

AUGUST 2025

News & Events

**JONES
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY**

History, Archives & Special Collections

Events this month

Academic Open House

Tuesday, August 5
4:00 - 6:00 PM
JML Reading Room

Are you a faculty member or teacher in the Lynchburg area? Drop by our free Open House to learn about the historical resources that we have in all subject areas.

Enjoy an insider's tour of the collection stacks and hear about opportunities for student internships, research visits, field trips, and more.

No RSVP required, just stop by!

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ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSE

- Meet Staff
- Tour the stacks
- Learn about student internships
- Plan a class visit
- Enjoy free refreshments

Join us for an inside peek into one of Central Virginia's largest collections of history, genealogy, art, and architecture

Contact us

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www.jmlibrary.org
434-846-0501

Digital Collections

<https://digital.jmlibrary.org/s/collections/page/welcome>

Directions

Jones Memorial Library
2311 Memorial Avenue
Second floor above Lynchburg Public Library
Enter at the corner of Memorial and Lakeside

LYH250 Book Launch

Friday, August 15
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Givens Books & Little Dickens
2236 Lakeside Drive

There's a new book coming out to celebrate the 250th anniversary of American Independence and you're invited to the launch party at Givens Books.

JML staff contributed to the book, so be sure to order your copy and learn about the residents who moved Lynchburg forward in freedom between 1776 and 2026.

You're Invited!

BOOK *Launch*

Aug. 15, 5:30 - 7pm!

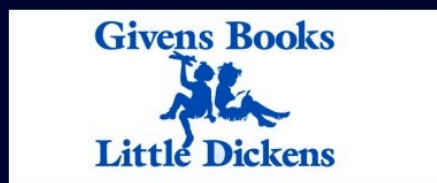
At Givens Books - Little Dickens

**“A Good and Pleasant
Company”**

**Lives & Legacies of Central Virginia
1776 - 2026!**

By Local Lynchburg Authors!

Join us for a meet-and-greet to celebrate
A Good and Pleasant Company, a
collaborative work of historic
proportions!



Paper Care Basics: How to Care for the Documents in Your Home Collection

**Saturday, August 16
10:00 - 11:30 AM
JML Reading Room**

In this 90-minute workshop, Archivist Gwen Wells walks you through how to clean, conserve, and store your precious family documents.

Deeds, wills, letters, diaries and books! How can you keep them safe for future generations to enjoy and treasure? Gwen shows you how!

Free and open to the public. No RSVP needed.

The poster is designed to look like a manila file folder. At the top, a red and white checkered tab is visible with some faint, partially legible text: "P 54", "DRS 61", "42", "LARGETYP NORMAL", "NORMALES EKG", and "5.62". Below the tab, the title "PAPER CARE BASICS" is printed in a small, sans-serif font. The main title, "How to Care for the Documents in your Home Collection", is written in a large, bold, black serif font. To the right of the title, the date "SATURDAY AUGUST 16" is in a white rounded rectangle, and the time "10:00 - 11:30 AM" is in another. Below the time, a pink rounded rectangle contains a description of the workshop. At the bottom left is the Jones Memorial Library logo, and at the bottom right is the address "JML READING ROOM 2311 MEMORIAL AVENUE LYNCHBURG VA 24501". A pink button at the very bottom right says "FREE!".

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Non-Fiction Book Group

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

10:30 AM

Westminster Canterbury (Hume Room)

Jones Memorial Library and the Lynchburg Public Library offer the Non-Fiction Book Group. Librarians from both libraries moderate discussions. The group meets at Westminster Canterbury; discussions are free and open to all.

Join us for our next discussion of *The Pioneers* by David McCullough on August 27.

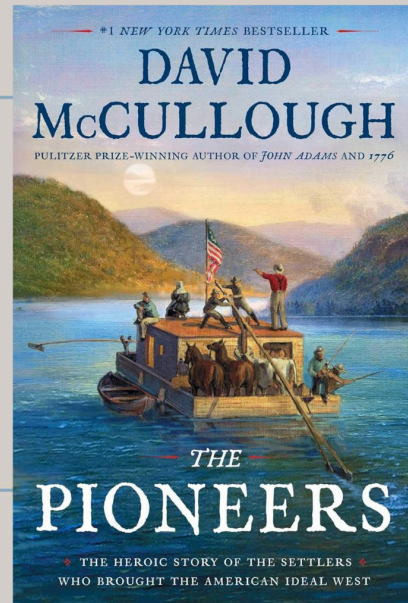
Request a copy of the book from the Lynchburg Public Library or read it online with the Hoopla or Libby apps. You don't have to finish the book to participate! Read as much as you can or want, and come ready to share your thoughts.

