This year we celebrated the Library’s 70th anniversary; it was a year of fresh beginnings: opening the new Havre de Grace Library and the newly renovated Bel Air Children’s Department, in addition to offering an expanded array of online courses and resources. As winter approaches, we are facing the chilly weather with events and activities to delight everyone. Winter Reading kicks off for adults and teens on December 21, the first official day of winter, with the theme, *A Good Book is MUSIC to My Ears!* We are looking for some great new books while enjoying some wonderful new collections. Are you a little rusty playing an instrument or just learning how to play? Check out ArtistWorks, available on the Library website, and learn how to play through self-paced video lessons from Grammy Award–winning music and artistic professionals. For our younger customers, the long months make it the perfect time to learn a new instrument by checking out the Library’s new Leap MUSIC collection and borrowing a guitar, violin, ukulele and more.

Have you checked out the new Board Game collection launched November 19 on International Game Day? The collection includes traditional, as well as popular new games such as *Big Boggle, Parcheesi, Jumbo Sequence*, and more! Coming this January, to help to escape the winter doldrums, and to entertain the family, the new *Binge Box* film collection will launch. Whether it’s a movie series you didn’t get to see, or a theme you enjoy, there will be a *Binge Box* you’ll crave at the Library.

For our youngest customers, the Library continues to offer curriculum based pre- and early literacy activities including *On Track for Reading 2017*. *Lapsit, Wiggles and Explorer* story time gangs are encouraged to read and stay on track for both reading and school readiness. Visit the renovated Bel Air Children’s Department for interactive spaces and materials for children, birth through middle school.

On behalf of the Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees and Library Staff, have a safe and happy holiday season.

*Mary Hastler, CEO*
Holiday Open House

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the holiday season with crafts and holiday music.

Jarrettsville       Wed        Nov 30      4:00 - 7:00 pm
Whiteford           Mon        Dec 5       3:00 - 5:00 pm
Darlington          Mon        Dec 5       3:00 - 8:00 pm
Havre de Grace      Tue        Dec 6       4:00 - 7:00 pm
Fallston            Wed        Dec 7       4:00 - 7:00 pm
Edgewood            Mon        Dec 12      4:00 - 7:00 pm
Norrisville         Tue        Dec 13      5:30 - 8:00 pm
Joppa               Wed        Dec 14      6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wanted: Gingerbread House Junior Architects

Submit your creation to the Abingdon Library anytime between 10:00 am Monday, November 28 and Monday, December 12 at 5:00 pm.

Choose to compete in one of three categories:
1. Best Traditional
2. Best Book/Library Inspired
3. Most Creative

Entries will be divided into two age groups for each category:
Grades K-5 & Grades 6-12

We are pleased to welcome back Shelley Stannard, owner of Flavor Cupcakery, as our special guest judge.

Winner announcement at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 12

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Dec-Feb

Lapsit Story Time
A gentle time to bond with your child.
Fridays 10:15-10:45 am

Wiggles Story Time
An energetic time for wiggly kids.
Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 am

Explorer Story Time
An engaging time for curious kids.
Mondays 10:15-11:00 am

Family & Friends Story Time
A delightful time with something for everyone.
2nd Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sensory Time: Stories and Play
Inclusive story time for families with children who have sensory integration challenges. Geared toward preschool and elementary aged children. Sibling participation encouraged. There will be time to mingle after each session.
1st Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm

Aberdeen Youth Program
Grades 6-12
Meet up with friends in the lounge! Enjoy a variety of games and activities Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00-5:00 pm

Anime/Manga Club
Grades 6-12 / Meet other teens interested in anime/manga. Play a variety of anime themed games, discuss your new favorite shows, and check out displays of library manga. Cosplay encouraged!
3rd Thursday 3:00-5:00 pm

Coding Club
Grades 6-12
Interested in HTML, JavaScript, Ruby or Python? Join in and get coding.
4th Monday 6:00-7:00 pm
Except Dec

December

Lego Club
Grades 6-12
All Ages
Free play with LEGO. Drop-in event. Silver Sphere Library
Wed Nov 29 4:00-5:00 pm

Science Club: Gross Science
Grades K-8
Explore science by creating gross science experiments.
Sat Nov 25 2:00-3:00 pm

Job Search Assistance
Adults
Do you need help?
• filling out online job applications
• creating a resume
• finding jobs online
If the answer is YES, come to the Aberdeen Library!
Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00-3:00 pm

Science Wednesdays!
Grades K-8 / Drop in to explore our science station every week for a new hands-on activity.
Wednesdays Library Hours

Ukulele Club
All Ages
Join us to play the ukulele! If you would like to learn we can provide instruction. Fun for the whole family! It would be best if participants brought their own instruments. If you want to try out the group on a one-time basis, we have two extra ukuleles to share.
2nd Saturday (Dec) 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Urban Essence Diva’s Book Group
All Ages
If you enjoy reading books by Joy Deja King, Nisa Santiago, and Ashley & JaQuavis join us for some lively discussion. New members welcome!
4th Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm

Friday Film Club
Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory
Grades 6-12
Join us in the lounge for a viewing of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory. We supply the popcorn. You supply the imagination!
Fri Nov 24 4:00-6:00 pm

Santa 101: How to Host a Holiday Dinner
Grades 6-12
Host your own holiday dinner! We supply the instructions.
Sat Nov 25 2:00-3:00 pm

Sense and Sensibility
Celebrate Jane Austen’s Birthday with an afternoon movie Sense and Sensibility [1995]
Sat Dec 17 2:00-4:30 pm

Science Club: Gum Drop Engineering
Grades K-8
Explore architecture and engineering while building with gumdrops!
Wed Dec 21 6:00-7:00 pm

Parenting in the 21st Century: Pregnancy and Infancy
Adults
Parenting starts before your child is even born. Learn how to prepare to be the parent of an infant and gain insight on how to navigate the world of having a baby.
Sat Jan 7 2:00-4:00 pm

Books on Tap
Grades 6-12
Bold Titles, Refreshing Talk!
Bring your favorite non-fiction/biography to discuss.
Greene Turtle, 1113 Beards Hill Rd., Aberdeen, MD 21010.
Everyone welcome!
To register: Books on Tap Meetup or at the branch.
Mon Jan 9 6:30-8:00 pm

Aberdeen Friends of HCPL Meeting
Adults
Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects and assisting with book sales that help fund Library programs and services.
Tue Jan 10 2:00-3:00 pm

Student Art Show
All Ages
Enjoy art by students of Hall’s Cross Roads Elementary.
Tue Jan 10 6:00-7:00 pm

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Grades 6-12
Join in on the 15th to kick off the celebration!
Sun Jan 15 2:00-3:00 pm

Winter StoryWalk
All Ages
Stroll through the library and read and play along with the story Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. Discover the magic and science of snowflakes and then make your own snowflake! Activity available in branch January 17-31. Join us on the 15th to kick off the celebration!

January

Lego Club
Grades 6-12
All Ages
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Fri Jan 6 3:00-4:00 pm

Family Movie Night @ The Library
Grades 6-12
Join us in the lounge for a viewing of a movie at the library after hours. You can even bring a picnic style dinner! Doors will open at 5:45 pm and ends when the movie finishes.
Fri Jan 6 6:00-9:00 pm

Science Club: Gross Science
Grades K-8
Join us for some of the grossest science you’ll ever see!
Wed Jan 18 6:00-7:00 pm

2nd Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm

Colorado Bentley
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by making and displaying a Peace Dove. Activity available in branch January 17-31. Join us on the 15th to kick off the celebration!
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STEM program
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Always open! Check HCPLonline.org for program updates.
February

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**Aberdeen Senior Center Book Discussion Group 🕹️**
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Adventure Awaits! The Power of Your Card. hcplonline.org/lynda.php
**December**

**TAG (Teen Advisory Group)**
Grades 6-12
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard! Bring your friends. Make new ones!
1st & 3rd Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm

**Tech Time: 3D Design 🎨**
Grades 6-Adults / Learn to create models of shapes that are suitable for 3D printing, use in video games, and video. In this class you will learn to create models using the free software you can download from the internet for use on your own computer.
Sat Dec 3 10:00 am-noon

**Parenting in the 21st Century: Navigating the Special Education System**
Adults / Does your child have an IEP or Section 504 plan? Are you concerned about your child’s academic performance? Learn about how the special education system works, receive advice on how to best advocate for your child, and meet representatives from organizations within Harford County who can assist you in navigating the special education process.
Sat Dec 3 2:00-4:00 pm

**Tech Time: Introduction to the Innovation Lab 🎨**
Grades 6-Adults
See what the Innovation Lab has to offer. Learn to create electronic video, audio, publishing, and 3D designs.
Thu Dec 8 6:00-7:30 pm

**Preschoolers Create Art! 🎨**
3 to 5 years
Enjoy a story and then explore basic art concepts and create a simple art project to take home based on the story.
Thu Dec 8 6:30-7:30 pm

**Explorer Club: Paint Like Vincent 🎨**
Grades K-S
Explore the art of Vincent Van Gogh and paint your own masterpiece to take home.
Fri Dec 9 2:00-3:30 pm

**Inventor’s Portal: Turning Dreams into $ 🎨**
Adults / Session 5: Writing the Killer Business Plan
Seminars for aspiring inventors and those with an idea yearning to convert it into reality. Learn how from experts and those who have succeeded in doing. Sponsored by NMTC, Harford County Public Library and the Office of Economic Development. Find out more http://nmtc.org.
Mon Dec 12 6:30-7:45 pm

**Sounds of the Season**
All Ages
Join the Patterson Mill Middle School orchestra and chorus! 7th and 8th grade students will be performing a variety of holiday pieces to get you into the spirit of the season.
Fri Dec 16 11:00 am-noon

