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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 a summer it has been at the Washington County Free Library! Our Summer Reading Club was a tremendous success, with **more than 4,000 patrons** signing up to read, learn, explore, and have fun with us. From exciting reptile shows and imaginative puppet performances to hands-on science programs and activities for all ages, our libraries were filled with curiosity and discovery.

This year has also given us a special opportunity to celebrate **250 years of Washington County and our nation**. We have enjoyed bringing our community together to explore our history, celebrate our shared story, and learn more about the people and events that have shaped us. And the celebration doesn't end with summer—we'll continue honoring this important milestone throughout the year.

As we move into fall, there is still so much happening at your library. For our younger patrons, **Little Librarians**, happening at the Fletcher Libray in Hagerstown, will give children ages 6–12 the chance to spend time with our Children's librarians and discover what really happens behind the scenes at the library. Older kids and teens can join the **Tween/Teen Roleplaying Game Guild** at the Boonsboro Free Library, where they'll create their own adventures and make a little magic through role-playing games.

And our programs aren't just for kids! If you've ever wanted to try your hand at making sourdough, our **Sourdough** program at the Sharpsburg Library will provide a starter, along with recipes, tips, techniques, and, of course, some delicious samples to try. No matter your age or interests, there is always something waiting for you here.

We'll see you at the library!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Z. Bakos".

Jenny Bakos
Executive Director
Washington County Free Library



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Stay Connected with Us!

Join the Friends of the Library!

For just **\$10 a year**, you can become a *Friend of the Washington County Free Library* and stay connected to everything happening at your library. Friends receive updates about library news, programs, events, and opportunities to get involved. If your schedule allows, you can also volunteer your time and help support the library and its many programs and services. Every Friend makes a difference!

September is Library Card Sign-Up

Month! No matter what your tastes are, a library card hits all the right notes!

Check out a classic story or hit shuffle and try something new. Find harmony at your library's book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and author talks. A headphone kind of day? Find your focus in a study room or vibe out in a cozy nook. Compose your future with new skills, instruments, and tools from *Beyond Books: The Library of Things*.

No matter what rhythm you find yourself in, there's a seat in the front row at the library for you.

This September, B sharp, and sign up for a library card!

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learn more and join
today!



FLETCHER LIBRARY HAGERSTOWN

100 South Potomac Street | Hagerstown, MD 21740 | 301-739-3250



EVERYONE

SYMPHONY STORYTIMES

Fridays | 11 AM

Community Room 308/309

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

9/11: Guest Pianist Jiyoung Oh and *The Music in George's Head*

10/2: Associate Concertmaster Violinist Joanna Owen and *Barn Dance*

11/13: Guest Bassoonist Ryan Romine and *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*

SCRAPBOOK PARTY

Friday, October 16 | 3:30-5:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Come cozy up with several books to use for your ultimate vision book. Whether that is

your own cookbook with only recipes you like, a collage of your vision boards, art pieces that inspire you, or any other ideas! Books and materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any items and books that will help you create your masterpiece!

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR VETERANS

November 9 - December 4 | Library hours

The Children's Dept. will collect holiday cards for the patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. Make your own cards or sign purchased cards. Card making supplies/cards to sign will be available.

DIY FAIR

Monday, November 16 | 5-7:45 PM

Community Room, Conference Room, Loading Dock

Want to learn a new skill or receive the tools to help you practice? Come see what tools we have at Fletcher's Library of Things! Create an account to begin your DIY journey. Check the calendar listing for details about workshops that teach how to sew a piece of clothing, can and dehydrate vegetables, and much more! **R**

YOUNG CHILDREN

POSITIVE PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES WITH POTOMAC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tuesdays, September 8 - October 13

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Conference Room 334

Parents and caregivers of young children are invited to join Potomac Community Services for one or more of the free 6-week in-person workshops designed to give adults practical tools to better understand, communicate with, & guide their children. **R**

FAIRYTALE PRINCESS STORYTIME

Thursday, September 24 | 6:30 PM

Come dressed as your favorite character and meet a princess! Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and receive a wand. **R**

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday, October 29 | 3:30 PM

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

KIDS & TWEENS

MAGIC THE GATHERING

1st Wednesdays | 6 PM

Calling new players and seasoned players alike. Come learn and play Magic the Gathering. Ages 9-18

READ WITH A PET

1st Saturdays | 1 PM

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

KIDS DISCOVER AND LITTLE EXPLORERS STEM

1st and 3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Ages 3-10 **R**

9/19: Fluffy Slime: Explore color and texture.

10/3: Beaded Pumpkins: Use colors and counting to create your own.

10/17: Pumpkin Luminary Jars: Use tissue paper, glue, and flameless candle.

11/7: Paper Plate Scarecrows: Use colorful decorations and recycled materials.

11/21: Flower Suncatcher: Join special guest Washington County 4H.

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

2nd & 4th Mondays | 2 PM (unless noted)

Community Room 308/309

Grades 1-8 **R**

9/14: Media Literacy Part 1: Learn how to stay safe online and what online sources to trust. See calendar for all series dates.

9/28: The Tooth About Dental Hygiene: Hagerstown Smiles Dental Care.

10/5-9: Media Literacy Part 2: Take Home Packet. Learn to stay safe online and what online sources to trust with this packet. See calendar for all dates in this series...

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, September-November

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

INFANT STORYTIME

Wednesdays, September-November

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

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

Thursdays | 6:30 PM | All ages

1st Thursdays: Therapy Dog Storytime

*9/24: Fairytale Princess Storytime **R***

10/29: Halloween

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11 AM | Ages 3-5

10/30: Halloween

Young Children and Kids & Tweens programs are held in Storytime Room 227 unless noted.



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10/26: The Newcomer House at Antietam National Battlefield: Take a free field trip and learn about what life was like for civilians during the Civil War.  

11/9 | **1PM - 3:30 PM**: Around the World: A Day in the Life. Learn what a typical day for teenagers around the world looks like. Global Vision Christian School students will share how they like to spend their time in their country.

11/23: Test Your Nutrition Knowledge: Do you know how to build a healthy plate? Come find out with the Washington County Health Department.

TWEEN HANGOUT

Wednesdays, Sep. 16 - Nov. 18 | 5 PM

Come hang out, play games, eat snacks, and let us know what fun things you want to see at the library! Stay tuned this fall for jewelry making, AI Game Show, paper airplane race, and more! Ages 9-12

KIDS & TWEEN STEAM

3rd Thursdays | 3:30 PM

Ages 6-12  **requested**

9/17: Will it Melt?

