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

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

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A MESSAGE FROM *Our Director*



What an incredible summer it's been! Our 2025 Summer Reading Club was bigger than ever—participation grew by 22% compared to last year, with a total of 4,232 readers taking part. Thank you to everyone who joined the fun, logged their reading, and helped make this summer so special. We are so proud of our community's dedication to reading and lifelong learning.

Now, as we turn the page to fall, we're excited to keep the momentum going with a full lineup of programs and events for all ages. From storytimes and book clubs to workshops and special events, there's something for everyone. A perennial favorite, the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Storytimes (page 4), pairs books with live music and always delights our youngest readers here at Fletcher Library. We're also introducing a new series, Voices of Our Past (page 7), which combines history, live music, and live performances to bring our rich local history to life.

When we read a great book, we can't wait to share the experience and talk about it with others—that's one of the joys of reading. In that spirit, Maryland Humanities created One Maryland One Book to bring people together across the state through the shared experience of reading the same title. This year's selection is *Kin: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford, and WCFL is proud to participate with copies available for checkout and book discussions hosted at branches throughout the county.

For the full lineup of programs and events, visit:
www.washcolibrary.org/events

We can't wait to see you at the library this season!

Jenny Z. Bakos

Jenny Bakos
Executive Director

LIBRARY NEWS

Friends of the Library

I'm delighted to announce that the Friends of the Washington County Free Library (FOL) group has re-started after a pause during the pandemic. With renewed energy, we've been busy setting a fresh vision and mission to guide our work.

Our Vision: FOL envisions a future where the Washington County Free Library system is supported and empowered to uplift literacy, learning, and inclusion for all.

Our Mission: We complement our public library system's work through advocacy, outreach, fundraising, and targeted projects that increase and promote access to books, materials, programs, and literacy resources.

Already, FOL have supported a variety of library initiatives, including the Summer Reading Club, the Noteworthy Sundays Concert Series, and the Bester Community of Hope Book Giveaway.

We are thrilled to be back in action and look forward to growing our efforts to support the library and its patrons. If you love books, learning, or just want to help our library thrive, we invite you to join us in making a difference!

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—Kate Rader, President,
Friends of the WCFL Library





EVERYONE

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

1st Saturdays | 2 PM
Community Room 308/309

All movies rated PG. Popcorn provided by Warehouse Cinemas.

10/4: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
11/1: Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse

MARYLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA STORYTIMES

Select Fridays | 11 AM
Community Room 308/309

Join Miss Abigail and MSO guest musicians for storytime. This event will replace Preschool Storytime. All ages

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, Sept-Nov
10 & 11 AM | 18-36 months **R**

INFANT STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Sept-Nov
10 & 11 AM | 6-18 months **R**

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11 AM | Ages 3-5
10/31: Halloween Storytime!

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

Thursdays | 6:30 PM
October 9: Back to School
Night with Ms. Frizzle!
All ages

10/3: Music Director Elizabeth Schulze and Associate Concertmaster Violinist Joanna Owen and the books *A Horn is Born* and *ROAR-chestra*

11/21: Percussionist Tony Asero and the book *Tanka Tanka Skunk!*

WORLD POSTCARD DAY

Wednesday, October 1 | All day

Learn all about postcards and write one for someone you love! Ages birth-12

PUBLIC EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS

Saturday, October 18 | 11 AM – 12:30 PM
Community Room 308/309

The Hagerstown Homesteaders are partnering with the Washington County Health Department's Public Health Emergency Division. Be aware and prepared for any unexpected disruption of normal life with information about 72-hour and 2-week survival basics skills. Get free safety items from the Strategic National Stockpile Division! **R**

GHOSTS OF ANTIETAM WITH
MARK BRUGH

Thursday, October 23 | 6-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Join author, historian, and storyteller Mark Brugh for an evening of harrowing tales from the Battle of Antietam in Sharpsburg also featured in his newest book, *Ghosts of Antietam*. **R**

MAKE A HOLIDAY CARD

November 10 - December 5 | All day

The library will collect holiday cards for the patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. You can make your own cards or sign purchased cards. Card making supplies and cards to sign will be available.

YOUNG CHILDREN

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday, October 30 | 3 PM

Come have a fun-not-freaky time with games, snacks, and crafts. Costumes highly encouraged! Ages 3-8 **R**

KIDS & TWEENS

READ WITH A PET

1st Saturdays | 1 PM

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

LITTLE EXPLORERS AND KIDS
DISCOVER STEM

1st and 3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

For ages 3-10 **R**

10/4: Discover the 14 species of furbearers in Maryland. Hands-on learning with 11 types of animal furs, track replicas, replica skulls, and a raccoon hand puppet. Furbearer Education Trunk provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

10/18: Learn about texture with orbeez (polymer water beads) and create your own pumpkin patch sensory bottle.

11/1: Explore the world of wild turkeys and gobbler calls. View a turkey puppet and decoys of a hen and drake. Furbearer Education Trunk provided by Maryland DNR.

11/15: Learn all about beekeeping with local guest Little Bear Apiary. Stories, crafts, hands-on activities, and honey tasting.

