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December 2023 January February 2024





DECEMBER 21-MARCH 2

Adults should read or listen to at least 5 books and high school students should read or listen to at least 3 books.

Complete this part of the program to earn your **FREE** 2024 HCPL Winter Reading Mug*!

Pick up your very own Passport and start exploring select Harford County businesses.

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NINTER READING PROGRAMS

Beyond Best Sellers Adult

Bel Air Wed Dec 6 6:30-7:30 pm Explore great books that didn't quite become official best sellers.

Winter Reading Travel the Library
Challenge Grades 9-12 & Adult
Abingdon Dec 21-Mar 2 Library hours
Complete this challenge to be entered into a raffle for a prize.

Winter Reading Bingo 🕞

Grades 9-12 & Adult
Havre de Grace
Dec 21-Mar 2 Library hours
Complete our Winter Reading travel bingo and be entered into a raffle for a prize!

Morning Trivia – Travel Fun –
Edgewood Activity Center Adult
Edgewood Fri Jan 5 10:00-11:00 am
Participants at least 55 years of age meet

for a spirited game of trivia! Please call the Edgewood Activity Center at 410-612-1622 for more details.

Birds of Maryland: From Field to Forest and Ground Floor to Treetops Adult Bel Air Mon Jan 8 6:30-7:30 pm Enjoy Marty Brazeau's entertaining and informative presentation on the ecology of forest birds, such as Scarlet Tanagers,

Book Your Journey Travel DiscussionAdult

Orioles, and Warblers.

Bel Air Sat Jan 13 2:00-3:00 pm Travel lovers come together to share information and ideas about travel. Bring your stories, souvenirs, and pictures! **Colorful Clothespin Magnets** Adult Edgewood Wed Jan 17 4:30-5:30pm Craft a decorative magnet for your home or office. Perfect for displaying postcards and photos! All supplies provided.

Maryland on Vacation: Unwinding in the Free State, 1875-1952 Grades 9-12 & Adult Abingdon Wed Jan 17 6:30-7:30 pm Using postcards, steamboat and train schedules, resort brochures, and photographs, this program explores how Marylanders began to take breaks from work routines. Presented by Lisa Greenhouse, Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Travelogue with John Butler -

The Statue of Liberty Grades 9-12 & Adult Aberdeen Sat Jan 27 10:15-11:15 am Explore Lady Liberty like never before! John Butler was part of the foundation that restored the statue from 1985-86. He'll talk about the creation, construction, reassembly, and restoration of the Statue of Liberty from his firsthand information and unique photos.

Birds of Harford County

Grades 9-12 & Adult
Fallston Mon Feb 12 6:30-7:30 pm

Professional wildlife photographer Joe Subolefsky and outdoor educator Amanda Subolefsky share their knowledge of local birds, along with Joe's acclaimed "Birds in Flight" photos. Winter Book Tasting Adult
Joppa Sat Feb 24 10:30-11:30 am
Spend the morning sampling titles from
many genres and authors.

Travelogue with John Butler – An Eye on Italy Grades 9-12 & Adult

Fallston Sat Feb 24 11:00 am-noon Experience the beauty of Italy through the award-winning photography of this local world travel enthusiast. No need for luggage as John shares his adventures in Rome, Naples, Venice, and beyond.

The Story Behind the Photos with Frank Marsden 3 Grades 9-12 & Adult Norrisville Tue Feb 27 6:00-7:30 pm Spend an evening with Frank Marsden as he shares his many years of wildlife photography.



ABERDEEN

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA)

Adult

Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 10:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Craft and Create (Adult

10:15-11:30 am

Tue Dec 5 Crafting with Pinecones

Tue Jan 2 Shadow Boxes

Tue Feb 6 Valentine's Day Cards

Create with other craft lovers! All supplies provided.

Baby Story Time Babies

Tuesdays 10:15-10:45 am

Cozy up with your little one for bounces, books, and music.

Family and Friends Story Time Family

Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am

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

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12 Wed Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7 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.

Homeschool Connect 😯 Grades 3-8
Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 1:00-2:30 pm
Join us for a variety of fun and educational
activities. Contact the branch for more details.

Sounds of the Season Family

Thu Dec 7 4:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate the season with our local schools as they perform a musical concert, starring St. Joan of Arc School Choir and Band.

Kid's Craft and Create Family

Fri Dec 8; Jan 12, 26; Feb 16 2:00-3:00 pm Join us for a pop-up craft!

Holiday Bingo Family
Sat Dec 9 2:00-3:00 pm
Play for fun and prizes!

Books Before Bed Family

Mon Dec 11; Jan 8; Feb 12, 26 6:30-7:15 pm Enjoy an evening story time with music, movement, and fun!

Baby Masterpieces • Babies

Tue Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 10:45-11:15 am Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

Video Game Club (3) Grades 6-12
We Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14 3:30-5:00 pm
Play games, relax, and have a great time with friends!

RoboMasters - Simple Circuits (3) Grades 3-8 Thu Dec 14 5:00-6:30 pm

Learn about circuits and design a light-up greeting card using a simple circuit. Funded by the National Defense Education Program.

Aberdeen Shine Your Light Community Yoga – Gentle/Chair () Adult

Fri Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 9 9:45-10:45 am See ad on page 4 for details.

3D Printer Demo Day Family

Sat Dec 16 11:00 am-noon

Stop in to see our 3D printer in action and take home a 3D printed cookie cutter while supplies last.

Teen Crafternoon (3) Grades 6-12 3:30-5:00 pm

Tue Dec 19 Beaded Ornaments
Tue Jan 16 Batik Dye Wall Hanging
Tue Feb 20 Intro to Crochet

All supplies provided.

Pokémon™ Club Family

Wed Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21 3:30-5:00 pm Hang out with Pokémon™ fans for card trading and battles!

Aberdeen Book Discussion - Romance Adult

6:00-7:00 pm

Thu Dec 21 Kiss Her Once for Me by Allison Cochrun

Thu Jan 18 The Girls with Stars in Her Eyes

by Xio Axelrod

Thu Feb 15 Things We Never Got Over

by Lucy Score

Teen Time () Grades 6-12

Wed Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28 3:30-5:00 pm Hang out at the Library! Play video and board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends!

Aberdeen Morning Book Discussion Adult

10:15-11:15 am

Thu Dec 28 Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Thu Jan 25 Cutting for Stone

by Abraham Verghese

Thu Feb 22 Trackers by Charles Frazier

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection –

Aberdeen All Ages

Thu Jan 4 noon-6:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale – Aberdeen

All Ages

Fri Jan 5, Sat Jan 6 noon-4:30 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Aberdeen Adult

Tue Jan 9 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Martin Luther King Jr. Scavenger Hunt

Family

Jan 10-17 Library hours See ad on page 10 for details.

Cat Shelters () Grades 6-12 & Adult

Sat Jan 13 2:00-3:30 pm

Help the kitties stay warm this winter by making cat shelters that will be used by Park Heights Animal Welfare Group!

Make a Scene: Green Screen Filmmaking 😯

Grades 6-12

Fri Jan 19 3:00-4:30 pm See ad on page 13 for details.

Journaling for the New Year 🕞

Grades 6-12 & Adult

Sat Jan 20 10:00 am-4:30 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Elementary Yoga (3) Grades K-5

Tue Jan 23, 30; Feb 6, 13 4:15-5:00 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Lawyer in the Library (1) Adult

Fri Jan 26 11:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Travelogue with John Butler – The Statue of

Liberty Grades 9-12 & Adult Sat Jan 27 10:15-11:15 am See ad on page 2 for details.

Pipe Cleaner Dragons (Family

Sat Feb 3 2:00-3:00 pm Get ready for the Year of the Dragon by making one of your very own.

