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Children & Kids

CHILDREN
WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddlers Time
Mondays Sept-Nov • 10 & 11 AM
Ages 18-36 months
Registration required, please call:
(301) 739-3250. Registration for Jan-Mar session begins Dec 1st.

Infant Storytime
Wednesdays Sept-Nov
10 & 11 AM
Ages 6-18 months
Registration required, please call:
(301) 739-3250. Registration for Jan-Mar session begins Dec 1st.

Preschool Storytime
Fridays • 11:30 AM
Ages 3-5

Family Story Night
Thursdays • 6:30 PM
All ages

Maryland Symphony Orchestra
Storytime: Percussion
Friday, Nov 3 • 11:30 AM
Storytime Room (In place of Preschool Storytime)
Join Miss Abigail for a musical Storytime featuring percussionist, Julie Angelis Boehler, and the books Max Found Two Sticks and Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb!

Read with a Pet
Saturdays, Nov 4 and Dec 2 • 1 PM
Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat. First come, first served.

Saturday Movie Matinee
First Saturday, Nov 4 • 2 PM
No movie in December
At each showing, we will be raffling 2 free movie tickets generously donated to us from Warehouse Cinemas in Leitersburg!
Community Room
11/4: Spiderman: Across the Spiderverse

Make a Holiday Card
Nov 13 - Dec 13 • All Day
The Children’s Department will collect holiday cards for patients at the VA Medical Center, Martinsburg. Make your own or sign purchased cards. Drop them off and brighten someone’s holidays! Cards/card making supplies available in the Children’s Dept.
International Games Month
**Saturday, Nov 18 • All Day**
Drop into the Children's Department for board and word game fun. Games will be available during regular library hours.

Little Explorers Preschool Science
**First Saturday, Nov 18 • 11 AM**
No Little Explorers in December
For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.
**Registration required > > >**
**11/18:** Fall STEM featuring paper plate scarecrows

Legos in the Library
**Friday, Dec 8 • 3:30-4:30PM**
No Legos in November
All participants will be entered into a raffle drawing to win a Lego Aquadirt Racer building toy. All materials stay at the library. Ages 4+
**12/8:** Christmas Challenge: Come build something from your Christmas Wish List.

The Holiday Shop
**Saturdays, Dec 2, 9, & 23 • All Day**
Stop by the Children's Department for make and take Christmas and Hanukkah ornaments. Each week will feature different projects. Supplies available during open hours.

All Ages! Thanksgiving Craft:
Pinecone Turkeys
**Thursday, Nov 16 • 11 AM - 12:30 PM**
Conference Room - 334
Get in the Thanksgiving spirit with these fun, easy-to-make pinecone turkeys! (**This craft is put on by Adult Services, not Children’s Dept.**)
**Registration required > > >**

Santa Visit
**Thursday, Dec 14 • 6:30 PM**
Stop by for Santa’s annual visit to the library. All ages welcome.

You can reach the Children's Department at: wcfichildren@washcolibrary.org
301-739-3250
www.facebook.com/wcfikids
Battle of the Books: Sign-up Month

All of November

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

Kids Discover Science

First Saturdays, Nov 4 and Dec 2 • 11 AM
For kids ages 6-10.
Registration required >>>
11/4: Fall STEM featuring pumpkin spice slime
12/2: Holiday STEM featuring pinecone Christmas trees

Elementary & Tween Take & Make

Weeks of Nov 13 and Dec 11 • All Week
Pick up a kit during the designated week.
For ages 7-12.
Registration required >>>
11/13: Simple Science: Make Your Own Butter (just in time for Thanksgiving)
12/11: Simple Science: Candy Cane Crystals

Homeschool Enrichment

Mondays, Nov 13 & 27 and Dec 11 • 2 PM
For ages 6-13.
Registration required >>>
11/27: Washington County 4-H Program: Honeybee Challenge. Assemble model bees using bristle bot kits and construct foraging routes for the model bees to follow!
12/11: Join us for a showing of A Muppet Christmas Carol as a special celebration for our monthly book club.
TEEN
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Teen Chess Club
Sundays, Nov 5 and Dec 3 • 2-4 PM
Join us every first Sunday of the month!

