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JAN/FEB 2024



## Writers/Poets Contest

All ages are encouraged to submit their work between January 2 - March 15!

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# Take *your* **Child** to the **Library** **DAY!**



**FEBRUARY 3**

Visit your local library branch and celebrate all we have to offer!

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WCFL is combining efforts with Hagerstown Community College to promote Douglass Day. Celebrate and help the attempt to transcribe all 8,731 pages of the correspondence of Frederick Douglass from the Library of Congress!



# SAVE THE DATE

DOUGLASS DAY

FEB 14, 2024

2-3 PM

HCC campus

[DouglassDay.org](http://DouglassDay.org)

*Yours Truly  
Fred Douglass.*

### PLEASE NOTE:

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CHILDREN

WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddler Time

**Mondays, Jan-Mar • 10 & 11 AM**

Ages 18-36 months

**Registration required**, please call:

(301) 739-3250.

Infant Storytime

**Weds, Jan-Mar • 10 & 11 AM**

Ages 6-18 months

**Registration required**, please call:

(301) 739-3250.

Preschool Storytime

**Fridays • 11:30 AM**

Ages 3-5

Family Story Night

**Thursdays • 6:30 PM**

All ages

**Special Preschool Storytime:**

**Celebrate Snow**

**Friday, Jan 12 • 11:30 AM**

We'll be having a fun snow Preschool Storytime and making a snow craft!

Read with a Pet

**First Saturdays, Jan 6 and Feb 3 • 1 PM**

Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat.

First come, first served.

Saturday Movie Matinee

**First Saturdays, Jan 6 and Feb 3 • 2 PM**

**Community Room**

**1/6:** *Elemental*

**2/3:** *Ruby Gilman, Teenage Kraken*

Little Explorers Preschool Science

**Saturdays, Jan 20 and Feb 17 • 11 AM**

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

**1/20:** Winter STEM featuring painting with ice

**2/9:** Create your own glow in the dark firefly

**Registration required > > >**



Valentine's Day Party

**Wednesday, Feb 14 • 4 PM**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your favorite children's librarians! We'll have stories, snacks, games, & Valentine's craft project.

For ages 3+

**Registration requested > > >**







## Kids Discover Science

**First Saturdays, Jan 6 and Feb 3 • 11 AM**

Storytime and instruction begin promptly at 11am, but the room is open to complete activities until 12pm. For ages 6-10

**1/6:** Winter STEM featuring painting with ice

**2/3:** Create your own glow in the dark firefly

**Registration required > > >**



## Legos in the Library

**Fridays, Jan 12 and Feb 9 • 3:30-5 PM**

Drop in between 3:30-5:00 PM. All materials stay at the library. For children ages 4+

**1/12:** Winter Animals Challenge: Come put your Lego skills to the test to build your favorite wintery critter.

**2/9:** Castles: Can you build the biggest castle? The tallest? The most colorful? Come to Lego club and see!

## Make a Valentine

**Jan 16 - Feb 5 • All Day**

The Children's Department is collecting Valentines for participants in the Meals on Wheels program. Supplies will be available upon request or bring in Valentines from home!

## Homeschool Enrichment

**Mondays, Jan 8, 22 and Feb 12, 26 • 2 PM**

For ages 6-13

**1/8:** Go on an indoor scavenger hunt to learn all about animal tracking, and make your own animal track stamp. Pick up your book for February's book club.

**1/22:** Intro to Code. Learn about the power of coding and build your own video game to share with your friends.

**2/12:** Play board games and compete in Book Club Jeopardy. Pick up your book for next month.

**2/26:** Strawberry DNA Extraction. See what makes up your favorite fruit and learn about biotechnology.

Ages 8 to 13.

**Registration required > > >**



### Elementary/Tween Take & Make

**Weeks of Jan 16 & Feb 12 • All Day**

Pick up your kit during the designated week.

Make it at home. For ages 7-12

**1/16-20:** Snowball Launcher

**2/12-17:** Race Car Ramp

**Registration required > > >**



### Tween STEAM Club

**Fridays, Jan 19 & Feb 23 • 3:30 PM**

For ages 9-12.

