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**Book Your Journey – Winter Reading 2024**  
Participation is easy and fun! Adults must read or listen to at least 5 books, and high school students must read or listen to at least 3 books.

Once you log the required number of books, you will earn your **FREE** 2024 HCPL Winter Reading collector's mug\*. You can pick up your mug at any of our library locations.

In addition to reading your way through Winter Reading, there are many other ways to participate!

The library has another Winter Reading activity for you – and a chance to win prizes too! When you are logged in to your Winter Reading Dashboard, click on “missions” to find out how to record your library activities, such as attending a program at one of our branches, or using one of our online resources. Recording those activities can get you entered to win a fabulous prize! You can also enter by letting us know when you dine out, order takeout, shop, or in other ways support the amazing local business community here in Harford County. When you have completed the mission of doing at least one of these activities, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of 5 HCPL swag bags.

And speaking of local businesses, some very special businesses have agreed to be a part of our 2024 Winter Reading Passport program. Earn a **FREE** 2024 Winter Reading keepsake tote bag\* by having your passport stamped at local businesses and by participating in Winter Reading activities at HCPL. More details are available at any [HCPL location](#).

*\*while supplies last*

**Special Thanks to our 2024 Winter Reading Sponsors!**



**Winter Reading 2024**

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**



**Stuffed Animal Taxidermy**  
**Grades 3-12**  
**Friday, January 26 2:00-4:00 pm – Havre de Grace Library**  
Give new life to our old stuffed animals! Supported by the Havre de Grace Friends of HCPL. Each child must register prior to the program.\*

**Register for Stuffed Animal Taxidermy**

**RoboMasterminds: Simple Circuits**  
**Grades 2-3**  
**Friday, January 26 2:00-3:00 pm – Edgewood Library**  
Learn about circuits and design a light-up greeting card using a simple circuit. Funded by the National Defense Education Program. Each person attending must register prior to the program.\*

**Register for RoboMasterminds: Simple Circuits**

**Pipe Cleaner Dragons**  
**Family**  
**Saturday, February 3 2:00-3:00 pm – Aberdeen Library**  
**Monday, February 5 4:00-5:00 pm – Fallston Library**  
Get ready for the Year of the Dragon by making your very own dragon out of pipe cleaners! Supported by the Aberdeen and Fallston Friends of HCPL.

For Fallston, each participant making a dragon must register prior to the event.\*

**Pipe Cleaner Dragons**

**TEENS**



**Teen After Hours: Bad Art Night**  
**Grades 6-12**  
**Friday, January 26 5:00-7:00 pm – Whiteford Library**  
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 the library for a parent permission slip\* Supported by the North Harford Friends of HCPL.

**Register for Teen After Hours: Bad Art Night**

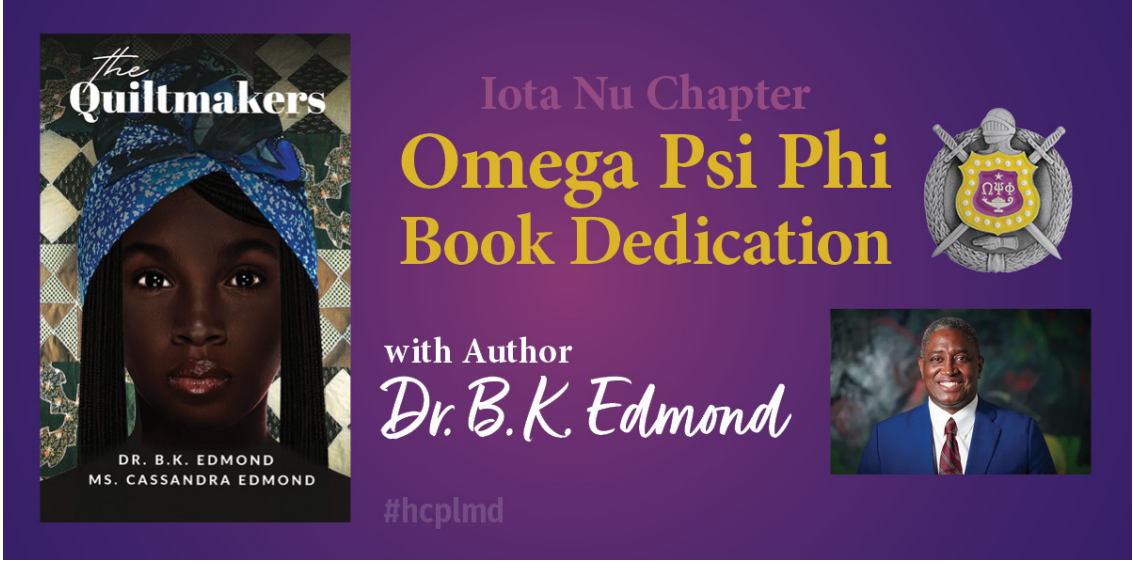
**Teen Dungeons & Dragons**  
**Grades 6-12**  
**Thursday, February 6 4:30-6:30 pm – Bel Air Library**  
It's a quest for adventure, treasure, magic and mayhem! All skills level welcome. Each person attending must register prior to the program.\*

**Register for Teen Dungeons & Dragons**

**Teen Time: Chinese New Year Lantern Making**  
**Grades 6-12**  
**Wednesday, February 7 3:00-4:00 pm – Joppa Library**  
Create paper lanterns to celebrate the year of the Dragon.

