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410-575-6761
Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Library Board of Trustees Meetings

Bel Air Library
Thu Jan 16 6:30 pm
Thu Feb 20 6:30 pm


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QuikChek

Call QuikChek at 410-273-5683 or 410-638-3151 for access to your library account and to renew your materials.

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Robert Wagner, County Councilman, District E; Library CEO Mary Hastler; and HCPL Foundation Board Members Carolyn Lambdin and Al Jackson; cut the ribbon at the Abingdon Library Grand Re-Opening on October 15.



Young customers explore the Children's Department in the newly renovated Abingdon Library.

The newly renovated Abingdon Library reopened on October 15 and features the addition of a Sensory Room for children of all abilities and their families, interactive preschool early learning space, new windows and more.

The Abingdon Library was also the place to be on November 2 when the Library Foundation hosted the Annual Gala, An Evening in the Stacks. This year's theme, *Zilla: King of the Galas*, raised more than \$100,000. Proceeds will support STREAM (STEM plus reading and art!) programs and resources for people of all ages. This special evening was made possible by our generous sponsors and we are so grateful for their support (see back cover for a complete listing). Save the date for next year's Gala, Saturday, November 7, 2020.

Our Charm City Series continues on December 8 at Bel Air Library with a stroll down memory lane. Author Gary Helton shares the early days of commercial television and radio, and his new book *Baltimore Radio and Television*. Learn about the history of the B&O Royal Blue Line in Harford County on January 16 at Joppa Library with Frank A. Wrabel.

Also on February 5, author and illustrator Elizabeth Lilly will read her picture book, *Geraldine*, and share her creative process at the Bel Air Library.

We Love to Read a Latte, our Winter Reading program for adults and high schoolers begins on December 21. Foodie inspired, it offers something for everyone including a Coffee Crawl & Tea Tour! See pages 4 & 5 for more information.

The 4th Annual Fairy Tale & Superhero Festival is slated for January 17 at Bel Air Library. Come dressed as your favorite fairy tale or superhero character and enjoy Celebrity Story Times, crafts, STREAM activities, and more. Your favorite community and super heroes will be making special appearances!

February is Black History Month and several programs are being offered at branches. Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. at Bel Air

Library, create a story quilt at Aberdeen Library, learn about the 250 African American Soldiers in the Civil War at Joppa Library, or explore the evolution of music From Jazz to Hip Hop at Edgewood Library. Join us for the annual Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Book dedication on Saturday, February 15, 10:30 am, at the Havre de Grace Library.

Choose Civility Harford County continues and we are thrilled to welcome musician Jordan Lally to Abingdon Library on December 5 for a teen meditation and mindfulness workshop then join his bandmates, Big Infinite, in a music concert for the whole family.

All are welcome to join Dr. William B. Allen, Emeritus Professor of Political Philosophy in the Department of Political Science and Emeritus Dean, James Madison College, at Michigan State University and Harford County Public Library Trustee for Hiding Our Vices from Others: George Washington's Guide to Civility at the Abingdon Library, 6 p.m., Friday, February 21.

Be sure to stop by your favorite library branch on December 31 for our Noon New Year's Eve celebrations for the entire family. Celebrate early as we dance and countdown to noon!

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, Library Staff, and Library Volunteers, we hope that your holidays are full of peace and joy.

See you at the library!

Mary Hastler, CEO



Library CEO Mary Hastler relaxes in the newly remodeled Abingdon Library Children's Department

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Another successful Stuff the Bus campaign! Thank you to all who contributed school supplies for Harford County students in need.



Trivia contest winners celebrate at the HCPL Comic Con event, held at the Bel Air Library on September 28.



Author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka inspired teens, children, and adults, during his presentation at the Havre de Grace Library on September 20.



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HCPL WINTER READING 2020

December 21-March 7

Adults read/listen to at least five books. High School students read/listen to at least three. Once you complete the program, stop in to your library and pick up a special collectors mug.*

Program ends on March 7, but you may complete as early as December 29. Register at any of our 11 libraries or online at HCPLonline.org!

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We Love to Read a Latte: Staff Book Buzz

Adults
Looking for your next good read? Drop in to talk with one of our expert staff to get a few suggestions for your first Winter Reading title.
Aberdeen
Tue Dec 17 Library hours

Darlington Book Discussion Group

Adults
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
Wed Jan 8 6:30-7:30 pm

We Love Art a Latte! Fallston Community Art Project

Celebrate Winter Reading with art! Add your own painted artwork to a community display that will decorate the library during Winter Reading. All materials and instructions provided. Wear clothes that can get messy! Artwork will be returned to the artist at the end of Winter Reading. Check the Calendar of Events online for more details.

Fallston
Adults Tue Jan 14 6:00-7:00 pm
Grade 9 to Adult Fri Jan 17 noon-1:00 pm
Family Sat Jan 18 1:00-2:00 pm

Kombucha Curious?

Adults
Kombucha is a fizzy, fermented sweetened black or green tea drink. You may have heard about its possible health benefits, and been curious to learn more. Or maybe you are interested in brewing kombucha at home. If so, this session is for you! Nicole Renee, a local Health and Wellness coach, will share what she's learned about kombucha and talk about how you can get started brewing it yourself!

Fallston
Wed Jan 22 6:30-7:30 pm

Spice up your Tea with Herbs and Master Gardeners!

Adults
Learn some creative ways to use herbs for spicing up your winter beverages. The Master Gardeners will demonstrate the ease of using the new, hydroponic planters to grow fresh herbs. You will get some simple drying tips too. This event will be held at the Harford County Agricultural Center 3525 Conowingo Rd., Street.

Darlington
Sat Jan 25 1:00-2:30 pm

Crafternoon: Coffee Painting

Adults
Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. We'll be using instant coffee to create works of art on watercolor paper.

Whiteford
Sat Jan 25 2:00-3:30 pm
Abingdon
Thu Feb 6 2:00-3:30 pm

Paint Along - Coffee & Tea

Adults | Following an instructor you will create a beautiful masterpiece using coffee and tea as "paint". Please wear clothes you feel comfortable painting in. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Joppa
Tue Jan 28, Feb 25 6:00-8:00 pm

Coffee Can Craft

Grade 9-Adults | Don't toss your plastic or metal coffee cans! Learn how to repurpose containers to give them a new, useful life.

Bel Air
Tue Jan 28 6:30-8:00 pm

Bel Air Books at the Center

Seniors | Participants at least 55 years of age meet at the McFaul Activities Center for a

spirited book discussion.
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
Bel Air
Mon Feb 3 1:00-3:00 pm

Warm up with a Tea Latte

Adults
Join Tea by Two to learn all about tea lattes.
Jarrettsville
Tue Feb 4 2:00-3:00 pm

Paint Along

Adults | Following an instructor, you will create a beautiful, artistic masterpiece associated with our Winter Reading Challenge theme. Please wear clothes suitable for painting. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Norrisville
Sat Feb 29 2:00-4:00 pm

HARFORD COUNTY Coffee Crawl & Tea Tour

After December 21, pick up your very own Winter Reading Coffee Crawl & Tea Tour passport and get started exploring delicious samplings of select Harford County coffee and tea hotspots. Get your passport stamped and be on your way to earning a free 2020 beautiful Winter Reading keepsake tote bag*!



*While supplies last

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Book Recommendations

Murder a la Mocha by Sandra Balzo

Uncommon Grounds coffeehouse owner Maggy Thorsen is full of good intentions when she attempts to return Mocha, a lost Chihuahua. Meeting Mocha's dog-sitter gives Maggy a bad feeling... and leads to an even worse discovery. Can she solve another deadly puzzle?

Dead Cold Brew by Cleo Coyle

Coffee house manager and master roaster Claire Cosi solves another mystery in the multi-volume Coffee House Mystery series that includes *A Brew to Kill*, *Brewed Awakening* and more. Includes recipes for cold brewed coffee!

Coffee Obsession by DK Publishing

Coffee Obsession takes readers on a journey through the coffee-producing nations around the world, presenting the different styles, flavors, and techniques used to brew the perfect cup.

The Monk of Mokha by Dave Eggers

Mokhtar Alkhanshali is twenty-four when he discovers the astonishing history of coffee and Yemen's central place in it. He leaves San Francisco and travels deep into his ancestral homeland to tour terraced farms high in the country's rugged mountains and meet beleaguered but determined farmers.

The Peacock Emporium by Jojo Moyes

Suzanna Peacock is struggling with her notorious mother's legacy. The only place Suzanna finds comfort is in The Peacock Emporium, the beautiful coffee bar and shop she opens that soon enchants her little town.

The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez

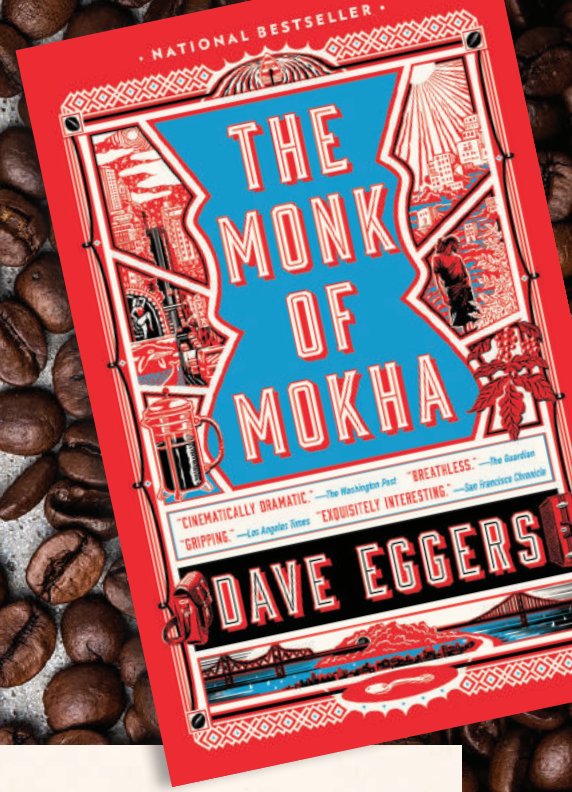
A fiction title as compelling as real life: the story of a remarkable coffee shop in the heart of Kabul, and the women who meet there—each with a story and a secret.

Craft Coffee: A Manual: Brewing a Better Cup at Home by Jessica Easto

A comprehensive guide to improving home coffee making, written by a coffee enthusiast for coffee enthusiasts. Includes information on 10 different manual brewing methods, as well as advice on selecting beans, choosing equipment, and deciphering coffee bags.

The Little French Bistro by Nina George

While on a trip to Paris, 60-year-old Marianne Messman leaves an oppressive and abusive marriage, escaping to Brittany where she ends up working in the kitchen of a charming French bistro. She discovers sensual and spiritual aspects of life that were unknown to her—as well as a second chance at romance.



2020

Noon Year's Eve Party

All Ages | Tuesday, December 31

Celebrate the New Year early as we countdown to noon! Start 2020 off right with a fun-filled family celebration, and enjoy winter-themed crafts, exciting dance parties, and more!

Aberdeen ⑥ ⑦ 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Abingdon ⑥ 11:45 am-12:30 pm
Bel Air ⑥ 11:15 am-12:15 pm
Havre de Grace ⑥ ⑦ 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Joppa 11:30 am-12:15 pm
Norrisville 11:30 am-12:15 pm
Whiteford ⑥ 11:30 am-12:15 pm

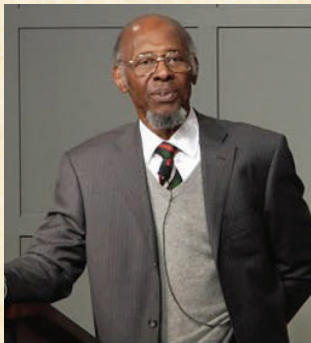
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CHOOSE CIVILITY

Hiding Our Vices From Others: George Washington's Guide to Civility

When it comes to uncivil behavior, almost everyone you know has a story to share. Most people seem to agree that we could use a little more civility in our everyday lives... but where to start?



Join Dr. William B. Allen for an amusing yet insightful look at the subject as seen by our very first President, George Washington.

Dr. Allen, a member of the HCPL Board of Trustees, has a long and esteemed career in education and is currently a Visiting Scholar in Residence at the University of Colorado–Boulder. He served previously on the United States National Council for the Humanities and as Chairman and Member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Free and open to the public, registration recommended.

Friday, February 21 6:00–7:30 pm
Abingdon Library



ONE DAY • ONE TABLE • HUNDREDS OF CONVERSATIONS

Save the Date Saturday, May 2, 2020
Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium

Meet new people and break bread with your Harford County neighbors! As participants share a meal, they'll be challenged to re-think their assumptions about others as they get a glimpse into one another's lives and unique experiences. Stay tuned for more information.

