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Programs for
All Ages

MARCH 2023



**Harford County
Public Library**

R =Registration required



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 Libraries	Abingdon & Jarrettsville Libraries	
TUE	Fallston & Havre de Grace Joppa (3 rd Tuesdays) Libraries	Aberdeen Library	Bel Air Library
WED	Aberdeen, Abingdon, & Norrisville Libraries	Bel Air Library	
THU	Bel Air, Darlington, & Havre de Grace Libraries	Whiteford Library	
FRI	Abingdon & Jarrettsville Libraries		
SAT	Bel Air Library (2 nd Saturdays)		

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

Saturday Story Time Family
Joppa Sat Mar 11 11:00-11:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Stories and Stretches Preschool-Grade 5
Havre de Grace Mon Mar 13 1:30-2:15 pm
Join us for an interactive, playful story time filled with stories, yoga poses, and songs!

Spring Story Time Family
Whiteford Tue Mar 21 10:15-10:45 am
Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and activities about spring!

Sensory Story Time **R** Family
Abingdon Tue Mar 28 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.

So Many Bunnies! **R** **F** Family
Jarrettsville Wed Mar 29 10:15-11:00 am
Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and activities about bunnies.

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party Story Time
Abingdon Thu Mar 30 10:15-11:00 am
"Curiouser and curiouser!" Join us for an *Alice in Wonderland* themed story time with games, crafts, and lots of fun stories and songs.

Springtime Yoga Story Time **R** Family
Bel Air Fri Mar 31 2:00-3:00 pm
School's out early, so come enjoy stories, yoga, movement, and music! Bring a mat or towel.

ABERDEEN

Block Party Family

Fri Mar 10 2:00-3:00 pm
Fun for all ages with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, and Magna-Tiles®!

The Next Chapter All Ages

Sat Mar 11, 18, 25 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.

Baby Masterpieces Babies

Tue Mar 14 10:45-11:15 am
Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

GeoGuessr® Exploration Grades 6-12

Tue Mar 14 3:00-4:00 pm
Where are you? Explore the world in first-person street-view. Work together with friends in Co-op Mode or go head-to-head in Battle Royale.

START Family Book Club Family & Grades K-8

Tue Mar 14, 21, 28 5:30-6:45 pm
START (Serving, Thriving, and Reading Together) is a unique humanities-based, family-focused program building community among military and civilian families. Four weekly storytelling, reading, and discussion sessions are led by professional storytellers and story lovers. Families with children ages 6 to 13 will enjoy discussing children's stories about such ideas as family, courage, and community. Free for participants; kid-friendly dinners and books are provided. Sponsored by Blue Star Families in partnership with Harford County Public Library.

Pokémon Club Family

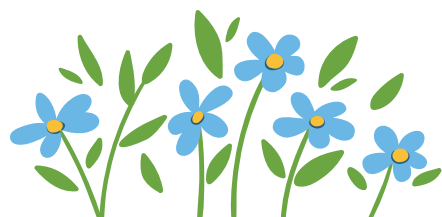
Wed Mar 15 3:30-5:00 pm
Hang out with Pokémon fans for card trading and battles!

Hatchlings: Ready to Hatch Adult

Hall's Cross Roads Elementary Judy Center
Fri Mar 17 10:15-11:15 am
Get ready for your baby by participating in a one-hour program, sponsored by the Maryland State Library. Participants will learn more about their baby-to-be through songs and fun activities and will also receive a free take-home kit! Contact Bridget Bloomer: bloomer@hcplonline.org, 410-638-3990 to register.

Pop Up STEM Family

Tue Mar 21 4:00-5:00 pm
Stop in for surprise hands-on STEM activities!



Kindness Rocks! Family

Sat Mar 25 11:00 am-noon
Spread joy and kindness by painting rocks into works of art, then placing them in our kindness rock garden.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration Family

Wed Mar 29 10:45-11:15 am
Celebrate your progress in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge by reading, singing, dancing, and making a fun craft! Join the program and celebrate!

ABINGDON

Count the Items: An Innovation Lab Contest!

Grades 6-12 & Adult
March 1-15 Library hours
Drop by the Innovation Lab to enter your guess into our raffle. Three winners (one adult, one in grades 6-8, one in grades 9-12) will each win THREE consecutive hours of 3D printer time! Drawing held on March 16 — winners will be notified by phone.

