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ADVENTURE BEGINS LIBRARY

June 1 -August 31

SUMMER READING CLUB

SRC Is an annual self-paced reading program. This year's theme celebrates exploring new stories and adventures!

WHO CAN JOIN SRC?

Anyone! There are reading challenges for all ages: Infants, Children, Teens, and Adults! Everyone can earn prizes and be entered into raffles for reading 200, 400, and 500 minutes or 2, 4 and 6 books (for adults) by August 31!

SIGN UP (FOR FREE!)

Head to your library or scan the code to sign up online through the Beanstack platform & start tracking your minutes!



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HAGERSTOWN





CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddler Time

Mondays, May-July • 10 & 11 AM Ages 18-36 months

Registration required, please call: 301-739-3250.

Infant Storytime

Wednesdays, May-July • 10 & 11 AM Ages 6-18 months
Registration required, please call: 301-739-3250.

Family Story Night

Thursdays • 6:30 PM All ages

Preschool Storytime

Fridays • 11 AM Ages 3-5

Read with a Pet

First Saturdays, May 4 and Jun 1 • 1 PM
Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat. First come, first served.

Saturday Movie Matinee

First Saturdays, May 4 and Jun 1 • 2 PM

5/4: The Little Mermaid (Conference Room)

6/1: Migration (Community Room)

Reading Day

Saturday, May 4 • All Day

Come to the library for a special day celebrating books and reading! We will have a book giveaway from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STORYTIME:

Piano

Friday, May 31 • 11 AM

Join Miss Abigail for a live Maryland Symphony Orchestra Storytime featuring pianist, Tony Nalker,

and the book 88 Instruments.
This event will replace Preschool

Storytime.

Registration requested > > >



Little Explorers Preschool Science

Saturdays, May 18 • 11 AM

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers.

Celebrate spring by decorating flowerpots and planting flowers.

Registration required > > > (Resumes in September)





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HAGERSTOWN

Legos in the Library

Fridays, May 10 and Jun 14 • 3:30-4:30 PM

Drop in and join us! All materials stay at the library.

For children ages 4+ 5/10: Boats and Ships

6/14: Adventures in Camping

Stuffed Animal Sleepaway Camp

May 20 - May 24 • All Week

Stuffed animals of all kinds are invited to spend a week at the library's Stuffed Animal Sleepaway Camp! Animals may be dropped off at any time on Monday, May 20th. They will spend the week at the library, having all sorts of adventures, and be ready to be picked up on Friday, May 24th after 3:00 PM. Check with the Children's Dept for more details.

Kids Discover Science

First Saturday, May 4 • 11 AM

Celebrate spring by decorating flowerpots and planting flowers.

For ages 6-10

Registration required > > >

(Resumes in September)



Children's Book Week

May 6-12 • All Day

"No Rules. Just Read." Celebrate the world of children's books with different activities each day.

Anoles & Other Critters!

Wednesday, May 8 • 5 PM Storytime Room 227

Appalachian Reptiles & Aquatics will be coming in to educate us on our scaly friends: anoles and more! The Teens Dept has an anole, Peach, and would like to get the teens educated on our new friend! This is an opportunity to learn and engage! Join us for some fun! For ages 10-19

Homeschool Enrichment

Monday, May 13 • 2 PM

Community Room 308/309

Join us for an end of the School Year Party: Journey to Costa Rica! For ages 6-13

Registration required > > > (Resumes in September)



Elementary/Tween Take & Make

Week of May 13-18 • All Day

Come pick up your DIY Pan Flute and Harmonica kit to make at home.

For ages 7-12

Registration required > > >



Tween STEAM Club

Friday, May 24 • 3:30 PM

Make Your Own Checkers (Rescheduled)! Make a

travel checker set to take with you on your next adventure! For ages 9-12.

Registration encouraged > > >

(Resumes in September)



FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY

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SUMMER READING CLUB

Summer Reading Club Begins!

Saturday, Jun 1 • All Day

Summer has come again, and with it, the start of Summer Reading Club. The club is open to children from birth to 18! This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library!" Register at the Children's Desk and pick up your gameboard!

