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Help us spread the word and excitement about the new Bookmobile!

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Post it!

ANNUAL Writers & Poets CONTEST

**JANUARY 2
THROUGH
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**

Contact for additional guidelines:
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**CHILDREN
WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

Toddler Time

Mondays, Jan-Mar • 10 & 11 AM

Ages 18-36 months

Current session runs through March.

Registration required, please call: 301-739-3250. (Registration for the May-July session begins on April 1st.)

Infant Storytime

Weds, Jan-Mar • 10 & 11 AM

Ages 6-18 months

Current session runs through March.

Registration required, please call: 301-739-3250. (Registration for the May-July session begins on April 1st.)

Family Story Night

Thursdays • 6:30 PM

All ages

Preschool Storytime

Fridays • 11 AM *NEW TIME*****

Ages 3-5

Read with a Pet

First Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 1 PM

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

Saturday Movie Matinee

First Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 2 PM

Community Room

3/2: *Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie*

4/6: *Wish*

**MARYLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA STORYTIME:**

Violin

Friday, Apr 19 • 11 AM

Join Miss Abigail for a live Maryland Symphony Orchestra Storytime featuring violinist, Brent

Price, and the book *Something Wild*.

This event will replace Preschool Storytime.

Registration requested > > >



Little Explorers Preschool Science

Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 11 AM

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

3/16: Learn about texture and shapes making cloud dough

4/20: Create colorful coffee filter butterflies

Registration required > > >



Meet the Eggs!

Tuesday, Mar 19 • 3 PM

This spring, the Children's Department is getting some new friends. Watch as 7 eggs develop and hatch into chicks! Come meet the eggs and learn the science of how they hatch! Check back through April 15th as we wait for the chicks to arrive.

Youth Art Month

Mar 1-31 • All Day

In honor of Youth Art Month, the Children's Department will be sponsoring a **Design-a-Bookmark Contest**. Official entry blanks and rules will be available at all branches and online. Winning bookmarks will be printed and available during National Library Week in April. Contact the Children's Department for more details.



Kids Discover Science

First Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 11 AM

For ages 6-10

3/2: Make your own candle with *Create a Candle*

4/6: Make ice cream in a bag with the Washington County 4-H

Registration required > > >



Legos in the Library

Fridays, Mar 8 and Apr 12 • 3:30-5 PM

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

3/8: Favorite Sports

4/12: Build-a-Garden

Homeschool Enrichment

Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 8, 22 • 2 PM

For ages 6-13

3/11: Come for Book Club, a writing workshop, and games

3/25: Service Dog Education — Learn about service dogs with Thin Line Service Dogs

4/8: Come for Book Club, a writing workshop, and games

4/22: Join us for a Washington County 4-H Program: Owl Pellet Dissection.

Registration required > > >





Elementary/Tween Take & Make

Weeks of Mar 11-16 and Apr 15-20 • All Day

Pick up your kit during the designated week. Make it at home. For ages 7-12

3/11-16: Popcorn Garland kit – You can feed spring birds with this fun project.

4/15-20: Mini Foosball – Engineer a foosball table out of a cereal box.

Registration required > > >



Tween STEAM Club

Fridays, Mar 22 and Apr 26 • 3:30 PM

For ages 9-12.

3/22: Tessellation Pillowcase. Use math to make a funky pillowcase pattern that you can keep.

4/26: Make Your Own Checkers. Make a travel checker set to take with you on your next adventure.

Registration Required > > >



National Library Week

April 7-13 • All Day

Ready, Set, Library! Race to discover the possibilities at your library during National Library Week! We will have special activities each day to celebrate. The winning entries from our Youth Art Month Bookmark Contest will be announced and available by the end of the week.



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!

Homeschool Hangout for Teens!

Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 8, 22 • 2-4 PM

The Teen Lounge is OPEN for homeschoolers aged 13-19 looking to make friends with other homeschoolers. This is unstructured time — we have board and card games, foosball, coloring pages and more!



TEEN CHEF

Honey Glazed Carrots

Monday, Mar 4 • 5-6 PM

Celebrate Spring and put a twist on the usual Easter dish of fresh carrots. We will make a tasty glaze, bake seasonal carrots & step up the typical dish! **Register >**



Homemade Chicken Strips

Monday, Apr 1 • 5-7 PM

We all like chicken strips, so let's make it a little healthier. These are easy, tasty, and a great alternative to store bought strips! **Register ^**

Teen Digital Detox Happy Hour

Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 8, 22 • 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.

