

MAY
2026

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This month at Jones

The History of Censorship in Virginia

Wednesday, May 6
5:00 p.m.
Reading Room

Join us for a special talk by UVA librarian and author Keith Weimer about the History of Censorship in Virginia. Learn about the hidden history of restricted ideas in the Commonwealth, from colonial restrictions to modern-day challenges.

The lecture is free and open to the public with support from the Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

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HISTORY OF CENSORSHIP IN VIRGINIA

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FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WEDNESDAY
MAY 6
5pm - 6pm

Jones Memorial Library
2311 Memorial Avenue

GUEST SPEAKER:
KEITH WEIMER
Librarian for History and Religious Studies, University of Virginia

Keith Weimer is former Chair of the UVA General Faculty Council and past President of the Virginia Library Association. He writes about censorship in Virginia and is the Librarian for History and Religious Studies at UVA. Keith holds a B.A. in History from Allegheny College and a Masters in History and a Masters of Library and Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh.

History Lecture Series Resilience, Resolve, & Rising Up: Lynchburg's Voices for Civil Rights

Wednesday, May 13
5:00 p.m.
Reading Room

In the final lecture of our 2025-26 history series, Robert L. Canida II will share how Lynchburg's Civil Rights Movement and Movers addressed pressing issues and how the 'community' came together to speak up and demand equity and justice.

Dr. Robert L. Canida II is the Chief Excellence Officer of the University of Lynchburg and has 30 years of experience in higher education.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

SPRING 2026
Freedom Forward!

Jones Memorial Library
John D. Owen Jr. History Series

LECTURE SERIES

2311 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501
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5:00 P.M.



Robert L. Canida II

Resilience Resolve and Rising Up: Lynchburg's Voices for Civil Rights

This presentation will examine how Lynchburg's Civil Rights Movement and Movers addressed pressing issues and how the 'community' came together to speak up and demand equity and justice. The 'movement' served, and continues to serve, as the vehicle to challenge actions that prevent freedom for all!



Robert L. Canida, II, Ph.D., has 30 years of experience in higher education. Currently he serves as the Chief Inclusive Excellence Officer for the University of Lynchburg. In this role, he provides leadership for the development, design and execution of the University's inclusive excellence initiatives. Dr. Canida serves on numerous Virginia boards and is a proud member of the Lynchburg Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. He has earned degrees from Xavier University, the University of Kentucky, and North Carolina A&T State University.

LYH GLAM Meet-Up

Thursday, May 14
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Amherst County Museum

Staff and volunteers at area galleries, libraries, archives, and museums are invited for a free networking event and tour with Amherst County Museum director Octavia Starbuck.

Register in advance by emailing staff@amherstcountymuseum.org

LYNCHBURG GLAM MAY 2026



Join us for a tour and get together with
Amherst County Museum & Historical Society
RSVP to staff@amherstcountymuseum.org

Thursday, May 14, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Amherst County Museum
154 South Main Street, Amherst, VA 24521

Non-Fiction Book Group

Wednesday, May 27
10:30 a.m.
Westminster Canterbury
Hume Room

Join the Non-Fiction Book Group in May as we discuss Pulitzer Prize winner Kate Zernicke's *The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins and the Fight for Women in Science*.

At our May meeting we will finalize our non-fiction history reads for 2026-27. See [proposed titles here](#) and come with your own suggestions!

The book discussion group is free and open to the public. Sessions are co-moderated by librarians from Jones Memorial Library and the Lynchburg Public Library.

Exhibit: READ

On view in the Reading Room

JML's exhibit about the history of censorship in Central Virginia 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

Jones Memorial Library and Lynchburg Public Library invite you to:

Nonfiction Book Group
May 2026

The Exceptions
by Kate Zernicke

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

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LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

KATE ZERNICKE
Winner of the PULITZER PRIZE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO READ FREE IN CENTRAL VIRGINIA?

SELECT
SUPPRESS
CENSOR
BAN
BURN
REVISE
READ

October 7, 2025 - August 31, 2026

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On exhibit in the Reading Room
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Lynchburg, VA 24501

Freedom to Read Foundation
FREE PEOPLE READ FREELY

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. "READ" is free and open to the public in the JML Reading Room through August.

Summer Internships @ JML

NEW! GLAM JOB LISTINGS

Check out the new section of the LYH GLAM webpage!

We've just listed a role at the Legacy Museum, plus Jones Memorial Library's 2026 summer internships for college students & recent grads

Visit

<https://www.jmlibrary.org/events/lynchburg-glam/>
and scroll to **Available Positions**

Are there available positions at GLAMs in the Lynchburg area?

