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FEATURED NEWS

NEW & Improved Library Hours!
Starting September 5th
WCFL branches throughout the county will adopt new operational hours to better meet the needs of our community. This change follows a study of hour-by-hour visitor counts in each library. See the back cover (page 39) to see the full schedule!

PLEASE NOTE:

WCFL strives to make all programs accessible. Please inform us of needed accommodations two weeks prior to the program.

Programs, events and classes may be photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Your participation in programs signifies your permission for us to use any photos that we take of you. Please speak to a librarian at the event if you would prefer your photo not be taken.

The content of WCFL publications, classes, and events does not necessarily reflect the views held by WCFL, nor does mention of companies or organizations imply endorsement.

ON THE HORIZON

A Brand New Website for OUR LIBRARY!

Coming Soon!

Better serving our community with a more user-friendly web experience! Find a fresh design with even more great resources! Keep an eye out for the launch!

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## Event Key

- **Young Children (0-6)**
- **Kids & Tweens (6-12)**
- **Teens & YA (13-18)**
- **Adults**

[Washington County Library System](washcolibrary.org)
CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddler Time
Mondays Sept-Nov · 10 & 11 AM
Ages 18-36 months
Registration required, please call: (301) 739-3250

Infant Storytime
Wednesdays Sept-Nov
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

Saturday Movie Matinee
First Saturdays, Sept 2 and Oct 7 · 2 PM
At each showing, we will be raffling 2 free movie tickets generously donated to us from Warehouse Cinemas in Leistersburg!
Community Room
9/2: Super Mario Bros Movie
10/2: Hotel Transylvania: Transformania

Little Explorers Preschool Science
Saturdays, Sept 16 and Oct 21 · 11 AM
For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.
Registration required
9/16: Gardening with the Master Gardeners
10/21: Fall STEM with Mason Jar Pumpkins

Legos in the Library
Fridays, Sept 8 and Oct 13 · 3:30-4:30PM
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+
10/13: Build a Tractor to Haul Pumpkins: Come build a tractor or wagon that can haul pumpkins.

Read with a Pet
Saturdays, Sept 2 and Oct 7 · 1 PM
Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat. First come, first served.
Kids Discover Science
Saturdays, Sept 2 and Oct 7 · 11 AM
For kids ages 6-10.
Registration required > > >
9/2: Gardening with the Master Gardeners
10/7: Fall STEM with Mason Jar Pumpkins

Homeschool Enrichment
Mondays, Sept 11 & 25 and Oct 16 & 30
2 PM
Homeschool Enrichment Classes are back!
For ages 6-13.
Registration required > > >
9/11: Meet and Greet Game Day with other families! Pick up your book for the month!
9/25: Washington County 4-H Program: Honeybee Challenge. Assemble model bees using bristle bot kits and construct foraging routes for the model bees to follow!
10/16: Board games and our monthly book club Jeopardy Challenge. Pick up your book to read for the following month.
10/30: Join us for a presentation by Little Bear Apiary and learn all about honeybees!

Elementary & Tween Take & Make
Weeks of Sept 11 and Oct 16 · All Week
Pick up a kit during the designated week.
For ages 7-12.
Registration required > > >
9/11: Simple Science: Can You Sink Marshmallows?
10/16: Simple Science: Glue & Salt Spiderweb

Tween STEAM
Fridays, Sept 15 and Oct 27 · 3:30 PM
For ages 9-12.
Registration required > > >
9/15: Birdhouses: Make & decorate your own!
10/16: Paint Pumpkins: Enter your pumpkin to win a delicious candy apple!

Halloween Party
Monday, Oct 30 · 4 PM
Join us for fall and Halloween games, activities, and spooky stories. Costumes are welcome. Ages 3 and up.
Registration required > > > 301-739-3250

Happy Halloween!
Tuesday, Oct 31 · All Day
Stop by the Children’s Desk for some trick-or-treating fun!
TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Teen Chess Club
Sundays, Sept 3 and Oct 1 · 2-4 PM
Join us every first Sunday of the month!

