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MISSION

The Washington County Free Library is committed to building a strong, inter-connected, diverse community by bringing people, information and ideas together.

VISION

Washington County will be a vibrant, collaborative, educated and diverse community.

CONNECT



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PLEASE NOTE:

WCFL strives to make all programs accessible. Please inform us of needed accommodations two weeks prior to the program. Programs, events and classes may be photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Your participation in programs signifies your permission for us to use any photos that we take of you. Please speak to a librarian at the event if you would prefer your photo not be taken. The content of WCFL publications, classes, and events does not necessarily reflect the views held by WCFL, nor does mention of companies or organizations imply endorsement.

A MESSAGE FROM *Your Library*



Every library needs friends!

Just as your friends offer love, jokes, a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on, the Friends of the Library have been here for Washington County Free Library through thick and thin. We've had amazing people share their time and talents with us volunteering, fundraising, and advocating for the library over the years!

This year, we have the opportunity to expand our circle of friends and revitalize this nonprofit organization as the current leadership board members look to pass on the torch to a new generation of library lovers! **That means we need YOU!**

You already love WCFL; help ensure that your library can continue to offer free programs, accessible services, and continue to grow with our community by becoming a Friend! Your time and talents are an invaluable gift, and we need your expertise as we forge a new path together.

The Friends of the Library is the perfect way to give back while getting to know other readers and leaders in your community. Help us make 2025 a year to remember!

We can't wait to be besties!

- Friends of Washington County Free Library

Ready to join the Friends?

We're so glad!



Scan the QR code to access the online application.



Or, fill out the application below and mail/drop off at: **100 S Potomac Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740**

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

\$5 Individual Membership Dues
_____ Additional Membership Dues

Additional Contributions:
\$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$_____

I am interested in helping with:

- ☐ Special Events & Programs
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Volunteer Coordination
- ☐ Leadership



Include \$5 cash/check made out to *Friends of Washington County Free Library*.

If paying with Paypal, please send \$6 to cover fees:



FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

Scan code to view calendar and register



EVERYONE

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

1st Saturdays | 2 PM
Community Room.

1/4: *Inside Out 2*

2/1: *The Wild Robot*

3/1: *Transformers One*

MAKE A VALENTINE

Jan 13 - Feb 5 | Library hours

The Children's Department is collecting Valentines for participants in the Meals on Wheels program. Supplies available upon request or bring in Valentines from home!

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, Jan-Mar | 10 & 11 AM
18-36 months **R**

INFANT STORYTIME

Weds, Jan-Mar | 10 & 11 AM;
6-18 months **R**

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11 AM | Ages 3-5

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

Thursdays | 6:30 PM
All ages

YOUNG CHILDREN

READ WITH A PET

1st Saturdays | 1 PM

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

CELEBRATE SNOW

Friday, January 10 | 11 AM

A fun, snow Preschool Storytime with a snow craft.

SNOWMAN FAMILY STORY NIGHT

Thursday, January 16 | 6:30 PM

Dress in your favorite winter gear and visit with your favorite frozen snowman friend for stories, songs, and crafts.

LITTLE EXPLORERS PRE-SCHOOL STEM

1st Saturdays | 11 AM

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

1/18: Popsicle stick snowflakes and blizzard in a bottle

3/15: Puffy paint shamrocks

LEGO CLUB:

3rd Saturdays | 2 PM

Materials stay at library. Ages 4+

1/18: LEGO your room

2/15: Dinosaur takeover

3/15: Under the sea

UGLY ART EXHIBITION

Tuesday, January 21 | 10 AM

We want your tackiest, wackiest, ugliest, weirdest art skills! Spend your day off from school making ugly art. Ages 3-12

MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STORYTIME: TROMBONE

Friday, January 31 | 11 AM
Community Room 308/309

Join Miss Abigail for a live MSO Storytime at featuring Trombonist Jeff Gaylord and the book *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone!*

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Thursday, February 13 | 4 PM

Join us in celebrating all things love with stories, games, snacks and more. Ages 3-12 **R**

WACKADOO! A BLUEY PARTY!

Saturday, February 15 | 11 AM
Community Room 308/309

Come celebrate our favorite Blue Heeler family! Enjoy games, activities, and crafts, such as Keepy Uppy, Dance Mode, and more! Designed for families to enjoy together. Ages 0-10 years **R**

MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA STORYTIME: PERCUSSION

Friday, March 7 | 11 AM
Community Room 308/309

Join Miss Abigail for a live MSO Storytime featuring Acting Principal Percussionist Julie Angelis Boehler and the book *Everything a Drum!* This event will replace Pre-School Storytime. All ages



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KIDS & TWEENS

KIDS DISCOVER STEM:

1st Saturdays | 11 AM

Ages 6-10 **R**

1/4: Wax resist painting with local artist, Cindy Downs
2/1: Build a clay snowman
3/1: Create a wheelie racer with the Washington County 4-H

TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD AND HANGOUT

Wednesdays | 5 PM

Hang out, play games, eat snacks, and let us know what fun things you want to see at the library! Ages 9-12

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

2nd & 4th Mondays | 2 PM
Community Room 308/309

For grades 1-8 **R**

1/13: Book Club: writing, exercises, and games based on the book
1/27: Where Does My Trash Go?
Learn where trash and recycling go, and what waste disposal looks like.
2/10: Book Club
2/24: Microscope Mystery: Learn how to use a microscope, and solve a whodunnit mystery using forensics.
3/10: Book Club
3/24: Taekwondo Demonstration:
Observe the skills of a local team and learn moves of your own.