LEGO CLUB

3rd Saturdays | 2 PM

Materials stay at the library. Ages 4+

10/18: Pumpkins: What color will you build?

11/15: Minecraft: You're great at building on the computer--now see what you can build in real life!

TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD AND
HANGOUT

Wednesdays, Oct 8 - Nov 19 | 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

10/15: Tween Talent Show: Share a special talent! **R** in the Children's Dept.

10/29: Hallow-Tween Party: Wear your favorite costume and come have a ghoulish good time with games, snacks, and crafts.

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

2nd & 4th Mondays | 2 PM

Community Room 308 & Classroom 315

For grades 1-8 **R**

10/27: Move like a ninja: Learn fun exercises and healthy movements with Pediatric Movement Center. (308-309)

11/10: Typing & Coding Club: Learn the basics of touch typing and computer coding in this newly offered monthly class. (315)

11/24: Pancake making: All about whole grains. Learn all about the importance of whole grains with 4H Extension Office, and make a delicious breakfast treat to eat!

TAKE & MAKE

Register and pick up a kit at the branch of your choice during the designated week. For ages 6-12 **R**

Oct. 20-24: Pantograph art machine: Build a machine that will copy your artwork for you.

Nov.17-21: Spectroscope rainbow machine: Use science and a few simple tools to create your own rainbow using light.

TWEEN STEAM CLUB

Thursdays | 3:30 PM

Ages 9-12

10/16 Cloud hunting: Create your own cloud viewer and go cloud hunting!

11/20: Balloon rocket racing: Build a balloon rocket and see who's can go the furthest!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Friday, October 31 | All day

Enjoy a Halloween scavenger hunt and make a Halloween craft in the Children's Department throughout the day!

TEENS

TEEN CHEF

1st Mondays | 5 PM

Make delicious seasonal recipes.

10/6: Salted caramel apple bars

11/3: Chicken and dumplings

CREATIVE CORNER

1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 5 PM

Come get creative with Ms. Bonnie. All materials provided

10/7: Festive fall wreath

10/21: Freestyle crafternoon

11/4: Animal friend beadlings

ALPHABET CLUB

2nd Tuesdays (EX Nov 11) | 5 PM

This welcoming space is dedicated to fostering friendships, sharing experiences, and celebrating diversity. Members can engage in fun activities, discussions, and creative projects that promote self-expression and support. Whether you're looking to connect with others, explore your identity, or simply have a good time, this club is the perfect place to be yourself and find your community. Everyone is welcome!

DOGGIE DECOMPRESSION
(THERAPY DOG VISIT)

3rd Wednesdays | 5 PM

Join us for a special session featuring Pixel the Poodle or one of his furry friends! Drop in during the hour to enjoy some quality time petting or playing with a therapy dog. Relax, unwind, and experience the joy that these lovable pups bring.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

1st and 3rd Thursdays | 5 PM

Teens can share their writing, get feedback, and learn new techniques. Developed using college-level writing resources, this workshop gives teens a preview into various kinds of writing while supporting their personal growth as a writer.

GAME NIGHT

2nd and 4th Thursdays | 5 PM

Come hang out with other teens and play on the Switch, foosball table, or card and board games! Win prizes, eat snacks, and take home the glory at Game Night: Tournament! 1v1 style tournament with the game of your choice: Nintendo, Roblox, Fortnite, & more.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

1st and 3rd Fridays | 4 PM

Celebrate something silly every other Friday afternoon with Ms. Swaneet. We'll celebrate obscure holidays and author birthdays with snacks, games, and crafts.

10/17: Global Cat Day & R.L. Stine

11/7: National Nacho Day & Bram Stoker

11/21: World Television Day & Voltaire

PHOENIX HOLLOW CRAFTERNOON

Friday, October 3 | 5 PM

Teen Community Room

Brandy of the Barony of Phoenix Hollow LARPing group will join a "crafternoon." She'll guide our teens in creating an adorable moth. Whether you want to learn hand sewing or experiment with one of our sewing machines, this craft is perfect.

BANNED TOGETHER MOVIE
SCREENING

Monday, October 6 | 5-7 PM

This documentary sheds light on two contentious issues: book bans and curriculum censorship in public schools. *Banned Together* chronicles the journey of three students as they strive to restore 97 books that were abruptly removed from their



school libraries. As they transition from local advocates to national activists, they engage with bestselling and banned authors, politicians, and Constitutional experts.

COSTUME PARTY

Saturday, October 25 | 1-4 PM

Put on your favorite costume or cosplay and come enjoy snacks, music, vendors, and a costume contest. Ages 13+

CHESS AND CHOCOLATE

Wednesday, October 29 | 5 PM

The Chess Club for Teens is back, and this time we're serving up hot chocolate! Whether you're a chess enthusiast or just looking to learn, come join us for some friendly competition. We also have checkers available. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun afternoon of games and warm drinks!

