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A MESSAGE FROM OUR

Executive Director

As we transition into Autumn, I'm thrilled to invite you to our exciting lineup of programs and events for September and October 2024. From special storytimes, book clubs for all ages, community celebrations and educational series, there's something for everyone. Whether you're looking to explore new interests, connect with others,



or simply enjoy the changing season, our library offers a welcoming space for all. We look forward to seeing you at your local library!

Jenny Z. Bakos

Jenny Bakos
Executive Director

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**CHILDREN
WEEKLY STORYTIMES:**

Toddler Time

Mondays, Sep-Nov • 10 & 11 AM

Ages 18-36 months.

R Please call: 301-739-3250

Infant Storytime

Wednesdays, Sep-Nov • 10 & 11 AM

Ages 6-18 months

R Please call: 301-739-3250

Family Story Night

Thursdays • 6:30 PM

ALL

Preschool Storytime

Fridays • 11 AM

Ages 3-5



Read with a Pet

First Saturdays, Sep 7 and Oct 5 • 1 PM

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

Saturday Movie Matinee

First Saturdays, Sep 7 and Oct 5 • 2 PM

Community Room

Warehouse Cinemas will provide popcorn!

9/7: *If: Imaginary Friends* (PG)

10/5: *Kung Fu Panda 4* (PG)

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Back to School Family Story Night

Thursday, Sep 12 • 6:30 PM

Join us for a Back to School Family Story Night with Ms. Frizzle from the Magic School Bus! **ALL**

Happy Halloween Stories by Starlight

Thursday, Oct 31 • 6:30 PM

Take a break from Trick-or-Treating and stop by the Children's Department for a special Halloween Stories by Starlight! **ALL**

Little Explorers Preschool Science

Third Saturdays, Sep 21 and Oct 19 • 11 AM

For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. **R**

9/21: Invasive Aquatic Animals

10/19: Make pipe cleaner beaded pumpkins and learn about counting. Celebrate fall with treats from Les Cookies Delight Bakery!

All Programs are held in Storytime Room 227 unless otherwise noted.

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FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY
HAGERSTOWN

Kids Discover Science

First Saturdays, Sep 7 and Oct 5 • 11 AM

For ages 6-10 **R**

9/7: Make bunny suncatchers, learn all about rabbits and explore light and colors

10/5: STEM and Science author Dianna Perry (for ages 5-12 in **Community Room 308/309**)

Homeschool Enrichment

Mondays, Sep 9, 23 and Oct 28 • 2 PM

For ages 6-13 **R**

9/9 in Conference Room 334: Back to School Library Scavenger Hunt: Kick off the new school year with an interactive scavenger hunt through the library and learn how to use your sleuthing skills to find your favorite books, movies and more. You can also pick up your first Book Club book.

9/23 in Conference Room 334: Animal Education with Wonderfully Wild World! Experience an educational animal encounter with live animals; learn how they survive, adapt and are cared for.

10/28 in Community Room 308/309: South Hagerstown High School's acclaimed Robotics Team will share a demo of their robotic skills!

Take & Make

Week of Sep 16-21 and Oct 15-19 • Library hours

Register online to pick up a kit during the designated week. For ages 7-12. **R**

9/16-21: Giant Bubbles— Spend time outside making your own giant bubble solution and bubble wand.

10/15-19: Spy Tools— Impress your friends with this invisible ink recipe and spy decoder wheel.

Legos in the Library * **NEW DAY/TIME**

Saturdays, Sep 21 and Oct 19 • 2 PM

Drop in and join us! All materials stay at the library. For children ages 4+

9/21: Tallest Tower Challenge— Who can build the tallest tower? Come to Lego club and find out.

10/19: Lego Your Name— Can you figure out ways to use Legos to spell your name?

Tween STEAM Club

Fridays, Sep 27 and Oct 18 • 3:30 PM

For ages 9-12. **R** preferred

9/27: Light Science— CD Disco Ball: come learn the science behind your favorite glittery part of the dance floor and make your own out of recycled CDs.

10/18: Magnetic Race Cars— It's a race to the end! Design your magnetic car and test it out against new friends.

Maryland STEM Festival: Engineering and Nature

Saturday, Oct 19 • 3:30 PM

Learn about the engineering concept of biomimicry, and design your own product inspired by real life animals and plants! Ages 9 to 12. **R** preferred

Halloween Party

Tuesday, Oct 29 • 4 PM

Wear your favorite costume and join us for Halloween stories, snacks, games and crafts. Come have a spooky good time. (Don't worry, it won't be TOO spooky!). For ages 3-12. **R** preferred

All Programs are held in Storytime Rom 227 unless otherwise noted.