**Tech Time: 3D Design 🎨**
Grades 6-12
See Dec 3 for detail
Sat Dec 17 10:00 am-noon

**Inventor’s Portal: Turning Dreams into $ 🎨**
Adults
The Wrap-up Session
Mon Dec 21 6:30-7:45 pm

**Booked for Lunch**
Adults
Bring your lunch and enjoy a midday discussion of The Invoice by Jonas Karlsson.
Wed Dec 21 12:30-1:30 pm

**-rowned in the Abingdon Library for more celebration. Please contact [Abingdon Library](http://www.abingdonlibrary.org) for details.**

**January**

**Explorer Club: Snowflake Science 🎨**
Grades K-5
Drift in to the library and spend time learning about snowflakes.
Fri Jan 6 2:00-3:30 pm

**Abingdon Books at Night**
Adults
Join us for a discussion of the novel Be Frank with Me by Julia Claiborne Johnson.
Mon Jan 9 6:30-7:30 pm

**TEDxAbingdonLibrary**
Adults
Join us as we view and discuss the TED topic, Your Body Language Shapes Who You Are. Presented by Social Psychologist Amy Cuddy.
Wed Jan 11 6:00-7:30 pm

**Tech Time: Green Screen Class 🎨**
Adults
Use the Innovation Lab’s green screen to place photo subjects in cool backgrounds. Great for greeting cards!
Thu Jan 12 6:00-7:30 pm

**Booked for Lunch**
Adults
Bring your lunch and enjoy a midday discussion of Winter by Christopher Nicholson.
Wed Jan 18 12:30-1:30 pm

**Tech Time: Introduction to the Innovation Lab 🎨**
Grades 6-Adults
See Dec 8 for detail
Thu Jan 19 6:00-7:30 pm

**Tech Time: 3D Printing and Techniques 🎨**
Grades 6-Adults
Learn to transfer 3D designs into real objects that can be printed on a 3D printer. Participants can use library computers and bring a USB thumb drive or their own laptop.
Sat Jan 21 10:00 am-noon

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**STEM program**

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Ice Cream Parlor Imaginative Play 🍦 3 to 5 years
Come hear stories about our favorite treat, ICE CREAM! Then continue the fun by playing in our imaginative play ice cream parlor!
Mon Jan 23  1:30-2:30 pm & 6:30-7:30 pm

Books on Tap  Adults
Bold Titles, Refreshing Talk! Held at Pairings Bistro, 2105 Laurel Bush Road, Ste 108, Bel Air, MD 21015
For book titles see page 25
Please register: Books on Tap Meetup or at the branch.
Mon Jan 23  6:30-8:00 pm

February

Explorer Club: Sink or Float? 🧪 3 to 5 years
Learn how a submarine works and then invent your own water vessel.
Fri Feb 3  2:00-3:30 pm

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Book Dedication  Adults
Each February, members of the Iota Nu chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity make a presentation of books to the library and host a speaker.
Sat Feb 4  10:30 am

TEDxAbingdonLibrary  Adults / Join us as we view and discuss the TED topic, What a Planet Needs to Sustain Life. Presented by Dave Brain, Assistant Professor of Astrophysics and Planetary Science.
Wed Feb 8  6:30-7:30 pm

Preschool Valentine Party 💝 3 to 5 years
Come join the fun as we read stories and sing songs to celebrate Valentine's Day. Your little one will make a craft to take home.
Thu Feb 9  6:30-7:30 pm

Teen Party Games for the 21st Century 🎲
Grades 6-12
Charades? Taboo? Hangman? Join the fun as we play party games 21st century style with fun apps!
Fri Feb 10  6:00-9:00 pm

Abingdon Books at Night  Adults
Join us for a discussion of the novel Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart.
Mon Feb 13  6:30-7:30 pm

Booked for Lunch  Adults
Bring your lunch and enjoy a midday discussion of Ordinary Grace by William Krueger.
Wed Feb 15  12:30-1:30 pm

Tech Time: Green Screen Class 📀 Adults
See Dec 15 for detail
Thu Feb 16  6:00-7:30 pm

National Fake Mustache Day  All Ages
Come join the fun as we celebrate National Fake Mustache Day! Stop by the library to create your own fake Mustache.
Fri Feb 24  10:00 am-5:00 pm

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Fri & Sat  10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr)  1:00 pm- 5:00 pm

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Abingdon Friends of HCPL Meeting  📕  Adults
Mon Feb 27  6:00-7:00 pm

Books on Tap  Adults
See Page 25 for detail
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Holiday Closings
Fri Dec 23- Mon Dec 26
Christmas Holiday
Sun Jan 1-Mon Jan 2
New Year's Holiday
Mon Jan 16  M L King Jr. Day
Mon Feb 20  Presidents' Day

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### December

**Bel Air Books at the Center**

**Bel Air Fiction Book Discussion Group**
Adults
*The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

**Books On Tap 🌐**
Adults
"Bold titles, Refreshing Talk!" A Visit From the Good Squad by Jennifer Egan.

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**Fairy Tale Festival**
All Ages
Celebrate Charles Perrault's birthday with crafts and activities based on his timeless stories, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Sleeping Beauty, and more! Enjoy stories read throughout the day by local community leaders in the Pergola area and special activities in Streamworks.

**Meet the Author: Brian Jay Jones**
Adults
As a self-described Pop Culture Junkie, Brain Jay Jones has explored and revels in those things many of us find guilty pleasure in. As a biographer, he explores those personalities that compel attention and have become a part of the cultural landscape. His first work was on Washington Irving, of headless horseman fame. The next was Jim Hensen and the muppets. His newest takes a look at American Icon, George Lucas in *George Lucas: A Life*.

### January

**Books On Tap 🌐**
Adults
"Bold titles, Refreshing Talk!" A Visit From the Good Squad by Jennifer Egan.

**Teen Book Club**
Grades 6-12
Join us for a teen's only book club featuring Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman.
**February**

**Bel Air Books at the Center**
Seniors
Participants at least 55 years of age meet at the McFaul Activities Center for a spirited book discussion.
*The Muse* by Jessie Burton.
**Mon Feb 6** 1:00-3:00 pm

**Books On Tap**
Adults
Bold titles, Refreshing Talk!
*March* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell.
Sean Bolan’s, 12 S Main St, Bel Air, MD 21014. A different title each month. Everyone welcome! Please register: [http://www.meetup.com/HCPL-Books-on-Tap or at the branch.]
**Tue Feb 7** 6:30-8:30 pm

**Dance Party Hearty**
Birth to 5 years
Wear your dancing shoes and festive clothes to boogie down with us!
**Sat Feb 11** 10:15-11:00 am

**The Harford Wordsmiths**
Adults
Connect with fiction writers from all over the area. Discuss your work, learn from others and get great tips to navigate the publishing world.
**Tue Jan 24** 6:00-7:30 pm

**Science Cafe**
Grades 9-Adult
Learn from a local expert about a specific science and technology topic that affects our everyday lives! Presented through a partnership with the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council (NMTC). Go to [http://nmtc.org/science-cafe](http://nmtc.org/science-cafe) for additional information.
**Wed Jan 25** 7:00-8:30 pm

**Aqua Charades**
Grades K-2
Explore the importance of water for people, animals and plants in this fun interactive program.
**Thu Jan 26** 2:00-3:00 pm

**Happy Birthday**
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Grades 3-8
Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the classic *Little House* books, turns 150 this year! Come celebrate with games, history and crafts.
**Sat Feb 11** 2:00-3:00 pm

**STEM Club- Grades K-2**
See Jan 18 for detail
**Wed Feb 15** 5:30-6:00 pm

**STEM Club- Grades 3-8**
See Jan 18 for detail
**Wed Feb 15** 6:30-7:15 pm

**Bel Air Fiction Book Discussion Group**
Adults
*Miss Jane* by Brad Watson.
**Thu Feb 16** 6:30-7:45 pm

**Experiment and Explore**
3 to 5 years
Learn about a new science, technology, engineering or math concept through fun stories, hands-on experiments and exploration.
**Fri Feb 17** 10:15-11:00 am

**Landscape Design with Master Gardeners**
Adults
Get the facts you need to create a garden plan that will guide your home landscape design.
**Sat Feb 18** 10:15 am-noon

**The Harford Wordsmiths**
Adults
Connect with fiction writers from all over the area. Discuss your work, learn from others and get great tips to navigate the publishing world.
**Tue Feb 21** 6:00-7:30 pm

**Books On Tap**
Bold titles, Refreshing Talk!
MaGerk’s Pub and Grill 120 S Bond St, Bel Air, MD 21014
A different title each month. Everyone welcome! Please register: [http://www.meetup.com/HCPL-Books-on-Tap or at the branch.]
**Tue Feb 21** 6:30-8:30 pm

**Science Cafe**
Grades 9-Adult / See Jan 25 for detail
**Wed Feb 22** 7:00-8:30 pm

**Potato Chips - The Marvelous Invention of George Crum**
Grades 6-12
Celebrate Black History Month and African American potato chip inventor, George Crum as we sample and vote for our favorite potato chip variety.
**Thu Feb 23** 3:30-5:00 pm

**Bel Air Hours**

| Mon & Wed | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| Tue & Thu | 11:00 am - 8:00 pm |
| Fri & Sat | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Sun (Oct-Apr) | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm |

**Drive-thru Window**

| 410-638-4800 |
| Mon - Thu | 8:00 am - 7:45 pm |
| Fri | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm |
| Sat | 9:00 am - 4:30 pm |
| Sun (Oct-Apr) | 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm |

**Holiday Closings**

Fri Dec 23 - Mon Dec 26
Christmas Holiday
Sun Jan 1-Mon Jan 2
New Year's Holiday
Mon Jan 16 - M L King Jr. Day
Mon Feb 20 - Presidents' Day
Darlington Library