Black History Month Indoor StoryWalk® 🗦

Family

Feb 5-16 Library hours See ad on page 10 for details.

Sew Much Fun (3) Grades 3-8 Mon Feb 5 4:00-5:30 pm *See ad on page 12 for details.*





New Year, New you

Morning Zumba® (B) | Adult

9:30-10:30 am Fridays

Instructor Erin Subramanian leads this dance fitness class active fun.

Gentle Yoga Adult

Whiteford 11:00-11:45 am Fridays 5:30-6:30 pm Mondays Joppa B 🕞

A gentle approach to yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Wake Up and Walk Adult

Mondays 9:15-10:00 am Norrisville **Thursdays** 9:15-10:00 am

Enjoy low impact indoor walking exercises, followed by gentle

Vinyasa Yoga (B) 6 Adult

6:45-7:45 pm Mondays This class is a flow practice that integrates breath and

Advanced Yoga Adult

Tuesdays Whiteford 4:00-5:00 pm

Expand your yoga routine with fun, challenging poses like flip dogs, side planks, bridges, and wheels.

Shine Your Light Community Yoga - Gentle/Chair (B) Adult Edgewood Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 6:00-7:00 pm Abingdon Thu Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 10:30-11:30 am

Aberdeen Fri Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 9 9:45-10:45 am Jarrettsville Tue Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 10:00-11:00 am Gentler-paced yoga including a combination of meditation and pranayama (breath work), along with seated and standing postures. A partnership with and presented by Point of Light Yoga.

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake

Medical Mobile Van Adult

Jarrettsville Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 noon-3:00 pm

Whiteford Dec 8 10:30 am-1:30 pm

The staff of the Upper Chesapeake Mobile Van work to promote wellness by sharing information on health topics, as well as making a range of preventative screenings accessible to the community.

Half-Day Family Yoga (8) Family

Darlington Fri Dec 8 2:00-3:00 pm

Practice yoga with us! Bring a mat or towel. Program held at

Bullet Journaling 101 ® Grades 6-12 & Adult

Fallston Tue Jan 9 6:30-7:30 pm Learn the ins and outs of bullet journaling, starting with some background on the technique, plus time to get a journal

Journaling for the New Year Grades 6-12 & Adult Sat Jan 20 10:00 am-4:30 pm

Stop by to decorate a journal. Pick up some journaling ideas for your new 2024 journal!

Elementary Yoga (B) Grades K-5

Tue Jan 23, 30; Feb 6, 13 4:15-5:00 pm Yoga teacher Donna Hinder introduces yoga exercises through hands-on fun.

Winter Yoga Story Time (B) Family

Fri Jan 26 2:00-3:00 pm

Enjoy winter stories, yoga, dance, movement, and music! Bring a mat or towel. Adults are welcome to join their children.

Winter Obstacle Course Family

11:00 am-12:30 pm

Bel Air Fri Feb 9 11:00 am-12:30 pm Challenge yourself with an indoor obstacle course. Sneakers are recommended.

ABINGDON

Family and Friends Story Time Family Fridays & Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Baby Story Time Babies Mondays 10:15-10:45 am Cozy up with your little one for bounces, books, and music.

Science Club Grades K-5
Mon Dec 4 4:00-6:00 pm
Enjoy fun hands-on experiments and STEM activities!

Sing and Dance with Me! Family
Tue Dec 5, Jan 16, Feb 20 10:15-11:00 am
Move and groove with interactive songs and
activities!

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12 Wed Dec 6, 20; Jan 3, 17; Feb 7, 21 3:30-5:00 pm A lively discussion of anime and manga.

Art Lab Family

Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 22 4:00-5:30 pm Explore the works as well as styles of famous artists and create your own masterpiece.

Holiday Stitch and Gift Grades 6-12 & Adult Fri Dec 8 noon-4:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Messy Makers Preschool-Grade 2
Tue Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 10:15-11:00 am
Have fun making artistic (and messy!)
creations using a variety of supplies and techniques.

Books on Tap at Abingdon Grill (3) Adult 6:30-8:00 pm

Wed Dec 13 Bring a favorite book to share
Wed Jan 10 In Another Light by AJ Banner
Wed Feb 14 Darling Girl by Liz Michalski

Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Everyone's welcome! Abingdon Grill, 418 Constant Friendship Blvd, Abingdon, MD 21009.

Abingdon Shine Your Light Community Yoga – Gentle/Chair () Adult

Thu Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 10:30-11:30 am See ad on page 4 for details.

Dungeons & Dragons for Kids! Grades 3-5 Thu Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 15 4:00-5:30 pm Come play a *D&D* adventure built especially with kids in mind.

Early Reader Book Club (3) Grades K-2 Mon Dec 18, Feb 5 4:00-5:00 pm Children can practice through group reading and activities.

Sensory Story Time ① Family
Tue Dec 19, Jan 30, Feb 27 10:15-11:00 am
A multi-sensory story time, for families of
children of all abilities. After registering,
please contact 410-636-3990 to discuss any
special needs in advance.

Sounds of the Season Family

Tue Dec 19 10:30-11:30 am
Celebrate with our local schools as they
perform a musical concert, starring the
Patterson Mill Middle and High School music
departments.

Abingdon Afternoon Book Discussion Adult 2:00-3:00 pm

Wed Dec 20 The Guncle by Steven Rowley
Wed Jan 17 Silver Alert by Lee Smith
Wed Feb 21 This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger

Winter Reading Travel the Library

Challenge Grades 9-12 & Adult Dec 21-Mar 2 Library hours See ad on page 2 for details.

Craft and Create (3) Adult

10:15 am-noon

Thu Dec 21 Mini Snow Globe Bottles
 Thu Jan 25 Mini Accordion Junk Journals
 Thu Feb 22 Dried Herb Soap

Create with other craft lovers! All supplies provided.

Bluey™ Party Family

Thu Dec 21 4:00-5:00 pm Celebrate your favorite Aussie pup with crafts and activities.

Evening Story Time – Fairy Tales Family Mon Jan 8 6:00-6:45 pm Read fairy tales and sing songs before those little ones head to bed!

Fairy Tale & Superhero Festival Family Fri Jan 12 9:00 am-4:45 pm See ad on page 7 for details.

Maryland on Vacation: Unwinding in the Free State, 1875-1952 Grades 9-12 & Adult Wed Jan 17 6:30-7:30 pm

Wed Jan 17 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 2 for details.

Make a Scene: Green Screen Filmmaking 🚯

Grades 6-12

Wed Jan 24 3:30-5:00 pm See ad on page 13 for details.

Dog Man™ Party Family **Wed Jan 24** 4:00-5:00 pm Celebrate all things Dog Man™ with themed crafts and activities.

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play Grades 6-12
Thu Jan 25, Feb 29 3:30-5:00 pm
Unwind with some quality Nintendo Switch™
time!

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt Family Feb 1-29 Library hours See ad on page 10 for details.

Papermaking for Kids! • Family Thu Feb 8 4:00-5:00 pm Make homemade Valentines from recycled paper.

3D Design – Let's Build a Car! 🚯

Grades 9-12 & Adult

Sat Feb 10 2:00-4:00 pm

See ad on page 12 for details.

Valentine's Day Crafternoon Family Mon Feb 12 4:00-5:00 pm Make some lovely themed crafts for the special people in your life!

Pokémon™ Party Family
Fri Feb 16 1:00-2:00 pm
Party with us and prepare for Pokémon™ day
with themed crafts and activities.

The Black Arts Movement Grades 9-12 & Adult Tue Feb 20 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 10 for details.

