Programs for September, October, & November 2023

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September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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19th Annual Gala to Benefit Harford County Public Library

Spyball
Secrets in the Stacks

Saturday, November 4, 2023
7:00-11:00 PM | Abingdon Library | Tickets $175
Saxon’s Diamond Centers Raffle
Top Secret Silent Auction
Drinks Shaken Not Stirred

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**Kid's Craft and Create**  Family
Sat  Sep 2, Oct 14  11:00 am-noon
Fri  Sep 22  2:00-3:00 pm
Thu  Oct 19  2:00-3:00 pm
Sat  Nov 11  2:00-3:00 pm
Join us for a pop-up craft!

**Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA)**  Mobile Food Pantry  Adult
Tue  Sep 5  10:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

**Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA)**  Adult
Tue  Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7  10:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

**Craft and Create: Message Bracelets**  Adult
Tue  Sep 5  10:15-11:30 am
Create a unique bracelet made of beads including cube letters. All supplies provided.

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

**Baby Masterpieces**  Babies
Tue  Sep 5, Oct 10, Nov 14  10:45-11:15 am
Create beautiful pictures using your baby’s tiny hands and feet.

**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  Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 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.

**Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection - Aberdeen**  All Ages
Thu  Sep 7, Nov 2  noon-6:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

**The Next Chapter**  All Ages
Thursdays thru Nov 16  4:00-4:30 pm
Story time is not just for kids - reconnect with the joy of listening to stories! Our librarians will read aloud a children’s book, chapter by chapter over several weeks.

**Friends of HCPL Book Sale - Aberdeen**  All Ages
Fri  Sep 8, Nov 3  noon-4:30 pm
Sat  Sep 9, Nov 4  10:00 am-4:30 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

**Books Before Bed**  Family
Mon  Sep 11, 25; Oct 23; Nov 13, 27
6:30-7:30 pm
Enjoy an evening story time with music, movement, and fun!

**Friends of HCPL Meeting - Aberdeen**  Adult
Tue  Sep 12, Nov 14  2:00-3:00 pm
See ad on page back cover for details.

**Video Game Club**  Grades 6-12
Wed  Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8  3:30-5:00 pm
Play games, relax, and have a great time with friends!

**Aberdeen Shine Your Light Community Yoga - Gentle/Chair**  Adult
Fri  Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17  9:45-10:45 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.

**Sew Much Fun**  Grades 3-8
Mon  Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 19  4:00-5:30 pm
Drop in and discover hand or machine sewing. Already experienced? We’ll have a project for you too!

**Teen Crafternoon: National Comic Book Day**  Grades 6-12
Tue  Sep 19  3:30-5:00 pm
Create your own comic or manga story with recycled materials. All supplies provided.

**Pokémon Club**  Family
Wed  Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15  3:30-5:00 pm
Hang out with Pokémon fans for card trading and battles!

**Aberdeen Morning Book Discussion**  Adult
Thu  Sep 21  10:15-11:15 am
*Hester* by Laurie Albanese
Thu  Oct 26  10:15-11:15 am
*There There* by Tommy Orange

**Aberdeen Book Discussion – Romance**  Adult
Thu  Sep 21  6:00-7:00 pm
*Meet Me at the Lake* by Carley Fortune

**Lawyer in the Library**  Adult
Fri  Sep 22  11:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

**Craft Swap**  Adult
Sat  Sep 23  10:00 am-noon
Swap crafts and supplies that you no longer use! Donations will be accepted starting September 9 or bring them in the day of the swap. You do not need to donate to participate. Donation guidelines: Items must be clean, dry, free of damage or age marks and in good working condition.

**Block Party**  Family
Mon  Sep 25  2:00-3:00 pm
Fri  Oct 20, Nov 3  2:00-3:00 pm
Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles® and more!

**Teen Time**  Grades 6-12
Wed  Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29  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!

**Hatchlings: In the Nest**  Babies & Parents
Halls Cross Roads Judy Center
Fri  Sep 29; Oct 6, 13, 27  9:00-10:00 am
An informative and fun early literacy program designed for parents and their babies, ages birth through six months. Older siblings will be provided with quiet activities during the program. To register, please contact Bridget Bloomer at 410-638-3990.

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### **MEET THE AUTHOR**

**L'Oréal Thompson Payton**

Join us as we welcome award-winning author, and former Harford County resident, L’Oréal Thompson Payton to celebrate the launch of her book, *Stop Waiting for Perfect: Step Out of Your Comfort Zone and Into Your Power*.

According to Thompson Payton, “You are smart, brilliant, and beyond talented, but if you’re a woman, particularly a Black woman or woman of color, you’re likely prone to doubting yourself. What’s more, society often reinforces the idea that you, that we, don’t deserve the success we do achieve. But that couldn’t be further from the truth!”

Purchase *Stop Waiting for Perfect* at benbellabooks.com/shop/stop-waiting-for-perfect/, use code HARFORD for a 30% discount. Thompson Payton will sign her book that evening.

**Tuesday, September 5**
6:30-7:30 pm
Abingdon Library

Adult Registration encouraged
Craft and Create: Fall Luminairies  Adult
Tue Oct 3 10:15-11:30 am
Create fall-themed luminaries. All supplies provided.

Hooray for Firefighters: Touch a Truck  Family
Sat Oct 7 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Get an up-close look at a firetruck and meet some of our local firefighters!

Teen Crafternoon: Watercolors  Grades 6-12
Tue Oct 17 3:30-5:00 pm
Learn how to paint with watercolors. All supplies provided.

Warped Weavers Demonstration  All Ages
Sat Oct 21 1:00-3:00 pm
The Warped Weavers Guild shares the craft of weaving through demonstrations by its artisan members in celebration of National Weaving and Spinning Month.

Trick or Treat at the Library  Family
Tue Oct 31 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Come in costume to get a treat and do a craft!

Craft and Create: Aromatherapy Hand Cream  Adult
Tue Nov 7 10:15-11:30 am
Make hand cream scented with essential oil.

Write It Down Anyway  Grades 9-12 & Adult
Tue Nov 7 6:30-7:30 pm
In this workshop, local author Irmgarde Brown will share simple tricks to get started writing. Notebooks will be provided.

Teen Crafternoon: Invisible Ink  Grades 6-12
Tue Nov 21 3:30-5:00 pm
Create a devious invisible ink craft. All supplies provided.

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

Dungeons & Dragons for Kids!  Grades 3-5
Tue Sep 5, Oct 10 3:00-5:00 pm
Mon Nov 13 3:00-5:00 pm
Come play a D&D adventure built especially with kids in mind. Become brave adventurers and show the monsters who’s boss!

Meet the Author: L’Oreal Thompson Payton  Adult
Tue Sep 5 6:30-7:30 pm
See ad on page 3 for details.

Teen Anime Club  Grades 6-12
Wed Sep 6, 20; Oct 4, 18; Nov 1, 15 3:30-5:00 pm
A lively discussion of anime and manga.

Art Lab  Family
Thu Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 4:00-5:00 pm
Explore the works and styles of famous artists and create your own masterpiece at our family art lab event.

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

Sing and Dance with Me  Family
Tue Sep 12, Oct 17, Nov 16 10:15-11:00 am
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Teen Dungeons & Dragons  Grades 6-12
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It’s a quest for adventure, treasure, magic, and mayhem! All skill levels welcome.

Books on Tap at Abingdon Grill  Adult
Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Everyone’s welcome! Abingdon Grill, 418 Constant Friendship Blvd, Abingdon, MD 21009.
Wed Sep 13 6:30-8:00 pm
Annie and the Wolves by Andromeda Romano-Lax
Wed Oct 11 6:30-8:00 pm
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Wed Nov 8 6:30-8:00 pm
The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

Abingdon Shine Your Light Community Yoga - Gentle/Chair  Adult
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Mon Sep 25 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles® and more!

Science Club  Grades K-5
Mon Sep 18 4:00-6:00 pm
Enjoy fun hands-on experiments and STEM activities!

Messy Makers  Preschool-Grade 2
Tue Sep 19, Oct 10, Nov 14 10:15-11:00 am
Have fun making artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of supplies and techniques.