10/15: Will it Float?

11/19: Will it Explode?

LEGO CLUB

3rd Saturdays | 2 PM

Come build with LEGOs! Materials stay at the library. Ages 4+

AMERICA 250 TAKE & MAKE

Select weeks | Library hours

Register and pick up a kit at the branch of your choice during the designated week.

Ages 6-12  

9/21-25: Colonial spoon painting

10/19-23: Magazine mosaic flag

11/16-20: Simple fabric dyeing

IS MY CHILD READY FOR A PHONE?

Wednesday, October 7 | 6-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Parents, hear from education, mental health, and tech professionals and get access to resources to help you make an informed choice that's best for your child. Share in thoughtful discussions with other families navigating tech choices.  **requested**

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTERS

October 16 - November 3 | Library hours

The Children's Department is sponsoring two elections this voting season. Children and their families can vote for their favorite children's picture book character and favorite children's chapter book character. Stop by to learn more about the candidates and to cast your vote. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, November 4.



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Borrow seasonal essentials for FREE from the Fletcher Library



BEYOND BOOKS
— A LIBRARY OF THINGS —



AMERICA 250



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Explore



Maryland State Parks with WCFL!

7-Day Checkout*

Day-use entry to all state parks for everyone in a vehicle (up to 10 people). No renewals or holds.

Available at most WCFL locations

Not available at Keedysville Branch Library or Bookmobile.

Scan QR code for pass details from the Maryland Park Service.



Borrow this!



Unlimited boat launching at all state park facilities

10% discount on state-operated concessions and boat rentals

Image: Swallow Falls State Park

Walk-in

TECH HELP

Have tech questions?

Information Services staff are available to help

- Troubleshooting device issues
- Completing tech-related tasks
- Learning new skills

COMING SOON: *Memory Lab*

Available during Tech Help hours by appointment only.

WEEK OF THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

2nd Tuesday & following Thursday | 4-6 PM
Following Saturday | 9-11 AM



Fletcher Library | Classroom 315



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MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

October 16 - November 15 | Library hours

Check our website for a full list of STEM Festival events for kids.

AI-SPY GAME SHOW

Wednesday, October 21 | 5 PM

Can you tell the difference between an AI generated image and a photo taken by a real person? It might be trickier than you think! Come play the game show and test your AI literacy skills at this special Tween Hangout. Ages 9-12

LITTLE LIBRARIANS

Tuesday, November 3 | 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM

Do you think you want to be a librarian? Spend time with your favorite Children's librarians and learn about what goes on behind the scenes at the library! Choose one session to attend. Ages 6-12 **R**

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK AND BOOK GIVEAWAY

November 9-14 | Library hours

Celebrate the world of children's books with different activities each day. Each child who visits the library is able to choose one free book to keep!

"THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB" BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tuesday, November 10 | 4 PM

Community Room 308/309

"The Baby-Sitters Club" turns 40 this year! Celebrate the beloved series' birthday with a flashback to 1986 party! Ages 6+ **R**

TEENS

TEEN CHEF

Select Mondays | 5 PM

Make delicious seasonal recipes. **R**

8/31: Easy apple turnovers – Prepare for the coming cool weather with an easy recipe you can recreate at home!

10/5: Chocolate chip pumpkin muffins—Pumpkin gets a delicious chocolate twist.

11/2: Rotisserie chicken and stuffing casserole – A quick and easy version of some favorite Thanksgiving foods.

CREATIVE CORNER

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Oct. & Nov. | 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 a preview into various kinds of writing while supporting personal growth.

GAME NIGHT

2nd and 4th Thursdays | 5 PM

Come hang out with other teens and play on the Switch, foosball table, or any of our card or board games!

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

3rd Fridays | 4 PM

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

9/18: Fall Equinox Celebration

10/16: Indigenous People's Day Celebration

11/13: Geography Awareness Week

THERAPY RABBIT VISIT

Mondays, Sep. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16 | 6 PM

(NOTE: Not the last Monday in November)

Certified therapy rabbits, Bleu and Cheddar, will be hanging out with us for an hour! Come pet, hold or simply visit with these adorable, lionhead bunnies!

CHESS CLUB

Last Wednesdays | 5 PM

Storytime Room 227

Teens and tweens are both invited to join us for Chess Club!

HOMECOMING DREAM CLOSET

Saturday & Sunday, Sep. 26 & 27 | 2-4 PM

Tuesday & Weds, Sep. 29 & 30 | 5-7 PM

We're teaming up with the Goodwill Adolescent Clubhouse again to bring area teens FREE formal wear. First come, first served, while supplies last.

TOBACCO PREVENTION WITH THE WCHD

Tuesday, October 6 | 4:30-6:00

Washington County Health Department will be visiting with games, snacks, and prizes to learn about tobacco prevention for teens!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 31 | 3-6 PM

Before you go out to collect candy or ghosts, stop by the Fletcher Library for some spooky-good fun! We'll have Halloween themed games, crafts, and snacks!

STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

Monday, November 9 | 5:00 PM

Community Room 309

FREE certification for teens. Perfect for teens who are looking into getting into babysitting!

TEENS & ADULTS

ART CLUB FOR TEENS & ADULTS

1st Wednesdays | 5:30-7 PM

Conference Room 334

A group for all art lovers. Art supplies provided, or bring your own! Get your creativity flowing, learn new techniques, and discover DIY supplies such as homemade canvases! Light refreshments provided. **R**

KNITS, SIPS, & FLICKS

3rd Monday | 5:30-7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Bring your own favorite fiber arts or paper crafts and enjoy a film while you work! Light refreshments provided, as well as supplementary supplies.

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CHAIR YOGA & SOUND BATH

Select Sundays | 2:00 – 3:30 PM

*September 27 | October 18 | November 22
Community Room 308/309*

Discover restorative yoga through chair yoga. This class is designed for all levels—perfect for beginners. 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+ 

ESCAPE ROOM: THE WHISPERING ARCHIVES

*Saturday, October 31 | 10 AM - 4 PM
Hourly slots available
Conference Room 334*

A horror-themed escape room set in a haunted library where players must break a curse before a vengeful spirit traps them forever. You will have 45 minutes to find the three missing pages of the ritual book, bind the spirit, and locate the master key to escape! Geared toward tweens, teens, and adults. Younger children are welcome with adult supervision and solely at the parent or guardian's discretion due to the theme. 

