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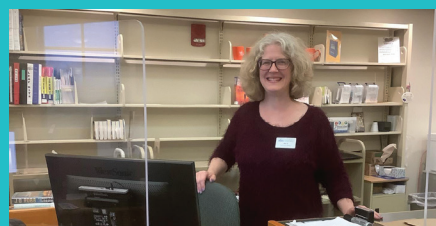
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Programs for
April & May
2023



Harford County
Public Library



**Celebrate National Library
Week** *April 23-29, 2023*



ABERDEEN

The Next Chapter All Ages

Sat Apr 1, 8, 15, 29 2:30-3:00 pm

Sat May 6, 13, 20 2:30-3:00 pm

Story time is not just for kids — reconnect with the joy of listening to stories! Each week librarians will read aloud a children's book, chapter by chapter over several weeks.

Sew Much Fun Grades 3-8

Mon Apr 3 4:00-5:00 pm

Mon May 1 4:00-5:00 pm

Discover hand or machine sewing. Already experienced? We'll have a project for you too!

Craft and Create: Flower Pens Adult

Tue Apr 4 10:15-11:30 am

Make flower pens and decorate pen holders using faux flowers and washi tape.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12

Wed Apr 5 3:30-5:00 pm

Wed May 3 3:30-5:00 pm

Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard in a safe space! Bring friends and make new ones.

Baby Masterpieces Babies

Tue Apr 11 10:45-11:15 am

Tue May 9 10:45-11:15 am

Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

Video Game Club Grades 6-12

Wed Apr 12 3:30-5:00 pm

Wed May 10 3:30-5:00 pm

Play games, relax, and have a great time with friends!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Family

Thu Apr 13 6:30-7:30 pm

Drop off your stuffed animal at the library for a sleepover! Wear your pajamas to a nighttime story time before we say goodbye to our friends for the night.

Pop Up STEM Family

Tue Apr 18 4:00-5:00 pm

Tue May 16 4:00-5:00 pm

Stop in for surprise hands-on STEM activities!

Pokémon Club Family

Wed Apr 19 3:30-5:00 pm

Wed May 17 3:30-5:00 pm

Hang out with Pokémon fans for card trading and battles!

Elementary Yoga Program Grades K-5

Thu Apr 20, 27 4:00-5:00 pm

Thu May 4, 11, 18 4:00-5:00 pm

Yoga teacher Donna Hinder will be introducing yoga exercises through hands-on fun. Wear comfortable clothing and socks.

AI Art and Games Grades 6-12

Fri Apr 21 3:00-4:00 pm

Help a machine algorithm draw, explore an AI dungeon, or generate your own art and images with different AI programs!

Celebrate Earth Day All Ages

Sat Apr 22 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Celebrate Earth Day in Festival Park with activities, games, and crafts!

Block Party Family

Fri Apr 28 2:00-3:00 pm

Fri May 26 2:00-3:00 pm

Fun for all ages! Build and create with blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles® and more!

Craft Swap Adult

Sat Apr 29 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Want to try a new craft without spending a lot on supplies or have an old one you never finished? Donations will be accepted starting April 15 or bring the day of the swap. You do not need to donate to participate. Donated items must be clean, dry, free of damage or age marks, and in good working condition.

Craft and Create: Photo Frame Banner Adult

Adult

Tue May 2 10:15-11:30 am

Decorate paper photo frames to create a personalized photo banner.

DIY Flipbooks Grades 6-12

Fri May 12 3:00-4:30 pm

Design, storyboard, and assemble your own flipbook!

ABINGDON

Ballet Chesapeake Presents *Coppelia* Family

Sat Apr 1 11:00-11:45 am

Enjoy an abridged version of the story of *Coppelia* performed by Ballet Chesapeake, followed by a story time and short dance lesson.

Block Party Family

Mon Apr 3 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Fri Apr 28 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Fri May 26 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Fun for all ages! Build and create with blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles®, and more!

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12

Wed Apr 5, 19 3:30-5:00 pm

Wed May 3, 17 3:30-5:00 pm

Join this lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Spring Sensory Stations Family

Thu Apr 6 3:00-4:00 pm

Engage your senses with different spring crafts and activities. After registering, please contact us to discuss any accommodations in advance.

Tot Prom Preschool & Toddlers

Tue Apr 11 10:15-11:00 am

Break out your dancing shoes and get your little one dressed in their itty-bitty best for our first ever Tot Prom!

Dungeons & Dragons for Kids! Grades 3-5

Wed Apr 12 4:00-5:00 pm

Wed May 10 4:00-5:00 pm

Come play a *D&D* adventure built especially with kids in mind. Become brave adventurers and show the monsters who's boss!

Art Lab Family

Thu Apr 13 4:00-5:00 pm

Thu May 4 4:00-5:00 pm

Star Wars® edition

Explore the works and styles of famous artists, then create your own masterpiece.

Science Club Grades K-5

Mon Apr 17 4:00-5:00 pm

Mon May 15 4:00-5:00 pm

Enjoy some fun hands-on science experiments and STEM activities!

Children's Sensory Room Open House Family

Wed Apr 19 5:00-6:00 pm

Discover this unique space for children of all abilities to enjoy with their families and caregivers. The Children's Sensory Room provides stimulation and relaxation through touch, light, sound, and using an array of multi-sensory experiences.

Spring Crafternoon Family

Mon Apr 24 4:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate spring by making some seasonal crafts!

Craft & Create: Aromatherapy Bracelets Grades 9-12 & Adult

Grades 9-12 & Adult

Thu Apr 27 10:15 am-noon

Join us as we make aromatherapy bracelets with gemstone beads! All supplies will be provided.

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play Grades 6-12

Thu Apr 27 3:30-5:00 pm

Thu May 25 3:30-5:00 pm

Unwind from school with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time at the library!

Puzzle Play Grades 9-12 & Adult

May 1-6 Library hours

It's Screen-Free Week! Unplug and relax at the library while adding a few pieces (or many) to our community puzzle.