Abingdon Afternoon Book Discussion  Adult
Wed Sep 20 2:00-3:00 pm
Hang the Moon by Jeannette Walls
Wed Oct 18 2:00-3:00 pm
There There by Tommy Orange
Wed Nov 15 2:00-3:00 pm
The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Hatchlings: In the Nest  Babies & Parents
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An informative and fun early literacy program designed for parents and their babies, ages birth through six months. Older siblings will be provided with quiet activities during the program. To register, please contact Bridget Bloomer at 410-636-3990.

Fandom Fest  Family
Sat Sep 23 10:00 am-5:00 pm
See ad on page 5 for details.

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Abingdon  Adult
Mon Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 27 6:00-7:00 pm
See ad on page back cover for details.

Sensory Story Time  Family
Tue Sep 28, Oct 24, Nov 28 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 or accommodations in advance.

Craft and Create  Adult
10:15 am-Noon
Thu Sep 28 – Clear Glue Suncatchers
Thu Oct 26 – Spooky Sock Gnomes
Thu Nov 30 – Finnish Paper Stars
Join the crafting fun! All supplies provided.

Nintendo Switch™ Free Play  Grades 6-12
Thu Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 30 3:30-5:00 pm
Unwind at the library with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time!

Warped Weaver Demonstration  All Ages
Sat Oct 7 11:00 am-1:00 pm
The Warped Weavers Guild shares the craft of weaving through demonstrations by its artisan members in celebration of National Weaving and Spinning Month.

Celebrate Constitution Day  All Ages
September 16-18
Library hours
Drop in to read the U.S. Constitution and put your own signature on this special document. Look for displays, programs, and other patriotic activities at all Harford County Public Library locations.

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GET YOUR GEEK ON WITH HCPL’S FANDOM FEST!
WE’LL TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE ABINGDON LIBRARY WITH PHOTO OPS, BOARD GAMES, DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, CRAFTS, TRIVIA, PANELS, TRADING CARD GAMES, AND MORE! DON’T FORGET TO COME DRESSED UP FOR THE COSTUME CONTEST FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
10:00 AM-5:00 PM
ABINGDON LIBRARY

MEET THE AUTHOR
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2:30-3:30 PM

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES: PAINT A MINI WITH CRITICAL HIT GAMES, TRADING CARD GAME DEMOS, JURASSIC DIG/BRICKVILLE, JUNIOR SUPERHERO OBSTACLE COURSE, KIDS’ CRAFTS, GEEKY GREEN SCREEN, “WHO’S THAT POKÉMON?” 3D PRINT DEMONSTRATION, AND ROAMIN’ ROBOTS.
“Green Scream” for Halloween
Sat  Oct 7  2:00-3:30 pm  Adult
Let’s brainstorm and learn tricks to make your Halloween photos pop!

B.Y.O.B: Bring Your Own Book - Horror! ① ⑦
Adult
Fri  Oct 13  7:00-9:00 pm
B.Y.O.B is a game in which players must answer a prompt with the funniest/most clever response taken from any book.

3D Printing 101 ①  Grades 3-12 & Adult
Sat  Oct 14  2:00-3:30 pm
Level up your 3D printing skills with Andrew Lane, President and Founder of Ethical Engineering and Manufacturing Engineer, Intralox.

Meet the Author: Mark Dawidziak ①  Adult
Tue  Oct 17  7:00-8:00 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

International Board Games Month Game Demo  Grades 6-12
Fri  Oct 20  10:00 am-5:00 pm
Celebrate with the board game experts from Critical Hit Games and try out some fun new games.

Pumpkin Painting ①  Family
Fri  Oct 20  3:00-4:00 pm
See ad on page 11 for details.

Early Reader Book Club ①  Grades K-2
Mon  Oct 23  4:00-5:00 pm
Children can practice through group reading and activities.

Teen Spy Games  Grades 6-12
Tue  Oct 24  3:30-5:00 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

Witch’s Brew: Truth and Legends of Witchcraft in Maryland  Grades 9-12 & Adult
Wed  Oct 25  6:30-7:30 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

Family Accessibility Night ①  Family
Fri  Oct 27  5:15-7:00 pm
Families of children with special needs use the library after hours, socialize with other families, and meet representatives from community services. Please register both adults and children attending.

Death Cafe ① ⑦  Grades 9-12 & Adult
Sat  Nov 11  2:00-3:30 pm
A Death Cafe is where people, often strangers, gather to discuss death with no agenda, objectives, or themes. The intent is to increase the awareness of death with a view to helping people be intentional with their lives.

Lawyer in the Library ①  Adult
Fri  Nov 17  11:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

Ballet Chesapeake Presents The Nutcracker
Family
Sat  Nov 18  11:00-11:45 am
Enjoy an abridged version of the classic story of The Nutcracker performed by Ballet Chesapeake, followed by story time and a short dance lesson.

Tech Time: Tinkercad ①  Grades 9-12 & Adult
Sat  Nov 18  1:00-3:00 pm
Explore simple 3D design concepts as we build an object together, while learning to use Tinkercad, which is a cloud-based, 3-D design app.

Dinovember Evening Story Time  Family
Mon  Nov 20  6:00-6:45 pm
Come enjoy a dino-themed story time and activities!

Native American Heritage Story Time  Family
Tue  Nov 21  10:15-10:45 am
Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a story time focusing on books by Indigenous authors.

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Baby Masterpieces ①  Babies
Fri  Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 3  10:15-11:00 am
Create beautiful pictures using your baby’s tiny hands and feet.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection - Bel Air All Ages
Sat  Sep 2, 9, 16, 23  10:00 am-5:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Family and Friends Story Time  Family
Mon  Sep 11, Oct 2  10:15-10:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Toddler Story Time  Toddlers
Tuesdays 10:15-10:45 am
Enjoy energetic and engaging stories, music, and movement!

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

Dungeons & Dragons ①  Grades 6-12
Tue  Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7  4:30-6:30 pm
Play Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition with our experienced Dungeon Master. Materials provided, but you’re welcome to bring dice and books.

Artventures ①  Grades K-8
Wed  Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1  1:30-3:30 pm
Discover the world of art – and create some too! Great for homeschool families, but all are welcome.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) ①  Grades 6-12
Thu  Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2  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!

Bel Air Evening Book Discussion  Adult
Thu  Sep 7  6:30-7:30 pm
Exiles by Jane Harper
Thu  Oct 5  6:30-7:30 pm
There There by Tommy Orange
Thu  Nov 2  6:30-7:30 pm
Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

Master Gardeners: Growing Herbs in Containers ①  Adult
Sat  Sep 9  10:15 am-noon
See ad on page 7 for details.

Acts of Kindness ①  Family
Library hours
Sep 11-16 – Kindness Rocks for Eden Mill Nature Center
Oct 10-14 – Food Sorting for Backpack Blessings
Nov 13-18 – Dental Hygiene Kits for First Presbyterian Church of Bel Air Food Pantry

Romp and Run ①  Babies & Toddlers
Mon  Sep 11, Nov 13  1:00-2:00 pm
Explore ways to encourage your child’s motor and social skills in a relaxed environment.

Bel Air Books at the Center  Adult
Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion. Please call the McFaul Senior Center at 410-638-4040 for more details.

Mercury Pictures Presents by Anthony Marra
Mon  Oct 2  1:00-3:00 pm
There There by Tommy Orange
Mon  Nov 6  1:00-3:00 pm
In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

Nature Craftercycle  Preschool-Grade 2
Mon  Sep 11, Oct 2  4:30-6:30 pm
Indulge your creativity using items from nature or repurposed materials! All supplies provided.

Bel Air Genealogy Discussion Group  Adult
Mon  Sep 11, Oct 2  6:30-7:30 pm
Learn all about our Genealogy Resources. Join fellow researchers to share techniques and tips.

Art and Stories ①  Preschool-Grade 2
Tue  Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14  11:00 am-noon
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

Homeschool Open House  Family
Tue  Sep 12  6:00-7:30 pm
Explore our many resources and services available to homeschooling families!