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**ADULTS**



**Omega Psi Phi Book Dedication**  
**Adult**  
**Saturday, February 3 11:00 am-12:30 pm – Havre de Grace Library**  
Join us for Omega Psi Phi fraternity's annual book dedication to HCPL in honor of Black History Month. Author, Dr. B.K. Edmond will talk about his book and this year's title, *The Quiltmakers* (his sister Ms. Cassandra Edmond is co-author). Thank you to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for their partnership and generous donations to HCPL!

**Omega Psi Phi Book Dedication**

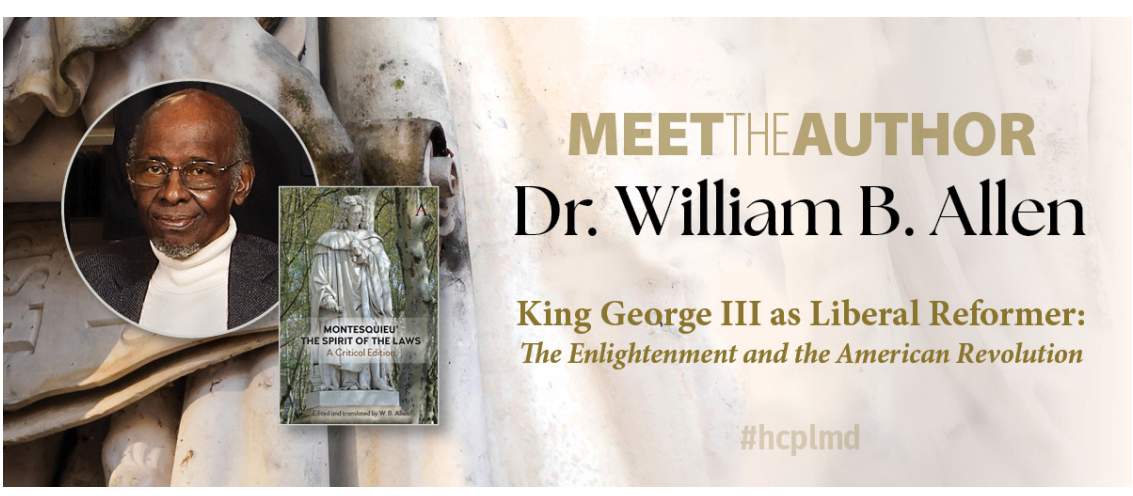
**University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van**  
**Adult**  
**Thursday, February 1 noon-3:00 pm – Jarrettsville Library**  
The staff of the Upper Chesapeake Mobile Van work to promote wellness by sharing information on health topics, as well as making a range of preventative screenings accessible to the community. This month's focus is on Heart Disease. Testing for blood pressure, sleep disorder, body composition analysis, diabetes, and stroke are available free of charge. There is a nominal fee of \$10 for Cholesterol and A1C checks. For more information, please contact Upper Chesapeake at 800-515-0044.

**University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Mobile Van**

**Bel Air Genealogy Discussion:**  
**Making Contact with Cousins Beyond Those You Know**  
**Adult**  
**Monday, February 5 6:30-7:30 pm – Bel Air Library**  
Guest presenter, Ken Jones, will present passive and assertive tactics for attracting and making contact with cousins beyond those you know. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own cousin connection stories to share during the session.

**Bel Air Genealogy Discussion**

**MORE THAN BOOKS**



**Meet the Author: Dr. William B. Allen**  
**Adult**  
**Thursday, February 29 6:30-7:30 pm – Abingdon Library**  
King George III as Liberal Reformer: The Enlightenment and the American Revolution

Join Dr. William B. Allen in conversation with the Honorable Alex M. Allman as they discuss Montesquieu' *The Spirit of the Laws*, A Critical Edition – edited and translated by Dr. Allen.

The recently opened Royal Archives show that George III, before he ascended to the crown, also translated *Spirit of the Laws*. Dr. Allen will reflect upon the implications of King George's translation for the Revolution as well as to compare it with his own translation.

**Register for Meet the Author: Dr. William B. Allen**

*\*All HCPL programs and events are subject to change. Where noted, each person attending must register prior to the event. Please check your branch Facebook page or call for the most up-to-date information.*

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