Yoga for Teens
Mondays, Nov 13 & 27 and Dec 11 • 5-6 PM
Start your week off right with Yoga every other Monday night. Come breathe and relax in a safe and inclusive environment with Ms. Bonnie. All abilities welcome!

Teen Chef
Mondays, Nov 6 and Dec 4 • 5-6 PM
11/6: Come learn to make super easy apple dumplings then take the recipe home and wow your family for Thanksgiving!
Registration here
12/4: We’ll make Sugar and Gingerbread Cookies. After we make the dough, we will decorate some cooled cookies.
Registration required

Teen Manga Club
Mondays, Nov 20 and Dec 18 • 5-6 PM
Come join us as we restart the popular Manga (and Anime) Club from last fall! Let’s read manga, discuss manga, cook Japanese food, watch anime -- come help decide!

Teen Digital Detox Happy Hour
Monday, Nov 13 and Dec 11 • 6-7 PM
Reduce stress, improve sleep, mood, self-esteem and more by disconnecting from devices. Unplug in the Teen Cave for an hour of screen-free fun. We provide activities or bring your own.

Creative Corner
Tuesdays • 5-7 PM
Ms. Bonnie opens the craft cabinets for creative fun: jewelry, self-portraits, and so much more, check it out!

Teen Writer's Workshop
Saturday, Nov 18 • 3-4 PM
Come bring your writing to life through new prompts, styles, and genres! We will peer-edit, share ideas, and create!

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Teen Study Session:
Pumpkin Milk Shake Edition
Friday, Nov 3 • 4-6 PM
Register for the study session and Ms. Yesenia will make you a pumpkin milk shake when you arrive!

Teen Open Mic Night
Tuesday, Nov 14 • 5-7 PM
Come show your talent! Poetry, guitar, hand stands -- we want to see you shine! Please register if you want to perform -- attendees can just show up.

VolunTeen Orientation
Fridays, Dec 8 & 22 • 5-5:30 PM
Come to a short orientation to familiarize yourself with the expectations, potential jobs, and benefits of our VolunTeen program. Then you will be all set to earn SSL hours!

Teen Holiday Party
Friday, Dec 15 • 4-6 PM
Get your party on with the Teens Department! Cookies, a virtual fireplace, crafts, and fun -- come be a part of it all.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

The Fletcher Film Series
Monday, Nov 13 • 2-4 PM
Community Room 308/309
Join us for our film series! Movies will be shown based around a common theme.
November's theme: "K'e" in honor of National Native American Heritage Month.
11/13: Smoke Signals (PG-13)

Game Night at the Library
Tuesday, Nov 14 • 5-7 PM
No Game Night in December
Conference Room 334
Drop in to play a board game or two, or solve a murder mystery!

Write Here, Write Now
Thurs, Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 14, 28 5:30-7 PM
Conference Room 334
Do you like to write? Collaborate with other local writers, workshop works-in-progress, or just have a dedicated time and place to write.
Financial Literacy Series  
**Thursday, Nov 30 • 2-3 PM**  
Computer Lab 315  
Join Ladetra Robinson of Reach and keep your finances healthy! Learn daily money management, mastering your credit, conquering debt, getting & keeping your car on the road, and more!  
Registration will open Nov 9, 9:00am.

MCCAULEY LECTURE: An Era of Central Maryland Trolleys  
**Monday, Nov 6 • 6-7:30 PM**  
Community Room 308/309  
Reuben Moss will provide this multimedia presentation as a tour through the history of the local trolley network. Mr. Moss uses maps, photographs and film clips to explore the reasons that trolleys first came to our region, how and why the railway grew, what made our trolley system unique, and some of the ways in which the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway trolleys continue to affect communities, even six decades after trolley service ended.