TAKE N MAKE

Register and pick up a kit during the designated week. For ages 6-12 **R**

January 13 - 18: Balloon Bottle Cars:
Engineer an air-powered car from recycled materials and a balloon.
February 10 - 15: Easy Animation-

Zoetrope: Learn about one of the earliest forms of animation and make your own animation machine.

March 10 - 15: Koolaid Rock Candy:
Learn all about candy making science and make your own.

TWEEN STEAM CLUB

Fridays, January 24, February 21,
March 21 | 3:30 PM

For ages 9-12 **R**

1/24: Salt Painting Snowflakes: Use the science of salt and liquid to create beautiful snowflake art.
2/21: Moving Music: Make a Chladni Plate—a machine that helps you SEE sounds!
3/21: Math String Art: Use geometry principles to create art with string.

BLACK HISTORY ART PROJECT: COLLAGE OF ME

Friday, February 7 | 2 PM

What makes you? What do you stand for? Turn your passions into an eye-catching collage all about YOU! Inspired by Tamia Arroyo's collage of Martin Luther King Jr. Ages 7-12

GARGANTUAN GAMES GALA

Monday, March 24 |
12-2 PM

Drop in to play games such as giant Jenga and giant Connect 4. Competitions for (soft) ax throwing and crossbow too! Test your skills in mini ring toss and ring hook. Ages 6-12

TEENS

SCIENCE FICTION DAY!

Thursday, January 2 | 4 PM

Show up dressed to impress as your favorite sci-fi character. Enjoy sci-fi related snacks and crafts!

CHESS AND CHOCOLATE

1st Saturdays, January 4 | 1 PM
Teen Meeting Room

Teens are invited to come play chess or checkers. Hot chocolate provided.

TEEN CHEF

1st Mondays | 5 PM

Make deliciously seasonal recipes. **R**

1/6: Scones! January is National Tea month and scones are the classic tea food.

2/3: Make loaded baked potato soup and warm up your family when you make this easy recipe at home!

3/3: Chocolate Chip Irish Soda Bread! March is Irish heritage month. Turn this bread into a sweet treat.

**TAKE YOUR CHILD
TO THE LIBRARY
DAY!**

Celebrate everything
the library has to offer!

Saturday, February 1

www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org

FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

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CREATIVE CORNER

1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 4:30 PM

Come get creative with Ms. Bonnie. All materials provided.

1/7: New Year vision board collages

1/21: Creative daily planner for 2025

2/4: Sculpt a dragon's eye with a glass gem and air-dry clay

2/18: Let your imagination run wild for a freestyle craft session!

3/4: Slime Time! Our most popular craft is back! Come get messy and make some slime! Space is limited **R**

3/18: Friendship bracelets made with beads or embroidery floss.

TEA AND BOOK TASTING

Monday, January 13 | 4 PM

January is National Tea month! Taste different teas, eat tea sandwiches and treats, and pick a book to check out based on the "taste" of the plot revealed on the cover.

NEW SUNDAY HANGOUTS

3rd or 4th Sundays | 2 PM

1/26: Pop-up photo booth! Enjoy cute backdrops, fun props, snacks and take home your very own Polaroid pics.

2/16: Anti-Valentine's Day party! Celebrate everything anti-Valentine's. Enjoy snacks, games, a blind date with a book, and make a Frankentoy!

3/16: Button Making! Make fun book/movie related buttons and eat snacks.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thursday, February 6 | 5 PM

Register to showcase your talents in music, writing, and comedy. Snacks will be provided. **R**

DIGITAL DETOX WITH BLEU THE BUNNY

Monday, February 10 | 6 PM

Teen Meeting Room

Put down the screens and spend some time with us! We have games, crafts, and a certified therapy Lionhead Rabbit you can pet!

MARIO DAY PARTY!

Monday, March 10 | 4:30 PM

Join us to play Mario games on the Nintendo Switch and other Mario themed games! Register for priority access to the switch. **R**

PI DAY PIE TASTING

Friday, March 14 | 4 PM

Join us to sample different pies in honor of the day.

ADULTS

NEW ART CLUB FOR ADULTS & TEENS

1st Wednesdays | 5:30 PM

A monthly group for art lovers. Get your creative juices flowing! Learn new techniques and DIY art supplies such as homemade canvases. Light refreshments and supplies provided.



2024 HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS GRADUATION

Friday, January 3 | 2 PM

Saturday, January 4 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

We will celebrate 2024 graduates with prizes and a potluck. All are welcome.

¡CONVERSEMOS! SPANISH/ ENGLISH CHAT GROUP

2nd and last Mondays | 11 AM

El segundo y el último lunes de cada mes | 11 AM

Western Maryland Room

This informal group for speakers of both English and Spanish is the perfect opportunity to learn in a fun, no-pressure environment.

Este grupo informal para hablantes de inglés y español es la oportunidad perfecta para aprender en un ambiente divertido y sin presiones.

DEMENTIA FRIEND EDUCATION WORKSHOP

2nd Wednesdays | 1 PM

Conference Room 334

Join the nonprofit, Betty's Wish, to learn about the experiences of those living with dementia and their caretakers, and how to make spaces more dementia friendly.