Legacy Museum of African-American History - Operations Coordinator (posted 4-18-2026)

Jones Memorial Library - Summer Internships (applications due by 05-15-2026) Visit www.jmlibrary.org/join-the-team

Join the GLAM e-mail list

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JML On-the-Road

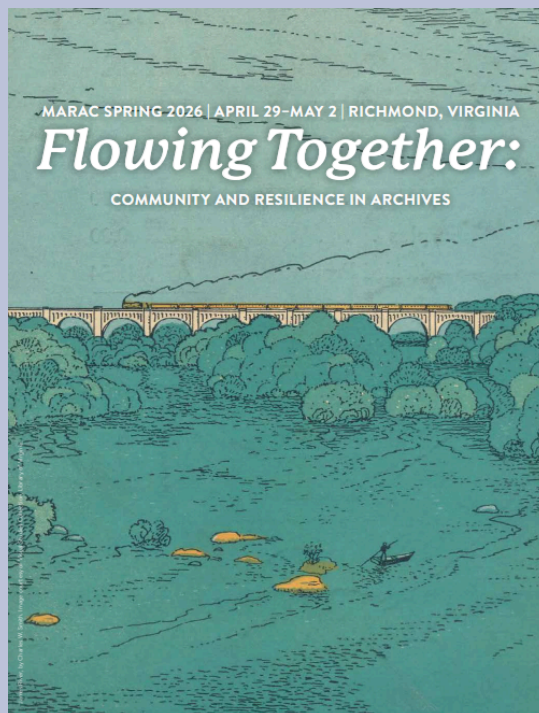
MARAC 2026

April 29 - May 2, 2026
Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives
Conference in Richmond, VA

Session 2: "When Churches Die: The Archivist Doula"

Jones Memorial Library is attending the MARAC Spring conference, and we're also presenting!

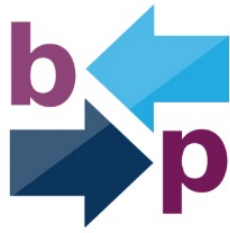
Come hear JML Archivist Gwen Wells and Executive Director Deborah Smith discuss how archivists emerge as essential companions in a profound transition when churches close. We'll examine case studies from two recent closures and highlight the challenges and opportunities these transitions present for archives and religious communities.



Roots Club at CCPL

May 7, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.
Campbell County Public Library
Rustburg Branch

Jones Memorial Library will visit with the Roots Club at the CCPL Rustburg Library in May. We will highlight the new Memory Lab at JML, and share some of the library's digital and print resources for your research on ancestors near and far.



Best Practices Exchange

BPE 2026

May 18 - 20, 2026

Best Practices Exchange at
Indiana University Indianapolis

*Session 2A: "Beyond Efficiency:
Ethical Considerations in Adopting AI
for Digital Archives Metadata and
Transcription"*

Jones Memorial Library is attending and presenting at the Best Practices Exchange at Indiana University Indianapolis in May.

Executive Director Deborah Smith will participate in a panel discussion and share how JML uses low-cost AI tools to transcribe handwritten documents in alignment with the Program for Cooperative Cataloging's Guiding Principles for Use of AI and Machine Learning Technologies in Cataloging and Metadata Work.

Make Memories with Mom!

Memory & Digitization Lab open for free appointments

JML's Memory & Digitization Lab is open for appointments.

During the month of May, come and record favorite stories and memories with your mom or favorite mother figure. Then share the recording for Mother's Day!

Not sure what to talk about? We've got conversation cards with loads of ideas to get you started.

Bring a USB drive and an SD or SDHC card to save your digitized recording and take it home. You can also donate a copy of the recording for long-term preservation in JML's collections.

To learn more and book a free appointment, visit <https://www.jmlibrary.org/lab/>

Memories with Mom All month long in May



Book a recording session in our
Oral History Studio
and capture memories and stories
with your mom. Then give the
recording to her on Mother's Day!

Visit www.jmlibrary.org/lab to
schedule your free session at the
Jones Memorial Library Memory Lab

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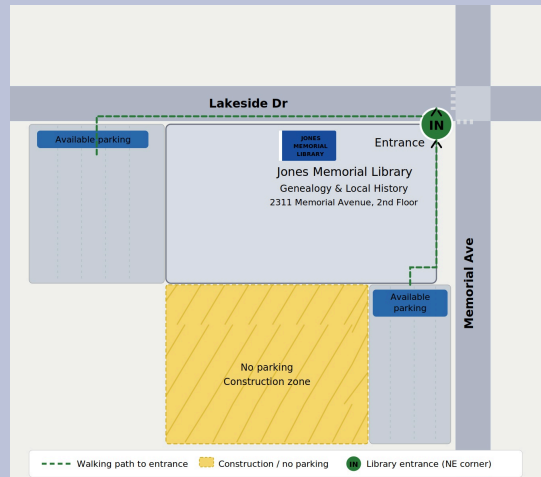
Facility Update

Where to park while LPL renovates

Jones Memorial Library is an independent genealogy and history archive. We are pleased to share a building with the Lynchburg Public Library. JML is located on the 2nd floor while LPL is on the 1st floor.

During LPL's renovations, JML is open as usual to serve researchers using our genealogy and history collections. Parking is available on both sides of the library parking lot.

To learn how to access public library services during the renovations visit lynchburgpubliclibrary.org/



**MAKE A GIFT TO OUR 2025-26 ANNUAL FUND
BEFORE JUNE 30**

**Donors who make a gift between
July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026
will be listed in our FY26 annual report later this summer**

Thanks for your support!

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