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Help us spread the word and excitement about the new Bookmobile! When you see it on the road, snap a picture and post it on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag: #NEWBOOKMOBILE

ANNUAL Writers & Poets CONTEST

JANUARY 2 THROUGH MARCH 15

Contact for additional guidelines:
The Children’s Department
wcflchildren@washcolibrary.org
301-739-3250

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

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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**CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

**Toddler Time**
Mondays, Jan-Mar • 10 & 11 AM
Ages 18-36 months
Current session runs through March.
**Registration required**, please call: 301-739-3250. (Registration for the May-July session begins on April 1st.)

**Infant Storytime**
Weds, Jan-Mar • 10 & 11 AM
Ages 6-18 months
Current session runs through March.
**Registration required**, please call: 301-739-3250. (Registration for the May-July session begins on April 1st.)

**Family Story Night**
Thursdays • 6:30 PM
All ages

**Preschool Storytime**
Fridays • 11 AM  ***NEW TIME***
Ages 3-5

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**Read with a Pet**
First Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 1 PM
Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat. First come, first served.

**Saturday Movie Matinee**
First Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 2 PM
Community Room
3/2: *Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie*
4/6: *Wish*

**MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STORYTIME:**

**Violin**
Friday, Apr 19 • 11 AM
Join Miss Abigail for a live Maryland Symphony Orchestra Storytime featuring violinist, Brent Price, and the book *Something Wild*.
This event will replace Preschool Storytime.
**Registration requested** > > >

**Little Explorers Preschool Science**
Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 11 AM
For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.
3/16: Learn about texture and shapes making cloud dough
4/20: Create colorful coffee filter butterflies
**Registration required** > > >
Meet the Eggs!

Tuesday, Mar 19 • 3 PM
This spring, the Children’s Department is getting some new friends. Watch as 7 eggs develop and hatch into chicks! Come meet the eggs and learn the science of how they hatch! Check back through April 15th as we wait for the chicks to arrive.

Kids Discover Science

First Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 11 AM
For ages 6-10
3/2: Make your own candle with Create a Candle
4/6: Make ice cream in a bag with the Washington County 4-H
Registration required

Youth Art Month

Mar 1-31 • All Day
In honor of Youth Art Month, the Children’s Department will be sponsoring a Design-a-Bookmark Contest. Official entry blanks and rules will be available at all branches and online. Winning bookmarks will be printed and available during National Library Week in April. Contact the Children’s Department for more details.

Legos in the Library

Fridays, Mar 8 and Apr 12 • 3:30-5 PM
Drop in between 3:30-5:00 PM. All materials stay at the library. For children ages 4+
3/8: Favorite Sports
4/12: Build-a-Garden

Homeschool Enrichment

Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 8, 22 • 2 PM
For ages 6-13
3/11: Come for Book Club, a writing workshop, and games
3/25: Service Dog Education — Learn about service dogs with Thin Line Service Dogs
4/8: Come for Book Club, a writing workshop, and games
Registration required
Elementary/Tween Take & Make

Weeks of Mar 11-16 and Apr 15-20 • All Day
Pick up your kit during the designated week. Make it at home. For ages 7-12

3/11-16: Popcorn Garland kit – You can feed spring birds with this fun project.
4/15-20: Mini Foosball – Engineer a foosball table out of a cereal box.
Registration required > > >

Tween STEAM Club

Fridays, Mar 22 and Apr 26 • 3:30 PM
For ages 9-12.
3/22: Tessellation Pillowcase. Use math to make a funky pillowcase pattern that you can keep.
4/26: Make Your Own Checkers. Make a travel checker set to take with you on your next adventure.
Registration Required > > >

National Library Week

April 7-13 • All Day
Ready, Set, Library! Race to discover the possibilities at your library during National Library Week! We will have special activities each day to celebrate. The winning entries from our Youth Art Month Bookmark Contest will be announced and available by the end of the week.

