**HCPL CheckOut**

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**MARCH 2023**

**Programs for All Ages**

**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**  
  **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!**  
  **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**  
  **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.

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**Story Times**

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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.

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.

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Harford Community Action Agency

**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.

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**Book Discussions**

**Books at the Center**  Seniors
**Havre de Grace Activity Center**  Thu Mar 9  10:00-11:00 am
**Chenowith Activity Center**  Thu Mar 16  2:00-3:00 pm
**Edgewood Activity Center**  Tue Mar 28  10:30-11:30 am

**Afternoon Book Discussion**  Adult
**Abingdon**  Wed Mar 15  2:00-3:00 pm
**Whiteford**  Wed Mar 22  2:00-3:00 pm

**Books on Tap**  Adult
**Slate Farm Brewery**  Fri Mar 10  6:00-7:00 pm
**Finding Chika**  by Mitch Albom
**The Maid**  by Nita Prose

**Evening Book Discussion**  Adult
**Fallston**  Thu Mar 9  5:30-6:30 pm
**The Paris Library**  by Nita Prose
**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

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**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.

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Guest Presenters

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.

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.

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.

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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  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  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  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  Preschool-Grade 2  Fri  Mar 31  10:35-11:00 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  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  Preschool-Grade 2  Harford County Agricultural Center - Darlington  Tue  Mar 28  10:35-11:15 am
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

**EDGWEOOOD**

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  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!

**FALLSTON**

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

Block Party  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  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 23  6:30-7:30 pm
Interested in manga and anime? Join us for a lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Craft and Create  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  Grades 6-12  Fri  Mar 24  3:30-4:30 pm
Join us for crafting fun! All supplies provided.

3D Fun  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  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  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  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  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  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  Grades 6-12  Fri  Mar 10  2:00-4:00 pm
Unwind from school at the library with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time!

ArtVentures  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  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  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.

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Morning Zumba®  Family  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  10:30-11:00 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.*

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 spark 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!

PAWS and Read  Grades K-5
Wed  Mar 15, 22, 29  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. Call 410-638-3608 to register.

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!