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Beyond the Books:
AN EVENING WITH DEBBIE MACOMBER

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022
THE MARYLAND THEATRE
21 S POTOMAC ST, HAGERSTOWN, MD

MEET & GREET AFTERNOON TEA: 3 PM
AUTHOR TALK: 5 PM
BOOK SIGNING: 6 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!
Washington County Free Library's
8th Annual Comics Convention
WCFL FANCON

Saturday, August 6
11 AM - 4 PM
Fletcher Branch Library

- Activities
- Vendors
- Workshops & Panels
- Cosplay Parade

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![Image of a Darth Vader, a Stormtrooper, and a young girl dressed as a Jedi.

![Image of a boy dressed as Captain America and a woman in a black dress.

![Image of a man dressed as Deadpool with a woman holding a clipboard.]
Financial Literacy Classes from REACH
5 PM • Conference Room 334

Wednesday, July 13: The Landlord/Tenant Experience- This class will help you understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant under Maryland law, including what a lease is, what to do if a landlord doesn’t address your concerns, and how to be a good tenant.

Wednesday, August 10: Identity Theft and Scams- In this class, you will learn how to avoid identity theft and consumer scams, and how to make smart consumer purchasing decisions.

Registration and face coverings (for ages 2+) are highly encouraged for all in-person programs.

50 Book Cafe
Wednesday, July 13 • 6:30 PM
Western Maryland Room
Join us for a book chat! Whether you’re reading 50 books this year, or just want to talk about what you’re reading, we’re happy to have you!

Non-Fiction Book Chat
Monday, August 22 • 6 PM
Western Maryland Room
Are you a nonfiction reader wanting someone to chat to? The book selection for August’s meeting is The Doctors Blackwell by Janice P. Nimura.

Noteworthy Concert: Daniel Webber & Candice Mowbray
Saturday, July 2 • 3 PM
Community Room 308/309
Guitarists Candice Mowbray and Danny Webber perform music that bridges multiple musical styles, often simultaneously combining elements of classical, jazz and other traditions.

Dyed with the Tides: Summer Reading Club Tie Dye
Friday, July 8 • 1 PM
Bring this year’s white Summer Reading Club t-shirt or another white shirt to the Fletcher Branch for an afternoon of fun tie dye to make your shirt uniquely yours!
Emerge for Ages 18-25
Mondays • 1-4 PM • Conference Room 334
We see you! Now we want to hear from you! If you are 18-25 years old come join us for our regular Emerge meetings!

Meditate and Write with Emerge
Wednesdays in July • 2 PM • Community Room 334
Practice meditation and writing techniques to help relieve stress.

Write Here, Write Now
Thursdays, July 14 & 28; August 11 & 25 • 6 PM • Conference Room 334
Do you like to write? Come spend time writing, talking about writing, and workshopping!

Living and Dying with COVID-19: The Maryland Stories
Mondays and Fridays • 2 PM
Computer Lab
Come share your experience with how you've been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as we collect stories. We are partnering with the Global Z Recording Project.

Computers 101
Tuesdays in August • 3 PM • Computer Lab
In this five-week course, we’re going back to the basics. In weeks one through three, you'll learn how to operate your computer, and in weeks four and five, we'll give a brief introduction to the internet and email.

Kits
July - Make and Take 2 Go: Message in a Bottle
Tasty Take: Painted Desert Chili
August - Make and Take 2 Go: Jellyfish in a Bottle
Nature Take: Seashell Lotus
Toddler Time
Mondays • 10:15 & 11:15 AM
For ages 18-36 months.
Current session runs May-July.
Preregistration required.

Infant Storytime
Wednesdays • 10:15 & 11:15 AM
For ages 6-18 months.
Current session runs May-July.
Preregistration required.

Family Story Night
Thursdays • 6:30 PM
Come one, come all! Let's enjoy family
time together with fun stories!
For all ages.

Pre-School Storytime
Fridays • 11:30 AM
Stories, songs, activities, and more!
For ages 3-5.

Legos in the Library
Fridays, July 8 & August 12
Drop in 3:30-5 PM
Come build with the colors of our flag in
July and make a beach scene in August.
For ages 4 and up.

Read with a Pet
Saturdays, July 2 & August 6 • 1 PM
Children can read with Gimli the
dwelf cat at 1:00 PM. First come,
first served.

