

SEPTEMBER 2026

JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

History, Archives & Special Collections

This month at The Jones

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

Wednesday, September 9
5:00 p.m.
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 Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums ('GLAM') are invited to join us for a free networking event and tour with Katie Jennings at the Lynchburg Police Department Museum in September.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2026
5:00 P.M.

Dianne Nash & Kim Price
***Healers in Training: Virginia Baptist
Hospital's First Nursing Class***



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Dianne Nash enjoyed a 35-year career in various management roles. She is a Registered Nurse and spent the last decade of her professional life as Vice President with Centra. In her volunteer life, Dianne also established a grief ministry at Timberlake Church.

Kim Price is a graduate of the last class of the Virginia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, an MBA, and an MSN. In 2006, she earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Executive Leadership. Beginning her career in 1982 at Centra in intensive care nursing, she has held a variety of leadership and clinical roles throughout her career. Most recently, in 2022, she was promoted to Vice President of Patient Experience.

LYNCHBURG GLAM

Join us for a tour and
get together

09.17.26

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Lynchburg Police
Department Museum

3405 Odd Fellow Road
Lynchburg, VA 24501

RSVP to Katie Jennings:

kathleen.jennings@lynchburgva.gov



Please [register in advance](#).

**On Display:
Archives are Revolutionary**
Through September 19
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.

Revolutionary Archives On Display!

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CELEBRATING AMERICA 250
IN THE JONES READING ROOM



Stop by our Reading Room to view items from our collection that were recently featured at our 250th-celebration Open House in July.

See historical maps, books, photos, and objects from our collection.

Discover the people living in Central Virginia 250 years ago, and learn how Virginians celebrated past anniversaries of the American Revolution.

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19
September
2026

Save the Dates!

Leaving America Behind: Lynchburg Colonization Society

Wednesday, October 14
5:00 p.m.
Reading Room

The 2026-27 John D. Owen, Jr. History Series continues with an October talk by Joe Stinnett about the Lynchburg Colonization Society. In the 1820s, a group of Lynchburg residents founded a local branch of the American Colonization Society, promoting the resettlement of emancipated Black Americans to the west coast of Africa. Learn about the Lynchburg branch, the debates it ignited, and how this controversial movement reflected - and complicated - the struggle over slavery and freedom in antebellum Virginia.

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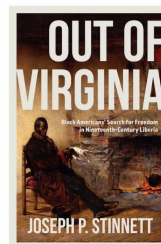
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Joe Stinnett is the retired editor of *The News & Advance*, Lynchburg, Va.'s daily newspaper, and *The Roanoke Times*. He grew up in Amherst County, attended Amherst County High School, and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1974. He began his journalism career in 1974 as a reporter for *The News*, Lynchburg's morning paper, and later worked as managing editor of the *Amherst News Era-Progress* and *Nelson County Times* before returning to *The News* and *The Daily Advance*. At the Lynchburg papers, he became night city editor, then city editor, and later managing editor. He concluded his career with a year as editor of *The Roanoke Times* before retiring in 2014. He is the author of *Out of Virginia: Black Americans' Search for Freedom in Nineteenth-Century Liberia*.

Non-Fiction Book Group

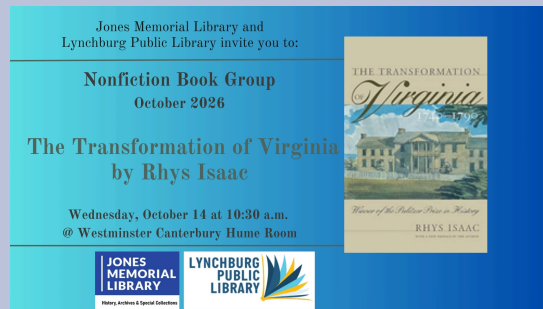
Wednesday, October 14
10:30 a.m. @ Hume Room
Westminster Canterbury

The Non-Fiction Book Group meets five times a year and in October we discuss Rhys Isaac's award-winner *The Transformation of Virginia, 1740-1790*.

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 January 27 title is T. Tyler Potterfield's *Nonesuch Place: A History of the Richmond Landscape*.



Now Online

FY26 Annual Report

The Jones is grateful for the support of donors who make monetary gifts to the library, as well as individuals and organizations that donate materials or services.

The Jones Annual Report is our way of recognizing and thanking all donors and volunteers who contributed to the library during our most recent fiscal year, between July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

We mailed the report to area households in late August. Didn't get one in your mailbox? Stop by the library to pick up a copy, or read the [digital version online](#).

Thank you!



News & Notes

Dear Folks at Home: **Lynchburg and the Great War**

The Jones launches a new exhibit in October highlighting original letters, posters, and objects that share the story of Lynchburg's participation in World War I.

Learn about the Last Man's Club, and read letters to Lynchburg that made it past wartime censors. The exhibit also shares the heroism of Lynchburg native Dr. Thomas Edward Jones, one of the only black Americans to receive the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross for service during WWI.

Dear Folks at Home launches as a physical exhibit in The Jones Reading Room on October 20. A digital exhibit, with expanded documentation, will be available starting on Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day.

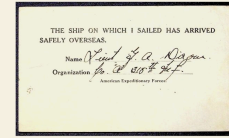
DEAR FOLKS AT HOME

Lynchburg and the Great War 1914-1918



On Exhibit at The Jones

In the Reading Room & Online



Explore World War I through Lynchburg's letters, stories, and artifacts.

**October 20, 2026
to April 30, 2027**

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"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.



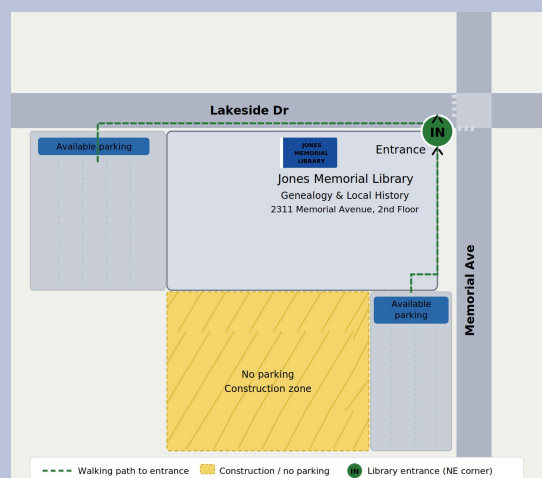
Facility Update

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/



Make a gift to the Annual Fund

Our Annual Report is now online
Thank you to all of our donors!

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

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Saturday, September 5**

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