



Central Rappahannock Regional

**Library**

INSPIRING LIFELONG LEARNING

# Literacy & Education

- **13 Grow a Reader early literacy classes** offered each week in Stafford, plus monthly evening and weekend programs, 31 classes system-wide
- **PAWSfor Reading** offered at 5 branches monthly including Porter and Howell
- **Hundreds participate in Read Across America** events honoring Dr. Seuss and celebrating literacy with stories and educational activities
- **652 students** participate in **Cafe Book discussion groups** in all 8 Stafford middle schools
- **Over 9,000 people** of all ages signed up for **Summer Reading in 2017**



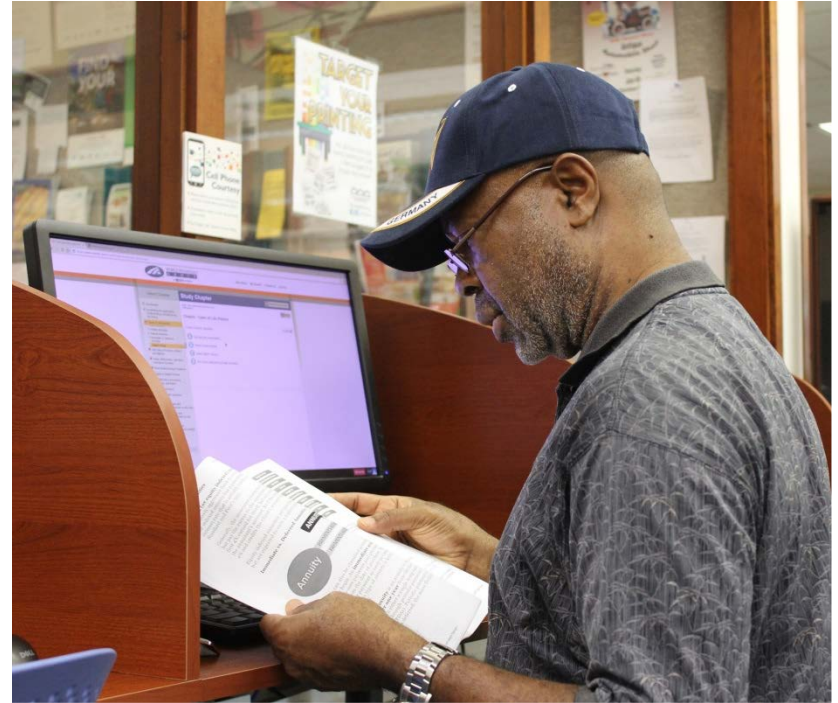
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- **Classroom Carryout** provides curriculum support for area teachers
- Bi-annual **Early Childhood Education workshops** provide early childhood educators two hours of credit for state licensing requirements
- **1,236 tests proctored** for high school, college, post-grad courses; homeschool students; driving schools



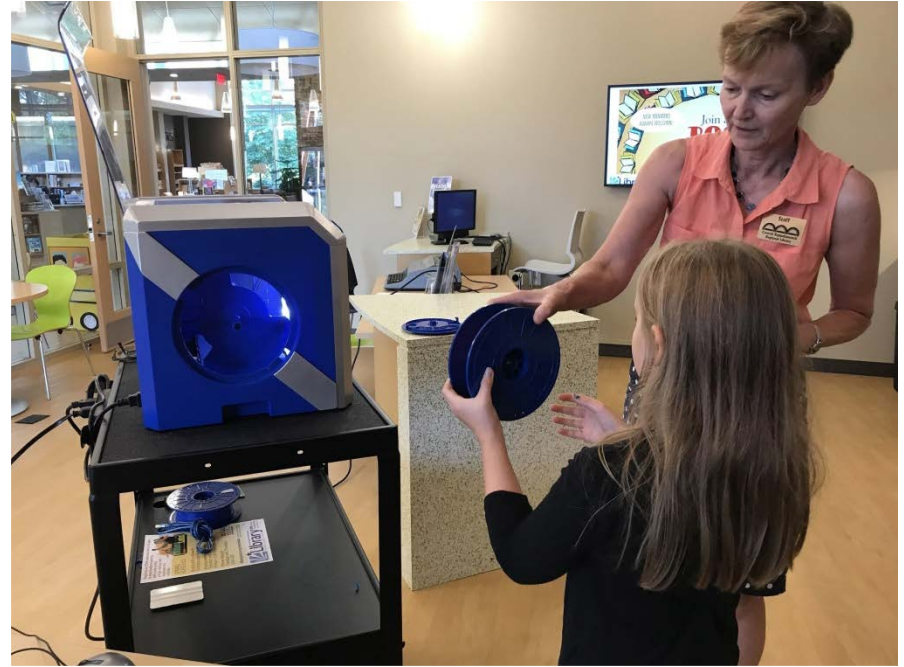
# Workforce Development

- 911 users logged 4,895 learning sessions and viewed a total of 25,453 videos on Lynda.com , averaging 70 new users a month
- 721 customers took a Training on Demand computer literacy class
- Provided 57 resume writing and job searching sessions at Howell's Job Help Center, offered in partnership with Rappahannock Goodwill Industries