Messy Makers Toddlers-Grade 2

Tue May 9 10:15-11:00 am

Have fun making artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of art supplies and techniques.

Special Guest *Presenters*



Chemistry in the Library Grades 3-8 Jarrettsville

Sat Apr 1 11:00 am-noon
Join chemist Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society for hands-on experiments exploring the chemistry of algae.

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van Adult Jarrettsville

Thu Apr 6 noon-3:00 pm

This month's focus is hydration.

Thu May 4 noon-3:00 pm

This month's focus is skin cancer.

UMUCH promotes wellness by sharing information on health topics, and providing community access to a range of preventative screenings. Testing for blood pressure, sleep disorder, body composition analysis, diabetes, and stroke are available free of charge. A nominal fee of \$10 for Cholesterol and A1C checks. Contact UMUH at 800-515-0044 with questions.

Edgewood High School Academy of Finance Program Grades 9-12 Edgewood

Wed Apr 12 3:00-4:30 pm

Thu Apr 13 3:00-4:30 pm

As part of a community series on financial literacy and financial education awareness, HCPL, along with Edgewood High School's Academy of Finance, will be working with a local financial institution to do a series of talks around the importance of savings, understanding a checking account, the benefits of creating a budget, and understanding spending habits.

Black Gospel Music Experience All Ages

Cultural Center at the Havre de Grace Opera House

Wed Apr 12 6:30-8:30 pm

In partnership with the Cultural Center at the Opera House in Havre de Grace,

join us for the 11th Annual Black Gospel Musical Experience. Local gospel choirs and soloists will highlight the sounds and history of Black Gospel Music. Learn about its roots and place in the African American community of today. Admission is free, but registration is required. Free tickets can be reserved through the Havre de Grace Cultural Center at www.OHHdg.org.

Financial Fraud: Don't Be a Victim Adult Joppa

Thu Apr 13 6:30-8:00 pm

Falling victim to financial fraud is costly. Scammers use creative schemes and phony offers to target the most vulnerable populations. Learn to recognize common scams to protect yourself and your loved ones. Presented by Harford County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit.

Tea-ology Adult Norrisville

Thu Apr 27 6:00-7:00 pm

The Tea Trolley of Delta, Pennsylvania, will be serving tea and scones during a presentation of tea basics. This includes a brief overview of the history of tea, development and traditions, differences in types of teas, and the best ways to brew them.

The Big Infinite Concert with Jordan Lally Grades 6-12 Shamrock Park

Fri Apr 28 3:00-4:15 pm

Through a combination of music, songs, and stories, this nationally known, highly sought-after band encourages self-expression, introduces mindfulness, and promotes positive mental health. Held outdoors at Shamrock Park, behind the Bel Air Library. In the event of rain, concert will be moved to the Abingdon Library.

Family Gatherings - Dragging Genealogy Information Out of Your Family Adult Virtual

Tue May 9 6:30-8:00 pm

Family gatherings – we all have them! Whether they're annual events like family reunions or one-time occasions like birthday parties, Father's Day, weddings, or funerals, this is a time when our family members come together. This presentation will give you tips and tricks to get your family members talking about family history, even if they don't want to! Presented by Melissa Barker.

And They're Off, A History of Horse Tracks in Harford County Adult Abingdon

Sat May 13 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn about the racetracks that were once located here and the role they played in the County's sporting and social history. Presented by Maryanna Skowronski, a lifelong equestrienne who has written for local, regional, national, and international publications on numerous horse sport topics.

Harford County's 250th Anniversary with Jack Shagena Grades 9-12 & Adult Fallston

Thu May 18 6:00-7:00 pm

Celebrate Harford County's 250th Anniversary with facts and insight into the past from local history expert Jack Shagena.

Let's Talk! Essential Conversations About Aging Adult Havre de Grace

Sat May 20 2:00-3:30 pm

Topics include finances, elderly parent care, priorities, and expectations. Presented by Joanne Wigod, Eldercare Advisor.

Meet the Authors

Meet the Author: Judy L. Murray Adult
Havre de Grace

Sat Apr 1 2:00-3:30 pm

Join local author, Judy L. Murray, to learn about the writing process behind her book series, *Murder in the Master: A Chesapeake Bay Mystery*. Books will be available to purchase and signing after the program.

Sheldon's Time F Family

Havre de Grace

Mon Apr 3 10:15-10:45 am

Join us for a special story time featuring author Lindsey Pope who will read her picture book *Sheldon's Time*!

Meet the Author: Jennifer Vido R Adult
Abingdon

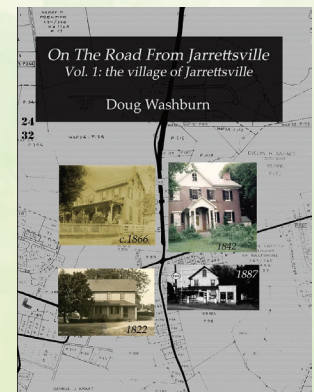
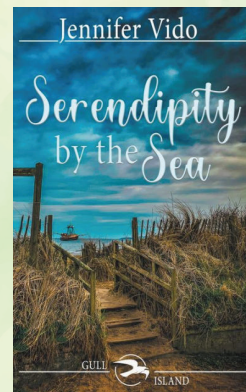
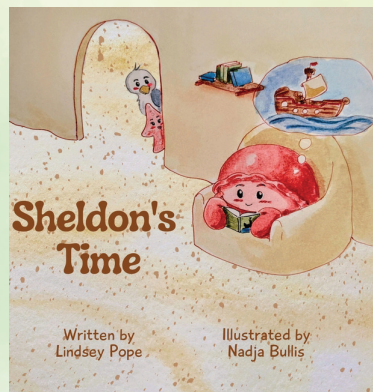
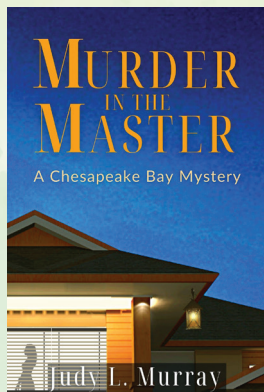
Tue May 2 6:30-8:00 pm

