



# Currents

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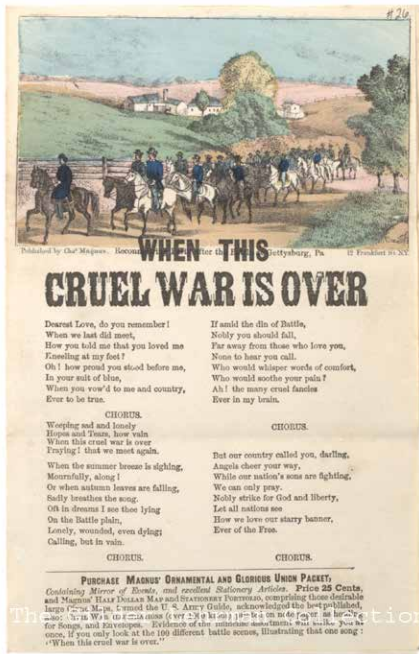
WINTER 2013  
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## CIVIL WAR 150

ELDERSBURG BRANCH, FEBRUARY 3 - 24

CCPL is honored to host the exhibition, *Civil War 150: Exploring the War and its Meaning through the Words of Those Who Lived It*, organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in partnership with the Library of America and made possible in part through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Look inside for many learning opportunities scheduled for all ages in conjunction with this exhibit. A Celebrating America Program.

# Season Highlights with Director Lynn Wheeler



## CIVIL WAR 150 AND MAKING SENSE OF THE CIVIL WAR

As always, you will find activities galore happening at all branches of CCPL. Here are a few you won't want to miss:

### CIVIL WAR 150 OPENING RECEPTION WITH KENT COURTNEY Wednesday, 2/5 at 7 pm, Eldersburg Branch

Step back in history with Kent Courtney, frequently seen on The History Channel. Through musical instruments, costuming and stories, Mr. Courtney will offer a fascinating evening of Civil War history and songs. For a complete list of Civil War 150 programs, see pages 12-17.

### MAKING SENSE OF THE CIVIL WAR

CCPL has received a Making Sense of the Civil War grant from the Maryland Humanities Council, and I invite you to participate. The grant centers on reading three books and participating in five themed discussions about the books. Each discussion will be led by a scholar. The books are: *March* by Geraldine Brooks, *America's War* edited by Edward L. Ayers, and *Crossroads of Freedom* by James McPherson.

The first discussion will be held on: the theme "Imagining War." Books discussed will be *March* and *America's War* - Part 1. It will be led by Dr. Bryn Upton, Associate Professor, US History, McDaniel College, on Thursday, January 9, 7 pm, at Carroll Lutheran Village.

The second discussion will be on the theme "Choosing Sides." Book discussed will be *America's War* - Part 2. Watch our website for announcement of scholar, date and location.

The third discussion will be on the theme "Making Sense of Shiloh." Book discussed will be *America's War* - Part 3. Watch our website for announcement of scholar, date and location.

The fourth discussion will be on the theme "The Shape of War." Books discussed will be *Crossroads of Freedom* and *America's War* - Part 4. Watch our website for announcement of scholar, date and location.

The final discussion will be on the theme "War and Freedom." Book discussed will be *America's War* - Part 5. This culmination event will present a panel of all the scholars led by Senator Joe Getty, and will provide an opportunity for all participants to meet together and join in the discussion. Coffee and box lunch will be included. It will be held on:

**Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, Carroll Community College**

To register for this event go to: <https://library.carr.org/civilwar>



## OUR FAMILY FARM BY TOBY MENDEZ

This fall, sculptor Toby Mendez unveiled his design for a bronze relief honoring the agricultural heritage of Carroll County to be installed in Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park in September 2014.

We are fundraising for this important sculpture now. Please help us by going to: <http://library.carr.org/about/donations.asp>

Works by Toby Mendez include The Thurgood Marshall Memorial at the Maryland State House, The Ghandi Memorial in Suffolk County, New York, A Tribute to the Oyster Tonger at Annmarie Sculpture Garden in Solomons, and The Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards, dedicated in 2012 and featuring the six Orioles in the Baseball Hall of Fame, and a sculpture of Carl Yastrzemski, unveiled at Fenway Park this fall in time to help the Red Sox win the World Series at home.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### MANY RIVERS CROSSED A HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Thursday, 1/30 at 7 pm  
Eldersburg Branch

Join us for a discussion of *The Children*, by David Halberstam. On February 14, 1960, the first day of sit-ins in Nashville, TN, eight young black college students were propelled into the leadership of the Civil Rights Movement. Mr. Halberstam was a young reporter at the time. His book captures the courage and vision of these young people that changed our nation's history.

### 5TH ANNUAL BLACK-EYED SUSAN CELEBRATION

Thursday, 2/6 at 7 pm  
Eldersburg Branch

Join us for an activity-packed celebration of the Black Eyed Susan Award nominees. These books are selected by school media specialists throughout the state to encourage children to read quality, contemporary literature and then vote on their favorite. Nominated picture books will be read by local school media specialists.

### LAUNCHING YOUR NEW BUSINESS: A CARROLL BUSINESS PATH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Wednesday, 2/12 at 5:30 pm  
Mount Airy Branch

Amy Wallace with the Miller Center for Small Business, will cover topics including, resources available for start-ups, costs of services needed, licensing and tax considerations, loans and financial resources, finding customers and other key elements in starting a new business. Registration is through Carroll Community College: [www.carrollcc.edu](http://www.carrollcc.edu).

### VICTORIA VOX LIVE! A CARROLL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Saturday, 1/25 at 1:30 pm  
North Carroll Branch

Back by popular demand, singer-songwriter and ukulele player Victoria Vox will perform, accompanied by a cello player.

### DOWNTON TEA PARTY

Friday, 1/3 at 11 am  
Taneytown Branch

The fourth season of Downton Abbey is about to premiere. To get into the spirit, join us for a traditional English Tea. See branch listing for registration information.

## CIVIL WAR 150 ELDERSBURG BRANCH MONDAY, 2/3 — MONDAY, 2/24 DURING LIBRARY HOURS

The project is presented by  
**The Library of America**  
in partnership with THE GILDER LEHRMAN  
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**Weather** 35/27  
Periods of freezing rain/AZ

**Merry Christmas**

**Deal of the Day**

**Carroll County Times**  
Friday, December 25, 2009

**Christmas miracles**  
Carroll residents tell of moving moments linked to holiday

**Museum open for holiday celebration**  
Pleasant Valley facility to host lamplight tour

**Charity donations top \$80,000**  
Holiday Hope

**2009 Stories of the Year**  
Thursday: Changing

**Education leaders stepped down, towns saw change**  
Mt. Airy had 3 mayors in 2009

**Online video**  
www.carr.org  
video analysis and interviews of athletes and coaches.

**Prep Pulse**  
Patrick Stoelzer provides analysis and interviews of athletes and coaches.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE AT CCPL

The Eldersburg and Westminster Branches are now open on Sundays from 1:00 - 5:00 pm to meet your library needs.

## CARROLL COUNTY TIMES DIGITAL ARCHIVE

We are pleased to provide a fully searchable archive of the *Carroll County Times* (CCT) from 1933 through 2011. Go to [cctimes.carr.org](http://cctimes.carr.org) or click on the link at the bottom of CCPL's homepage to research news, sports and community activities contained in this valuable resource of our history. In addition to the fully searchable index, each day our staff highlights stories from the past. The site also contains helpful instructions on how to search the archive.

## TEENS CREATE

Submissions Due February 1, 2014

The Carroll County Public Library is excited to announce the Teens Create contest, open to all middle and high school students! Students may enter each category only once, for a total of not more than five entries. Prizes will be awarded in both middle and high school for each of the following categories:

**Short Story:** A brief fictional work rich with creative characters, conflict, plot, and setting.

**Graphic Novel:** A story, excerpt, or chapter in graphic novel format with creative illustrations, character, conflict and setting.

**Poetry:** A poem that inspires the reader to feel, hear or think about a subject in a new or more potent way.

**Nonfiction:** Students may submit work in any of the many subgenres of creative non-fiction: memoir, essay, literary journalism, or profiles of people or places.

**Film:** A recorded story or event in movie form that is vivid and memorable to the viewer.

An awards Ceremony will take place at Carroll Community College's Scott Center on March 21, 2014 at 7 PM.

For more information, please visit: <http://teens.carr.org/involved/create.asp>

## COMMUNITY GIVING

### Corky's Mitten Trees December 2 through January 3

This holiday season marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year the Carroll County Public Library has provided holiday help to our neighbors in need. CCPL receives donated gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats, for both adults and children, through mitten trees set up at all six branches. Donations will be accepted at all CCPL branches until Friday, January 3.

Each branch has a Corky's Mitten Tree, named after the library's penguin mascot, and patrons can hang store-bought or homemade donations on the tree. Items collected will be donated to local charitable organizations.

### Toys for Tots Through December 17

CCPL has partnered with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation to collect new, unwrapped toys from now until Christmas, and distribute the toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in our community.

Residents may drop off new, packaged, unwrapped toys in collection boxes located inside all library branches, at library headquarters in New Windsor, and at the Sheriff's Office in Westminster. Sorry, used toys will not be accepted.

Over the years, Marines have established close working relationships with social welfare agencies, churches, and other local community agencies to distribute the toys to needy children in the community. While Toys for Tots Coordinators organize, coordinate and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys.

## CCPL HELPS CUSTOMERS UNDERSTAND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

A primary goal of the Affordable Care Act is to help the 14% uninsured and eligible Marylanders gain access to quality, affordable healthcare. Eligible Maryland residents will be able to enroll in a health plan or Medicaid to get coverage that starts in January 2014. Even if you have never been able to afford insurance before, you may qualify for financial assistance or qualify for Medicaid through expanded eligibility guidelines.

Confused about your health care options? The library is here to help! Trained ACA Assistors are available at all six Carroll County Public Library branches to help you understand the Affordable Care Act. Assistors have completed over 40 hours of training; they are prepared to help you create an account on Maryland Health Connection, review plan options, and answer questions. They can also assist with Medicaid enrollment as needed. If you are interested in meeting with an Assister, please review the online calendar and call your local library to schedule an appointment.

### WHAT IS THE MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION?

The Maryland Health Connection is a new marketplace to compare health insurance options and enroll in a plan that best meets your needs, whether Medicaid or a private insurance plan.

- 14% uninsured in Maryland
- 6-month open enrollment period begins Oct. 1, 2013 and ends March 31, 2014
- Medicaid enrollment period continues year-round
- Coverage effective as early as January 1, 2014
- Many people will get savings they can use right away to help them pay for insurance in Maryland Health Connection (including an individual with income less than \$45,960 or a family of 4 with income less than \$94,200)



## ACA INFORMATION PROGRAMS

In addition to Assister appointments, the library is offering free information sessions at every branch. Trained Navigators and Assistors will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Westminster Branch: Monday, 11/25 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Eldersburg Branch: Tuesday, 11/26 - 1 - 4 pm

Finksburg Branch: Tuesday, 11/26 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

North Carroll Branch: Tuesday, 12/3 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Taneytown Branch: Wednesday, 12/4 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Mount Airy Branch: Tuesday, 12/17 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm

For details about these events, please visit <http://library.carr.org/assister.asp>.