Teen Manga Club

Mondays, Mar 18 and Apr 15 • 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!

Creative Corner for Teens

Tuesdays, Mar 5, 19 and Apr 2, 16 • 5-7PM

Looking to get creative? All teens are welcome! Find a variety of materials and projects for make-and-take in a fun and judgement-free environment.

VolunTeen Orientation

Fridays, Mar 1 • 5-5:30 PM | Quiet Room

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

Teen Writer's Workshop

Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 3-4 PM

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

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Study session with boba

Friday, Mar 8 • 2-5 PM

Our popular study session has returned! Register online or on our Discord page to get a free boba tea to study with as you hang out and study with friends in the teens dept! **Register >>>**



Study session with a bunny!

Friday, Apr 26 • 2-5 PM

To celebrate Spring, calm, and pets, TAB is hosting a study session with a real live bunny! Come relax, study, and pet the bunny as you focus on the upcoming end of the school year.

Pop-up prom dress give-away

Saturday, Apr 13 • 1-4 PM

We are partnering with Unite: Project Hagerstown to provide prom attire for teens in need! Join us to select your perfect fit!



**ADULT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

Fletcher Film Series

Mondays, Mar 4, 18 and Apr 1, 15, 29
2-4 PM | Community Room 308/309

Join us for our film series! Water and popcorn will be served. **Note: This is intended for older teens/adults. Children 17 & under must be accompanied by an adult.**

March's Theme: "Sláinte!"

3/4: *Sing Street* (PG-13)

3/18: *The Crying Game* (R)

April's Theme: "Poetry in Motion"

4/1: *Dead Poets Society* (PG)

4/15: *Poetic Justice* (R)

4/29: *The Green Knight* (R)

Game Night at the Library

Tuesdays, Mar 12 and Apr 9 • 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, Mar 7, 21 and Apr 4, 18
5:30-7 PM | Conference Room 334

Collaborate with other local writers, workshop works-in-progress, or just have a dedicated time and place to write. **Registration required > >**



Hagerstown Homesteaders

Fridays, Mar 15 and Apr 19 • 2-3 PM
Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 11-12 PM
Conference Room 334

This monthly gardening club will teach you what you need to know to maintain a thriving garden. Partner with Mother Nature to learn self-sufficiency and resilience. **March's theme:** *Transplanting*

Seedlings/Preparing

Garden Plots. April's theme:

Transplanting Seedlings and Direct

Sowing. Registration required >



MCCAULEY LECTURES:

The Thomas Lovetts and Their Hill Top House: Five Fascinating Finds

Monday, Mar 4 • 6-7:30 PM
Community Room 308/309

The famous Hill Top House started as a Black family-owned summer resort in Harpers Ferry, yet contrary to common practice during the Jim Crow era, it attracted thousands of white vacationers from the DC-Baltimore area. Author Lynn Pechuekonis will share stories recently surfaced from her research about the hotel and its owners.

Stitch Makers@Fletcher

Wednesday, Mar 13 • 1-2 PM
Western Maryland Room

March is National Crochet Month. Whether you knit or crochet, BYOP (Bring Your Own Project) and join other Stitch Makers@Fletcher.

**NOTEWORTHY SUNDAYS
CONCERT SERIES — ALL AGES!
COMMUNITY ROOM 308/309**

Kerensa Gray: When Books Sing

Sunday, Mar 3 • 3-4 PM

Join us for our Noteworthy Sundays Kickoff Concert! We are thrilled to host unforgettable Kerensa Gray. Often compared to jazz royalty the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Etta James, Gray interweaves elements of Jazz, folk, blues, R&B, and classical to create a sound that is undeniably hers.

Registration requested > > >



Angela Easterling & Brandon Turner

Sunday, Apr 7 • 3-4 PM

Angela Easterling brandishes her songwriting chops with rootsy, refreshing, homespun tunes, while her duo partner, Brandon Turner, masters many complex styles with instrumentation that fleshes out the stories in Angela's songs, and adds some rocking fun; altogether unique and engaging.

Registration requested > > >



50 Book Cafe

Wednesday, Mar 13 • 6-7:30 PM

Western Maryland Room

Join us for a group book chat! Whether you're reading 50 books or just want to chat about what you're reading, we'll be happy to see you!

