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Programs & Events Newsletter

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NOV/DEC 2023



**A NIGHT OF ENCHANTMENT**

**A FAIRY COSTUME BALL**

December 16, 2023 • Fletcher Library

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Washington County will be a vibrant, collaborative, educated and diverse community.

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# WHILBR WEBSITE LAUNCH

## Access History in a New Way!

**WHILBR (Western Maryland Historical Library)** has gotten a digital face-lift. Find its fresh look paired with easy access to rich historical collections from all three counties of Western Maryland including photographs, newspapers articles and indexes, rare books and more. Check it out today: [www.whilbr.org](http://www.whilbr.org)



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Information Literacy  
Digital Literacy  
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Homeschool Help  
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CHILDREN  
**WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

**Toddler Time**

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**Mondays Sept-Nov • 10 & 11 AM**

Ages 18-36 months

**Registration required**, please call:  
(301) 739-3250. Registration for Jan-  
Mar session begins Dec 1st.

**Infant Storytime**

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**Wednesdays Sept-Nov  
10 & 11 AM**

Ages 6-18 months

**Registration required**, please call:  
(301) 739-3250. Registration for Jan-  
Mar session begins Dec 1st.

**Preschool Storytime**

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**Fridays • 11:30 AM**

Ages 3-5

**Family Story Night**

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**Thursdays • 6:30 PM**

All ages

**Maryland Symphony Orchestra  
Storytime: Percussion**

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**Friday, Nov 3 • 11:30 AM**

**Storytime Room** (In place of Preschool Storytime)

Join Miss Abigail for a musical Storytime featuring percussionist, Julie Angelis Boehler, and the books *Max Found Two Sticks* and *Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb!*

**Read with a Pet**

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**Saturdays, Nov 4 and Dec 2 • 1 PM**

Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat. First come, first served.

**Saturday Movie Matinee**

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**First Saturday, Nov 4 • 2 PM**

**No movie in December**

At each showing, we will be raffling 2 free movie tickets generously donated to us from Warehouse Cinemas in Leitersburg!

Community Room

**11/4:** *Spiderman: Across the Spideverse*

**Make a Holiday Card**

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**Nov 13 - Dec 13 • All Day**

The Children's Department will collect holiday cards for patients at the VA Medical Center, Martinsburg. Make your own or sign purchased cards. Drop them off and brighten someone's holidays! Cards/card making supplies available in the Children's Dept.

## International Games Month

**Saturday, Nov 18 • All Day**

Drop into the Children's Department for board and word game fun. Games will be available during regular library hours.

## Little Explorers Preschool Science

**First Saturday, Nov 18 • 11 AM**

**No Little Explorers in December**

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

**Registration required > > >**

**11/18:** Fall STEM featuring paper plate scarecrows



## All Ages! Thanksgiving Craft: Pinecone Turkeys

**Thursday, Nov 16 • 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Conference Room - 334**

Get in the Thanksgiving spirit with these fun, easy-to-make pinecone turkeys!

(This craft is put on by **Adult Services**, not Children's Dept.)

**Registration required > > >**



## Legos in the Library

**Friday, Dec 8 • 3:30-4:30PM**

**No Legos in November**

All participants will be entered into a raffle drawing to win a Lego Aquadirt Racer building toy. All materials stay at the library. Ages 4+ **12/8:** Christmas Challenge: Come build something from your Christmas Wish List.

## The Holiday Shop

**Saturdays, Dec 2, 9, & 23 • All Day**

Stop by the Children's Department for make and take Christmas and Hanukkah ornaments. Each week will feature different projects. Supplies available during open hours.

## Santa Visit

**Thursday, Dec 14 • 6:30 PM**

Stop by for Santa's annual visit to the library. All ages welcome.

You can reach the  
Children's Department at:  
wcfchildren@washcolibrary.org  
301-739-3250



www.facebook.com/wcfkids

## Battle of the Books: Sign-up Month

### **All of November**

Registered teams of up to eight children in grades 4-6 (and a team manager) are welcome to participate in our annual Battle of the Books competition! Each team will receive a set of books to read and complete book-based projects before competing in book trivia-style contests in early spring. Teams may register at any WCFL branch during November. The library does not assist in forming teams. **For more information, contact Jeff Ridgeway at the library (301) 739-3250 or e-mail: [pr01@washcolibrary.org](mailto:pr01@washcolibrary.org).**

## Kids Discover Science

### **First Saturdays, Nov 4 and Dec 2 • 11 AM**

For kids ages 6-10.