## PLANNING TO MEET WITH AN ASSISTER?

Please bring the following information about yourself and your household to your appointment:

- Social Security Numbers
- Birthdates
- Employer and income information (for example paystubs, W-2 forms, or last year's tax returns)
- Policy numbers for any current health insurance
- Information about any available job-related health insurance.

To access the online calendar showing Assister availability at every branch, visit <http://library.carr.org/assister.asp>.



# CATALOG TIPS

CCPL staff has created catalog tips to help our customers use the catalog as effectively as possible. To find these tips, go directly to [catalog.carr.org](http://catalog.carr.org), or if you are at the library home page, click on the Catalog home link under the catalog search bar. Here are three of the tips you will find on [catalog.carr.org](http://catalog.carr.org):

## How do I place a request on a TV series or magazine?

1. Find the title you want to request in our catalog
2. Click on the "Place Request" button on the right, next to the series. A pop-up will appear that shows where the items are located, the disc numbers, and if the item is checked in.
3. Locate the disc number or issue that you are interested in requesting within the pop-up. To the left of the disc number or issue, you will see a hand holding a book, click on the hand to place a request on that disc number or issue.
4. Enter your library account information (if not already logged in) and select a pick up location.
5. Repeat this process for each disc or issue that you want to request.

## How do I manage holds so I can receive discs or TV series in order?

1. From the library's home page, click on "My account" located under the search bar.
2. Login with your library account information.
3. Under the My Account tab select "Requests."
4. Check the checkbox to the left of the request(s) you want to suspend (for example discs 2&3 in a series).
5. Click the "Suspend/Reactivate Selected" button at the bottom of the screen (you will remain in your spot in the queue until you reactive your request).
6. Enter a date for it to automatically activate and click "Submit." (Please note: You can reactivate before the date you set.)
7. To activate an inactive request, follow the steps above and enter today's date to reactivate the request.
8. Repeat as other discs become available in order to receive the discs in order.

## How do I create a reading history of items I have checked out?

The library does not keep a record of materials you have checked out after they have been returned and fines have been paid. In order to keep your own history of books you've read:

1. From the library's home page, click on "My Account" located under the search bar.
2. Login with your library account information.
3. Under the My Account tab, select My Record, click on "Contact Information and Preferences" and under Preferences check the box next to "Maintain Permanent Reading List," and click "Submit Change Request" at the bottom of the screen.
4. To find reading history, click on "Reading History" under the My Account tab within your account.
5. You can delete your reading history at any time by logging into your account and unchecking "Maintain Reading List" under Preferences. Note: If you uncheck, your reading list is gone forever. You may want to print a copy before deleting.

Check the sidebar on this page to see other information available on the catalog home page ([catalog.carr.org](http://catalog.carr.org)).

# CELEBRATING AMERICA AT CCPL

This winter we are highlighting two books that focus on American space travel:

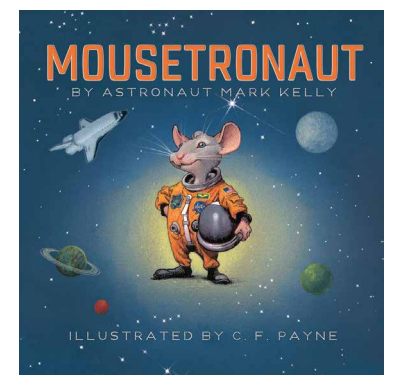
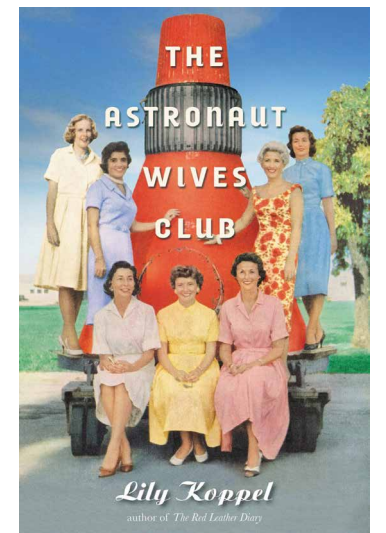
## *The Astronaut Wives Club* by Lily Koppel

Of this book the publisher notes, "As America's Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, television cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty. They had tea with Jackie Kennedy, appeared on the cover of Life magazine, and quickly grew into fashion icons. As their celebrity rose-and as divorce and tragic death began to touch their lives-they continued to rally together, and the wives have now been friends for more than fifty years. The author tells the story of the women who stood beside some of the biggest heroes in American history." Published by Grand Central Publishing

And the children's book choice:

## *Mousetronaut* by Mark Kelly and C. F. Payne

Of this book, the publisher notes, "Retired astronaut Mark Kelly flew with "mice-tronauts" on his first spaceflight aboard space shuttle Endeavour in 2001. Mousetronaut tells the story of a small mouse that wants nothing more than to travel to outer space. The little mouse works as hard as the bigger mice to show readiness for the mission...and is chosen for the flight! While in space, the astronauts are busy with their mission when disaster strikes—and only the smallest member of the crew can save the day. With lively illustrations by award-winning artist C. F. Payne, Mousetronaut is a charming tale of perseverance, courage, and the importance of the small!" Published by Paula Wiseman Books, Simon & Schuster



# Freedom Shrine Document Series

## FREEDOM SHRINE DOCUMENT SERIES

Each quarter our branches display replicas of four Freedom Shrine documents. This winter we will be featuring:

- Washington's First Inaugural Address
- Washington's Farewell Address
- Jefferson's First Inaugural Address
- General McAuliffe's Christmas Address

Join us at the Westminster Branch, on December 4, at 4 pm for a public reading of General McAuliffe's Christmas Address as part of our Holiday Mail for Heroes program.

## HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES

Westminster Branch  
Wednesday, 12/4 from 4 - 8 pm

Join us for a special event of holiday cheer as we prepare holiday cards for veterans, military families, and active-duty service members at hospitals and installations around the world. Cards and personal messages provide a welcome touch of home for our troops during the holiday season. We will make or sign donated holiday cards, while remembering our service members who serve during the holiday season. There will be a special reading of General McAuliffe's Christmas Message of 1944, a Freedom Shrine document, by local Carroll County resident and musician Paul Whitson. He will also present Letters from War in voice. Let's all come together and share in the spirit of the season for our heroes! Drop in from 4-8 p.m. A Celebrating America program. Refreshments will be served.

# FOCUS ON EARLY LEARNING



## MEET STAFF AUTHORS: *Every Child Ready for School & Tender Topics*

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM  
Westminster Branch Library, 50 E. Main Street

Join Dorothy Stoltz, Outreach Librarian, Connie Wilson, retired Outreach Librarian, and Buff Kahn, Children's Librarian, as they celebrate the recent publication of their books about early learning.

### *Tender Topics*

A reading specialist, an outreach librarian, and a children's librarian combine their considerable expertise in this essential guide for parents that brings reading, early literacy, child development issues, and picture books together. Advising parents who are wondering how to talk to their young child about difficult topics such as death, loneliness, or fear, this authoritative collection of appropriate picture books makes broaching the subject easier. Arranged by topic, this annotated listing includes more than 300 high-quality, carefully selected picture books.

### *Every Child Ready for School*

The topic of early literacy continues to gain momentum in educational circles. But early literacy storytimes are only one way libraries can contribute.

Focusing on training the caregiver, this handbook:

- Explains how to help day-care providers, homeschoolers, and others who care for young children foster school-readiness skills among their charges
- Arms librarians with a step-by-step workshop model, with tips on implementing and evaluating the program
- Provides guidance for coordinating workshops with other library early literacy initiatives
- Includes resources and activities to share with participants

## BEYOND WORDS: THE ARTISTRY OF ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS

January 27 through March 6  
McDaniel College



Beyond Words: The Artistry of Illustrated Children's Books is an exhibit featuring approximately 35 pieces of original art from notable children's picture books, including Caldecott Medal and Honor books. The exhibit focuses on the themes of cultural diversity and artistry and highlights the various types of media, such as watercolor, woodcut, charcoal, die cut, pen and ink, and gouache. The exhibit runs from January 27 - March 6, 2014 in the Rice Gallery, Peterson Hall at McDaniel College. To schedule a group tour contact Stacey Coverstone at 410.857.2595.



# READY TO READ

Simple Activities that Promote Early Literacy

## EVERY CHILD READY TO READ AT YOUR LIBRARY

Carroll County currently has the highest percentage of children ready for school when they enter kindergarten within the state of Maryland; however, the library is interested in sustaining and maintaining our position of excellence in the state and ensuring that our children continue on a path to success. Children who enter kindergarten with pre-reading skills have an advantage. They can focus on learning to read instead of first learning essential pre-reading skills. Children who start kindergarten ready to read have greater success throughout their school years.

The Carroll County Public Library is actively encouraging parents and caregivers to provide early learning opportunities around their homes. Get many suggestions and tips by attending library programs and visiting your local branch or mobile services vehicle.

Learning to read begins before children start school. From the time they are infants, children learn language and other important skills that will help them learn to read. Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin schooling. You can help your child get ready by providing early literacy opportunities around your home.

- Talk and listen to your child as you prepare meals or do household chores.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes, and play music. The library is a great place for music CDs especially for children.
- Have books within easy reach for your child. Make a special spot just for reading. The holidays are a perfect time to give books as gifts, so that your child may see books as special.
- Give your child many chances to scribble, draw, and write.
- Have a prop box with inexpensive items that your child can use for imaginative play.

Remember, it's never too early or too late to help your child develop language and other early literacy skills. Here are five of the best ways for children to get ready to read: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. These activities are easy to do with children of all ages. You and your child can enjoy them throughout the day—at home, in the car, or anywhere you spend time together. Children learn best by doing—and they love doing things with YOU.

Your library has many resources to help you talk, sing, read, write, and play with your child. Bring your children to the library to enjoy books, audiobooks, music CDs, read-along kits, school readiness kits, storytimes and other programs, services, and other resources—all free!



## CCPL CORE VALUES

- We are risk-takers and leaders.
- We meet each other with humor and kindness.
- We treat everyone equally and with respect.
- We embrace challenges and learn from mistakes.
- We inspire curiosity.
- We build community.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: ERIN GAMBRILL

**What have you recently read?** I often listen to biographies on my commute. It's like having a carpooling buddy! I recently enjoyed Patti Smith's "Just Kids." Her strong New Jersey/Central Pennsylvania accent, where gallery = gahl'ry and sitting = sittin' just charmed me to bits.

**What's your favorite song to sing in the shower?** Anything by Al Green. Shocking though it may seem, we have a similar vocal range. And, of course, oodles of soul.

**In which fictional world would you like to live?** Riverdale, USA. Home of Archie Andrews and his gang. I'd marry Jughead and we'd eat hamburgers and play records at Pop Tate's Chocklit Shoppe all day, every day.

**If you didn't work at the library, where would you be working instead?** I'd be a writer/buyer for the SkyMall catalog. I'm not even that into shopping... I just think I'd be good at it.