Yoga for Teens
Mondays, Sept 11 & 25 and Oct 9 & 23
5:15 - 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
Monday, Oct 2 · 5 PM
We will be celebrating autumn with pumpkin cookies- back by popular demand!
Registration required > 301-739-3250

Creative Corner
Tuesdays · 5 PM
Ms. Bonnie opens the craft cabinets for creative fun: jewelry, self-portraits, and so much more, check it out!

Game Night
Thursdays · 5 -7 PM
Challenge your fellow gamer teens on the Nintendo Switch! Have a friendly round on the new foosball table! Break out the board games, come have a friendly match of chess or Jenga, or anything in between!

Teen Writer's Workshop
Saturdays, Sept 9 and Oct 21 · 3-4 PM
Come bring your writing to life through new prompts, styles, and genres! We will peer-edit, share ideas, and create!

VolunTeen Orientation
Fridays, Sept 1, 15 & 29 and Oct 13 & 27
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
Monday, Sept 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.
Mindful Meditation for Teens

Mondays, Sept 25 and Oct 23 · 6 - 7 PM
Come relax and learn techniques to improve general well-being. This class will address the unique needs of teens and young adults.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

TAB is now accepting applications for next school year. Learn leadership skills & help plan programs and direct the Teen Dept. over the year. Apply online >>>

The Washingtonian Blog

Submit book reviews, artwork, photography, or any style original writings to be considered for publication. SSL hours are available! Submit to: teensdept@washcolibrary.org.

Teen Discord Server

@Bit.ly/WCFLYA Discord
Join our Discord server to share ideas on over a dozen channels by teens for teens!

Broadway & Beyond: The Barbara Irvine Collection

Tuesday, Sept 26 · 6 - 7:30 PM
Community Room 308/309
Hagerstown native, Barbara Irvine’s career in music and theater has spanned decades and continents. This program will feature a conversation with Barbara and introduce a unique exhibit of performing arts memorabilia. **Students and aspiring performing artists are encouraged to attend.** Light refreshments served. **Registration requested.**
ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Murder True Crime Club
Monday, Sept 11
5:30 - 6:30 PM
Conference Room 334
Calling all true crime fans! Join us for a club that covers all things true crime-books, news, podcasts, and more.

The Fletcher Film Series
Every other Monday, Sept-Oct
2-4 PM
Community Room 308/309
Join us for our film series! Movies will be shown based around a common theme.

September’s theme: "¡Bienvenido!"
9/5: La Llorona (R)
- Spanish film with English subtitles.
9/18: In the Heights (PG-13)

October’s Theme: "Trick or Treat"
10/2: Let the Right One In (PG-13)
- Swedish film with English subtitles.
10/16: Us (R)
10/30: The Shining (R)

Game Night at the Library
Tuesdays, Sept 12 and Oct 10 - 5-7 PM
Conference Room 334
Drop in to play a board game or two, or solve a murder mystery! Join us the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Write Here, Write Now
Thurs, Sept 7 & 21 and Oct 5 & 19
6 - 7:30 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
Thursdays, Sept 28 and Oct 26
2 - 3 PM
Conference Room 334
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!
MCCAULEY LECTURE: Brought to Light: The Mysterious George Washington Masonic Cave
Tuesday, Sept 5 · 6 - 7:30 PM
Community Room 308/309
The George Washington Masonic Cave near Charles Town, WV, contains a signature carving of George Washington dated 1748. Although this inscription appears authentic, it has yet to be verified. Dr. Jason Williams' new book, Brought to Light: The Mysterious George Washington Masonic Cave, painstakingly pieces together the chronicled events and real estate archives related to the cavern to sort out fact from fiction.

Surviving the Hill:
Movie & Celebrity Panel
Wednesday, Sept 20 · 5 - 7 PM
Community Room 308/309
Watch author and recovery coach Stephen Hill's Documentary, filmed mostly in Hagerstown, which explores the drug epidemic in the US. Following the screening, we will hear from local government, law enforcement, and the inspirational stories of those in recovery.