**1/19:** How cool are mushrooms? Build your own perler bead 'shroom & learn how these funky fungi grow.

**2/23:** Baking is Chemistry! See a chemical reaction happen in the microwave as you make a chocolate mug cake

**Registration Required > > >**



### ALL AGES

ANNUAL

# Writers & Poets

CONTEST

**JANUARY 2 - MARCH 15**

Writers and poets in grades 2-3, grades 4-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12, and adults are invited to submit **up to two poems & one short story**

For additional submission guidelines contact

**The Children's Department:**

[wcfchildren@washcolibrary.org](mailto:wcfchildren@washcolibrary.org)

301-739-3250

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## TEEN

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

### Teen Game Night

**Thursdays • 5-7 PM**

Come meet Ms. Yesenia and play games with your friends, from Switch to card games and foosball, you get to choose!

### Creative Corner

**Tuesdays, Jan 2 & 16 • Feb 6 & 20 | 5-7PM**

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

### VolunTeen Orientation

**Fridays, Jan 5 & 19 | Feb 2 & 16 • 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 Digital Detox Happy Hour

**Mondays, Jan 8, 22 and Feb 12, 26 • 5-7 PM**

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

### Winter Craft: Pinecone Owls

**Thursday, Jan 11 • 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Conference Room 334**

Join us for a little winter fun as we craft these cute pinecone owls!

### Book & Tea Tasting for National Tea Month

**Friday, Jan 12 • 4-6 PM**

Come enjoy a variety of teas for National Tea Month and go on a blind-date with a book to check out! Read the one-sentence synopsis about the book and choose one that seems interesting!

### Teen Nerf War

**Saturday, Jan 13 • 2-4 PM**

**Community Room 308/309**

Come join the Teens Dept in our Teen Nerf War! Bring your own blasters (they will not be provided)! Bring some water and easy-to-clean-up snacks to stay fueled!

Playing rough will not be allowed.

Join the fun in a friendly battle!

- **Registration required > > >**
- **Sign-in required before entering room**
- **Signed waiver is required (if under 18, you need a guardian to sign before or day of event!)**



## Teen Writer's Workshop

**Saturdays, Jan 20 and Feb 17 • 3-4 PM**

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

## Teen Chef

**Monday, Feb 5 • 5-6 PM**

If you like tomato soup from a can (or even if you don't) you will LOVE this easy recipe that makes the classic tomato soup and grilled cheese fantastic! Come join us as we make some warming soup for a cold month!

## California Dreaming Party

**Sunday, Feb 11 • 2-5 PM**

In the middle of winter we will dispel the blues and enjoy some summer themed fun! Join us for a taste of sun in the cold gray!

## ¡Conversemos!

### Spanish/English Chat Group

**Monday, Jan 29 • 11 AM - 12 PM**

**Conference Room 334**

Want to brush up on your language skills, but need speaking practice? This informal group for speakers of both English and Spanish is the perfect opportunity to learn in a fun, no-pressure environment.

## ADULT

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### Fletcher Film Series

**Monday, Jan 8, 22 and Feb 5, 20 • 2-4 PM**

Join us for our film series! No registration required. Water and popcorn will be served.

**Note: The film series is intended for older teens and adults. Children under the age of 17 should be accompanied by an adult.**

**January Theme: "Back in Time"**

**Conference Room 334**

**1/8: *Back to the Future* (PG)**

**1/22: *Arrival* (PG-13)**

**February Theme: "Love Stinks"**

**Community Room 308/309**

**2/5: *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*(R)**

**2/20: *Promising Young Woman* (R)**

### Game Night at the Library

**Tuesdays, Jan 9 and Feb 13 • 5-7 PM**

**Conference Room 334**

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





## Write Here, Write Now

**Thursdays, Jan 11, 25 and Feb 8, 22  
5:30-7 PM | Conference Room 334**

Come collaborate with other local writers, workshop works-in-progress, or just have a dedicated time and place to write.

## Hagerstown Homesteaders

**Fridays, Jan 19 and Feb 16 • 2-3 PM  
Conference Room 334**

Join us to kick off this new, monthly Gardening Club! This club will teach you how to lay out garden plots, start indoor seedlings, transplant and direct sow seeds, garden maintenance, soil amendment, organic treatments for pest control, harvesting, canning and food preservation, plus so much more. At the kick off meeting, you will get your own starter kit! Join us as we partner with Mother Nature and learn self sufficiency and resilience.