Darlington
1134 Main Street   410-638-3750

Darlington Hours
Mon-Wed 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thu noon-5:00 pm
Fri 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Holiday Closings
Fri  Dec 23- Mon  Dec 26
Christmas Holiday
Sun Jan 1-Mon Jan 2
New Year's Holiday
Mon Jan 16  M L King Jr. Day
Mon Feb 20  Presidents' Day

December

Family & Friends Story
Time  A delightful time with something for everyone.
Thursdays  11:00 am-noon

Darlington Friends Book Sale
© All Ages
2nd Saturday  10:00 am-2:00 pm

Family Craft Night ©
All Ages
Bring the whole family and express your creativity as we create crafts for all ages. Supported by the Darlington Friends of HCPL
2nd Tuesday  6:30-7:30 pm

PAWS and Read! ®
All Ages
Read to a furry friend. Join PAWS for Reading for a one-on-one reading session with a well-trained therapy dog.
3rd Wednesday  4:30-5:30 pm

Darlington Book Discussion Group
Adults
The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom
Tue  Jan 17  6:30-7:30 pm

Teen Pizza & Games ®
Grades 6-12
Hang out at the library with other teens while the library is closed!
Fri  Jan 27  5:00-6:30 pm

Darlington Friends of HCPL Meeting © Adults
Thu  Dec 8  1:00-2:30 pm

Darlington Friends of HCPL Book Sale
© All Ages
2nd Saturday  10:00 am-2:00 pm

Family Craft Night ©
All Ages
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2nd Tuesday  6:30-7:30 pm

PAWS and Read! ®
All Ages
Read to a furry friend. Join PAWS for Reading for a one-on-one reading session with a well-trained therapy dog.
3rd Wednesday  4:30-5:30 pm

Holiday Open House ©
All Ages / Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, games, holiday music and refreshments.
Mon  Dec 5  3:00-8:00 pm

Darlington Book Discussion Group
Adults
The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer
Tue  Dec 20  6:30-7:30 pm

Holiday BINGO © All Ages
Play holiday-themed BINGO for fun and prizes!
Thu  Dec 29  5:00-6:00 pm

January

Darlington Friends of HCPL Meeting © Adults
Thu  Jan 12  1:00-2:30 pm

Darlington Book Discussion Group
Adults
Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf
Tue  Feb 21  6:30-7:30 pm

February

Darlington Friends of HCPL Meeting © Adults
Fri  Feb 10  1:00-2:30 pm

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February

Darlington Library

Discover the Story • Publish the Book

Just Write. For Adults

HARFORD WRITERS’ GROUP
The Writers’ Group critiques, motivates, shares experiences and knowledge, and propels your writing to the next level.
http://harfordwritersgroup.org/
Jarrettsville
Thu  Dec 1  6:00-8:00 pm

HARFORD WORDSMITHS
Connect with fiction writers from all over the area. Discuss your work, learn from others and get great tips to navigate the publishing world.
Bel Air
Tue  Jan 24  6:00-7:30 pm
Tue  Feb 21  6:00-7:30 pm

JUST WRITE

Dani Pettrey and Character Development
A hands-on workshop in character development with author Dani Pettrey. Make your characters more vivid and believable with help from this best-selling author!
Havre de Grace
Tue  Jan 24  6:30 pm

Michele Chynoweth and Marketing for Authors
Marketing expert and author Michele Chynoweth takes you through a plan to get your work recognized and build your reader base.
Havre de Grace
Tue  Feb 28  6:30 pm
Choose the track that’s right for you: Lapsit, Wiggles, Explorer

Pick up your game board for simple, fun, learning activities to do with your child.

December 21 – March 4

Talking! Singing! Reading!
Writing! Playing!

These five early learning practices strengthen pre-literacy skills and set our youngest customer on track for reading!

Parents and caregivers can visit their library branch to register starting December 21, or sign up online at hcplonline.beanstack.org.
December

Edgewood Friends DVD Sale
All Ages / One day DVD sale.
Sat Dec 3 10:00 am-4:30 pm

Booked for Lunch 🎨
Adults
Let’s do lunch and enjoy a midday book discussion of *The Husband’s Secret* by Liane Moriarty
Wed Dec 7 noon-1:00 pm

Hour of Code 🎨
Grades K-8
Join us during Computer Science Education Week for a one-hour hands-on introduction to coding! Learning the basics of computer science helps nurture creativity and problem solving skills, and prepare students for any future career.
Wed Dec 7 6:00-7:00 pm

Lego Club 🎨
Grades K-5
We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!
Fri Dec 9 2:00-3:00 pm

Family Night ‪in the Library: Movie Night 🎨
All Ages
Sneak in after hours and enjoy a family friendly movie.
Fri Dec 9 6:00-8:00 pm

Holiday Open House 🎨
All Ages
Celebrate the holiday season with music, crafts, and refreshments!
Mon Dec 12 4:00-7:00 pm

Minute to Win it 🎨
All Ages
60 seconds to complete interactive challenges made from ordinary items found in a typical home.
Tue Dec 13 3:00-4:30 pm

Color Me Calm 🎨
Adults
Transform intricate designs into personalized art while you unwind and de-stress with some coloring fun. Creations can be taken home or put on display at the library.
Sat Dec 17 10:00-11:00 am

Gingerbread Construction Company 🎨
Grades K-5 / Come build something fun! Bring one bag of candy to share. Hard Hats not required!
Tue Dec 20 5:00-6:00 pm

January

Lego Club 🎨
Grades K-5
We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination!
Fri Jan 6 2:00-3:00 pm

Family Night ‪in the Library: Movie Night 🎨
All Ages
Sneak in after hours and enjoy a family friendly movie.
Fri Jan 6 6:00-8:00 pm

Yoga With Gemma 🎨
Adults
Learn about the benefits of yoga, a variety of basic poses, and how to practice a flowing style of Hatha Yoga.
Mon Jan 9 6:30-8:00 pm

Retro Video Games for Adults
Adults
Nintendo? XBox? When was the last time you played one? Stop in and show your skill with some of these classic game systems.
Sat Jan 28 2:00-4:00 pm

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)
Grades 6-8
Thursdays 4:00-5:00 pm
Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2 & 23

Teen After School Club
Grades 6-12
No place to go after school? Come to the library for tons of fun. Bring your friends!
Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 23 3:00-5:00 pm

Yu-Gi-Oh Dueling
Grades 6-12
Sat 12:30-3:30 pm
Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18

Yu-Gi-Oh Gaming
Grades 6-12
Sat 12:30-3:30 pm
Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11

Wiggles Story Time 🎨
An energetic time for wiggly kids.
Fridays 10:30-11:15 am

Family & Friends Story Time 🎨
A delightful time with something for everyone.
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm

Artsy Little Hands 🎨
18 months to 3 years
Through engaging activities kids will explore and experiment while focusing on the process of creating art, rather than the outcome.
Wednesdays 11:30 am-noon
Dec 14 & 21, Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22

Yu-Gi-Oh Gaming
Grades 6-12
Sat 12:30-3:30 pm
Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 23 3:00-5:00 pm

Family Night ‪in the Library: Movie Night 🎨
All Ages
Sneak in after hours and enjoy a family friendly movie.
Fri Dec 9 6:00-8:00 pm

Hour of Code 🎨
Grades K-8
Join us during Computer Science Education Week for a one-hour hands-on introduction to coding! Learning the basics of computer science helps nurture creativity and problem solving skills, and prepare students for any future career.
Sat Dec 10 11:00 am-noon

Minue to Win it 🎨
All Ages
60 seconds to complete interactive challenges made from ordinary items found in a typical home.
Sat Dec 10 11:00 am-noon

Secret Book Discussion Group
Grades K-5
Join us to make crafts symbolic of Martin Luther King’s message - that all colors of people are equal.
Tue Jan 17 5:00-6:00 pm

Winter Tie Dying 🎨
Grades 6-12
Make your winter colorful with creative tie dye shirts
Mon Jan 23 5:30-7:00 pm

Edgewood Senior Center Book Discussion Group
Adults
Join us at the Edgewood Senior Center to discuss *Leave Me* by Gayle Forman.
Tue Jan 24 10:30-11:30 am

Earn It/Plan It/Keep It
Adults
Learn the benefit of creating a spending/saving plan versus allowing your luck to determine where your hard earned money goes. Powerpoint, games and handouts. Presented by Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna’s Homeownership Program.
Tue Jan 24 6:30 pm

Retro Video Games for Adults
Adults
Nintendo? XBox? When was the last time you played one? Stop in and show your skill with some of these classic game systems.
Sat Jan 28 2:00-4:00 pm

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February

Booked for Lunch Adults
Let’s do lunch and enjoy a midday discussion of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.
* Wed Feb 1 noon-1:00 pm

Lego Club Grades K-5
We supply the Lego blocks, you supply the imagination!
* Fri Feb 3 2:00-3:00 pm

Family Night @ the Library: Movie Night All Ages
Sneak in after hours and enjoy a family friendly movie.
* Fri Feb 3 6:00-8:00 pm

Yoga With Gemma Adults / Learn about the benefits of yoga, a variety of basic poses, and how to practice a flowing style of Hatha Yoga. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one.
* Mon Feb 13 6:30-8:00 pm

Hearts and Crafts
Join us and make something special for those you love!
* Tue Feb 14 5:00-6:00 pm

LEAP Simple Machines Grades K-8
Machines are devices that make it easier to do work. Lifting, pulling, carrying and dividing objects requires the expenditure of energy, and simple machines direct that energy in efficient ways to accomplish tasks with minimal force applied. Learn more about the six simple machines, including the lever, the wheel and axle, the inclined plane, the wedge, the screw and the pulley through hands-on experiments.
* Wed Feb 15 6:00-7:00 pm

Mastering Your Credit
Adults
Learn how to read your credit report and find out what’s really affecting your credit score. PowerPoint, games and handouts. Presented by Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna’s Homeownership Program.
* Tue Feb 21 6:30-8:00 pm

Teen Afterschool Club Casino Edition Grades 6-12
Enjoy classic card games and more.
* Thu Feb 23 3:00-5:00 pm

Edgewood Senior Center Book Discussion Group
Adults
Join us at the Edgewood Senior Center to discuss *American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst* by Jeffrey Toobin.
* Tue Feb 28 10:30-11:30 am

Edgewood Hours
* Mon & Wed 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
* Tue & Thu 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
* Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Drive-thru Window
* Mon - Thu 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
* Fri 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Holiday Closings
* Fri Dec 23 - Mon Dec 26
* Christmas Holiday
* Sun Jan 1 - Mon Jan 2
* New Year’s Holiday
* Mon Jan 16 M L King Jr. Day
* Mon Feb 20 Presidents’ Day

Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects and assisting with book sales that help fund Library programs and services.