MCCAULEY LECTURE: Condemned for Love
Monday, Oct 2 · 6 - 7:30 PM
Community Room 308/309
Author Jim Hall will discuss his research into the true tale of a young couple - one Black, one white - who fled disapproving Virginia relatives in 1880 to start a new life together in Maryland. Unfortunately, tragedy and terror would follow.

50 Book Cafe
Wednesday, Sept 13 · 6 - 7:30 PM
Western Maryland Room
Whether you’re reading 50 books or just want to chat about what you’re reading, we'll be happy to see you!

One Maryland One Book Talk
Wednesday, Oct 25 · 6 - 7 PM
Conference Room 334
Come chat about this year's One Maryland, One Book title, There, There by Tommy Orange.
Registration required > > >
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**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

**ABC's Storytime**
**Tuesday, Sept 12 · 11 AM**
Toddlers and preschoolers can join us to read books, sing songs, and use toys and games to learn and feel the ABC's.

**Sink or Float Storytime**
**Wednesday, Oct 11 · 3:30 PM**
Will it sink or will it float? Join us to make predictions and find out!

**Decorate a Pumpkin**
**Friday, Oct 20 · 4 PM**
5-11 year olds can get creative and have fun decorating pumpkins with materials provided! No carving involved. Pumpkins are limited. Registration Required > > >

**Tween/Teen Duct Tape Wallets**
**Friday, Sept 15 · 4 PM**
Teens and Tweens are invited make a Wallet using Duct Tape. Ages 10-18

**Teen Anime Club**
**Friday, Sept 29 · 4 PM**
Teens are invited to a fun Anime Watching event with snacks included! Ages 13-17
Mysterious Benedict Society Puzzles & Codes Scavenger Hunt
Friday, Oct 6 · 4 PM
Tweens who have read the *Mysterious Benedict Society* books by Trenton Lee Stewart and those who have not read the books are invited to solve puzzles and clues just like those in the books.

Make your own Nightmare Catcher- Tweens & Teens
Friday, Oct 13 · 4 PM
Join us for a fun craft to make the Opposite of a Dreamcatcher: a Nightmare Catcher.

Outdoor Family Movie Nights
Saturday, Sept 16 · 8:30 PM
Bring chairs, blankets, and the whole family to gather on the field next to the Library (behind the Police Station) to watch a movie!
Showing: *Thor: Love & Thunder* (PG-13)

Movie Nights for Grown-ups
Tuesdays, Sept 12 and Oct 10 · 6 PM
9/12: *Bestsellers* (PG-13)
10/10: *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* (PG-13)

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

ABC (Afternoon Book Club)
Tuesdays, Sept 19 and Oct 17 · 3 PM
Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the Month. All are welcome.
9/19: *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kerns Goodwin
10/17: *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb

Boonsboro Historical Society Speakers
Tuesdays, Sept 26 and Oct 24 · 5:30 PM
9/26: Hear from Tom Clemens on “Finding McClellan’s Headquarters at Antietam”.
10/24: Join the Boonsboro Historical Society for a Speaker, who will talk about an interesting aspect of local history.

One Book, One Maryland Book Discussion
Thursday, Oct 19 · 5:30 PM
Join us for a discussion of the One Book, One Maryland read, *There, There* by Tommy Orange.
# Clear Spring Calendar

## September & October

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**Children - Adults**

**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, Sept 19 and Oct 17 · 3:45 PM**  
Duplos and Legos provided. Try the monthly challenge or come up with your own design!

**Make it, Take it Family Craft Night**  
**Thursdays, Sept 21 and Oct 19 · 5 PM**  
Drop in and make a seasonal craft with your family. All materials provided. All ages.