Local author, Jennifer Vido, celebrates the launch of her fourth book, *Serendipity by the Sea*. Book 1 in Vido's new Gull Island series, *Serendipity by the Sea* finds Cate Ainsworth poised to land her dream job when an ex-boyfriend returns to their Lowcountry hometown. Their long denied attraction tugs her in a new direction, but will she risk everything for a second chance at love? Books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

Meet the Author: Doug Washburn Adult
Jarrettsville

Thu May 25 6:15-7:45 pm

Doug Washburn presents the history of Jarrettsville based on his three-volume work, *On The Road From Jarrettsville*. In 2020, Vol. 1: *The village of Jarrettsville* was published with a focus on the four-corners of the village square. Vol. 2: *Cooptown* followed in 2021 as Cooptown was 'the place to be' in the Jarrettsville precinct of the late 1700s. Then in 2022, Vol. 3: *The Best of the Rest* explored aspects of Madonna, Black Horse, Shawsville, Federal Hill, and Taylor.



April is National Poetry Month

A Poem a Day All Ages

Edgewood April 1-29

Library hours

Come in to grab a unique, thought-provoking poem.

Celebrate National Poetry Month

Grades 6-12

Joppa April 1-29

Library hours

Edgewood Tue Apr 4 3:00-4:30 pm
Create your own unique works of poetry – including blackout poetry.

Open Mic Poetry Reading All Ages

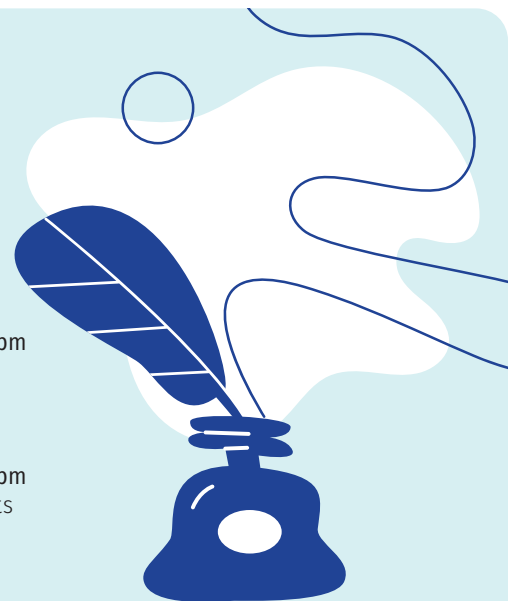
Edgewood Wed Apr 5 3:30-4:30 pm

Share your personal poetry work or your favorite poem by someone else.

Black Out Poetry Grades 6-12

Fallston Wed Apr 26 3:30-4:30 pm

Create black out poetry! Sharpies and texts provided.



B.Y.O.B – Bring Your Own Book! R

Grades 9-12 & Adult

Wed May 10 1:00-2:00 pm

Players bring a book of their choice that will be used to search for words and phrases that satisfy a prompt for each round. The most interesting/funny answers win points. The final winner(s) earn a small prize. Books will be swapped during the activity.

Transportation Sensory Stations R Family

Thu May 11 3:00-4:00 pm

Engage your senses with different transportation-themed crafts and activities. After registering, please contact us to discuss any accommodations in advance.

Teen After Hours – Anime Club Edition R

Grades 6-12

Fri May 12 4:00-7:30 pm

Tonight, we open the library just for teens! Come play games, listen to music, and have fun. *Please call the library for a parent permission slip*

Tech Time: 3D Design R Grades 9-12 & Adult

Sat May 13 10:15 am-noon

Let's make a mug! Using Tinkercad, staff will demonstrate and teach simple techniques to get you started modeling in 3D.

Craft and Create: Make a Dreamcatcher! R

Adult

Thu May 25 10:15 am-noon

We will be making dreamcatchers; a cultural and artistic contribution used by North American Indigenous cultures.

Teen D&D One-Shot R Grades 6-12

Fri May 26 2:00-4:00 pm

Players of all skill levels are invited to this beginner dungeon crawl! Character sheets will be provided.

BEL AIR**Reboot Week** Family

April 3-4 Library hours

Stop by the Children's Department to craft and play with some materials that may look familiar or be new to you!

Nature Crafternoon Preschool-Grade 2

Mon Apr 3 4:30-6:30 pm

Create art using items from our natural world. We will craft using twigs, pinecones, and more!

Find the Beat R Family

Tue Apr 4 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us for some dancing and percussion instrument playing.

The **Bel Air Library** will be closed for approximately 10 weeks beginning Wednesday, April 5 for major repairs.



The Passport Acceptance Facility will be temporarily relocated to the Abingdon Library at 2510 Tollgate Rd.

For more information, please visit HCPLonline.org

Thank you!

Dungeons & Dragons R Grades 6-12

Tue Apr 4 4:30-6:30 pm

Come play *Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition* with our experienced Dungeon Master.

Materials will be provided, but you're welcome to bring dice and books.

DARLINGTON**Master Gardeners: From Seed to Table** R

Adult

Harford County Agricultural Center

Sat Apr 1 1:00-2:30 pm

Learn basic vegetable gardening from transplanting baby seedlings to making sure they become strong, productive plants that yield a bountiful harvest.

Seeds & Stories R Family

Harford County Agricultural Center

Wed Apr 12 2:00-3:00 pm

Wed May 10 2:00-3:00 pm

In partnership with the Master Gardeners, enjoy stories and participate in a gardening-themed activity. Great for homeschool families.

Earth Day Crafternoon Family

Sat Apr 22 noon-2:00 pm

Plant and craft with us using natural and recycled materials to celebrate Earth Day. Stop by before or after the Harford County Office of Recycling Event at the Grove.