**Registration required >>>**

**11/4:** Fall STEM featuring pumpkin spice slime

**12/2:** Holiday STEM featuring pinecone Christmas trees



## Elementary & Tween Take & Make

### **Weeks of Nov 13 and Dec 11 • All Week**

Pick up a kit during the designated week.

For ages 7-12.

**Registration required >>>**

**11/13:** Simple Science: Make Your Own Butter (just in time for Thanksgiving)

**12/11:** Simple Science: Candy Cane Crystals



## Homeschool Enrichment

### **Mondays, Nov 13 & 27 and Dec 11 • 2 PM**

For ages 6-13.

**Registration required >>>**

**11/13:** Play board games and monthly book club Jeopardy Challenge. Pick up your book for next month.

**11/27:** Washington County 4-H Program: Honeybee Challenge. Assemble model bees using bristle bot kits and construct foraging routes for the model bees to follow!

**12/11:** Join us for a showing of *A Muppet Christmas Carol* as a special celebration for our monthly book club.



## TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### Teen Chess Club

**Sundays, Nov 5 and Dec 3 • 2-4 PM**

Join us every first Sunday of the month!

### Yoga for Teens

**Mondays, Nov 13 & 27 and Dec 11  
5-6 PM**

Start your week off right with Yoga every other Monday night. Come breathe and relax in a safe and inclusive environment with Ms. Bonnie. All abilities welcome!

### Teen Chef

**Mondays, Nov 6 and Dec 4  
5-6 PM**

**11/6:** Come learn to make super easy apple dumplings then take the recipe home and wow your family for Thanksgiving!

**Registration here > > >**



**12/4:** We'll make Sugar and Gingerbread Cookies. After we make the dough, we will decorate some cooled cookies.

**Registration required**

### Teen Manga Club

**Mondays, Nov 20 and Dec 18 • 5-6 PM**

Come join us as we restart the popular Manga (and Anime) Club from last fall! Let's read manga, discuss manga, cook Japanese food, watch anime -- come help decide!

### Teen Digital Detox Happy Hour

**Monday, Nov 13 and Dec 11 • 6-7 PM**

Reduce stress, improve sleep, mood, self-esteem and more by disconnecting from devices. Unplug in the Teen Cave for an hour of screen-free fun. We provide activities or bring your own.

### Creative Corner

**Tuesdays • 5-7 PM**

Ms. Bonnie opens the craft cabinets for creative fun: jewelry, self-portraits, and so much more, check it out!

### Teen Writer's Workshop

**Saturday, Nov 18 • 3-4 PM**

Come bring your writing to life through new prompts, styles, and genres! We will peer-edit, share ideas, and create!

### Teen Study Session: Pumpkin Milk Shake Edition

**Friday, Nov 3 • 4-6 PM**

Register for the study session and Ms. Yesenia will make you a pumpkin milk shake when you arrive!



### Teen Open Mic Night

**Tuesday, Nov 14 • 5-7 PM**

Come show your talent! Poetry, guitar, hand stands -- we want to see you shine! Please register if you want to perform -- attendees can just show up.



### VolunTeen Orientation

**Fridays, Dec 8 & 22 • 5-5:30 PM**

Come to a short orientation to familiarize yourself with the expectations, potential jobs, and benefits of our VolunTeen program. Then you will be all set to earn SSL hours!

### Teen Holiday Party

**Friday, Dec 15 • 4-6 PM**

Get your party on with the Teens Department! Cookies, a virtual fireplace, crafts, and fun -- come be a part of it all.

## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### The Fletcher Film Series

**Monday, Nov 13 • 2-4 PM**

[Community Room 308/309](#)

Join us for our film series! Movies will be shown based around a common theme.

**November's theme: "K'e" in honor of National Native American Heritage Month.**

**11/13:** *Smoke Signals* (PG-13)

### Game Night at the Library

**Tuesday, Nov 14 • 5-7 PM**

**No Game Night in December**

[Conference Room 334](#)

Drop in to play a board game or two, or solve a murder mystery!

### Write Here, Write Now

**Thurs, Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 14, 28  
5:30-7 PM**

[Conference Room 334](#)

Do you like to write? Collaborate with other local writers, workshop works-in-progress, or just have a dedicated time and place to write.



## Financial Literacy Series

**Thursday, Nov 30 • 2-3 PM**

Computer Lab 315

Join Ladetra Robinson of Reach and keep your finances healthy! Learn daily money management, mastering your credit, conquering debt, getting & keeping your car on the road, and more!