Books on Tap at Lib’s Grill  Adult
Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Everyone’s welcome!
Lib’s Grill, 1204 Agora Dr, Bel Air.
Tue  Sep 12  6:30-8:30 pm
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
Tue  Oct 10  6:30-8:30 pm
The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy
Tue  Nov 14  6:30-8:30 pm
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
Master Gardeners

Growing Herbs in Containers  Adult
Bel Air  Sat  Sep 9  10:15 am-noon
Learn about the joy of gardening on a small scale with minimal maintenance and investment.

Bugs & Books  Family
Darlington  Wed Sep 27, Oct 25  2:00-3:00 pm
Enjoy stories and explore the roles of bugs in our gardens through hands-on activities. Presented in partnership with the Master Gardeners. Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center.

Seeds and Stories  Grades K-5
Edgewood  Sat  Sep 30, Oct 21, Nov 18  10:30-11:30 am
Enjoy stories and participate in gardening-themed activities. Presented in partnership with the Master Gardeners.

Pruning Tips for Trees, Shrubs and Plants  Adult
Bel Air  Sat  Oct 21  10:15 am-noon
Learn techniques to remove damaged wood, open plants to more sunlight and bud removal to augment growth.

Brambles, Berries and Small Fruits  Adult
Bel Air  Sat  Nov 18  10:15 am-noon
Explore how to add berries and other small fruits to your garden.

Homeschool Connect  Grades K-8
Wed  Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8  1:30-3:30 pm
Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. For more information, please contact 410-638-3151.

Sew Much Fun  Grades 3-8
Wed  Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8  4:00-7:00 pm
Discover hand or machine sewing. We have projects for all skill levels!

Knot Just Knitting  Adult
Thu  Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9  1:00-2:00 pm
All needlecrafters are invited to work on a project, share ideas and learn more about the Library.

International Dot Day  Family
Fri  Sep 15  10:00 am-5:00 pm
Inspired by Peter H. Reynolds’ book, The Dot, celebrate creativity, courage, and collaboration with dot-related crafts and activities.

Sensory Story Time  Family
Fri  Sep 15, Nov 17  10:15-11:00 am
A multi-sensory story time, for families of children of all abilities. Engaging visuals, interactive stories, adaptive movement, and sensory activities will engage children. After registering, please contact 410-638-3151 to discuss any special needs in advance.

Build a City!  Grades K-2
Fri  Sep 15  2:00-4:00 pm
Join other builders to create an entire city, using various materials! All supplies provided.

Be a Super Sitter: Babysitter's Training  Grades 6-12
Sat  Sep 16  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.

Bel Air Nonfiction Book Discussion  Adult
Mon  Sep 18  6:30-7:30 pm
In Pursuit of Jefferson by Derek Baxter
Mon  Oct 16  6:30-7:30 pm
Solito by Javier Zamora
Mon  Nov 20  6:30-7:30 pm
From Strength to Strength by Arthur C. Brooks

Preschool Music and Movement  Preschool
Tue  Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21  11:00 am-noon
Explore music and movement through stories, songs, and play!

Tech Time: Open Session  Adult
Wed  Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15  2:00-4:00 pm
Learn how to download books and magazines, plus stream movies or TV from our digital library.

Bullet Journaling 101  Grades 6-12
Wed  Sep 20  3:30-5:00 pm
Learn the ins and outs of bullet journaling, starting with some background on the technique, plus time to get a journal started. All supplies provided.

Pokémon Club  Family
Thu  Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16  6:00-7:30 pm
Hang out for card trading and battles!

T-Rex Tea Party  Family
Fri  Sep 22  2:00-4:00 pm
Learn proper etiquette, read stories, and do crafts at a dinosaur-themed tea party.

Chalk Our Walks  Family
Mon  Sep 25  2:00-4:00 pm
Beautify our walkway with your artistic talent and our sidewalk chalk!

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Bel Air  Adult
Mon  Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 27  6:00-7:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Experiment and Explore  Preschool
Tue  Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28  11:00 am-noon
Learn about science, music, math, and art concepts through hands-on activities and fun demonstrations!
Growing Up Wild ️ ️ Preschool-Grade 2  
**Wed** Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29 2:00-3:30 pm  
Enjoy a variety of nature-based, hands-on experiences and activities. Weather permitting, be prepared to go outside.

Rubik’s Cube Club ️ ️ Grades 6-12  
**Thu** Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 16 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.

Messy Makers ️ Preschool-Grade 2  
**Fri** Sep 29, Oct 27 10:15-11:00 am  
Have fun making artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of supplies and techniques.

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale - Bel Air  
**All Ages**  
**Thu** Oct 12 noon-7:30 pm  
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**Mon** Oct 16 10:00 am-6:00 pm  
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Once Upon a Sign ️ Family  
**Fri** Oct 13 10:15-10:45 am  
Join us for a story time featuring early literacy activities and stories signed in American Sign Language (ASL).

Teen Crafternoon: T-Shirt Tote Bag ️ ️  
**Grades 6-12**  
**Wed** Oct 18 3:30-5:00 pm  
Upcycle an old t-shirt into a handy tote bag. All materials provided.

Maryland Mayhem: Scoundrels, Spies, and Sinners in the Free State  
**Adult**  
**Wed** Oct 18 6:00-7:00 pm  
See ad on page 12 for details.

Not So Creepy Crawlies  
**Family**  
**Thu** Oct 19 2:00-4:00 pm  
Learn about creatures that crawl, creep, and slither! Join the Susquehannock Wildlife Society for activities and a presentation on the truth about bugs and animals frequently associated with the spooky season.

Halloween Sensory Story Time ️ Family  
**Fri** Oct 20 10:15-11:00 am  
A special Halloween-themed multi-sensory story time, for families of children of all abilities. Wear your favorite Halloween costume! After registering, please contact 410-638-3151 to discuss any special needs in advance.

Yoga Story Time ️ Family  
**Fri** Oct 20 2:00-3:00 pm  
Bring the family and enjoy stories, yoga, movement, and music! Bring a mat or towel.

Master Gardeners: Pruning Tips for Trees, Shrubs and Plants ️  
**Adult**  
**Sat** Oct 21 10:15 am-noon  
See ad on page 7 for details.

Pumpkin Painting  
**Adult**  
**Sat** Oct 21 1:00-4:00 pm  
See ad on page 11 for details.
Genealogy After Hours  Adult  
Fri  Oct 27  5:30-8:30 pm  See ad on page 15 for details.

Halloween Dance Party  Family  
Mon  Oct 30  11:00 am-noon  Wear your dancing shoes, or favorite costume, to dance to classic songs with a Halloween twist.

Crafting the Classics: Making Small Things  Grades K-8  
Fri  Nov 3  2:00-3:00 pm  Come and create miniature objects inspired by some very famous books, including Stuart Little, The Cricket in Times Square, and The Indian in the Cupboard.

Mon  Nov 6  6:30-7:30 pm  Tracing the life of an ancestor who served in the military can be challenging. Military records can provide a wealth of information, if you know where to look. Presented by Caprice Di Liello.

Bilingual Family Story Time with Yani  Family  
Thu  Nov 9  11:00-11:45 am  Join Yani Peyton from Fun with Foreign Languages for this family-themed bilingual story time!

Master Gardeners: Brambles, Berries and Small Fruits  Adult  
Sat  Nov 18  10:15 am-noon  See ad on page 7 for details.

Darlington Afternoon Book Discussion  Adult  
Wed  Sep 13  1:00-2:00 pm  Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenberg
Wed  Oct 11  1:00-2:00 pm  There There by Tommy Orange
Wed  Nov 8  1:00-2:00 pm  The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Darlington  Adult  
Thu  Sep 14  1:00-2:00 pm  See ad on back cover for details.

International Dot Day  Family  
Fri  Sep 15  10:00 am-5:00 pm  Inspired by Peter H. Reynolds’s book, The Dot, celebrate creativity, courage, and collaboration with dot-related crafts and activities.

All Levels Yoga  Adult  
Fri  Sep 15, 19; Oct 13, 27  noon-1:00 pm  All are welcome in this yoga practice with instructor Stacy Baldwin. Dress comfortably and bring a mat or towel.

Half-Day Fun  Family  
Fri  Sep 22  1:00-4:00 pm  Have a half-day at school? Come do or make something cool!

Bugs & Books  Family  
Wed  Sep 27, Oct 25  2:00-3:00 pm  See ad on page 7 for details.

