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Programs & Events Newsletter

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NEW HOURS!

Effective September 5, most branches will have updated hours that better serve our communities.

See back cover for schedule.



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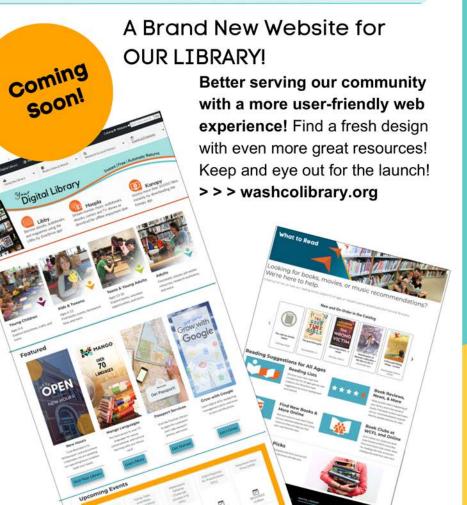
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FEATURED NEWS

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!

ON THE HORIZON



PLEASE NOTE:

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

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Calendar

SEPTEMBER

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	English Chat 6PM Mindful Meditation					

Calendar

FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 2PM Chess Club	2 10 / 11AM Toddler Time 2PM Fletcher Film Series 5PM Teen Chef 6PM McCauley Lecture	3	4 10 / 11 AM Infant Storytime	6PM Write Here, Write Now 6:30PM Family Storytime	6 11:30AM Pre-k Storytime	11AM Kids Discover Science 1PM Read with a Pet 2PM Matinee
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	Film Series 4PM Halloween Party 5:30PM Spanish/ English Chat				Kids & T	hildren (0-6) weens (6-12) YA (13-18)

HAGERSTOWN

Children & Kids

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

Read with a Pet

Saturdays, Sept 2 and Oct 7 · 1 PM

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

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 Leitersburg!

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+ 9/8: Favorite Children's Literature Challenge:

Come build a character or scene from your favorite children's book.

10/13: Build a Tractor to Haul Pumpkins: Come build a tractor or wagon that can haul pumpkins.

Children, Kids & Tweens

HAGERSTOWN

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

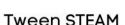
Weeks of Sept 11 and Oct 16 · All Week Pick up a kit during the designated week.

For ages 7-12.

Registration required >>>

9/11: Simple Science: Can You Sink Marshmallows?

10/16: Simple Science: Glue & Salt Spiderweb



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 trickor-treating fun!

HAGERSTOWN

Teens

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 peeredit, 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, selfesteem 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.

Teens & Adults

FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

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 Washingteenian 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/WCFLYADiscord

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/TEEN

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

¡Conversemos! Spanish/English Chat Group

Mondays, Sept 25 and Oct 30 5:30 - 6:30 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.

¡Conversemos! Grupo de Chat español/inglés

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.

HAGERSTOWN

Adults

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: "íBienvenido!"

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-inprogress, 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!

Adults

HAGERSTOWN

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.

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!

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.

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 > > >



Calendar

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 11AM Infant Lap-sit	2 11AM Family Storytime
3	Closed for Labor Day	5 11AM Toddler Time	3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	7	8 11AM Infant Lap-sit	9 11AM Family Storytime
10	11	12 11AM ABC's Storytime 6PM Movie Night for Grown-ups	13 3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	14	15 11AM Infant Lap-sit 4PM Tween/Teen Duct Tape Wallets	16 11AM Family Storytime 8:30PM Outdoor Family Movie Night
17	18	19 11AM Toddler Time 3PM ABC Book Club	3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	21	11AM Infant Lap-sit	23 11AM Family Storytime
24	25	26 11AM Toddler Time 5:30PM Historical Society Speaker	3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	28	29 11AM Infant Lap-sit 4PM Anime Club	30 11AM Family Storytime

Calendar

BOONSBORO

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 11AM Toddler Time	3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	5	6 11AM Infant Lap-sit 4PM Mysterious Benedict Society Puzzles/Codes Scavenger Hunt	7 11AM Family Storytime
8	9 Closed for Indigenous People Day	10 11AM Toddler Time 6PM Movie Night for Grown-ups	3:30PM Sink or Float Storytime	12	13 11AM Infant Lap-sit 4PM Teens/Tweens- Nightmare Catcher Craft	14 11AM Family Storytime
15	16	17 11AM Toddler Time 3PM ABC Book Club	3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	5:30PM One Maryland One Book Discussion	2 O 11AM Infant Lap-sit 4PM Decorate a Pumpkin	21 11AM Family Storytime
22	23	24 11AM Toddler Time 5:30PM Historical Society Speaker	3:30PM Pre-k Storytime	26	27 11AM Infant Lap-sit	28 11AM Family Storytime
29	30	31 11AM Toddler Time				

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

BOONSBORO

Children - Teens



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 allplus, 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

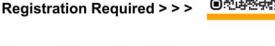
Wednesday, Oct 11 · 3:30 PM

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.