Teen Game Night

Thursdays • 5-7 PM
Come meet Ms. Yesenia and play games with your friends, from Switch to card games and foosball, you get to choose!

Homeschool Hangout for Teens!

Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 8, 22 • 2-4 PM
The Teen Lounge is OPEN for homeschoolers aged 13-19 looking to make friends with other homeschoolers. This is unstructured time — we have board and card games, foosball, coloring pages and more!
TEEN CHEF

Honey Glazed Carrots
Monday, Mar 4 • 5-6 PM
Celebrate Spring and put a twist on the usual Easter dish of fresh carrots. We will make a tasty glaze, bake seasonal carrots & step up the typical dish! Register >

Homemade Chicken Strips
Monday, Apr 1 • 5-7 PM
We all like chicken strips, so let’s make it a little healthier. These are easy, tasty, and a great alternative to store bought strips! Register ▲

Teen Digital Detox Happy Hour
Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 8, 22 • 5-7 PM
Reduce stress, improve sleep, mood and self-esteem by disconnecting from devices. Unplug in the Teen Cave for an hour of screen-free fun. We provide activities or bring your own.

Teen Manga Club
Mondays, Mar 18 and Apr 15 • 5-6 PM
Come join us as we restart the popular Manga (and Anime) Club from last fall! Let’s read manga, discuss manga, cook Japanese food, watch anime — come help decide!

Creative Corner for Teens
Tuesdays, Mar 5, 19 and Apr 2, 16 • 5-7PM
Looking to get creative? All teens are welcome! Find a variety of materials and projects for make-and-take in a fun and judgement-free environment.

VolunTeen Orientation
Fridays, Mar 1 • 5-5:30 PM | Quiet Room
Come to a short orientation to familiarize yourself with the expectations, potential jobs, and benefits of our VolunTeen program. Then earn SSL hours!

Teen Writer’s Workshop
Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 3-4 PM
Come bring your writing to life through new prompts, styles, and genres! We will peer-edit, share ideas, and create!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Study session with boba
Friday, Mar 8 • 2-5 PM
Our popular study session has returned! Register online or on our Discord page to get a free boba tea to study with as you hang out and study with friends in the teens dept! Register ▲ ▲ ▲

Study session with a bunny!
Friday, Apr 26 • 2-5 PM
To celebrate Spring, calm, and pets, TAB is hosting a study session with a real live bunny! Come relax, study, and pet the bunny as you focus on the upcoming end of the school year.

Pop-up prom dress give-away
Saturday, Apr 13 • 1-4 PM
We are partnering with Unite: Project Hagerstown to provide prom attire for teens in need! Join us to select your perfect fit!
ADULT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Fletcher Film Series
Mondays, Mar 4, 18 and Apr 1, 15, 29
2-4 PM | Community Room 308/309
Join us for our film series! Water and popcorn will be served. Note: This is intended for older teens/adults. Children 17 & under must be accompanied by an adult.
March’s Theme: "Sláinte!"
3/4: Sing Street (PG-13)
3/18: The Crying Game (R)
April’s Theme: "Poetry in Motion"
4/1: Dead Poets Society (PG)
4/15: Poetic Justice (R)
4/29: The Green Knight (R)

Game Night at the Library
Tuesdays, Mar 12 and Apr 9 • 5-7 PM
Conference Room 334
Drop in to play a board game or two, or solve a murder mystery!

