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All HCPL locations will be closed December 24-25 and January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



Winter Reading Starts Saturday, December 21!

Sign up for HCPL Winter Reading 2025, starting Saturday, December 21! This year's theme, Cozy Up with a Good Book, invites you to embrace the warmth and comfort of winter reading at your favorite HCPL location!

Created especially for adults and high school students in grades 9-12, Winter Reading runs from December 21, 2024, through March 19, 2025.

Participation is easy and fun! Adults need to read or listen to at least 5 books, and high school students need to read or listen to at least 3 books.

Complete this part of the reading challenge, and you'll earn a FREE HCPL Winter Reading 2025 collector's mug*. Mugs can be picked up at any HCPL location.

Additionally, join in our Winter Reading Bingo for a chance to win more! Bingo includes engaging activities and opportunities to support local businesses. Complete five activities in a column, row, or diagonally to get Bingo and you can pick up a special HCPL bookmark* at any HCPL location, starting Monday, January 6. You will also be entered to win a limited-edition Winter Reading tote bag*.

Cozy up and make Winter Reading your favorite winter tradition!

*While supplies last.

[Winter Reading 2025](#)

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



PAWS and Read

Grade K-5

Saturday, December 21 10:30-11:30 am – Havre de Grace Library

Get cozy with our doggie volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy dog. Supported by the Havre de Grace Friends of HCPL.

[PAWS and Read](#)

LEGO® Elf Trap

Family

Friday, December 27 2:00-3:00 pm – Joppa Library

There are elves loose in the library! Using LEGO® bricks, strategy, and creativity, construct a trap that could catch even the trickiest of elves!

[LEGO® Elf Trap](#)

Crafternoon: Winter

Family

Monday, December 30 2:00-3:00 pm – Norrisville Library

Join us for some crafting fun! Supported by the Norrisville Friends of HCPL. Each child attending must register prior to the program.*

[Register for Crafternoon: Winter](#)

TEENS



Jazz Café

Grade 6-12

Friday, January 3 4:00-5:00 pm – Joppa Library

Bring a jazz playlist to share and have some coffee, tea, or hot cocoa with friends. Supported by the Joppa Friends of HCPL.

[Jazz Café](#)

3D Printer Demo Days

All Ages

Now through December 20 Library hours – Edgewood Library

Stop in to see our 3D printer in action and take home a small 3D printed object while supplies last.

[3D Printer Demo Days](#)

Mini Art Show: Call for Artists

Grade 9-12 & Adult

January 2-28 Library hours – Norrisville Library

Teens and adults, pick up your tiny art kit starting January 2 (while supplies last). Return your masterpiece by January 28. Mini Art submissions will be on display during the month of February. Supported by the Norrisville Friends of HCPL.

[Mini Art Show: Call for Artists](#)

ADULTS



Puzzle Swap

Adult

Saturday, December 21 10:00 am-5:00 pm – Bel Air Library

Bring in puzzles you would like to trade-in for others!

[Puzzle Swap](#)

Aberdeen Saturday Film Discussion: Obit.

Adult

Saturday, December 21 2:30-4:45 pm – Aberdeen Library

Join us to watch a short film and engage in a lively discussion. Films are curated and moderated by film buffs Jan and Jack Hirschfeld.

[Aberdeen Saturday Film Discussion: "Obit."](#)

Jarrettsville Scrabblers

Adult

Thursday, January 2 1:00-3:30 pm – Jarrettsville Library

Play this lively word game at the library!

[Jarrettsville Scrabblers](#)

MORE THAN BOOKS



The Gift that Keeps on Giving: An HCPL Card!

Share the love of reading and learning this season! Bring your family and friends to any of our 11 branches and sign up for a FREE library card today. It's the gift that opens doors to endless possibilities!

[Get an HCPL Card](#)

Starting January 2, 2025, your eNews will be coming from hcplnews@hcplonline.org. To ensure you never miss an update, please add this email address to your contacts or safe sender list. No action needed otherwise – just keep enjoying our updates!

*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.

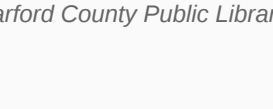
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