ADULTS

BOOK CLUB 250

*June 1 - December 21, 2026
3rd Floor Reference Desk*

Celebrate America and Washington County's 250th anniversary by joining this book club, and celebrate your freedom to read! Read books set in Colonial North America or the American Revolution. Receive a log sheet and bookmark when you join. Read five books and receive a button. Read 10 or more books and win a prize (while supplies last)! 

STORYTIME FOR ADULTS WITH ALL ABILITIES

*Select Mondays or Wednesdays | 10:30 AM
(NOTE: New days of the week)*

Community Room 308/309

Read books, sing along to music, dance, play games, make crafts, and more! 

9/9: Mushrooms! | 9/21: LEGO Party!

10/5: World Space Week! | 10/19: We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

11/2: Movember! | 11/16: Dinovember!

WALK-IN TECH HELP & MEMORY LAB

Weeks of the 2nd Tuesday:

Tues, Sep. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 | 4-6 PM

Thurs, Sep. 10, Oct. 15, Nov. 13 | 4-6 PM

*Sat, Sep. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 15 | 9-11 AM
Classroom 315*

Have tech questions? Information Services staff is available to help walk you through troubleshooting device issues, completing tech-related tasks, and learning new skills. The Memory Lab is a new self-service personal archival service available during Tech Help hours by appointment only.

¡CONVERSEMOS! SPANISH/ ENGLISH CHAT GROUP

2nd and last Thursdays | 9 AM

*El segundo y el último jueves del mes
Conference Room 334*

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.

HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS

3rd Fridays | 2 PM

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Conference Room 334

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

9/18 & 9/19: Harvesting and Preserving

10/16 & 10/17: Planting Fall Bulbs and

Garden Cleanup

11/20 & 11/21: Soil Amendment and Garden Cleanup

UNCOVERING CIVIL WAR RESOURCES IN THE WESTERN MARYLAND ROOM: AUTHORS SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS

Sunday, September 13 | 2-4 PM

Western Maryland Room

Three authors who used Western Maryland Room (WMR) resources will discuss their research and writing methods in a panel discussion. Discover why the WMR's resources are so valuable for historians, writers, and genealogists! The authors are Emilie Amt (*Black Antietam*), Mark Brugh (*Ghosts of Antietam*), and Steven Stotelmyer (*The Bivouacs of the Dead*). Part of America's 250th Celebration, and in commemoration of the 164th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam in Sharpsburg, MD. Author-autographed books will be sold. 

50 BOOKS CAFE

*Wednesdays, Sep. 9 & Nov. 4 | 6-7:30 PM
Western Maryland Room*

Whether you're reading 50 books or just want to chat about what you're reading, we'll be happy to see you!

MCCAULEY LECTURE: A FRESH LOOK AT 250 YEARS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

*Monday, September 14 | 6:30–7:30 PM
Community Room 308/309*

September 1776 was the official start of Washington County, Maryland. Learn how residents lived, played, worshiped, and celebrated during the past 250 years. 

HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS' HERITAGE CRAFTS: SPINNING CLASS WITH JENNIE

*Wednesday, September 23 | 2-3:30 PM
Community Room 308/309*

Discover the lost art of spinning. Instructor Jennie will provide hands on demonstrations and provide samples of wool, silk, fiber, etc. Spin your own projects to take home. 



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MCCAULEY LECTURE: MEDICAL PRACTICE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IN THE 1830S

Monday, October 5 | 6:30–7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

The Western Maryland Room has an incomparable collection of medical practice ledgers that belonged to Dr. Augustin Asbury Biggs of Sharpsburg, Maryland. These original daybooks and ledgers cover his medical practice from 1838 to 1886, when he practiced as an obstetrician as well as a surgeon during the Civil War. In this talk, historian Marc Howell will explore the state of medical care through the entries in the Biggs ledgers. He will discuss the entries that concern his great-great grandfather's family during the years 1836-1842, adding a personal lens to encourage discussion. 🇺🇸

HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS' HERITAGE CRAFTS: LET'S MAKE CONDIMENTS

Wednesday, October 21 | 1-2:30 PM

Conference Room 334

Please join us as we learn to make homemade organic condiments with this hands on demonstration. Each attendee will make their own Mayonnaise, Mustard, and Ketchup to take home. **R**

MCCAULEY LECTURE: ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Monday, November 2 | 6:30–7:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Sandra Izer of the Washington County Historical Trust and editor of the long awaited second volume of Pat Schooley's book, *Architectural & Historic Treasures of Washington County*, will discuss some of the highlights of architecture in Washington County. 🇺🇸

HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS' HERITAGE CRAFTS: CANDLE DIPPING WITH JENNIE

Wednesday, November 18 | 1-2:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Please join us as we learn to make hand dipped beeswax candles. Instructor Jennie will demonstrate and guide us as we each make our own craft to take home, just in time for the holidays. **R**

RÉSUMÉ BUILDING AND INTERVIEW PREPARATION

Friday, September 25 | 10-11:30 AM

Conference Room 334

Learn how to create a basic résumé and cover letter. Discuss how to best organize your education and work experience and the value of functional and chronological résumés. Discover useful online resources such as occupational databases, templates, and résumé builders that can help you in the writing process. This program will be led by a presenter at the State Library Resource Center. **R**

EDGAR ALLEN POE EXHIBIT

Friday, October 9 | 1-2 PM

Community Room 308/309

Experience the mysterious life and enduring literary legacy of Edgar Allan Poe through treasures from the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Special Collections. Explore Poe's personal life, family, celebrated writings, and the mystery surrounding his death in Baltimore in 1849. Unique artifacts from the collections include manuscripts, letters, and personal items that offer a fascinating glimpse into the life of one of America's most influential writers. This program will be led by a presenter at the State Library Resource Center. **R**

Tote your books.

Support your library!





Regular Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays | 11 AM

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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 3:30 PM **NEW TIME!**

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

AWESOME APPLES

Saturday, September 19 | 11 AM

All things apple: books, songs, a craft, and taste testing!

SENSORY PLAY

Tuesday, September 29 | 11 AM

Children (ages birth to 5) and adults of different abilities (ages 18+) engage in various activities to enhance their senses and experience interaction through sensory play.

LEGO-GEAR-BOT

Wednesday, October 21 | 4 PM

Children are invited to enhance their engineering skills by building LEGOs with gears and moveable parts as part of the Maryland STEM Festival. Ages 6-12

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME & FUN

Wednesday, October 28 | 4 PM

Join us for fun Halloween stories and activities. Enjoy making a craft and don't forget to wear your costume! Ages: 3-10

R limited spots available.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Saturday, October 31 | 11 AM

Join us for spooktacular Halloween books and craft stations!