Write Here, Write Now
Thursdays, Mar 7, 21 and Apr 4, 18
5:30-7 PM | Conference Room 334
Collaborate with other local writers, workshop works-in-progress, or just have a dedicated time and place to write. Registration required >

Hagerstown Homesteaders
Fridays, Mar 15 and Apr 19 • 2-3 PM
Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 11-12 PM
Conference Room 334
This monthly gardening club will teach you what you need to know to maintain a thriving garden. Partner with Mother Nature to learn self-sufficiency and resilience. March’s theme: Transplanting Seedlings/Preparing Garden Plots. April’s theme: Transplanting Seedlings and Direct Sowing. Registration required >

MCCAULEY LECTURES:
The Thomas Lovetts and Their Hill Top House: Five Fascinating Finds
Monday, Mar 4 • 6-7:30 PM
Community Room 308/309
The famous Hill Top House started as a Black family-owned summer resort in Harpers Ferry, yet contrary to common practice during the Jim Crow era, it attracted thousands of white vacationers from the DC-Baltimore area. Author Lynn Pechuekonis will share stories recently surfaced from her research about the hotel and its owners.

Stitch Makers@Fletcher
Wednesday, Mar 13 • 1-2 PM
Western Maryland Room
March is National Crochet Month. Whether you knit or crochet, BYOP (Bring Your Own Project) and join other Stitch Makers@Fletcher.
NOTEWORTHY SUNDAYS
CONCERT SERIES — ALL AGES!
COMMUNITY ROOM 308/309

Kerensa Gray: When Books Sing
Sunday, Mar 3 • 3-4 PM
Join us for our Noteworthy Sundays Kickoff Concert! We are thrilled to host unforgettable Kerensa Gray. Often compared to jazz royalty the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Etta James, Gray interweaves elements of Jazz, folk, blues, R&B, and classical to create a sound that is undeniably hers.
Registration requested > > >

Angela Easterling & Brandon Turner
Sunday, Apr 7 • 3-4 PM
Angela Easterling brandishes her songwriting chops with rootsy, refreshing, homespun tunes, while her duo partner, Brandon Turner, masters many complex styles with instrumentation that fleshes out the stories in Angela's songs, and adds some rocking fun; altogether unique and engaging.
Registration requested > > >

50 Book Cafe
Wednesday, Mar 13 • 6-7:30 PM
Western Maryland Room
Join us for a group book chat! Whether you're reading 50 books or just want to chat about what you're reading, we'll be happy to see you!

Mapping Maryland Through History
Sunday, Mar 17 • 2-4 PM
Community Rooms 308/309
Dr. Edward Papenfuse, former Archivist for the State of Maryland, will discuss the early mapping of Maryland; Dr. Ira Lourie, will present a summary of the map collection that he donated to the WCFL John Clinton Frye Western Maryland Room. Learn details significant to Hagerstown.

Easter Craft: Jelly Bean Topiary
Wednesday, Mar 27 • 9:30 - 11 AM
Conference Room 334
Join us for a fun Easter Craft!
Ages 6 - Adult
Registration required > > >

¡Conversemos! Spanish/English Chat Group
Mondays, Mar 11, 25 and Apr 15, 29 | 11AM - 12PM | Conference Room 334
Want to brush up on your language skills, but need speaking practice? This informal group for speakers of both English and Spanish is the perfect opportunity to learn in a fun, no-pressure environment.

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

**Spring Celebration Storytime**
Wednesday, Mar 6 • 3:30 PM
Join Ms. Lauren in celebration of the Spring to come with a story time and craft about birds!

**Signs and Directions Storytime**
Wednesday, Apr 10 • 3:30 PM
Join Ms. Lauren for a Storytime about signs and directions. Stay for a Magnet Maze project you can create with simple items.

**In the Garden Storytime**
Saturday, Apr 27 • 11 AM
Join us for a storytime on gardening. We'll decorate our own plant containers and start a plant from seed. Enjoy a tour in our beautiful garden!

**Stem Explorations: Lego Engineering Challenges**
Wednesdays, Mar 13 and Apr 17 • 4:15 PM
Join us for some hands-on fun as we try some Lego Challenges and discover what we can make.