Art and Stories R Preschool-Grade 2

Harford County Agricultural Center

Tue Apr 25 10:15-11:15 am

Tue May 30 10:15-11:15 am

Get creative and enjoy stories along with art-themed, hands-on projects.

Half-Day Fun Family

Fri Apr 28 1:00-4:00 pm

Have a half-day at school? Come to the library and do or make something cool!

Chair Yoga R F Adult

Fri May 5, 12, 19 1:00-2:00 pm

Gentle yoga practiced with a chair for support or poses can also be performed standing, if desired. This series of movements and postures help improve stability, mobility, and balance. No mat required.

Master Gardeners: Lawn Alternatives for the Bees R Adult

Sat May 6 1:00-2:30 pm

Help decreasing bee populations and learn how to create a "Bee Lawn." We'll start by redefining what is a "weed," then look at how to add more perennial, bee-friendly flowers into a mowed lawn. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Susquehanna Room at the Harford County Agricultural Center at 3525 Conowingo Road, next door to the branch.

Teen After Hours **R** **F** Grades 6-12

Sat May 20 5:00-7:00 pm

Tonight, we open the library just for teens! Come play games, listen to music, and have fun. *A parent permission slip is required to participate*

EDGEWOOD**PlayStation® Power Play** Grades 6-12

Wed Apr 5, 12, 19, 26 3:00-4:30 pm

Wed May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 3:00-4:30 pm

Attention all gamers: need a place to let loose and test your skills? Come to the library on Wednesdays and play!

Candy BINGO Grades K-5

Thu Apr 6 4:30-5:30 pm

Thu May 4 4:30-5:30 pm

A fun and friendly game of Bingo, but did we mention there's candy involved?

Art and Stories Preschool-Grade 2

Thu Apr 13, 27 4:30-5:30 pm

Thu May 11, 25 4:30-5:30 pm

Get creative and enjoy stories along with art-themed, hands-on projects.

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12

Tue Apr 18 3:00-4:30 pm

Tue May 16 3:00-4:30 pm

Join this lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Pop Up STEM Family

Thu Apr 20 4:30-5:30 pm

Thu May 18 4:30-5:30 pm

Stop in for surprise hands-on STEM activities!

Block Party Family

Fri Apr 28 2:00-4:00 pm

Fri May 26 2:00-4:00 pm

Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles®, and more!

Master Gardeners: Choosing Native Plants for your Garden **R** Adult

Sat Apr 29 10:15 am-noon

Make your garden beautiful for you, as well as the environment, by using native plants instead of invasive garden plants. Learn more about both types and how to tell the difference between plants.

Everything Reels Grades 6-12

Tue May 9 3:00-4:30 pm

For up-and-coming social media influencers, discover tips and tricks that will help you get more engagement, likes, and follows.

Scrapbooking Hour **R** Adult

Wed May 17 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us as we share our scrapbooking techniques and create new memories. While some supplies will be provided, attendees should bring photos or other materials to use.

FALLSTON**Youth's Benefit Elementary School Art****Exhibition** All Ages

April 1-May 31 Library hours

Enjoy a rotating selection of artwork by students from Youth's Benefit Elementary School on display in the Children's area.

Baby Masterpieces **R** **F** Babies

Thu Apr 6 10:30-11:00 am

Thu May 11 10:30-11:00 am

Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12

Thu Apr 6 3:30-5:00 pm

Thu May 4 3:30-5:00 pm

Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard in a safe space! Bring friends and make new ones.

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12

Tue Apr 11 3:30-4:30 pm

Tue May 9 3:30-4:30 pm

Join this lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Experiment and Explore **R** **F** Preschool

Thu Apr 13 10:30-11:15 am

Thu May 18 10:30-11:15 am

Learn about science, music, math, and art concepts through hands-on activities and fun demonstrations!

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play Grades 6-12

Thu Apr 20 3:30-5:00 pm

Tue May 23 3:30-5:00 pm

Unwind from school with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time at the library!

Craft and Create **R** **F** Grades 9-12 & Adult

Thu Apr 27 6:00-7:30 pm

Canvas embroidery

Thu May 25 6:00-7:30 pm

Paint night

Join us for an evening of crafting fun. All supplies will be provided.

DIY Neon Signs **R** **F** Grades 6-12

Wed May 17 4:00-5:30 pm

Here's a bright idea: come create your own neon sign to light up your room!

Master Gardeners: Make a Meadow **R** Adult

Sat May 20 10:15 am-noon

Whether a small patch of earth or a very large field, learn how to make your own meadow filled with grasses and wildflowers that provide food, shelter, and nesting habitats for songbirds, small mammals, herptiles, and insects.

Block Party **F** Family

Fri May 26 2:00-3:00 pm

Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles®, and more!

HAVRE DE GRACE**PAWS and Read** Grades K-5

Sat Apr 1, 15 10:30-11:30 am

Sat May 6, 20 10:30-11:30 am

Get cozy with our doggie volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy dog.

Teen Time **F** Grades 6-12

Tue Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 3:00-4:30 pm

Tue May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 3:00-4:30 pm

Hang out at the library! Play video and board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends!

Egg Hunt **F** Family

Wed Apr 5 9:15-10:30 am

Grab your bunny ears and hop in for an egg-straight special event! Come in before we open for an egg hunt, followed by a fun spring craft. Doors open at 9:15, egg hunt begins promptly at 9:30.

Stories and Stretches Preschool-Grade 5

Mon Apr 17 1:30-2:15 pm

An interactive, playful story time filled with stories, yoga poses, and songs!

Teen After Hours **R** **F** Grades 6-12

Fri Apr 21 4:30-8:00 pm

Tonight, we open the library just for teens! Come play games, craft, color, and have fun. *Please call the library for a parent permission slip*

Busy Little Hands **F** Babies & Toddlers

Wed May 17 10:15-11:00 am

Wed May 17 1:15-2:00 pm

Increase pre-literacy skills and dexterity through creative play.

