Annual Poetry & Short Story Writing Contest
for all ages!

January 1–March 15

Please visit washcolibrary.org for more information about age divisions, contest rules, and entry submission!
**50 Book Challenge**
**Thursday, January 16 • 7-9 PM**
Can YOU read 50 books in a year? Try it! Join our group to help motivate you to reach a goal of reading 50 books in a 12-month period.

**Cooking From the Books Cookbook Club**
**Tuesday, January 14 • 6 PM**
Bi-monthly cookbook club to share sample recipes from cookbooks based on a theme. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of odd months (Jan., March, May, etc.).

**Organize Your Life Book Club**
**Monday, January 27 • 6:30 PM**
Are you overwhelmed by life? You’re not alone. Throughout 2020, the book club will read 4 self-help nonfiction books, discuss them and encourage each other in the process. These books will help you meet goals, balance your work & home life and even organize your stuff. Our first book is *Girl, Stop Apologizing* by Rachel Hollis.

**Noteworthy Sundays**
**Sunday, January 12 • 3 PM**
The King (Elvis Tribute Artist Randoll Rivers) is back to ring in the new year with style!

**Sunday, February 16 • 3 PM**
The Robinsons are visiting from Vermont to share their fun folk stylings.

**McCauley Lecture**
**Monday, February 3 • 7 PM**
Emilies Amt presents “African Americans in the Civil War in Western Maryland.”

**Mystery Book Club**
**2nd Thursdays, January 9 & February 13 • 7 PM**
*Western Maryland Room*

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**New Year BOOKOPOLY**
Pick up your New Year Bookopoly board at either Reference Desk for your chance to win an Amazon Fire tablet!

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Technology Classes § 3rd Wednesdays • 2 PM
Come learn some computer basics! These classes are designed for beginners.

Technology Classes for 2020:
2/19: Basics of Computers
3/18: Windows 10
4/22: Internet Safety/Internet Basics
5/20: Free Graphic Design Programs
8/19: Beginners Excel
9/16: Intermediate Excel
10/21: Social Media Safety and Tips
11/18: Google Apps

Make & Take
Tuesday, February 11 • 6 PM
Join us to paint valentine rocks!

Fletcher Film Series
6:30 PM
Visit the library calendar for more information. Light refreshments served.

Let It Snow
Wednesdays, January 8 & 22
Brrrr! It's cold outside! Stop by and stay warm as you enjoy these winter movies!
1/8: Fargo (R)
1/22: Snowpiercer (R)

Game Night
2nd Thursdays, January 9 & February 13
5:30-8 PM
Bring your friends & family and enjoy some fun games! You can find our full list of games on our website.

Heart Breakers
Wednesdays, February 5 & 19
Tired of flowers and candy hearts? Sick of Cupid? Then you'll love our selection of "anti" Valentine's Day films!
2/5: Fatal Attraction (R)
2/19: Gone Girl (R)

Spanish English Chat Club
Thursdays • 6:30 PM
Teachers from Comunidad Latina de Washington County and Hagerstown Community College will be there to help guide discussion and answer questions.

Tech Help Appointments
You can now schedule tech help appointments with the Reference Staff!

The Reading Hour
Monday, February 3
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### Game Club
Mondays • 5-8 PM
Play games with your friends and meet new gamers. Please note: No Game Club on 1/6, 1/20, or 2/17.

### Teen Connect
Tuesdays • 5-7 PM
1/14: Art with Anthony: Polymer Clay
1/21: Teen Movie Night.
2/4: Bunco. This simple dice game has been around since the mid-1800s and it's still very popular.
2/11: Art with Anthony: Paper Crafts
2/18: iCivics- Play games to find out what it takes to run our country.
2/25: Hot Soup on a Cold Day- The Master Gardeners of Washington County will teach us to make soup with fresh ingredients!

### Teen Library Council
Wednesdays • 5-7 PM
Participate in a community of teen artists and writers. Earn SSL hours and make new friends.

