



January 8, 2026



#### Romance Author Fest

Saturday, February 7 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Abingdon Library | Adult

Love is most definitely in the air with the 2026 Romance Author Fest! Beginning at 10:00 am, a lively, hour-long panel discussion featuring several local authors, led by Harford County's very own romance novelist, Jennifer Vido. Following the conversation, enjoy special Meet & Greets where you'll have the opportunity to connect with over 15 romance authors. From 11:30 am-2:30 pm, attendees are encouraged to take photos, purchase books, and have them personally signed by the participating authors.

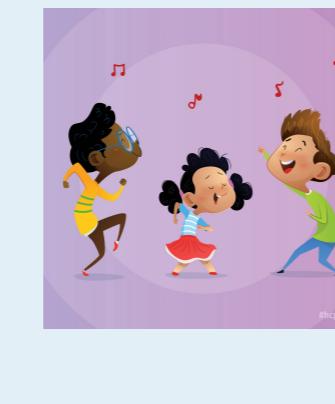
A few of the amazing authors who will be joining us:

Christi Barth • Cheryl Barton • M.K. Hale • Nonna Henry • J.L. Lora • Kara Pleasants •  
Rebecca Rivard • Brandy Stoker • Denise Stout • Jennifer Vido • Kristie Wolf • Diane  
Wylie • Nancy Yeager

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#### Programs for Children & Families

##### Intergenerational Story Time



Friday, January 9 10:00-11:00 am  
Brightview Senior Living - Bel Air | Family  
Share stories, songs, and rhymes during an intergenerational story time with the residents of Brightview Senior Living-Bel Air (300 West Ring Factory Road in Bel Air). Please register adults and children attending.\*

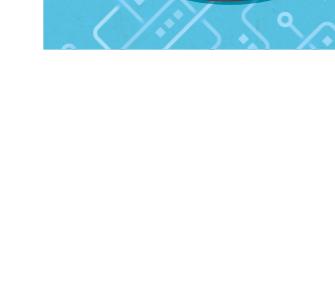
[Register for Intergenerational Story Time](#)

##### Craft and Create: Memory Board



Monday, January 12 1:00-3:00 pm  
Havre de Grace Library | All ages  
Create your own personalized memory board to hold photos, mementos, and special memories. Supported by the Havre de Grace Friends of HCPL. All supplies provided. Each person attending must register prior to the event.\*

[Register for Craft and Create](#)



##### Sing & Dance with Me!

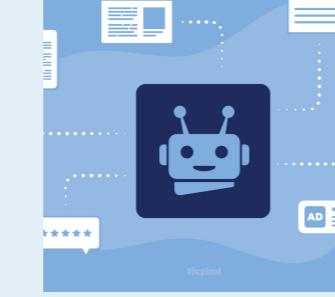
Tuesday, January 13 10:15-11:00 am  
Edgewood Library | Family  
Let's get moving and grooving with interactive songs and movement activities!

[Sing & Dance with Me!](#)

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#### Programs for Teens

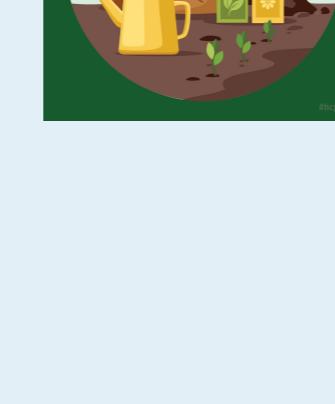
##### Jazz Café



Friday, January 9 3:00-4:30 pm  
Abingdon Library | Grade 6-12  
Listen to jazz playlists, have some matcha or hot cocoa, and hang out with your friends at the library! Supported by the Abingdon Friends of HCPL.

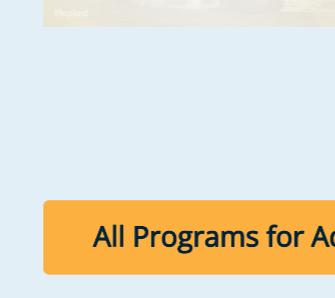
[Register for Jazz Café](#)

##### RoboMasterminds for Teens: Special Teen After Hours



Saturday, January 10 5:00-7:00 pm  
Darlington Library | Grade 6-12  
Teens will work in small groups to build and program an autonomous robot using sensors. They will test and refine their programs to solve competition tasks. This program is funded by the National Defense Education Program and is supported by the Darlington Friends of HCPL. Please call the branch at 410-638-3750 for a parent permission slip and to register.\*

[Register for RoboMasterminds for Teens](#)



##### Retro Video Gaming

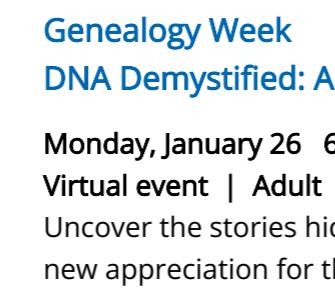
Tuesday, January 13 3:30-5:00 pm  
Fallston Library | Grade 6-12  
Play some retro video games from decades past. Experience the early gameplay with your friends!

[Retro Video Gaming](#)

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#### Programs for Adults

##### Artificial Intelligence for Beginners: Beyond the Buzz



Monday, January 12 6:30-7:30 pm  
Jarrettsville Library | Grade 9-12 & Adult  
Discover the world of artificial intelligence and learn how it can be used in your daily life.

[Artificial Intelligence for Beginners](#)

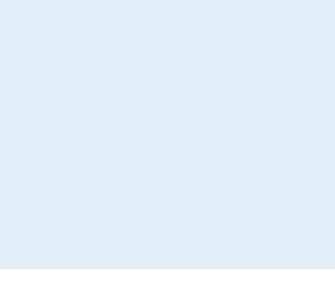
##### Master Gardeners: Gardening Over the Years - Practices Kept, Others Adjusted



Tuesday, January 13 1:00-3:00 pm  
Darlington Library - Harford County Agricultural Center | Adult  
Winter is a "wonder"ful time to plan for the upcoming garden season and wonder which practices, current and of long ago, can enhance your garden's efficiency and productivity. Join us for answers to these "wonders". Snow date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026. Each person attending must register prior to the event.\*

[Register for Master Gardeners](#)

##### History of the Sonshine Inn with Juliet Farace



Wednesday, January 14 6:00-7:00 pm  
Havre de Grace Library | Grade 9-12 & Adult  
Juliet Farace, proprietress of the Sonshine Inn located in Whiteford MD, will share the history of this establishment. The inn dates back to the 1700s and because the walls can't talk, Ms. Juliet will share their stories.

[History of the Sonshine Inn with Juliet Farace](#)

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#### More than Books



##### Genealogy Week

##### DNA Demystified: A Guide to Cracking Your Genetic Code

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

Virtual event | Adult

Uncover the secrets within your genes, connect with relatives, and gain a new appreciation for the intricate science of DNA testing. Join Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew for an introduction to genealogy DNA tests available today and 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 personal goals can reveal about your ancestry, and which is best suited for personal privacy concerns. In addition, the session will cover the limitations of DNA testing, including privacy concerns, and the limitations of DNA testing, including privacy concerns.

[Register for DNA Demystified](#)

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