Select Winter Programs

**Knot Just Knitting:
For Our Community**
Joppa
1st Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm

**Community LEGO®
Build Day**
Whiteford
Mon Dec 30 11:30 am-4 pm

**Snowflakes for
Seniors**
Aberdeen
Jan 12-17 Library hours

**Celebrate Martin
Luther King, Jr. ⑥**
Bel Air
Thu Jan 16 4:30-5:30 pm

**Celebrate our Fine
Feathered Friends**
Whiteford
Feb 3-8 Library hours

Hearts and Crafts
Joppa
Mon Feb 10 5:00-6:00 pm

**Acts of Kindness
Bulletin Board**
Fallston
Feb 10-15 Library hours

**Bully Detective:
Anti-Bullying ⑥**
Norrisville
Sat Feb 15 11:00 am-noon

**Random Acts of
Kindness: Messages
of Hope ⑥**
Aberdeen
Sat Feb 15 11:00 am-noon

**Random Acts of
Kindness Week**
Darlington, Edgewood &
Whiteford
Feb 18-22 Library hours

Kindness Bags ⑥
Havre de Grace
Tue Feb 18 6:00-6:45 pm

**Peace & Love 3D
Jewelry ⑥ ⑥**
Norrisville
Tue Feb 18 6:00-8:00 pm

We are Kind! ⑥
Norrisville
Wed Feb 19 10:30-11:15 am

Guerrilla Kindness
Abingdon
Wed Feb 19 3:30-4:30 pm
Joppa
Sat Feb 22 2:00-3:00 pm

K9&Kds ⑥
Norrisville
Thu Feb 20 6:30-7:30 pm

**Acts of Kindness:
Thank You Farmers! ⑥**
Jarrettsville
Sat Feb 22 10:30-11:30 am

See individual branch listing for full description

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BIG INFINITE Concert

& Teen Workshop

**Thursday,
December 5
Abingdon Library**

**4:30-5:30 pm
Grades 6-12**

Registration required
Jordan Lally, a meditation teacher, will introduce teens to meditation, mindfulness, and other “wellness tools” they can use to deal with stress.

**6:30-7:30 pm
All Ages**

Registration recommended
Musician Jordan Lally and his band, *Big Infinite*, present a family-friendly music concert of love, mindfulness, creative expression, and healthy teachings.



Dear Friend of the Library,

Last year, over 823,318 children's books were borrowed from the Harford County Public Library. They were enjoyed as bedtime stories, aided in development of language skills, nourished a child's imagination, provided a great companion, and allowed Harford County's children to experience a little bit of the world before venturing out into it.

Regardless of your age or interests, Harford County Public Library continues to be an invaluable resource for the community. Circulation of library materials surpassed 3.3 million in FY2019 and 353,550 customers attended our children, teen, and adult programs last year.

In addition to supporting the Library, your donation supports the community. Every dollar goes to Harford County Public Library, and allows us to continue to provide a space where learning is fun for all ages. We are grateful for your support!

Sincerely,



Jenny Dombeck, Foundation Director

Donate online at donate.HCPLonline.org

Thank you!

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (ID#23-2987712) and all gifts are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Information under the Maryland Charitable Organizations law can be obtained from the Secretary of State at 410-974-5534.

Holiday Tea with Santa & Friends

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We have SOLD OUT!

Saturday, December 7 | Abingdon Library | Indoor ice skating | Holiday crafts, refreshment, & entertainment

Charm City SERIES



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Baltimore Genealogy Group

Adults | Explore family history using a variety of resources.
Jarrettsville Thu Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 27 6:00-8:00 pm

The Once Regal B&O Royal Blue Line in Harford County ©

Adults | Frank A. Wrabel has spent 50 years as a railroad historian, writer, and railroad display consultant. He will share a brief history of the B&O route in Harford County including stations and structures that once served county residents. The presentation will also feature trains that served the region, railroad innovation that was perfected on that route, and the transition to the current CSX strategic freight route.
Joppa Thu Jan 16 2:00-3:00 pm

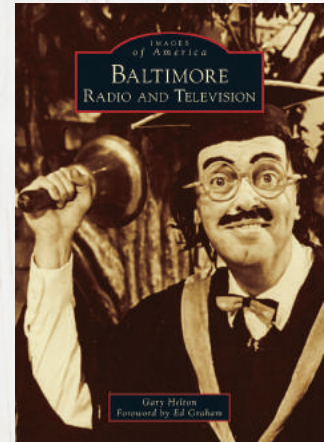
Maryland on Vacation: Unwinding in the Free State, 1875-1952

Adults | When did Marylanders start taking vacations? Where did they go? How did they get there? Using postcards, steamboat & train schedules, resort brochures, and photographs, this program explores how Marylanders from diverse racial and social backgrounds began to take breaks from work routines.
Jarrettsville Wed Feb 5 6:30-7:30 pm



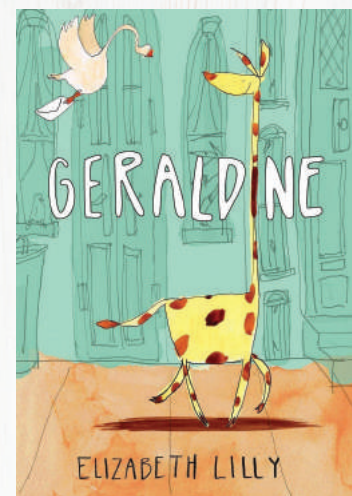
MEET THE AUTHORS

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Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Gary Helton

Adults | Stroll down memory lane with *Baltimore Radio and Television* by Gary Helton, manager of WHFC-FM at Harford Community College. He will be joined by Ed Graham, whose radio career began in the 1950s, and John Ziemann, a former studio technician at Channel 2 and current band president for the Baltimore Ravens.
Bel Air Sunday, December 8 2:00-3:00 pm



Elizabeth Lilly

Family | Author and illustrator, Elizabeth Lilly, will read her picture book, *Geraldine*, and share her creative process. Ask questions, enjoy her sketches and learn about her upcoming new book!
Bel Air Saturday, February 15 2:00-2:30 pm

Aberdeen

21 Franklin Street
410-273-5608
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Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Closings

Sun Dec 22
Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Movin & Groovin Story Time

Family | Music, movement, and stories, followed by playgroup.
Mondays 9:15-10:00 am

LEGO® Holiday Train Display

All Ages | All Aboard! Enjoy the LEGO® train garden display and add your own creation to the display.
Dec 1-31 Library hours

Train Storytime

All Ages | Join us for a special story time all about trains to celebrate our holiday LEGO® train display.
Sun Dec 1 2:00-3:00 pm

Sounds of the Season

All Ages | St. Joan of Arc School Choir
Tue Dec 10 3:30-4:00 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party

All Ages
Celebrate the New Year early as we dance and countdown to noon!
Tue Dec 31 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Snowflakes for Seniors

All Ages | Make a snowflake to warm someone's heart! Snowflakes will be delivered to local senior residents.
Jan 12-17 Library hours

Martin Luther King Jr. Scavenger Hunt

All Ages | Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. with a fun and informational scavenger hunt.
Jan 13-17 Library hours

Harford Family House

All Ages | Join the library in giving back to the community by donating items to the Harford Family House. See a librarian for details.
Jan 15-Feb 18 Library hours

Snowman Drop In Craft

All Ages | Escape the cold and create your own snowman craft.
Jan 18-24 Library hours

Celebrate Chinese New Year

All Ages | Celebrate Chinese New Year by creating your very own paper dragon.
Sat Jan 25 Library hours

Celebrate Black History Month: Story Quilt

All Ages | Celebrate Black History Month by making and displaying a quilt block inspired by Faith Ringgold's book *Tar Beach*.
Feb 1-29 Library hours

Night at the Planetarium

Family | Join us at the Aberdeen Planetarium (253 Paradise Rd.) for a Night at the Planetarium! This program is for students in Elementary and Middle School with their families, and adults. Doors open 15 minutes before program begins. Sorry, late arrivals cannot be accommodated. Each person attending must register prior to the event.
Wed Feb 12 6:15-7:00 pm
7:15-8:00 pm

Random Acts of Kindness: Messages of Hope

All Ages
Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Week by sharing stories of hope and kindness then decorating Kindness Rocks to share in the community.
Sat Feb 15 11:00 am-noon

Leap Day Fun!

All Ages
Stop in and help us celebrate Leap Day with some fun activities!
Sat Feb 29 Library hours

Children

Explorer Story Time

3 to 5 years | An engaging time for preschoolers, followed by playgroup.
Mondays 10:15-11:00 am

Wiggles Story Time

18 months to 3 years
An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 am

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 mos
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Thursdays 10:15-11:00 am

Science Club: Gumdrop Engineering

Grades K-5 | Can gumdrops and toothpicks hold the weight of a book? Test out this hypothesis and more.
Wed Dec 11 5:30-6:30 pm

Half Day Fun: LEGO® Club

Grades K-8 | We supply the LEGOs®. You supply the imagination!
Fri Dec 13, Jan 17 1:00-2:00 pm

STEM Challenge

Grades K-5 | Join us to accept a STEM challenge with students from TechBrick Robotics.
Wed Jan 8 5:30-6:30 pm

Science Club: The Science of Snowflakes

Grades K-5 | Why are no two snowflakes alike? We'll answer this question and more, plus you can create a snowflake of your own.
Wed Jan 15 5:30-6:30 pm

Digital Camp - Osmo® Party

3 to 5 years | Connect tablet technology to the real world at our Osmo® Party! You and your child can have a blast with words, numbers, tangrams, masterpiece, and more!
Sat Feb 8 11:00-noon

Teens

Teen Time @ the Library

Grades 6-12
Hang out at the library! Play video games and board games, while having a great time with your friends!
Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Dec 26, 31) 3:00-5:00 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12 | Play *Dungeons & Dragons* 5th edition with our experienced teen Dungeon Master. Materials will be provided, though you are welcome to bring your own.
Thursdays 3:00-5:00 pm

Blind Date with a Book

Grades 6-12 | Stop judging books by their covers and go on a blind date with a book.
Dec 16-20 Library hours

Oreo® Taste Off!

Grades 6-12
Think you know all the flavors of Oreos®? Put your taste buds to the test through blind trials and see if you can match the flavor to the cookie.
Tue Dec 17 3:00-4:00 pm

Mystery of the Missing Host: Escape Room

Grades 6-12 | You've been invited to attend a formal dinner at a secluded mansion. It has everything: fancy food, huge rooms, but one thing is missing...the host. Can you solve the clues to find him?
Sat Feb 1 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Adults

Knit, Stitch & Sew

Adults | Join fellow fabric crafters in a relaxed library environment. Drop in to knit, stitch, or sew while you talk and share ideas. Please bring your own project and supplies.
Mondays 4:00-5:00 pm

Urban Essence Diva's Book Group

Adults | If you enjoy reading books by Joy DeJa King, Nisa Santiago, and Ashley & JaQuavis join us for some lively discussion. New members are always welcome!
Thu Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6 6:30-7:30 pm

We Love to Read a Latte: Staff Book Buzz

Adults | Looking for your next good read? Drop in to talk with one of our expert staff to get a few suggestions for your first Winter Reading title.
Tue Dec 17 Library hours

Aberdeen Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults | Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects and assisting with book sales that help fund library programs and services.
Tue Jan 21 2:00-3:00 pm

Aberdeen Activity Center Book Discussion Group

Adults
Held at Aberdeen Activity Center. Call 410-638-4789 to register.
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
Fri Jan 24 10:30-11:45 am

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Ⓢ = Supported by the HCPL Friends

Ⓛ = STEM program

✋ = Includes activities for preschoolers

Ⓞ = Part of Choose Civility Harford County

Always open! Check HCPLonline.org for program updates.
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Abingdon

2510 Tollgate Road
410-638-3990
HCPOnline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Drive-thru Window

410-638-4800

Mon - Thu 8:00 am - 7:30 pm
Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sat 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Closings

Sun Dec 22
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Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Movin & Groovin Story Time

Family | Music, movement and stories, followed by playgroup.
Mondays 10:15-11:00 am

Children's Sensory Room - Open House

Family | Discover our new Children's Sensory Room, a unique space for children of all abilities to enjoy with their families and caregivers. The Children's Sensory Room provides stimulation and relaxation through touch, light, sound and using an array of multi-sensory experiences.
Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm

Family & Friends Story Time

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Tuesdays 10:15-11:00 am

Big Infinite Family Concert

All Ages | Details on page 9
Thu Dec 5 6:30-7:30 pm

Sounds of the Season

All Ages | Join the Patterson Mill Middle School Orchestra and Chorus for some holiday fun. The 7th and 8th

grade students will perform to get you into the spirit of the season.

Wed Dec 11 11:00-11:30 am

Noon Year's Eve Party

Family | Details on page 7
Tue Dec 31 11:45 am-12:30 pm

Candy Bar BINGO

Family | Play BINGO for the chance to win a sweet candy treat!
Wed Jan 8 6:30-7:15 pm

Life Sized Chutes & Ladders

Family | Climb ladders, race to the finish line, but watch out for chutes around every corner.
Sat Jan 18 2:00-4:00 pm

Family Accessibility Night

Family | An opportunity for families of children with special needs to use the library after hours, socialize with other families and check out our new spaces, including the Children's Sensory Room. Please register adults and children attending.
Fri Jan 31 5:30-7:00 pm

Leaping Stories

Family | Celebrate Leap Year with stories featuring leaping animals, followed by a craft and playgroup.
Sat Feb 29 10:15-11:00 am and 2:00-2:45 pm

Children

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 am

Explorer Story Time

3 to 5 years | An engaging time for preschoolers, followed by playgroup.
Thursdays 9:15-10:00 am

Wiggles Story Time

18 months to 3 years
An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Fridays 10:15-11:00 am

Sensory Story Time

3 to 8 years | Multi-sensory story time, developed for children and families of all abilities, with engaging visuals, interactive stories, adaptive movement and sensory activities. Sibling participation is welcome. The new Children's Sensory Room will be open after story time to explore. Please contact the library to discuss special accommodations in advance.
Sat Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 10:30-11:30 am

Parachute Play

18 months to 3 years
Have fun around the parachute with songs, dances, and games.
Wed Dec 11 6:00-6:45 pm

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

Birth to 5 years
Celebrate your progress in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten by reading, singing, dancing, and making a fun craft! Haven't joined 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten yet? Join at the program and celebrate!
Thu Dec 12 10:15-11:00 am

Sphero® Playground

Grades K-5 | Let's get rolling! Try bowling, drawing, or navigating a maze with Sphero®.
Fri Dec 13 2:00-4:00 pm

Chihuly-Inspired Sculptures

Grades 3-5 | Create a one-of-a-kind sculpture inspired by the glass art of Dale Chihuly.
Wed Dec 18 6:30-7:30 pm

Gingerbread Disguises

3 to 8 years | Help the Gingerbread Man outwit the fox and escape by creating clever disguises.
Dec 22-31 Library hours

Beat the Winter Blues

3 to 8 years | Beat the winter blues with a trip to the beach. Search the stacks for everything you'll need for some fun in the sun and make a craft to remind you of warmer days.
Jan 12-18 Library hours

Digital Camp - Osmo® Party

Grades K-5 | Connect technology back to the real world with Osmo®, where your child can have a blast with words, numbers, tangrams, masterpiece, and more!
Fri Jan 17 2:00-4:00 pm

Veggie Printing

Grades K-2 | Use various produce to create works of art! Let your imagination grow as you roll and dab corn cobs, oranges, and more to make a collage.
Tue Feb 4 6:30-7:15 pm

Snow Trek with Google Expeditions

Grades K-5 | Take a trek "in" the snow to beautiful places with guided virtual reality field trips from Google Expeditions.
Fri Feb 14 2:00-4:00 pm

Princess Magnolia Party

Grades K-2 | Dive into Princess Magnolia's world and battle the monsters trying to eat the goats. Wear your favorite princess costume, or choose all black like a ninja.
Wed Feb 26 6:00-7:00 pm

Teens

Tech Time: Thursday Night Vive!