Women's History Month: Book Display/Word Search Puzzle All Ages

March 1-31 Library hours
Drop in to peruse our Women's History Month book display to find fiction and non-fiction titles, that highlight women of the world and their accomplishments, then grab a copy of a Women's history word search puzzle.

Dungeons & Dragons for Kids! Grades 3-5

Thu Mar 9 4:00-5:00 pm
Come play a D&D adventure built especially with kids in mind.

Block Party Family

Fri Mar 10 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Fun for all ages with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, and Magna-Tiles®!

Messy Makers Toddlers & Preschool-Grade 2

Tue Mar 14 10:15-11:00 am
Have fun and make artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of art supplies and techniques.

Youth Art Month Family

Tue Mar 14, 21, 28 4:00-5:00 pm
Come create with us to celebrate the power of art all month long!

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12

Wed Mar 15 3:30-5:00 pm
Interested in manga and anime? Join us for a lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Break-In Box: A Reverse Escape Activity

Grades 6-12 & Adult
March 17-31 Library hours
You know about breakout rooms. For this activity, you need to BREAK IN! Using the clues provided, solve puzzles to break into a locked box.

What Do You Know About Maryland? All Ages

Wed Mar 22 6:30-7:30 pm
Interested in learning more about Maryland? Compete alone or as a team in this fun and family-friendly, pub style trivia game. Test your knowledge and learn even more about the what makes Maryland great!

Craft and Create: Faux Metal Paper Jewelry

Grades 9-12 & Adult
Thu Mar 23 10:15 am-noon
Create a one-of-a-kind brooch using cardboard, glue, paint, and patience. Supplies will be provided but bring a pair of sharp cutting scissors, if you can.

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play Grades 6-12

Thu Mar 23 3:30-5:00 pm
Come and unwind from school with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time!

Teen Paint Lab Grades 6-12

Thu Mar 30 3:00-4:30 pm
Relax with some easy watercolor painting projects! All skill levels welcome!

BEL AIR

Knot Just Knitting Adult

Thu Mar 9 1:00-2:00 pm
All needlecrafters are welcome to come work on a project, share ideas, and learn more about the Library.

Pajama Day Family

Fri Mar 10 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Roll out of bed and enjoy pajama-themed fun in the Children's Department! Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffy, and enjoy dreamy activities all day long.

Acts of Kindness Family

March 13-18 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Make baby bags for new parents when you visit StreamWorks.

Tech Time: Open Session Adult

Wed Mar 15 2:00-4:00 pm
Our librarians will share how to download books/magazines, stream movies/TV, and more using HCPL's digital library and your HCPL library card!

Yoga for Everyone Adult

Wed Mar 15, 22, 29 6:00-7:00 pm
Join us for an "all are welcome" yoga practice led by instructors from the community. Each class will be a themed journey of yoga poses, breathing exercises, stillness, and meditation; concluding with an enriching group discussion to help integrate the benefits of yoga into daily life. Dress comfortably and bring a mat.

Master Gardeners: Successful Organic Gardening Adult

Sat Mar 18 10:15 am-noon
Learn what organic gardening means, its benefits, and the steps to building a healthy vegetable garden.

Book Discussions

Books at the Center Seniors

Havre de Grace Activity Center

Thu Mar 9 10:00-11:00 am

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

Chenoweth Activity Center

Thu Mar 16 2:00-3:00 pm


Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok

Edgewood Activity Center

Tue Mar 28 10:30-11:30 am

French Braid by Anne Tyler

Afternoon Book Discussion Adult

Abingdon 

Wed Mar 15 2:00-3:00 pm

The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

Whiteford

Wed Mar 22 2:00-3:00 pm

Proving Ground: The Untold Story of the Six Women Who Programmed the World's First Modern Computer by Kathy Kleiman

Books on Tap Adult

Slate Farm Brewery

Fri Mar 10 6:00-7:00 pm

Proving Ground: The Untold Story of the Six Women Who Programmed the World's First Modern Computer by Kathy Kleiman