Mr. Jon and Friends

Monday, Jun 10 • 11 AM

Join multiple Parents' Choice Award winning musician Mr. Jon & Friends for an interactive musical comedy show for the whole family! Mr. Jon & his silly friend, George the Monkey, will have you laughing and dancing along. A hilarious, fun concert not to miss! Replaces Toddler Time.

"Adventure Begins at Your Library" Kickoff Celebration

Friday, Jun 21 • 10 AM - 2 PM

Jump into the summer reading challenge with games, activities, a performance by Authentic Community Theater, and more! Check in with the Children's Dept. for details and event schedule!

Didgeridoo Down Under: Australian Adventure

Monday, Jun 24 • 4 PM

Join us for an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience movement/participation. Interactive, educational, motivational and fun for all ages!

We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

Friday, Jun 28 • 11 AM

Join us for a special Preschool Storytime featuring

the book We're Going on a Bear Hunt and an interactive bear hunt (no real bears involved!). Ages 3+

Registration requested > > >







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TEEN

WEEKLY PROGRAMS:

Teen Game Night

Thursdays • 5-7 PM

Come meet Ms.Yesenia and play games with your friends, from Switch to card games and foosball, you get to choose!

Chess Club for Teens

Sunday, May 5 • 2-3 PM

Play chess with other teens! We'll also have the checkerboards out!

TEEN CHEF YA Meeting Room 212

DIY Ramen Bowls

Monday, May 6 • 5-6 PM

We are making DIY ramen bowls to celebrate
Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

Learn to make a favorite food even better than you've had before!

Register required > > >

Rainbow Fruit Parfaits

Monday, Jun 3 • 5-6 PM

Celebrating June, summer, and Pride Month, join us as we layer pretty fruits together to make a colorful dessert! **Registration required ^ ^ ^**

Creative Corner for Teens

Tuesdays, May 7, 21 • 5-7 PM

Looking to get creative? All teens are welcome! Join us for make-and-take projects in a fun,

judgement-free environment.

5/7: Friendship Bracelets

5/21: Button Maker



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Mother's Day Craft: Tea Cup Card

Friday, May 10 • 10-11:30 AM Conference Room 334

Join us to make these fun Mother's Day cards that are sure to bring a smile to her face! For ages 6- adult.

Register online > > >



VolunTeen Orientation

Fridays, May 10, 24 and Jun 7, 21 • 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!



HAGERSTOWN

Homeschool Hangout for Teens!

Mondays, May 13 • 2-4 PM

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

Teen Movie Marathon Hosted by TAB

Friday, May 17 • 1-8 PM

Come join an athletic themed Movie Marathon hosted by our Teen Advisory Board! We will be watching Space Jam, Moneyball, and She's The Man! Enjoy caramel popcorn, hot chocolate, and pigs-in-a-blanket!

STOP THE BLEED® Training for Teens

Saturday, May 18 • 1-2:30 PM YA Meeting Room 212

This 90 minute training course is for Teens, especially if interested in babysitting. Presented by Heidi A. Boyd, BSN from the Trauma Program at Meritus. "Learning to STOP THE BLEED® is a lifesaving skill. The #1 cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding. With 3 quick actions, you can be trained and empowered to save a life."

Register online > > >

Teen Writer's Workshop

Saturdays, May 18 and Jun 15 • 3-4 PM

Bring your writing to life through new prompts, styles, and genres! Peer-edit, share ideas, & create! 5/18: Discuss creating outlines.

6/15: Create NaNoWriMo account and get ready for the July Camp Challenge!

Budgeting 101

Monday, Jun 24 • 5:30-6:30 PM Conference Room 334

Learn how to improve your money management skills in this basic budgeting class presented by Lisa Moran of Priority Partners. For teens & adults

iConversemos! Spanish/English Chat Group

Mondays, May 13 and Jun 10 • 11AM - 12PM Study Room 333 (May) Conference Room 334 (June)

Want to brush up on your language skills, but need speaking practice? Look no further! This informal group for speakers of both English and Spanish is the perfect opportunity to learn in a fun, no-pressure environment. Come chat with us! For ages 6-adult.