CREATING ART WITH ART-BOTS

Wednesday, November 4 | 4 PM

Children will use their engineering skills to develop an art-bot to create works of art as part of the Maryland STEM Festival.

Ages 6-12 **R** limited spots available.

UP, UP, AND AWAY!

Saturday, November 14 | 11 AM

We'll explore parachutes through books and activities!

KIDS & TEENS

STEM EXPLORATIONS: LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays, September 23, October 21, November 25 | 4 PM

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



Sensory Play

TEENS

TWEEN/TEEN ROLEPLAYING GAME GUILD

2nd & 4th Thursdays | 5:30 PM

Join our party of adventurers as we make our own magic through role playing games. For grades 6-12. **R** New members, when registering, let us know whether you will bring your own character sheet or want us to pre-roll a character for you.

TWEEN/TEEN AFTERNOON: MAKE A LEAF DISH

Friday, September 18 | 4 PM

Get your hands dirty using air dry clay to make a fun leaf-shaped dish. For those in grades 6-12. **R**

ADULT

ABC (AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB)

3rd Tuesdays | 3 PM

All are welcome to join the discussion.

9/15: *Becoming Madam Secretary* by Stephanie Dray

10/20: *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston

11/17: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

ONE MARYLAND, ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, September 30 | 5:30 PM

What if everyone read the same book at the same time? Pick up a copy of this year's Maryland One Book selection, *No Sense in Wishing: Essays on Black Music, Belonging and Baltimore* by Lawrence Burney and join the discussion.

LOW WASTE LIVING: WORKSHOP AND SWAP

Wednesday, November 18 | 5:30 PM

Join the discussion on low waste systems that preserve food and reduce waste. Bring items to the swap table that you no longer need and share abundance with other



BOONSBORO

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participants, reducing the need to buy new goods. The theme of the November swap will be announced.

Hosted by the Boonsboro Green Fest/ Zero Waste team with the intent of creating 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.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS

2nd Tuesdays | 6 PM

Join us for a free showing of great movies.

9/8: *Pressure* (PG-13)

10/13: *Project Hail Mary* (PG-13)

11/10: *Sheep Detectives* (PG)



CLEAR SPRING

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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 raffle off a mystery novel. When you pick up your book, don't forget Arnita's award-winning pie recipe!

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL: PHYSICS WITH LEGOS

4th Tuesdays | 1 PM

Learn the basic principles of physics using LEGO kits that promote team work and fun!

HOMESCHOOL: GEOLOGY

Thursday, October 15 | 1 PM

Observe different rocks and fossils through a microscope. Interact with magnets.

HOMESCHOOL: PAPER AIRPLANES

Thursday, November 12 | 1 PM

Discover principles of physics using paper airplanes.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Select Thursdays, Oct. & Nov. | 4 PM

10/15: Geology- Observe different rocks and fossils through a microscope. Interact with magnets.

11/12: Paper Airplanes- Discover principles of physics using paper airplanes.

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

1st Wednesdays | 11:30 AM

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

10/7: *No Sense in Wishing: Essays on Black Music, Belonging, and Baltimore* by Lawrence Burney (One Maryland One Book)

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

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

9/19: Rag doll

10/17: Painted treat holder

11/21: Book silk flower holder



HANCOCK



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

Regular Storytime

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

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

EVERYONE

FAMILY TAKE & MAKE

All month* | Library hours
A fun craft to do at home. Ages 8+ 
September: Scarecrow corner bookmark
October: Mini-pumpkin yarn craft

FAMILY CRAFT SATURDAYS

3rd Saturdays* | 12 PM
A different craft every month. Ages 8+ 
9/19: Fall centerpiece
10/17: Gnome door hanger

LIBRARY NIGHT AT MARTHA'S HOUSE

Tuesdays, Sep. 24 & Oct. 29* | 5:30 PM
47 W. Main St, Hancock, MD
Enjoy a family style meal and activity. 

BAD-ART-GO-ROUND PAINT NIGHT

Friday, September 18 | 5 PM
Paint Night with a twist! No skill needed—just a willingness to share your work.
Supplies and snacks provided. Ages 12+

SPEED PUZZLING CHALLENGE

Friday, October 23 | 5 PM
Teams of 2-4 people compete to see who can put a puzzle together fastest! Ages 12+

YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TAKE & MAKE

All month* | Library hours
A fun, seasonal take-home craft. Ages 3-7 
September: Craft tube scarecrow
October: Mini-pumpkin yarn craft

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL GROUP

3rd Thursdays* | 3 PM
Meet other homeschool families and plan activities for the upcoming school year.

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

AFTER SCHOOL ART CHALLENGE

September & October* | Library hours
Collaborate and create! Color a piece of a mystery art piece and see what emerges!

ADULTS

MAKERS CLUB

3rd Saturdays* | 10 AM
Come create with Cricuts. Adults and ages 12+ with supervision 

MANGA & ANIME CLUB

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

ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays* | 5 PM
Books chosen each month by members.
New members welcome!

SENIOR CRAFT & CHAT FRIDAYS

4th Fridays* | 10 AM
Hancock Senior Center
126 W. High St, Hancock, MD
Enjoy social time, crafts, and snacks with other seniors. 

KEEDYSVILLE

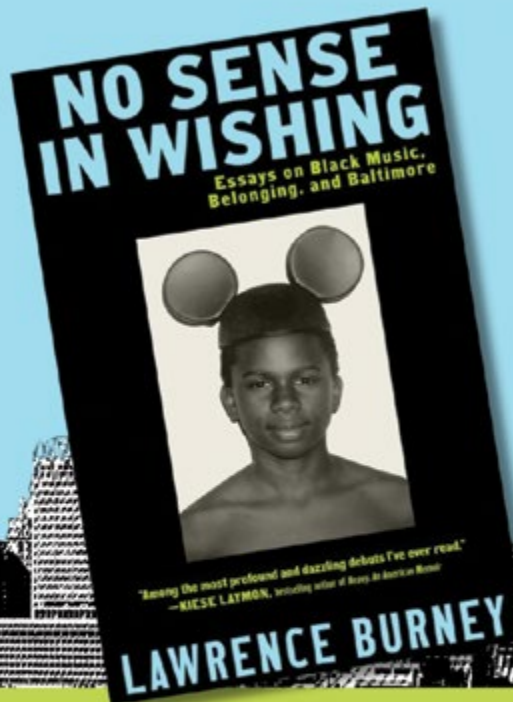


22 Taylor Drive | Keedysville, MD 21756 | 301-432-6641

Regular Storytimes

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

1st Wednesdays | 11 AM
Have fun and develop a love of reading and learning.
Ages 3+



Be part of Maryland's only statewide community reading program.