50 BOOKS CAFE

Wednesdays, January 8 and March 5 | 6 PM

Western Maryland Room

Join our group book chat whether you're reading 50 books or just want to chat about what you're reading.



FLETCHER BRANCH LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

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HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS

3rd Fridays | 2 PM

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Conference Room 334

Monthly Gardening Club: learn to grow, harvest, preserve, and cook food from scratch. Learn to lay out garden plots, start indoor seedlings, transplant and direct sow seeds, garden maintenance, soil amendment, organic treatments for pest control, and more. **R**

1/17 | 1/18: Seed catalogs, know your why, and growing sprouts

2/21 | 2/22: Seed starting, garden layouts, and seed distribution

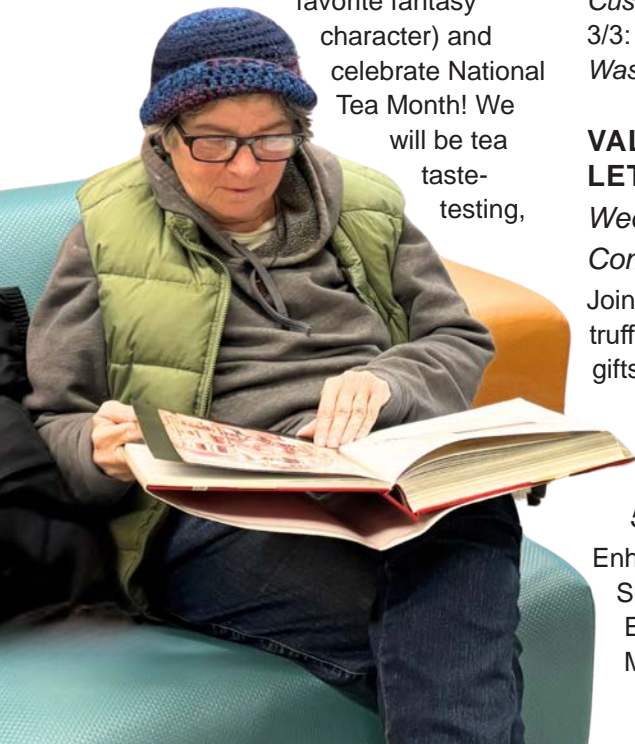
3/21 | 3/22: Up-potting, hardening off, and household amendments

MYSTICAL TEA PARTY

Sunday, January 19 | 2 PM

Conference Room 334

Dress in your finest tea attire (or your favorite fantasy character) and celebrate National Tea Month! We will be tea taste-testing,



painting teacup saucers, enjoying music and games!

STORYTIME FOR ADULTS WITH ALL ABILITIES

3rd or 4th Wednesdays | 1:30 PM

3rd or 4th Thursdays | 10 AM

Conference Room 334

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

1/22 | 1/23: Storms! Make glitter storm bottles and water cycle bracelets!

2/19 | 2/20: Hearts! Make button heart art and friendship cards.

3/19 | 3/20: Rainbows! Make tissue paper art and rainbow bracelets.

MCCAULEY LECTURES

Mondays, February 3 and
March 3 | 6 PM

Community Room 308/309

2/3: *The C&O Canal and the Western Maryland Railroad Interchange at the Cushwa Basin in Williamsport*

3/3: *Historic Schoolhouses of Washington County*

VALENTINE'S DAY DIY: LET'S MAKE TRUFFLES!

Wednesday, February 12 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

Join us to make homemade chocolate truffles! Enjoy them yourself or give as gifts. For teens and adults **R**

DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

Thursday, February 13

5:30 PM | Conference Rm 334

Enhance your technology skills!

Shelita Jackson, Tech Extension

Educator from the University of

Maryland Extension, will teach best

practices for the digital world. Bring your own device for specific help.

BLESSED ARE THE CHEESEMAKERS

Friday, February 28 | 2 PM

Community Room 308/309

Master Cheesemaker, Kelly Harding, from Village Cheeseworks, will teach how to make artisan cheeses. Enjoy samples of his craft and learn the science and magic of crafting homemade cheeses. Seats limited **R**

SPRING CRAFT: THE ART OF MOSAIC

Wednesday, March 12 | 11 AM

Conference Room 334

Join us to create a beautiful and simple mosaic coaster. **R**

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT FAIR

Saturday, March 15 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

Join us for a fair honoring Women's History Month! We will have a variety of impactful organizations who work towards empowering women. Come find resources for you or for the people in your life. For teens and adults

CREATE A CANDLE

Saturday, March 29 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

Brittni and Troy Perkins from Create A Candle will demonstrate the art of professional candle making. Seats are limited. **R**

BOONSBORO

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Regular Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays | 11 AM

Learn numbers, shapes, and colors!
Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 3:30 PM

Have fun and develop a love of reading and learning. Ages 3+

INFANT LAP-SIT

Fridays | 11:00 AM

Enjoy books with your child in a fun, interactive setting. Ages 0-18 months

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturdays | 11:00 AM

Seasonally themed stories and craft! All ages

YOUNG CHILDREN

SPECIAL STORYTIMES:

Wednesday, January 8 | 3:30pm

Winter Sleep/Hibernation Storytime:
Learn about animal habits during the winter through stories, songs, and activities. Create the ideal environment for hibernation. Ages 3-10

Saturday, January 18 | 11 AM

Polar Bear Storytime:

We'll read about polar bears and build polar bear dens using marshmallows and toothpicks! Ages 2+

Saturday, March 1 | 11 AM

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Storytime: Let's celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading a few of his books and making some Seuss-tastic crafts! Ages 2+

DIY VALENTINE CARDS

January 23 - February 14

Drop in and make a card for your Valentines! Supplies will be provided for your creative spirit.