Lawyer in the Library (3) Adult Fri Feb 23 11:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Abingdon Adult Mon Feb 26 6:00-7:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

BEL AIR

Baby Masterpieces (3) Babies

Fri Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2 10:15-11:00 am Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

Homeschool Showcase (3) Grades K-12
Fri Dec 1 2:00-4:00 pm
Share projects, practice public speaking skills, and celebrate learning with other homeschool students.

Family and Friends Story Time Family Mondays, Thursdays, & 2nd Saturdays 10:15-10:45 am

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

Bel Air Books at the Center Adult

1:00-3:00 pm

Mon Dec 4
Mon Jan 8
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt
Mon Feb 5
The Magnificent Lives of
Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki

Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion.

Bel Air Genealogy Discussion – Collections and Resources at Enoch Pratt Free Library, MSRC Adult

Mon Dec 4 6:30-7:30 pm
Find out how the Enoch Pratt Free Library,
Maryland State Library Resource Center's
collection can assist you in researching your
ancestors.

Toddler Story Time Toddlers **Tuesdays** 10:15-10:45 am

Enjoy energetic and engaging stories, music, and movement!

Art and Stories (i) Preschool-Grade 2
Tue Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 13 11:00 am-noon
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed,
hands-on projects.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (3) Grades 6-12 Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 4:30-6:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Baby Story Time Babies Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am Cozy up with your little one for bounces, books, and more.

Artventures (i) Grades K-8
Wed Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7 1:30-3:30 pm
Discover the world of art – and create some
too! Great for homeschool families, but all are
welcome.

Beyond Best Sellers Adult Wed Dec 6 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 2 for details.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12
Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 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!

Holiday Open House All Ages
Thu Dec 7 5:30-7:30 pm
Celebrate the season with crafts,
refreshments, and a special 6:30 pm
performance by the Deer Creek Youth Choir.

Bel Air Evening Book Discussion Adult 6:30-7:30 pm

Thu Dec 7 Yellowface by Rebecca Kuang
Thu Jan 4 The Measure by Nikki Erlick
Thu Feb 1 The Next Thing You Know
by Jessica Strawser

Create a Handsewn Ornament (3) (3)

Grades 3-8

Fri Dec 8 1:00-2:30 pm
Learn hand-sewing basics as you create a
special holiday ornament. Adults are welcome
to attend with child, but please only register
the child.

Acts of Kindness Family

Library hours

Dec 11-16
Treat Bags for Chesapeake
Therapeutic Riding
Jan 16-20
Valentines for Upper
Chesapeake Pediatrics
Feb 12-17
Tree Hugger Crafts for Friends

Romp and Run (3) Babies & Toddlers
Mon. Dec 11 Jan 8 Feb 12 1:00-2:00 nm

and Families

Mon Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12 1:00-2:00 pm Explore ways to encourage your child's motor and social skills in a relaxed environment.

Preschool Music and Movement Preschool Tue Dec 12, Jan 16, Feb 20 11:00 am-noon Explore music and movement through stories, songs, and play!

Books on Tap at Lib's Grill Adult

Tue Dec 12 The Marriage Portrait

6:30-8:30 pm

by Maggie O'Farrell

Tue Jan 9 Favorite reads from 2023

Tue Feb 13 Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo

Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Everyone's welcome! Lib's Grill, 1204 Agora Dr.

Homeschool Connect ③ Grades K-8
Wed Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14 1:30-3:30 pm
Join us for a variety of fun and educational
activities. Contact the branch for more details.

Sew Much Fun Grades 3-8 Wed Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14 4:00-7:00 pm Discover hand or machine sewing. We have projects for all skill levels!

Knot Just Knitting Adult

Thu Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 1:00-2:00 pm All needlecrafters are invited to work on a project, share ideas, and learn about the Library.

Pokémon™ Club (1) Family
Thu Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 22 6:00-7:30 pm
Hang out for card trading and battles!

Sensory Story Time (3) Family

Fri Dec 15, Jan 19, Feb 16 10:15-11:00 am A multi-sensory story time, for families of children of all abilities with engaging visuals, interactive stories, adaptive movement, and sensory activities. After registering, please contact 410-638-3151 to discuss any special needs in advance.

Lawyer in the Library (1) Adult Fri Dec 15 11:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Homeschool Game Day ③ Grades K-8
Fri Dec 15 1:30-3:30 pm
Come play board games, card games, and
more. Feel free to bring a game from home to
play with others!

Bel Air Nonfiction Book Discussion Adult 6:30-7:30 pm

Mon Dec 18 Favorite reads from 2023
Mon Jan 22 The Wager by David Grann
Mon Feb 26 Easily Slip into Another World
by Henry Threadgill

Experiment and Explore () Preschool

Tue Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 27 11:00 am-noon

Learn about science, music, math, and art

concepts through hands-on activities and fun

demonstrations!

Tech Time: Open Session Adult

Wed Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21 2:00-4:00 pm Learn how to download books and magazines, plus stream movies or TV from our digital library.

Grown-Up Game Night Adult

Wed Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21 6:00-7:30 pm Enjoy an inclusive, low-stress game night and play a variety of games.

Rubik's Cube Club () Grades 6-12

Thu Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22 3:30-5:00 pm Learn to solve the original and explore other types of puzzle cubes. Share strategies and algorithms of this nostalgic, but competitive, toy.

Birds of Maryland: From Field to Forest and Ground Floor to Treetops (3) Adult

Mon Jan 8 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 2 for details.

Bel Air Genealogy Discussion Adult

Mon Jan 8 6:30-7:30 pm Share techniques, tips, and resources with fellow researchers.

Once Upon a Sign (3) Family
Fri Jan 12 10:15-10:45 am
Join us for a story time featuring early literacy activities and stories signed in American Sign Language (ASL).

Block Party Family

Fri Jan 12 2:00-4:00 pm
Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles® and more!

Book Your Journey Travel Discussion Adult Sat Jan 13 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 2 for details.

Winnie the Pooh Party ① Family
Thu Jan 18 2:00-4:00 pm
Enjoy stories, games, and crafts celebrating

Master Gardeners: Lift Your Spirits with Winter Gardening (1) Adult

Winnie the Pooh and friends!

Sat Jan 20 10:30 am-noon
Though the ground is frozen, you can enjoy indoor gardening with houseplants in pots, microgreens on a sunny windowsill, and almost any plant or herb using a hydroponic system.

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Bel Air Adult Mon Jan 22, Feb 26 6:00-7:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Messy Makers ① Preschool-Grade 2
Fri Jan 26, Feb 23 10:15-11:00 am
Have fun making artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of supplies and techniques.

Winter Yoga Story Time Family Fri Jan 26 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

International LEGO® Day Build (3) Family Fri Jan 26 2:00-4:00 pm Help us celebrate by building with our enormous collection of LEGOs®.

Be a Super Sitter: Babysitter's Training (3)Grades 6-12

Sat Jan 27 noon-4:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Beach Party (3) Family

Tue Jan 30 11:00 am-noon

Warm up with some beach-themed songs, activities, and crafts!

Growing Up Wild (3 (3) Preschool-Grade 2 Wed Jan 31, Feb 28 2:00-3:30 pm Enjoy a variety of nature-based, hands-on experiences and activities.

Bel Air Genealogy Discussion – Making Contact With Cousins Beyond Those You Know Adult

Mon Feb 5 6:30-7:30 pm Guest presenter, Ken Jones, details tactics for attracting and contacting cousins beyond those you already know. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own cousin connection stories to share.

Keeping You in Stitches Adult Wed Feb 7 6:30-7:30 pm
Learn how to use a sewing machine and leave with a finished project.

Alfred B. Hilton: Harford County's Only Medal of Honor Recipient Adult

Thu Feb 8 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 10 for details.

Winter Obstacle Course Family Fri Feb 9 11:00 am-12:30 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Meet the Author: Tracy Banghart (3) Family Sat Feb 10 2:00-3:00 pm
See ad on page 15 for details.