**January's theme:** Seed catalogs, sprouting, and planning garden layout.

**Registration required > > >**



## MCCAULEY LECTURE: 'The Rebels is Running Over our Parents': Recruiting Virginia Unionists into the Potomac Home Brigade

**Monday, Feb 5 • 6-7:30 PM  
Community Room 308/309**

Join Travis Shaw, Director of Education for the Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area, as he discusses the "Home Brigade" that was created to defend western Maryland from rebel incursions. Learn about the three regiments of infantry and one battalion of cavalry that guarded the vital transportation networks in Maryland and West Virginia.

## Guided Mindful Meditation

**Thursday, Feb 22 • 2-3 PM  
Conference Room 334**

Got the post holiday blues? Tired of the cold weather? Feeling stressed out? February *Schmebruary blahs*? Please join us for a Guided Mindful Meditation session where we will explore the benefits of mindful breathing, daily meditation and embark on a deep guided meditation experience.

You won't want to miss this.

**Registration required > > >**



Quiere repasar sus conocimientos lingüísticos, pero necesita practicar el habla? Este grupo informal para hablantes de inglés y español es la oportunidad perfecta para aprender en un ambiente divertido y sin presiones.

### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

#### Toddler Time

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**Tuesdays • 11 AM**

Gather with other toddlers to learn and enjoy Storytime with numbers, shapes, and colors! Ages 18-36 months

#### Preschool Storytime

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**Wednesdays • 3:30 PM**

Have FUN at Storytime! Develop a love of reading and school readiness. Ages 3+

#### Infant Lap-sit

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**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

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**Saturdays • 11 AM**

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

#### Bubble Painting

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**Wednesday, Jan 10 • 3:30 PM**

Join Ms. Lauren for bubble printing fun. Using soap, paint, and a straw we will create our own original designs on paper.

#### Special Storytime:

#### Sensory Play for Toddlers

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**Friday, Jan 26 • 11:45-1 PM**

Children (ages from birth to 5 years old) will engage in different activities to enhance their senses and experience interaction through sensory play.

**Register to reserve your spot >**



#### DIY Valentine Cards

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**February 1 - 14 • All Day**

Drop in and make a card for your Valentines! Supplies will be provided for your creative spirit.

#### Special Storytime:

#### Sweet Storytime

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**Wednesday, Feb 14 • 3:30 PM**

Join Ms. Lauren for a sweet story time where we will read books make bookmarks as gifts for the one's we love!



## Teens & Tweens: Scavenger Hunt

**All of January**

Teens and Tweens are invited to pick up a scavenger hunt puzzle sheet at the desk and see if they can finish the hunt for clues.

Ages 10-18

## Teens & Tweens: No Bake Cooking

**Friday, Feb 23 • 4 PM**

Teens and Tweens are invited to learn about more ways of cooking without the need for a stove. Ages 12-18

**Registration Required > > >**



## Low-Waste Living Workshop

**Wednesday, Jan 17 • 5:30 PM**

Learn simple, practical ways to live a more low waste lifestyle that will not only help to preserve our environment, but help build community, save money and improve quality of life. Members of Boonsboro Green Fest's Zero Waste Exchange (ZWE) will host this session that will include a Meet and Greet with refreshments, a panel discussion on their attempts to live a Zero Waste life, and a Swap Table, where participants are encouraged to bring items from home that they no longer need in order to share with other participants.

## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### ABC (Afternoon Book Club)

**Tuesdays, Jan 16 and Feb 20 • 3 PM**

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

**1/16:** Discussing *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

**2/20:** Discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

### Movie Nights for Grown-ups

**Tuesdays, Jan 9 and Feb 13 • 6 PM**

**1/9:** *Land* (PG-13) 1hr 29 min

**2/13:** *Till* (PG-13) 2 hr 10 min

## Adult Craft Night:

### Paper Wreath Making

**Thursday, Feb 8 • 5:30 PM**

Join us to make a fun wreath to take home with you.

**Registration Required > > >**



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### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

#### Weekly Storytime

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**Fridays • 11:30 AM**

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

Ages 2-5 with an adult.

#### Lego Building Club

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**Tuesdays, Jan 16 and Feb 20 • 3:45 PM**

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

We will be focusing on Fun with Physics

#### Homeschool Activities

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**Thursdays, Jan 11 and Feb 8 • 1:30 PM**

Join us for learning physics with Legos!

