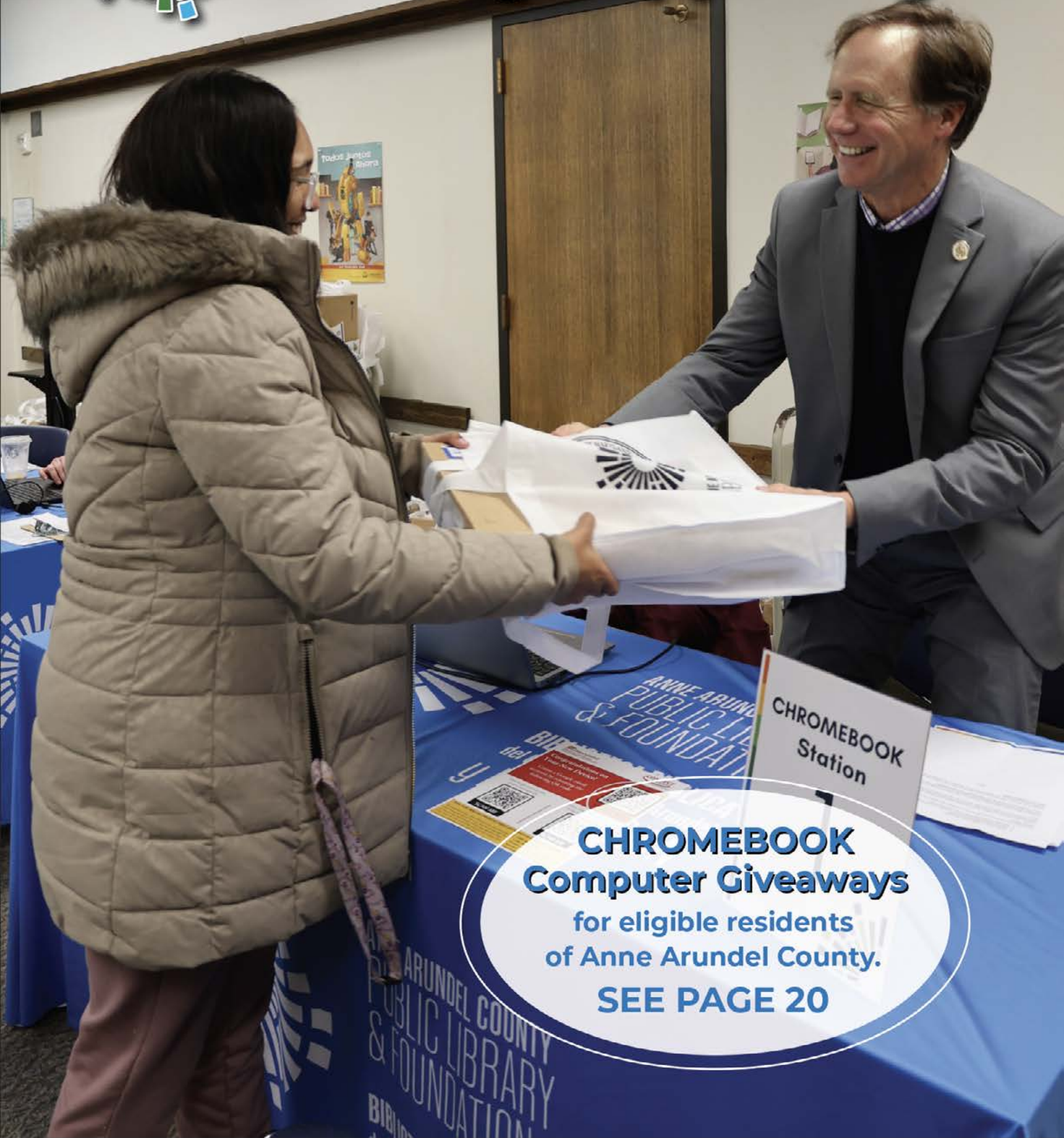




library happenings



CHROMEBOOK Computer Giveaways

for eligible residents
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LIBRARY INFO

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Easter: Sunday, March 31
 System upgrades: Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7
 Mothers Day: Sunday, May 12
 Memorial Day: Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

March 21 at 4 PM: Linthicum Library
 May 16 at 4 PM: Severna Park Library

EQUITY STATEMENT

We advance diversity, inclusion, and belonging for our staff, customers, partners, and the whole community to create an equitable Library and society. We are committed to using our resources and partnerships to improve the lives of people of every race, ethnicity, culture, faith, age, sexual orientation, ability, socio-economic status, and gender.

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Change is Coming With New Library Management System!

Spring is in the air, the weather is warming up and everything green is coming to life again! But it's not just renewal in the air – we have two *new* services to announce.

I'm writing this note in January, and it looks like we're in the final stages of construction on the new Riviera Beach Library! We expect to have a grand opening for the new library sometime in late spring. Please check with your local librarians or on the library website – aacpl.net – for updates on this exciting milestone.

Also, starting on April 8, we will transition to a new library management system – or in other words, a new way to manage checkouts, our catalog of materials and your library account. Our dedicated staff are working diligently to ensure the transition is as smooth and seamless as possible. The new system takes advantage of modern best practices in economy, design and security. Not only will it save thousands of dollars in software costs – it'll help library staff serve you better. The upgrades to our system require us to close to customers on April 6 and 7.

The new system will also include an updated online catalog of books, movies and more. These changes are almost all cosmetic and you should notice only slight changes in the way you use our catalog. We'll post more details about the catalog changes on the library website soon.

It's truly our delight and privilege to bring you the astonishing variety of the programs and resources highlighted in this issue. We hope to see you soon and often in our libraries!

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ON OUR COVER

Anne Arundel County Executive Stuart Pittman lends a hand at a Chromebook giveaway on January 24 at the Linthicum Library. Find out more about the giveaway and whether you qualify on [page 20](#).

Library STEM Programs Promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Skills

STEM education fosters a love of math and science by encouraging learners to engage in inquiry, logical reasoning, collaboration and investigation. In *Library Happenings*, programs that incorporate STEM principles are designated with this icon:



This donor funded icon brings awareness to the many wonderful programs and experiences that are a reality at the library thanks to community donors.

Women's History Month

MARCH 2024



REACH FOR THE STARS WITH SALLY RIDE

Blast off with Dr. Sally Ride, America's first female astronaut. Learn about her journey and its challenges and enjoy a zero-gravity game show!

For kids

Edgewater

Saturday, March 30 at 11 AM

Severna Park

Saturday, March 23 at 11 AM

Broadneck

Women in Science and the Use of Pi

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 PM

Solar System Ambassador Daryl Cooke, will highlight the women of NASA and their contributions that furthered space exploration.

For kids

Busch Annapolis

Women's History Trivia

Monday, March 25 at 2 PM

Play a fun game of trivia!

For kids

Crofton

Women's History Month Storytime

Saturday, March 2 at 10:30 AM

Join us for stories, songs and activities as we honor women and their achievements.

For preschoolers

Women in Film: Unplugged

Movie Magic

Monday, March 11 at 6 PM

Learn the art of movie making and movie magic by drawing an animated flipbook.

For kids

Deale

Julia Child: Queen of Cuisine

Saturday, March 9 at 11 AM

Award-winning Actress and Smithsonian Scholar Mary Ann Jung will cook up her own unique recipe for fun as the witty Julia Child.

For adults

Young Historians: Women's History

Tuesday, March 26 at 3:30 PM

Travel back in time to get up close with historical people and cultures.

For kids



Edgewater

Who Run the World? Girls!

Trivia Night

Thursday, March 28 at 7 PM

Enjoy a friendly competition that will challenge your knowledge of women's history. Join a team of two to six members.

For adults and teens

Mountain Road

Paint Like...Helen

Frankenthaler

Saturday, March 9 at 2 PM

Discover artist Helen Frankenthaler and create art in her style.