Teen After Hours  Grades 6-12  
Sat  Oct 7  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. A parent permission slip is required to participate.

Art and Stories  Preschool-Grade 2  
Tue  Oct 17  10:15-11:15 am  Get creative as we enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects. Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center.

Grow It, Eat It, Preserve It!  Adult  
Thu  Nov 2  1:00-4:00 pm  Shauna Henley of the University of Maryland Extension Office shares evidence-based information on safely preserving food, whether it is canning, drying, or freezing using USDA home food-preservation guidelines. Also gain some hands-on experience by making a cranberry orange chutney. Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center.

Homeschool Connect  Grades K-8  
Tue  Sep 12, Nov 14  11:00 am-noon  Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. Program held at the Harford County Agricultural Center.

Darlington Afternoon Book Discussion  Adult  
Wed  Sep 13  1:00-2:00 pm  Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenberg
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Friends of HCPL Meeting - Darlington  Adult  
Thu  Sep 14  1:00-2:00 pm  See ad on back cover for details.

International Dot Day  Family  
Fri  Sep 15  10:00 am-5:00 pm  Inspired by Peter H. Reynolds’s book, The Dot, celebrate creativity, courage, and collaboration with dot-related crafts and activities.

Night at the Planetarium: Blue Whales and Our Blue Planet  
Join us at the planetarium where, instead of voyaging deep into space, we’ll explore the world of the magnificent blue whale!  
Family  Call 410-612-1600 to register.

Dinovember Crafts  Family  
Mon  Nov 13  10:00 am-8:00 pm  Celebrate this special month with dinosaur crafts.

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Teen Anime Club  Grades 6-12  
Tue  Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7  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  Adult  
Tue  Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7  6:00-7:00 pm  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.

PlayStation® Power Play  Grades 6-12  
Wednesdays  3:00-4:30 pm  Attention all gamers: play and game with friends!

Meditation Room  Grades 6-12 & Adult  
Thu  Sep 7  3:00-4:00 pm  Enjoy some quiet time in our new meditation room made just for you!

Pop Up STEM  Family  
Thu  Sep 7, 21; Oct 5, 19; Nov 2, 16  4:30-5:30 pm  Stop in for surprise hands-on STEM activities!

Morning Trivia  Adult  
Edgewood Activity Center  
Fri  Sep 8, Nov 17  10:30-11:30 am  Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited game of trivia! Please call 410-612-1622 for more details.

The material is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. 2115860. The work was also assisted and supported by the Space Science Institute, which was the recipient of the grant.
Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mobile Food Pantry  Adult  Tue  Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14  10:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

Freestyle Painting  Adult  Wed  Oct 18  3:30-4:30 pm
Paint your very own masterpiece with others. All supplies provided.

Lawyer in the Library  Adult  Fri  Oct 20  11:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

Murder Mystery  Grades 6-12 & Adult  Thu  Nov 9  3:00-4:00 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

FALLSTON

Youth’s Benefit Elementary School Art Exhibition  All Ages  Sep 1-Nov 30  Library hours
Enjoy a rotating selection of artwork by students from Youth’s Benefit Elementary School on display in the children’s area of the library.

Scaevenger Hunt  Family  Library hours
Sep 1-30 – Harry Potter
Oct 1-31 – Halloween Mania
Nov 1-30 – Turkeys Gone Wild!
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!

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Fallston  Adult  Wed  Sep 6  7:00-8:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Bullet Journaling  Grades 6-12 & Adult  Thu  Sep 7  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 started. All supplies provided.

Harry Potter Escape Room  Grades 6-12 & Adult  Sat  Sep 9  10:00 am-4:00 pm
Use your problem solving skills and your knowledge of the Harry Potter books and movies to solve a series of puzzles and escape from a locked room! Please call 410-638-3003 to secure a time slot beginning August 26.

Harry Potter: Return to Hogwarts  Grades 6-12  Sat  Sep 9  10:00 am-4:00 pm
Color a magical picture, create your very own wand, choose your Hogwarts house, test your knowledge of spells, and more!

Teen Anime Club  Grades 6-12  Tue  Oct 10, Nov 14  3:30-4:30 pm
Join us for a lively discussion of books and manga in popular culture.

Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention  Adult  Thu  Sep 21  2:00-3:00 pm
Participants will learn common risk factors and warning signs associated with suicide, and how to keep themselves and others safe. Presented by Dr. Steven Schonfeld and The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Block Party  Family  Fri  Sep 22, Oct 20, Nov 3  2:00-3:00 pm
Build and create with a variety of blocks from LEGO®, DUPLO®, Magna-Tiles® and more!

Children’s Anime Hour  Grades 3-5  Tue  Sep 26  5:00-6:00 pm
Join us for some anime-related activities to share your love of anime and manga with others.

Pokémon Club  Family  Wed  Sep 27, Oct 18, Nov 29  6:00-7:30 pm
Hang out for card trading and battles!

Craft and Create  Grades 9-12 & Adult  6:00-7:30 pm
Thu  Sep 28 – Shibori Scarf
Thu  Oct 19 – Kimekomi Balls
Thu  Nov 30 – Mosaic Ornament
Make a craft with other craft lovers. All supplies provided.

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

Edgewood Afternoon Book Discussion  Adult  Wed  Sep 13  1:00-2:00 pm
The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott
Wed  Oct 11  1:00-2:00 pm
The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
Wed  Nov 8  1:00-2:00 pm
Killers of a Certain Age by Lara Prescott

Crafternoon  Family  Thu  Sep 14, 28; Oct 12, 26; Nov 9, 30  4:30-5:30 pm
Join us for some crafting fun!

B&O Railroad Museum Talk  All Ages  Sat  Sep 11  11:00 am-noon
Learn exciting facts about the historic railway station located in Baltimore, Maryland with guest presenter Justice Gray from The B&O Railroad Museum.

Fall Candle Craft  Adult  Wed  Sep 20  3:30-4:30 pm
Enjoy making your own candle for your home. All supplies provided.

LEGO® Club  Grades K-8  Fri  Sep 22, Nov 3  3:00-4:00 pm
Thu  Oct 19  3:00-4:00 pm
We supply the LEGO® bricks, you supply the imagination!

Edgewood Books at the Center  Adult  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.

Tue  Sep 26  10:30-11:30 am
I’ll Be You by Janelle Brown
Tue  Oct 24  10:30-11:30 am
There There by Tommy Orange
Tue  Nov 28  10:30-11:30 am
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Seeds and Stories  Grades K-5  Sat  Sep 30, Oct 21, Nov 18  10:30-11:30 am
See ad on page 7 for details.

Pumpkin Spice Tasting  Grades 6-12 & Adult  Thu  Oct 5  3:00-4:00 pm
See ad on page 11 for details.
Meet a Guide Dog! 🐶 Family
Wed Oct 4  5:00-6:30 pm
Learn all about Leader Dogs for the Blind. There will also be a themed story, a craft, and a chance to meet a real guide dog-in-training!

Art and Stories: Create a Halloween Candy House! 🎈 Preschool-Grade 2
Thu Oct 12  11:00 am-noon
Enjoy stories and get creative by making a house out of candy!

Spy Training 🕵️‍♂️ Grades 6-12
Tue Oct 17  3:30-4:30 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

Pumpkins!

Pumpkin Spice Tasting  Grades 6-12 & Adult
Tis the season for all things pumpkin! Come try some tasty pumpkin spiced goodies.
Edgewood 🎃 Thu Oct 5  3:00-4:00 pm

Pumpkin Fest  Family
Celebrate the amazing pumpkin! Build a catapult for pumpkin chunkin, explore the inside of a pumpkin, paint a pumpkin, and more!
Joppa 🎃 Thu Oct 12  6:30-7:30 pm

Pumpkin Painting  Family
Bring your own pumpkin to paint for this spooky season!
Abingdon 🎃 Fri Oct 20  3:00-4:00 pm

Pumpkin Fest  Family
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!
Bel Air 🎃 Sat Oct 21  1:00-4:00 pm

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

Teen Time 📚 Grades 6-12
Tuesdays (except Oct 31, Nov 7)  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 Oct 4, Nov 1  10:15-10:45 am
Explore your baby’s senses through music, exercise, and play activities!