Meetings

Aberdeen
* Tuesday, January 10  2:00-3:00 pm

Abingdon
* Monday, February 27  6:00-7:00 pm

Bel Air
* Monday, January 23  5:15-6:30 pm
* Monday, February 27  5:15-6:30 pm

Darlington
* Thursday, December 8  1:00-2:30 pm
* Thursday, January 12  1:00-2:30 pm
* Friday, February 10  1:00-2:30 pm

Edgewood
* Monday, January 23  4:15 pm
* Monday, February 27  4:15 pm

Fallston
* Tuesday, January 24  6:00 pm

Havre de Grace
* Monday, December 5  11:30 am
* Monday, February 6  11:30 am

Jarrettsville
* Wednesday, December 7  6:30 pm

Joppa
* Monday, January 30  6:00-8:00 pm

Norrisville
* Tuesday, January 10  7:00-8:00 pm

Whiteford
* Tuesday, January 10  3:00 pm
**To be held at the Wilson Ministry Center**

Fallston Library

1461 Fallston Road  410-638-3003

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**Lapsit Story Time**
A gentle time to bond with your child.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 11:15-11:45 am

**Wiggles Story Time** 🟪
An energetic time for wiggly kids.
Mondays 11:15 am-noon

**Family & Friends Story Time** 🟪
A delightful time with something for everyone.
Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am

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**February**

**Fallston Friends Evening Book Discussion Group** 🟪 Adults
*Midwife of Hope* by Patricia Harman
Mon  Dec 5  6:30-8:00 pm

**Creativity Club** 🟪 Adults
See Dec 12 for details
Thu  Jan 12  1:00-3:00 pm

**The Sweet Sound of Music: The Science Behind Your Favorite Song** 🟪
Grades 6-8 / Join Rob Lieb, PhD of the Senior Science Society of Harford County to explore the amazing technology behind the music on your favorite playlist.
Tue  Jan 17  6:00-7:30 pm

**Fallston Critics Without Credentials Book Discussion Group** 🟪 Adults
*The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George
Wed  Jan 18  10:00 am-noon

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**January**

**Celebrate Universal Letter Writing Week** 🟪
All Ages / Come to the library and enjoy a letter writing session. Rediscover the joy of writing a letter by hand. We will provide a variety of paper, cards, and envelopes.
Jan 9-14  Library hours

**Fallston Friends Evening Book Discussion Group** 🟪 Adults
*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks
Mon  Jan 9  6:30-8:00 pm

**Creativity Club** 🟪 Adults
See Dec 12 for details
Thu  Jan 12  1:00-3:00 pm

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**Ugly Sweater Workshop** 🟪
Grades 6-12
All creative teens are invited to an Ugly Sweater Workshop. We will supply all kinds of tacky decorations to 'enhance' your sweater. Who will have the best/ugliest design? Use one of our sweaters or bring your own sweater to decorate and keep.
Fri  Dec 16  3:30-4:30 pm

**Fallston Critics Without Credentials Book Discussion Group** 🟪 Adults
*Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
Wed  Dec 21  10:00 am-noon

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**December**

**Fallston Friends Evening Book Discussion Group** 🟪 Adults
*Midwife of Hope* by Patricia Harman
Mon  Dec 5  6:30-8:00 pm

**Fallston Holiday Open House** 🟪 All Ages
Celebrate the holiday season with crafts and music. Light refreshments.
Wed  Dec 7  4:00-7:00 pm

**Creativity Club** 🟪
Adults / Come write, draw, knit -- any form of art you practice. We will gather to work together and inspire each other. You are welcome to bring artwork to share. Craft supplies and coloring sheets will be available.
Mon  Dec 12  5:00-7:00 pm

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**LEGO Club** 🟪 All Ages
We supply the LEGOs. You supply the imagination!
Fridays  2:00-3:00 pm
Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 3

**TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)** 🟪 Grades 6-12
Make a difference in the library. Have your voice heard! Bring your friends. Make new ones!
1st Tuesday  3:30-4:30 pm

**Toddlers on the Move** 🟪
18 months to 3 years
Explore music, singing and dancing while helping to enhance your child’s motor development skills.
Tue  Jan 17  6:00-7:00 pm

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6th Annual Book Trailers Contest

**Calling All Teens!**
To create short videos promoting your favorite book. Judges will choose the winning submissions.
Winners will be announced at the Film This! Book Trailer Premiere at the Abingdon Library on March 10. See a Librarian for official rules and submission guidelines.

**Submission Deadline:**
MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 14

**Middle & High School**
Sponsored by the Friends of HCPL

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**Holiday Closings**

Fri  Dec 23- Mon  Dec 26
Christmas Holiday
Sun Jan 1-Mon  Jan 2
New Year’s Holiday
Mon Jan 16  ML King Jr. Day
Mon Feb 20  Presidents’ Day

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**Harford County Public Library**
HCPLonline.org

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注册 = Registration required. Register online or by calling the branch. Begins two weeks prior to all children’s programs. Always open! Check HCPLonline.org for program updates.
**Dec-Feb**

**Lapsit Story Time**  
A gentle time to bond with your child.  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
10:30-11:00 am

**Wiggles Story Time 🐻**  
An energetic time for wiggly kids.  
Mondays  
11:00-11:45 am

**Explorer Story Time 🐻**  
An engaging time for curious kids.  
2nd Friday  
10:30-11:15 am  
Sep 9, Oct 14

**Family & Friends Story Time 🐻**  
A delightful time with something for everyone.  
Wednesdays  
11:00-11:45 am

**Chess Club**  
All Ages  
Learn to play chess or take on a player challenge. Monthly play, all levels.  
4th Wednesday  
6:30-7:45 pm

**Conversations in Photography**  
Adults / Why do we take photographs? What are some historical perspectives? Who do we emulate? Is a photograph a window into the soul? What makes one photograph a work of art over another one?  
2nd Monday  
6:30-7:30 pm

**Knot Just Knitting**  
Adults  
Knitters, crocheters, cross-stitchers, and more are all welcome to come work on a project, share ideas, and learn a new stitch or two.  
3rd Wednesday  
3:00-4:30 pm & 6:00-7:30 pm

**LEGO Club 🪖**  
We supply the LEGO! You supply the imagination!  
Thursdays  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Dec 15, Jan 12, Feb 9

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**December**

**Havre de Grace Books by Night**  
Adults  
_The Summer Before the War_ by Helen Simonson  
Thu  Dec 1  
6:30-7:30 pm

**Color Me Calm**  
Adults  
Transform intricate designs into personalized art while you unwind and de-stress with some coloring fun. Creations can be taken home or put on display at the library.  
Fri  Dec 2  
1:00-2:30 pm

**Paint Along 🎨**  
Adults  
Get cozy with our doggy volunteers and read a good book...or five. Join PAWS for Reading for a one-on-one reading session with a well-trained therapy pet. Bring a favorite book or select one of ours. Please call the Havre de Grace Library to register for a time.  
Sat  Dec 3  
10:30-11:30 am

**Paper Bead Fun with the Paper Bead Girl**  
Grades 6-12  
Learn about the art of paper beads. Meet the Paper Bead Girl and create some amazing beaded wonders.  
Sat  Dec 3  
2:00-3:30 pm

**Havre de Grace Friends of the Library Meeting**  
Adults  
Get updates about Library events; make new acquaintances; volunteer at the library; plan for the next Used Book Sale. The Friends meet every other month.  
Mon  Dec 5  
11:00 am-12:30 pm

**Teen Advisory Group 🎌**  
Grades 6-12  
Plan programs. Make suggestions for the Library. Earn volunteer credit. Have fun!  
2nd Monday  
3:30-5:00 pm

**Shakin’ the Family Tree**  
Adults  
A monthly meeting to discuss all things genealogy. Everyone welcome from beginners to seasoned explorers of your family tree.  
Mon  Dec 5  
6:30-7:45 pm

**Holiday Open House 🎄**  
All Ages  
Happy Holidays! Enjoy the sounds of the season with local musicians; craft a holiday decoration to take home, and have a sweet treat on us.  
Tue  Dec 6  
4:00-7:00 pm

**Havre de Grace Books on Tap**  
Adults  
Bold Titles, Refreshing Talk! Held at Lauraparin, 209 North Washington Street, Havre de Grace.  
For book titles see page 25  
Please register: Books on Tap Meetup or at the branch.  
Mon  Dec 5  
6:30-8:00 pm

**Healthy Kids: Yoga & Your Body 🧘‍♂️**  
Grades K-8  
Homeschool health science series for children. Learn about your body and the benefits of yoga with guided exercises. Presented by Beach Bee Yoga.  
Thu  Dec 8  
1:30-2:30 pm

**Christmas in World War II**  
Adults  
Come see the sights and hear the sounds of Christmas in World War II. Learn about how the effects of rationing and blackout conditions changed how the holidays were celebrated. Presented by historian, Mary Rasa.  
Thu  Dec 8  
6:30-7:30 pm

**PAWS and Read! 🐾**  
All Ages  
See Dec. 3 for detail  
Thu  Dec 8  
6:30-7:30 pm

**Havre de Grace Candlelight Tour @ the Library 🎃**  
All Ages  
The library will open its doors for tours during the 44th Annual Havre de Grace Candlelight Tour. Several local authors will be on hand to sign their books just in time for the holidays along with holiday music.  
Sat  Dec 10  
4:00-6:00 pm

**A Peachy Business: Memories of East Baltimore Hon**  
Adults  
Meet Leonora “Peachy” Dixon, previous owner/operator of Peachy N Bohs Place, a East Baltimore Cafe. As an enterprise businesswoman of the 80’s, Peachy is a survivor. Join her for an evening of stories. Book sale and author signing.  
Tue  Dec 13  
6:30-7:30 pm

**Teen After Hours 🗓️**  
Grades 6-12  
This is the night we open the library just for teens to play games, surf the net, do crafts and enjoy snacks!  
Fri  Dec 16  
4:30-8:00 pm
Love is in the Air!
Romance Author Panel

Join authors
Rebecca York • Catherine Asaro
Lisa Kamps • Diane Cosby • Alix Rickloff
for a rousing conversation on romance!