VALENTINE STORYTIME

Saturday, February 15 | 11 AM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with books, songs, and crafts! Ages 2+

SENSORY PLAY FOR TODDLERS

Tuesday, February 25 | 11 AM

Children will engage in different activities to enhance their senses and experience interaction through sensory play. Ages 0-5

KIDS & TWEENS

STEM EXPLORATIONS: LEGO CLUB

4th Wednesdays | 4 PM

Join us for some hands-on fun as we try some Lego Engineering Challenges and discover what we can make.

TEENS

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Friday, January 24 | 4 PM

Teens and Tweens are invited to celebrate the Lunar New Year with crafts and wishes for the coming year. Grades 6-12 **R**

CIRCUIT CARD VALENTINES

Friday, February 7 | 4 PM

Make a fun light-up card for Valentine's Day or just for fun. Grades 6-12 **R**

MORSE CODE BRACELETS

Friday, March 7 | 4 PM

Make a bracelet with a secret (Morse Code) message on it. Grades 6-12 **R**

ADULT

ABC (AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB)

3rd Tuesdays | 3 PM

All are welcome to join the discussion.
1/21: *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams
2/18: TBA
3/18: TBA

ADULT FUN NIGHT: ZENTANGLE

Thursday, January 9 | 5:30 PM

Adults are invited to try drawing some amazing designs called Zentangles, which are proven to soothe your mind, no matter your skill level. All materials provided. **R**



BOONSBORO

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LOW WASTE LIVING: WORKSHOP AND SWAP

Wednesday, February 19 | 5:30 PM

Join the discussion of what under-consumption looks like and how it's better than it sounds. Bring items you no longer need and share them at the swap table to reduce the need to buy new goods. Hosted by the Boonsboro Green Fest/Zero Waste team.

BOONSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS

*Tuesdays, February 25 and
March 25 | 5:30PM*

If you are interested in the fascinating history of our area, join us each month to hear from speakers who know intriguing details we bet you haven't heard before.

FREE SEED LIBRARY

All of March | Library hours

Free seed samples will be available to start or add to your garden.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS

2nd Tuesdays | 6 PM

1/14: *Harold And the Purple Crayon*
(PG)

2/11: *The American Society of Magical Negroes* (PG-13)

3/11: *White Bird* (PG-13)

DESIGN A BOOKMARK CONTEST

AGES
5-12

Official entry blanks and
rules available at all branches
and washcolibrary.org

MAR 1-31

Winning bookmarks will be
printed and available during
National Library Week!

Contact the Children's Department at: 301-739-3250 or wcfchildren@washcolibrary.org

Out & About WITH THE BOOKMOBILE



THE *first* MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE IN THE NATION!

We visit public, private, and home schools, Head Start programs, daycare centers, community organizations, senior care homes and retirement communities, as well as neighborhood and community stops.

Scan the QR code for the schedule.



For more recipes like this one, consider registering for **Hagerstown Homesteaders**.



Caribbean PUMPKIN BISQUE

- 2 CANS PUMPKIN PUREE
- 1 SMALL ONION
- 1 CAN LIGHT COCONUT MILK
- 1 QUART BROTH
- 2 GARLIC CLOVES
- PEPPER
- SALT
- OLIVE OIL
- 2 TSP FRESH GRATED GINGER
- 2 BAY LEAVES

STEP 1

SAUTÉ ONION AND GARLIC IN OIL

STEP 2

ADD PUMPKIN, BROTH, SPICES; SIMMER 15-20 MINS

STEP 3

STIR IN COCONUT MILK, BLEND UNTIL SMOOTH

STEP 4

SERVE WITH PUMPKIN SEEDS IF DESIRED



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Realistic Fiction
Foreign Language
Science Fiction
Non Fiction
Mystery

Adventure
Biography
Classics
Fantasy

Horror
Sports
Romance
Humor
Manga



Invest More
Money



Learn
New Skill

**NEW
YEAR**
NEW ME

Be More
Confident



Start a
Journal

CLEAR SPRING

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EVERYONE

MYSTERY BOOK AND A CHERRY PIE

Every month | Library hours

A raffle in Memory of Arnita Ernst, who would like us all to read a mystery book and bake a cherry pie. Each month we raffle off a mystery novel. Come pick up the recipe for Arnita's award winning cherry pie.

YOUNG CHILDREN

MAKE AND TAKE: VALENTINE CARDS

February 4-7 | Library hours

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL ACTIVITIES: STEM GAMES

1st Tuesdays | 1 PM

Ages 8+

FUN WITH LEGOS

3rd Tuesdays | 3:45 PM

Ages 6+

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

1st Wednesdays | 11:30 AM

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

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Join us for crafts that are enjoyable to make and useful too. Ages 13+

1/18: Pill bottle snowmen

2/15: Polymer clay bead making

3/15: Dried flower votives

Regular Storytimes

FRIDAY STORYTIME

Fridays | 11:30 AM

30 minutes of stories, songs, movement, and more. See library staff for themes. Ages 2-5 with an adult.

AFTER SCHOOL STORYTIME

Thursdays, January 16, February 13 and March 13 | 2:45 PM

Enjoy stories, games, and a craft. For elementary-aged students.



