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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.

VISION

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

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A MESSAGE FROM *Our Director*



Winter has arrived at the Washington County Free Library, and with it comes a flurry of festive fun! December through February will sparkle with music, stories, creativity, and a few delightful surprises.

Across the county, you'll find crafts, celebrations, and holiday cheer (including a musical visit from the ever-popular Mr. Jon). Even more fun comes from a lively jazz concert in Sharpsburg to a charming 250th birthday party for Ms. Jane Austen.

Creators of all ages are invited to share their talents in our Annual Writers and Poets Contest, while history lovers can explore our past through special programs on George Washington's ties to our county and the ever-intriguing Fitzhugh family, known in both New York State and Maryland.

The Library also launched our 2025 Annual Report, which highlights the incredible work of the Free Library's staff in the Washington County community. I encourage you to follow the QR code on page 13 to learn more.

And in truly magical news, we're thrilled to announce the date of our next Fairytale Costume Gala: Saturday, March 21, 2026! This time, our theme is "Enchantment in the Sky." Get ready to float among the stars and dance in the clouds as we celebrate imagination and support the library's future.

Wishing you warmth, wonder, and a season full of stories.

Jenny Bakos
Executive Director

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Fall Fun, Community Spirit, & 500 Pieces of Candy Later...

Friends of WCFL have been busy this fall! Several Friends volunteered at the recent Emergency Preparedness event, helping check in guests and greeting attendees at an information table stocked with Friends flyers and button giveaways. It was a great chance to talk with community members about the library and the many ways our group supports it.

On October 24, a costumed crew of Friends joined library staff to hand out candy at the Downtown Hagerstown Halloween Block Party on South Potomac Street. Dressed in playful card catalog-themed signs, we handed out 500 treats and shared information about all the amazing (and free!) resources for families: gaming computers, children's play and learning room, teen activities, storytime, and more.

We're now beginning to plan our first Friends of the Library fundraiser and need volunteers to help make it a success. It's only \$5 to become a Friend, and every dollar supports library programs throughout the county. To become a member, scan the QR code or to learn more about volunteering, contact our Secretary Robin Youngbar: robin.youngbar@icloud.com



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—Kate Rader, President,
Friends of the WCFL Library





EVERYONE

COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY:
ECHOES OF TOMORROW

1st Sundays | 1:30-3 PM

First floor atrium

Join us at the library for a Community Giveaway hosted by the teen-led nonprofit group *Echoes of Tomorrow*. They will be distributing free bundles of hygiene products for men, women, and children, along with toilet paper, snacks, art supplies, and more. This event is free for everyone. Drop in!

MARYLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA STORYTIME

Friday, January 16 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, Jan-Mar

10 & 11 AM | 18-36 months **R**

INFANT STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Jan-Mar

10 & 11 AM | 6-18 months **R**

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11 AM | Ages 3-5

2/13: Happy Valentine's Day

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

Thursdays | 6:30 PM

3rd Thursdays: *Therapy Dog Storytime*

1/22: *Snowman Storytime*

All ages

Join Miss Abigail and MSO guest oboist Rick Basehore for a musical storytime reading of the book: *Do Like a Duck Does*. This event will replace Preschool Storytime.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, December 6 | 2 PM

Community Room 308/309

Lilo and Stitch (2025) Rated PG. Popcorn provided by Warehouse Cinemas.

MR. JON HOLIDAY CONCERT

Friday, December 19 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

Celebrate the holiday season with music, dancing, and fun brought to you by Mr. Jon & Friends! This concert is for all ages, but especially for kids in pre-school. It's also National Ugly Sweater Day, so don't forget to wear your favorite ugly sweater!

R requested

WRITERS AND POETS CONTEST

December 15 –February 15

2nd graders through adults, submit your best poetry and short stories for our annual writing contest. Find full details online.

2025 ESCAPE ROOM

Saturday, January 10 | 11 AM

Community Room 309

You're attending a New Year's party, but when the clock is about to hit midnight, it stops! You are stuck in 2025 and must figure out the clues and puzzles to move forward to 2026! Do you have the pop culture knowledge to Escape 2025? Ages 6+ **R**

MAKE A VALENTINE FOR MEALS
ON WHEELS

Monday, Jan. 12 – Wednesday, Feb. 4

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!

CREATE A COMIC

Saturday, January 31 | 2-4 PM

Community Room 309

Learn the process of making a comic book with special guest artists! Then work as a team to make a comic book to print, share, and take home. Please make sure to arrive on time as we each second counts to create our comic! Ages 6+ **R**

YOUNG CHILDREN

WE'RE GOING ON A
GINGERBREAD HUNT AND BOOK
GIVEAWAY

Friday, December 5 | 11 AM-4 PM

Join us for a special Preschool Storytime featuring the book *We're Going on a Gingerbread Hunt*, a craft, and an interactive gingerbread hunt. The hunt will continue throughout the day with the storytime being repeated at the top of each hour. The event will also feature a book giveaway! Ages 3+

SANTA VISIT

Thursday, December 11 | 6-7:30 PM

Join us for Santa's annual visit to the library! All ages welcome.

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**

12/6: Design and decorate a clay snowman!

12/20: Paint a newspaper reindeer and

make a beaded candy cane.

1/3: Play and learn about tennis indoors with a net, rackets, and foam balls (in Community Room 308/309).