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

#### Make & Take:

#### Valentines Card Lollipop Holder

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**Tuesday, Feb 6 • All Day**

Make fun valentines for all your classmates!

#### Mystery Book & Cherry Pie

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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.



### ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

#### Adult Book Discussion

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**Weds, Jan 3 and Feb 7 • 11:15 AM**

Join other adults on the first Wednesday of the month for a lively discussion and light refreshments.

#### Adult Craft

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**Saturday, Jan 20 and Feb 17 • 11-12 PM**

Join us for crafts that are enjoyable to make and useful too!

**1/20:** Crushed Glass Votive Candles

**2/17:** Japanese Book Binding- a fun, easy and inexpensive way to create cards, notebooks and journals

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## Valentine's Day Fun *at the Branches*

### Make a Valentine

Jan 16 - Feb 2 • All Day | Smithsburg  
Jan 16 - Feb 5 • All Day | Hagerstown  
February 1 - 14 • All Day | Boonsboro  
Tuesday, Feb 6 • All Day | Clear Spring

### Storytimes

Saturday, Feb 10 • 11:30 AM | Smithsburg \*  
Wednesday, Feb 14 • 3:30 PM | Boonsboro  
Thursday, Feb 15 • 3:30 PM | Sharpsburg

### Valentine's Day Party

Wednesday, Feb 14 • 4 PM | Hagerstown \*

### Craft Nights

Adult Craft Quilled Hearts | Wednesday, Feb 7 • 5:30 PM | Williamsport  
Tween Craft Heart Art | Wednesday, Feb 28 • 5-6 PM | Williamsport

### Craft Kits

Hearts & Bookmarks | February • All Month | Keedysville  
Heart Garland | February • All Month | Hancock \*  
Pom Pom Love Bug | February • All Month | Smithsburg



\*Registration required. See individual branch sections for more info.

### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

#### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays • 11:30 AM**

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

#### Children's Take & Make

**Jan and Feb • All Month**

Stop by the library to pick up a take-home craft kit for children. Ages 6+

**Jan:** Crystal Snowflakes

**Feb:** Heart Garland

**Registration required > > >**



#### Family Craft Saturdays

**Saturdays, Jan 20 and Feb 17 • 12-2 PM**

Come and get creative! We offer a different craft each month. These crafts are for ages 5 to adult and are in-house only. They will not be sent out as "take-and-make" kits.

**1/20:** "Gumball machine" candy jar

**2/17:** Antique stamp decoupage box

**Registration required > > >**



#### STEAM Club

**Wednesday, Jan 24 and Feb 28 • 3-4 PM**

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

**1/24:** LEGO Creations and games

**2/28:** Building with Rig-a-Ma-Jigs

**Registration required > > >**



#### Homeschool Day at the Library

**Wednesdays, Jan 17 and Feb 21 • 3-4 PM**

This year we are focusing on art. All ages are welcome!

**1/17:** The Art of Picasso. **\*\*\*Field trip prior to this activity:** Hagerstown Museum of Fine Art — Picasso exhibit. Please call the library at 301-678-5300 for more details.

**2/21:** Clay Sculpture

#### TeenZone Craft

**Jan and Feb • All Month**

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







ADULT  
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### Adult Book Club

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**Wednesdays, Jan 17 and Feb 21**

**5-6 PM**

Join this lively and fun book discussion on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Each month participants will discuss a book chosen by a member of the group. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the month's selection.

**1/17:** *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

**2/21:** Book will be chosen at the January program

### Cricut Maker Club

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**Saturdays, Jan 20 and Feb 17 • 10 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.

**1/20:** Using Cricut Joy for greeting cards

**2/17:** Sublimation

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

### Night at Martha's House

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**Tuesdays, Jan 23 and Feb 27 • 5:30-7 PM**

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

### U.S. Propaganda Posters of WWI

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**Thursday, Jan 18 • 6 PM**

Find out about the work of the Division of Pictorial Publicity of the Committee for Public Information in World War 1. We will 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 will find out why they 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.

### Indoor Cornhole at the Library!

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**Thursday, Feb 15 • 6 PM**

Here's your chance to get out of the house on a dreary winter afternoon and try your hand at this popular game. No experience necessary, this will just be a fun and relaxed evening of learning the basics, eating snacks, and having a good time.