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WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!
Special Summer Reading Events

**Authentic Community Theatre**
**“Oceans of Possibilities” Performance**
Thursday, July 14 • 11 AM

When a pirate named Arrchie meets a magic mermaid who has the ability to grant him one wish, he’s ecstatic to wish to become a fish scientist. After Arrchie’s wish goes awry and he is turned into a fish, he sets out on a mission with the help of some other sea creatures. They all hope that their wishes can help make their dreams possible!

**StoryWalks**
Stop by to read these stories set up on display outside of the library each day!
- Week of July 25: *Grains of Sand* by Sibylle Delacroix
- Week of August 22: *Hello Ocean* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**Summer Reading Storytimes**
Join us during our Preschool Storytime at 11:30 AM for themed books and activities from the Summer Reading Story Boxes!
- August 5: Sharks!
- August 19: Tentacles!

**Oceans of Possibility Puppet Show**
Friday, July 29 • 11:30 AM

The WCFL players will present their annual summer puppet show, "Libby the Library Fish and Her Oceans of Possibilities," for patrons of all ages. This event will also feature a reader’s theater, craft, and a visit from the Bookmobile!

**The National Aquarium presents: Sharks!**
Wednesday, August 17 • 11 AM

The National Aquarium in Baltimore is coming to us to share about sharks! Explore the unique creatures and their amazing survival adaptations while dispelling myths about these "monsters."

For grades K-6 and their caregivers. Registration is requested.
Teen Library Council
We will be renewing TLC in September as the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Watch the library website for applications for this exciting new service program!

Teen Discord Server
[bit.ly/WCFLYADiscord]
Teens can join our Discord to share ideas over more than a dozen channels about your interests!

Game Club
Mondays • 5-6:30 PM
Challenge your fellow gamer teens on the Nintendo Switch! Have a friendly round on the new foosball table or break out the board games!

Manga/Anime Club
Tuesdays • 11 AM
We will talk about, watch, learn, debate all things manga and anime! Join us as we launch this group and help make it a place for anyone interested, either just discovering the genre or long time fans.

Craft Corner Club
Thursdays • 4 PM
Let's open up the craft cabinets in the new Craft Corner and see what fun and creativity we can get into. Have an idea for a group project? Email it to teensdept@washcolibrary.org!

Teen Chefs
Tuesdays, July 12 & August 9 • 5 PM
Join the Teen Chefs once a month as we enjoy the prep, learning, and eating of some yummy stuff.

July: Come get your hand dirty (or at least cold) while we make raspberry ice cream in a bag! Let's mix it all up and enjoy the seasonal fruits in a cool way!

August: As summer winds down, all kinds of melons are at their best. We will be making chilled cantaloupe soup (basically a smoothie) to cool off and use seasonal fruit!

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AHOY THERE!

THERE’S STILL TIME TO SET SAIL FOR OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES!

Join us on a voyage to explore Oceans of Possibilities during Summer Reading Club 2022. Welcome aboard the good ship Beanstack! Readers of all ages will use the Beanstack platform to log:

- **Minutes read**,
- **Badges earned**,
- **And prizes won**!

You can read on your own, with family members, with shipmates, in the pool, on a deserted island, listening to an audiobook, on an ereader - it doesn't matter how!

**EARN PRIZES FOR READING 200, 400, AND 500 MINUTES!**

Complete extra activity badges to be entered into raffle prize drawings.

The tides are in our favor and the library catalog is full of treasures for you to find!

**WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES ARE AHEAD!**

Access Beanstack online or download the app!
**Oceans of Possibility Puppet Show & Bookmobile Visit**  
Wednesday, July 27 • 3:30 PM
The WCFL players will present their annual summer puppet show for patrons of all ages. This event will also feature reader’s theater, craft, and a Bookmobile visit!

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**Children’s Programs**

**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays • 11 AM  
Gather with other toddlers to learn about numbers, shapes, and colors!  
For 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.  
For ages 3 and up.

**Lap-Sit**  
Fridays • 11 AM  
Bring your baby to the library! Join other caregivers and enjoy books with your child in an interactive setting.  
For ages birth-18 months.

**Themed Family Storytime**  
Saturdays • 11 AM  
Seasonally themed storytime for all ages— make a craft to take home!  
For all ages.