**Registration will open Nov 9, 9:00am.**

## MCCAULEY LECTURE: An Era of Central Maryland Trolleys

**Monday, Nov 6 • 6-7:30 PM**

Community Room 308/309

Reuben Moss will provide this multimedia presentation as a tour through the history of the local trolley network. Mr. Moss uses maps, photographs and film clips to explore the reasons that trolleys first came to our region, how and why the railway grew, what made our trolley system unique, and some of the ways in which the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway trolleys continue to affect communities, even six decades after trolley service ended.

## A NIGHT OF ENCHANTMENT: Fairytale Costume Ball Fundraiser

**Saturday, Dec 16 • 6:30-9 PM**

The Washington County Free Library invites you to don your finest fairytale and magical attire for an immersive fundraiser costume ball at the Fletcher Library. Prepare to be transported to a world of mermaids, knights, mystical folk, magical creatures, and a fantastical adventure for all.

View the invitation  
& get tickets:



A variety of enchanting surprises await you during this immersive experience, including:

- delectable foods and specialty drinks
- exciting games, like jousting
- enchanted scavenger hunt
- creative activities and photo ops
- delightful music and dancing
- fortune telling of your happily ever after
- henna tattoos as a lasting adventure
- vendors with magical crafts, jewelry, and wares of all types
- costume contest to reward the most enchanting and imaginative costumes

### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

#### Toddler Time

**Tuesdays • 11 AM**

Gather with other toddlers to learn and enjoy Storytime with numbers, shapes, and colors!

Ages 18-36 months

#### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays • 3:30 PM**

Have FUN at Storytime! Develop a love of reading and school readiness.

Ages 3+

#### Infant Lap-sit

**Fridays • 11 AM**

Bring your baby to the library! Enjoy books with your child in a fun, interactive setting with other parents.

Ages 0-18 months

#### Themed Family Storytime

**Saturdays • 11 AM**

Seasonally themed storytime for all-plus, make and take a craft home!

All ages

#### Special Storytime:

#### Maryland Symphony Orchestra

**Friday, Nov 3 • 2 PM**

Join Miss Abigail for a live Maryland Symphony Orchestra Storytime featuring percussionist Julie Angelis

Boehler and the books:

*Max Found Two Sticks & Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb!*

**Registration requested > > >**



#### Invitation to Explore:

#### Cotton Swab Oil Paintings

**Wednesday, Nov 8 • 3:30 PM**

Join Ms. Lauren in a craft exploring the effect of oil and pastels and see what we can create together!

#### Holiday Window Popsicle Stick Ornament Craft Program

**Friday, Dec 8 • 4 PM**

Make a homemade gift or keepsake of this cute window frame ornament. Bring in a favorite small photo to frame. Enjoy each other's company with some hot chocolate. Ages 5-11

Space is limited, **please register per person > > >**



## Teens & Tweens: Board Games and Brownies

**Friday, Nov 17 • 4 PM**

Teens and Tweens are invited to play some board games and enjoy some brownies. Ages 10-18

## Shrinky Drinks!

**Wednesday, Dec 13 • 3:30 PM**

Join Ms. Lauren in creating a gift for you to give to someone special and watch the magic of shrinky dinks!

## Teens & Tweens: No Bake Cookies

**Friday, Dec 15 • 4 PM**

Teens and Tweens are invited to learn about making cookies without an oven. Bring your sweet tooth! Ages 12-18

**Registration Required >>>**



## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### ABC (Afternoon Book Club)

**Tuesdays, Nov 21 and Dec 19**

**3 PM**

Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the Month. All are welcome.

**11/21:** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

**12/19:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Betty Garmus

### Movie Nights for Grown-ups

**Tuesdays, Nov 14 and Dec 12**

**6 PM**

**11/14:** *5000 Blankets* (PG-13)

105 mins

**12/12:** *White Christmas* (Not Rated)

2 hrs

## Boonsboro Historical Society

**Speaker: Bob Savitt**

**Tuesday, Nov 28 • 5:30 PM**

Join the Boonsboro Historical Society Speaker, Bob Savitt, for his talk about Boonsboro and the National Road.

### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

#### Weekly Storytime

**Fridays • 11:30 AM**

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, songs, movement, and more.

Ages 2-5 with an adult

#### Lego Building Club

**Tuesdays, Nov 21 and Dec 19 • 3:45 PM**

Duplos and Legos provided. Try the monthly challenge or come up with your own design!

