



A message from Kathy Smith

This week, our newsletter includes useful information about voting in the June 13 primary elections. You can vote early by going to the Fairfax County Government Center Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also vote on Saturday, June 10 between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center. Alternatively you may vote by mail if you submit your application before June 6. More information is below.

Also coming up June 12, 14, and 15 will be public information sessions regarding Transform 66 Outside the Beltway. These public information meetings are the best way for you to learn about the improvements coming to I-66, including the Rt. 28/66 interchange. The session held at Stone Middle School will be on June 14 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. More information is below.

Sincerely,

Kathy



Dulles Suburban Center Study Meeting



Event: Advisory Group Workshop

Location: [Sully District Government Center](#)

[4900 Stonecroft Blvd.](#)

[Chantilly, VA 20151](#)

Date: **Saturday, June 3, 2017**

Time: **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Dulles Suburban Center Advisory Group will discuss their land use recommendations for the study area.

Primary Elections on June 13



Official Election Information

Contests and Participation:

The Democratic Party has qualified candidates seeking nomination to appear on the November ballot for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Member of the Virginia House of Delegates for the 42nd and 67th districts.

The Republican Party has qualified candidates seeking nomination to appear on the November ballot for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Voters may only vote in one party contest and are required to state which contest in which they wish to participate.

Voter Registration:

Any person wishing to exercise their right of suffrage, in a June 13, 2017 Primary Election, must be a Virginia registered voter with residence at a Fairfax County address. Qualifications of voters to register in the Commonwealth of Virginia are: be a citizen of the United States, be 18 years of age by November 7, 2017, not have been convicted of a felony without civil rights reestablished, and not have been

adjudicated as mentally incompetent without competency reestablished.

Notice is hereby given that **May 22, 2017** is the final day to apply to register to vote, or to update an existing voter registration record, for the June 13, 2017 Primary Elections.

Any voter who is a member of a uniformed service of the United States who is on active duty; any person who resides temporarily outside of the United States; or any spouse or dependent residing with a person such person is entitled to extended provisions and alternative methods for voter registration. Please contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections for information.

Voters are not required to register by party.

Absentee Voting:

Absentee Voting In-Person: Any eligible Fairfax County voter who will be absent or unavailable on June 13 may cast an in-person absentee ballot at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2 & 3, during normal business hours, between **April 28 and June 10**. The Fairfax County Government Center will be open for voting on three Saturdays, April 29, June 3, and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **The final day for casting an in-person absentee ballot is Saturday, June 10 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

The Fairfax County Government Center will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29.

On June 10, Celebrate Fairfax events will take place at the Fairfax County Government Center. Traffic and parking will be significantly affected. Voter access and information will be available at the **Green Gate (South Entrance)**. In-person absentee voters are encouraged to utilize a satellite absentee voting location on June 10.

Satellite Absentee Voting: In-person absentee voting will be available at nine satellite locations throughout Fairfax County on Saturday June 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note, the City of Fairfax will also be conducting in-person absentee voting on June 10, but Fairfax County voters are only eligible to vote at a Fairfax County location.

Absentee Voting by Mail: Any eligible Fairfax County voter who will be absent or unavailable on June 13 may cast an absentee ballot through the mail by applying for an absentee ballot. Completed absentee ballot applications may be sent by mail, faxed, delivered in-person, or sent as an email attachment. Any registered voter with a Virginia DMV record may apply for an absentee ballot online at vote.virginia.gov. **Any application for an absentee ballot by mail, regardless of the method of submission, must be received in the Fairfax County Office of Elections by June 6 at 5 p.m.**

To be counted, all voted absentee-by-mail ballots must be *received* in the Office of Elections on June 13 at 7 p.m. Ballots received after June 13 cannot be counted. Postmarks will not be considered for accepting ballots as meeting the deadline.

Contact Information and Normal Business Hours:

Website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/>

Main Email: voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

Absentee Email: absenteeballot@fairfaxcounty.gov

Phone: 703-222-0776 (TTY 711)

Fax: 703-324-2205

Online Voter Portal: <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/voter-outreach/>

Fairfax County Government Center Address: 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Office of Elections Mailing Address: Fairfax County Office of Elections, PO Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In-Person Absentee Voting Satellite Locations:

June 10 only: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Franconia Governmental Center:

6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

North County Governmental Center:

1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190

Lorton Library:

9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, VA 22079

Providence Community Center:

3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031

Mason Governmental Center:

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Sully Governmental Center:

4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

McLean Governmental Center:

1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

West Springfield Governmental Center:

6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152




Mount Vernon Governmental Center:

2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Know The Symptoms of Heat-Related Illness

It is important that county residents know the warning signs and symptoms of heat illness and the appropriate responses.