**TEEN
WEEKLY PROGRAMS:**

Teen Game Night

Thursdays • 5-7 PM

YA Meeting Room 212

Come join us for Game Night with your peers! Play games from Switch to card games and foosball, you get to choose! **NEW: Story City RPG** every Thursday during Game Night! New players are welcome any time!

Teen Creative Corner

Tuesdays, Sep 3, 17 and Oct 1, 15 • 4:30-6 PM

Come get creative with Ms. Bonnie on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month!

9/3: Sculpt with air-dry clay

Teen Chess Club

Saturdays, Sep 7 and Oct 5 • 1-3 PM

Drop in for a few games of chess hosted by Ms. Bonnie every first Saturday of the month.

Teen Digital Detox

Mondays, Sep 9, 23 and Oct 14, 21 • 4:30-6 PM

Come put down your phone and pick up a game or a conversation over snacks! Bleu the bunny will be here to visit every 3rd Monday of the month!

VolunTeen Orientation

Fridays, Sep 13, 27 and Oct 11, 25 • 5-5:30 PM

Come to a short orientation to familiarize yourself with the expectations, potential jobs, and benefits of our VolunTeen program. Then earn SSL hours! **R**

TEEN CHEF

Pumpkin Cookies with Cinnamon Cream Cheese Frosting

Monday, Oct 7 • 5-6 PM

We're making one of our favorite recipes perfect for the Fall season! These cookies are always a hit and you can take the recipe home to make more! **R**

Antietam Paranormal Society

Saturday, Oct 12 • 1-3 PM

Get ready for a spooky season with some local ghost and haunting lore with the Antietam Paranormal Society. For teens and adults.

Teen Cosplay Make-up Tutorial

Saturday, Oct 19 • 1-3 PM

Come learn the particulars of putting together a fantastic cosplay make-up face just in time for Halloween!

Teen Halloween Party

Thursday, Oct 31 • 4:30-6:30 PM

Halloween is the perfect time to get dressed up (or not) and have some fun! Join us for our annual Halloween party on Halloween!

All Programs are held in YA Meeting Room 212 unless otherwise noted.

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FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY
HAGERSTOWN

**ADULT
MONTHLY PROGRAMS:**

Fletcher Film Series

Mondays, Sep 9, 23 and Oct 7, 21 • 2-4 PM
Community Room 308/309

Join us for our film series! Each month, we bring you films based around a central theme. Water and popcorn will be served. **Note:** This is intended for older teens/adults. Children 17 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

September's theme: "Saddle Up!"

9/9: *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (PG— but contains language, violence, and semi-nudity)

9/23: *Tombstone* (R)

October's theme: "Silver Screams"

10/7: *Psycho* (R)

10/21: *The Witch* (R)

Hagerstown Homesteaders

Fridays, Sep 20 and Oct 18 • 2-3:30 PM
Saturdays, Jul 20 and Aug 17 • 11-12:30 PM
Community Room 308/309

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. **R**

September's theme: *Harvesting and Preserving*

October's theme: *Planting Fall Bulbs and Garden Clean Up*

**Telehealth
Booth**

A quiet, private space for library patrons to conduct telehealth appointments with a medical provider or mental health counselor.

**Fletcher Library
3rd Floor**

For more information
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FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY
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50 Books Cafe

Wednesday, Sep 4 • 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!

Let's Can Salsa!

Wednesday, Sep 11 • 2-4 PM

Community Rooms 308/309

Learn how to water bath can fresh, homemade salsa. Each registrant will not only sample our goodies but take home a jar to enjoy. **R**

iConversemos!

Spanish/English Chat Group

Mondays, Sep 9, 30 and Oct 28 • 11AM - 12PM

Study Room 333

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! **ALL**

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! **ALL**

NEW!