For kids

Odenton

Be a Painter Like Mary Cassatt

Tuesday, March 19 at 2 PM

Learn about the life and artwork of the Impressionist painter Mary Cassatt and learn how to paint like an impressionist artist yourself.

For kids

Georgia O'Keeffe Paint Night

Thursday, March 7 at 6 PM

Enjoy a Georgia O'Keeffe inspired paint night.

For teens and adults

Online Events

Trivia Night: Inspired by Women

Wednesday, March 13 at 7 PM

Join us for virtual trivia about young women who changed the world or pop culture.

For adults and teens

Department Stores: A Feminine Oasis

Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM

Learn about the transformative power of shopping and the impact it has had on women's lives.

Presenter: *A Tour of Her Own*

For adults

MOVIES!

Busch Annapolis

Flicks with Sticks:

On the Basis of Sex (PG-13, 2018)

Saturday, March 9 at 2 PM

Bring your needlework and enjoy crafting along to a movie! Patterns will be provided for those who wish to knit or crochet items for Luminis Anne Arundel Medical Center.

For adults

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Fly Like a Girl Movie and Crafts!

Thursday, March 28 at 2 PM

Enjoy crafts and a documentary about the women aviators who have set world records, fought in aerial combat and explored outer space.

For kids

Odenton

Women's History Month Movie

She's Beautiful When She's Angry (NR, 2014)

Saturday, March 23 at 2 PM

Watch a documentary detailing the birth of the women's liberation movement in the 1960s through the new millennium.

For adults

Severna

Women's History Month Movie

Mankiller (NR, 2017)

Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM

Watch a documentary film celebrating the life of Wilma Mankiller, the first woman to be elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation.

For adults

Severna Park

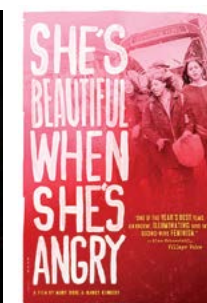
Happy Birthday, Barbie!

Barbie! (PG-13, 2023)

Saturday, March 9 at noon

Bring your favorite Barbie to enjoy a birthday celebration with crafts and a movie.

For kids





ALL

Family Bingo

Monday, March 11 at 6:30 PM

Enjoy playing bingo with family and friends and win prizes!

ADULTS

Beginner Line Dancing Fun

Thursdays, March 7 and May 23 at 6 PM

Learn some more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity!

Presenter: Jessie's Soul Line Dancers

Arnold Senior Center Book Club



The Mysterious Affair at Styles

by Agatha Christie

Monday, March 11 at 2 PM



The Lost Apothecary

by Sarah Penner

Monday, May 6 at 2 PM

LGBTQIA+ Book Club

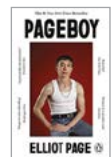
We will meet every month to discuss queer fiction and nonfiction titles in a safe and healthy space.



Wrath Goddess Sing

by Maya Deane

Monday, March 25 at 6 PM



Pageboy: A Memoir

by Elliot Page

Monday, April 29 at 6 PM



The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Monday, May 20 at 6 PM

Yoga Nidra

Tuesdays, March 26, April 23 and May 28 at 6 PM

Discover how Yoga Nidra can help relieve the effects of stress, insomnia, chronic pain and anxiety. Bring your own mat, pillows and blanket.

Presenter: Joan Livingston

Naval Aviation Maintenance in World War II

Thursday, May 30 at 7 PM

Join Naval Officer, Professor and Author Stan Fisher for a discussion on the major role that naval aviation maintenance played in the US victory over Japan in World War II.

KIDS

Early Reader Book Club

Tuesdays, March 12, April 23 and May 21 at 4 PM

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader books.

Tinker Lab

Thursdays, March 28, April 25 and May 30 at 3 PM

Enjoy imaginative fun featuring open-ended, hands-on exploration of different materials and manipulatives.

PRESCHOOLERS

Poetry Storytime

Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Enjoy a special storytime exploring the wonderful world of poetry both new and old!

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Mondays at 11:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

ALL

Walking the Appalachian Trail

Tuesday, April 2 at 7 PM

Author Harvey Dennenberg will discuss his experiences walking the Appalachian Trail.

ADULTS

Soloing the Great Loop with Matthew Korbela

Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM

Relive Matt Korbela's 5,300-mile solo trip through New York state canals, Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway as he shares his photography, tips and tricks.

English/Spanish Exchange

Intercambio de Idiomas

Wednesdays, March 13, April 3 and May 15 at 7 PM

Los miércoles, el 13 de marzo, el 3 de abril, y el 15 de mayo a las 7 PM

Practice English and Spanish conversation in an informal environment. All language levels are welcome!

En un ambiente informal, puede practicar conversar en inglés y en español. ¡Todos son bienvenidos, importa su nivel de los idiomas!

Beyond Cinco de Mayo

Wednesday, April 10 at 6 PM

Discuss holidays that are celebrated across Latin-American countries, explore their cultural significance and gain ideas for family crafts and projects.

Taking Flight: Exploring the Significance of Bird Migration Studies

Wednesday, April 17 at 7 PM

Learn about the amazing migrations of birds from real tracking data collected by a Smithsonian scientist working in the Chesapeake Bay and from the Arctic Circle to Argentina.

Informational Tour with the Maryland State Library for the Blind & Print Disabled

Saturday, May 25 at 2 PM

Representatives from the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled will share resources and information that can be accessed for free!

TEENS

Dice Painting

Saturday, March 2 at 2 PM

Roll on in and paint a set of new dice to keep or touch up a well-loved pair you already own!

Self-Defense Workshop

Saturday, May 11 at 12:30 PM

Join instructor Joshua Craddock for a 90-minute workshop for teens and adults to gain a greater understanding of what self-defense really means.

KIDS

Springtime Stories and Seed Planting

Monday, March 18 at 3 PM

Read some garden books and plant seeds to grow through the summer!

PRESCHOOLERS

Mini Librarian

Monday, March 25 at 10:30 AM

Children will learn all the different parts of being a librarian and receive a mini master's degree.

Ballet Storytime

Monday, April 8 at 10:30 AM

Join the Ballet Theatre of Maryland for a magical *Beauty and the Beast* storytime experience!

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Thursdays and Fridays at 10:15 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

Family Storytime

Mondays, March 4 and May 6 and Thursdays, April 4 and 18 at 6 PM

Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 AM: *Parachute Play*

Monday, March 18 at 10:30 AM: *Magnets*

Wednesday, March 20 at 6 PM: *Stuffedies*

Monday, April 15 at 10:30 AM: *Raindrops*

Monday, May 20 at 10:30 AM: *Three Billy Goats Gruff*

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Print, Copy, Scan and Fax at your library.
You can even send files from home to library printers.
Find out more at aacpl.net/technology.

PRINT

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DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

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ADULTS

Mandala Painting and Meditative Art

Saturday, May 4 at noon
Relax and breathe while working on soothing, calming mandala art creations.

Stress Relief DIY

Saturday, May 18 at noon
Make stress-relieving crafts like calming sensory jars and calming lotions. Enjoy meditation coloring and more!

TEENS

Pokemon Card Swap

Thursday, March 7 at 5 PM
Trade cards and enjoy fun Pokémon activities.

Dungeons & Dragons 101

Tuesday, March 19 at 5 PM
Join forces with other daring adventurers and fight deadly monsters, meet strange foes and search for fame and fortune as you learn the basics of D&D.

Anime & Manga Club: Cosplay Workshop

Monday, April 15 at 6 PM
Discuss different cosplays, cons, tips and tricks and work on projects!

✔ Star Wars Teen Hangout

Friday, May 3 at 6:30 PM
Enjoy activities, crafts and photo opportunities. Permission slip required.

KIDS

Zelda Party

Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 PM
Enjoy themed activities and crafts.

🧠 Intelligent Tangents Math Club

Thursday, March 28 at 3:30 PM
Build your math skills through art, puzzles and other fun activities!