Meet the Author: Jennifer Hale Adult Thu Feb 15 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 15 for details.

Life-Sized Candyland ® (3) Family

Fri Feb 16 1:00-4:00 pm

Play a super-sized version of this childhood boardgame. Beginning February 2, please call 410-638-3151 to register.

Master Gardeners: From Lawn to Pollinator Paradise (3) Adult

Sat Feb 24 10:30 am-noon Learn step-by-step how to transform a corner of your lawn into a small manageable pollinator garden.

DARLINGTON

Holiday Open House (3) All Ages Mon Dec 4 5:00-7:30 pm Celebrate the season with crafts and refreshments.

Family and Friends Story Time Family
Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

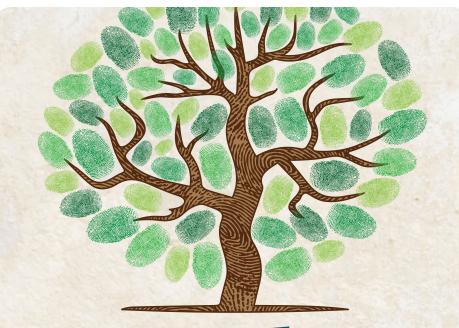
Half-Day Fun Family

Fri Dec 8, Jan 26, Feb 16 1:00-4:00 pm

Have a half-day at school? Come do or make something cool!

Half-Day Family Yoga (3 (3) Family Fri Dec 8 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 4 for details.





Genealogy Week

Genealogy Week! Taming the Chaos - Organizing Your Genealogy Research (1) Adult

Let's get your records in order! It's important to have a system for organizing your research whether you're just starting out or you've been researching your family history for years. We'll explore ways to manage your paper records, digital files, and family photos... that are efficient, effective, and easy to use. Presented by Lisa Lisson.

Virtual Mon Jan 22 6:30-8:00 pm

Genealogy Week! Where to Find Maryland Genealogy Resources Adult Researching your Maryland ancestors? Join us to learn all about institutions and collections that are available for you to visit. We'll cover how to find the records and information you need... including online resources. Presented by Caprice DiLiello, Manager of the Maryland Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center.

Virtual Tue Jan 23 6:30-8:00 pm

Jarrettsville Genealogy Discussion Adult

Join fellow researchers to share techniques, tips, and resources. Jarrettsville Thu Jan 25 6:15-7:45 pm

Genealogy Week! Migration Trails Across America (1) Adult

Roads and trails are the "go-to" places we look to first when determining how our ancestors moved throughout America. However, there were other means of transportation available to them and your ancestors may have traveled other by-ways. Presented by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen.

Virtual Thu Jan 25 6:30-8:00 pm

Genealogy After Hours (1) Adult

Attendees gather to work independently or gain input from fellow genealogists. Library resources will be available for use, along with free genealogy printing.

Joppa Fri Jan 26 4:00-8:00 pm

Art and Stories ① Preschool-Grade 2
Tue Dec 12, Feb 13 10:15-11:15 am
Get creative as we enjoy stories and artthemed, hands-on projects. Program held at
the Harford County Agricultural Center.

Darlington Afternoon Book Discussion (3)

Adult

1:00-2:00 pm

Wed Dec 13 The Book of Charlie

by David Von Drehle

Wed Feb 14 Someone Else's Shoes

by Jojo Moyes

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Darlington Adult

Thu Dec 14 1:00-2:00 pm

Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center. See ad on page 19 for details.

3D Printer Demo Day Family

Wed Dec 20, Feb 7 5:00-7:00 pm See our 3D printer in action and take home a small 3D printed object, while supplies last.

Homeschool Connect (B) Grades K-8

Tue Jan 9 11:00 am-noon Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center.

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt Family

Feb 1-29 Library hours See ad on page 10 for details.

Teen After Hours (3) Grades 6-12 Fri Feb 2 5:00-7:00 pm

See ad on page 12 for details.

Master Gardeners: Seed Starter Class (1)

Adult

Tue Feb 20 2:00-4:00 pm

Learn how to expand the variety of plants that you grow and save money by starting your own seeds at home. Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center.

EDGEWOOD

Family and Friends Story Time Family

Mondays 10:15-10:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12

Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 3:00-4:00 pm Join us for a lively discussion of anime and manga in popular culture.

Edgewood Shine Your Light Community Yoga – Gentle/Chair (1) Adult

Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 6:00-7:00 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Video Game Free Play Grades 6-12 Wednesdays 3:00-4:30 pm

Attention all gamers: come to the library and play!

Holiday Greeting Cards (1) Adult

Wed Dec 6 4:30-5:30 pm

Spread holiday cheer by crafting your own cards. Attendees are welcome to bring photos or other craft supplies.

Pop Up STEM Family

Thu Dec 7, 21; Jan 11; Feb 1, 15 4:30-5:30 pm Stop in for surprise hands-on activities!

Hour of Code Grades K-8 Fri Dec 8 2:00-3:00 pm

Celebrate Computer Science Education Week with this introduction to coding, using fun tutorials.

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Adult

Tue Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 10:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Meditation Room Grades 6-12 & Adult Tue Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 3:00-4:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Edgewood Afternoon Book Discussion Adult 1:00-2:00 pm

Wed Dec 13 | I Have Some Questions for You

by Rebecca Makkai

The Writing Retreat Wed Jan 10

by Julia Bartz

Wed Feb 14 Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Crafternoon Family

Thu Dec 14; Jan 4, 18; Feb 8, 22 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for some crafting fun!

3D Printer Demo All Ages Dec 18-22 Library hours

Watch our 3D printer at work and take home a 3D printed ornament, while supplies last.

Move & Groove Preschool-Grade 2 & Family Thu Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 29 4:30-5:30 pm Clap, tap, dance, sing, and stomp in this highenergy music program!

Morning Trivia - Travel Fun -**Edgewood Activity Center**

Adult

Fri Jan 5 10:00-11:00 am See ad on page 2 for details.

Cutting-Edge Crafts Grades 3-8 Wed Jan 10, Feb 7 4:30-5:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

LEGO® Club Grades K-8

Fri Jan 12, Feb 16 3:00-4:00 pm We supply the LEGO® bricks, you supply the imagination!

Colorful Clothespin Magnets (B) Adult Wed Jan 17 4:30-5:30pm See ad on page 2 for details.

Edgewood Books at the Center Adult

10:30-11:30 am

Tue Ian 23 Only the Beautiful

by Susan Meissner

Tue Feb 27 The Bandit Oueens

by Parini Shroff

Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion. Please call the Edgewood Activity Center at 410-612-1622 for more details.

Manga Drawing Lessons Grades 6-12

Tue Jan 23 3:00-4:00 pm Learn how to draw anime and manga characters step-by-step. No prior experience

RoboMasters - Simple Circuits (1) Grades 3-5 Fri Jan 26 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn about circuits and design a light-up greeting card using a simple circuit. Funded by the National Defense Education Program.

Book Clock Craft (B) Adult

Wed Jan 31 3:30-4:30 pm

Create your own clock with a used book. All supplies provided.

Candy BINGO Grades 6-12

Tue Feb 20 3:00-4:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Macramé Ornament 🚯 Adult Wed Feb 21 4:30-5:30 pm

Make a seasonal ornament using rope and yarn. All supplies provided.

FALLSTON

Scavenger Hunt Family

Library hours

Dec 1-31 Find Santa's Reindeer Ian 1-31 Winnie the Pooh M&M'S®! Feb 1-29

Complete the scavenger hunt in the children's area and enjoy each month's theme.

Family and Friends Story Time Family

Tuesdays 10:15-11:00 am

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

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mobile Food Pantry Adult

Tue Dec 5 noon-2:00 pm See ad on page 18 for details.

