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RICHLAND LIBRARY BEGINS TO PILOT OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Take Part in Farmers Market, Pop-Up Art Shows & Community Events

Columbia, SC - As **Richland Library** continues to thoughtfully and intentionally expand services, we're **beginning to pilot outdoor programs** at our locations and in the community.

The [Farmers Market](#) is back to offer fresh produce, baked goods and other local items while accessing library resources. Please join us **10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesdays in the Plaza at our [Main location](#)** (1431 Assembly Street). We have several vendors on hand each week, which accept various forms of payment, including cash, debit/credit and SNAP. For a complete list of vendors, [click here](#).

We're hosting [Pop-Up Art Shows](#) as part of an outdoor exhibition series in May and June. The library is collaborating with local visual artist Jeff Rivers to highlight the work of local BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) artists and their unique personal ties to seven of our locations. The **first event takes place 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, May 1 in the Plaza at our Main location and features Photographer Donaven Doughty and Street Artist/Painter Joel Nathan.**

Lastly, the library is **partnering with organizations, such as Historic Columbia**, to offer some upcoming programs, such as:

[En Plein Air Painting](#)

2 - 4 p.m., Sunday, May 2

Gardens of the Woodrow Wilson Family Home (1705 Hampton Street)

Join Richland Library Arts Librarian Ashley Warthen and other local artists for an afternoon of painting en plein air - aka painting outside. Bring your easels, paints, blankets, and snacks and let's enjoy creating together.

[Storytime in the Garden](#)

2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., Thursday, May 13

Hampton-Preston Mansion and Gardens (1615 Blanding Street)

Enjoy stories, songs and activities outdoors. Register [online](#) to attend. Each registration is for a "family square," which accommodates up to five people.

To view the library's safety protocols or see what other programs are planned, visit our [website](#).

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or estoll@richlandlibrary.com.



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About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 13 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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