

# Virginia Library Association 2026 Annual Conference October 18-20, 2026



## Attendee Guide to Norfolk

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Hilton Norfolk the Main  
100 E Main St, Norfolk, VA 23510





# Norfolk City Guide

How to get to Norfolk, navigating the city, and dining options.

# Getting There...

## BY CAR

### Bridges and Tunnels

Most bridges and tunnels are free, but rush hour traffic can be worse on the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. The Downtown and Midtown tunnels are managed by Elizabeth River Tunnels and there is no toll plaza.

## BY PLANE

### Norfolk International Airport (ORF)

2200 Norview Ave.

Non-stop flights to over 40 different cities. Rideshares available to take you to the conference site or explore rental car options: <https://www.flyorf.com/ground-transportation/rental-cars/>

## BY TRAIN

### Amtrak (NFK)

Harbor Park, lot D, 280 Park Ave.

(1-mile walk or Tide stop: Harbor Park Station to MacArthur Square Station)

Three morning/early afternoon departures and three afternoon/evening arrival times. Free parking.

[www.amtrak.com/stations/nfk](http://www.amtrak.com/stations/nfk)



# ...and Getting Around

## BY LAND

### Tide Light Rail

The Tide Light Rail extends 7.4 miles from the Eastern Virginia Medical Center complex east through downtown Norfolk (the closest station is MacArthur Square) to Newtown Road at the border of Virginia Beach. Buy a trip or day pass at any Tide station vending machine (cash, credit, or debit) or online (for the Tide only) before boarding. HRT's GoPass allows you to ride all HRT vehicles as many times as you want within a single day. [www.gohrt.com/routes/light-rail/](http://www.gohrt.com/routes/light-rail/)

### F.R.E.D. (FREE RIDE EVERY DAY)

For a lift Downtown, just give F.R.E.D. a call at 757-478-7233. This FREE battery-operated, people mover is available to riders aged 8 and up Tuesday - Thursday 11AM - 8:30PM; Friday - Saturday 11AM - 11:30 PM.

[www.downtownnorfolk.org/go/fred](http://www.downtownnorfolk.org/go/fred)

## BY SEA

### Paddlewheel Ferry

HRT runs three Paddlewheel Ferry boats between Waterside in Downtown Norfolk and across the Elizabeth River to Portsmouth with stops at High Street and North Landing. All HRT vehicles, except light rail, are equipped with electronic fare boxes. Fare boxes accept cash, coins and GoPasses, but cannot make change. Tickets are also available at Visit Norfolk, 232 East Main St. [www.gohrt.com/fares](http://www.gohrt.com/fares)





# Dining Guide

Options for places to eat, whether you're looking for a local restaurant to book dinner reservation with prospective clients, want to unwind in your hotel room with a delivered meal, or just want to find a quick, convinient lunch near the conference center.

This guide is courtesy of the 2026 VLA Conference Committee.

# Breakfast and Coffee

## **aLatte Cafe (Breakfast/Coffee/Lunch)**

321 Granby St, Norfolk, VA, 23410

Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tue: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

0.3 miles from the conference center

Offers a variety of drinks; coffee, teas, lemonades, and milkshakes. Selection of breakfast and lunch sandwiches along with muffins and other pastries.

<https://alattecafe.wixsite.com/mysite-4>

## **D'Egg Diner (Breakfast/Lunch)**

204 E. Main St, Norfolk VA 23510

Sun -Tue: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Downtown diner popular with locals serving breakfast and lunch. Quick turnover. Delivery available through Doordash.

<https://www.deggnorfolk.com>

## **NY Bagel Cafe (Breakfast/Lunch)**

580 E. Main St, Norfolk VA 23510

Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tue: 6 a.m. -3 p.m.

New York style bagels. Online ordering available.

<https://www.nybagelcafeva.com>

## **Richport Coffee (Coffee/Breakfast)**

150 W. Main St, Norfolk 23510

Sun - Tue: 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

Puerto Rican veteran-owned coffee house.

Specialty lattes and baked goods.