HORROR MOVIE HANG

Thursday, October 30 | 6-7 PM

Bleu is back after a two-month break! Bleu is a certified Lionhead therapy rabbit and will be visiting us with her little buddy, Cheddar. Drop in any time within the hour!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31 | 12-5:30 PM

This party is for teens only! After our big event on Oct. 25, come enjoy a laid back, smaller event with games, ambiance, snacks, and friends.

STOP THE BLEED® TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Monday, November 10 | 5-6:30 PM

This 90-minute session, presented by Mackenzie Shepherd, BSN, RN, is ideal for anyone looking to become a babysitter. Best of all, it's completely free! Learning to stop the bleed is a crucial life-saving skill, and with just three quick actions, you can empower yourself to make a difference in an emergency.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT VISIT

Monday, November 10 | 6 PM

The health department will be joining us with a table of games and prizes to engage kids in an important conversation about the dangers of smoking. This interactive event is a fun way to learn while having a great time!

FRIENDSGIVING

Thursday, November 13 | 4-6 PM

Bring your favorite fall dish to Friendsgiving! We'll celebrate friendship and feast in gratitude. Registration required.

TEENS & ADULTS

ART CLUB FOR ADULTS & TEENS

1st Wednesdays | 5:30-7 PM

Conference Room 334

A monthly group for artists of all skill levels. Art supplies will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own. Get your creative juices flowing, learn new techniques, and make cool projects!

MISINFORMATION ESCAPE ROOM

Wednesday, October 15 | 6-7 PM

Saturday, October 18 | 3-4 PM

Community Room 308/309

Come join a team and work together to solve puzzles, find clues, and complete your tasks before time runs out! Players must use teamwork, logic, and problem-solving skills to advance through the missions and achieve their goal. Ages 10+

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 19 | 2-4 PM

Community Room 308/309

In honor of the 2025 One Maryland One Book theme, *What We Collect/What We Tell*, and this year's book selection, *Kin: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford. Present your story at our Open-Mic Storytelling in November! Teens & adults.

OPEN-MIC STORYTELLING

Saturday, November 8 | 2-4 PM

Community Room 308/309

In honor of the 2025 One Maryland One Book theme, *What We Collect/What We Tell*, and this year's book selection, *Kin: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford, we are hosting this event for teens and adults to present our stories that contribute to Maryland!

COOKBOOK PARTY

Saturday, November 22 | 1-4 PM

Community Room 308/309

Holiday meal prepping and planning begin! Do you have cookbooks you don't use? Bring them to exchange with someone else or explore books from others! Make a cookbook with only recipes YOU like by crafting a custom scrapbook-style cookbook using recipes pulled from other books!

ADULTS

REEL TALK

2nd Wednesdays | 2-3:30 PM

Classroom 315

Come discuss a different film, old or new, each month. Talk about the making of the film, its theme, and how we felt watching it. Open to anyone who loves movies! Films are available for either checkout or streaming on Kanopy.

10/8: *Pan's Labyrinth*

11/12: *Everything Everywhere All at Once*

¡CONVERSEMOS! SPANISH/ ENGLISH CHAT GROUP

NEW DAYS / NUEVOS DIAS

2nd and last Thursdays | 9 AM

El segundo y el último jueves del mes

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.

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

STORYTIME FOR ADULTS WITH ALL ABILITIES

2nd or 4th Thursdays | 10:30 AM

Community Room 308/309

Join us as we read books, sing to music, dance, play games, make crafts, & more!

10/2: Invasive Species

10/16: Campfire Stories

11/6: Planes

11/20: Turkeys

MCCAULEY LECTURE: JACOB BRUMBAUGH: A WASHINGTON COUNTY DUNKER FARMER, PACIFIST, AND PATRIOT

Thursday, October 9 | 6-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Jacob Brumbaugh was one of the most successful German Baptist Brethren farmers in Washington County. But how did a pacifist Church member become a patriot? Join author Norman "Ned" Donoghue to find out.

VOICES OF OUR PAST: ANGELA EASTERLING

Sunday, October 12 | 3 PM

Community Room 308/309

Angela Easterling performs her own original songs interspersed with classic folk, roots, and country tunes. Easterling and her duo partner, guitarist Brandon Turner, weave the history of music and artists who've influenced her songwriting/his guitar styling.

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. Get vital info for garden success pertinent to each season.

Oct: Planting fall bulbs & garden cleanup

Nov: Soil amendment & garden cleanup

MCCAULEY LECTURE: THE LIFE & TIMES OF JONATHAN HAGER

Monday, November 3 | 6-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/209

Jonathan Hager's name is synonymous with our city county. Learn about his leadership prior to the Revolutionary War as a part

of the City of Hagerstown's *Jonathan Hager Week*, Nov. 1-8, marking the 250th anniversary of his passing. Colonial-era snacks/beverages provided. Hager Family memorabilia on display prior to lecture.

50 BOOKS CAFE

Wednesday, November 5 | 6-7:30 PM

Western Maryland Room

Want to talk about what you're reading? Join this informal book chat where we talk about our current reads, all while trying to reach the goal of reading 50 books in 12 months.