¿Quiere repasar sus conocimientos lingüísticos, pero necesita practicar el habla? ¡No busque más! Este grupo informal para hablantes de inglés y español es la oportunidad perfecta para aprender en un ambiente divertido y sin presiones. ¡Venga a charlar con nosotros!

HAGERSTOWN





ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Fletcher Film Series

Mondays, May 6, 20 and Jun 3, 17 • 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.

May's Theme: "Celebrating Moms"

5/6: Steel Magnolias (PG)

5/20: Lady Bird (R)

June's Theme: "School's Out!"

6/3: Heathers (R) **6/17:** Grease (PG)

Hagerstown Homesteaders

Fridays, May 17 and Jun 21 • 2-3:30 PM Saturdays, May 18 and Jun 22 • 11-12:30 PM Conference Room 334

This monthly gardening club will teach you how to lay out garden plots, start indoor seedlings, transplant and direct sow seeds, garden maintenance, soil amendment, organic treatments for pest control, harvesting, canning and food preservation, plus so much more. Partner with Mother Nature to learn self-sufficiency and resilience. **May's theme:**

Direct Sowing and Harvesting

June's theme: Soil Amendment,

Pest Control and Preparing for Fall

Pest Control and Preparing for Fall
Garden Registration required > >



Fitness with PowerHouse Studios

Wednesday, May 1 • 6:30-7:30 PM Community Room 308/309 Event details TBD

MCCAULEY LECTURE:

The Furious Flight of the Confederate Treasure Train - or - Where Did All the Southern Dough Go?

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

This Civil War tale describes the frantic efforts of the collapsing Confederate government to save its Treasury and the gold from Richmond's banks after the city fell to Gen. Grant on April 2, 1865. Join Treasure Train Storytellers R.J. and Rebecca Rush as they take us along on the furious flight to follow the money.

50 Book Cafe

Wednesday, May 8 • 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!

Mother's Day Craft: Tea Cup Card

Friday, May 10 • 10-11:30 AM Conference Room 334

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Register online > > >





FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

NOTEWORTHY SUNDAYS CONCERT SERIES — ALL AGES!

Cam Miller & The Weather People

Sunday, May 19 • 3-4 PM Community Rooms 308/309

This horn quartet plays original compositions and arrangements by trombonist Cam Millar, inspired by all manner of musical genres and eras of horn-driven music. Listen along enough and you'll encounter influences from jazz, rock, Latin, classical/art music, James Brown, Blood Sweat and Tears, Earth Wind and Fire, Chicago, Stravinsky, John Williams, Tito

Puente, Duke Ellington and Mozart.

Registration requested > > >

Guys In Thin Ties

Sunday, Jun 9 • 2-3 PM

Hagerstown City Park Bandshell 501 Virginia Ave, Hagerstown, MD

Frederick's own Guys In Thin Ties wants you to GITT Your '80s On! Playing music from an era when hair was big, collars were popped up, and pop culture was, like, totally gnarly, Guys In Thin Ties is the band for those who crave the good old days of awesome '80s music. From pop to new wave to alternative, their playlist will fulfill your obsession with tunes that take you back. Sit in the bandshell seating or bring your own chair to enjoy the sunshine and tunes!

Registration requested — QR code above ^

These programs are supported by the City of Hagerstown, the Friends of the Library, the Washington County Arts Council, and the Western Maryland Regional Library.

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SUMMER READING CLUB

Adult Treasure Hunt!

Jun 1 - Sept 1 • Open Hours

Adventure Begins at Your Library is the Summer Reading Club theme this year, and what says "adventure" more than pirates? This summer, you can go on a treasure hunt in your very own library, at the time and pace you choose. Simply register online or in-person, then stop by Information Services at the WCFL Fletcher Branch for your Adult Summer Reading Club 2024 Treasure Hunt Starter Packet. Inside, you'll find all the materials you need to begin your greatest library adventure yet! Questions? Call 301-739-3250 x4 or email: ref@washcolibrary.org. Registration begins May 15.

