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## **What's Happening in Suffolk This Week**

### **Monday, February 12**

#### *Mo Willems' Day*

Celebrate Mo Willems' Birthday with a very Mo Storytime event on Monday, February 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library. For more information, call 757-514-7323.

### **Monday, February 12**

#### *Pop-Up Library at the East Suffolk Recreation Center*

The Pop-Up Library brings materials for children, teens, and adults and provides library services including reserves, library cards, and digital services. Check out books, use an iPad, connect with free Wi-Fi, and more! The Pop-Up Library will be at the East Suffolk Recreation Center on Monday, February 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com) for more information.

### **Monday, February 12**

#### *Library2Go at Cypress Manor/Parker Riddick Apartments*

The Library2Go brings materials for children, teens, and adults and provides library services. They will be at Cypress Manor/Parker Riddick Apartments on Monday, February 12 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Log onto the free WiFi, ask for a technology demonstration, check out a book, participate in a children's activity, and more!

### **Monday, February 12**

### *Battle of the Books Book Talk*

Interested in joining Battle of the Books? Then come out on Monday, February 12 to the North Suffolk Library from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Each month this group will focus on one of the chosen Battle of the Books books. Participants will read together as well as on their own time. Each meeting we will discuss what we have read and prep for those challenging Battle of the Books questions. Registration is required. Call 757-514-7323 to register.

### **Monday, February 12**

#### *LEGO Club*

LEGO Club is growing and bulking up. Test your building skills – use LEGO's and other building materials to create cool stuff on Monday, February 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Chuckatuck Library, 5881 Godwin Blvd. This program is for children ages 6 to 12; children younger than 6 may attend if accompanied by an adult. For additional information, call 757-514-7323

### **Monday, February 12**

#### *Mixxed Fit*

Mixxed Fit incorporates boot-camp inspired exercises to make the workout more effective and challenging. All fitness levels are encouraged to participate in this dynamic class on Monday, February 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443, West Washington Street. This class features a contemporary playlist while getting you into shape. Individual registration is not required; space is limited to 14 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 757-514-7323

## **Monday, February 12**

### *Philanthropic Fun at the Library*

Back by popular demand! Come to this series to earn volunteer hours for school or just feel great helping others! At this series we'll be creating craft kits for hospitalized children to complete, making welcome home signs for Habitat for Humanity, making blessing bags for Meals on Wheels, and more! Come out for a great cause and socialize with other teens with snacks at the North Suffolk Library on Monday, February 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, February 13 and Wednesday, February 14**

### *Baby Tots Combo and Tiny Tots*

The *Babies Tots Combo Class* is a combo storytime that includes books, songs, rhymes, and more for ages up to 24 months. Join us on Tuesday, February 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street.

*Tiny Tots*, a storytime for ages 12 to 24 months, will be held at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14. For more information, call 757-514-7323.

## **Tuesday, February 13**

### *Itsy Bitsy Babies*

Itsy Bitsy Babies is a program featuring songs, rhymes, bounces and more for babies ages up to 12 months and their caregivers. Join us at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, on Tuesday, February 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information, call 757-514-7323.

## **Tuesday, February 13 and Wednesday, February 14**

### *Toddler Time*

The Suffolk Public Library is offering *Toddler Time*, a program designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years, which includes stories, songs and activities designed for toddlers. The Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, and the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, will host *Toddler Time* from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. each day.

## **Tuesday, February 13 and Wednesday, February 14**

### *Storytime Stay and Play*

Storytime Stay and Play is an early based literacy storytime followed by extension activities and play. This program will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library, 2000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, on Tuesday, February 13 and at the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Wednesday, February 14. For more information, call 757.514.7323.

## **Tuesday, February 13**

### *Afternoon Conversations: Virginia Historic Landmark Booker T. Washington High School*

Mrs. Julia Bradley, historian for the Booker T. Washington Alumni Association and person responsible for getting the original location of Booker T. Washington High School listed as a historic site and placement of the state marker, will talk about the history of the school, on Tuesday, February 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library. Booker T. Washington High School was Suffolk's first public high school for African American children.

**Tuesday, February 13***Homeschool Hub*

Homeschooling families are invited to the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Tuesday, February 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for a special hands-on event that will include various activities to enrich your curriculum. For more information, call 757-514-7323.

**Tuesday, February 13***LEGO Club*

LEGO Club is growing and bulking up. Test your building skills – use LEGO's and other building materials to create cool stuff on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Morgan Memorial Library. This program is for children ages 6 to 12; children younger than 6 may attend if accompanied by an adult. For additional information, call 757-514-7323.