Check out a copy of *No Sense in Wishing* by Lawrence Burney and scan the code to find a book discussion to join:



Library POWER USERS!

MEET GISELLE & OSCAR

BY BONNIE L. RAMSBURG

Giselle and her younger brother, Oscar, have been familiar faces in the teen department for the past several years. Both say the library is a place where they feel safe, welcome, and connected to their community.

Giselle appreciates that the teen staff take the time to get to know the young people that visit and build relationships with them. She enjoys helping Ms. Bonnie create displays and sharing ideas about activities and events that might appeal to teens. For Giselle, the library is also a creative space where she can express herself and connect with others. She especially loves the view from the teen department windows, overlooking the streets below and the mountains beyond. She often checks out the poetry books in the YA department and is a fan of author Kwame Alexander.

Oscar enjoys checking out books, movies, and video games from the library. He also likes playing Roblox on the Alienware computers and appreciates having a place where he can play alongside other kids who share his interests.

For Giselle and Oscar, the library is more than just a place to borrow books—it is a space to learn, create, build friendships and feel at home. Their experiences reflect the important role the teen department plays in supporting young people in the community.



Out & About

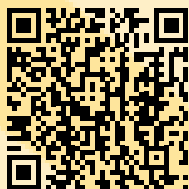
WITH THE BOOKMOBILE

EVERYONE

TAKE AND MAKE: MOSAIC COLLAGE

September & October
During public stops

Celebrate 250 years of women in the arts with this craft series. Create your own autumnal garland inspired by American artist and naturalist Mary Vaux Walcott. Available at all public stops while supplies last. 🇺🇸 📍



YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME ON THE FARM

Mondays, September 14, October 19,
November 9 | 10:30 AM

Ivy Hill Farm: 13840 Smithsburg Pike
Smithsburg, MD 21783

Join us in the farm shop as we celebrate all things fall with stories, songs and fun! Family friendly. 📍

KIDS & TWEENS

CREATION STATION

4th Tuesdays, September & October | 3 PM
McCleary Hill Community Center:
12150 Granite Dr, Hagerstown

Explore different art materials, learn new techniques, and let your imagination shine in this crafty program perfect for elementary schoolers. Each month will feature a different process-based seasonal craft to enjoy! 📍

FIND US *wherever*
WE MAY ROAM



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Staff PICKS

Life, & Death, & Giants

by Ron Rindo



"This is storytelling at its very best. Gabriel Fisher is one of the most unforgettable characters I've come across in a long time. I love how this book brings together so many unexpected things: small-town Midwestern life, the Amish community, football, wrestling, and even Emily Dickinson poetry, while making it feel like it belongs together. It is heartwarming, funny, quirky, and—at times—wonderfully strange. More than anything, it is a story about love, loss, the ways we leave a mark on one another, and finding family in unexpected places."

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Desi Rogers

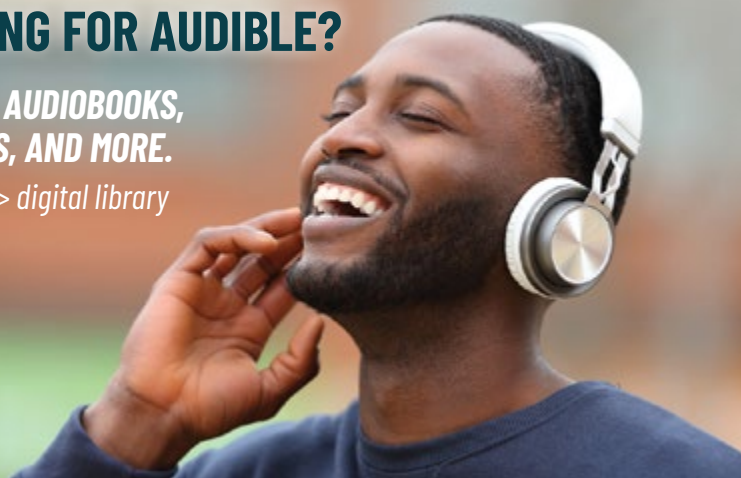
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SHARPSBURG

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

Regular Storytime

THEMED STORYTIME

Thursdays | 3:30 PM

Join us for stories, activities, and a craft with Ms. Susan!
Ages 3+

EVERYONE

MARYLAND STEM FESTIVAL

November 3, 4, & 5 | Library hours

In honor of the Maryland STEM Festival, all of our makerspace supplies will be out! Let's create together! All ages

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME AROUND TOWN: BURKHOLDER'S BAKED GOODS

Thursday, September 17 | 3:30 PM

106 High Street, Sharpsburg

Let's read *If You Give a Dog a Donut* by Laura Numeroff and decorate a donut to take home! 📍

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thursday, October 29 | 3:30 PM

Scary (but not too scary!) stories, craft, games, and snacks.

KIDS & TWEENS

LEGO CLUB

1st Saturdays | 10 AM

Build the LEGO challenge or make your own creation.

MAKERSPACE

Select Wednesdays | 5:30-6:45 PM

9/9: Find Brain Builders, Makedo, Brainflakes, LEGOs, and more for you to create and explore. Ages 6+

10/7: Use Makedo, cardboard, and other craft supplies to make something scary for Halloween. Prizes will be awarded!

11/4: All of our STEAM supplies will be out for you to create!

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: "WHAT STATE AM I?"

Wednesday, September 16 | 3:30 PM

Work in teams to answer the question "What State am I?". The team that has the most correct answers will get a prize. Snacks provided to fuel those brain cells! 🇺🇸

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Select Wednesdays | 2:30 PM

Enjoy book-related discussion and activities.

9/23: Poetry- Read your own or your favorite poem. We will discuss *Giggling with Rhymes* by Dr. Rabea Hadi.

10/21: *Magic School House Haunted Castle on Hallow's Eve*, book #30.

11/18: *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth Speare



Homeschool Book Club

ADULTS

GARDENING KNOW-HOW WITH TRICA

Select Wednesdays, Sep. & Oct. | 6 PM

9/16: Gardening with cool vegetables

10/28: Everything about bats, including what amazing creatures they are!

