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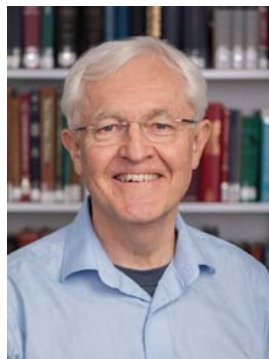
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Library Launches Expanded Kindergarten Readiness Program

Did you know that only 40% of kids in our county are ready for kindergarten? That means 60% of preschoolers could face significant uphill battles to be successful in school and in life. Studies have shown that many children who aren't kindergarten ready struggle throughout their academic careers and can ultimately have reduced rates of employment, lower earnings, and higher rates of using social welfare programs and being incarcerated.

The Anne Arundel County Public Library has stepped up to address this issue in a whole new way. In late October, we launched an expanded kindergarten readiness program. Thanks to nearly \$600,000 in funding from the County Executive and County Council for two electric vehicles and six new staff, we can more regularly visit daycare centers, community events and go into neighborhoods where residents have barriers to getting to the library. Our highly-trained staff can help parents and caregivers prepare their children for kindergarten by teaching the **five practices of early literacy: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing!**

While we've been offering the popular Every Child Ready to Read storytimes at our 16 locations for years, we can now expand our reach into the communities who need us most. But kindergarten readiness is about more than just storytimes and books. We recognize that to have a school-ready child, all the needs in a family must be addressed. That's why we offer resources to strengthen the entire family from job training, computers and Wi-fi to social workers, health screenings and parenting classes.

Visit our website at aacpl.net to learn more about all we offer. If you'd like to support our kindergarten readiness programs, consider donating at aacpl.net/donate. Public funding can't do it all. We need your help to ensure all county kids are ready for school!

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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. See page 17 for STEM events. Elsewhere in *Library Happenings*, programs that incorporate STEM principles are designated with this icon:

On the cover: Library staff launch the system's expanded kindergarten readiness program at a special storytime at the Annapolis Town Center.

Black History Month



Christylez Bacon will perform at Brooklyn Park Library on February 8.

Maryland City at Russett

Who Were the Buffalo Soldiers?

Thursday, February 2 at 6 PM

The history of the Buffalo Soldiers is both controversial and culturally significant. Trooper Samuel Pitts and other members of the Chaplain (Captain) H.V. Plummer Chapter will provide an interactive presentation displaying highlights of that history.

Presenter: 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association

Mountain Road

Movie Screening: Respect (PG-13)

Saturday, February 4 at 1 PM

Wednesday, February 8 at 10 AM

Wednesday, February 15 at 6 PM

Snacks will be provided at the Wednesday morning and Saturday showings. Pizza will be provided at the Wednesday evening event.

Odenton

Black History Month Wikipedia

Edit-a-thon

Saturday, February 4 at 11 AM

Help to improve Wikipedia by editing and creating articles related to Black History Month. Diverse representation in Wikipedia is crucial to sharing complete and accurate histories with the world. Laptops provided. Bring your own lunch. Presenter: Wikimedia DC

Broadneck

TUESDAYS AT TWO FILM SERIES

View four motion pictures followed by a post-screening discussion.

42: The Jackie Robinson Story (PG-13, 2013)

Tuesday, February 7 at 2 PM

SELMA (PG-13, 2014)

Tuesday, February 14 at 2 PM

Respect (PG-13, 2021)

Tuesday, February 21 at 2 PM

Just Mercy (PG-13, 2019)

Tuesday, February 28 at 2 PM



A VISIT TO KOFI'S VILLAGE

An imaginary visit to an African Village where participants experience the sights and sounds of percussive musical instruments, as well as the royal clothing, storytelling and lots of drumming, singing and dancing fun!

Presenter: Kofi Dennis

Glen Burnie

Thursday, February 23 at 10:30 AM

Maryland City at Russett

Thursday, February 23 at 6 PM



Brooklyn Park

Christylez Concert

Wednesday, February 8 at 1 PM

Join us for a concert with celebrated performer Christylez Bacon!

Crofton

Soul Line Dancing

Monday, February 6 at 5 PM

Learn new moves and grooves from Jessie's Soul Line Dancers to warm yourself up during winter!

Black History Live with The Culture Queen

Wednesday, February 15 at 10 AM

With original and interactive music, movement and storytelling, royal children will celebrate the kings and queens of African American history and will leave proudly exclaiming, *I like the me I see!*

History of Jazz

Tuesday, February 21 at 7 PM

Crofton Middle and High School jazz bands present a chronological survey of jazz by African American composers and musicians.

Deale

Black History Month Crafternoon

Thursday, February 2 at 4 PM

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM (reception)

Enjoy an art program where you will get the opportunity to create an art piece inspired by a famous African American artist. Example art pieces and supplies provided. Submit your creation to be displayed and come back on February 23 for an art reception!

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Past, Present & Future of Black Watermen & Women of the Chesapeake

Saturday, February 4 at 2 PM

A panel of African American watermen and women will share their experiences and how they seek to intentionally engage with the community.

Presenters: Imani Black of Minorities in Aquaculture; Vince Leggett of Blacks of the Chesapeake and Capt. Lamont Wright, a charter captain of Off Da Hook Charters.

African Dance Through the Decades

Saturday, February 18 at 2 PM

Dancing through the decades will allow dancers to experience African history through movement and stories like none other. Understand the meanings behind the movements and how they have come to evolve into today's popular styles.

How Did Landscape Affect Harriet Tubman?

Saturday, February 25 at 2 PM

In partnership with the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park, learn about Tubman's remarkable story and how her natural surroundings shaped her character and legacy.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Jackie Robinson

Saturday, February 25 at 10:30 AM

The Bright Star Touring Theatre performs this biographical tale about the life of Jackie Robinson, the first black baseball player to cross the color lines in the Major Leagues. Discover why Jackie Robinson has inspired so many people both in and out of sports!



Special Events for Adults

Carly Harvey will perform at the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library on January 21.

