



Alexandria Library

Rose Dawson, Director

“Learn, Explore, Create, Connect”





"I read a story about this place on the Internet. But I didn't think it actually existed."

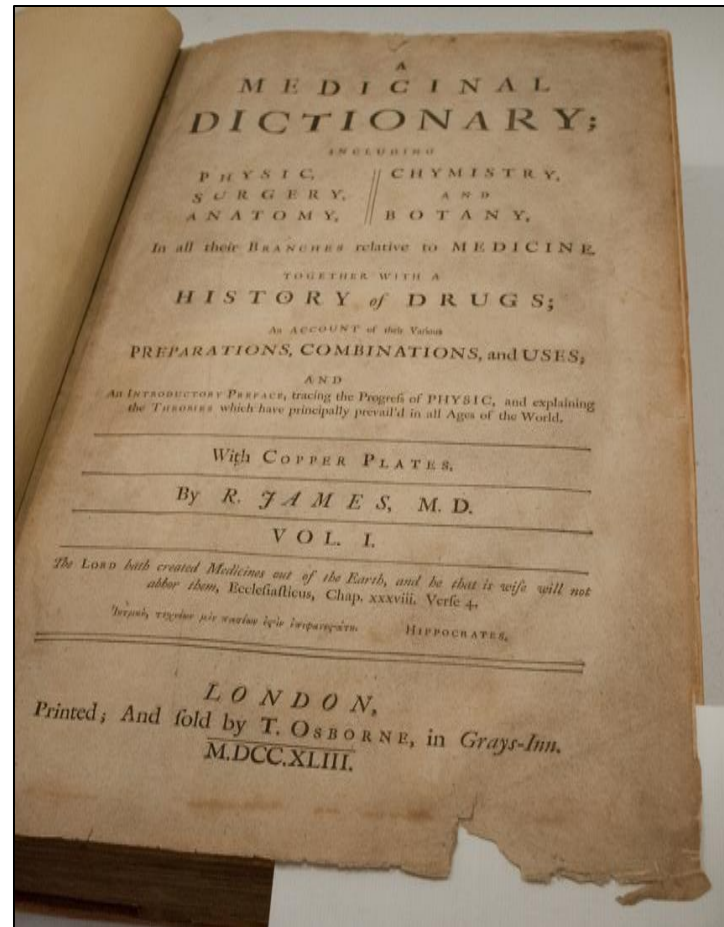
Good bye!



A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH...

Alexandria Library Company was founded July 24, 1794.
Which of the following were NOT included in the Company's earliest addresses?

- a) Mr. Stabler's Apothecary Shop
- b) Old City Hall
- c) The Lyceum
- d) Masonic Temple
- e) Peabody Hall



THE TALE OF TWO LIBRARIES



In 1937:

- Dr. Robert South Barrett and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett
- The Society of Friends and 99-year lease
- Alexandria Library Company collections
- The City line item and its budget.