PROFESSIONAL COOKIE DECORATING

Friday, November 14 | 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Professional baker April Frusher-Boyle will demonstrate cookie baking and decorating. She will show a myriad of frosting styles, icings, and fondants. Students can decorate their own creations. Seats are limited.

FALL CRAFT: NO-SEW FABRIC PUMPKINS

Wednesday, November 19 | 11 AM-12:30 PM

Conference Room 334

Celebrate fall with these fun fabric pumpkins. Absolutely no sewing required!



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 AM

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

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturdays | 11 AM

Seasonally themed stories and craft! All ages

YOUNG CHILDREN

SPINNING SPIDERS

Saturday, October 11 | 11 AM

We'll read about spiders and create our own spiderwebs. Ages 3+

PUMPKIN CATAPULT TAKE & MAKE

October 14 until supplies last

Exercise your engineering skills and build a catapult to see how far you can launch a mini pumpkin with this kit. Ages 6-12

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME AND FUN

Wednesday, October 29 | 4 PM

Join us for some fun Halloween stories, activities, and a craft. Don't forget to dress-up in your costumes. Ages 3-10

UP IN THE AIR STORYTIME

Wednesday, November 5 | 3:30 PM

Pack your bags and come on board to take flight with some airplane stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3-7

TAKING FLIGHT STEM PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 12 | 4 PM

Children will put together both a paper airplane/launcher and a 3D printed glider to learn about the science of flight. Ages 6-12

SAVE TOM TURKEY

Saturday, November 15 | 11 AM

Build a hide-out for Tom Turkey so he doesn't get eaten on Thanksgiving! Ages 3+

KIDS & TWEENS

STEM EXPLORATIONS: LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays, Oct. 22 and Nov. 19 | 4 PM

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

TEENS

TWEEN/TEEN AFTERNOON

1st or 2nd Fridays | 4 PM

Have fun making crafts. For grades 6-12

10/3: 3-D origami crafts that join and pop up into something bigger and better

11/14: Recycled crafts for the holidays

ADULT

ABC (AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB)

3rd Tuesdays | 3 PM

All are welcome to join the discussion.

10/21: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristen Harmel | 11/18: TBA

MONEY WITHOUT STRESS: A SIMPLE PLAN TO FEEL IN CONTROL AGAIN

Wednesday, October 15 | 5:30 PM

Ditch the financial stress and finally feel in control. In this practical and judgment free workshop, Certified Master Financial Coach Michael Morris with Reach Financial Coaching, shares a simple, no-shame plan to help you track your money, reduce overwhelm, and build confidence. **R**

ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, October 16 | 5:30 PM

Check out a copy of this year's selection, *Kin: Rooted in Hope*, then join us for a discussion.

LOW WASTE LIVING: WORKSHOP AND SWAP

Wednesday, November 19 | 5:30 PM

Join the discussion on low waste systems that preserve food and reduce waste. Bring items you no longer need to the swap table and share abundance with others, reducing the need to buy new goods. Theme: fitness & health related items.

Hosted by the Boonsboro Green Fest/ Zero Waste team with the intent of creating an interest in low waste living by offering examples of lifestyle shifts that make a difference. Questions or suggestions? Contact: info@boonsborogreenfest.com.

BOONSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS

4th Tuesdays | 6:30 PM

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.

10/28: TBA | 11/25: TBA

MOVIE NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS

1st or 2nd Tuesdays | 6 PM

10/14: *Practical Magic* (PG-13)

11/4: *If* (PG)

EVERYONE

MYSTERY BOOK AND 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. When you pick up your book, don't forget the recipe for Arnita's award winning cherry pie!

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 18 | 10 AM - 3 PM

The library is just one of the stops as we celebrate Clear Spring in the fall.

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL AT THE LIBRARY

3rd Tuesdays | 1 PM

Join us for a variety of STEM activities, crafts, and more. Ages 8+ **R** Please register each child separately

10/21: Physics with Legos

11/18: Explore the tiny world with microscopes

Regular Storytime

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11:30 AM

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

TEENS & ADULTS

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Crafts that are enjoyable to make and useful too. Ages 13+ **R**

10/18: Glassware etching/painting – choose from a variety of glassware

11/15: Fall napkin rings

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

1st Wednesdays | 11:30 AM

Join other adults for a lively discussion.

Please contact the library so we can provide a copy of the book.

Library POWER USERS!

MEET LATRAYA, LAYLIAH, AND AARON WATERS

BY DAKOTA VAUGHN

From meeting a civil war soldier, to solving a dognapping mystery using microscopes, the 2024-2025 school year was filled with adventurous learning and fun for homeschoolers in grades one through eight at the Fletcher Library. Two homeschool students came to more classes than anyone else, giving them the highest attendance for the school year. Layliah "Lele" Waters (10) and Aaron "AJ" Waters (8) each attended 13 out of 15 classes from September to May.

When asked which class was her favorite, Layliah chose the Colonial America party in May. Her favorite part was the quill pen writing station. "It felt so cool!" She wanted fellow homeschoolers to know that "You can learn anything at the library." AJ agreed that the homeschool classes at the library were a lot of fun, and that he likes the library because it's a place where he can read books and have fun with his friends. On being a homeschooler, AJ said, "I like being a homeschooler because I don't have to be surrounded by kids, and I don't have to eat garbage lunch [at] school."