Below is an info-graphic from our friends at the National Weather Service. An accessible version can be found here: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/heat/heat-illness.shtml>

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
 Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103°  Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to a cooler, air conditioned place • Drink water if fully conscious • Take a cool shower or use cold compresses 	<p>CALL 9-1-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives 	

Are You A Person With Disabilities Who Needs Transportation? Five Things to Know



Accessible and affordable transportation is a critical need for people with disabilities and older adults. There are approximately 67,900 working-age adults with disabilities in our county – access to reliable transportation is critical to independence and self-sufficiency.

If you are disabled or an older adult, here are five things to know to help you get to where you need to go:

1. Know Your Options

- Review the [Transportation Guide to Northern Virginia for People with Disabilities](#) to understand your options and what works best for your schedule and budget.
- Learn about accessible parking, medical transit and other related topics from our [Disability Services](#).

2. Discounts are Available

Speaking of your budget:

- Most **public transportation systems offer discounts** for people with disabilities and older adults. Go to [Fairfax County Connector](#) and [Metro](#) for reduced fare information.
 - The county has a [taxi voucher program](#) that provides **discounted taxi vouchers** for eligible residents. Call 703-222-9764 for more information.
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3. Accessibility is Your Right

If you cannot board a bus or train, navigate sidewalks, cross streets safely or experience inadequate transportation service, you should contact the transportation provider.

- Refer to this list of [transportation providers](#) (including Uber and Lyft) with contact information to file a complaint regarding inaccessible or poor service.
- You may also contact the [Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs](#) for assistance.

4. Document Incidents

If you do experience inadequate service, document the incident for your complaint to the transportation provider:

- Note the date, time and location of the incident.
- Document what is occurring by taking pictures and video with your cell phone.
- Write down the name/s of the service provider, people involved and if possible, witnesses who saw the incident.
- Save dated copies of your correspondence and interactions with the provider.
- Be persistent and firm but cordial by clearly expressing what you need in order to resolve the problem.

5. Improve Transportation for People with Disabilities

- Join the **Fairfax Area Mobility and Transportation Committee**, a joint group of the [Fairfax Area Disability Services Board](#) and [Fairfax Area Long Term Care Coordinating Council](#). This group advocates for a transportation system that provides independence, choice and full participation for people with disabilities and older adults. The committee meets every fourth Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. at the [Government Center](#).
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- Share your ideas and issues with the [Fairfax Area Disability Services Board](#). Public comment periods begin each meeting.
 - Contact Jill Clark at jill.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-5874 for more information.
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Library Loans Free Nature Backpacks to Get Kids Outside



Remember when mom told you it is a beautiful day, go outside and play?

Our [Library](#) is doing the same, but is also loaning free nature-themed backpacks so kids of all ages can enjoy the outdoors and learn about nature and science. It is a great outside activity for families and groups, such as scouts and other youth organizations.

The 32 backpacks were provided to our county by the [Library of Virginia](#) through a grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#).

Check Out Nature Backpacks

Backpacks Full of Fun:

Each backpack includes -

- A parking pass that allows the library customer to visit any one of 36 [Virginia State Parks](#) at no cost
 - You can also use the backpacks at one of our [county parks](#), always free to our residents
- Pocket guides: Edible Wild Plants, Medicinal Plants, and Weather
- Tarp and paracord
- [Big Foot Leave No Trace Ethics Card](#)
- Port-a-bug field observation container
- Dip net and magnifying lens
- Learn & Live outdoor skills card
- Other nifty things like star charts and activity guides

The Fine Print:

- The backpacks are available for a two-week loan period. You can put a hold on them, just like with books.
- You will be asked to fill out a six question evaluation form, so our Library and the Library of Virginia can evaluate the success of the program.
- You will need to return all the contents in the backpack, including the Virginia state park pass.