Mapping Maryland Through History

Sunday, Mar 17 • 2-4 PM

Community Rooms 308/309

Dr. Edward Papenfuse, former Archivist for the State of Maryland, will discuss the early mapping of Maryland; Dr. Ira Lourie, will present a summary of the map collection that he donated to the WCFL John Clinton Frye Western Maryland Room. Learn details significant to Hagerstown.

Easter Craft: Jelly Bean Topiary

Wednesday, Mar 27 • 9:30 - 11 AM

Conference Room 334

Join us for a fun Easter Craft!

Ages 6 - Adult

Registration required > > >



¡Conversemos! Spanish/English Chat Group

Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 15, 29 | 11AM - 12PM | 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.

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

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 STORYTIMES:

Spring Celebration Storytime

Wednesday, Mar 6 • 3:30 PM

Join Ms. Lauren in celebration of the Spring to come with a story time and craft about birds!

Signs and Directions Storytime

Wednesday, Apr 10 • 3:30 PM

Join Ms. Lauren for a Storytime about signs and directions. Stay for a Magnet Maze project you can create with simple items.

In the Garden Storytime

Saturday, Apr 27 • 11 AM

Join us for a storytime on gardening. We'll decorate our own plant containers and start a plant from seed. Enjoy a tour in our beautiful garden!

Registration Required > > >



Stem Explorations: Lego Engineering Challenges

Wednesdays, Mar 13 and Apr 17 • 4:15 PM

Join us for some hands-on fun as we try some Lego Challenges and discover what we can make.
Ages 6-12

Teens & Tweens Crafternoon

Friday, Mar 15 • 4 PM

A free-for-all Crafternoon where we break out the supplies and you decide what you want to make. Just drop in and make what you like. Ages 10-18

Teens & Tweens Galaxy Journal Craft

Friday, Apr 19 • 4 PM

Join us as we take a spiral bound blank book and decorate it for a swirly, deep space galaxy look. Supplies are limited. Ages 10-18

Registration Required > > >



Free Seed Library

March • All Month

Free seed samples will be available to start or add to your garden. Browse our hand-picked display of gardening books to check out!

Low-Waste Living Workshop:

Plastic Free DIY

Wednesday, Mar 20 • 5:30 PM

Members of Boonsboro Green Fest's Zero Waste Exchange (ZWE) invite those looking to learn simple, practical ways to live a low waste lifestyle that will not only help to preserve our environment, but help build community, save money and improve quality of life.



ADULT

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

ABC (Afternoon Book Club)

Tuesdays, Mar 19 and Apr 16 • 3 PM

Join us for a book discussion every 3rd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

3/19: *The Little Liar* by Mitch Albom

4/16: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Movie Nights for Grown-ups

Tuesdays, Mar 12 and Apr 9 • 6 PM

3/12: *A Haunting in Venice* (PG-13)

4/9: *The Color Purple* (PG-13)

BOONSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

Boonsboro Now & Then — A Historical Journey from Past to Present

Tuesday, Mar 26 • 5:30 PM

Join us for this intriguing, visual program.

Colonel Edward Mobley Presentation

Tuesday, Apr 23 • 5:30 PM

Author and Antietam Battlefield guide, Justin Mayhue, will speak about Colonel Edward Mobley — Civil War veteran, volunteer firefighter and Sheriff of Washington County.



CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Preschool 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, Mar 19 and Apr 16 • 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 best for ages 8+ but we have regular Legos for the younger children.

Homeschool Activities

Fridays, Mar 15 and Apr 12 • 1:30 PM

Join us for learning physics with Legos!

Best for ages 8+

Registration required, call: 301-842-2730

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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 the recipe for Arnita's award winning cherry pie.



ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Weds, Mar 6 and Apr 3 • 11:30 AM

Join other adults on the first Wednesday of the month for a lively discussion. Please contact the library so we can provide a copy of the book.

3/6: *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Gamus

4/3: TBD

Teen/Adult Craft

Saturday, Mar 23 and Apr 20 • 11-12 PM

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

3/23: Crushed Glass Votive Candles

4/20: Tile coasters decorated with alcohol and sharpies



COME LEARN WITH US!

Our Homeschool Programs explore engaging topics that are sure to spark student (and parent) curiosity! Meet other local Homeschoolers and expand your circle!

> > > Find more information on each program in each Library Branch section.