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**A NIGHT OF ENCHANTMENT:**  
Fairytale Costume Ball Fundraiser  
**Saturday, Dec 16 • 6:30-9 PM**  
The Washington County Free Library invites you to don your finest fairytale and magical attire for an immersive fundraiser costume ball at the Fletcher Library. Prepare to be transported to a world of mermaids, knights, mystical folk, magical creatures, and a fantastical adventure for all. View the invitation & get tickets:

A variety of enchanting surprises await you during this immersive experience, including:
- delectable foods and specialty drinks
- exciting games, like jousting
- enchanted scavenger hunt
- creative activities and photo ops
- delightful music and dancing
- fortune telling of your happily ever after
- henna tattoos as a lasting adventure
- vendors with magical crafts, jewelry, and wares of all types
- costume contest to reward the most enchanting and imaginative costumes
**CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

**Toddler Time**
**Tuesdays • 11 AM**
Gather with other toddlers to learn and enjoy Storytime with numbers, shapes, and colors!
Ages 18-36 months

**Preschool Storytime**
**Wednesdays • 3:30 PM**
Have FUN at Storytime! Develop a love of reading and school readiness.
Ages 3+

**Infant Lap-sit**
**Fridays • 11 AM**
Bring your baby to the library! Enjoy books with your child in a fun, interactive setting with other parents.
Ages 0-18 months

**Themed Family Storytime**
**Saturdays • 11 AM**
Seasonally themed storytime for all-pluss, make and take a craft home!
All ages

**Special Storytime:**
**Maryland Symphony Orchestra**
**Friday, Nov 3 • 2 PM**
Join Miss Abigail for a live Maryland Symphony Orchestra Storytime featuring percussionist Julie Angelis Boehler and the books:
*Max Found Two Sticks & Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb!*
Registration requested >>>

**Invitation to Explore:**
**Cotton Swab Oil Paintings**
**Wednesday, Nov 8 • 3:30 PM**
Join Ms. Lauren in a craft exploring the effect of oil and pastels and see what we can create together!

**Holiday Window Popsicle Stick Ornament Craft Program**
**Friday, Dec 8 • 4 PM**
Make a homemade gift or keepsake of this cute window frame ornament. Bring in a favorite small photo to frame. Enjoy each other’s company with some hot chocolate. Ages 5-11
Space is limited, please register per person >>>

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**BOONSBORO**

**Children & Kids**

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**NOV/DEC 2023 | BOONSBORO**
Teens & Tweens: Board Games and Brownies
Friday, Nov 17 • 4 PM
Teens and Tweens are invited to play some board games and enjoy some brownies. Ages 10-18

Shrinky Drinks!
Wednesday, Dec 13 • 3:30 PM
Join Ms. Lauren in creating a gift for you to give to someone special and watch the magic of shrinky dinks!

Teens & Tweens: No Bake Cookies
Friday, Dec 15 • 4 PM
Teens and Tweens are invited to learn about making cookies without an oven. Bring your sweet tooth! Ages 12-18
Registration Required > > >

Adult Monthly Programs:

ABC (Afternoon Book Club)
Tuesdays, Nov 21 and Dec 19
3 PM
Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the Month. All are welcome.
11/21: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
12/19: Lessons in Chemistry by Betty Garmus

Movie Nights for Grown-ups
Tuesdays, Nov 14 and Dec 12
6 PM
11/14: 5000 Blankets (PG-13)
105 mins
12/12: White Christmas (Not Rated)
2 hrs

Boonsboro Historical Society
Speaker: Bob Savitt
Tuesday, Nov 28 • 5:30 PM
Join the Boonsboro Historical Society Speaker, Bob Savitt, for his talk about Boonsboro and the National Road.
**Children - 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, Nov 21 and Dec 19 • 3:45 PM  
Duplos and Legos provided. Try the monthly challenge or come up with your own design!