**Rock Painting**  
**Saturday, Sept 23 · 11 AM**  
Get creative painting large rocks in Mandala designs or freestyle. Ages 13+  
Registration required > > > 301-842-2730

**Adult**

**Monthly Programs:**

**Adult Book Discussion**  
**First Wednesdays, Sept 6 and Oct 4 · 11:15 AM**  
Join other adults for a lively discussion and light refreshments.  
**September:** The Personal Librarian  
by Marie Benedict.  
**October:** One Maryland One Book: There There by Tommy Orange.

**Beaded Jewelry Making**  
**Saturday, Oct 21 · 11 AM**  
Learn to make beautiful beaded jewelry.  
Ages 15+  
Registration required > > > 301-842-2730
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**11:30AM Preschool Storytime**

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**6PM The Life and Literary Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe**

**10AM Cricut Maker Club**

**12PM Family Craft**

**11:30AM Preschool Storytime**

**3PM Homeschool Day**

**5PM Book Club**

**3PM STEM Club**

**Return Decorated Pumpkin for Contest**

**5PM Library 5-year Anniversary!**

**COLOR KEY**

- Young Children (0-6)
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- Adults
**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.

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**Family Craft Saturdays**

**Saturdays, Sept 23 and Oct 21 · 12-2 PM**

We offer a different craft each month.

- **Sept**: Fall Tea Light Centerpiece
- **Oct**: Fabric Pumpkins

Registration required

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**Family Take & Make**

**Sept and Oct · All Month**

Pick up a craft kit for adults and ages 9 and up to enjoy at home. Some may require adult help; while supplies last.

- **Sept**: Painted Book Bag
- **Oct**: String pumpkin

Registration required

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**STEM Club**

**Wednesdays, Sept 27 and Oct 25 · 3-4 PM**

Elementary age students can enjoy a different STEM activity each month.

Ages 5-11

- **Sept**: Programming w/ Spheroids
- **Oct**: Group Minecraft

Registration required

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**“New” Library 5-year Anniversary!**

**Tuesday, Oct 31 · 5-7 PM**

Come help us celebrate our first 5 years in our new location! Trunk-or-treat, refreshments and a take-and-make craft kit (while supplies last.)
3rd Annual
Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Sept 26 - Oct 27
All ages! Sign up begins 9/26. Pick up a pumpkin at the library, decorate it, then drop it back at the library by 10/27. Winners chosen by our patrons. Prize categories are Birth-preK, grades K-5, 6-12, and adult. Register at the Hancock Branch.

Homeschool Day at the Library
Wednesdays, Sept 20 and Oct 18 · 3 PM
This year will have an art theme. Students will learn about different styles of art, and will create pieces to display in a library art show for Youth Art Month in March.

TeenZone Craft
Sept and Oct · All Month
Find a new craft activity each month in our Young Adults section.

Adult Monthly Programs:

Adult Book Club
Wednesdays, Sept 20 and Oct 18
5-6 PM
Join this lively and fun book discussion. Each month participants will discuss a book chosen by a member of the group.

Hancock History Lecture
Thursday, Sept 14 · 6 PM
Dr. Daniel Murphy, President of the Hancock Historical Society, will present a lecture entitled: "Hancock History: 300 years in the making" at the Hancock Library. This talk will include over 200 historical photos of Hancock through the years.

Woofing It Up at Martha’s House!
Tuesday, Sept 19 · 5:30 PM
The Hancock Branch Library and Martha’s House will co-sponsor a presentation by Thin Line Service Dogs, who train dogs for first responders and veterans. Meet some of the dogs, hear a story about service dogs, and enjoy a family dinner! Doors open at 5:30 for dinner, with the program following.
Cricut Maker Club

Saturdays, Sept 23 and Oct 21
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.
9/23: Basic paper cutting, print-then-cut, and vinyl cutting.
10/21: Heat Presses and Sublimation. All materials will be provided.
Registration required: 301-678-5300.
Call the library with any questions you may have before the program so we can find the answers! This will be an ongoing program that will take place one Saturday a month.