### Take & Make Crafts for Kids

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

**January Kit:** Board Games! What's more fun in winter than board games, especially ones you make as you make your own fun.

**February Kits:** Hearts and Bookmarks! Craft a puffy heart or make a bookmark



Take & Make crafts  
from December

## Your Digital Library



### Libby

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### Kanopy

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CHILDREN  
WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Themed Storytime

Thursdays • 3:30 PM

Gather with other children for stories and a craft! Ages 3+

Special Storytime:  
Valentine's Storytime

Thursday, Feb 15 • 3:30 PM

Join us for a special Valentine's Day Storytime!

Lego Club

Saturdays, Jan 6 and Feb 3 • 10 AM

Build the Lego challenge or free build!

Homeschool Programs

Thursdays, Jan 4 • 2 PM | Jan 18 • 1:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb 7 • 2 PM

1/4: New Year's STEM- Make a junk bot, build with LEGO's, and create with our table of craft supplies.

1/18: Book Club- *Wizard of Oz*. Discussion and activities relating to the book.

2/7: *Freddy the Fish*- Presented by the Department of Agriculture. Story of Freddy the fish who explores his watershed and learns about pollution.

ADULT  
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Share

Wednesdays, Jan 3 and Feb 7 • 1 PM

Bring a current favorite book to share with the group.

Winter Spice Club

January - April

Join the club! Each month come pick up:

- Your sample of the spice of the month
- History and info about the spice
- Recipes including the spice

Check out WCFL database **A to Z World Food** ([atozworldfood.com](http://atozworldfood.com)) for more info and recipes about the monthly spice.

January spice- Fenugreek

February spice- Juniper Berries

March spice- Garam Masala

In April we will have a picnic to talk about what you liked and didn't like and sample some of the recipes!

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap/Share

Feb 6, 7, 8 • Open Hours

Bring a puzzle or two and take one or two. All leftover puzzles will be donated to local churches and nonprofit organizations.



### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

#### Infant Storytime

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**2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 11 AM**

Join us in the Children's Room.

Ages 6-18 months

#### Toddler Time

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**Thursdays • 11 AM**

Join us in the Community Room.

Ages 18-36 months

#### Preschool Storytime

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**Fridays • 11 AM**

Join us in the Community Room.

Ages 3-5

#### Saturday Storytime

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**Saturdays • 11:30 AM**

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

All ages

#### Make and Take Craft Kits

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**Jan:** Beaded Snowflake — Create a snowflake with beads and chenille stems.

**Feb:** Pom Pom Love Bug — Make a valentine decoration for your room.

#### Special Storytime: Storytime in Our Town-Vince's Pizza

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**Saturday, Jan 13 • 11:30 AM**

Join us for a field trip to Vince's Pizza in Smithsburg. Families are invited to watch a professional pizza making demonstration. Enjoy a family storybook reading from your local librarian. One free slice of pizza for each child registered for this program. Please register in advance as space is limited.

**Register online > > >**



#### Special Storytime: Valentine Storytime

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**Saturday, Feb 10 • 11:30 AM**

Join us for a special Valentine's Day storytime. Create your own special card. Listen to stories, poetry, music and move with us.

**Register online > > >**





**Make a Valentine**

**January 16 - February 2 • All Day**

The Smithsburg Library is collecting Valentines for participants in the Meals on Wheels program. Supplies available upon request or bring in Valentines from home!

**Simple STEM Challenge Kits**

**Jan:** Insta-Snow — Create snow with this kit  
**Feb:** Candy Heart Science — What happens when candy hearts are placed in different liquid?

**Lego Nights**

**Mondays, Jan 8 and Feb 5 • 5-6 PM**

LEGO nights are back and we will be building a marble maze and a heart or free build.