**Mystery Book & Cherry Pie**

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

**Wreath Making Demonstration**

Saturday, Nov 18 • 11-12 PM  
A member of the garden club will demonstrate the technique of wreath making. The wreath she creates during the demonstration will be raffled off.  
*Registration required > > > 301-842-2730*

**Adult Monthly Programs:**

**Adult Book Discussion**

First Wednesdays, Nov 1 and Dec 6  
11:15 AM  
Join other adults for a lively discussion and light refreshments.  
11/1: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver  
12/6: Book TBD

**Wreath Craft**

Saturday, Dec 2 • 11 AM  
Learn to make a fun wreath using sandwich baggies and ribbon. This craft is fun for the whole family!  
*Registration required > > > 301-842-2730*

**Christmas Town in Clear Spring**

Saturday, Dec 16  
3-5 PM- The library will be a stop on Memory Lane in Christmas Town.  
6-9 PM- Join us for a craft and a sweet treat as we participate in this lovely town wide event. These events takes place in the lobby and community room. The Clear Spring Library will not be open at this time.
WASHINGTON COUNTY FREE LIBRARY PRESENTS...

A ✽ NIGHT OF ✽ ENCHANTMENT ✽ FAIRYTALE COSTUME BALL

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

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

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
See page 8 for more information
**Weekly Storytime:**

**Preschool Storytime**

*Wednesdays • 11:30 AM*

No Storytime Dec 27

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

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**Family Craft Saturdays**

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

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

- **11/18:** Recycled Book Tree
- **12/16:** Cloth Holiday Ornaments

Registration required > > >

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**STEM Club**

**Wednesday, Nov 22 • 3-4 PM**

No STEM in December

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

- **11/22:** Group Minecraft

Registration required > > >

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**Family Take & Make**

**Nov and Dec • All Month**

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

- **Nov:** Yarn Gnome
- **Dec:** Surprise Craft!

Registration required > > >

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**Children's Take & Make**

**Nov and Dec • All Month**

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

- **Nov:** Paper Tube Snowman
- **Dec:** Paper Tube Reindeer
- **Marionette**

Registration required > > >

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**Homeschool Day at the Library**

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

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

- **11/15:** 3-D Art
- **12/16:** Puppetry & annual Cookie Exchange
Adult Monthly Programs:

Adult Book Club

**Wednesdays, Nov 15 and Dec 20**
**5-6 PM**
Join this lively and fun book discussion. Each month participants will discuss a book chosen by a member of the group.

Cricut Maker Club

**Saturdays, Nov 18 and Dec 16**
**10-11:30 AM**
Do you have a new Cricut, but you don’t know where to start? Do you have some good tricks and tips you’d like to share? This program is for you! There will be a Cricut Air II, Maker, Maker 3 and 2 Cricut Joys available for use during this program. For ages 9 - Adult.

- **11/18:** Basic paper cutting, print-then-cut, and vinyl cutting
- **12/16:** Make a holiday ornament

**Registration required:** 301-678-5300. Call the library with any questions you may have before the program so we can find the answers!

TeenZone Craft

**Nov and Dec • All Month**
Find a new craft activity each month in our Young Adults section.

Night at Martha’s House

**Tuesdays, Nov 7 and Dec 5 • 5:30-7 PM**
Come enjoy a family dinner and a craft! Doors open at 5:30 for dinner, with the program following.

- **11/7:** Craft TBD
- **12/5:** Reindeer ornament and reading of *The Night Before Christmas.*

U.S. Propaganda Posters of WWI

**Tuesday, Nov 21 • 6 PM**
In this month of celebrating veterans, come to the Hancock Library to find out about the work of the Division of Pictorial Publicity of the Committee for Public Information in World War 1. We’ll review posters designed for recruiting, as well as those designed to manage resources on the home front, to encourage gardening, and to involve people in non-military roles. We’ll find out why these posters were produced, who the artists were, which images have persisted, and why "Liberty" began to take over from "Columbia" as the embodiment of the spirit of the Nation.
Take & Make Crafts for Kids
Pick up a Craft Kit at Keedysville Branch with all of the materials necessary.

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

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

Take & Make Crafts for Adults
Pick up a Craft Kit at Keedysville Branch with all of the materials necessary.

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

Holiday Stories, Gazebo & Hot Cocoa!
Saturday, Dec 9 • 10:15-2PM
Come get some holiday stories to read in the gazebo while enjoying a nice warming cup of cocoa which will be available all Saturday.