<https://www.richportcoffee.com>

## **Three Ships Coffee Roasters (Breakfast/Coffee/Lunch)**

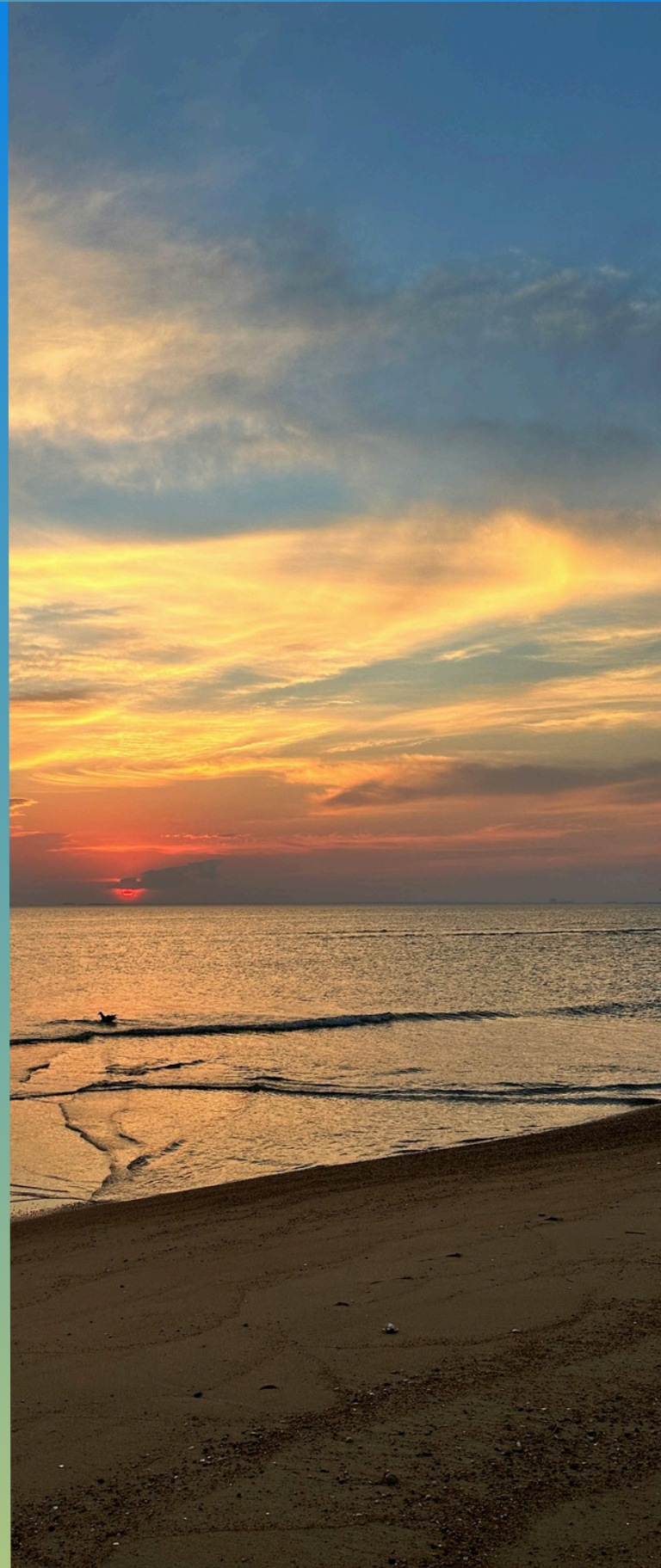
400 Granby St, Suite 100, Norfolk, VA, 23510

Sun - Tue: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

0.4 miles from the conference center

Offers a selection of coffee drinks along with pastries, breakfast sandwiches, and burritos.

<https://threeshipscoffee.com/>



# Lunch

## **Benny Damato's (Lunch/Dinner)**

131 Granby St b, Norfolk, VA 23510

Sun -Tue: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

0.1 miles from the conference center

Pizza by the slice or a full pie. Named after a US Navy destroyer that served for over 40 years.

Online ordering for pickup and delivery available through their website.

<https://www.bennysva.com/locations/damatos/>

## **Delicious Deli & Grill (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

257 Granby St, Norfolk, VA 23510

Sun - Tue: 7:00 a.m. - midnight

0.2 miles from the conference center

Drinks, sandwiches, and other quick to make meals that will be easy to grab and go during conference breaks. Online Orders (pickup and delivery) available through their website and through DoorDash.

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## **Gourmet Gang (Lunch)**

482 E. Main St, Norfolk VA 23510

Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tues: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fresh sandwiches and salads. Online ordering and delivery available.

<https://www.gourmetgang.com>

## **Granby Street Bistro and Deli (Lunch)**

225 Granby St. Norfolk, VA 23510

Sun: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Tue: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

0.2 miles from the conference center

Made to order and already ready food to grab during the conference breaks. Vegan options are available. Order online available through their website for pickup.