1939 LIBRARY SIT-IN

ROBERT H. ROBINSON LIBRARY



LIBRARY LEADERSHIP



Trudi Hahn
Chair



Robert Ray IV
Vice Chair



Oscar P. Fitzgerald
Treasurer



Patsy Rogers
Secretary



Albert Moseley II



Dianne Fox

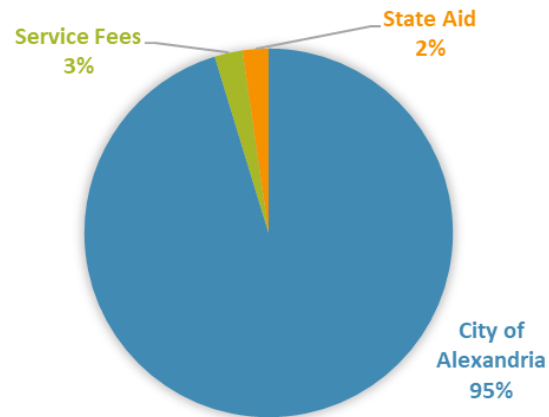


Canek Aguirre
Councilmember

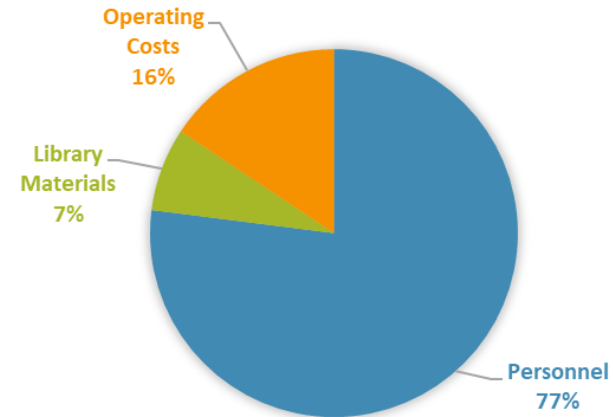
Library Budget

FY 2023 Library Budget
\$8,554,192

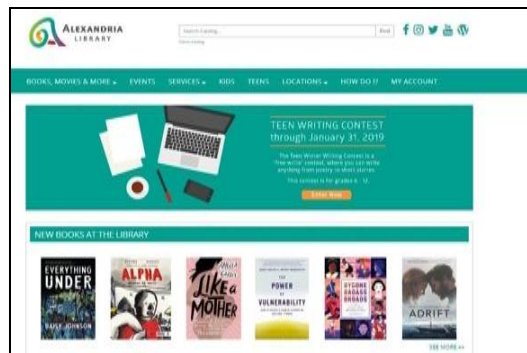
REVENUE



EXPENSES



THE ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY



KATE WALLER BARRETT BRANCH LIBRARY 717 Queen Street



- Built in 1937
- Renovated in 1995
- Size: 25,000 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 52,208
- Circulation: 154,019
- Collection: 56,000 items
- Foundation Center

Patron and circulation count as of June 2022

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. CENTRAL LIBRARY 5005 Duke Street



- Opened in 2000
- Size: 62,400 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 171,196
- Circulation: 449,951
- Collection: 170,000 items
- Designed by Michael Graves
- Named after mayor
- Has Reading Garden

Patron and circulation count as of June 2022

ELLEN COOLIDGE BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY 4701 Seminary Road



- Built in 1968
- Closed in 2000
- Reopened in 2002
- Size: 20,234 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 38,821
- Circulation: 70,756
- Collection: 65,000 items
- Housed on 2nd floor
- 2002-2014 shared building with ACPS IT department and ESL program

Patron and circulation count as of June 2022

JAMES M. DUNCAN, JR. BRANCH LIBRARY

2501 Commonwealth Avenue



- Opened in 1969
- Size: 13,130 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 71,221
- Circulation: 292,487
- Collection: 111,000 items
- Expanded in 2005
- Green roof

Patron and circulation count as of June 2022

LOCAL HISTORY/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS BRANCH LIBRARY 717 Queen Street



- Formerly in Lloyd House
- Moved to Barrett in 2000
- Size: 4,928 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 3,701
- Circulation: 4,901
- Collection: 20,000 items
- Resources related to Alexandria, VA, American history

Patron and circulation count as of June 2022

LAW LIBRARY

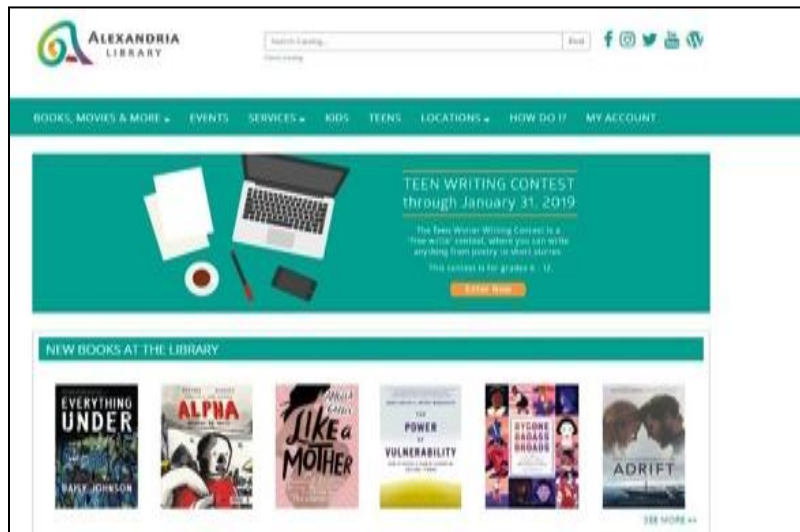
520 King Street, LL34



- Became branch in 2015
- Size: 3,520 sq. ft.
- Patron count: 3,611
- Circulation: 248
- Collection: 3,700 items
- Located in Courthouse basement
- Provides legal resources
- Westlaw and LexisNexis databases