Your Digital Library

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Children - Adults

**Weekly Storytime:**

**Themed Storytime**

**Thursdays • 3:30 PM**

Gather with other children for stories and a craft!

**Ages 3+**

**Special Storytimes**

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

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


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

**Lego Club**

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

Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

**Maryland STEM Festival Challenge**

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

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

**Homeschool Book Club**

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

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

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

**Monthly Programs:**

**Adult Book Share**

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

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

**Movie Night**

**Thursday, Nov 9 • 5:30 PM**

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

**Annual Holiday Jazz Concert**

**Tuesday, Dec 5 • 7 PM**

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

WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

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

Toddler Time
Thursdays • 11 AM
Join us in the Community Room.
Ages 18-36 months

Preschool Storytime
Fridays • 11 AM
Join us in the Community Room.
Ages 3-5

Saturday Storytime
Saturdays • 11:30 AM
Join us in the Children's Room. Miss Charlotte has planned exciting themes!
All ages

Make and Take Craft Kits
Nov: Jump Up Character - Build a fall animal on a spring and make it jump.
Dec: Beaded Wreath - Make a beaded wreath to hang on your tree.

Simple STEM Challenge Kits
Nov: Static Flyer - Use a balloon to make objects fly!
Dec: Christmas Paper Circuit Card - Create a card for a loved one that lights up.

Storytime in Our Town:
Smithsburg EMS
Saturday, Nov 18 • 11:30 AM
Little readers! Meet us at Smithsburg EMS Inc. for this Community Saturday Storytime featuring a guided tour, meet EMS heroes and hear stories. Meet at: Smithsburg EMS Inc.
8 N. Maple Ave.
Smithsburg, MD.
Register online >

Holiday Storytime
Saturday, Dec 9 • 11:30 AM
Join us for a special storytime about the holidays. A craft will be included. Register online >
Junk Drawer Robotics

**Thursday, Nov 16 • 4-5:30 PM**
Youth will explore movement and friction by testing a small box on a number of surfaces, looking at static friction and sliding friction. Youth will then test rolling friction by adding wheels (cylinders) or rollers as a way to overcome the overall friction of an item. Youth will plan and design a vehicle to maximize its ability to coast based on considering the effects of friction.
For ages 8-14.
Register online > > >

Lego Nights

**Mondays, Nov 20 and Dec 11 • 5-6 PM**
LEGO nights are back and we will be building a drop test with 20 LEGO pieces and something for the holidays or free build.

Polar Express

**Wednesday, Dec 6 • 4:30 PM**
Climb aboard for a showing of the *Polar Express* where hot chocolate and popcorn will be served.
Register online > > >
Then stop by the library for your ticket to board the train!

Metal Foil Art

**Wednesday, Nov 8 • 5:30 PM**
Teens and Tweens, create a piece of art rubbing foil over a mold. Register online > > >

Terra Cotta Snowman Pot

**Monday, Dec 18 • 5 PM**
Teens and Tweens, paint a pot to look like a snowman. Place a bag of candy in the top and give as a gift. Register online >
**Make & Take Kit:**
**Salt Shaker Snowman**
*November - while supplies last*
Create a cute snowman out of a glass salt shaker. Everything will be provided in the kit. For teens and adults.

**Diabetes Prevention Program**
*Monday, Nov 13 • 6 PM*
Diabetes is a health issue that affects 1 in 10 Americans. 1 in 3 adult Americans are prediabetic. Do you want to know what causes diabetes and how to prevent it? The Washington County Health Department will present this program. To register, Please call 301-824-7722 or go online.

**Movie Night *New Time***
*Tuesdays, Nov 14 and Dec 12 • 6 PM*
Join us for free showings of great movies.
11/14: About My Father (PG-13)
12/12: Prancer: A Christmas Tale (PG)

**Adult Book Club**
*Tuesday, Nov 28 • 5 PM*
No Book Club in December
Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
11/28: Only the Beautiful by Susan Meissner
Ornament Making - All Ages

Tuesday, Nov 28 • 6:30 PM
Join us for our annual ornament making event. We hope to make 3 ornaments this year including a macramé ornament and a decorated canning ring.
Registration is limited and required by calling 301-824-7722 or online.