**If you could have any super power, what would it be?** Time travel. Basically just so I could see bands I love play at some of their most famous gigs, like all the guys at Manchester Lesser Free Trade Hall in 1974, Queen at Wembley Stadium in '85, The Beatles' rooftop concert in 1969, etc.

**What would you choose if you could only eat one food for the rest of your life?** The salmon dill crepes at The Smokery in Belvedere Square, Baltimore.

**When was the last time you did something for the first time?** Last year was the first time I took a train in the U.S. I'm obsessed with it now and it's my preferred means of travelling up and down the east coast.

**If there was a book about you, what would the title be?** Gambrilliance. Only it'd be jokey, with a photo of me wearing a dunce cap or something. It could either go in a zany Jonathan Winters way or some kind of sad clown. Hold on, let me call my agent...

**What movie do you watch every time it airs?** The Odd Couple. Hands down, it's the funniest thing I've ever seen. Whenever I see it, I laugh like it's the first time.

**Which of CCPL's core values is most important to you?** We meet each other with humor and kindness.

Erin Gambrill is a Library Associate II at the Eldersburg Branch.

# Introducing Mango Mobile Library Edition, the language learning app from Mango!

Learn About Mango  
Wednesday, 12/11 at 2 pm  
Westminster Branch



## Mango Mobile Library Edition is the fast, easy and effective way to learn to speak a language while you're on the go.

To get started using Mango on your iPhone®, iPod touch® or iPad®, download the FREE app from the iTunes® App Store, launch it and login with your library user name and password. You'll have access to all the same courses as you do through your library's website and the lessons themselves work just like the online Mango lessons. Just touch the screen to reveal answers, see literal and understood meanings, hear pronunciations and keep learning!

<http://libraries.mangolanguages.com/carroll-county/login>



Search for "Mango Languages" in the iTunes App Store to download, or visit your library's website for more info.

[mangolanguages.com](http://mangolanguages.com) 877-MANGO-11

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Mango App now available! Learn a new language for free in the new year!

# ELDERSBURG BRANCH

## FOR ALL AGES

### Cards for a Hero

Monday, 12/2 at 9:30 am

For All Ages. Drop in to create a handmade card to send to the Holiday Mail for Heroes program. The American Red Cross delivers these holiday cards to veterans, military families, and active duty service members around the world. A Celebrating America program.

### Year-Round Family Storytime

Mondays at 9:45 & 10:45 am  
12/2 - 2/24

For All Ages. An open invitation! This weekly storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Pajama Storytime

Mondays at 6:30 pm  
12/2, 1/6, 2/3

For All Ages. There is nothing better than bedtime stories with cookies and milk. Wear your PJs to this cozy storytime.

### Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 9:45 am  
12/7, 12/14, 1/18 - 2/22

For All Ages. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.

### Favorite Friends

Mondays at 6:30 pm  
12/9 **A Pig Called Pete and other books by Alan Bowater**  
1/13 **Cow books by Andy Cutbill**  
2/24 **Dr. Seuss**

For All Ages. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft about a featured, well-loved book character.

### Little Hands and Big Hands

Sunday, 12/15 at 1:30 pm

Research shows that young children of all backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to sign language in their early years. Join Kathy MacMillan, author of *Little Hands and Big Hands: Children and Adults Signing Together*, as she shares hands-on activities that parents and caregivers can use every day to improve communication, reduce tantrums, and promote early literacy in children ages birth to six. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Children of all ages are welcome at this family-friendly event. Kathy MacMillan is a nationally certified American Sign Language interpreter, librarian, storyteller, and trainer, and has been presenting the popular Little Hands Signing programs at the Eldersburg Branch since 2005.

### Carroll County String Project Trio: Sounds of the Season

Sunday, 12/15 at 2 pm

For All Ages. Enjoy a Sunday listening to the sounds of the season with Bagus Wiswakarma, violin; Maxim Kozlov, cello; and Kathryn Harsha on piano.

### KidWorks Presents: Happy Holidays

Thursday, 12/19 at 6:30 pm

For All Ages. Join the KidWorks kids for fun with stories, songs, and activities about December holidays.

### KidWorks Presents: We Love Penguins

Thursday, 1/23 at 6:30 pm

For All Ages. Join the KidWorks kids for fun with stories, songs, and activities about penguins.

### Civil War 150 Traveling Exhibition

Monday, 2/3 - Monday, 2/24 during library hours

For all ages. The Civil War was the most transformative period in US history. Drawing upon letters, personal accounts, and images, Civil War 150 invites Americans to understand how soldiers, presidents, freedmen, and families struggled to address the nature of democracy and citizenship, the human toll of civil war, and the role of a president in wartime.

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### 5th Annual Black-Eyed Susan Celebration

Thursday, 2/6 at 7 pm

For All Ages. Join us for a fabulous party to celebrate the award that encourages children statewide to read quality, contemporary literature, and then vote on their favorite. A storytime at 7 pm will feature nominated picture books read by local school media specialists. Other activities include crafts and face painting. The snow date for this event is February 13th.

### Bringing the Civil War to Life for Kids

Tuesday, 2/18 at 1 pm

For All Ages. Please join local historian Mike Eckard as he shares fascinating facts, history, and stories about the Civil War. Imagine holding the same item a Civil War soldier used! This is a hands-on program giving kids a chance to get up close to and handle historical artifacts.

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### KidWorks Presents: Jungle Animals

Thursday, 2/27 at 6:30 pm

For All Ages. Join the KidWorks kids for fun with stories, songs, and activities about animals in the jungle.

### Cabin Fever Booksale

Thursday, 2/27 from 5 - 8:30 pm  
Friday, 2/28 from 9 am - 4:45 pm  
Saturday, 3/1 from 9 am - 4:45 pm

For All Ages. Come shop our especially large collection of books, CDs, and DVDs for sale at special prices.

## FOR KIDS

### Read and Play

Tuesdays at 9:45 & 10:45 am  
Thursdays at 9:45 am  
12/3 - 12/12, 1/14 - 2/27

Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring lap games, tickles, bounces, and rhymes followed by a playgroup for meeting and mingling.

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12/3, 1/7, 2/4

Ages 7 - Adults. Discover a great time, meet fun people, and learn and practice tricks to amaze your friends at our yo-yo club. Please bring your favorite yo-yo. Experts and beginners welcome.

### Story Pals

Wednesdays at 9:45 & 10:45 am  
Thursdays at 10:45 am  
12/4 - 12/12, 1/15 - 2/27

Ages 2 - 3. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.

### Cello Exploration

Wednesday, 12/4 at 5 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/20

Ages 5 - 8. Join us for an afternoon of hands-on music. Dr. Maxim Kozlov will host an interactive cello program where he performs and allows the children to explore and play the cello as well! Dr. Maxim Kozlov holds both a Master of Music Education and Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the prestigious Moscow Conservatory and the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. Only kids need to register.

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### Holiday Storytime

Friday, 12/6 at 10 am

Ages 2 - 5. Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa! Let's celebrate together with stories, songs, and crafts.

### LEGO® Creations

Saturdays at 11 am  
12/7, 1/4, 2/1

Ages 5 - Adults. Want to build a castle? Or a spaceship? Or something totally new and different? Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom and build together!

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### Movies @ Your Library:

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**  
Friday, 12/13 at 10 am

Ages 3 - Adults. Chuck Jones' animated version of the classic Dr. Seuss book *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* originally aired on television in 1966 and has since become a holiday family favorite. A holiday craft activity will follow the movie. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Unrated with a run time of 30 minutes.

### Back to the Shire

Saturday, 12/14 at 1 pm

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# ELDERSBURG BRANCH

### Sugarplum Fairies

Monday, 12/16 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/2

Ages 6 - 10. The holidays are the favorite time of the year for the Sugarplum Fairies. Celebrate with the fairies as we make a fairy doll, a fairylicious snack, play a fairy game, and dance to the music of the Sugarplum Fairy.

### The Holiday Extravaganza

Tuesday, 12/17 at 10 am

Ages Birth - 5. You are cordially invited to join the Eldersburg Children's Librarians for a one-of-a-kind event holiday event. Enjoy stories, crafts, music, and snacks as we come together to share our holiday spirit with you and your family.

### Introduction to Dance: The Nutcracker

Wednesday, 12/18 at 9:45 & 10:45 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/4

Ages 3 - 5. Join Merritt Dance Academy staff in celebrating the holiday season with The Nutcracker! The story will be explored with creative movement and music. A small craft will also be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Only kids need to register.

### Little Hands Signing

Thursday, 12/19 at 9:45 am  
Friday, 1/24 at 9:45 am  
Friday, 1/31 at 9:45 am

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Experience the magic of American Sign Language through age-appropriate stories, songs, activities and games, along with tips and tricks for caregivers on using signs in everyday activities. Presenter Kathy MacMillan is a certified member of the Sign2Me® Presenters' Network. Siblings welcome.

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### Discover Math: Symmetry

Friday, 12/20 at 10 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/6

Ages 3 - 5. This program is part of a math series for preschoolers. We will read a story and learn through hands-on activities. With an accompanying adult caregiver.

### Minute to Win It: Farm Edition

Monday, 12/23 at 1:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/9

Ages 7 - 12. Ever wanted to be on the hit show Minute It to Win It? Here's your chance to play Minute It to Win It: Farm Edition. Are you up to the challenge of competing against the clock to complete a game in 60 seconds? In MITWI: Farm Edition all the games have a focus of learning a little more about Maryland agriculture, while testing your skills to complete the challenge. The game starts in 3...2...1...GO!

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2/22 Registration begins 2/8

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### Movies @ Your Library:

**Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year**  
Thursday, 1/2 at 10 am

Ages 2 - Adults. This family-friendly cartoon is about what happens when a new year comes to the Hundred Acre Wood. Rabbit becomes annoyed with his friends while he prepares a party to commemorate the new year. In order to make him feel better, each of the citizens of the Wood makes a resolution to change, but end up becoming like one of the others. Rated G. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

### Winter Puppet Show: Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Wednesday, 1/8 at 7 pm  
Thursday, 1/9 at 9:45 am  
Thursday, 1/9 at 11 am

Ages 3 - Adults. Once upon a time, there was an adventurous little girl named Goldilocks. While walking in the forest she came upon a house. She knocked on the door. No one answered, so she decided to walk right in! What happens next? Come find out - we promise this fairy tale favorite will be just right for children and adults!

### Tinkertots

Fridays at 10 am  
1/10 Registration begins 12/27  
2/7 Registration begins 1/24

Ages 2 - 5. A little push, a twist a turn. Keep those little fingers busy and experimenting in our library Tinkertown.

# ELDERSBURG BRANCH

◀ More Programs

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## Movies @ Your Library: Monsters University

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## Kids Discovery Zone: Piano and Violin

Saturday, 1/11 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/28

Ages 3 - 10. An interactive chance to see, hear, and yes, even play the piano and violin. Join Bagus Wiswakarma, Ela Wiswakarma and Kathryn Harsha, for a fun class introducing you to the piano and violin, and get a chance to play one, too - in just your size! No experience necessary - and believe it or not, you'll be playing a song by the end of the class! Only kids need to register.

