

What's Happening at Richmond Public Library in November

This month brings one of Richmond Public Library's biggest events of the year — Read Up Richmond!

Read Up Richmond: Kevin Nguyen in Conversation with Emma Ito

Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 PM

Richmond Public Library – Main Library

Register here: <https://rvalibrary.libcal.com/event/14078707>

Richmond Public Library is proud to present *Mỹ Documents* by Kevin Nguyen as our 7th annual Read Up Richmond selection. *Mỹ Documents* is a compelling and provocative novel about a multi-generational Vietnamese American family affected by immigration policy and Big Tech surveillance, set in an imagined future very similar to our present. Hear Kevin Nguyen in conversation with Emma Ito, a scholar of Asian American History in Virginia.

Start the conversation early with these Read Up Richmond tie-in events:

Family International Day

Saturday, November 1, 10:00 AM

Main Library

International students from VCU will host tables showcasing information about their home countries. Enjoy learning about the history, culture, foods, and people of each nation.

Book Discussion of *Mỹ Documents*

Thursday, November 6, 6:00 PM

East End Branch

Engage in a lively discussion as we consider the incidents and larger themes presented in the novel, especially since the storyline often feels similar to current events.

The Japanese Experience in Virginia, 1900s-1950s: Jim Crow to Internment

Friday, November 7. 6:30 PM

Main Library

Registration required.

Overlooked because of the small population, there are few sources to tell us about the lives of Japanese and Japanese Americans in Virginia during Jim Crow and World War II. Emma Ito will share her groundbreaking research into this history, explaining how people in Virginia were affected by the 1924 Racial Integrity Act and internment during World War II.

There's always something exciting happening at Richmond Public Library! Check out these other programs:

Belmont

[Richmond Community Sing](#) - Solo singers are turned into an emergent choir as we learn and teach simple, beautiful songs to each other and sing them on the spot! All levels welcome; no singing experience necessary. Registration required. Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 PM

[Dinosaur Skeleton Silhouettes](#) - It's Dino-vember! We'll celebrate and learn more about these ancient reptiles by gluing q-tips onto silhouettes to create a skeleton--accuracy not required. Ages 2-5. Friday, November 21, 10:30 AM

West End

[Local Author Laural Roaldson: Choosing Your Perfect Tree](#) - Roaldson will present some of the ideas from her book *How to Choose Your Perfect Tree: Tips from a Landscape Designer*. Saturday, November 1, 2:00 PM

[Intellectual Property Law, Trademarks, and Copyright](#) - What's the difference between a patent and a trademark? How do I apply for a copyright? What is "fair use"? This workshop will help nonprofits, entrepreneurs, and small business owners get the information they need to protect their ideas and their brands. Registration required. Friday, November 7, 11:00 AM

Looking for something different? You can filter your search by location and age [here](#).

As reminder, all Richmond Public Library locations will be closed on the following dates in November:

Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day (Main Library is open for voting only.)

Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28 — Thanksgiving