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December 18, 2025

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Winter Reading 2026

Sign up beginning Saturday, December 20, for HCPL Winter Reading 2026!

This year's theme, *80 Winters of Wonder*, invites our community to reflect on eight decades of imagination, learning, and connection through the Library, while also embracing the magic and warmth of Winter Reading.

Created especially for adults and high school students in grades 9-12, Winter Reading runs from Saturday, December 20, 2025, through Friday, March 20, 2026. 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 2026 collector's mug*. Mugs will be available for pick up at all HCPL locations beginning Monday, December 22.

Additionally, join in on our Winter Reading Bingo for a chance to win more prizes! Bingo includes engaging activities and opportunities to support local businesses. Complete five activities in a column, row, or diagonally to get Bingo, and you'll be awarded a collectible HCPL 80th Anniversary bookmark* that may be picked up at any HCPL location, starting Tuesday, January 20. You will also be entered to win a limited-edition 2026 HCPL Winter Reading tote bag*.

**While supplies last.*

Winter Reading 2026

Programs for Children & Families



Playdough Playdate

Monday, December 29 2:00-3:00 pm
Whiteford Library | Preschool-Grade 2
Squish, sculpt, and explore playdough while encouraging creativity and fine motor skills. Supported by the North Harford Friends of HCPL.

Playdough Playdate



Noon Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31 11:30 am
Various locations | Family
Count down to the New Year with us...at noon! Stop by to celebrate and have fun. Supported by the Friends of HCPL at the following locations: Aberdeen, Havre de Grace, Norrisville, and Whiteford (North Harford).

Noon Year's Eve



Baby Masterpieces

Friday, January 2 10:15-11:00 am
Bel Air Library | Babies
Create beautiful pictures using your baby's tiny hands and feet.

Baby Masterpieces

All Programs for Children & Families

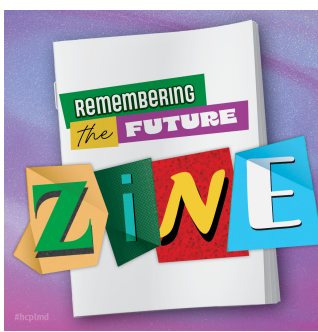
Programs for Teens



Teen Crafternoon: Last Minute Holiday Gift Making/Wrapping

Tuesday, December 23 1:30-3:30 pm
Darlington Library | Grade 6-12
Teens, do you need a last-minute gift for the holidays or just need something wrapped up nicely? Drop in and get some ideas or help. Supported by the Darlington Friends of HCPL.

Teen Crafternoon: Last Minute Holiday Gift Making/Wrapping



Remembering the Future Zine

Monday, December 29 3:30-5:00 pm
Abingdon Library | Grade 6-12
Imagine your future by collaging your own zine with images of your favorite places and people! Supplies will be provided by the library, but teens are welcome to bring their own pictures too.

Remembering the Future Zine



Teen Time

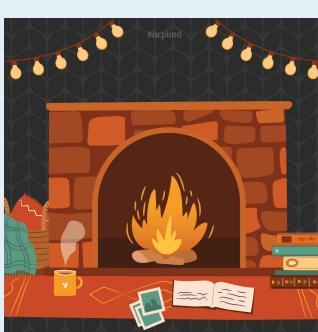
Tuesday, January 6 3:00-4:15 pm
Havre de Grace Library | Grade 6-12
Hang out at the library! Play video and board games, make a craft, and have a great time with your friends! Supported by the Havre de Grace Friends of HCPL.

Teen Time

All Programs for Teens

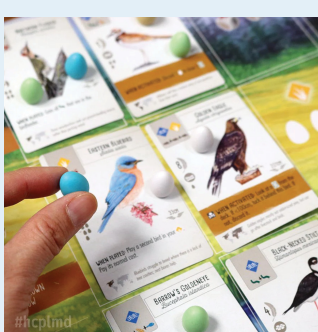
Programs for Adults

Hearth & History



December 20-February 28 Library hours
Norrisville Library | All Ages
Step into our cozy winter reading nook and experience the warmth of Norrisville's past. Settle in by the glow of a cheerful digital fireplace and explore the rich history of Harford County's "Long Corner." Enjoy nostalgic photos of the Norrisville Branch and the surrounding community through the years. Take a moment to sign our guestbook and share your own cherished memories from decades gone by. Feeling curious? Test your knowledge with fun trivia about the Harford County Public Library's roots and branches.

Hearth & History



Wingspan Game Time

Tuesday, December 23 6:00-7:30 pm
Bel Air Library | Adult
Play the popular board game Wingspan at the library. This program is open to new players, experienced players, and bird lovers! Supported by the Bel Air Friends of HCPL.

Wingspan Game Time



Mini Art Kits: 80 Winters of Wonder

January 2-31 Library hours
Joppa Library | Grade 9-12 & Adult
Teens and Adults, pick up your Mini Art Kit starting January 2, while supplies last. Create your "80 Winters of Wonder" themed masterpiece and return by January 31st. Artwork will be on display in February, when you can vote for your favorite! Supported by the Joppa Friends of HCPL.

Mini Art Kits: 80 Winters of Wonder

All Programs for Adults

More than Books

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GAMECHANGERS

BUSINESS SPEAKERS SERIES



Dr. Anirban Basu
Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Thursday, January 8
8:00-10:00 am | Abingdon Library

Tickets \$60

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GameChangers Business Speakers Series: Dr. Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Thursday, January 8 8:00-10:00 am
Abingdon Library | Adult
Harford County Public Library's 2026 Game Changers Business Speakers Series, featuring Dr. Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO of the Sage Policy Group, Inc. will take place at 8 AM on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at the Abingdon Library. Dr. Basu will discuss 2026's key economic trends, including interest rates, global and regional shifts, labor and wage dynamics, business confidence, demographic changes, and a forecast tailored to local stakeholders. Individual tickets are \$60.

This event is sponsored by Jones Advisory, APG Federal Credit Union, PK Law, and the Harford County Chamber of Commerce.
For more information, contact Amber C. Shrodes, Director of Philanthropy and Community Engagement, at 410-273-5600 x6513 or visit HCPLonline.org.

GameChangers Business Speakers Series

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