## Homeschoolers' Class

Wednesdays at 2 pm  
1/15 Extreme Science!  
2/19 Black History Month

Ages 7 - 10. Join the fun in these literature-based science, social studies, math, and language arts programs!

## Discover Science: Germs

Friday, 1/17 at 10 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/3

Ages 3 - 5. This program is part of a nature and science series for preschoolers. We will read a story and learn about sound through hands-on activities. With an adult caregiver.

## Civil War Toys and Games

Friday, 2/7 at 3 pm

Ages 7 - 10. Kids love toys and it was no different during Civil War. Join us to play with the toys that were popular at that time, you'll probably find they are just as fun now. This program is offered in conjunction with the Civil War 150 exhibit. Civil War 150 is a national traveling panel exhibition organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in partnership with The Library of America. The project, Civil War 150: Exploring the War and Its Meaning through the Words of Those Who Lived

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Wednesday, 2/26 at 7 pm  
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Ages 6 - 10. Cinderella caught in Spiderman's web! What?! Join us as we create an outlandish storytelling adventure for your bookshelf using story cubes. Only kids need to register.

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Planning Meetings  
Thursdays at 5:30 pm  
12/5, 1/9, 2/13

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12/19, 1/23, 2/27

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### Teen Volunteer Time

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12/11, 1/15, 2/19

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### Doctor Who Hullabaloo

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Registration is required and begins 1/7

Ages 11 - 17. Celebrate 50 years of *Doctor Who* with fellow fans! Join us for Time Lord trivia, duct tape bow ties, door prizes, and much more! Costumes are welcome.

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### String Music for Grown-ups

Tuesday, 2/11 at 7 pm

Ages 16 - Adults. Always wished you could play a stringed instrument, but intimidated by the tiny tots with their violins in hand? Have a family heirloom instrument that you've been thinking about resurrecting? Just want to know more about string instruments? Join the Carroll County String Project to hear more about how to fit string instruments into your busy life. No instrument necessary, but if you've got one to bring, feel free!

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Friday, 2/14 at 6 pm  
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Ages 11 - 17. We are having a gathering to NOT celebrate Valentine's Day. So forget the sappy romance stuff! Join us for some fun activities after hours.

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## **The Bitter Fruits:** A Civil War Story of Tragedy & Triumph Saturday, 2/15 at 1 pm

Ages 11 - Adults. Join us at the library as Julia Chain and David Shuey bring the bittersweet story of Annie and James Colwell to life. After Fort Sumter was attacked in 1861, many Americans were moved to join the fight. James Colwell, a respected attorney, husband, and father of four, enlisted in the Union Army in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and then shared his intentions with his wife for the first time. Their sympathies and sentiments differed on the conflict, as she hailed from Baltimore. Their letters to each other are chronicled in the book *The Bitter Fruits* which was based upon a descendant's master's thesis, then expanded and published by the Cumberland County Historical Society in 1998. The book will be available for purchase and signing. A Celebrating America program.

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## **United States Colored Troops** Thursday, 2/20 at 7 pm

Ages 11 - Adults. The Union Army enlisted over 200,000 colored soldiers in their ranks starting in early 1863. Those soldiers fought in 449 battles and in the minds of many, helped shorten and win the war with the Union. Over 68,000 of those men died in the war. Another 2,500 languished in Confederate prisons.

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1/11 *The Colour* by Rose Tremain  
2/8 *The Time In Between*  
by Maria Dueñas

Adults. Please join us for a discussion about our chosen book.

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### **Crafternoon Delight: Library Tote** Tuesday, 2/4 at 2 pm Registration is required and begins 1/21

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## **John Brown: The Man Who Fired the** First Shots of the Civil War Monday, 2/10 at 7 pm

Ages 11 - Adults. John's Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry on October 16, 1859 is thought by many to have been the first shots of the impending Civil War. Brown, a vowed abolitionist, went to the federal arsenal to capture guns to give to fugitive slaves in hopes of ending slavery. He was captured, tried, and hanged in Charlestown.

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### **String Music for Grown-ups**

Tuesday, 2/11 at 7 pm

Ages 16 - Adults. Always wished you could play a stringed instrument, but intimidated by the tiny tots with their violins in hand? Have a family heirloom instrument that you've been thinking about resurrecting? Just want to know more about string instruments? Join the Carroll County String Project to hear more about how to fit string instruments into your busy life. No instrument necessary, but if you've got one to bring, feel free!

### **Music of the Civil War Era**

Wednesday, 2/12 at 7 pm

Ages 8 - Adults. At the outset of the Civil War the hopes and aspirations of both North and South were echoed in music full of pride, determination, confidence, and even arrogance. Join Dr. David Hildebrand for a musical survey full of familiar tunes with the fascinating stories behind them, from John Brown's Harper's Ferry Raid to The Bonnie White Flag.

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### **Civil War Medicine**

Tuesday, 2/18 at 3 pm

Ages 8 - Adults. Join us for this interactive presentation from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Learn about life in a Civil War camp as well as medical practices, including dentistry, veterinary medicine, triage, and medical evacuation.

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### **United States Colored Troops**

Thursday, 2/20 at 7 pm

Ages 11 - Adults. The Union Army enlisted over 200,000 colored soldiers in their ranks starting in early 1863. Those soldiers fought in 449 battles and in the minds of many, helped shorten and win the war with the Union. Over 68,000 of those men died in the war. Another 2,500 languished in Confederate prisons.

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## **DIY @ the Library: Library Tote** Tuesday, 2/25 at 6:30 pm Registration is required and begins 2/11

Adults. Need a tote for all the library books? Bring your creativity and we will supply everything else for you to make your own library book tote bag.

## CIVIL WAR 150

Monday, 2/3 - Monday, 2/24, during library hours  
Eldersburg Branch

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# FINKSBURG BRANCH

## FOR ALL AGES

### Dear Santa



Monday, 12/2 - 12/23 during library hours

For all ages. Want to send a letter to Santa? Drop one off at the Finksburg Branch Library! While you are there bring a new, unwrapped toy or mittens, hats or a scarf for our donation drives. You can help make this a happy holiday season for everyone. Please see staff for more information.

### Year-Round Family Storytime



Wednesdays at 11 am  
12/4 - 2/26

For All Ages. An open invitation! This weekly storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Evening Storytime



Wednesdays at 7 pm  
12/4, 12/11, 1/8 - 2/26

For All Ages. End your day in a special way! This storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Holiday Sing-a-long



Monday, 12/23 at 11 am

For All Ages. It's very close to the holidays! Get in the festive mood with a holiday sing-a-long. We will read stories, sing songs, and dance.

### Pig in the Library?



Saturday, 2/1 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/18

For All Ages. Penelope will be back visiting the library. Come learn interesting facts about kunekune pigs which originated in New Zealand. We will read stories, sing songs, and of course meet Penelope. Don't forget your camera!

### Middle Eastern Belly Dancing Workshop



Friday, 2/7 at 10 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/24

For All Ages. Bring the whole family! Come to this fun belly dancing workshop taught by local belly dancer Liz Slaterbeck. You'll learn a bit about the history of belly dancing, see a performance, have a lesson, and then do some dancing too!

## FOR KIDS

### Read and Play



Tuesdays at 9:45 am  
Thursdays at 11 am  
12/3 - 12/12, 1/7 - 2/27

Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring lap games, tickles, bounces, and rhymes followed by a playgroup for meeting and mingling.

### Story Pals



Tuesdays at 11 am  
Thursdays at 9:45 am  
12/3 - 12/12, 1/7 - 2/27

Ages 2 - 3. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.

### On My Own

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 1:30 pm  
12/3 - 12/11, 1/7 - 2/26

Ages 3 - 6. A theme-based storytime for children who are ready for an independent, small group experience. All adult caregivers are welcome.

### Holiday Matinee



Friday, 12/6 at 9:45 am  
*Mickey's Christmas Carol* (G)  
*How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (NR)

Friday, 12/6 at 11 am  
*The Polar Express* (PG)

Ages 3 - Adults. Join us this holiday season at the Finksburg Branch as we present some great animated features to celebrate the holidays. Bring your family and friends to share in the spirit. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

### Build a Beaded Beast



Friday, 12/6 at 1:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/22

Ages 8 - 17. Bring a buddy and build a beaded beast. Keep your creature on your keys, on your backpack, zip him up, and zip out! Pony bead pattern animals will be the perfect accessory for any occasion.

### PAWS to Read



Saturdays at 2 pm  
12/14 Registration is required and begins 11/30  
1/11 Registration is required and begins 12/28  
2/8 Registration is required and begins 1/25

Ages 6 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog. Research shows that children enjoy improving their reading skills by practice reading to animals. Registration preferred but walk-ins welcome!

### LEGO® Creations

Monday, 12/23 at 2 pm  
Friday, 12/27 at 2 pm

Ages 5 - Adults. Want to build a castle? Or a spaceship? Or something totally new and different? Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom and build together!

### Morning Matinee: Princess and the Frog



Friday, 12/27 at 10:30 am

Ages 3 - Adults. Ready, Set, Action! The

Finksburg Branch will be showing a movie, so stop by, watch the movie, have some popcorn, and then check out a few books! Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Rated G.

### Musikgarten Demonstration



Monday, 12/30 at 10 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/16

Ages 5 - 7. Do you like music? Come have fun making music with Jenna in a Musikgarten demonstration. Classes are designed for students to read and write music while having fun. Sign up for January classes here!

### Marshmallow Wars: Assault on Cup Castle



Monday, 12/30 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/16

Ages 7 - 17. Do you have what it takes for conquest? Build a miniature siege engine and see if you can use science (and marshmallows) to bring down the castle. Then, turn the tables and see if you can build a castle capable of standing against a marshmallow assault. Only kids need to register.

### Alphabet Train



Mondays at 11 am  
1/6 - 2/24

Ages 3 - 6. Climb aboard each week to explore a different letter of the alphabet through books, songs, and activities. All adult caregivers are welcome.

### Winter Puppet Show: Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Thursday, 1/9 at 7 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/26  
Friday, 1/10 at 9:45 & 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/27

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### Spy Games



Saturday, 1/25 at 2 pm

Ages 7 - 17. Do you have what it takes to be a super spy? Don a disguise, crack codes, and sneak away with secrets at the spy games! Anything cooler and it would be classified.

### Minute To Win It: Farm Edition



Friday, 2/7 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/24

Ages 7 - 12. Ever wanted to be on the hit show Minute It to Win It? Here's your chance to play Minute It to Win It: Farm Edition. Are you up to the challenge of competing against the clock to complete a game in 60 seconds? In MITWI: Farm Edition all the games have a focus of learning a little more about Maryland agriculture, while testing your skills to complete the challenge. The game starts in 3...2...1... GO!

### Little Hands Signing



Ages Birth to 24 months  
Fridays at 9:45 am

Ages 2 - 6  
Fridays at 11 am

2/14 Valentine Signs  
2/21 Weather Signs  
2/28 Feelings Signs

Little Hands Signing brings the magic of sign language to you and your child through age-appropriate stories, songs, activities, and games, along with tips and tricks for caregivers using American Sign Language in everyday activities. Each theme-based class will introduce and reinforce signs from a young child's world. Presenter Kathy MacMillan is a certified member of the Sign2Me® Presenters' Network. With an accompanying adult caregiver.