Of course, Lele and AJ's attendance was only made possible because of their mom, LaTraya Waters, and her dedication to get them to the library for enrichment. LaTraya had words of encouragement for fellow homeschool families and how they can utilize the library. "There are so many different activities that fit different kids' personalities...The staff here are amazing, and there are so many things [the library] offers. Bring your kids out."

Check out current HomeSchool Enrichment classes offered at many of our branches!



HANCOCK

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Regular Storytimes

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 11:30 AM
An hour of stories, movement, games, and crafts. Ages 3-5

INFANT & TODDLER

Fridays | 11:30 AM
30 interactive minutes for our smallest patrons and their caregiver. Ages 0-18

EVERYONE

ANNUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

All month | Library hours
Pumpkins and rules provided. Winners in age groups 5-11, 12-17, 18-adult. **R**

YOUNG CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY STORYTIME

1st Wednesdays | 11 AM
Join Ms. Yen for a storytime for little ones with books, songs, and other fun.

FAMILY TAKE & MAKE

All month | Library hours
A fun craft to do at home. Ages 8+ **R**
October: Drip Painting Kit
November: Holiday Gnome Ornament

FAMILY CRAFT SATURDAYS

3rd Saturdays | 12 PM
Make a different craft every month. **R**
10/18: Pool noodle fall wreath
11/15: Plastic Canvas Holiday Ornament

LIBRARY DAY AT MARTHA'S HOUSE

4th Tuesdays | 5:30 PM
47 W. Main St, Hancock, MD
Enjoy a family style meal and activity. **R**

YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TAKE & MAKE

All month | Library hours
A fun, seasonal take-home craft. Ages 3-7 **R**
October: Puff paint pumpkin picture
November: Rudolph clothespin ornament

TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT KITS

October and November | Library hours
New Crafts Available! Take a craft kit to celebrate the season.

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL DAY @ THE LIBRARY

Thursdays, October 23 & November 20 | 3 PM
Homeschool group activities. Series runs September-May. All ages

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays | 5 PM
Books chosen each month by members.

LIBRARY DAY @ THE HANCOCK SENIOR CENTER

3rd Fridays | 10 AM
Hancock Senior Center
126 W. High St, Hancock, MD
Enjoy social time, crafts, and snacks with other seniors. **R**

EVERYONE

FALL DECORATING CONTEST

October 1-16 | Library hours
Get in the autumn spirit by decorating, cutting, or folding old book pages. Imagine leaves, a ghost, or fall scene. Draw or paint using any medium. Pick up your book pages any time after October 1 (while supplies last) and return decorated by October 16. There will be age categories and prizes awarded. Winners will be determined by popular vote and announced October 23rd.

MD STEM FEST CHALLENGE

Week of November 4 | Library hours
Stations will be set up with Legos and marble runs. Look through our microscope and magnifying glass, what do you see?

YOUNG CHILDREN

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Thursday, October 30 | 3:30 PM
Halloween Party! Scary stories, games, and a spooky treat!
Thursday, November 6 | 3:30 PM
A special STEM storytime in honor of the MD STEM Festival.
Thursday, November 13 | 3:30 PM
Storytime for National Native American Heritage month.



SHARPSBURG

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Regular Storytimes

THEMED STORYTIME

Thursdays | 3:30 PM
Ages 3+

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK SHARE

1st Wednesdays, | 1 PM
What is your favorite current or holiday read?

GARDENING KNOW-HOW WITH MASTER GARDENER TRICA

Wednesday, October 29 | 6 PM
Overwintering your Garden
Wednesday, November 19 | 6 PM
What Caterpillars Become

COMMUNITY STORYTIME

Thursday, October 23 | 3:30 PM
4065 Florals
100 E. Main Street, Sharpsburg
Meet at the library, we will walk to the floral shop for a flower/plant themed storytime. Learn about the different parts of flowers by taking them apart. **R**

KIDS & TWEENS

LEGO CLUB

1st Saturdays | 10 AM
Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Join us for discussion and activities relating to the book.
Wednesday, October 22 | 1:30 PM
The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
Wednesday, November 12 | 1:30 PM
Antietam National Cemetery, 320 E Main St. Sharpsburg, MD **R**
For a Soldier at Antietam by Drew Broadhurst. Join the author at the Antietam National Cemetery for a book reading and activity (at the library if inclement weather).

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2025 SELECTION

Kin: Rooted in Hope
by Carole Boston Weatherford with art by Jeffery Boston Weatherford

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EVERYONE

MAKE A HOLIDAY CARD

November 10 - December 3 | All day

The library will collect holiday cards for the patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. You can make your own cards or sign purchased cards. Card making supplies and cards to sign will be available.

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME IN OUR TOWN

Saturday, October 4 | 11:30 AM

Smithsburg Police Department
63 Railroad Lane, Smithsburg, MD

Children and families meet us for a fun story time, tour the police station, and check out the patrol car.  