Broadneck

Global Gardens

Thursday, January 12 at 7 PM

Join Alison Milligan, master gardener and watershed steward, on a second trip around the globe, visiting historically significant and botanically diverse gardens in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Learn each garden's origin and what makes them unique.

Brooklyn Park

Native Plants: Your Garden Starts Inside!

Wednesday, January 25 at 2 PM

Start your garden here! By springtime, your plants will be ready to bloom, just add water!

Busch Annapolis

Heat Up With the Heat Press

Wednesday, December 7 at 3:30 PM

Learn how to use the hottest item in the Makerspace - the heat press! Discover how we can use it to make custom tote bags, shirts, mugs and more.



Coffee Tasting & Pairing

Saturday, December 10 at 11 AM

Join us and our partners in learning all about coffee! From types of roasts to food pairings, we will explore everyone's favorite caffeinated beans.

Presenter: Starbucks

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Senior Tea & Social

Wednesdays, December 7, January 11 and February 8 at 11 AM

Monthly social event with an activity related to the arts.

Neurodiverse Meet Up

Wednesdays, December 14, January 18 and February 15 at 11 AM

Check out this monthly social event for neurodivergent adults. Everyone is welcome, so join us to socialize and meet new friends.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Purge to Move Out and Move On!

Saturdays, January 14 and 28 at 2 PM

Get the tools you need to get rid of all the "stuff" that's holding you back in this two-part series.

Carly Harvey: DC's Queen of the Blues

Saturday, January 21 at 2 PM

Enjoy a performance by Washington, DC-based blues singer Carly Harvey (2021 WAMMIE Winner for Best Blues Artist) who combines blues, jazz, soul and Americana roots styles to create a unique sound.

Edgewater

Holiday Safety and Overdose Response Training

Saturday, December 3 at 10:30 AM

Learn how to keep seniors safe during the holidays, administer life-saving Narcan and more.

Strum Along With Us!

Saturdays, December 17 and February 25 at 10 AM

Novice ukulele players are welcome to join more experienced players from UkeAnnapolis as they strum and sing. Music books and a few ukuleles provided.

Making Cards for our Troops

Saturday, January 28 at 10:30 AM

Did you know that U.S. military exchanges in some foreign countries don't sell greeting cards? Join us for this very special and worthwhile card making event. Supplies provided.



Donuts and Discussions for Seniors at the Linthicum Library

Visit us for a morning of learning, socializing and donuts.

Stitch & Be Social

Friday, December 16 at 10:30 AM

Chair Yoga

Friday, January 20 at 10:30 AM

Be a Proud Romance Reader

Friday, February 17 at 10:30 AM

Glen Burnie

Anime & Manga Club for Adults!

Tuesdays, December 13, January 10 and February 14 at 6 PM

Get ready to share your faves, what you are currently watching/reading, artwork, cosplay, etc.!

Chao Tian Music Performance

Monday, January 9 at 7 PM

The Chinese dulcimer (percussion-strung instrument) virtuoso and visual artist will give a live performance. Chao Tian's dexterity has led to breaking down barriers and working across creative genres. She explores the distinct sounds and techniques of the Chinese dulcimer to create a multidimensional sensation of improvisation.

Ukulele Beginner Strum

Thursdays, January 19 and February 16 at 6:30 PM

Session begin with a "quick start" lesson on the basics of strumming a few chords. In the second half of each session, we'll play fun beginner or intermediate songs. Bring your own ukulele, or reserve and pick up one of our loaners.

Ghost Hunting 101 with Charm City Paranormal

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM

Aspiring investigators or the "just curious" will learn the *do's* and *don'ts* of paranormal investigating.

Maryland City at Russett

Tuesdays at Two

Tuesdays, December 20, January 17 and February 21 at 2 PM

Meet and socialize with other seniors. Help choose topics and activities of interest for future months.

Library Love

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM

Decorate and sew a simple fabric heart for the library then hide them in the community for others to find.

Foundation Grants

Busch Annapolis

Grant Research One-on-One Training

Get help searching for grant opportunities for your nonprofit organization or as an individual grant seeker. Schedule an appointment by calling the Busch Annapolis Library.

Odenton

Grantseeking Resources Workshop

Wednesday, January 18 at 2 PM

Learn to search for grants for your nonprofit organization and attract funders by using Foundation Directory Online, Candid Learning and GuideStar.

Online Events

Virtual Visits

Voyage into a new learning discovery each month. Enjoy topics of interest provided by experts.

Aging in Place

Tuesday, December 6 at 7 PM

The Birth and Death of Stars

with NASA Astronomer Rich Issacman

Monday, January 9 at 7 PM

American Visionary Art Museum

Tuesday, February 7 at 7 PM

English Conversation Club

Club de Conversación en Inglés

Mondays, December 12, January 23 and February 13 at 7 PM

Lunes 12 de diciembre, 23 de enero y 13 de febrero a las 7 PM

Get together to practice speaking English.

Únase a nosotros para practicar Inglés.

Mondays are Murder Online True Crime Discussion

Mondays, December 19, January 30 and February 27 at 7 PM

A true crime discussion group that explores famous solved and unsolved crimes. Subjects change monthly.

Genealogy 101

Monday, January 9 at 7 PM

Discuss research for a family tree, basic records and DNA testing to discover more about your ancestors.

Presenter: Anne Arundel Genealogical Society

Anne Arundel Community College Information Session for Adult Learners

Thursday, February 9 at 5 PM

Meet with an admissions officer from Anne Arundel Community College to learn about the admissions process for new and returning students.

From Twilight into Sunshine: LGBTQ+ History in the Baltimore Metropolitan Region

Monday, February 13 at 6:30 PM

After reviewing twilight years, this program will look at the beginnings of the current movement toward LGBTQ+ visibility and rights.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Mindfulness, Meditation and Laughter

This class combines the practices of meditation, mindfulness and laughter yoga.

Presenter: Valentina McKenzie, certified laughter yoga leader

Deale

Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM

Online Event

Tuesdays, January 3 and 24 at 6:30 PM

Brooklyn Park

Health Screenings

Professionals from Baltimore Washington Medical Center will provide health screenings.

