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Celebrating
**AMERICA
WEEKEND**
May 20-21st

AMERICAN GIRL AUTHOR

**VALERIE
TRIPP**

Saturday, May 21st



AUTHOR
**MARK
ZWONITZER**
FRIDAY, MAY 20th

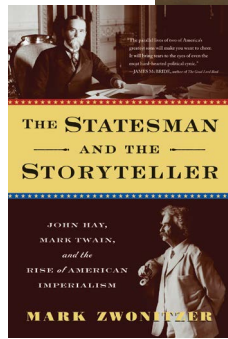
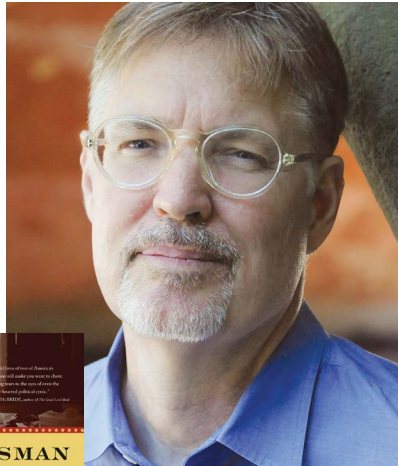
Celebrating AMERICA WEEKEND

Praise for *The Statesman and the Storyteller*:

"The parallel lives of two of America's greatest sons will make you want to cheer. It will bring tears to the eyes of even the most hard-hearted political cynic."

- James McBride, author of *The Good Lord Bird*

AUTHOR MARK ZWONITZER



This award-winning documentarian and biographer chronicles the friendship of two extraordinary American figures, Secretary of State John Hay and renowned author Mark Twain, during the tumultuous events of the early 1900s, as the US pursued an aggressive campaign of empire building.

Friday, May 20th
Noon to 2:00 pm

Downtown Westminster

\$30 per person

Includes lunch and a copy of *The Statesman and the Storyteller*

For advance tickets, go to:
library.carr.org/Author

AMERICAN GIRL AUTHOR VALERIE TRIPP

Writing Workshop and Tea

Saturday, May 21st
Noon to 2:00 pm

John Street Quarters
28 John Street, Westminster

\$15 per person

(tickets must be purchased in advance)

Registration includes tea and a copy of an American Girl book by Valerie Tripp



Join us for a multi-generational writing workshop with bestselling author of the American Girl series, Valerie Tripp. Mothers and daughters, aunts and neices, or any other family or friend pairing can come to this exciting interactive workshop and tea to get writing tips and hone your skill at storytelling. Presented by Carroll County Public Library.

library.carr.org/AmericanGirl

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ELDERSBURG BRANCH SUNDAY HOURS

We are excited to announce that the Eldersburg Branch will be open from 1-5 pm on Sundays through June. Westminster Branch continues to offer library service year-round from 1-5 pm on Sundays. All other branches' Sunday hours end in April and begin again in October.



NORTH CARROLL BRANCH PASSPORT SERVICES

North Carroll Branch offers Passport Services as a convenience to the community. For information on fees, required documents, and processing time, please visit: library.carr.org/about/passport.asp

Passport Services are available during the following hours with no appointment necessary:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday and Saturday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

TANEYTOWN BRANCH BARN QUILT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Carroll County Public Library will be exhibiting 22 framed photographs of Carroll County's barn quilts taken by local photographer Kelly Heck.

Taneytown Branch
Through March 27th

Eldersburg Branch
April 3rd through June 25th

The Carroll County Barn Quilt Trail is a collaborative project undertaken by the Carroll County Arts Council, the Carroll County Office of Tourism, the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks and the Carroll County Public Library. The program pays homage to Carroll's agrarian history by installing 8-foot square quilt blocks on scenic barns throughout the county. The barn quilt tradition dates back many years to when farmers used to paint Pennsylvania Dutch hex signs and other folk art designs on their barns. The first 12 quilt blocks in this project were chosen and painted by volunteers associated with the Carroll County Arts Council. The Carroll County Office of Tourism and the county's agriculture development specialist worked with local farmers to place the quilts. The next 10 quilt blocks were chosen by the farm families themselves and printed by a local printing company. In many cases, these families created their own design or adapted an existing pattern so that each block is significant to their specific farming operation.



"Birds in Flight"
Carroll County Farm Museum
500 S. Center Street, Westminster

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

ROBOT WARS

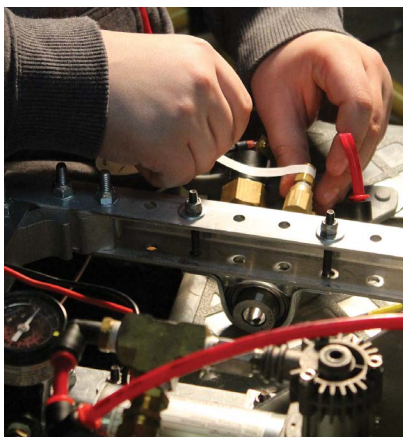
Wednesday, March 30th
at 6:30 pm

New Windsor
Community Room

For ages 5-adults. Do you have a favorite robot from Star Wars? We love robots and, while we are not Jedi knights, we have found some ways to let the Force work for good. Join us as we create unique crafts blending technology and art and meet our robots. The Robo-Lions FIRST® Robotics Team, the Gear Freaks, Cubix^3, other FIRST® Tech Challenge teams, and members of FIRST® LEGO® League teams will train some new robots to show off their best moves. This program will be held in the New Windsor Community Room located at 1100 Green Valley Rd, New Windsor, MD.

Below: a student works on the mechanics of a robot for Robot Wars.

Middle: Ozobots, part of the Robotics CRATE, zoom to color codes.



TECHSPLOURATION CRATES

January 15th
through May 15th

All Branches

No matter your age, come find out what the latest emerging technologies are about. Play and learn in a "safe to fail" environment. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

February 15 to March 15
Robotics

March 15 to April 15
MaKey MaKey™

April 15 to May 15
littleBits

Library TECHsploration is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney. Local partners include: Carroll County Branch of the NAACP, Carroll County Citizens for Racial Equality, Carroll County Local Management Board, Carroll County Public Schools, Get Connected Family Resource Center, Human Services Programs, United Hands of Carroll County, Westminster Boys & Girls Club, and Youth Services Bureau.



AUTHOR MARCIA LEITER

Friday, April 22nd
at 10:00 am

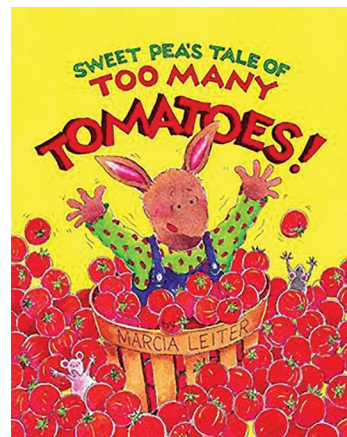
Westminster Branch

For all ages. Join us as we welcome the author of *Sweet Pea's Tale of Too Many Tomatoes*, Marcia Leiter. She'll be treating us to a special storytime where she'll be reading her book. There will also be a craft and an opportunity to purchase your own copy to have signed by the author! No registration required! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Thursday, May 26th
at 9:45 am

Taneytown Branch

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with special guest author Marcia Leiter. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.



COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS

LITERACY COUNCIL OF CARROLL COUNTY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Literacy Council of Carroll County is looking for volunteers to tutor other adults in basic literacy skills of reading and writing. The Council has a waiting list of adults in need of tutors. Tutor training is provided by the Council and all materials for tutors and student are provided for free. No prior teaching experience is required. If interested, contact the Literacy Council at 410-857-0766, or at lcouncil@carr.org.

17TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

April 21st, 2016
at 5:30 pm

Portico at St. John's Church

Contact lcouncil@carr.org
or 410-857-0766 for more
information.

literacy.carr.org



TryVent

A Celebration of Wellness

April 24th

McDaniel College

Presented by

The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County

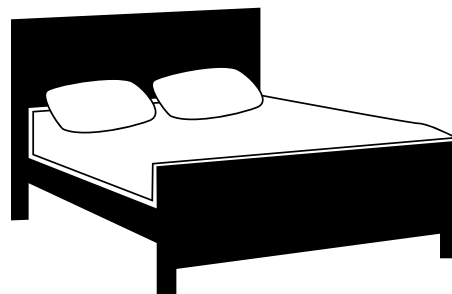


TryVent, a community celebration of wellness for individuals age 45 and better, will be held on April 24th, 2016 at McDaniel College in Westminster.

TryVent will be a day to try new fun, and challenging sport or recreational activities, listen to live music, enjoy great food, and win awards. Planned events include: Tri-Run, swimming, tennis, 100-meter sprint, shotput, long jump, pickleball, footgolf, Zumba, ballroom dancing, tai chi, yoga, cornhole, Kubb, ladderball, and volleyball.

For more information, contact Caitlin Cross, Community Health Improvement Specialist at the Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc. at: ccross@carrollhospitalcenter.org or 410-871-7648

www.healthycarroll.org



Bed Derby

April 30th

ShIPLEY Arena
Carroll County Agriculture Center

Presented by

Tree of Friends Foundation

The Tree of Friends Foundation is launching a campaign in 2016 to help supply beds for children moving out of shelters and into their own homes. They will be hosting their first ever Bed Race Derby, where proceeds will go toward the purchase of new modest beds for children moving out of shelters. Be sure to check out Carroll County Public Library's bed entry in the race!

All CCPL branches are collection facilities for donations of NEW pajamas and NEW books on behalf of the Tree of Friends Foundation from April 1st through April 30th.

www.treeoffriends.org

HOLNIKER DAY

Please join us for the Opening of

EXPLORATION POINT!

at the Eldersburg Branch

An innovative, technology-based makerspace

Made possible by a generous gift from
Kenneth Holniker

Tuesday, April 26th

10:00 am - Ribbon Cutting

Demonstrations throughout the day

7:00 pm - Celebration in memory of Kenneth Holniker



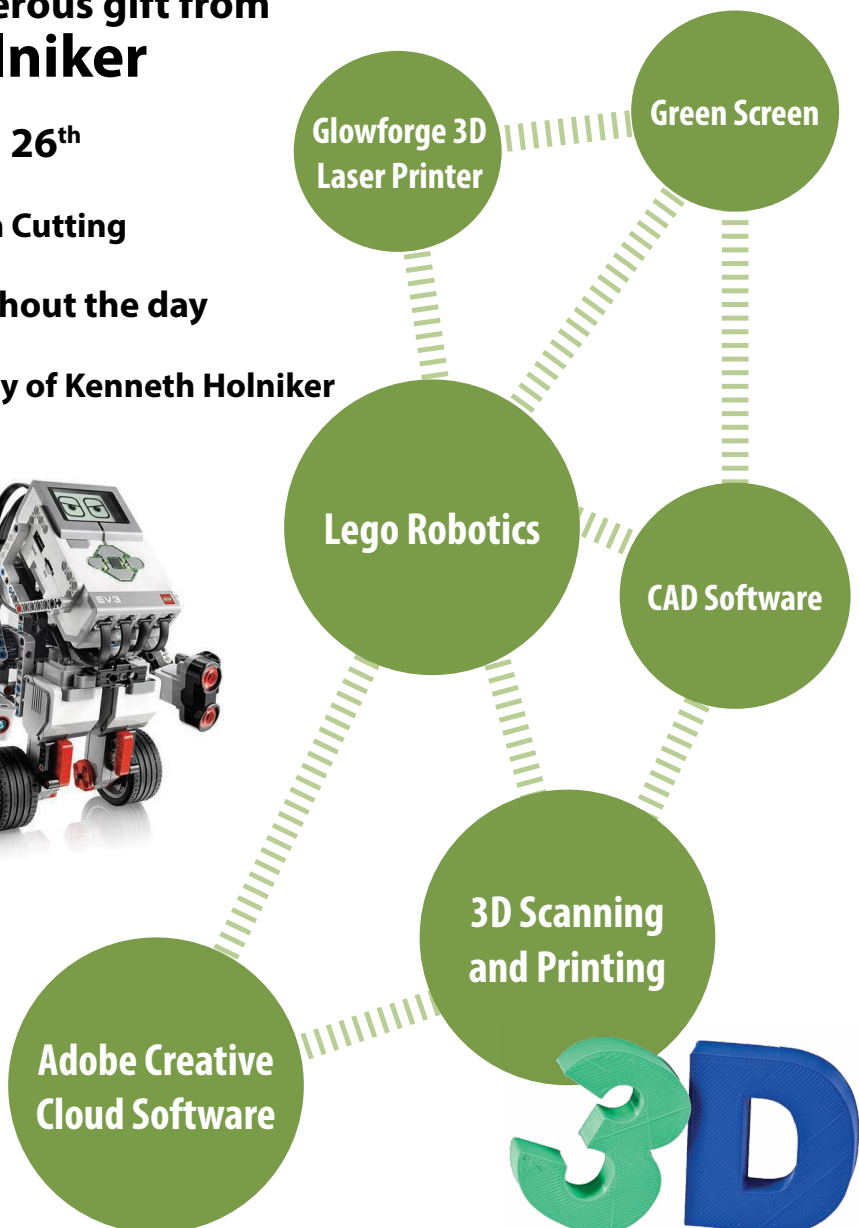
Ken and Peggy Holniker

**Second Annual
Westminster
WINE STROLL**
Sunday, April 17th
from 3-8 pm

More than 25 downtown businesses will open their doors for tastings of Maryland wines.

Sponsored by the City of Westminster and the Maryland Wine Association.

Adults 21 and older can register for the wine tasting at the Westminster Branch on the day of the event.



The Friends of Carroll County Public Library invite you to join us

Sunday, May 1st at 1:30 pm
Westminster Branch

to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the opening of the Davis Library, given as a gift to the citizens of Carroll County by philanthropist Walter H. Davis.