KIDS & TWEENS

SIMPLE STEM CHALLENGE KITS

October: Newton’s disc spinner
November: Write secret messages

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KITS

October: Yarn pumpkin
November: Foam turkey

LEGO NIGHT

1st Monday | 5 PM

Try the LEGO Challenge or free build.

10/6: Build a monster
11/3: Build your name

POKEMON TRADING CLUB

2nd Saturdays | 1:30 PM

Community Room

Bring Pokemon cards to trade with others and socialize while you build your deck. Intermediary provided to ensure fair trades. Parental supervision required for 10 and under. Ages 6–17

GREAT SCIENTISTS SERIES

Join us to learn about scientists that changed the world, their lives, and achievements. Each session will include hands-on activities. Ages 6-12 

Wednesday, October 15 | 4 PM

Isaac Newton

Wednesday, November 12 | 4 PM

Marie Curie

STORYTIME IN THE STARS

Saturday, November 15 | 11:30 AM

Blast off on a reading adventure! Join us for a stellar story time that will launch your imagination into orbit with tales from across the universe. After the stories, touch down for some out-of-this world crafts and fun! 

TEENS

TEEN HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, October 29 | 5 PM

Join us for a showing of the movie *Coraline* (PG) and some Halloween treats.

FIRESIDE COZY READING NIGHT

Wednesday, November 19 | 5 PM

Create a custom hot chocolate at our chocolate bar and then join us at the sofas by the fireplace to enjoy some cozy reading.

ADULTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a free showing of great movies.

Tuesday, November 4

4 PM | *Lilo & Stitch* (2025) (PG)
6 PM | *Superman* (2025) (PG-13)

KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND CRAFT GROUP

Fridays (EX 11/28) | 10:30 AM

Bring your project and join this group.

IT’S GAME NIGHT!

2nd & 4th Tuesdays (EX 11/11) | 6-8 PM

Board games are available. Ages 10+

DOLLAR STORE PUMPKIN MAKEOVER

Tuesday, October 7 | 6:30 PM

Transform a Dollar Store pumpkin into a lovely home decoration with decoupage and

a napkin. Everything is provided. Space is limited. 

WRITERS GROUP

2nd and 4th Saturdays | 10:15 AM

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

RETREAT FROM GETTYSBURG

Tuesday, October 14 | 6:45 PM

Darwin Seiler from Friends of Monterey Pass Battlefield will talk about how the retreat from Gettysburg brought the war directly into the lives and homes of the locals. The Smithsburg Historical Society will provide refreshments. 

ADULT BOOK CLUB

4th Tuesdays | 5 PM

10/28: *Heron’s Cry* by Ann Cleeves
11/25: *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall

DISCOVERING THE HIDDEN CLUES IN US CENSUS RECORDS

Tuesday, October 21 | 6 PM

Nearly all genealogists have used US census records in their family research. But if you are only looking at names and ages, you are missing a wealth of information available. In this presentation by Susan Fabian, we’ll learn about census records from 1790 to 1950, which questions were asked, and what details those answers revealed about our ancestors. 

A WALK AMONG THE TOMBSTONES: USING DEATH AND CEMETERY RECORDS FOR FAMILY RESEARCH

Tuesday, November 18 | 6 PM

An ancestor’s death often generates multiple records that not only provided a death date and place but clues to their life and their families. In this presentation by Susan Fabian, we’ll discuss how to narrow down a death date if unknown, then explore the many records associated with death including death certificates, funeral home records, obituaries, wills and probate, pensions, burial, and cemetery records. 

Out & About

WITH THE BOOKMOBILE

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EVERYONE

WCMFA PRESENTS- FRIDA AFTER DARK: A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE

Friday, October 3 | 5-7 PM

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
401 Museum Dr, Hagerstown, MD 21740 

Celebrate the bold spirit of Frida Kahlo and the vibrant traditions of Mexico in an evening filled with color, music, and meaning. Board the Bookmobile, make a sugar-skull inspired craft, and check out related books!

SPECIAL EVENT: STEAMFEST AT HCC

Saturday, November 1 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Athletic, Recreation, & Community Center
20175 Scholar Dr.
Hagerstown, MD 21742 

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME @ WCMFA

3rd Wednesdays | 3:30-4 PM

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
401 Museum Dr, Hagerstown, MD 21740 

Join us for storytime in the atrium at Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. We'll share books, songs and activities based on the museum's current exhibition, *In Nature's Studio*. This program is family friendly, geared towards preschool and early elementary aged children.

WALKING STORYTIME @ CANAL ROAD

3rd Fridays | 3-3:30 PM

17911 Canal Road, Sharpsburg, MD 

After visiting the bookmobile, join us on the tow path for an interactive walking storytime. This is family friendly and geared towards

preschool through early elementary aged children. It combines traditional storytime elements, reading aloud, singing and dancing with a short walk on the tow path. A great time for kids and families who love to be on the move! The outdoor environment engages and calms the senses, while movement activities bring the story to life.