LEARNING PHYSICS WITH LEGOS

Fridays, Mar 15 and Apr 12 • 1:30 PM

Clear Spring Memorial Library

Best for ages 8+ | **Call to register > 301-842-2730**

UMD PHOTOSYNTHESIS CLASS

Thursday, Mar 21 • 4 PM

Smithsburg Library | Community Room

Learn about photosynthesis and explore with live plants! Presented by the University of Maryland.

Ages 10-18 | **Register online >**



SERVICE DOG EDUCATION

Monday, Mar 25 • 2 PM

Fletcher Library | Childrens Dept.

Learn about service dogs with Thin Line Service Dogs. Ages 6-13

Register online >



CREATE SOME COLOR!

Wednesday, Apr 3 • 5 PM

Smithsburg Library

School-aged artists — Come paint! Learn to blend, tint & shade the Color Wheel. Ages 10-18 | **Register >**



WALKING TOUR OF SHARPSBURG

Thursday, Apr 4 • 1:30 PM

Jesse Rogers, VP of the Sharpsburg Museum of History, will take us on a historical walking tour of our town.

OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Monday, Apr 22 • 2 PM

Fletcher Library | Childrens Dept.

Join us for a Washington County 4-H Program on owl pellets.

For ages 6-13 | **Register online >**



BOOK CLUBS

Fletcher Library | Children's Department

Monday, Mar 11 & Apr 8 • 2 PM | Book Club, writing workshop, & games. Ages 6-13 | **Register online**

Sharpsburg Library

Wednesday, Mar 27 • 1:30 PM | *The Country Bunny and the Little Golden Shoes* by DuBose Heyward

Wednesday, Apr 17 • 1:30 PM | *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* by Rudyard Kipling

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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

Mar and Apr • All Month

Stop by the library to pick up a take-home craft kit for children. Ages 4-6

Mar: Paper Basket

Apr: Tissue Paper Flowers

Registration required > > >



Family Craft Saturdays

Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 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.

3/16: Fluffy Bunny Wreath

4/20: Spring Suncatcher

Registration required > > >



Homeschool Day at the Library

Wednesdays, Mar 20 and Apr 17 • 3-4 PM

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

3/20: Decorate a "Pysanky Egg"

4/17: Simple Quilling (art with paper curling)

STEAM @ the Library

Wednesday, Mar 27 and Apr 24 • 3-4 PM

Elementary age students can enjoy a different STEAM activity each month. Ages 5-11

3/27: Roblox

4/24: Building with Rig-a-Ma-Jigs

Registration required > > >



TeenZone Craft

Mar and Apr • All Month

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

Finding Money for College

Tuesday, Apr 16 • 6 PM

Are you looking for money for college for yourself or for your teen? In this class we will cover federal and Maryland student aid and scholarship searches. This would be especially helpful to high school juniors and seniors and their adults, or for adults planning to return to school.



ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Wednesdays, Mar 20 and Apr 17 • 5-6 PM

Join this lively and fun book discussion! 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: **301-678-5300**.

Cricut Maker Club

Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 10 AM

Do you have a new Cricut, but you don't know where to start? Do you have tricks and tips you'd like to share? Join us! We will have multiple Cricut machines available for use during this program. For ages 9 - Adult
3/16: Paper flowers
4/20: Heat transfer vinyl
Registration required: 301-678-5300.

The Shoulders We Stand On: Maryland Fighters for Women's Suffrage

Thursday, Mar 21 • 6 PM

Maryland suffragists fought early and hard for women's right. This program explores the teamwork, strategy, and personalities in Baltimore and around Maryland, using Pratt Library's special collection of suffrage swag, records, and ephemera to bring history to life. All ages are welcome.

Eclipse Viewing Event

Monday, Apr 8 • 2-4 PM

War Memorial Park

Safely view this partial solar eclipse! The eclipse in our area will begin around 2:00, and reach totality at around 3:00. The Hancock Library will provide viewing glasses to participants while supplies last. This activity is great for all ages. Younger participants can make a simple eclipse viewer.

KEEDYSVILLE

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Mar 2 • 10:15 AM - 2 PM

Come pick up a craft to do at home and check out some Dr. Seuss books!

Take & Make Crafts for Kids

Pick up a kit with all of the materials necessary. Each week, we will have a different craft based on the following themes:

Mar 4-16: Shamrocks or Rainbows

Mar 18-30: Bunnies or Chicks

Apr 1-30: Plant A Seed! — Pick up a different vegetable or herb seed pack each week. Make newspaper pots to start plants indoors before you replant outside. **While supplies last!**



CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Themed Storytime

Thursdays • 3:30 PM

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

COMMUNITY STORYTIMES

Ranger Talk: Christina Stanczak

Thursday, Mar 28 • 3:30 PM

Antietam Battlefield Visitor's Center

Free event! Stay for the movie at 4 PM.

