




2/9/2024


Hello Lake Braddock Families,

Please find all the information and resources for this week in our Newsletter below:

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Reading Opens the World Book Drive and Family Literacy Fair** will be held on **Saturday, February 10th** at the Lorton Community Center & Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





**FREE BOOKS
FOR ALL!**

See you
Saturday, Feb. 10!


Reading Opens the World Book Drive and Family Literacy Fair
40,000 FREE BOOKS for Families and Educators!

- Books are available on a first-come, first served basis, so arrive early!
- Parents and guardians are welcome to choose up to **10 free books** per child for home libraries, with a 30 books maximum limit per family.
- Educators and school staff may choose up to **50 free books** for their classrooms.
- Fun family activities including DJ, food trucks, and free Valentine's Day card making area!

Saturday, Feb. 10
10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Lorton Community Center & Library
9520 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079

For more information, please contact David Walrod: dpwalrod@fcft.org, 703-451-6840

School and community program staff must be registered with First Book to receive free books. Registration is free and on-site registration will be available. To register in advance, please go to www.firstbook.org/AFT.



- **Fairfax County NCS Intramural Basketball** begins February 10th. This league is for boys and girls who are not participating on school teams. *For more information and registration, see attached flyer.*

 Fairfax County
**Neighborhood and
Community Services**

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Begins 2/10/24

**For middle/high school
boys and girls NOT on high school teams.
Must show current school ID and turn in
completed registration form.**

**For information and registration,
inquire at your local teen or
community center.
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs**

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- **Teens In Action 2024 program**
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Service offers Teen in Action program, March 25-29 for rising 7th- 12th graders.

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services
Teens In Action
March 25 – 29, 2024
 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Rising Grades 7 – 12

Spring 2024

Our specialty programs are designed with teens in mind. The **Teens In Action** program provides exciting opportunities for self-discovery and skill building, with an emphasis on team building and leadership. The program offers personal attention and plenty of hands-on experience in a safe and fun environment!

Featured Opportunities:

- Outdoor Adventures
- Podcasting & Social Media
- Field Trips
- Sports, Recreation, Health, Fitness & Nutrition
- Job, Education & Career Readiness
- Music & Arts
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Exploration
- **and much MORE!**

SCAN for Teens in Action registration information and other details.

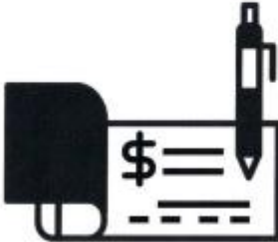
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- **FCPS Summer Camps, Fairfax County Park Authority, and spring sports** are now registering. FCPS' [IFTA](#), [E-IFTA](#), [Career Technical Education Summer Academy](#) and [Tech Adventure Camp](#) web pages are now all updated with location, dates, and costs. Further details for how to register by phone and mail are on the website.

- Tax Information: Fairfax County Public Library

<p>IMPORTANT DATES</p> <p>Federal returns due April 15, 2024 Virginia returns due May 1, 2024</p>  <p>Available at George Mason Regional Library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal 1040 Forms • Federal 1040-SR Forms <p>For further assistance, please ask the Information Desk</p> <p>The library does not print tax instruction booklets</p>	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION</p> <p>FCPL Tax Information https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/tax</p>  <p>Internal Revenue Service https://www.irs.gov</p>  <p>Fairfax County Public Library Imagine • Discover • Connect</p> <p><small>Fairfax County Public Library 12000 Greenway Center Parkway Suite 324 Falls Church, VA 22045 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library</small></p> <p><small>A Fairfax County VA. public library founded 2004</small></p> <p><small>To request accessible ADA screening services or alternative formats of materials, call 703-244-0288 or TTY: 703-244-0288</small></p>	 <p>TAX HELP FOR THE 2023 FILING SEASON</p>  <p>Imagine • Discover • Connect</p>
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<p>TAX ASSISTANCE</p> <p>24/7 Federal Tax Help</p> <p>Website: https://www.irs.gov/ Forms and Instructions: Phone: 1-800-829-1040</p> <p>Local IRS Office</p> <p>7980 Quantum Dr Vienna, VA 22182 (844) 545-5640 Mon-Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm By appointment only</p> <p>Virginia Returns</p> <p>Website: https://tax.virginia.gov Individuals: (804) 367-8031 Businesses: (804) 367-8037 Phone: Mon-Fri, 8:30 am - 5 pm</p> <p>Tax-Processing Websites Approved by Virginia Department of Taxation (Fees may apply)</p> <p>eztraxreturn.com OLT.com</p>	<p>AARP TAX AIDE</p> <p>Opens January 29, 2024</p> <p>Mason District Government Center 6057 Columbia Pike Annandale, VA 22003</p> <p>Appointments Mon, Tues & Fri Walk-ins welcome</p> <p>Call (after Jan 21): (703) 249-9961</p> <p>For more information and additional locations, visit:</p> <p>https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org</p> 	<p>VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)</p> <p>You may qualify if you or your family made less than \$64,000 in 2023</p> <p>Walk-ins Welcome</p> <p>Locations & Hours</p> <p>Fairfax Virginia Career Works 7611 Little Turnpike Annandale, VA 22033 Tues & Thurs: 4 - 6:30 pm Sat: 10 am - 4pm Operates Jan 30 - Apr 13, 2024</p> <p>Gerry Hyland Government Center 8350 Richmond Hwy Alexandria, VA 2209 Tues & Weds: 6 - 8pm Sat: 10am - 3pm Operates Feb 3 - Apr 13, 2024</p> <p>For more information and additional locations, visit:</p> <p>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/employment-and-training/volunteer-income-tax-assistance</p>
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FAMILY RESOURCES:

