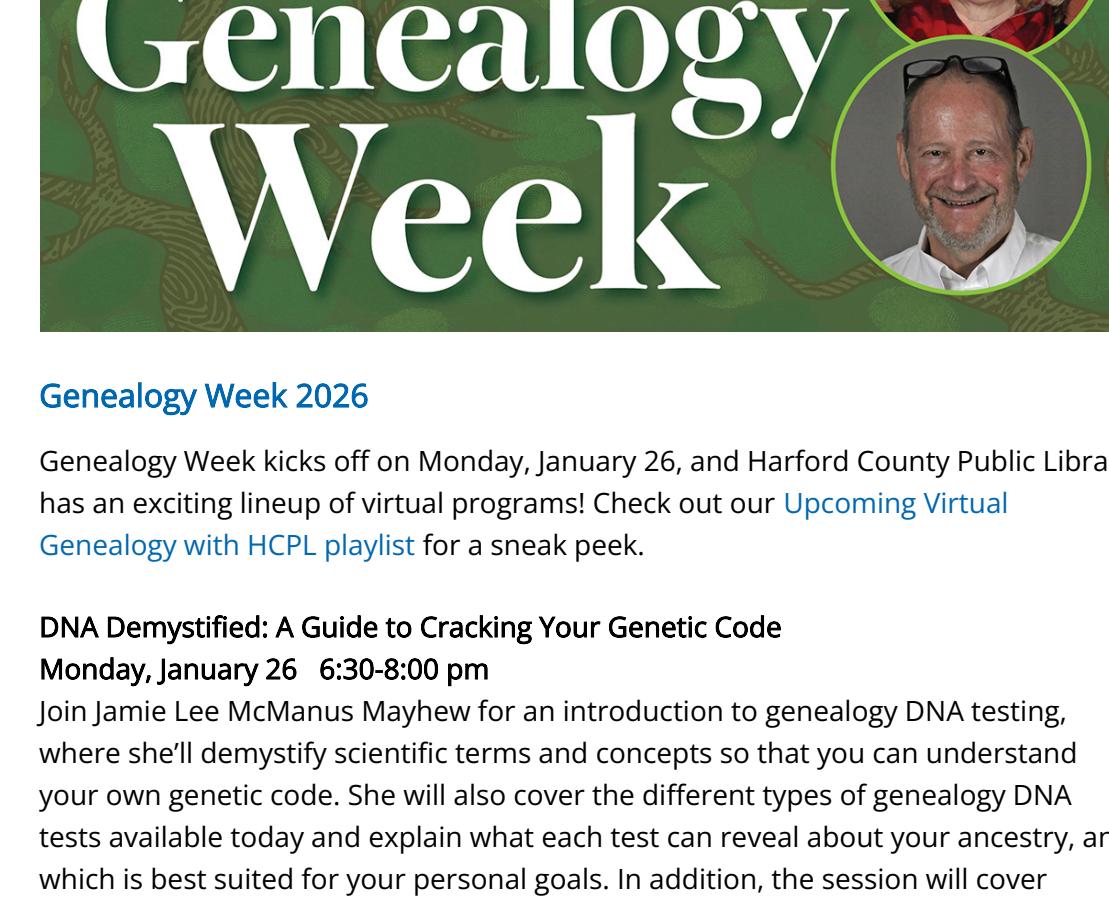




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Public Library

January 1, 2026

All HCPL locations are closed today, January 1, for the New Year holiday.



Genealogy Week 2026

Genealogy Week kicks off on Monday, January 26, and Harford County Public Library has an exciting lineup of virtual programs! Check out our [Upcoming Virtual Genealogy with HCPL playlist](#) for a sneak peek.

DNA Demystified: A Guide to Cracking Your Genetic Code

Monday, January 26 6:30-8:00 pm

Join Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew for an introduction to genealogy DNA testing, where she'll demystify scientific terms and concepts so that you can understand your own genetic code. She will also cover the different types of genealogy DNA tests available today and explain what each test can reveal about your ancestry, and which is best suited for your personal goals. In addition, the session will cover important ethical considerations, privacy concerns, and the limitations of DNA testing.

Introduction to AI for Genealogy

Tuesday, January 27 6:30-8:00 pm

Not sure what all the "AI" hype is about? This session, led by Peggy Jude, serves as an introduction to AI for genealogy. It's perfect for beginners and those who may be apprehensive about AI. You'll leave with a greater appreciation for how AI tools can support your genealogical work.