Storytime for Adults with All Abilities

Thursday, Sep 26 • 1-2 PM

Conference Room 334

Join us as we read books, sing along to music, dance, play games, watch puppet shows, make crafts, and more! **R** requested

Civil War Ghosts of Sharpsburg

Sunday, Oct 6 • 3-4:15 PM

Community Rooms 308/309

Please join us as author Mark Brugh, in full costume, takes us on a presentation 'Ghost Tour' of Sharpsburg, MD. Mark is a Civil War researcher focused on the Civil War experiences of Sharpsburg civilians. *Civil War Ghosts of Sharpsburg* is a book that describes the folklore, legends, and myths that sprung from the events of September 1862. **R**

NOTEWORTHY SUNDAYS CONCERT SERIES

Jennie Avila

Sunday, Sep 15 • 3-4 PM

Community Rooms 308/309

Singer songwriter, Jennie Avila, is a local artist living in the Antietam Battlefield area. Working closely with historians and descendants of the Civil War, she has collected intimate true stories and woven them into songs. Her songs are of extraordinary circumstances of everyday people: blue and gray, black and white, men and women, young and old... and of course a horse! Her husband, Stephen Wright, accompanies with his hand-made ceramic drums. **ALL R** requested

This program is 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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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 to learn. Ages 3+

Infant Lap-sit

Fridays • 11 AM

Bring your baby to the library! Join other 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 a craft to take home! All ages

SPECIAL STORYTIMES:

Pirate Science

Wednesday, Sep 18 • 4 PM

Join us for some activities to create some mini sailboats, catapults, and other tools pirates use. Come dressed as a pirate or face walking the plank, Aarrgh!!! Ages 5-12 **R** online or in person

Halloween Storytime and Fun

Wednesday, Oct 30 • 3:30 PM

Join us for some fun Halloween stories and activities. We'll have a project to decorate your own Jug-o-lanterns. Don't forget to dress-up in your costumes! Ages 3-10 **R** online or in person

Teens & Tweens: Unlock the Box

Friday, Sep 20 • 4 PM

Teens and Tweens are invited to play and see if they can solve puzzles to figure out the mystery and unlock the box (which is filled with treasure)! We are mightier together, so everyone will need to work together to win. For grade 6-12. **R**

Homeschool Manga Club

Monday, Sep 23 • 4-5 PM

Join this group to discuss some Manga and share other cool Manga/Anime interests, including drawing.

STEM Explorations: Lego Engineering Challenge

Wednesdays, Sep 25 and Oct 23 • 4-5 PM

Join some hands-on fun as we try Engineering Challenges with Legos and discover what we can make. Ages 6-12

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BOONSBORO

Teens & Tweens: Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Friday, Oct 25 • 4 PM

Who can devise the scariest or most ridiculous cupcake topping? Show up to find out. Supplies are limited! For grades 6-12 **R**

The Life of a Seed with The Master Gardeners

Saturday, Sep 14 • 10:30 AM

The Master Gardeners will be at the library to talk about the *Life of a Seed* and provide a hands-on activity for children. They will answer any plant questions you have, or help diagnose your plant's problems, or answer questions about the beautiful sensory garden in front of the library. **ALL** **R**

Outdoor Movie Nights for Families

Saturday, Sep 21 • Dusk | Weather Permitting

Join us on the sports field next to the Library, behind the Boonsboro Police Station. Join us for a showing of *Tom and Jerry* (PG) **ALL**

One Maryland, One Book Discussion

Thursday, Oct 10 • 5:30 PM

The One Maryland, One Book seeks to promote the concept that if everyone in Maryland read the same book, we could discuss its themes together and understand each other better. This year's selection, *What Storm, What Thunder*, by Myriam J.A. Chancy, will be available at the library and everyone is invited to join in the conversation.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

ABC (Afternoon Book Club)

Tuesdays, Sep 17 and Oct 15 • 3 PM

Join us the third Tuesday of each month.

9/17: *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger

10/15: *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy

Movie Nights for Grown-ups

Tuesdays, Sep 10 and Oct 8 • 6 PM

9/10: *Arthur the King* (PG-13)

10/8: *Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire* (PG-13)

Boonsboro Historical Society Speakers

Tuesdays, Sep 24 and Oct 22 • 5:30 PM

If you are interested in the fascinating history of our area, please join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month as we invite speakers to share intriguing details we bet you haven't heard.

9/24: Tim Riford will speak about Thomas Kennedy.

10/22: Henry Recker will speak about the Washington County Schoolhouses.