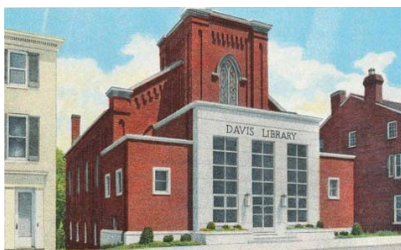
On January 7, 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Davis announced that they would give a public library building to Westminster and provide an endowment for its support, thereby establishing free library service in the county. Renovations to a vacated church began immediately and were completed in May, 1951. Sadly, Mr. Davis died three weeks before the dedication of the Davis Library. At the dedication, Lowell Ensor, then president of Western Maryland College noted, "the constant use of the Davis Library will demonstrate for decades to come a grateful community's living appreciation to a great man and to his gracious wife."



Walter and Elizabeth Davis

Mr. Davis established a non-profit Board, the Davis Library, Inc., to oversee library operations. The administration of the Davis Library was turned over to the Carroll County Public Library when the system was established in 1958; however, the Davis Library, Inc. has continued to give the Westminster Branch a monetary gift each year since then.

Mr. Davis was one of the first car dealers in the nation. For many years, he had a Buick dealership on Main Street in Westminster. Mr. Davis served as Westminster city councilman for several years and briefly served as mayor. He was a member of many service organizations including the Westminster Rotary Club. He served on the Board of Trustees of then Western Maryland College and was honored by the Westminster Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year. The Maryland Library Association presented Mr. Davis with life membership in 1949.



The Davis Library, 1951

The Davis Library building served the community until 1980, when the current Westminster Branch was built. The books were moved from the old to the new building by a line of citizens stretching three blocks and passing bags of books hand-to-hand.

Join us for a look back in time and enjoy refreshments as we recognize the achievements of Mr. Davis and others who played a key role in bringing library service to Carroll County. Plan to share your story and help us capture memories of visits to the Davis Library.

MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY
JUNE 4TH, 2016

9:00 to 4:00 pm

ELDERSBURG BRANCH

<https://library.carr.org/MiniGolf>

The Friends of Carroll County Public Library invite you!

Join us for the third annual Miniature Golf 'Fore' Battle of the Books fundraiser. The Eldersburg Branch will be transformed into an 18-hole miniature golf course. Teams of up to four people can sign up to play throughout the library. Last year's event was a lot of fun, and this year promises to be even better! Golfers will also have the chance to vote for their most creative and most difficult holes. A prize will be awarded to the golfer with the best score of the day.

Tickets will go on sale April 1st at <https://library.carr.org/MiniGolf>. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

To support Battle of the Books, contact Lisa Picker at 443-293-3196 or lpicker@carr.org

Activities include: raffles, crafts, balloon art, face painting, food vendors, and meet the Ravens' mascot Poe and the Oriole Bird!



Friends make a difference at CCPL!

At its Annual Meeting on December 4th, 2015, the Friends of CCPL nominated the following officers:

President – Carol Kershner
Vice President – Sharon Yingling
Treasurer – Dave Peloquin

Other Friends Board Members are: Kym Byrnes, Jan Flora, Nancy Lynch and Joyce Muller.

Each year, the Friends of CCPL sponsor A Day for Booklovers in Partnership with McDaniel College. The Friends fundraise to support Battle of the Books.

We invite you to join the Friends!



Top: A golfer poses with the Ravens' Poe during the 2015 Fundraiser. Left: A Family poses with a Minion made of Peeps by Tristar Martial Arts. Above: A golfer studies his target between the bookshelves.

BECOME A FRIEND

Individual	\$5
Family/Organization	\$10
Sustaining	\$100

<https://supportccpl.carr.org>

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2016 SEASON

APRIL 7 - 6:30 PM

Mount Airy Area Elementary
Battle @ Mount Airy Middle

APRIL 8 - 6:30 PM

Mount Airy/Eldersburg Area
Middle Battle @ Mount Airy
Middle

APRIL 8 - 6:30 PM

Taneytown Area Middle Battle
@ Francis Scott Key High

APRIL 8 - 6:30 PM

North Carroll Area Elementary
Battle @ Manchester Valley
High

APRIL 8 - 6:30 PM

Outreach and Alternative
Battle @ McDaniel College

APRIL 15 - 6:30 PM

Westminster Area Elementary
Battle @ Westminster High

APRIL 21 - 6:30 PM

Finksburg Area Elementary
Battle @ Winters Mill High

MAY 6 - 6:30 PM

Eldersburg Area Elementary
Battle @ Century High

MAY 6 - 6:30 PM

Taneytown Area Elementary
Battle @ Elmer Wolfe
Elementary

Battle of the Books is a product of the Learning Advantage Partnership established between Carroll County Public Schools and Carroll County Public Library. Battle of the Books presents students with a unique opportunity to engage in an exciting event that puts reading in the spotlight. Students work in teams, competing to answer questions related to the content of a number of books. The game format creates interest in reading while cultivating school spirit and encouraging teamwork.

The mission of Battle of the Books is to encourage reading in grades four through eight while highlighting the Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award nominees. Battle participants are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of styles and viewpoints. Preparing for the Battle helps students to develop critical reading

skills; many parents report that their children are reading for pleasure more frequently after completing the Battle of the Books.

Battle of the Books has grown exponentially since its start in 2012. What began as an event at one branch has blossomed into a county-wide initiative that encourages students to develop literacy skills and a love of reading. This year, there are nine battles planned across Carroll County, and 1,579 students have signed up to participate, an increase from the 1,315 students who took part in the Battle of the Books in 2015. Check the schedule to find a battle near you.



Students deliberate with their team at the 2015 Westminster Elementary Area Battle of the Books.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

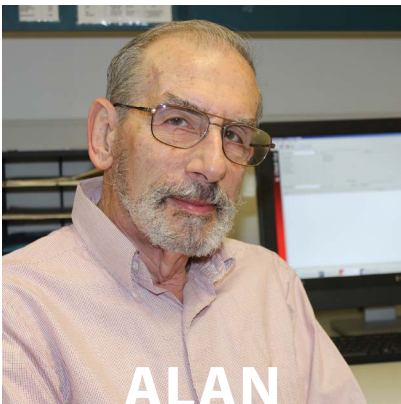
Thank a volunteer!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 10-17, 2016

Love your library? Thank a volunteer! The library has approximately 430 volunteers who donate over 11,500 hours a year to help out in whatever way they can; from shelving books to prepping for storytimes to setting up for Battle of the Books events, there's no job too big - or too small! - for these invaluable members of the library community.

The volunteers featured on this page were nominated by their branches for recognition; we applaud their work and appreciate the contributions of all CCPL volunteers. Thank you!



**ALAN
BROMBERG**

**Began volunteering: 2009
Total Hours: 500**

Alan is very dedicated and comes in twice a week to assist the circulation department in emptying the book-drop and checking in materials, but he is a real hero here because he faithfully comes in to handle the very, very heavy Monday morning book-drop! Alan and his wife are international bird-watchers and the staff love to hear about their adventurous trips around the globe when he returns! This year they have traveled to Ethiopia, Philippines, Mexico, Texas and Colorado to bird-watch. Alan is retired from the federal government in Medicare/Medicaid Services. In the past he has also worked for the University of Virginia Library.



**ELDERSBURG
TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

**Began volunteering: 2015
Total Hours: 2500**

The Teen Advisory Board members at the Eldersburg Branch Library provide a tremendous amount of programming support to the branch and the community. This group meets monthly to plan and facilitate programs. This past year, the group has planned several library lock-ins and Harry Potter Palooza over the summer, which draws in a huge crowd. They have also been involved in the "Letters to Santa" program. Every year, the Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board is an integral part of Battle of the Books. Members volunteer to serve as runners for several battles around the county. We are very fortunate to have such an amazing group of teens!



**MADALYN
BURTON**

**Began volunteering: 2014
Total Hours: 172**

Maddy is a member of Taneytown Branch's Teen Advisory Board, a Summer Reading Volunteer, and a rock star when helping out the branch's programming staff. Outside presenters who have been helped by Maddy request her by name when they return to do programs. She is always cheerful and upbeat and always willing to pitch in and help! She needs minimal directions, is terrific with kids, and is a lot of fun to work with.



ELDERSBURG BRANCH

FOR ALL AGES

Family Storytime



Mondays at 9:45 & 11 am
Tuesdays at 11 am
3/1 - 4/12, 4/25 - 5/31

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Wacky Wednesday Family Storytime



Wednesdays at 1:30 pm
3/2 - 3/9, 3/23, 4/6 - 5/25

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Saturday Storytime



Saturdays at 9:45 am
3/5 - 3/12, 3/26 - 4/9, 4/23 - 5/7, 5/21

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Smile!



Saturday, 3/5 at 11:30 am
Registration begins 2/20

For All Ages. Dr. Rachael Simon from Smiles4children Dentistry will read books with familiar characters to help explain what happens during a dental visit. Learn what foods are healthy and keep your teeth strong. A fun craft will teach us how to care for our teeth. All attendees need to register.

Spring Art Show



Sunday, 3/6 at 2 pm

For All Ages. The Gallery @ The Eldersburg Branch will feature works of art by local artists.

Pajama Storytime



Mondays at 6:30 pm
3/7, 4/4, 5/2

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

Native American Flute



Sunday, 3/6 & 3/13 at 2 pm
Sunday, 4/10 at 3 pm

For All Ages. Be present in this mystical and meditative, musical immersion with Bryan J. Nupp, Native American Flutist and Integral Yoga Instructor. A combination of Native American flute and percussion, alongside some of the world's other ancient sounds and chants will be shared in this divinely inspired performance. A Celebrating America program.

St Patrick's Day Shenanigans



Thursday, 3/17 at 1:30 pm

For All Ages. Join us at the O'Eldersburg Branch for a wee bit o' fun as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. There will be stories, crafts, and activities.

Easter Eggstravaganza



Friday, 3/18 at 9:30 & 11 am
Registration begins 3/4
Monday, 3/21 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/7

For All Ages. Hop on down to the Eldersburg Branch Library to listen to Easter stories and songs. Play a game, make a craft, and of course there will be an Easter egg hunt at our celebration. Only kids need to register.

Peaceful Melodies



Sundays at 2 pm
3/20, 4/17, 5/22

For All Ages. Local musician Lydia Bandy will play beautiful, calming music that fills the library with the soothing sounds of the Celtic harp.

Black-Eyed Susan Celebration



Tuesday, 3/22 at 6:30 pm

For All Ages. Join local media school specialists for a fabulous party to celebrate the award that encourages children statewide to read!

KidWorks Kids Present



Mondays at 6:30 pm
3/28 **It Ain't Easy Being Green**
4/25 **Wonderful Outdoors**
5/23 **Superheroes**

For All Ages. Join the KidWorks kids as they present a storytime filled with stories, songs, and activities.

Experience Exploration Point!



Tuesday, 4/26 at 10 am

For All Ages. Help us celebrate the unveiling of Exploration Point! The lab will be open for you to explore and check out some of our newest technological gadgets.

FOR KIDS

Read and Play



Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
& Thursdays at 9:45 am

3/1 - 4/14, 4/20 - 4/27, 5/3 - 5/31

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Twos and Threes Together



Wednesdays & Thursdays at 11 am
3/2 - 4/27, 5/4 - 5/26

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Once Upon an Alphabet: Letter G



Thursday, 3/3 at 1 pm
Registration begins 2/18
Friday, 3/4 at 10:30 am
Registration begins 2/19

Ages 2 - 5. Join us for an ABC adventure filled with stories,

songs, crafts, and activities. We will talk, sing, read, write, and play as we explore the letters of the alphabet. Only kids need to register.

Preschool Science



Mondays at 2 pm
3/7 **Windy City**
Registration begins 2/22
4/4 **Ecosystems**
Registration begins 3/21
5/16 **Butterflies**
Registration begins 5/2

Ages 3 - 6. Help your preschool child discover science concepts with fun, hands-on experiments and activities. Only kids need to register.

Shake, Rattle, and Read



Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
3/8, 4/12, 5/10
Saturdays at 9:45 am
3/19, 4/16, 5/14

Ages Birth - 5. Explore dancing, singing, and shaking your sillies out at this movement-based program. Older siblings welcome.

Raspberry Pi for Kids



Tuesday, 3/8 at 2:30 pm
Registration begins 2/23

Ages 10 - 12. Join us and try some Raspberry Pi! Here at the library, it's not a dessert; it's a computer that is barely bigger than a credit card! Come find out what you can do with this powerful computer in a little box. Raspberry Pi is a trademark of the Raspberry Pi Foundation. All attendees need to register.

Crafts from the Past



Saturday, 3/12 at 12 pm
Registration begins 2/27

Ages 7 - 11. Corn husk dolls, toy boats, pinwheels...what toys might kids in the 1800s have made and played with? Take a trip into the past as we try out some of the crafts from the Living History Camp at the Carroll County Farm Museum. A Celebrating America program.

Read and Play at Fairhaven



Fridays at 10 am
3/18 **Registration begins 3/4**
4/22 **Registration begins 4/8**
5/20 **Registration begins 5/6**

Ages Birth - 3. A storytime featuring lap games, tickles, bounces, and rhymes followed by a playgroup for meeting & mingling. This session is held at Fairhaven Assisted Living Center in Sykesville. The elderly residents will join us for the program and visiting afterwards. Only kids need to register.

PAWS to Read



Saturdays at 2 pm
3/19 **Registration begins 3/5**
4/23 **Registration begins 4/9**
5/21 **Registration begins 5/7**

Ages 5 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog. Research shows that children enjoy improving

More Programs ▶

Refreshments will be served. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

R Register beginning 2 weeks before a program at library.carr.org.