Blood Pressure: Thursday, December 8 at 2 PM

Body Composition: Thursday, January 12 at 2 PM

Pre-Diabetes: Thursday, February 9 at 2 PM

Busch Annapolis

Everyone Eats Cookbook Club

Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM

Prepare a soup at home, then bring it to share and discuss at a fun potluck dinner meeting.

Crofton

Chair Yoga for Beginners

Monday, January 9 at 2 PM

A modified Hatha yoga class focuses on increasing range of motion and mobility. The postures are done seated in a chair or standing while using a chair for balance.

Gentle Meditation Yoga

Tuesday, February 14 at 7 PM

This slow-paced, relaxing, Hatha yoga class features a flow of gentle stretches and focuses on being in the present moment, mindfulness and breath awareness.

Presenter: Maryland State Arts Council



Odenton

Veterans' Healing Arts

Saturdays, December 10, January 14 and February 11 at 1 PM

Learn how to more effectively manage the stress of our times. This class will incorporate Tibetan singing bowls, Hindu mantras and Native American songs. Geared towards veterans, but open to all.

Online Events

The Art of Coziness with Vanessa Young

Thursday, December 15 at 7 PM

We will explore cooking ideas, home décor approaches and lifestyle strategies that create a warm, joy-filled environment filled with simple pleasures.

New Year, New You, Nutrition: Healthy Tools for Parents and Caregivers

Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM

Learn wellness tips to guide families into a healthy New Year from an integrative nutrition health coach from Committed Change Health and Wellness.

Plant Forward Cooking with Vanessa Young

Tuesday, January 10 at 7 PM

Learn to incorporate more vegetables, beans, fruits and whole grains in your meals.

Getting Blunt About Medical Marijuana and CBD

Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM

Join experts from the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission and University of Maryland School of Pharmacy as they discuss the science, therapeutic practice and laws surrounding medical marijuana and CBD. Attendees will also learn the steps needed to be approved for treatment.

Virtual Cookbook Club Mystery Ingredient Challenge

Wednesday, February 8 at 7 PM

Shake up your cooking and reading repertoires with this mystery ingredient virtual program. After registering, you will be notified by email when your mystery ingredient and library materials (two random ingredient-related books or movies) are ready for pickup at the Busch Annapolis or Eastport-Annapolis Neck libraries.

Adult Learning & Enrichment

Busch Annapolis

APPernoon - Library Apps

Thursday, December 8 at 2 PM
Learn about eBook, eAudiobook, eMagazine and streaming options available free with your library card. Bring a fully charged mobile device to this presentation.

Crofton

Scams Affecting Seniors

Tuesday, January 17 at 2 PM
Seniors are especially vulnerable to certain types of scams like travel, home improvement and tech support. Learn the tactics scammers use to lure seniors into schemes and how you can avoid them and fight back.
Presenter: Better Business Bureau of Greater Maryland

Estate Planning for Families with Special Needs
Monday, January 23 at 7 PM
Families will learn to navigate the financial and legal maze of planning for the individual with special needs to ensure their quality of life for the long term.
Presenter: Council Baradel

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

eReader Assistance

Wednesdays in January at 2 PM except January 25
Learn how to access library eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines using your device with one-on-one assistance from library staff.

Edgewater

Preparing for Winter Weather Hazards

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 PM
Join us for a presentation by the Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management to learn how you can prepare your family, home and vehicle for extreme winter weather this season.

Odenton

Memory Lab Open House

Monday, January 30 at 6 PM
Drop in and learn about our memory lab and how to use its technology to preserve photographs, turn video tapes and records into digital files and more!

Riviera Beach

Child Chats

Nurture your relationship with your child with the special workshops presented by Anne Arundel Community College.

Potty Training

Wednesday, December 7 at 10 AM

Parenting through Separation/Divorce

Wednesday, January 11 at 10 AM

Handling Failure

Wednesday, February 15 at 10 AM

Severna Park

Understanding Social Security

Tuesday, January 10 at 7 PM
Learn important information about Social Security.
Presenters: Ameriprise Financial, John Hancock

Stock Market Outlook and Update

Wednesday, January 18 at 7 PM
Understand the current state of the stock market.
Presenters: Ameriprise Financial, Natixis

Online Events

Ask a Lawyer

Haga Una Pregunta A Un Abogado

Wednesdays from 11 AM to 1 PM; also Wednesdays, January 18 and February 15 at 4:30 PM
Miércoles de 11 AM a 1 PM y Miércoles 18 de enero y 15 de febrero a las 4:30 PM
Talk with a volunteer lawyer for up to 20 minutes about your civil, non-family legal problem for free! Once you have signed up, you will be sent an intake sheet and instructions for meeting with the attorney. To register, visit circuitcourt.org/legal-help/lawyer-in-the-library or call the law library at 410-222-1387.

¡Hable con un abogado voluntario, durante un tiempo máximo de 20 minutos, sobre un asunto legal civil no familiar de forma gratuita! Una vez que se haya registrado, se le enviará una hoja de admisión e instrucciones para reunirse con el abogado. Regístrese para una cita en circuitcourt.org/legal-help/lawyer-in-the-library o llame a la biblioteca jurídica al 410-222-1387.

Adult Writers' Group

Saturdays, December 3, January 14 and February 11 at 2 PM

We welcome writers of all abilities interested in a read and critique group. Open to all forms of writing: poetry, novel, short story, creative nonfiction and memoir.

Native American Archaeology in Anne Arundel County

Monday, December 5 at 7 PM

Archaeology shows that Native Americans have been living in Anne Arundel County for at least 13,000 years. Learn about the area's deep Native American past and how archaeologists study it.

Intro to Library eBooks and Streaming

Wednesdays, December 14, January 11 and February 15 at 3 PM

Learn about eBook, eAudiobook, eMagazine and streaming options available free with your library card.