Evening Book Discussion Adult

Fallston

Thu Mar 9 5:30-6:30 pm

Finding Chika by Mitch Albom

Jarrettsville

Mon Mar 13 6:30-7:30 pm

The Maid by Nita Prose

Joppa

Thu Mar 23 6:30-8:00 pm

The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill

Book Discussion - Romance Adult

Aberdeen

Thu Mar 16 6:00-7:00 pm

Wild Rain by Beverly Jenkins

Book Discussion - Nonfiction Adult

Bel Air

Mon Mar 20 6:30-7:30 pm

One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World by Michael Frank

Morning Book Discussion Adult

Aberdeen

Thu Mar 23 10:15-11:15 am

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

Jarrettsville

Thu Mar 23 11:00 am-noon

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt

Norrisville

Mon Mar 27 10:30-11:30 am

The Doctors Blackwell by Janice P. Nimura



Lawyer in the Library

Adult

Aberdeen Fri Mar 24 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.



Harford Community Action Agency

Adult

Edgewood Tue Mar 14 noon-2:00 pm

Havre de Grace Tue Mar 21 noon-2:00 pm

Joppa Tue Mar 28 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.



Guest *Presenters*



Tea-ology Adult

Joppa

Wed Mar 22 6:30-8:00 pm

The Tea Trolley will be serving tea and scones over a presentation of tea basics. Learn a brief history of tea development, traditions, and differences in types of tea and the best ways to brew them.

The Norrisville Quilt: A Local History Presentation Grades 9-12 & Adult Norrisville

Thu Mar 30 6:30-7:30 pm

Come and see the Norrisville Quilt created in 1976 by the Norrisville Homemakers to chronicle this community's history. The Harford County Historical Society will delve into the making of this story-telling textile with special guest, Judith Billingslea, Founder of the Norrisville Homemakers.



Genealogy

Researching in Libraries and Archives:

The Do's and Don'ts Adult

Virtual

Tue Mar 14 6:30-8:00 pm

The buildings housing libraries, archives, courthouses, genealogical or historical societies, and museums are all around us. They hold the records that we, as genealogists, are searching for. Learn how to use these repositories for the utmost benefit to your research. You'll also take away constructive do's and don'ts to help make the most of a visit to any library and/or archive. Presented by Melissa Barker.

Genealogy Discussion Group Adult Jarrettsville

Thu Mar 23 6:15-7:45 pm

Join fellow researchers and share techniques, tips, and resources.

Art Shows

Mini Art Show Grades 9-12 & Adult

Joppa March 1-31 Library hours

Pick up your Mini Art Kit starting March 1, while supplies last. Return your masterpiece by March 31. Mini Art submissions will be on display during the month of April.

North Harford Elementary School Student Art Show

All Ages

Whiteford March 1-31 Library hours

Visit the branch during the month of March to enjoy artwork by students from North Harford Elementary School.



Friends of HCPL *Meetings*

Adult

Darlington

Thu Mar 9 1:00-2:00 pm

Aberdeen

Tue Mar 14 2:00-3:00 pm

Abingdon

Mon Mar 27 6:00-7:00 pm

Bel Air

Mon Mar 27 6:00-7:00 pm

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



Preschool Music and Movement Preschool
Tue Mar 21 11:00 am-noon
Explore music and movement through stories, songs, and play!

Rubik's Cube Club **F** Grades 6-12
Thu Mar 23 3:30-5:00 pm
Learn to solve the original Rubik's Cube and explore other puzzle cubes. Share strategies and algorithms with other fans of this nostalgic, but competitive, toy.

Teen After Hours: Egg Hunt **R F** Grades 6-12
Fri Mar 24 5:00-7:00 pm
This is the night we open the library just for a teens only egg hunt! *A parent permission is required to participate.*

Experiment and Explore **R** Preschool
Tue Mar 28 11:00 am-noon
Learn about science, music, math, and art concepts through hands-on activities and fun demonstrations!

Messy Makers **R** Preschool-Grade 2
Fri Mar 31 10:15-11:00 am
Have fun and make artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of art supplies and techniques.

DARLINGTON

Half-Day Fun Family
Fri Mar 10, 31 1:00-4:00 pm
Have a half-day at school? Come to the library and do or make something cool!