#### Mystery Book & Cherry Pie

In Memory of Arnita Ernst, who would like us all to read a mystery book and bake a cherry pie. Each month we will raffle off a mystery novel and you can pick up the recipe for Arnita's award winning cherry pie.

#### Wreath Making Demonstration

**Saturday, Nov 18 • 11-12 PM**

A member of the garden club will demonstrate the technique of wreath making. The wreath she creates during the demonstration will be raffled off.

**Registration required > > > 301-842-2730**

### ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

#### Adult Book Discussion

**First Wednesdays, Nov 1 and Dec 6  
11:15 AM**

Join other adults for a lively discussion and light refreshments.

**11/1: *Demon Copperhead* by  
Barbara Kingsolver**

**12/6: Book TBD**

#### Wreath Craft

**Saturday, Dec 2 • 11 AM**

Learn to make a fun wreath using sandwich baggies and ribbon. This craft is fun for the whole family!

**Registration required > > > 301-842-2730**

#### Christmas Town in Clear Spring

**Saturday, Dec 16**

**3-5 PM-** The library will be a stop on Memory Lane in Christmas Town.

**6-9 PM-** Join us for a craft and a sweet treat as we participate in this lovely town wide event. These events takes place in the lobby and community room. The Clear Spring Library will not be open at this time.

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PRESENTS...

A   
NIGHT OF  
& ENCHANTMENT  
FAIRYTALE COSTUME BALL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16  
6:30 - 9 PM  
FLETCHER LIBRARY

JOIN US  
IN A  
WORLD OF  
WONDER  
as the library  
transforms  
into whimsical  
realms of  
mermaids,  
knights,  
mystics,  
magic,  
& fairytales...



GET YOUR  
TICKETS  
TODAY!

See page 8 for  
more information

CHILDREN  
WEEKLY STORYTIME:

### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays • 11:30 AM**

**No Storytime Dec 27**

Join us for stories, movement, games and crafts for preschoolers. Siblings of any age are welcome to attend.

### Family Take & Make

**Nov and Dec • All Month**

Pick up a fun craft kit to do at home for ages 7 to adult. Younger children may require adult help. While supplies last.

**Nov:** Yarn Gnome

**Dec:** Surprise Craft!

**Registration required > > >**



### Children's Take & Make

**Nov and Dec • All Month**

A take-home craft kit for children up to age 6.

**Nov:** Paper Tube Snowman

**Dec:** Paper Tube Reindeer  
Marionette

**Registration required > > >**



### Family Craft Saturdays

**Saturdays, Nov 18 and Dec 16 • 12-2 PM**

Come and get creative! We offer a different craft each month.

**11/18:** Recycled Book Tree

**12/16:** Cloth Holiday Ornaments

**Registration required > > >**



### STEM Club

**Wednesday, Nov 22 • 3-4 PM**

**No STEM in December**

Elementary age students can enjoy group Minecraft Roblox, build with Legos and Rig-a-Ma-Jigs, and program with Spheros and Cubetto. Different STEM activity each month. Ages 5-11

**11/22:** Group Minecraft

**Registration required > > >**



### Homeschool Day at the Library

**Wednesdays, Nov 15 and Dec 20 • 3 PM**

This year's group will have an art theme. Students will learn about different styles of art, and will create pieces to display in an art show at the library for Youth Art Month in March.

**11/15:** 3-D Art

**12/16:** Puppetry & annual Cookie Exchange



## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### Adult Book Club

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**Wednesdays, Nov 15 and Dec 20  
5-6 PM**

Join this lively and fun book discussion. Each month participants will discuss a book chosen by a member of the group.

### Cricut Maker Club

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**Saturdays, Nov 18 and Dec 16  
10-11:30 AM**

Do you have a new Cricut, but you don't know where to start? Do you have some good tricks and tips you'd like to share? This program is for you! There will be a Cricut Air II, Maker, Maker 3 and 2 Cricut Joys available for use during this program. For ages 9 - Adult.

**11/18:** Basic paper cutting, print-then-cut, and vinyl cutting

**12/16:** Make a holiday ornament

**Registration required: 301-678-5300.**

Call the library with any questions you may have before the program so we can find the answers!

### TeenZone Craft

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**Nov and Dec • All Month**

Find a new craft activity each month in our Young Adults section.