GHOSTS OF ANTIETAM

Saturday, September 19 | 11 AM

Join local historian and author Mark P. Brugh as he explores the stories behind his newest book *Ghosts of Antietam*. Drawing on decades of research, eyewitness accounts, newspaper reports, soldiers' letters, and local folklore, Mark separates fact from fiction. From eerie encounters reported by visitors, to little-known tales preserved by local families, this fascinating presentation blends Civil War history with ghost stories. Sponsored in partnership with Sharpsburg Museum of History and Sharpsburg Historical Society. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Light refreshments served.

APPALACHIAN SAVE A LIFE DAY / NARCAN TRAINING

Thursday, September 24 | 5-6:30 PM

Join Lindsay Ridenour from the Washington County Health Department for a training on how to use Narcan. Get your questions answered.

ADULT BOOK SHARE

1st Wednesdays starting October | 2:30 PM

10/7: *No Sense in Wishing: Essays on Black Music, Belonging, and Baltimore* by Lawrence Burney (One Maryland One Book)

11/4: What is your favorite current read?

SOURDOUGH

Tuesday, November 10 | 6 PM

Wanted to try sourdough? Join us and get a free starter (while supplies last). Ask questions, get our favorite recipes and techniques, and of course try some sourdough goodies!

SMITHSBURG



66 West Water Street | Smithsburg, MD 21783 | 301-824-7722

EVERYONE

GNOME CRAFT KIT

October- all month | Library hours

Stop to pick up a kit to create a gnome out of a paint brush. All supplies provided except for a glue gun. While supplies last.

CRAFTAPALOOZA

Thursday, October 22 | 5:30 PM

Help give leftover craft supplies a new lease on life at this unstructured creative hour. Bring your imagination. **R**

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR VETERANS

November 10 – December 3 | Library hours

The Smithsburg Library will collect holiday cards for the patients at the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg. Make your own cards or sign purchased cards. Card making supplies/cards to sign will be available.

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME AROUND TOWN: FORT RITCHIE COMMUNITY CENTER – TREE HOMES & FOREST FRIENDS

Saturday, September 19 | 11:30 AM
14421 Lake Royer Dr, Fort Ritchie, MD

Explore the wonders of trees and meet the animals that nest, climb, hide, and live among their branches in this fun all-ages storytime! **R**

GOING BATTY AT THE LIBRARY!

Saturday, October 24 | 11:30 AM

Go batty with stories, songs, and hands-on bat discovery using Maryland DNR's special bat education trunk! **R**

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WHITE-TAILED DEER

Saturday, November 7 | 11:30 AM

Join us for a special, all-ages storytime featuring stories, deer artifacts, tracks, antlers, sounds, and other hands-on materials as we discover one of Maryland's most fascinating wildlife neighbors. **R**

KIDS & TWEENS

SIMPLE STEM CHALLENGE KITS

September: Hopping grasshopper
October: Pumpkin patch marble maze
November: Growing crystal trees

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KITS

September: Watercolor notebook
October: Scarecrow
November: Beaded corn

LEGO NIGHT

1st Monday | 5 PM

Try the LEGO Challenge or free build.

9/14: Drop test LEGO contest

10/5: Build a house

11/2: Build a LEGO animal

FEMALE LEADERS OF 250 YEARS AGO

Select Wednesdays | 4 PM

Join us to learn about the female leaders that built our country 250 years ago. Each session will include hands-on activities.

Ages 6-12. **R**

9/23: Betsy Ross

10/21: Abigail Adams and others

11/18: Martha Washington

TEENS

PIZZA, SODA, AND PARACORD POWER!

Wednesday, September 16 | 4 PM

Craft your own paracord bracelet—materials, food, and fun included. **R**

Regular Storytimes

INFANT STORYTIME

2nd & 4th Wednesdays (EX 11/11) | 11 AM
Children's Room
Ages 6-18 months

TODDLER TIME

Thursdays (EX 11/26) | 11 AM
Community Room
Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays (EX 11/27) | 11 AM
Community Room
Ages 3-5

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturdays | 11:30 AM
Children's Room
All ages

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SMITHSBURG

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TEEN POKE ART

Wednesday, October 28 | 5 PM

Turn a Halloween character into a 3D decoration using poke art. **R**

MOVIE AND A BOOK: THE MAZE RUNNER

Wednesday, November 4 | 4 PM

Run into adventure with *The Maze Runner* at our Movie & a Book event—enjoy pizza, snacks, and a screening of the film while exploring the thrilling story that captivated readers and movie fans alike! **R**

ADULTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a free showing of great movies.

Friday, September 4 | Outside the library

Dusk | *Zootopia 2* (2025) (PG)

Tuesday, September 29

6 PM | *You, Me, & Tuscany* (2026) (PG-13)

Tuesday, October 20

6 PM | *F1* (2025) (PG-13)

Tuesday, November 3

6 PM | *Project Hail Mary* (2026) (PG-13)

KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND CRAFT GROUP

Fridays (EX 11/27) | 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 12+

WRITERS GROUP

2nd & 4th Saturdays | 10:15 AM

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

ADULT BOOK CLUB

4th Tuesdays | 5 PM

9/22: *No Sense in Wishing: Essays on Black Music, Belonging, and Baltimore* by Lawrence Burney (One Maryland One Book)

10/27: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

11/24: *Midnight Train* by Matt Haig

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S CONNECTIONS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY

Tuesday, September 22 | 6:45 PM

Back in September of 1776, the western part of Frederick County was divided into a new county, named after General George Washington. It was the very first public entity named in honor of George Washington, and it happened just two months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This lecture looks at the many connections between George Washington and Washington County, Maryland, and how George once lobbied to make the nation's Capitol at Williamsport, accounts of his visits here, places where Washington slept, and 250 years of tributes to our first president that occurred right here in his county. Presented by Jefferson Boyer, member of the Washington County 250th Anniversary Committee. **R** 

APPALACHIAN SAVE A LIFE DAY

Thursday, September 24 | 2-4 PM

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

WOODEN SPOON CRAFT

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:30 PM

Paint a pumpkin, witch, vampire, or frankenstein on a wooden spoon. Everything provided. **R**

GHOSTS OF ANTIETAM

Tuesday, October 13 | 6:30 PM

Join local historian and author Mark P. Brugh for an evening exploring the stories behind his newest book *Ghosts of Antietam*. Drawing on decades of research, eyewitness accounts, newspaper reports, soldiers' letters, and local folklore, Mark separates fact from fiction while examining why Antietam has become one of America's most enduringly haunted landscapes. From eerie encounters reported by visitors and park employees, to little-known tales preserved by local families, this fascinating presentation blends Civil War history with the ghost stories that continue to captivate generations. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **R**

OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE ARTISTS OF 21783

Tuesday, November 10 | 5-7 PM

An exhibit of work by artists in and around Smithsburg, MD. This show has been organized by the Smithsburg Arts and Culture Association and sponsored by the town's Economic Development Commission. Art will be on display through January 12.