**Octopus Storytime**  
Saturday, July 2 • 11 AM  
Join us to learn about octopi at this special storytime with fun activities and a craft.

**Cubetto Deep Sea Storytime**  
Wednesday, July 6 • 3:30 PM  
Cubetto is going on a Deep Sea Adventure! We will be coding using coding puzzle blocks to help move our wooden Cubetto robot along on his adventure. For ages 4-7.

**Authentic Community Theatre**  
“Oceans of Possibilities” Performance  
Tuesday, July 12 • 11 AM  
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**Young Adult Programs**

**Anime Manga Club**
Fridays, July 15 and 29 &
August 5 and 19 • 4:30 PM
Talk about your favorite manga and anime!

**Nautical Bracelets**
Friday, July 29 • 4:30 PM
Come make your own nautical bracelet with knots and cord!

**Movie Nights**
Tuesday, July 12 • 6 PM
*Uncharted* (PG-13)
Tuesday, August 9 • 6 PM
*Death on the Nile* (PG-13)

**Adult Programs**

**ABC (Afternoon Book Club)**
3rd Tuesdays • 3 PM
July 19: *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley
August 16: *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lisa Gottlieb

**Outdoor Movie Nights**
Saturdays, July 16 & August 20 • after dark
Grab a chair or blanket and come join the town for a family movie night outside. In July, we will watch *Dog* and in August, we will watch *Encanto*.  

**Hoot with the Owls**
Saturday, August 13 • 11 AM
Learn which owls are native to our area, their special characteristics, and then dissect your own owl pellet. Registration required; limited to 10 families (one pellet per family).

**The National Aquarium**
Tuesday, August 16 • 11 AM
The National Aquarium in Baltimore is coming to us to share about sharks! Explore the unique creatures and their amazing survival adaptations! Registration is requested. For grades K-6 and their caregivers.

**Whale Done Summer Reading Club Party**
Saturday, August 27 • 11 AM
You’ve done a great job reading and exploring this summer! Enjoy treats, a take home craft, and an obstacle course! Help us create a drawn-to-scale whale in the parking lot!
Childrens Programs

**Friday Storytime**
Fridays • 11:30 AM
Join us for stories, songs, puppet friends, and more!
For ages 3-5.

**Oceans of Possibility Puppet Show & Bookmobile Visit**
Wednesday, July 13 • 2 PM
The WCFL players will present their annual summer puppet show for patrons of all ages. This event will also feature reader’s theater, craft, and a Bookmobile visit!

**Science in the Library: Oceanography**
July 5-6 • 2-4 PM
Join Mrs. Bono from FCPS as she presents a hands-on, educational program about oceanography and the properties of the sea.
Registration required.
For ages 6-12.

**Shark Craft**
Week of July 18 & Week of August 1
Come make a shark-themed craft!

Young Adult Programs

**Create a Jellyfish Lamp**
Tuesday, July 19 • 6 PM
Get into a deep sea mood with this hanging lamp shaped like a jellyfish. Registration required. For ages 11 and up..

Adult and Family Activities

**Family Craft Night**
Tuesday, July 12 • 6 PM
Come alone or with a friend/family member and make an undersea-inspired snow globe. Registration required. For ages 8 and up.

**Adult Book Discussion**
Wednesdays, July 6 & August 3
11:30 AM
Join other adults for a lively discussion!
Children’s Programs

Storytime
Wednesdays • 11:30 AM
A fun time for families to enjoy stories, movement, games, and a take-home craft! For ages 3-5.

Science in the Library:
Oceanography
July 12-13 • 4-5 PM
Join Mrs. Bono from FCPS as she presents a hands-on, educational program about oceanography and the properties of the sea. Registration required. For ages 6-12.

Adult & Family Programs

Oceans of Possibility Puppet Show
& Bookmobile Visit
Tuesday, August 2 • 11:30 AM
The WCFL players will present their annual summer puppet show for patrons of all ages. This event will also feature reader’s theater, craft, and a Bookmobile visit!

Family Craft Saturday
Saturday, August 20 • 12-2 PM
A drop-in or take a craft activity for the whole family to make. This month, tie dye a white shirt (like your Summer Reading Club shirt!) or a pair of socks. Registration required. For ages 5 and up.