### Night at Martha's House

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**Tuesdays, Nov 7 and Dec 5 • 5:30-7 PM**

Come enjoy a family dinner and a craft! Doors open at 5:30 for dinner, with the program following.

**11/7:** Craft TBD

**12/5:** Reindeer ornament and reading of *The Night Before Christmas*.

### U.S. Propaganda Posters of WWI

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**Tuesday, Nov 21 • 6 PM**

In this month of celebrating veterans, come to the Hancock Library to find out about the work of the Division of Pictorial Publicity of the Committee for Public Information in World War 1. We'll review posters designed for recruiting, as well as those designed to manage resources on the home front, to encourage gardening, and to involve people in non-military roles. We'll find out why these posters were produced, who the artists were, which images have persisted, and why "Liberty" began to take over from "Columbia" as the embodiment of the spirit of the Nation.

### Take & Make Crafts for Kids

Pick up a Craft Kit at Keedysville Branch with all of the materials necessary.

**November Kit:** Craft a Seasonal Card- Make a card thanking a Veteran in your life or thanking someone who helped you.

**December Kits:** A variety of different crafts will be available for pick-up at the library on a first come, first served basis.

### Take & Make Crafts for Adults

Pick up a Craft Kit at Keedysville Branch with all of the materials necessary.

**November Kit:** Seasonal Centerpiece Craft- Adults are invited to craft a vase and glass bead based centerpiece for their holiday table or to give as a gift. Available while supplies last.

### Holiday Stories, Gazebo & Hot Cocoa!

**Saturday, Dec 9 • 10:15-2PM**

Come get some holiday stories to read in the gazebo while enjoying a nice warming cup of cocoa which will be available all Saturday.

## *Your* **Digital Library**



### Libby

Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines to read on your phone, tablet, or ereader using the Libby by OverDrive app!



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### Kanopy

Access more than 30,000 films instantly. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app.



## CHILDREN

### WEEKLY STORYTIME:

#### Themed Storytime

**Thursdays • 3:30 PM**

Gather with other children for stories and a craft!

Ages 3+

#### Special Storytimes

**Thursdays, Nov 2, 9 and Dec 21 • 3:30 PM**

**11/2:** Special STEM story time in honor of the Maryland STEM Festival.

**11/9:** Story Time for National Native American Heritage Month.

**12/21:** Santa will be here! He will read a story and make balloon animals. Bring a camera for a picture with Mr. Claus.

#### Lego Club

**Saturdays, Nov 4 and Dec 2 • 10 AM**

Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

#### Maryland STEM Festival Challenge

**Week of October 31 • During open hours**

Stations will be set up with art supplies, Legos and materials to make a Junkbot! All ages!

#### Homeschool Book Club

**Wednesdays, Nov 8 • 1 PM | Dec 13 • 2 PM**

**11/8:** *On the Banks of Plum Creek* by Laura Ingalls Wilder- After discussion of the book, Jesse Rogers, Vice president of the Sharpsburgh Museum of History, will bring his Native American artifacts to share.

**12/13:** *Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg- Discussion and activities relating to the book.

## ADULT

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

#### Adult Book Share

**Wednesdays, Nov 1 and Dec 6 • 1 PM**

What is your favorite current or holiday read? Join us!

#### Movie Night

**Thursday, Nov 9 • 5:30 PM**

Join us for a showing of *Indian Horse* about an Indigenous boy who finds refuge in hockey. Ages 14+

#### Annual Holiday Jazz Concert

**Tuesday, Dec 5 • 7 PM**

Sit back relax and enjoy cookies and the live holiday music of Bob Sykes, Scott Silbert and Anita Thomas! A lovely holiday tradition.

### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

#### Infant Storytime

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 11 AM**

Join us in the Children's Room.  
Ages 6-18 months

#### Toddler Time

**Thursdays • 11 AM**

Join us in the Community Room.  
Ages 18-36 months

#### Preschool Storytime

**Fridays • 11 AM**

Join us in the Community Room.  
Ages 3-5

#### Saturday Storytime

**Saturdays • 11:30 AM**

Join us in the Children's Room. Miss Charlotte has planned exciting themes! All ages

#### Make and Take Craft Kits

**Nov:** Jump Up Character- Build a fall animal on a spring and make it jump.

**Dec:** Beaded Wreath- Make a beaded wreath to hang on your tree.

#### Simple STEM Challenge Kits

**Nov:** Static Flyer- Use a balloon to make objects fly!

**Dec:** Christmas Paper Circuit Card- Create a card for a loved one that lights up.

#### Storytime in Our Town: Smithsburg EMS

**Saturday, Nov 18 • 11:30 AM**

Little readers! Meet us at Smithsburg EMS Inc. for this Community Saturday Storytime featuring a guided tour, meet EMS heroes and hear stories. Meet at:

Smithsburg EMS Inc.  
8 N. Maple Ave.  
Smithsburg, MD.