Living Well: Diabetes Self Management Program 🕸️ Adult
Thursdays  Sep 11-Oct 12  12:30-3:00 pm
Topics include nutrition, exercise, stress management, foot care and more. Six weekly sessions, 2.5 hours each session. Registration is required by calling 1-800-515-0044. Offered in partnership with University of MD Upper Chesapeake.

And They’re Off, A History of Horse Tracks in Harford County 🐎 Adult
Sat Sep 9  10:30-11:30 am
Learn about the various racetracks that were once located in Harford County, and the role they played in the County’s sporting and social history. Presented by Maryanna Skowronski.

Sit and Stitch: 1000 Hearts 🧵 All Ages
Mon Sep 11, Oct 16, Nov 20  11:00 am-noon
1000 Hearts is based around small pocket hearts which are handmade from wool felt, then stitched with love and good intentions. Our goal is to collect 1,000 stitched hearts to share with the community.

Teen BYOBBook Club 📚 Grades 6-12
3:00-4:00 pm
Wed Sep 13 – Your favorite book
Wed Oct 11 – A spooky or paranormal book
Wed Nov 15 – A spy story or a mystery book
Each month our teen librarian will pick a genre and you get to choose a book to read within that genre. Enjoy snacks, talking books, and hanging with friends!

Havre de Grace Books at the Center  Adult
Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a spirited book discussion. Please call the Havre de Grace Activity Center at 410-939-6724 for more details.
Thu Sep 14  10:00-11:00 am
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
Thu Oct 12  10:00-11:00 am
There There by Tommy Orange
Thu Nov 9  10:00-11:00 am
Code Name Sapphire by Pam Jenoff

Craft and Create: Flower Power 🌷 Adult
Mon Sep 18  10:30-11:30 am
All supplies provided.

PAWS and Read 🐶 Grades K-5
Sat Sep 2, 16; Oct 7, 21; Nov 4, 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.

HAVRE DE GRACE LIBRARY

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection - Fallston  Adult
Sat Oct 28, Nov 4  10:00 am-noon
See ad on back cover for details.

Fanfiction Workshop 🌟 Grades 6-12
Wed Nov 1  4:00-5:00 pm
Explore the world of fanfiction storytelling – what it is, its genres, and various online communities. Try your hand at writing your own story!

Retro Video Gaming 🎮 Grades 6-12
Thu Oct 19  12:30-1:30 pm
Play video games from past decades and experience early gameplay with your friends!

3D Sugar Skull Decorating 🎃 Grades 6-12
Tue Oct 24  4:00-5:00 pm
Be a part of this colorful experience bringing stunning sugar skulls to life! Decorate a 3D-printed sugar skull for the Day of the Dead!

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Friends Preview - Fallston  Adult
Sat Nov 4  10:00 am-noon
See ad on back cover for details.

T-Rex Tea Party 🦖 Family
Wed Nov 8  5:00-6:30 pm
Learn etiquette, read stories, and do crafts at a dinosaur-themed tea party.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Friends Preview - Fallston  Adult
Wed Nov 15  5:00-7:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Friendships of HCPL Book Sale - Fallston  Family
Wed Nov 16  10:00 am-7:30 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Sit and Stitch: 1000 Hearts 🧵 All Ages
Mon Sep 11, Oct 16, Nov 20  11:00 am-noon
1000 Hearts is based around small pocket hearts which are handmade from wool felt, then stitched with love and good intentions. Our goal is to collect 1,000 stitched hearts to share with the community.

Friendships of HCPL Book Sale - Fallston  Family
Thu Nov 16  10:00 am-7:30 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Craft and Create: Flower Power 🌷 Adult
Mon Sep 18  10:30-11:30 am
All supplies provided.

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Craft and Create: Flower Power 🌷 Adult
Mon Sep 18  10:30-11:30 am
All supplies provided.
Spy School  Family
Joppa  Thu  Sep 14  6:30-7:30 pm
Whiteford  Thu  Oct 19  3:00-4:00 pm
Test out your secret agent skills with fun espionage related activities.

Spy Story Time  Family
Havre de Grace  Mon  Sep 25  10:15-11:15 am
Test out your secret agent skills as we dance, sing, read stories, and do a craft.

Spy Teens: Secret Messaging  Grades 6-12
Jarrettsville  Mon  Sep 25  2:00-3:00 pm
Write secret messages using codes, ciphers, and invisible ink.

Olivia Floyd - Civil War Spy  Adult
Jarrettsville  Mon  Sep 25  6:15-8:00 pm
One of the more fascinating characters during the Civil War was Miss Olivia Floyd. Living history presenter Kate Jones will bring all the history and intrigue of Floyd's world to life.

Spy Training  Grades 6-12
Fallston  Tue  Oct 17  3:30-4:30 pm
Test out your skills by decoding cyphers, creating hidden messages with invisible ink, testing out your stealth skills, and more!

Maryland Mayhem: Scoundrels, Spies, and Sinners in the Free State  Adult
Bel Air  Wed  Oct 18  6:00-7:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of some shady historical characters and unfortunate Maryland episodes. Presented by Caprice Di Liello of Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Agatha Christie's Greatest Mystery  Adult
Jarrettsville  Mon  Oct 23  6:30-7:30 pm
In this presentation, Agatha Christie enthusiast, John Haydon, presents the facts of Agatha Christie’s disappearance.

Teen Spy Games  Grades 6-12
Abingdon  Tue  Oct 24  3:30-5:00 pm
Go undercover for some spy-themed board gaming.

Witch’s Brew: Truth and Legends of Witchcraft in Maryland  Grades 9-12 & Adult
Abingdon  Wed  Oct 25  6:30-7:30 pm
Hear true tales and folklore from across the state to find out what colonial Maryland was really like for those accused of witchcraft.

Murder Mystery  Grades 6-12 & Adult
Edgewood  Thu  Nov 9  3:00-4:00 pm
Play this fun and engaging whodunit.

Mysteries & Macabre

MEET THE AUTHOR

Mark Dawidziak

Join us as we welcome author Mark Dawidziak to speak about his most recent book, A Mystery of Mysteries: The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe, published by St. Martin’s Press in February 2023. Hailed as a brilliant new biography of Edgar Allan Poe that examines the renowned author’s life through the prism of his mysterious death and its many possible causes. Copies of A Mystery of Mysteries: The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe will be available for purchase and Dawidziak will sign his book after the event.

Tuesday, October 17
7:00-8:00 pm
Abingdon Library

Mystery Lovers Virtual Book Buzz

Join Harford County Public Library and Kensington Publishing Corp. for our virtual “Mystery Lovers Book Buzz!” If you love a great mystery, and you know you do, you’ll want to register for this amazing evening. Hear all about recent publications and be the first to get a sneak peek into amazing books that are coming out soon. There may even be surprise “pop-ins” by some of the authors. Free, open to the public, and geared for adults!

Register at hclmd.org/mysteriesbookbuzz
Books Before Bed Family
Mon Sep 18; Oct 2, 16; Nov 6, 20
6:15-6:45 pm
Join us for an evening story time with music, movement, and fun!

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Adult
Tue Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 10:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

Mini Masterpieces Grades K-8
Fri Sep 22 2:30-4:00 pm
Grab a petite paintbrush and make a mini-masterpiece! Afterward, everyone’s wee work of art will be displayed in the branch. Customers will vote for their favorite, and the winner will receive a prize!

Spy Story Time Family
Mon Sep 25 10:15-11:15 am
See ad on page 12 for details.

Busy Little Hands Toddlers-Preschool
Wed Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29
10:15-11:15 am & 2:00-3:00 pm
Increase pre-literacy skills and dexterity while having fun through creative play.

Unicorn Story Time Family
Sat Sep 30 10:15-10:45 am
Join us for stories on a Saturday, unicorn edition!

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Havre de Grace Adult
Mon Oct 2 11:00 am-12:30 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Hooray for Firefighters! Family
Wed Oct 11 10:30-11:30 am
Celebrate firefighters with a story time and craft! Afterward, we’ll visit the fire station across the street and meet the firefighters to learn about what they do.

Spooky Story Time Family
Sat Oct 14 10:15-10:45 am
Join us for spooky stories, music, movement, and fun!