**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
Teens & Tweens Crafternoon
Friday, Mar 15 • 4 PM
A free-for-all Crafternoon where we break out the supplies and you decide what you want to make. Just drop in and make what you like. Ages 10-18

Teens & Tweens Galaxy Journal Craft
Friday, Apr 19 • 4 PM
Join us as we take a spiral bound blank book and decorate it for a swirly, deep space galaxy look. Supplies are limited. Ages 10-18
Registration Required

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

Low-Waste Living Workshop: Plastic Free DIY
Wednesday, Mar 20 • 5:30 PM
Members of Boonsboro Green Fest's Zero Waste Exchange (ZWE) invite those looking to learn simple, practical ways to live a low waste lifestyle that will not only help to preserve our environment, but help build community, save money and improve quality of life.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

ABC (Afternoon Book Club)
Tuesdays, Mar 19 and Apr 16 • 3 PM
Join us for a book discussion every 3rd Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.
3/19: The Little Liar by Mitch Albom
4/16: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Movie Nights for Grown-ups
Tuesdays, Mar 12 and Apr 9 • 6 PM
3/12: A Haunting in Venice (PG-13)
4/9: The Color Purple (PG-13)

BOONSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:
Boonsboro Now & Then — A Historical Journey from Past to Present
Tuesday, Mar 26 • 5:30 PM
Join us for this intriguing, visual program.

Colonel Edward Mobley Presentation
Tuesday, Apr 23 • 5:30 PM
Author and Antietam Battlefield guide, Justin Mayhue, will speak about Colonel Edward Mobley — Civil War veteran, volunteer firefighter and Sheriff of Washington County.
**Mystery Book & Cherry Pie**
In Memory of Arnita Ernst, who would like us all to read a mystery book and bake a cherry pie: Each month we will raffle off a mystery novel and the recipe for Arnita’s award winning cherry pie.

**ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

**Adult Book Club**
*Weds, Mar 6 and Apr 3 • 11:30 AM*
Join other adults on the first Wednesday of the month for a lively discussion. Please contact the library so we can provide a copy of the book.
3/6: *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Gamus
4/3: TBD

**Homeschool Activities**

*Fridays, Mar 15 and Apr 12 • 1:30 PM*
Join us for learning physics with Legos!
Best for ages 8+
Registration required, call: 301-842-2730

**Teen/Adult Craft**

*Saturday, Mar 23 and Apr 20 • 11-12 PM*
Join us for crafts that are enjoyable to make and useful too!
3/23: Crushed Glass Votive Candles
4/20: Tile coasters decorated with alcohol and sharpies
COME LEARN WITH US!
Our Homeschool Programs explore engaging of topics that are sure to spark student (and parent) curiosity! Meet other local Homeschoolers and expand your circle! > > > Find more information on each program in each Library Branch section.

LEARNING PHYSICS WITH LEGOS
Fridays, Mar 15 and Apr 12 • 1:30 PM
Clear Spring Memorial Library
Best for ages 8+ | Call to register > 301-842-2730

UMD PHOTOSYNTHESIS CLASS
Thursday, Mar 21 • 4 PM
Smithsburg Library | Community Room
Learn about photosynthesis and explore with live plants! Presented by the University of Maryland. Ages 10-18 | Register online >

SERVICE DOG EDUCATION
Monday, Mar 25 • 2 PM
Fletcher Library | Childrens Dept.
Learn about service dogs with Thin Line Service Dogs. Ages 6-13
Register online >

CREATE SOME COLOR!
Wednesday, Apr 3 • 5 PM
Smithsburg Library
School-aged artists — Come paint! Learn to blend, tint & shade the Color Wheel. Ages 10-18 | Register >

WALKING TOUR OF SHARPSBURG
Thursday, Apr 4 • 1:30 PM
Jesse Rogers, VP of the Sharpsburg Museum of History, will take us on a historical walking tour of our town.