### Open Mic Night
Wednesday, February 26 • 5-7 PM
Come share what you’ve got: comedy, poetry, stories, opinions. We'll listen. Hosted by the Teen Library Council.

### Tutoring
Thursdays & Fridays • 4:30-5:30 PM
The National Honors Society Students from Barbara Ingram School for the Arts will be offering free tutoring. (Note: the Young Adult librarians would be happy to provide you with tutoring on any subject at any time!)

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**Teens Have Talent 2020 Auditions**
Please call or check website for more details about audition requirements.

Saturday, January 25 • 1-3 PM @ South Hagerstown High School
Any type of act

Tuesday, January 28 • 5-7 PM @ the Fletcher Branch Library
Vocal & instrumental acts only
**Infant Storytime**

*Wednesdays*

10:15 & 11:15 AM


Ages 6-18 months

**Toddler Time**

*Mondays*

10:15 & 11:15 AM


Ages 18-36 months

**Preschool Storytime**

*Fridays • 11:30 AM*

*Ages 3-5*

**Stories by Starlight**

*Thursdays • 6:30 PM*

Bring your teddy bear and wear your pajamas! Join us for songs, crafts, and fun before bedtime.

*All ages*

**Celebrate Snow**

*Friday, January 10 • 11:30 AM*

We'll be having a fun snow Preschool storytime and making a snow craft at 11:30 AM!

**Middle School STEM: Afterschool Universe**

*Mondays • 4-5:30 PM*

Take a journey through the universe beyond our solar system with Mr. Jay and Ms. Aimee.

1/27: Modeling the Universe and Cosmic Survey

2/3: Telescopes and Invisible Light

2/10: Spectroscopes

2/24: Stars Part I

*Ages 9-13*

**Kids Discover Science Workshops**

*2nd Saturdays • 11 AM*

January 11: Long Live Your Lungs

February 8: Snowflake Designs

*Ages 5-9*

**LEGOs @ the Library**

*3rd Fridays • 3:30 PM*

January 17: Winter Animals

February 21: Snowflake Designs

*Ages 4 and up*

**Peep Science**

*3rd Saturdays • 11 AM*

January 18: Explore Sound

February 15: Explore Sound

*Ages 3-5 and their caregivers*

Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Library Children's Department

301-739-3250 ext. 250

@WCFLKids
Take Your Child to the Library Day
Saturday, February 1
Make sure to visit your local library today and celebrate all we have to offer!

Read with a Friend
Children can read with a certified therapy dog. First come, first served.
1st Saturdays, January 4 & February 1
1 PM

Make a Valentine
January 13- February 5
The Children’s Department will collect holiday cards for participants in the Meals on Wheels program!

Valentine's Day Party
Thursday, February 13 • 4 PM
Celebrate Valentine's Day a day early with your favorite children’s librarians. We’ll have stories, snacks, games, and a Valentine’s craft project.
Ages 5 and up

Family Movie
Community Room 308/309
Saturday, January 4 • 2 PM
Dora and the Lost City of Gold
Saturday, February 1 • 2 PM
Angry Birds 2

Middle School Book Club
3rd Wednesdays, January 15 & February 19 • 3:30 PM
Ask at the Children's Desk about upcoming dates and book titles.
Grades 5-8

Check out our new Garfield and Friends Cyber Safety game on the Children’s Dept. computers!

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**For Children**

**Lap-Sit**  
Fridays • 11 AM  
Bring your baby to the library! Join other families in a fun, interactive setting.  
*Ages birth-18 months*

**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays • 11 AM  
Gather to learn about numbers, shapes, and colors with other toddlers.  
*Ages 18-36 months*

**Preschool Storytime**  
Wednesdays • 3:30 PM  
Have fun at storytime! Develop a love of reading and start school ready to learn.  
*Ages 3 and up*

**Themed Storytime**  
Saturdays • 11 AM  
Seasonally themed storytime— make a craft to take home!  
*All ages*

**A Wags to Read**  
Mondays, January 27 & February 24  
5:30-6:30 PM  
Read to a therapy dog to increase your child’s skill and enjoyment in reading.