ELDERSBURG BRANCH

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their reading skills by practicing the art of reading to animals. Struggling readers are encouraged to participate. Only kids need to register.

Natural Egg Dyeing **R**

Thursday, 3/24 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/10

Ages 6 - 10. Join us as we dye eggs with natural ingredients.

Midday Minecraft **R**

Tuesday, 3/29 at 1 pm
Registration begins 3/15

Ages 8 - 15. Come play *Minecraft* with other players on our library *Minecraft* server! All attendees need to register.

Minecraft in the Afternoon **R**

Tuesday, 3/29 at 3 pm
Registration begins 3/15

Ages 8 - 15. Come play *Minecraft* with other players on our library *Minecraft* server! All attendees need to register.

Once Upon an Alphabet: Letter H **R**

Thursday, 3/31 at 1 pm
Registration begins 3/17
Friday, 4/1 at 10:30 am
Registration begins 3/18

Ages 2 - 5. Join us for an ABC adventure filled with stories, songs, crafts, and activities. We will talk, sing, read, write, and play as we explore the letters of the alphabet. On 4/1 there will be a visit from a local kindergarten teacher. Only kids need to register.

Little Builders **R**

Fridays at 10 am
4/8 & 5/20

Ages 2 - 5. Let's build!! We will build towers, bridges, buildings, and tunnels. We'll also read books, play games, and have fun!

LEGO® Builders Club

Saturdays at 11:30 am
4/9 & 5/14

Ages 5 - 14. Love to build? Join us for a program where you can build a castle, a spaceship, or whatever you like! We'll supply LEGO® bricks; just bring your imagination and come on by to create something awesome!

Minecraft at Night **R**

Thursday, 4/14 at 6 pm
Registration begins 3/31
Tuesday, 5/24 at 6 pm
Registration begins 5/10

Ages 8 - 17. Come play PVP *Minecraft* with other players on our special library *Minecraft* server! All attendees need to register.

Tinker Tots **R**

Fridays at 10:30 am
4/15 Registration begins 4/1
5/27 Registration begins 5/13

Ages 2 - 5. A little push, a twist, a turn. Keep those little fingers busy and experimenting in our library Tinkertown. Fun, playful activities will engage the mind and body as your child builds his/her fine motor skills and creativity. Only kids need to register.

Summer Safety **R**

Tuesday, 4/26 at 2 pm
Registration begins 4/12

Ages 4 - 13. Summer is time for fun in the sun! We'll help make sure your child stays safe at the beach, the pool, or just out in the neighborhood by teaching them effective stranger defenses that you can practice at home. Only kids need to register.

Soldering Basics: Light Sculptures **R**

Saturday, 4/30 at 1 pm
Registration begins 4/16

Ages 8 - 14. Ever wanted to learn how to solder, but needed some help getting started? Families will explore basic soldering, and go home with a project that illuminates! Learn what you need to get started at home. This Workshop is designed for parents and children ages 8 and older to learn side by side. This FutureMakers program is part of Library TECHsploration and is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney. All attendees need to register.

My Little Pony Celebration **R**

Friday, 5/6 at 10 am
Registration begins 4/22

Ages 2 - 6. Gallop on over and join us for a magical My Little Pony Celebration. We'll have stories, activities, and crafts. Only kids need to register.

Once Upon an Alphabet: Letter I **R**

Thursday, 5/12 at 1 pm
Registration begins 4/28
Friday, 5/13 at 10:30 am
Registration begins 4/29

Ages 2 - 5. Join us for an ABC adventure filled with stories, songs, crafts, and activities. We will talk, sing, read, write, and play as we explore the letters of the alphabet. Only kids need to register.

Celebrate Scratch Day: Name Game **R**

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FOR TEENS

Intro to 3D Modeling **R**

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Learn to Code: HTML & CSS **R**

Saturdays at 2 pm
3/5, 3/12, 3/19

Registration begins 2/20

Ages 11 - 17. Learn how to create websites by structuring and styling your pages with HTML and CSS. This series of classes will be taught using an online tool and is led by a member of the Computer Science Teachers Association. Once registered, you are signed up for all three classes. All attendees need to register.

Raspberry Pi for Teens **R**

Tuesday, 3/8 at 4 pm
Registration begins 2/23

Ages 13 - 17. Join us and try some Raspberry Pi! Here at the library, it's not a dessert; it's a computer that is barely bigger than a credit card! Come find out what you can do with this powerful computer in a little box. Raspberry Pi is a trademark of the Raspberry Pi Foundation. All attendees need to register.

Knit Wits

Wednesdays at 7 pm
3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25

Ages 11 - Adults. Beginners, please bring a light colored worsted yarn and size 8 needles to the class. If you know how to knit, please come and bring your project.

Service Learning Hours: KidWorks


Mondays at 5:30 pm
Planning Meeting
3/14, 4/11, 5/9
Storytime
3/28, 4/25, 5/23

Ages 12 - 17. KidWorks meets twice a month. At the first meeting we spend an hour planning a storytime for younger kids and present it at the second meeting. You must come to both meetings to earn three service learning hours.

Crochet 911

Wednesdays at 7 pm
3/16, 4/20, 5/18

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Deep Relaxation Class **R**

Wednesdays at 7 pm
3/16 **Registration begins 3/2**
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4/20 **Registration begins 4/6**
4/27 **Registration begins 4/13**
5/11 **Registration begins 4/27**
5/18 **Registration begins 5/4**
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Hunger Games vs. Divergent **R**

Friday, 3/18 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Registration begins 3/4

Ages 12 - 17. Which series is better? Fans of both will find something interesting and exciting to do during this evening of fun. All attendees need to register.

PAWS to Read **R**

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4/23 **Registration begins 4/9**
5/21 **Registration begins 5/7**

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Midday Minecraft **R**

Tuesday, 3/29 at 1 pm
Registration begins 3/15

Ages 8 - 15. Come play *Minecraft* with other players on our library *Minecraft* server! All attendees need to register.

Minecraft in the Afternoon **R**

Tuesday, 3/29 at 3 pm
Registration begins 3/15

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US History Lecture Series **R**

Fridays at 2 pm
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4/8 **Civil War to WWI**
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4/15 **WWI to WWII**
Registration begins 4/1
4/22 **WWII to Turn of the Century**
Registration begins 4/8

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of Modern History and Diplomacy from George Washington University. He also previously taught social studies in Prince George's County. A Celebrating America program. All attendees need to register.

Learn to Code: JavaScript **R**

Saturdays at 2 pm
4/2, 4/9, 4/16
Registration begins 3/19

Ages 11 - 17. Learn the fundamentals of JavaScript, the programming language of the Web. This series of classes will be taught using an online tool and is led by a member of the Computer Science Teachers Association. Once registered, you are signed up for all three classes. All attendees need to register.

LEGO® Builders Club

Saturdays at 11:30 am
4/9 & 5/14

Ages 5 - 14. Love to build? Join us for a program where you can build a castle, a spaceship, or whatever you like! We'll supply LEGO® bricks; just bring your imagination and come on by to create something awesome!

Recycled Book Ornament **R**

Monday, 4/11 at 4 pm
Registration begins 3/28

Ages 11 - Adults. Join the naturalists from Piney Run Nature Center as we create ornaments from recycled books. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council. All attendees need to register.

3D Printing: Teen Tech Gadget Accessories **R**

Tuesday, 4/12 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/29

Ages 11 - 17. Join us as we design and print 3D tech gadget accessories such as iPad stands and earbud holders. Each participant will be able to choose one item to print. All attendees need to register.

Minecraft at Night **R**

Thursday, 4/14 at 6 pm
Registration begins 3/31
Tuesday, 5/24 at 6 pm
Registration begins 5/10

Ages 8 - 17. Come play PVP *Minecraft* with other players on our special library *Minecraft* server! All attendees need to register.

Summer Safety **R**

Tuesday, 4/26 at 2 pm
Registration begins 4/12

Ages 4 - 13. Summer is time for fun in the sun! We'll help make sure your child stays safe at the beach, the pool, or just out in the neighborhood by teaching them effective stranger defenses that you can practice at home. Only kids need to register.

Soldering Basics: Light Sculptures **R**

Saturday, 4/30 at 1 pm
Registration begins 4/16

Ages 8 - 14. Ever wanted to learn how to solder, but needed some help getting started? Families will explore basic soldering, and go home with a project that illuminates! Learn what you need to get started at home. This workshop is designed for parents and children ages 8 and older to learn side by side. This FutureMakers program is part of Library TECHsploration and is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney. All attendees need to register.

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Meditative Doodle **R**

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Anime Manga Madness **R**

Friday, 5/20 from 6 - 8 pm
Registration begins 5/6

Ages 12 - 17. Are you an otaku? Do you love anime/manga?

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Come dressed as your favorite character and partake in fun games and activities to celebrate the awesomeness of manga and anime!

FOR ADULTS

Heirloom Vegetables and Herbs: **R** Understanding the Mystery

Wednesday, 3/2 at 6 pm
Registration begins 2/17

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Spring Wellness **R** Saturday, 3/5 at 2 pm Registration begins 2/20

Adults. Making seasonal adjustments to your health is a necessary part of being healthy. Spring is a time to focus on reviving and renewing your health. Local Naturopathic Doctor Julie Walsh (www.adoctorinthehouse.com) brings over 10 years of clinical experience and will be addressing topics including natural ways to prevent spring allergies, why a detox program will benefit your health and how to do a good one, what foods you should be incorporating into your diet with recipes to do so, and how to spring clean without chemicals.

Sunday Yoga **R** Sundays at 2 pm 3/6 **Registration begins 2/21** 4/10 **Registration begins 3/27**

Adults. Join Stacey, a registered yoga teacher from Branches of Yoga in Sykesville, as she teaches you the relaxing and fulfilling practice of yoga. This class is for most levels and beginners are welcome. Please bring your own mat and a blanket if possible. There may be a few extras if you don't have your own.

Color My World **R** Mondays at 7 pm 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 5/23 Saturdays at 2 pm 3/19, 5/17 Saturday, 4/16 at 1:30 pm Sunday, 4/17 at 2 pm

Adults. Are you an adult who likes to color in coloring books? It's okay to admit it! We're giving grown-ups the opportunity to experience this relaxing & fun activity. Patterns & pages will be provided, along with a rainbow of colored pencils. Feel free to bring your own coloring book and/or pencils!

Fixing Your Own Back

Tuesday, 3/8 at 7 pm

Adults. What causes your lower back pain? What can you do to fix it yourself? What do your doctors really mean when they say you have arthritis or a slipped disc? Dr. Chip Bleam, of Freedom Chiropractic & Rehab, will answer these questions and many more in an informal discussion regarding the common causes and treatments for lower back pain.

Knit Wits

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Monthly Money Talks **R** Estate Planning Using Life Insurance (with special guest)

Wednesday, 3/9 at 7 pm
Registration begins 2/24
Health Care and Your Retirement
Wednesday, 4/13 at 7 pm
Registration begins 3/30
A Woman's Outlook on Retirement
Tuesday, 5/10 at 7 pm
Registration begins 4/26

Adults. Join local financial advisor Suzanne M. Bradshaw for a series of Monthly Money Talks designed to help you understand more about financial topics. Get honest insights and valuable information that can help you make more informed decisions about your future. She, and other local guests, will tackle one important topic each month. Bring your questions and your friends for open discussions regarding timely financial matters.

Septic Care: Important Information for Homeowners

Thursday, 3/10 at 7 pm

Adults. George Schooley, certified septic system installer, inspector, and founder of Legacy Septic & Excavation will share how to maintain your septic system to keep it working properly, helping you protect your home and family. Questions regarding BAT systems, sand mounds, and other new technology will also be addressed. Mr. Schooley will provide a brief presentation on the care of septic systems, followed by an interactive Q&A session.

Free Spirit Book Club

Saturdays at 2 pm
3/12 **Prayers for the Stolen**
by Jennifer Clement
4/9 **The Paris Architect**
by Charles Belfoure
5/14 **In the Shadow of the Banyan**
by Vaddey Ratner

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

Mah Jongg 101

Monday, 3/14 at 6:30 pm

Adults. In this introductory class you will learn the history and basics of this ancient and challenging tile game. People

all over the world are playing, so come see what it is all about! We will follow the National Mah Jongg League rules of play. Great brain exercise and great fun! A Celebrating America program.

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Painted Gourds **R**

Sunday, 3/20 at 1:30 pm
Registration begins 3/6

Adults. Join the naturalists from Piney Run Nature Center as we decorate gourds. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council. All attendees need to register.

Game on Mah Jongg!

Mondays at 6:30 pm
3/21, 4/18, 5/16

Adults. Join us for friendly mah jongg play. We welcome experienced mah jongg players, as well those newer to the game for casual, non-competitive play. Please bring a current National Mah Jongg League card. Dot. Crack. Bam!

How to Care for Yourself When **R** Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's

Wednesday, 3/23 at 7 pm
Registration begins 3/9

Adults. There are over 15 million Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers in America today. A caregiver can be a child, a spouse, a partner, a friend, a neighbor, or even an entire family. As a caregiver, you may find yourself with so many responsibilities that you neglect yourself, but the best thing you can do for the person you are caring for is stay physically and emotionally strong. Learn to identify caregiver stress and depression and strategies for managing them. You cannot care for someone with dementia unless you are also caring for yourself.

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Stress Less - Live More R

Saturday, 3/26 at 1 pm
Registration begins 3/12

Adults. Join Life Coach Hazel Beach and Wellness Instructor Kelly Fisher for a workshop designed to help you claim your peace on a daily basis. Learn relaxation techniques and practices to effectively relieve stress, boost your mood, and shift your perspective about everyday stressors. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Chat 'n Chew: R

Start Your Garden Off Right

Tuesday, 3/29 at 7 pm

Adults. Join the Carroll County Master Gardeners as they discuss tips for starting your garden this spring! Share your successes and struggles in the garden and get advice to help your garden thrive.