1/17: Snowman Suncatchers

2/7: Use patterns and counting to make a beaded heart ornament for Valentine's Day and have fun with slime!

2/21: Learn all about black bears and make a hibernation craft. Black Bear Education Trunk provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

LEGO CLUB

3rd Saturdays | 2 PM

Materials stay at the library. Ages 4+

12/20: Come build LEGO snowflakes- no two will be the same!

1/17: Build a wacky invention out of LEGOs to celebrate National Kid Inventors' Day!

2/21: Can you build a heart or a bouquet of flowers? Build your own special valentine out of LEGOs.

TWEEN HANGOUT AND ADVISORY
BOARD

Wednesdays (EX 12/24, 12/31) | 5 PM

Hang out, play games, eat snacks, and let us know what fun things you want to see at the library! Stay tuned this winter for gingerbread houses, acting improv, comic book making and more! Ages 9-12

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

2nd & 4th Mondays | 2 PM

Community Room 308 & Classroom 315

For grades 1-8 **R**

12/8: Learn about Christmas and holiday traditions around the world from local international students and make crafts to take home as holiday gifts! (308-309)

12/ 22: Learn the basics of touch typing and computer coding in this self-paced monthly class. Devices provided (315)

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class. Devices provided (315)

1/26: Dental hygiene can be fun! Come learn about it with special guest Hagerstown Smiles Dental Care. (308-309)

2/9: Learn the basics of touch typing and computer coding in this self-paced monthly class. Devices provided (315)

2/23: Learn about NASA and their projects from a real NASA expert, Eric Poole, who has worked on the James Webb Telescope and Lunar Navigation Systems! There will be games and activities as well. (308-309)

TAKE & MAKE

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

Dec. 15-19: Make salt dough ornaments with simple ingredients at home.

Jan. 20-24: Use chemistry to make beautiful paper poinsettias at home.

Feb. 17-21: Make your own play sand that will make you feel like you're in space!

TWEEN STEAM CLUB

Thursdays | 3:30 PM

Ages 9-12 **R** requested

12/18: Learn the science of music with water in bottles!

1/15: Did you know you could use cabbage for chemistry? Come find out if a liquid is an acid or a base!

2/19: Do you think your iron fortified cereal really has metal in it? Come find out!

THE HOLIDAY SHOP

Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20 | All Day

Stop by the Children's Department for make and take Christmas and Hanukkah crafts. Each week will feature different projects. Crafting supplies will be available during regular library hours. All ages

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Wednesday, December 31 | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

Can't stay awake to celebrate the New Year at midnight? Join us for a celebration at 11:00 AM (noon!). We'll have activities, snacks, storytime, and a countdown to the noon-year. For families with children of all ages. **R**

CELEBRATE PUZZLES

Tuesday, January 20 | All Day

We're celebrating National Puzzle Day (January 29th) a week early with an escape room, jigsaw puzzles, puzzle activities, and more. For kids of all ages and their parents.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE
LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, February 7 | All Day

Make sure to visit your local library today and celebrate all we have to offer!

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Friday, February 13 | 3 PM

Celebrate all things lovey-dovey with stories, games, snacks and more. Ages 3-12

R requested

TEENS

TEEN CHEF

1st Mondays | 5 PM

Make delicious seasonal recipes.

12/1: A holiday favorite, saltine toffee crackers are back!

1/5: Celebrate Soup Month and make homemade tomato soup and grilled cheese!

2/2: For National Hot Breakfast Food Month, we will make pancakes from scratch!

CREATIVE CORNER

1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 5 PM

Come get creative with Ms. Bonnie. All materials provided



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.

MOVIE NIGHTS

2nd and 4th Thursdays | 4:30 PM

Starting 12/11, we will host a movie night, beginning with a *Holiday Movie Hang*. Teens pick the movies! Hot chocolate and snacks provided.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

1st and 3rd Fridays | 4 PM

Celebrate something with Ms. Swaneet! We'll celebrate obscure holidays with snacks, games, and crafts.

12/5: Krampusnacht

12/19: National Cocoa Day celebration

1/2: National Science Fiction Day

1/16: International Hot & Spicy Food Day

2/6: National Chopsticks Day

2/20: National Comfy Day

CHESS CLUB

4th Wednesdays | 5 PM

Teen Community Room

Join us for a game of chess or checkers. Bring a friend! For tweens/teens ages 9-18.

BLEU THERAPY RABBIT VISIT

Mondays, December 15, January 26, February 23 | 6-7 PM

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

HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 19 | 4 PM

Relax after a long week and month with games, music, and crafts for the holiday season!

BOBA TEA PARTY

Monday, January 26 | 4:30 PM

Celebrate National Tea Month with a twist on the traditional tea party – Boba!

TEENS & ADULTS

ART CLUB FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Wednesday, December 3 | 5:30-7 PM
Conference Room 334

Welcome to our new Art Club, a monthly group for all art lovers. Art supplies will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own! Here you will be able to get your creative juices flowing, learn new techniques, and we'll even cover DIY art supplies such as making a homemade canvas! Light refreshments will be provided. Join us and get creative!