FALL STORYTIME ON THE FARM @ IVY HILL FARM

Mondays, Oct 20 and Nov 10 | 10:30 -11 AM

Ivy Hill Farm:
13840 Smithsburg Pike, Smithsburg, MD 

Delight your senses with a visit to the beautiful Ivy Hill Farm this fall! Join us in the farm shop for fall themed stories, songs, and fun. Afterwards make sure to visit the Bookmobile to take a few fall stories home with you!



Regular Storytimes

INFANT STORYTIME

2nd & 4th Weds | 11 AM

Children’s Room
Ages 6-18 months

TODDLER TIME

Thursdays (EX 11/27) | 11 AM

Community Room
Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays (EX 11/28) | 11 AM

Community Room
Ages 3-5

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturdays | 11:30 AM

Children’s Room
All ages



EVERYONE

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

September 22 - October 10: Drop off

October 11 - 30: Pick up

During branch hours only

Drop off your gently used, but in great condition, Halloween costumes and accessories at our first Halloween Costume Swap. All ages, all sizes. Call (301) 223-7027 for more information.

Regular Storytimes

TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays | 11 AM

Stories, songs, finger plays, and music. Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 11 AM

Stories, music, educational activities, and fun! Bring a blanket—we might go outside if the weather is nice.

Ages 2-6

NEW EVENING STORYTIME

1st & 3rd Thurs | 6 PM

A great, alternative time to enjoy stories, music, and educational activities. All ages

HOMESCHOOL STEM EXPLORATION DAY

Monday, October 20 | 2-3 PM

Thursday, November 13 | 2-3 PM

Two opportunities to join our Homeschool STEM Exploration Day! We welcome homeschool families to explore a variety of our STEM Makerspace activities. We will have 4-5 stations for science, technology, engineering, and math. Ages 2-15

HOMESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday, October 22 | 4-5 PM

Monday, October 27 | 2-3 PM

Two opportunities to join our Back to School Photo Day! Stop by the branch and let us take your back to school photos this fall. All ages are welcome. We supply the props and camera; you supply the smiles!

FALL & WINTER DECORATION SWAP

November- all month | Library hours

Share your gently used fall and winter decorations: indoor, outdoor, or all holiday decor. Take something or leave something. Call the branch for more information.

FALL FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday, November 4 | 5 PM

All are welcome to this family craft night. Spend an hour making FALL inspired crafts together. Supplies provided. All ages

ON STAGE PERFORMANCE WINTER DANCE DEMO

November 19 | 5:30 PM

Join us for a special preview of the winter performances of local dancers from *On Stage Performance* of Williamsport, MD. Mini dance instruction provided to children in the audience after the performance.

FALL FAMILY BINGO!

Tuesday, November 25 | 5 PM

BINGO is back in Williamsport. All are welcome to this family BINGO!

R opens October 1st

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIMES AROUND TOWN

1st Wednesdays | 11 AM

Join us for books, music, and fun in town! 

10/1: *Historic Doubleday Hill Monument Cemetery- Intersection of Salisbury and Commerce Streets, Williamsport, MD*

Wear a costume for even more spooky fun!

11/5: *4 Star Athletic Complex*

30 Milestone Terrace, Williamsport, MD

NEW WIGGLE & GIGGLE: FREE PLAY TIME

Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:30 AM

Join us after storytime to wiggle, socialize, and play in our storytime area. Organized activities provided from time to time.

KIDS & TWEENS

MAKERSPACE TABLETOP CHALLENGE

Every week | Library hours

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

TWEEN CRAFT NIGHT

Last Wednesdays (EX 11/26) | 5 PM

Too old for storytime, and not ready for our teen programs? Then this event is just for you! Join us for a craft time just for tweens. All supplies provided. Ages 8-12

R preferred

10/29: Quilled pumpkin

TEENS

TEEN ESCAPE ROOM

Join our Escape Room for Teens! Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down challenges before the time runs out!

R online or call 301-223-7027

Tuesday, October 14 | 4 PM

Theme: *Stranger Things*

Tuesday, November 18 | 4 PM

Theme: *Fast Food*

TEENS & ADULTS

FOUNTAIN PEN SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 7 | 6:00 PM

Fountain pen enthusiasts, and those interested in this timeless tool are welcome to our social. Bring along your favorite pen to share and learn why this pen is still going strong after hundreds of years. For teens & adults, ages 13+ **R**

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 teens & adults, ages 13+ **R**

10/8: Upcycled book pumpkin

11/12: Fall/Winter painted candles

JOURNALING THROUGH ART

3rd Tuesdays | 5:30 PM

Journaling practice, prompts, art, and ideas. Craft materials provided. Attend one or all. For teens & adults, ages 13+

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION & GIVE AWAY

Thursday, October 23 | 5:30 PM

Flower arranging can be enjoyable and beautify your space. Join us for a demonstration and learn some arranging tips from a member of the Williamsport Garden Club. One lucky attendee will win the item created that night. For teens & adults, ages 13+ **R**

ADULTS

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.

10/2: OMOB: *Kin: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford

11/6: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

NEW CRAFTY COMPANIONS

2nd Mondays | 1 PM

Craft time for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join us monthly for an engaging craft and social time at our center table. Craft with your companion.