Poison or Candy?

Wednesday, 3/30 from 10 am - 12:30 pm

Adults. Stop by this informative and important display to see and hear about common household items you may have in your house that look harmless but are really poisonous. Learn how to minimize the risks for your family from Extension Educator Dr. Virginia Brown.

Demystifying Games

Wednesday, 3/30 at 6 pm

Adults. How do you decide which video games are appropriate for your child? Learn from a game industry professional how to use game ratings systems and online safety tools to make informed decisions about your children's game time.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks R

Wednesday, 3/30 at 7 pm
Registration begins 3/16

Adults. Usher in spring with a lovely bookmark created from a wide selection of pressed flowers and leaves from Maryland, Florida, and California. Design and pressing techniques will be presented. Your unique creation will make a thoughtful gift or welcome marker for books on your spring reading list. All attendees need to register.

Go Green with Produce! R

Thursday, 3/31 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/17

Adults. From asparagus to strawberries, this class will provide you with recipes and ideas for incorporating the freshest flavors of the season into your meal preparation. Come & meet with Amy Michael, nutritionist with Martin's Food Store to discover new and exciting ways to prepare your favorite springtime produce. Recipes will be provided!

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Registration begins 3/23

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Recycled Book Ornament R

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Catchall Coffee Filter Bowls R

Tuesday, 4/12 at 7 pm
Registration begins 3/29

Adults. Create a catchall bowl with used coffee filters. Let's recycle and make something really useful and pretty.

3D Flower Bud Vases R

Wednesday, 4/13 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/30

Adults. Spring is here, and what better way to celebrate the season than to create the perfect bud vase to show off your favorite blossoms? Each attendee will create one design to be printed on our 3D printer. All attendees need to register.

How Does Your Herb Garden Grow? R

Thursday, 4/14 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/31

Adults. Do you like the idea of growing your own herb garden, but struggle with knowing how to use these flavorful plants in your cooking? Amy Michael, nutritionist with Martin's Food Store, will provide tips on growing your own herbs & include ways to season foods & salad dressings with a burst of flavor that only fresh herbs can provide.

Heirloom Tomatoes: R **Understanding the Mystery**

Wednesday, 5/4 at 6 pm
Registration begins 4/20

Adults. What are heirloom tomatoes? Learn about the history and what makes a tomato a heirloom from master gardener, Joann Parker. All attendees need to register.

Microsoft Office Basics: Word R

Saturday, 5/7 at 2 pm
Registration begins 4/23

Adults. Join us for an introduction to one of the most popular applications included in Microsoft Office: Microsoft Word. Our class will be taught by a member of the Computer Science Teachers Association. All attendees need to register.

Stamped Recycled Cards R

Monday, 5/9 at 7 pm
Registration begins 4/25

Adults. Join us as we create beautiful stationary cards using stamps and recycled paper. All attendees need to register.

Speaking Like a Pro R

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Natural Cleaning Solutions R

Sunday, 5/15 at 2 pm
Registration begins 5/1

Adults. Make your own earth-friendly cleansers with items like vinegar, lemon juice, and baking soda. You will come away with two spray bottles of cleaners, along with a recipe book of other natural cleaning alternatives. Dr. Virginia Brown, Extension Educator, will explain the advantages of green cleaning, how to properly store cleansers, and how to prevent poisoning from household items.

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Microsoft Office Basics: Excel R

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Registration begins 5/7

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Microsoft Basics: PowerPoint R

Saturday, 5/28 at 2 pm
Registration begins 5/14

Adults. Join us for an introduction to one of the most popular applications included in Microsoft Office: Microsoft PowerPoint. Our class will be taught by a member of the Computer Science Teachers Association. All attendees need to register.

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FOR ALL AGES

Family Storytime



Wednesdays at 9:45 & 11 am
3/2 - 3/16, 3/30 - 5/25

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Pajama Party Storytime



Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
3/2 - 5/25

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

Sunday Family Movie



Sundays at 1:30 pm
3/6 *Darby O'Gill and the Little People*
4/17 *The Great Mouse Detective*

For All Ages. Bumped by the price of movies these days? The movie theater too far from your house? Join us for a tried and true family classic here at the library! Movies rated G.

Monday @ the Movies:



Space Jam

Monday, 3/28 at 1:30 pm

For All Ages. March Madness is just about over, but there's one big game left: the Space Jam! When your home team features the Looney Tunes and basketball legend Michael Jordan, where on earth could you find another team to compete? Well, it just so happens that the away team is from outer space... Movie rated PG.

Presenting: Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*



Friday, 4/22 at 1:30 pm

For All Ages. Celebrate Earth Day with this film based on Dr. Seuss' beloved classic, *The Lorax*. We'll also be making starter seedlings, so come ready to get your hands dirty! This film is rated PG.

The Movie You Need Is *Nanny McPhee*



Friday, 5/6 at 2:30 pm

For All Ages. Celebrate Babysitter's Day with a fun family film, *Nanny McPhee*! Fans of *Mary Poppins* will love this movie. Movie is rated PG.

The Humane Connection



Saturday, 5/14 at 11 am
Registration begins 4/30

For All Ages. An interactive hour that aims to inspire a more humane community and strengthen the human pet bond. Participants will be engaged through hands-on learning; basic pet care, animal safety, and wellness will be covered.

Monday @ the Movies:



The Great Mouse Detective

Monday, 5/23 at 1:30 pm

For All Ages. We doubt that even Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective Sherlock Holmes could guess what great adventure you'll find at the library today. This film is rated G.

FOR KIDS

Read and Play



Tuesdays at 9:45 am
Thursdays at 11 am
3/1 - 3/17, 3/29 - 5/26

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Twos and Threes Together



Tuesdays at 11 am
Thursdays at 9:45 am
3/1 - 3/17, 3/29 - 5/26

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Ready, Set, School

Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
3/1 - 3/15, 3/29 - 5/24

Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 am
3/7 - 5/23

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.

Birds and Backyard Habits



Thursday, 3/10 at 2 pm
Registration begins 2/25

Ages 6 - 14. For our first session of this three-week series on birds, we will focus on the biology of birds. We will look at the adaptations that make birds so unique in the environment and we will do experiments with feathers. Only kids need to register.

PAWS to Read



Saturdays at 2 pm
3/12 **Registration begins 3/27**
4/9 **Registration begins 3/26**
5/14 **Registration begins 4/30**

Ages 5 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog. Research shows that children enjoy improving their reading skills by practicing the art of reading to animals. Registration preferred, but walk-ins welcome. Only kids need to register.

Pi Day



Monday, 3/14 at 6 pm

Ages 5 - 10. Do you know all the digits of pi? Join us for fun math crafts, activities, and of course -- pi(e)!

The Mystery of What Birds Eat



Thursday, 3/17 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/3

Ages 6 - 14. For our second week in the series we will

focus on the mystery of what the bird eats. We will decode what birds eat and where they live based upon their beaks and feet. We will build a bird feeder and we will do an experiment regarding beaks. Only kids need to register.

LEGO® Creations

Saturdays at 10 am
3/19 & 5/21

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!

A Birding We Will Go



Thursday, 3/24 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/10

Ages 6 - 14. For our final week in the series participants will go on a guided hike through Finksburg Branch Library and Sandymount Park. We will be looking at birds and their behaviors in the springtime. Only kids need to register.

Crafts from the Past



Tuesday, 3/29 at 3 pm
Registration begins 3/15

Ages 7 - 11. Corn husk dolls, toy boats, pinwheels...what toys might kids in the 1800s have made and played with? Take a trip into the past as we try out some of the crafts from the Living History Camp at the Carroll County Farm Museum. A Celebrating America program. Only kids need to register.

Songs, Stories, and Seniors



Friday, 4/1 at 10:30 am

Ages 2 - Adults. Stop by for a fun program filled with bell ringing, stories, and a craft with the Senior Inclusion Program. The Senior Inclusion Program is a group of senior citizens with developmental disabilities who participate in a retirement program at Westminster Senior Center. Come and join us for some great fun!

4-H and Your Community



Monday, 4/11 at 7 pm
Registration begins 3/28

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Kids in the Garden:



The Scoop on Soil

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Sensory Stations for Baby R

Saturday, 4/16 at 10 am
Registration begins 4/2

Ages Birth - 24 Months. The world is a sensational place! Full of different textures, sights, and sounds. Join us as we travel around from station to station, exploring our senses and developing our motor skills!

Kids in the Garden: Seeds - Food from the Earth R

Thursday, 4/21 at 1:30 pm
Registration begins 4/7

Ages 5 - 12. All our food comes from the earth - from fruits and vegetables to meat, eggs and milk. Learn where and how food is produced and about the cycle in which this occurs. Create a garden in a glove to take home. All supplies will be provided courtesy of the University of Maryland Extension. Only kids need to register.

Light Painting Lab R

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Getting Buggy with It! R

Monday, 4/25 at 2 pm
Registration begins 4/11
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Ages 6 - 14. During this three-week adventure students will explore insects looking at their anatomy, their roles in the ecosystem, and what insects and arachnids are in their neighborhoods. Only kids need to register.

Kids in the Garden: Plant Healthy Gardens R

Thursday, 4/28 at 1:30 pm
Registration begins 4/14

Ages 5 - 12. Some plants grow up, some grow down, and some grow all around us. Through books shared by a representative of the University of Maryland Extension Office, participants will learn about growing different plants and will learn that, with hard work, trial and error, and teamwork, they can build a fruitful garden. Each child will leave with a miniature greenhouse of herbs and veggies. Only kids need to register.

Star Wars Crafts

Wednesday, 5/4 at 5:30 pm

Ages 6 - 12. May the Fourth be with you as you stop in and make a Star Wars craft! This program is drop-in, so just stop by the small meeting room, make a craft or two, and return to saving the galaxy!

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Thursday, 5/5 at 1:30 pm

Ages 3 - 6. Come to our fiesta that celebrates the fifth of May. We will share Mexican stories, songs, and activities.

Cookie Cutter Cameos R

Tuesday, 5/10 at 6 pm
Registration begins 4/26

Ages 8 - 17. Create a cameo-style cookie cutter from a favorite photo. Bring an electronic copy of your chosen photo and learn how to turn it into a one-of-a-kind design. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult helper. Only kids need to register.

Mini-Minecraft R

Thursday, 5/12 at 6 pm
Registration begins 4/28

Ages 5 - 10. Free play *Minecraft* for younger ages! Only kids need to register.

FOR TEENS

DIY - Duct Tape Phone Cases R

Tuesday, 3/1 at 6 pm
Registration begins 2/16

Ages 11 - 17. Protect your phone from minor damage with a personalized phone case that you design using everyone's favorite DIY material, duct tape.

Bitty Bots R

Tuesday, 3/8 at 6 pm
Registration begins 2/23

Ages 11 - 17. How do you build a robot? Join us for an exploration of basic circuitry and engineering to see if you can create and control some tiny robots. This program is part of Library TECHsploration.

Birds and Backyard Habits R

Thursday, 3/10 at 2 pm
Registration begins 2/25

Ages 6 - 14. For our first session of this three-week series on birds, we will focus on the biology of birds. We will look at the adaptations that make birds so unique in the environment and we will do experiments with feathers. Only kids need to register.

PAWS to Read R

Saturdays at 2 pm
3/12 Registration begins 3/27
4/9 Registration begins 3/26
5/14 Registration begins 4/30

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The Mystery of What Birds Eat R

Thursday, 3/17 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/3

Ages 6 - 14. For our second week in the series we will focus on the mystery of what the bird eats. We will decode

what birds eat and where they live based upon their beaks and feet. We will build a bird feeder and we will do an experiment regarding beaks. Only kids need to register.

Teen Advisory Board R

Thursdays at 6 pm
3/17, 4/21, 5/19

Ages 12 - 17. Need service hours? Join the T.A.B. and share your opinions with library staff about books, music, movies, and programs you'd like to see at the Finksburg Branch. Drop by the information desk for a sign-up form.

A Birding We Will Go R

Thursday, 3/24 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/10

Ages 6 - 14. For our final week in the series participants will go on a guided hike through Finksburg Branch Library and Sandymount Park. We will be looking at birds and their behaviors in the springtime. Only kids need to register.

ChromaCraft R

Tuesday, 3/29 at 6 pm
Registration begins 3/15

Ages 11 - 17. Think you know your colors? Think again! Unlock the secrets to the science of color and discover cool things you can do with chromatography and chromatic creativity. Bring a white shirt to make a colorful craft while you're here.

4-H and Your Community R

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3D Printed Bookmarks R

Thursday, 4/14 at 6 pm
Registration begins 3/31

Ages 13 - 17. Celebrate National Library Week by designing a 3D bookmark for your favorite book!

Babysitting Workshop R

Monday, 4/18 at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, 4/19 at 6:30 pm
Thursday, 4/21 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 4/4

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ReCreate **R**

Tuesday, 4/26 at 6 pm
Registration begins 4/12

Ages 11 - 17. What can you ReCreate? These awesome crafts are all made with recycled materials and found objects. From soda tab jewelry to CD mosaics, come be ReCreative with us!

Cookie Cutter Cameos **R**

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Teen Toymakers **R**

Thursday, 5/26 at 6 pm
Registration begins 5/12

Ages 13 - 17. Create a cute toy for your favorite furry friend. Then make another that we'll donate to a local shelter for an animal in need.

FOR ADULTS

The Faith Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

3/1 The Promise of World Peace
4/5 Dispelling the Fear of Atheism
5/3 Separation of Church and State

Adults. If you are interested in learning 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. In March we will discuss the Baha'i community and their message of oneness; in April we will discuss atheism with Nan Nelson; May will be a discussion *God and Government* by Rev Barry Lynn pertaining to the separation of church and state.