"Chalking Good" Storytime

Thursday, Apr 25 • 3:30 PM

Sharpsburg Park: 126 W High Street

Help us fill the basketball court with positive messages & pictures! (inclement weather > Library)

HOMESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Homeschool Book Club

Wednesday, Mar 27 and Apr 17 • 1:30 PM

3/27: *The Country Bunny and the Little Golden Shoes* by DuBose Heyward

4/17: *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* by Rudyard Kipling

Walking Tour of Sharpsburg

Thursday, Apr 4 • 1:30 PM

Jesse Rogers, VP of the Sharpsburg Museum of History, will take us on a historical walking tour of our town.

Lego Club

Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 10 AM

Build the Lego challenge or free build.

Leprechaun Hunt

Week of March 19 • Open Hours

Did the leprechauns leave something behind?

Follow the clues to find out! For ages 6-12



ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Share

Wednesdays, Mar 6 and Apr 3 • 1 PM

3/6: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

4/3: Come share what you are reading and find some new titles to read.

Winter Spice Club

March - April

- Pick up your sample of **Garam Masala**
- History and info about the spice
- Recipes including the spice

Check out WCFL database *A to Z World Food*.

Winter Spice Club Picnic!

Thursday, Apr 4 • 6 PM

Sharpsburg Park pavilion on High Street. Let's talk about what you liked and didn't like and sample some of the recipes! If inclement weather it will be in the library.



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 (Except Mar 29)

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

SPECIAL STORYTIMES:

Storytime in Our Town: Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company

Saturday, Mar 16 • 11:30 AM

Join us for a field trip to Smithsburg Volunteer Fire Company. Local firefighters take children and their caregivers on a tour of their station and teach us about fire engines. Enjoy children's Storytime at the station!

Space is limited.

Registration required > > >



Caterpillar & Butterfly Storytime!

Saturday, Apr 20 • 11:30 AM

Learn about metamorphosis and enjoy double crafts.

Registration required > > >



Make and Take Craft Kits

Mar: Puppet — Create a peek-a-boo peep puppet.

Apr: Bug — Make a foam bug to display in your room.

Lego Nights

Mondays, Mar 18 and Apr 15 • 5-6 PM

We will be learning physics with LEGOs. Please join us!



Simple STEM Challenge Kits

Mar: The Floating Clip — Learn about water molecules and surface tension with this experiment.

Apr: Earth Day — Celebrate Earth Day and grow your own tomato plant and flower from seeds.

University of Maryland Photosynthesis Class

Thursday, Mar 21 • 4 PM

Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants synthesize food for themselves. In this lesson youth will learn about photosynthesis, how it occurs, and work with live plants to explore this biological process. For ages 10+

Register online > > >



Create Some Color!

Wednesday, Apr 3 • 5 PM

Attention school-aged artists Create some Color! Come and paint with us as we learn to blend, tint and shade the Color Wheel. All materials provided free of charge.

Perfect unit study for homeschooling. For ages 10+

Register online > > >



TEEN/ADULT

Monthly Programs:

It's Game Night!

**Tuesdays, Mar 12 and Apr 2 & 23
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.

For teens and adults!

Register online > > >



Pi Day

Thursday, Mar 14 • 5:30 PM

Teens and Tweens, join us for an interesting discussion of pi and celebrate the day with pizza pi.

Register online > > >



Minute to Win It

Wednesday, Apr 17 • 5 PM

Teens and Tweens join us for *Minute to Win It* style spring games! Teams will compete in one minute family style games, to include: Are You Noteworthy, the Pasta

Ex-SPEAR-ience, the Balloon Squash and Name That Celebrity.

Register online > > >





ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Tuesdays, Mar 26 and Apr 23 • 5 PM

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

3/26: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

4/23: *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn

Movie Night *New Time*

Tuesdays, Mar 5 and Apr 30 • 6 PM

Join us for free showings of great movies.

3/5: *Blue Beetle* (PG-13)

4/30: *Wonka* (PG)

Knit, Crochet & Craft Group

Fridays • 10:30 AM - 1 PM

Bring your own project and join the group.