Patron and circulation count as of June 2022

VIRTUAL BRANCH



- Library website and online catalog
- Manage library accounts online, pay fees, place holds
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, digital movies and music, databases
- Circulation: 440,135
- Collection: 89,000 items

Social Media



@alexlibraryva

Online Blog

'Out of the Stacks' Adult Services Blog –
<http://bit.ly/OutOfTheStacks>

Circulation count as of June 2022

DIGITAL SERVICES



Alexandria Library
at Your Fingertips

- Library
- My Account
- My Bookshelf
- Suggestions
- Calendar
- Facebook

Manage Your Account
Search the Catalog
Find Library Events
Locate Branches
and More...

Download For Apple and Android Devices

mángo
languages

DOWNLOAD &
STREAM MUSIC
with ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY

online and on your
mobile device

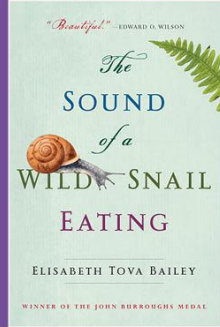
Android Apple freegal music 4.0

PROGRAMS - ADULT

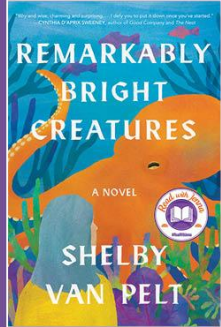


all alexandria reads
2023

The Alexandria Library
invites you to read



**The Sound of a
Wild Snail Eating**
by Elisabeth Tova Bailey



**REMARKABLY
BRIGHT
CREATURES**
A NOVEL
by SHELBY VAN PELT

Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library 5003 Duke Street 703.746.1702	Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library 717 Queen Street 703.746.1703	Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library 4101 Seminary Road 703.746.1704	James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library 2501 Commonwealth Avenue 703.746.1705
--	---	--	--



PROGRAMS - TEENS

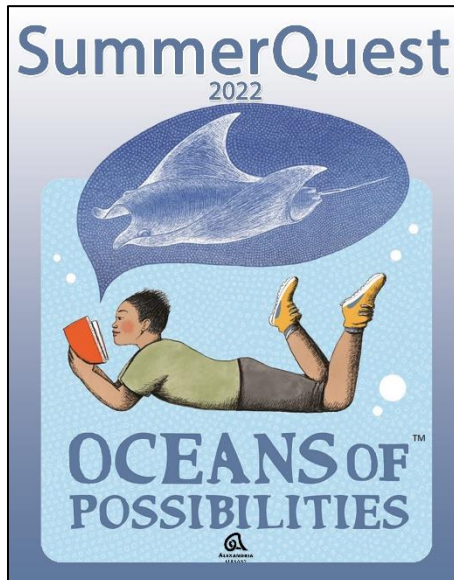
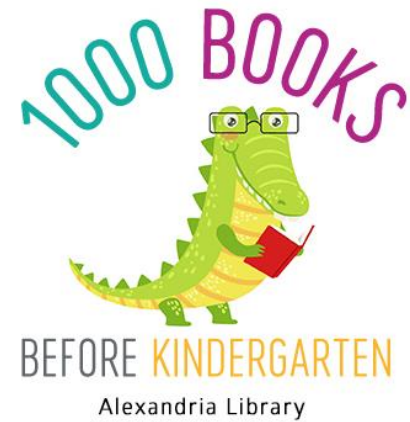


GALE
COURSES

T.A.B

Teen Advisory Board

PROGRAMS - CHILDRENS



SERVICES

Passports



Talking Books



Chromebooks & Hotspots



Outreach



SPECIAL EVENTS



Alexandria Gazette Packet

SERVING ALEXANDRIA FOR OVER 200 YEARS • A CONNECTION NEWSPAPER

25 CENTS
AUGUST 22, 2019



Crowd gathers at the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial.