Havre de Grace Evening Book Discussion Adult
Wed Oct 18 6:00-7:00 pm
There There by Tommy Orange

Halloween Hullabaloo Babies-Grade 5
Thu Oct 19 2:00-4:00 pm
Enjoy spooky-themed crafts, games, and dancing! Costumes are encouraged.

Fall Green Screen Photos All Ages
Mon Oct 23 6:00-7:30 pm
Wed Oct 25 6:00-7:30 pm
Get a photo in front of our green screen. Choose from a variety of fall/Halloween backgrounds. Wear your festive fall attire or your favorite costume. Your photo will be emailed to you.

Wednesday, October 4 7:00-8:00 pm
Adult | Registration encouraged

Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection - Havre de Grace All Ages
Fri Oct 27 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat Oct 28 10:00 am-2:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Teen After Hours Grades 6-12
Fri Oct 27 4:45-7:30 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 410-939-6700 for a parent permission slip.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale - Havre de Grace All Ages
Nov 3-4, 11
10:00 am-4:30 pm
Nov 6-9
10:00 am-6:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Teen Crafternoon: God’s Eye Grades 6-12
Thu Nov 30 3:00-4:00 pm
Create a fancy God’s Eye craft! All supplies provided.
**JARRETTSFIELD LIBRARY**

**Homeschool Connect** Grades K-5  
Wed Sep 6, Nov 1 10:15-11:15 am  
Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. For more information, please contact the branch.

**Friends of HCPL Meeting - Jarrettsville** Adult  
Wed Sep 6 2:30-3:30 pm  
See ad on back cover for details.

**University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van** Adult  
Thu Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 noon-3:00 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.

**Jarrettsville Scrubblers**  
Thu Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 1:00-3:30 pm  
Play this lively word game at the library!

**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.

**Jarrettsville Evening Book Discussion** Adult  
Mon Sep 11 6:30-7:30 pm  
_There There_ by Tommy Orange  
Mon Oct 2 6:30-7:30 pm  
_Fairy Tale_ by Stephen King  
Mon Nov 13 6:30-7:30 pm  
_Remarkably Bright Creatures_ by Shelby Van Pelt

**Jarrettsville Shine Your Light Community Yoga - Gentle/Chair**  
Tue Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21 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 Yogā.

**Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mobile Food Pantry** Adult  
Tue Sep 19 10:00 am-noon  
See ad on page 19 for details.

**Down on the Farm Story Time** Family  
Wed Sep 20 10:15-11:15 am  
Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities all about farms!

**Nintendo Switch™ Free Play** Grades 6-12  
Fri Sep 22 2:00-4:00 pm  
Fri Nov 3 1:00-3:00 pm  
Unwind with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time!

**Chemistry in the Library - National Chemistry Week** Grades 3-8  
Sat Sep 23 11:00 am-noon  
Join chemist Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society for hands-on experiments exploring chemistry related to health and medicine.

**Spy Teens: Secret Messaging** Grades 6-12  
Mon Sep 25 2:00-3:30 pm  
See ad on page 12 for details.

**Tabletop Roleplaying Games: One-Shot Sessions** Grades 6-12  
Mon Sep 25, Oct 30, Nov 27 4:30-6:30 pm  
Come play a variety of single session tabletop role-playing games, including _Honey Heist, Library Cats, and Lasers & Feelings_. All these games are in the same genre as _Dungeons & Dragons_ but are more beginner-friendly. All materials provided.

**Olivia Floyd - Civil War Spy** Adult  
Mon Sep 25 6:15-8:00 pm  
See ad on page 12 for details.

**Genealogy Discussion Group** Adult  
Thu Sep 28, Oct 26, Nov 16 6:15-7:45 pm  
Join fellow researchers to share techniques, tips and resources.

**Goat Milk Magic: An Introduction to Dairy Goats** Grades K-12  
Wed Oct 4 2:00-3:00 pm  
Learn about dairy goat care and the medicinal benefits of goat milk!

**Literary Readings Among Jarrettsville**  
Wed Oct 4 6:00-7:00 pm  
Read your favorite literary piece or original work (poetry, short prose), or just come to listen and enjoy. Meet at the sunflower field located across the street from Jarrettsville Library, and bring a chair. Presenters must register and submit readings before the event. Contact Katherine Ellis to register or for information: 410-692-7887.

**Hooray for Firefighters!** Family  
Wed Oct 11 10:15-11:15 am  
Enjoy a story read by a firefighter, learn about fire safety and get an up-close look at a firetruck!

**Friends of HCPL Book Sale Collection - Jarrettsville**  
All Ages  
Sat Oct 14 10:00 am-4:00 pm  
See ad on back cover for details.

**Dogs on the Catwalk** Family  
Sat Oct 14 2:00-3:00 pm  
Dress up your dog for an outdoor canine fashion show! You can even join the fun with a matching outfit. Dog models must register to participate. Contact Katherine Ellis at 410-692-7887. Please bring a chair. *Rain date is October 21, 2:00-3:00 pm.

**Agatha Christie's Greatest Mystery** Adult  
Mon Oct 23 6:30-7:30 pm  
See ad on page 12 for details.

**Halloween Story Time** Family  
Tue Oct 31 10:15-11:15 am  
Come dressed in your favorite costume to enjoy fun Halloween stories, songs, and a craft!

**Mrs. Simpson: A Cautionary Tale** Adult  
Sat Nov 18 1:00-2:30 pm  
HCPL’s Katherine Ellis presents the trials and tribulations of Mrs. Simpson turned Duchess of Windsor, a cautionary tale of “be careful what you wish for!”

**JOPPA LIBRARY**

**Morning Zumba®** Adult  
Fridays 9:30-10:30 am  
Instructor Erin Subramaniam leads this dance fitness class featuring Latin and international rhythms that make staying active fun.

**Preschool Music and Movement** Preschool  
Tue Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 10:15-11:00 am  
Explore music and movement through stories, songs, and play!

**Joppa Afternoon Book Discussion** Adult  
Tue Sep 5 noon-1:00 pm  
_The Good Sister_ by Sally Hepworth  
Tue Oct 3 noon-1:00 pm  
_This Tender Land_ by William Kent Krueger  
Tue Nov 7 noon-1:00 pm  
_The Exiles_ by Christine Baker Kline

**Walking Readers Group** Adult  
Thursdays thru Oct 26 9:00-10:00 am  
Get moving! Chat with others about current reads, discuss authors that you enjoy, and get recommendations on what to read next. Meet at Mariner Point Park, near Welcome Center.

**Puzzle Swap** Family  
Sat Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Bring in puzzles you would like to trade-in for others!
Saturday Story Time Family
Sat  Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 4  11:00-11:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Gentle Yoga: Back to Basics  Adult
Mon  Sep 11, 18  5:30-6:30 pm
Instructor Kelly Blackburn will cover fundamental poses and offer guidance centered on proper alignment.

Vinyasa Yoga: Back to Basics  Adult
Mon  Sep 11, 18  6:45-7:45 pm
Instructor Kelly Blackburn will cover fundamental poses and offer guidance centered on proper alignment.

Experiment and Explore  Preschool
Tue  Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 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  Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14  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.

Spy School  Family
Thu  Sep 14  6:30-7:30 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

Bricks and Flicks  Family
Sat  Sep 16, Oct 21, Nov 18  2:00-4:00 pm
Enjoy building with LEGO® blocks while watching a family friendly movie. We supply the LEGO®, you supply the imagination!

Family and Friends Story Time  Family
Tue  Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21  10:15-11:00 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Gunpowder Riverkeeper Roundtable  Adult
Thu  Sep 21  6:30-7:30 pm
Riverkeeper Theaux Le Gardeur will provide an update on the health and challenges facing the Gunpowder, Bird, Bush and Middle Rivers.

Gentle Yoga  Adult
Mondays  Sep 25-Nov 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.

Vinyasa Yoga  Adult
Mondays  Sep 25-Nov 27  6:45-7:45 pm
Join instructor Kelly Blackburn for a flow practice that integrates breath and movement to create strength and flexibility.

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA)  Adult
Tue  Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28  10:00 am-noon
See ad on page 19 for details.