**LEGO Club**  
Wednesdays, January 8 & 22 and February 12 & 26 • 4:15 PM  
Join us for a Lego building challenge.

**Home School STEM Class**  
4th Tuesdays • 1 PM  
- January 28: STEM Open House  
- February 25: Animal Homes  
*Grades 1-5*

**American Girl Book Club**  
2nd Mondays • 6 PM  
Pick up a copy of the book to read and discuss in the next club meeting.  
- January 13: *The Roar of the Fall: My Journey with Kaya* by Emma Berne  
- February 10: *Addy Saves the Day* by Connie Reese Porter  
*Ages 6-12*
BOONSBORO

Anime & Manga Club
Fridays, January 10 & 24 and February 14 & 28 • 4:30 PM
Talk about manga and anime!

ABC: Afternoon Book Club
3rd Tuesdays • 3 PM
January 21: Radium Girls by Kate Moore
February 18: Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery

Rug Hooking
Saturdays, January 4 & February 1 • 11 AM
Join us to try your hand at rug hooking.

For Adults & Families

Financial Literacy Q&A
Tuesday, January 28 • 7 PM
Do you have financial questions? Come join REACH of Washington County as we try to help you navigate all your questions and concerns about money.

Music Therapy for Beginners
Thursday, February 6 • 3 PM
Learn about how music can help beat the winter blues, and find new music and music resources to help.

For Tweens & Teens

Teen Game Afternoon
Fridays, January 3 & 17 and February 7 & 21 • 4 PM
Join other teens for some gaming fun or bring your own games to play

Anime & Manga Club
Fridays, January 10 & 24 and February 14 & 28 • 4:30 PM
Talk about manga and anime!

Movie Nights
Tuesday, January 14 • 6 PM
Blinded by the Light (PG-13)

Tuesday, February 11 • 6 PM
Judy (PG-13)

Free Family Movies
Saturday, January 25 • 11:30 AM
Detective Pikachu (PG)

Saturday, February 15 • 11:30 AM
Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG)

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For Children

Friday Storytime
Fridays • 11:30 AM
Stories, songs, movement, and more.
Ages 2-5 and their caregivers

Special Storytime:
It's Valentine's Day!
Friday, February 14 • 11:30 AM
Celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, songs, and a craft.
Ages 2-5 and their caregivers

LEGO Building Club
1st Tuesdays, January 7 & February 4 • 3:45 PM
Try the monthly building challenge or come up with your own design.

For Tweens & Teens

Sweet Stuff
Tuesday, February 11 • 3:30 PM
Create a special treat for Valentine's Day.
Ages 11-18

For Adults & Families

Adult Book Discussion
1st Wednesdays • 11:15 AM
January 8: *Surprise Me* by Sophie Kinsella
February 5: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Tin Can Snowman
Saturday, January 11 • 11 AM
Make a snowman perfect for winter decorating!
Ages 8 and up

Make It Take It Family Craft
3rd Thursdays, January 16 and February 20 • 5-7 PM
Drop in and make a craft with the family.
All ages

Painted Glassware
Saturday, February 8 • 11 AM
Transform an ordinary glass into a beautiful original for yourself or someone special.
Ages 8 and up

Valentine's Day Cards
February 11-14
Stop in and make a card!
All ages
Veterans Memorial Branch Library
231 Hancock Veterans Memorial Parkway  Hancock, MD
301-678-5300
@HancockLibrary

For Children

**Preschool Storytime**

*Wednesdays • 11:30 AM*
Stories, songs, movement activities, simple sign language, and a craft.