It is the Season for Bear Sightings



Police were notified of a bear sighting in the Greenbriar subdivision last weekend, in the Birch Pond community, near Rocky Run Stream Valley Park. Recently, a bear was also reported to have damaged the beehive at nearby Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Bears typically avoid humans, but may wander into suburban areas in their search for food. Bears are attracted by bird feeders, garbage, outdoor pet food, compost piles, fruit trees, and berry-producing shrubs. If addressed quickly, situations can be resolved almost immediately by removing the food source. For information on safety precautions and measures to reduce encounters with black bears, please see the Fairfax County Police Department's Bear Aware message below:

The Fairfax County Wildlife Management Specialist and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries suggest residents take the following precautions to minimize encounters with black bears:

- Keep a respectful distance. In most cases, the bear will move on quickly.
 - If a bear is up a tree on or near your property, give it space. Do not approach. Bring your pets inside to provide the bear a clear path to leave your property.
 - If you see a very small cub, do not try to remove it from the area or "save it."
 - Secure your garbage in bear-resistant trash cans or store it in a secure building.
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- If you have a trash collection service, put your trash out the morning of the pickup, not the night before.
- Do not store household trash, or anything that smells like food, in vehicles, on porches or decks.
- Keep your grill clean.
- Don't put meat scraps in your compost pile.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors.
- Remove bird feeders if a bear is in the area.
- Encourage your neighbors to take similar precautions.

Never feed a bear under any circumstances. In Virginia, it is illegal to feed bears on both public and private lands. Feeding bears (whether deliberate or inadvertent) can habituate bears to people and cause serious property damage. These actions are often detrimental to the bear itself as bears that have lost their fear of people often have to be destroyed. Please help us keep our communities safe and our wildlife wild by doing your part to remove attractants on your property.

Bear sightings should be reported to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries through the Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline at (855) 571-9003. Unless the animal is sick or injured, or poses a threat to public safety, the Fairfax County Animal Protection Police do not take actions to remove bears from a neighborhood. Black bears have a natural fear of humans, and in most cases, would rather flee than encounter people.

To learn more about black bears in Virginia, please visit:

<https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/>

<https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/bear-aware/>

<https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/becoming-bear-aware/>

New Pilot Program Promotes Composting Food Waste



Once you separate out regular recyclables - what's left? Much of our trash is actually food waste, and that too can be recycled by turning it into compost. Whether it's the food that's left on a picky eater's plate, to the science experiment in your crisper drawer, food waste can have a second life.

Fairfax County's [Solid Waste Management Program](#) (SWMP) is promoting a pilot program to encourage the growth of local companies that collect food waste (also called organics waste) from homes, events, businesses, etc., and turn it into compost. The compost can then be used as a high-quality soil amendment in residential backyards, farms, and landscaping projects.

The first company to register with Fairfax County is The Compost Crew, LLC, based in Silver Spring, MD. The company will provide service to customers in Fairfax County either as a subscription service (they pick up weekly) or for special events such as weddings and conferences. Once registered with the county, contact information for food waste collection companies like the Compost Crew will be published on the Fairfax County website, similar to the [published list of licensed solid waste collectors](#).

"We are pleased to see Compost Crew set such a high standard as the first company to register with our program," said Charlie Forbes, Chief of Recycling with the Solid Waste Management Program. "The company operates equipment specifically designed to protect the environment, and the staff are well-trained and highly motivated."

While not an endorsement, being listed as a registered food waste composter lets potential customers know that the company's equipment and operations have been reviewed, and that customers can have confidence that the composter is operating in a safe and sustainable manner, following best practices for safe sanitation and protection of public health.

"We're excited to launch our subscription service in Fairfax County and appreciate the support and flexibility we've been shown by the county, which has set intelligent standards, but is allowing this new idea to get off to a good start," said Ryan Walter, co-founder of the Compost Crew.

If you or someone you know is interested in registering as a food waste collection company, please call the Solid Waste Management Program at **703-324-5230, TTY 711**.

Discovery Trail Map 2017



You will always find something fun to do in Fairfax County parks, and the Park Authority's Discovery Trial Map is your guide! The journey features 12 distinctive sites that give children and adults the chance to discover each site's unique features. Visit eight or more sites and get a prize package to more summer fun and get entered in a drawing for one of four bicycles! The prize package valued at \$93 includes 1 free admission for: mini-golf, carousel, train, tour boat, pedal boat, camping, wagon ride, RECenters, and boat rental.