OWL PELLET DISSECTION
Monday, Apr 22 • 2 PM
Fletcher Library | Childrens Dept.
Join us for a Washington County 4-H Program on owl pellets. For ages 6-13 | Register online >

BOOK CLUBS
Fletcher Library | Children’s Department
Monday, Mar 11 & Apr 8 • 2 PM | Book Club, writing workshop, & games. Ages 6-13 | Register online

Sharpsburg Library
Wednesday, Mar 27 • 1:30 PM | The Country Bunny and the Little Golden Shoes by DuBose Heyward
Wednesday, Apr 17 • 1:30 PM | Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling

Free Access
1. Washcolibrary.org
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**Homeschool Day at the Library**

*Wednesdays, Mar 20 and Apr 17 • 3-4 PM*
This year we are focusing on art. All ages are welcome to join us!
3/20: Decorate a “Pysanky Egg”
4/17: Simple Quilling (art with paper curling)

**STEAM @ the Library**

*Wednesday, Mar 27 and Apr 24 • 3-4 PM*
Elementary age students can enjoy a different STEAM activity each month. Ages 5-11
3/27: Roblox
4/24: Building with Rig-a-Ma-Jigs
Registration required > > >

**Children’s Take & Make**

*Mar and Apr • All Month*
Stop by the library to pick up a take-home craft kit for children. Ages 4-6
Mar: Paper Basket
Apr: Tissue Paper Flowers
Registration required > > >

**TeenZone Craft**

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

**Family Craft Saturdays**

*Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 12-2 PM*
Come and get creative! We offer a different craft each month. These crafts are for ages 5 to adult and are in-house only. They will not be sent out as “take-and-make” kits.
3/16: Fluffy Bunny Wreath
4/20: Spring Suncatcher
Registration required > > >

**Finding Money for College**

*Tuesday, Apr 16 • 6 PM*
Are you looking for money for college for yourself or for your teen? In this class we will cover federal and Maryland student aid and scholarship searches. This would be especially helpful to high school juniors and seniors and their adults, or for adults planning to return to school.
ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Wednesdays, Mar 20 and Apr 17 • 5-6 PM
Join this lively and fun book discussion! Each month participants will discuss a book chosen by a member of the group. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the month’s selection: 301-678-5300.

Cricut Maker Club

Saturdays, Mar 16 and Apr 20 • 10 AM
Do you have a new Cricut, but you don’t know where to start? Do you have tricks and tips you’d like to share? Join us! We will have multiple Cricut machines available for use during this program. For ages 9 - Adult 3/16: Paper flowers 4/20: Heat transfer vinyl Registration required: 301-678-5300.

Eclipse Viewing Event

Monday, Apr 8 • 2-4 PM
War Memorial Park
Safely view this partial solar eclipse! The eclipse in our area will begin around 2:00, and reach totality at around 3:00. The Hancock Library will provide viewing glasses to participants while supplies last. This activity is great for all ages. Younger participants can make a simple eclipse viewer.

KEEDYSVILLE

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Mar 2 • 10:15 AM - 2 PM
Come pick up a craft to do at home and check out some Dr. Seuss books!

Take & Make Crafts for Kids

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

Mar 4-16: Shamrocks or Rainbows
Mar 18-30: Bunnies or Chicks
Apr 1-30: Plant A Seed! — Pick up a different vegetable or herb seed pack each week. Make newspaper pots to start plants indoors before you replant outside. While supplies last!

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

Thursday, Mar 21 • 6 PM
Maryland suffragists fought early and hard for women’s right. This program explores the teamwork, strategy, and personalities in Baltimore and around Maryland, using Pratt Library’s special collection of suffrage swag, records, and ephemera to bring history to life. All ages are welcome.
CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

**Themed Storytime**

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

COMMUNITY STORYTIMES

**Ranger Talk: Christina Stanczak**

Thursday, Mar 28 • 3:30 PM
Antietam Battlefield Visitor’s Center
Free event! Stay for the movie at 4 PM.