PRESCHOOLERS

Springtime Sensory Play

Friday, March 22 at 10:30 AM
Attendees will "plant flowers," dig for "bugs," finger-paint flowers and create and explore the textures of various outside elements like a bird's nest!

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Monday, April 8 at 6 PM: Astronauts

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MOVIE NIGHTS FOR ALL AGES



Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves
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Tuesday, March 19 at 6 PM



Barbie
(PG-13, 2023)
Saturday, March 30 at 3 PM



PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie
(PG, 2023)
Tuesday, April 23 at 6 PM



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
(PG, 2023)
Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM



ALL

Celebrate Irish Dance

Saturday, March 9 at 2 PM
Mark Irish American Heritage Month with a performance by the Maple Academy of Irish Dance.

El Día de Los Niños / Children's Day

Saturday, April 27 at 2 PM
Sábado 27 de abril a las 2 PM
Celebrate El Día de Los Niños, Children's Day! This is an event for the whole family that celebrates children and reading. There will be prizes, snacks, music and more!

¡Celebrar El Día de Los Niños! Este es un evento para toda la familia. ¡Habrá juegos, premios, refrigerios, música y más!

Family Bingo

Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 PM
Join us for a fun night of bingo for the whole family!

ADULTS

Discover English Conversation Club Club de Conversación, Descubriendo Inglés

Mondays, March 4, April 8 and May 6 at 6 PM
Lunes 4 de marzo, 8 de abril y 6 de mayo a las 6 PM
Get together to practice speaking English. Únase a nosotros para practicar Inglés.

Walking Book Club

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 9 AM
Exercise your body and mind as we walk the mall and discuss what you've been reading lately! Stop at the library afterwards for a drink and pick up your next read.

TEENS

✔ Teen Lock-In

Friday, April 5 at 5:30 PM
Make different crafts while watching a movie. Light snacks will be available.

✔ ATLA: Escape Room

Saturday, May 11 at 1 PM
Escape the wrath of Firelord Ozai by teaming up to escape the fire nation and helping Aang become the Avatar!

PRESCHOOLERS

🧠 Sensory Scholars

Friday, March 15 at 10:30 AM
Enjoy a fun, multi-sensory approach to learning early math and literacy skills.

Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment with AACPS

Tuesday, May 7 at 3 PM
Martes 7 de mayo a las 3 PM
Do you need support completing your child's pre-kindergarten application for Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS)? Come meet representatives from AACPS that can help you.

¿Necesita ayuda para llenar la aplicación de su estudiante al Prekinder o para inscribir al Kinder de AACPS? Ven a conocer a representantes de AACPS que pueden ayudarte con el proceso.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Mondays at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Saturdays at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Prom Boutique
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM
DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL
Find your perfect outfit for prom, a military ball, quinceañera or any formal event.
Accepting donations until March 30, open hours



ALL

✓ Open Mic Night

Mondays, March 25, April 22 and May 20 at 7 PM

Join us as an audience member or as a performer for a night of songs, dancing and poetry at our open mic night! Family-friendly acts of under five-minutes only.

Registration is required for performers only.

🌌 Star Party

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 PM

Explore the night sky with Glenn Bock from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

ADULTS

Mindfulness, Meditation and Laughter

Saturday, May 18 at 2 PM

Learn meditation, mindfulness and laughter yoga techniques with instructor Valentina McKenzie.

TEENS

✓ Teen Art Night

Thursdays as listed below at 6:30 PM

Join your friends and peers at teen art night! Materials provided.

March 28: Paint a Bookend

April 25: Pressed Flower Lanterns

May 30: Mixed Media Collage

KIDS

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 9 at 10 AM

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun activities.

✓🌌 Owl Pellet Dissection

Friday, March 29 at 2 PM

Learn more about the secret lives of owls by dissecting an owl pellet with experts from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

For kids 8+

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM



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Museum Passes from AACPL

Use your Library card to get free admission to participating local museums!

Upon moving to Maryland in June 2022, my family was eager to start exploring the local area. We stopped by the closest library, signed up for a free library card, grabbed a copy of *Happenings* and learned about AACPL's free museum passes!

Each museum pass allows free general admission for up to four people and it couldn't be easier to sign up for a pass through the library's website at aacpl.net/things. In a matter of a few months, we

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had walked the gardens and completed a scavenger hunt at the William Paca House & Garden, explored the reconstructed colonial buildings at Historic London Town & Gardens and learned about the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. This spring, we plan to explore the architecture and art of the Hammond-Harwood House Museum.

Saving money is one of the most significant advantages of using the library's museum pass program. We were able to visit some of the most historic museums and gardens in the area without paying a dime! We were thrilled to be able to provide our kids with enriching, educational and cultural experiences in our new community and offer them an opportunity to have a deeper connection to the local area.

AACPL's free museum passes are an incredible resource for those who are looking to explore the city's cultural offerings at no cost. From our family to yours, we highly recommend!

— Amanda Kalski



Graham K, top, and Parker K explore the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

March, April and May 2024

ALL

Star Wars Day Celebration

Saturday, May 4 at 3 PM

Celebrate all things Star Wars with trivia and more! Costumes and props welcome.

ADULTS

Five Steps to a Native Garden with Master Gardener Ann Sawyer

Saturday, March 9 at 10:30 AM

Join a Master Gardener from the University of Maryland Extension for a step-by-step explanation of how to incorporate native plants into your garden.

🌌 Riverbed Blues: Exploring Underwater Grasses with Arundel Rivers

Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 AM

Local riverkeeper organization Arundel Rivers Federation will discuss one of the Chesapeake Bay's most precious and vulnerable resources – underwater grass beds.

✓🌌 Conversations on Artificial Intelligence

Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM

Join us in-person or via Zoom to discuss artificial intelligence in a casual setting with Dr. Angelo Thalassinidis, assistant dean of technology programs at Anne Arundel Community College.

Foraging 101

Thursday, May 23 at 6 PM

Anne Arundel County Park Ranger Victor Jones will introduce basic foraging including how to spot edible plants, avoid dangerous lookalikes, prepare foraged food and more!

TEENS

🌌 National Robotics Week Tech Try-Out

Wednesday, April 10 at 3 PM

Try out fun STEM toys like Ozobots, Lego We-Do, Makey-Makey and Sphero Indi. Stay for a robotics demonstration with South River High School robotics team, FTC Cybirds Robotics!

✓ After Hours Lock-In: Mini Golf

Friday, April 19 at 6:30 PM

Enjoy a special after-hours event where we will putt a hole-in-one at our special mini-golf course just for teens!

KIDS

🌌 Pi Day Party

Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 PM

Learn about this special number and its use in mathematics. Win a prize by reciting the most digits of pi and enjoy a piece of pie!

Dog Man Party

Tuesday, March 26 at 3 PM

Dav Pilkey is releasing a new book in his popular graphic novel series, and we will celebrate with crafts and other fun activities!

✓ Escape Room: Locked in the Library

Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 from 10 AM to 5 PM

Can you solve the mysterious librarian's puzzles and find the clues that lead to the key? Work with your team to escape before time runs out! Call for a 45-minute slot.

🌌 Build the Best Nest

Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM

Join naturalist Kerry Wixted outdoors to learn why, where, when and how birds build nests.

PRESCHOOLERS

🌌 Little Engineers: Constructive Play

Monday, March 11 at 10:30 AM

Children will explore open-ended activities and play by building, shaping and manipulating objects to create something new.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Monday, March 18 at 5:30 PM: Dragons

Monday, March 25 at 10:30 AM: Nature Storytime

at South River Farm Park

Monday, April 22 at 10:30 AM: Nature Storytime

at Mayo Beach Park

🌌 *Monday, April 29 at 5:30 PM: Scientists*

Monday, May 13 at 10:30 AM: Nature Storytime

at Beverly Triton Nature Park

Monday, May 20 at 5:30 PM: Little Librarians



ALL

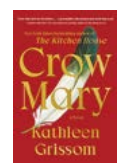
Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers

Saturday, March 23 at 11 AM

Learn about the Piscataway, the first Native Americans to encounter Captain John Smith along the banks of the Potomac River in 1608.

