

# Holiday Calendar of Events

## Fairfax County Libraries:

Branch	Event	Date	Time
Sherwood Regional Library	Holiday Shopping Online Please register	December 2	6:00 p.m.
Woodrow Wilson Library	Color Your Holiday	December 3	10:30 a.m.
Lorton Library	Classy Glass For Kids Please register	December 3	4:00 p.m.
Herndon Library	Winter Open House	December 5	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
John Marshall Library	Blue Sky Puppets: Rufus the Rednosed Raindog	December 5	10:30 a.m.
Oakton Library	Holiday Open House	December 5	11:00 a.m.
Burke Centre Library	Multicultural Music and Dance Open House	December 5	11:00 a.m.
Reston Regional Library	Holiday Open House	December 6	1:30 p.m.
George Mason Regional Library	Season's Serenade	December 6	2:00 p.m.
Richard Byrd Library	C Is For Candle Please register	December 10	10:30 a.m.
Centreville Regional Library	Friends Holiday Book Sale	December 11-12	11:00 a.m.
Centreville Regional Library	Sounds of the Season	December 12	11:00 a.m.
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library	Holiday Open House	December 12	11:00 a.m.
Reston Regional Library	Bob Brown Puppets: The Snow Show	December 12	11:00 a.m.

City of Fairfax Regional Library	A Visit To Santa's Workshop Please register for 1:00 p.m. or for 2:00 p.m.	December 12	1:00 & 2:00 p.m.
Sherwood Regional Library	Holiday Open House	December 12	2:00 p.m.
Chantilly Regional Library	Frying Pan Farm Monday Please register	December 14	2:00 p.m.
Richard Byrd Library	Tell It Again: a holiday story in English and Spanish Please register	December 16	6:00 p.m.
Kings Park Library	One-Man Band Holiday Show Please register	December 16	7:00 p.m.
George Mason Regional Library	Bue Sky Puppets: Pigs At The Pole Please register	December 19	10:30 a.m.
Herndon Library	Holiday Preschool Storytime Please register	December 22	11:00 a.m.
Sherwood Regional Library	Bob Brown Puppets: The Snow Show	December 30	2:00 p.m.

## Around the County

### Sully Historic Site

On **Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, 2009 from 5 to 7 p.m.**, ride the hay wagon around the grounds, then see the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee in the glow of natural candlelight and learn about early 19th century Christmas customs. As you move from room to room you will encounter characters of the past engaged in preparations for the holidays. On Saturday evening, learn songs of the sea from a visiting officer as he enjoys leave from President Madison's Navy. Hear traditional carols sung by the Fairfax County Carolers. On Sunday, the Old Dominion Dancers will demonstrate fashionable dances of the Federal period. Prepaid reservations are required. Space is limited. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children. For information and reservations call 703-437-1794.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151, near Dulles Airport.

**Saturday, December 5: 10am-2pm**

**Sunday, December 6: noon-4pm**

**Monday, December 7: 1-4pm**

**Children's Holiday Shopping**

The [Colvin Run](#) General Store is bursting with items in all price ranges. Volunteers help children find the perfect gift for everyone on their lists. Free wrapping assures surprises for family and friends. To reserve, call 703-759-2771.

**Saturday, December 5: 12:30pm-3:30pm**

**Monday, December 7: 3pm-6pm**

**Children's Holiday Shopping**

Meet at the Old Floris Schoolhouse at [Frying Pan Park](#). Volunteers help children shop for everybody on their holiday list, and wrapping is free. The [Frying Pan Park](#) Country Store stocks many unique items in all price ranges. In case of inclement weather, the holiday shopping date will be December 12. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

### ***Christmas with Minnie***

Gather round the Christmas tree at [Sully Historic Site](#) from 1 to 4 p.m. to hear recollections of Minnie Middleton during the early years of World War II. Outside, visit with members of the recreated 54th Engineer's Battalion and learn about Christmas in the Army. A house tour is included. The fee is \$6 per adult, \$5 per student, \$4 per senior and child. Call 703-437-1794 for more information.

### ***32nd Annual Wakefield Arts and Crafts Show. Saturday December 5 & Sunday December 6***

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Audrey Moore RECenter](#) at Wakefield Park will host one of Northern Virginia's largest holiday shows. Find handmade arts and crafts by over 130 of the metro area's finest artisans. The admission is \$2 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Door prizes are awarded during the event. For information, call 703-321-7081.

**Sunday, December 6**

**Just Jumper Horse Show Series**

Watch local residents compete for a blue ribbon in a variety of jumping classes at [Frying Pan Farm Park](#) starting at 9 a.m. This event is held indoors rain or shine. Spectators are free. Call 703-437-9101 for more information.

***Saturday, December 12***

### ***Equestrian Events***

Virginia Hunter Horse Show Series begin at 9 a.m. at [Frying Pan Farm Park](#) and features classes that include hunters, ponies, equitation and more. The event is held indoors rain or shine. Spectators are free. Call 703-437-9101 for more information.