Writers Group

Saturdays, Mar 9, 23 and Apr 13, 27

10:30 AM

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

ANCESTRY SERIES

Navigating MyHeritage DNA

Tuesday, Mar 19 • 6-7:30 PM

MyHeritage DNA boasts the most European test takers of any site. If your roots are in Europe this site may offer you cousin matches that help 'jump the pond' in your genealogy research. In this session you'll learn how to view matches, discover your ethnicity, explore the Theory of Relativity, chromosome browser and auto cluster tools. This program is led by local professional genealogist, Susan VH Fabian.

Register online > > >

or call 301-824-7722



Navigating 23 and Me

Tuesday, Apr 16 • 6-7:30 PM

Although 23 and Me's focus is on DNA and health, there are a lot of genealogy tools on the site. In this session, you will learn where to find your matches and what clues they offer. You'll discover the tools including the family tree predictor and chromosome tools. You'll also access your health traits and other reports. This program is led by local professional genealogist, Susan

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SMITHSBURG

HOMEWORK HELP

Mini Birdhouse

Tuesday, Apr 9 • 6:30-8 PM

All ages! Join us for this birdhouse workshop where we will paint a birdhouse decoration using stencils.

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The Poison Pen of Smithsburg

Tuesday, Apr 13 • 6:45 PM

In the first years of the 20th Century, a silent scandal spread through the mailboxes of Smithsburg when a series of destructive “poison pen” letters shocked everyone who received them. The notes were so stinging that teenage romances ended, engagements were broken, and marriages were strained. Many letters bore the false signatures of respectable citizens of the town. When the Smithsburg postmaster himself became a target of a poison pen letter, he set out to catch the culprit and through a clever sting operation, the Poison Pen was caught and arrested. The resulting trial made national headlines, and involved early use of expert handwriting analysis. Presented by Todd Andrew Dorsett, a member of the Antietam Historical Association of Waynesboro.

Warning: This lecture contains mature themes and language.

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CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddler Time

Mondays • 11 AM

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
(Excluding 3/6 and 4/3)

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

SPECIAL STORYTIMES AROUND TOWN:

Museum of Fine Arts

Wednesdays, Mar 6 • 11 AM

After Storytime we can visit the museum and see collections like *Childhood Favorites: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustration* Exhibit.

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
Hagerstown City Park: 401 Museum Drive.

Conococheague Ball Park

Wednesdays, Apr 3 • 11 AM

Byron Memorial Park: 2 Ball Park Drive
Williamsport, MD 21795

Makerspace Tabletop Challenge

When the branch reopens | All Day

Stop by the Makerspace to try a new tabletop challenge every week! Activities offered will include pre-coding, engineering, math, nature, and building challenge. Ages 5-11

Makerspace Solar Eclipse

Apr 1 - 6 • All Day

The Solar Eclipse will take place 4/8/2024. Stop by and visit our Makerspace the week before the Solar Eclipse to learn more about the solar system and how an Eclipse occurs.

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Tween Craft Night

Wednesdays, Mar 27 and Apr 24 • 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

3/27: Woven yarn bowls

4/24: Mini Piñatas we will fill with a few surprises

Registration preferred > > >



Teen Tuesday ****NEW PROGRAM!**

Tuesdays, Mar 26 and Apr 23 • 4 PM

New Program only for Teens, ages 13-18. Stop by the Teen/YA area for a different craft, discussion, poll, or activity each month.

3/26: Create felted video game characters

4/23: Share poetry and create our own poem



Family Craft Night

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Williamsport Book Club

Thurs, Mar 7 and Apr 4 • 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!

3/7: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

4/4: *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy – Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott

Adult Crafty Hour

Weds, Mar 13 and Apr 10 • 5:30-6:30 PM

Did you know crafting can help improve your mood? Join us for an hour just for adults. Registration is required to coordinate materials. All supplies are provided.

3/13: Lovely decoupage candle holders

4/10: Learn Punch Needle Embroidery and create a small mug rug

Registration required > > >



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Seed Library

Begins in March

Spring has sprung! Stop by and pick up seeds from our Seed Library and share and connect with other gardeners in our community. New to gardening? Check out a book about how to get your garden started. Let our community help you start to grow your own herbs and vegetables today!

Coping for Caregivers

Friday, Mar 1 • 1-2 PM

Commonwealth Senior Living speaker will give us tips to help cope with the stress of being a caregiver. March 3rd is Caregiver Appreciation Day, join us and learn something new!