**“Chalking Good” Storytime**

Thursday, Apr 25 • 3:30 PM
Sharpsburg Park: 126 W High Street
Help us fill the basketball court with positive messages & pictures! (inclement weather > Library)

HOMESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Homeschool Book Club**

Wednesday, Mar 27 and Apr 17 • 1:30 PM
4/17: *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi* by Rudyard Kipling

**Walking Tour of Sharpsburg**

Thursday, Apr 4 • 1:30 PM
Jesse Rogers, VP of the Sharpsburg Museum of History, will take us on a historical walking tour of our town.

LEGOS

**Lego Club**

Saturdays, Mar 2 and Apr 6 • 10 AM
Build the Lego challenge or free build.

**Leprechaun Hunt**

Week of March 19 • Open Hours
Did the leprechauns leave something behind?
Follow the clues to find out! For ages 6-12

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

**Adult Book Share**

Wednesdays, Mar 6 and Apr 3 • 1 PM
3/6: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
4/3: Come share what you are reading and find some new titles to read.

**Winter Spice Club**

March - April
• Pick up your sample of *Garam Masala*
• History and info about the spice
• Recipes including the spice
Check out WCFL database *A to Z World Food*.

**Winter Spice Club Picnic!**

Thursday, Apr 4 • 6 PM
Sharpsburg Park pavilion on High Street. Let’s talk about what you liked and didn’t like and sample some of the recipes! If inclement weather it will be in the library.
**SMITHSBURG**

**CHILDREN**

**WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

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

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

**Preschool Storytime**
Fridays • 11 AM (Except Mar 29)
Join us in the Community Room.
Ages 3-5

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

**SPECIAL STORYTIMES:**

**Storytime in Our Town: Smithsburg Community Volunteer Fire Company**
Saturday, Mar 16 • 11:30 AM
Join us for a field trip to Smithsburg Volunteer Fire Company. Local firefighters take children and their caregivers on a tour of their station and teach us about fire engines. Enjoy children’s Storytime at the station!
Space is limited.
Registration required

**Caterpillar & Butterfly Storytime!**
Saturday, Apr 20 • 11:30 AM
Learn about metamorphosis and enjoy double crafts.
Registration required

**Make and Take Craft Kits**
Mar: Puppet — Create a peek-a-boo peep puppet.
Apr: Bug — Make a foam bug to display in your room.

**Lego Nights**
Mondays, Mar 18 and Apr 15 • 5-6 PM
We will be learning physics with LEGO's. Please join us!
Simple STEM Challenge Kits

Mar: The Floating Clip — Learn about water molecules and surface tension with this experiment.
Apr: Earth Day — Celebrate Earth Day and grow your own tomato plant and flower from seeds.

University of Maryland Photosynthesis Class

Thursday, Mar 21 • 4 PM
Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants synthesize food for themselves. In this lesson youth will learn about photosynthesis, how it occurs, and work with live plants to explore this biological process. For ages 10+
Register online > > >

Create Some Color!

Wednesday, Apr 3 • 5 PM
Attention school-aged artists Create some Color! Come and paint with us as we learn to blend, tint and shade the Color Wheel. All materials provided free of charge.
Perfect unit study for homeschooling. For ages 10+
Register online > > >

TEEN/ADULT Monthly Programs:

It’s Game Night!

Tuesdays, Mar 12 and Apr 2 & 23
6:30 - 8 PM
The library is hosting game night. Board games are available. Bring your favorite board game. Please register to give us an idea of how many people to prep for.
For teens and adults!
Register online > > >

Pi Day

Thursday, Mar 14 • 5:30 PM
Teens and Tweens, join us for an interesting discussion of pi and celebrate the day with pizza pi.
Register online > > >

Minute to Win It

Wednesday, Apr 17 • 5 PM
Teens and Tweens join us for Minute to Win It style spring games! Teams will compete in one minute family style games, to include: Are You Noteworthy, the Pasta Ex-SPEAR-i-ence, the Balloon Squash and Name That Celebrity.
Register online > > >
Adult Book Club
Tuesdays, Mar 26 and Apr 23 • 5 PM
Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
3/26: The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline
4/23: The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

Movie Night *New Time*
Tuesdays, Mar 5 and Apr 30 • 6 PM
Join us for free showings of great movies.
3/5: Blue Beetle (PG-13)
4/30: Wonka (PG)

Knit, Crochet & Craft Group
Fridays • 10:30 AM - 1 PM
Bring your own project and join the group.