***Country Christmas. Saturday, December 12 & 19***

Enjoy an old-fashioned evening of family holiday fun from 3 to 6 p.m. at [Colvin Run Mill](#). Visit Santa in the mill and peek at antique toys under the country Victorian Christmas tree. Join costumed members of the 49th Virginia Infantry singing carols around the campfire. Other activities include making holiday crafts and roasting marshmallows. The cost is \$6 per person and perfect for ages 3 to 93. For more information call 703-759-2771.

***Candlelight Tours. Saturday, December 12 & 19. Sunday, December 13 & 20***

Come to [Sully Historic Site](#) from 5 to 7 p.m. for a holiday treat. Join a historic character on a wagon ride around the grounds and then tour the 1794 home of northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee, by natural candlelight. Hear seasonal music, make an ornament to take home and sample sugar cookies from a recipe in Sully's open hearth cookbook. Each night discover a different living history experience as you move through the period rooms. Prepaid reservations are requested beginning in November. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$7 senior and child. Call 703-437-1794 to make your reservations.

### ***Holidays at Walney Farm***

 Celebrate the winter holidays with the Machen family at Walney Farm at [Ellenor C. Lawrence Park](#) from 1 to 2:30 p.m.! Enjoy hot apple cider and baked treats and learn about the gifts and holiday foods of a Virginia farm in 1850. Create your own historic holiday ornament and take a memory of the 19th century home with you. This activity is for all ages. Reservations and advanced payment are required. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013 to reserve.

### ***Virginia Hunter Horse Show***

The show begins at 9 a.m. at [Frying Pan Farm Park](#) and features classes that include hunters, ponies, equitation and more. The event is held indoors rain or shine. Spectators are free. For information, call 703-437-9101.

### ***Princesses and their Nature Pals Tea Party***

Celebrate happily-ever-after with the princesses and the animals of your favorite fairytales at [Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#) from [Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#) from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Young dancers in traditional costumes from the India International School perform dances reminiscent of the Aladdin stories. Discover how local woodland creatures -- frogs, deer, owls and even toads -- make the world a better place for everyone, peasant or royalty! Come dressed as your favorite princess to enjoy tea and cookies. The activity is for the whole family. Reservations and advanced payment are required. The cost is \$15 per person. To make a reservation, call 703-941-1065.

### ***Sunday, December 13***

#### ***FREE: Holiday Happening***

Enjoy an afternoon of shopping at [Huntley Meadows Park](#) from 1 to 4 p.m. with yummy treats and a holiday craft for children. You will receive a 10% discount on most merchandise. You can also enjoy the Friends of [Huntley Meadows Park's](#) Annual Photography Contest opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. For information, call 703-768-2525.

### ***Christmas on the Farm***

Come enjoy a special holiday visit from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Take a wagon ride with Santa through the woods and fields. Activities include a holiday puppet show, cookie decorating, games and a seasonal craft to take home. Meet at the Visitor Center. Pre-paid reservations are required. The cost is \$6 per person. This program will be canceled in case of rain. Call 703-437-9101 to reserve.

### ***Saturday, December 19***

#### ***Holiday Ice Show***

See artistry on ice in this family-oriented show at [Mt. Vernon RECenter](#) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Spectators are welcome and admission is free. Don't miss this family friendly activity. Call 703-768-3224 for more information.

#### ***Model Train Display. Saturday, December 19 & Sunday, December 20***

This popular holiday activity is fun for all ages! Watch as G-gauge trains wind their way through a miniature western town in the [Colvin Run Barn](#) from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. This family friendly activity is free. Call 703-759-2771 for more information.

### ***Santa's Hayride***

Visit Santa at [Lake Accotink Park](#)! Climb aboard a tractor-or-horse-drawn haywagon for a fun and festive ride through the park from 3 until 8 p.m. Listen to classic holiday stories told around a warming fire. It's a holly jolly good time for everyone! This is an outdoor event, so please dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. The fee is \$8 per person and includes hayride, visit with Santa, and cup of hot chocolate; babies on laps ride free. Advance payment and registration are preferred. Call 703-569-0285 for credit card registrations and to reserve your hayride time.

### ***Saturday, December 26***

#### ***Creature Feature***

All ages are invited to [Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#) from 4 to 4:45 p.m. to discover the variety of turtles found in Fairfax County. Meet a snapping turtle and a painted turtle. Learn their similarities and differences and how they are spending this holiday season. Reservations and advanced payment are required. The cost is \$4 per person. Call 703-941-1065 to reserve.

### ***Sunday, December 27***

#### ***Holiday Treats for Wildlife***

Make delectable goodies for birds and squirrels at [Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#) from 1 to 4:30 p.m. View a variety of homemade bird feeders and get recipes for making treats in your at home. The fee is \$5 per child. To make a reservation, please call 703-941-1065.