Intro to Online Learning

Tuesday, January 17 at 3 PM

Learn about resources offered and how to access them. Topics include Rosetta Stone, Creativebug, LinkedIn Learning, Udemy and live tutoring from Brainfuse.

Descubra las Herramientas de Aprendizaje de Inglés

Discover English Learning Tools

(Presentado en español)

(Presented in Spanish)

Jueves 23 de febrero a las 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM

¿Sabía que puede aprender o mejorar su inglés en su propio tiempo con los recursos gratuitos de la biblioteca pública? Con una tarjeta de biblioteca válida, puede acceder a recursos prestigiosos como Rosetta Stone, Mango Languages y Brainfuse HelpNow. ¡Íñase a nosotros para aprender cómo registrarse para obtener una tarjeta de biblioteca, obtener acceso a estos recursos y buscar libros/libros electrónicos de aprendizaje de idiomas en nuestra colección.

Did you know that you can learn or improve your English on your own time with free resources from the public library? With a valid library card, you can access prestigious resources like Rosetta Stone, Mango Languages and Brainfuse HelpNow. Join us to learn how to sign up for a library card, gain access to these resources and look for language learning books/e-books in our collection.

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LEARN ABOUT MEDICARE

Discover the details about Medicare, a federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities and people with end-stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant).

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturdays, December 10 and February 4 at 2 PM

Online Event

Thursday, December 8 and Wednesday, January 11 at 6 PM

COMPUTER TRAINING AT THE ODENTON LIBRARY

Learn from a computer lab assistant in a group setting with hands-on practice. Prerequisites: basic computer skills, library card with your four-digit PIN and USB flash drive. Google classes require a Gmail account and password.

MICROSOFT WORD I

Monday, January 9 at 6 PM

MICROSOFT WORD II

Monday, January 23 at 6 PM

MICROSOFT WORD III

Monday, January 30 at 6 PM

MICROSOFT EXCEL I

Monday, February 13 at 6 PM

MICROSOFT EXCEL II

Monday, February 20 at 6 PM

MICROSOFT EXCEL III

Monday, February 27 at 6 PM



Art, Crafts and Making

Join us for arts, crafts, making and more. Materials provided unless noted.

Broadneck

Paint Night: Winter

Wednesday, January 11 at 6 PM

Busch Annapolis

Flicks with Sticks

Saturdays, December 17 and February 11 at 2 PM

Watch a movie while you craft.

Deale

Art Nights

Disney

Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM

Tolkien

Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 PM

Card Making

Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM

Senior Crafternoon: Watercolor

Wednesday, December 7 at 2 PM

Cookie Mix in Jar

Monday, December 19 at 6:30 PM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Handprinted Tote Bags

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM

Edgewater

Seniors Crafting: Create a Memory Box

Friday, January 20 at 2 PM

Mountain Road

Thrift Store Art Series: Art Revamp

Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM

Edit or add to an existing piece of thrift store art. Supplies provided.

For teens and adults

Odenton

Monthly Mixed Media

Monday, December 12 at 6:30 PM

Art Inspired by Music

Monday, January 9 at 6:30 PM

Paper Flower Wreath

Monday, February 13 at 6:30 PM

Riviera Beach

Amigurum Crochet: Snow Person

Saturdays, January 14 and February 11 from 2 to 4 PM

Online Event

So You Want to Buy a Cricut

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM



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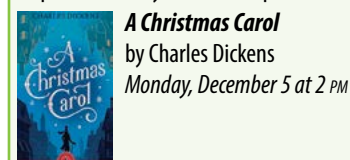
Book Clubs for Adults

Senior Center Book Clubs

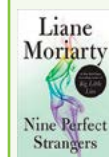
These book clubs are held at nearby senior centers, except where noted.

Arnold Senior Center

In-person with hybrid/Zoom option



A Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens
Monday, December 5 at 2 PM



Nine Perfect Strangers
by Liane Moriarty
Monday, January 9 at 2 PM



The Music of Bees
by Eileen Garven
Monday, February 6 at 2 PM

Pasadena Senior Center



Small Things Like These
by Claire Keegan
Wednesday, December 14 at noon

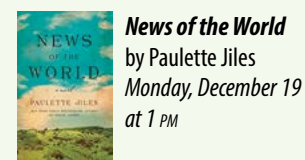


Crying in H Mart
by Michelle Zauner
Wednesday, January 25 at noon

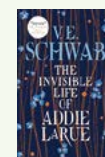


Gilead
by Marilynne Robinson
Wednesday, February 22 at noon

South County Senior Center (Meets at the Edgewater Library)



News of the World
by Paulette Jiles
Monday, December 19 at 1 PM



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
by Victoria Schwab
Monday, January 23 at 1 PM



Homegoing
by Yaa Gyasi
Monday, February 27 at 1 PM

Online Events

CO-CONSPIRATORS BOOK CLUB

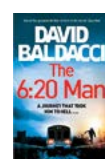
Join us for a virtual book club dedicated to mysteries and thrillers.



The Long Call
by Ann Cleeves
Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM



Next to Last Stand
by Craig Johnson
Tuesday, January 10 at 7 PM



The 6:20 Man
by David Baldacci
Tuesday, February 14 at 7 PM



LGBTQ+ VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Discuss queer fiction and nonfiction titles. All are welcome to attend.



Gender Queer: a Memoir
by Maia Kobabe
Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM



Her Majesty's Royal Coven
by Juno Dawson
Wednesday, January 11 at 7 PM



Kings of B'More
by R. Eric Thomas
Wednesday, February 8 at 7 PM



BOOK LOVERS BOOK CHAT

Chat about a favorite book you've read and hear about great books that others have enjoyed.

Deale

Fridays, December 9, January 6 and February 3 at 10 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Mondays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 at 10 AM

COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS CLUB

Odenton

Saturdays, December 3, January 14 and February 11 at 2 PM

Discuss what you are currently reading and recommend favorite books to others.