**Register online > > >**



#### Holiday Storytime

**Saturday, Dec 9 • 11:30 AM**

Join us for a special storytime about the holidays. A craft will be included. **Register online >**



### Junk Drawer Robotics

**Thursday, Nov 16 • 4-5:30 PM**

Youth will explore movement and friction by testing a small box on a number of surfaces, looking at static friction and sliding friction. Youth will then test rolling friction by adding wheels (cylinders) or rollers as a way to overcome the overall friction of an item. Youth will plan and design a vehicle to maximize its ability to coast based on considering the effects of friction.

For ages 8-14.

**Register online > > >**



### Lego Nights

**Mondays, Nov 20 and Dec 11 • 5-6 PM**

LEGO nights are back and we will be building a drop test with 20 LEGO pieces and something for the holidays or free build.

### Polar Express

**Wednesday, Dec 6 • 4:30 PM**

Climb aboard for a showing of the *Polar Express* where hot chocolate and popcorn will be served.

**Register online > > >**

Then stop by the library for your ticket to board the train!



### TEEN

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

#### It's Game Night!

**Tuesdays, Nov 7 and Dec 5, 19  
6:30 - 8 PM**

The library is partnering with DragonXGames to host game night. Dungeons and Dragons, Magic the Gathering, and board games are available. Bring your favorite board game too!

Ages 10+ Help us prep-

**Register online > > >**



### Metal Foil Art

**Wednesday, Nov 8 • 5:30 PM**

Teens and Tweens, create a piece of art rubbing foil over a mold. **Register online > > >**



### Terra Cotta Snowman Pot

**Monday, Dec 18 • 5 PM**

Teens and Tweens, paint a pot to look like a snowman. Place a bag of candy in the top and give as a gift. **Register online >**



### ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

#### Knit, Crochet & Craft Group

**Fridays • 10:30 AM - 1 PM**  
**(Except Nov 10 and Nov 24)**

Bring your own project and join the group.

#### Writers Group

**Saturdays, Nov 18 and Dec 9**  
**10:15 AM**

Join us for this fun and informal group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

#### Movie Night \*New Time\*

**Tuesdays, Nov 14 and Dec 12 • 6 PM**

Join us for free showings of great movies.

**11/14:** *About My Father* (PG-13)

**12/12:** *Prancer: A Christmas Tale* (PG)

#### Adult Book Club

**Tuesday, Nov 28 • 5 PM**

**No Book Club in December**

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

**11/28:** *Only the Beautiful* by Susan Meissner

#### Make & Take Kit:

#### Salt Shaker Snowman

**November - while supplies last**

Create a cute snowman out of a glass salt shaker. Everything will be provided in the kit. For teens and adults.

#### Diabetes Prevention Program

**Monday, Nov 13 • 6 PM**

Diabetes is a health issue that affects 1 in 10 Americans. 1 in 3 adult Americans are prediabetic. Do you want to know what causes diabetes and how to prevent it? The Washington County Health Department will present this program. To register,

**Please call 301-824-7722**  
**or go online > > >**



#### Make a Holiday Card

**November 13 - December 8**

The Smithsburg Branch will collect holiday cards for the patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. You can make your own cards or sign purchased cards. Drop your cards off today, and thanks for brightening up someone's holidays! Card making supplies and cards to sign will be available at the Smithsburg Branch.

# SMITHSBURG

# WILLIAMSPORT

## Ornament Making- All Ages

**Tuesday, Nov 28 • 6:30 PM**

Join us for our annual ornament making event. We hope to make 3 ornaments this year including a macramé ornament and a decorated canning ring.

**Registration is limited and required by calling 301-824-7722 or online > > >**



## Library Holiday Open House

**Friday, December 1 • 6-8 PM**

Enjoy some refreshments at the library after Smithsburg's tree-lighting ceremony in Veterans Park. Tour our building, pick up a free craft-kit for the kids, check out the used book sale and Santa should be here. Also, at 7:30 PM, children of all ages are welcome to enjoy "Storytime by the Fire."

