

Getting The Word Out

The Coalition for Kids focuses efforts on avoiding program overlap to make participation in a wide variety of programs easier for families and on providing information and increasing public awareness of all programs.

The Coalition produces an annual calendar of summer programs. This comprehensive listing of all programs available to youth through the summer months has been designed to be a one-stop reference that will make locating information about programs easy to find. The calendar is distributed through the school system, via the end-of-year packets, and is published as a pull-out insert in the Gazette Journal newspaper.

Vision

The Coalition for Kids is dedicated to improving the availability, number and variety of programs focused on youth education and healthy development. The calendar of summer program offerings was the first project.

Future projects in the planning stages include:

- A Coalition for Kids Fair
- Kids' Night Out – a sampling of Coalition for Kids programs
- A School-Year Programs Calendar

Grant funding will be sought to support future endeavors.



Mathews Memorial Library
251 Main Street
Mathews, VA 23109
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Mathews County Coalition 4 Kids



*One for all,
all for Kids!*

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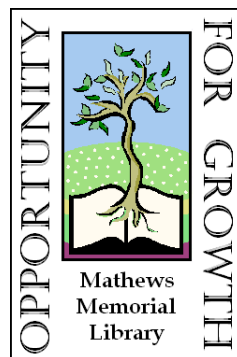
A coalition created to facilitate collaboration among youth focused educational and recreational non-profit organizations of Mathews County, Virginia.

The Mathews Memorial Library, the Bay School, the Maritime Foundation, 4-H, the Mathews Family YMCA and the Boys' and Girls' Club of Mathews all offer excellent programs focused on education, recreation and positive growth for the young people of Mathews County. The offerings are varied, unique and interesting and are available to all youth. In order to allow youth to participate in as many opportunities as possible, it is important to avoid overlapping programs, especially those of similar content or those targeting similar audiences.

The Coalition for Kids was formed in 2004 to provide a forum for communication and cooperation among the youth program providers of the county. Through participation in the Coalition, organizational leaders interact for the benefit of all of the organizations and for all youth in the county.

Mathews Memorial Library

The goal of the Mathews Memorial Library is to become a center for learning where young and old can share in the pleasure of lifetime reading and learning. Open seven days a week, the Library can be reached at 804.725.5747 or by email @ mathewslibrary.org. The Library is located on Main Street.



Bay School

The Bay School Community Arts Center is a non-profit arts educational and community arts center.



They offer classes for all age groups and financial assistance is available. The full course catalog is available online @ bayschool-arts.com. Or call for a free catalog at 804.725.1278. The school is located on Main Street in Mathews.

Mathews Family YMCA

We believe that all kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve. That's why, through the Y, millions of youth today are cultivating the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement. For more information, call 804.725.1488.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Mathews



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstance, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. They are located on Church Street, Mathews. To contact them, call 804.725.4388.

4-H in Mathews County

4-H, part of Virginia Cooperative Extension, is a community of young people across America learning citizenship, leadership and life skills through participation in research-based, informal, hands-on educational experiences. They offer clubs, projects and camps for a variety of interests for youth aged 5-19. For more information call 804.725.7196, or visit the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Mathews County website @ offices.ext.vt.edu/mathews/.



Mathews Maritime Foundation

MMF currently provides numerous products and services to the community. All offerings are designed to preserve and educate the public on the maritime history and heritage of Mathews County. Many of these programs and services are designed specifically to cater to a wide range of age groups and interests.

