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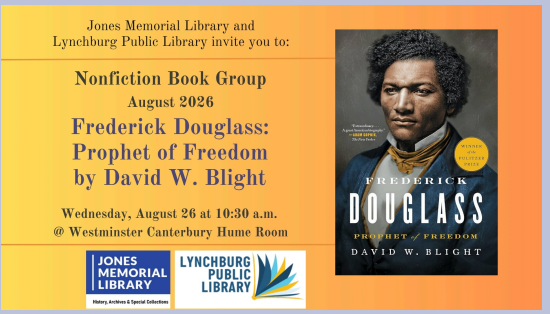
History, Archives & Special Collections

This month at The Jones

Non-Fiction Book Group

Wednesday, August 26
10:30 a.m. @ Hume Room
Westminster Canterbury



The Non-Fiction Book Group meets five times a year and our 2026-27 series begins this month when we discuss David W. Blight's Pulitzer Prize winning biography, *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom.*

Our book discussions are on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Hume Room at Westminster Canterbury and are open to the public. Staff from The Jones and Lynchburg Public Library moderate discussions.

You can request a copy of the book from the Lynchburg Public Library, then join us as we discuss it together.

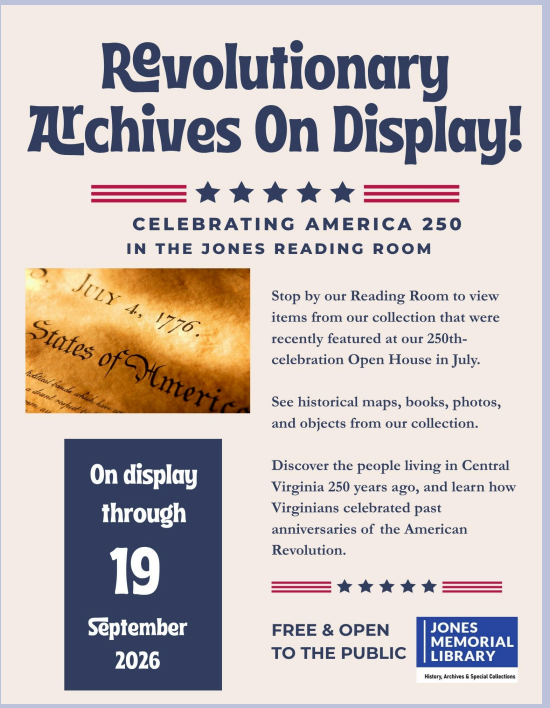
Our October 14 title will be *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790* by Rhys Isaac.

On Display: Archives are Revolutionary

Through September 19
@ The Jones Reading Room

Thanks to all who attended our 250th themed Open House in July!

If you missed the event, be sure to stop by our Reading Room to see the historical maps, books, photos, and other Revolutionary-related items from our collection on display.



Save the Dates!

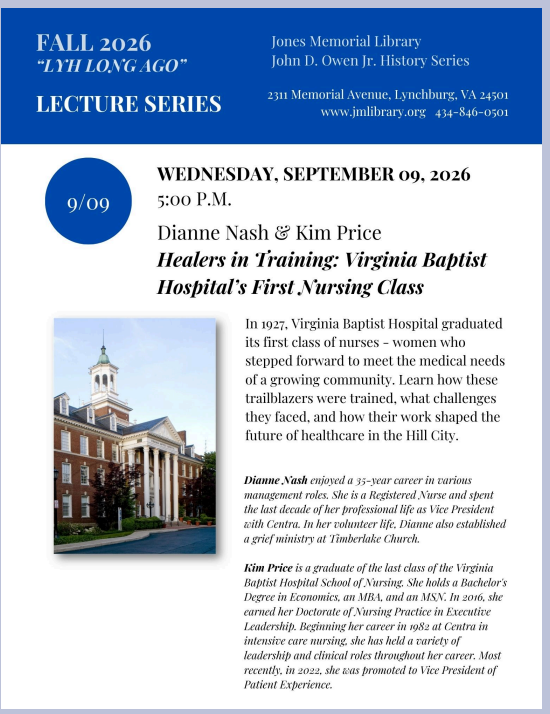
Healers in Training: Virginia Baptist Hospital's First Nursing Class

