



Learn Freely Fest

10 A.M. – 2 P.M. | Saturday, July 27

10 – 11 a.m.

Tai Chi

Hampton Street Plaza

Start the day with an introduction to this graceful, low-impact, stress reducing exercise with instructor Rob McCue. It's meditation in motion!

10:30 – 11 a.m.

Family Storytime

Garden Level

Share stories, songs, and much more while building early literacy skills with fun for the whole family.

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Origami Drop-In

Second Level

Drop by and learn a few key techniques to the ancient art of paper folding.

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Construct a Foot Stool

Second Level

Have you ever thought about building simple furniture? This beginner's class requires no wood working experience. Limited to 4 people. *Pre-register online at richlandlibrary.com.*

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Yarn Spinning

Second Level

Learn how yarn and thread have been made for centuries with little variation. Those who are adventurous can try their hand at spinning on a modern spinning wheel.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Own It? Respect It.

Secure It.

First Level – Gallery

Tips and tools from the Richland County Sheriff's Department to encourage firearm safety and storage, both in your home and on the go. Free gun locks provided by Project Child Safe, available while supplies last.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Make & Take:

Paper Bag Houses

Garden Level

The Columbia Art Center will show you how to transform a simple lunch sack into the coolest bag house on the block!

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Button Making Bonanza

Garden Level

Add some flair to your gear. Stop by and make your own customized button.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Collaborative Crossword

Second Level

Lend your smarts to help solve the clues and complete the puzzle.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DIY Loose Tea Bags

Second Level

Learn how to turn a coffee filter into a tea bag for loose tea. Great for a gift or to keep!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Water, Water, Everywhere

Garden Level

Play games and trivia while learning about our local water resources with Richland County and Columbia Water representatives. Activities include storm water Jenga, a scavenger hunt, giveaways and more!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Blackout Poetry

First Level

Uncover and create poetic works of art hidden within existing texts.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Washi Tape Bookmarks

First Level

Continue your summer reading in style with one of these custom placeholders.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Art of Henna

Second Level – Art Studio

Learn about the traditions of henna art with Indian Folk Artist Jugnu Verma and leave with a henna tattoo.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Balloon Twisting

First Level

Try your hand at some basic balloon twisting techniques and make your own creation.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Art and Science of Beekeeping

Second Level

Learn about bees and beekeeping from members of the Mid-State Beekeepers Association, then see real bees in action with a live observation hive.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Short Stories on Demand

Second Level

A vending machine for stories! Get a 1, 3, or 5 minute short story on-demand from one of our Short Story Dispensers and #SetStoriesFree. Find out how you can get your own stories in the dispensers, too!

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Activity Scavenger Hunt

Challenge yourself to complete this list of fun activities exploring what the library and festival have to offer. Pick up your activity sheet in the Children's Room on the Garden Level.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Now Playing:

Family Matinee

Second Level – Theater

Pop in to watch some favorite family-friendly films.

11 – 11:45 a.m.

Flash Fiction Workshop

Second Level

Learn how to craft the shortest of short stories from award-winning author Debra A. Daniel, author of the newly published novella-in-flash *The Roster*.

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Family Yoga

Garden Level –

Storytime Room

Children will learn how to focus and center themselves through fun and challenging poses, breathing and visualization techniques, and games. Presented by Yogi Bears instructor Sharon Johnson.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pelican's SnoBalls

Hampton Street Plaza

Cool off with a New Orleans-style shaved ice in a wide variety of classic and unique flavors. Free while supplies last. Limit one per person.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Historic Games

Hampton Street Plaza

Have some old fashioned fun with an assortment of historic games provided by Historic Columbia.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Intro to Hooping

First Level – Auditorium

Drop in to pick up some hula hooping moves from LunaTrix Arts. Good for all ages and skill levels, for fun, fitness, and artistic expression.

12 – 2 p.m.

Podcasting 101

Second Level

If you hosted your own podcast, what would it sound like? This station will demonstrate free audio tools for expressing yourself in the cleanest recording, no matter where you are.

12 – 2 p.m.

Celtic Folk Music

First Level – Gallery

Learn and listen to live Celtic folk music on the harp and bodhran (an Irish drum), then get hands-on and try out the instruments for yourself.

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1 – 2 p.m.

Fire Safety Training

First Level – Gallery

(morning) / Hampton

Street Plaza (afternoon)

Have fun learning about fire safety with a Richland County Fire Marshal. At 1 p.m., head outside to the Plaza and get hands-on fire extinguisher training using the safe but realistic Bullex simulator.

1 – 1:45 p.m.

Who's Singing in Your Yard?

First Level - Auditorium

Learn the sounds of resident and migratory birds, how you can attract more birds to your yard, and help them thrive for future generations to enjoy! Presented by Jay Keck, Habitat Education Manager with the SC Wildlife Federation.

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mini Voice Lessons

Second Level

Do you like to sing? Meet with our Artist-in-Residence, vocalist Ara-Viktoria McKinney, and get some techniques and tips to step up your performance game.

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