**Bird Beak Buffet**

**Wednesday, Jan 31 • 5 PM**

Calling all young Ornithologists! Come learn about the structure and function of bird beaks and feet: song birds, birds of prey, and water fowl. Children will enjoy stories and activities that teach how the size and shape of bird beaks are the perfect tools for what they eat! Make your own peanut butter pine cone bird feeder. **Register online > > >**



**TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

**It's Game Night!**

**Tuesdays, Jan 9, 30 and Feb 20  
6:30 - 8 PM**

The library is hosting game night. Board games are available. Bring your favorite board game. Please register to give us an idea of how many people to prep for. Ages 10+  
**Register online > > >**



**Tattoo a Banana**

**Thursday, Jan 25 • 5:30 PM**

Teens and Tweens, create a piece of art on a banana and then make a Chunky Monkey Smoothie.  
**Register online > > >**



**Leap Day Escape Room**

**Wednesday, Feb 28 • 5 PM**

Teens and Tweens: Can you solve the puzzles, riddles and mysteries to escape the curse of Leap Day? Join us for a challenging half hour of fun, games and prizes for those who can escape. **Register online >**



### ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

#### Knit, Crochet & Craft Group

**Fridays • 10:30 AM - 1 PM**

Bring your own project and join the group.

#### Writers Group

**Saturdays, Jan 13, 27 and Feb 10, 24  
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, Jan 2 and Feb 6 • 6 PM**

Join us for free showings of great movies.

**1/2:** *The Little Mermaid* (2023, PG)

**2/6:** *Barbie* (PG-13)

#### Adult Book Club

**Tuesdays, Jan 23 and Feb 27 • 5 PM**

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

**1/23:** *The World Played Chess* by Robert Dugoni

**2/27:** *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

### ANCESTRY SERIES

#### Navigating Ancestry DNA

**Tuesday, Jan 16 • 6-7:30 PM**

Ancestry is the most popular DNA testing site in the US. Led by local professional genealogist, Susan VH Fabian, you will learn how to access the match list, find shared matches, link your DNA to a family tree, understand ThruLines, and use Ancestry's SideView feature to understand your ethnicity and inheritance.

**Register online > > >**

**or call 301-824-7722**



#### Navigating FamilyTree DNA

**Tuesday, Feb 20 • 6-7:30 PM**

FamilyTree DNA offers features that other sites don't have. In this session led by local professional genealogist, Susan VH Fabian, learn about the different tests available, how to view your matches, learn about your origins, and try out the chromosome browser and painter tools.

**Register online ^ or call 301-824-7722**



## Open Mic Poetry & Chili

**Monday, Jan 22 • 5:30 PM**

Teens & Adults are invited to read aloud a poem from your favorite author or share your own poetic expression. Content must be appropriate for all ages. Come snap and snack with us!

**Register online >>>  
or call 301-824-7722**



The Hagerstown Embroiderer's Guild will be showing off their artistry in our lobby display case during the month of February.

## Snowflake Workshop

**Tuesday, Jan 30 • 6:30-8 PM**

All ages join us for this Snowflake workshop where we will make snowflakes out of paper bags, clothespins, and paper.

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## Locally Speaking: How to Talk "Smithsburg"

**Tuesday, Feb 13 • 6:45 PM**

This lecture is a fun look at old sayings, expressions, words, and pronunciations of words that are part of our local way of speaking shaped by the early Scotch-Irish and Pennsylvania Dutch settlers. The unique identity of this dialect will be dissected by Smithsburg Historical Society president, Jefferson Boyer.

**Register online >>>  
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### CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

#### Toddler Time

**Mondays • 11 AM**

**Except closures: 1/1, 1/15, 1/29, 2/19**

Sing, dance, and learn together! A small and fun craft will be provided after story time. Ages 18-36 months

#### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays • 11 AM**

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

#### 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

#### Tween Craft Night

**Wednesdays, Jan 31 and Feb 28 • 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! All supplies are provided. Ages 8-12

**1/31: Egg carton animal portraits**

**2/28: Water color heart art**

**Registration preferred > > >**



#### Special Storytime:

#### Storytime Around Town

**Wednesdays, Jan 3 and Feb 7 • 11 AM**

Join us the first Wednesday of the month!

**1/3: On Stage Performance**

10226 Governor Lane Blvd. Suite #4012  
Williamsport, MD 21795

**2/7: Tony's Pizza & Italian Restaurant**

10 E Salisbury St

Williamsport, MD 21795



Storytime Around Town - October



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## ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

### Williamsport Book Club

**Thursdays, Jan 4 and Feb 1**

**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. There is something for all interests. All are welcome, no Book Club experience required.

**1/4:** *Homecoming* by Kate Morton

**2/1:** *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes

### Adult Crafty Hour

**Wednesday, Jan 10 and Feb 7 • 5:30-6:30 PM**

Did you know crafting can help improve your mood? Join us for an hour just for adults. We will craft useful and exciting things. All supplies provided. Space is limited.