The Life and Literary Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe

Thursday, Oct 19 · 6 PM
Experience the mysterious life and legacy of Edgar Allan Poe through the Enoch Pratt Free Library’s collections. Learn about Poe’s personal life and family, his writings, and his mysterious death in Baltimore in 1849. View unique artifacts from Poe’s life including manuscripts, letters, and personal items.

Take & Make Crafts for Kids

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

September’s Theme: Back to School
October’s Theme: Decorate your own Mask

Summer Reading Club Craft and Puppet Show
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**Children**

**WEEKLY STORYTIME:**

**Themed Storytime**

**Thursdays · 3:30 PM**
Gather with other children for stories and a craft!
Ages 3+

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**Community Storytimes**

**Thursdays, Sept 21 and Oct 19 · 3:30 PM**
9/21: Meet at the Sharpsburg pond on East High Street & Burnside Bridge Rd for a “pond” story time! Bring a blanket. If the weather is bad we will meet at the library.
10/19: Meet at Green Hill Farm- 5329 Mondell Rd in Sharpsburg. We will read in the barn or garden (weather dependent). Park in the meadow on the left after entering the lane, follow the lights to the gate where we will meet. Bring a blanket.

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**Special Storytime**

**Thursday, Oct 26 · 3:30 PM**
Halloween Party! Scary stories, games and a spooky treat!

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**Lego Club**

**Saturdays, Sept 2 and Oct 7 · 10 AM**
Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

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**Homeschool Book Club**

**Thursday, Sept 14 · 1 PM**
Thursday, Oct 12 · 1:30 PM
9/14: We will talk about *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie along with related activities.
10/12: Join our discussion of *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry. We will have activities relating to the book.
Ghostly Escape Room

**Tuesday, Oct 3 · Starting at 6 PM**
Bring a group or join one of ours to figure out the clues and escape the ghost! Sponsored by Williamsport and Sharpsburg Library!
Registration required, please call > > > 301-432-8825.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

**October 4 - 18**
Get in the autumn spirit by decorating a flat pumpkin for fall. Pick up your pumpkin any time after 10/4 (while supplies last) and return it decorated by 10/18. There will be age categories and prizes awarded. Use any medium and let your imagination run wild! Winners will be determined by popular vote and announced 10/26.

Sharpsburg Days

**Saturday, Oct 7 · 11 AM - 1 PM**
Stop in the library where Deborah Rochefort (Peter Burr House) will demonstrate spinning. Learn how to make a small mat out of roving and take it home!

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ADULT

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

**Adult Book Share**

**Wednesdays, Sept 6 and Oct 4 · 1 PM**
9/16: What are you reading? Tell us about your current favorite read.
10/4: We will discuss the One Maryland One Book selection, *There, There* by Tommy Orange.

**29th Blue and Gray Division**

**Thursday, Sept 14 6 PM**
Join author, historian and battlefield guide, John W. Schildt as he discusses the division which included “several Sharpsburg boys”.

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# September Calendar

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### COLOR KEY
- **Young Children (0-6)**
- **Kids & Tweens (6-12)**
- **Teens & YA (13-18)**
- **Adults**
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

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**Make and Take Craft Kits**
**Sept:** Decorate a Notebook - Turn a plain spiral notebook into a cool notebook.
**Oct:** Handprint Owl - Turn your handprints into an owl decoration.

**Simple STEM Challenge Kits**
**Sept:** Thaumatrope - Pick up a kit to find out what this is.
**Oct:** Candy Corn Catapult - Build a catapult and see how far your candy corn can fly.

**Lego Nights**
**Mondays, Sept 25 and Oct 23 · 5 PM**
LEGO nights are back and we will be building a dinosaur and something for Halloween or free build.