**LEGO Club**

*1st Tuesdays, January 7 & February 4 • 4 PM*
A new challenge every month!
*Grades K and up*

**Homeschool Day at the Library**

*2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 2 PM*
An enrichment activity for homeschool families.
*January 8: CPR & First Aid Overview*
*January 22: Book Club & Coding Club*
*February 12: To Be Announced in Jan.*
*February 26: Book Club and Coding*
*Grades K-12*

**Minecraft/Roblox Club**

*4th Tuesdays, January 28 & February 25 • 4 PM*
*Grades 1 and up*

For Adults & Families

**Adult Book Club**

*2nd Tuesdays • 5 PM*
*January 14: A River To Home* by Leila Ryland Swain with a visit from the author
*February 11: To Be Announced*

**Family Craft Saturday**

*2nd Saturdays • 1-3 PM*
*January 4: Cardboard Art*
*February 8: Crepe Paper Flowers*
*Ages 8+ and their families*

**Lecture Series**

*3rd Thursdays • 6 PM*
*January 16: The Life and Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe*
*February 20: The Harlem Renaissance*

**Tween/Teen Night**

*3rd Tuesdays • 4 PM*
A fun drop-in STEM activity geared toward the YA crowd.
*January 21: Macrame Bracelet*
*February 18: 3D Cards*
*Ages 10-18*
Visit the Keedysville Branch Library to find books and movies, access public computers, and more!

Please check the next issue of *Main Street* and the library's online calendar for updates about future programs.

**Western Maryland Historical Library (WHIBLR)**

The Washington County Cemeteries - Samuel Piper and the DAR Collection features maps of each district of Washington County and their accompanying list of cemeteries.

Samuel Webster Piper visited all the known cemeteries in Washington County, Maryland, between 1936 and 1941 to draw up a complete list of names of the deceased from the cemetery markers. To do so, Piper listed each grave in row order, meaning the names of the deceased are not in alphabetical order. However, a visitor could find a marker and follow down the row reading the names off in the same order.

Lists may or may not include the following information; name, birth date, death date, relation to the head of household, age at death, or more simple indicators such as father, mother, son, and daughter. Piper created his list by writing down exactly what was inscribed on each headstone, therefore some markers on the list may have more information than others.

The cemetery districts that are included in the collection are as follows: Beaver Creek, Boonsboro, Cavetown, Chewsville, Clear Spring, Conococheague, Downsville, Funkstown, Halfway, Hancock, Indian Springs, Keedysville, Leitersburg, Ringgold, Rohrersville, Sandy Hook, Sharpsburg, Tilghmanton, Williamsport, Wilson, and some of the smaller Hagerstown cemeteries.

Piper’s hand-written list was typed up by the members of the Conococheague Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) starting in 1942. To learn more visit the collection at digital.whilbr.org and search Washington County Cemeteries – Samuel Piper and the DAR.
Learn to Knit with Judy Sopenski
Wednesdays, January 15 & February 12, 6:30 PM
1/15: Learn to "knit" and make a potholder or bring your own project.
2/12: Learn to "purl" and make a washcloth or bring your own project.

Researching African American Genealogy
Thursday, February 20, 7 PM
ZSun-nee Miller-Matema will discuss researching her great-great-grandfather, the grandson of the personal maid of Martha Washington, Caroline Branham. ZSun-nee became an historical interpreter at Mount Vernon playing Caroline. Ed Beeler, Tolson Chapel Board member, will also discuss extensive research of members of Tolson’s Chapel.

Hal a Day Late: the Battle of Crampton’s Gap at South Mountain
Thursday, January 16, 7 PM
Author Sean Daniels will talk about his research into writing his historical fiction book Half a Day Late. Books will be available for signing.

For Children
Books with Baby
2nd Thursdays, January 9 & February 13, 2:30 PM
Ages birth-24 months

For Adults & Families
Adult Book Share
Wednesdays, January 8 & February 5, 10 AM
Bring a current favorite book to share.