ADULTS

MCCAULEY LECTURES:

MORE TO HAGERSTOWN THAN MEETS THE EYE: STORIES FROM A POST-INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY

Monday, December 1 | 6-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

In the '80s and '90s, Hagerstown experienced great industrial losses with the closures of Fairchild Industries, the M.P Moller Pipe Organ Company, and other longstanding manufacturing businesses. By emphasizing workers’ voices, speaker Frank Milihram relates how they felt when their factories closed, what attempts they made to recover themselves and Hagerstown.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CONNECTIONS TO OUR COUNTY: LEGENDS, LORE, AND ALLIANCES

Monday, February 2 | 6-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

George Washington slept here, travelled through here, and corresponded with Fort

Frederick and local citizens who were prominent in the Revolutionary War. He also scouted out Williamsport as a location for the new nation's capital. Washington knew the Williams of Williamsport, the Fitzhughs of Chewsville, the Hughes brothers of Mt. Aetna and Old Forge. Learn all about Washington’s connections to our community beyond the monument in Boonsboro.

STORYTIME FOR ADULTS WITH ALL ABILITIES

Thursdays | 10:30 AM

Community Room 308/309

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

12/4: Black Bears! | 12/18: Hot Cocoa!

1/8: Furbearers! | 1/22: Trivia!

2/5: Valentine's Luau! | 2/19: Otters!

REEL TALK

2nd Wednesdays | 2-3:30 PM

Classroom 315

Discuss a specific movie each month, share thoughts and feelings, and talk about what makes the movie tick. Open to anyone who loves movies! Films are available for either checkout or streaming on Kanopy.

12/10: *The Grand Budapest Hotel*

1/14: *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*

2/11: *Children of Men*

¡CONVERSEMOS! SPANISH/ ENGLISH CHAT GROUP

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.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 11 | 6 PM

Community Room 308/309

The first and last half hours are for social time, and the hour in the middle is for silent reading. There is not assigned reading. All readers are welcome, including ebooks, audiobooks, textbooks, comic books... it's BYOBook! Or you can check out a book at the library! Ages 13+

NOTEWORTHY CONCERT: FRANKIE ROMA

Sunday, December 14 | 3-4 PM

Community Room 308/309

International swing singer Frankie Roma has been singing Sinatra and Rat Pack genre songs and entertaining audiences for over twenty years. Frankie recently performed in the UK's premier Rat Pack show in London's West End at the Hippodrome. Our Noteworthy concert series is supported by the City of Hagerstown, Friends of the Library, Washington County Arts Council, and Western Maryland Regional Library. You won't want to miss this! 

HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS

3rd Fridays | 2 PM

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Conference Room 334

In this popular monthly gardening club learn to grow, harvest, preserve, and cook food from scratch. Get vital info for garden success pertinent to each season. 

Dec: Garden year in review, planning 2026 garden, and graduation slideshow

Jan: Seed catalogs, *know your why*, winter sowing, and growing sprouts

Feb: Seed starting, garden layouts, and seed distribution

RESTORATIVE YOGA & SOUND BATH

Sundays, Dec. 21, Jan. 25 | 2-3:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Sunday, February 22 | 2-3:30 PM

Conference Room 334

Join us for a restorative yoga practice to celebrate the Winter Solstice. This class is designed for all levels, making it perfect for beginners as well. We'll conclude with a

soothing full body guided relaxation followed by a Sound Bath featuring crystal bowls from Shores of Avalon Sound Healing. Embrace the tranquility of the season with us! Ages 13+ 

50 BOOKS CAFE

Wednesdays, January 7 | 6-7:30 PM

Western Maryland Room

Want to talk about what you're reading? Discuss your current reads with the goal of reading 50 books during a 12-month calendar period. Come join us!

SHOW & TELL FOR ADULTS

Friday, Saturday, February 14 | 2-4 PM

Community Room 308/309

Show and tell helps to foster self-expression and creativity, and it's not just for kids! The best choices are items that you feel passionate or knowledgeable about, or that you think others might find interesting or valuable. Everyone will have 5-10 minutes to present their items and share their significance. 

Out & About

WITH THE BOOKMOBILE



EVERYONE

WALKING STORYTIME - CANAL RD

Friday, December 19 | 2:30 PM

C&O Canal: 17911 Canal Road

Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Join us on the towpath for an interactive combination of traditional storytime elements and a short walk. Family friendly and geared towards ages 3-9. 

IN NATURE'S LIBRARY @ WCMFA

3rd Wednesdays | 3 PM

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

401 Museum Dr, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Join us for storytime in the gallery. We'll share books, songs, and activities based on the museum's current exhibition: *In Nature's Studio*. Family friendly and geared towards ages 3-9. 

CHRISTMAS STORYTIME ON THE FARM

Monday, December 8 | 10:30 AM

Ivy Hill Farm: 13840 Smithsburg Pike

Smithsburg, MD 21783

Delight your senses with a visit to the beautiful Ivy Hill Farm this holiday season! Join us in the farm shop for Christmas themed stories, songs, and fun. 



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

EVERYONE

PUZZLE WEEK FUN

January 26-30

Celebrate puzzles with different kinds this week. Activities include jigsaw puzzles, group sudoku, and an escape room activity for kids.

DIY VALENTINE CARDS

January 27 - February 14 | Branch hours

Make a card for your Valentines! Supplies will be provided for your creative spirit.