In Living Color: A Coloring Club for Adults

Mondays at 7 pm
3/7, 4/4, 5/2

Adults. It's not just for kids anymore! Join other grown-ups as we chill out and get our coloring on. Inside the lines, outside the lines -- it's all good! All materials will be provided.

Yoga with Syeda **R**

Thursday at 6:30 pm
3/10 Registration begins 2/25
3/17 Registration begins 3/3
4/7 Registration begins 3/24
4/14 Registration begins 3/31
5/5 Registration begins 4/21
5/12 Registration begins 4/28

Adults. Set an hour aside for yourself. Join Syeda Khan for a free, invigorating yoga session in a soothing atmosphere. Register to assure a place. Drop-ins on a first come basis.

Busy Bee Quilting

Fridays at 1 pm
3/11, 4/8, 5/13

Adults. Looking for a quilting group? Interested in learning how to quilt? Join the Busy Bee Quilt Guild the second Friday of every month for some quilting fun!

Publish Big, Publish Small, & Sell it Again with Lois Szymanski

Saturday, 3/12 at 1 pm

Adults. Lois Szymanski, author of 27 books, will discuss how to approach a publisher without an agent, how to market your book to sell, and why small presses may be a strong option at a time where the doors to publishing grow harder to open. Ms Szymanski also teaches writing classes at Carroll Community College.

Finksburg Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

**3/15 *The Girl on the Train*
by Paula Hawkins**
**4/19 *The Rosie Effect*
by Graeme Simsion**
**5/17 *The Hare with the Amber Eyes*
by Edmund de Waal**

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

Dig Up Your Ancestors Online!

Saturday, 3/19 at 2 pm

Adults. Please join Eileen Souza, owner of Old Bones Genealogy, as we learn strategies and tips to make our Ancestry.com and Google searches more effective and our results more accurate. Discovering the differences between these two sites will improve our chances of obtaining the desired results. A Celebrating America program.

3D Printer Crash Course **R**

Monday, 3/28 at 7 pm
Registration begins 3/14

Adults. Would you like to learn about 3D printing? We've got a new 3D printer at the library and want to teach you about it! Join us to learn about and try out this exciting new technology! All attendees need to register.

You Are What You Say: Establishing Character through Dialogue

Saturday, 4/9 at 1 pm

Adults. Dr. Betsy Yarrison, University of Baltimore professor, and co-author of *The Business of Communication*, will discuss writing strategies for designing dialogue to reveal character in drama and fiction through implicit assumptions about human behavior shared by writers & audiences.

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Meet Author Neil Beller



Saturday, 5/14 at 1 pm

Adults. Join us as our speaker Neil Beller, author of *Missing Pine Park*, takes a humorous look at things remembered from the 60s and 70s that have been long forgotten. He will transport us in the way back machine to a time when simple fun was enjoyed by all.

Septic Care: Important Information for Homeowners

Tuesday, 5/31 at 7 pm

Adults. George Schooley, certified septic system installer, inspector, and founder of Legacy Septic & Excavation will share how to maintain your septic system to keep it working properly, helping you protect your home and family. Questions regarding BAT systems, sand mounds, and other new technology will also be addressed. Mr. Schooley will provide a brief presentation on the care of septic systems, followed by an interactive Q&A session.

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MOUNT AIRY BRANCH

FOR ALL AGES

Family Storytime



Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am

Fridays at 11 am

3/1 - 3/11, 3/18 - 5/31

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Saturday, 3/5 at 11 am

For All Ages. It's a birthday party! Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. We'll share some of our favorite Dr. Seuss books and have fun with crafts and activities.

Saturday Storytime



Saturdays at 11 am

3/12 - 5/14

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Sunday Storytime



Sundays at 2:30 pm

3/20 & 4/24

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Easter Egg Extravaganza!



Wednesday, 3/23 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 3/9

Thursday, 3/24 at 2 pm

Registration begins 3/10

For All Ages. Join us for a fun storytime and craft, followed by an egg hunt in the library. Only kids need to register.

Medleys in May with Cornerstone Choir



Saturday, 5/14 at 11 am

For All Ages. The library will have music wafting through its aisles on this May morning. Don't miss the talented local group of more than 20 middle and high school home schoolers, as they present selections from various styles of music.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time



Saturday, 5/21 at 11 am

For All Ages. Nursery rhymes are fun and have been passed down for generations. Come to the library and meet Mother Goose herself for special rhymes, stories, and a craft.

Preakness Party



Saturday, 5/21 at 3 pm

For All Ages. Join us for an afternoon of Preakness fun. We will be having a variety of fun activities for all ages and the day will culminate with a viewing of the Preakness live in the branch. A Celebrating America Program.

FOR KIDS

Read and Play



Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:45 am

3/2 - 3/9, 3/21 - 5/18, 5/25

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Twos and Threes Together



Mondays & Wednesdays at 11 am

Thursdays at 10 am

3/2 - 3/10, 3/21 - 4/29, 5/5 - 5/19, 5/25

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Ready, Set, School

Fridays at 10 am

3/4 - 5/27

Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills. All adult caregivers are welcome.

bookPETS



Sundays at 2 pm

3/6 Registration begins 2/21

4/10 Registration begins 3/27

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Crafts from the Past



Tuesday, 3/8 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins 2/23

Ages 7 - 11. Corn husk dolls, toy boats, pinwheels...what toys might kids in the 1800s have made and played with? Take a trip into the past as we try out some of the crafts from the Living History Camp at the Carroll County Farm Museum. A Celebrating America program. Only kids need to register.

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all depend on healthy soil for healthy food. Each participant will make a garden in a bottle to take home.

LEGO® Builders Club

Tuesdays at 2 pm

3/22 & 4/12

Ages 5 - Adults. Love to build? Join us for a program where you can build a castle, a spaceship, or whatever you like! We'll supply LEGO® bricks, just bring your imagination and come on by to create something awesome!

Something on a Stick



Monday, 3/28 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins 3/14

Ages 7 - 14. Did you know March 28th is National Something on a Stick Day? No? That's okay. Come celebrate with us as we make wacky crafts and snacks - all on a stick! Only kids need to register.

Egg Drop Challenge



Tuesday, 3/29 at 2:30 pm

Registration begins 3/15

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MUD-i-licious



Thursday, 4/21 at 2 pm

Ages 2 - 6. If you think mud is fun, this program is for you! How do you make mud? What can you do with mud? Do animals like mud? Come visit the library today and discover the answers to these questions through stories, music and some muddy experiences.

Hatch!



Tuesday, 4/26 at 2:30 pm

Ages 2 - 7. Chickens are not the only creatures that come from eggs. Join us for a program about eggs, the animals inside of them, and how they hatch.

Fairy and Flower Fun!



Tuesday, 5/3 at 2 pm

Registration begins 4/19

Ages 2 - 6. Fairies love springtime! Join us for a flower and fairy party with stories and art exploration. Put on your fanciest fairy outfit and don't forget your wings! Only kids need to register.

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Acts of Kindness Club

Saturday, 5/14 at 1:30 pm

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Play Baby Play!



Monday, 5/23 at 10 am

Ages Birth - 24 Months. You're invited to a morning playgroup just for little ones! Come enjoy a warm and inviting space where you and your child can play with our toys, read a board book, enjoy music, and socialize with others.

Tape Town Play



Thursday, 5/26 at 10 am

Ages 2 - 5. Create a whole town out of tape and blocks. We'll put down tape roads to drive on and we'll build our town with blocks. Then we can play! This fun, playful activity will engage the mind and body as your child builds their fine motor skills and creativity.

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Teen Advisory Board



Mondays at 6:30 pm

3/14, 4/11, 5/9

Ages 12 - 17. Need service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board for a fun-filled meeting to learn how you can become a leader in your library. But it's not all work and no play--we'll provide plenty of snacks and games, too!

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Teen Text Taste Test



Tuesday, 4/12 at 3 pm

Ages 11 - 17. In honor of Support Teen Literature Day, part of National Library Week, come share your favorite recent reads with other YA readers. Hang out, eat some snacks, and showcase your love of literary fandoms with other teen book fanatics.

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What Could Possibly Go Wrong?



Teen Lock-In

Friday, 5/13 at 6 pm

Ages 11 - 17. Join us in honoring the first Friday the 13th of the year. Test your luck as we celebrate all things disastrous and doomed. What could possibly go wrong?

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FOR ADULTS

Couch to 5K

Thursday, 3/3 at 7 pm

Adults. Are you intimidated by the thought of completing your first 5K? This program will ease your fears. We will give you a simple schedule to follow which will help you slowly increase your endurance. Learn tips and hear the stories of experts - people who actually completed their first 5K last year. Our goal is to participate in the Frederick Running Festival 5K in May.

Craft & Coffee: Paper Dolls



Wednesday, 3/9 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 2/24

Adults. Join us as we build these beloved dolls from yesteryear - but with some modern twists! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring along any old fabrics, ribbons, or scrapbook paper that you no longer need! All attendees need to register.

Coloring for Relaxation

Thursdays at 7 pm

3/10, 4/14, 5/12

Adults. Need a break from everyday stress? Join us as we take some much deserved time and color!! Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own, too. Relaxing music will be played to enhance the relaxing mood.

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Family Wellness with Dr. Buckley

Tuesday, 3/15 at 7 pm

Adults. Join Dr. Stephanie Buckley as she talks about how to keep your family healthy. Let Dr. Buckley help you get healthy and active this spring with topics including nutrition, weight loss, and how to begin exercising. Dr. Buckley is a Mount Airy physician who is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. She earned her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., completed her residency at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, and is affiliated with the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

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MOUNT AIRY BRANCH

Mount Airy Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 1 pm

3/16 *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf
4/20 *A Spool of Blue Thread*
by Anne Tyler

5/18 *Neverhome* by Laird Hunt

Adults. Join us for a discussion of this month's book!

Memory Writing

Fridays at 2 pm

3/18, 4/15, 5/20

Adults. Join us the third Friday of each month as we recall fond memories and free-write, creating a journal for others (and ourselves) to enjoy! Each week holds a different topic.

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Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursdays at 12:30 pm

3/24 *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations*
by Georgina Howell

4/28 *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee
5/26 *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson

Adults. Join us at the Mount Airy Senior Center for a discussion of this month's book!

Waking Up the Garden

Saturday, 4/2 at 2 pm

Adults. Join local Master Gardener Christa Pusateri as she discusses ways to wake up your garden. Learn steps, tips, and tricks to starting off your gardening season the right way!

3D Print Your Own Jewelry

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Sunday, 4/17 at 2 pm

Registration begins 4/3

Adults. Looking for a unique gift for Mother's day? Treat yourself or someone else to a 3D printed jewelry that you choose. Only one jewelry item per person will be printed. All attendees need to register.

Women's Health with Dr. Buckley

Tuesday, 4/19 at 7 pm

Adults. Join Dr. Stephanie Buckley as she talks about the importance of women's health. Bring the questions you've been meaning to ask but haven't had the time. Dr. Buckley is a Mount Airy physician who is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. She earned her medical

degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., completed her residency at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, and is affiliated with the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

Craft & Coffee: Book Fairy Houses

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Thursday, 4/21 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 4/7

Adults. Join us for a springtime event as we make fairy houses from old books. All attendees need to register.

Composting: Recycling for Your Garden

Saturday, 4/30 at 2 pm

Adults. Join local Master Gardener Christa Pusateri as she discusses the advantages of composting and ways to add it to your gardening repertoire. She will discuss the different types of composting as well as tips and tricks to get the most out of your composting.

Septic Care: Important Information for Homeowners

Wednesday, 5/4 at 7 pm

Adults. George Schooley, certified septic system installer, inspector, and founder of Legacy Septic & Excavation will share how to maintain your septic system to keep it working properly, helping you protect your home and family. Questions regarding BAT systems, sand mounds, and other new technology will also be addressed. Mr. Schooley will provide a brief presentation on the care of septic systems, followed by an interactive Q&A session.

Concussion Prevention with Dr. Buckley

Tuesday, 5/17 at 7 pm

Adults. Join Dr. Stephanie Buckley as she talks about the dangers of concussions and the importance concussion prevention. Be aware as you and your family play sports this summer about concussions and how to prevent them. Dr. Buckley is a Mount Airy physician who is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. She earned her medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., completed her residency at the Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, and is affiliated with the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

Craft & Coffee: Origami Book Butterflies

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Thursday, 5/19 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 5/5

Adults. Join us this month as we make beautiful butterflies from old book pages. All attendees need to register.

Native and Invasive Plant Walk

Saturday, 5/21 at 10 am

Adults. Join Steve Allgeier, horticulturalist for the University of Maryland Carroll County Extension, for a 1.5 hour plant ID walk along the Rails to Trails. We will meet at the Mount Airy Town Hall (110 South Main Street). Steve will focus on the native and invasive plants that are found along the trail. He will share information on the use of these native plants in the home landscape as well as practical control methods for invasive plants found on the trail. Rain or Shine!

Demystifying Games

Monday, 5/23 at 6:30 pm

Adults. How do you decide which video games are appropriate for your child? Learn from a game industry professional how to use game ratings systems and online safety tools to make informed decisions about your children's game time.

Parent's Night Off

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Tuesday, 5/24 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 5/10


Adults. Grown-ups, come join us for a fun evening of ideas and conversation. The key to keeping little ones happy and engaged is keeping them busy. Learn about activities that can occupy your child and help you to keep your sanity too! We will make Busy Bags so you can return to your children with fresh ideas and a few new tools to try at home. Only adults need to register.

NATIONAL
READATHON
DAY!

Saturday, May 21st

Check your branch for details.