### Reading Is Good for the Heart



Saturday, 2/15 at 10 am

Ages 2 - 10. Reading makes us love books even more! When we show our love of books it makes our hearts grow stronger! Join our friends from Stevenson University's Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honors Society for Educators, and show your love of reading while having fun with some great children's books.

## FOR TEENS

### The Desolation of Finksburg: A Hobbit Party



Thursday, 12/5 at 6:30 pm

Ages 13 - Adults. The dragon is coming! Join us for a celebration in preparation for the second Hobbit film with food, games, food, crafts, and of course, more food.

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12/10, 1/14, 2/11

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### Happy S. A. D.: An Un-Valentine's Day Party



Thursday, 2/13 at 6:30 pm

Ages 11 - 17. Happy Valentine's Day...or not. For anyone not caught in Cupid's crosshairs this year, celebrate Singles Awareness Day at Finksburg and have a grand old time away from chocolate, lace, and candy hearts.

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### Genre-flecting Book Club

Thursdays at 7 pm

12/12 *Typee* by Herman Melville  
1/9 *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen  
2/13 *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter S. Thompson

Adults. Do you like reading classics, but also like a little variety? Then join us for this unique book discussion group. Each quarter

we'll select a topic - mystery, sci-fi, fantasy, etc. - and we'll discuss classic books from these unique genres. For the winter quarter we'll be reading travel literature.

### Finksburg Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

12/17 *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand  
1/21 *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
2/18 *A Big Little Life* by Dean Koontz

Adults. Please join us for a lively discussion of this month's book.

### The Faith Club

Tuesdays at 7 pm

1/7 Yiddish Stories and the Jewish Experience (choose your own title)  
2/4 *Fifty Ways to Pray: Practices from Many Traditions and Times* by Teresa A. Blythe

Adults. If you are interested in reading about faith and having an interfaith dialog, we invite you to join the discussion at the Faith Club, where a broad spectrum of beliefs will be explored in an informative and respectful atmosphere. The program is presented by Carroll County Interfaith Council and hosted by Carroll County Public Library. Find us on Facebook for more information, or call Sharon at 410-259-8947.

### Ask an Expert: Car Repair Questions Part One



Tuesday, 1/28 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/14

Adults. Got a question on how to repair your car? Worried about that little clunking sound? Concerned about whether or not a repair is necessary? Ask Shepards Service Center car repair expert Judd Shepard, race car driver and mechanic since 1987.

### Paper Flowers for All Occasions: Beauty from Your Hands



Saturday, 2/1 at 2:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/18

Adults. Garlands, table arrangements, wedding flowers, and seasonal displays; there are endless ways that paper flowers can brighten and beautify your home or an event at little cost!

### Getting Started with Your Genealogy

Saturday, 2/22 at 2 pm

Adults. If you have thought about searching for your ancestors, but did not know how to start, this program will kick-start your research in five easy steps. Presented by Eileen Souza, owner of Old Bones Genealogy.

### Ask an Expert: Car Repair Questions Part Two




Tuesday, 2/25 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 2/11


Adults. Car concerns? Is it time to replace that 1993 Subaru? Ask Shepards Service Center car repair expert Judd Shepard, race car driver and mechanic since 1987.


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## FOR ALL AGES

**Year-Round Family Storytime**   
Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am  
Fridays at 11 am  
12/3, 12/10 - 2/28

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**Cookie Time!**   
Friday, 12/6 at 11 am  
For All Ages. Get in the winter spirit with a special storytime full of tasty stories, yummy crafts, cookie decorating, and cookie eating!


**Saturday Storytime**   
Saturdays at 11 am  
12/7, 12/14, 1/4, 1/11, 1/25 - 2/22  
For All Ages. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.


**Easy Family Gingerbread Houses**   
Saturday, 12/7 at 1 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/23  
Thursday, 12/12 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/28


For All Ages. Work together to create a mini gingerbread-style house using graham crackers, icing, and candy. Each participating member of the family needs to register.

**Holiday Hand Bell Ringers**   
Saturday, 12/14 at 2 pm  
For All Ages. Join us as we enjoy a presentation by the Calvary United Methodist Church Wesley Ringers as they perform a variety of holiday songs.


**Winter Warm-Up**   
Monday, 12/16 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/2  
For All Ages. That winter chill is building in the air, could it be snow? The outdoors may be chilly but you can stay warm in the library with winter stories, fun crafts, and a steaming mug of cocoa! Only kids need to register.

**Maryland in World War II**   
Monday, 12/16 at 7 pm  
For All Ages. Join Jeff Korman of the State Library Resource Center, Enoch Pratt Library, as he shares a look at the Baltimore area home front during the war with some focus on wartime industry, rationing and war gardens, civil defense, USOs, and one or two items about the Pratt Library during the war. A Celebrating America program.


**Happy New Year**   
Tuesday, 12/31 at 11:30 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/17  
For All Ages. Are you excited for 2014 too? Join us for New Year's Eve stories and fun. We'll make a noisemaker and practice for tomorrow by counting down to 12 noon. Only kids need to register.


**Pete the Cat Storytime**   
Tuesday, 1/7 at 2 pm  
For All Ages. It'll be all good at the library when you join us for books, songs, and activities all about Pete - one cool cat!


**Be a Part of The Adventures of Mirabelle!**   
Saturday, 1/18 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/4  
For All Ages. Come meet author Michael Muller and Mirabelle, the Boston Terrier star of *The Adventures of Mirabelle* series. Michael will read his books and Mirabelle will pose for photos. All attendees need to register.

**Time Lord Trivia and Costume Contest**   
Saturday, 1/25 at 1 pm  
For All Ages. Do you love *Doctor Who*? Come join the Mount Airy Branch Library as it celebrates all things *Doctor Who*. We will be having a trivia contest to challenge you on your classic and contemporary *Doctor Who* knowledge, as well as a costume contest to find the most authentic *Doctor Who* costume.


**Tell Me a Story**  
Wednesday, 1/29 at 2:30 pm  
For All Ages. Storytime is for grownups too! Parents and kids are invited to join us for an hour of exploration into the world of storytelling. Children will interact with stories through games and activities while caregivers learn how to bring stories to life in the home. With an adult caregiver.

**Big Top Circus Party**   
Monday, 2/3 at 2:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/20  
For All Ages. Ever wanted to join the circus? You can—at the library! Learn cool tricks, win prizes, and have your face painted like a clown!


**Music for Me**   
Monday, 2/10 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/27  
For All Ages. Let's make some beautiful music together! Members of the Carroll County String Project will be here to tell you all about how pianos and violins work. They'll play some tunes and you'll even get a chance to try the instruments - sized just right for children! Only kids need to register.


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**Pancake Storytime**   
Thursday, 2/27 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 2/13  
For All Ages. Fat Tuesday is next week, and we're celebrating early with pancakes! We'll share stories and learn some pancake facts, then whip up our own batch of fluffy deliciousness! Only kids need to register.


## FOR KIDS

**Read and Play**   
Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:45 am  
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**Story Pals**   
Wednesdays at 11 am  
Thursdays at 10 am  
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Ages 2 - 3. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.


**Mother Goose Storytime**   
Monday, 12/9 at 2:30 pm  
Ages Birth - 6. Mother Goose rhymes are some of the first experiences children have with literature. Come experience the friendly, familiar Mother Goose rhymes through stories, songs, and a craft activity!


**On My Own**  
Fridays at 10 am  
12/13, 1/3 - 2/28  
Ages 3 - 6. A theme-based storytime for children who are ready for an independent, small group experience. All adult caregivers are welcome.


**Holiday Favorites Matinee**   
Thursday, 12/19 at 10:30 am  
**Mickey's Christmas Carol (G)**  
**How the Grinch Stole Christmas (NR)**  
Ages 3 - Adults. Join us as we present some great animated features to celebrate the holidays. Bring your family and friends to share in the spirit. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.


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**Discover Science: Snow**   
Monday, 12/30 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/16  
Ages 3 - 6. This program is part of a nature and science series for preschoolers. We will read a story and explore through hands-on activities. With an adult caregiver. Only kids need to register.

**Winter Puppet Show: Goldilocks and the Three Bears**   
Monday, 1/13  
9:45 am, 11:15 am, 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/30  
Ages 3 - Adults. Once upon a time, there was an adventurous little girl named Goldilocks. While walking in the forest she came upon a house. No one answered the door, so she decided to walk right in! What happens next? Come find out - we promise this fairy tale favorite will be just right for children and adults!

**Piggy Banks and Pennies**   
Tuesday, 1/21 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/7  
Ages 5 - 10. Oink! Oink! This new year save your pennies! We will have a blast learning about piggy banks and how they can be used to save your money! We will spend time making our very own piggy banks to start you off on your savings journey. Come and take part in this fun day with the University of Maryland Extension, Carroll County 4-H program.

**Backyard Wildlife in Winter**   
Saturday, 2/1 at 1:30 pm  
Ages 2 - 6. At a time when the wintry world may look lifeless, come inside the library. We will sing songs and share stories and crafts that encourage children to notice the birds, tracks and other signs of life in their own backyard.

**Paper Football Smackdown!**   
Tuesday, 2/18 at 2 pm  
Ages 7 - 14. Football season isn't over yet! Come wearing your favorite football jersey and compete to see who makes it to the Super Bowl and will be crowned the paper football champion! Don't know how to play? No worries, we'll show you all you need to know.


**Awesome Olympics**   
Saturday, 2/22 at 1:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 2/8  
Ages 7 - 11. Celebrate the Winter Olympics at the library! Compete for prizes, learn new skills, and test your Olympic knowledge in a trivia challenge!

## FOR TEENS

**Night Owls**  
Tuesdays at 7 pm  
12/3, 1/7, 2/4  
Ages 11 - 17. Hey all of you teen night owls, need someplace to spend time during these cold dark winter evenings? Come to the library and hang out with friends. Join us in


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the young adult department for a make-and-take craft and even try a board game. The possibilities are endless, so don't miss out!

**Holiday Ornament Lab**   
Tuesday, 12/10 at 6:30 pm  
Ages 11 - 17. Holiday ornaments make great gifts! Learn how to make a wide array of ornaments, from steampunk to duct tape to melty bead, when you join us for an evening of hot chocolate, holiday snacks, and festive crafting!

**Anime, Manga, and Gaming**   
Thursdays at 6 pm  
12/19, 1/16, 2/20  
Ages 11 - 17. Looking for a place to meet with fellow otaku? Join us to watch, draw, and discuss your favorite anime and manga. We may also get into cosplay, webcomics, video games, and other aspects of Japanese culture.

**Teen vs Wild**  
Tuesday, 1/21 at 6:30 pm  
Ages 11 - 17. Ever wondered if you would survive an epic disaster? Test your survival knowledge and learn vital skills to prepare yourself for natural disasters or even a zombie apocalypse!

**After-Hours Olympics**   
Friday, 2/7 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/24  
Ages 11 - 17. Celebrate the Winter Olympics with the fast-paced, minute-to-win-it library version of the games! Win cool prizes and enjoy plenty of snacks to keep your strength up as you compete.