**Storytime in Our Town:**
**Mayors Office**
**Saturday, Oct 20 · 11:30 AM**
Little readers! Meet us at Smithsburg Town Hall for this Community Saturday story time featuring a guided tour with Mayor Donald Souders, stories and songs.
Meet together at Town Hall:
21 W. Water St., Smithsburg
Register online >>
Pirate Extravaganza

Monday, Sept 18 · 4 PM
Ahoy! Gather 'round all you tweens in honor of National Talk Like a Pirate Day. Join us for a Pirate themed event including games, stories, sea shanties and tropical refreshment. Ages 8–14.
Register online > > >

Apple Pie & Harvest Hoe Down

Saturday, Oct 14 · 11:30 AM
Join us for stories and activities about fall harvest, apples, pies and Johnny Appleseed. Square dance music and movement for kids. Make apple pie in a cup!
Register online > > >

Zen Folder Coloring

Monday, Sept 11 · 5 PM
Teens, select a folder, color it and use it for one of your classes.
Register online > > >

Day of the Dead Skull

Monday, Oct 30 · 5 PM
Create a day of the dead skull at the library or reserve a kit to make at your home.
Register online > > >
Adult Monthly Programs:

**Adult Book Club**

*Tuesdays, Sept 26 and Oct 24 · 5 PM*
Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
9/26: *There, There* by Tommy Orange (Maryland One Book)
10/24: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

**Movie Night *New Time***

*Friday, Sept 8 · Dusk - Outside Library*
*Tuesdays, Sept 26 and Oct 31 · 6 PM*
Join us for free showings of great movies.
9/26: *Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret* (PG-13)
10/31: *M3GAN* (PG-13)

**Knit, Crochet & Craft Group**

*Fridays · 10:30 AM - 1 PM*
Bring your own project and join the group.

**Writers Group**

*Saturdays, Sept 9 & 23 and Oct 14 & 28 10:15 AM*
Join us for this fun and informal group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

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**Tassel Class**

*Tuesday, Sept 19 · 6:30 - 8 PM*
The Hagerstown Embroiderer’s Guild will teach us how to make a tassel to decorate a purse, book bag, or luggage. Everything provided.
Ages teens and adults.
Register online > > >

**Apple Button Art**

*Tuesday, Oct 10 · 6:30 PM*
Create an apple out of buttons on a canvas.
Register online > > >
The Connecticut Yankee and the Shaping of Smithsburg

Tuesday, Oct 17 · 6:45 PM
Dr. Elijah T. Bishop was one of the driving forces in shaping the future of Smithsburg, as were the next two generations of his family when it came to developing local highways, expansion of the town of Smithsburg, and bringing the railroad to town and the nearby community of Cavetown. The Bishops impacted public health, founded a local church, the public library, and produced a nationally recognized sculptor, Emily Clayton Bishop. Lecture by Jefferson Boyer of the Smithsburg Historical Society

Register online > > >

TriState Astronomers

Friday, Oct 20 · Dark
(Rain Date: Tuesday, Oct 24)
Stop by the library at dark and with the help of the TriState Astronomers view Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon.

Library Card Sign Up Month
September 1-31
If you don’t have a library card, stop by any branch to get one today! Enjoy all of our FREE resources.

Library cards are available to EVERYONE!
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**CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

**Musical Monday Storytime**

*Mondays · 11 AM*

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

**Storytime at the Farmers Market**

*Thursdays, Sept 14 and Oct 12 · 5:30 PM*

Have you seen us at the Williamsport Farmers Market this season? Join us for a special family Storytime at the market. We start promptly and all ages are welcome.

**Makerspace Tabletop Challenge**

This activity will continue once the branch building reopens.

**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

**Children’s Nutrition Presentation**

*Monday, Sept 18 · 11:30 AM*

*Wednesday, Oct 25 · 11:30 AM*

Children’s nutrition is important. Washington County Health Department will present a program all about the importance of good nutrition for children. Join right after Storytime!
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**Tween Craft Night**

**Wednesdays, Sept 27 and Oct 25 · 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*
*Sept:* Para cord craft
*Oct:* Duct tape craft
*Registration required* > > >

**NEW: Teen Craft Time**

**Tuesdays, Sept 12 and Oct 10 · 5-6:30 PM**
*Sept:* Learn and practice the art of Japanese Book Binding and make a small book.
*Oct:* Design and make your own stickers.
*For ages 12-18*
*Registration requested* > > >

**Teen Escape Room**

**Tuesday, Oct 3 · 6 PM**
**Tuesday, Oct 17 · 4-6 PM**
Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down timed challenges with your team to escape the room before the clock runs out!