THE INDIGENOUS HISTORY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY: THOUSANDS OF YEARS ALONG THE POTOMAC

Tuesday, November 17 | 6:30 PM

Discover the rich and complex history of Washington County's Indigenous peoples, from the region's earliest human inhabitants in the prehistoric era through the dramatic events of the French and Indian War. This presentation by library associate JC Mendyka explores thousands of years of Native American lifeways, cultures, trade networks, and interactions with European settlers, revealing the enduring legacy of the region's first peoples. **R**





EVERYONE

CRAFT AND SCHOOL SUPPLY SWAP AND SHARE

September- all month | Library hours

Take or share your gently used craft and school supplies. Call the branch for more information. All ages

EVENING STORYTIME GUEST: BLEU THE RABBIT

Select Thursdays, September 3, October 15, & November 19 | 6 PM

Join us for a special visit from Bleu (like the cheese), the friendly therapy rabbit. Bleu loves to visit and bring smiles to everyone

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays | 11 AM

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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 11 AM

Stories, music, educational activities, and fun! If the weather is nice, storytime will be held outside, feel free to bring a blanket or chair.

Ages 2-6

EVENING STORYTIME

Thursdays | 6 PM

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

All ages

she meets. Her calm hops and cuddly nature help children relax and learn the power of kindness, care, and comfort—one bunny hug at a time! Bleu will visit just before and during storytime.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND DECOR SWAP AND SHARE

October- all month | Library hours

Take or share your gently used and clean Halloween costumes and accessories at our SECOND Halloween Costume/Decor Swap. Call for more information. All ages, all sizes.

HOLIDAY DECOR AND SUPPLY SWAP AND SHARE

November- all month | Library hours

Take or share your gently used seasonal holiday decor. Call the branch for more information.

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.

STORYTIMES AROUND TOWN

1st Wednesdays | 11 AM

Join us for books, music, and fun at different locations around town! 

9/2: Williamsport C&O Canal- Meet at the grass across from Lockhouse #44. Park near Lockhouse #44 or in the lot located at 205 W. Potomac St Williamsport, MD.

10/7: The Historic Doubleday Hill Monument Cemetery at the intersection of Salisbury and Commerce Streets, Williamsport, MD. Wear your costume for more spooky fun!

11/4: Town Hall- 2 N Conococheague St, Williamsport, MD 21795. Park behind the building, or on the street.

KIDS & TWEENS

MAKERSPACE TABLETOP CHALLENGE

Every week | Library hours

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

SPECIAL STEMFEST MAKERSPACE WEEK

All week October 19- 24 | Library hours

Special StemFest activities at our makerspace table, changing daily. Grades K-5

HOMESCHOOL: STEM EXPLORATION DAY

Thursday, October 22 | 2-3 PM

Tuesday, November 10 | 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

Tuesday, November 3 | 3-4 PM

Monday, November 16 | 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. We supply the props and camera; you supply the smiles! All ages welcome.

ADULTS

NEW: WALK & TALK

Every Tuesday through October | 1:30 PM

Get out of the library for a casual walk in Byron Memorial Park, on the walking path, with library staff. Talk, socialize, or enjoy the great outdoors with others. 



WILLIAMSPORT

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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.

9/3: *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult

10/1: *No Sense in Wishing: Essays on Black Music, Belonging and Baltimore* by Lawrence Burney (One Maryland One Book)

11/5: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

CRAFTY COMPANIONS

2nd Mondays, Sep. & Nov. | 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. Seasonal crafts and supplies provided.

ADULT CRAFTY HOUR

Select Wednesdays | 5:30 PM

Crafting can relax and help improve your mood. Join us for an enjoyable hour. All supplies are provided. For teens & adults, ages 13+ 

9/9: Simple macrame hanging

10/14: Needle felted pumpkin scene

11/18: Mini fall snow globe

LONG STORY SHORT BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays | 12:15 PM

Don't have time to read long novels, all are welcome to our bite sized book club. Each month we will discuss a short book, poetry, and/or short story. Children are welcome- Wiggle and Giggle play space will be open and available during the book talk.

9/16: *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury

10/21: *The Witch Doesn't Burn in This One* by Amanda Lovelace

11/18: *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang

BOOKBINDING: 2 PART SERIES

Tuesdays, September 15 & 22 | 5-6:30 PM

Join us to learn Coptic Bookbinding with local artist Linda Bruckart! This is a two-part class that allows participants to practice the

techniques of bookbinding the first week and create their very own personalized book the second week! For adults. Seats limited. 

APPALACHIAN SAVE A LIFE DAY / NARCAN TRAINING

Thursday, September 24 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Join Lindsay Ridenour from the Washington County Health Department for a training on how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to save someone in cases of opioid overdose, as well as resources in receiving treatment and support. Get your questions answered.

TALKS WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mondays, Sep. 28, Oct. 26, & Nov. 16

Wednesdays, Sep. 9, Oct. 21, & Nov. 18

Preceding 11 AM Storytime

The Washington County Health Department (WCHD) visits to share tips about safe kids.

HEALTHY HEART INFORMATION SESSION WITH WCHD

Monday, September 28 | 5:45 PM

Come learn about living a healthy lifestyle and find out if you are eligible to join in the 4-week Healthy Heart Program provided by the Washington County Health Department.

FOUNTAIN PEN SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 6 | 5:30-6:30 PM

Fountain pen enthusiasts, and those interested in this timeless tool, are welcome to our social. Bring along your favorite pen to share, or just come to talk to other enthusiasts. For teens & adults, ages 13+

GHOSTS OF ANTIETAM

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C&O CANAL ECOLOGY HIKE

Thursday, October 8 | 1:30 PM

Meet at the Cushwa Warehouse Building Visitors Center: 205 W Potomac St, Williamsport, MD 21795

Join us, along with Park Ranger Cristal, at the C&O Canal Towpath for a hike. Look at animal tracks, scat, and furs, as well as key plants found this time of year. Families are welcome to pick up a Junior Ranger book at the Visitors Center and earn their badge during the visit. Rain or shine. 