Spring Plant and Seed Swap

Tuesday, Mar 19 • All Day

It's the first day of Spring and time to plan your garden. We welcome all indoor and outdoor plants and seeds of all types for this first annual Spring Plant and Seed Swap. Please make sure your items are clearly marked and identified.

ADULT SPEAKER SERIES ** NEW!

Birding in Your Backyard

Thursday, Mar 21 • 5:30 - 6:30 PM

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will present a program about Birding in your Backyard. As Spring begins we are starting to see and hear more Birds; learn how to make your yard welcoming for birds.

Low-Waste Living Ideas for Earth Day

Thursday, Apr 18 • 5:30 PM

Earth Day is April 22nd. Join us to learn practical tips and ideas for living a low-waste lifestyle to help preserve our environment. Hosted and presented by members of the Boonsboro Green Fest Zero Waste Exchange.

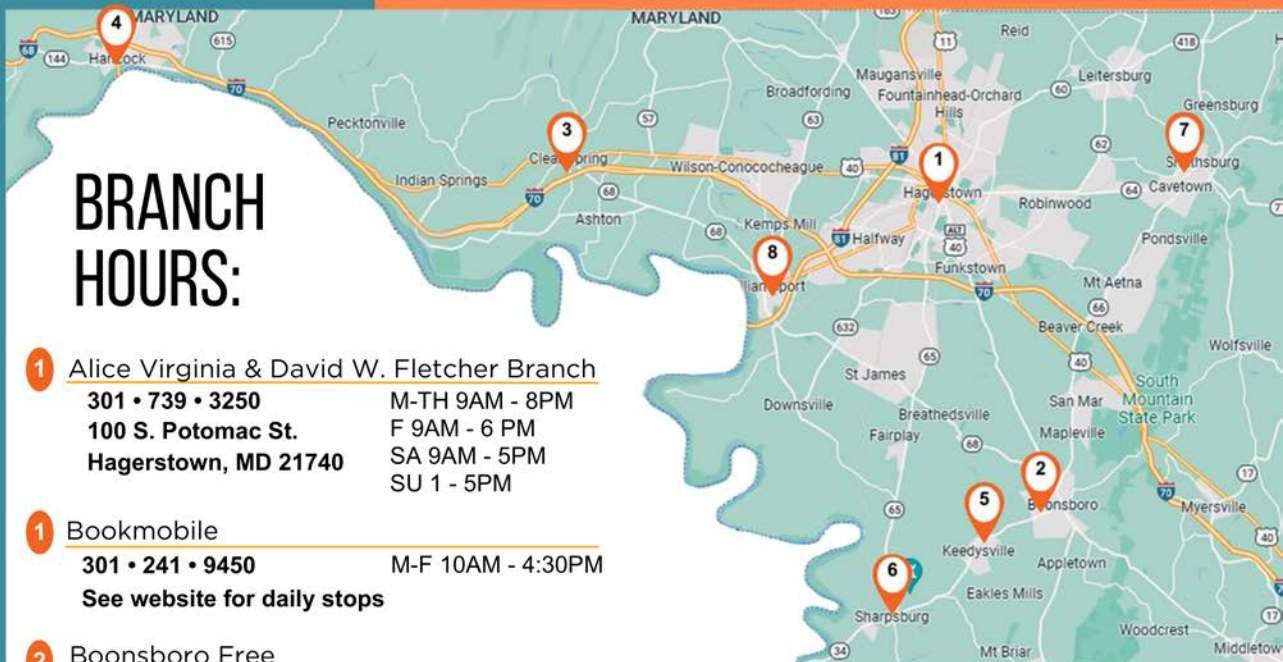
Williamsport Memorial Anniversary

Thursday, Apr 11 • 5-7 PM

April 11, 2024 marks the 89th Anniversary of the Rockville Tragedy. We will discuss the tragic events of the bus accident that claimed the lives of 14 Williamsport High students back in 1935. This program will share highlights from the book *The Rockville Tragedy* by Debra Carbaugh Robinson. This interactive program will include time for sharing stories and memories among those in attendance. This is a community event.



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
- 1** Bookmobile
301 • 241 • 9450 M-F 10AM - 4:30PM
See website for daily stops
- 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
 Williamsport, MD 21795
Book Drop: 104 East Potomac St.
 Williamsport, MD 21795

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- Spring Break — Friday, March 29
- Easter — Sunday, March 31