Art and Stories  Preschool-Grade 2
Tue  Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 28  10:15-11:00 am
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects.

Genealogy Week

Genealogy Week! Rumors, Stories and Tall Tales: Forging Family Connections With Oral History  Adult
Virtual  Mon Oct 23  6:30-8:00 pm
Explore the impact of oral history in genealogical research. Discover how seeking out family members for interviews can break through brick walls in ancestral quests, including tips for engaging with relatives who may have memory loss. Learn how traditional research methods and oral history intertwine. Presented by “Are You My Cousin?” genealogy expert Lisa Lisson.

Genealogy Week! DNA Tools: A Tour  Adult
Learn about the six categories of DNA tools that are used by researchers. You’ll learn how to utilize these techniques to further your own research at home! Presented by Peggy Jude.
Virtual  Tue Oct 24  6:30-8:00 pm

Genealogy Discussion Group  Adult
Jarrettsville  Thu  Oct 26  6:15-7:45 pm
Join fellow researchers to share techniques, tips and resources.

Genealogy Week! Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Genealogy  Adult
Virtual  Thu  Oct 26  6:30-8:00 pm
The Sanborn Map Company published many detailed maps of cities and towns around the United States in the 19th and 20th centuries. Using them, in conjunction with other sources, can help tell the stories of your ancestors and give you a picture of what their living conditions and communities were like during the time that they resided there. Presented by Jeanette Sheliga of Jeanette’s Genealogy.

Genealogy After Hours  Adult
Bel Air  Fri  Oct 27  5:30-8:30 pm
Attendees can gather to work independently or gain input from fellow genealogists. Library resources will be available for use, along with free genealogy printing.
ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK 2023

Join thousands of Marylanders this fall who will be reading *There There* by Tommy Orange.

Virtual One Maryland One Book Author Event: Tommy Orange in Conversation with Brendan Shay Basham ❁
Thursday, September 7  6:00-7:00 pm
Tommy Orange, author of this year’s OMOB selection, *There There* will be in conversation with Maryland-based author Brendan Shay Basham, whose debut novel *Swim Home to the Vanished* will be released later this summer.
Register here: programs.hcplonline.org/event/8903405

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**Book discussions** Call the number listed for more information

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*A limited number of free books are available at all HCPL locations, while supplies last.

Check out all of our **Book Discussions**

One Maryland One Book is a program of Maryland Humanities. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Library.
Paint Along: Acrylic Adult
Wed Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 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 provided.

Joppa Evening Book Discussion Adult
Thu Sep 28 6:30-8:00 pm
Miss Cecil’s Recipes for Exceptional Ladies by Vicki Zimmerman
Thu Oct 26 6:30-8:00 pm
There There by Tommy Orange
Thu Nov 30 6:30-8:00 pm
Before the Ruins by Victoria Gosling

Teen After Hours Grades 6-12
5:00-8:00 pm
Fri Sep 29 – The Super Mario Brothers Movie
Fri Oct 27 – Hocus Pocus
Fri Nov 17 – Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Joppa Adult
Mon Oct 2 2:00-3:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Pumpkin Fest Family
Thu Oct 12 6:30-7:30 pm
See ad on page 11 for details.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale - Joppa All Ages
Oct 18-24 Library hours
See ad on back cover for details.

Trick or Treat All ages
Oct 28-31 Library hours
Stop into the library in your costume and get a treat!

Halloween Dance Party Family
Tue Oct 31 10:15-11:00 am
Wear your dancing shoes or favorite costume! Dance to classic songs with a Halloween twist.

Thankful Turkey All Ages
Nov 1-3 Library hours
Chose a feather, write what you are thankful for and watch the turkey grow with gratitude.

NORRISVILLE LIBRARY

Family and Friends Story Time Family
Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

Paint Along: Acrylic Grades K-5
Thu Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2 6:30-7:30 pm
Get cozy with our doggie volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy dog. Please call 410-692-7850 to register.

LEGO® Club Family
Mon Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 6:00-7:00 pm
We supply the LEGO® bricks, you supply the imagination!

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale - Norrisville All Ages
Wed Sep 20 10:00 am-8:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale - Norrisville All Ages
Sep 21-23 Library hours
See ad on back cover for details.

Norrisville Morning Book Discussion Adult
Mon Sep 25 10:30-11:30 am
There There by Tommy Orange
Mon Oct 23 10:30-11:30 am
The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich
Mon Nov 27 10:30-11:30 am
Horse by Geraldine Brooks

What Makes a Classic? Grades 9-12 & Adult
Thu Sep 28 11:00 am-noon
Join State Library Resource Center librarian Shaileen Beyer to explore challenges to the traditional Western canon and theories about why works such as The Odyssey, Romeo and Juliet, Pride and Prejudice, and Beloved keep calling readers back.

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Norrisville Adult
Thu Sep 28 6:30-7:30 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Messy Makers Preschool-Grade 2
Fri Sep 29 10:15-11:00 am
Have fun making artistic (and messy!) creations using a variety of supplies and techniques.

Autumn Tales Story Time Grades K-5
Tue Oct 3 10:15-11:00 am
Celebrate the season of falling leaves with stories, songs, and a craft!

Spice Talk - Nutmeg Grades 9-12 & Adult
Tue Oct 3 6:30-7:30 pm
For people who like to talk about food, join a discussion about nutmeg – its origins, cultural history, and use in popular recipes.

Wake Up and Walk Adults
Mon Oct 16-Nov 27 9:15-10:00 am
Join us for a fun time of low impact indoor walking exercises followed by gentle stretching.

Craft and Create Grades 9-12 & Adult
6:30-7:30 pm
Thu Oct 19 – Alcohol Ink on Glass
Thu Nov 16 – Natural Spa Treatments
Make a craft with fellow craft lovers. All materials provided.

Halloween Crafts Family
Mon Oct 23 6:00-7:00 pm
Get ready for Halloween by making some spooktacular crafts!

3D Printer Demo Day Grades K-8 & Family
Sat Oct 28 1:00-3:00 pm
See ad on page 8 for details.

Halloween Story Time Family
Tue Oct 31 10:15-11:00 am
Come dressed in your favorite costume, and enjoy fun Halloween stories, songs, and a craft!

Teen Time Grades 6-12
Fri Nov 3 2:00-4:00 pm
Hang out at the library! Play video and board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends!

Children’s Book Crafts Family
Mon Nov 6 6:00-7:00 pm
Celebrate Children’s Book Week with crafts inspired by our favorite children’s books!

Art and Stories: Dinosaurs Preschool-Grade 2
Tue Nov 14 10:15-11:00 am
Get creative and enjoy stories and art-themed, hands-on projects that are all about dinosaurs!

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mobile Food Pantry Adult
Tue Nov 21 noon-2:00 pm
See ad on page 19 for details.

WHITEFORD LIBRARY

Advanced Yoga Adult
Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 pm
Spice up your yoga routine and be challenged as we get into flip dogs, side planks, bridges and wheels.

Evening Zumba® Grades 9-12 & Adult
Wednesdays (except Nov 1) 6:00-7:00 pm
Instructor Katie Troch leads this Zumba® fitness class featuring Latin and international rhythms that makes staying active fun.

PAWS and Read Grades K-5
Wed Sep 6, 20; Oct 4, 18; Nov 1, 15, 29 Thu Sep 7, 21; Oct 5, 19; Nov 2, 16 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 contact the Whiteford Library to register at 410-638-3608.

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

Thu Sep 7 10:00-11:00 am
The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis
Thu Nov 2 10:00-11:00 am
There There by Tommy Orange

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  Sep 8  10:30-1:30 pm
The staff of the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van work to promote wellness by sharing information on health topics, and provide a range preventative screenings accessible to the community.

Gentle Yoga Adult
Fridays  Sep 8-Nov 17  11:00-11:45 am
A gentle approach to Yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Books on Tap at Slate Farm Brewery Adult
Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Everyone’s welcome! Slate Farm Brewery, 2128 Whiteford Rd., Whiteford, MD 21160.
Fri  Sep 8  6:00-7:00 pm
How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix
Fri  Oct 13  6:00-7:00 pm
There There by Tommy Orange
Fri  Nov 17  6:00-7:00 pm
Invisible Storm: A Soldier’s Memoir of Politics and PTSD by Jason Kander

Family and Friends Story Time Family
Mondays  Oct 9-31  10:15-10:45 am
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12
Thu  Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 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.