**Tuesday, February 13***Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention*

Reap the benefits of Tai Chi on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., at the North Suffolk Library. Reclaim your health and balance with this traditional Chinese martial art. Instructor Denise Brown will lead the class which is open to all skill levels and abilities. Registration required; visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com).

**Tuesday, February 13***Suffolk Speaks Open Recording*

Join us at the North Suffolk Library, on Tuesday, February 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for *Suffolk Speaks Open Recording*. Everyone has a story. What's yours? Suffolk Speaks, Suffolk Public Library's oral history project, gives people who have lived, worked, and played in Suffolk an opportunity to share their memories, impressions, and stories. Every month we will offer an open recording session for people who want to add their Suffolk story to our oral history collection. All stories are made available to the public on the library's website. Recordings may take the form of an interview, conversation, or story. For more information, call 757-514-7323.

**Wednesday, February 14***Valentine's Day Craft*

Join us at any one of our libraries (Chuckatuck, North Suffolk, or Morgan Memorial) on Wednesday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to complete a Valentine's Day craft before and after storytimes.

**Wednesday, February 14***Sweetheart Ball*

Suffolk Parks & Recreation will host the Active Adult Sweetheart Ball for those 55 years and older on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront, 100 East Constance Road. Come dressed to impress in your favorite gown, tuxedo, or suit and celebrate the day of love with great entertainment, food, fun, and friends! Cost is \$10/person. Call 757-514-7267 to register.

### **Wednesday, February 14**

#### *My Storytime*

Bring your children ages up to 5 years to the Chuckatuck Library, 5881 Godwin Boulevard, on Wednesday, February 14 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for an early literacy-based storytime filled with stories, songs, rhymes, and more! For more information, call 757-514-7323.

### **Wednesday, February 14**

#### *Library2Go at Autumn Ridge Apartments*

The Library2Go brings materials for children, teens, and adults and provides library services. They will be at Autumn Ridge Apartments on Wednesday, February 14 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Log onto the free WiFi, ask for a technology demonstration, check out a book, participate in a children's activity, and more!

### **Wednesday, February 14**

#### *So Let's Sew--Hand Sewing Crafts*

Tonight we will participate in Random Acts of Kindness Week. When we are kind, it creates a beautiful ripple effect and causes others to be kind. The project will be to create crayon pouches to be given with coloring books to children in need. The library will arrange to deliver the items to a shelter. We will use felt, yarn, rickrack and ribbon. This program is for 6-11 year olds and parents/adults are encouraged to participate by assisting their child. (Parent does not need to register themselves, only the child.) No sewing experience is needed. Bring your creative ideas to the North Suffolk Library on Wednesday, February 14 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Let's have fun learning basic sewing skills and doing a kind act.

## **Wednesday, February 14**

### *Teen Freestyle Challenge*

We've got the beats, you bring the flow! Test your free style rap or singing skills when we choose the theme and topic! The only rules are to have fun and keep your lyrics clean! Bring it on Wednesday, February 14 to the Morgan Memorial Library from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## **Thursday, February 15**

### *Moms on the Move*

Come to the Morgan Memorial Library, 443 West Washington Street, on Thursday, February 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for Moms on the Move. Moms will participate in healthy and safe fitness programs and receive information from area experts on a variety of topics from healthy eating habits for the family to implementing early literacy skills. Dress comfortably. Baby wearing welcome. A medical release form is required from any mom under 12 weeks partum. This week we will cover: Lactation Support and Self-Care with Allison Brown RN & National Board Certified Lactation Consultant, and Relax, Stretch, and Breathe with Becky Brown, City of Suffolk Employee Health and Wellness Coordinator.

## **Thursday, February 15**

### *Adaptive Storytime*

This is an adaptive storytime with crafts and other activities for adults and children of all abilities. The event takes place on Thursday, February 15 from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the North Suffolk Library.

## **Thursday, February 15**

### *Bingo Boogie*

Boogie on down to the library for bingo and music! Come ready to win because there will be prizes. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 18+ at the Morgan Memorial Library 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 15.

## **Thursday, February 15**

### *Black History Movie: Loving*

Come watch the movie *Loving*, on Thursday, February 15 at the Morgan Memorial Library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. about the history making interracial couple who fought Virginia's miscegenation laws, went to the Supreme Court, and won!