Teen After Hours **R F** Grades 6-12
Fri Mar 17 5:00-7:00 pm
This is the night we open the library just for teens! Play games, listen to music, and have fun while the library is closed. *A parent permission slip is required to participate.*

Art and Stories **R** Preschool-Grade 2
Harford County Agricultural Center - Darlington
Tue Mar 28 10:15-11:15 am
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

EDGEWOOD

Art and Stories Preschool-Grade 2
Thu Mar 9, 30 4:30-5:30 pm
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

Block Party Family
Fri Mar 10, 31 2:00-4:00 pm
Fun for all ages with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, and Magna-Tiles®!

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12
Tue Mar 14 3:00-4:30 pm
Interested in manga and anime? Join us for a lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

PlayStation® Power Play Grades 6-12
Wed Mar 15, 22, 29 3:00-4:30 pm
Attention all gamers: The library is the place to let loose and game your life away!

Pop Up STEM Family
Thu Mar 16 4:30-5:30 pm
Stop in for surprise hands-on STEM activities!

Freestyle Painting **R** Adult
Wed Mar 22 3:30-4:30 pm
Come in and paint a masterpiece with others. All supplies provided.

Crafternoon Family
Thu Mar 23 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us for some crafting fun!

Hatchlings: Ready to Hatch **R** Adult
Tue Mar 28 6:30-7:30 pm
Get ready for your baby by participating in a one-hour program, sponsored by the Maryland State Library. Participants will learn more about their baby-to-be through songs and fun activities and will also receive a free take-home kit! Contact Bridget Bloomer: bloomer@hcplonline.org, 410-638-3990 to register.

FALLSTON

Baby Masterpieces **R F** Babies
Thu Mar 9 10:30-11:00 am
Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

Block Party **F** Family
Fri Mar 10, 31 2:00-3:00 pm
Fun for all ages with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, and Magna-Tiles®!

Shamrock Scavenger Hunt **F** Family
March 13-18 Library hours
Search for shamrocks in the library and earn a prize when you have completed the quest!

Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12
Tue Mar 14 3:30-4:30 pm
Interested in manga and anime? Join us for a lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Craft and Create **R F** Grades 9-12 & Adult
Thu Mar 23 6:00-7:30 pm
An evening of crafting fun creating clay beads for a necklace or bracelet. All supplies provided.

Teen Crafternoon **R F** Grades 6-12
Fri Mar 24 3:30-4:30 pm
Join us for crafting fun! All supplies provided.

3D Fun! **R** Grades K-5
Wed Mar 29 4:30-5:30 pm
Hop into the library and learn about our 3D printer. We'll create a fun spring-themed craft as well!

HAVRE DE GRACE

Tween & Teen Movie Music Bingo **F**
Grades 3-12
Fri Mar 10 2:00-3:00 pm
Have fun matching songs to popular childhood animated movies to win prizes!

Teen Time **F** Grades 6-12
Tue Mar 14, 21, 28 3:00-4:30 pm
Hang out and play video/board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends!

Art and Stories **F** Preschool-Grade 2
Wed Mar 15 10:15-11:15 am
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

PAWS and Read Grades K-5
Sat Mar 18 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.

Craft and Create **R F** Adult
Mon Mar 20 10:30 am-noon
Join us for a morning of crafting fun! Upcycle fun, let's make a gnome!

Unicorn Sparkle Extravaganza **R F**
Preschool-Grade 2
Wed Mar 22 10:15-11:15 am
Put on something sparkly and join us for a magical time celebrating unicorns with songs, stories, activities, and crafts!

JARRETTSVILLE

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play **R** Grades 6-12
Fri Mar 10 2:00-4:00 pm
Unwind from school at the library with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time!

ArtVentures **R F** Grades K-5
Wed Mar 15 2:00-3:00 pm
Discover the world of art and create some too! All are welcome and great for homeschool families.

PAWS and Read **R** Grades K-5
Sat Mar 18 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. Call to register at 410-692-7887.

Melted Crayon Jewelry **R F** Grades 6-12 & Adult
Wed Mar 22 4:00-5:30 pm
Melting crayons does amazing things, like make gorgeous jewelry! Join us to make these colorful gems.



JOPPA

Morning Zumba® Adult

Fri Mar 10, 17, 24, 31 9:30-10:30 am
Instructor Erin Subramanian leads a Zumba® dance fitness class featuring Latin and international rhythms that make staying active fun. Beginners welcome! Please bring a water bottle and a towel.

Half-Day Fun Family

Fri Mar 10 2:00-4:30 pm
Have a half-day at school? Come to the library and do something cool!