Writers Group
Saturdays, Mar 9, 23 and Apr 13, 27
10:30 AM
Join us for this fun and informal group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

ANCESTRY SERIES

Navigating MyHeritage DNA
Tuesday, Mar 19 • 6-7:30 PM
MyHeritage DNA boasts the most European test takers of any site. If your roots are in Europe this site may offer you cousin matches that help ‘jump the pond’ in your genealogy research. In this session you’ll learn how to view matches, discover your ethnicity, explore the Theory of Relativity, chromosome browser and auto cluster tools. This program is led by local professional genealogist, Susan VH Fabian.
Register online > > >
or call 301-824-7722

Navigating 23 and Me
Tuesday, Apr 16 • 6-7:30 PM
Although 23 and Me’s focus is on DNA and health, there are a lot of genealogy tools on the site. In this session, you will learn where to find your matches and what clues they offer. You’ll discover the tools including the family tree predictor and chromosome tools. You’ll also access your health traits and other reports. This program is led by local professional genealogist, Susan VH Fabian. Register online >
or call 301-824-7722
Mini Birdhouse
Tuesday, Apr 9 • 6:30-8 PM
All ages! Join us for this birdhouse workshop where we will paint a birdhouse decoration using stencils.
Register online ▶ ▶ ▶

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The Poison Pen of Smithsburg
Tuesday, Apr 13 • 6:45 PM
In the first years of the 20th Century, a silent scandal spread through the mailboxes of Smithsburg when a series of destructive “poison pen” letters shocked everyone who received them. The notes were so stinging that teenage romances ended, engagements were broken, and marriages were strained. Many letters bore the false signatures of respectable citizens of the town. When the Smithsburg postmaster himself became a target of a poison pen letter, he set out to catch the culprit and through a clever sting operation, the Poison Pen was caught and arrested. The resulting trial made national headlines, and involved early use of expert handwriting analysis. Presented by Todd Andrew Dorsett, a member of the Antietam Historical Association of Waynesboro.
Warning: This lecture contains mature themes and language.
Register online ▶ ▶ ▶
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3. Premium Online Resources
4. Select your age group

A library or RAIL card is needed to access many of these databases from home or school!

- **GALE IN CONTEXT: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
  Covers animals, geography, health, social studies, technology, and more on a child’s reading level.

- **HELP NOW! POWERED BY BRAINFUSE**
  Provides 24/7 online homework help, skill-building activities, and useful study tools.

- **MANGO LANGUAGES**
  Helps teach over 70 languages, including Spanish, French, German, and Japanese.

- **WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA**
  Offers access to a kid-friendly encyclopedia

- **GALE IN CONTEXT: MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL**
  Combines Gale's reference content with age-appropriate videos, newspapers, magazines, primary sources, and more.
All Williamsport programs, unless otherwise noted, will be held at Williamsport Town Hall: 2 N Conococheague Street, Williamsport, MD. Parking for Town Hall is located behind the building.

**CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

**Toddler Time**
**Mondays • 11 AM**
Sing, dance, and learn together! A small and fun craft will be provided after story time. Ages 18-36 months

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

**SPECIAL STORYTIMES AROUND TOWN:**

**Museum of Fine Arts**
**Wednesdays, Mar 6 • 11 AM**
After Storytime we can visit the museum and see collections like *Children’s Book Illustration* Exhibit.
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
Hagerstown City Park: 401 Museum Drive.