Make a Valentine *at your library!*

January 13 February 4 | SMITHSBURG

January 13 - February 5 | HAGERSTOWN

January 23 - February 14 | BOONSBORO

February 4-7 | CLEAR SPRING



We are **collecting Valentines** for participants in the *Meals on Wheels* program! Drop off your card at the Hagerstown Children's Department or the Smithsburg Branch Library.



HANCOCK

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EVERYONE

FAMILY TAKE-AND-MAKE

All month | Library hours

A fun craft to do at home. Younger children may require adult help. While supplies last. Ages 6+ **R**

January: Tea light luminaries

February: Valentine magnet

March: Wind chimes

LIBRARY NIGHT AT MARTHA'S HOUSE

3rd Tuesdays | 5:30 PM

47 W. Main St, Hancock, MD

Join us for a family-style dinner followed by an activity. **L**

1/21: Bingo

2/18: "Family Feud" trivia contest

3/18: Celebrate spring

FAMILY CRAFT SATURDAYS

3rd Saturdays | 12 PM

Come and get creative! Make a different craft every month. **R**

1/18: Paper bead necklace

2/15: Faux stained glass painting

3/15: Spring flower pot painting

YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TAKE-AND-MAKE

All month | Library hours

A fun and seasonal take-home craft for children. Ages 5+ **R**

January: Snowman sponge painting

February: 3D Sign Language "love"

March: Easy kite

KIDS & TWEENS

STEM CLUB

3rd Thursdays | 3 PM

STEM related activities for grades 1-5.

HOMESCHOOL DAY @ THE LIBRARY

4th Thursdays | 3 PM

Offering STEM activities through May. Grades 1-5

1/23: TBD

2/27: Build a Rube Goldberg Machine

3/27: Wind power: build a kite

TEENS

TEENZONE CRAFT

All month | Library hours

A new craft activity each month in our YA section.

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays | 5 PM

A lively discussion on books chosen by a different member each month.

THIRD THURSDAYS @ THE LIBRARY

3rd Thursdays | 6 PM

1/16: Women's History Month program

2/20: Team trivia contest

3/20: What can we do for you?

Hancock Community Helpers

MAKER CLUB

3rd Saturdays | 10 AM

Learn and create with Cricuts, heat presses, and other crafting machines. For adults and ages 10+ with supervision

1/18: Back to basics: Cricut essentials

2/15: Heat press with vinyl

3/15: Paper crafting with Cricut Joy

SENIOR CRAFT AND CHAT FRIDAYS

3rd Fridays | 10 AM

Hancock Senior Center

126 W. High St, Hancock, MD

Create a fun craft project while enjoying discussions on a variety of topics. Light snacks and drinks provided. **L**

1/17: Game day

2/21: TBA (See online calendar)

3/21: Spring flower craft

Regular Storytimes

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 11:30 AM

A morning of preschool stories, movement, games, and crafts.

KEEDYSVILLE

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YOUNG CHILDREN

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS FOR KIDS

All month | Library hours

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

January: Music crafts

February: Hearts and shapes

March: Plant a seed

CAT IN THE HAT CRAFT

Saturday, March 1 | Library hours

Come pick up a special craft themed after Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat! While supplies last.

Washington County Free Library Presents

2025

WRITERS & POETS CONTEST

Submit your poetry and short stories for a chance to be published in the WCFL collection.

Submissions Accepted

**JAN.15
THRU
MAR.15**

At all WCFL branches

2ND GRADE
THROUGH ADULT

Scan here for submission guidelines and more info.





SHARPSBURG

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YOUNG CHILDREN

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, January 15 | 5 PM

Enjoy a viewing of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* (PG). Draw with purple crayons and eat popcorn while watching the movie.

VALENTINE'S PARTY

Thursday, February 13 | 3:30 PM

AMERICAN WOMEN IN HISTORY STORYTIMES

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20
3:30 PM

COMMUNITY STORYTIME

March 27 | 3:30 PM

Ferry Hill, 16500 Sharpsburg Pike
Wildflowers! Meet behind Ferry Hill.
We will walk the trail full of early
wildflower blooms. Inclement weather:
meet at library. 📍

KIDS & TWEENS

LEGO CLUB

1st Saturdays | 10 AM

Build the Lego challenge or make
something of your own.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, January 22,
February 12, March 12 | 1:30 PM

Join us for book discussions and
related activities.

1/22: *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth
Grahame

2/12: *Corduroy* by Don Freeman

3/12: *How to Train Your Dragon* by
Cressida Cowell

LEPRECHAUN HUNT

Week of March 18 | Library hours

Did the leprechauns leave something
behind? Follow the clues to find out!

Ages 6-12

ADULTS

WINTER SPICE CLUB

Each month pick up:

- Your spice of the month sample
- History and info about the spice
- Recipes including the spice

January: Sumac Berries

February: Galangal

March: Sassafras

Wednesday, April 2 | 6 PM

Join us to sample some recipes and
talk about your spice/recipe favorites.

GARDENING KNOW-HOW WITH MASTER GARDENER TRICA

Wednesdays, January 29 and
March 26 | 6 PM

1/29: Our local birds of prey

3/26: Attracting hummingbirds

ADULT BOOK SHARE

1st Wednesdays | 1 PM

No Book Share in January

Bring a current favorite book to
share with the group.