Puzzle Swap All Ages

Sat Mar 11 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Finished a jigsaw puzzle and ready for the next one? Bring in puzzles you would like to trade for others!

Vinyasa Yoga Adult

Mon Mar 13, 20, 27 6:45-7:45 pm
Join instructor Kelly Blackburn for a flow practice that integrates breath and movement to create strength and flexibility.

Experiment and Explore Preschool

Tue Mar 14 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 Mar 14 noon-1:00 pm
All needlecrafters are welcome to come work on a project, share ideas and learn more about the Library. Knitting and crocheting instruction is available for beginners.

Scrapbooking Adult

Thu Mar 16 6:30-8:00 pm
We'll share our scrapbooking techniques and create new memories. Supplies provided. Please bring photos and other scrapbook items you'd like to use.

Gentle Yoga Adult

Mon Mar 20, 27 5:30-6:30 pm
Join instructor Kelly Blackburn for a gentle approach to Yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities.

Teen Crafternoon Grades 6-12

Tue Mar 21 4:00-5:00 pm
Join us for crafting fun! All supplies will be provided.

Family Game Time Family

Sat Mar 25 2:00-5:00 pm
Stop by the library with your friends and family to play games, both classic and new.



Art and Stories Preschool

Tue Mar 28 10:15-11:00 am
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

Paint Along: Acrylic Adult

Wed Mar 29 6:30-8:00 pm
Follow along with instructor Sandra Somervell to create a beautiful masterpiece! Please wear clothes suitable for painting. All supplies will be provided.

Friday Family Flicks Family

Fri Mar 31 3:00-5:00 pm
Enjoy a family friendly movie on our big screen! You can bring a picnic to enjoy during the flick.

Teen After Hours Grades 6-12

Fri Mar 31 5:00-8:00 pm
This is the night we open the library just for teens! Play games, listen to music, and have fun while the library is closed. *Please call the library for a parent permission slip.*

NORRISVILLE

Shamrock Scavenger Hunt Family

March 13-18 Library hours
Search for shamrocks in the library and choose a prize when you have completed the quest!

Craft and Create:

Spring Bling Jewelry Making Adult

Thu Mar 16 6:30-7:30 pm
We'll make beaded bracelets or earrings to help sparkle our way into spring! All supplies provided.

LEGO® Club Family

Mon Mar 20 6:00-7:00 pm
We supply the LEGO® bricks. You supply the imagination!

Spice Talk: Cardamom Adult

Tue Mar 21 6:30-7:30 pm
A program for people who like to talk about food. We discuss cardamom — its origins, cultural history, and use in popular recipes.

Spring Crafternoon Family

Fri Mar 31 2:00-3:00 pm
Celebrate spring by making some seasonal crafts!

WHITEFORD

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12

Thu Mar 9 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.



University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van Adult

Fri Mar 10 10:30 am-1:00 pm
UMUCH promotes wellness by sharing information on health topics, and providing community access to a range of preventative screenings. This month's focus is colorectal cancer. 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 UMUCH at 800-515-0044 with questions.

Gentle Yoga Adult

Fri Mar 10, 17, 24, 31 11:00-11:45 am
A gentle approach to yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities. Improve strength, endurance, flexibility, and balance, while promoting mindfulness and focused awareness. Movements are slow and controlled. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Hatha Yoga For Beginners Adult

Tue Mar 14, 21, 28 4:00-5:00 pm
We start on the floor and work our way to standing poses and cover many basic Hatha Yoga poses.

Evening Zumba®! Adult

Wed Mar 15, 22, 29 6:00-7:00 pm
Join instructor Katie Troch for a Zumba® dance fitness class. Beginners welcome! Please bring water and a towel.

PAWS and Read Grades K-5

Wed Mar 15, 29 6:00-7:00 pm
Sat Mar 18 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. Call 410-638-3608 to register.

Homeschool Connect Grades K-8

Wed Mar 29 10:00 am-noon
Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. Call 410-638-3608 for more information.

Chalk Our Walks Family

Fri Mar 31 1:00-4:00 pm
Help us beautify the library's walkway with your artistic talent and our sidewalk chalk!



Visit [HCPLonline.org](https://www.hcplonline.org) for a complete list of programs.