

NOVEMBER 2025

JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

History, Archives & Special Collections

*Jones Memorial Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for
Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving*

This month at Jones

Lecture:
Lynchburg's Friends & Families
with R. Chambliss Light, Jr.
Wednesday, November 12
5:00 p.m.
JML Reading Room

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 with speaker R. Chambliss Light, Jr. He will cover the stories behind the names, homes, and plantations that are familiar to us even 200+ years later.

The talk is free and open to all. Lectures are held at the JML Reading Room. JML lectures are also recorded and added to our [YouTube channel](#) approximately one month later.

FALL 2025
Freedom Forward!

LECTURE SERIES

Jones Memorial Library
John D. Owen Jr. History Series

2311 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501
www.jmlibrary.org 434-846-0501

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
5:00 P.M.

R. Chambliss Light Jr.
Lynchburg's Friends & Families



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Robert Chambliss ("Cham") Light graduated from Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, completed a B.A. in Speech at the University of Virginia in 1976, and earned a J.D. from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1980. After five years in private practice, Cham spent 31 years with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company in Lynchburg, holding many positions in their legal department. Cham is immersed in the cultural, social, and political life of Lynchburg and the state of Virginia, and has served on boards of non-profit organizations including the Library of Virginia, Jones Memorial Library, and the Free Clinic of Central Virginia.

Save the Dates!

Workshop: Using Photography to Enhance Your Genealogy

Saturday, December 6
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
JML Reading Room

Join us for a free workshop on how to use photography to enhance and complement your family history research.

Research Assistant Nancy Jamerson Weiland walks you through how to document family heirlooms and connect visual records to your genealogical research.

This workshop is free and open to the public. No reservation required.



USING PHOTOGRAPHY TO ENHANCE YOUR GENEALOGY

Learn how to use photography to document family heirlooms such as homes, jewelry, and furniture, and connect those visual records to genealogy research.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6
11 AM - NOON**

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JML Reading Room
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Lynchburg, VA. 24501

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January GLAM

Thursday, January 22
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Lynchburg Museum

Are you a staff member or volunteer at a gallery, library, archive or museum in the Lynchburg area?

Lynchburg GLAM is a free networking group which meets four times a year. Area institutions sign up to host a tour and share updates on their collections and projects.

In January, Lynchburg GLAM will visit the Lynchburg Museum. To learn more, RSVP, and sign up for our e-mail list, visit the [GLAM webpage](#).



**LYNCHBURG GLAM
JANUARY 2026**

Lynchburg
Museum
& Visitor Center

Join us for a tour and get together with
Lynchburg Museum
RSVP to engagement@lynchburgmuseum.org

Thursday, January 22, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

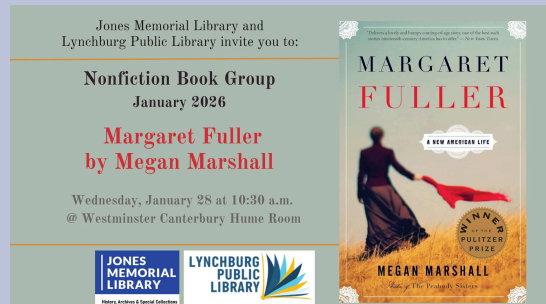
Lynchburg Museum & Visitor Center
901 Court Street, Lynchburg VA 24504

Non-Fiction Book Group

Wednesday, January 28
10:30 a.m.
Westminster Canterbury

Join the Non-Fiction Book Group in January as we discuss *Margaret Fuller* by Megan Marshall.

The discussion group is free and open to the public. Chats are co-moderated by librarians from Jones Memorial Library and the Lynchburg Public Library. We meet at Westminster Canterbury in the Hume Room.



Jones Memorial Library and
Lynchburg Public Library invite you to:

**Nonfiction Book Group
January 2026**

**Margaret Fuller
by Megan Marshall**

Wednesday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m.
@ Westminster Canterbury Hume Room

JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARGARET FULLER
A NEW AMERICAN LIFE
WINNER
PULITZER PRIZE
MEGAN MARSHALL
Author of The Prophetess

Read all of the book, or come to learn more about it! You can borrow a copy of the book from the Lynchburg Public Library or use the Hoopla and Libby apps to read or listen online.

Our upcoming titles are:

January 28
Margaret Fuller by Megan Marshall

March 25
King: A Life by Jonathan Eig

May 27
The Exceptions by Kate Zernike

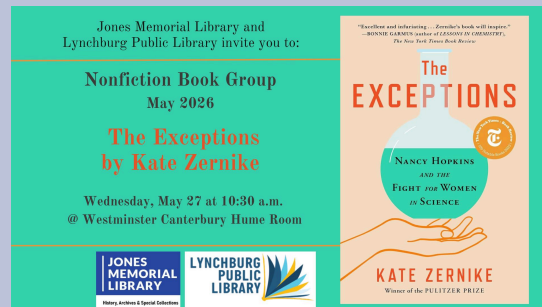
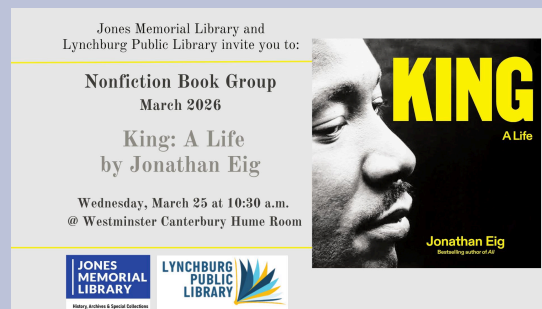