PUZZLE SWAP

Week of February 9 | Library hours

Drop off a puzzle and take one!

LINCOLN MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, February 12 | 5 PM

Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday
by watching *Lincoln* (PG-13). Our
collection of Lincoln books published
in 1865 and 1891 will be on display.

COMMANDERS OF ANTIETAM

Thursday, February 20 | 6 PM

St Paul's Episcopal Church

209 W. Main St, Sharpsburg

Commanders of Antietam is the third
book in the series and provides a
biography of every (191) brigade
and corps/wing commanders in the
infantry, cavalry and artillery in the
Union Army of the Potomac and
Confederate Army of northern Virginia.
44 expert authors weave a compelling
story about each commander at
Antietam. Sponsored by Antietam
Institute and Sharpsburg Library. 📍

Regular
Storytimes

THEMED STORYTIME

Thursdays | 3:30 PM

Ages 3+

SMITHSBURG

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EVERYONE

OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE ARTISTS OF 21783

Tuesday, February 4 | 5:30 PM

An exhibit of work by artists in/ around Smithsburg. Organized by the Smithsburg Arts & Culture Association and sponsored by the town's Economic Development Commission. Art will be on display through April 6.


YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME IN OUR TOWN

Saturday, January 18 | 11:30 AM

First United Bank and Trust:


22940 Jefferson Blvd. Smithsburg

Children and families, join a fun storytime and tour of the facility. 

Saturday, March 15 | 11:30 AM

Martin's: 22401 Jefferson Blvd.

Smithsburg, MD

Children and families come for a fun storytime and tour of the facility. 

KIDS & TWEENS

SIMPLE STEM CHALLENGE KITS

January: Make a compass

February: Grow a sweet potato

March: Make static electricity

MAKE-AND-TAKE CRAFT KITS

January: Foam snowman

February: Polar bear craft

March: Spring craft

LEGO NIGHT

2nd Mondays | 5 PM

1/13: Build a snowman/snowflake

2/10: Build a spaceship

3/10: Create a LEGO lunch


MAKE A VALENTINE

January 13 – February 4

We are collecting Valentines for participants in the Meals on Wheels program. Supplies will be available or bring in a Valentine from home!

GREAT SCIENTISTS SERIES

Join us to learn about great scientists, their lives, and achievements. Each session includes hands on activities.

Ages 6-12 

Wednesday, January 15 | 4 PM

Albert Einstein

Wednesday, February 12 | 4 PM


George Washington Carver

Wednesday, March 12 | 4 PM

Nikola Tesla

POLAR BEAR STORYTIME

Saturday, February 22 | 11:30 AM

International Polar Bear Day is celebrated every February to coincide with polar bear mothers and cubs sleeping in their dens. Enjoy stories, a craft, and learn more about polar bear conservation. 

TEENS


STAINED GLASS JAR

Wednesday, January 22 | 5:30 PM

Come make a stained glass jar. 


ANTI-VALENTINES PROGRAM

Thursday, February 13 | 5:30 PM

Decorate broken heart cookies, play games, make a dumped survival kit. 

TIE-DYING SOCKS

Wednesday, March 5 | 5:30 PM

Tie-dye green socks in honor of St. Patrick's Day. All supplies provided 

Regular Storytimes

INFANT STORYTIME

2nd & 4th Weds | 11 AM

Children's Room

Ages 6-18 months

TODDLER TIME

Thursdays | 11AM

Community Room

Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11 AM

Community Room

Ages 3-5

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturdays | 11:30 AM

Children's Room

All ages



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ADULTS

IT'S GAME NIGHT!

1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 6-8 PM

Board games are available. Ages 10+

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a free showing of the following movies:

Tuesday, January 7 | 6 PM

Twisters (PG-13)

Tuesday, February 11 | 6 PM

White Bird (PG-13)

Tuesday, March 4 | 6 PM

The Wild Robot (PG)

ADULT BOOK CLUB

4th Tuesdays | 5 PM

January 28: *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson

February 25: *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian

March 25: TBD

KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND CRAFT GROUP

Fridays | 10:30 AM

Bring your project and join this group.

WRITERS GROUP

2nd and 4th Saturdays | 10:15 AM

Join this fun and informal group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

FINDING EMILY: NEW RESEARCH ON SCULPTOR, EMILY CLAYTON BISHOP

Tuesday, January 14 | 6:45 PM

A Smithsburg native and burgeoning artist, Emily Clayton Bishop, tragically

died at age 28. New research has given a better picture of her legacy. Presented by Jefferson Boyer, Smithsburg Historical Society president.

NAVIGATING GEDMATCH

Tuesday, January 21 | 6 PM

Susan Fabian will explore the free tools on the site, how to use them, and what value they can have in your DNA research. **R**

A TASTE OF TUTORING

Monday, January 27 | 5 PM

Community Room

Invest in your local community with The Literacy Council of Washington County! Come for a "taste" test of tutoring and perhaps, sign up to start the tutoring journey yourself!

NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

Wednesday, January 29 | All Day

Try jigsaw, sudoku, crossword, and search-a-word puzzles that will be available at the library.