About the Discovery Trail Map:

Since this is the 275th Anniversary of Fairfax County, the 2017 Discovery Trail Map has an historical theme. Educational messages on the map explore the history of each featured site and explain how the site evolved into a park.

- Participants can obtain a map at all staffed FCPA locations, Fairfax County Public Libraries, and Board of Supervisors offices (while supply lasts). Maps will also be available online [Download Discovery Trail Map](#) during the promotional period: **May 27 to September 4, 2017.**
 - The map encourages participants (children and adults) to use the Discovery Trail Map as their guide to learn about the featured sites on the map.
 - Each featured site has a sticker with a unique image that reinforces the educational messages on the map.
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- When participants visit a site, they will go to the appropriate location to get a sticker and place the sticker on the map square reserved for that site.
- Once participants visit 8 different sites and have 8 different stickers on the map, they are eligible to receive a prize packet full of tickets to FCPA amusements such as mini golf, carousel ride, boat ride, etc.
- Qualifying maps can be redeemed at any of our three lakefront parks: Burke Lake, Lake Accotink or Lake Fairfax.
- Lakefront staff members will date and initial the qualifying maps, record names and phone numbers of recipients on a distribution log and award the prize packs. At the same time, the qualifying participant will fill out a ticket to be entered in a drawing for one of four bikes and drop the ticket in the ticket box.
- At the end of the promotion period, the Fairfax County Park Foundation will collect the ticket boxes and conduct the drawing for the four bikes donated by Spokes, Etc. and Trek. One bike will be awarded for each of the following age categories: Pre-K-Grade 2; Grades 3-7; Grades 8-12; Adults age 18+.
- Winners or their parents/guardians will be notified by e-mail and/or phone with details about the bike presentation.
- Winners will be announced via an FCPA news release in September and in the winter issue of Parktakes magazine, which is published in November.

[Another chance to win:](#)

Lord Fairfax VI was the only English titled nobleman ever to live permanently in the American colonies. Participants who spot “Lord Fairfax” along the Discovery Trail are encouraged to take a selfie with him and post it to [Instagram](#) #WhereIsLordFairfax. From the photos posted, judges will select one winner each week to receive a choice of two RECenter passes or two mini golf passes valid at any FCPA RECenter or mini golf course.

[Download Discovery Trail Map](#)

[Download Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Animal Shelter Corner



Meet Oreo Cookie!

Age: 11 years 1 month

Gender: Female

Color: Black / Grey

Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Small

Oreo Cookie is a sweet, little old lady who does not act like an old lady! She came to the shelter because her owner was moving and didn't have time for a dog, so she's looking for a quiet home where she can live out her golden years. She has lived with a dog and a cat, but that was awhile back. One of the greatest things about Oreo is that she never seems to stop smiling! She recently went on an adventure with one of the shelter's volunteers, and here's how their trip went: "I had a wonderful power hour today with Oreo Cookie! We went on a hike and took some time to relax afterwards. My favorite thing about her is that she always looks like she's smiling. Oreo was interested in all people that we passed and is definitely a friendly dog. She did well with my friend's dog who went hiking with us, even though he was much bigger than her. Though she is an older dog, she is very active and climbed rocks like a champ! Even when we stopped to take breaks she wanted to keep going and explore. She even jumped into my Jeep without any assistance (and was a great copilot). She is such a sweet girl and I hope she finds the perfect home soon!" We do too! Come visit her today! To learn more about Oreo Cookie email the animal shelter at animalshelter@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Fairfax County and Prince William County

Public Information Meetings

All meeting times are 6-8:30 p.m. A brief presentation at each meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 12, 2017

Oakton High School Cafeteria
2900 Sutton Road, Vienna, VA 22181

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Stone Middle School Cafeteria
5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Piney Branch Elementary School Cafeteria/Gym
8301 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136

Find out about plans to transform 22.5 miles of I-66 from I-495/Capital Beltway to University Boulevard in Gainesville to provide congestion relief and enhanced safety, as well as new travel choices and reliability.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view the preliminary concept plans submitted by I-66 Express Mobility Partners, VDOT's selected partner for the project, and learn more about the proposed improvements. Attend the formal presentation at 7 p.m. VDOT and I-66 Express Mobility Partners staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at www.Transform66.org, at the meetings, or at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions. Preliminary concept plans and project schedule will be available at the meetings for review and public comment. Staff will also be available to answer questions regarding environmental, right of way and civil rights information.