BOONSBORO



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 start school ready. Ages 3+

Infant Lap-sit

Fridays • 11 AM

Bring your baby to the library! Join moms (and dads) — enjoy books with your child in a fun, interactive setting. Ages 0-18 months

Themed Family Storytime

Saturdays • 11 AM

Seasonally themed Storytime for all, plus make and take a craft home! All ages

STEM Explorations: Lego Engineering Challenges

Wednesdays, May 22 and Jun 26 • 4-5 PM
Join some hands-on fun as we try Lego challenges
and discover what we can make. Ages 6-12

SPECIAL STORYTIMES:

May the 4th be with You

Saturday, May 4 • 11 AM

From a galaxy far, far away... we would like to invite Star Wars fans for some crafts, activities, as well as Jedi Training. Costumes encouraged. Ages 4-12

Topsy-Turvy STEM Storytime

Wednesday, May 8 • 3:30 PM

Spinning tops are fun to watch but what makes them go fast, what makes them slow down? Join Ms. Lauren to answer these questions, play with spinning tops, and make your own!

SUMMER READING CLUB

Mr. Jon and Friends

Tuesday, Jun 11 • 11 AM

Join multiple *Parents' Choice Award* winning musician, Mr. Jon & Friends, for an interactive musical comedy show for the whole family! Mr.

Jon & his silly friend, George the Monkey, will have you laughing and dancing along. A hilarious, fun concert!



Register to save your seat > > >

Geology for Kids

Wednesday, Jun 12 • 3:30 PM

We will read about and explore some amazing rock specimens and record scientific data about them. Bring your own favorite rock/crystal if you have one!



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Homeschool Manga Club

Monday, May 13 • 4-5 PM

Join us to discuss some Manga and share other cool Manga/Anime interests, including drawing. Ages 10+

Teens & Tweens Adventure Coasters

Friday, Jun 21 • 4 PM

Come make a cool road-mapping adventure coaster. Supplies are limited. Ages 10+





Travel Companion Stuffed Animal

Jun 14 - Aug 31 • Register in library until 8/3

We have traveling companions to take with you this summer. Travel time limited to two weeks. Pictures encouraged and travel journal provided for you to share what you did on your adventure. We love to see what our stuffed animals are up to!

Didgeridoo Down Under: Australian Adventure

Tuesday, Jun 25 • 4 PM

Join us for an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience movement/participation. Enjoy the otherworldly sounds of the didgeridoo! **Register** ^

Amazing Adventure

Saturday, Jun 29 • 11 AM-12 PM

Grab your family or friends and work as a team to complete an adventure including a scavenger hunt leading to crafts and activities. Ages 6-12 **Group registration required, scan QR code ^ or call.**

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

ABC (Afternoon Book Club)

Tuesdays, May 21 and Jun 18 • 3 PM

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

5/21: The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters **6/18:** West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Movie Nights for Grown-ups

Tuesdays, May 14 and Jun 11 • 6 PM

5/14: Secondhand Lions (PG) 6/11: Ordinary Angels (PG)

Container Gardening with the

Master Gardeners

Saturday, May 11 • 10:30 AM

Learn the best way to utilize containers to create a vegetable garden no matter

how much space you have. Registration required ^

Ask-A-Master-Gardener: Pollinators

Saturday, Jun 8 • 10:30 AM

Learn the best ways to attract pollinators to your garden & how to care for them once they are there.

Boonsboro Historical Society Speakers

Tuesday, May 28 and Jun 25 • 5:30 PM

Join us for upcoming speakers talking about the interesting history of our area.

CLEAR SPRING



Preschool Storytime

Fridays • 11:30 AM

Join us for 30 minutes of stories, songs, movement, and more. Ages 2-5 with an adult.

