

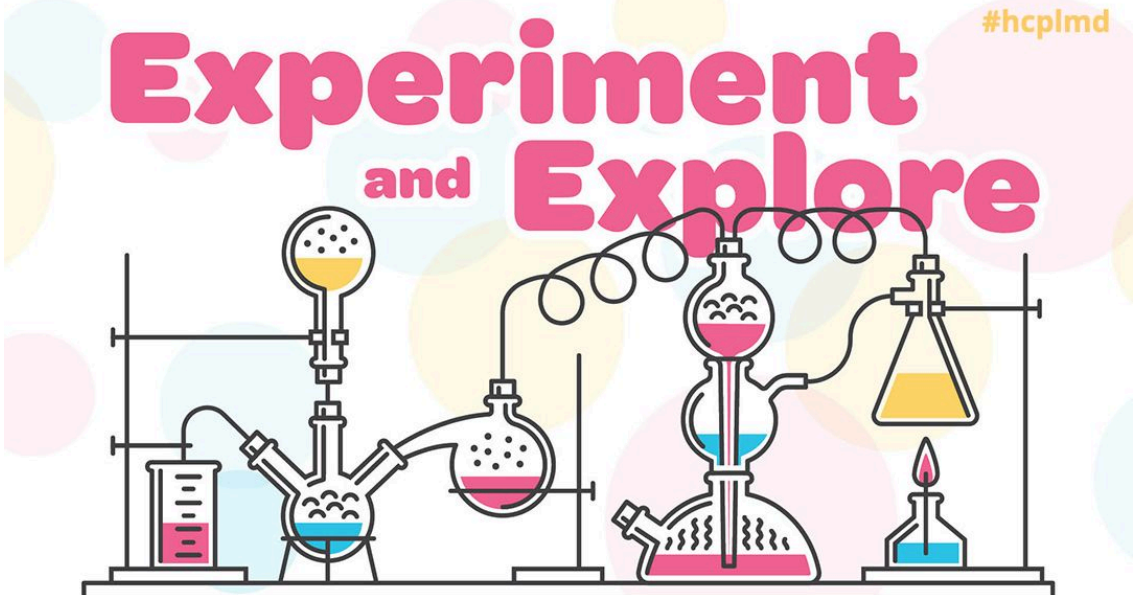


**March, April, & May 2024 CheckOut**  
**Exciting News!** Our March, April, and May 2024 edition of the programming guide, CheckOut, has officially landed at all HCPL locations and is just [a click away](#) online!

From captivating book discussions to invigorating yoga sessions, creative paint nights, and enchanting story times, we've curated an enriching lineup to cater to a wide range of interests and age groups. Whether you're a seasoned reader, a coding enthusiast, or someone looking to explore new hobbies, CheckOut has something for everyone.

**March, April, & May 2024 CheckOut**

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**



**Experiment and Explore**  
**Preschool**  
**Tuesday, March 12 10:15-11:00 am – Joppa Library**  
Learn about science, music, math, and art concepts through hands-on activities and fun demonstrations!

**Experiment and Explore**

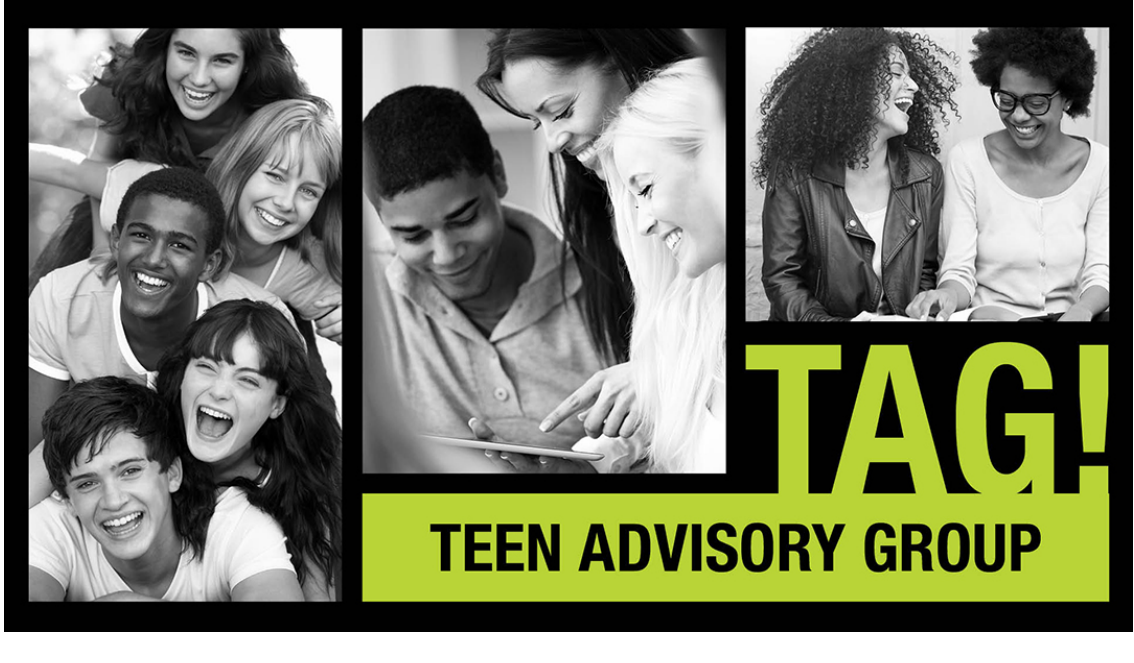
**Instrument Petting Zoo**  
**Family**  
**Saturday, March 9 11:00 am-noon – Bel Air Library**  
Children can touch, and in some cases, "play" instruments with musicians from the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra helping them with the experience.