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## FOR ADULTS

**Affordable Care Act and Healthcare: Gotta Have It, Gonna Get It!**  
Tuesday, 12/17 at 6:30 pm  
Adults. Confused about your options for healthcare? We have the answers! Our trained professionals will be available to offer practical advice and free assistance for signing up for insurance that's right for you. Get help with eligibility, explore your different options and learn about the enrollment process. See page 5 for a list of information to bring.

**Mount Airy Book Discussion Group**  
Wednesdays at 1 pm  
12/18 **The Christmas Bus**  
by Melody Carlson  
1/15 **A Week in Winter**

by Maeve Binchy  
2/19 **And the Mountains Echoed**  
by Khaled Hosseini  
Adults. Join us for a discussion of this month's book! Please bring a dish to share for our holiday luncheon on 12/18.

**Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group**  
Thursdays at 12:30 pm  
12/19 **The Secret Garden**  
by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
1/23 **The Catcher in the Rye**  
by J. D. Salinger  
2/27 **Unbroken**  
by Laura Hillenbrand  
Adults. Join us at the Mount Airy Senior Center for a discussion of this month's book! We will hold a holiday party on 12/19.

**Writing Your Own Resume**  
Thursday, 1/9 at 6:30 pm  
Adults. Join local technical writer, Bill Palmer, as he explains the basics of a solid resume, and how to create the best resume for you.

**Chinese Medicine Explained!**  
Thursday, 1/16 at 7 pm  
Adults. Chinese medicine enables people to find resolution without surgery or medications. The combination of acupuncture and Chinese herbs treats a wide variety of ailments. These modalities have been practical for over 5,000 years and are still commonly used in Asia today. Join Luke Pritchard, L.Ac. as he describes his use of Chinese medicine as a form of health care, using it to treat symptoms, and get to the root of disease.


**Attracting Winter Birds to Your Home**  
Wednesday, 1/22 at 7 pm  
Adults. Join local bird enthusiast Ken Hart as he explains all you need to know to bring a little avian color to your yard this winter. Mr. Hart will be describing the different kinds of seeds and feeders to attract different birds, as well as feeder placement.

**Launching Your New Business**  
Wednesday, 2/12 at 5:30 pm  
Adults. Launch your new business with confidence and on the right foot! Topics include: options for business entities; resources available to start-ups; costs of services needed; licensing and tax considerations; loans and financial resources; marketing on a budget; getting your business off the ground; and finding customers. Register through Carroll Community College at 410-386-8100 or www.carrollcc.edu. Instructor: Amy Wallace.


**Valentine's Day Wreath**   
Thursday, 2/13 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/30  
Adults. Need a last minute gift for your valentine? Come join us as we make a beautiful Valentine's Day wreath out of old books!

# NORTH CARROLL BRANCH


## FOR ALL AGES


**Year-Round Family Storytime**   
**Wednesdays at 10 am**  
**Thursdays at 10 am**  
 12/4 - 12/12, 1/8 - 1/23, 1/30 - 2/27

For All Ages. An open invitation! This weekly storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.


**Pajama Party Storytime**   
**Wednesdays at 6:45 pm**  
 12/4, 12/11, 1/8 - 1/22, 2/5 - 2/26


For All Ages. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

**Playdough**   
**Friday, 12/6 at 2 pm**  
 For All Ages. Come for some playdough fun. We'll provide the playdough and all the tools to make some great creations.

**Local Author Fair!**   
**Saturday, 12/7 at 1 pm**  
 For All Ages. Come join our celebration of local authors and illustrators! Authors of varying genres will be featured and books will be available for purchase and signing.


**Afternoon Movie Matinee**   
**Friday, 12/27 at 1 pm** *Planes* (PG)  
**Monday, 12/30 at 1 pm** *Monsters University* (G)  
 For All Ages. Enjoy an exciting afternoon at the library with film fun and popcorn for all who attend. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

**LEGO® Creations**   
**Saturdays at 10 am**  
 1/11 & 2/22  
 For All Ages. Want to build a castle? Or a spaceship? Or something totally new and different? Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom and build together!


**Victoria Vox at the Library!**   
**Saturday, 1/25 at 1:30 pm**  
 For All Ages. Please join us for a terrific concert on the library floor with singer-songwriter-ukulele player Victoria Vox, accompanied by her cello player.


*This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council. The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services,*

*activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact Madeline M. Morey, The Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, 410.386.3800, 1.888.302.8978, MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 or email mmorey@ccg.carr.org as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.*


**All Aboard!**   
**Saturday, 2/1 at 11 am**  
 For All Ages. Chugga, chugga, choo down the track to the library for train stories and a Thomas the Tank Engine craft.

## FOR KIDS


**Move and Learn**   
**Tuesdays at 10 am**  
 12/3, 12/10, 1/7 - 2/25  
 Ages 2 - 6. A theme-based storytime featuring an age-appropriate story, songs, and learning activities, with a concentration on creative movement.


**Read and Play**   
**Fridays at 10:30 am**  
 12/6, 12/13, 1/10 - 2/28  
 Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring lap games, tickles, bounces, and rhymes followed by a playgroup for meeting and mingling.


**American Girls**   
**Thursdays at 6:45 pm**  
 12/19 **Josefina's Piñata Party**  
 Registration begins 12/5  
 1/16 **Play House**  
 Registration begins 1/2  
 2/20 **Addy**  
 Registration begins 2/6  
 Ages 7 - 10. Join us for stories and more. Bring your dolls or dress up. Only kids need to register.

**Horsin' Around**   
**Saturday, 1/4 at 11 am**  
**Registration is required and begins 12/21**  
 Ages 5 - 11. Teen equestrians share their knowledge and experience with English and Western horseback riding. You'll get a chance to sit in both saddles and learn about reining a horse. Only kids need to register.

**All About...Snowflakes**  
**Thursday, 1/9 at 2 pm**  
 Ages 5 - 11. Explore 6 hands-on stations to create projects from a variety of materials. You'll have an opportunity to work by yourself or be part of the group while having fun!

**Five Senses**   
**Winter Craftivities Drop In**  
**Monday, 1/13 from 10 am - 12 pm**  
 Ages 3 - 7. Bring all of your senses with you to the library and smell, touch, hear, taste, and see winter. You will have the opportunity to make fun winter crafts, such as a puffy paint picture and an easy bird feeder. There will be several hands-on activities including scented playdough. Don't forget taste...there will be a snack.

**Super Bowl Party**   
**Tuesday, 1/21 at 2 pm**  
 Ages 9 - 14. Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?! Create some team crafts, try a super bowl snack and be ready to test your skills with some challenging games.


**Winter Puppet Show:**   
**Goldilocks and the Three Bears**  
**Wednesday, 1/29 at 10 am & 6:45 pm**  
 Ages 3 - Adults. Once upon a time, there was an adventurous little girl named Goldilocks. While walking in the forest she came upon a house. She knocked on the door. No one answered, so she decided to walk right in! What happens next? Come find out - we promise this fairy tale favorite will be just right for children and adults!

**Kids Dance Party**   
**Monday, 2/3 at 10 am**  
 Ages 2 - 6. Put your dancing shoes on and join us for some movin', groovin' FUN! Come dance to different types of age-appropriate music that will encourage creative movement and exercise. A story break will occur midway through our party while you catch your breath and rest your dancing feet. Let's flex our muscles and our minds!


**Valentine's Day Crafts**  
**Friday, 2/7 at 2 pm**  
 Ages 9 - 14. Get crafty for Valentine's Day. Your choice of 3 crafts - make one or make them all!

**Valentine's Day Crafts Drop In**  
**Thursday, 2/13 from 1 - 4 pm**  
 Ages 4 - 9. Enjoy making Valentine's Day crafts for yourself or someone special.


**All About...Building!**  
**Thursday, 2/13 at 2 pm**  
 Ages 5 - 11. Explore 6 hands-on stations to create projects from a variety of materials. You'll have an opportunity to work by yourself or be part of the group while having fun!

**Blast Off!**   
**Tuesday, 2/18 at 1 pm**  
**Registration is required and begins 2/4**  
 Ages 5 - 9. We'll test a simple film canister rocket to see who's rocket can fly the furthest and make an edible earth and learn about the earth's layers. We'll explore NASA's Kid's Club online! A Celebrating America program. Only kids need to register.

## FOR TEENS

**Teen Writing Group**   
**Tuesdays at 7 pm**  
 12/3, 1/7, 2/4  
 Ages 11 - 17. Share your stories! Join other teen writers and share your work, give and receive positive feedback, as well as talk about the writing process.

**Volunteer Night**  
**Mondays at 7 pm**  
 12/16, 1/27, 2/24  
 Ages 12 - 17. We are looking for young adults who would like to earn service hours!

**Super Bowl Party**   
**Tuesday, 1/21 at 2 pm**  
 Ages 9 - 14. Are you ready for some FOOTBALL? Create some team crafts, try a super bowl snack and be ready to test your skills with some challenging games. Refreshments will be served.

**Valentine's Day Crafts**  
**Friday, 2/7 at 2 pm**  
 Ages 9 - 14. Get crafty for Valentine's Day. Your choice of 3 crafts - make one or make them all!

## FOR ADULTS

**North Carroll Knitters Night**  
**Mondays at 7 pm**  
 12/2, 1/6, 2/3  
**Tuesdays at 7 pm**  
 12/17, 1/21, 2/18  
 Adults. Knitters and crocheters are all welcome to join this monthly gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns.

**Affordable Care Act and Healthcare: Gotta Have It, Gonna Get It!**  
**Tuesday, 12/3 at 6:30 pm**  
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**North Carroll Writers Group**  
**Mondays at 6:30 pm**  
 12/9, 12/23, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24  
 Adults. Interested in writing? Want to meet others who are too? The NCWG is dedicated to helping people improve their writing. We meet monthly to share our work in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

**Bring Your Own Device & Learn!**  
**Tuesdays at 7 pm**  
 12/10, 1/14, 2/11  
 Adults. Do you own a smartphone, iPad, e-reader, or tablet and want to learn how to access free digital content through the library? Bring your device in and learn how to download e-books, audiobooks, and magazines to your device in this hands-on program.


**North Carroll Senior Book Discussion Group**  
**Wednesdays at 11 am**  
 12/18 **Wise Blood** by Flannery O'Connor  
 1/15 **A Thousand Splendid Suns** by Khaled Hosseini  
 2/12 **People of the Book** by Geraldine Brooks  
 Adults. Please join us for a discussion of this month's book at the North Carroll Senior Center.

**Launching Your New Business**  
**Thursday, 1/23 at 5:30 pm**  
 Adults. Ready, set, go! Launch your new business with confidence and on the right foot. Topics include: options for business entities; resources available to start-ups; costs of services needed; licensing and tax considerations; loans and financial resources; marketing on a budget; getting your business off the ground; and finding customers. Register through Carroll Community College at 410-386-8100 or www.carrollcc.edu. Instructor: Amy Wallace

**North Carroll Book Discussion Group**  
**Mondays at 6:30 pm**  
 1/27 **Life After Life** by Kate Atkinson  
 2/24 **Where'd You Go, Bernadette** by Maria Semple  
 Adults. Please join our group for a fun evening of spirited discussion of this month's book. New members are welcome!

