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Be Ready for the Future
 Get ready to dive into the realm of possibilities as we explore the future through an exciting array of programs at HCPL! Our futures programming offers a captivating lineup of events designed to inspire imagination, foster creativity, and spark insightful discussions about what lies ahead.

From teen-centric activities to engaging discussions for adults, there's something for everyone to participate in. Let's shape the future together!

[Futures Programming](#)

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



RoboMasterminds: Cardboard Guitar with Makey Makey Sampler
Grade 3-5
Friday, March 22 2:00-3:30 pm – Havre de Grace Library
 Craft your own guitar out of cardboard that makes music! Funded by the National Defense Education Program.

[Register for RoboMasterminds](#)

Meet the Author: D.A. Jennings
Family
Saturday, March 23 2:00-2:45 pm – Bel Air Library
 Local author D.A. Jennings will be reading excerpts from her work as well as presenting on her process as a writer, and the joy of reading. Ms. Jennings is the author of several middle-grade novels, such as *Mia: Ripples in the Water*, as well as picture books, such as *The Tapping Stick* and *Seize the Cheese*. Her books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

[Meet the Author: D.A. Jennings](#)

Orioles™ Opening Day Celebration
Family
Wednesday, March 27 6:00-6:45 pm – Abingdon Library
 Step up to the plate and celebrate Orioles™ Opening Day with an evening of baseball-themed stories, crafts and activities!

[Orioles™ Opening Day Celebration](#)

TEENS



Teen After Hours: Peep into the Future
Grade 6-12
Friday, March 22 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. This special edition will have activities to inspire participants to think about the future. Supported by the North Harford Friends of HCPL. Please call the library for a parent permission slip. Each person attending must register prior to the program.*

[Register for Teen After Hours: Peep into the Future](#)

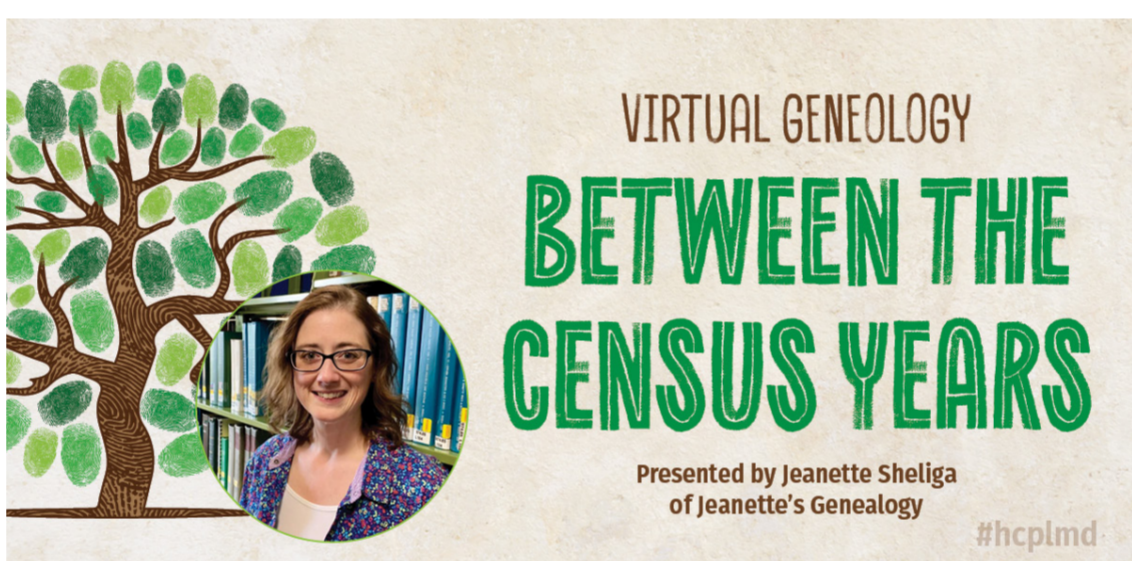
Nintendo Switch™ Free Play
Grade 6-12
Thursday, March 28 3:30-5:00 pm – Abingdon Library
 Come to the library and unwind from school with some quality Nintendo Switch™ time!

[Nintendo Switch™ Free Play](#)

Teen Dungeons & Dragons
Grade 6-12
Wednesday, March 27 2:30-4:00 pm – Joppa Library
 It's a quest for adventure, treasure, magic, and mayhem! All skills level welcome.

[Teen Dungeons & Dragons](#)

ADULTS



Between the Census Years
Adult
Tuesday, March 26 6:30-8:00 pm – Virtual Event
 In addition to city directories and newspapers, there are many other records that you may find your ancestors listed in to help bridge the gap between censuses. This presentation will explore numerous sources such as: maps, voter lists, church records, membership directories, local government proceedings, and more! Presented by Jeanette Sheliga of Jeanette's Genealogy.

[Register for Between the Census Years](#)

Women of the Assassination
Grade 9-12 & Adult
Saturday, March 23 2:00-2:45 pm – Jarrettsville Library
 Kathryn Canavan, Lincoln scholar and author, presents her research on five women whose lives were dramatically altered by the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, including John Wilkes Booth's secret fiancé Lucy Lambert Hale and actress Laura Keane who held Lincoln's head in her lap at Ford's Theater.

[Women of the Assassination](#)

Friends of HCPL Meetings
Adult
Various time and locations
 Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects that help fund Library programs.

[Friends of HCPL Meetings](#)

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](#)

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