**Instrument Petting Zoo**

**Story Times**  
**Various Dates and Locations**  
Get ready for stories, music, movement, and fun!

**Story Times**

**TEENS**



**TAG (Teen Advisory Group)**  
**Grade 6-12**  
**Thursday, March 7 3:30-5:00 pm – Bel Air Library**  
**Thursday, March 14 3:30-5:00 pm – Whiteford Library**  
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard in a safe space! Bring friends and make new ones. Supported by the Bel Air Friends and North Harford of HCPL.

**TAG (Teen Advisory Group)**

**Teen Time: The Most Magnificent Thing Game**  
**Grade 6-12**  
**Wednesday, March 13 3:00-5:00 pm – Joppa Library**  
Can you take odds and ends and make something magnificent? Some will be smart, others clever, but everyone will have fun! Special edition teen time.

**Teen Time: The Most Magnificent Thing Game**

**Simple Singing for the Aspiring Star**  
**Grade 9-12 & Adult**  
**Thursday, March 14 6:00-7:00 pm – Fallston Library**  
Want to improve your singing? Learn some tips and tricks to help you find your voice.

**Simple Singing for the Aspiring Star**

**ADULTS**



**Master Gardeners: Adding Pollinators to Your Garden**  
**Adult**  
**Saturday, March 9 11:00 am-12:30 pm – Havre de Grace Library**  
Learn about native bees, butterflies, and beneficial insects to add to your garden to increase vegetable plant reproduction. Master Gardeners from Harford County will help you choose plants that are well-adapted to your climate and the pollinators in your area.

**Master Gardeners: Adding Pollinators to Your Garden**

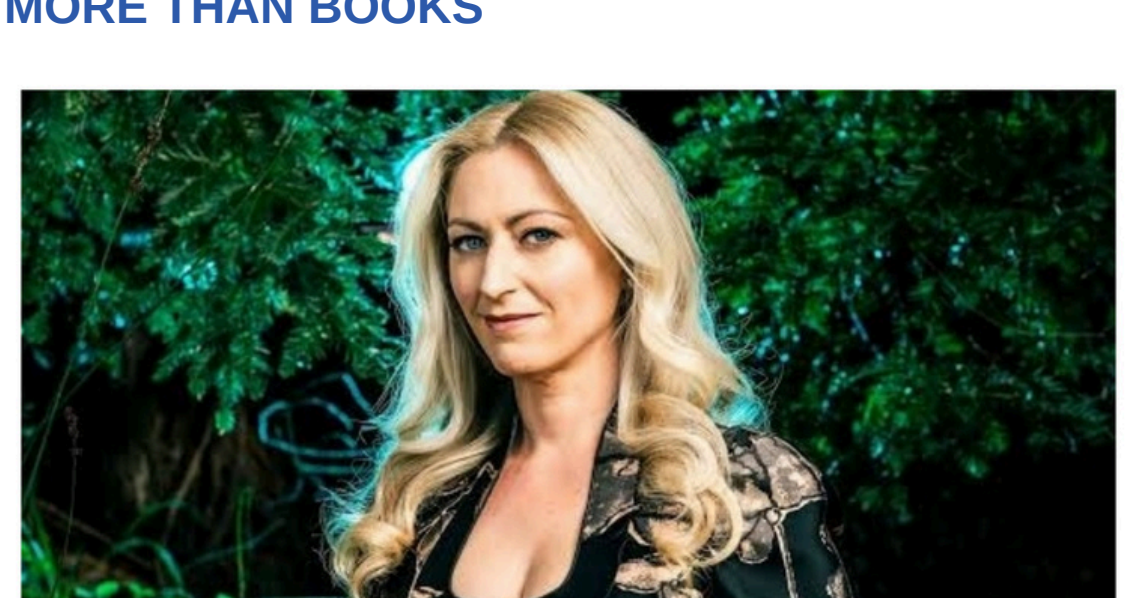
**When the Muse Strikes - Art, Literature, and History Meet**  
**Adult**  
**Saturday, March 9 2:00-3:00 pm – Bel Air Library**  
Sheldon Bair, Founder and Music Director of the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra will tell the story of his piece "Homefront 1944". In this moving composition, Bair sets the text of a letter that his grandmother wrote after his uncle was killed in action.

**When the Muse Strikes - Art, Literature, and History Meet**

**Community Read-In**  
**Adult**  
**Thursday, March 14 noon-1:00 pm – Jarrettsville Library**  
Bring your lunch and a favorite book to join us for community reading. Relax among fellow readers as you finish that chapter.

**Community Read-In**

**MORE THAN BOOKS**



**Building Urgent Optimism for the Future with Jane McGonigal**  
**Adult**  
**Thursday, April 25 noon – Virtual**  
How do we prepare ourselves for "unthinkable" change? How do we ready our teams and organizations for "unimaginable" future events? Find out in this interactive session with *New York Times* bestselling author and Institute for the Future research director, Jane McGonigal. You'll learn a new framework for cultivating "urgent optimism" in the face of uncertainty. You'll practice the art of mental time travel, and learn how to take others to a better future with you! And you'll take away a practical tool to help others fight "normalcy bias", and think more creatively and effectively in the face of dynamic global events.

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**Building Urgent Optimism for the Future with Jane McGonigal**

**\*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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