CLEAR SPRING

CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

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:

9/6: Pets

9/13: Grandparents

9/20: Teddy Bear Tea

9/27: Fall Harvest

10/4: Bats

10/11: **Library Closed**

10/18: Pumpkins

10/25: Halloween

Lego Club

Tuesday, Sep 17 and Oct 15 • 3:45 - 4:45 PM

Create with Legos following a monthly theme or free build. Legos will be displayed for the month. Ages 6+

Physics with Legos

Thursday, Oct 10 • 1 PM

Join us for learning physics with Legos!

Best for ages 8+ **R** 301-842-2730

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Wednesdays, Sep 4 and Oct 2 • 11:30 AM

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

9/4: *Cleopatra* by Stacy Shiff

10/2: *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam JA Chancy (One Maryland One Book selection)

Teen/Adult Craft

Saturdays, Sep 21 and Oct 26 • 11 AM

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

9/21: Comb Quilling— Make a beautiful flower ornament using a comb and paper

10/26: Vintage Halloween rattles (on a stick)— Hand paint paper-mâché balls with spooky faces. Hot glue guns will be used.

Mystery Book & Cherry Pie

In Memory of Arnita Ernst, each month we will raffle off a mystery novel and the recipe for Arnita's award winning cherry pie. **ALL**

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JOIN BOOK DISCUSSIONS AT THE BRANCHES:

Weds, Sep 4 | 1 PM | Sharpsburg
Tues, Sep 24 | 5 PM | Smithsburg
Weds, Oct 2 | 11:30 AM | Clear Spring
Thurs, Oct 10 | 5:30 | Boonsboro
Tues, Oct 15 | 3 PM | Boonsboro



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CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays • 11:30 AM

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

Children's Take & Make

Sep and Oct • All Month

A take-home craft for ages pre-K through grade 2. **R**

Sep: Leaf prints

Oct: Paper plate dream catcher

Family Take & Make

Sep and Oct • All Month

A fun craft to do at home. Some crafts may require adult assistance for younger crafters. **ALL R**

Sep: Beaded corn magnets

Oct: Paper roll pumpkin

Family Craft Saturdays

Saturdays, Sep 21 and Oct 19 • 12-2 PM

Come and get creative! Try a different craft every month. Ages 5 to adult **R**

9/21: Small fall shadowbox

10/19: Fall mosaic on canvas

Trick-or-Treat at the Hancock Library!

Date and time TBD

The Library will participate in the Town of Hancock's Trick-or-Treat night. Come by and get a treat, and a take-and-make craft while supplies last. **ALL**

Homeschool Day at the Library

Wednesdays, Sep 18 and Oct 16 • 3 PM

Join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September through May. This year's theme will be STEM. **R** requested: 301-678-5300

9/18: Plan for the year and Game Day

10/16: Learn about/create a Rube Goldberg Machine

STEM Club

Wednesdays, Sep 25 and Oct 23 • 3 PM

Elementary age students can enjoy group Minecraft or Roblox, build with Legos or Rig-a-Ma-Jigs, and program with Spheros, Indi cars and Cubetto. Find a different activity each month. Grades 1-5 **R**

9/25: Build with Legos

10/23: Sphero Indi Car Racing

5th Annual

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Sep 30 - Oct 29

Sign up begins 9/30. Pick up a pumpkin at the library, decorate it, then drop it back at the library by 10/29. Winners chosen by our patrons, and will be announced on the night of Hancock Trick-or-Treat. Prize categories are grouped by grades 1-5, 6-12 and adult. **ALL R**

Weather Science with Dianna Perry

Saturday, Oct 5 • 1 PM

Watch and do science experiments that teach how weather works, including making a real cloud, magnetizing tissue papers to jump and dance in the air, making water flow upside-down and a volcano eruption that shoots up high and foams bubbles like it's on fire! For children from Pre-K to grade 5.

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HANCOCK

TeenZone Craft

Sep and Oct • All Month

Find new crafts in our Teen/Young Adult section.
For ages 13-18.

ADULT

MONTHLY PROGRAMS:


Adult Book Club

Wednesdays, Sep 25 and Oct 23 • 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.

Cricut Maker Club


Saturdays, Sep 21 and Oct 19 • 10 AM

Come all crafty types! 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! Ages 12+. 

Craft Day at Hancock Senior Center

Fridays, Sep 20 and Oct 18 • 10 AM

126 W High St, Hancock, MD

Every month the Library will sponsor a craft day at the Senior Center. 



9/20: Decorate a coffee mug with Alcohol Ink

10/18: Fall Mosaic on Canvas

Library Day at Martha's House!