- **Dual Language Immersion Program Registration**

Registration for the countywide lottery for [Dual Language Immersion \(DLI\) programs](#) will **open on Monday, January 22**. Current pre-K students may apply for the kindergarten immersion program, and current kindergarten students may apply for the first-grade immersion programs for the 2024-25 school year. Programs are available in French, German, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. Check the [FCPS events calendar](#) for the most current information.

- **The Family Resource Center** offers free webinars for adults to support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs, and disabilities. Visit the website below to register to upcoming webinars.

<https://www.fcps.edu/family-resources/family-engagement/family-resource-center/register-free-workshops-family-resource>

- **Parenting Education Programs and Workshops**

For more information or to enroll in a class, please email

buildingstrongfamilies@fairfaxcounty.gov or Parent Support Line at 703-324-7720.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/parenting-education-programs>

- **Parent Encouragement Program** "*Encouraging Parents, Enriching Families*" (webinars, in-person programs, podcasts, videos)

<https://pepparent.org/>

- **2024-2025 FAFSA Completion Assistance**

College Access Fairfax has partnered with FCPS high schools to offer FAFSA completion events. Families are encouraged to attend any of the sessions where they can receive assistance in completing the necessary financial aid forms. Register at [College Access Fairfax](#)

Sessions will be offered on:

- **February 20: 3:30- 6:30pm** at Annandale HS
- **Virginia Alternative State Aid Application (VASA) to Open in Late January 2024**

Students who are unable to complete the FAFSA - students who are not U.S. citizens or eligible non-residents - should complete the VASA to determine if they are eligible for state financial aid. Although a definite date has not been announced, the form is expected to become available online in late January 2024.

- **Military Families Resources**

<https://www.fcps.edu/registration/military-families>

- **Check out the Library Events:**

Burke Centre

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3436&inc=0>

Kings Park

<https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar?cid=6524&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=6524&cm=3446&inc=0>

LBSS EVENTS:

- **Lake Braddock Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)**

Join PTSA: <https://lbspsa.org/>

We need volunteers for the Mulch sale, please help us:

Students sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544ABAB2F4-mulch3>

Adults sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544ABAB2F4-mulch4>

- **Baby Box Express - Sign up to request necessities for babies aged Newborn – 2T**

A middle schooler has initiated a special project designed to support families in need, providing essential items such as clothing, formula, books, and other necessities for babies aged newborn to 2 years old.

Please fill out [this form](#) to request a baby box.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

Apprenticeship Opportunity for Juniors and Seniors

How to register:

- Online by clicking [here](#)
- By calling (703) 658-1201
- By emailing educationalcounseling@fcps.edu

NCCER CORE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

APPRENTICESHIP 101

This rigorous program prepares you for ACE apprenticeship classes in Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing as well as entry-level positions on project sites. Learn the basics in safety, hand and power tools, construction math, material handling, construction drawings, and employability skills. During this class you will:

- 1 LEARN THE BASIC SKILLS TO CONTINUE EDUCATION IN ANY APPRENTICEABLE TRADE
- 2 EARN 80 HOURS OF APPRENTICESHIP RELATED INSTRUCTION
- 3 EARN AN INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL THROUGH THE NCCER REGISTRY SYSTEM
- 4 CONNECT WITH EMPLOYERS

Winter Session
2/5/24 - 5/29/24
Woodson High School
9525 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031
Monday & Wednesday
6PM - 9PM

Summer Session
6/28/24 - 7/12/24
Bryant High School
2709 Popkins Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
Monday - Friday
8AM - 3PM

*DISCOUNTED TUITION COURTESY OF ACE FOUNDATION DOES NOT INCLUDE \$35 TEXTBOOK FEE AND \$5 LAB FEE

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ACECLASSES.FCPS.EDU

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- NOVA Virtual Information Sessions for Seniors and their families



SPRING 2023 NOVA VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

Learn about the numerous opportunities, services, and resources designed to get you connected to the NOVA Nighthawk Community.

December 12, 2023 (7:00pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/December-12

January 23, 2024 (4:30pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/January-23-2024



February 20, 2024 (7:00pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/Feb-20-Spanish-Session

March 19, 2024 (4:30)

Register here: tinyurl.com/March-19-2024

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

April 30, 2024 (7:00pm)

Register here: tinyurl.com/April-18-Application-Workshop

Open to all FCPS seniors and parents. For questions, contact admissions@nvcc.edu

NOVA | Northern Virginia
Community College

- **Inspire Summer 2024**

Send your high schooler to UVA Northern Virginia this summer! Applications for Inspire Summer 2024 are now available. Whether it's college essay writing, coding, or forensic science, we offer a diverse range of courses. Seats are limited and the **priority deadline is February 23, 2024—[apply here](#)**.