Whiteford Library
Thursday, February 9
6:30 PM   For Adults

Books will be for sale and signing.

Charm City Sundays
Presented by Harford County Public Library

Tasty Baltimore: The Lexington Market
All Ages
The Lexington Market has brought the sights, sounds, and taste of Baltimore to the public since 1782. Join Patricia Schultheis for a look at the area’s ultimate farmer’s market, where more than 9 generations have shopped and sold.
Bel Air
Sunday, December 11    2:00 pm

Flaming Baltimore: Memories of the Great 1904 Fire
All Ages
The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 and the People Who Remembered It allows us to see the fire through the eyes of the people who lived through it. Presented by Fire Museum of Maryland.
Jarrettsville
Sunday, January 8    2:00 pm

Baltimore Unrest: The Holy Week Uprising 1968
Adults
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated April 4th, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee, shortly before Holy Week. Dr. Peter Levy examines uprisings that took place across the United States, with a special focus on the one that took place in Baltimore, Maryland, which played a crucial role in the rise of Spiro Agnew as a national symbol of the New Right.
Aberdeen
Sunday, February 12    2:00 pm
Join us for Winter Reading

December 21 to March 4

A good book is MUSIC to my ears

Adults read or listen to at least five books and teens at least three books. Once you complete the program, stop in to your library and pick up a special collector’s mug.*

Special thanks to the Winter Reading Sponsors

Program ends on March 4th but you may complete as early as December 28th. *Available while supplies last
**January**

**PAWS and Read!**
- All Ages / See Dec 3 for detail
  - Sat Dec 17 10:30-11:30 am

**Multicultural Book Club for Teens!**
- Grades 6-12
  - Wed Dec 28 6:30-7:30 pm
  - Read and discuss books that have characters with diverse backgrounds.
  - We will also learn about different cultures and lifestyles!

**Countdown to Noon Dance Party**
- 3 to 5 years & Grades K-5
  - Wed Dec 28 6:30-7:30 pm
  - Put on your dancin' shoes and join us for a countdown celebration on New Year's Eve to ring in 2017 a few hours early!
  - Sat Dec 31 11:30 am-12:15 pm

**Paint Along**
- Adults / See Dec 7 for detail
  - Wed Jan 4 6:30-8:00 pm
  - See Dec 7 for detail

**Havre de Grace Books by Night**
- Adults
  - A Man Called Ove by Fredik Backman
  - Thu Jan 5 6:30-7:30 pm

**Healthy Kids: Dangerous Substances**
- Grades K-8
  - Thu Jan 12 10:00-11:00 am

**Introduction to Kirtan**
- Adults
  - Kirtan is call and response chanting accompanied by musical instruments. This introductory workshop will be led by Lisa Bellamy.
  - Sat Jan 14 2:30-4:30 pm

**Shakin' the Family Tree**
- Adults
  - A monthly meeting to discuss all things genealogy. Everyone welcome from beginners to seasoned explorers of your family tree.
  - Mon Jan 9 6:30-7:45 pm

**Speeches of Martin Luther King**
- Grades 9-Adults
  - Listen to highlights of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most famous speeches. Discuss their relevancy today.
  - Tue Jan 10 6:30-7:30 pm

**STEM Voyagers - Simple Machines**
- All Ages
  - Listen to a book about simple machines and then explore the science of simple machines with experiments, crafts and activities related to the theme.
  - Wed Jan 11 6:30-7:30 pm

**Havre de Grace Senior Center Book Club**
- Adults
  - The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson
  - The book club works with our librarian/facilitator to select books each quarter and then enjoy a lively discussion monthly at the Community Activities Center.
  - Thu Jan 12 6:30-7:30 pm

**Healthy Kids: Dangerous Substances**
- Grades K-8
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**Digital Photography @ the Library**
- Adults
  - The Harford County Photography Group presents a 10-20 minute tutorial and then a time of "Show and Tell!" Topics are listed on the group’s Meetup page. Learn more about technique, equipment, and best practices.
  - Mon Jan 23 6:30-8:00 pm

**Just Write Monthly: Dani Pettrey and Character Development**
- Adults
  - A hands-on workshop in character development with author Dani Pettrey. Make your characters more vivid and believable with help from this best-selling author!
  - Tue Jan 24 6:30 pm

**Books on Tap: On Tour**
- Adults
  - Bold Titles, Refreshing Talk!
  - The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri
  - Thu Jan 26 6:30-7:30 pm

**Family Game Night**
- All Ages
  - Try some of the library's new Board Games or challenge a friend to a game of Scrabble. Open play.
  - Tue Jan 30 4:00-7:30 pm

**Chinese New Year Celebration & Stories**
- Celebrate the Year of the Rooster and learn about the culture of China with a bilingual story time and craft.
- Sat Feb 4 6:30-8:00 pm

**February**

**Family Paint Along**
- Grades K-5
  - Children will enjoy a story and work together with parents in a guided painting session to create a book-based acrylic painting. All supplies will be provided. Please wear clothes you don’t mind getting messy.
  - Wed Feb 1 6:00-7:30 pm

**PAWS and Read!**
- All Ages / See Dec 3 for detail
  - Thu Feb 2 6:30-7:30 pm

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- All Ages / See Dec 3 for detail
  - Thu Feb 2 6:30-7:30 pm

**Color Me Calm**
- Adults / See Dec 2 for detail
  - Fri Feb 3 1:00-2:30 pm

**Dark Side of the Rainbow**
- Adults
  - Come experience Dark Side of the Rainbow on the big screen! This is the cinematic pairing of the Pink Floyd album, Dark Side of the Moon, with the visuals of The Wizard of Oz. Feel free to bring a picnic style dinner to enjoy while you watch the movie.
  - Fri Feb 3 5:30-7:30 pm

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- Adults
  - Foreign Agent by Brad Thor
  - Thu Feb 9 6:30-7:30 pm

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Adults

_The Widow_ by Fiona Barton

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Grades K-8


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All Ages

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_Bold Titles, Refreshing Talk! Warm Bodies_ by Isaac Marion

For location and to register: Books on Tap Meetup or at the branch.

Tue  Feb 14  6:30-8:00 pm

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**PAWS and Read!**

All Ages / See Dec 3 for detail

Thu  Feb 16  6:30-7:30 pm

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**Teen After Hours**

Grades 6-12 / See Dec 16 for detail

Sat  Feb 25  10:30-11:30 am

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**Recycling from the Craft Closet**

All Ages

See what you can make from our odds and ends. Or bring items from your own “craft closet!”

Sat  Feb 18  10:30-11:30 am

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**Family Game Night**

All Ages

Try some of the library’s new Board Games or challenge a friend to a game of Scrabble. Open play.

Tue  Feb 21  4:00-7:30 pm

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**Multicultural Book Club for Teens!**

Grades 6-12

See Dec 28 for detail

Wed  Feb 22  6:30-7:30 pm

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**Academy Awards Throwback Thursday**

Adults

Celebrate the Oscars in a Throwback Thursday kind of way by previewing and voting on your favorite movies from the past 80 years. Costumes and discussion welcome.

Thu  Feb 23  6:00-8:00 am

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**Just Write Monthly: Michele Chynoweth and Marketing for Authors**

Adults

Marketing expert and author Michele Chynoweth takes you through a plan to get your work recognized and build your reader base.

Tue  Feb 28  6:30 pm

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**I Love Havre de Grace Community Art Quilt**

The Havre de Grace Library is celebrating its first year in the new building by making an art quilt that showcases why the community loves Havre de Grace and the Library.

Get creative and tell us why you love Havre de Grace by creating a six inch quilt block to add to the quilt. Pieced and appliqued blocks are preferred, although artistic pieces created with fabric pens and dyes are also welcome.

Visit the Havre de Grace Library for an entry form.