Holiday Open House 📵 Family

6:00-7:00 pm

Wed Dec 6 Red Pump Elementary School Thu Dec 7 Forest Lakes Elementary School

Celebrate the holiday season with crafts and a special performance.

Baby Masterpieces (3) Babies

Thu Dec 7, Feb 8 10:30-11:15 am

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

Holiday Hot Chocolate Cones (3) Grades 6-12

Sat Dec 9 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

No-Sew Pillows (Holiday Edition) (3) Family

Mon Dec 11 4:00-5:00 pm

Work together to assemble these fleece pillows that will be donated to a local charity.

Winter Spa Day (B) Grades 6-12

Tue Dec 12 4:00-5:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Paint Night (3) Family

6:00-7:30 pm

Wed Dec 13 Christmas Snow Globe

Wed Jan 17 Polar Bear

Wed Feb 7 Valentine Gnome

Follow step-by-step instructions to create a masterpiece to take home! All experience levels welcome.

Art and Stories (B) Preschool-Grade 2 11:00 am-noon

Thu Dec 14 Christmas Time! Thu Feb 1 Valentine's Day

Enjoy stories and get creative by making artthemed, hands-on projects.

Fallston Afternoon Book Discussion Adult

1:00-2:00 pm

Thu Dec 14 Maame by Jessica George Thu Ian 11 The Sign for Home by Blair Fell Thu Feb 8 The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman by Julietta Henderson

Fallston Books at the Center (1) Adult

2:00-3:00 pm

Thu Dec 21 Romantic Comedy

by Curtis Sittenfeld

Thu Ian 18 The Daughters of Erietown

by Connie Schultz

Thu Feb 15 I Have Some Questions for You

by Rebecca Makkai

Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion. Please call the Chenowith Activity Center at 410-638-3260 to register.

Craft and Create (B) Grades 9-12 & Adult 6:00-7:30 pm

Thu Dec 28 Painted Tote Bag Thu Ian 25 Paper Pinecone

Thu Feb 22 Mini Mushroom Fairy Garden All supplies provided.

Block Party Family

Fri Dec 29, Jan 12, Feb 16 2:00-3:00 pm Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles® and more!

Winnie the Pooh Party (1) (2) Family

Thu Jan 4 10:30 am-noon Enjoy stories, games, and crafts.



Martin Luther King Jr. Scavenger Hunt Family

Aberdeen Jan 10-17 Library hours

Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in an inspiring scavenger hunt.

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt Family

Abingdon Feb 1-29 Library hours
Darlington Feb 1-29 Library hours
Stop in for our Black History Month Scavenger Hunt.

Black History Month Indoor StoryWalk® Family

Aberdeen Feb 5-16 Library hours Celebrate this special month and explore, *Trombone Shorty*.

Alfred B. Hilton: Harford County's Only Medal of Honor Recipient Adult

Bel Air Thu Feb 8 6:30-7:30 pm
Hear the stories of Harford County men who served as members of the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War. Presented by Jim Chrismer.

The Black Arts Movement Grades 9-12 & Adult

Abingdon Tue Feb 20 6:30-7:30 pm

Attend this program to learn about the organizations, plays, poetry, music, and visual art that are representative of this movement that occurred from the mid-1960's to the mid-1970's. Presented by Christine Iko, Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Bullet Journaling 101 (3) Grades 6-12 & Adult Tue Jan 9 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Stuffed Animal Pajamarama (3) Family Wed Jan 10 6:00-6:45 pm

Come in your pjs with your favorite stuffed animal for some bedtime stories. Your stuffy gets to spend the night! See photos of their sleepover when you pick them up the next day.

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12 **Tue** Jan 16, Feb 13 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us for a lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia (3) Adult

Thu Jan 18 6:30-7:30 pm
Help recognize common signs of the disease in oneself and others. Learn what steps to take and how to talk to your doctor. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association®.

DIY Neon Signs (3) Grades 6-12 Fri Jan 26 1:00-2:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Pokémon™ Club ③ Family
Wed Jan 31, Feb 28 6:00-7:30 pm
Hang out for card trading and battles!

Teen After Hours – Live Action Among Us (3)Grades 6-12

Fri Feb 2 4:30-7:00 pm This is the night we open the library just for teens! Please call the 410-638-3003 for a parent permission slip.

Pipe Cleaner Dragons (3 G) Family
Mon Feb 5 4:00-5:00 pm
Get ready for the Year of the Dragon and make your own!

Birds of Harford County Grades 9-12 & Adult Mon Feb 12 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 2 for details.

Cosplay 101 Grades 6-12 & Adult Wed Feb 21 6:00-7:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Travelogue with John Butler – An Eye on Italy Grades 9-12 & Adult

Sat Feb 24 11:00 am-noon See ad on page 2 for details.

HAVRE DE GRACE

PAWS and Read Grades K-5
Sat Dec 2, 16; Jan 6, 20; Feb 3, 17
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.

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Havre de Grace

Mon Dec 4, Feb 5 11:00 am-12:30 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Books Before Bed Family Mon Dec 4, 18; Jan 8, 22; Feb 5 6:15-6:45 pm

Join us for an evening story time with music, movement, and fun!

Family and Friends Story Time Family Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

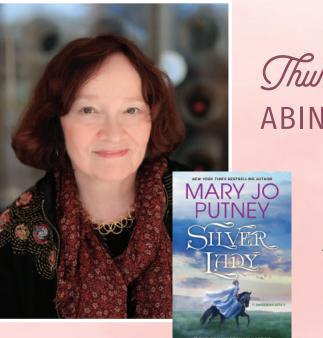
Teen Time 3 Grades 6-12 **Tuesdays (except 1/30)** 3:00-4:30 pm Hang out at the Library! Play video and board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends!

1, 2, 3 Come Play with Me () Babies Wed Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7 10:15-11:00 am Explore your baby's senses through music, exercise, and play activities!

Holiday Workshop Family
Fri Dec 8 1:30-3:00 pm
Create holiday gifts, toys, and ornaments for your loved ones.

Adult | Registration required

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Thursday, February 1, 2024 ABINGDON LIBRARY

If you love a good romance, and you know you do, be sure to join us on Thursday, February 1 as we kick off the month of love!

4:00-6:00 pm

Spend the afternoon visiting with Maryland-based romance authors at their booth where you can purchase their books and have them autographed, too!

6:30-7:30 pm

Finish your day of love at our very special author event.

We are honored to host Maryland's very own Mary Jo

Putney, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author,
in conversation with Library CEO, Mary Hastler. Together
they will discuss Ms. Putney's latest release, *Silver Lady*.

Registration opens Monday, January 1, seating will be limited.



Homemade Gifting (3) Grades 6-8 & Adult **Jarrettsville**

Tue Dec 5 4:00-5:30 pm Create your own edible gifts – a layered mason jar and a hot chocolate reindeer.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (3) Grades 6-12 Bel Air

Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 4:30-6:30 pm It's a quest for adventure, treasure, magic, and mayhem! All skill levels welcome.

Holiday Stitch and Gift Grades 6-12 & Adult Abingdon

Fri Dec 8 noon-4:30 pm Working on a handmade holiday gift? Drop in for some festive fellowship as you knit. sew, or crochet presents! Bring your own

DIY Wooden Signs (3) Grades 6-12 Norrisville

Fri Dec 8 2:00-3:00 pm Use our craft supplies to decorate a small wooden sign for your bedroom!

Holiday Hot Chocolate Cones (1)

Grades 6-12

Fallston

Sat Dec 9 2:00-3:00 pm Rein in your holiday spending with this homemade, festive craft.

Meditation Room Grades 6-12 & Adult Edgewood

Tue Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 3:00-4:00 pm Enjoy some quiet time in our new meditation room made just for you!