Tuesdays, Sep 24 and Oct 22 • 5:30 PM

47 W Main St, Hancock, MD

Each month the library and Martha's House will present a program for the whole family. A family style dinner is served at 5:30 and the program begins right after.  

9/24: Off to the Races— Students will work in teams to race Sphero Indi cars using simple programming.

10/22: Pirate Escape Room— Ahoy! Pirates have left a treasure chest at Martha's House! Do you think you have what it takes to solve the clues and open the chest?

Internet Safety for Seniors

Thursday, Oct 17 • 6 PM

Teaching senior citizens how to stay safe from scams is crucial due to their potential vulnerability to various forms of fraud. Recognizing 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 scams, lottery scams, 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!

KEEDYSVILLE

Saturday Storytime with Ms. Barb

Saturday, Sep 21 • 11 AM

Join Ms. Barb from Sharpsburg for a fun Storytime for children with lots of singing and movement.

Take & Make Craft for Kids

Sep and Oct • Branch Hours

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

Sep: Ocean themed crafts

Oct: Fall season crafts



SHARPSBURG

CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIME:

Themed Storytime

Thursdays • 3:30 PM


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

COMMUNITY STORYTIMES

Little Brick Coffee

Thursday, Sep 26 • 3:30 PM

16613 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD

Join us for stories and a kid's size hot chocolate or tea for all the kiddos. Weather permitting otherwise at the library. 

Antietam Pumpkins

Friday, Oct 11 • 3 PM

4410 Harpers Ferry Rd, Sharpsburg, MD

Join us for stories and a craft at the pumpkin patch! Weather permitting. 

Lego Club

Saturdays, Sep 7 and Oct 5 • 10 AM

Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

HOMESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Wednesdays, Sep 11 and Oct 23 • 1:30 PM

9/11: We will talk about *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond and enjoy some activities relating to the book.

10/23: We will discuss *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* edition that is illustrated by Will Moses.



Fall Decorating Contest

Oct 4-18 • Library hours

Get in the autumn spirit by decorating a coffee filter for fall. Imagine a white pumpkin, a ghost, a drawn scene. Cut, fold, draw or paint using any medium. Let your imagination run wild! Pick up your filter any time after Oct. 3 (while supplies last) and return it decorated by Oct. 17. There will be age categories and prizes awarded. Winners will be determined by popular vote and announced Oct. 26. **ALL**

Sharpsburg Days Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Oct 5 • 9:30 AM- 12:45 PM

Pick up a list of questions and find answers around town. Return your paper by 12:45 for a treat. The first 9 who return their papers can choose a Civil War/local Antietam book. While supplies last. **ALL**

Halloween Party!

Thursday, Oct 31 • 3:30 PM

Join us for scary stories, games and a spooky treat!

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Share

Wednesdays, Sep 4 and Oct 2 • 1 PM

9/4: We will discuss the One Maryland One Book selection, *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy.

10/2: *Camino Ghosts* by John Grisham

Naloxone (Narcan)

Thursday, Sep 26 • Drop in 5-7PM

Lindsay Ridenour from Washington County Health Department will distribute, show how to use and explain what situations in which to use Narcan.

GARDENING KNOW-HOW WITH MASTER GARDENER TRICA

Pawpaws

Wednesday, Sep 25 • 6 PM

Learn about the native pawpaw tree and how the fruit looks and tastes (alone and in a recipe). Find where it grows locally and learn a little history.

All about Bats!

Wednesday, Oct 30 • 6 PM

Bats are great parents! Who knew? Learn more about them and the many insects they eat.

Meet the Author: Robin Murphy

Saturday, Oct 26 • 10 AM - 12 PM

Secret of Black Rock Mountain by local author Robin Murphy is a paranormal sleuth mystery with a healthy dose of thrills and supernatural lore. Cosponsored by the Sharpsburg Historical Society. Refreshments served.

162th Anniversary of

The Battle of Antietam

September 17 marks the Anniversary of this historic battle. The Sharpsburg Library has over **500 titles on the Civil War** and over **75 titles on the Battle of Antietam**. Many were donated by local townspeople when the library moved to its present location in 1936. Come explore!



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.

Children of all ages welcome.

STORYTIME IN OUR TOWN:

Special Guest Mayor Donald Souders

Saturday, Sep 14 • 11:30 AM

Children and families come to the library to meet your Mayor, Donald Souders. Together we will enjoy stories, music and fun. **R**

Make and Take Craft Kits

September: Decorated Notebook— Decorate a notebook for your favorite class with supplies provided.