ADULTS

Adult Book Club



Crow Mary

by Kathleen Grissom

Thursday, March 14 at 2 PM



How to Sell a Haunted House

by Grady Hendrix

Thursday, April 11 at 2 PM



Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Shelby Van Pelt

Thursday, May 9 at 2 PM

Crofton Concert Series

Alexander Peters (country-alternative)

Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM

Mama's Black Sheep (country, rock, blues, pop)

Thursday, April 11 at 7 PM

Crofton Houseplant Club

Mondays, March 25, April 29 and May 13 at 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of plant-related fun! Bring your own favorite plant to show off, or bring a sad one to see if we can find a solution.

Ready to Vote!

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 PM

Join the Board of Elections and League of Women Voters for a non-partisan event to learn about upcoming timelines, security of ballot boxes, the election judge process and more! Registration is only required for those who wish to view online.

Self Defense with Bellicose Martial Arts

Tuesday, April 30 at 7 PM

Bellicose Martial Arts guides attendees through adaptable self-defense concepts that are not just for defense but also control, movement, safe falling and balance maintenance.

TEENS

Reading Rebels

Teens will discuss their choice of gut-punching and bop books, followed by snacks and activities.

It's a Bop!

Wednesday, March 27 at 4:30 PM

Gut Punch!

Wednesday, April 24 at 4:30 PM

KIDS

Book Buddies

Read the novel then come to discuss the book.



Violet & Jobie in the Wild

by Lynne Rae Perkins

Thursday, March 21 at 4:15 PM



Singing With Elephants

by Margarita Engle

Thursday, April 18 at 4:15 PM



PRESCHOOLERS

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 AM

Get your preschoolers movin' and groovin' through songs, basic movement and a storytime.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 and 11 AM

Community Garden & Farmer's Market at Crofton Library

While the Crofton Library is well known for an endless supply of books, exciting programs and helpful resources, the branch's outdoor space also offers an opportunity to connect people with nature and each other. Working with library staff and volunteers, nonprofit **FarmUnity**, created a 4,000 square foot community garden last year at the Crofton Library.

Dedicated volunteers contributed their time and energy to help plant, water and harvest the community-built garden. Produce was then distributed to a clinic that helps Medicaid patients, giving them the opportunity to add healthy and homegrown produce to their diets. Library customers also benefited from the garden and found free produce inside the library!



"The garden is the product of Crofton community member Jitendra Rathod's dedication to making the world a better place," said Crofton Library Manager Rachel Troianos Halbig. "He wanted a way to bring the community together and support under resourced residents. The garden has energized the community while also supporting those in need."

FarmUnity believes that everyone can benefit from growing their own food and connecting with nature. If you are interested in volunteering, please email farmunityusa@gmail.com. The community garden at the Crofton Library is expected to be back this year starting in May. Join us Thursday, May 23 at 6 PM to celebrate the start of the planting season with crafts, STEM activities and more!

Another great way to eat well is by attending the Crofton Farmer's Market located in the parking lot of Crofton Library. Stop by on Saturdays, March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20 and May 11, 18 and 25 from 9 AM to 1 PM for an assortment of produce, meat, bread, specialty foods, crafts, food trucks and more. For more information about the Farmer's Market, visit croftonfarmersmarket.com.

ADULTS

The Great Movies

Fridays, March 1, April 12 and May 3 at 7 PM

Watch the movie on Kanopy beforehand, then join us for a lively Friday evening discussion on Zoom.

Virtual Visits

Online presentations on topics of interest to adults.

Learn About Green Burials

Tuesday, March 5 at 7 PM

Darkness at Noon: Total Solar Eclipse

Monday, April 1 at 7 PM

Retirement Community Options

Tuesday, April 16 at 7 PM

Beginner Line Dancing Fun

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 6 PM

Learn more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity!

Maryland Day Art: Painting Crab Shells

Saturday, March 23 at 2 PM

Try your hand at painting with acrylics on crab shells. All supplies provided.

Bad Art Night at the Library

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 PM

Participants will use recycled craft materials and their creativity to create the worst piece of art they can imagine.

KIDS

Science Saturdays

Saturdays as listed below at 10:30 AM

Explore a different science topic each month.

March 9: *Sound Effects*

April 13: *Light and Shadows*

May 11: *Fizz, Pop, Boom!*

**ONE-ON-ONE
TECH HELP**

**BASIC COMPUTER
AND APP TRAINING**

**SCHEDULE TODAY:
410-222-1070**

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM

Family Storytime

Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 AM: *Magical,*

Musical, Math

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM: *Puzzle Party*

BIRDING KITS
Only at Maryland City

THE KITS COME WITH A OF A PAIR OF ADULT BINOCULARS, A PAIR OF CHILD BINOCULARS, A LOCAL BIRDING GUIDE, A TIP SHEET, AN OPTIC CLEANING CLOTH AND A DRAWSTRING BAG.

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS



BILINGUAL STORYTIMES

English and Spanish Storytimes | Hora del cuento en inglés y español

Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and Spanish.

Los niños pequeños disfrutarán de historias, canciones, rimas y actividades mientras desarrollan habilidades de lectura en inglés y en español.

Brooklyn Park

Tuesdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7 at 11:30 AM
Martes 5 de marzo, 2 de abril y 7 de mayo a las 11:30 AM

Busch Annapolis

Saturdays, April 20 and May 18 at 10:30 AM
Los sábados, el 20 de abril y el 18 de mayo a las 10:30 AM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Fridays, March 22 and May 31 at 10:30 AM
Viernes 22 de marzo y 31 de mayo a las 10:30 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturdays, March 23, April 20 and May 18 at 10:30 AM
Sábados 23 de marzo, 20 de abril, y 18 de mayo a las 10:30 AM

Glen Burnie

Fridays, March 8, April 5 and May 3 at 10:30 AM
Viernes 8 de marzo, 5 de abril y 3 de mayo a las 10:30 AM

Severn

Friday, March 29 at 10:30 AM
Viernes 29 de marzo a las 10:30 AM

English and Urdu Storytimes | م ارگ ورپ ی ن اہک وورا

Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready-to-read skills in English and Urdu.

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Crofton

Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 AM
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Severn

Saturday, March 9 at 10:30 AM
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For preschoolers

Music And Movement

Sing, chant, play instruments and dance while exploring sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language.

Broadneck

Fridays, March 22, April 19 and May 3 and 17 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Brooklyn Park

Fridays at 11:30 AM

Busch Annapolis

Saturdays, April 27 and May 25 at 10:30 AM

Deale

Saturdays, March 23 and May 25 at 10:30 AM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Fridays, March 29, April 26 and May 24 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturdays, March 2 and May 4 at 10 AM

Edgewater

Saturdays, March 2, April 13 and May 11 at 10:30 AM

Maryland City at Russett

Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 AM

Severn

Fridays, March 15 and May 24 at 10:30 AM
Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 AM



MAY IS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



AN INTRODUCTION TO TAIKO, THE ART OF JAPANESE DRUMMING

Enjoy both traditional and contemporary songs and explore instruments, voice, history and vocabulary.
Presenter: Mark H Rooney

For all ages

Broadneck

Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 PM

Busch Annapolis

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM

MEKI'S TAMURE POLYNESIAN ARTS GROUP

Enjoy an interactive program to introduce audiences to Pacific geography, greetings, live music and drumming. Learn a simple Hawaiian hula dance!

For all ages

Crofton

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 PM

Mountain Road

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM

MODEUMBUK SOUND OF THE WIND

Experience traditional rhythms and sounds of Korea during this captivating Modeumbuk performance by the youth drumming team, Stepping Stones.

For all ages



Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Saturday, May 18 at 2 PM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturday, May 11 at 11 AM

Severna Park

Saturday, May 25 at 11 AM

Busch Annapolis

Let's Craft Flowers

Monday, May 20 at 4 PM
Create colorful paper flowers and cards!