WINTER AFTERNOON MOVIES

Friday, January 16 | 2:30 PM

The Wild Robot (PG)

Friday, February 13 | 2:30 PM

Paddington in Peru (PG)

YOUNG CHILDREN

PAPER PLATE SNOWGLOBES

Wednesday, December 10 | 4 PM

Make a snowglobe as an ornament or window decoration. And enjoy each other's company with some refreshments. Ages 4-12

COOKIE DECORATING STORYTIME

Saturday, December 13 | 11 AM

After reading some holiday stories, we'll decorate holiday cookies!

IGLOO STEM CHALLENGE

Saturday, January 10 | 11 AM

Read about igloos and build our own igloos!

SENSORY PLAY

Tuesday, January 27 | 11 AM

Participants engage in different activities to enhance their senses and experience interaction through sensory play. Ages 0-5 and people of different abilities.

VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME

Saturday, February 14 | 11 AM

Celebrate with books, songs, and crafts!

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Thursday, February 26 | 6 PM

Spend a cozy evening in your pajamas by the fireplace for delightful children's stories and songs. For ages 3-7

KIDS & TWEENS

STEM EXPLORATIONS: LEGO CLUB

Weds, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb. 25 | 4 PM

Join us for some hands-on fun with Lego engineering challenges. Discover what you can make!

TEENS

NEW! ROLE PLAYING GAME GUILD

Thursdays (EX 12/25, 1/1, 2/26) | 5 PM

Join our adventures as we get started, no matter your skill level. For grades 6-12

TWEEN/TEEN AFTERNOON: ORIGAMI STARS

January | Branch hours

Throughout the month, find supplies and instructions to make origami stars to help decorate our dark winter. Grades 6-12

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Friday, February 27 | 4 PM

Celebrate this holiday with crafts and learn what it is all about. Grades 6-12

ADULT

ABC (AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB)

3rd Tuesdays | 3 PM

All are welcome to join the discussion. Stop by the library to reserve a copy of the book.

LOW WASTE LIVING: WORKSHOP AND SWAP

Wednesday, February 18 | 5:30 PM

Discuss low waste systems that preserve food and reduce waste. Bring items to the swap table to share. Swap theme TBD.

Hosts: Boonsboro Green Fest/Zero Waste Team

BOONSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKERS

4th Tuesdays (EX 12/23) | 6:30 PM

Hear from speakers who know intriguing details of our local history. Speakers TBD

MOVIE NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS

2nd Tuesdays | 6 PM

12/9: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (PG)

1/13: *The Phoenician Scheme* (PG-13)

2/10: *Loving* (PG-13)

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!

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

Library POWER USERS!

Ana Montano attended *Storytime for Adults with All Abilities* at the Fletcher Library where we read books, made crafts, and celebrated hearts with a therapy dog! The story read on that day was about our own hearts and feelings. At the end of the story, it asked how everyone's hearts were feeling. Ana responded with, "sad", and I told her I hoped the event cheered her up. Later, when she finished her art craft, she showed it to the therapy dog, Izzy. The dog wagged her tail and Izzy's owner said that meant she loved the painting. Ana started to cry and said, "I am so happy!"

When I opened the book to where it talked about the *happy* feeling, Ana said that was how she felt then. I was so happy to see her reactions and how her interactions with Izzy lifted her mood from sad to happy all within the hour of our program. This also made my own heart happy, and I hope it does the same for you!

CHRISTMAS TOWNE

Saturday, December 13 | 2:30-4:30 PM

146 Cumberland St., Clear Spring, MD

The library's theme is "Let it Snow." Look for the library tree at Town Hall from 8 AM- 5 PM. Check the Town Hall site for more info.

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL AT THE LIBRARY

3rd Tuesdays | 1 PM

Join us for a variety of STEM activities, crafts, and more. Ages 8+

12/19: Chenille stem ornaments with Esther Whitley

1/21: Art with emotions

2/18: Beginning coding

AFTERSCHOOL STEAM

2nd Thursdays | 3:45 PM

Find a variety of STEM activities, crafts, and more. Ages 8+

1/9: Art with emotions

2/13: Beginning coding

TEENS & ADULTS

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT

Select Saturdays | 11 AM

Enjoy making useful crafts. Ages 14+

12/13: Christmas ornaments that hold a surprise inside

1/17: Wire bending with Esther Whitley

2/14: Seaglass art

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.

**Please register each child separately*

MEET ANA MONTANO & IZZY THE THERAPY DOG

BY YESENIA GARCIA-NAVARRO



HANCOCK

231 Hancock Veterans Pkwy | Hancock, MD 21750 | 301-678-5300



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

FAMILY TAKE & MAKE

All month | Library hours
A fun craft to do at home. Ages 8+ 
Dec: Christmas ornament
Jan: Sparkling glue snowflake
Feb: 3D valentine card

FAMILY CRAFT SATURDAYS

Select Saturdays | 12 PM
Make a different craft every month. 
12/13: Recycled book Santa decoration
1/17: Paper roll snowflakes
2/14: Decoupage valentine trinket box

KEEDYSVILLE

22 Taylor Drive | Keedysville, MD 21756 | 301-432-6641



YOUNG CHILDREN

LIBRARY NIGHT AT MARTHA'S HOUSE

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

YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TAKE & MAKE

All month | Library hours
A fun, seasonal take-home craft. Ages 3-7 
Dec: Craft stick snowman ornament
Jan: Winter suncatcher
Feb: Valentine card

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL DAY @ THE LIBRARY

2nd Thursdays | 3 PM
Homeschool group activities. Series runs September-May. All ages
12/11: Art
1/8: Science
2/12: Geography

LEGO CLUB

4th Wednesdays | 3 PM
Attention Legomaniacs! Join other LEGO lovers in some bricktastic building fun! A different challenge each month! Grades 1-5

TEENS

TEENZONE CRAFT

Each month | Branch hours
A monthly craft/activity in our YA section.