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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



On Exhibit: *The Art of Travel*

Through September 27, 2025
JML Reading Room

Just in time for summer! 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 in the Reading Room.



Save the Dates!

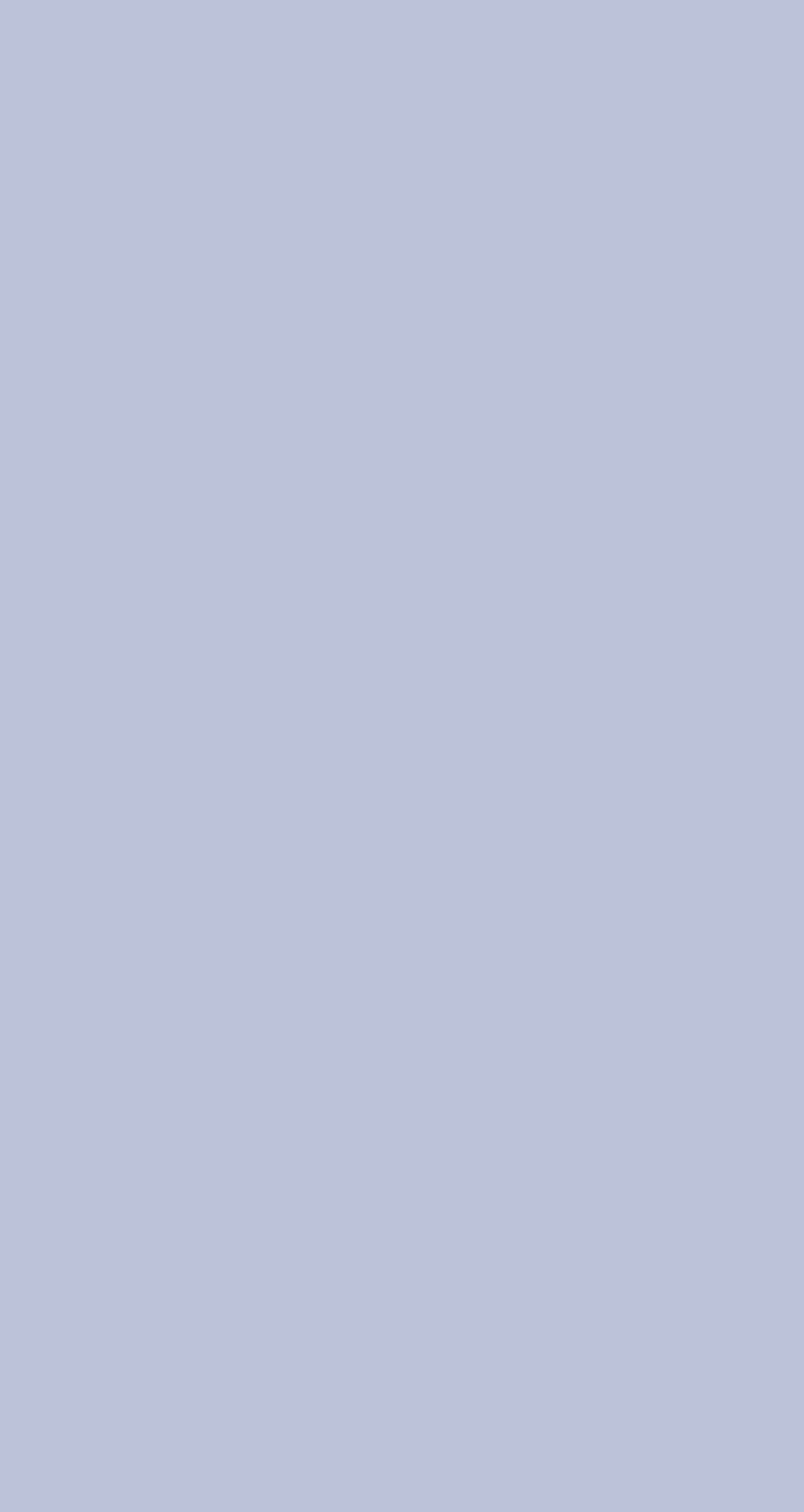
2025-26 History Lectures

Mark your calendar for the 2025-26 history lecture series at Jones Memorial Library. In honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution our theme this year is "Freedom Forward."