**Conococheague Ball Park**
**Wednesdays, Apr 3 • 11 AM**
Byron Memorial Park: 2 Ball Park Drive
Williamsport, MD 21795

**STEM Playtime for Preschoolers**
**Wednesdays • 11:30 AM**
(Excluding 3/6 and 4/3)
Join us after Preschool Storytime for educational play, learning a craft, or a STEM project. Ages 2-6

**Makerspace Tabletop Challenge**
**When the branch reopens | All Day**
Stop by the Makerspace to try a new tabletop challenge every week! Activities offered will include pre-coding, engineering, math, nature, and building challenge. Ages 5-11

**Makerspace Solar Eclipse**
**Apr 1 - 6 • All Day**
The Solar Eclipse will take place 4/8/2024. Stop by and visit our Makerspace the week before the Solar Eclipse to learn more about the solar system and how an Eclipse occurs.
Tween Craft Night

Wednesdays, Mar 27 and Apr 24 • 5-6 PM
Join us for a craft time just for tweens. Too old for Storytime? Not ready for our teen programs? This event is just for you! All supplies are provided.
Ages 8-12
3/27: Woven yarn bowls
4/24: Mini Piñatas we will fill with a few surprises
Registration preferred > > >

Teen Tuesday **NEW PROGRAM!**

Tuesdays, Mar 26 and Apr 23 • 4 PM
New Program only for Teens, ages 13-18. Stop by the Teen/YA area for a different craft, discussion, poll, or activity each month.
3/26: Create felted video game characters
4/23: Share poetry and create our own poem

Williamsport Book Club

Thurs, Mar 7 and Apr 4 • 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Our Book Club is a smaller group, with a lively and engaging book discussion. Books are selected in advance by members. There is something for all interests. All are welcome!
3/7: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
4/4: Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy – Four Women Undercover in the Civil War by Karen Abbott

Adult Crafty Hour

Weds, Mar 13 and Apr 10 • 5:30-6:30 PM
Did you know crafting can help improve your mood? Join us for an hour just for adults.
Registration is required to coordinate materials. All supplies are provided.
3/13: Lovely decoupage candle holders
4/10: Learn Punch Needle Embroidery and create a small mug rug
Registration required > > >
Seed Library

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

Coping for Caregivers

Friday, Mar 1 • 1-2 PM
Commonwealth Senior Living speaker will give us tips to help cope with the stress of being a caregiver. March 3rd is Caregiver Appreciation Day, join us and learn something new!

Spring Plant and Seed Swap

Tuesday, Mar 19 • All Day
It’s the first day of Spring and time to plan your garden. We welcome all indoor and outdoor plants and seeds of all types for this first annual Spring Plant and Seed Swap. Please make sure your items are clearly marked and identified.

ADULT SPEAKER SERIES ** NEW!

Birding in Your Backyard

Thursday, Mar 21 • 5:30 - 6:30 PM
The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will present a program about Birding in your Backyard. As Spring begins we are starting to see and hear more Birds; learn how to make your yard welcoming for birds.

Low-Waste Living Ideas for Earth Day

Thursday, Apr 18 • 5:30 PM
Earth Day is April 22nd. Join us to learn practical tips and ideas for living a low-waste lifestyle to help preserve our environment. Hosted and presented by members of the Boonsboro Green Fest Zero Waste Exchange.

Williamsport Memorial Anniversary

Thursday, Apr 11 • 5-7 PM
April 11, 2024 marks the 89th Anniversary of the Rockville Tragedy. We will discuss the tragic events of the bus accident that claimed the lives of 14 Williamsport High students back in 1935. This program will share highlights from the book The Rockville Tragedy by Debra Carbaugh Robinson. This interactive program will include time for sharing stories and memories among those in attendance. This is a community event.
BRANCH MAP:

BRANCH HOURS:

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

2. Bookmobile
   301 • 241 • 9450
   M-F 10AM - 4:30PM
   See website for daily stops

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

4. 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

5. 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

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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