Zigzagging Through German Church Records

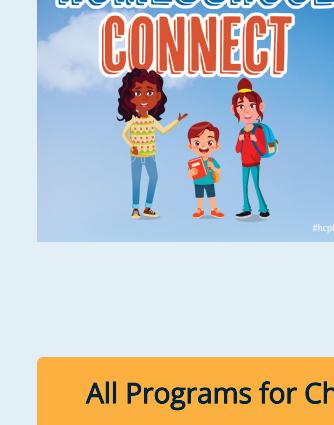
Thursday, January 29 6:30-8:00 pm

In this session, James Beidler will explain the methodology of using the baptismal, confirmation, marriage, and burial records from German church registers. By utilizing the different bits of information found in each, researchers can zigzag their way to adding centuries to a pedigree.

[Genealogy Week 2026](#)

Programs for Children & Families

Art and Stories: Lois Ehlert



Tuesday, January 6 10:15-11:00 am

Norrisville Library | Preschool-Grade 2

Enjoy stories and make art inspired by children's book author and illustrator Lois Ehlert. Supported by the Norrisville Friends of HCPL. Each child attending must register prior to the program.*

[Register for Art and Stories](#)

Story Explorers: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* by L. Tarshis

Tuesday, January 6 4:30-6:00 pm

Abingdon Library | Grade 3-8

The Story Explorers meet monthly to discuss the next chapter book in a series of popular children's literature. Currently, we're reading the *I Survived*® series by author Lauren Tarshis. Each book in the series tells a thrilling story from history through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale. In January, we're reading *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912*.

[Story Explorers](#)

Homeschool Connect

Wednesday, January 7 10:15-11:15 am

Jarrettsville Library | Grade K-5

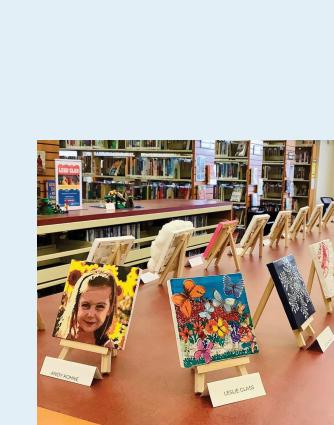
Join us for a variety of fun and educational activities. For more information, please contact the Jarrettsville Library at 410-692-7887.

[Homeschool Connect](#)

[All Programs for Children & Families](#)

Programs for Teens

Teen Crafternoon: 2026 Bucket Lists



Friday, January 2 1:30-2:30 pm

Bel Air Library | Grade 6-12

Do you have big plans for 2026? Start the new year off by creating your 2026 bucket list! All supplies will be provided. Supported by the Bel Air Friends of HCPL. Each person attending must register prior to the program.*

[Register for Teen Crafternoon](#)

Bullet Journaling 101

Tuesday, January 6 6:30-7:30 pm

Fallston Library | Grade 6-12 & Adult

Learn the ins and outs of bullet journaling. You'll get some background knowledge on the technique, plus time to get a journal started. Supplies will be provided. Supported by the Fallston Friends of HCPL. Each person attending must register prior to the program.*

[Register for Bullet Journaling 101](#)

Teen Time

Various dates and locations | 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 Friends of HCPL.

[Teen Time](#)

[All Programs for Teens](#)

Programs for Adults

Craft and Create: Kindness Bookmarks



Tuesday, January 6 10:15-11:30 am

Aberdeen Library | Adult

Make a craft with other craft lovers. All supplies provided. Supported by the Aberdeen Friends of HCPL.

[Craft and Create](#)

Mini Art Shows – Call for Artists



January 2-31 Library hours

Joppa & Norrisville Libraries | Grade 9-12 & Adult

Teens and adults, pick up your tiny art kit starting January 2 (while supplies last). Return your masterpiece by January 31.

[Mini Art Shows – Call for Artists](#)

Friends of HCPL Meetings

Various dates and locations | Adult

Join the friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects that help fund library programs.

[Friends of HCPL Meetings](#)

[All Programs for Adults](#)

More than Books

Winter Reading 2026

Don't forget to sign up for HCPL Winter Reading 2026! Attending one of our [virtual genealogy programs](#) gets you closer to completing Winter Reading Bingo and gives you a chance to win a limited-edition tote bag, while supplies last.

[HCPL Winter Reading 2026](#)

*All HCPL programs and events are subject to change. Please check your branch, Facebook page, or call for the most up-to-date information.

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