**1/10:** Learn and practice **needle wool felting**

**2/7:** Learn the art of **quilling** (rolling small paper strips to create heart and flower designs)

**Registration required > > >**



### Bookmobile Visits to Williamsport

**Wednesday, Jan 10 • 9-10 AM**

**Thursday, Jan 18 • 2:30-3 PM**

**Wednesday, Jan 31 • 2:30-3 PM**

Do you miss browsing the shelves for new releases, or picking up books for your family? While the branch is closed, the WCFL Bookmobile will visit Williamsport and park out in front of the building. **Call the Bookmobile directly with specific requests 301-241-9450 or email [bookmobile@washcolibrary.org](mailto:bookmobile@washcolibrary.org)**

❄️ If winter weather is expected, please confirm the Bookmobile will still visit, by calling or checking the website at [www.washcolibrary.org](http://www.washcolibrary.org)

### Winter Hygge Party

**Thursday, Jan 25 • 5-6:30 PM**

Join us to help celebrate all things Cozy! *Hygge* is a Danish word that describes all things cozy and good — things that bring joy. We will share cozy crafts, activities and books. We will bring the cozy things; you bring your family. All ages are welcome!

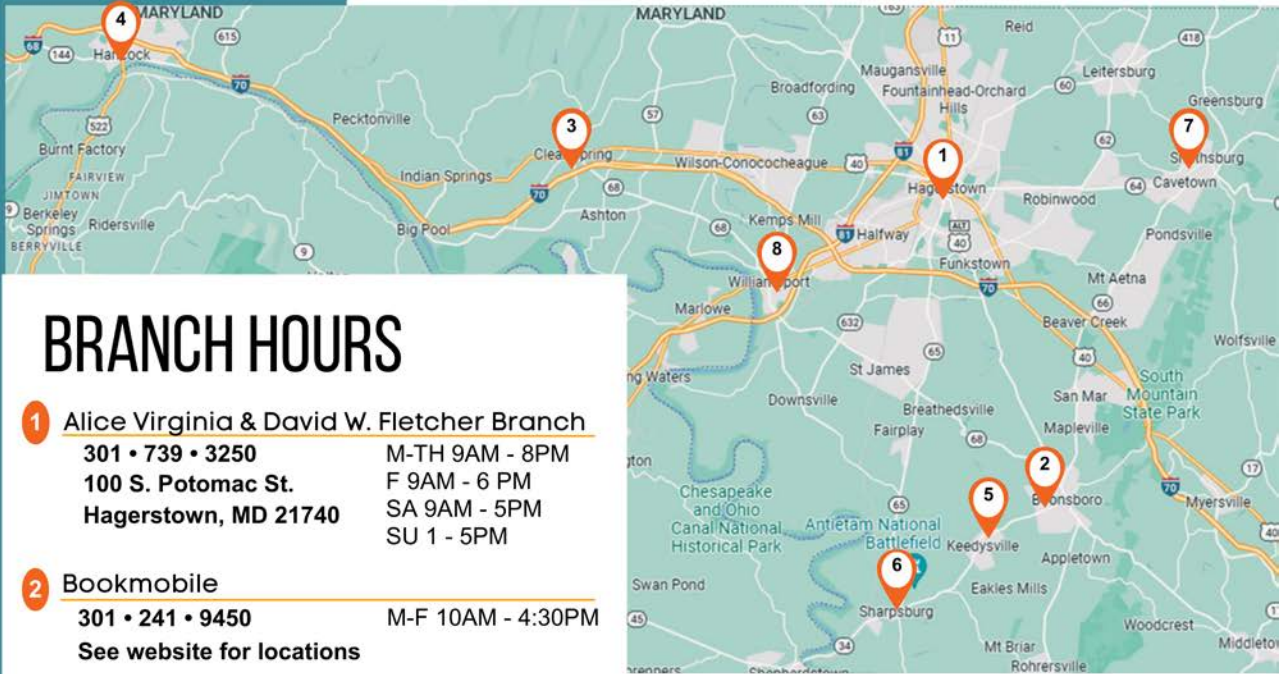
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## BRANCH HOURS

- 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

- **New Year's Day** — Monday, January 1
- **Martin Luther King Day** — Monday, January 15
- **President's Day** — Monday, February 19