Grade 6 to Adult
Ready to explore virtual reality? Here's your chance to explore brand new worlds with our HTC Vive! You must be at least 13 years old to participate.
Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm

Celebrate National Dice Day

Grades 6-12
Join the excitement and learn some fun dice games!
Wed Dec 4 3:30-4:30 pm

Jordan Lally Teen Workshop

Grades 6-12 | Details on page 9
Thu Dec 5 4:30-5:30 pm

Tech Time: Introduction to the Innovation Lab

Grade 6 to Adult
See what the Innovation Lab has to offer to makers from middle school through adulthood.
Tue Dec 10 3:30-5:00 pm
Mon Dec 30 3:30-5:00 pm

Manga/Anime Club

Grades 9-12
Join our lively discussion of books and manga.
Wed Dec 11; Jan 8, 22; Feb 12, 26 3:30-4:30 pm

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)

Grades 6-12
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard! Bring friends and make new ones!
Wed Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 5 3:30-4:30 pm

Tech Time: Designing in 3D Using Tinkercad!

Grade 6 to Adult
Learn to design a simple mug using Tinkercad, an online 3D design program. Bring a flash drive if you would like to save your design for printing at a later time.
Fri Jan 17 3:00-4:45 pm

National Puzzle Day

Grades 6-12 | Help put together a variety of puzzles.

Wed Jan 29 2:00-7:30 pm

Break-In Box

Grade 6 to Adult | Have you ever tried to break out of an escape room? Here's one with a twist or two: 1 - It's a box. 2 - You have to break INTO it. Try it alone, or with a friend, and get your "escapologist's" feet wet. Clues and hints will be provided, if needed.

Feb 10-15 Library hours

Teen Candy Art

Grades 6-12 | Make your own masterpiece by drawing a picture and using small candies to "paint" your design. This is a craft, not to be eaten.

Tue Feb 11 3:30-4:30 pm

Guerrilla Kindness

Grades 6-12 | Brighten somebody's day by going undercover and creating uplifting messages to hide in books that will be circulated.

Wed Feb 19 3:30-4:30 pm

Adults

Sunday Scrabblers

Adults | Meet others and play this lively word game!

Sun Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9
1:30-4:30 pm

Abingdon Books at Night

Adults
Our annual holiday celebration! Bring your favorite book(s) of 2019 to share.

Mon Dec 9 6:30-7:30 pm
Mistress of the Ritz by Melanie Benjamin
Mon Jan 13 6:30-7:30 pm
The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman
Mon Feb 10 6:30-7:30 pm

Adult Crafternoon

Adults | Make a fabric ornament for the holiday.

Thu Dec 5 2:00-3:30 pm
Learn to make paper cranes.
Thu Jan 9 2:00-3:30 pm
Explore coffee painting.
Thu Feb 6 2:00-3:30 pm

Booked for Lunch

Adults
Join us for our annual holiday celebration. Bring your favorite book(s) of 2019 to share. Please contact the branch for more information.

Wed Dec 18 12:30-1:30 pm
Miracle Creek by Angie Kim
Wed Jan 15 12:30-1:30 pm

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Kim Michele Richardson
Wed Feb 19 12:30-1:30 pm

Heads or Tails? The Story of American Coins: Old and New

Adults | A historical introduction to American coinage from colonial times to the present day. This program is suited for both numismatic enthusiasts and beginners. Presented by John Jewitt from the State Library Resource Center.

Sun Jan 19 2:00-3:30 pm

Books on Tap

Adults
Bold Titles, Refreshing Talk!
Held at Pairings Bistro, 2105 Laurel Bush Road, Ste 108, Bel Air.
Please register: Books on Tap Meetup.

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri
Mon Jan 27 6:30-8:00 pm
The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern
Mon Feb 24 6:30-8:00 pm

What's My Coin Worth?

Adults | Learn about the features of a coin, how to find its value, and how to navigate the modern day coin marketplace. Presented by John Jewitt from the State Library Resource Center.

Sun Feb 2 2:00-3:30 pm

Hiding our Vices from Others: George Washington's Guide to Civility

Adults | See page 8 for details.
Fri Feb 21 6:00-7:30 pm

Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults | Support your library by volunteering for special projects that help fund library programs.
Mon Feb 24 6:00-7:00 pm

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Children's Sensory Room

Harford County Public Library's Children's Sensory Room is a unique and calming space

for children of all abilities, up to age 14. This state-of-the-art dedicated area is located at the Abingdon Library. Please call 410-638-3990 or visit Customer Service to schedule an appointment. Library staff will provide a detailed room orientation to all visitors.

Children's Sensory Room Open House

See page 13 for details Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm

Sensory Story Time

See page 13 for details 2nd Saturday 10:30-11:30 am

Sensory Experiences:

- Bubble Tubes
- Fiber Optic Lights
- Gel Floor Tiles
- Nanoleaf Light Panels
- Projector with iPad
- Reflective Surfaces
- Seating
- Sensory Kits
- Wall Panels



Bel Air

100 E. Pennsylvania Ave.
410-638-3151
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Drive-thru Window
410-638-4800

Mon - Thu 8:00 am - 7:45 pm
Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sat 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Closings

Sun Dec 22
Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 am
Wed Dec 4, Feb 5 6:15-6:45 pm
Saturdays 10:15-11:00 am

Movin & Groovin Story Time

Family | Music, movement, and stories, followed by playgroup.
Fridays (except 1/17) 10:15-11:00 am

Block Party

Family | Put on your engineering hat and build with Lego®, Duplo®, wooden blocks, and more!
Sun Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9
1:00-4:30 pm

Acts of Kindness Week

Family | Make something to benefit a local community service organization when you visit StreamWorks.
Dec 9-15 Library hours
Jan 21-26 Library hours
Feb 17-23 Library hours

Holiday Open House

Family | Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, music, and light refreshments.
Mon Dec 9 4:00-7:30 pm

Art for All Abilities

Family | Individuals with special needs come together to work on art projects, at their own pace. Creativity and friendship is emphasized in a supportive and fun environment. Please call to discuss any special needs and accommodations in advance of the program.
Tue Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11
1:00-1:45 pm

Sensory Story Time

Family
A multi-sensory story time for families of children of all abilities. Engaging visuals, interactive stories, adaptive movement, and sensory activities are some of the multiple experiences included to engage children through their senses. Please contact the branch to discuss any special needs and accommodations in advance.
Thu Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 27
1:30-2:30 pm

Christmas Around the World

Family
Make crafts as you learn how other countries celebrate Christmas.
Fri Dec 20 2:00-4:00 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party

Family
Celebrate the New Year early as we dance and countdown to noon.
Tue Dec 31 11:15-12:15 pm

Make Your Own Picture Book

Family | Create your own picture book! All materials will be supplied, so just bring your story ideas!
Tue Jan 7 11:00 am-noon

Fairy Tale and Superhero Festival

Family | Celebrate all things fairy tale and superhero with crafts, STEM activities, and stories read by local community leaders. Activities will be held throughout the day – stop by after school lets out early!
Fri Jan 17 Library hours

Family Trivia Night

Family | Compete with other family teams and challenge your brain with kid friendly questions!
Thu Jan 30 6:30-7:30 pm

Family Game Day

Family | Choose a game and play together in StreamWorks!
Fri Feb 14 Library hours

Life-Sized Games

Family | Create fun family memories while playing games such as life sized Candyland!
Fri Feb 14 1:00-4:00 pm

Meet the Author: Elizabeth Lilly

Family | Author and illustrator, Elizabeth Lilly, will read her picture book, *Geraldine*, and share her creative process. Ask questions, enjoy her sketches and learn about her upcoming new book! Books will be available for signing and purchase.
Sat Feb 15 2:00-2:30 pm

Leap Day Dance Party

Family | Celebrate Leap Day with dancing, stories, and movement.
Sat Feb 29 10:15-10:45 am

Children

Lapsit Story Time

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Mondays 10:15-10:45 am

Wiggles Story Time

18 months to 3 years
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Tuesdays (except 12/31) 9:15-10:00 am
Thursdays 10:15-11:00 am

Explorer Story Time

3 to 5 years
An engaging time for preschoolers, followed by playgroup
Tuesdays (except 12/31) 10:15-11:00 am

Create a Holiday Cookie Cutter

Grades K-12 | Visit StreamWorks to design a 3D printed holiday cookie cutter! All cookie cutters will be 3D printed and available for pick up starting Friday, December 13.
Dec 1-7 Library hours

Paint Along for Kids

Grades K-8 | Create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece during this guided painting session just for kids!
Tue Dec 10 6:00-7:30 pm

Silly Bean People

Grades 3-8 | Use scraps, a pattern embroidery, and machine sewing to create a silly bean bag person.
Wed Dec 11 5:30-7:30 pm

Pokemon Club

Grades K-8
Hang out with Pokemon® fans for card trading and battles!
Thu Dec 12, Jan 2, Feb 6
6:30-7:30 pm

Make It, Take It: Snow Globe

Grades 3-8
Create a snow globe using your own photo or small memento or you can choose from our winter themed materials.
Fri Dec 13 2:00-3:00 pm

Toy Crafts

3 to 5 years
Make toy themed crafts!
Tue Dec 17 10:45 am-noon

Lego Club

Grades K-8 | We supply the Legos®. You supply the imagination!
Tue Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 18
3:00-4:00 pm

Make and Play

3 to 8 years
Stretch your imagination, explore and create with loose parts and recycled materials. Activities will include small parts designed for children age 3 and up.
Fri Dec 27 2:00-4:00 pm

Creative Writing Club

Grades 3-8
Explore different elements of creative writing through writing prompts and challenges. Bring your writings to share!
Mon Dec 30 2:00-3:00 pm
Fri Feb 14 2:00-3:00 pm

Arctic Crafts

3 to 5 years | Make crafts featuring our friends from the North Pole!
Tue Jan 14 10:45 am-noon

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.

Grades K-5
Discover the story behind Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and participate in an Act of Kindness project for the community.
Thu Jan 16 4:30-5:30 pm

Growing Up Wild

3 to 8 years
Enjoy a hands on, nature themed story time! We'll craft, venture outdoors (weather permitting) and play games. Dress appropriately.
Wed Jan 22, Feb 26
1:00-2:30 pm

Make It, Take It: Jump and Jive

Grades 3-8

Learn about circuits and design your own jumping robot!

Fri Jan 24 3:30-4:30 pm

Mama's Got Moves (and Daddy too!)

Birth to 24 months

Strap, wear or just carry your baby in and be ready to bust some serious moves while bonding with your child!

Mon Feb 3 6:00-7:00 pm

Winter Yoga Story Time

3 to 8 years

Stretch out for our winter themed yoga, dance, and craft party.

Thu Feb 6 1:00-2:00 pm

Fun with Flight

Grades K-8

Use balloons, model planes, mechanical birds, and objects from nature to learn about thrust, lift, drag, and modern aircraft!

Sat Feb 8 2:00-3:00 pm

Hola! A Bilingual Story Time

3 to 5 years

Yani Peyton from *Fun With Foreign Language* is back for another Spanish story time, this one with a winter theme!

Tue Feb 11 10:15-10:45 am

Valentine Crafts

3 to 5 years

Celebrate Valentine's Day with fun and heartfelt crafts!

Tue Feb 11 10:45-noon

Hola, Invierno! A Spanish Language Winter Program

Grades K-5

Yani Peyton of *Fun With Foreign Language* presents a special winter themed Spanish program.

Tue Feb 11 11:15-noon

Baby Masterpieces

Birth to 24 months

Get creative with your baby! Using their tiny feet and hands, create beautiful pictures.

Thu Feb 13 2:00-3:00 pm

Make It, Take It: Homemade Toys

Grades K-8

Make fun fidgety toys with simple materials!

Sat Feb 22 2:00-3:00 pm

Teens

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)

Grades 6-12

Make a difference in the library. Have your voice heard! Bring your friends and make new ones!

Thu Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6
3:30-5:00 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for

Teens

Grades 9-12 | Play *Dungeons & Dragons* 5th edition with our experienced Dungeon Master. Materials will be provided, though you are welcome to bring your own dice and books.