Stuffed Animal Pajamarama **R** **F** Family

Wed May 24 6:00-6:45 pm

Get in your PJs, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for bedtime stories and a craft! Then, your stuffie gets to spend the night! See photos of their shenanigans when you pick them up the next day.

JARRETTSVILLE**PAWS and Read** **R** Grades K-5

Sat Apr 1, 15 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Sat May 6 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Get cozy with our doggie volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy dog. Please call 410-692-7887 to register.

1,2,3 Come Play with Me **R** **F** Babies

Wed Apr 5 10:15-10:45 am

Wed May 3 10:15-10:45 am

Explore your baby's senses through music, exercise, and play activities!

Book Discussions

Afternoon Book Discussion Adult

Abingdon

Wed Apr 19 2:00-3:00 pm
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Wed May 17 2:00-3:00 pm
Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora

Darlington

Wed Apr 12 1:00-2:00 pm
The Body: A Guide for Occupants
by Bill Bryson

Wed May 10 1:00-2:00 pm
The Bookish Life of Nina Hill
by Abbi Waxman

Joppa

Tue Apr 4 noon-1:00 pm
The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede

Tue May 2 noon-1:00 pm
Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Whiteford

Wed Apr 19 2:00-3:00 pm
Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney
Wed May 17 2:00-3:00 pm
This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

Books at the Center Seniors

Chenoweth Activity Center

Thu Apr 20 2:00-3:00 pm
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
by Gabrielle Zevin

Thu May 18 2:00-3:00 pm
The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Edgewood Activity Center

Tue Apr 25 10:30-11:30 am
On The Roof Top by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton
Tue May 23 10:30-11:30 am
This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

Havre de Grace Activity Center

Thu Apr 13 10:00-11:00 am
Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
Thu May 11 10:00-11:00 am
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Highland Senior Activity Center

Thu May 4 10:00-11:00 am
One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle

McFaul Senior Center

Mon Apr 3 1:00-3:00 pm
A Simple Favor by Darcey Bell
Mon May 1 1:00-3:00 pm
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

Books on Tap Adult

Abingdon Grill

Wed Apr 12 6:30-8:00 pm
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
Wed May 10 6:30-8:00 pm
The Maid by Nita Prose

Slate Farm Brewery

Fri Apr 14 6:00-7:00 pm
The Devil and the Dark Water by Stuart Turton
Fri May 12 6:00-7:00 pm
The Foundling by Ann Leary

Evening Book Discussion Adult

Fallston

Thu Apr 13 5:30-6:30 pm
Big Lies in a Small Town by Diane Chamberlain
Thu May 11 5:30-6:30 pm
The Appeal by Janice Hallett

Havre de Grace

Wed Apr 19 6:00-7:00 pm
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Jarrettsville

Mon Apr 10 6:30-7:30 pm
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict
and Victoria Christopher Murray
Mon May 8 6:30-7:30 pm
The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly

Joppa

Thu Apr 27 6:30-8:00 pm
Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis
Thu May 25 6:30-8:00 pm
The Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly

Morning Book Discussion Adult

Aberdeen

Thu Apr 27 10:15-11:15 am
Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr
Thu May 25 10:15-11:15 am
The Maid by Nita Prose

Jarrettsville

Thu Apr 27 11:00 am-noon
True Grit by Charles Portis
Thu May 25 11:00 am-noon
Empire Falls by Richard Russo

Norrisville

Mon Apr 24 10:30-11:30 am
French Braid by Anne Tyler
Mon May 22 10:30-11:30 am
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Romance Book Discussion Adult

Aberdeen

Thu April 20 6:00-7:00 pm
The Light We Lost by Jill Santopolo
Thu May 18 6:00-7:00 pm
Before I Do by Sophie Cousens

Walking Readers Group Adult

Joppa

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 am
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Get moving! Chat with others about your current reads, discuss authors that you enjoy, and get some great recommendations on what to read next. Meet at the Joppa Library, then we will travel to Mariner Point Park.



Children's Book Week MAY 1-6

Celebrate Children's Book Week at all of our locations* with fun activities that celebrate your favorite children's books and characters!

**Fallston and Norrisville dates are supported by their Friends of HCPL.*



Story Times

	Family & Friends (10:15 AM) Family	Babies (10:15 AM) Birth - 24 months	Toddlers (10:15 AM) Toddlers
MON	Bel Air*, Edgewood, & Whiteford	Abingdon & Jarrettsville	
TUE	Fallston, Havre de Grace, & Joppa (3 rd Tuesdays)	Aberdeen	Bel Air*
WED	Aberdeen, Abingdon, & Norrisville	Bel Air*	
THU	Bel Air*, Darlington, & Havre de Grace	Whiteford	
FRI	Abingdon & Jarrettsville	*Bel Air Library story times happening through April 4 only due to closing for repairs.	
SAT	Bel Air* (2 nd Saturdays)		

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

The Next Chapter All Ages

Aberdeen

Sat Apr 1, 8, 15, 29 2:30-3:00 pm

Sat May 6, 13, 20 2:30-3:00 pm

Story time is not just for kids — reconnect with the joy of listening to stories! Each week librarians will read aloud a children's book, chapter by chapter over several weeks.

Earth Day Story Time F Family

Aberdeen Mon Apr 24 10:15-11:00 am
Enjoy stories, songs and activities about Earth Day!

Sensory Story Time R Family

Abingdon Tue Apr 25 10:15-11:00 am
Tue May 30 10:15-11:00 am

A multi-sensory story time for families of children of all abilities. After registering, please contact us to discuss any special needs or accommodations in advance.

Spring Signs Story Time F Family

Havre de Grace Wed Apr 26 10:15-11:15 am
Join us for a spring-themed story time incorporating American Sign Language. We will focus on spring signs as we read, sing, and play!