Busch Annapolis

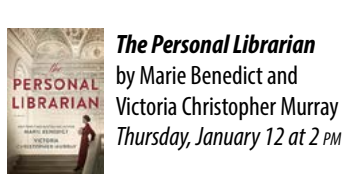


The Last House on the Street
by Diane Chamberlain
Tuesday, January 17 at 2 PM



The Bluest Eye
by Toni Morrison
Tuesday, February 21 at 2 PM

Crofton

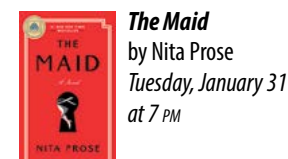


The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
Thursday, January 12 at 2 PM



The Vanishing Half
by Brit Bennett
Thursday, February 9 at 2 PM

Mountain Road

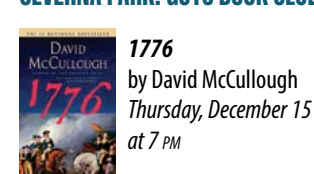


The Maid
by Nita Prose
Tuesday, January 31 at 7 PM

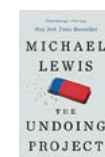


The City We Became
by N.K. Jemisin
Tuesday, February 28 at 7 PM

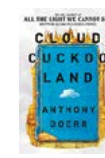
SEVERNA PARK: GUYS BOOK CLUB



1776
by David McCullough
Thursday, December 15 at 7 PM



The Undoing Project
by Michael Lewis
Thursday, January 19 at 7 PM



Cloud Cuckoo Land
by Anthony Doerr
Thursday, February 16 at 7 PM

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CLUB 117 FOR TWEENS AND TEENS



Broadneck

Treat Yourself and Others

Wednesday, February 8 at 3:30 PM
Create pampering products for yourself while making something special for someone else.

Busch Annapolis

DIY Gift Boxes, Bags & Tags

Thursday, December 8 at 5 PM
Create in our MakerSpace! We'll provide gift tags, paper and bags — all you need to personalize holiday gifts!

Shadow of the Weird Wizard!

Fantasy Role-Playing

Saturday, February 25 at 2 PM
Adventurers are seeking refuge in the Lands of the Weird Wizard. But in a land filled with danger, mystery and magic the only way to survive is to become a hero. Supplies provided.

Deale

Black History Month Craftroom

Thursday, February 2 at 4 PM
Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 PM (reception)
Create an art piece inspired by a famous African American artist. We will provide examples and supplies. Submit your creation to be displayed in our art gallery throughout Black History Month. Come back on February 23 for an art reception!
Many more Black History Month events on page 3

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Anti-Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM
This Anti-Valentine's day party is all about celebrating the non-romantic relationships in our lives- family, friends and best of all self-love. Join us for crafts, snacks and a movie about friendship!

SECOND SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT

Participate in a variety of hands-on service projects benefiting the local community.

Make toys for SPCA animals

Saturday, December 10 at 2 PM

Join our teen advisory board

Saturday, January 14 at 2 PM

Create handmade cards and crafts

Saturday, February 11 at 2 PM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Teen Art Nights

Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 PM
Monday, February 13 at 6 PM
Hang out and socialize while completing an art project. Materials provided.

Edgewater

After School Games

Thursdays, December 8, January 19 and February 16 at 4 PM
Spend time after school with your friends and enjoy our collection of board games.

After Hours Lock-In: Life Sized Games

Friday, January 27 at 6 PM
Play epic life-sized games like giant Angry Birds, human foosball and more! Signed permission slip required.
One Love Workshop
Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM
Watch a series of humorous short videos and discuss the differences between healthy and unhealthy behaviors in romantic relationships and friendships. Led by an Anne Arundel County Public Schools One Love facilitator.

Linthicum

UnValentine's Day Party

Tuesday, February 14 at 4:30 PM
Make a voodoo doll or anti-valentine, write a love letter (to yourself, someone else or a favorite fictional character), make a body scrub, eat snacks and play games!



ANIME & MANGA CLUBS

Share in the love of Japanese animation and comics! Join your fellow Otaku and enjoy anime watching, manga discussions, games and more. Light snacks provided and cosplay is always welcome!

Deale Mondays, December 12 and February 6 and Tuesday, January 17 at 6 PM

Glen Burnie Tuesdays, December 20, January 17 and February 21 at 6 PM

Mountain Road Thursdays, December 1, January 26 and February 23 at 5:30 PM

Odenton Tuesdays, December 13, January 10 and February 14 at 4:30 PM

Online Tuesdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7 at 6 PM

Maryland City at Russett

Bullet Journal 101

Tuesday, January 24 at 2 PM
Bullet journaling is a mindfulness practice and journal rolled into one that helps you be productive. Learn how to create a bullet journal and decorate with decoupage!

Mountain Road

Thrift Store Art Series: Art Revamp

Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM
Get the chance to edit or add to an existing piece of thrift store art. Supplies provided.

For teens and adults

The Wednesday Wind Down

Wednesdays, January 18 and February 15 at 4 PM
Spend an afternoon with us – relaxing making art, playing games and more.

Odenton

Adulting 101

Adulting got you down? Come learn with the library.

Cooking Finance

Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 PM Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 PM

Make Your Own Gifts

Monday, December 5 at 4 PM
Make (and wrap) your own gifts for family, friends and loved ones for the upcoming gift-giving holidays. Supplies provided.

Keychain Design with Cricut

Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 PM
Learn how to design your own keychain using Cricut Design Space.

Riviera Beach

Teen Writers' Club

Tuesdays, December 13, January 10 and 24, February 14 and 28 at 6 PM
Explore the craft of writing with the help of a volunteer from the Maryland Writers' Association. A completed permission form is required for new attendees.

Severn

Zines: Art from the Fringes!

Thursday, February 9 at 6 PM
Learn about the fascinating and subversive history of zines and make one yourself!

Severna Park

Community Service Craftroom

Monday, January 23 at 2 PM
Earn service hours while making a craft for someone in need. We will make no-sew winter hats to donate to the library coat tree.

Online Events

Take College Courses While in High School

Thursdays, December 1 and January 12 at 5 PM
High school students are invited to meet with an admissions officer from Anne Arundel Community College to learn about the Early College Access Program.