Wednesday, September 9
5:00 p.m.
The Jones Reading Room

The 2026-27 John D. Owen, Jr. History Series launches with a September talk by Dianne Nash and Kim Price about Virginia Baptist Hospital's first class of nurses.

In 1927, Virginia Baptist Hospital graduated its first class of nurses - women who stepped forward to meet the medical needs of a growing community. Learn how these trailblazers were trained, what challenges they faced, and how their work shaped the future of healthcare in the Hill City.

Lectures are always free and open to the public in our Reading Room at 2311 Memorial Avenue, no reservation needed.



LYH GLAM Meet-Up

Thursday, September 17
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
@ Lynchburg Police Dept. Museum, 3405 Odd Fellows Road

Do you work or study in the cultural heritage sector? Lynchburg GLAM hosts free quarterly meetups.

Staff and volunteers at area **G**alleries, **L**ibraries**, A**rchives, and **M**useums ('GLAM') are invited to join us for a free networking event and tour with Katie Jennings at the Lynchburg Police Department Museum in September.

Please register in advance with kathleen.jennings@lynchburgva.gov

Now Online

Blankinship Bible (FF5253)

Jones Memorial Library recently added pages from the Blankinship Family Bible (Family File 5253) to our digital collections portal.

The family bible was loaned to the library for digitization. Included in the online family file are select pages which include Blankinship/Blankenship family genealogy notes, photographs, and other information relevant to genealogy researchers.

You can find the family bible pages in our digital collection.

News & Notes

"Give Me Liberty" coming to The Jones in 2027

Jones Memorial Library has been selected as an exhibit site for the Virginia Museum of History & Culture's traveling exhibition, *Give Me Liberty: Virginia & The Forging of a Nation.*

Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, *Give Me Liberty* highlights Virginia's leading role in the American Revolution, which started with the Boston Tea Party in 1773 and lasted until The Treaty of Paris was signed in 1783.

The exhibit explores the continental and global forces as well as the actions of both iconic and ordinary people that brought about a model of democratic government that changed the world.

Give Me Liberty: Virginia & The Forging of a Nation is the signature exhibition of the Virginia America Revolution 250 Commission and is organized in partnership by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.

The Jones will host the exhibit, which will be free and open to the public, in our Reading Room between May 24 and July 5, 2027.

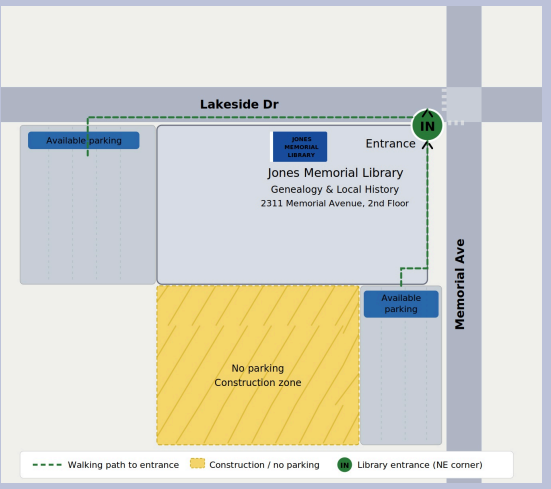
Facility Update

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. The Jones is located on the 2nd floor while LPL is on the 1st floor.

During LPL's renovations, we are 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/



Launch the new fiscal year with a gift to the Annual Fund

Donors who make a gift between
July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027
will be listed in our FY27 annual report

Look for our FY26 report, mailing later this month!

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