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

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

CRICUT CLUB

Select Saturdays | 10 AM
Come create with Cricuts. For adults and ages 12+ with supervision 
12/13: 3D Christmas ornament
1/17: Sublimation on kitchen towel
2/14: Valentine card with cut and draw functions

MANGA & ANIME CLUB

2nd & 4th Thursdays | 5 PM
Book discussions, movies, and snacks!
Geared toward adults ages 18-30.

SENIOR CRAFT & CHAT FRIDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY STORYTIME

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

LOVE BIRDS SCAVENGER HUNT

Month of February
Stop by to find the birds hidden among the shelves and learn about local winter birds.



EVERYONE

PUZZLE DAY ESCAPE ROOM & PUZZLE SWAP

January 27-29 | Library hours
Solve the five clues and get the code to unlock the surprise in honor of National Puzzle Day. Plus, bring puzzles to trade for new ones!

MOVIE NIGHT

2nd Wednesdays starting January | 5 PM
1/14: *Minecraft* (PG)
2/11: *Freakier Friday* (PG)

WALKING HISTORIC FIGURES

Wednesday, February 4 | 2 PM
(Snow date: February 11 | 2 PM)
Storyteller Renee Emanuel (Harriet Tubman) and Fanny Crawford (her Great Grandfather T.H. Barnes) will be wandering the library in character and costume answering questions and telling stories in honor of Black History Month. Tea and cookies available.



SHARPSBURG

106 East Main Street | Sharpsburg, MD 21782 | 301-432-8825

YOUNG CHILDREN

SPECIAL STORYTIMES

Thursday, December 18 | 3:30 PM
Santa will be here to read a story and make balloon animals. Bring a camera for a picture with Mr. Claus.
Thursday, January 22 | 3:30 PM
Lindsay Ridenour from the MD Department of Health will join us for a food storytime.

KIDS & TWEENS

LEGO CLUB

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

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Select Wednesdays | 1:30 PM
Enjoy book related discussion and activities.
12/10: *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Moore
1/28: *Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden* by Karina Yan Glaser
2/25: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien

GIVING HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 16 | 3 PM
Share some *giving* stories and make cards for those in the community.

TEENS

TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Thursday, February 12 | 5-7 PM
Paint a masterpiece with guidance from artist Susan Videtti. Everything provided; seats limited. Tweens welcome! Ages 11-17
 call: 301-432-8825

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK SHARE

1st Wednesdays, | 1 PM
Share your favorite current or holiday read.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT

Tuesday, December 2 | 7 PM
Sit back, relax, enjoy cookies, and the live music of Bob Sykes, Scott Silbert, and Anita Thomas! A lovely holiday tradition.

WINTER SPICE CLUB

January-March | Library hours
Each month pick up your sample of the spice of the month (while supplies last), information about the spice, and a recipe including the spice.
January: Adobo
February: Lavender
March: Turmeric

GARDENING KNOW-HOW WITH MASTER GARDENER TRICA

Wednesday, February 25 | 6 PM
Coyotes, bears, and foxes, *oh my!* Learn to appreciate these wild animals.



EVERYONE

LIBRARY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, December 5 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Enjoy refreshments at the library after Smithsburg’s tree-lighting ceremony in Veterans Park. Tour our building, stop at the craft stations, check out the used book sale, and Santa should be here. Also, at 7:30 PM, children of all ages are welcome to enjoy “Storytime by the Fire.”

NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

Thursday, January 29 | Library hours

Enjoy National Puzzle Day throughout the library with jigsaw puzzles, sudoku, search a word, crosswords, and more.

MAKE A VALENTINE FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

January 12 – February 3 | Library hours

The Smithsburg Branch is collecting valentines for participants in the Meals on Wheels program. Supplies available upon request or bring in valentines from home!

YOUNG CHILDREN

HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Saturday, December 20 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a special holiday storytime with books, songs, flannel board, craft, and a holiday snack. Ages 12 and under

STORYTIME IN OUR TOWN

Saturday, January 24 | 11:30 AM

Trackside Kitchen

48 South Main St., Smithsburg, MD

Children and families meet us for a fun storytime and restaurant tour.

VALENTINE'S STORYTIME

Saturday, February 14 | 11:30 AM

This special Valentine’s Day storytime includes books, songs, flannel board, craft, and valentine snack. Ages 12 and under

KIDS & TWEENS

SIMPLE STEM CHALLENGE KITS

Dec: LED circuit card

Jan: Human hand

Feb: Cartesian diver

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KITS

Dec: Foam holiday crocodile banner

Jan: Clay pot snowman

Feb: Floating otter valentine

LEGO NIGHT

1st Mondays | 5 PM

Try the LEGO Challenge or free build.

12/1: Build something for the holiday

1/5: Fill the plate challenge

2/2: Build something with a cool shadow

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

TIME PERIODS OF THE USA

Join us to learn about time periods in US history that had a huge impact. Each session will include hands-on activities. Ages 6-12

Wednesday, January 14 | 4 PM

Colonial America

Wednesday, February 11 | 4 PM

Industrial Revolution

TEEN GLASS BEAD SUNCATCHER

Thursday, February 12 | 5 PM

Create a suncatcher out of glass beads.