 Refreshments will be served.  Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

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NORTH CARROLL BRANCH

FOR ALL AGES

Family Storytime



Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am
3/2 - 3/24, 3/31 - 5/26

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Pajama Party Storytime



Wednesdays at 6:45 pm
3/2 - 5/25

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

LEGO® Creations



Saturdays at 10 am
3/12 & 4/9

For All Ages. Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks & you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom & build together!

Get Excited about 4-H



Saturday, 3/19 at 1 pm

For All Ages. Join the Hampstead 4-H members to learn more about their events, projects, and meetings. Also see some of their small animals.

Batman vs Superman: Superhero Primary Election Day



Tuesday, 4/26 from 10 am - 5 pm

For All Ages. Cast your ballot for one of the greatest superheroes in the world—Superman and Batman face off. Will the Caped Crusader or the Man of Steel win, or maybe a write-in candidate will get the most votes? Stop by the library and exercise a kid's right to vote!

FOR KIDS

Move & Learn



Tuesdays at 10 am
3/1 - 3/29, 4/12 - 5/31

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
3/4 - 3/18, 4/8 - 5/27

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

PBS World Premiere and Scavenger Hunt



Monday, 3/7 at 11 am

Ages 2 - 10. Be the first to see the world premiere episode of a PBS kids show! Then search the North Carroll Branch to

find hidden PBS friends! Part of the Quality Digital Media Partnership series with WQED-PBS, LittleLit.com, and Carroll County Public Library.

Read to a Dog Friend

Thursdays at 6:45 pm
3/10, 4/14, 5/12

Ages 4 - 12. Read to a puppy from the Carroll County Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Program.

Come Learn with Me @ the Library

Mondays at 10:30 am
3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23

Ages 2 - 5. This is a program focused on early literacy, where children and their caretakers learn and play together! The program features a 15 minute storytime followed by several stations that encourage the development of school readiness skills in children. Stations may include art, hands-on explorations, lots of play & social interaction, and plenty of fun activities! With an accompanying adult caregiver.

Crafts from the Past

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Thursday, 3/17 at 6:45 pm
Registration begins 3/3

Ages 7 - 11. Corn husk dolls, toy boats, pinwheels...what toys might kids in the 1800s have made and played with? Take a trip into the past as we try out some of the crafts from the Living History Camp at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Only kids need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Nature and Nurture

Mondays at 10:30 am
3/21, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16

Ages 2 - 5. Children are curious about nature and we'll explore spring topics through a short storytime followed by stations where caregivers and children will expand concepts through crafts, hands-on observations, and fun activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Minecraft

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Monday, 3/21 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/7

Ages 9 - 17. Join us to play *Minecraft*.

Experimental Engineering

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Thursday, 3/24 at 2 pm
Registration begins 3/10

Ages 9 - 17. Test your design and construction skills! We'll work together to create unique marshmallow and spaghetti towers and gumdrop geodesic domes. (What's a geodesic dome? Come to the program to find out!) This program is part of Library TECHsploration and is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney.

Mutt-i-grees® Storytime and Activity

Monday, 3/28 at 2 pm

Ages 3 - Adults. Please join us for special activities highlighting the needs of rescue dogs awaiting adoption in our local community. Families will participate in a fun craft and listen to stories about shelter dogs. Participants will also learn about shelter and foster roles in our community from

a representative from Operation Paws for Homes (OPH), a 501(c)(3) organization that provides pet adoption services to families located in Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, Southern Pennsylvania, and neighboring states.

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American Girls

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Thursdays at 6:45 pm
4/21 Make a Mother's Day Craft
Registration begins 4/7
5/19 Summer Fun
Registration begins 5/5

Ages 7 - 10. Join us for stories & more. Bring your dolls or dress up. Only kids need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Scratch and Makey Makey™

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Monday, 4/25 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 4/11

Ages 9 - 17. Create a playable game using Scratch, a popular programming language. Bring a USB flash drive if you want to save your finished project to take home. We will also have Makey Makey™, so you can use everyday objects to control your game.

Soldering Basics: Light Sculptures

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Saturday, 5/7 at 1:30 pm
Registration begins 4/23

Ages 8 - 14. Ever wanted to learn how to solder, but needed some help getting started? Families will explore basic soldering and go home with a project that illuminates! Learn what you need to get started at home. Workshop designed for parents and children ages 8 and older to learn side by side. This FutureMakers program is part of Library TECHsploration and is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney. Only kids need to register.

Raspberry Pi - Minecraft

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3D Printing for Kids

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Monday, 5/23 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 5/9

Ages 9 - 17. Come in to learn the basics and get started making printable 3D objects! Kids may design one key chain to print. Key chains can be picked up at a later date once they have completed printing.

Refreshments will be served. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

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NORTH CARROLL BRANCH

FOR TEENS

Teen Writing Group

Tuesdays at 7 pm
3/1, 4/5, 5/3

Ages 11 - 17. Attention teen writers! Here is your opportunity to share your individual writing with others or work together to craft a new story. Be prepared to talk about characters, plots, and settings.

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FOR ADULTS

North Carroll Knitters Night

Mondays at 7 pm
3/7, 4/4, 5/2

Tuesdays at 7 pm
3/15, 4/19, 5/17

Adults. Knitters and crocheters are all welcome to join this semi-monthly gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns!

North Carroll Senior Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 11 am

3/9 *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler
4/13 *The Secret Chord*
by Geraldine Brooks
5/11 *City on Fire* by Garth Risk Hallberg

Adults. Join us for a lively discussion of this month's book at the North Carroll Senior Center. All opinions count and new members are welcome!

North Carroll Writers Group

Mondays at 6:30 pm
3/14, 4/11, 5/9

Adults. The NCWG is dedicated to helping people improve their writing. Each session features a short exercise to focus on a specific writing technique, quiet time to work on your draft, and an opportunity to share your creativity in a non-judgmental atmosphere. If you would like to become involved, please join the NCWG, where your talent and love for writing can develop and thrive.

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Mondays at 6:30 pm
3/28 *The Kind Worth Killing*
by Peter Swanson

4/25 *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent
5/23 *The Little Paris Bookshop*
by Nina George

Adults. Please join our group for an entertaining and spirited discussion of this month's book. All opinions count and new members are welcome!

Book Buzz: Hot Summer Reads

Monday, 4/11 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/28

Adults. Representatives from both the adult and children's divisions from Penguin Random House will be on hand to preview and review recently released and upcoming spring and summer titles. Discover what everyone will be reading the next few months and which books are destined to be bestsellers. A limited number of advance reader copies (books not yet published), book club resources, and tote bags will be given away on a first come, first served basis!

Creative Couponing and Savvy Savings

Monday, 4/18 at 7 pm
Registration begins 4/4

Adults. Are you ready to save money on groceries, restaurants, department stores, and activities? Learn about three different couponing methods, where coupons can be found, and other savvy ways to save without them! See a demo of extreme couponing that is unbelievable! By the time you leave class, you will have the know-how of being a savvy saver too!

Beading Basics

Tuesday, 5/3 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 4/19

Adults. Learn a simple beading technique & create a lovely bracelet. Make it for yourself or for a Mother's Day gift! All techniques will be taught. All supplies will be provided.

The Savvy Traveler

Monday, 5/9 at 7 pm
Registration begins 4/25

Adults. Learn smart ways of traveling, like tips on how to pack a suitcase to maximize space and eliminate wrinkles. Learn about savvy ways to save money on your next trip and utilize a payment plan to make that dream trip become a reality! Learn about TSA regulations, passports, airline baggage fees, and savvy flight tips. When you leave the class, you will feel like a seasoned traveler and be on your way to your next vacation!

7 Steps to a Healthy Home



Tuesday, 5/10 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 4/26

Adults. Come and learn how to create a healthier home. University of Maryland Extension Educator Dr. Virginia Brown will discuss how your home affects your health and seven ways to increase your well-being.

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TANEYTOWN BRANCH

FOR ALL AGES

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Wednesday, 3/2 at 6:30 pm

For All Ages. The Teen Advisory Board invites you to join us in wishing everyone's favorite doctor a happy birthday.

If you've ever tried *Green Eggs and Ham*,

If you've ever heard a Who,

If you've ever battled butter, hopped on pop, or ran the zoo,

Join our celebration, make some crafts, try something new.

And celebrate a special man, Dr. Seuss-Happy Birthday to You!

Family Storytime



Thursdays at 9:45 am

3/3 - 3/17, 3/31, 4/21 - 5/26

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Build It!



Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm

3/5 & 4/2

For All Ages. Bricks, blocks, magnets, and more - in sizes and shapes for everyone! Bring your friends and build! Get creative and see what you can design. Enjoy a fun STEAM learning experience.

Pajama Party Storytime



Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

3/9 - 4/6, 4/20 - 5/25

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

Color Fun



Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm

3/12, 4/9, 5/14

For All Ages. Enjoy some relaxing, stress-free time at the library with coloring, simple crafts, and jigsaw puzzles to put together! Bring the family and spend some time with these simple and creative pleasures. All materials will be provided.

Drop-In Rainbow Crafts



Sunday, 4/3 at 2 pm

For All Ages. In honor of Find a Rainbow Day, we will have a variety of rainbow crafts to do! Add some color to your life and maybe find a pot of gold!

The Humane Connection



Saturday, 4/16 at 2 pm

For All Ages. An interactive hour that aims to inspire a more humane community and strengthen the human-pet bond. Participants will be engaged through hands-on learning; basic pet care, animal safety, and wellness will be covered.

Sloppy Saturday Drop-In Crafts



Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm

4/23 & 5/28

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.

FOR KIDS

Twos and Threes Together



Tuesdays at 11 am

3/1 - 4/5, 4/19 - 5/31

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays and movement.

Ready, Set, School

Wednesdays at 9:45 am

3/2 - 4/6, 4/20 - 5/25

Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Read and Play



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3/2 - 4/6, 4/20 - 5/25

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Math for Me



Fridays at 11 am

3/4 Patterns

Registration begins 2/19

4/1 Addition

Registration begins 3/18

4/29 Shapes

Registration begins 4/15

Ages 3 - 6. Help your child discover the fun of math! Explore the skills of counting, one-to-one correspondence, sorting, and grouping through our math series for preschoolers. With an adult caregiver; only children need to be registered.

Crafts from the Past



Saturday, 3/5 at 2 pm

Registration begins 2/20

Ages 7 - 11. Corn husk dolls, toy boats, pinwheels...what toys might kids in the 1800s have made and played with? Take a trip into the past as we try out some of the crafts from the Living History Camp at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Only kids need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Fossils and the Hidden Past



Tuesday, 3/8 at 2 pm

Registration begins 2/23

Ages 6 - 12. Join us as we explore what's below our feet! From dinosaurs to Pompeii, and beyond, there are secrets to be uncovered. Discover the wonders of archaeology and paleontology!

Music and More



Thursday, 3/10 at 11 am

Registration begins 2/25

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 caregiver; only kids need to register.

Read to a Dog

Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm

3/19, 4/16, 5/21

Ages 5 - 12. Come ready to read to a book-loving dog! Bring a favorite book - or use one of ours - to improve your reading skills by sharing a story with our furry friends from the Carroll County 4-H Dog Club.

Light Painting Lab



Saturday, 3/19 at 1:30 pm

Registration begins 3/5

Ages 8 - 14. Use LEDs, batteries, and conductive materials to construct glowing brushes - and then take slow speed photos to produce amazing glowing results! Your light brush goes home, and photos will be posted online after the workshop for download and sharing. This FutureMakers program is part of Library TECHsploration and is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney. Only kids need to register.

Bunnies, Eggs, and Spring Things



Sunday, 3/20 at 2 pm

Registration begins 3/6

Ages 1 - 4. Bring your toddler and join the special fun decorating eggs, making crafts, joining an egg race, and hunting for eggs!

Home on the Range: Texas Tall Tales R

Monday, 3/28 at 11 am

Registration begins 3/14

Ages 4 - 9. Join the fun as we celebrate stories - western style! Enjoy cowboy songs, games, activities - and make a special craft to take home. Dress like a cowboy/girl, if desired. A Celebrating America program. Only kids need to register.

Kids in the Garden:



The Scoop on Soil

Monday, 3/28 at 4 pm

Registration begins 3/14

Ages 5 - 12. Without soil, there would be no plants and, without plants or soil, there would be no food for us to eat. A representative of the University of Maryland Extension Office will share books that discuss what soil is made of, the creatures that help to make soil healthy, and how we all depend on healthy soil for healthy food. Each participant will make a garden in a bottle to take home.

Art Academy 103: Ink and Inventors R

Tuesday, 3/29 at 2 pm

Registration begins 3/15

Ages 8 - 12. Join the fun as we explore different art styles - including Leonardo da Vinci and Chinese scrolls! Attendees will be engaged in the diverse and ever-changing world of art through hands-on learning activities and some helpful background to bring it all together.

Kids in the Garden:



Seeds - Food from the Earth

Tuesday, 3/29 at 4 pm

Registration begins 3/15

Refreshments will be served. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

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TANEYTOWN BRANCH

Ages 5 - 12. All our food comes from the earth - from fruits and vegetables to meat, eggs and milk. Learn where and how food is produced and about the cycle in which this occurs. Create a garden in a glove to take home. All supplies will be provided courtesy of the University of Maryland Extension.

4-H and Your Community

Tuesday, 4/5 at 7 pm

Ages 5 - 17. 4-H is more than cows and cooking; join us to see what 4-H has to offer children ages 5 - 18. Learn the benefits of becoming a 4-H volunteer and sharing your talents with 4-H youth. Explore how you can create new opportunities and make a difference for young people in your community by starting your own 4-H club. Brought to you by the Carroll County 4-H Extension Program.

Preschool Science: Rain

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Friday, 4/15 at 11 am

Registration begins 4/1

Ages 3 - 6. Help your child discover the excitement of science through hands-on experiments! Explore the importance of rain through fun activity stations. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves and get a little wet! With an adult caregiver; only children need to be registered.