400 Years of Slavery

Gathering honors victims, addresses Alexandria's role in slavery.

By LIAM BOWMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

In August 1619 a group of privateers sailed into the mouth of the James River and landed at Point Comfort — an English foothold in the seemingly boundless tidal marsh of coastal Virginia. The colonists gathered to watch as 20 Africans bound in chains were forced out into the humid summer air. These men were sold to wealthy planters as property, becoming the first enslaved Africans in Virginia. The slave trade grew from there and soon many port cities, including Alexandria, were profiting by selling Africans into bondage.

The Barretts for Racial Justice on Friday, Aug. 16, marked the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved African people to arrive in Virginia. The event was aimed to honor the thousands of Africans who suffered enslavement, as well as call attention to the role Alexandria played in the slave trade.

As the sun set Friday evening, around 100 people gathered for prayers and hymns at the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial on Washington Street, which serves as the final resting place for about 2,000 escaped slaves. The crowd of local citizens, led by representatives from the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

Protesting 'Whites Only' Library

1939 Library Sit-In ignited Civil Rights era.

By JEANNE TREHMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Kimberly Evans-Rosed was confused. She couldn't understand why her brother was shouting and one of his holding by a police officer. But her mother told her to look again at the photograph. It was dated Aug. 21, 1939, and the familiar face in the photo was her grandfather, William "Buddy" Evans, one of five African American men who walked through the doors of the "whites only" Alexandria Library in what many believe to be the earliest protest of the Civil Rights era.

"My granddaddy never talked about it," Evans-Rosed said at an Aug. 19 reception commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Alexandria Library Sit-In. "He only mentioned it once when I was about 10. It wasn't until I saw a photo in the newspaper a few years ago and thought 'What's my brother doing with a police officer?' They look identical but it was there that my mother explained the significance of what he had done."

Evans-Rosed and her sister, Sonya Finner Evans, were joined at the reception by four generations of the Evans family at the Barrett Branch Library on Queen Street, the site of the 1939 protest that saw her grandfather and four others arrested for entering the "whites only" building.

The Franklin & Armfield Slave Pen, located at 1315 Duke St., was once one of the largest slave trading companies in the nation. Isaac Franklin, along with his partner John Armfield, leased the Duke Street building in 1828 to serve as a slave pen for enslaved Africans being shipped to the deep south. With the Atlantic slave trade declining in the early 19th century, southern planters became increasingly reliant on the domestic slave markets. In response to this increased demand, slaveholders in the upper south, calculating that their slaves could sell for double the price in the deep south, began shipping thousands of enslaved

to the deep south. The Franklin & Armfield Slave Pen, located at 1315 Duke St., was once one of the largest slave trading companies in the nation. Isaac Franklin, along with his partner John Armfield, leased the Duke Street building in 1828 to serve as a slave pen for enslaved Africans being shipped to the deep south. With the Atlantic slave trade declining in the early 19th century, southern planters became increasingly reliant on the domestic slave markets. In response to this increased demand, slaveholders in the upper south, calculating that their slaves could sell for double the price in the deep south, began shipping thousands of enslaved



Rose Dawson, executive director of the Alexandria Library, and City Councilwoman Amy Jackson hold a framed poster of the Aug. 19 ceremony commemorating the 80th anniversary of the sit-in.



Rose Dawson, executive director of the Alexandria Library, and City Councilwoman Amy Jackson hold a framed poster of the Aug. 19 ceremony commemorating the 80th anniversary of the sit-in.



Attorney and Civil Rights Trailblazer Samuel W. Tucker was the organizer of the 1939 Sit-In at the Alexandria Library.

by walking into this library," Evans-Rosed said. "William 'Buddy' Evans set the tone for our entire family to do great things."

See 'I WILL ALWAYS' Page 6

News



Family members of William "Buddy" Evans hold individual framed photos presented as a commemoration of the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In Aug. 19 at the Barrett Branch Library. Evans was one of five men arrested during a peaceful protest after being refused library cards.