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### CHILDREN

## WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

### Musical Monday Storytime

**Mondays • 11 AM**

**No Storytime Dec 25**

Sing, dance, and learn together! Small craft will be provided after story time.  
Ages 0-6

### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays • 11 AM**

Books, music, and educational activities!  
Ages 2-6

## Special Storytime Around Town

**Wednesdays, Nov 1 and Dec 6 • 11 AM**

Join us the first Wednesday of the month!

**11/1:** Williamsport Town Hall:

2 N Conococheague St, Williamsport MD

**12/6:** Springfield Barn – Celebration of Trees Display (dress warmly it will be cold)  
2 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, MD

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### STEM Playtime for Preschoolers

**Wednesdays • 11:30 AM**

Join us after Preschool Storytime for educational play, learning a craft, or a STEM project. Ages 2-6

### Family Craft Night

**Tuesdays, Nov 14 and Dec 12 • 5-6:30 PM**

All ages welcome to this family craft night. Spend an hour making some fun crafts together with your family. In November we will offer materials to create ornaments for the Williamsport Library Christmas Tree in the Barn. You can also add your name to the "Nice List" garland for participating.

### Celebration of Trees

**Dec 2, 8, 9, 16 • 3-9 PM**

**Dec 5, 12 • 11AM - 4PM**

**Dec 3, 10, 17 • 2-7 PM**

Visit the barn this season and locate the Williamsport Memorial Library Tree. Find the ornaments made by you, our patrons, and take a selfie with our Tree to share with us on Facebook @WCFLWilliamsport!  
Springfield Barn is located at:  
2 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, MD 21795

### Tween Craft Night

**Wednesdays, Nov 29 and Dec 27 • 5-6 PM**

Join us for a craft time just for tweens. Too old for Storytime? Not ready for our teen programs? This event is just for you!

Ages 8-12

**11/29:** Hand Print Doodle/

Zentangle Art

**12/27:** New Year's Eve Poppers

**Registration required > > >**



### Teen Escape Room

**Tuesdays, Dec 19 • 4-6 PM**

Our Teen Escape Rooms are back! Join us for a fun solving puzzles, seeking clues before the time runs out! **Location:**

Clear Spring Branch, 12624 Broadfording Road, Clear Spring, MD

**Reserve a team slot > > >**

**or [wil@washcolibrary.org](mailto:wil@washcolibrary.org)**

or drop in to join another team.



### Winter Solstice Party

**Thursday, Dec 21 • 5-6:30 PM**

Join us to help celebrate the Winter Solstice, the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. We will share winter books, crafts, and activities.

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## MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### Williamsport Book Club

**Thursdays, Nov 2 and Dec 7**  
**1:30 - 2:30 PM**

Our Book Club is a smaller group, with a lively and engaging book discussion. Books are selected in advance by members. With a mix of classics, Pulitzer Prize nominees and winners, modern fiction, and historical fiction, there is something for everyone. All are welcome, no previous Book Club experience required.

**11/2:** *The Maid* by Nita Prose

**12/7:** *The 100 Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin

### Coping for Caregivers Series: Creating a Season of Joy as a Caregiver; Hints for the Holidays

**Friday, Nov 3 • 1 PM**

Caregivers have a difficult role. This program, presented by Commonwealth Senior Living of Hagerstown, shares tips to help find joy while caring for your loved one during the busy holiday season.

### Diabetes Prevention Program

**Monday, Nov 6 • 1 PM**

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Do you know the symptoms and signs of Diabetes? Join us for a program with the Washington County Health Department program all about this disease and how to prevent it.

