



Discover history at your local library!

The Wilderness Branch Library, a branch of the Orange County Public Library System, will be sponsoring history programs and events as part of our new experiential adult reading program "Read & Explore" that we will be conducting this fall from September 1st through October 17th. All events are free and open to all adults.

Special Private Tour of Ellwood Manor and Grounds Friday, September 11th - Grounds open at 12 noon

This special tour of this circa 1790 plantation, which has a rich civil war heritage, will be held on Friday, September 11th. The grounds of Ellwood will open at 12 noon and a lecture about Stonewall Jackson will be presented by accomplished scholar, author, and speaker Dr. Chris Mackowski at 1:30 p.m. Guides will then lead tours of the manor house, walking trails, and gardens. Bring a picnic lunch and a camp chair and enjoy the beautiful grounds! Be sure to bring sturdy shoes if you plan to walk the trails. This event is being held in partnership with the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield. It is free to the public and open to all adults. No registration is required. Ellwood is operated by the National Park Service. Visit the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield website <http://www.fowb.org> for more information about Ellwood or directions to the manor house.

Civil War Lecture "CMR: Culpeper Mine Run Road with Battle of the Wilderness"

Friday, September 25th at 7 pm

On Friday, September 25th at 7 p.m., Dr. Peter G. Rainey, Chairman of the Civil War Study Group of Lake of the Woods, accomplished speaker, author, and amateur historian, will present a lecture "CMR: Culpeper Mine Run Road with Battle of the Wilderness". This event will be held at the Woods Center (at the Golf Club) 108 Fairway Drive in Lake of the Woods. Light refreshments will be provided by the Wilderness Friends of the Library. This event is being held in partnership with the Civil War Study Group. It is free to the public and open to all adults. No registration is required. For more information about the Civil War Study Group visit <http://www.civilwarstudygroup.org>.

Directions to Ellwood Manor for the Private Tour Event on September 11th:

From Fredericksburg / Interstate 95: Take exit 130–B from I–95 on to Virginia Route 3 westbound. Proceed west approximately 12 miles to the stoplight at Virginia Route 20, where you will turn left. Then, in 0.6 miles, look carefully ON THE LEFT for the “Ellwood” sign and the gravel drive. Turn left into the drive; the parking area is at the end, in 0.4 miles.

From Orange Court House: Take Virginia Route 20 northbound approximately 20 miles. You will pass the Wilderness Battlefield Exhibit Shelter on your left. Then, in 0.8 miles, look carefully ON THE RIGHT for the “Ellwood” sign and the gravel drive. Turn right into the drive; the parking area is at the end, in 0.4 miles.

From Culpeper: Take Virginia Route 3 eastbound approximately 18 miles to the stoplight at Virginia Route 20, where you will turn right. Then, in 0.6 miles, look carefully ON THE LEFT for the “Ellwood” sign and the gravel drive. Turn left into the drive; the parking area is at the end, in 0.4 miles.

Directions to the Woods Center (at the Golf Club) in Lake of the Woods for the Lecture Event on September 25th:

Lake of the Woods is a gated community. Visitors should enter only at the front gate, off Route 3. Stop at the Security building window in the left lane and indicate you are attending the Civil War Study Group meeting at the Woods Center. Turn left onto Lakeview Parkway and proceed 9/10ths of a mile to Fairway Drive. Turn left onto Fairway Drive and go one block. The Woods Center/Golf Pro Shop and parking lot is on your right.