For kids

Deale

Hula Music and Traditions

Saturday, May 18 at 2:30 PM
Learn about hula and the music and traditions of the islands.

For all ages

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Bonsai Basics

Saturday, May 4 at 2 PM
Learn about the art of bonsai and how to grow your own bonsai tree from the Maryland Bonsai Association.

For adults

K-Pop Trivia

Saturday, May 25 at 2 PM
Show off your knowledge of Korean bands, culture, fashion and more!

For teens

Edgewater

Origami Crafternoon

Saturday, May 25 at 2 PM
Learn the Japanese art of origami, or paper folding. Make a simple paper crane or try a more advanced pattern! Supplies provided.

For all ages

Glen Burnie

Washington Toho Koto Society Concert

Saturday, May 25 at 2:30 PM
Enjoy an educational concert of Japanese Koto.

For all ages

Linthicum

Korean Bilingual Storytime: 한영 이중 언어 스토리 타임

Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 AM

Children can develop reading and writing skills in English and Korean through stories, songs, rhyming, games and crafts.

아이들은 이야기, 노래, 운율 맞추기, 놀이, 공예등을 통해서 영어와 한국어를 읽고 쓰는 능력을 기를 수 있습니다. 같이 재미있고 즐겁게 독서를 합시다.

Mountain Road

Kumihimo Cords for Bracelets and More!

Wednesday, May 15 at 7 PM
Craft a Kumihimo bracelet while learning the history behind this beautiful art.

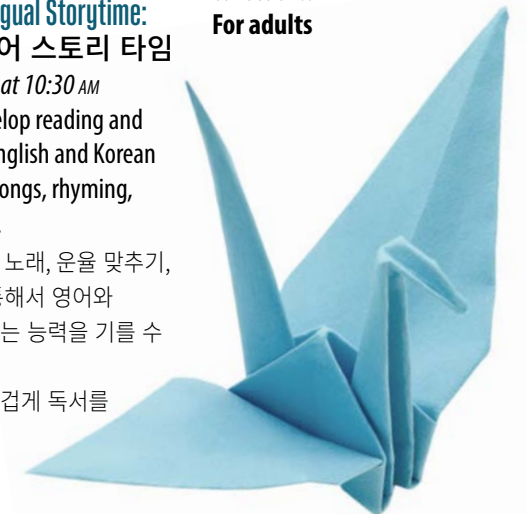
For adults and teens

Online Events

My Iran: Six Women Photographers

Monday, May 6 at 7 PM
Join us for a virtual visit with the National Museum of Asian Art. This online tour will feature the highlights of Iranian postrevolutionary women's photography in the museum's collections.

For adults





ALL

✔ Earth Day Celebration: Trash Pickup

Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 AM

Help your local environment by cleaning up trash. Teens can earn some service-learning hours! Safety equipment and trash bags will be provided by Project Clean Stream.

Open Mic Night: Coffee House Style

Monday, April 29 at 6:30 PM

Join us as an audience member or as a performer for a night of songs, dancing and poetry! Family-friendly acts of under five-minutes only.

ADULTS

Preserve Your Family Memories

Monday, March 4 at 6 PM

Learn how to use our Memory Lab technology to digitize your family photos, slides and home movies.

Ask a Narrator

Saturday, May 11 at 2 PM

Learn about the booming audiobook industry from professional narrator Ellen Quay.

✔ Beginner Line Dancing Fun

Monday, May 20 at 6:30 PM

Learn more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity!

Art Inspired By Music

Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM

Join us as we listen to music from different genres as inspiration for creating pieces of art. All supplies provided.

Finding Maryland Legal Resources

Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 PM

Learn the basics of finding free legal resources through AACPL, the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library in Annapolis and beyond.

TEENS

Dungeons & Dragons Basics

Saturday, March 2 at 2 PM

Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons!

D&D Basics: DMing

Thursday, May 23 at 6 PM

Learn the basics of being a Dungeon Master and tips to make the game run smoothly for everyone!

KIDS

✔ Voice Your Story

Saturday, March 9 at 2 PM

Come for Opera Baltimore's interactive program that includes how to warm-up, team building exercises and group storytelling through the creation of mini operas.



✔ Dig Into Archaeology

Saturday, March 16 at 2 PM

Young archaeologists will learn to piece together clues about the past and get an introduction to archaeological science through a short talk and mock dig.

Earth Day Celebration: Seed Bomb Making

Saturday, April 20 at 2 PM

Make a pollinator-friendly seed bomb. We will be using eco-friendly ingredients and seeds from plant species that support pollinators.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:15 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 AM

No 11:15 AM session on March 5, May 7 and 14

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 9, April 13 and May 11 at 10:15 AM

Preserve Priceless Treasures at Odenton Library's Memory Lab

The Memory Lab provides equipment for digitizing home movies, records, photos and more.

How it works

Call the Odenton library at (410) 222-6277 to schedule a one-on-one appointment for training.

Once you've been trained to use the equipment of your choice, you'll sign a release form and be authorized to use the equipment.

You can then schedule an independent work session to digitize your materials.

You can save your digitized files to

- External hard drive
- USB flash drive
- Cloud Storage (Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, and others)

What to Bring
 VHS cassettes • Photos
 Slides • Negatives
 Audio cassettes
 Records



Financial Seminars

from Annapolis Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition

Earn It, Plan It, Keep It

Tuesday, March 19 at 6 PM

Learn how to set financial goals, develop money values and create and maintain a spending plan.

Family Finances

Tuesday, April 16 at 6 PM

Discover tips and methods to teach financial education to children of all ages along with ideas for families to work together in reaching financial goals.

Do You Know Who Has an Eye on your Money?

Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM

Discover how to protect yourself from consumer scams, identity thefts and learn smart consumer purchasing strategies.

ALL

Deaf Social and Game Day

Saturdays, March 30, April 13 and May 18 at 2 PM

Join us for a silent afternoon of ASL practice and socializing! Snacks provided.

A Look at the Deaf Perspective



Monday, April 15 at 6 PM

Celebrate National Deaf History Month and watch the documentary *Through Deaf Eyes* (NR, 2007).

ADULTS

Korean-English Language Hour

한영 언어 교환 시간

Mondays, March 18 and April 22 at 7 PM

3월 18일, 4월 22일 월요일 오후 7시

Want to practice your Korean or English-speaking skills but don't have anyone to talk to? Join our conversation hour!

한국어나 영어 말하기 실력을 연습하고 싶지만 함께 이야기할 사람이 아무도 없을까요? 우리의 대화 시간에 참여하세요!

TEENS

Teen Anime Hangout

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1 at 6 PM

Watch anime, talk about manga, play games and more. Cosplay is always welcome!

Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 6 PM

Join our board meeting to share your thoughts about improving teen spaces and programming!

KIDS

Solar System Extraganza

Saturday, March 16 at 1 PM

Explore the solar system with crafts and activities!

Obstacle Course

Saturday, May 11 at 10 AM

Do you have what it takes to run the gauntlet of our obstacle course? Stop by and try your hand at our daring challenges.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Fridays at 10:30 AM

Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 AM: Yoga

Anne Arundel County Public Library Supports Our Military Families



The military lifestyle is one that comes with its own set of unique challenges. Service members and their families face frequent moves, deployments, career transitions and being away from loved ones. AACPL recognizes these complexities and has created a Military Family Resource Center at Severn Library providing resources that can help.

The resource center offers valuable support and assistance to service members, veterans and their families. A variety of resources tailored to the needs of military families are available including career help for service members, financial aid and benefit handbooks for veterans, guides for military spouses and picture books on themes of the unique challenges military children face.

Service members will also find reserved parking for veterans at most libraries, CAC Readers for in-library use at Maryland City at Russett, Severn and Odenton libraries and access to free gun safety locks at all 15 open branches. You can learn more about all the special services for veterans, active-duty military service members and their families on our website at aacpl.net/military.