**Make & Take Tuesdays: Recycled Book Crafts**   
**Tuesday, 1/28 at 6:30 pm**  
**Registration is required and begins 1/14**  
 Adults. Join us for an evening of crafting fun. We will provide the supplies, you just need to bring your creativity!

**Great Backyard Bird Count**  
**Saturday, 2/8 at 11 am**  
 Adults. In preparation for the Great Backyard Bird Count, February 14-17, bird lovers of all ages are invited to learn the whys and hows of the bird count. Virginia Huebner, from the Audubon Society of Central Maryland, will talk about the reasons for the Great Backyard Bird Count and how to participate and enter your count into an international database.

**Make & Take Tuesdays: Wire Bead Rings**   
**Tuesday, 2/25 at 6:30 pm**  
**Registration is required and begins 2/11**  
 Adults. Join us for an evening of crafting fun. We will provide the supplies, you just need to bring your creativity!



**FAVORITE BOOK SERIES**  
 FACEBOOK POLL

- 30% Voted** HARRY POTTER  
 It wasn't magic, why this received the most votes.
- 10% Voted** HUNGER GAMES TRILOGY  
 The Odds were in its favor.
- 7% Voted** OUTLANDER  
 This write-in vote has staying power.
- 7% Voted** A GAME OF THRONES - A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE  
 As Tyrion says: A mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone.
- 6% Voted** THE STEPHANIE PLUM SERIES  
 Being described as a combination of Nancy Drew & Dirty Harry may have led to some of these votes.
- 6% Voted** THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO  
 What is hidden in the votes, comes forth in the tally...
- 5% Voted** LORD OF THE RINGS  
 One vote...to rule them all.
- 5% Voted** THE DARK TOWER SERIES  
 The man in black doesn't need to flee with all these votes!
- 3% Voted** THE DRESDEN FILES  
 He's a private investigator AND a wizard... of course he's on the list!
- 3% Voted** PERCY JACKSON  
 With a 2nd movie coming, this is no surprise...

The final 16% is made up of numerous series each receiving less than 2% of the vote.

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# TANEYTOWN BRANCH

## FOR ALL AGES

### Evening Storytime



Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
12/4, 1/8, 1/15, 1/29 - 2/26

For All Ages. End your day in a special way! This storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Year-Round Family Storytime



Thursdays at 9:45 am  
12/5, 12/12, 1/2 - 1/16, 1/30 - 2/27

For All Ages. An open invitation! This weekly storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Sloppy Saturday



Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm  
1/25 & 2/22

For All Ages. Need something fun to do with the kids? Like to create and express yourself with art? Drop in to the library and join the fun making crafts with leftover bits and pieces from storytime.

### Tailgating Extravaganza



Saturday, 2/1 at 2 pm

For All Ages. In honor of tomorrow's big game, we'll be serving up some super treats, playing some fan-tastic games, and whipping up some winning crafts. Put on your team colors and join us for some spirited fun.

## FOR KIDS

### Story Pals



Tuesdays at 11 am  
12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/14, 1/28 - 2/25

Ages 2 - 3. A theme-based storytime featuring interactive and age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, and activities.

### Tiny Dancers

Wednesday, 12/4 at 9:45 am

Ages 3 - 6. Come dance with us! We'll use songs and movement to learn some of the basics of dancing. Join in the fun as we learn to dance with Kim Golliday from the Taneytown Dance Center.

### Read and Play



Wednesdays at 11 am  
12/4, 12/11, 1/8 - 2/26

Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring lap games, tickles, bounces, and rhymes followed by a playgroup for meeting and mingling.

### Preschool Holiday Cookie Decorating Party



Friday, 12/6 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 11/22

Ages 3 - 6. Join the festivities as preschoolers create personally decorated cookies for the holidays. The cookie station will be set-up for each child to decorate two cookies. With an accompanying adult caregiver; additional treats will be served. Don't miss the fun! All attendees need to register.

### Kid's Holiday Cookie Decorating Party



Friday, 12/6 at 2 & 3 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/22

Ages 6 - 12. Join the festivities as kids create personally decorated cookies for the holidays. The cookie station will be set-up for each child to decorate two cookies; additional treats will be served. All supplies will be provided. Don't miss the fun! Only kids need to register, but please register for only one program per child.

### Junior Gardener's Workshop: Christmas Mug Flower Arrangement



Saturday, 12/7 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/23

Ages 8 - 12. Join the members of the Silver Fancy Garden Club to create a beautiful holiday floral arrangement. All supplies will be provided.

### Yoga for Me



Wednesday, 12/11 at 9:45 am  
Registration is required and begins 11/27

Ages 3 - 6. Yoga is fun and beneficial exercise for all ages! Join us on a yoga journey with registered yoga instructor Shawn Essed. Bring a yoga mat or large towel if you wish. Caregivers welcome, but not required.

### LEGO® Creations

Saturdays at 11 am  
1/4 & 2/1

Ages 5 - Adults. Want to build a castle? Or a spaceship? Or something totally new and different? Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom and build together!

### On My Own

Wednesdays at 9:45 am  
1/8 - 2/26

Ages 3 - 6. A theme-based storytime for children who are ready for an independent, small group experience. All adult caregivers are welcome.

### Music and More



Thursday, 1/9 at 1:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/26

Ages 3 - 6. Join the fun with your child as we celebrate the joys of music with instruments, dancing, bean bags, streamers, and more! With an accompanying adult caregiver; only kids need to register.

### Math 4 Me



Fridays at 11 am  
1/10 Registration is required and begins 12/27  
2/14 Registration is required and begins 1/31

Ages 3 - 6. Help your preschool child discover math fun with hands-on stations for creative problem solving! With an accompanying adult caregiver; only kids need to register.

### Preschool Science: Weather



Friday, 1/17 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/3

Ages 3 - 6. Join us as we explore nature and science together through hands-on activities and experiments. With an accompanying adult caregiver; only kids need to register.

### Tween Lock-In

Friday, 1/17 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages 8 - 12. Hey tweens...it's your turn! Here's an after-hours program just for you! The library closes at 5, but we'll just be getting started. Join us for after-hours games, food, and fun. Spaces are limited and permission slips will be required. Registration at branch only by 1/16.

### Read to a Dog

Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm  
1/18 & 2/15

Ages 5 - 12. Come ready to read to a book-loving dog! Improve your reading skills by reading to one of our furry friends.

### Winter Puppet Show: Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Tuesday, 1/21 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/7

Wednesday, 1/22 at 6:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/8

Thursday, 1/23 at 9:45 am  
Registration is required and begins 1/9

Ages 3 - Adults. Once upon a time, there was an adventurous little girl named Goldilocks. While walking in the forest she came upon a house. She knocked on the door. No one answered, so she decided to walk right in! What happens next? Come find out - we promise this fairy tale favorite will be just right for children and adults! Children age 3 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. All attendees need to register.

### Art Smart: Holiday Art



Thursday, 2/6 at 1:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/23

Ages 3 - 6. Paint and scissors and glue, oh my! It's time to create your very own Valentine masterpiece! Please dress to get messy. With an accompanying adult caregiver; only children need to be registered.

### Movie Magic: Despicable Me 2



Friday, 2/7 at 2:30 pm

Ages 5 - 12. Elementary school's out early today. Round up the kids and enjoy popcorn and a movie at the library! Movie rated PG.

### Life-Sized Candy Land



Tuesday, 2/18 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 2/4

Ages 7 - 11. Join us as we bring the board game Candy Land to life - with you as the gingerbread boy or girl! Don't miss the sweet journey along the colorful rainbow path through delectable spots like the Chocolate Mountain and the Lollipop Woods. Make a game to take home.

### Preschool Science: Rocks and Minerals



Friday, 2/21 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 2/7

Ages 3 - 6. Join us as we explore nature and science together through hands-on activities and experiments. With accompanying adult caregiver; only kids need to register.

### Wild Nature: Animal Tracks



Thursday, 2/27 at 1:30 pm  
Registration is required and begins 2/13

Ages 3 - 6. Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! We won't be tracking any of these, but we will learn to identify animals by the tracks they leave. Find out what kind of animals have been near your house or in the woods by the signs they leave. With an accompanying caregiver; only children need to be registered.

## FOR TEENS

### Teen Advisory Board



Mondays at 6 pm  
12/2, 1/6, 2/3

Ages 12 - 17. Need service hours? Stop in and share your opinions with the library staff about books, music, movies, and programs that you'd like to see at the Taneytown Branch.

### Day of the Ninja



Thursday, 12/5 at 6 pm

Ages 12 - 17. It's the Day of the Ninja, so here's your chance to take off your mask and accept our thanks. Ninjas everywhere are being honored, and here at Taneytown we're celebrating with crafts, activities, and snacks. You can wear your mask if you feel you must, but no shuriken please.

### Magic@: The Gathering



Saturdays at 11 am  
12/14, 1/11, 2/8

Ages 13 - Adults. Join us for 2 hours of gaming fun. Newcomers to the game will have a chance to learn, and experienced players can face off with one another or trade cards. Come and join the gathering of the oldest of trading card games—with more than 12 million players!

# TANEYTOWN BRANCH

### Board Games at the Library

Saturdays at 1 pm  
12/14, 1/11, 2/8

Ages 11 - Adults. Board games have completely changed from the days of Monopoly! From Dominion to Super Smash-Up, join us for a chance to play some board games from the new generation and learn what the fuss is all about.

### Winter Celebration



Saturday, 12/21 at 2 pm

Ages 12 - 17. Welcome winter with a celebration of chilly crafts, slushy snacks, and frosty activities.

### Minute to Win It



Friday, 1/3 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Ages 12 - 17. Join the fun at a special after-hours program for teens. Compete in games that emphasize fun. Do it all in a minute. Go for the glory and win it in a minute!

### Maze Runner Movie Program



Tuesday, 2/11 at 7 pm

Ages 13 - 17. Join us in the Glade to get ready for the new Maze Runner movie! We'll give you what you need to survive and thrive in this deadly environment and fight back against the Grievers.

## FOR ADULTS

### Drop-In Computer Instruction

Mondays at 7 pm  
12/2 - 12/16, 1/6 - 2/24

Adults. Drop by the library for some basic computer lessons. You decide what you want to learn! We'll help you learn how to use a mouse, create an e-mail account, surf the Internet, become part of a social network like Facebook, or do anything else you want to try.

### Polymer Beads 101



Tuesday, 12/3 at 7 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/19

Adults. Learn to design and create your own beads with polymer clay, just in time to create that perfect gift! All materials will be provided, just bring your creativity.

### Affordable Care Act and Healthcare: Gotta Have It, Gonna Get It!

Wednesday, 12/4 at 6:30 pm

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### Ladies Night Out



Thursday, 12/12 at 6 pm  
Registration is required and begins 11/28

Adults. Join us for an evening of food, crafting, and a chick flick. We'll be making lightbulb ornaments and watching *The Holiday* (PG-13) with Jude Law and Cameron Diaz.

