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***Winter Without Books? Nevermore* Winter Reading Program Sees Record Registrants**

The Harford County Public Library (HCPL) Winter Reading Program saw a 23% increase in registration versus last year during the first week of the program with over 2800 adults and high school teens signing up. The program, themed *Winter Without Books? Nevermore!*, began on January 4th and participants who signed up received a commemorative pen, black with white graphics depicting a raven in celebration of Edgar Allan Poe and his infamous quote.

The Edgewood Branch of HCPL will hold a special program on January 20th in honor of Edgar Allan Poe and his birthday. He was born on January 19, 1809. The discussion will center around the life of Edgar Allan Poe and the mysterious circumstances surrounding his death. The program will be presented by Jeff Korman of Maryland's State Library Resource Center. The program begins at 6:30 and registration is required. Call the branch at 410 612 1600 to register. Go to www.hcplonline.info for more information.

The Winter Reading Program runs through March 6. Adults who read or listen to at least five books and teens who read or listen to at least three books will receive a commemorative mug upon completion of the program. All incentives are while supplies last.

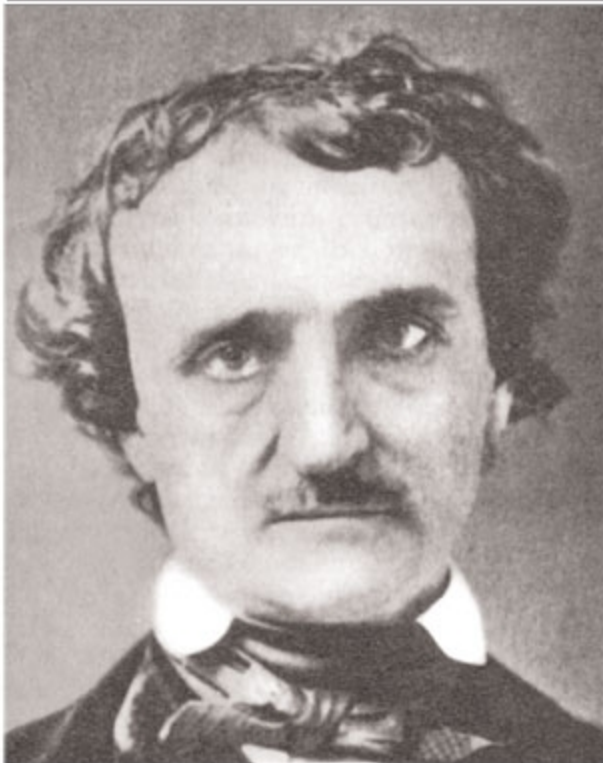
Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 200,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of almost 5,000,000. Harford County Public Library is committed to

providing access, service and information to the citizens of Harford County anytime, anywhere and creating an environment that encourages the acquisition of knowledge and the love of reading.

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Photo caption #1: Program on the life and death of Edgar Allan Poe to be held at the Edgewood Branch of Harford County Public Library on January 20.

POE: Man of Mystery



Join us for a lively discussion of the life and times of Edgar Allen Poe and the mysterious circumstances of his death.

Presented by
Jeff Korman of
Maryland's State Library
Resource Center.

For middle school
thru adult

Registration required

Wed Jan 20 6:30 pm

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Edgewood Branch
629 Edgewood Road
410-612-1600



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