- **National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day** on May 3, 2024. The event focuses on LGBTQ+ and all youth, promoting inclusion, mental health awareness, and allyship.

Location, Date and Time:

James Lee Community Center

Date: May 3, 2024

Time: Noon to 3:00 pm



JOB READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Britepaths and the Financial Empowerment Center at South County** are offering free virtual consulting services and workshops to help with your personal finances, job search and more.

<https://soco.financialemPOWERMENTCENTERS.org/>

- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAPET)**

If you are a SNAP recipient, you have access to employment services through the SNAP Employment and Training Program! For additional details, please refer to links below.

Visit the website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/employment-and-training/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-employment-and-training>

OTHER RESOURCES

- **Pet Resource Center**

Looking for cost-effective pet vaccinations, help with pet food or supplies, details about PetHaven Program, or tips on finding affordable veterinary care? Check flyer below.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter’s Pet Resource Center provides community- based resources and support anchored in keeping more pets with the families who love them. By identifying resource gaps experienced by Fairfax County residents, our Pet Resource Center works to prevent the rehoming of companion animals due to inequitable pet assistance services.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/petresources>



The flyer features a dark blue header with the title 'Pet Resource Center' and the Fairfax County Animal Shelter logo. Below the header, there is a photograph of a woman in a blue hoodie holding a small dog. The flyer is divided into several sections: 'About our Pet Resource Center' with descriptive text, 'Pet Resource Center Services' with details on vaccine and microchip clinics and a pet pantry, and 'Upcoming 2024 Services' with details on low-cost spay and neuter options. The footer contains the website URL.

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Pet Resource Center Services

Vaccine and Microchip Clinics: These monthly clinics offer Fairfax County residents low-cost core vaccines and microchips.

Pet Pantry: Our pet pantry provides pet food and other supplies for Fairfax County residents facing hardship.

Upcoming 2024 Services

Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Options: Our Pet Resource Center will provide affordable spay and neuter options for low-income Fairfax County residents in 2024. This initiative includes a voucher program where residents can apply for a voucher to have their pet spayed or neutered at a local veterinary clinic.

FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/ANIMALSHELTER/PETRESOURCECENTER

- **The Fairfax County Health Department offers maternal child health home visiting services** through: **Nurse-Family Partnership®** and **Maternal Child Health Field Nurse** programs. The Public Health Nurses provide comprehensive, multifaceted care to clients, targeting a multitude of stressors such as low socioeconomic status, history of trauma or abuse, and mental health conditions in order to promote positive health outcomes.

You can fill out and return the [Maternal Child and Family Support Home Visiting Programs Referral Form](#) to have a staff member contact you about home visiting services.
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/maternal-child-health>

ENGLISH CLASSES

- **FCPS - Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**- Click on the link below for more information about testing locations for classes.
<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/adult-education-academics/esol-classes>
- **English Empowerment Center: Conversation Class and Continued Learning Between Semesters.** Classes begin February 12 or 13, 2024
<https://englishempowermentcenter.org/free-conversation-class-and-continued-learning-between-semesters/>.

Do you know someone who wanted to register for class with the Empowerment Center but missed the registrations? They can fill out the [Information Request Form](#) to hear about upcoming spring classes. The Center also encourages students to study on their own with [USA Learns](#).

English Empowerment Center also offers in-person classes for Spring semester. Registration for their Spring semester classes will begin January 8th. Please follow the [link](#) to learn more information.



Intensive English and Workforce Readiness Class

This course offers three levels of intensive English instruction (Literacy, Beginning, and Intermediate) with a curriculum designed to deliver relevant language and soft skills to help participants improve their employability and advancement potential. The Intermediate course includes preparation for a credential. This training and its associated skills are easily applicable to practically every industry and work setting.



Sign-Up:

Tuesday, December 12
 10:30am-12:00pm
 Mark Center, 6th floor, Workforce Development Ctr
 (4850 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22311)
 In-person registration is required for all levels.

Class Schedule:

January 16-March 7
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 9:30am-1:30pm*
 (Level 3 will meet Feb 16th and Feb 23rd, instead of Feb 7th and 8th)

*Additional hours available for VIEW clients

Course Level Details:

The Literacy Level course will take place IN-PERSON at the City of Alexandria's Workforce Development Center at the Mark Center (4850 Mark Center Dr., Alexandria, VA 22311).

Beginning and Intermediate levels will meet VIRTUALLY.

Laptops will be available for loan for the duration of the course for all students.

Services Fee: \$200

(\$300 for referral agencies requiring monthly reporting)

Now Accepting:



Contact LVAughn@EnglishEmpowermentCenter.org or call 703-237-0866 for more information.



English Empowerment Center



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- **Fellowship Baptist Church:**

<https://www.fellowshipbaptistva.org/english-classes>