Teen Writing Club

Thursdays, December 8, January 12 and February 9 at 7 PM
Explore the craft of writing through writing prompts, discussion and feedback. Bring something you've already written to share or just listen.

TEEN BOOK CLUBS

Crofton

READING REBELS

Read an Award Winner

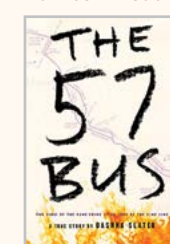
Thursday, January 26 at 4:30 PM



Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky
by Kwame Mbalia
Wednesday, February 22 at 4:30 PM

Severn

Rainbow Reading: LGBTQ+ Teen Book Club



The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater
Saturday, December 10 at 2 PM
Join us at our seasonal book club for LGBTQ+ teens and their families where each season we will be reading a title with a LGBTQ+ theme and discussing it.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHTS!

Deale

Black Panther (PG-13, 2018)

Thursday, February 9 at 6 PM

Linthicum

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG, 2000)

Monday, December 5 at 4:15 PM

Black Panther (PG-13, 2018)

Monday, February 6 at 4:15 PM



Games

Check out our entire lineup of games, including bingo, chess, LEGOs and D20 programs, at aacpl.net/events.



BOARD GAMES

Enjoy board games and have fun with friends!

Brooklyn Park

Tuesday, January 17 at 3 PM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Wednesdays, December 28 and January 25 at 11 AM

Edgewater

Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 PM

Deale

Pokémon Party!

Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 PM

Make your own Pokéballs, play Pokémon trivia and catch the Pokémon hiding in the library!

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Welcome to Warhammer

Saturdays, December 10 and January 7 at 2 PM

Learn with us as we explore Warhammer, the strategy wargame!

Edgewater

Hunt a Killer: Mystery at Magnolia Gardens

Saturday, January 21 at 2 PM

Channel your inner detective to solve the mystery. Work with your fellow investigators to examine clues, solve puzzles and find the culprit.

For ages 14+ and adults

Mountain Road

Scrabble

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

For teens and adults

Online Events

Trivia Night with New Castle County Libraries

Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM

Join us for virtual trivia night with New Castle County Libraries (DE) as you compete against players from another state!

Family Trivia Night

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 PM



Every Child Ready to Read

As part of our dedication to kindergarten readiness, Arundel County Public Library is committed to providing parents and caregivers with tools to help their young children get ready to read. Through the nationally-renowned Every Child Ready to Read initiative, libraries can have an even greater impact on early literacy through an approach that focuses on educating parents and caregivers. The program advocates parents and caregivers talk, write, read, play and sing with their child. Enjoy the events below.

Note: There will be no ECRR classes Monday, December 26 through Saturday, December 31. This includes Babies in Bloom, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, Family Storytime and Music and Movement.

Babies in Bloom

For babies from birth to 18 months

- Broadneck**
Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Busch Annapolis**
Thursdays at 10:15 AM
- Crofton**
Tuesdays at 10 AM
Saturday, January 21 at 10 AM
- Deale**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Wednesdays at 10 AM
- Edgewater**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Glen Burnie**
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Linthicum**
Wednesdays at 10:15 AM
- Maryland City at Russett**
Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Mountain Road**
Tuesdays at 11 AM
- Odenton**
Mondays at 10:15 AM
- Riviera Beach**
Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Severn**
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- Severna Park**
Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM

Toddler Time

For children ages 18-36 months

- Broadneck**
Mondays at 11:30 AM
- Brooklyn Park**
Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Busch Annapolis**
Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11 AM
- Crofton**
Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM
- Deale**
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Thursdays at 10 AM
- Edgewater**
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Glen Burnie**
Wednesdays at 9:30 and 11 AM
- Linthicum**
Wednesdays at 11:30 AM
- Maryland City at Russett**
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Mountain Road**
Tuesdays at 10 AM
- Odenton**
Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 AM
- Riviera Beach**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Severn**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Severna Park**
Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM

Preschool Storytime

For children ages three to five

- Broadneck**
Tuesdays at 10:30 and 11:30 AM
- Brooklyn Park**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Busch Annapolis**
Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11 AM
- Crofton**
Thursdays at 10 and 11 AM
- Deale**
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
On December 20, wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffy!
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Tuesdays at 10 AM
- Edgewater**
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- Linthicum**
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM
- Maryland City at Russett**
Tuesdays at 11:30 AM
- Mountain Road**
Mondays at 10 AM
- Odenton**
Thursdays at 10:15 and 11:15 AM
- Riviera Beach**
Saturdays at 10:30 AM
- Severn**
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- Severna Park**
Thursdays at 10 and 11 AM

Family Storytime

For families with children ages 5 and younger

- Busch Annapolis**
Saturdays, January 14 and February 11 at 10:30 AM
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Saturdays at 10:30 AM, except January 21
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Family Storytime
Thursdays at 6 PM, except December 8 and 22, January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16



The Five Practices of Early Literacy

These five early literacy practices will help every child develop the foundation for academic success.

Music and Movement

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

- Broadneck**
Friday, January 20 at 10:30 AM
- Brooklyn Park**
Fridays at 11:30
- Busch Annapolis**
Saturdays, January 28 and February 18 at 10:30 AM
- Deale**
Saturdays, January 28 and February 25 at 11 AM
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Fridays, December 9 and February 3 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Saturdays, December 3, January 7 and February 4 at 10 AM
- Edgewater**
Saturdays, December 10, January 7 and February 4 at 10:30 AM
- Linthicum**
Mondays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 at 6:30 PM

Bilingual Storytime/Hora del Cuento Bilingüe

Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and a variety of languages.

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

- Deale**
Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30 AM
Martes, 24 de enero a las 10:30 AM
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Fridays, December 2, January 13 and February 10 at 10:30 AM
Viernes, 2 de diciembre, 13 de enero y 10 de febrero a las 10:30 AM
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Saturdays, January 14 and February 11 at 10:30 AM
Sábados, 14 de enero y 11 de febrero a las 10:30 AM

Babies at Play

Join us for this unstructured time for babies and caregivers to socialize and play.