Closing Party & The National Aquarium
Wednesday, August 17 • 2 PM
Join us for games, snacks, activities, and more at 2 PM in celebration of our Summer Reading Club. Then, the National Aquarium in Baltimore will share about sharks at 3 PM!

Tech Help
Fridays, July 15 & August 19
1-3 PM
½ hour scheduled appointments. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Adult Book Club
Tuesdays, July 12 & August 9
5 PM
New members are always welcome.
Take and Make Crafts for Teens:
Make something fun with a craft kit at home or at the library!

July: Make something fun and colorful with duct tape! Patterns provided.

August: Make a nautical bracelet with cord and knots!

Authentic Community Theatre
“Oceans of Possibilities” Performance
Tuesday, July 12 • 3 PM

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Make and Take Crafts
August
Pick up a different kit each week during the month to explore the ocean!

Oceans of Possibility Puppet Show & Bookmobile Visit
Tuesday, July 26 • 11 AM

The WCFL players will present their annual summer puppet show for patrons of all ages. This event will also feature reader’s theater, craft, and a Bookmobile visit!

Children's Programs

Registration and face coverings (for ages 2+) are highly encouraged for all in-person programs.

Young Adult Programs

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Join us for our 8th Annual Free Library Comics Convention: WCFL FANCON!
Saturday, August 6
11 AM-4 PM
Fletcher Branch Library
Sharpsburg Branch Library
106 East Main Street Sharpsburg, MD | 301-432-8825
Tues-Thurs: 1:30 PM-7 PM | Sat: 9:15 AM-1 PM

Registration and face coverings (for ages 2+) are highly encouraged for all in-person programs.

**Childrens Programs**

**Themed Storytime**
*Thursdays • 3:30 PM*
Join Ms. Carrie in the library for some themed stories.
For ages 3 and up.

**Special Storytimes**
*Thursday, July 14 • 3:30 PM*: Join Authentic Community Theatre in the park for a show!
*Thursday, July 28 • 3:30 PM*: Join us in the park for a *Hello Ocean* storywalk and some activities!
*Thursday, August 4 • 3:30 PM*: It's a Summer Reading Puppet Show at the library!
*Thursday, August 25 • 3:30 PM*: We're having an end of Summer Reading Club celebration!

**Kid Zone**
*July*: Make an origami bird!
*August*: Make a bag out of recycled shirts!
For ages 8-up.

**Sea Shell Seek and Find**
*July 19-21 & 23*
Find a seashell hidden somewhere in Sharpsburg Town Square. Bring it into the library that week to identify and win a prize! One shell per child per day please!

**Ocean Library Scavenger Hunt**
*August 16-18 & 20*
Visit the library this week, find the things on the list, and win a prize!
For ages 8 & up.

**Adult & Family Programs**

**Book Share for Adults**
*Wednesdays, July 6 and August 3 • 1 PM*
What are you reading? Come share with our group and find some new titles to read.

**Puzzle Swap and Share**
*Wednesday, July 13 • 1:30-6:30 PM*
Bring a puzzle or two and take one or two. Leftover puzzles will be donated to local churches and nonprofit organizations.

**Hidden Treasures in the Sharpsburg Library**
*Thursday, August 25 • 6 PM*
We have four Civil War books that were signed by Civil War soldiers. Come find out who these soldiers were and their connection to the Kretzer Family and the library.
Authentic Community Theatre
“Oceans of Possibilities” Performance
Friday, July 8 • 11 AM
When a pirate named Arrchie meets a magic mermaid who has the ability to grant him one wish!

Oceans of Possibility Puppet Show & Bookmobile Visit
Friday, August 5 • 11 AM
The WCFL players will present their annual summer puppet show for all ages. This event will also feature reader’s theater, craft, and a Bookmobile visit!

The National Aquarium
Tuesday, August 16 • 3 PM
The National Aquarium in Baltimore is coming to us to share about sharks! Registration required.

Smithsburg Branch Library
66 West Water Street Smithsburg, MD | 301-824-7722
Mon: 10:30 AM-7 PM | Tues: 12:30 PM-9 PM | Wed-Thurs: 10:30 AM-7 PM
Fri: 10:30 AM-6 PM | Sat: 10:15 AM-2 PM

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Childrens Programs

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11:30 AM  
For all ages. |

Make and Take Craft Kit
July: Mermaid or Pirate Talismans  
August: Hungry Fish

Simple STEM Challenge
July: Ocean Zones Bottle  
August: Water Pollution

Authentic Community Theatre
“Oceans of Possibilities” Performance
Friday, July 8 • 11 AM
When a pirate named Arrchie meets a magic mermaid who has the ability to grant him one wish!