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

Tweens - Adults

BOONSBORO

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

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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.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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3	4 Closed for Labor Day	5	6 11:15AM Adult Book Discussion	7	8 11:30AM Storytime	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 11:30AM Storytime	16
17	18	19 3:45PM Lego Building Club	20	21 5PM Make & Take Family Craft	22 11:30AM Storytime	23 11AM Rock Painting
24	25	26	27	28	29 11:30AM Storytime	30
1 OCTOBER	2	3	4 11:15AM Adult Book Discussion	5	6 11:30AM Storytime	7
8	9 Closed for Indigenous People Day	10	11	12	13 11:30AM Storytime	14
15	16	17 3:45PM Lego Building Club	18	5PM Make & Take Family Craft	20 11:30AM Storytime	21 11AM Beaded Jewelry Making

Children - Adults

CLEAR SPRING

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

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Closed for Labor Day	5	6 11:30AM Preschool Storytime	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 11:30AM Preschool Storytime	6PM Hancock History Lecture	15	16
17	18	5:30PM Woofing It Up at Martha's House	11:30AM Preschool Storytime 3PM Homeschool Day 5PM Book Club	21	22	10AM Cricut Maker Club 12PM Family Craft
24	25	26 Pumpkin Decorating Contest Sign Up	27 11:30AM Preschool Storytime	28	29	30

Calendar

HANCOCK

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 11:30AM Preschool Storytime	5	6	7
8	9 Closed for Indigenous People Day	10	11:30AM Preschool Storytime	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 11:30AM Preschool Storytime 3PM Homeschool Day 5PM Book Club	6PM The Life and Literary Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe	20	21 10AM Cricut Maker Club 12PM Family Craft
22	23	24	25 11:30AM Preschool Storytime 3PM STEM Club	26	Return Decorated Pumpkin for Contest	28
29	30	5PM Library 5-year Anniversary!				

You Kid

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

HANCOCK

Children & Families

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.

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/ Spheros

Oct: Group Minecraft

Registration required >>>

"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.)

Family Craft Saturdays

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

We offer a different craft each month.

Sept: Fall Tea Light Centerpiece @3

Oct: Fabric Pumpkins

Registration required >>>



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 > > >



Children's Take & Make

Sept and Oct · All Month

A take-home craft kit for children ages 4-8.

Sept: Pine Cone Bird Feeder

Oct: Fall Leaf Window Clings

Registration required >>>



Children - Adults

HANCOCK

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

TeenZone Craft

Sept and Oct · All Month

for Youth Art Month in March.

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.

HANCOCK

KEEDYSVILLE

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





FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

Find more info in the Branch sections

Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Ghostly Escape Room for Teens
Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Apple Pie & Harvest Hoe Down
Decorate a Pumpkin Ages 5-11
Halloween Party Storytime
Halloween Party for Ages 3+
Day of the Dead Skull Craft
Children's Trick-or-Treating Fun
Library Anniversary Party

Sept 26 - Oct 27 | Hancock

Tuesday, Oct 3 · 6 PM | Sharpsburg

Oct 4 - 18 | Sharpsburg

Saturday, Oct 14 · 11:30 AM | Smithsburg

Friday, Oct 20 · 4 PM | Boonsboro

Thursday, Oct 26 · 3:30 PM | Sharpsburg

Monday, Oct 30 · 4 PM | Hagerstown

Monday, Oct 30 · 5 PM | Smithsburg

Tuesday, Oct 31 · All Day | Hagerstown

Tuesday, Oct 31 · 5-7 PM | Hancock



SEPTEMBER

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					1	2 10 AM Lego Club
3	4 Closed for Labor Day	5	6 1PM Book Share	7 3:30PM Themed Storytime	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 1PM Homeschool Book Club 3:30PM Themed Storytime 6PM 29th Blue and Gray Division	15	16
17	18	19	20	3:30PM Community Storytime	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 3:30PM Themed Storytime	29	30

SHARPSBURG

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	6PM Ghostly Escape Room	4 Pumpkin Decorating Contest Begins 1PM Book Share	5 3:30PM Themed Storytime	6	7 10AM Lego Club 11AM Sharpsburg Days
8	9 Closed for Indigenous People Day	10	11	12 1:30PM Homeschool Book Club 3:30PM Themed Storytime	13	14
15	16	17	Return Decorated Pumpkins	3:30PM Community Storytime	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Pumpkin Contest Winners Announced 3:30PM Special Storytime	27	28
29	30	31				

Adults

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

SHARPSBURG

Children & Kids

WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Themed Storytime

Thursdays · 3:30 PM

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

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.

Special Storytime

Thursday, Oct 26 · 3:30 PM

Halloween Party! Scary stories, games and a spooky treat!

Lego Club

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

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.



Kids - Adults

SHARPSBURG

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!

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".