LOCAL HISTORY TALK: THE BELLEVUE ASYLUM

Tuesday, October 27 | 6 PM

Abigail Koontz, Curator of the Washington County Historical Society, will present on the Bellevue Asylum in Hagerstown. This 1880s asylum was built to replace the Hagerstown Almshouse and lasted until 1956. When it was torn down and replaced by Coffman Nursing Home on Pennsylvania Avenue.



Celebrating America & Washington County

This year, the United States of America and our very own Washington County are celebrating their 250th anniversaries.



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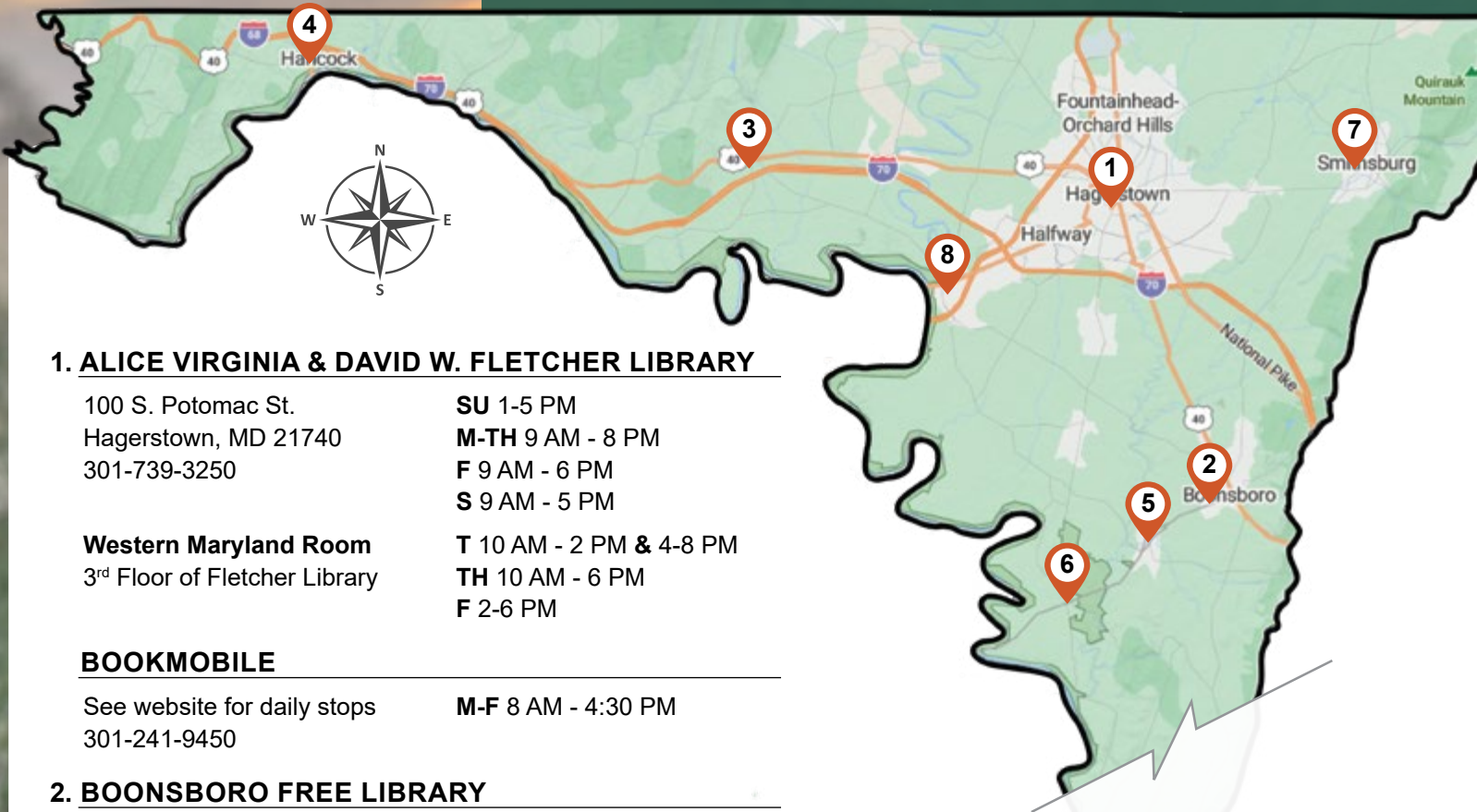




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BRANCH INFORMATION



1. ALICE VIRGINIA & DAVID W. FLETCHER LIBRARY

100 S. Potomac St.
Hagerstown, MD 21740
301-739-3250

SU 1-5 PM
M-TH 9 AM - 8 PM
F 9 AM - 6 PM
S 9 AM - 5 PM

Western Maryland Room
3rd Floor of Fletcher Library

T 10 AM - 2 PM & 4-8 PM
TH 10 AM - 6 PM
F 2-6 PM

BOOKMOBILE

See website for daily stops
301-241-9450

M-F 8 AM - 4:30 PM

2. BOONSBORO FREE LIBRARY

401 Potomac St.
Boonsboro, MD 21713
301-432-5723

M-TH 10:30 AM - 7 PM
F 10:30 AM - 6 PM
S 10:15 AM - 3 PM

3. CLEAR SPRING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

12624 Broadfording Rd.
Clear Spring, MD 21722
301-842-2730

T-TH 11:30 AM - 7 PM
F 11:30 AM - 6 PM
S 10:15 AM - 2 PM

4. HANCOCK VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

231 Hancock Veteran's Pkwy.
Hancock, MD 21750
301-678-5300

T-TH 11:30 AM - 7 PM
F 11:30 AM - 6 PM
S 10:15 AM - 2 PM

5. KEEDYSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

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

T 2:15 - 6 PM
W 10:15 AM - 2 PM
S 10:15 AM - 2 PM

6. SHARPSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

106 E. Main St.
Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-8825

T-TH 1:30 - 7 PM
S 9:15 AM - 1 PM

7. SMITHSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

66 W. Water St.
Smithsburg, MD 21783
301-824-7722

M,W,TH 10:30 AM - 7 PM
T 11:30 AM - 8 PM
F 10:30 AM - 6 PM
S 10:15 AM - 3 PM

8. WILLIAMSPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

104 E. Potomac St.
Williamsport, MD 21795
301-223-7027

M-TH 10:30 AM - 7 PM
F 10:30 AM - 6 PM
S 10:15 AM - 3 PM

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Labor Day
Monday, September 7
Indigenous People Day
Monday, October 12

Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27



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