<https://www.ordergranbybistrodeli.com/order>

## **Granby Street Pizza (Lunch/Dinner)**

235 Granby St, Norfolk, VA 23510

Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tues: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

0.2 miles from the conference center

Pizza, subs, and Italian-American cuisine. Be on the lookout for their trademark little delivery trucks. Online ordering is available for pick up. Order delivery from their website.

<https://granbystreetpizza.com/>

## **Hair of the Dog Eatery (Breakfast/Lunch)**

250 Granby St, Norfolk VA 23510

Sun - Tues: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Classic comfort foods. Online ordering and delivery available.

<https://www.hairofthedogva.com>

## **The Lizard Cafe at Prince Books (Lunch)**

109 E Main St #150a, Norfolk, VA 23510

Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tue: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

115 feet from the conference center

Cozy, downtown cafe and bookshop serving wraps, salads and soups, with friendly service.

Online ordering for pick-up through Toast

<https://www.facebook.com/lizardcafeorf/>

## **The Stockpot (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

215 E Plume St #100, Norfolk, VA 23510

Sun: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon: 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.,

Tue: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

0.1 miles from the conference center

Healthy comfort food cafe specializing in soups, bone broths, salads, smoothies, toasties, and pastries. Online ordering for pick-up and delivery through Toast.

<https://www.stockpotsoups.com/location/norfolk>

# Dinner

## **Codex (Dinner)**

429 Granby St, Norfolk VA 23510  
Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tue: 5 - 9 p.m.  
Modern American farm-to-table with  
curated cocktails.  
<https://www.codexva.com>

## **Glass Light (Breakfast/Dinner)**

201 Granby St, Norfolk 23510  
Sun: 7:00 -11 a.m./5 -9 p.m., Mon - Tue: 6:30  
-10:30 a.m./5 - 9 p.m.  
Elevated dining in a modern hotel. Dine  
while surrounded by beautiful pieces of  
glass art.  
<https://www.glasslightrestaurant.com>

## **Grace O'Malley's (Lunch/Dinner)**

211 Granby St, Norfolk, VA, 23510  
Sun - Tues: 11:00 a.m. - midnight  
0.1 mile walk from the conference center  
A Norfolk staple offering traditional Irish  
cuisine along with some American fusions.  
Sandwiches, salads, and soups, along with  
larger meals and other appetizers. Pickup is  
available by calling.  
<https://irishpubnorfolk.com>

## **Hell's Kitchen (Lunch/Dinner)**

123 Granby St, Norfolk, VA 23510  
Sun: 5:00 p.m. - midnight, Mon - Tue: 11:00  
a.m. - 2:00 a.m.  
<0.1 miles from the conference center.  
Traditional bar and grill grub from  
sandwiches and wraps to pizzas and salads.  
Vegan options are available on the menu as  
well. Online ordering for pickup is available  
through their website.  
<https://www.hknorfolk.com/>

## **Hokkaido Sushi Bar (Lunch/Dinner)**

233 Granby St, Norfolk, VA 23510  
Sun: noon - 9:30 p.m., Mon: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.,  
Tue: CLOSED  
0.2 miles from the conference center  
Hokkaido offers a great selection of sushi  
along with other Japanese cuisine options.  
Online ordering for pickup or delivery  
available through their website.  
<https://www.hokkaidosushibarva.com/>

## **Leone's Italian (Dinner)**

455 Granby St Norfolk VA 23510  
Mon - Tues: 4 - 8:30 p.m.  
Modern Italian with rooftop dining option.  
<https://www.leonesitalian.com>

## **Luce (Dinner)**

245 Granby St, Norfolk VA 23510  
Sun: CLOSED, Mon - Tue: 4:45 p.m. - midnight  
Contemporary Italian bar and restaurant  
<https://www.lucenorfolk.com>

## **Mermaid Winery (Dinner/Drinks)**

101 Granby St, Norfolk VA 23510  
Sun and Tue: Noon - 9 p.m., Mon: CLOSED  
Relaxed winery/restaurant that specializes in  
wines from VA and CA.  
<https://www.mermaidwinery.com>

## **Omar's Carriage House (Brunch/ Dinner)**

313 W Bute St Norfolk VA 23510  
Sun: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon - Tues: 5 - 9 p.m.  
Historic carriage house transformed into a  
restaurant serving New American menu with  
Moroccan accents. Has a Daily Takeout  
special posted on social media.  
<https://www.omarscarriagehouse.com>