

JULY 2025

News & Events

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LIBRARY

History, Archives & Special Collections

Events this month

On Exhibit: *The Art of Travel*

Through September 27, 2025
JML Reading Room

Just in time for summer vacation! Catch our new exhibit featuring travel notebooks, photos, and mementos.

The Art of Travel: Highlights from the R. Chambliss Light, Jr. Papers shares how personal and business travel serves to connect and document our world today.

Free and open to the public.



Lynchburg GLAM & Silent Witnesses

Thursday, July 17
4:00 - 6:00 PM
\$15 contribution

Lynchburg GLAM is for volunteers and staff who work at local galleries, libraries, archives, and museums!

This free networking group gathers quarterly to learn about cultural heritage institutions in Central Virginia.

Join us for a special tour of the Silent Witnesses markers in downtown Lynchburg. RSVP is required and there is a \$15 per person contribution in advance to cover transportation. Tour vans will leave Lynchburg Public Library parking lot at 4pm and return at 6pm.

After the tour join peers for a self-pay supper at a local soul food restaurant (transportation on your own).

Limited spaces available. Contact director@jmlibrary.org to sign up.

LYNCHBURG GLAM SPECIAL TOUR

Join us for a special bus & walking tour of Lynchburg's
Silent Witnesses markers
with Ramona Battle & Ted Delaney

Thursday, July 17, 2025
4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Touring van contribution of \$15 per person*
Self-pay dinner follows - location TBA

*Park in Lynchburg Public Library lot (2311 Memorial Avenue)
Vans will depart @ 4PM and return @ 6PM
Then, drive to dinner on your own

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 7/1/2025 TO DIRECTOR@JMLIBRARY.ORG



Save the Dates!

Non-Fiction Book Group

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

10:30AM

Westminster Canterbury (Hume Room)

Jones Memorial Library and the Lynchburg Public Library offer the Non-Fiction Book Group. Librarians from both libraries moderate discussions.

Join us for our next discussion of *The Pioneers* by David McCullough. The group meets at Westminster Canterbury; discussions are free and open to all.

Request a copy of the book from the Lynchburg Public Library or read it online with the Hoopla or Libby apps. You don't have to finish the book to participate! Read as much as you can or want and come ready to share your thoughts.

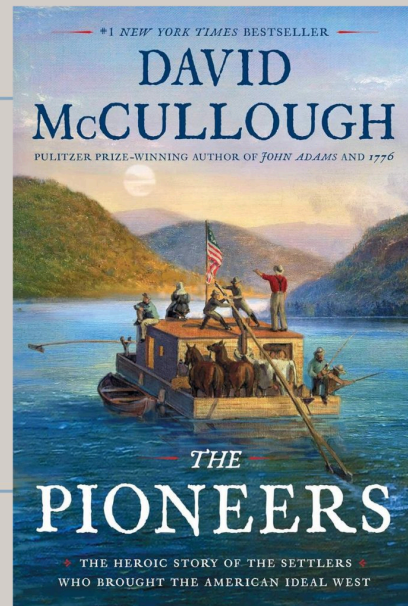
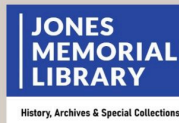
Jones Memorial Library and
Lynchburg Public Library invite you to:

