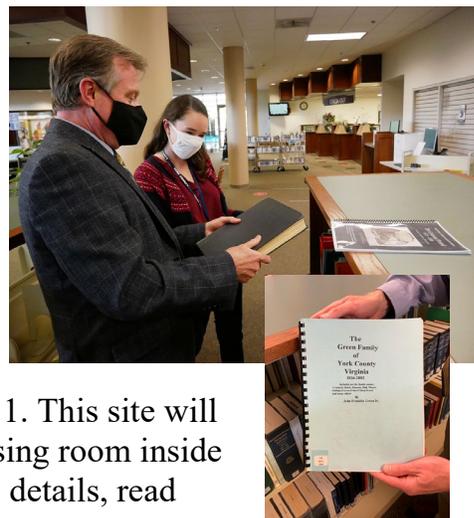




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Yorktown Library's Local History Collection Moving to Tabb Branch Temporarily during Closure, Expansion

The Yorktown Library is closing at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, for renovation and expansion. This construction project is adding 10,000 square feet of space and will provide updated spaces for events and programs, an updated children's wing and new story time room, a brand-new space just for teens, innovative technology workspaces, and private study rooms. In anticipation of the move, the Local History Collection that contains over 800 volumes and has been the go-to place for York County history and genealogy for many years, is being carefully packed up and moved temporarily to the Tabb Library, where it will be available to the public in early May. Once renovations are completed, the Local History Collection will return to Yorktown. The collection includes works from popular local historians such as Thelma Ironmonger Hansford, John Franklin Green, and David Stall. Other notable items include U.S. Census records dating back hundreds of years, York County deeds and wills, and various regimental histories. Many resources have been digitized and can be accessed online from the [library's internet archive](#). While the Yorktown branch is closed, limited services will be available at the Grafton Annex, 5751 George Washington Memorial Highway, the location of the former Fire Station 1. This site will offer curbside library pickup and a book drop, with a browsing room inside the building scheduled to open early August. For complete details, read today's [press release](#) and be sure to follow the Library's progress on [Facebook](#)! *(Shown in the pic are Library Director Kevin Smith and Library Assistant Jane Snyder inspecting items in the Local History Collection as they are being packed up and temporarily relocated to the Tabb Library.)*



Yorktown Prepares for Pirates as Beach Gets Ready for Warm Weather

Avast! This weekend the Pirates Invade Yorktown – Saturday AND Sunday – and offer demonstrations, sea shanty singalongs, pirate school and training, music, a puppet show a hunt for treasure, and more! On Saturday, the pirate-themed Market is from 8 to 3, with the pirates invading from 10 to 5. While the market is only on Saturday, the scallywags return on Sunday from 10 to 5. For a complete schedule of the fun, and to view and print the treasure map,



dance on over to [Visit Yorktown's website](#). And while you're at the waterfront, take a peek at the Yorktown Beach. The sand has been replenished recently and, as of this week, the **Mobi-Mat** is once again back on the beach to help get ready for warm days and beachgoers. The Mobi-Mat is a hard surfaced mat placed on the sand that accommodates walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers so that everyone can have access to the beach. Also available is a **Mobi-Chair**, used by disabled guests who want to get into the water. The Mobi-Chair is free to use and guests must be accompanied by at least one friend or family member for safety. More information on the Mobi-Mat and Mobi-Chair is available [online](#).



Parks and Recreation Celebrates Resilience Week May 2-8

Join friends and neighbors at the Resilience Workshop, “**Create Your Coping Strategy**,” that is being offered free to the public. There are three sessions available: once each for teens, adults, and seniors. At the workshop you will learn to discover how resilience improves the quality of your life, learn simple techniques to help cope during hard times, and create your own coping strategy. Also during Resilience Week, get the endorphins flowing with a **Fun Walk** through the McReynolds Athletic Complex (MAC) on May 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. The following evening, a **Drum Circle** at New Quarter Park will help you get in tune with yourself and with other participants. On Thursday, enjoy a **Sunset Kayak Tour** that is sure to rejuvenate your spirit. For more information on these programs, or to register, visit the [Parks and Recreation website](#). While visiting the page, be sure to check out the many other programs coming up: Zumba, Yoga, Kayak Tours, Weekend on Your Wheels, and more.

A Few More Notes for the Week.....The **Drug Take Back** is tomorrow (April 24) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Public Works, 105 Service Drive. **Paper shredding, food drive, and plastic bag recycling** are offered too! Also this weekend (April 23-25), the National Park Service offers **Pedal the Parkway** – a full weekend where the parkway is closed to vehicles, but wide open for bicyclists and pedestrians! Full details [online](#). **Keep America Beautiful** is accepting applications from businesses, schools, localities, and service organizations looking to make a positive environmental impact on their communities. The [30 in 30 Green Grants](#) program is designed to support communities while helping the natural environment. Deadline to apply is April 30. **York-Poquoson Master Gardener's Spring Plant Sale** is Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon at the York Learning Garden, 301 Goodwin Neck Road. Choose from annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, and Yorktown Onions! Only cash and checks accepted. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own carts, wagons, or boxes.

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