Exciting themes each week:

5/3: Flowers

5/10: Mother's Day

5/17: Endangered Animals

5/24: Amphibians

5/31: Gardening-Veggies & Fruits

6/7: Father's Day

6/14: Summer Reading Club Kickoff

6/21: Adventurers 6/28: Camping

SUMMER READING CLUB

Mr. Jon and Friends

Tuesday, Jun 11 • 2 PM

Join multiple *Parents' Choice Award* winning musician, Mr. Jon & Friends, for an interactive musical comedy show for the whole family! Mr. Jon & his silly friend, George the Monkey, will have you laughing and dancing along. A hilarious, fun concert!

Summer Reading Kickoff

Friday, Jun 14 • 11:30 AM

Join us for outdoor games and fun! Weather permitting. Ages 0-5

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.

Homeschool Activities

Thursday, May 9 • 1:30 PM

Join us for learning physics with Legos!

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

Teen/Adult Craft

Saturday, May 11 and Jun 15 • 11-12 PM

Join us for crafts that are enjoyable to make and useful too! All supplies provided. Ages 13+ only.

5/11: Silk Scarves - dye silk scarves using

bleeding colored tissue paper. A great gift for Mom.

6/15: Beaded earrings and bracelets.

Mother's Day Tea Cup Card | Pg. 6 Button Bouquet | Pg. 19 Adult Crafty Hour | Pg. 21 FIND MORE LIKE THIS



MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Weds, May 1 and Jun 5 • 11:30 AM

Join other adults for a lively discussion. Please contact the library for a copy of the book.

5/1: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by

Taylor Jenkins Reid

6/5: Maame by Jessica George

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Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays • 11:30 AM

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

Playdough Playdate

Wednesday, May 15 • 11:30 AM

At this special story time, we will read stories and create with playdough!

Family Take & Make

May and Jun • All Month

Take-home craft kits— Some crafts may require adult assistance for younger crafters. All ages!

May: Create a potted paper flower

(Great for Mother's Day!)

Jun: Create a beautiful bracelet with

pony beads and buttons

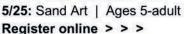
Registration required > > >



Family Craft Saturdays

Saturday, May 25 • 12-2 PM (No craft in June)

Come and get creative! These crafts are in-house only and will not be sent out as "take-and-make" kits.





Homeschool Day at the Library

Wednesday, May 22 • 3-4 PM

Our May program wraps-up this session. We will have our annual potluck and game day outside (weather permitting). We will also discuss what we will be doing for the next schoolyear.

STEM Club

Wednesday, May 22 and Jun 26 • 3-4 PM

Elementary age students— Join us the 4th Wednesday of each month to enjoy group Minecraft or Roblox, build with Legos and Rig-a-Ma-Jigs, or program with Sphero's and Cubetto. A different

activity each month. Ages 5-11

5/22: Lego Creations and games

6/26: Outdoor program— Building

with Rig-a-Ma-Jigs

Registration required > > >

SUMMER READING CLUB

Summer Reading Kickoff

Thursday & Friday, Jun 13 & 14 • All Day
Pirate Escape Room: Figure out how to "break
into" the pirate treasure chest! Sign up for a 45minute session for up to 6 people. There will be
sessions available for younger players with adult
supervision. Registration required, call:
301-678-5300.



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ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Tuesdays, May 21 and Jun 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. Contact the library to reserve a copy of the month's selection: 301-678-5300.

Cricut Maker Club

Saturdays, May 25 • 10 AM

Come one, come all crafty types, or anyone who wants to be one! Each month, we'll learn the basics of various crafting tools such as Cricut, Cricut Joy, heat press, and various other tools, as well as learning tips and tricks that will help you up your Maker game! This event is for ages 12+.

Registration required: 301-678-5300.

Go on "Walkabout" with Sneaks!

Sneaks is going on an adventure visiting different places around Hancock! You're job is to find out where he's been! Beginning at our Kickoff on **June 13**, pick up your picture clues, guess where he's been and write your answers on the clue sheet. After you find at least 5 of those places, you'll be entered into our Dinner and a Movie drawing! The drawing will be at our Wrap up party in August, so you have plenty of time to search!