## **Thursday, February 15**

### *Coloring Club*

Relax and relieve stress with coloring pages, bubbly drinks (non-alcoholic), and friends. Open to all ages and abilities. Call 757-514-7150 for more information. The event takes place Thursday, February 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library.

## **Friday, February 16**

### *Pop-Up Library in the Salvation Army Parking Lot and at the Starbucks in Harbourview*

The Pop-Up Library brings materials for children, teens, and adults and provides library services including reserves, library cards, and digital services. Check out books, use an iPad, connect with free Wi-Fi, and more! The Pop-Up Library will be in the Salvation Army Parking Lot, 400 Bank St., on Friday, February 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and at the Starbucks in Harbour View, 5883 Harbour View Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit [www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com](http://www.SuffolkPublicLibrary.com) for more information.

**Friday, February 16***Little Scientists*

Investigate, experiment, and explore through hands-on STEM activities for ages 3-5 on Friday, February 16 at the Morgan Memorial Library from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Friday, February 16***Preschool Discovery Hour*

Drop in to explore different building and hands-on sensory activities! Ages 3-5 on Friday, February 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the North Suffolk Library.

**Saturday, February 17***Great Dismal Swamp Safari*

The Great Dismal Swamp is anything but dismal. The narrated Swamp Safari, one of Suffolk's most popular attractions, fills up quickly. This four-hour tour, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is led by a biologist specializing in the unique habitat of the Great Dismal. Learn about the history, lore, vegetation and wildlife with this adventure that includes a brief walk to Lake Drummond. Sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended. A small snack and beverage is provided. This tour is not recommended for very small children. Reservations are required and cancellations are expected no less than 48 hours prior to scheduled tour. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot. Cost is \$10 adults; \$8 seniors (60+), military, and children ages 3-12.

## **Saturday, February 17**

### *Historic Suffolk Narrated Bus Tour*

See Suffolk through the eyes of years gone by. Suffolk's rich heritage dates back to the early 17th century, when Captain John Smith first encountered the Nansemond Indians on the Nansemond River. Even now, you can trace Suffolk's legacy through our historic homes and neighborhoods, churches and Virginia Civil War Trails. Guided by a Suffolk historian, you meet the people and places that made Suffolk the city it is today from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Highlights of this windshield tour include Cedar Hill Cemetery, Riddick's Folly House Museum, Constant's Wharf, College Court and Suffolk's Historic Lakeside neighborhood. Departs from the Suffolk Visitor Center. Call 757-514-4130 to register. Cost is \$8 adults; \$6 seniors (60+), military, and children 9-12.

## **Saturday, February 17**

### *Cedar Hill Cemetery Stroll*

Cedar Hill Cemetery has long been an attraction for history buffs and even walking groups. The Suffolk Division of Tourism offers a guided stroll through the pleasant 32-acre cemetery, rich in history and natural beauty. The 90-minute daytime tour will offer unique insights into Suffolk's heritage as tour goes traverse the cedar-lined terrain dotted with timeworn headstones. Reservations are required and cancellations are expected no less than 48 hours prior to scheduled tour. Call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130 to reserve your spot. Special rates are available for groups of 12 or more. Cost is \$7 adults; \$5 seniors (60+), military. Not recommended for children under 12.

## **Saturday, February 17**

### *STEM Stories: The Snowy Day*

Explore STEM activities related to *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats. Ages 3-7 welcome. The event takes place at the North Suffolk Library from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 17.

## **Saturday, February 17**

### *History Talk and Exhibition with Mr. Therbia Parker: The Impact of Jim Crow*

Celebrate African American History month with Suffolk historian and lecturer, Therbia Parker. Parker will exhibit his collection of African American memorabilia and speak about the impact of Jim Crow. Mr. Parker will speak at both 11 am and 2 pm. At the Morgan Memorial Library.

## **Saturday, February 17**

### *Anime Club 2.0*

Calling all Otaku! Your anime club has just been upgraded! Besides catching the latest in anime, you will also make awesome anime-inspired crafts while chatting with fellow Otaku about your favorite anime. Pocky will be served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Suffolk Library.

## **Saturday, February 17**

### *Barks*

BARKS is a reading to therapy dogs program designed to help increase a child's confidence and reading skills. \*Please Note\* Depending on the number of participants and the number of therapy dogs available, participants may be asked to read to dogs

in shifts. The event will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 17 at the North Suffolk Library.

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

*Great Dismal Swamp Safari*

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