Library Holiday Open House

Friday, December 1 • 6-8 PM
Enjoy some refreshments at the library after Smithsburg’s tree-lighting ceremony in Veterans Park. Tour our building, pick up a free craft-kit for the kids, check out the used book sale and Santa should be here. Also, at 7:30 PM, children of all ages are welcome to enjoy “Storytime by the Fire.”

Musical Monday Storytime
Mondays • 11 AM
No Storytime Dec 25
Sing, dance, and learn together! Small craft will be provided after story time.
Ages 0-6

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays • 11 AM
Books, music, and educational activities!
Ages 2-6

Special Storytime Around Town
Wednesdays, Nov 1 and Dec 6 • 11 AM
Join us the first Wednesday of the month!
11/1: Williamsport Town Hall:
2 N Conococheague St, Williamsport MD
12/6: Springfield Barn – Celebration of Trees Display (dress warmly it will be cold)
2 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, MD
STEM Playtime for Preschoolers

Wednesdays • 11:30 AM
Join us after Preschool Storytime for educational play, learning a craft, or a STEM project. Ages 2-6

Family Craft Night

Tuesdays, Nov 14 and Dec 12 • 5-6:30 PM
All ages welcome to this family craft night. Spend an hour making some fun crafts together with your family. In November we will offer materials to create ornaments for the Williamsport Library Christmas Tree in the Barn. You can also add your name to the “Nice List” garland for participating.

Celebration of Trees

Dec 2, 8, 9, 16 • 3-9 PM
Dec 5, 12 • 11AM - 4PM
Dec 3, 10, 17 • 2-7 PM
Visit the barn this season and locate the Williamsport Memorial Library Tree. Find the ornaments made by you, our patrons, and take a selfie with our Tree to share with us on Facebook @WCLFLWilliamsport!
Springfield Barn is located at:
2 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, MD 21795

Tween Craft Night

Wednesdays, Nov 29 and Dec 27 • 5-6 PM
Join us for a craft time just for tweens. Too old for Storytime? Not ready for our teen programs? This event is just for you!
Ages 8-12
11/29: Hand Print Doodle/Zentangle Art
12/27: New Year’s Eve Poppers
Registration required > > >

Teen Escape Room

Tuesdays, Dec 19 • 4-6 PM
Our Teen Escape Rooms are back! Join us for a fun solving puzzles, seeking clues before the time runs out! Location:
Clear Spring Branch, 12624 Broadfording Road, Clear Spring, MD
Reserve a team slot > > > or wil@washcolibrary.org
or drop in to join another team.

Winter Solstice Party

Thursday, Dec 21 • 5-6:30 PM
Join us to help celebrate the Winter Solstice, the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year. We will share winter books, crafts, and activities.
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Williamsport Book Club

Thursdays, Nov 2 and Dec 7
1:30 - 2:30 PM
Our Book Club is a smaller group, with a lively and engaging book discussion. Books are selected in advance by members. With a mix of classics, Pulitzer Prize nominees and winners, modern fiction, and historical fiction, there is something for everyone. All are welcome, no previous Book Club experience required.
11/2: The Maid by Nita Prose
12/7: The 100 Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin

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

Friday, Nov 3 • 1 PM
Caregivers have a difficult role. This program, presented by Commonwealth Senior Living of Hagerstown, shares tips to help find joy while caring for your loved one during the busy holiday season.

Diabetes Prevention Program

Monday, Nov 6 • 1 PM
November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Do you know the symptoms and signs of Diabetes? Join us for a program with the Washington County Health Department program all about this disease and how to prevent it.

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**BRANCH HOURS**

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
   - Programs:
     - Williamsport Town Hall
     - 2 N Conococheague St.
     - Williamsport, MD 21795
   - Book Drop:
     - 104 East Potomac St.
     - Williamsport, MD 21795
   - (Call Fletcher Branch during closure)

**HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

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