

June
2023

Upcoming Programs & Events

LVHS is excited to partner with the Lancaster Community Library as co-sponsors to offer these free programs in conjunction with the LCL Adult Summer Reading Program. Programs are in-person at the Lancaster Community Library, Kilmarnock and will also be streamed live on Facebook and recorded for later viewing on our websites.

Special Evenings with...



Jim Bish: Author Talk and Book Signing

The Role of George Washington's Ball Family Relatives in Telling the Stories of His Life

Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 PM at LCL

Reservations required due to limited seating space in the smaller meeting room

Sign up at 804-462-7280, history@lancastervahistory.org, or online at <https://tinyurl.com/lvhs2023Bish>

Wednesday, June 14, 10:00-11:00 AM

Additional Book Signing Only at LVHS Museum

The Book: *I Can't Tell A Lie—Parson Weems and the Truth about George Washington's Cherry Tree, Prayer at Valley Forge, and Other Anecdotes*

\$25.00 + tax/shipping if applicable. LVHS Members \$22.50

Purchase at the event, at www.LancasterVaHistory.org, or in the LVHS Museum Shop.

George Washington had many uncles, aunts, and cousins on his mother's side who are often overlooked as influencers in his life. Washington's family associations, primarily his Ball family relations, are studied in depth for the first time in this new book, revealing much about Washington's non-public life. The connections among his family circles, neighbors, and other associates reveal the sources for the many anecdotes of George's life immortalized by his biographer Parson Weems. Spoiler alert: There's a Lancaster Ball connection to the Cherry Tree story!

Jim Bish holds an MA in History and has spent nearly 40 years researching, teaching, and writing about local, regional, and Virginia state history. Retired from 30 years as a Prince William high school teacher, he now operates History Happened Here Tours and is a volunteer and board member for the Museum of Culpeper History. Jim's direct ancestor, Colonel John West, was closely associated with George Washington as they served together as Fairfax County's representatives to Virginia's House of Burgesses 1761-1775.

Pixie E. Curry

Telling the Stories of the Northern Neck

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 PM at LCL

(no reservations needed)

Ms. Curry, a Kilmarnock native from a family with deep local watermen roots and who grew up here during segregation, will discuss some of her personal experiences, her training at VCU and career in public television, radio, film, and theater, and her current web project to produce oral histories of interesting people connected to the Northern Neck's rich and vibrant history, heritage, and current events— www.apixiefromkilmarnock.com.



Author Expo

Saturday, July 8, 1:00-4:00 PM
Lancaster Community Library

Meet local/regional authors and publishers of all genres and make book purchases.

Stop by the LVHS table for local history and historical fiction selections!

Featuring a public keynote address by Christina Dalcher, best-selling author of the thought-provoking novels *Vox*, *Master Class*, and *Femlandia*.

Co-sponsored by LVHS and LCL.

Northern Neck Juneteenth Fair

Saturday, June 17, 4:00-7:00 PM

Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern Grounds, Heathsville

Celebrate and Commemorate Freedom
with music, food, vendors, arts & crafts, history, and more

***Visit the LVHS information table to learn
about our history and genealogy resources!***

Sponsored by Interracial Conversations NNK, MACORP Inc, Northumberland NAACP,
and Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern

Historical Society Hours

MUSEUM & BOOK SHOP

Open Wed, Thurs, Fri

10:00-4:00

(except closed Thurs June 1 for staff development)

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RESEARCH LIBRARY**

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Save the Date! Saturday, November 11

We are planning for the return of the
Oyster Roast!

But we will need your help—volunteers and attendees—to make it a fun event and a profitable fundraiser. We will be reaching out soon with a short survey about the event, but feel free to send us any thoughts or comments now at

history@LancasterVaHistory.org

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