Fri Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7
2:30-4:30 pm

Gaming Club

Grades 6-12 | Hang out with friends for an afternoon of video, board, and card games.

Tue Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18
3:30-5:00 pm

Teen Film Class

Grades 6-12 | Learn movie making skills from Jamin Mears, a professional in the movie industry. Middle and high schoolers will gain a new set of skills in a world where movies and film dominate our tech landscape.

Wed Jan 22 6:00-7:30 pm

Adults

Bel Air Books at the Center

Seniors

Participants at least 55 years of age meet at the McFaul Activities Center for a spirited book discussion.

The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt by Andrea Bobotis

Mon Dec 2 1:00-3:00 pm

Learning to See: A Novel of Dorothea Lange, The Woman Who Revealed The Real America by Elise Hooper

Mon Jan 6 1:00-3:00 pm

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See

Mon Feb 3 1:00-3:00 pm

Books On Tap

Adults

Bold titles, Refreshing talk! Sean Bolan's, 12 S Main St, Bel Air. A different title each month. Everyone welcome! Please register: Books on Tap Meetup or at the branch.

Normal People by Sally Rooney

Tue Dec 3 6:30-8:30 pm

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by

Gail Honeyman

Tue Jan 7 6:30-8:30 pm

Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

Tue Feb 4 6:30-8:30 pm

Bel Air Mysterious Minds Mystery Group

Adults

Love reading mysteries? Call the branch for this month's selection.

Wed Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5

6:30-7:45 pm

Cricut® 101

Grade 9-Adults

Have you caught the Cricut® crafting bug? Get familiar with this cutting machine and its software along with fellow crafters in this make-and-take workshop. Call the library for more details.

Sat Dec 7 10:00 am-noon

Meet the Author: Gary Helton

Adults

Stroll down memory lane with *Baltimore Radio and Television*, an *Images of America* book by Gary Helton. Baltimore launched, or was the stopover point, for many beloved personalities in the industry such as Jim McKay, Oprah Winfrey & Garry Moore. Helton, manager of WHFC-FM at Harford Community College, will talk about the early days of commercial television and radio. Joining Mr. Helton will be Ed Graham whose radio career began in the 1950s, and John Ziemann, a former studio technician at Channel 2 and current band president for the Baltimore Ravens. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Sun Dec 8 2:00-3:00 pm

Books and Beyond

Adults

In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, this reading group is for individuals living with memory loss and their care partners. Participants will have a safe and relaxed place to share conversation and creative expression while enjoying all forms of literature.

Wed Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12

6:30-7:30 pm

Genealogy Discussion Group

Adults

Join fellow researchers and share techniques, tips, and resources.

Mon Dec 16, Jan 13, Feb 10
6:00-7:45 pm

Bel Air Fiction Book Discussion Group

Adults

Akin by Emma Donoghue

Thu Dec 19 6:30-7:45 pm

The Last List of Miss Judith Kratt by Andrea Bobotis

Thu Jan 16 6:30-7:45 pm

Learning to See: A Novel of Dorothea Lange, The Woman Who Revealed The Real America by Elise Hooper

Thu Feb 20 6:30-7:45 pm

Tech Time - Open Session

Adults

Learn how to download books & magazines, stream movies & TV, or learn a new language. Stop in and our librarians will be ready to assist you with technology needs.

Fri Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21
2:00-4:00 pm

Just the Facts! - A Nonfiction Book Club

Adults

Join us as we discuss contemporary & popular nonfiction.

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Mon Dec 23 6:30-7:45 pm

On the Clock: What Low-Wage Work Did to Me and How It Drives America Insane by Emily Guendelsberger

Mon Jan 27 6:30-7:45 pm

Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston

Mon Feb 24 6:30-7:45 pm

MVA New License Information Session

Adults

Real ID is here! Are you ready? An MVA representative will explain the necessary requirements and answer your questions.

Tue Jan 14 6:30-7:45 pm

Sack the Soil: Simple Hydroponic Basics with Master Gardeners

Adults

Do you know that leafy greens were grown by astronauts in outer space at the International Space Station? You can grow plants on a tabletop after learning some basic principles about hydroponics and techniques for growing plants in water with nutrients. No more pulling weeds!

Sat Jan 25 10:15 am-noon

Bel Air Friends of HCPL

Meeting Adults

Mon Jan 27, Feb 24

6:00-7:00 pm

Coffee Can Craft ① ②

Grade 9-Adults
Don't toss your plastic or metal coffee cans! Learn how to repurpose containers to give them a new, useful life.

Tue Jan 28 6:30-8:00 pm

Explore HCPL's Online Homework Help

Adults
Invest in your child's success by learning how to access homework resources through HCPL's website.

Tue Feb 11 6:30-7:30 pm

Think Spring! Indoor Seed Gardening with Master Gardeners ①

Adults
Learn how to grow vegetable and flower transplants from seeds started indoors. Get tips for ordering seeds from catalogs and online.

Sat Feb 22 10:15 am-noon

Genealogy Introduction & More ①

Adults
For the novice or researcher who wants to brush up on the basics. Topics include: organization; documentation; research strategies and resources. This is a lecture and online presentation that includes library online resources AncestryLE, Family Search, and historical newspapers. There is no need to bring devices or family information.

Thu Feb 27 5:00-6:30 pm

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4th Annual
**Fairy Tale
& SUPERHERO
Festival**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
BEL AIR LIBRARY | LIBRARY HOURS

Celebrity Story Time throughout the day featuring local community leaders sharing their favorite children's picture books.

Come dressed as your favorite fairy tale or superhero character or even as an every day superhero!

Also enjoy crafts and STEM activities—stop by after school lets out early!

For more information, visit HCPLonline.org



Darlington

1134 Main Street
410-638-3750
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Wed 3:00 - 8:00 pm
Thu noon - 5:00 pm
Fri 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Closings

Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Holiday Open House ⑥

All Ages | Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, games, holiday music and refreshments.
Mon Dec 2 3:00-8:00 pm

Half-Day Fun

All Ages | Have a half day of school? Come to the library and make or do

something cool!
Fri Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14
2:00-4:00 pm

Darlington Friends of HCPL

Book Sale ⑥ All Ages
Sat Dec 14, Feb 8
10:00 am-noon

Family & Friends Story Time

👤 Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Thu Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 20
11:00-11:45 am

Holiday Bingo

Family | Play holiday-themed Bingo for fun and prizes!
Sat Dec 28 noon-1:00 pm

Random Acts of Kindness Week ⑥

All Ages | In honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week, we have a jar full of ideas to get you inspired. Show your family, friends, neighbors, or strangers a bit of kindness. Pull one from the jar and take it with you as a reminder. This one act may lead to other ideas of kindness!
Feb 18-22 Library hours

Teens

Teen After Hours ⑩ ⑥

Grades 6-12 | Come hang out at the library after hours and enjoy pizza.

Please call the library for a parent permission slip.
Sat Feb 1 2:00-3:30 pm

Adults

Knot Just Knitting

Adults | We also crochet, count stitches, and more! Beginner or expert, bring your latest "hook and needle" project and we'll share knowledge.
Tue Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4
6:30-7:30 pm

Darlington Book Discussion Group ⑥ Adults

A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg
Wed Dec 11 6:30-7:30 pm
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See
Wed Jan 8 6:30-7:30 pm
The Forgotten Room by Karen White
Wed Feb 12 6:30-7:30 pm

Darlington Friends of HCPL Book Donation Collection ⑥ Adults

The Darlington Friends of HCPL will be onsite to take book donations.
Thu Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 6
1:00-2:30 pm
Tue Jan 28, Feb 25
3:00-4:00 pm

Darlington Friends of HCPL Meeting ⑥

Adults | Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special

projects and assisting with book sales that help fund library programs and services. Collections of book donations are held at this time as well.
Thu Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 6
1:00-2:30 pm

Spice up your Tea with Herbs and Master Gardeners!

Adults
Learn some creative ways to use herbs for spicing up your winter beverages. The Master Gardeners will demonstrate the ease of using the new, hydroponic planters to grow fresh herbs. You will get some simple drying tips too. This event will be held at the Harford County Agricultural Center 3525 Conowingo Rd., Street.
Sat Jan 25 1:00-2:30 pm

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CREATE SHORT VIDEOS PROMOTING YOUR FAVORITE BOOK.
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Edgewood

629 Edgewood Road
410-612-1600
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Drive-thru Window

410-612-1749

Mon-Thu 8:00 am-7:30 pm
Fri 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Sat 9:00 am-4:30 pm

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All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time 🐾

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am

Edgewood High School Jazz Band

All Ages | Be entertained by the soulful sounds of the Edgewood High School Jazz Band.
Thu Dec 5 6:00-7:30 pm

Night at the Planetarium 🌠

Family | Join us at the Edgewood Middle School Planetarium (2311 Willoughby Beach Road) for a Night at the Planetarium! This program is for students in elementary and middle school with their families, and adults. Doors open 15 minutes prior to start of program. Late arrivals cannot be accommodated. Each person attending must register prior to the event.

Wed Jan 15 6:15-7:00 pm and 7:15-8:00 pm

Hearts and Crafts 🍷

All Ages | Adults, kids, and families join us to make something special for those you love!
Thu Feb 6 5:00-6:00 pm

Random Acts of Kindness Week 🍷

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Children

Wiggles Story Time 🐾

18 months to 3 years
An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Fridays 10:30-11:15 am

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Tue Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4 9:15-9:45 am

Teddy Bear Sleepover 🐾

3 to 8 years | Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal to the library and share a craft before allowing them to sleepover at the library. Receive a special surprise when you return the next day for Story Time, and of course, to pick up your stuffed animal!
Tue Dec 10 6:00-7:00 pm

Hour of Code with Booz Allen Hamilton 🌐

See ad on this page for details.
Wed Dec 11 6:00-7:00 pm

LEGO® Club 🧱

Grades K-8 | We supply the LEGOs®. You supply the imagination!
Fri Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14 2:00-3:00 pm

Breakerspace 🧪

Grades 3-8 | We'll take apart old gadgets to see how they work! STEM-ulate your mind as we explore technologies of the past!
Wed Feb 19 6:00-7:00 pm

Teens

Teen Time

Grades 6-12 | Come by the library for tons of fun after school. Bring your friends, and make new ones!
Thursdays (except 12/26, 1/2) 3:00-5:00 pm

Movie Madness – Christmas Edition

Grades 6-12 | Celebrate

the holidays with us by watching a Christmas movie.
Thu Dec 19 6:00-7:30 pm

BINGO Bash

Grades 6-12 | Join us for friendly games of BINGO, with fun and prizes!
Wed Jan 22 3:30-4:30 pm

Night at the Library

Grades 6-8 | A special night where we show you that the library is more than just books. See all the amazing things that we have to offer!
Thu Feb 13 6:30-7:30 pm

Adults

Booked For Lunch Adults

Enjoy a midday book discussion. Any mystery book
Wed Dec 4 noon-1:00 pm
Southern Lady Code by Helen Ellis
Wed Jan 8 noon-1:00 pm
Freefall by Jessica Barry
Wed Feb 5 noon-1:00 pm

Job Searching and

Introduction to Resumes

Workshop 🌐 Adults | Learn how to find and apply for jobs online along with how to create a basic resume and cover letter.
Mon Jan 27 6:00-7:30 pm

Edgewood Senior Center

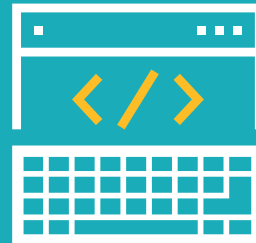
Book Club Seniors | Join us at the Edgewood Senior Center for a monthly book discussion.
The Hundred-Foot Journey by Richard C. Morais
Tue Jan 28 10:30-11:30 am
Remind Me Again What Happened by Joanna Luloff
Tue Feb 18 10:30-11:30 am

From Jazz to Hip-Hop

Adults | Explore the origins and evolution of popular music forms that originated in the African American community. Discuss the social and cultural changes that impacted each genre's development and revisit the songs and artists who remain timeless influences.
Mon Feb 10 6:00-7:30 pm

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HOUR OF CODE

with Booz Allen Hamilton

Grades 3-8 | An initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org., "The Hour of Code" introduces millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. Technical Consultants from Booz Allen Hamilton will assist students as they participate in their "Hour of Code" activities including Code.org's own programming tutorials that feature Minecraft, Star Wars, Disney's Frozen, and more. They will also discuss careers in technology and how tech affects everyone.

EDGEWOOD LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 11

6:00-7:00 pm

WHITEFORD LIBRARY

Saturday, December 14

2:00-3:00 pm

Fallston

1461 Fallston Road
410-638-3003
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closings

Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time 🐾

Family | Something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:15-11:00 am

BEAM Me Up

Family | BEAM by EyeClick is an award-winning interactive gaming projector system. It's like a touch screen gaming system that you play with your whole body, since it is projected on the floor.
Saturdays (Jan & Feb) 2:00-3:00 pm

Fallston Holiday Open House

☺ All Ages
Celebrate the holiday season with crafts and music. Light refreshments.
Wed Dec 4 4:00-7:00 pm

Create a Cookie Cutter! 🍪🍰

All Ages | Drop in to design a 3D printed cookie cutter! Your custom design will be printed and available to be picked up by Friday, December 13 - just in time for holiday baking!
Fri Dec 6 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Lego® Club 🧱

All Ages | We supply the LEGOs®. You supply the imagination!
Fri Dec 13, 20, Jan 17, Feb 14 2:00-3:00 pm

We Love Art a Latte!