- Deale**
Mondays, December 5, January 9 and February 6 at 10 AM
- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM except December 21 and 28
- Edgewater**
Fridays at 10 AM
- Linthicum**
Fridays, December 2, January 6 and February 3 at 10:30 AM
- Odenton**
Fridays, December 2, January 6 and February 3 at 10:15 AM

Pre-K Learn and Play!

Children ages 3-5 explore weekly themes while developing early literacy skills for school readiness through stories, songs, movement and hands-on creative play!

- Glen Burnie**
Thursdays at 10:30 AM, except December 29 and February 23



NEW HOURS! COMMUNITY PANTRY

DISCOVERIES:
THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 6-7 PM
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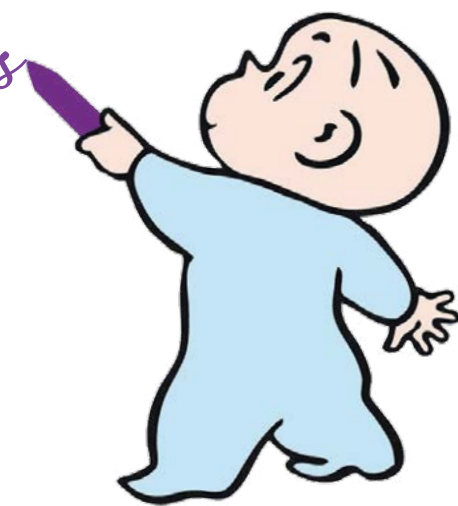
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The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge encourages families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten. Reading aloud to children from birth helps strengthen language skills and build vocabulary — two important tools for learning to read.

Register online at aacpl.beanstack.org. Keep track of the reading you've done on the Beanstack app or with the logs provided by the library. Earn stickers and prizes along the way. When you get all the way to 1,000 you'll receive a new book to take home — and keep!

Special Events for Preschoolers



Broadneck

Draw-Along Storytime: *Harold and the Purple Crayon*

Thursday, December 22 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy a morning filled with storytelling, art and imaginative fun! Draw along with us as we read the story and recreate Harold's adventure.

Rainbow Family Storytime

Wednesday, January 18 at 6 PM

Celebrate LGBTQIA+ pride with stories and songs of diversity, love and friendship.

Yoga Flow Storytime

Friday, February 3 at 11 AM

Join us for a storytime incorporating yoga and movement with stories and silliness.

Dinosaur Storytime

Friday, February 17 at 11 AM

This special themed storytime is sure to be DINO-mite! Costumes are encouraged!

Busch Annapolis

Family Storytime with Ziggy the Dog

Monday, January 9 at 10:30 AM

Ziggy and his friend Sondra will be here to read a special story, sing and make a craft.

Snowy Day Crafts

Monday, February 20 at 10:30 AM

Brrr! It's cold outside, so step into the library and create your own snowy craft!



Art @ Your Library

Preschoolers will enjoy an art experience using different art media and learn through play. Wear clothing that is mess friendly. Visit aacpl.net/events for more details on each program.

Broadneck

Thursday, January 26 at 3 PM

Busch Annapolis

Monday, December 12 at 10:30 AM

Deale

Friday, December 2 at 10 AM

Crofton

1,000 Books Ball!

Wednesday, January 18 at 10 and 11 AM

Begin your **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** (see page 13 for program information) journey or celebrate your milestones with stories, songs and a dance party! We'll pose for pictures on the red carpet and dance the day away in our finest party clothes!

Splashy Summer Shindig

Saturday, February 18 at 10 AM

Shake off the winter blues with an indoor beach party! Beach attire encouraged.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Discover Your Senses

Friday, December 30 at 10:30 AM

Explore the five senses through art, music and other activities.

Library Pretend Play

Friday, January 20 at 10:30 AM

Everyone wants to be a librarian, at least for a day! Experience activities that invite kids to pretend they work at Discoveries!

Fairytales Fest

Friday, February 24 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a magical event featuring games, activities and a photo booth inspired by fairy tale characters!

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Birds of the Bay Storytime

Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate our local birds with Quiet Waters Park Ranger Liz Schilder.

Glen Burnie

Sunflower Yoga

Saturdays, January 14 and February 11 at 10:30 AM

Little yogis will practice mindfulness and movement with songs and games in this family-friendly yoga practice.

Fort Magic Storytime

Saturday, February 25 at 11 AM

Build a fort and read your favorite books inside. Bring a blanket.

Linthicum

Family Yoga Storytime

Saturday, January 21 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a storytime incorporating movement, stories and songs. Bring a mat or a towel.

Odenton

Dinosaur Romp - Storytime and Activities

Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 PM

Have a roaring good time as we read stories and do fun activities, all related to dinosaurs!

Superhero Family Storytime

Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 PM

Families will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and superhero activities while building early literacy skills.

My Gym: Fitness & Fun

Friday, February 10 at 10:15 AM

An instructor from My Gym teaches how various types of exercise and fitness movement help children learn. Wear athletic shoes and clothing to move in.

Riviera Beach

I ♥ Nature Storytime at Ft. Smallwood Park

Tuesday, February 14 at 1 PM

Join Park Ranger Felipa at Fort Smallwood Park to celebrate our love of nature! Bundle up for an outdoor storytime with nature-themed crafts. Registration is required and allows for free entrance into the park.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FAMILIES



Busch Annapolis

Literary Diorama Contest

Tuesday, January 17 through Saturday, January 21

Create a freestanding diorama, no larger than 16 x 16 inches, inspired by your favorite book about courage. Dioramas, with completed entry forms, can be dropped off at the Busch Annapolis Library starting January 17. Entries must be received by January 21.

Instrument Petting Zoo with the U.S. Naval Academy Band

Monday, February 6 at 10:30 AM

Join musicians of the United States Naval Academy for an instrument petting zoo! Listen to and get hands-on experience with different instruments.