Winter Spa Day (B) Grades 6-12 Fallston

Tue Dec 12 4:00-5:00 pm Make a chocolate face mask, festivelyscented sugar scrub, and bath salts.

Teen Coffee House Grades 6-12

Fridays (*starting 1/5*) 3:00-5:00 pm Teens can enjoy coffee or tea while hanging out with friends.

Cutting-Edge Crafts Grades 3-8 Edgewood

Wed Jan 10, Feb 7 4:30-5:30 pm Combine technology and creativity, using our Cricut to make your own bookmarks.

Zodiac Embroidery (B) Grades 9-12 & Adult Jarrettsville

Wed Ian 17 4:00-5:30 pm Learn the basics of embroidery. Meditate on the wonders of the night sky as you embroider your birth sign or favorite

College Prep 101 Grades 9-12 Havre de Grace

Sat Jan 20 10:30 am-12:30 pm Learn how to apply for college, financial aid, and scholarships with useful information from the Library, Havre de Grace Youth Commission, and Harford Community College.

DIY Neon Signs (B) Grades 6-12 Fallston

Jan 26 1:00-2:30 pm Here's a bright idea: create your own neon sign to light up your room!

Be a Super Sitter:

Babysitter's Training (B) Grades 6-12 Bel Air

Sat Jan 27 noon-4:00 pm Learn how to provide care for infants and children, what to do in emergencies, and how to handle any babysitting situation.

Teen After Hours with Bel Air Games (B) Grades 6-12 Darlington

Fri Feb 2 5:00-7:00 pm This is the night we open the Library just for teens! Learn about role playing games. Bel Air Games will talk about Magic the

Gathering, D&D, and Pokémon™. They will be able to facilitate a game as well. A parent permission slip is required to participate.

Tissue Paper Painting on a Pendant (1) (5) Grades 6-12 & Adult

Iarrettsville

Thu Feb 8 4:00-5:30 pm Create a canvas of color that you can wear!

3D Design - Let's Build a Car! (B)

Grades 9-12 & Adult

Abingdon

Sat Feb 10 2:00-4:00 pm Build a simple vehicle using Tinkercad – a free, cloud-based, 3D design app.

Candy BINGO Grades 6-12 Edgewood

Tue Feb 20 3:00-4:00 pm Play for a chance to win a sweet treat!

Cosplay 101 Grades 6-12 & Adult Fallston

Wed Feb 21 6:00-7:00 pm Welcome to the world of cosplay! Learn basics in costume creation and helpful guidance on the convention experience. **Teen After Hours (3)** Grades 6-12 Fri Dec 8 4:45-7:30 pm

This is the night we open the library just for teens! Please call 410-939-6700 for a parent permission slip.

Saturday Story Time Family

Sat Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 24 10:15-10:45 am Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Stuffed Animal Pajamarama (3 G) Family Mon Dec 11 6:00-6:45 pm

Come in your pjs with your favorite stuffed animal for some bedtime stories. Your stuffy gets to spend the night! See photos of their sleepover when you pick them up the next day.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten (3) Preschool Wed Dec 13 10:15-11:15 am

Celebrate your progress with a morning of reading, singing, dancing, and make a craft.

Havre de Grace Books at the Center Adult 10:00-11:00 am

Thu Dec 14 Lady Tan's Circle of Women

by Lisa See
Thu Jan 11 Killers of a Certain Age

by Deanna Raybourn

Thu Feb 8 Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion. This program is held at Havre de Grace Activity Center, 351 Lewis Ln, Havre de Grace.

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Adult

Tue Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 10:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Winter Reading Bingo Grades 9-12 & Adult Dec 21-Mar 2 Library hours
See ad on page 2 for details..

Invitation to Play (3) Toddlers & Preschool Wed Jan 10 10:15-11:15 am Imagine, create, and explore at this openended play session.

Tea-ology (3) Adult **Wed Jan 10 6:00-7:30 pm** The Tea Trolley will be serving tea and scones over a presentation of tea basics.

Havre de Grace Evening Book Discussion

Wed Jan 17 6:00-7:00 pm Midnight Library by Matt Haig

College Prep 101 Grades 9-12 Sat Jan 20 10:30 am-12:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details. Stuffed Animal Taxidermy (3) Grades 3-12
Fri Jan 26 2:00-4:00 pm
Give new life to our old stuffed animals!

Family Game Night Family
Tue Jan 30 5:45-7:15 pm
Try out new board and card games while also enjoying classics.

Experiment and Explore Preschool
Wed Jan 31, Feb 28 10:15-11:15 am
Learn about science, music, math, and art
concepts through hands-on activities and fun.

Craft and Create: Winter Luminary (3) (3) Adult Mon Feb 12 10:30-11:30 am All supplies provided.

A Very Valentine Story Time Family Wed Feb 14 10:15-11:15 am Celebrate this special day with stories, music, and fun, followed by a craft!

RoboMasters – Simple Circuits (3) Grades 3-5 Fri Feb 16 2:00-3:30 pm Learn about circuits and design a light-up greeting card using a simple circuit. Funded by the National Defense Education Program.



Tape Town () Family Wed Feb 21 1:00-2:30 pm

Zoom down the streets of our pretend town while making stops at the car wash, bakery, fire station, and more!

Teen Crafternoon – Travel to the Stars: Galaxy Jars (3) (3) Grades 6-12
Thu Feb 22 3:30-4:30 pm
All supplies provided.

JARRETTSVILLE

Family and Friends Story Time Family

Fridays 10:15-10:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Baby Story Time Babies **Mondays** 10:15-10:45 am Cozy up with your little one for bounces, books, and music.

Homemade Gifting (3) G Grades 6-12 & Adult Tue Dec 5 4:00-5:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Holiday Crafternoon (3) (3) Family Wed Dec 6 3:00-4:00 pm Make a craft for the holidays.

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van Adult

Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 noon-3:00 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Jarrettsville Scrabblers Adult

Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 1:00-3:30 pm Play this lively word game!

Sounds of the Season All Ages

Tue Dec 12 6:15-7:00 pm North Harford High School Wed Dec 13 6:30-7:00 pm

North Harford Middle School Fri Dec 15 10:45-11:15 am

Jarrettsville Elementary School Mon Dec 18 6:30-7:00 pm

North Bend Elementary School

Celebrate the season with musical and choral performances from our local schools.

Jarrettsville Shine Your Light Community
Yoga - Gentle/Chair (1) Adult

Tue Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 10:00-11:00 am See ad on page 4 for details.

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Jarrettsville Adult Wed Jan 3 2:30-3:30 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Jarrettsville Evening Book Discussion Adult 6:30-7:30 pm

Mon Jan 8 Miss Graham's Cold War Cookbook by Celia Rees

Mon Feb 12 Victory City by Salman Rushdie

Homeschool Connect (3) (3) Grades K-5 Wed Jan 10, Feb 7 10:15-11:15 am Enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities. Contact the branch for more information.

Zodiac Embroidery (3) Grades 9-12 & Adult Wed Jan 17 4:00-5:30 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Snowman Story Time (3) Family Wed Jan 24 10:15-11:15 am Enjoy books, songs, and crafts!

Jarrettsville Genealogy Discussion Adult Thu Jan 25, Feb 22 6:15-7:45 pm Share techniques, tips, and resources with fellow researchers.

Rubik's Cube Club ® 6 Grades 6-12 Fri Jan 26 2:00-3:30 pm Learn to solve the original and explore other types of puzzle cubes. Share strategies with other fans of this nostalgic, but competitive, toy.

Tissue Paper Painting on a Pendant (3) (3) Grades 6-12 & Adult
Thu Feb 8 4:00-5:30 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

A Very Valentine's Story Time () Family Wed Feb 14 10:15-11:15 am
Celebrate this special day with stories, music, and fun, followed by a craft.