TEENS & ADULTS

TAKE & MAKE KIT: MACRAME TREE ORNAMENT

December | Library hours

Pick up your ornament kit while supplies last. Requires a glue gun.

BUTTON HEART PLAQUE

Tuesday, February 10 | 6:00 PM

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, create a heart on a canvas using buttons and a glue gun. Ages 15+

ADULTS

MOVIE NIGHT

2nd or 3rd Tuesdays | 6 PM

Join us for a free showing of great movies.

12/16: A Sudden Case of Christmas (2024)

1/13: The Naked Gun (2025) (PG-13)

2/17: Freakier Friday (2025) (PG)

KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND CRAFT GROUP

Fridays | 10:30 AM

Bring your project and join this group.

IT’S GAME NIGHT!

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6-8 PM

Board games are available. Ages 10+

ANNUAL ORNAMENT MAKING

Tuesday, December 2 | 6 PM

Join us for our annual ornament making event. We hope to make four ornaments this year including a Santa wooden spoon and a library due date card star. Ages 8+ Space limited online or call

WRITERS GROUP

2nd & 4th Saturdays (EX 12/27) | 10:15 AM

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

ADULT BOOK CLUB

4th Tuesdays (EX 12/23) | 5 PM

1/27: James by Percival Everett

2/24: Daughters of Erietown by Clare Leslie Hall

DISCOVER THE FITZHUGHS OF MARYLAND AND UPSTATE NEW YORK

Tuesday, January 6 | 6:45 PM

The Fitzhughs—three generations of patriots who founded cities and effected great social change in America—lived in Chewsville and near Rochester NY. The daughters married abolitionists and were active in the Woman’s Suffrage Movement. Presented by Jefferson Boyer, President of the Smithsburg Historical Society.

A TASTE OF TUTORING

Monday, January 26 | 5 PM

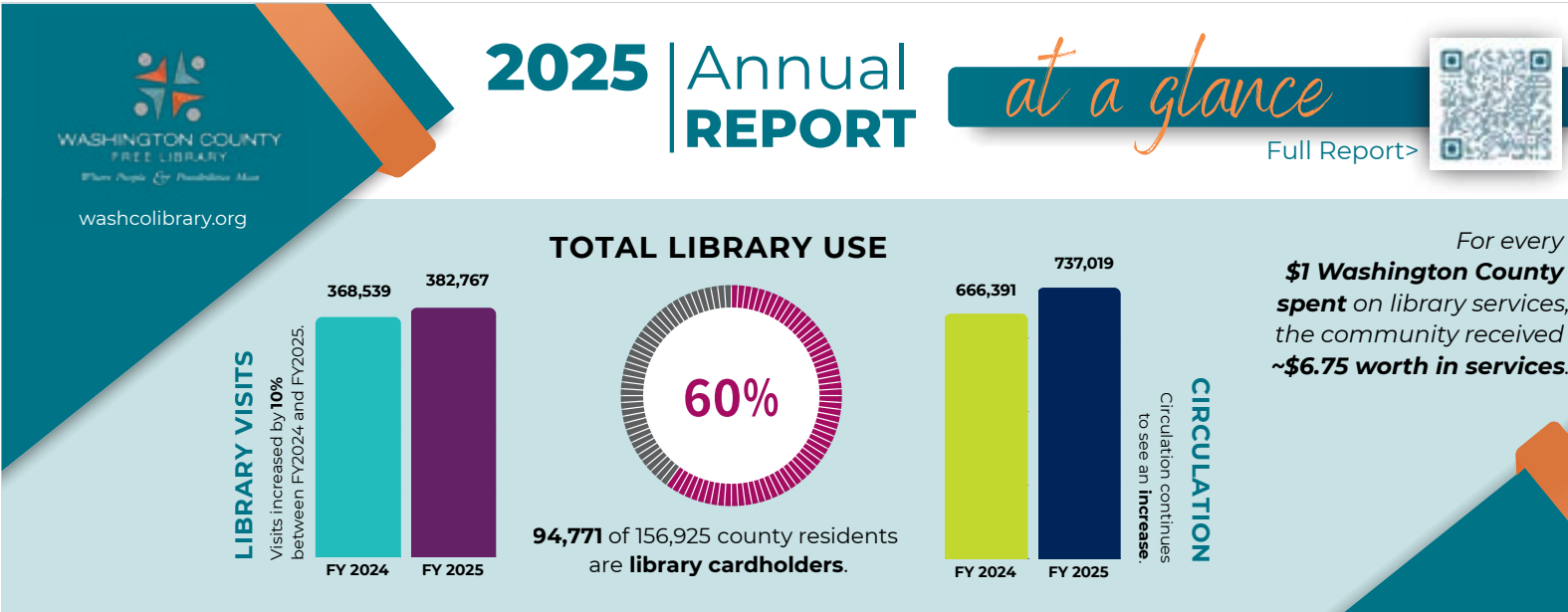
Community Room

Want to invest in your local community? The Literacy Council of Washington County can help! Come for a “taste test” of tutoring. Volunteers will be manning “hor d’œuvres” stations. Sample their “wares” (vote for your favorite!), chat with the “chefs” about adult tutoring services, and, perhaps, sign up!