Give your oral or written comments at the meetings. You may also email comments to Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov or mail them to Susan Shaw, P.E., Megaprojects Director, at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office address above. Please reference "Transform 66 Outside the Beltway" in the subject line. A summary of comments submitted by **June 30, 2017** will be posted on the project website.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact VDOT's Civil Rights at 703-259-1775 or TTY/TDD 711.

State Project: 0066-96A-497 UPC: 110741

Autism Safety Fair

For individuals with autism and their families/caretakers in
Fairfax and surrounding counties

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Vivint Gives Back



Saturday, June 10, 2017

12:00 pm—3:30 pm

**Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy Range
3721 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly, VA**

*Stop by and meet your local First Responders
Get to know your local service providers
FREE food and beverages*

- ♦ Tour emergency vehicles—including the Fairfax One Police Helicopter
- ♦ Meet K-9 units, handlers, Search & Rescue officers
- ♦ Meet fire rescue personnel
- ♦ Pictures with Police Officers
- ♦ Elopement prevention: Project Lifesaver, discounted security systems and safety tips
- ♦ Community Resource Fair
- ♦ Safety t-shirts available for free
- ♦ Each family receives a free Safety Kit and other goodies

*ATTENTION SERVICE PROVIDERS:
Please be a part of our Community Resource Fair
Participation is FREE*

RSVP as a participant and/or service provider:

act.autismspeaks.org/fairfaxsafetyfair

Questions? Please contact bradcarruthersfop@gmail.com



Save the Date! June 17, 2017
HISTORIC FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Celebrate FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 275TH Birthday!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Historic Fairfax Courthouse

The day's events, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- Family-friendly activities
- Entertainment
- History Exhibits
- Living History
- Performances

...and more!

Visit www.Fairfax275.org
for more information.



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations,
call 703-324-5621 or 703-449-1186 (TTY).



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CELEBRATING 275 YEARS



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|  | 4 SILHOUETTE ARTIST |  | PUBLIC SAFETY |
|  | 5 18 th CENTURY CHILDREN'S GAMES |  | RE-ENACTMENTS |
|  | 6 HISTORICAL INFORMATION & ACTIVITY BOOTHS |  | SELFIE SPOT |
|  | 7 FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT & MUSEUM TOUR |  | LOST PARENT |
|  | 8 PERFORMANCE DRILL FIELD |  | INFORMATION |
|  | 9 FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT |  | PARKING |
|  | 10 FAIRFAX WATER |  | FOOD COURT |
|  | 11 WWI / WWII MOBILE |  | RESTROOMS |
|  | 12 MAIN PERFORMANCE STAGE |  | 1ST AID |
|  | 13 PETTING ZOO | | |
|  | 14 FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE & OLD JAIL TOUR | | |
|  | 15 RE-ENACTORS | | |
|  | 16 PLAQUE DEDICATION | | |
|  | 17 HISTORIC COURTHOUSE TOURS & PRESENTATIONS | | |

Historically Fairfax - Commemorating the 275th Anniversary of Fairfax County, Virginia
 P.O. Box 106 Fairfax Station, VA 22309

Volunteer Opportunity in Sully



Adopt-A-Shelf Volunteer (Chantilly Regional Library)

Description: Maintains order, accessibility, and appearance of assigned section of shelving.

Duties: Identifies books requiring mending. Reads spine labels and re-shelves books that are not in proper order. Shifts books as necessary. Removes all bookmarks, paper and litter from books and shelves. Reports volunteer hours promptly and accurately.

Qualifications: Knowledge of alpha/numeric order. Ability to reach top shelves and bend to bottom shelves. Ability to lift heavy books and stand for up to two hours at a time.

Minimum Age to Volunteer: 18; however, will accept students age 17 that are high school seniors.

Time Commitment: You will be expected to volunteer 4 hours per month for 6 months.

Location:

4000 Stringfellow Road
Chantilly, VA 20151

Contact:

Ghazala Shah

703-502-3883

Ghazala.Shah@fairfaxcounty.gov

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>
