



## Annual Book Swap

Saturday, March 22

Central Library, 10AM-12PM

Swap your gently used books for something new to you.  
Free and fun for all ages!



## Book Club Kits

Borrow a Book Club Kit for your book group—includes a tote bag with 10 copies of *Chesapeake Requiem*, discussion questions and background information.

*Same Page Community Read* is generously funded by the Friends of JMRL, supported by the Art and Jane Hess Fund of the Library Endowment, and Virginia Festival of the Book, a program of Virginia Humanities.



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— HAMPTON SIDES

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JEFFERSON SCHOOL  
AFRICAN AMERICAN  
HERITAGE CENTER  
MARCH 20, 5:30PM



Enjoy Same Page programs  
and activities across JMRL!



# 2025 Same Page Community Read

## CHESAPEAKE REQUIEM



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EARL SWIFT

JMRL invites all Central Virginians to read and discuss *CHESAPEAKE REQUIEM* (2018) by Earl Swift, the 2025 Same Page Community Read selection. Free copies are available at JMRL branches while supplies last. Throughout March, the region-wide reading initiative provides opportunities for book groups and individuals to explore the themes of a single book by an author appearing at the Virginia Festival of the Book.

Tangier, Virginia: a community unique on the American landscape. Mapped by John Smith in 1608, settled during the Revolution, the tiny sliver of mud and marsh is home to 470 hardy people who live with one foot in the twenty-first century and another in times long passed.

Chesapeake Requiem takes an intimate look at the island's past, present, and tenuous future, and sounds a warning on the coming fate of countless coastal communities.

### Kick Off Events

Pick up a **free** paperback copy of *Chesapeake Requiem* from your local JMRL branch at a Same Page kickoff event, or while supplies last.

### Adult Book Groups

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 7PM  
Crozet Library (R)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 7PM  
Greene County Library (R)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 7PM  
Books On Tap @ Beer Run

### Adult Programs

MONDAY, MARCH 10  
FEEDING TOMORROW SCREENING  
Greene County Library, 6PM

MONDAY, MARCH 17  
PLANET OCEAN SCREENING  
Crozet Library, 6:30PM

THURSDAY, FEB 27  
Greene County Library, all day

SATURDAY, MARCH 1  
Central Library, all day  
Scottsville Library, 10AM-12PM  
Crozet Library, all day  
Nelson Memorial Library, all day  
Northside Library, all day

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 12PM  
First Friday Book Group  
Scottsville Library

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 7PM  
Gordon Avenue Library (hybrid)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 12PM  
Brown Baggers Book Group  
Central Library

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 7PM  
Trivia Night @ Random Row

SATURDAY, MARCH 22  
BOOK SWAP AND SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS FROM CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE & ALBEMARLE CO.  
Central Library, 10AM-12PM

MONDAY, MARCH 3  
Louisa County Library, 2PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 8  
Gordon Ave. Library, 1-3PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 7PM  
Northside Library

MONDAY, MARCH 24  
Brown Bag Book Club  
Nelson Memorial Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 25  
Louisa County Library, 4PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE COAST WITH UVA  
Central Library, 12PM

(R) Register at [jmrl.org](http://jmrl.org)

### Authors Visits

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 (R) ..... 11AM  
Central Library,

THURSDAY, MARCH 6 (R) ..... 7PM  
Greene County Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 (R) ..... 10:30AM  
Scottsville Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 (R)..... 1PM  
Crozet Library

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 ..... 1PM  
Northside Library

MONDAY, MARCH 24 (R) ..... 1PM  
Nelson Memorial Library

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— BETH MACY

"GRIPPING. FANTASTIC."  
— OUTSIDE

"VIVID. HARROWING AND MOVING."  
—SCIENCE

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**BEST BOOK**  
OF THE YEAR BY:

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NPR  
KIRKUS REVIEWS  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR  
ESQUIRE  
SMITHSONIAN  
OUTSIDE  
PUBLIC RADIO'S "SCIENCE FRIDAY"

## An Evening with Earl Swift

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 5:30PM  
The Jefferson School  
African American Heritage Center

In partnership with the Virginia Festival of the Book, JMRL presents *An Evening with Earl Swift* on Thursday, March 20, 5:30PM, at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center. Swift will discuss *Chesapeake Requiem* (2018), in conversation with moderator Elizabeth Mather, UVA Assistant Vice President for Marketing & Brand Strategy

Earl Swift is the author of the New York Times bestseller *Chesapeake Requiem*, which was named to ten best-of-the-year lists. His other books include *Across the Airless Wilds*, *Auto Biography*, *The Big Roads*, and *Where They Lay*. A former reporter for the *Virginian-Pilot* and a contributor to *Outside* and other publications, he is a fellow of Virginia Humanities at the University of Virginia. He lives in the Blue Ridge mountains west of Charlottesville.

This in-person event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited. Book sales and signing will follow. Visit [vabook.org](http://vabook.org) for information on the Virginia Festival of the Book.

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