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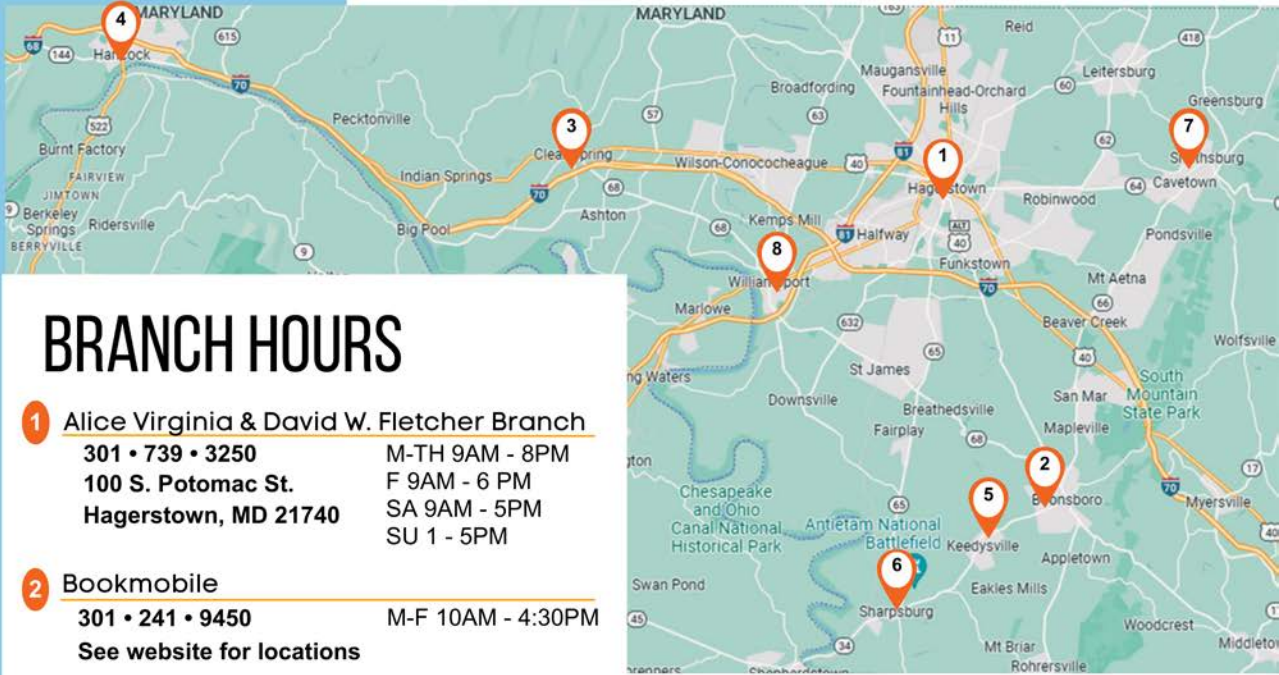
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# LIBRARY BRANCH MAP:



## BRANCH HOURS

- 1 Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch**  
**301 • 739 • 3250** M-TH 9AM - 8PM  
**100 S. Potomac St.** F 9AM - 6 PM  
**Hagerstown, MD 21740** SA 9AM - 5PM  
 SU 1 - 5PM
- 2 Bookmobile**  
**301 • 241 • 9450** M-F 10AM - 4:30PM  
**See website for locations**
- 2 Boonsboro Free**  
**301 • 432 • 5723** M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM  
**401 Potomac Street** F 10:30AM - 6PM  
**Boonsboro, MD 21713** SA 10:15AM - 3PM
- 3 Clear Spring Memorial**  
**301 • 842 • 2730** T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM  
**12624 Broadfording Rd.** F 11:30AM - 6PM  
**Clear Spring, MD 21722** SA 10:15AM - 2PM
- 4 Hancock Veterans Memorial**  
**301 • 678 • 5300** T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM  
**231 Hancock Veterans** F 11:30AM - 6PM  
**Pkwy Hancock, MD 21750** SA 10:15AM - 2PM
- 5 Keedysville Branch**  
**301 • 432 • 6641** T-W 11AM - 2PM  
**22 Taylor Drive** SA 10:15AM - 2PM  
**Keedysville, MD 21756**
- 6 Sharpsburg Branch**  
**301 • 432 • 8825** T-TH 1:30 - 7PM  
**106 East Main St.** SA 9:15AM - 1PM  
**Sharpsburg, MD 21782**
- 7 Smithsburg Branch**  
**301 • 824 • 7722** M,W,TH 10:30AM - 7PM  
**66 West Water St.** T 11:30 - 8PM  
**Smithsburg, MD 21783** F 10:30AM - 6PM  
 SA 10:15AM - 3PM
- 8 Williamsport Memorial** **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**  
**301 • 739 • 3250** (Call Fletcher Branch during closure)  
**Programs:** Williamsport Town Hall  
 2 N Conococheague St. Williamsport, MD 21795  
**Book Drop:** 104 East Potomac St.  
 Williamsport, MD 21795

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- **Veteran's Day (Observance)** — Friday, November 10
- **Veteran's Day** — Saturday, November 11
- **Thanksgiving Day** — Thursday, November 23
- **Day After Thanksgiving** — Friday, November 24
- **Christmas Eve Day** — Sunday, December 24
- **Christmas Day** — Monday, December 25