BROOKLYN PARK LIBRARY

← SCAN THIS CODE FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THIS BRANCH →

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 11:30 AM

Toddler Time

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

ADULTS

Financial Education - Earn it, Plan it, Keep It

Thursday, March 7 at 6 PM

Learn how to set financial goals, develop money values and create and maintain a spending plan.

Presenter: Annapolis Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition

Self Defense for Adults

Wednesday, March 13 at 4 PM

Learn self-defense skills with the Wulin Institute.

Language Exchange

Intercambio de Idiomas

Wednesdays, March 20, April 17 and May 15 at 6 PM

Miércoles 20 de marzo, 17 de abril y 15 de mayo a las 6 PM

Join a group of English and Spanish speakers to practice speaking either language in a fun and informal setting.

Únase a un grupo de hablantes de inglés y español para practicar hablar cualquiera de los dos idiomas en un ambiente divertido e informal.

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, March 23, April 20 and May 18 at 1:30 PM

Enjoy Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition One Shot. Pre-generated character sheets provided.



TEENS

Anime and Manga Club

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 6 PM

KIDS

Party with Nintendo Switch!

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9 and May 14 at 4 PM

Play games and have fun with fellow fans of the Nintendo Switch!

STEAM & Snacks

Thursdays, March 14, April 11 and May 9 at 4 PM

Join us for STEAM crafts and snacks!

Spring Break @ Your Library!

Monday, March 25 through Friday, March 29 at 1 PM

Enjoy spring break at your library. From a tea party to an escape room, every day is something new.

Books and Ballet

Saturday, April 27 at 2 PM

Join us for a special storytime with a demonstration from Dance Explosion Infinity.



ASK A LAWYER
Weekly Online | Wednesdays

Free Legal Advice

GLEN BURNIE LIBRARY



← SCAN THIS CODE FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THIS BRANCH →

ALL

Holi Festival Celebration

Monday, March 25 at 4 PM

Wear something white or something that you don't mind transforming into a colorful masterpiece!

Event held outside, weather permitting.

Mindfulness Outdoors

Monday, May 6 at 6:30 PM

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, learn and explore ways to improve your mental health.

Program held outside, weather permitting.

ADULTS

Thursday Night Art Club

Thursdays, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 6 PM

Learn, experiment and create using a new art medium or technique. Bring your own project or start something new with our materials.

Explore the World in Books

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9 and May 14 at 2 PM

Readers will share what they have learned through books which might include a history, biography, cookbook, mystery or even a picture book.

Narcan Opioid Overdose Response Training

Thursday, March 14 at 2 PM

Learn how to use Narcan (Naloxone) to stop an overdose and take home a kit.

Presenters: Luminis Health Pathways and Anne Arundel County Department of Health

Fans & Fiction Club

Wednesdays, March 20, April 17 and May 15 at 6 PM

Fanfiction and fanworks enthusiasts can recommend stories, discuss tropes, plots and narratives or write free form.

Death Cafe

Mondays, March 25 and April 22 at 6 PM

A Death Cafe is where people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death with no agenda, objectives or themes. Not a grief counseling group.

Presenter: Donna Dallas, funeral director

Anne Arundel Community College Information Session for Adult Learners

Thursdays, April 11 and May 9 at 5 PM

New and returning students can meet with an admissions officer from Anne Arundel Community College to learn about the admissions process.



TEENS

Teen Creative Writing Club

Tuesdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7 at 6 PM

Hone your skills or just have fun with writing prompts and group discussion.

KIDS

Irish Heritage Celebration

Friday, March 22 at 3 PM

Enjoy listening to Irish music and stories. Learn some Irish dance steps along the way!



Series Safari

Wednesdays as listed below at 3 PM

Curious readers will have the opportunity to explore some of their favorite characters and their adventures in this hands-on program.

March 27: *Elephant & Piggie*

April 24: *Battle of the Brains*

May 22: *Dog Man & Cat Kid*

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

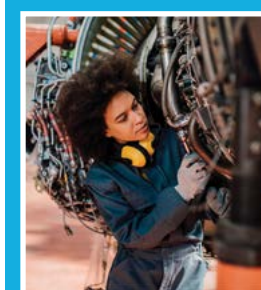
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Saturdays at 10:30 AM: *Storytime Surprise* (except April 6 and 20)



TRADE SCHOOL FAIR

GLEN BURNIE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 20 from 11 AM to 2 PM

University or community college isn't the only way to obtain a successful and fulfilling career. Visit our Trade School Fair to learn about other options!





ALL

Open Mic Night

Monday, March 11 at 6:30 PM

Join us as an audience member or a performer for a night of songs, dancing and poetry at our open mic night! Family-friendly acts of under five-minutes only.

ADULTS

Retirement Communities: Which One is Best for YOU?

Friday, March 22 at 1 PM

Join a panel discussion about amenities, activities, parking, meals and more with representatives from Charlestown, Brightview Rolling Hills (Catonsville), Brightview Severna Park and Augsburg Village.

Donuts and Discussion

Friday, March 29 at 10:30 AM

Visit us for a morning of learning, socializing and donuts with Ashley Biggs of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled.

Learn to Be a Gamemaster

Mondays, April 8 (Part 1) and April 15 (Part 2) at 6:30 PM

Have friends interested in tabletop games but don't know where to start? Take the plunge in this two-part program focused on the basics of running your own D&D game!

Parent Time-Out: Recharge and Re-energize!

Monday, May 13 at 6:30 PM

Practice self-care, make a craft and learn strategies for managing emotions to share with your family. Presenter: AACPL TEACH Institute & Parenting Center

KIDS

Paws to Read

Saturday, March 2 at 10 AM

Children in elementary school improve their reading skills while enjoying the rapt attention of canine tutors. Call to make an appointment.

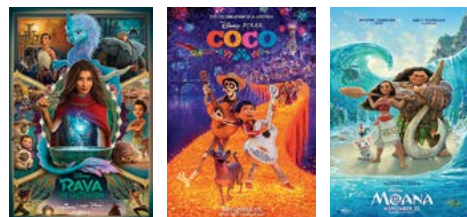
Girl Power Storytime

Monday, March 4 at 6:30 PM

Everyone come and celebrate girl power with stories, music, dance and crafts.

Family Movie Night

Thursdays as listed below at 6 PM



March 7: *Raya and the Last Dragon* (PG, 2021)

April 4: *Coco* (PG, 2018)

May 2: *Moana* (PG, 2017)

Batteries: Getting a Charge out of Chemistry

Saturday, April 13 at 11 AM

Join Army Research Chemist Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, as we celebrate earth week by learning all about batteries.

PRESCHOOLERS

Baby Explores

Babies (birth to 18 months) will explore the wonder of science and learn through play. Please wear mess-friendly clothing.

Friday, March 8 at 10:30 AM: *Science*

Friday, April 5 at 10:30 AM: *Nature*

Inter-Galactic Music & Movement

Monday, May 6 at 6:30 PM

May the force be with you as we celebrate the revenge of the sixth! Come in costume and be ready to listen to stories, dance and make a craft.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

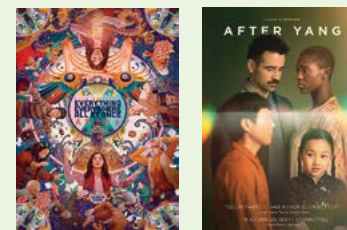
Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM

MOVIE MONDAYS



Everything Everywhere All At Once (R, 2022)

Monday, March 4 at 10:30 AM

After Yang (PG, 2021)

Monday, May 6 at 10:30 AM

ALL

STEM Open Play

Thursday, March 28 at 3 PM

Get curious and explore a variety of hands-on STEM activities.

ADULTS

What's Cooking?

Thursdays as listed below at 6:30 PM

Every month we come together and share dishes across a theme. Please bring servings for five people and a copy of your recipe!