Half a Day Late: the Battle of Crampton’s Gap at South Mountain
Wednesday, January 22, 6 PM
For Adults & Families

Movie Nights
Wednesday, January 22, 6 PM
Judy (PG-13)

Wednesday, February 19, 6 PM
Abominable (PG)

Hot Chocolate Wednesdays
Wednesdays in February
Come in out of the cold! Enjoy some hot chocolate or tea while browsing the collection.

Libraries in Sharpsburg
Thursday, February 6, 7 PM
Presented by the Sharpsburg Historical Society, Sharpsburg Branch Library and Antietam Battlefield’s Librarian Stephanie Gray.

LEGO Club
1st Saturdays, January 4 & February 1, 10 AM

For Children
Themed Storytime
Thursdays, 3:30 PM
Ages 3 and up
For Children

**Storytimes**

**Infant Storytime**
2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 11 AM
*Ages 6-18 months*

**Toddler Time**
Thursdays • 11 AM
*Ages 18-36 months*

**Preschool Storytime**
Fridays • 11 AM
*Ages 3-5*

**Saturday Storytime**
Saturdays • 11:30 AM
*All ages*

**LEGOs at the Library**
Monday, January 13 • 5:30 PM

**Owl Pellets**
Tuesday, January 14 • 7 PM
Dissect an owl pellet and learn about what owls eat.
*Ages 5-12*

**History of Valentine's Day**
Wednesday, February 12 • 6 PM
Learn the history of Valentine's Day and create a handmade valentine.
*Ages 5-12*

**For Tweens & Teens**

**Popsicle Stick Snowflakes**
Thursday, January 16 • 6 PM
Teens, create a cool snowflake to hang in your room.

**Un-Valentine Party**
Thursday, February 13 • 6 PM
Join us for snacks and create a black duct tape rose and some other Un-Valentine activities.

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**It's Storytime in Our Town:**
**Martin's Foods**
Saturday, February 22 • 11:30 AM
22401 Jefferson Blvd, Smithsburg
Little readers, learn all about the grocery store! Stories and songs, too! See you there and look for another community location in the future.
For Adults & Families

**Writers Group**
2nd & 4th Saturdays • 10:15 AM

**Knitting, Crocheting, & Craft Group**
Mondays • 10:30 AM- 2:30 PM
Bring a project and join this group.

**Fit After Fifty**
Tuesday, January 14 • 3 PM
This class will help you meet your New Year’s goals. Dr. Joseph ‘Jake’ Jacobs will demonstrate exercises and stretches that can get you in shape and delay the need for a cane. Sign up and bring a friend.

**History of the Honey Bee**
Tuesday, January 21 • 7 PM
Ora Hays, owner of Hays Apiary, will discuss the history of the honey bee, and explain his operation which he has operated since 1967. This program is brought to you by the Smithsburg Historical Society.

**Valentine Gumball Machine**
Tuesday, February 4 • 7 PM
Join us to create a gumball machine out of a recycled jar and clay pot. We will fill the machine with candy hearts. For teens and adults.

**Catoctin’s New Deal**
Tuesday, February 11 • 7 PM
Andre Regiec will present how the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration helped to develop what is now Catoctin Mountain Park.

**Elder Fraud**
Tuesday, February 18 • 3 PM
Middletown Valley Bank’s Elder Fraud presentation will go over the different types of fraudulent situations that are happening in today’s world and provide information on how not to become a victim.

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For Children

Storytimes

Musical Storytime
Mondays • 11:30 AM
Sing, dance, and learn together!
Ages 0-6

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays • 11:30 AM
Books, music, and educational activities!
Ages 2-6

STEM Thursdays
Thursdays • 4 PM
Stop by the library to explore and learn with STEM activities and toys.
All ages

For Adults & Families

Hooks & Needles
Tuesdays • 12-2 PM
Our fun group meets to knit and crochet every week, share ideas and show off current projects.

Adult Book Club
1st Thursdays, January 2 and February 6 • 5:30 PM
Stop by the library ahead of our meeting to check out the upcoming book club titles.

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