DYSLEXIA AND COMORBIDITIES

Tuesday, February 3 | 6:30 PM

Learn what they are and how you can navigate them. Presented by Certified Structured Literacy Dyslexia Specialist Marla Migdal who advocates for and supports local students with dyslexia and dysgraphia.



Regular Storytimes

INFANT STORYTIME

2nd & 4th Weds (EX 12/24) | 11 AM

Children’s Room

Ages 6-18 months

TODDLER TIME

Thursdays (EX 12/25, 1/1) | 11 AM

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



EVERYONE

WINTER FAMILY CRAFT NIGHT

Tuesday, December 2 | 5 PM

All are welcome to this family activity. Spend an hour making WINTER inspired crafts together. Supplies provided. You have the fun, we take care of the rest.

WINTER FAMILY BINGO!

Thursday, January 29 | 5 PM

BINGO is back in Williamsport. All are welcome!  opens December 1st.

Regular Storytimes

TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays (EX 1/19, 2/16) | 11 AM

Stories, songs, felt stories, music, and more. Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays (EX 12/24) | 11 AM

Stories, music, educational activities, and fun! Ages 2-6

EVENING STORYTIME

1st & 3rd Thurs | Dec & Feb | 6 PM
2nd & 4th Thurs | January | 6 PM

A great, alternative time to enjoy stories, music, and educational activities. Ages 2-6

NEW EVENING STORYTIME GUEST: BLEU THE RABBIT

Thursdays, January 8 & February 5 | 6 PM

Learn the power of kindness, care, and comfort — one bunny hug at a time!

NEW HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

3rd Wednesdays | 3-4 PM

4th Mondays | 2-3 PM

Two monthly opportunities for parents and children to join! Ages 2+

Dec: Adults- bring your curriculum & browse others. Children- free play and socialize.

Jan: Adults- relax and socialize with a cup of tea. Children- let's talk winter ecology and what happens to the world around us during winter. Discussion plus nature-based craft.

Feb: Adults- what does your child's portfolio look like? Bring it along and share tips and ideas. Children- enjoy co-operative games and teambuilding activities.

WINTER DECORATION SWAP

December | during branch hours

Take or share your gently used winter decorations. Swap includes indoor, outdoor, all holidays, decorations, wrapping paper. Take something or leave something. No need to bring something to participate. Call for more information.

JANE AUSTEN COMMUNITY TEA PARTY

Tuesday, December 16 | 1:30 PM

Celebrate author Jane Austen's 250th Birthday. Make your own Regency era inspired headband fascinator. Thanks to our special guests: *TranquilaTea Tea Room and Gift Shop* of Waynesboro, PA, for the tea and *Sweet Notes Bakery* of Williamsport for the sweets. 

COZY READING TIME

Thursdays | 4-5 PM

We welcome you to an hour of reading with light music and warm beverages.

YOUNG CHILDREN

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 12/31) | 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

 preferred

1/28: Rock painting

2/25: Mini fairy garden

TEENS

TEEN ESCAPE ROOMS

2nd Tuesdays | 4 PM

Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down challenges before the time runs out! Four 30-min time slots available.

 online or call 301-223-7027

12/9: Jane Austen

1/13: Speakeasy

2/10: Daycare

TEENS & ADULTS

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. Ages 13+ 

12/10: Mini wool felted winter scene

1/14: Mini bead plants

2/11: Quilled heart.

JOURNALING THROUGH ART

3rd Tuesdays | 5:30 PM

Journaling practice, prompts, art, and ideas. Craft materials provided. Ages 13+

FOUNTAIN PEN SOCIAL

Tuesday, January 27 | 5:30 PM

Join us for a casual chat about fountain pens, their use, and upkeep. Optional: bring your favorite pens to share. We will have examples for you to try. Ages 13+

ADULTS

WILLIAMSPORT BOOK CLUB

1st or 2nd Thursdays | 1:30 PM and 5 PM

Our Book Club is a small group, with a very lively and engaging book discussion.

12/4: Jane Austen inspired novels

1/8: *Autopsy of a Boring Wife* by Marie-Renée Lavoie

2/5: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

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.

12/8: Upcycled egg carton reindeer

1/12: Snowflake sun catcher

2/9: Yarn hearts

ADULT ESCAPE ROOM

Select Thursdays | 5 PM

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!

 online or call 301-223-7027

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TALKS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Monday, Jan. 12, Thursday, Jan. 22 and

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Preceding Storytime

The Washington County Health Department (WCHD) visits to share tips about children's nutrition and portion sizes.

Monday, Feb. 2 and Wednesday, Feb. 18

Preceding Storytime

WCHD tips about safe kids and safe sleep.

Wednesday, December 3 | 5:30 PM

WCHD discusses emergency preparedness. What you need to do to prepare for the unexpected, including severe weather and other emergencies. All are welcome.

Wednesday, February 18 | 5:30 PM

WCHD discusses everything heart health. All are welcome.