Saturday Story Time Family

Joppa Sat Apr 15 11:00-11:45 am
Sat May 6 11:00-11:45 am

Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Butterfly Bonanza F Family

Havre de Grace Wed May 10 10:15-11:15 am
Flutter in for a special butterfly story time and a craft!

Butterflies and Blooms Story Time Family

Whiteford Wed May 17 10:15-10:45 am
Enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and activities celebrating butterflies and flowers.

Jarrettsville Scrabblers Adult

Thu Apr 6 1:00-3:30 pm

Thu May 4 1:00-3:30 pm

Play this lively word game at the library!

ArtVentures **R** **F** Grades K-5

Wed Apr 12 2:00-3:00 pm

Wed May 17 2:00-3:00 pm

Discover the world of art and create some too! Great for homeschool families, but all are welcome.

Genealogy Discussion Group Adult

Thu Apr 27 6:15-7:45 pm

Share techniques, tips, and resources with fellow researchers.

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play **R** Grades 6-12

Fri Apr 28 2:00-4:00 pm

Fri May 26 2:00-4:00 pm

Unwind from school with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time at the library!

Teen Trivia **R** **F** Grades 6-12

Thu May 18 6:00-7:00 pm

Work your brain into a fun frenzy at this friendly trivia competition!

JOPPA**Spring Egg Hunt** **F** Family

April 1-10 Library hours

Locate the hidden eggs in our Children's Area for a special treat!

Bricks and Flicks **F** Family

Sat Apr 1 2:00-5:00 pm

Sat May 6 2:00-5:00 pm

Enjoy building with LEGO® blocks while watching a family friendly movie.

Gentle Yoga **R** **F** Adult

Mon Apr 10, 17, 24 5:30-6:30 pm

Mon May 1, 8, 15, 22 5:30-6:30 pm

Join instructor Kelly Blackburn for a gentle approach to yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities.

Vinyasa Yoga **R** **F** Adult

Mon Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 6:45-7:45 pm

Mon May 1, 8, 15, 22 6:45-7:45 pm

Join instructor Kelly Blackburn for a flow practice that integrates breath and movement to create strength and flexibility.

Preschool Music and Movement Preschool

Tue Apr 4 10:15-11:00 am

Tue May 2 10:15-11:00 am

Explore music and movement through stories, songs, and play!

Teen Crafternoon **F** Grades 6-12

Tue Apr 4, 18 4:00-5:00 pm

Tue May 2, 16, 30 4:00-5:00 pm

Join us for crafting fun! All supplies will be provided.

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12

Thu Apr 6 4:00-5:00 pm

Thu May 4 4:00-5:00 pm

Join this lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Puzzle Swap All Ages

Sat Apr 8 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sat May 13 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Finished a jigsaw puzzle and ready for the next one? Bring in puzzles to trade in for others!

Experiment and Explore Preschool

Tue Apr 11 10:15-11:00 am

Tue May 9 10:15-11:00 am

Learn about science, music, math, and art concepts through hands-on activities and fun demonstrations!

Knot Just Knitting @ Noon Adult

Tue Apr 11 noon-1:00 pm

Tue May 9 noon-1:00 pm

For all needlecrafters, come work on a project, share ideas, and learn more about the Library. Instruction is available for beginners.

Acts of Kindness **F** Grades 6-12

Wed Apr 12 4:00-5:00 pm

Wed May 10 4:00-5:00 pm

In support of HCPL's Choose Civility Harford initiative, participate in activities that benefit our community.

Morning Zumba® **R** **F** Adult

Fri Apr 14, 21, 28 9:30-10:30 am

Fri May 5, 12, 19, 26 9:30-10:30 am

Join instructor Erin Subramanian for this dance fitness class featuring Latin and international rhythms that make staying active fun. Beginners welcome! Please bring a water bottle and a towel.

Scrapbooking Adult

Thu Apr 20 6:30-8:00 pm

Thu May 18 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us as we share our scrapbooking techniques and create new memories. While some supplies will be provided, attendees should bring photos or other materials to use.

Family Game Time Family

Sat Apr 22 2:00-5:00 pm

Sat May 27 2:00-5:00 pm

Stop by the library to play games, both classic and new.

Art and Stories Preschool

Tue Apr 25 10:15-11:00 am

Tue May 23 10:15-11:00 am

Get creative and enjoy stories along with art-themed, hands-on projects.

Paint Along - Acrylic **R** **F** Adult

Wed Apr 26 6:30-8:00 pm

Wed May 31 6:30-8:00 pm

Follow instructor Sandra Somervell to create a beautiful masterpiece! Please wear clothes suitable for painting. All supplies will be provided.

Friday Family Flicks **F** Family

Fri Apr 28 3:00-5:00 pm

Disney's *Coco*

Fri May 26 3:00-5:00 pm

Paw Patrol

Families are welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy during the film.

Teen After Hours **R** **F** Grades 6-12

Fri Apr 28 5:00-8:00 pm

Fri May 19 5:00-8:00 pm

Tonight we open the library just for teens! Come play games, listen to music, and have fun. *Please call the library for a parent permission slip*

Map Your Travels Adult

May 1-31 Library hours

Throughout the month, tell us where you have been or where you dream of going by adding your destinations to our library map.

Parachute Play Family

Tue May 30 10:15-11:00 am

Have fun around the parachute with songs, dances, and games.

NORRISVILLE**PAWS and Read** **R** Grades K-5

Thu Apr 6 6:30-7:30 pm

Thu May 4 6:30-7:30 pm

Get cozy with our doggie volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy dog. Please call 410-692-7850 to register.

Big Cats, Roarr! **R** **F** Family

Tue Apr 11 10:15-11:00 am

Give a "roarr" for stories, songs, and a craft about lions, tigers, and other wild cats!

LEGO® Club **R** **F** Family

Mon Apr 17 6:00-7:00 pm

Mon May 15 6:00-7:00 pm

We supply the LEGO® bricks. You supply the imagination!

Craft and Create: Recycled Book Art **R** **F** Adult

Thu Apr 20 6:30-7:30 pm

Get crafty with recycled books! All supplies will be provided.