TeenZone Craft

May and Jun • All Month

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

Craft-Tea Seniors

Fridays, May 17 and June 21 • 11:30 AM

Come and create a fun craft, hear speakers on various topics, and enjoy light refreshments on the 3rd Friday each month. Ages 55+

5/17: Rock Painting

6/21: Homemade Bath Bombs

Internet Safety for Seniors

Thursday, May 23 • 6 PM

Teaching senior citizens how to stay safe from scams is crucial due to their potential vulnerability to various forms of fraud. Recognize that seniors may be less familiar with technology and the latest scam tactics, the education materials for this class are tailored to older learners, using simple language and clear examples. Presenter Kirk DeVore will help participants learn about common scams targeting seniors, such as Medicare fraud, grandparent, lottery, and tech support scams, including real-life examples to illustrate how these scams work. Seniors will also learn how to safely navigate the internet, including recognizing phishing emails, avoiding suspicious websites, and setting strong passwords and much more!

HANCOCK

KEEDYSVILLE

LIBRARY DAYS AT MARTHA'S HOUSE:

Summer Reading Club Edition

Tuesday, May 28 • 5:30-7:30 PM

Choose your own adventure with green screen technology! Participants will create a scene to put themselves in, learn about all the great activities coming up at the Hancock Library, and enjoy a family meal. The meal will be served at 5:30, followed by the program. All ages welcome.

Pirate Adventure!

Tuesday, Jun 25 • 5:30-7:30 PM

Participants will work in teams to solve the mystery of the pirate treasure chest. As always, a family meal will be served at 5:30, activity will begin at 6:00. All ages welcome.



NEW!

Saturday Storytime with Ms. Lauren

Saturdays, May 18 and Jun 15 • 11 AM

Join Ms. Lauren for a Saturday Storytime and a craft for the kids.

Take & Make Crafts for Kids

Pick up a kit at the Keedysville Library with all of the materials necessary. While supplies last.

May: Flowers and Fans June: Camping theme



SHARPSBURG



CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Themed Storytime

Thursdays • 3:30 PM

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

Community Storytime

Thursday, May 30 • 3:30 PM

Sunny Meadows: 7437 Sharpsburg Pike Join us for a quick tour and a few stories!

SUMMER READING CLUB

SRC Kickoff with Nature Box

Thursday, Jun 13 • 3:30 PM

Nature Box Program: Join us for books, songs, flannel stories, and a craft about nature. Try nature experiments, explore a sensory box and create a critter out of a pinecone.

Homeschool STEM

Wednesday, Jun 5 • 1:30 PM

Come learn physics with LEGOs and pick up an adventure Bingo card. Complete it and return by the end of the summer for a prize!

Where Are the Wonders of the World?

All Summer • Open Hours

Teens & Tweens: A picture will change every week.
Tell us where the wonder is located and win a prize!

Lego Club

Saturdays, May 4 and Jun 1 • 10 AM

Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4 • 9:15 AM- 1 PM

Stop by the Library and pick up your free comic book! All ages!

Taiwan Adventure: Boba Tea

Thursday, Jun 6 • Open Hours

We will have everything available for you to make and try different favors of Boba tea.

ADULT

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Share

Wednesdays, May 1 and Jun 5 • 1 PM

What are you reading? Come share with our group and find some new titles to read. In June, sign up for the summer reading club for adults!

May Day Plant/Seed Swap and Share

Wednesday, May 1 • 1:30-6:30 PM

Tables will be set up in front of the library. Feel free to drop off and pick up!!

The Boy who Gave Abraham Lincoln a Drink of Water at Antietam Battlefield

Thursday, May 9 • 7 PM

Historian and author, Tim Snyder, and his sister, Barbara Twigg, will talk about the research on their young cousin who interacted with Lincoln in October 1862.

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

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!

Children of all ages welcome.

STORYTIMES IN OUR TOWN:

Smithsburg Post Office

Saturday, May 11 • 11:30 AM

Join us for a field trip to the Smithsburg Post Office. Learn about the U.S. mail system and get a tour of the local post office. Enjoy children's

Storytime there! Space is limited.