Wee Create Art

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Thursday, 4/21 at 11 am

Registration begins 4/7

Ages 3 - 6. Paint and scissors and glue, oh my! It's time to create your very own masterpiece! We'll share a story or two, then create our own works of art. Please dress to get messy. With an accompanying caregiver; only kids need to register.

Tween Lock-In

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Friday, 4/22 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages 8 - 12. Hey tweens, 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 4/21.

Junior Gardener's Workshop: Spring Planters

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Monday, 4/25 at 4 pm

Registration begins 4/11

Ages 8 - 12. Join the fun and help beautify the library with spring plantings! Members from the Silver Fancy Garden Club will provide plants and expertise to help fill our planters. A craft project will also be created. All supplies will be provided.

Kids in the Garden: Plant Healthy Gardens

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Tuesday, 4/26 at 4 pm

Registration begins 4/12

Ages 5 - 12. Some plants grow up, some grow down, and some grow all around us. Through books shared by a representative of the University of Maryland Extension Office, participants will learn about growing different plants and will learn that, with hard work, trial and error, and teamwork, they can build a fruitful garden. Each child will leave with a miniature greenhouse of herbs and veggies.

Mother's Day: My Mom and Me

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Saturday, 4/30 at 1 pm

Registration begins 4/16

Ages 4 - 10. Join us as we celebrate moms! Mothers will be pampered as each child makes a special gift for their mom. Only kids need to register.

Wild Nature: Grow as We Go

R

Thursday, 5/12 at 11 am

Registration begins 4/28

Ages 3 - 6. Who changes as they grow? Butterflies, frogs, and insects change as they grow. Learn all about the changes they go through as we explore how nature works. Only kids need to register.

Preschool Science: It Grows!

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Friday, 5/13 at 11 am

Registration begins 4/29

Ages 3 - 6. Help your child discover the excitement of science through hands-on experiments! Explore how plants grow through fun activity stations. Be prepared to get a little dirty! With an adult caregiver; only children need to be registered.

FOR TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

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Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

3/1 & 4/5

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.

Yoga: Exploring the Union

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Mondays at 7 pm

3/7, 4/4, 5/2

Registration begins 2/22

Ages 15 - Adults. Taught by Kati Hoffman, this three session spring yoga series will explore both Hatha and Ashtanga yoga. In this beginner to intermediate course we will explore *asanas* (i.e. movement, poses, and positions), breathing techniques, and other various practices in a step-by-step fashion. Signing up once for this course means that you have signed up for all three sessions. Please wear clothes that you feel comfortable to work out in and bring a yoga mat or towel.

Recycled Tee Shirts

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Thursdays at 6:30 pm

3/10 Headbands

Registration begins 2/25

4/14 Necklaces

Registration begins 3/31

5/12 Vests

Registration begins 4/28

Ages 12 - Adults. Come join Marianne Franklin and turn a tee shirt into something fun! Bring 2 tee shirts and a pair of sharp scissors.

Design a 3D St. Patrick's Day Pin

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Monday, 3/14 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 2/29

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to design your own pin celebrating

St. Patrick's Day! We'll show you how to use free online software to design the pin, then we'll print them out for you on our 3D printer. All attendees need to register.

Excellent Eggs

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Magazine Art: Flowers and Vases

Monday, 4/11 at 6:30 pm

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn how to up-cycle those old magazines to create unique flowers and vases! A perfect craft to do with your friends!

Creating with LittleBits

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Tuesday, 4/19 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 4/5

Ages 10 - 17. The TECHsploration Crate this month is littleBits! Join us to learn some of what you can do with them, and then stop by any time this month to play with them on your own. All attendees need to register. This program is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

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Thursday, 5/5 at 6:30 pm

Ages 11 - 17. Hola! You're invited to our Cinco de Mayo fiesta. Join us for food, crafts, games and an overall great time!

Mother's Day Book Art

Saturday, 5/7 at 2 pm

Ages 11 - Adults. Join us to make some book art for Mother's Day! We'll show you how to make flowers, cute animals, or other fun projects out of old books.

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Astronomical Event: Transit of Mercury

Monday, 5/9 from 2 - 7 pm

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Intro to 3D Printing

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**Tuesday, 5/10 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 4/26**

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FANtastic Creations

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**Monday, 5/16 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 5/2**

Ages 12 - 17. Books and films inspire us! Join us with a fun evening and create a Star Wars themed painting. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

FOR ADULTS

Perfect Paints

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**Thursday, 3/3 at 6 pm
Registration begins 2/18**

Adults. Come join us for a fun night of painting! Attendees will complete a simple design with the guidance of a demonstrator. Our theme will be spring. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

Book Chat

**Fridays at 1 pm
3/4, 4/1, 5/6**

Adults. Join us for book sharing. Tell others what you've been reading and get ideas for what to read next!

Writer's Circle

**Fridays at 2 pm
3/4, 4/1, 5/6**

Adults. Nothing clarifies thoughts and ideas like writing them down. Join us to listen and share whatever you write: essays, poetry, stories, etc.

Yoga: Exploring the Union

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**Mondays at 7 pm
3/7, 4/4, 5/2
Registration begins 2/22**

Ages 15 - Adults. Taught by Kati Hoffman, this three session spring yoga series will explore both Hatha and Ashtanga yoga. In this beginner to intermediate course we will explore *asanas* (i.e. movement, poses, and positions), breathing techniques, and other various practices in a

step-by-step fashion. Signing up once for this course means that you have signed up for all three sessions. Please wear clothes that you feel comfortable to work out in and bring a yoga mat or towel.

Bring Your Own Device & Learn!

**Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
3/8 & 4/12**

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, magazines, movies, and music to your device in this hands-on program.

Drop-In Knitting

**Thursdays at 6:30 pm
3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26**

Adults. Please join us to share ideas, patterns, books, and projects. Beginners, please bring size 8 needles and light colored, worsted weight yarn - look for #4 on the label.

Recycled Tee Shirts

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**Thursdays at 6:30 pm
3/10 Headbands
Registration begins 2/25
4/14 Necklaces
Registration begins 3/31
5/12 Vests
Registration begins 4/28**

Ages 12 - Adults. Come join Marianne Franklin and turn a tee shirt into something fun! Bring 2 tee shirts and a pair of sharp scissors.

Meet Author Karen Lippy

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Friday, 3/11 at 2 pm

Adults. Join us for a fun and interactive presentation by Karen Lippy, author of *A Year with the Eagles: The Unseen Story of the Hanover Eagle Nest*. Ms. Lippy will have copies of her book available for purchase.

Excellent Eggs

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**Tuesday, 3/15 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/1**

Ages 12 - Adults. Invite spring into your home with handmade yarn eggs. This craft is the perfect addition to your mantel or tabletop centerpiece.

Taneytown Book Discussion Group

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**Thursdays at 6:30 pm
3/17 *House of Thieves* by Charles Belfoure
4/21 *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant
5/19 *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz**

Adults. Join us for a lively discussion! New participants are always welcome!

Coloring for Adults Stressbuster

**Thursdays at 6:30 pm
3/24, 4/28, 5/26**

Adults. Step away from the computer screen and wind down your day with some coloring. Recently cited on NPR and the Washington Post, adult coloring has seen a huge surge in popularity because it is engaging and relaxing.

Go Green, Go Solar

Thursday, 3/31 at 6:30 pm

Adults. Join us for an introduction to residential solar. The benefits of solar are both environmental and financial. Program will be followed by Q&A with area solar consultant Clint Rawlings.

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Ladies Day Out:

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Coffee Can Flower Pots

**Saturday, 4/23 at 11 am
Registration begins 4/9**

Adults. Join us for a fun time to visit with friends and make something truly lovely! Think spring with these beautiful flower pots made from recycled coffee cans!

Mom's Night Out: DIY Spa

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**Tuesday, 5/3 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 4/19**

Adults. Ladies, here's your chance to relax and pamper yourself at our DIY Spa. All materials will be provided for you to create some luxurious and all-natural products sure to turn your own home into a spa.

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FOR ALL AGES

Pajama Party Storytime



Tuesdays at 7 pm
3/15 - 5/31

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

Family Storytime



Thursdays at 1 pm
3/17 - 5/26

For All Ages. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Egg Hunt



Friday, 3/18 at 11 am

For All Ages. Bring your basket and join us for an egg hunt at the Westminster Branch Library!

Hula Hoopla



Thursday, 3/24 at 2 pm

For All Ages. Think you can hula-hoop longer than your peers? Put your skills to the test with our friends at Hoopla Digital. Be one of the longest hoopla-hoopers for a chance to win 1 of 3 prizes: a Kindle Fire 7-inch tablet, a \$50 Target gift card, or a \$50 Toys R Us gift card. The contest will run from 2 - 4:30 pm. Please arrive approximately 15 minutes early and bring your own hula hoop if you have one.

The Westminster



Great Outdoors Sportacular

Saturday, 4/9 at 11 am

For All Ages. Wanna know how to get started in the usual – and some not so usual – outdoor sports that keep so many people moving? Stop by the Westminster Branch to find out! You'll see a dog obedience demonstration in the library's park. You'll learn about rowing from the Baltimore Rowing Club as well as hiking by the Mountain Club of Maryland. You'll even learn about hang gliding! Come find YOUR outdoor adventure from ordinary people who do extraordinary outdoor sports and activities. You'll also meet longtime *Field & Stream* contributor Bill Heavey, who has become the magazine's most popular voice by writing for sportsmen with more enthusiasm than skill. *The Wall Street Journal* called Bill "one of the best magazine writers in America" in a review of his most recent book, *You're Not Lost if You Can Still See the Truck* (Atlantic Monthly Press, 2014). A Celebrating America program.

Ready for Some Stompin'?



Saturday, 4/30 at 12 pm

For All Ages. Clogging, an American folk dance that has evolved greatly since its beginning as a lone individual dancing to live string music is a contagious activity. Be prepared to do a little stompin' yourself as the Carroll County Cloggers, a membership organization of the Westminster Area Recreational Council, dances to a wide range of music, from old time string band to Irish to today's pop. A Celebrating America program.

May the Fourth Be with You!



Wednesday, 5/4 at 2 pm

For All Ages. A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... the Jedi Council decreed that May the 4th would forever be known as Star Wars Day. For one day, Wookies will embrace Hutts, Sith will lay down their light sabers and embrace their Jedi brethren, and Yoda and the Emperor will meet for tea, at the local cantina, and all will be right with the universe. Join us for Star Wars-themed crafts, games, activities, and more! Fun for all ages!

Swing!

Saturday, 5/7 at 10 am

For All Ages. Treat yourself to a program of swing music and dance to kick off the Westminster Flower & Jazz Festival! Herb Sell and his exquisite music ensemble will play a range of American swing from the 1930s and 1940s. GottaSwing Dancers will swing and jitterbug across the outdoor stage. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council. A Celebrating America program.

FOR KIDS

Kinderconcerts



Saturdays at 10:30 am

3/5 Emerald Isle Magic

4/2 Chasing Rainbows

5/14 Rocket Ship to the Moon

Ages 2 - 7. Join us for a violin and piano concert followed by a storytime and a chance to explore some instruments yourself!

Fairy Tale Festival

Saturday, 3/5 at 1 pm

Ages 4 - 7. Come dressed as a prince or princess, knight or dragon, or anything else fairy tale related! Stories, games, and crafts will help us celebrate your favorite fairy tales.

Intro to Scratch



Tuesday, 3/8 at 2 pm

Registration begins 2/23

Ages 8 - 12. Create a playable game using Scratch, a popular programming language designed by the MIT Media Lab. By dragging together colored blocks of code, you can build games and animations while learning computer programming concepts. Bring a USB flash drive to save your finished project to take home. Only kids need to register.

Read and Play



Mondays at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

& Thursdays at 11 am

3/14 - 5/31

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Ready, Set, School

Mondays at 10:30 am

3/14 - 5/23

Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Twos and Threes Together



Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

at 10 am

3/15 - 5/31

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Crafts from the Past



Tuesday, 3/15 at 2 pm

Registration begins 3/1

Ages 7 - 11. Corn husk dolls, toy boats, pinwheels...what toys might kids in the 1800s have made and played with? Take a trip into the past as we try out some of the crafts from the Living History Camp at the Carroll County Farm Museum. Only kids need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Kids' Book Share

Wednesdays at 4 pm

3/23, 4/27, 5/25

Ages 7 - 12. Have you ever read a book that was so amazing you told all your friends you've GOT to read this!? Here's your opportunity to share what you are reading and to discover new books based on other kids' recommendations.

Free Preschool Vision Screening

Thursday, 3/24 from 9:30 am - 12 pm

Ages 2 - 5. Drop in at the Westminster Branch for a free vision screening for your child. This screening for preschool-aged children will test for lazy eye, nearsightedness, farsightedness, and depth perception. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Offered in partnership with the Deer Park Lions Club.

Preschool Science: Wiggling Worms R

Friday, 4/1 at 10 am

Registration begins 3/18

Ages 4 - 7. Learn about these interesting creatures as we observe and study them. Help your preschool child discover science concepts with fun, hands-on experiments and activities. Only kids need to register.

Minecraft for Me



Saturday, 4/2 at 3:30 pm

Registration begins 3/19

Ages 6 - 10. Tired of being shut out of the big kids *Minecraft* programs? Come show off your skills at a program just for you! We'll start with a group build in Creative, and then play around in Survival mode. Only kids need to register.

Refreshments will be served. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

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Play Baby Play!



Fridays at 10 am
4/8 & 5/13

Ages Birth - 24 Months. You're invited to a morning playgroup just for little ones! Come enjoy a warm and inviting space where you and your child can play with our toys, read a board book, enjoy music, and socialize with others.