Submission deadline April 15, 2017
December

Holiday Craft
All Ages / Stop by the Jarrettsville library this month to create a festive holiday craft!
Dec 1-31

Harford Writers' Group @ The Library
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http://harfordwritersgroup.org/
Thu Dec 1 6:00-8:00 pm

Baltimore Genealogy Group
Adults
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Thu Dec 22 6:30-8:00 pm

Find the Hidden Object
Grades K-8
Help us find the hidden object and receive a prize!
Jan 1-31

Shall We Dance @ the Library
Adults
A fun evening of dance instruction on swing and the hustle.
Fri Feb 10 7:00-10:00 pm

PAWS and Read!
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Sat Jan 14 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Baltimore Genealogy Group
Adults
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Thu Jan 26 6:30-8:00 pm

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Feb 1-28

Jarrettsville Evening Book Discussion Group
Adults / Contact the branch for this month's selection.
Mon Jan 9 6:30-7:30 pm

January

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Flaming Baltimore: Memories of the Great 1904 Fire
All Ages
The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 and the People Who Remembered It allows us to see the fire through the eyes of the people who lived through it. Presented by Fire Museum of Maryland.
Sun Jan 8 2:00 pm

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Baltimore Genealogy Group
Adults
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March

Make Your Home Energy Efficient
Adults
As heating and cooling expenses hit your pocketbook, learn what you can do to lower your bills. Presented by Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna's Repair Program.
Tue Jan 10 6:30 pm

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Thu Feb 13 6:30-8:00 pm

Teen After Hours
Grades 6-12
This is the night we open the Library just for teens! Watch a movie, play games, surf the net, and just relax and have FUN!
Fri Feb 14 5:30-8:00 pm

Holiday Closings
Fri Dec 23-Mon Dec 26
Christmas Holiday
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Mon Jan 16 M L King Jr. Day
Mon Feb 20 Presidents’ Day
December

**Teen Time @ the Library ©**
Grades 6-12
Hang out at the library! Play video and board games and have a great time with your friends!
Tuesdays  4:00 – 5:30 pm

**Toddlers Create Art ®**
18 months to 3 years
Enjoy a story and then explore basic art concepts and create simple art projects based on the story’s theme.
1st Tuesday  10:30 – 11:30 am

**Toddlers on the Move ®**
18 months to 3 years
Enjoy a story and then explore basic music concepts and make music based on the story’s theme.
2nd Tuesday  10:30 – 11:00 am

**Craft n’ Go ©**
Adults
Sit and complete a craft in a bag at the library and take home a finished project.
Dec 5-10

**It’s your turn ©**
Adults
Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as we play board games. Each month will feature either a traditional favorite or a popular, but lesser known board game.
Mon Dec 5  1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Mittens for Munchkins ©**
Adults / Learn to knit mittens for local Joppatowne children. Those completed will be placed on the mitten tree and delivered to local elementary schools. Contact the branch for required needle information.
Mon Dec 5  6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Paint Along ©**
Adults
Following an instructor you will create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece. Please wear clothes you feel comfortable painting in. All necessary supplies will be provided.
Tue Dec 6  6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Watt Watchers ©**
Adults
Looking for a more comfortable home and lower energy bills? BECOME A WATT WATCHER! Join us for two free energy workshop sessions.
Thu Dec 1  6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Homeschool Fridays**
Grades K-5
Topics may include: literature, music, art and health! Partnering with the Southern Harford Homeschool Co-Op.
Fri Dec 2  10:30 am – noon

**Just Sew: Table Runner & Place Mats ® ©**
Grades K-8
Come as a family and work together on these simple holiday home decor projects. Supply list available at the branch.
Sat Dec 3  2:00 – 5:00 pm

**Just Sew: Hats, Mittens & Scarves © ®**
Grades K-8
Come as a family and work together on these easy winter projects. Supply list available at branch.
Mon Dec 12  5:00 – 8:00 pm

**Teen Cookie Decorating Wars © ®**
Grades 6-12
It’s cookie vs. cookie in this ultimate decorating challenge. Who will be crowned cookie champ?
Tue Dec 13  6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Holiday Open House ©**
All Ages
Join all your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the holidays with music, art and refreshments. Winners of ‘Joppa is...’ Community Art Show will be announced.
Wed Dec 14  6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Ice and Decorate a Holiday Tree**
All Ages
Ice and decorate a holiday tree.
Wed Dec 14  7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Joppa Evening Book Discussion**
Adults
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed
Thu Dec 15  6:30 – 7:30 pm

**Homeschool Fridays**
Grades K-5 / See Dec 9 for detail
Fri Dec 16  10:30 am – noon

**Elf Party ®**
All Ages
Spread some gnominous holiday cheer with games and Buddy the Elf themed crafts while watching the movie Elf.
Sat Dec 17  2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Booked for Lunch**
Adults
The Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline
Mon Dec 19  noon – 1:00 pm

**Knot Just Knitting ©**
Adults
We also crochet, count stitches, and more! Beginner or expert, bring your latest hook and needle project and we’ll share knowledge.
Mon Dec 19  1:30 – 3:00 pm

**Lapsit Story Time**
A gentle time to bond with your child while they sit in your lap.
3rd Thursday  10:00 – 10:30 am

**Wiggles Story Time ®**
An energetic time for wiggly kids.
3rd Thursday  10:30 – 11:15 am

**Explorer Story Time ®**
An engaging time for curious kids.
Dec 20, Jan 24, Feb 28

**Family & Friends Story Time ®**
A delightful time with something for everyone.
1st Friday  10:30 – 11:15 am
Winter Reading Kickoff®
Adults
Sign up during the first day of Winter Reading and receive a treat!
Wed Dec 21 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Experiment and Explore:
Just for Teens ®®
Grades 6-12
Join us for lots of science fun with hand-on experiments and exploration!
Tue Dec 27 6:00-7:30 pm

Holiday Bingo
All Ages
Play holiday-themed BINGO for fun and prizes!
Thu Dec 29 2:00-2:30 pm

Bricks and Flicks ®®
All Ages
Enjoy building with LEGO blocks while watching a family friendly movie. We supply the LEGOs and you supply the imagination!
Fri Dec 30 2:00-4:00 pm

Craft n’ Go ®
Adults
Sit and complete a craft in a bag at the library and take home a finished project.
Jan 9-14

It’s your turn ®
Adults / See Dec 5 for detail
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Experiment and Explore: Just for Teens ®®
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Tue Jan 10 6:00-7:30 pm

Crocheting and Knitting 101
Adults
Beginners, please bring size 8, 9 or 10 knitting needles or size H or I crochet hook and 200 yards of a worsted weight yarn in a lighter color. Our first project is a towel holder. Second project is a scarf. More advanced knitters/crocheters are welcome to join us to increase skills or sit and stitch.
Thu Jan 12 6:30-8:00 pm

Just Sew: Mending Class ®®
Grades K-8
Start 2017 off right with this New Year’s Resolution mending class. Bring your mending and supplies and we’ll learn how to repair zippers, tears, hems, buttons, the works!
Sat Jan 14 2:00-5:00 pm

Experiment and Explore:
Sound ®®
18 months to 5 years
Learn all about sound through fun stories, hands-on experiments and exploration.
Tue Jan 17 10:30-11:30 am

Preschool Yoga and Stories ®®
3 to 5 years
Exercise your bodies and minds as you learn Yoga stretches and enjoy books. Yoga teacher Donna Hinder will be introducing yoga exercises through hands-on fun.
Wed Jan 18 1:00-1:45 pm

Winter Reading Catch Up!
Adults
Come and share the latest books you have read. Our librarian will share the latest new books. Tea and coffee will be available.
Thu Jan 19 1:00-2:00 pm

Tea-logy ®
Adults
The Tea Trolley will be serving tea basics. Includes a brief overview of the history of tea development and traditions, and differences in types of tea and the best ways to brew them.
Wed Jan 25 6:30-7:30 pm

Simple Sewing for Kids ®®
All Ages
Get creative and learn a new skill in this 3 week class while you make either a child’s mermaid tail or shark tail blanket. Classes are fun, relaxing and informative. Children with an adult are welcome. Contact branch before 1st session for materials list and details.
Mon Jan 30 5:00-8:00 pm

Hands on STEM time ®
Grades 3-5
Want to have an adventure in science, or already have mad science skills? Join us for awesome hands-on experimentation. A different topic each session.
Wed Jan 25 6:30-7:30 pm

Joppa Evening Book Discussion
Adults
We Were Liars by E. Lockhart
Thu Jan 26 6:30-7:30 pm

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Joppa Friends of HCPL Meeting ®
Adults
Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects and assisting with book sales that help fund Library programs and services.
Mon Jan 30 6:00-8:00 pm
Play to Learn! ♪
Birth to 5 years
Children learn through play! Enjoy play-filled activities with your child that develop early learning and reading skills and receive information for playing and learning at home.
Tue Jan 31 10:30-11:30 am

The Library Rocks! ⚽️ ⚽️
Grades 6-12
The library rocks—literally! Join us as we play Guitar Hero and make music-inspired crafts.
Tue Jan 31 6:00-7:00 pm

February

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Thu Feb 2 5:00-8:00 pm

Half-Day Fun: Acts of Kindness ⚽️
Grades K-5
Have a half day of school? Come to the library and create a project which will help to spread kindness throughout the community!
Fri Feb 3 2:00-3:00 pm

I Want to Be a Police Officer! ⚽️
All Ages
Discover what it is like to be a Police Officer, through stories and exploration stations.
Sat Feb 4 2:00-3:00 pm

Craft n' Go ⚽️
Adults
Sit and complete a craft in a bag at the library and take home a finished project.
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Mon Feb 6 1:00-2:00 pm

Simple Sewing for Kids ⚽️ ⚽️
All Ages / See Jan 23 for detail
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Potato Chips - The Marvelous Invention of George Crum ⚽️ ⚽️
Grades 6-12
Celebrate Black History Month and African American potato chip inventor, George Crum as we sample and vote for our favorite potato chip variety. For teens.
Tue Feb 7 6:00-7:00 pm

Joppa Friends of the Library Book Sale: Member's Preview ⚽️
All Ages
It's a win-win. Get yourself a book and support upcoming programs and services at the Joppa Branch. Join the Friends and select your purchases during the Member's Preview Sale.
Wed Feb 8 6:00-8:00 pm

Joppa Friends of the Library Book Sale ⚽️
All Ages
Buy a book and support the Library! All proceeds of our annual book sale go to future programs and services at the Joppa Branch.
Feb 9-11

Crocheting and Knitting 101 ⚽️
All Ages
Learn to crochet and knit and make your own masterpiece. All necessary supplies will be provided.
Mon Feb 13 noon-1:00 pm

Booked for Lunch ⚽️
Adults
Like Dandelion Dust
by Karen Kingsbury
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It's Your Move- Live Edition! ⚽️
Grades 6-12
Become the hippo during this life-size version of the popular 1980's game.
Sat Feb 18 3:00-4:00 pm

Experiment and Explore: Weather ⚽️ ⚽️
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3 to 5 years
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Baltimore's African American Heritage ⚽️
Adults
In honor of Black History Month, Wayne Schaumburg will look at African Americans who made their mark in Baltimore.
Wed Feb 22 6:30-8:00 pm

Joppa Hours
Mon & Wed 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tue & Thu 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Havre de Grace
Tuesday, January 10 6:30-7:30 pm

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ⓡ
All Ages
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by making and displaying a Peace Dove. Activity available in branch January 17-31. Join us on the 15th to kick off the celebration!