March 14: Breads April 11: Dips May 9: Rice

Stitch n'Chat

Saturdays, March 23, April 20 and May 18 at 2 PM

Join us for some social stitching!



Adult Book Club

The Half Moon

by Mary Beth Keane

Tuesday, March 26 at 7 PM



Our Missing Hearts

by Celeste Ng

Tuesday, May 28 at 7 PM

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Fridays at 11 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 11 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 AM



DEALE LIBRARY
EASTPORT ANNAPOLIS-NECK LIBRARY
EDGEWATER LIBRARY
MOUNTAIN ROAD LIBRARY

GO FISHING

CHECK OUT A FISHING POLE FOR THREE WEEKS
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ART IN OUR SCHOOLS



FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH MARCH 11

Community Open House
Wednesday, March 6 at 4:30 pm

Stop by the library to view the artwork and meet the featured artists!



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LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

Take what you need and donate what you can.

In partnership with Caring Cupboard, we have Little Free Pantries at several libraries!

The pantry's goal is to eliminate food insecurity in AA County, especially in children.



LOCATIONS

BROOKLYN PARK
BUSCH ANNAPOLIS
CROFTON
DEALE
EDGEWATER
GLEN BURNIE
LINTHICUM
MARYLAND CITY
ODENTON
RIVIERA BEACH
SEVERNA PARK

Free Chromebook Giveaway for Eligible County Residents*

Computadoras gratuitas para los residentes elegibles del condado*



Anne Arundel County residents with their new computers at giveaway events in January.
Residentes del condado de Anne Arundel con sus nuevas computadoras en eventos en enero.

*ELIGIBILITY / ELEGIBILIDAD

Eligible residents include households who meet one of the following criteria:
Los residentes elegibles incluyen hogares que cumplan uno de los siguientes criterios:

- Income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Ingresos iguales o menores de 200% de las Directrices Federales de Pobreza
- Enrolled in the Federal Affordable Connectivity Program
- Inscritos en el Programa de Descuentos para Intranet
- Participate in government assistance programs such as: free or reduced-price school lunch, Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Medicaid, Pell Grant, SNAP, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit or WIC
- Participan en programas de asistencia gubernamental como: almuerzo escolar gratuito o a precio reducido, Asistencia Federal para la Vivienda Pública (FPHA), Medicaid, Beca Pell, SNAP, Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario (SSI), Pensión de Veteranos y Prestación para Supervivientes o WIC

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY AND RESIDENCY ARE REQUIRED.
SE REQUIERE PRUEBA DE ELEGIBILIDAD Y RESIDENCIA.



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Scan this code to make an appointment. (aacpl.as.me/schedule.php)
Registration opens 2 weeks prior to each event.
Escanea el código para hacer una cita. (aacpl.as.me/schedule.php)
La inscripción comienza 2 semanas antes de cada evento.

Note: Later giveaway events are subject to device availability.
Nota: Los eventos posteriores están sujetos a la disponibilidad del dispositivo.

Branch/Sucursal	Date/Fecha
Broadneck	Thursday, March 21: 1 to 4 PM Jueves 21 de marzo: 1 a 4 PM
Busch Annapolis	Monday, March 11: 1 to 4 PM Lunes 11 de marzo: 1 a 4 PM Thursday, May 16: 1 to 4 PM Jueves 16 de mayo: 1 a 4 PM
Crofton	Monday, April 15: 1 to 4 PM Lunes 15 de abril: 1 a 4 PM Monday, April 22: 1 to 4 PM Lunes 22 de abril: 1 a 4 PM
Discoveries	Saturday, March 9: 1 to 4 PM Sábado 9 de marzo: 1 a 4 PM Wednesday, May 1: 4 to 7 PM Miércoles 1 de mayo: 4 a 7 PM
Eastport	Tuesday, April 23: 4 to 7 PM Martes 23 de abril: 4 a 7 PM
Edgewater	Thursday, April 11: 1 to 4 PM Jueves 11 de abril: 1 a 4 PM
Glen Burnie	Friday, March 1: 5 to 8 PM Viernes 1 de marzo: 5 a 8 PM Saturday, April 6: 10 AM to 1 PM Sábado 6 de abril: 10 AM a 1 PM
Linthicum	Monday, March 18: 1 to 4 PM Lunes 18 de marzo: 1 a 4 PM
Odenton	Wednesday, April 3: 1 to 4 PM Miércoles 3 de abril: 1 a 4 PM Wednesday, May 22: 1 to 4 PM Miércoles 22 de mayo: 1 a 4 PM Wednesday, June 5: 1 to 4 PM Miércoles 5 de junio: 1 a 4 PM
Severn	Wednesday, March 27: 1 to 4 PM Miércoles 27 de marzo: 1 a 4 PM
Severna Park	Thursday, April 4: 2 to 5 PM Jueves 4 de abril: 2 a 5 PM



SEVERNA PARK LIBRARY

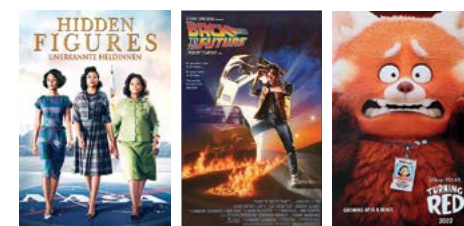


SCAN THIS CODE FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT THIS BRANCH →

ALL

Board Game Night

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1 at 6:30 PM
Use our space to play board games with friends or make new ones. Bring your favorite game or choose from our selection.



✓ Movies

Thursday, March 7 at 6 PM: *Hidden Figures* (PG, 2016)
Thursday, April 18 at 6:15 PM: *Back to the Future* (PG, 1988)
Saturday, May 25 at 2 PM: *Turning Red* (PG, 2022)

ADULTS

Stitchin' in the Stacks

Tuesdays, March 5, April 9 and May 7 at 2 PM
Bring your project and join fellow crafters on the main floor for a stitchin' good time.

Get Fit Where You Sit

Fridays, March 8, April 5 and May 3 at 3 PM
Enjoy a gentle form of sitting and standing yoga using the support of a chair to stretch and strengthen the entire body while practicing breathing and meditation.

Anne Arundel Community College Information Session

Mondays, March 18, April 22 and May 20 at 6 PM
Meet with an admissions officer from Anne Arundel Community College to learn about the admissions process, majors offered, transferability of credits and student support services.

Color Me Calm

Saturdays, March 23, April 20 and May 18 at 3 PM
Join us in this peaceful and low-stimulus environment to create art. Use our materials or bring your own.

TEENS

✓ Community Service Crafternoon

Saturdays, March 16, April 13 and May 11 at 2 PM
Earn service hours while making a craft to serve a community need.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM

Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 and 11 AM

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 9 and May 4 (outdoor) at 10 AM
Monday, April 1 at 6 PM: *Pajamas*

KIDS

✓ RAD Readers Book Club

For kids in grades three through five who like to read, play games and have fun.



I Survived The Great Alaska Earthquake 1964
by Lauren Tarshis
Wednesday, March 20 at 4 PM



The Lost Library
by Rebecca Stead
Wednesday, April 24 at 4 PM



The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels
by Beth Lincoln
Wednesday, May 22 at 4 PM

🧠 Homeschool Hangout

Mondays, March 25, April 22 and May 20 at 11 AM
Homeschoolers, stop by for an early afternoon of arts and crafts!

🧠 Spring into STEM

Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM
Welcome spring with some hands-on science experiments! Mess-friendly clothes recommended.

TAX HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Volunteers from AARP will be available to answer questions and assist with tax form preparation.



aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html

Brooklyn Park
Saturdays through April 13 from 10 am to noon

Busch Annapolis
Tuesdays through April 9 from 2 to 8 pm
Thursdays through April 11 from 2 to 8 pm
Fridays through April 5 from 10 am to 4 pm
Saturdays through April 13 from 10 am to 3 pm

Crofton
Mondays through April 8 starting at 10 am

Severna Park
Tuesdays through April 9 from 12 to 5 pm
Fridays through April 12 from 10 am to 5:30 pm
Exceptions may apply check: aacpl.net/events

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Library Giving Week: April 1-5

Plan your spring giving for the library! Instead of honoring the library on just one day, we are celebrating all the things the library gives us from April 1-5. Give back by donating to our library at any branch or online using the website address or QR code below.

