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Thank you for an amazing Summer Reading 2024!

From exciting programs to discovering new favorite books, our community of readers made this summer one to remember. Check out the highlights and celebrate with us as we wrap up another incredible season of Summer Reading fun! A heartfelt thank you to all of our participants, staff, volunteers, and sponsors.

Remember, the adventure doesn't stop here – keep exploring, keep reading, and stay connected with HCPL for more amazing programs all year long!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Harry Potter Escape Room

Family

Friday, September 27 noon-5:00 pm – Joppa Library

Saturday, September 28 10:00 am-5:00 pm – Joppa Library

Use your problem-solving skills and your knowledge of Harry Potter books (and movies) to solve a series of puzzles and escape from a locked room. Supported by the Joppa Friends of HCPL. Please call the Joppa branch, 410-612-1660, to secure a time slot. Each person attending must register prior to the program.*

Call 410-612-1660 to Register for Harry Potter Escape Room

Chemistry in the Library: Picture Perfect Chemistry

Grade 3-8

Saturday, September 21 11:00 am-noon – Jarrettsville Library

Join chemist, Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society, for hands-on experiments exploring photography and imaging. Each child attending must register prior to the program.*

Register for Chemistry in the Library: Picture Perfect Chemistry

Pumpkin Painting

Family

Thursday, October 3 11:00 am-noon – Darlington Library

Join us for pumpkin painting and fall crafts. All materials will be provided. Supported by the Darlington Friends of HCPL. Each child attending must register prior to the program.*

Register for Pumpkin Painting

TEENS



Homecoming Dress Swap

Grade 9-12

Donations accepted September 23-27

Saturday, September 28 1:00-3:00 pm – Abingdon Library

Get ready for homecoming season, shop sustainably, and look for the dress of your dreams at our Homecoming Dress Swap!

Donations of clean, gently used formal and semi-formal dresses accepted in advance at the Abingdon Branch from Monday, September 23 through Friday, September 27. Teens who contribute will receive one ticket per dress donated (up to three tickets) to shop during the first hour. Donating more than three dresses is welcome, but will not result in more than three tickets. In the second hour, the remaining dresses will be available to be shopped by anyone regardless of donation status. Dress size and availability may vary. All donations are final.

Homecoming Dress Swap

Harford Community College Information and Q&A

Grade 9-12 & Adult

Monday, September 30 6:30-7:30 pm – Jarrettsville Library

Join representatives from Harford Community College to learn about their wide range of programs, including associate degrees, transfer options, and workforce training courses. Whether you're a high school student, a working professional seeking career advancement, or someone looking to explore new horizons, this event is perfect for you. Each person attending must register prior to the program.*

Register for Harford Community College Information and Q&A

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Grade 6-12

Tuesday, October 1 3:30-5:00 pm – Bel Air Library

It's a quest for adventure, treasure, magic, and mayhem! All skill levels welcome. Supported by the Bel Air Friends of HCPL. Each person attending must register prior to the program.*

Register for Teen Dungeons & Dragons

ADULTS



Craft and Create: Watercolor Leaves Collage

Adult

Tuesday, October 1 10:15-11:30 am – Aberdeen Library

Make a craft with other craft lovers. All supplies provided.

Craft and Create: Watercolor Leaves Collage

Family History Month! How To Read Old Handwriting

Adult

Tuesday, October 1 6:30-8:00 pm – Virtual Event

Struggling to read those old historical documents? Gain invaluable insights and practical strategies for deciphering your ancestors' records, allowing you to uncover hidden stories and connect with your heritage in ways you never thought possible. From understanding the evolution of handwriting styles to employing innovative techniques for enhancing legibility, this talk promises to equip you with the skills and confidence needed to navigate your family's history. Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your genealogical prowess and forge deeper connections with your roots! Presented by Lisa Lisson.

Register for Family History Month! How To Read Old Handwriting

Literary Readings among Jarrettsville Sunflowers: An Open-Mic Event

Adult

Thursday, October 3 6:00-7:00 pm – Jarrettsville Library

Read your favorite literary work (poetry, short prose), or just come to listen and enjoy. Meet at the sunflower field across the street from the Jarrettsville Library, and please bring a chair. Presenters must register and submit readings before the event. Contact Katherine Ellis to register or for information: 410-692-7887. Rain date is 10/10/2024.

Call 410-692-7887 to Register for Literary Readings among Jarrettsville Sunflowers

MORE THAN BOOKS



Fandom Fest

All Ages

Saturday, September 21 10:00 am-5:00 pm – Abingdon Library

Get your geek on with HCPL's Fandom Fest! We'll take over the entire Abingdon Library with card ops, board games, *Dungeons & Dragons*, trivia, panels, trading card games, and more! Don't forget to come dressed up for a chance to win the cosplay contest.

Fandom Fest

**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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