October: Fall Craft— Create a cool craft to decorate your room for fall.

Simple STEM Challenge Kits

September: Levitating Fly Kit— Can you keep the fly levitating so the frog can't eat it?

October: Ghost Sounds— Use a balloon and a hex nut to make ghostly sounds.

Lego Nights

Mondays, Sep 9 and Oct 7 • 5 PM

In September we will build something from space. In October we will be building something Halloween or free building with LEGOs. **R**

Honey Bee Challenge

Monday, Sep 30 • 4 PM

The 4-H Honey Bee Challenge introduces youth to the critical role that honey bees play in food production as approximately one in every three bites we eat is the result of these pollinators at work. Working in teams, youth assemble model bees using bristle bot kits and construct foraging routes for their model bees to follow. Teams are evaluated on the efficiency of their materials used in designing foraging routes, the amount of pollen their bees collect, and the time their bees spend foraging. Ages 6+ **R**

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SMITHSBURG

Apple Pie & Harvest Hoe Down

Saturday, Oct 12 • 11:30 AM

Join us for stories and activities about apples, pies, fall harvest and Johnny Appleseed. Square dance music and movement for kids. Learn how to make apple pie in a cup! **R**

Fun with Onomatopoeia— A Literary Device

Wednesday, Oct 16 • 5:30 PM

Attention young writers and homeschoolers, learn how to add excitement and humor to your stories and poetry. Join us for an hour of fun with Onomatopoeia. For grades 2–8 **R**

TEEN/ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAM:

It's Game Night!

Tuesdays, Sep 10, 24 and Oct 8, 22 • 6-8 PM

The library is hosting game night. Board games are available or bring your favorite board game. Please register to give us an idea of how many people to prep for. Ages 10 + please **R**

Teen Button Making

Wednesday, Sep 11 • 5:30 PM

Join us to design and create your own button. **R**

Candy Sushi and Fun Faux Fortune Cookie Night

Wednesday, Oct 9 • 5:30 PM

Teens: Join us for a sweet and sour night of learning how to make sushi from candy and fortune cookies out of foam paper. **R**

ANCESTRY SERIES

Navigating 23 and Me

Tuesday, Sep 10 • 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 the site offers 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. **R** online or call

Navigating Ancestry DNA

Tuesday, Oct 8 • 6-7:30 PM

Ancestry is the most popular DNA testing site in the US. With 23 million testers, you're sure to find a cousin in your matches. In this session you will learn how to access the match list, find shared matches, link your DNA to a family tree, understand ThruLines, and use Ancestry's SideView feature to understand your ethnicity and inheritance. This program is led by local professional genealogist, Susan VH Fabian. **R**

**REGISTER
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SMITHSBURG

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Adult Book Club

Fourth Tuesdays, Sep 24 and Oct 22 • 5 PM

9/24: *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy (One Maryland One Book)

10/22: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
(movie viewing after book discussion)

Movie Night ***New Time**

Tuesdays, Sep 3 and Oct 22 • 6 PM

Friday, Sep 6 • Dusk — Outdoor Movie

Join us for free showings of great movies.

9/3: *The Boys in the Boat* (PG-13)

9/6: *Trolls Band Together* (PG)

10/22: *The Book Thief* (PG-13)

Knit, Crochet & Craft Group

Fridays • 10:30 AM - 1 PM

Bring your own project and join the group.

Writers Group

Saturdays, Sep 14, 28 and Oct 12, 26

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.

How To Talk Smithsburg, Part II

Tuesday, Sep 17 • 6:45 PM

This is a continuation of the lecture from Spring 2024 on the same subject. Learn about what language experts call “localisms” – ways of speaking that are peculiar to the Smithsburg region. This lecture will be part interactive, and will use lists of words and phrases collected by local English teachers decades ago to see if the audience know the meanings of the words today and has heard them in use. Presented by Jefferson Boyer, Smithsburg Historical Society president. **R**

Appalachian Save a Life Day

Thursday, Sep 26 • 2-4 PM

Appalachian Save a Life Day is a day to bring awareness and resources to Appalachian communities coping with opioid addiction. The health department will be providing education for how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to save someone in cases of opioid overdose, as well as resources in receiving treatment and support. Just stop by to chat with them.