Llama Wind Chimes **R** **F** Grades K-8

Fri Apr 28 2:00-3:00 pm

Do you love llamas? Join us to decorate your own wooden llama wind chime!

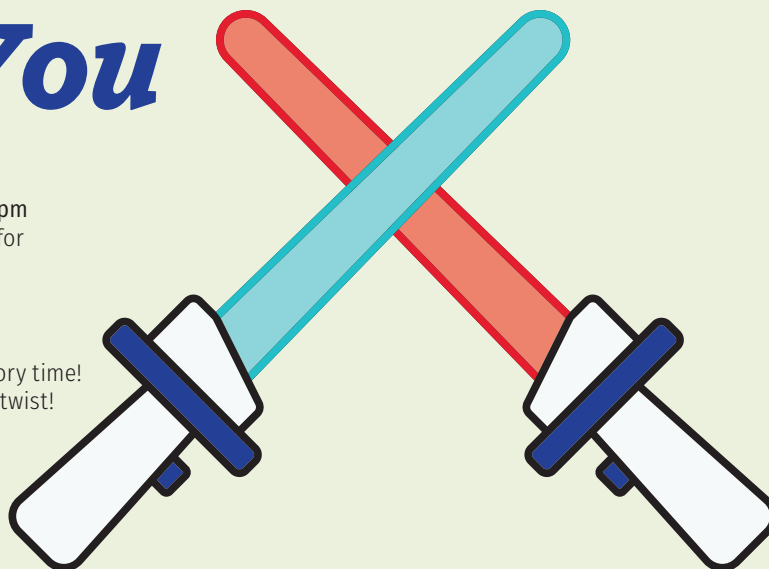
May the Fourth *Be With You*

May the Fourth All Ages

Aberdeen & Joppa Thu May 4 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Celebrate May the Fourth by stopping into the library for some Star Wars® themed activities!

May the Fourth Be with You Story Time Family

Abingdon Thu May 4 10:15-11:00 am
May the fourth be with you! Come little Jedis to our story time! Enjoy stories, crafts, and photo ops with a Star Wars® twist!



Master Gardeners: Container Gardening R

Adult
Sat Apr 29 11:00 am-noon
Discover the best practices for successful container gardening. Most vegetables or herbs can be grown in a container but there are some challenges. The key is to experiment and learn from others.

Craft and Create: Coffee and Canvases R F

Adult
Thu May 18 6:30-7:30 pm
It's time to sip and paint with our guest instructor to create your own masterpiece. All supplies will be provided.

Teen Crafternoon R F Grades 6-12

Fri May 26 2:00-3:00 pm
Join us for crafting fun!

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Hatha Yoga for Beginners Adult

Tue Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 4:00-5:00 pm
Tue May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 4:00-5:00 pm
Learn basic yoga poses, starting on the floor, and working up to standing.

PAWS and Read R Grades K-5

Wed Apr 5, 19 6:00-7:00 pm
Wed May 3, 17, 31 6:00-7:00 pm
Get cozy with our doggie volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy dog. Please call 410-638-3608 to register.

DIY Spa Night R F Grades 6-12 & Adult

Thu Apr 6 6:00-7:30 pm
Make your own wonderfully scented bath bombs and scrumptious sugar scrub.

Spring Cleaning Crafts Family

Mon Apr 10 2:00-3:00 pm
Show off your creative side as we clean out our craft closet.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) F Grades 6-12

Thu Apr 13 3:30-5:00 pm
Thu May 11 3:30-5:00 pm
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard in a safe space! Bring friends and make new ones.

Gentle Yoga Adult

Fri Apr 14, 21, 28 11:00-11:45 am
Fri May 5, 12, 19, 26 11:00-11:45 am
A gentle approach to yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Homeschool Connect Grades K-8

Wed Apr 26 10:00 am-noon
Wed May 31 10:00 am-noon
Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. For more information, please contact the branch.

Chalk Our Walks Family

Fri Apr 28 1:00-4:00 pm
Help us beautify the library's walkway with your artistic talent and our sidewalk chalk!

Dublin Elementary School Student Art Show

All Ages
May 1-31 Library hours
Visit the branch all month to enjoy artwork by students from Dublin Elementary School.

Dublin Elementary School Student Art Show Open House All Ages

Thu May 4 6:00-7:30 pm
Celebrate this month's young artists from Dublin Elementary School.

Teen After Hours R F Grades 6-12

Fri May 5 5:00-7:00 pm
Tonight, we open the library just for teens! Come play games, listen to music, and have fun. *Please call the library for a parent permission slip*

Master Gardeners: Inviting Butterflies to Your Garden All Ages

Sat May 20 10:30-11:30 am
If you grow parsley, fennel, dill or milkweed, then you probably have butterfly eggs! Learn about butterflies and their lifecycle, as well as butterfly-friendly gardening practices.

Spring Bingo R F Family

Fri May 26 3:30-4:30 pm
Play spring-themed BINGO for fun and prizes!

Harford Community Action Agency Adult

Aberdeen	Tue	Apr 4	noon-2:00 pm
	Tue	May 2	noon-2:00 pm
Edgewood	Tue	Apr 11	noon-2:00 pm
	Tue	May 9	noon-2:00 pm
Havre de Grace	Tue	Apr 18	noon-2:00 pm
	Tue	May 16	noon-2:00 pm
Joppa	Tue	Apr 25	noon-2:00 pm
	Tue	May 23	noon-2:00 pm

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) has programs that support our community. Stop by and chat with an HCAA representative to learn more about their programs and services: Maryland Energy Assistance Program; Harford County Fuel Fund; Homeless Prevention; Homeless Services; Community Food Pantry/Food Bank; Financial Services Program; and GED Plus. Visit harfordcaa.org for more information.