# Lifelong Learning & Experiences

- **130** local authors and authors-to-be attend first **Writers Conference**
- **Financial literacy workshops** and services provided in partnership with **AARP**, **Rappahannock United Way**, **Virginia Credit Union**, **Small Business Administration**, and others
- **6,396** participants attended **395** sessions in **CRRL MakerLabs** where we provide **STEM** exploration space for all ages and training on **3D printers** and **sewing machines** for customers to reserve for their own use





# Lifelong Learning & Experiences

- **Meet the Moon & Solar Eclipse** events provide family immersion in science:  
**3,050 safety glasses distributed** for the solar eclipse event  
**155 Meet the Moon attendees**
- **761 attended grant-supported World War I & America** events
- **Vietnam War Community Discussion** part of grant-supported Vietnam War programming



# Reaching Out to Our Community

- Students received 800 library cards through our annual Kindergarten Library Card Campaign
- CRRL staff attend **Back to School Night, Orientation, and Business Night** events at area schools
- **Early literacy classes** and rotating collections of books offered at 17 preschools, 26 childcare facilities, one home childcare, and **Head Start** programs throughout our service area.
- **DMV Connect** partnership provides state services at the library



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- CRRL community gardens donated **3,500 lbs of fresh produce** to local food banks and pantries
- **Summer Meal Programs:** Partnership with the Heartwood Center provided 3 lunch bags representing 6 days worth of breakfasts, lunches, snacks, & drinks: A total of **15,816 meals** to **179 children** from **77 families** over **9 weeks**
- **169** attended **Health Fair** connecting individuals to community health and wellness resources
- **Hosting Community Conversations** panels on topics such as civility and public safety





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- 855 tax returns filed returning over \$700,000 to Stafford County residents via Rappahannock United Way and AARP Tax Clinics in our branches
- Over 13,500 local residents reached at 54 community events and festivals
- New mobile app extends library service for customers on the go
- 18,500 copies of @Your Library distributed to customers throughout the community



# Grants

- Received **\$18,000 grant** from The Duff McDuff Green J. Fund of The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region for our future **Library on the Go pop-up library** initiative
- Grant from the American Library Association, PBS and WETA Washington, D.C. to support **Vietnam War programming**
- Grant from The National Endowment for the Humanities, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the National World War I Museum for **World War I and America events**



# New Initiatives

- Bringing more bestselling authors to the community - *Station Eleven* author **Emily St. John Mandel** coming March 17
- New shelving and boiler at Porter Branch.
- Joint Use Library with Germanna set to open this summer

Thank you Stafford County!



# Our customers

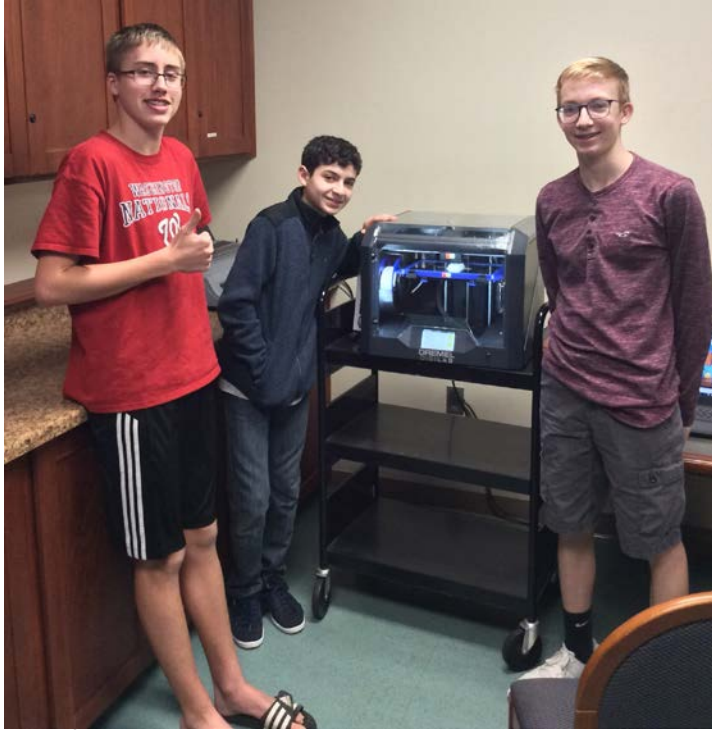
Howell customer Robert M. has two special needs children who look forward to using the MakerLab every Wednesday during the summer.

His boys are autistic and need extra attention. He is so impressed that library staff are always helpful and understanding to his boys.





# Our customers



Stafford County students and SeaPerch team members Issac, Andrew, and Ashton earned their 3D printer badge and are now using the Dremel 3D45 at Porter Branch to print parts for their SeaPerch ROV model.

SeaPerch is an innovative underwater robotics program in Stafford schools that equips teachers and students with the resources they need to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).

These students will compete at the regional competition on March 17 at Mary Washington University in the hopes of earning a spot at the National SeaPerch Competition at Louisiana State University in May.