TriState Astronomers

Thursday, Oct 10 • 7-10 PM (Rain date Oct 11)

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

Early Voting

Oct 24-31 • 7 AM - 8 PM

Stop by the library during this time to cast your vote in the general election.



CHILDREN WEEKLY STORYTIMES:

Toddler Time

Mondays • 11 AM

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

Talks with the Washington County Health Department — Safe Sleep
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NEW! Hello Friends! Storytime

Tuesdays, Sep 3 and Oct 1 • 10:45 AM

Want a small group Storytime focused on a set schedule and a calmer atmosphere than our other Storytimes? Join our Multi-Sensory Storytime for children and families of all abilities. After registering, please call 301-223-7027 to discuss accommodations in advance. Limited to 12 attendees. **ALL** **R**

9/3: Colors; **10/1:** Cats

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays • 11 AM

Books, music, educational activities! Ages 2-6

NEW! Evening Storytime

Thursdays, Sep 5 and Oct 3* • 6 PM

Are you unable to attend the morning Storytime? Then this is a great alternative. Join us for books, music and educational activities. We meet every first Thursday.

*This is *Storytime Around Town* in October

Spooky

STORYTIME AROUND TOWN: Doubleday Hill Monument

Wednesday, Oct 2 • 11 - 11:30 AM

Thursday, Oct 3 • 6 - 6:45 PM

Salisbury & Commerce Streets Williamsport, MD

Join us for a spooky storytime. This year we are offering 2 times so everyone can join the fun.

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

Sep-Oct | 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, Sep 25 and Oct 23 • 5-6 PM

Join us for a craft time just for tweens! Too old for Storytime and not ready for our teen programs—this event is just for you! All supplies are provided. For ages 8-12. **R** preferred

9/25: Create air dry clay mosaics

10/23: Make fall friendship bracelets

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WILLIAMSPORT

Teen Tuesday

Tuesdays, Sep 24 and Oct 22 • 4 PM

New program only for Teens. Stop by our center table each month for a craft or activity. Ages 13-18

9/24: Create miniature quilled pumpkin magnets

10/22: Play a few Nintendo Switch games

Returning Favorite:

Teen Escape Room

Tuesdays, Sep 10 and Oct 8 • 4-6 PM

Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down timed challenges with your team to escape the room before the 30-minute clock runs out! **Call ahead at 301-223-7027 to reserve a team slot**, or drop in during the program to join a team!

9/10: Escape the Tomb

10/8: Talent Show Murder

TALKS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Safe Sleep

Monday, Sep 16 • 11:30 AM after Storytime

Monday, Oct 7 • 5:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct 9 • 11:30 AM after Storytime

Thursday, Oct 17 • 11 AM

October is Safe Sleep Awareness month. The WashCo Health Department is stopping by to share the importance of safe sleep with infants and young children. **ALL**

Diabetes Prevention

Thursday, Sep 19 • 5:30 PM

Learn what you can do to prevent diabetes.

ADULT MONTHLY PROGRAMS:

Williamsport Book Club

Thurs, Sep 5 and Oct 3 • 1:30 PM & 5 PM

Our Book Club is a small group, with a lively and engaging discussion. Books are selected in advance with something for all interests. All are welcome; two times are available for discussion.

9/5: Non-fiction book— *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

10/3: Mystery novel— *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murders* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Adult Crafty Hour

Weds, Sep 11 and Oct 9 • 5:30-6:30 PM

Did you know crafting can be relaxing, and help improve your mood? Join us for a crafty hour **just for adults to enjoy together**. All supplies are provided. **R**

9/11: Clay flower frogs and mini flower bouquet

10/9: Fall macramé wreaths

NEW! Adult Escape Room

Thursdays, Sep 12 and Oct 10 • 5:30-6:30 PM

Do you wish you could attend our Teen Escape room, but you're not a Teen? We now offer our Escape Room for adults! Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down timed challenges to escape the room before the time runs out! **Call ahead at 301-223-7027 to reserve a spot**, or drop in during the program to join in the fun! **R** suggested

WILLIAMSPORT

Fall Plant Swap

All Week: Sep 16-20 • Library Hours

Do you have indoor or outdoor plants you are dividing or no longer want? Are you looking for new plants to add to your indoor or outdoor space? Drop in anytime during the week and visit the table for our Second Annual Fall Plant Swap. Please label your plants.