Community Art Project ☺☺

Family | Celebrate Winter Reading with art! Add your own painted

artwork to a community display that will decorate the library during Winter Reading. All materials and instructions provided. Wear clothes that can get messy! Artwork will be returned to the artist at the end of Winter Reading. Check the online calendar for more details.
Sat Jan 18 1:00-2:00 pm

Acts of Kindness Bulletin

Board ☺ All Ages
In honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week, choose an envelope from our bulletin board, do the kindness task that it describes, then write down what happens. Bring the card back to the library to share your experience.
Feb 10-15 Library hours

Children

Wiggles Story Time 🐾

18 mos to 3 yrs | An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Mondays & Thursdays
10:15-11:00 am

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Tue Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 10:15-11:00 am
Fri Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28 10:15-11:00 am

Experiment & Explore 🧪🐾

18 months to 5 years
Learn about science through fun stories, hands-on experiments, and exploration.
Motion
Tue Jan 7 10:15-11:00 am
Colors
Tue Feb 4 10:15-11:00 am

Beads, Balls, Balloons, and Bubbles! 🧺🎈

Grades K-5 | Winter got you down? Let's explore water beads, making a craft or two, while having fun with balls, balloons, and bubbles!
Wed Feb 19 6:30-7:15 pm

Teens

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group) ☺

Grades 6-12. Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard! Bring friends and make new ones!
Tue Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Time @ the Library ☺

Grades 6-12 | Hang out at the library! Play video and board games, make a

craft, and have a great time with your friends!

Fri Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14
noon-2:00 pm

Wii U Challenge ☺ Grades 6-8

Use our controllers or bring your own to go 1 v 1 with other competitors.
Tue Jan 7 6:00-7:30 pm

We Love Art a Latte!

Community Art Project ☺☺

Grade 9 to Adult | See the Jan 18 description under All Ages.
Fri Jan 17 noon-1:00 pm

DIY LEGO® Figurines 🧱☺

Grades 6-12
LEGO®-fy yourself! Create your own mini LEGO® figurine. These figures are made of resin and do not have the signature indentations. Wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.
Sat Jan 25 2:00-3:00 pm

Adults

Fallston Friends Evening

Book Discussion Group ☺

Adults
There There by Tommy Orange
Mon Dec 2 6:30-8:00 pm
The Christmas Sisters by Sarah Morgan
Mon Jan 6 6:30-8:00 pm
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Mon Feb 3 6:30-8:00 pm

3D Printing for Grownups 🖨️

Adults | Join us for a basic overview of 3D printing; how 3D printers work and what you can do with them. Each participant will have the opportunity to design or download a small object to be printed by the library's 3D printer.
Mon Dec 9 6:30-7:30 pm
Wed Jan 15 6:30-7:30 pm

Fallston Critics Without Credentials Book Discussion

Group ☺ Adults
Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen
Tue Dec 17 10:15 am-noon
A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum
Tue Jan 21 10:15 am-noon
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Tue Feb 18 10:15 am-noon

Perform Your Stanzas in the Stacks ☺

Adults | Share your performance skills and creative writing! Poetry, acoustic music, and other talents show us what you've got. Light refreshments served.
Tue Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25 6:00-7:30 pm

Fallston Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Seniors
Held at the Veronica "Roni" Chenoweth Activity Center, 1707 Fallston Rd, Fallston.
Please call the center at 410-638-3260 to register.

The Night Tiger by Yangsze Choo

Wed Dec 18 1:00-2:00 pm

Educated by Tara Westover

Wed Jan 22 1:00-2:00 pm

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

by Kim Michele Richardson

Wed Feb 26 1:00-2:00 pm

Nutrition: Fact or Fiction? What You Need to Know!

Adults
Nutritional information can be conflicting and confusing. Healthlink nurse Terri Broemm, BSN, MS, RN from University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, will dispel myths, clarify misleading information and separate fact from fiction so that you can eat better to live better.
Wed Jan 8 6:30-7:30 pm

We Love Art a Latte!

Community Art Project ☺☺

Adults | See the Jan 18 description under All Ages.
Tue Jan 14 6:00-7:00 pm

Kombucha Curious? ☺

Adults | Kombucha is a fizzy, fermented sweetened black or green tea drink. You may have heard about its possible health benefits, and been curious to learn more. Or maybe you are interested in brewing kombucha at home. If so, this session is for you! Nicole Renee, a local Health and Wellness coach, will share what she's learned about kombucha and talk about how you can get started brewing it yourself!
Wed Jan 22 6:30-7:30 pm

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JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Time @ the Library

Grades 6-12
 Aberdeen Tuesdays & Thursdays
 (except Dec 26, 31) 3:00-5:00 pm
 Edgewood Thursdays 3:00-5:00 pm
 (except Dec 26, Jan 2)
 Fallston Fri Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14
 noon-2:00 pm
 Havre de Grace Thursdays 2:30-4:00 pm

Gaming Club ⑤ Grades 6-12
 Bel Air 3rd Tuesday 3:30-5:00 pm

Teen Chill Time Grades 6-12
 Havre de Grace 3rd Tuesday 4:00-5:00 pm

Manga/Anime Club Grades 9-12
 Abingdon 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12
 Aberdeen Thursdays 3:00-5:00 pm
 Bel Air 1st Friday 2:30-4:30 pm
 Havre de Grace Sat Feb 22 1:00-4:00 pm

Oreo® Taste Off! ⑤ Grades 6-12
 Aberdeen Tue Dec 17 3:00-4:00 pm

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)
 Grades 6-12
 Abingdon Wed Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 5
 3:30-4:30 pm

Bel Air ⑤ 1st Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm
 Fallston ⑤ 1st Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm
 Jarrettsville 2nd Wednesday 4:00-5:00 pm
 Whiteford 2nd Thursday 3:30-5:00 pm

Teen Coffee House ⑤ Grades 6-12.
 Joppa Fri Jan 3, 17, 31, Feb 14, 28
 2:30-4:00 pm

Wii U Challenge ⑤ Grades 6-8
 Fallston Tue Jan 7 6:00-7:30 pm

Create a Vision Board ⑤ ⑥
 Grade 9 to Adult
 Norrisville Sat Jan 11 2:00-3:30 pm

We Love Art a Latte! Community Art Project ⑤ ⑥ Grade 9 to Adult
 Fallston Fri Jan 17 noon-1:00 pm

Tech Time: Designing in 3D Using

Tinkercad! ⑤ Grade 6 to Adult
 Abingdon Fri Jan 17 3:00-4:45 pm

Bingo Bash Grades 6-12
 Edgewood Wed Jan 22 3:30-4:30 pm

Teen Film Class Grades 6-12
 Bel Air Wed Jan 22 6:00-7:30 pm

Teen Paint Along ⑤ ⑥ Grades 6-12
 Whiteford Wed Jan 22 6:00-7:30 pm

DIY Lego® Figurines ⑤ ⑥ Grades 6-12
 Fallston Sat Jan 25 2:00-3:00 pm

Mystery of the Missing Host: Escape Room ⑤ ⑥ Grades 6-12
 Aberdeen Sat Feb 1 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Teen After Hours ⑤ ⑥
 Grades 6-12
 Darlington Sat Feb 1 2:00-3:30 pm
 Havre de Grace Fri Jan 17 4:30-8:00 pm
 Fri Feb 21 4:30-8:00 pm
 Jarrettsville Fri Feb 21 5:30-8:00 pm
 Joppa Fri Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 14
 5:00-8:00 pm

Candy Bar BINGO ⑤ ⑥ Grades 6-12
 Norrisville Mon Feb 10 6:00-7:00 pm

Teen Candy Art ⑤ Grades 6-12
 Abingdon Tue Feb 11 3:30-4:30 pm

DUPLI-Cakes ⑤ ⑥ Grades 6-8
 Whiteford Fri Feb 14 2:00-4:00 pm

Guerrilla Kindness ⑤ Grades 6-12
 Abingdon Wed Feb 19 3:30-4:30 pm
 Joppa Sat Feb 22 2:00-3:00 pm

See individual branch listing for full description

Havre de Grace

120 N. Union Avenue
410-939-6700
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closings

Tue Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25	Christmas
Tue Dec 31	Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1	New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20	ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17	Presidents Day



All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time

👤 Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Mondays 10:30-11:15 am
Fri Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14
9:15-10:00 am

Frozen Fun Fest 🧊

Family | Celebrate winter with us by playing games, making crafts, exploring winter themed STEM, and meeting the Ice Queen!
Sat Dec 7 1:00-2:00 pm

Holiday Open House 🎁

All Ages
Join us for holiday crafts, games, and a special musical performance!
Tue Dec 10 6:00-8:00 pm

Holiday Crafternoon

Family | Use recycled materials to create holiday themed gifts to give to family and friends!
Fri Dec 20 3:00-4:00 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party 🎉

Family | Celebrate the New Year as we dance and countdown to noon. Select a Choose Civility resolution.
Tue Dec 31 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Winter Crafternoon 🌨️

Family | Escape the cold to have a fun afternoon making crafts!
Fri Jan 17 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Chess Club

All Ages
Learn something new or take on a challenger. All levels are welcome.
Wed Jan 22, Feb 26
6:30-7:45 pm

LEGO® Night

All Ages | Join us to free build or to participate in fun challenges!
Tue Feb 11 6:00-7:00 pm

Valentine's Day Crafternoon 🧡

Family | Join us to make a Valentine gift or card for your sweetheart!
Fri Feb 14 3:00-4:00 pm

Kindness Bags 🧡

Family | Decorate and fill bags for the needy and make recycled card crafts to go with them.
Tue Feb 18 6:00-6:45 pm

Children

Wiggles Story Time 🐘

18 months to 3 years
An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am

Tots Tech Time 🤖

18 months to 3 years
Technology time just for preschoolers! Come explore 3D printing, coding, and more.
Thu Dec 5, 19, Jan 2, 16, 30,
Feb 13, 27 10:30-11:30 am

Pose with Parents Yoga 🧘

3 to 5 years | Join us for a family yoga session! Please bring a yoga mat or towel.
Sat Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1
10:30-11:30 am

Tech Time 🤖

Grades K-5
Come explore and learn with cool new technologies at the library! Learn coding, robotics, art, and more.
Mon Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10
6:00-7:00 pm

Preschool STREAM Time

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18 months to 3 years | Explore science, art, music or math concepts through hands-on experiments, fun activities, and demonstrations.
Thu Dec 12, 26; Jan 9, 23;
Feb 6, 20 10:30-11:15 am

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Fri Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14
10:30-11:15 am

PAWS and Read! 🐾

Grades K-5 | Get cozy with our doggy volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy pet.
Sat Dec 14, 28; Jan 11, 25;
Feb 8, 22 10:30-11:30 am

PJ Story Time 🌙

Birth to 5 years | Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs.
Tue Jan 14 7:00-7:45 pm

Dramatic Play: Ice Cream

Shop 🧊👤 Birth to 5 years
Listen to a story about ice cream and then head over to the "ice cream shop" for a fun filled play session.
Sat Jan 18 10:30 am-noon

1,000 Books Before

Kindergarten Celebration 🐘
Birth to 5 years
Celebrate your progress in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge by reading, singing, dancing, and making a fun craft! Haven't joined 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten yet? Join at the program and celebrate!
Mon Jan 27 11:00 am-noon

Winter Fun Story Time 🐘

Birth to 5 years
Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and a craft with a winter theme.
Sat Feb 8 2:00-3:00 pm

Teens

Teen Time 🎮

Grades 6-12 | Hang out at the library. Play video and board games and have a great time with your friends!
Thursdays 2:30-4:00 pm

Teen Chill Time

Grades 6-12
Stress getting you down? Middle and high school students can refocus with quiet relaxing activities.
Tue Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18
4:00-5:00 pm

Super Smash Bros.

Tournament 🎮
Grades 6-12 | Test your mettle in a 1 v 1 Double Elimination style Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament. You can bring your own controllers.
Sat Jan 11 1:00-3:30 pm

Teen After Hours 🎮

Grades 6-12
This is the night we open the Library just for teens! Watch a movie, play games, go online, or just relax and have FUN! Permission slip is required.
Fri Jan 17 4:30-8:00 pm
Fri Feb 21 4:30-8:00 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12 | Play *Dungeons & Dragons* 5th edition with our experienced Dungeon Master. Materials will be provided, though you are welcome to bring your own dice and books. Space is limited, come early!
Sat Feb 22 1:00-4:00 pm

Adults

Havre de Grace Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults
Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects that help fund Library programs. Meetings are every other month.
Mon Dec 2, Feb 3
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Shakin' the Family Tree

Adults | A monthly meeting to discuss all things genealogy. Everyone welcome from beginners to seasoned explorers of your family tree.
Mon Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3
6:30-8:00 pm

Knot Just Knitting

Adults | If you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, and more, you are welcome to come work on a project, share ideas, and learn a new stitch or two.
Wed Dec 4, 18; Jan 1, 15; Feb 5, 19
3:00-4:30 pm

Books at Night

Adults | Join us to discuss contemporary fiction and nonfiction!
Furious Hours by Casey Cep
Thu Dec 5 6:30-7:30 pm
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler
Thu Jan 2 6:30-7:30 pm
Normal People by Sally Rooney
Thu Feb 6 6:30-7:30 pm

Adult Paint Night 🎨

Adults | Follow along with an instructor to create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece. All supplies will be provided. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.
Fri Dec 6 6:00-7:30 pm

Get Schooled on Library Tech

Adults | Drop in and find out

more about the library's e-learning resources, digital library, and more!
Wed Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12
6:00-7:00 pm

Havre de Grace Activity Center Book Club

Seniors | Participants at least 55 years of age meet for a book discussion at the Havre de Grace Activity Center (351 Lewis Lane).
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
Thu Dec 12 10:00-11:00 am
Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love by Dani Shapiro
Thu Jan 9 10:00-11:00 am

Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak
Thu Feb 13 10:00-11:00 am

Jewelry Making ⑥ ⑦

Adults | Join us to create one piece of jewelry uniquely designed by you. Choose between a set of earrings, a bracelet or a necklace. One choice per participant.
Wed Jan 15 5:45-7:45 pm

Let's Talk About It: Non-Fiction Book Club

Adults
Real books dealing with real everyday issues. Let's talk about it.
The Monk of Mokha by Dave Eggers
Thu Jan 23 6:30-7:30 pm

Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb
Thu Feb 27 6:30-7:30 pm

National Puzzle Day ⑦

Adults | Help us celebrate National Puzzle Day by helping us complete a 1000 piece puzzle!
Wed Jan 29 Library hours

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Book Dedication

Adults | Each February, members of the Iota Nu chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity make a presentation of books to the library and host a speaker. Please join us for this year's

presentation.
Sat Feb 15 10:30 am-noon

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Black History Programs

Martin Luther King Jr. Scavenger Hunt

All Ages | Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. with a fun and informational scavenger hunt in the branch!
Aberdeen Jan 13-17 Library hours

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. ⑥ ⑦

Grades K-5 | Discover the story behind Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and participate in an Act of Kindness project.
Bel Air Thu Jan 16 4:30-5:30 pm

Celebrate Black History Month: Story Quilt ⑥

All Ages | Celebrate Black History Month by making and displaying a quilt block inspired by Faith Ringgold's book *Tar Beach*.
Aberdeen Feb 1-29 Library hours

Harford's Black Phalanx: African American Soldiers in the Civil War ⑥

Grade 9-Adult | For over 20 years, local historian Jim Chrismer has researched Harford County's African-American soldiers who served the Union in the Civil War. Come hear the stories of over 250 local men who fought to preserve the Union and destroy slavery.
Joppa Tue Feb 4 2:00-3:00 pm

From Jazz to Hip-Hop

Adults | Explore the origins and evolution of popular music forms that originated in the African American community. Discuss the social and cultural changes that impacted each genre's development and revisit the songs and artists who remain timeless influences.
Edgewood Mon Feb 10 6:00-7:30 pm

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Book Dedication

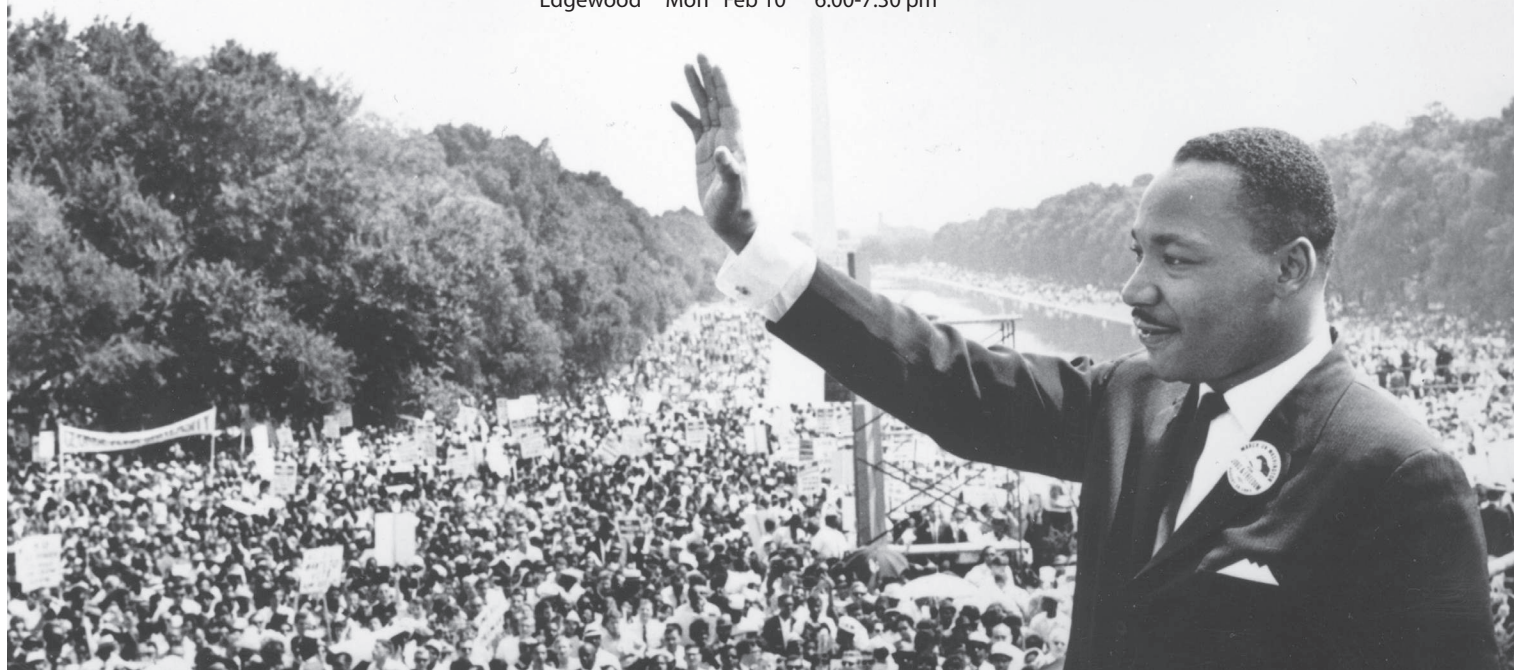
Adults | See description above in branch listing.
Havre de Grace
Sat Feb 15 10:30 am-noon

Norrisville Book Discussion Group

Adults
Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington
Norrisville Mon Feb 24 10:30-11:30 am

Just the Facts! - A Nonfiction Book Club

Adults | Join us as we discuss contemporary and popular nonfiction.
Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston
Bel Air Mon Feb 24 6:30-7:45 pm



Jarrettsville

3722 Norrisville Road
410-692-7887
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Drive-thru Window

410-692-7898

Mon - Thu 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Fri & Sat 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sun (Oct-Apr) 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Closings

Sun Dec 22
Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup
Wednesdays 9:15-10:00 am
Fridays 10:30-11:15 am

Holiday Open House

All Ages | Celebrate the season at the Jarrettsville Library with music and crafts for all ages.
Tue Dec 3 4:00-7:00 pm

Welcome Winter Story Time

Family
Enjoy a fun, winter-themed story time with a craft and playtime to follow!
Fri Dec 20 10:30-11:15 am

Winter Bingo

Family | Play winter-themed BINGO for fun and prizes! Supported by the Jarrettsville Friends of HCPL.
Sat Jan 4 1:00-3:00 pm

PAWS and Read!

All Ages | Get cozy with our doggy volunteers and read a good book. Join us for a one-on-one reading session with a well-trained therapy

pet. Contact the branch to register.
Sat Jan 11, Feb 8
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Snowflake 3D Printing Demo

Family | See the library's new 3D Printer in action! Create and decorate a snowflake to celebrate winter!
Thu Jan 16 6:00-7:30 pm

Snowman Storytime

Family | Enjoy a fun, snowman-themed storytime with a craft and playtime to follow!
Fri Jan 17 10:30-11:15 am

Valentine's Day Storytime

Family | Enjoy a fun, Valentine's Day-themed storytime with a craft and playtime to follow!
Fri Feb 14 10:30-11:15 am

Library Breakout!

Family | Work in teams on an exciting breakout challenge that includes a story, puzzles, riddles, clues, a time limit, and a lot of fun! Uncover the clues and unlock the locks! Will you be able to beat the clock and breakout? Contact the branch to register.
Sat Feb 15 1:00-4:00 pm

Acts of Kindness: Thank You Farmers!

Family | Help spread kindness to the people who work to put food on our tables and care for the animals that clothe us. This is a one-hour class with a furry and feathered friend!
Sat Feb 22 10:30-11:30 am

Chickens in the Backyard

Family | Learn the basics of raising chickens from fluffy chicks to egg producers. An expert from The Mill will share advice on keeping a healthy flock. Snow date 3/1
Sun Feb 23 1:30-3:30 pm

Children

Wiggles Story Time

18 months to 3 years
An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Mondays 10:30-11:15 am

Half Day Fun - Acts of Kindness

Grades K-8 | Come to the library after school to do something kind.
Fri Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 14
2:00-3:30 pm

K9&Kds!

Grades K-8 | Learn about safe dog interaction and the importance of dog rescue. Meet a rescue dog or puppy. All children must have an

adult present.
Sat Jan 11 1:00-2:00 pm

Sphero® Playground

Grades K-5 | Let's get rolling! Try bowling, drawing, or navigating a maze with Sphero®.
Sat Jan 18 2:00-3:00 pm

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months | A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Tue Jan 28, Feb 25
10:30-11:15 am

Teens

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)

Grades 6-12 | Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice heard! Bring friends and make new ones!
Wed Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12
4:00-5:00 pm

Teen After Hours

Grades 6-12 | This is the night we open the Library just for teens! Watch a movie, play games, go online, or just relax and have FUN!
Fri Feb 21 5:30-8:00 pm

Adults

Evening Knit and Crochet Group

Adults
Come knit and crochet at the library!
Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 pm

Scrabblers

Adults | Play this lively word game at the Library!
Thu Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6
1:00-4:00 pm

Jarrettsville Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults | Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects that help fund library programs.
Wed Dec 4 6:30-7:30 pm

Cricut® Holiday Craft

Adults
Stop in to create a festive holiday craft with our Cricut® machine!
Thu Dec 5 1:00-7:00 pm

Jarrettsville Evening Book Discussion Group

Adults
A Long Way from Home by Peter Carey
Mon Dec 9 6:30-7:30 pm
The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian
Mon Jan 13 6:30-7:30 pm
Belgravia by Julian Fellowes
Mon Feb 10 6:30-7:30 pm

Play Pinochle

Adults | For new and experienced

players, in a fun and relaxed setting.
Wed Dec 11, 18; Jan 8, 15;
Feb 12, 19 1:00-4:00 pm

Baltimore Genealogy Group

Adults | Explore family history using a variety of resources.
Thu Dec 19, Jan 23, Feb 27
6:00-8:00 pm

Master Gardeners: Think Spring!

Adults | Learn to grow vegetable and flower transplants from seeds started indoors.
Sat Feb 1 10:30 am-noon

Warm up with a Tea Latte

Adults | Join Tea by Two to learn all about tea lattes.
Tue Feb 4 2:00-3:00 pm

Maryland on Vacation: Unwinding in the Free State, 1875-1952

Adults | When did Marylanders start taking vacations and where did they go? Postcards, steamboat and train schedules, resort brochures, and photographs, reveal how Marylanders from diverse racial and social backgrounds began to take breaks from work routines. Presented by Lisa Greenhouse.
Wed Feb 5 6:30-7:30 pm

How I Married the World's Fair Killer (& Other Stories)

Adults | In 1893, the world was going to Chicago. But the grand World's Columbian Exposition meant little to Minnie Williams. The Boston educated would-be-actress traveled to the Windy City to marry handsome doctor Henry H. Holmes. The stories Minnie tells of her life seem perfect. But is everything as it seems in Minnie's world? Presented by historian and reenactor Kate Taylor.
Sat Feb 8 2:00-3:00 pm

Cricut® Valentine's Day Craft

Adults
Stop in to create a festive holiday craft with our Cricut® machine!
Mon Feb 10 1:00-7:00 pm

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Joppa

655 Towne Center Drive
410-612-1660
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closings

Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Friends Winter Shawl Raffle

All Ages | Win one of three handmade winter shawls made by the Joppa Friends of HCPL. They will make a beautiful gift for someone special! All proceeds go to future programs and services at the Joppa Library.
Nov 18-Dec 21 Library hours

Friday Family Flicks

Family | Enjoy a family friendly movie on the big screen at the library after hours. You can even bring a picnic style dinner! Doors will open at 5:45 pm. See you at the show!
Fri Dec 6, Jan 3 6:00-8:00 pm

Family & Friends Story Time

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Tue Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11 10:30-11:15 am

DIY: Sugar Cone Holiday

Trees All Ages | Decorate a sugar cone tree to take home.
Wed Dec 11 6:30-8:00 pm

Create a Cookie Cutter!

All Ages | Drop in to design a 3D printed cookie cutter. Your custom design will be printed and available to be picked up by Friday, December 20 - just in time for the holidays! Children under age 8 should be accompanied by an adult.
Thu Dec 12 3:00-6:00 pm

BEAM Me Up

All Ages
BEAM by EyeClick is an award-winning interactive gaming projector system. It's like a touch screen game system that you play with your whole body, since it is projected on the floor.