Your generosity helped raise nearly \$30,000 in 2023, and funded the popular system-wide *Summer @ Your Library* (S@YL) that is loved by children and adults alike. Without your support, this program would not exist. Your donation dollars touched nearly 6,500 people who registered for the 2023 S@YL and provided game boards and materials to get residents excited for summer reading.

Your donation dollars also supported the 78,800 people who attended S@YL events and allowed the opportunity to participate in fun, engaging, educational and recreational events that celebrated reading, art, music, nature, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. These programs are the highlight of the summer! Help bring back all of this and more in 2024!



DIP TO DONATE!

Look for DipJars at most branches – a simple way to give to your library.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO DONATE APRIL 1-5, TO MAKE THE 2024 S@YL BETTER THAN EVER!

To donate, scan this code or visit aacpl.net/foundation/library-giving-day.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LIBRARY PARTY YOU CAN'T MISS!



For the Love of the Library's 10th anniversary will be celebrated on Friday, September 27, at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library. This fundraising event supports critical library programs and is sure to be an extraordinary experience. Tickets go on sale this summer.

We are delighted to announce Eloise Patton as the event's chair. A dedicated member of the foundation events committee for two years, she is now stepping into this leadership role. Our sincere thanks to Katie Cooke and Diane Rinaldo, the co-chairs for 2022 and 2023, and the entire committee for creating the most successful fundraising event in the library's history!



Thanks to the 2023 For the Love of the Library Committee
(Left to right) Cathleen Sparrow, Kelly Steele, Natasha Kurek, 2024 Chair Eloise Patton, 2023 Co-Chairs Katie Cooke and Diane Rinaldo, Christine Feldmann, Julie Kizer Ball. (Not pictured: Jessica Beckerman, Anna Greenberg, Stacy Korbela, Damita McDonald, Nancy Nolan, Joann Vaughan.)

GRATITUDE TO OUR IN-KIND PARTNERS FOR THEIR VALUED SUPPORT

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our In-kind partners for their unwavering support of the 2023 *For the Love of the Library*.

- Annapolis Maritime Museum
- Flamant
- Mills Fine Wine & Spirits
- Bread & Butter Kitchen
- Harry Browne's
- Annapolis Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Chesapeake Chef Service
- Historic Annapolis
- What's Up Media

Partnerships/sponsorships available, contact Bethany Kerley, donor engagement, grants and event manager, bkerley@aacpl.net or 410-222-1199.

YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION

Learn & Play Space Funded by the Severna Park Kiwanis and Library Donors

Community members came together recently to celebrate the grand opening of the new Learn & Play space at the Severna Park Library! This project was funded by the Severna Park Kiwanis and the Library Foundation.

The Learn & Play area, with large, interactive percussion instruments, benches and an open play space, allows the Severna Park branch to bring programs outside in fair weather. Free Wi-Fi is available so that adults can use their devices while children play. When the branch is closed, the space is available for anyone to enjoy.



Teen Lock In

What is better than getting locked in the library? Getting locked in the library *with other teens*. These lucky local teens made art on mini canvasses, played games, (Nintendo Switch, giant Jenga and Connect4, mini golf, checkers and chess) watched a movie, ate sandwiches and mini cupcakes, wandered the branch and checked out books.

There was even a hot cocoa bar with all the fixings! The Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library staff certainly know how to attract, entertain and inspire teens and – thanks to donor support – they can. Watch the events calendar, aacpl.net/events, for more **teen lock-in** events.



 This is the best library I've been to in my life! – 9-year-old customer

READ BETWEEN THE WINES

Honoring Veterans & Supporting Our Library!



Saluting our military heroes.

We honored the courageous individuals dedicated to military service and expressed our deep appreciation to the veterans in attendance. The evening shined a light on our veterans and raised critical funds for the library. Thank you to CharcuterLeigh, Annapolis Nothing Bundt Cakes and Great Frogs Winery for supporting this event. Thank you to everyone who joined us to ensure the library remains a cherished institution for all generations.

SHOW YOUR LIBRARY LOVE

Exciting News!



Express your love for the library with our apparel collection, coffee mugs and tote bags. Contribute to funding essential library programs with every purchase. Join us in promoting a community where individuals of all ages can belong, connect and grow while fostering lifelong reading and learning for children and adults. Scan this code or visit bonfire.com/store/aacpl/.



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APRIL IS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



MALIKAT AL DABKE PERFORMANCE

Join us for an awe-inspiring performance by Malikat Al Dabke (Queens of Dabke) and experience the vibrant and rhythmic traditional dance form known as Dabke!

Brooklyn Park

Friday, April 12 at 11:30 AM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Saturday, April 13 at 2 PM

Severn

Saturday, April 20 at 2 PM

Severna Park

Saturday, April 20 at 11 AM

For all ages

DEALE

Preschool Art

Friday, April 19 at 10:30 AM

Little ones will have the opportunity to create and explore art inspired by Arab American artists.

For preschoolers

EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK

Humayun Khan

Saturday, April 27 at 2 PM

Enjoy traditional Sufi and classical fusion music.

For adults

EDGEWATER

Mosaic Tile Art

Saturday, April 20 at 10 AM

Mosaics, an art form that originated in the Middle East, feature prominently in Arabic artwork. Make your own paper mosaic.

For all ages



MOUNTAIN ROAD

Movie Mondays

Arab Blues (G, 2019)

Monday, April 1 at 10:30 AM

For all ages

MOUNTAIN ROAD

Adult Book Club



As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow

by Zoufka Katouh

Tuesday, April 30 at 7 PM

ODENTON

Be An Architect Like Zaha Hadid

Monday, April 1 at 2:30 PM

Learn about the life and groundbreaking work of Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid and do hands-on STEAM projects inspired by her designs.

For kids



Anne Arundel County Public Library Branch Locations

All libraries are open Monday through Thursday: 10 AM to 9 PM and Friday and Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM (except where noted below)

Highlighted branches are open on Sundays, September through May only, from 1 to 5 PM

*Discoveries hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 AM to 8 PM and Friday and Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM (Sunday hours as above)

Broadneck

1275 Green Holly Dr., Annapolis, MD 21409
410-222-1905

Brooklyn Park

1 East 11th Ave., Baltimore, MD 21225
410-222-6260

Michael E. Busch Annapolis

1410 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401
410-222-1750

Crofton

1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD 21114
410-222-7915

Deale

5940 Deale-Churchton Rd, Deale, MD 20751
410-222-1925 and 410-867-4164

*Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

2550 Annapolis Mall Rd., Annapolis MD 21401
410-222-0133

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

269 Hillsmere Dr., Annapolis, MD 21403
410-222-1770

Edgewater

25 Stepneys Ln., Edgewater, MD 21037
410-222-1538

Glen Burnie (& Library by Mail)

1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060
410-222-6270

Linthicum

400 Shipley Rd., Linthicum, MD 21090
410-222-6265

Maryland City at Russett

3501 Russett Common, Laurel, MD 20724
410-222-1070

Mountain Road

4115 Mountain Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122
410-222-6699

Odenton

1325 Annapolis Rd., Odenton, MD 21113
410-222-6277

Riviera Beach (temporarily closed)

New location to open late spring 2024
1130 Duvall Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122
410-222-6285

Severn

2624 Annapolis Rd., Severn, MD 21144
410-222-6280

Severna Park

45 W. McKinsey Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146
410-222-6290



Anyone needing special accommodations should contact the appropriate library branch at least seven days in advance of the event.

TTY users, please call via Maryland Relay 7-1-1. All materials are available in an alternative format upon request.