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play ③ Grades 6-12
Fri Feb 16 2:00-4:00 pm
Unwind with some quality Nintendo Switch™
time¹

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Morning Zumba® (3 (3) Adult Fridays 9:30-10:30 am See ad on page 4 for details.

Polar Express Party (3) 5 Family Fri Dec 1 5:00-8:00 pm Enjoy the movie, hot cocoa, and crafts as we prepare for a journey to the North Pole.

Holiday Movie Marathon (3) All Ages
Sat Dec 2 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Family-friendly holiday films will be shown on
the big screen. Watch for just a few minutes or
stay all day. Bring your own popcorn!

Holiday Ornament Making Family December 4-9 Library hours Craft a fun holiday ornament.

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Joppa Adult Mon Dec 4, Jan 29 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details. **Gentle Yoga** (1) G Adult Mondays 5:30-6:30 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Vinyasa Yoga (1) Adult Mondays 6:45-7:45 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Preschool Music and Movement Preschool Tue Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 10:15-11:00 am Explore music and movement through stories, songs, and play!

Joppa Afternoon Book Discussion Adult

noon-1:00 pm

Tue Dec 5 The Children's Train
by Viola Ardone

Tue Jan 2 Killers of the Flower Moon
by David Grann

Tue Feb 6 Big Lies in a Small Town by Diane Chamberlain

Teen Time (a) Grades 6-12 3:00-4:00 pm Wed Dec 6 Hunger Games IRL Wed Jan 10 DC vs Marvel Trivia Wed Feb 7 Chinese New Year Lantern Making

Wed Feb 28 De-stress and Unwind

Play video and board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends!

Wake Up and Walk Adult Thursdays 9:15-10:00 am See ad on page 4 for details.

Afternoon Movies at the Library Adult
Thu Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1 2:00-4:00 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of classic films and
musicals. Call the branch for this month's title
and bring some popcorn.

Puzzle Swap Family Sat Dec 9, 30; Jan 13, 27; Feb 10, 24 10:00 am-5:00 pm Bring in puzzles you would like to trade in for others!

Saturday Story Time Family
Sat Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 3 11:00-11:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Experiment and Explore Preschool

Tue Dec 12, Jan 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 Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13 noon-1:00pm

All needlecrafters are invited to work on a project, share ideas and learn more about the Library. Knitting and crocheting instruction is available for beginners.

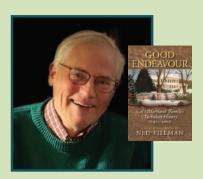
Meet the Authors



Tracy Banghart (1) (1) Family

Bel Air Sat Feb 10 2:00-3:00 pm

Celebrate the newest book by this author and Harford County native. *Love Like Chocolate* is a deliciously sweet story of family, traditions, and chocolate! Books will be available to purchase, and a book signing will take place after the program.



Ned Tillman () All Ages

Joppa Thu Feb 15 6:30-8:00 pm

In 1695, a family of English colonists acquired the rights to 110 acres of land near the Port of Joppa, on the Chesapeake Bay, and established Good Endeavour Farm, which remained in the family for three centuries. Ned Tillman's novel, *Good Endeavour: A Maryland Family's Turbulent History 1695-2002*, offers the story of this family and a window into our nation's evolution. Books will be available to purchase and for signing after the program.



Jennifer Hale Adult

Bel Air Thu Feb 15 6:30-7:30 pm

Local author Jennifer Hale lost her mother in 2018. What followed was a time of discovery, a time to learn that grieving isn't always about grief, but that loss can lead to inspiration and even joy. Purchase a copy of *Have a Good Mourning* from your favorite bookseller ahead of the program for a signing that evening.



Teen After Hours (3) Grades 6-12 5:00-8:00 pm

Fri Dec 15

Fri Jan 19 Wonka-mania

Fri Feb 16

This is the night we open the library just for teens! Please call 410-612-1660 for a parent permission slip.

Bricks and Flicks () Family

Sat Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17 2:00-4:00 pm Enjoy building with LEGO® blocks while watching a family friendly movie. We supply the LEGOS® and you supply the imagination! Family and Friends Story Time Family
Tue Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20 10:15-11:00 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Friday Family Flicks (Family

Fri Dec 22, Jan 12, Feb 16 3:00-5:00 pm Enjoy a family-friendly movie on our big screen! Bring your own snacks to enjoy during the flick.

Paint Along – Watercolor (3 G) Adult Wed Dec 27, Jan 31, Feb 28 6:30-8:00 pm Follow along with instructor Sandra Somervell to create a beautiful masterpiece! Please wear clothes suitable for painting. All supplies provided.

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mobile Food Pantry Adult

Thu Dec 28 10:00 am-noon See ad on page 18 for details.

Joppa Evening Book Discussion Adult

6:30-8:00 pm

Thu Dec 28 The Dressmaker of Prospect Heights by Kitty Zeldis

Thu Jan 25 Someone Else's Shoes

by Jojo Moyes

Thu Feb 22 The Overnight Guest by Heather Gudenkauf

Evening Zumba® (3 G) Adult
Tuesdays (starting 1/2) 6:30-7:30 pm
Instructor Erin Subramanian leads this dance
fitness class featuring Latin and international
rhythms that make staying active fun.

Teen Coffee House (3) Grades 6-12 Fridays (starting 1/5) 3:00-5:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Art and Stories Preschool-Grade 2 **Tue** Jan 23, Feb 27 10:15-11:00 am

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

DIY Music Makers Grades K-5
Fri Jan 26 2:00-3:00 pm
Make your own musical instruments using everyday objects and recycled materials!

Genealogy After Hours (1) Grades 9-12 & Adult Fri Jan 26 4:00-8:00 pm See ad on page 8 for details.

Gingerbread Jamboree Story Time

Preschool-Grade 2 **Tue Jan 30 10:15-11:00 am**Run, run as fast as you can, for books, music, and a craft.

Hearts and Crafts Family
February 1-14 Library hours
Make something special for those you love!

Friends of HCPL Book Sale – Joppa All Ages Feb 7-13 Library hours See ad on page 19 for details.

A Very Valentine Story Time Family
Tue Feb 13 10:15-11:00 am
Celebrate this special day with stories, music,
and fun, followed by a craft.

Meet the Author: Ned Tillman All Ages Thu Feb 15 6:30-8:00 pm
See ad on page 15 for details.

Winter Book Tasting Adult Sat Feb 24 10:30-11:30 am See ad on page 2 for details.

NORRISVILLE

Wake Up and Walk Adult Mondays 9:15-10:00 am See ad on page 4 for details.

Family and Friends Story Time Family Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

PAWS and Read ③ Grades K-5
Thu Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 5:30-6:30 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.

DIY Wooden Signs (3) G Grades 6-12 Fri Dec 8 2:00-3:00 pm See ad on page 12 for details.

Holiday Open House All Ages
Tue Dec 12 5:30-7:30 pm
Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, refreshments, and a special performance by the Norrisville Elementary School Chorus.

Puzzle Swap Adult Wed Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14 10:00 am-8:00 pm Bring in puzzles you would like to trade in for others.

Snowman Scavenger Hunt Family
December 18-30 Library hours
Search for snowmen in the library and choose a prize when you have completed the quest!

THE 4TH ANNUAL

HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WOMEN'S SUMMIT

When more women are empowered to lead, everyone benefits! This very special event will feature local business leaders and a local author who will all share their leadership journey, real-world tips on how to create healthy boundaries, and much much more! Registration opens January 1, 2024... stay tuned for more details!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 5, 2024



Norrisville Morning Book Discussion Adult

10:30-11:30 am

Mon Dec 18 Favorite Reads from 2023 Mon Jan 22 Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Kimmerer

Mon Feb 26 The Winter of Our Discontent

by John Steinbeck

LEGO® Club (1) Family

Mon Dec 18, Jan 22, Feb 26 6:00-7:00 pm We supply the LEGO® bricks, you supply the imagination!