Fri Dec 13, 27; Jan 17; Feb 14
Library hours
Thu Dec 26 Library hours
Sat Dec 28 Library hours

Twas the Night Before

Christmas All Ages
Upper Falls Dance Company presents *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Join us and dance along as the story we all know and love comes to life. With "visions of sugarplums", "eight tiny reindeer", the man in red whose belly "shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly" and much more, you are sure to get into the holiday spirit!
Sat Dec 14 2:00-3:00 pm

Holiday Bingo

Family | Play holiday-themed Bingo for fun and prizes!
Mon Dec 23 2:00-3:00 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party

All Ages | Celebrate the New Year as we dance and countdown to noon!
Tue Dec 31 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Goats & Oats

All Ages | Learn the adoption procedures, daily care, benefits, and joy of owning goats. Presentation is followed by a meet and greet of the animals and refreshments. Presented by Bit of Something Goat Farm.
Wed Jan 8 6:30-8:00 pm

Joppa Friends of HCPL Book Sale: Member's Preview

All Ages
It's a win-win. Get yourself a book and support upcoming programs and services at the Joppa Library. Join the Friends and select your purchases during the Member's Preview Sale.
Wed Feb 5 6:00-8:00 pm

Joppa Friends of HCPL Book Sale

All Ages | Buy a book and support the Library! All proceeds of our annual book sale go to future programs and services at the Joppa Library.
Feb 6-10 Library hours

Hearts and Crafts

All Ages | Adults, kids, and families join us to make something special for those you love!
Mon Feb 10 5:00-6:00 pm

Children

Toddlers on the Move

18 months to 3 years
Explore music, singing and dancing while helping to enhance your child's motor development skills.
Tue Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4 10:30-11:00 am

LEGO® Club

Grades K-8 | We supply the LEGOs®. You supply the imagination! December session will create a Lego® ornament to hang from the tree.
Sat Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 2:00-3:00 pm

Experiment & Explore

18 months to 5 years
Learn through fun stories, hands-on experiments, and exploration.
Magnets
Tue Dec 17 10:30-11:00 am
Colors
Tue Jan 21 10:30-11:00 am
Snow
Tue Feb 18 10:30-11:00 am

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Fri Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21 10:15-11:00 am

Saturday Story Time

Birth to 5 years | Enjoy your favorite stories, music and a craft.
Dora the Explorer
Sat Dec 21 10:30-11:15 am
Thomas and Friends
Sat Jan 18 10:30-11:15 am
Fancy Nancy
Sat Feb 15 10:30-11:15 am

My First Book Club

Grades K-2 | Discover and discuss a different story each month and engage in a fun book-related activity to share the love of reading.
Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems
Wed Jan 22 4:30-5:30 pm
Fly Guy Presents Sharks by Tedd Arnold
Wed Feb 19 4:30-5:30 pm

Wiggles Story Time

18 mos to 3 yrs | An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Tue Jan 28, Feb 25 10:30-11:15 am

Teens

Deck the Halls

Grades 6-12 | Let's make some decorations to enhance the Teen

Room, and to take home!
Tue Dec 3 2:30-5:00 pm

Teen After Hours

Grades 6-12 | It's the night we open the library just for teens! Play games, listen to music and have fun while the library is closed. *Please call the library for a parent permission slip.*
Fri Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 14 5:00-8:00 pm

Teen Coffee House

Grades 6-12 | Teens can enjoy coffee or tea while hanging out with friends.
Fri Jan 3, 17, 31, Feb 14, 28 2:30-4:00 pm

Guerrilla Kindness

Grades 6-12 | Brighten somebody's day by going undercover and creating uplifting messages to hide in books that will be circulated.
Sat Feb 22 2:00-3:00 pm

Adults

Gentle Yoga

Adults | This practice is designed to release tension from the body and mind while gently stretching and strengthening the body. This class is appropriate for students of all levels. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one.
Mondays (except 12/9, 2/10) 5:30-6:30 pm

Vinyasa Yoga

Adults | Integrate breath and movement to create strength and flexibility. Emphasis will be placed on proper alignment and the connection between mind, body, and spirit. Leave feeling grounded and energized. Some prior knowledge of yoga poses is helpful. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.
Mondays (except 12/9, 2/10) 6:45-7:45 pm

No Limits

Adults | This interactive program welcomes adults of all abilities to create art, watch movies, play games, and explore the library. Each program is tailored to the audience's unique interests and ability levels.
Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 pm

Morning Zumba

Adults | Join us for a dance fitness class featuring Latin and international rhythms that make staying active fun. Beginners welcome! Please bring a water bottle and a towel.
Thursdays (Jan & Feb, except 2/6) 9:30-10:30 am

Booked for Lunch

Adults | Let's do lunch and enjoy a midday discussion.

The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan

Mon Dec 2 noon-1:00 pm

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

Mon Jan 6 noon-1:00 pm

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

Mon Feb 3 noon-1:00 pm

Knot Just Knitting: For Our Community

Adults | Join us as we make projects such as snuggle blankets and fidget mats that will be donated to local charities. Knitting and crocheting instruction is available for beginners.

Thu Dec 5, Jan 2, Feb 6

6:30-8:00 pm

History Book Club

Adults | Join us as we share our love of history by discussing nonfiction titles from the past! Discussions will be informative, respectful, and fun! *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Under Cover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott

Tue Dec 10 6:30-7:30 pm

Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham

Tue Jan 14 6:30-7:30 pm

Queen Victoria's Matchmaking by Deborah Cadbury

Tue Feb 11 6:30-7:30 pm

Genealogy Sharing

Adults | Join fellow "time travelers" and take a monthly tour of all things genealogy to discover your family heritage! Whether a seasoned researcher or a beginner, all are welcome to experience hands-on trainings, participate in webinars, share with others, and enjoy occasional guest presenters.

Tue Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18

6:00-8:00 pm

Paint Along - Acrylic

Adults | Following an instructor you will create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece. Please wear clothes you feel comfortable painting in. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Tue Dec 17 6:00-8:00 pm

Joppa Books at Night

Adults | Join us for a monthly discussion.

Educated by Tara Westover

Thu Dec 19 6:30-7:30 pm

Glass Houses by Louise Penny

Thu Jan 23 6:30-7:30 pm

Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

Thu Feb 27 6:30-7:30 pm

The Once Regal B&O Royal Blue Line in Harford County

Adults | Frank A. Wrabel has spent 50 years as a railroad historian, writer, and railroad display consultant. He will share a brief history of the B&O route in Harford County including stations and structures that once served county residents. The presentation will also feature trains that served the region, railroad innovation that was perfected on that route, and the transition to the current CSX strategic freight route.

Thu Jan 16 2:00-3:00 pm

Joppa Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults | Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects and assisting with book sales that help fund library programs and services.

Mon Jan 27 6:30-8:00 pm

Paint Along - Coffee & Tea

Adults | Following an instructor you will create a beautiful masterpiece using coffee and tea as "paint". Please wear clothes you feel comfortable painting in. All necessary supplies will be provided.

Tue Jan 28, Feb 25 6:00-8:00 pm

Nutrition Myth Busting

Adults | Have you heard about the latest fad diet? It's amazing - or is it? Join us for a discussion on superfoods and gluten-free foods, as well as detox and trend diets. Should you go organic? Is agave better than other natural sugars? Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist Mandy Katz will teach some easy strategies to move your lifestyle closer to your health and wellness goals.

Thu Jan 30 2:00-3:00 pm

Harford's Black Phalanx: African American Soldiers in the Civil War

Grade 9-Adult | For over 20 years, local historian Jim Chrimer has researched Harford County's African-American soldiers who served the Union in the Civil War. Come hear the stories of over 250 local men who fought to preserve the Union and destroy slavery.

Tue Feb 4 2:00-3:00 pm

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Monday

Lapsit Story Time

A gentle time to bond with your baby

Bel Air
10:15-10:45 am

Wiggles Story Time

An energetic time for toddlers

Fallston
10:15-11:00 am

Jarrettsville
10:30-11:15 am

Whiteford
10:30-11:15 am

Explorer Story Time

An engaging time for preschoolers

Aberdeen
10:15-11:00 am

Family & Friends Story Time

A delightful time with something for everyone

Havre de Grace
10:30-11:15 am

Sensory Story Time

An inclusive story time

A multi-sensory story time for families of children of all abilities, with engaging visuals, interactive stories, adaptive movement, and sensory activities. Please contact the branch to discuss any special needs in advance.

Movin' & Groovin' Story Time

Music, movement and stories

Aberdeen
9:15-10:00 am

Abingdon
10:15-11:00 am

♥ HCPL STORY TIMES ♥

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Edgewood
1st Tue 9:15-9:45 am

Fallston
2nd Tue 10:15-11:00 am

Jarrettsville
4th Tue 10:30-11:15 am

Whiteford
10:15-10:45 am

Bel Air (except 12/31)
9:15-10:00 am

Joppa
4th Tue 10:30-11:15 am

Bel Air (except 12/31)
10:15-11:00 am

Abingdon
10:15-11:00 am

Joppa
2nd Tue 10:30-11:15 am

Abingdon
10:15-11:00 am

Bond with your baby and learn how to develop your child's earliest language and learning skills through songs, rhymes, tickles, bounces and books. The librarian will model early literacy practices that caregivers can use at home. Playgroup will follow the story time.

Aberdeen
10:15-11:00 am

Havre de Grace
10:30-11:15 am

Jarrettsville
9:15-10:00 am

Bel Air
10:15-11:00 am

Fallston
10:15-11:00 am

Edgewood
10:30-11:15 am

Norrisville
10:30-11:15 am

Whiteford
10:30-11:15 am

Bel Air
1st Wed 6:15-6:45 pm

Music, movement and stories for children, followed by playgroup.

Aberdeen
10:15-11:00 am

Bel Air
10:15-11:00 am

Fallston
10:15-11:00 am

Abingdon
9:15-10:00 am

Darlington
3rd Thu 11:00-11:45 am

Celebrate the joy of reading as a family with movement, rhymes, songs, and stories. The librarian will model early literacy practices that caregivers can use at home. Playgroup will follow the story time.

Bel Air
Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 27
1:30-2:30 pm

Norrisville
1st Fri 10:15-10:45 am

Havre de Grace
2nd Fri 10:30-11:15 am

Joppa
3rd Fri 10:15-11:00 am

Fallston
4th Fri 10:15-11:00 am

Abingdon
10:15-11:00 am

Edgewood
10:30-11:15 am

Expand your child's school readiness skills by exploring the joys of reading. Your preschooler will create connections with their world through stories, rhymes, songs and games. The librarian will model early literacy practices that caregivers can use at home. Playgroup will follow the storytime.

Havre de Grace
2nd Fri 9:15-10:00 am

Jarrettsville
10:30-11:15 am

Whiteford
9:30-10:15 am

Bel Air (except 1/17)
10:15-11:00 am

Move and wiggle with your toddler as we sing songs, hear rhymes, read quick, interactive stories and play movement games. The librarian will model early literacy practices that caregivers can use at home. A playgroup will follow.

Bel Air
10:15-11:00 am

Abingdon
2nd Sat 10:30-11:30 am

Norrisville

5310 Norrisville Road
410-692-7850
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closings

Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am

Holiday Open House

All Ages | Come together as a community to celebrate the holiday season with crafts, refreshments, and a special performance by the Norrisville Elementary School Chorus.
Thu Dec 5 5:30-8:00 pm

Create a 3D Cookie Cutter!

All Ages | Design a 3D printed cookie cutter. Your custom design will be printed and available to be picked up by December 20 - just in time for the holidays!

Fri Dec 13 2:00-4:00 pm
Sat Dec 14 10:00 am-noon

Family Movie: *Miracle on 34th Street*

Family | Relax and enjoy this classic 1947 holiday film!
Mon Dec 23 2:00-4:00 pm

Snowman Craft

Family | Drop in to the library and make a snowman craft!
Thu Dec 26 10:00 am-8:00 pm

Holiday Rocks!

Family | Celebrate the season by painting holiday and winter-themed designs on rocks! Or, dream up your own design at this family-friendly rock painting activity!
Fri Dec 27 2:00-3:30 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party

All Ages | Celebrate the New Year as we dance and countdown to noon.
Tue Dec 31 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Winter Crafternoon

Family | Keep warm at the library while you make a craft! All supplies will be provided.
Fri Jan 10, Feb 28 1:00-5:00 pm

STEM Stuff: Explore Osmo!

Family | Drop in to the library and have fun with Osmo® Tangram, Masterpiece, Coding, and more! STEM-ulate your mind as we explore new technologies!
Mon Jan 13 2:00-4:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm

Celebrate the Chinese New Year

Family | Come celebrate the Chinese New Year by creating your own paper dragon.
Sat Jan 25 10:00 am-4:30 pm

Norrisville Friends of HCPL Book Sale Preview

All Ages
Preview with special incentives for Friends members. Snow date: Feb 5
Wed Jan 29 5:00-8:00 pm

Norrisville Friends of HCPL Book Sale

All Ages | Snow dates: Feb 6-8
Thu Jan 30 10:00 am-8:00 pm
Fri Jan 31 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Sat Feb 1 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt

Family | Celebrate Valentine's Day with a kindness-themed quest for hidden items in the library. Choose a special prize after you have completed the challenge!
Fri Feb 14 10:00 am-4:30 pm

Bully Detective: Anti-Bullying

All Ages | Leading up to Random Acts of Kindness Week, Steve Gambrell tackles the issue of bullying, with a mix of magic, puppets, balloons, and audience participation.
Sat Feb 15 11:00 am-noon

Peace and Love 3D Jewelry

Family | Celebrate National Random Acts of Kindness Week! Make peace sign and heart-shaped jewelry printed from our 3D printer. Materials provided.
Tue Feb 18 6:00-8:00 pm

Children

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months | A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by

playgroup.

Fri Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7
10:15-10:45 am

LEGO® Club

Grades K-8 | We supply the LEGOs®. You supply the imagination!
Mon Dec 16, Jan 27, Feb 24
6:00-7:30 pm

Train Tales

Birth to 5 years | All aboard for stories, songs, and a craft about trains!
Fri Dec 20 10:30-11:15 am

STEM Stuff: Snowflakes

Grades K-8 | Learn about the art and science of snowflakes, and make a craft. STEM-ulate your mind as we explore the wonders of weather!
Mon Dec 30 2:00-3:00 pm

Playful Penguins

Birth to 5 years | Wiggle and waddle, as we enjoy stories, songs, and a craft about these lovable birds!
Thu Jan 23 10:30-11:15 am

Beloved Bears

Birth to 5 years | Bring your favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal for bearrific stories, songs, and a craft!
Wed Feb 12 10:30-11:15 am

We are Kind!