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	2 11:30AM Saturday Storytime
3	4 Closed for Labor Day	5	6	7 11AM Toddler Time	Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft DUSK Movie Night	9 11:30AM Saturday Storytime 10:15AM Writers Group
10	5PM Zen Folder Coloring	6:30PM Game Night!	13 11AM Infant Storytime	11AM Toddler Time 5PM Indoor and Outdoor Forest Gardens Talk	15 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	11:30AM Saturday Storytime
17	4PM Pirate Extravaganda	6:30PM Tassel Class	20	21 11AM Toddler Time	22 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	23 11:30AM Saturday Storytime 10:15AM Writers Group
24	25 5PM Lego Night	5PM Book Club 6PM Movie Night	27 11AM Infant Storytime	28 11AM Toddler Time	29 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	30 11:30AM Saturday Storytime

Calendar

SMITHSBURG

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	6:30PM Game Night!	4	5 11AM Toddler Time	6 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	7 11:30AM Saturday Storytime
8	9 Closed for Indigenous People Day	6:30PM Apple Button Art	11 11AM Infant Storytime	12 11AM Toddler Time	13 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	14 10:15AM Writers Group 11:30AM Harves Hoe Down
15	16	6:45PM The Connecticut Yankee and the Shaping of Smithsburg	18	19 11AM Toddler Time	11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft DARK TriState Astronomers	21 11:30AM Saturday Storytime
22	23 5PM Lego Night	5PM Book Club 6:30PM Game Night!	25 11AM Infant Storytime	26 11AM Toddler Time	27 11AM Preschool Storytime 10:30AM Knit, Crochet, Craft	28 10:15AM Writers Group 11:30AM Storytime in our Town
29	5PM Day of the Dead Skull	31 6PM Movie Night				

COLOR KEY

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

SMITHSBURG

Children



Infant Storytime

2nd & 4th Wednesdays · 11 AM Join us in the Children's Room. Ages 6-18 months

Toddler Time

Thursdays · 11 AM

Join us in the Community Room.

Ages 18-36 months

Preschool Storytime

Fridays · 11 AM

Join us in the Community Room.

Ages 3-5

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays · 11:30 AM

Join us in the Children's Room. Miss

Charlotte has planned exciting themes!

All ages

Make and Take Craft Kits

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 > > >

Children - Teens

SMITHSBURG

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!



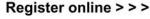
Register online >>>



Zen Folder Coloring

Monday, Sept 11 · 5 PM

Teens, select a folder, color it and use it for one of your classes.





TEEN

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

It's Game Night!

Tuesdays, Sept 12 and Oct 3 & 24 6:30 - 8 PM

The library is partnering with DragonXGames to host game night. Dungeons and Dragons, Magic the Gathering, and board games are available. Bring your favorite board game, too! Ages 13+

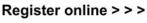
Registration requested > > >



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.





SMITHSBURG

Teens & Adults



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. **9/8:** *Minions: The Rise of Gru* (PG)

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.

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 > > >



SMITHSBURG

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.



SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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24	25 11AM Musical Storytime	26	27 11AM Preschool Storytime 11:30AM STEM Playtime 5PM Tween Craft Night	3PM Fall Plant Swap	29	30

Calendar

WILLIAMSPORT

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 11AM Musical Storytime	6PM Teen Escape Room @ Sharpsburg Branch	4 11AM Special Storytime around Town Storytime 11:30AM STEM Playtime	1:30PM Adult Book Club	6	7
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WILLIAMSPORT

Children & Families

Williamsport Memorial Library staff are still hosting fabulous programs while the library building is temporarily closed. Programs will be held at the Williamsport Community Building in Bryon Park.



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

Special Storytime Around Town

Wednesdays, Sept 6 and Oct 4 · 11 AM

Join us the first Wednesday of the month! 9/6: SPROUT: Plants & Things located at: 5 North Conococheague St, Williamsport, MD 21795

10/4: A Spooky Storytime – Greenlawn Cemetary located at: 127 Britner Ave, Williamsport, MD

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!

Tweens & Teens

WILLIAMSPORT

Williamsport Memorial Library staff are still hosting fabulous programs while the library building is temporarily closed. Programs will be held at the Williamsport Community Building in Bryon Park.

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 or drop in to join another team.



WILLIAMSPORT Adults

Williamsport Memorial Library staff are still hosting fabulous programs while the library building is temporarily closed. Programs will be held at the Williamsport Community Building in Bryon Park.

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)

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 you loved ones. Join us for a presentation from Commonwealth Senior Living of Hagerstown as they share tips for finding those moments of Joy.

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.



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WASHINGTON COUNTY

LIBRARY BRANCH MAP:

Willian Marlowe

Canal National

Historical Park



Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch 301 - 739 - 3250 M-TH 9AM - 8PM

> 100 S. Potomac St. Hagerstown, MD 21740

F 9AM - 6 PM SA 9AM - 5PM SU 1 - 5PM

Boonsboro Free

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

Clear Spring Memorial

301 - 842 - 2730 12624 Broadfording Rd. Clear Spring, MD 21722

T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM F 11:30AM - 6PM SA 10:15AM - 2PM

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

Keedysville Branch

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

301 - 432 - 8825 106 East Main St. Sharpsburg, MD 21782

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Halfway

St James

Fairplay

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Breathedsville

Broadfording

Downsville

T-TH 1:30 - 7PM SA 9:15AM - 1PM

Leitersburg

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Beaver Creek

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Greensburg 7

Wolfsville

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Pondsville

Mountain

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

Williamsport Memorial TEMPORARILY CLOSED

301 · 739 · 3250 > > Call Fletcher Branch 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