Craft and Create (3 G) Grades 9-12 & Adult 6:30-7:30 pm

Thu Dec 21 Snowflakes
Thu Jan 18 Creating Intentions
Thu Feb 15 Soap Making

Make a craft with fellow craft lovers. All materials provided.

Winter Crafternoon (3) Family

Thu Dec 28 2:00-3:00 pm

Warm up with some fun winter crafts!

Mini Art Show: Call for Artists! ()

Grades 9-12 & Adult

January 2-29 Library hours

Teen and adults – pick up your mini art kit starting January 2, while supplies last. Return your masterpiece by January 29. Artwork will be on display in February.

Penguin and Polar Bear Party (3) Family Tue Jan 9 10:15-11:00 am

Chill out with stories, songs, and a craft!

Friends of HCPL Meeting – Norrisville Adult

Thu Jan 25 6:30-7:30 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale -Norrisville All Ages

Wed Jan 31 10:00 am-8:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Mini Art Show All Ages

February 1-29 Library hours View the Mini Art submissions from community participants.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale - Norrisville

All Ages

Thu Feb 1 Library hours
Fri Feb 2 Library hours
Sat Feb 3 Library hours
See ad on page 19 for details.

Art and Stories - Snow (3) Preschool-Grade 2
Tue Feb 6 10:15-11:00 am

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

Valentine Scavenger Hunt (3) Family February 12-16 Library hours

Search for Valentine hearts in the library and choose a prize when you complete the guest!

Teen Time (3) Grades 6-12

Fri Feb 23 3:30-5:00 pm

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

The Story Behind the Photos with Frank

Marsden (i) Grades 9-12 & Adult Tue Feb 27 6:00-7:30 pm See ad on page 2 for details.

WHITEFORD

Gentle Yoga Adult

Fridays 11:00-11:45 am See ad on page 4 for details.

Family and Friends Story Time Family

Mondays 10:15-10:45 am

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

Advanced Yoga Adult

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Holiday Open House 📵 All Ages

Tue Dec 5 3:00-5:00 pm

Celebrate the holiday season with crafts and refreshments.

PAWS and Read (B) Grades K-5

Wed Dec 6, 20 6:00-7:00 pm Thu Dec 7, 21; Jan 4, 18; Feb 1, 15

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.

Baby Story Time Babies

Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am

Cozy up with your little one for bounces, books, and music.

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van Adult

Fri Dec 8 10:30 am-1:30 pm See ad on page 4 for details.

Books on Tap at Slate Farm Brewery Adult

6:00-7:00 pm

Fri Dec 8 The Golden Spoon by Jessa Maxwell Fri Jan 12 How Can I Help You? by Laura Sims

Fri Feb 9 Kindred by Octavia Butler

Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Everyone's welcome! Slate Farm Brewery, 2128 Whiteford Rd.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group 🕞

Grades 6-12

Thu Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 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.

Whiteford Afternoon Book Discussion Adult

2:00-3:00 pm

Wed Dec 20 Winter in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand

Wed Jan 17 West with Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

Wed Feb 21 The Violin Conspiracy

by Brendan Slocumb

LEGO® Club Grades K-8

Thu Dec 28 2:00-4:00 pm

We supply the LEGO® bricks, you supply the imagination!

Whiteford Books at the Center Adult

Thu Jan 4 10:00-11:00 am

The Golden Spoon by Jessa Maxwell

Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion. Please call the the Highland Senior Activity Center at 410-452-9071 for more details.

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Whiteford Adult

Tue Jan 9 3:00-4:00 pm See ad on page 19 for details.

Craft and Create (3) Grades 6-12 & Adult 6:00-7:00 pm

Wed Jan 24 Mod Podge Coasters and Jars Thu Feb 22

Make a craft with other craft lovers! All supplies provided.

Teen After Hours – Bad Art Night (3)Grades 6-12

Fri lan 26 5:00-7:00 pm

This is the night we open the library just for teens! Teens can play games, listen to music and have fun while the library is closed. Please call 410-638-3608 for a parent permission slip.

Homeschool Connect (3) Grades K-8
Wed Jan 31, Feb 28 10:00-11:30 am
Join us for a variety of fun and educational
activities. For more information please
contact the branch.

North Harford Middle School Student Art Show All Ages

February 1-24 Library hours

Enjoy artwork by students from North Harford Middle School.

A Very Valentine Story Time 🕟 Family

Wed Feb 14 10:15-10:45 am

Celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, music, and fun, followed by a craft.

Harford Community Action Agency Adult

Aberdeen	Tue Dec 5 Tue Jan 2 Tue Feb 6	10:00 am-noon 10:00 am-noon 10:00 am-noon
Edgewood	Tue Dec 12 Tue Jan 9 Tue Feb 13	10:00 am-noon
Havre de Grace	Tue Dec 19 Tue Jan 16 Tue Feb 20	10:00 am-noon
Joppa	Thu Dec 28 Tue Jan 23 Tue Feb 27	10:00 am-noon

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.

* Visit harfordcaa.org for more information.

*Maryland Energy Assistance Program, Harford County Fuel Fund, Homeless Prevention, Homeless Services, Community Food Pantry/Food Bank (see above ad), Financial Services Program, and GED Plus.



Lawyer in the *Library*

Bel Air 🚯 Fri Dec 15 11:00 am-noon Aberdeen (B) Fri Jan 26 11:00 am-noon Abingdon (B) Fri Feb 23 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.

Mobile Food Pantry



Fallston Tue Dec 5 noon-2:00 pm

Joppa Thu Dec 28 10:00 am-noon

If there is inclement weather, service will be inside the library. HCAA staff are available to answer general questions and accept applications for all HCAA programs.



Friends of HCPL

Book Sales



Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection

Aberdeen Thu Jan 4 noon-6:00 pm Donate books, CDs, and DVDs for an upcoming book sale! All proceeds support library programs and services.

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale

Norrisville Wed Jan 31 10:00 am-8:00 pm Special "Preview Sale" just for Friends of HCPL.

Friends of HCPL Book Sales

Aberdeen Jan 5-6 noon-4:30 pm Joppa Feb 7-13 Library hours Norrisville Feb 1-3 Library hours

Used books, music, movies, and more! All proceeds support library programs and services.

Meetings



Tue Jan 9 Aberdeen 2:00-3:00 pm Abingdon Mon Feb 26 6:00-7:00 pm Mon Jan 22, Feb 26 Bel Air 6:00-7:00 pm Darlington Thu Dec 14 1:00-2:00 pm Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center. Havre de Grace Mon Dec 4, Feb 5 11:00 am-12:30 pm Jarrettsville Wed Jan 3 2:30-3:30 pm Joppa Mon Dec 4, Jan 29 2:00-3:00 pm Norrisville Thu Ian 25 6:30-7:30 pm Whiteford Tue Jan 9 3:00-4:00 pm

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



GI WING TUESDAY

is NOVEMBER 28!



The Rolling Reader is a bookmobile that brings library programs to children in under-resourced communities in Harford County. Its mission is to promote the love of reading and improve school readiness.

The 23-year-old bookmobile serves the County's most vulnerable children, who do not have easy access to transportation. Programs include story times for Community Centers, Head Start Centers, Judy Centers, Title One Intervention, and the Boys and Girls Clubs.

The Rolling Reader has required increasingly extensive repairs and must be replaced. Your #givingtuesday donation this year will be used to support this meaningful endeavor. Thank you!

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