10/6 (due to 10/13 Holiday): Quilled pumpkin, ghost, and bat

11/10: Mini yarn pumpkin and leaf magnet

ADULT ESCAPE ROOM

Wish you could attend our *Teen Escape Room* but you're not a teen? Join our Escape Room for Adults! Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down challenges before the time runs out!

R online or call 301-223-7027

Thursday, October 9 | 5 PM

Theme: *Stranger Things*

Thursday, November 13 | 5 PM

Theme: *Fast Food*

TALKS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Monday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 29

Preceding Storytime

The Washington County Health Department visits to discuss safe use of child car seats during cold weather

Monday, Nov. 3 and Wednesday, Nov. 19

Preceding Storytime

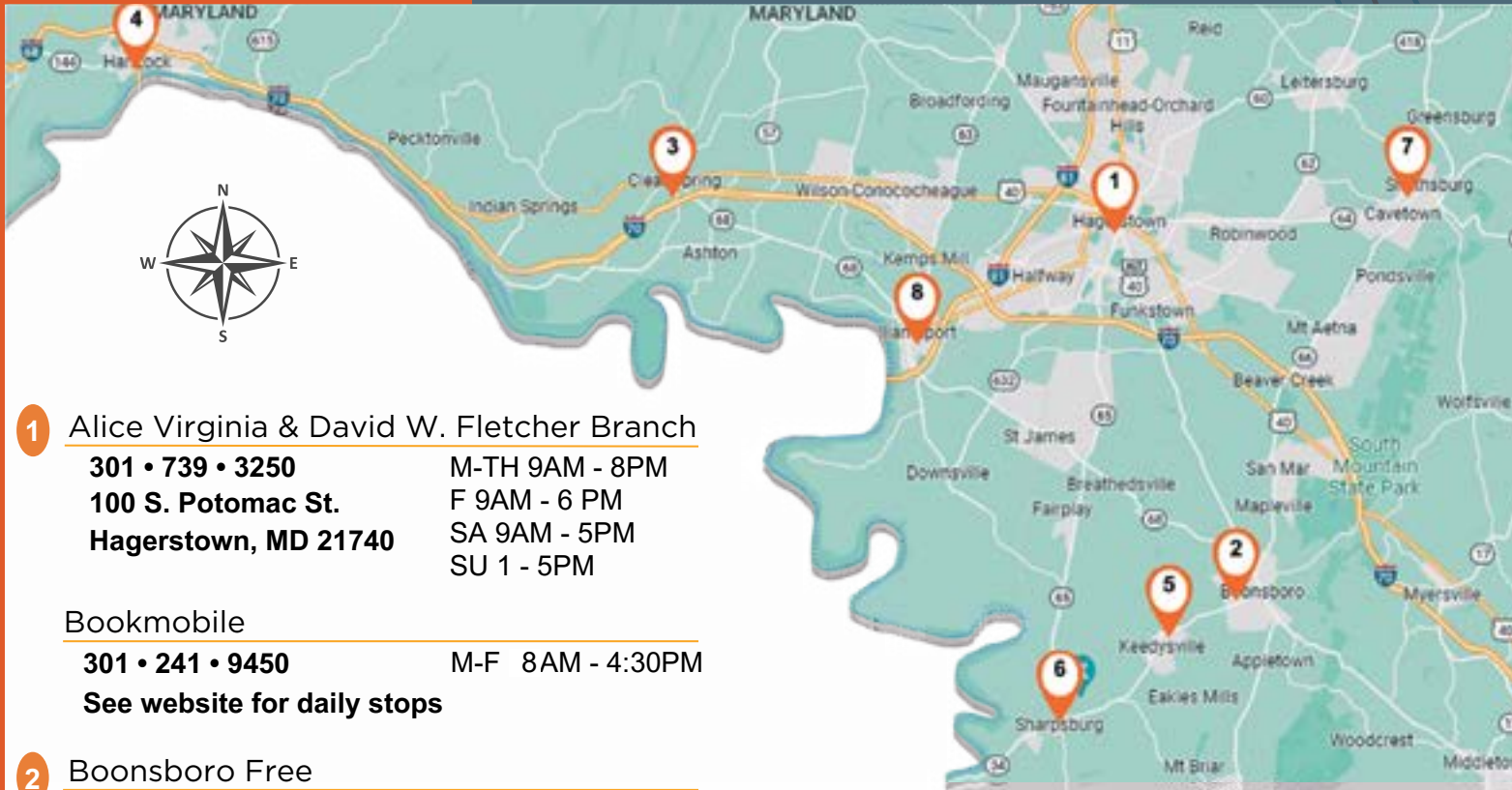
The Washington County Health Department visits to share tips every family should know for Emergency Preparedness including severe weather, power outages.

Monday, November 10 | 5:30 PM

The Washington County Health Department visits to discuss the risk factors for Adult Type 2 Diabetes. All are welcome.



BRANCH INFORMATION



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 8AM - 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
104 E. Potomac St. F 10:30AM - 6PM
Williamsport, MD 21795 SA 10:15AM - 3PM