Soldering Basics: Light Sculptures R

Saturday, 4/9 at 1 pm
Registration begins 3/26

Ages 8 - 14. Ever wanted to learn how to solder, but needed some help getting started? Families will explore basic soldering and go home with a project that illuminates! Learn what you need to get started at home. This workshop is designed for parents and children ages 8 and older learning side by side. This FutureMakers program is part of Library TECHsploration and is sponsored by a Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children, made possible through a generous donation by Disney. Only kids need to register.

Kids in the Garden: The Scoop on Soil Monday, 4/11 at 4 pm

Ages 5 - 12. Without soil, there would be no plants and, without plants or soil, there would be no food for us to eat. A representative of the University of Maryland Extension Office will share books that discuss what soil is made of, the creatures that help to make soil healthy, and how we all depend on healthy soil for healthy food. Each participant will make a garden in a bottle to take home.

Creative Playtime



Fridays at 10 am
4/15 & 5/20

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

Building Recycle City

Saturday, 4/16 at 11 am

Ages 4 - 11. The sky's the limit when you put your imagination to work. We will use recycled paper items to make new creations.

Kids in the Garden: Seeds - Food from the Earth Monday, 4/18 at 4 pm

Ages 5 - 12. All our food comes from the earth - from fruits and vegetables to meat, eggs and milk. Learn where and how food is produced and about the cycle in which this occurs. Create a garden in a glove to take home. All supplies will be provided courtesy of the University of Maryland Extension.

Sweet Pea's



Tale of Too Many Tomatoes Friday, 4/22 at 10 am

Ages 3 - 6. Join us as we welcome the author of *Sweet Pea's Tale of Too Many Tomatoes*, Marcia Leiter. She'll be treating

us to a special storytime where she'll be reading her book. There will also be a craft and an opportunity to purchase your own copy to have signed by the author!

American Girls and American History

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Saturdays at 2 pm
4/23 Kanani
Registration begins 4/9
5/14 Marisol
Registration begins 4/30

Ages 8 - 12. Step back in time with your 18-inch doll or toy! Come experience the past with your doll through stories, crafts, and games. Find out what life was like for the American Girl characters in their diverse cultures and time periods in American history. A Celebrating America program. Only kids need to register.

Kids in the Garden: Plant Healthy Gardens

Monday, 4/25 at 4 pm

Ages 5 - 12. Some plants grow up, some grow down, and some grow all around us. Through books shared by a representative of the University of Maryland Extension Office, participants will learn about growing different plants and will learn that, with hard work, trial and error, and teamwork, they can build a fruitful garden. Each child will leave with a miniature greenhouse of herbs and veggies.

Preschool Science: Animal Tracks



Friday, 5/6 at 10 am

Ages 3 - 5. Help your preschool child discover science concepts with fun, hands-on experiments and activities.

The Humane Connection

Saturday, 5/21 at 11 am

Ages 8 - Adults. An interactive hour that aims to inspire a more humane community and strengthen the human pet bond. Participants will be engaged through hands-on learning; basic pet care, animal safety, and wellness will be covered. Adoptable animals will be visiting during the hour.

FOR TEENS

3D Printing: Spring Cookie Cutters R

Friday, 3/4 at 3 & 4 pm
Registration begins 2/19

Ages 10 - Adults. See our 3D printer in action and design your own cookie cutter to welcome spring! Staff will demonstrate how to use Cookie Caster, a free online program and will print your design for pick-up the following week. Designing your cookie cutter will take approximately 30 minutes. Please register for your preferred time slot. All attendees need to register.

Teen Advisory Board

Mondays at 3:30 pm
3/7, 4/4, 5/2

Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens looking for leadership roles in planning library programs. We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Meetings will start with snacks at 3:30 pm, then we'll get down to business around 3:45 pm. Need service hours? We've got those too!

Library Wars:



Battlefield Westminster

Saturday, 3/19 at 6:30 pm
Registration begins 3/5

Ages 11 - 17. The Westminster Branch will again be the site of an epic battle pitting foam blasters against tactics and skill. Join us in this exciting after-hours game of capture the flag. Bring your own unmodified blasters and ammo. Permission slips will be available at the Information Desk. Are you ready to wage war? Only teens need to register.

Sink or Float: The 3D Printer Edition R

Tuesdays at 3 pm
3/29 & 4/5
Registration begins 3/15

Ages 10 - 17. Remember the sink or float competitions in school? We're kicking it up a notch using the library's 3D printer! Come design a boat using online software, let library staff print it out, and return the next week to see if your creation can brave the waves. Participants should have experience using the TinkerCAD 3D design tool, and must sign up for both sessions.

Minecraft Mania

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Saturday, 4/2 at 6 pm
Registration begins 3/19

Ages 11 - 17. Join us for an evening of Minecrafting on the library servers! We'll also explore the world of *Minecraft* through activities, food, and games. Permission slips will be available at the Information Desk.

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5/23 WWII to Turn of the Century
Registration begins 5/9

Ages 12 - Adults. This four-week lecture series will focus on the history of the United States from the Revolution through 2000. It is intended as an overview of the major issues and events that have shaped American culture and politics today. Our guest lecturer, Gary Kavanagh, is a retired federal employee. He holds a Master of Modern History and Diplomacy from George Washington University. He also previously taught social studies in Prince George's County. A Celebrating America program. All attendees need to register.

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3D Printing:

Star Wars Cookie Cutters

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Life-Sized Games

Saturday, 5/21 at 6:30 pm

Registration begins 5/7

Ages 11 - 17. Join our Teen Advisory Board for some after-hours food and fun as we bring some of your favorite board and video games to life! Registration and permission slips are required. Only teens need to register.

FOR ADULTS

Westminster Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

3/2 *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

4/6 *The Girl on the Train*
by Paula Hawkins

5/4 *Innocence* by Dean Koontz

Adults. Please join us for a fun and exciting discussion of each month's featured title.

Needle Nuts

Thursdays at 6 pm

3/3, 4/7, 5/5

Adults. Knitters and crocheters are all welcome to join this monthly gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns.

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Medicare 101

Wednesday, 3/9 at 5 pm

Thursday, 4/7 at 5 pm

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Adults. Are you eligible for Medicare in the coming months? Do you already have Medicare and want to learn more?

Join us for a free one-hour workshop that will include how, when, and why to enroll in Medicare, Medicare parts A, B, C, and D and how they work, the difference between original Medicare and Part C Advantage plans, the basics of Medigap plans, and how to protect yourself from healthcare fraud. Presented by Tina Herrero-Backe SHIP/SMP Coordinator.

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The First Little Pig Got it Right - You CAN Build a House Out of Straw

Saturday, 3/19 at 1 pm

Adults. ...and keep the wolf at bay. Architect Sigi Koko of Down to Earth Design will tell you how to build naturally, including passive solar design, straw bale, natural plasters & paints, and cob. Learn how YOU can build a home that is healthy, energy and water efficient, and constructed from recycled and renewable materials. As Sigi says, "Taking green to the extreme is what we do."

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Isn't It Romantic?: Publishing in the Romance Genre

Sunday, 5/1 at 2 pm

Adults. The Washington Romance Writers roll back into town for the fourth consecutive year to share the latest tips and tricks for writing and publishing. Authors published in a variety of formats (traditional, digital-first, self-published, agented/unagented) will share their experiences in the ever-changing landscape of twenty-first century

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Getting Started with Your Genealogy

Saturday, 5/21 at 2 pm

Registration begins 5/7

Adults. If you have thought about searching for your ancestors, but did not know how to start, this presentation will kick-off your research with five easy steps! Ms. Eileen A Souza's presentation will include the importance of genealogy, how you begin your search, information on forms and resources used in genealogy, citing your sources, and how to improve your skills. A Celebrating America program.

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

BRANCH: Finksburg

TIME AT CCPL:

I began my career at Carroll County Public Library in 2004 at the Eldersburg Branch and have had the pleasure of working at 4 of the 6 branches over the last 12 years. I was most recently at the North Carroll branch, where I piloted a brand new collection of rubber stamps that can be checked out for 3 weeks – just like books!

FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING AT CCPL:

I love the sense of community the library creates. We get to know each other through our favorite books, hobbies, movies, and music. These things bring people together regardless of age or background.

MOST VALUABLE LESSON:

Never underestimate the power of reading. Stories are a way to connect to others and feel part of something bigger. With a book, you can climb a mountain, travel to new worlds without getting on a plane, find comfort and support in times of loss, learn new things, and scare yourself on a cold, dark, rainy night. Stories and books can be the best teachers and friends.



Meet Heather Owings, Branch Manager at Finksburg Branch.

"My very first after-school job in high school was at my local library in Ohio and I never left. Libraries, that is. I never left libraries. I obviously left Ohio."

HEATHER'S TOP 5:

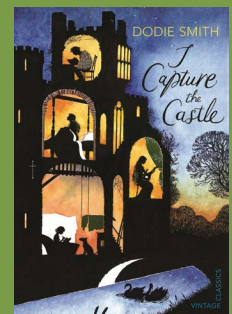
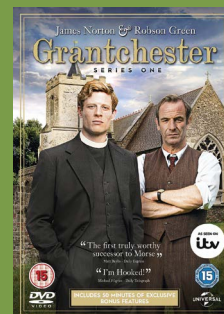
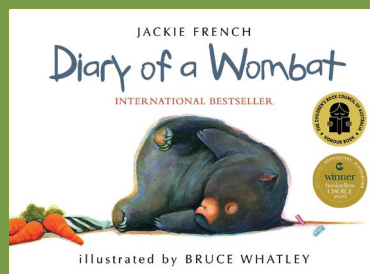
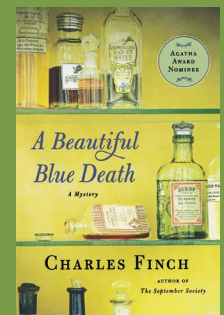
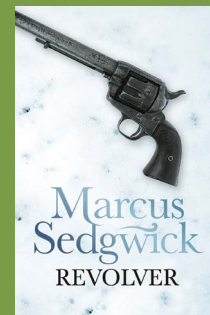
Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick

A Beautiful Blue Death
by Charles Finch

Diary of a Wombat
by Jackie French

Grantchester (DVD)

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith



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WATCH FOR THESE TITLES THIS SPRING!

Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Road Chip

The Big Short

Brooklyn

Carol

Concussion

Daddy's Home

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2

Norm of the North

Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice

Original Motion Picture Soundtrack

Emily's D + Evolution by Esperanza Spalding

Full Circle by Loretta Lynn

This Unruly Mess I've Made

by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

Us & the Night by 3 Doors Down

Worship & Believe by Steven Curtis Chapman

PlayStation 3

Aegis of Earth: Protonovus Assault

MLB 16: The Show

Syberia Complete

PlayStation 4

Let's Sing 2016

Moto GP 15

Rise of the Tomb Raider

Xbox One

Battleborn

Mega Man Legacy

Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Siege

Rock Band 4

Wii U

Lego Marvel Avengers

Mighty No. 9

Starfox Zero

Adult Nonfiction

America's Best Breakfasts: Favorite Local Recipes from Coast to Coast
by Lee Brian Schrager and Adeena Sussman

Charlotte Bronte: A Fiery Heart
by Claire Harman

Frederick the Great: King of Prussia
by T. C. W. Blanning

Free Your Child from Overeating: A Handbook for Helping Kids and Teens
by Michelle Maidenberg

Gardening for Butterflies: How You Can Attract and Protect Beautiful, Beneficial Insects
by The Xerces Society

Getting Started with Processing.py: Making Interactive Graphics with Python's Processing Mode
by Allison Parrish

Herb Gardening: How to Prepare the Soil, Choose Your Plants, and Care For, Harvest, and Use Your Herbs by Melissa Melton Snyder

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

The Longevity Book: The Science of Aging, the Biology of Strength, and the Privilege of Time
by Cameron Diaz and Sandra Bark

The Paper Trail: An Unexpected History of a Revolutionary Invention by Alexander Monro

Parent Hacks: 134 Genius Shortcuts for Life with Kids by Asha Dornfest

Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America by Douglas Brinkley

A Thinking Person's Guide to America's National Parks by Robert E. Manning

Unstuffed: Decluttering Your Home, Mind & Soul
by Ruth Soukup

A Wilder Life: A Season-By-Season Guide to Getting in Touch with Nature
by Celestine Maddy

Adult Fiction

The Last Mile by David Baldacci

Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben

Hide Away by Iris Johansen

Wilde Lake by Laura Lippman

No Safe Secret by Fern Michaels

'Til Death Do Us Part by Amanda Quick

Miller's Valley by Anna Quindlen

Obsession by Nora Roberts

Extreme Prey by John Sandford

Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline

Family Jewels by Stuart Woods

Easy

Bedtime Blastoff! by Luke Reynolds

Cat Nap by Toni Yuly

Henry Wants More! by Linda Ashman

How to Dress a Dragon
by Thelma Lynne Godin

Mom, There's a Bear at the Door
by Sabine Lipan

I Can Read

Busy Bug Builds a Fort by David A. Carter

Freckleface Strawberry: Loose Tooth!
by Julianne Moore

I See and See by Ted Lewin

The Little Rabbit by Judy Dunn

What This Story Needs Is a Hush and a Shush
by Emma J. Virjan

Juvenile Nonfiction

Eye Wonder: Viking by DK Publishing

Our Moon: New Discoveries about Earth's Closest Companion by Elaine Scott

Pink Is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals by Jess Keating

Science Stunts: Fun Feats of Physics
by Jordan D. Brown

What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About?: Poems for When a Person Needs a Poem by Judith Viorst

Juvenile Fiction

Dinosaur Boy Saves Mars
by Cory Putman Oakes

Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve

Saving Wonder by Mary Knight

Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider
by E. F. Abbott

The Black Dragon by Julian Sedgwick

Young Adult Fiction

Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit

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Titans by Victoria Scott

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