**10/3:** Ghost Themed Teen Escape Room co-hosted by both Sharpsburg and Williamsport Libraries. **This event will be held in the Sharpsburg Library:** 106 East Main Street Sharpsburg, MD
**10/17:** Williamsport Branch Teen Escape Room continues with a Harry Potter themed escape room.
*Reserve a team slot* > > >
or [wil@washcolibrary.org](mailto:wil@washcolibrary.org) or drop in to join another team.

Entomology: Insect Mimicry
ADULT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Williamsport Book Club
Thursdays, Sept 7 and Oct 5
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Join us for an engaging book discussion! All are welcome, no previous Book Club experience required.
9/7: Historical fiction novel *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
10/5: *There There* by Tommy Orange
(One Maryland One Book)

NEW: Adult Crafty Hour
Wednesdays, Sept 13 and Oct 11
5:30-6:30 PM
Did you know crafting can be relaxing, and help improve your mood? Join us for a crafty hour just for adults. We will craft useful and exciting things.
9/13: We will make Macramé plant hangers.
10/11: We will make a fall craft.
Registration required > > >

NEW: Fall Plant Swap
Thursday, Sept 28 · 3 - 6 PM
Do you have plants you are dividing or no longer need? Bring them to our Fall Plant Swap. Indoor and Outdoor plants are welcome.

Coping for Caregivers Series:
Finding Moments of Joy
Friday, Sept 8 · 1 PM
Caregivers have a difficult role, and finding moments of Joy is important as you care for your loved ones. Join us for a presentation from Commonwealth Senior Living of Hagerstown as they share tips for finding those moments of Joy.
Oops!

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LIBRARY BRANCH MAP:

We've updated our hours! to meet community needs

BRANCH HOURS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

1. Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch
   301 · 739 · 3250
   100 S. Potomac St.
   Hagerstown, MD 21740
   M-TH 9AM - 8PM
   F 9AM - 6PM
   SA 9AM - 5PM
   SU 1 - 5PM

2. Boonsboro Free
   301 · 432 · 5723
   401 Potomac Street
   Boonsboro, MD 21713
   M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM
   F 10:30AM - 6PM
   SA 10:15AM - 3PM

3. Clear Spring Memorial
   301 · 842 · 2730
   12624 Broadford Rd.
   Clear Spring, MD 21722
   T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM
   F 11:30AM - 6PM
   SA 10:15AM - 2PM

4. Hancock Veterans Memorial
   301 · 678 · 5300
   231 Hancock Veterans Pkwy
   Hancock, MD 21750
   T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM
   F 11:30AM - 6PM
   SA 10:15AM - 2PM

5. Keedysville Branch
   301 · 432 · 6641
   22 Taylor Drive
   Keedysville, MD 21756
   T-W 11AM - 2PM
   SA 10:15AM - 2PM

6. Sharpsburg Branch
   301 · 432 · 8825
   106 East Main St.
   Sharpsburg, MD 21782
   T-TH 1:30 - 7PM
   SA 9:15AM - 1PM

7. Smithsburg Branch
   301 · 824 · 7722
   66 West Water St.
   Smithsburg, MD 21783
   M,W,TH 10:30AM - 7PM
   T 11:30 - 8PM
   F 10:30AM - 6PM
   SA 10:15AM - 3PM

8. Williamsport Memorial TEMPORARILY CLOSED
   301 · 739 · 3250
   104 East Potomac St.
   > > > Book Drop Only
   Williamsport, MD 21795
   PROGRAMS TEMPORARILY HELD AT BYRON PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:
- Labor Day- Monday, September 4
- Indigenous People Day- Monday, October 9