Appalachian Save a Life Day

Thursday, Sep 26 • 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Adults are welcome to stop by to learn how to use Naloxone (Narcan) and what situations call for it. This service is provided by staff of the Washington County Health Department.

ADULT SPEAKER SERIES

Local History

Thursday, Sep 26 and Oct 24 • 5:30 PM

Join us for a presentation about local history. Specific topics are TBD. **R**



Adult Crafty Hour — July

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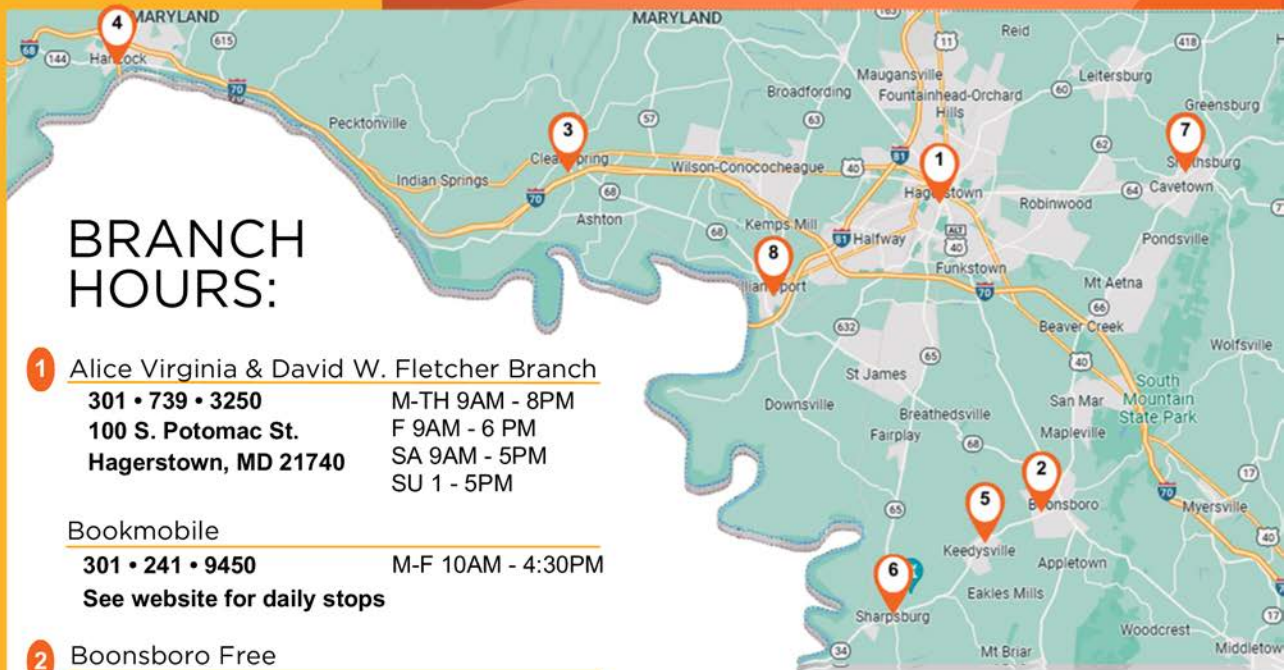
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 SU 1 - 5PM

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Boonsboro, MD 21713 SA 10:15AM - 3PM
- 3** Clear Spring Memorial
301 • 842 • 2730 T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM
12624 Broadfording Rd. F 11:30AM - 6PM
Clear Spring, MD 21722 SA 10:15AM - 2PM
- 4** Hancock Veterans Memorial
301 • 678 • 5300 T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM
231 Hancock Veterans F 11:30AM - 6PM
Pkwy Hancock, MD 21750 SA 10:15AM - 2PM
- 5** Keedysville Branch
301 • 432 • 6641 T-W 11AM - 2PM
22 Taylor Drive SA 10:15AM - 2PM
Keedysville, MD 21756
- 6** Sharpsburg Branch
301 • 432 • 8825 T-TH 1:30 - 7PM
106 East Main St. SA 9:15AM - 1PM
Sharpsburg, MD 21782
- 7** Smithsburg Branch
301 • 824 • 7722 M,W,TH 10:30AM - 7PM
66 West Water St. T 11:30 - 8PM
Smithsburg, MD 21783 F 10:30AM - 6PM
 SA 10:15AM - 3PM
- 8** Williamsport Memorial
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Williamsport, MD 21795 S 10:15AM - 3PM