ENCHANTMENT IN THE SKY

A FAIRYTALE COSTUME GALA

Save the Date

Saturday, March 21, 2026
Fletcher Library, Hagerstown

Tickets on sale in January

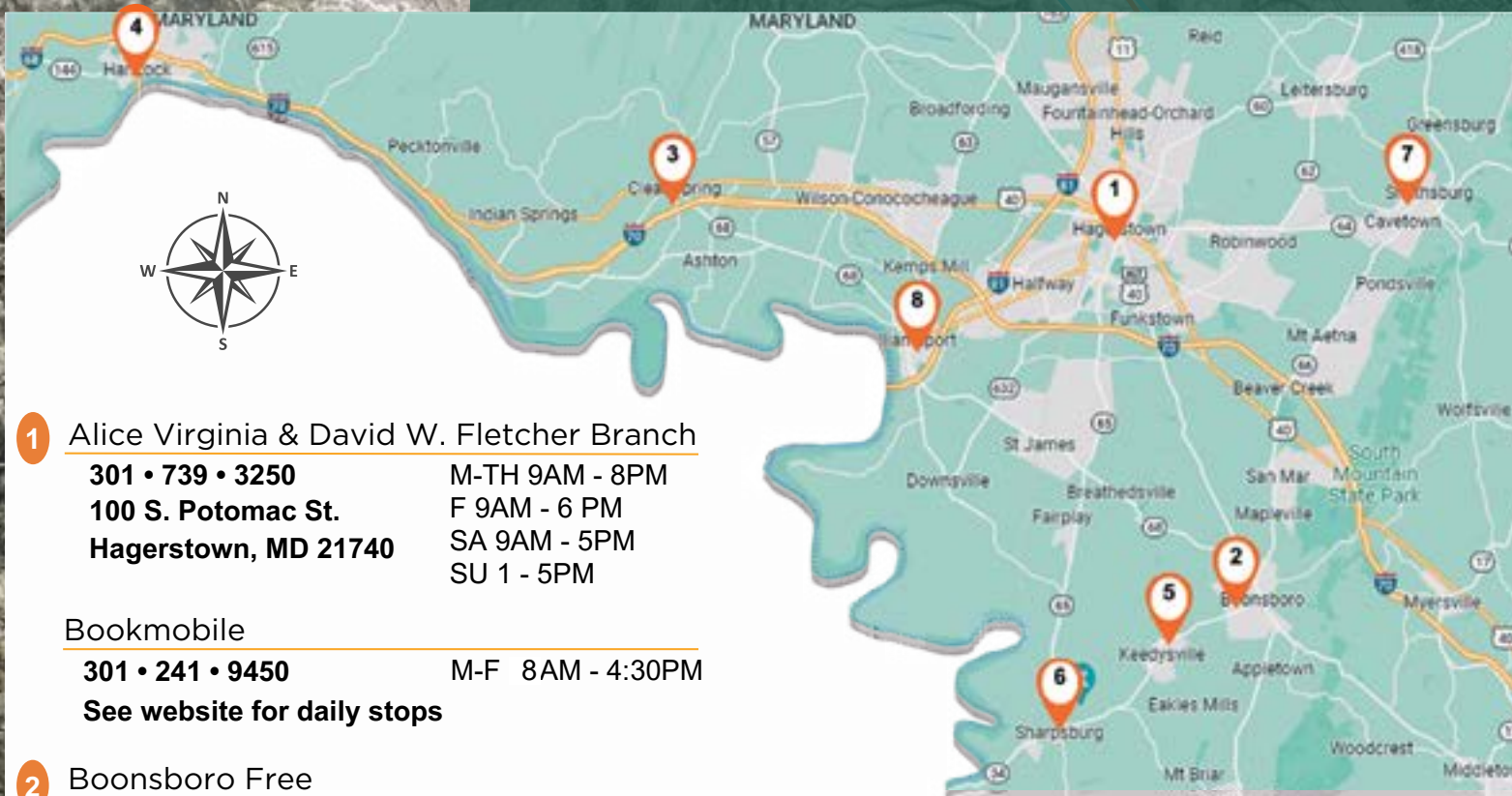


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Hagerstown, MD 21740

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F 9AM - 6 PM

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

401 Potomac Street

Boonsboro, MD 21713

M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM

F 10:30AM - 6PM

SA 10:15AM - 3PM

3 Clear Spring Memorial

301 • 842 • 2730

12624 Broadfording Rd.

Clear Spring, MD 21722

T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM

F 11:30AM - 6PM

SA 10:15AM - 2PM

4 Hancock Veterans Memorial

301 • 678 • 5300

231 Hancock Veterans

Pkwy Hancock, MD 21750

T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM

F 11:30AM - 6PM

SA 10:15AM - 2PM

5 Keedysville Branch

301 • 432 • 6641

22 Taylor Drive

Keedysville, MD 21756

T-W 11AM - 2PM

SA 10:15AM - 2PM

6 Sharpsburg Branch

301 • 432 • 8825

106 East Main St.

Sharpsburg, MD 21782

T-TH 1:30 - 7PM

SA 9:15AM - 1PM

7 Smithsburg Branch

301 • 824 • 7722

66 West Water St.

Smithsburg, MD 21783

M,W,TH 10:30AM - 7PM

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F 10:30AM - 6PM

SA 10:15AM - 3PM

8 Williamsport Memorial

301 • 223 • 7027

104 E. Potomac St.

Williamsport, MD 21795

M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM

F 10:30AM - 6PM

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Christmas Eve — Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Day — Thursday, December 25, 2025

New Year's Eve — Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025 | 5 PM

New Year's Day — Thursday, January 1, 2026

Martin Luther King Day — Monday, January 19, 2026

President's Day — Monday, February 16, 2026