Come learn about people, places, and ideas that have moved Lynchburg towards fuller freedom 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.

Lectures are also recorded; you can find past talks on our [YouTube](#) channel.



LECTURES FALL 2025

Freedom *Forward!*

Jones Memorial Library
John D. Owen Jr. History Series

WEDNESDAYS @ 5:00 P.M.

2311 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Marjorie & Joseph Freeman

Colonial Churches & Their Role in Virginia



Before the Revolution, Virginia's churches performed many local government functions. It was at church that many of the Founding Fathers acquired their governing skills. Uncover the history of colonial congregations in Virginia, and learn more about the unique architecture of these churches.

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OCTOBER 08, 2025

Benjamin L. Greenbaum

Who was John Brown?

Abolitionist, patriot, agitator? Who exactly was John Brown? Learn about the man who planned an insurrection at Harper's Ferry that sought to overthrow American chattel slavery. In 2024, Civil War authentication expert Ben Greenbaum evaluated JML's John Brown pike (on display in the Reading Room). Learn how weapons like the pike were procured by Brown, and how the quest for freedom was foiled at the federal arsenal.



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NOVEMBER 12, 2025

R. Chambliss Light Jr.

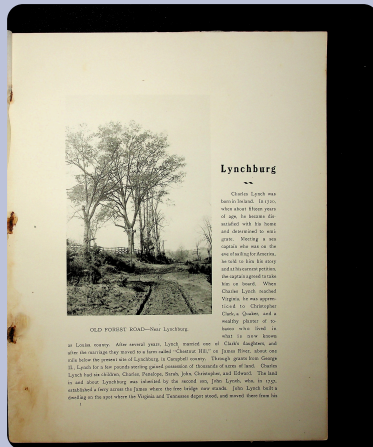
Lynchburg's Friends & Families



In the early to mid 1700's Central Virginia emerged as the next frontier in westward expansion. A large percentage of the earliest settlers were members of the Society of

Friends (commonly called Quakers).
Learn about Lynchburg's Quaker
families, whose names, homes, and
plantations are familiar even 200+
years later.

Now Online @ Digital Jones



F234.L9 G7 Art Work of Lynchburg and Danville, Virginia

Digital images from the
nine part folio *Art Work of
Lynchburg and Danville,
Virginia*.

Included with the plates is
a historical sketch of
Lynchburg. Danville is
illustrated by six plates.

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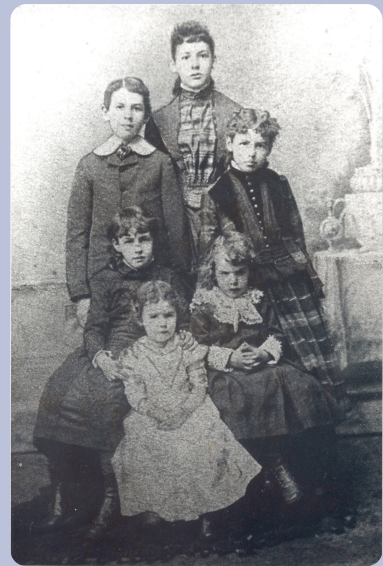


JML.MS1946 W.C. (1912-1988) & Delphia K. Flanik Papers

Digitized images and
notes from the W.C. &
Delphia K. Flanik Papers.

The collection includes
three slide/tape shows,
including written
narratives about
Hurricane Camille and
construction of the
Lynchburg airport in the
1960s. Flanik was airport
facility chief during the
construction projects
depicted. His wife,
Delphia K. Flanik,
assisted with the
slideshows.

Flanik Papers



JML.MS2024 The Thomas Newman Davis and Horatio Minor Davis Papers

Scanned images from
Jones Memorial Library
manuscript 2024, the
Davis papers, including
photographs, inventories,
and deeds.

The collection includes
selected papers and
photographs that
originally belonged to
Thomas Newman Davis
(1842-1924) and his son
Horatio Minor Davis
(1876-1963), both lifelong
residents of Lynchburg,
Virginia.

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