Birth to 5 years
Join us for stories, songs, and a craft about friendship and kindness!
Wed Feb 19 10:30-11:15 am

Frozen Party

Birth to 5 years | Celebrate the world of Disney's *Frozen* and *Frozen 2*, with stories, music, crafts, and fun! Feel free to come dressed as your favorite character.
Thu Feb 20 10:30-11:15 am

K9&Kds

Grades K-5 | This Operation Paws for Homes program will include instruction on safe dog interaction, story time, crafts, and the chance to meet rescue dogs and puppies.
Thu Feb 20 6:30-7:30 pm

Teens

Create a Vision Board

Grade 9 to Adult
A vision board is a collage that represents a person's goals and aspirations. Start the New Year off right by making a vision board full of your dreams for 2020 and beyond!
Sat Jan 11 2:00-3:30 pm

Candy Bar BINGO

Grades 6-12 | Play BINGO for the

chance to win a sweet candy treat!
Mon Feb 10 6:00-7:00 pm

Adults

Film Discussion at the Library

Adults
Join us to watch a film followed by an open, fun-filled discussion. Be entertained, inspired, or both!
The Man Who Invented Christmas (2017)
Sat Dec 21 1:00-3:30 pm
The Life and Works of Comic Genius Buster Keaton (2018)
Sat Jan 18 1:00-3:30 pm
My Afternoons with Marguerite (2010)
Sat Feb 15 1:00-3:30 pm

Norrisville Book Discussion Group

Adults
The Man Who Invented Christmas: How Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol Rescued His Career and Revived our Holiday Spirits by Lee Standiford
Mon Dec 23 10:30-11:30 am
The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald
Film showing will precede discussion.
Mon Jan 27 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington
Mon Feb 24 10:30-11:30 am

Norrisville Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults | Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects which help fund library programs.
Wed Jan 8 7:00-8:00 pm

Paint Along

Adults | Following an instructor, you will create a beautiful, artistic masterpiece associated with our Winter Reading Challenge theme. Please wear clothes suitable for painting. All necessary supplies will be provided.
Sat Feb 29 2:00-4:00 pm

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Whiteford

2407 Whiteford Road
410-638-3608
HCPLonline.org

Hours

Mon - Thu 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri & Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closings

Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Wed Dec 25 Christmas
Tue Dec 31 Close at 5 pm
Wed Jan 1 New Year's Day
Mon Jan 20 ML King, Jr. Day
Mon Feb 17 Presidents Day



All Ages

Family & Friends Story Time

Family
A delightful time with something for everyone, followed by playgroup.
Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am

Movin & Groovin Story Time

Family | Music, movement, and stories, followed by playgroup.
Fridays 9:30-10:15 am

North Harford Friends of HCPL Flash Book Sale

All Ages | Bargains on books, DVDs, music and more! Pick up a last minute gift! All proceeds benefit the North Harford Friends of HCPL.
Dec 2-7 Library hours

North Harford Friends of HCPL Holiday Open House

All Ages | Start your holidays off right by coming to the North Harford Friends of HCPL Holiday Open House and Quilt Raffle. Door prizes and refreshments will get you in the holiday spirit.
Mon Dec 2 3:00-4:00 pm

Drop-in Ornament Craft

Family | Stop by to make a festive holiday ornament.
Sat Dec 7 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Name That Holiday Song

Family | How well do you know your popular holiday songs? Come and

play to find out!
Sat Dec 7 2:00-3:00 pm

Community LEGO® Build Day

Family
Drop in and choose civility! Work together to build a block community.
Mon Dec 30 11:30 am-4:00 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party

All Ages | Celebrate the New Year as we dance and countdown to noon!
Tue Dec 31 11:30 am-12:15 pm

North Harford Middle School Art Show Reception

All Ages | Celebrate young artists from North Harford Middle School at our Artist Reception. Art will be on display all month during library hours.
Tue Jan 7 6:00-7:30 pm

Celebrate the Lunar New Year

All Ages | It's the Year of the Rat! Stop by to make crafts honoring this ancient holiday.
Jan 17-25 Library hours

Celebrate our Fine Feathered Friends

All Ages | Did you know February is National Bird Feeding Month? Fly in to participate in a bird scavenger hunt and take home a special craft to help feed our feathered friends this winter.
Feb 3-8 Library hours

Community Art Show Reception

All Ages | Celebrate our Community Artists and their amazing creations. Meet and mingle with the artists.
Mon Feb 3 6:00-7:30 pm

Beach Party Story Time

Family | Tired of the cold? Let's head to the beach this winter and warm up!
Wed Feb 5 10:30-11:30 am

Share Some Love

All Ages | Make a special valentine and show that you care!
Feb 10-15 Library hours

Virtual Reality Field Trip with Google Expeditions!

All Ages | Explore exciting areas around the world and beyond with guided virtual reality field trips, using Google Expeditions!
Sat Feb 15 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Random Acts of Kindness Week

All Ages | In honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week, we have a jar full of ideas to get you inspired. Show your family, friends, neighbors, or those you don't even know, a bit of kindness. Pull one from the jar at random and

take it home with you as a reminder. This one act may lead to other ideas of kindness!

Feb 18-22 Library hours

Leap Day Party

Family | Help us celebrate Leap Day with stories, songs and dancing with plenty of leaping, hopping, and jumping!
Sat Feb 29 2:00-3:00 pm

Children

Wiggles Story Time

18 months to 3 years
An energetic time for toddlers, followed by playgroup.
Mondays 10:30-11:15 am

Lapsit Story Time

Birth to 18 months
A gentle time to bond with your baby, followed by playgroup.
Tuesdays 10:15-10:45 am

PAWS and Read!

Grades K-5
Get cozy with our doggy volunteers and read a good book during a one-on-one session with a well-trained therapy pet. Volunteers and therapy pets are from Pets on Wheels. Registration is required. Please call the Whiteford Library for details and to register at 410-638-3608 or 410-452-8831.

Tue Dec 3, 17; Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18
5:30-7:30 pm
Wed Dec 4, 18; Jan 8, 22; Feb 5, 19
6:30-7:30 pm
Sat Dec 7, 21; Jan 4, 18; Feb 1, 15
10:00 am-noon

Mini Gingerbread Houses

Grades 3-5
Learn basic engineering principles and build a mini gingerbread structure using graham crackers and icing. Bring a bag of decorating candies to share. Planned and presented by our Teen Advisory Group.
Thu Dec 12 6:00-7:00 pm

Snowflake Science

Grades K-5 | Drift into the library to spend time learning all about snowflakes. Enjoy making "cool" snowflake crafts.
Fri Dec 13 2:00-3:00 pm

Hour of Code with Booz Allen Hamilton

Grades 3-8
An initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org, "The

Hour of Code" introduces millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. Technical Consultants from Booz Allen Hamilton will assist students as they participate in their "Hour of Code" activities including Code.org's own programming tutorials that feature Minecraft, Star Wars, Disney's Frozen, and more. They will also discuss careers in technology and how tech affects everyone.
Sat Dec 14 2:00-3:00 pm

Homeschool Club

Grades K-8
Local homeschool families, join us for a variety of educational and fun activities!
Thu Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 13
10:30 am-noon

Board Games

Grades K-5
Don't be bored after school...stop by the library to play a board game or two!
Fri Jan 17 2:00-3:00 pm

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

Birth to 5 years
Celebrate your progress in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten by reading, singing, and dancing! Haven't joined 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten yet? Join at the program and celebrate!
Wed Feb 19 11:00-11:45 am

Teens

TAG! (Teen Advisory Group)

Grades 6-12
Make a difference in the Library. Have your voice be heard! Spend time with old friends and make new ones!
Thu Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13
3:30-5:00 pm

Teen Paint Along

Grades 6-12
Follow an instructor to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. You may get messy, so please wear appropriate clothing. All necessary supplies will be provided.
Wed Jan 22 6:00-7:30 pm

DUPLI-Cakes

Grades 6-8
Try your hand at "copycat" cake decorating in 90 minutes or less. (Remember: It's a craft - not a snack.)
Fri Feb 14 2:00-4:00 pm

Adults

Hatha Yoga for Beginners

Adults | Starting on the floor and working to standing poses, the objectives are body control, strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Tuesdays 6:45-7:45 pm

Bridge Group Adults | Are you interested in playing Bridge? Join the friendly games, where all skill levels are welcome!

Thursdays 1:00-4:00 pm

Gentle Yoga

Adults | A gentle approach to Yoga designed for all ages, body types, and physical abilities. Improve strength, endurance, flexibility, and balance, while promoting mindfulness and focused awareness. For people who may have difficulty getting up and down from the floor, this program is done from a standing position. Movements are slow and controlled. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one.

Fridays 11:00-11:45 am

Whiteford Book Discussion

Adults | It's our holiday time tradition! Bring a favorite book title to share with the group.

Wed Dec 4 3:00-4:00 pm

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

Wed Jan 22 3:00-4:00 pm

Evvie Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes

Wed Feb 26 3:00-4:00 pm

Learn to Crochet with Sugarknots

Adults | Learn the basics of crochet. Bring a crochet hook and yarn, and join in the fun!

Thu Dec 5, 12, 19 10:30 am-noon

Crafternoon: Popsicle Stick Snowflakes

Adults
Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. We will be using popsicle sticks to make snowflake wall hangings.

Sat Dec 14 2:00-3:30 pm

Books on Tap

Adults | Books on Tap North County Edition! Meet other book lovers and enjoy Slate Farm Brewery (2128 Whiteford Rd). *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva

Sat Dec 21 5:30-7:00 pm

White Tears by Hari Kunzru

Sat Jan 11 5:30-7:00 pm

Ghosted by Rosie Walsh

Sat Feb 1 5:30-7:00 pm

Creative Journaling

Adults | Infuse your journaling practice with a creative spark in the new year! The process of journaling can cultivate civility and good health... join us for tips and techniques.

Sat Jan 4 2:00-3:00 pm

North Harford Friends of HCPL Meeting

Adults | Join the Friends! Support your library by volunteering for special projects and assisting with book sales that help fund library programs. Our Friends group meets quarterly to plan their annual events.

Tue Jan 14 3:00-4:00 pm

Seed Swap

Adults | Planning your garden? Do you have extra seeds from last year languishing in your seed box? Bring them to the library and swap them for new varieties. No seeds to share? No problem – take some seeds home to start your new garden.

Sat Jan 18 1:00-3:00 pm

Call for Community Artists!

Adults | Calling all local artists! We're hosting a Community Art Show in February and would love to display your creations. We will be accepting art pieces for display from January 21-25. Please call the branch for details.

Jan 21-25 Library hours

Crafternoon: Coffee Painting

Adults | Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. We'll use instant coffee to create works of art on watercolor paper.

Sat Jan 25 2:00-3:30 pm

Technology for Today: Your Digital Library

Adults
Explore free downloadable services available through HCPL. Bring your device and your library card. If you do not have a library card, contact us and we'll help you register for one.

Mon Jan 27 3:00-5:00 pm

Green Cleaning!

Adults | Want to save money and be healthier? Join our guest presenter from the University of Maryland Extension office to learn about green cleaning options and leave with some "recipes" to get you started!

Thu Jan 30 6:30-7:30 pm

Harford County Wildlife Photography

Adults | Join Frank Marsden for a lively discussion about the hidden treasures of Harford County as he

shares his many years of wildlife photography experiences with us.

Wed Feb 12 6:30-8:00 pm

Houseplants for Health with Master Gardeners

Adults | Learn how houseplants can enhance the quality of your life. Specific selections will be introduced and their benefits will be discussed.

Thu Feb 20 6:30-7:45 pm

Crafternoon: Origami and Kirigami

Adults
Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun. We will be exploring the art of paper folding and paper cutting.

Sat Feb 22 2:00-3:30 pm

Herbalicious: How to Use Spices For Healthy Cooking

Adults | Learn about how to spice up your meals with healthy herbs with a guest presenter from the University of Maryland Extension Office.

Thu Feb 27 6:30-7:30 pm

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R = Registration required. Register online or by calling the branch.

E = Supported by the HCPL Friends

A = STEM program

W = Includes activities for preschoolers

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Always open! Check HCPLonline.org for program updates.

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7th Annual

Genealogy Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Registration begins Monday, March 16 at 10:00 am.

This year's conference will feature:

Elissa Scalise Powell & Judy Russell

The Legal Genealogist





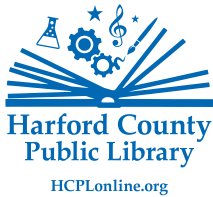
HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

HCAA is the designated Community Action Agency providing programs and services to address the needs of low-income individuals, families, and communities in Harford County.

In partnership with the United Way and HCPL, you can now find Harford Community Action Agency at various library locations. Please stop by and HCAA will help you!

Programs include:

- Maryland Energy Assistance Program
- Housing/Homeless/Eviction Services
- Community Food Pantry
- Employment Assistance
- Family Support and much more!



Aberdeen Library

1st Monday
Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Abingdon Library

Sun Dec 1, Feb 2
1:00-4:30 pm

Bel Air Library

2nd Wednesday
Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Havre de Grace Library

3rd Wednesday
Dec 18, Jan 15, Feb 19
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Jarrettsville Library

Sun Jan 5 1:00-4:30 pm

Whiteford Library

4th Monday
Dec 23, Jan 27, Feb 24
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lawyer in the Library



**Need legal advice for family issues like divorce and custody?
Need help filling out forms?**

Free Brief Legal Advice Clinics*

Bel Air Library

Friday, December 13
Friday, January 17

Abingdon Library

Friday, February 14

11:00 am–noon, Appointments only
Call HCBF: 410-836-0123

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