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale - Whiteford All Ages
Fri  Sep 15  10:00 am-4:30 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Friends of HCPL Book Sale - Whiteford All Ages
Sat  Sep 16  10:00 am-4:30 pm
Mon  Sep 18  10:00 am-7:00 pm
Tue  Sep 19  10:00 am-7:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Whiteford Afternoon Book Discussion Adult
Wed  Sep 20  2:00-3:00 pm
Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn
Wed  Oct 18  2:00-3:00 pm
There There by Tommy Orange
Wed  Nov 15  2:00-3:00 pm
Sweet Land of Liberty: A History of America in 11 Pies by Rossi Anastopoulo

Homeschool Connect Grades K-8
Wed  Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29  10:00-11:30 am
Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. For more information please contact the branch.

Canvas Creations Grades 6-12 & Adult
Thu  Sep 28  6:00-7:00 pm
Paint along with our guest instructor and create your own masterpiece. All supplies provided.

Homebrew How-To: Oktoberfest Edition Adult
Mon  Oct 2  6:30-7:30 pm
Learn the basics of homebrewing from local brewers from the Harford County Craft Beer Club.

Warped Weavers Demonstration All Ages
Tue  Oct 10  2:00-5:00 pm
The Warped Weavers Guild shares the craft of weaving through demonstrations by its artisan members in celebration of National Weaving and Spinning Month.

Friends of HCPL Meeting - Whiteford Adult
Tue  Oct 17  noon-2:00 pm
See ad on page 19 for details.

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) Mobile Food Pantry Adult
Tue  Oct 17  noon-2:00 pm
See ad on back cover for details.

Spy School Grades K-5
Thu  Oct 19  3:00-4:00 pm
See ad on page 12 for details.

Fall Fest Story Time Family
Tue  Oct 24  10:15-10:45 am
Join us for stories, rhymes, songs, and activities celebrating fall.

Creepy Crafts Family
Thu  Oct 26  5:30-7:00 pm
Get in the spooky spirit and make some creepy creations!

Teen After Hours Grades 6-12
Fri  Oct 27  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.

Science Bingo Family
Fri  Nov 3  3:30-4:30 pm
See ad on page 8 for details.

LEGO® Club Grades K-8 & Family
Thu  Nov 9  6:00-7:00 pm
We supply the LEGO® bricks, you supply the imagination!

Dinopalooza! Family
Tue  Nov 14  10:15-10:45 am
Celebrate Dinovember with dinosaur songs, stories and other fun activities!

HCPL Cares
Help keep Harford County strong and vibrant by considering a contribution to any one of these donation drives.

SOCKtober
October 1-31
A countywide collection drive during October for new socks, hats, mittens, and gloves of all sizes, sponsored by Harford County Government, in partnership with Harford County Public Library. The donated items will be distributed to local individuals and families experiencing or on the brink of homelessness and to veteran organizations in the area.

Empty Stocking Fund
October 9-December 1
Harford County Public Library locations will once again serve as collection sites for the 2023 Empty Stocking Fund. Help make this year’s holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate by dropping off new, unwrapped toys and gift items at your local HCPL branch.

Harford Community Action Agency Holiday Food Pantry Drive
November 1-30
During the month of November, stop by any HCPL location to donate canned goods and other non-perishable food items for families in need.
Harford Community Action Agency

Aberdeen  Tue Sep 5  10:00 am-noon
          Tue Oct 3  10:00 am-noon
          Tue Nov 7  10:00 am-noon

Edgewood   Tue Sep 12 10:00 am-noon
           Tue Oct 10 10:00 am-noon
           Tue Nov 14 10:00 am-noon

Havre de Grace  Tue Sep 19 10:00 am-noon
                Tue Oct 17 10:00 am-noon
                Tue Nov 21 10:00 am-noon

Joppa      Tue Sep 26 10:00 am-noon
           Tue Oct 24 10:00 am-noon
           Tue Nov 28 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

Aberdeen  Fri Sep 22 11:00 am-noon
Edgewood   Fri Oct 20 11:00 am-noon
Abingdon   Fri Nov 17 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.

*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.

Mobile Food Pantry

Visit the HCAA Mobile Food Pantry where bags of non-perishable food items will be available, while supplies last. Fresh produce will also be included if available.

Aberdeen  Tue Sep 5  10:00 am-noon
Jarrettsville Tue Sep 19 10:00 am-noon
Edgewood    Tue Oct 10 10:00 am-noon
Whiteford   Tue Oct 17  noon-2:00 pm
Havre de Grace Tue Nov 21 10:00 am-noon
Norrisville Tue Nov 21  noon-2:00 pm

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 Collections
All proceeds support library programs and services.
Aberdeen       Thu Sep 7, Nov 2       noon-6:00 pm
Bel Air         Sat Sep 2, 9, 16, 23 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Fallston        Sat Oct 28, Nov 4  10:00 am
Havre de Grace  Oct 27-28        10:00 am-2:00 pm
Jarrettsville   Sat Oct 14        10:00 am-4:00 pm

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

Friends of HCPL Preview Book Sale
Bel Air         Thu Oct 12       noon-7:30 pm
Fallston        Wed Nov 15      5:00-7:00 pm
Norrisville     Wed Sep 20      10:00 am-8:00 pm
Whiteford       Fri Sep 15      10:00 am-4:30 pm

Special “Preview Sale” just for Friends of HCPL.

Friends of HCPL Book Sales
Aberdeen       Fri Sep 8, Nov 3     noon-4:30 pm
Bel Air         Sat Sep 9, Nov 4    10:00 am-4:30 pm
               Oct 13-Oct 14      10:00 am-4:30 pm
Fallston        Thu Nov 16        10:00 am-7:30 pm
               Nov 17-18        10:00 am-6:00 pm
Havre de Grace  Nov 3-4, 11       10:00 am-4:30 pm
               Nov 6-9         10:00 am-6:00 pm
Jarrettsville   Oct 17-19        10:00 am-7:30 pm
               Oct 20-21       10:00 am-4:30 pm
Joppa           Oct 18-24        Library hours
Norrisville     Thu Sep 21        10:00 am-8:00 pm
               Sep 22-23       10:00 am-5:00 pm
Whiteford       Sat Sep 16        10:00 am-4:30 pm
               Sep 18-19       10:00 am-7:00 pm

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

Meetings

Aberdeen       Tue Sep 12, Nov 14 2:00-3:00 pm
Abingdon       Mon Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 27 6:00-7:00 pm
Bel Air         Mon Sep 25, Oct 23, Nov 27 6:00-7:00 pm
Darlington     Thu Sep 14        1:00-2:00 pm
Fallston       Wed Sep 6        7:00-8:00 pm
Havre de Grace  Mon Oct 2        11:00 am-12:30 pm
Jarrettsville  Wed Sep 6        2:30-3:30 pm
Joppa          Mon Oct 2        2:00-3:00 pm
Norrisville    Thu Sep 28       6:30-7:30 pm
Whiteford      Tue Oct 10       3:00-4:00 pm

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

National Friends of Libraries Week

Celebrate our Friends October 15-21!
Our Board of Trustees and staff sincerely thank our Friends groups for their continued support of the Library. Friends of HCPL play an important role in helping connect people with information and promote a love of reading in the community.

Don’t let another day pass… join today!
Getting involved with the Friends is a great way to support your branch and a wonderful opportunity to share your passion for libraries. For more information about a Friends membership, inquire at your local HCPL location.

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 28 is GivingTuesday – a global day of giving that celebrates generosity worldwide.

Harford County Public Library provides innovative programs that foster creativity and a love of reading for all ages. Support our efforts to continue offering digital access, educational and workforce development resources, early literacy, Summer and Winter Reading Challenges, STREAM (STEM plus Reading and Art!), Silver Reader, author discussions, and more!

Please consider donating to Harford County Public Library by giving to the Foundation and know that 100% of your donation will help fund programs that are so vital to the Harford County community.

Visit donate.hcplonline.org to make a donation.

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