Aberdeen
Sunday, January 15 2:00-3:00 pm

I have a Dream/ Martin Luther King Day Crafts
Grades K-5
Join us to make crafts symbolic of Martin Luther King’s message - that all colors of people are equal.

Edgewood
Tuesday, January 17 5:00-6:00 pm

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Book Dedication Ⓡ Adults
Each February, members of the Iota Nu chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity make a presentation of books to the library and host a speaker.

Abingdon
Saturday, February 4 10:30 am

Black History and the Chesapeake Bay Ⓡ Adults
Many stories abound of the role African Americans played on the waters of the Bay. Engage in this historical walk through.

Havre de Grace
Saturday, February 11 2:00-3:00 pm

Baltimore Unrest: The Holy Week Uprising 1968 Ⓡ Adults
In the spring of 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Dr. Peter Levy examines uprisings that took place across the United States, with a special focus on the one that took place in Baltimore, Maryland, which played a crucial role in the rise of Spiro Agnew as a national symbol of the New Right.

Aberdeen
Sunday, February 12 2:00 pm

Science Club: African American Inventors Ⓡ Ⓡ Ⓡ
Grades K-8
Explore the science, inventions, and innovations of great African American scientists and inventors.

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Bel Air
Thursday, February 23 3:30-5:00 pm

Joppa
Tuesday, February 7 6:00-7:00 pm

Check out a pass for free admission to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture!

The Lewis through the Library
free museum admission for library customers

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BOOKS on TAP
EAT, DRINK, AND DISCUSS: FOR ADULTS
6:30-8:00 PM

@ THE GREENE TURTLE  1113 BEARDS HILL ROAD, ABERDEEN
MONDAY, DEC 12 AS YOU WISH BY CAREY ELWES
MONDAY, JAN 9 BRING YOUR FAVORITE NON-FICTION/ BIOGRAPHY
MONDAY, FEB 13 SEINFELDIA BY JENNIFER ARMSTRONG

@ PAIRINGS BISTRO  2105 LAUREL BUSH ROAD, BEL AIR
MONDAY, JAN 23 THE INVENTION OF WINGS BY SUE MONK KIDD
MONDAY, FEB 13 COMMONWEALTH BY ANN PATCHETT

@ SEAN BOLAN'S  12 S. MAIN STREET, BEL AIR
TUESDAY, DEC 6 WILDE LAKE BY LAURA LIPPMAN
TUESDAY, JAN 3 A VISIT FROM THE GOOD SQUAD BY JENNIFER EGAN
TUESDAY, FEB 7 MARCH BY JOHN LEWIS, ANDREW AYDIN & NATE POWELL

@ MAGERK'S  120 S. BOND STREET, BEL AIR
TUESDAY, DEC 20 BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOOK FROM THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS
TUESDAY, JAN 17 THE MAGIC STRINGS OF FRANKIE PRESTO BY MITCH ALBOM
TUESDAY, FEB 21 THE COLOR OF WATER BY JAMES MCBRIDE

@ LAURRAPIN  209 N. WASHINGTON STREET, HAVRE DE GRACE
MONDAY, DEC 5 HEROES OF THE FRONTIER BY DAVE EGGERS
MONDAY, JAN 9 CHOOSE YOUR OWN MUSICIAN'S BIOGRAPHY
MONDAY, FEB 6 THE PORTABLE VEBLEN BY ELIZABETH MCKENZIE

@ FALLING BRANCH BREWERY  825 HIGHLAND ROAD, STREET, MD 21154
SATURDAY, JAN 21 LAST BUS TO WISDOM BY IVAN DOIG
SATURDAY, FEB 11 A MAN CALLED OVE BY FREDERIK BACKMAN

**PLEASE NOTE TIME IS 5:30-7:00 PM FOR THIS LOCATION**

HOW TO REGISTER
CLICK... VISIT OUR MEETUP PAGE: MEETUP.COM/HCPL-BOOKS-ON-TAP
OR CALL... YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY BRANCH
December

Norrisville Friends Book Sale

Preview All Ages
Friends members only
Thu Dec 1 5:00-8:00 pm

Norrisville Friends Book Sale
All Ages
Fri Dec 2 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Sat Dec 3 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Half-day Fun: Winter Wonderland Grades K-5
Have a half-day of school? Come to the library and make something cool!
Join us for winter-themed crafts and a scavenger hunt.
Fri Dec 9 2:00-3:00 pm

PAWS and Read! All Ages
Get cozy with our doggy volunteers and read a good book...or five.
Volunteers and therapy pets are from PAWS for Reading
Sat Dec 10 11:00 am-noon

Holiday Open House
All Ages / Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, refreshments, and a special musical performance by the Norrisville Elementary 4th and 5th Grade Chorus.
Wed Dec 14 6:00-8:00 pm

B.Y.O.G: Bring Your Own Games Night Adults
Bring your favorite tabletop games (and some friends) and enjoy some light refreshments.
Wed Dec 21 10:30-11:30 am

Norrisville Book Discussion Group Adults
The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz
Mon Dec 19 10:30-11:30 am

LEGO Club Grades K-8
We supply the LEGOs. You supply the imagination!
Mon Dec 19 5:00-6:30 pm

Paws and Read! All Ages
All Ages / See Dec 10 for detail
Thu Dec 23 6:30-7:30 pm

Norrisville Friends of HCPL Meeting
Adults
Attend this meeting to find out how you can support the Library as a volunteer and advocate.
Tue Jan 10 7:00-8:00 pm

Paws and Read! All Ages
All Ages / See Dec 10 for detail
Thu Jan 19 6:30-7:30 pm

CSI Baltimore: John French Adults
Want to know what really happens when the crime-scene experts show up? Then you won’t want to miss John French, a crime-scene supervisor for the Baltimore Police Department’s Crime Scene Unit.
Sat Jan 14 1:00 pm

B.Y.O.G: Bring Your Own Games Night Adults
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Wed Jan 18 6:00-8:00 pm

Paws and Read! All Ages
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Sat Jan 21 11:00 am-noon

Norrisville Book Discussion Group Adults
King Lear by William Shakespeare
Mon Jan 23 10:30-11:30 am

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Mon Jan 23 5:00-6:30 pm

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group) Grades 6-12
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice heard! Bring your friends and make new ones!
Fri Jan 27 5:00-6:00 pm

Aging in the Community
Adults & Seniors
Stay safe, independent and in your home longer with easy do-it-yourself home improvements. Learn about the many home safety equipment and devices readily available, as well as resources that can help you safely grow older in your community.
Presented by Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna’s Repair Program
Thu Feb 16 6:30 pm

Paws and Read! All Ages
All Ages / See Dec 10 for detail
Sat Feb 18 11:00 am-noon

Coffee and Canvas Adults
Awaken your inner artist and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as you create your own acrylic painting. Please bring your own smock. All other art supplies will be provided.
Thu Feb 23 6:00-7:30 pm

Norrisville Book Discussion Group Adults
West with the Night by Beryl Markham
Mon Feb 27 10:30-11:30 am

January

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Tue Jan 10 7:00-8:00 pm

Half-Day Fun: Hearts and Crafts Grades K-5
Have a half-day of school? Come to the library and make something cool!
Join us for Valentine’s Day crafts and a scavenger hunt.
Fri Jan 27 6:00-7:00 pm

February

Half-Day Fun: Hearts and Crafts Grades K-5
Have a half-day of school? Come to the library and make something cool!
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Fri Feb 3 2:00-3:00 pm

DIY Sock Monsters Grades 6-12
Are your old socks beginning to growl? It’s time to gather them up - but not to throw them away!
Give those old socks new life using buttons, ribbons, glitter, etc and transform them into cute/scary/funny monsters. All supplies (other than socks) will be included.
Thu Feb 9 6:30-7:30 pm

Paws and Read! All Ages
All Ages / See Dec 10 for detail
Thu Feb 9 6:30-7:30 pm

LEGO Club Grades K-8
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Mon Feb 13 5:00-6:30 pm

New Year’s Holiday
Mon Jan 1  M L King Jr. Day
Mon Feb 20 Presidents’ Day

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Fri Dec 23 - Mon Dec 26
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Sun Jan 1-Mon Jan 2

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**Romancing the Chrome**

6th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Saturday, April 22, 2017  10:00 am-4:00 pm

Jarrett’s Field: 3719 Norrisville Road (Across from the Jarrettsville Library)

Free Admission, Contests, Vendors, Beer Garden, Pit Beef & More!

Rain Date: Saturday, April 29

Trophies & Prizes Awarded
• 1st-3rd Place for each class,
• Best in Class $75 (1st Place)
• Best in Show Award $500!

Day-of Registration: $20, 8-10 am
Pre-Registration: $15 until 4/15
Rain Date: Saturday, April 29

RomancingTheChrome.org

**Practical Parenting in the 21st Century**

**Practical Parenting Series**

**Practical Parenting: Greg Toppo**
Greg has a great career writing about education and learning. He broke several stories for USA Today about No-Child-Left-Behind and cheating in public schools. Lately, he has been investigating kids and video games, which are becoming an unstoppable cultural force. The result is *The Game Believes in You*. Offered in partnership with the Harford County Local Management Board and Harford County Government.