Nonfiction Book Group

August 2025

The Pioneers by David McCullough

Wednesday, August 27 at 10:30 a.m.
@ Westminster Canterbury Hume Room



2025-26 History Lectures

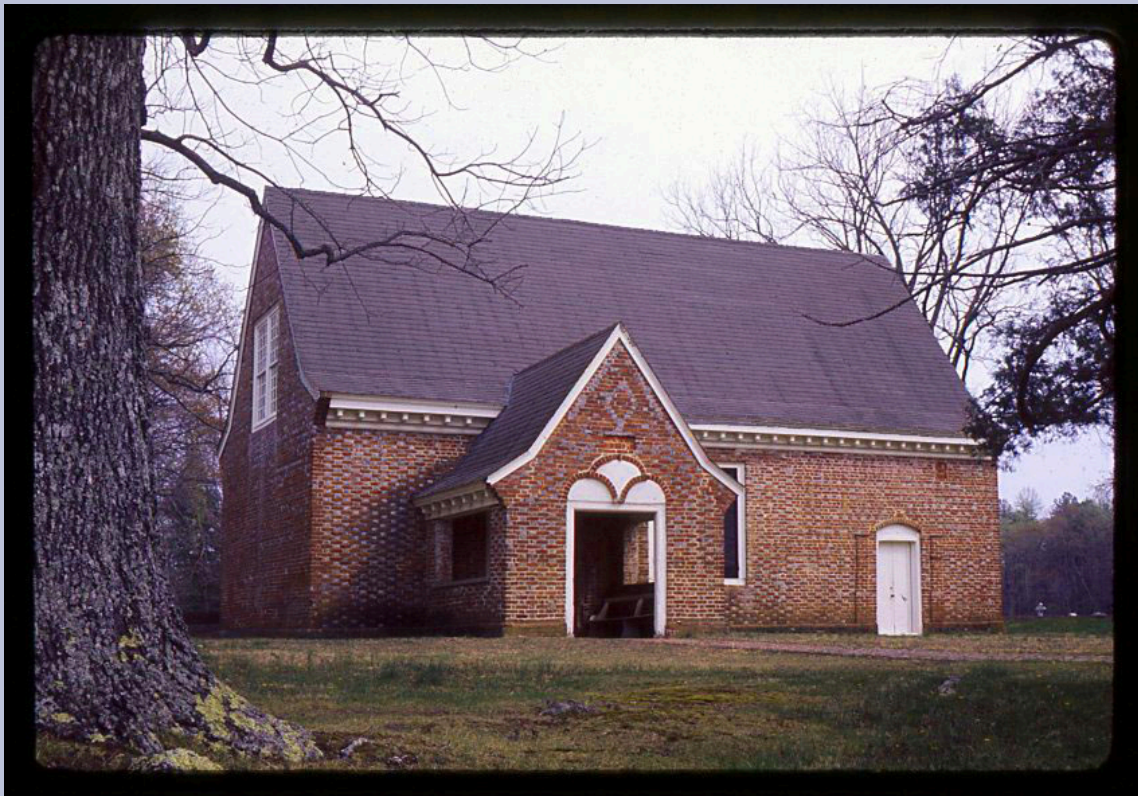
Mark your calendar for the 2025-26 history lectures at Jones Memorial Library.

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution our theme is "Freedom Forward." Come learn about people in Lynchburg who have moved the needle towards fuller freedom for all since 1776.

Lectures are held on select Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Reading Room. All talks are free and open to the public. You can find past talks on our [YouTube](#) channel.

Lecture dates:

September 10 with Marjorie & Joseph F. Freeman, III
October 8 with R. Chambliss Light, Jr.
November 12 with Ben L. Greenbaum
March 11 with Travis McDonald
April 8 with Ted Delaney
May 13 with Robert L. Canida, II



Highlights from 2024-25

As our 2024-25 fiscal year comes to an end, we celebrate the progress and achievement of the past 12 months. Our **Annual Report** will have a closer look at what we accomplished with your support. Look for it in your mailbox in late August!

2024-25 @ JML

HIGHLIGHTS

- DIGITAL COLLECTION LAUNCHED ON OMEKA-S WITH 35,000 ITEMS
- NEW SERVICE DESK INSTALLED
- FIVE GRANT-FUNDED LAPTOPS PURCHASED
- MAJOR COLLECTIONS ADDED
 - R. CHAMBLISS LIGHT, JR. PAPERS
 - TRAVIS MCDONALD FIELD SCHOOL PAPERS
 - FAIRVIEW METHODIST CHURCH
 - YWCA OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA PAPERS
 - FOUR PASTEL PORTRAITS
- TWO MINI EXHIBITS ON LYNCHBURG HISTORY
 - NUCLEAR INDUSTRY
 - FUNERAL HOMES
- DISPLAY CABINET INSTALLED
- WORKING GROUPS ON CATALOGING & PERSONNEL HANDBOOK
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAYS
 - APPOMATTOX CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
 - DAY AT THE POINT
 - INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
 - BATTEAU FESTIVAL
 - JUNETEENTH @ MILLER PARK
- CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS
 - MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ARCHIVES CONF.
 - VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
 - UVA ANNE SPENCER SYMPOSIUM
 - VIRGINIA ASSOC. OF MUSEUMS
- EXHIBIT LOANS
 - LYNCHBURG MUSEUM: *HOT & COLD WARS*
 - VIRGINIA P.E.O. SISTERHOOD
- RESTORATIONS INITIATED
 - SALLIE MAHOOD PORTRAITS
- VOLUNTEER DAYS:
 - LU SERVE DAY
 - UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING
- STAFFING MILESTONES
 - ONE RETIREMENT & TWO PART-TIME HIRES

Recent Photos



JML trustees and former trustees gathered at the library for a **Recognition Breakfast** together on June 12.

The breakfast was an opportunity to thank departing trustees Leighton Houck and Maegan Crews Fallen for their service, and to welcome new trustees Kathy Graves and Sarah Rhodes to the board for new terms beginning this month. Trustees received an update on the library's

projects and each member received a lapel pin in honor of their continued engagement with JML.

On June 13, staff represented JML at the **Virginia Caucus** of the Mid-Atlantic Region Archives Conference held in Richmond.

We enjoyed a peek inside the vault at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture, followed by a tour of the library and archives at the Virginia Museum of Art.



On June 25, JML hosted a visit by members of the **Concord Seniors**. Guests had an introduction to JML today, followed by a tour of the collection stacks and time for individual research.

Tours of JML are offered to local classes, school groups, and others, subject to staff availability.

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****The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4****

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