CREATING A DNA RESEARCH PLAN AND IDENTIFYING THE FATHER OF JOHN SNYDER OF BALTIMORE

Tuesday, February 18 | 6 PM

Susan Fabian will discuss why to use DNA as part of your research, how to structure, organize, hypothesize, and keep track of the information gathered. Learn how a *genealogical brick wall* was broken by following a DNA research plan. **R**

18TH CENTURY HERBOLOGY

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:30 PM

Join Kori Taber from the Conococheague Institute and learn about how herbs were used in all aspects of life on the frontier and around the homestead. **R**

A GUIDE TO MARYLAND LAND RECORDS ONLINE

Tuesday, March 18 | 6 PM

In this presentation, Susan Fabian will navigate several websites to find property information including SDAT, MERLIN, MDLandRecs, MHIP, Tracey Land Index, and Plats.net. We will discuss terms, deeds, earliest patents for land, and mapping land from a deed description. **R**

THE FLYING SCHOOLMARM

Tuesday, March 25 | 6:45 PM

Hagerstown-born Helen Cox Bikle was the first licensed female pilot in Maryland. Learn about her life and the solo flight that Amelia Earhart said she would have hesitated to fly by herself. Presenter: Joanie Gerber, Smithsburg Historical Society vice president and Bikle's great-granddaughter. **R**

WILLIAMSPORT



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EVERYONE

SPRING SEASONAL & HOLIDAY DECORATION SWAP

All of March | Library hours

Do you have old or unused spring holiday decorations that you are ready to part with? Bring them to our decoration swap. Categories include: outdoor decor, ribbon, wreaths, centerpieces, artificial flowers, more!

NEW HANDS-ON HOBBIES

1st Mondays | 5:30 PM

Drop in to try your hand at a new or old hobby. Each month we will try something different, including: yo-yoing, Rubik's cube, string games, brain teasers, and hand puzzles.

NEW FAMILY FUN NIGHT: CRAFTY SHENANIGANS

Tuesday, February 4 | 5 PM

All are welcome to this family craft night. Spend an hour making fun crafts with your family. Supplies provided.

NEW FAMILY FUN NIGHT: SILLY GAME SHOWDOWN

Tuesdays, January 7 and March 4 | 5 PM

Join us for silly and fun hands-on games. Compete against your own family or others in this goofy "minute to win it" style event.

MAKERSPACE TABLETOP CHALLENGE

Every week | Library hours

Stop by the Makerspace to try a new tabletop challenge or activity each week! Activities include science, engineering, math, nature, and building challenges. Grades K-5

KIDS & TWEENS

TWEEN CRAFT

Last wednesdays | 5 PM

Join us for a craft time just for tweens. All supplies are provided.

Ages 8-12 **R** preferred

1/29: Basic felt hand-sewn plushie
2/26: Abstract rubber band printmaking
3/26: Egg carton animal portraits

TEEN PROGRAMS

RETURNING FAVORITE: TEEN ESCAPE ROOM

2nd Tuesdays | 4 PM

Find clues, solve puzzles, and face-down timed challenges with your team to escape the room before the clock runs out! Games are 30 mins. Call 301-223-7027 to reserve a team slot, or drop in to join a team! **R**

1/14: Mario
2/11: Willy Wonka
3/11: Spy Adventure

TEEN TUESDAY

4th Tuesdays | 4 PM

Check out the library center table each month for a mini craft, discussion, or activity. Ages 13-18

Regular Storytimes

TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays | 11 AM
Ages 18-36 months

NEW HELLO FRIENDS STORYTIME

1st Tuesdays | 10:45 AM
A calm, multi-sensory storytime for children and families of all abilities. Limited to 12 attendees. 1/7: Sounds 2/4: Love | 3/4: We All Belong

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 11 AM
Ages 2-6

NEW EVENING STORYTIME


1st Thursdays | 6 PM
Ages 2-6

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME AROUND TOWN

Wednesday, February 5
11 AM and 11:30 AM

SPROUT: Plants & Things
5 North Conococheague St.,
Williamsport, MD 21795

Join us for an adventure with books, music, & dancing at the plant shop. 

NEW WIGGLE & GIGGLE: FREE PLAY TIME

Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:30 AM
Join us after storytime to wiggle and play in our storytime area.



WILLIAMSPORT

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ADULT PROGRAMS

WILLIAMSPORT BOOK CLUB

1st Thursdays | 1:30 PM and 5 PM

Our Book Club is a small group, with a very lively and engaging book discussion. The books are selected in advance.

1/2: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

2/6: *The Secret Keeper* by Kate

Morton

3/6: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy


NEW CRAFTY COMPANIONS

2nd Mondays | 1 PM

Craft time for adults with developmental disabilities. Join us at our center table for a monthly craft with your companion.

ADULT CRAFTY HOUR

2nd Wednesdays | 5:30 PM

Crafting can be relaxing and help improve your mood. Join us for an enjoyable hour. All supplies are provided. For adults and teens 13+ 


1/8: Victorian puzzle purse

2/12: Needle felted wool heart

3/12: Punch needle embroidery flower

NEW ADULT ESCAPE ROOM

2nd Thursdays | 5 PM

Try our Escape Room for Adults! Find clues, solve puzzles, and face-down timed challenges before the time runs out! Call to reserve a spot (301-223-7027), or drop in to join the fun. 

1/9: Mario

2/13: Willy Wonka

3/13: Spy Adventure

ALL AGES: TALKS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Thursday, January 16 | 4 PM

Fall Prevention for Seniors and Adults: Join the WCHD for tips on preventing falls and keeping balance.