Science in the Library: Oceanography
July 12-13 • 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Join Mrs. Bono from FCPS as she presents a hands-on, educational program about oceanography and the properties of the sea. Registration required. For ages 6-12.

Ocean Sensory Bottle
July 19 • 6 PM
Find your zen by creating a bottle filled with items that remind you of the ocean. Registration requested. For ages 12 and under.

The National Aquarium
Tuesday, August 16 • 3 PM
The National Aquarium in Baltimore is coming to us to share about sharks! Registration required.

LEGO Night
August 8 • 5:30 PM
LEGO night is back and we will be creating something from the ocean.
Young Adult Programs

D&D Club
Mondays (except 7/4, 8/8, & 8/15) • 5:30 PM
Calling all paladins, wizards, and bards of all levels!
Character creation, storytelling, epic battles, and adventures!

Ocean Art
Wednesday, July 13 • 4 PM
Mix up a dough and create a starfish, coral rock, or tube sponge.
Registration requested.

Tween/Teen Book Club
Mondays, July 25 & August 29 • 4:30 PM
We will pick books together. Come with all your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions!

Bermuda Triangle Escape Room
Monday, August 15 • 5 PM
Your ocean voyage has gone awry, the ship's instruments are not cooperating!
You and your crew are trapped in the Bermuda Triangle! You must work together and use your problem-solving skills to escape. Registration requested.

Adult & Family Programs

It's Game Night!
Monday, July 11 • 5:30-7:00 PM
Come meet new board game buddies, and play some current, award-winning games. Preregister to give us an idea of how many people to prep for. For ages 10 and up.

Adult Book Club
Fourth Tuesdays • 5 PM
July 26: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
August 23: TBD

writers group
Saturdays, July 9 & 23 and August 13 & 27 • 10:15 AM
Join this fun group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

Knitting, Crocheting, and Craft Group
Fridays • 10:30 AM-1 PM
Bring your project and join the group.
Registration and face coverings (for ages 2+) are highly encouraged for all in-person programs.

**Childrens Programs**

**Outdoor Musical Storytime**  
Mondays • 11 AM  
Sing, dance, and learn together!  
For ages 0-6

**Outdoor Pre-School Storytime**  
Wednesdays • 11 AM  
Books, music, and educational activities!  
For ages 2-6.

**Makerspace Tabletop Challenge**  
Stop by the new Makerspace to try a new tabletop challenge every week! Activities offered will include pre-coding, engineering, math, nature, and building challenges. For grades K-5.

**STEM Playtime for Preschoolers**  
Wednesdays • 11:30 AM  
Welcome to our Makerspace! Join us every Wednesday after Preschool Storytime for educational play focused on STEM concepts  
For ages 2-6.

**Sewing Sessions**  
Thursdays, July 21 and August 25  
11 AM-1 PM  
Sign up for a half-hour sewing session to learn the basics of sewing! Want to practice? Sign up for a sewing practice session later on. In July, sew a star pillow! In August, sew a tote bag!  
For grades 2-5.

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**Canal Days at the Library**  
Saturday, August 27 • 10:30 AM-1 PM  
Stop by the library for outdoor fun like a storywalk, face painting, carnival games, and an obstacle course!
Teen Programs

Teen Escape Room
Tuesdays, July 12 & August 9 • 4-6 PM
Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down timed challenges with your team to escape the room before the clock runs out! Call ahead at 301-223-7027 to reserve a team slot, or drop in during the program to join another secret agent team!
For grades 6-12.

Adult Programs

Williamsport Book Club
Thursdays, July 7 & August 4 • 6:30 PM
Join us for an engaging book discussion! All are welcome. Stop by the Williamsport Library ahead of book club to check out the upcoming book club titles.

Canal Days at the Library
Saturday, August 27
10:30 AM-1 PM
While you’re in Williamsport for Canal Days, check out the annual Williamsport Library Volunteer Booksale!
WCFL strives to make all programs accessible. Please inform us of needed accommodations two weeks prior to the program.

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