Registration required > > >



Make and Take Craft Kits

May: Foam Dinosaur — Create a foam dinosaur from your handprint.

Jun: Flying Disc — Color your cosmic flying disc and then make it take flight.

Lego Nights

Mondays, May 20 and Jun 24 • 5-6 PM

We will be enjoying free building with LEGOs. Registration requested > >



Simple STEM Challenge Kits

May: Cloud Viewer — Create a cloud viewer and learn about the clouds.

Jun: Constellation Viewer — Build this viewer to see star formations through a punched "sky."



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SUMMER READING CLUB

Rock & Rhyme with Mr. Jon & Friends



Monday, Jun 10 • 1 PM

Join multiple Parents' Choice Award winning musician Mr. Jon & Friends for an interactive musical comedy show for the whole family! Mr. Jon & his silly friend, George the Monkey, will have you laughing and dancing along. A hilarious, fun concert not to miss! **Register online** ^

Summer Reading Club Kickoff!

Friday, Jun 14 • 1-4 PM

Adventure Begins at Your Library is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Club. Drop in and try your brain and brawn with Indiana Jones type activities. Once you complete the activities, sign up for the Summer Reading Club.

Didgeridoo Down Under

Tuesday, Jun 25 • 1 PM

Join us on an epic adventure to the Land Down Under, where we'll hear otherworldly sounds from the didgeridoo, we'll explore the Great Barrier Reef and the Outback, we'll learn about amazing creatures like kangaroo and koalas ... and much more! The Didgeridoo Down Under Show is an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience movement/participation. It's interactive, education, motivational and super fun for all ages! Register online with QR code at the top ^

TEEN/ADULT

Monthly Programs:

It's Game Night!

Tuesdays, May 7 and Jun 4, 25 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!

Registration requested > > >



Suncatcher

Monday, May 13 • 5:30 PM

Teens and Tweens, join us to create a Mandala Window Suncatcher.

Register online > > >



Dried Flower Bookmark

Monday, Jun 17 • 5:30 PM

Teens and Tweens join us in taking an adventure through nature, learning how to dry flowers and then create a dried flower

bookmark to keep.

Register online > > >





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MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Tuesdays, May 28 and Jun 25 • 5 PM

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

5/28: Something in the Water by Catherine

Steadman

6/25: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Movie Night *New Time*

Tuesdays, May 21 and Jun 18 • 6 PM Friday, Jun 7 • Dusk (Outdoor Movie)

Join us for free showings of great movies.

5/21: The Boys in the Boat (PG-13)

6/7: Minions: Rise of Gru (PG)

6/18: Migration (PG)

Knit, Crochet & Craft Group

Fridays • 10:30 AM - 1 PM

Bring your own project and join the group.

Writers Group

Saturdays, May 11, 25 and Jun 8, 22 10:15 AM

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays for this fun and informal group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

TriState Astronomers

Friday, May 3 • 8-10 PM

Stop by the library at dark and with the help of the TriState Astronomers view galaxies, nebulae, clusters, and asterisms in the night sky.

Button Bouquet

Wednesday, May 15 • 5:30 PM

Teens and adults, join us to make a cool flower

bouquet out of buttons and displayed in a salt shaker. Materials provided.

Register online > > or call 301-824-7722.



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Spring Plant and Seed Swap

Tuesday, May 21 • All Day

It is 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.

Smithsburg Days

Tuesday, June 1 • 10:15 - 3 PM

Smithsburg Days will be celebrated in Veterans Park and the library will join the festivities with a book sale, special craft, special story time, story walk, mini lectures and more. Stop by to join in the celebration.

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CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddler Time

Mondays • 11 AM

Sing, dance, and learn together! A small and fun craft will be provided after story time. Ages 18-36 months

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays • 11 AM

Books, music, and educational activities! Ages 2-6

Thin Line Service Dogs

Wednesday, May 15 • 11:30 AM

Stay for a special guest after Preschool Storytime. Thin Line Service Dogs will visit with one of their Service Dogs!

