261 Otranto Rd. 29406
(843)572-4094 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6

Poe/Sullivan’s Island: 1921 I’on Ave. 29482
(843)883-3914 Mon./Fri. 10-6; Tue./Sat. 10-2; Thu. 2-8

St. Paul’s/Hollywood: 5151 Town Council Dr. 29449
(843)889-3300 Mon./Tue./Fri. 10-6; Thu. 12-8; Sat. 10-2

Village: 430 Whilden St. 29464
(843)884-9741 Mon./Tue./Fri. 10-6; Thu. 12-8; Sat. 10-2

West Ashley: 45 Windermere Blvd. 29407
(843)766-6635 Mon.-Thur. 10-8; Fri.-Sat. 10-6