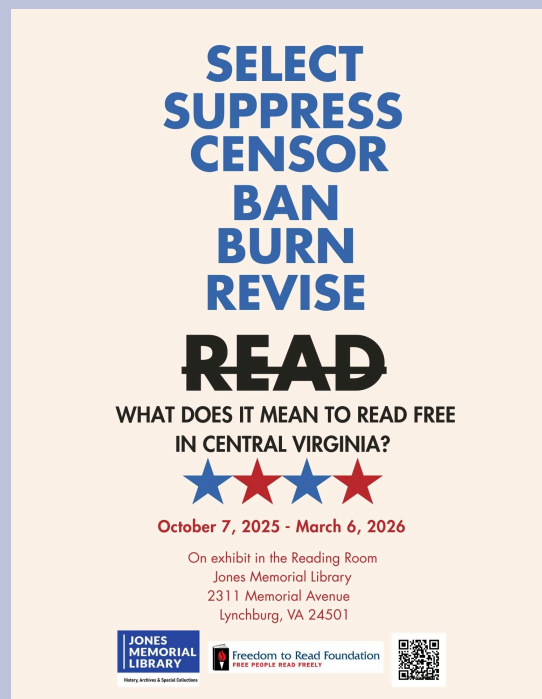
Exhibit: **READ**

On view until March 6
JML Reading Room

In October, JML launched a new exhibit about the history of censorship in Central Virginia. The exhibit examines the historical frameworks for restrictive efforts that occurred from the 1660s to the 1960s. Covering issues related to religion, abolition, and communism, "READ" shares censorship examples from across the Commonwealth, including from JML's own history.

"READ" is supported by a Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund Banned Books Week Programming Grant from The Freedom to Read Foundation. In 2025 five awardees from across the nation were selected among a competitive pool of libraries, schools and nonprofit organizations to offer innovative and engaging programming. The exhibit is on display until March 6, 2026.

"READ" is free and open to the public in the JML Reading Room. Groups may contact the library to arrange a tour.



JML On the Road

Saturday, November 8
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Cloverlea Farm
Claytor Nature Center
Information booth

Come visit with us at our information booth at Cloverlea Farm on November 8th for "History Around the Holidays".

JML staff will share the free resources available at JML for family and local history researchers, while highlighting our new grant-funded oral history project.

While we are on the road, services continue as usual at the library.



New Equipment Arrives

JML recently took delivery of our new wide format scanner (*pictured: Collections Assistant Garrett R. tackles assembly of the support frame*).

Our new Context Ultra HD scanner will be used to digitize large items like architectural plans, posters, and maps.

The scanner and other equipment for our Memory & Digitization Lab is possible due to a generous grant from the George W. Reynolds Memorial Fund and the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation.

Patrons will be able to request wide format scanning, and conversion of other materials into digital formats, at the library starting in 2026.



Now Online



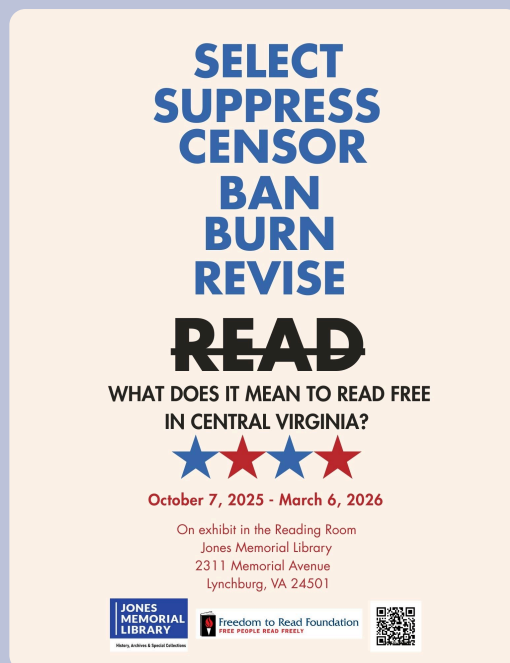
Enslaved.org Datasets

In 2023, JML launched a multi-year project to document the names of enslaved persons mentioned in the Library's manuscript collections. That same year, the Library published our first dataset from Manuscript 1047 *The Seth Woodroof Account Book*.

The data from this project has now been incorporated into the search function on Enslaved.org, allowing researchers to find these names when searching for Lynchburg records.

In October, JML published a second dataset about Manuscript 1141 *The Potter Estate Papers*. The dataset and an article are now accessible via the *Journal of Slavery & Data Preservation*. The MS1141 data is expected to be searchable on Enslaved.org in the coming year.

Seth Woodroof Account Book data
on Enslaved.org



Digital Exhibit: READ

JML's new grant-funded exhibit "~~READ~~" is also available online! View the exhibit panels and access the same news stories and historical sources that are on display in the Reading Room.

READ

Digital Exhibit about Central
Virginia and censorship

Coming to you!

Annual Appeal Underway

It's that time of year! Annual appeal letters will be arriving soon at households across the region.

Jones Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit research library. We are supported by a generous endowment but rely on yearly gifts from donors and supporters to provide 14% of our annual operational needs.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30. If you have made a gift in FY26, thank you! We cross check before mailing and apologize if you receive an appeal letter in error.

For all recipients, please reach out if we get a name, address, or other information wrong. Thank you for your support!

To see how JML spent donor funds in 2024-25, our Annual Report is available [online](#) and at the library.



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