Wednesday, January 22 | 11 AM
(Preceding storytime)

Safe Kids: The WCHD will share information on keeping all of our kids safe. As we begin the new year, let's refresh our safety practices.

Monday, February 10 &
Wednesday, February 26
11 AM (Preceding storytime)

Kid Health and Nutrition: The WCHD will talk about healthy food choices and portion sizes for kids.

Monday, March 10 | 6 PM

Diabetes Awareness and Prevention: Join us with the WCHD to learn the hidden signs and symptoms of diabetes as well as tips and suggestions for living a healthier lifestyle.

HOW NOT TO KILL YOUR HOUSEPLANT!

Thursday, February 27 | 6 PM

Do you wish your houseplants would thrive but they aren't? Join local plant enthusiast and *Sprout: Plants & Things* shop owner, Katie Anderson, as she provides tips for how you can keep your houseplant alive.

TRUE CRIME TALKS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday, March 20 | 6 PM

Join Abigail Koontz, Curator at the Washington County Historical Society, as she shares the true crime tale of George Swearingen, a Hagerstown Sheriff in 1827, who was accused of murdering his wife. For adults only

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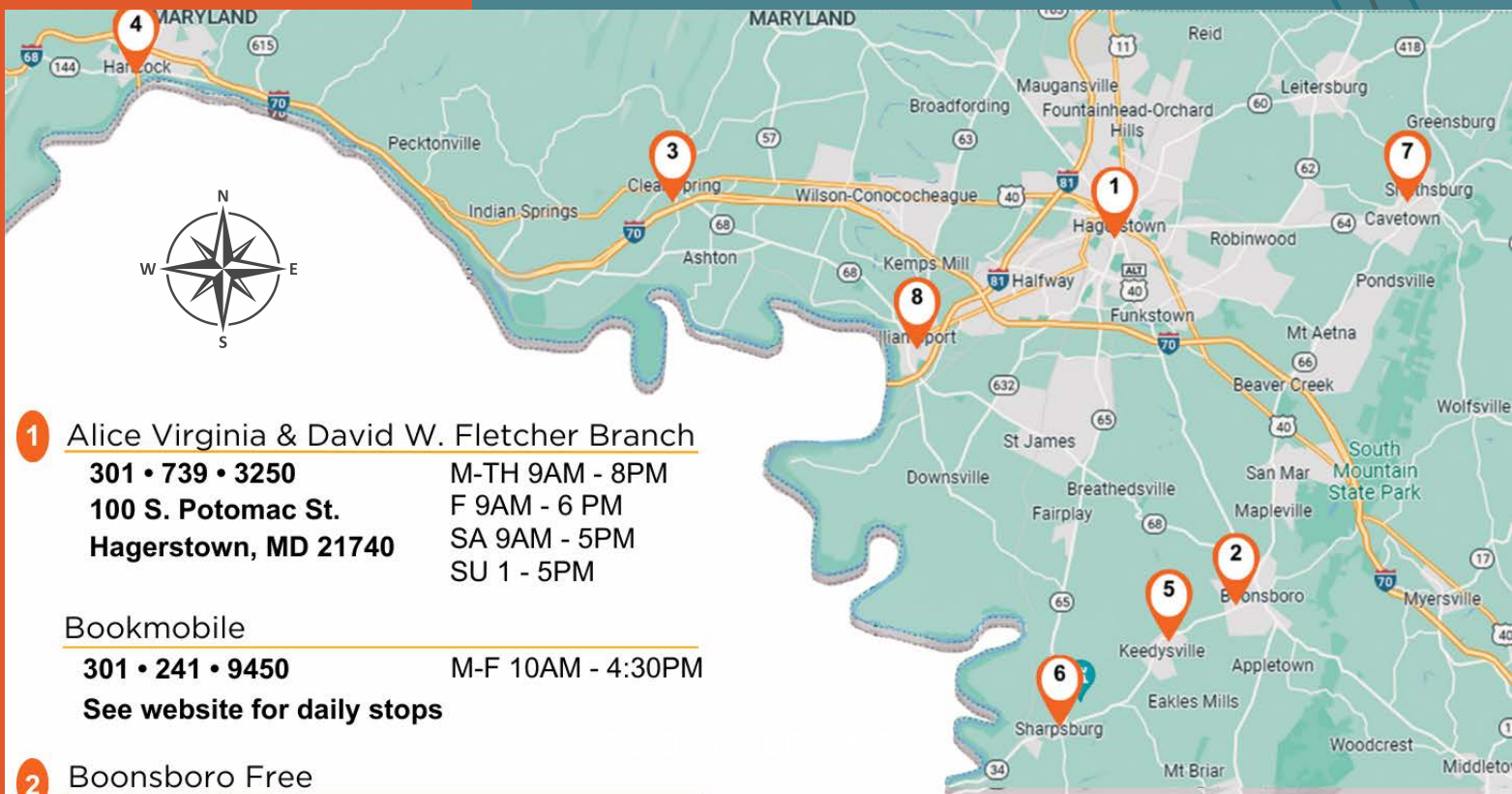
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1 Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch

301 • 739 • 3250 M-TH 9AM - 8PM
100 S. Potomac St. F 9AM - 6 PM
Hagerstown, MD 21740 SA 9AM - 5PM
 SU 1 - 5PM

Bookmobile

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

2 Boonsboro Free

301 • 432 • 5723 M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM
401 Potomac Street F 10:30AM - 6PM
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

301 • 223 • 7027 M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM
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