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

Makerspace Tabletop Challenge

May-Jun | 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

Tween Craft Night

Wednesdays, May 29 and Jun 26 • 5-6 PM

Join us for a craft time just for tweens, ages 8-12. Too old for Storytime? Not ready for our teen programs? This event is just for you! All supplies are provided. Ages 8-12

5/29: Squeegee/scraper paint art

6/26: Design/make Pearler bead craft

Registration preferred > > >



SUMMER READING CLUB

Summer Reading Club Kickoff— **BINGO! At the Library**

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Join us for BINGO! Family friendly event for all ages. Space is limited, registration opens June 1.

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Teen Tuesday **NEW PROGRAM!

Tuesdays, May 28 and Jun 25 • 4 PM

New program only for Teens, ages 13-18. Stop by our center table each month for a craft or activity. 5/28: Create miniature quilled succulent magnets 6/25: Discuss/share a few Manga or graphic novels.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Williamsport Book Club

Thurs, May 2 and Jun 6 • 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!

5/2: A thriller— The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

6/6: Historical fiction novel— Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Adult Crafty Hour

Weds, May 8 and Jun 12 • 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.

5/8: Macramé plant hangers

6/12: Create easy paper flowers

Registration required > > >

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ADULT SPEAKER SERIES:

MASTER GARDENERS: Veggie 101— Basic Vegetable Gardens

Thursday, May 2 • 5 - 6 PM

Are you ready to start a veggie garden, but don't know where to start? Join us for veggie garden basics, a presentation provided by a local Master Gardener of Washington County.

MASTER GARDENERS: Berry Gardening

Thursday, May 23 • 5-6 PM

Join us for to learn tips for your berry garden, all types of berries, provided by a local Master Gardener of Washington County.

COPING FOR CAREGIVERS: How to Make your Golden Years Count

Thursday, May 16 • 4-5 PM Friday, Jun 14 • 1-2 PM

We welcome Senior Living expert from Commonwealth Senior Living to give us ideas on how to enjoy your golden years. Tips for things to consider including how to pay for senior living, downsizing your home, tips for selling your home, amenities/lifestyle options and more. All are welcome!

Local History Presentation

Thursday, Jun 27 • 5-6 PM

Join us for a presentation about local history. Specific topic is TBD.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

Seed Library

All of May • Open Hours

Spring has sprung, time to start a garden. Stop by and pick up a pack of seeds from our Seed Library, share and connect with other gardeners in our community. New to gardening? Check out a book about how to get your garden started.

Dance Program with Onstage Dance Academy

Tuesday, May 21 • 4:30-5 PM

Dance! Dance! Student instructors from the Onstage Dance Academy of Williamsport will teach a brief dance to participants.

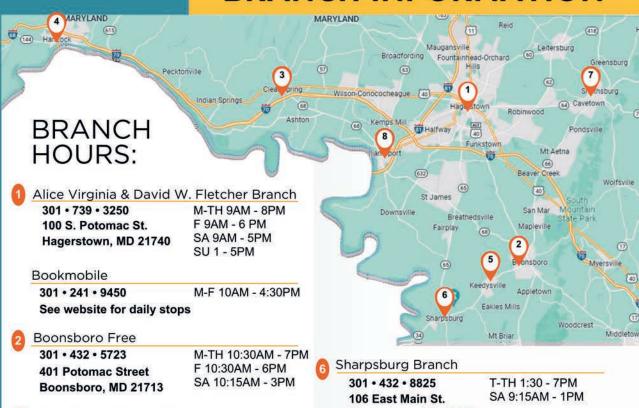
Participants will have an opportunity to perform this dance for family members. All ages







BRANCH INFORMATION



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, MD 21782

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

M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM 301 • 223 • 7027 F 10:30AM - 6PM 104 E. Potomac St. S 10:15AM - 3PM Williamsport, MD 21795

HOLIDAY **CLOSURES**

- Memorial Day Monday, May 27
- Juneteenth Wednesday, June 19