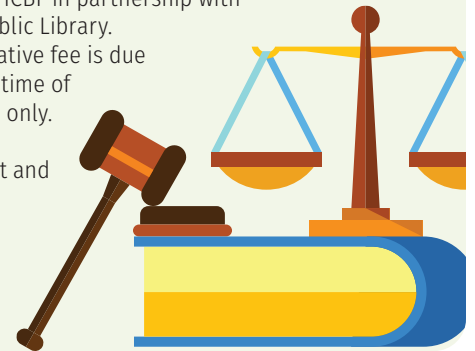
Lawyer in the Library

Edgewood	Fri	Apr 14	11:00 am-noon
Abingdon	Fri	May 12	11:00 am-noon

This free* brief legal advice clinic, by appointment only, features counsel from the Harford County Bar Foundation (HCBF). They offer legal advice for family issues like divorce and custody; help filling out forms; and more. Sponsored by the HCBF in partnership with Harford County Public Library.

*A \$5.00 administrative fee is due to the HCBF at the time of appointment: cash only. Call 410-836-0123 for an appointment and more information.

Adult



Eden Mill StoryWalk®

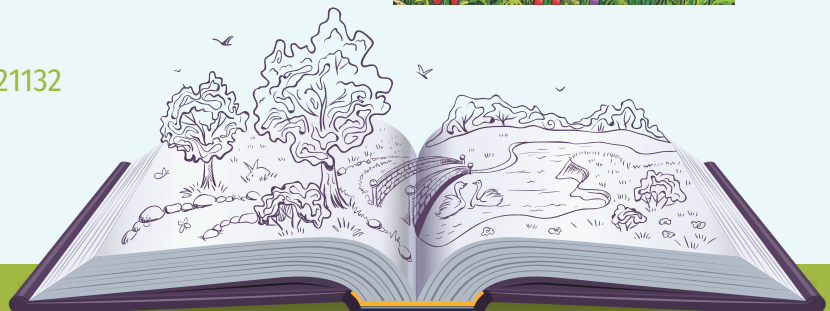
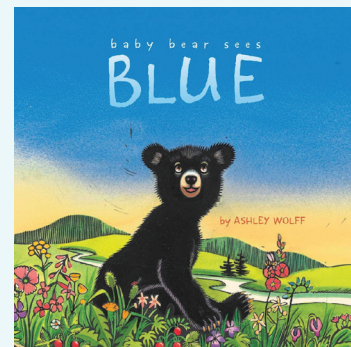
Baby Bear Sees Blue by Ashley Wolff

StoryWalk® is a fun and educational activity that places the pages from a children's book into the community. Walk around Eden Mill Nature Center to play along and read *Baby Bear Sees Blue* by Ashley Wolff! This is a self-guided activity.

March 21–June 20

Eden Mill Nature Center
1617 Eden Mill Rd, Pylesville, MD 21132

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Friends of HCPL

Friends of HCPL Meeting Adult

Havre de Grace	Mon	Apr 3	11:00 am-12:30 pm
Whiteford	Tue	Apr 11	3:00-4:00 pm
Abingdon	Mon	Apr 24	6:00-7:00 pm
	Mon	May 22	6:00-7:00 pm
Aberdeen	Tue	May 9	2:00-3:00 pm
Joppa	Mon	May 22	2:00-3:00 pm
Norrisville	Thu	May 25	6:30-7:30 pm

Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects that help fund Library programs.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection All Ages

Fallston	Sat	Apr 1, 15	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Jarrettsville	Sat	Apr 15	10:00 am-4:00 pm
Havre de Grace	Fri	Apr 28	10:00 am-2:00 pm
	Sat	Apr 29	10:00 am-2:00 pm

Donate books, CDs, and DVDs for an upcoming book sale!

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale All Ages

Whiteford	Fri	Apr 21	10:00 am-4:30 pm
Fallston	Wed	Apr 26	5:00-7:00 pm

Special "Preview Sale" just for members of HCPL Friends of the Library. You can join the Friends at the door and then get a sneak peek at the selection of used books, music, movies, and more!

Friends of HCPL Book Sale All Ages

Jarrettsville	Tue	Apr 18	10:00 am-7:30 pm
	Wed	Apr 19	10:00 am-7:30 pm
	Thu	Apr 20	10:00 am-7:30 pm
	Fri	Apr 21	10:00 am-4:30 pm
	Sat	Apr 22	10:00 am-4:30 pm
Whiteford	Sat	Apr 22	10:00 am-4:30 pm
	Mon	Apr 24	10:00 am-7:00 pm
	Tue	Apr 25	10:00 am-7:00 pm
Fallston	Thu	Apr 27	10:00 am-7:30 pm
	Fri	Apr 28	10:00 am-4:30 pm
	Sat	April 29	10:00 am-4:30 pm
Havre de Grace	Fri	May 5	10:00 am-4:30 pm
	Sat	May 6	10:00 am-4:30 pm
	Mon	May 8	10:00 am-7:00 pm
	Tue	May 9	10:00 am-7:00 pm
	Wed	May 10	10:00 am-7:00 pm
	Thu	May 11	10:00 am-7:00 pm
	Fri	May 12	10:00 am-4:30 pm
	Sat	May 13	10:00 am-4:30 pm

Used books, music, movies, and more!

All proceeds support library programs and services.

A Daycare Story Time Program for Licensed Home Daycare Providers



Opening the Gift

HCPL shares books, stories, puppets, songs, and fingerplays in your licensed home daycare!

Daycare providers must be licensed, able to set aside 45 minutes each month from October through May for our visit and have at least four preschool-age children in attendance.

For more information, call the Jarrettsville Library at 410-692-7887. Past participants must re-apply each year. Priority consideration given to applications received by June 15!

Your participation in Opening the Gift may be approved as required training by the MD State Department of Education, Office of Child Care (Approval #CKO-30714).

Monthly themes include activities to:

- **R**aise awareness of important school readiness skills
- **E**ncourage early literacy activities
- **A**cquaint daycare providers and parents with library resources
- **D**evelop a love of books in all children and their caregivers

