McDermott’s Handy
Saturday, March 16th

Traditional Irish music and story telling comes to the Verona Public Library! McDermott’s Handy has been performing in the greater tri-state area for nearly 40 years. The duo will play Celtic harp, fiddle, flute, guitar, banjo, tinwhistle, bouzouki and occasionally the bodhran. And singing! We’ll have two special programs with something for the whole family.

11:00 am: St. Patrick’s Day Storytime & Songs for Children

2:00 pm: Traditional Irish Music for All
WRITERS’ WORKSHOP

*With Author Cristina Guarneri*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH ~ 3:00 PM &
MONDAY, MARCH 11TH ~ 1:00 PM**

*Bring pen and paper!*

**Where to Start?** Discuss the beginning stages of writing. This course is designed for people like you who are interested in writing but have no experience or aren’t sure how or where to begin. We will start to explore multiple disciplines of writing and discover what writing style you enjoy most. It’s a great way to start!

**Let’s Get into Character!** Develop characters for short stories or novels by helping you to learn how to create believable fiction characters and construct scenes with emotional depth and range.

**I’ve got a Story!** Put together the first draft of the story using each of the key elements for writing your first draft. Each of the elements used will help you toward writing your story from setting to dialogue and so much more.

**NOT A DIRTY WORD**

*Author Steph Auteri*

Sunday, March 31st ~ 3:00 pm

Author Steph Auteri will talk about how she stumbled into a sex writing career that eventually led to the publication of A Dirty Word. She'll give an overview of the topics that pop up in her book: rape culture, consent, the #metoo movement, the medicalization of female sexuality, body image, reproductive health, and more. Books will be available for purchase & signing.

**KNIT FOR A CAUSE**

Thursdays ~ 7:00 pm

Knit, crochet or sew clothing and accessories that will be distributed to Oasis women’s shelter of Paterson, NJ. Knitters of all skill levels are encouraged to attend. Warm someone’s day with your own creation!

Can’t join us in person? You can still contribute! Pick up yarn and drop off your projects any time the Library is open. Materials will be provided, but donations of yarn and knitting needles are welcome.

**CHAIR YOGA - New!**

Thursdays ~ 11:00 am

**Starting March 14th.** Certified Yoga instructor Danielle Massa will guide students in a wellness routine to achieve balance of mind and body. Chair yoga is a gentle approach for people of all abilities to increase flexibility, strength and relaxation.
Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 12
7:00 pm

Verona teens in grades 8 - 12 are invited to join the Library’s new Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Members are teens who are passionate about and dedicated to making sure the library is meeting the needs and wants of teens in the community.

Active members who are in grades 8 - 12 also earn volunteer hours for participation. TAB Members have the opportunity to get involved in any or all of the following areas:

- CODING CLUB – Mondays @ 3:15 pm
  Join the Verona Public Library Coding Club and learn to Code with Scratch! The club will meet on Mondays from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Due to limited space and equipment, registration is required. Open to Verona Library cardholders in grades 5 - 8. Register online: https://www.veronalibrary.org/teens.

- MINECRAFT CLUB – Thursdays @ 3:15 pm
  If you are a Minecraft fan, this club is for you! The club will meet to play Minecraft, share tips and tricks, eat snacks, and plan competitive events. Due to limited space and registration is required. All club members must have their own Microsoft Live and Minecraft accounts and provide their own devices (laptop, tablets, or smartphones) and power supply. Open to Verona Library cardholders in grades 5+.
  Register online: https://www.veronalibrary.org/minecraft-club-registration.

- TWEEN CRAFTERS CLUB – Select Fridays @ 3:15 pm
  Join the Verona Public Library Tween Crafters Club and get creative after school! Make something new each week. Crafts available on a drop-in basis. Open to Verona Library cardholders in grades 5+.

- ***Special Makers Day Programs***
  These programs will feature the use of tools such as hammers, nails, irons, and electronic circuits and are for Grades 5 and up. Registration is required to secure a spot. Register online at www.veronalibrary.org/makersday

  **Friday, March 22:**
  
  **STRING ART - 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm**
  Pick a design template and use nails and yarn to create a unique piece of string art.

  **Saturday, March 23:**
  
  **WEARABLE CIRCUITS - 11 am - 1 pm**
  Learn how simple circuits work while creating your own wearable felt tech accessory that lights up!

  **PERLER BEAD EMOJIS - 2 pm - 3pm**
  Express yourself with perler beads and your favorite emojis.
NEW!!  LEGO CLUB!  Wednesdays - 3:30 PM
Each month will present a new challenge and first up, design your dream library. Winner’s design will be displayed in the children’s room. Competition will be arranged by age group. NOTE: Only the smaller Legos will be used, so club is intended for older children.

PLAY DATE FRIDAY 10-11:30 AM
Children play in our new Youth Activity Room. Drop in, no registration required. A good place for families to meet and make new friends. For babies through preschool.

SATURDAY FAMILY STORY TIME
Fun for the whole family at 10:00 AM

ST. PATRICK’S DAY STORY TIME
March 16, 11:00 am
With McDermott’s Handy. Traditional Irish stories & songs (& lots of unique instruments!).

EARLY LITERACY TIP
NURSERY RHYMES
It takes longer for children who are just learning to talk to respond to our questions. This happens because four different parts of the brain have to work together or your child to form a response to what you say. We need to be patient and wait anywhere from 5-12 seconds for children to respond. That feels like a long time because adults usually respond in about 2 seconds. The extra time you give children allows them the practice they need to respond more quickly over time.

SINGALONG
FOR BABIES THROUGH PRE-SCHOOL AGE
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM
Talented musician Emily Zweig entertains and teaches children (and their caretakers) tunes from the core children’s song list.

AFTERNOON CRAFTS
WITH MRS. AUTORINO
Tuesdays at 3:30 PM
Learn how to quill, an art form that utilizes strips of paper that are rolled and shaped to create unique designs. Ms. A. also has some sewing projects planned. For grades 3 and up.
Join Us for the Fifth Annual NJ Makers Day

Verona Public Library is proud to be a participating site for New Jersey Makers Day on March 22 – 23, 2019! Community members of all ages are invited to join us for an exciting day filled with activities focusing on maker culture.

**Perfect For Children**

**Friday, March 22:**

**FABRIC BOOKMARKS - 3:30 pm**


**Saturday, March 23:**

**BRICKS 4 KIDZ - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Bricks 4 Kidz’ Enrichment Classes build on the universal popularity of LEGO® Bricks to deliver high quality, educational play.

**Great for Teens & Tweens**

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**VR Demo - 11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Check out our new Oculus Rift and get a quick demonstration of how virtual reality works. Trust us- you don't need to be a "gamer" to enjoy this technology! **Registration is required to secure a spot.**

Register online: [www.veronalibrary.org/makersday](http://www.veronalibrary.org/makersday).

**3D PRINT DEMO - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Check out our new 3D printer that uses plastic filament to create three dimensional objects.