William "Buddy" Evans, at left, Otto Tucker, Edward Gaddis, Morris L. Murray and Clarence "Buck" Strange are escorted by police out of the "whites only" Alexandria Library on Queen Street after requesting a library card on Aug. 21, 1939.

'I Will Always Refuse'

From Page 1

Originally called the Alexandria Library, the present-day Barrett Branch Library was built in 1937 to serve the city's white residents. African American residents were denied access even though their tax dollars helped finance the library forcing those interested in reading to travel to Richmond or Washington, D.C. to use libraries there. Evans was 19 years old when he agreed to participate in the peaceful protest orchestrated by Samuel W. Tucker, a young attorney who was determined to establish equal access to community resources. Evans was joined by Tucker's younger brother Otto, 22; Edward Gaddis, 21; Morris L. Murray, 22; and Clarence "Buck" Strange, 21. One by one, each entered the library and requested a library card. When they were refused, they



Four generations of the William "Buddy" Evans family gather at the Barrett Branch Library on Aug. 19 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In. Seated in front are Evans' daughters Joyce Angela Evans Jackson, center, and Beverly Wanner, right, surrounded by children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

refused to accept a card to be used at the library to be constructed and operated at the exclusion of African Americans from the public library. While a final ruling was never entered in the case, the judge found that no regulation limited the library's use to whites; it was open to Alexandria residents or taxpayers.

Despite the ruling, rather than allow black readers into the library City Council approved a plan to build a "colored branch" of the library, which opened in 1940 at the corner of Wolfe and North Alfred streets. Named for a freed slave and beloved Alexandria pastor, the Robert R. Robinson Library was constructed at half the cost of the Alexandria Library, had shorter hours and was filled with secondhand books.

When invited to apply for a library card at the Robinson Library, Tucker refused to apply for the city's "separate but equal" institution, saying, "I refuse and will always



Sisters Kimberly Evans-Rosed and Sonya Finner Evans pose for a photo in front of a poster commemorating the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In Aug. 19 at the Barrett Branch Library. Their grandfather, William "Buddy" Evans, was one of five African American men arrested on Aug. 21, 1939 for entering the "whites only" library in what many consider to be the earliest protest of the Civil Rights era.



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

THE BARRETT BRANCH LIBRARY
717 QUEEN STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VA

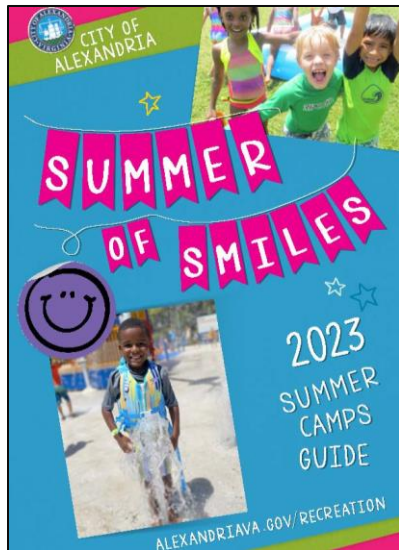
COME DONATE DOCUMENTS AND IMAGES TO
THE LIBRARY'S LOCAL HISTORY ARCHIVE
ENJOY MUSIC, GAMES, FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!

alexlibraryva.org/black-family-reunion

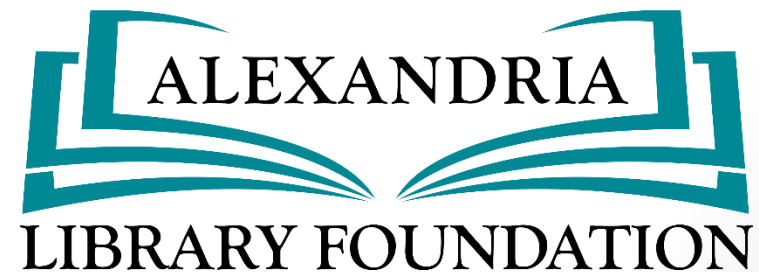




PARTNERSHIPS



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?





Questions?

Alexandria Library Administration

5005 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
703.746.1701

alexlibraryva.org