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### Taneytown Adult Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

12/19 *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin  
1/16 *Silver Girl* by Elin Hilderbrand  
2/20 *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

Adults. Join us for a lively book discussion.

### Ornament Glass Etching

Friday, 12/20 at 7 pm  
Registration is required and begins 12/6

Adults. Join us to make cool etched designs on glass ornaments for the holidays! For your protection, be sure to wear a long-sleeved shirt the day of the program.

### Downton Tea Party



Friday, 1/3 at 11 am  
Registration is required and begins 12/20

Adults. The fourth season of *Downton Abbey* is about to premiere in the US, so join us for a traditional English tea with treats, tea, and lively discussion.

### Candle Crafts

Thursday, 2/13 at 7 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/30

Adults. Candles make wonderful gifts, and we'll be exploring some different ways to create them. All supplies will be provided, just bring your sense of adventure.

# WESTMINSTER BRANCH

## FOR ALL AGES

### Evening Storytime



Tuesdays at 7 pm  
12/3 - 2/25

For All Ages. End your day in a special way! This storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Gerstell Academy Students



**Bringing Holiday Cheer to Westminster**  
Wednesday, 12/4 at 7 pm

For All Ages. Gerstell Academy students will be equipped with songs, crazy hats, instruments and an overwhelming love for the season, so come and join in the fun. We promise you'll walk away with a smile on your face and a song in your heart!

### Year-Round Family Storytime



Thursdays at 1 pm  
12/5 - 2/27

For All Ages. An open invitation! This weekly storytime, open to all ages, introduces stories through books, songs, and activities.

### Rec on the Move



Fridays at 10 am  
12/13, 1/10, 2/14

For All Ages. See how easy and fun it is to get up and be active. Move with the Westminster Recreation and Parks Department at the library and enjoy a healthy snack too!

### New Year's at Noon



Tuesday, 12/31 at 11:30 am

For All Ages. Can't stay awake until midnight? Join us for crafts, games, music, and dancing as we drop the ball at noon!

### Winter Olympics @ the Library!



Tuesday, 1/21 at 2 pm

For All Ages. Let's get ready for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi! We'll have crafts and games all to get you in the Olympic spirit!

### Tea with Mr. Tumnus



Friday, 2/7 at 2 pm  
Registration is required and begins 1/24

For All Ages. Join us for a special screening of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* as we enjoy some of the treats Mr. Tumnus served Lucy on her first visit to the snowy wood. This movie is rated PG. All attendees need to register.

## FOR KIDS

### Read and Play



Mondays at 9:30 am  
Tuesdays at 11 am  
Wednesdays at 11 am  
12/2 - 12/18, 1/6 - 2/26

Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring lap games, tickles, bounces, and rhymes followed by a playgroup for meeting and mingling.

### On My Own

Mondays at 10:30 am  
12/2 - 12/16, 1/6 - 2/24

Ages 3 - 6. A theme-based storytime for children who are ready for an independent, small group experience. All adult caregivers are welcome.

### Story Pals



Tuesdays at 10 am  
Wednesdays at 10 am  
Thursdays at 10 & 11 am  
12/3 - 12/19, 1/7 - 2/27

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### Bagels with Babies



Fridays at 10 am  
12/6, 1/14, 2/21

Ages Birth - 3. Join us for breakfast! Come in for an informal playgroup for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Enjoy bagels, orange juice, and adult conversation while the babies play.

### American History Book Discussion

Saturday, 12/7 at 10 am  
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Ages 7 - 11. On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck is story about life on the homefront during WWII. We will be discussing the book and exploring what it was like to be a kid back then. This program is perfect for homeschool groups and individuals. A Celebrating America program.

### Make and Take Holiday Crafts



Friday, 12/20 at 10 am

Ages 3 - Adults. Drop in to create a holiday craft! Children are invited to make a holiday craft they can take home as a decoration or gift! Children age 3 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

### Monkeying Around



Saturday, 12/21 at 10 am

Ages Birth - 5. Swing on in to a special storytime and craft all about silly little monkeys!

### Creative Play Time



Friday, 12/27 at 10 am  
Saturday, 1/11 at 10 am  
Friday, 2/28 at 10 am

Ages 3 - 8. Play is a fantastic way for children to develop their creative thinking skills. Come join us for an open playtime where children can be imaginative and creative while exploring blocks, LEGO® blocks, playdough, and more!

### Let's Build It

Saturday, 1/18 at 10 am

Ages 5 - 11. Kids will have a chance to explore carpentry skills in this hands-on program about tools and building things.

### Winter Puppet Show: Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Thursday, 1/23 at 7 pm  
Friday, 1/24 at 10 am & 2 pm

Ages 3 - Adults. Once upon a time, there was an adventurous little girl named Goldilocks. While walking in the forest she came upon a house. She knocked on the door. No one answered, so she decided to walk right in! What happens next? Come find out - we promise this fairy tale favorite will be just right for children and adults!

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## FOR TEENS

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12/2, 1/6, 2/3

Ages 11 - 17. Need service hours? Want to help shape teen programming and spaces at the library? Join our Teen Advisory Board the first Monday of each month! Snacks begin at 3:30, with the meeting starting at 3:45.

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## FOR ADULTS

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12/4 *Room* by Emma Donoghue  
1/8 *Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn  
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### You and Health Insurance: R Making a Smart Choice

Thursday, 12/12 at 6:30 pm

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## Are Your Affairs in Order?

Wednesday, 1/22 at 6 pm

Adults. Do you know that the first step in estate planning is to prepare a will? And do you know that your will should be reviewed and updated as circumstances change? Retired educator Mavis Polson Lewis, and licensed

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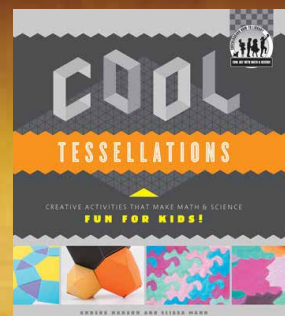
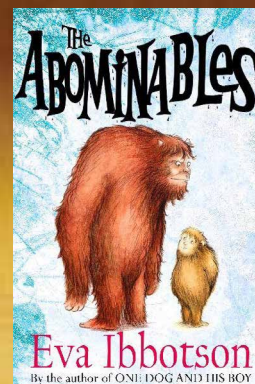
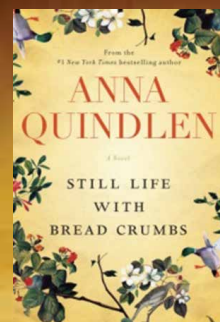
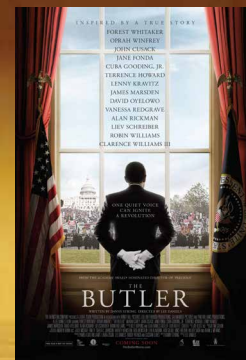
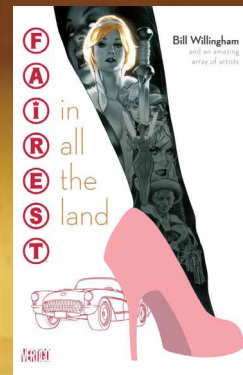
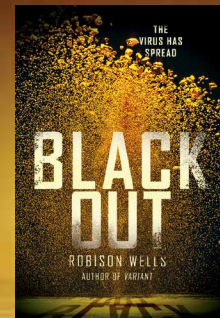
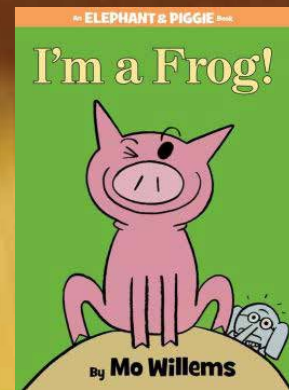
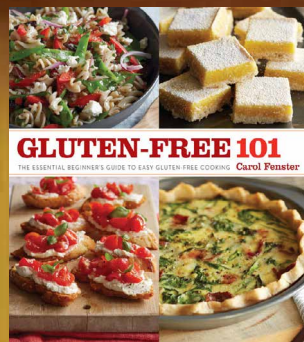
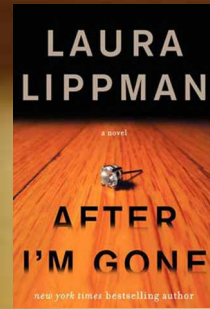
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*Despicable Me 2*  
*Elysium*  
*Gravity*  
*Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*  
*Planes*  
*The Smurfs 2*  
*We're the Millers*

## Music

*Danielle Bradbery* by Danielle Bradbery  
*The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* by various artists  
*Midnight Memories* by One Direction  
*Now 48* by various artists  
*Woman I Am* by Kellie Pickler  
*X* by Chris Brown

## Games

### Xbox Games

*Just Dance Kids 2014*  
*Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm 3*  
*Rocksmith 2014*  
*Tiger Woods PGA tour 14*

### Wii Games

*Barbie: Dreamhouse Party*  
*Monster High 13 Wishes*  
*Turbo: Super Stunt Squad*  
*Zumba Kids*

### PS3 Games

*Angry Birds Star Wars*  
*Ratchet & Clank: Into the Nexus*  
*Spongebob Squarepants: Plankton's Robotic Revenge*  
*WWE 2K14*

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*Drive Club*  
*FIFA 14*  
*Just Dance 2014*  
*Knack*

## Books

### Easy

*Come Back, Moon* by David Kherdian  
*Community Soup* by Alma Fullerton  
*Hocus Pocus Takes the Train* by Sylvie Desrosiers  
*If It's Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws!* by Kim Norman  
*My Mother Goose: A Collection of Favorite Rhymes, Songs, and Concepts* by David McPhail

### I Can Read

*Axel the Truck: Rocky Road* by J.D. Riley  
*I'm a Frog!* by Mo Willems.  
*Martha Stinks!* by Karen Barss  
*The Really Rotten Princess and the Cupcake Catastrophe* by Lady Cecily Snodgrass  
*Squirrels on Skis* by J. Hamilton Ray

### Juvenile Nonfiction

*Cat Talk* by Patricia MacLachlan  
*Cool Tessellations: Creative Activities That Make Math & Science Fun for Kids!* by Anders Hanson  
*Michael Hague's Read-to-me Book of Fairy Tales* by Michael Hague  
*Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled: How Do We Know What Dinosaurs Really Looked Like?* by Catherine Thimmesh  
*Ye Olde Weird But True!: 300 Outrageous Facts from History* by Cheryl Harness

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*The Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson  
*The Popularity Papers: Book Six: Love and Other Fiascos with Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang* by Amy Ignatow  
*The Voyage of Lucy P. Simmons: Lucy at Sea* by Barbara Mariconda  
*Mousemobile: When Mice Hit the Road* by Prudence Breitrose  
*The Cloak Society: Villains Rising* by Jeramey Kraatz

### Young Adult Fiction

*Blackout* by Robison Wells  
*The Hidden Summer* by Gin Phillips  
*Still Star-Crossed* by Melinda Taub  
*Unbreakable* by Kami Garcia  
*Will in Scarlet* by Matthew Cody

### Adult Fiction

*An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris  
*After I'm Gone* by Laura Lippman  
*The Forever Girl* by Alexander McCall Smith  
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