Bel Air  Thursday, December 1  6:30 pm

Parenting in the 21st Century

Join Rachel Leach and Laura Hutton as they discuss professional, educational, and personal experiences in parenting children in Harford County, Maryland.

**Navigating the Special Education System**
Does your child have an IEP or Section 504 plan? Are you concerned about your child’s academic performance? Learn about how the special education system works, receive advice on how to best advocate for your child, and meet representatives from organizations within Harford County who can assist you in navigating the special education process.

Abingdon  Saturday, December 3  2:00-4:00 pm

**Pregnancy and Infancy**
Parenting starts before your child is even born. Learn how to prepare to be the parent of an infant and gain insight on how to navigate the world of having a baby.

Aberdeen  Saturday, January 7  2:00-4:00 pm

**Handling Behavior and Misbehavior**
How do you address your child’s behavior when there are so many factors affecting it (stress, impulsivity, and maturity to name a few)? Explore a variety of strategies you can add to your “bag of tricks” to help reduce your child’s misbehavior.

Bel Air  Saturday, January 21  2:00-4:00 pm
**Wiggles Story Time**  
An energetic time for wiggly kids.  
**Mondays**  10:30-11:15 am  
**Family & Friends Story Time**  A delightful time with something for everyone.  
**Wednesdays**  10:30-11:15 am

**Bridge Group**  
Adults  
Are you interested in playing Bridge?  
Join the friendly games. All skill levels welcome!  
**Thursdays**  1:00-4:00 pm

**Genealogy Basics**  
Adults  
Learn the basics of family history research and how to use free online resources, including Ancestry Library Edition. Contact the branch for an appointment.  
**Dec 1- Feb 28**  Library hours

**Genealogy Discussion Group**  
Adults  
Discuss topics of interest to the serious genealogist. Those new to genealogy should take Genealogy Basics.  
**1st Thursday**  6:30-8:00 pm

**Sew Sisters**  
Adults  
Bring your fabric project and sewing machine (or needle and thread) and be creative with company. Pack a lunch for a midday break.  
**2nd Saturday**  10:00 am-4:00 pm

**TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)**  
**Grades 6-12**  
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard! Bring your friends. Make new ones!  
**2nd Thursday**  3:30-5:00 pm  
**Except Dec**

**Call for Community Artists!**  
High School & Adults  
Are you a local artist who would like to display your work at the Whiteford Library during the month of February? We are having a Community Art Show in February and would love to display your creations. We will be accepting art pieces for display from January 16-23. Please call the branch for details.  
**Dec 1-Jan 23**

**December**

**Holiday Movie Marathon**  
All Ages  
Get in the holiday spirit! Watch just for a few minutes or stay all day! We will be featuring family friendly holiday films shown in our meeting room on the big screen.  
**Sat Dec 3**  10:30 am-4:00 pm

**North Harford Friends of the Library Holiday Open House**  
**All Ages**  
Start your holidays off right by coming to the North Harford Friends of the Library Holiday Open House and quilt raffle. A lucky winner will go home with the lovely quilt “Rectangle Trip Around the World.” There will also be door prizes and refreshments to get you in the holiday spirit.  
**Mon Dec 5**  3:00-5:00 pm

**Whiteford Book Discussion**  
Adults  
Bring a book to share.  
**Wed Dec 7**  3:00-4:00 pm

**American Girl Holiday Celebration**  
**Grades K-5**  
Let’s celebrate the holidays with our favorite American Girl characters. See how traditions have changed over the years and meet some new friends.  
**Thu Dec 8**  4:00-5:00 pm

**Teen After Hours: Let’s Get Ugly!**  
**Grades 6-12**  
Let’s see who can create the ugliest holiday garment! Prizes awarded!  
**Fri Dec 9**  6:00-7:30 pm

**January**

**PAWS and Read!**  
**Grades K-5**  
Register your elementary reader to read to a fuzzy and friendly certified therapy dog from Pets on Wheels. Please call the Whiteford Branch for details and to register at 410-638-3608 or 410-452-8831.  
**Wed Jan 4**  5:30-7:30 pm

**Discovery Zone: Snowflake Science**  
**Grades K-8**  
Why are no two snowflakes alike? Why do they have six sides? Explore the science & art of snowflakes with us.  
**Fri Jan 6**  2:00-3:00 pm

**PAWS and Read!**  
**Grades K-5**  
**See Jan 4 for detail**

**North Harford Middle School Art Show Reception**  
All Ages  
Celebrate our young artists from North Harford Middle School at our Artist Reception. Art will be on display all month during library hours.  
**Mon Jan 9**  6:30-7:30 pm

**Harford County Wildlife Photography**  
**Adults**  
Join Eden Mill Naturalist Frank Marsden for a lively discussion about the hidden treasures of Harford County as he shares his 26 years of wildlife photography with us.  
**Thu Jan 12**  6:30-8:00 am

**Teens After Hours: Short Film Basics**  
**Grades 6-12**  
We will share with you tips and tricks on how to make short films with a variety of tools including stop motion animation, just in time for the FilmThis! contest in March.  
**Fri Jan 13**  6:00-7:00 pm

**Home School Club**  
**Grades K-8**  
Local home school families, the library is open just for you to use. Join us for a variety of educational and fun activities!  
**Tue Jan 17**  **11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**English Paper Piecing Fabric Fun**  
**Adults**  
Looking for a fun portable fabric project to do in front of the fireplace or television, while in a waiting room or on your lunch break? Learn the relaxing art of English Paper Piecing to make projects from pincushions to quilts and everything in between. Hand sewing skills recommended.  
**Tue Jan 17**  **6:00-8:00 pm**

**Books on Tap**  
**Adults**  
Books on Tap North County Edition! Come get acquainted, meet some other book lovers and taste some delicious beers from Falling Branch Brewery. This month’s book is Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig.  
**Sat Jan 21**  **1:00-3:00 pm**

**Seed Swap**  
**Adults**  
Planning your garden? Do you have extra seeds from last year languishing in your seed box? Bring your saved seeds to the library and swap them for new varieties. No seeds to share? No problem. Take some of our seeds home to start your new garden.  
**Sat Jan 21**  **10:30 am-12:30 pm**

**Knitting Generations**  
**Family**  
Learn to knit or bring your current project and knit with us. Beginners should bring size 8,9, or 10 knitting needles and 200 yards worsted yarn. Learn a new skill or pass one along!  
**Tue Jan 24**  **6:30-7:45 pm**

**Whiteford Book Discussion**  
**Adults**  
The Muralist by Barbara Shapiro  
**Wed Jan 25**  **3:00-4:00 pm**
February

PAWS and Read! 🐾 Grades K-5 / See Jan 4 for detail
Wed Feb 1 5:30-7:30 pm

Discovery Zone: For the Birds 🐦 Grades K-8
Celebrate International Bird Feeding Month by learning about our feathered friends and crafting a one-of-a-kind bird feeder out of recycled materials.
Fri Feb 3 2:00-3:00 pm

PAWS and Read! 🐾 Grades K-5 / See Jan 4 for detail
Sat Feb 4 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Community Art Show Reception All Ages
Celebrate our Community Artists and their creations. Join us to meet the artists!
Mon Feb 6 6:30-7:30 pm

Love is in the Air!
Romance Author Panel
Adults / Five best-selling romance authors add heat to our February! Join authors Rebecca York, Catherine Asaro, Lisa Kamps, Diane Cosby, and Alix Rickloff for a rousing conversation on romance! Books will be for sale and signing.
Thu Feb 9 6:30-8:00 pm

Teen After Hours:
Chocolate Taste-Off
Grades 6-12
Think you can taste the difference between Hershey’s, Nestles, Mars or even Godiva? Put your taste buds to the test!
Fri Feb 17 6:00-7:30 pm

Books on Tap Adults
Books on Tap North County Edition! Come get acquainted, meet some other book lovers and taste some delicious beers from Falling Branch Brewery. This months book is A Man Called Ove by Frederik Backman.
Sat Feb 11 5:30-7:00 pm

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Whiteford Book Discussion Adults
Guests on Earth by Lee Smith
Wed Feb 22 3:00-4:00 pm

Grow It Eat It: Garden Design with Master Gardeners
Adults
Are you new to gardening and are faced with your first garden design? Or are you an experienced gardener who needs some fresh ideas? Master Gardener Ellen Post will share her great tips for getting the garden of our dreams.
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Tue Feb 28 6:30-7:45 pm

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Exercise your mind, build relationships, and reduce stress with Board games – now available at your local Library!

The Board Game Collection is available at Aberdeen, Abingdon, Bel Air, Edgewood, Havre de Grace and Whiteford.

All board games are requestable to be sent to any branch!
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http://hcplonline.org/artistworks.php
Nick & Nora’s Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn
Nick, a high school student and rock band member, convinces fellow teen Norah to pretend to be his girlfriend in order to avoid an ex-girlfriend. What Nick swears will only last five minutes turns into something more in one crazy music-filled night.

If I Stay by Gayle Forman
Mila, a gifted teenage cellist, is in limbo in a coma after surviving an auto accident that claimed both her parents and brother. She must decide if she is strong enough to cope with her unimaginable grief and face the music of rebuilding her life after this tragedy.

Just Listen by Sarah Dessen
Socially isolated sixteen-year-old Annabel finds solace in a music-loving classmate after a party that forever altered her life and relationships. The healing power of music and new friendship allows Annabel to come to terms with what happened to her.

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
When a world class opera singer is taken hostage by terrorists as she performs at an international event, she uses her voice to appease her captors and to comfort her fellow hostages. Music becomes her only means of communication, and possibly her freedom.

The Violinist of Venice by Alyssa Polombo
The story of the fictional love affair between the famous composer, Vivaldi, and one of his students. Music, history, and passion all combine to make this a gripping tale of forbidden love.

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As we all know, “A good book is music to my ears!”
Join in Winter Reading 2017! See page 17 for details

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