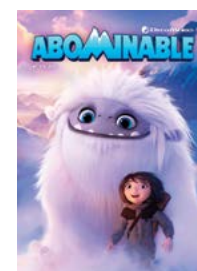
Discoveries: The Library at the Mall Bedtime Stories

Mondays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 at 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of stories and songs for the whole family. Wear something cozy as we finish off the day with literacy building fun.

Movies for Neurodivergent Families

These events are specifically designed for children ages 3-7 years who are neurodiverse or with different sensory abilities. Our movies will include lights on, sound down, hands busy and feet can be moving. Siblings welcome.



Abominable (PG, 2019)
Saturday, December 17 at 2 PM



Shrek (PG, 2001)
Saturday, January 14 at 2 PM

Mr. Jon & Friends Family Concert!

Monday, February 20 at 10:30 AM

Join multiple Parents' Choice Award winner Mr. Jon for a concert for the whole family!



Eastport-Annapolis Neck

HOMESCHOOL SERIES

Homeschool families and groups can enjoy these programs on a variety of topics.

Water, Water Everywhere

Tuesday, December 6 at 11:30 AM

Learn about the water cycle, pervious vs impervious surfaces and the states of water through hands-on activities.

Winter Olympic Challenge

Tuesday, January 3 at 11:30 AM

Compete, feel inspired, and be together at this fun winter challenge.

Black History Month Trivia Game

Tuesday, February 7 at 11:30 AM

Celebrate the historical and current figures that have shaped our local and national communities at this celebration of Black History Month.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Mini Golf

Saturday, January 7 at 2 PM

Challenge your family or friends to a round of mini-golf at the library!

Edgewater

Families Create: Make a Treasure Box

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 AM

Create your very own treasure box. It can be one family treasure box or make a treasure box for each person in your family. Supplies provided.

Linthicum

Mo Willems Birthday Party

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 AM

Mo Willems is the author of many popular children's books, including the *Pigeon* and *Knuffle Bunny* series. Celebrate Mo's birthday by listening to his stories, making crafts and enjoying treats.



Odenton

Hedgehog Day Celebration

Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 PM

Learn all about pet hedgehogs and enjoy a live meet and greet.

Gaturday

Saturday, February 25 from 11 AM to 2 PM

Join our friends from the SPCA of Anne Arundel County at 11 AM for their cat-tastic care class. Drop-in until 2 PM for fun activities and a craft. You can even meet some adoptable cats!

Riviera Beach

Twilight Winter Solstice Walk & Coffee or Cocoa with a Ranger

Wednesday, December 21 at 4 PM

Bundle up and join us at Fort Smallwood Park to celebrate the return of light as we take a twilight winter solstice walk. Enjoy a warm cup of coffee, tea or cocoa with Park Ranger Felipa Fontes. Registration required and allows for free entrance into the park.

Severn

The Real Itsy Bitsy Spider

Saturday, December 10 at 11 AM

Join us for a special presentation from naturalist Kerry Wixted and learn about unique spiders around the world and their local cousins.

Severna Park

Homeschool Hangout

Mondays, December 12, January 30 and February 27 at 11 AM

Homeschoolers, stop by for an early afternoon of games, arts and crafts and more!



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library. After storytime, tuck in the animals and say goodnight. Check with your library on when to come back and see what mischief they got into overnight!

Busch Annapolis | Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 PM

Mountain Road | Monday, January 23 at 10 AM

Odenton | Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 PM

Events for Kids (Ages 6-10)

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Time Tours

Travel back in time! Young historians will get up close and personal with historical people and cultures in this hands-on program.

The Renaissance

Tuesday, December 20 at 4 PM

Pirate Adventure

Tuesday, January 24 at 4 PM

Colonial America

Tuesday, February 21 at 4 PM



Broadneck

✓ Winter Cookie Decorating Workshop

Wednesday, February 22 at 6 and 7 PM

Get cozy and creative with us as we decorate winter-inspired cookies! Supplies provided.

Brooklyn Park

After School at the Library

Thursdays at 3 PM, except December 15 and 29, January 19 and February 16

Stop by after school for games, crafts and fun!

Busch Annapolis

✓ Crafternoons

Thursdays, December 1, January 5 and February 2 at 4 PM

Join us for a fun and easy craft program with a different project each month. Supplies provided.

✓ Cupcake Decorating: Favorite Book Character!

Monday, January 30 at 6:30 PM

Decorate a cupcake topper with a favorite book character and then put it on top of your freshly decorated cupcake! Materials provided.

✓ Snow and Ice Painting

Monday, February 20 at 2 PM

Create snowman pictures using various snow and ice painting techniques. Wear mess-friendly clothes.

Crofton

✓ Mini Masters for Little Librarians

Saturday, February 4 at 11 AM

Attend a mini masters class! Children will learn about and practice all the different parts of being a librarian and earn their "degree" in library science.



✓ Paws to Read

Children in elementary school improve their reading skills while enjoying the rapt attention of canine tutors.

Broadneck

Saturdays, December 17, January 14 and February 11 at 10:30 AM

Edgewater

Saturdays, December 17, January 28 and February 11 at 10 AM

Odenton

Saturdays, December 3, January 7 and February 4 at 10 AM

BOOK CLUBS



Crofton

✓ Book Buddies

We Love Penguins!

Thursday, January 19 at 4:15 PM

Black Boy Joy

Thursday, February 16 at 4:15 PM



Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Kids Graphic Novel Book Club!

Magic Tree House

Osborne

Wednesday, December 7 at 4 PM



CatStronauts

Wednesday, January 11 at 4 PM

Geronimo Stilton

Wednesday, February 8 at 4 PM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

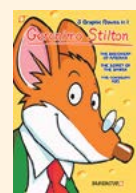
✓ Early Reader Book Club

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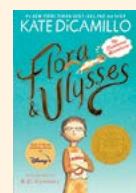
Thursdays, January 26 and February 23 at 4 PM

Jueves 26 de enero y 23 de febrero a las 16

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



Los niños en los grados K-2 pueden practicar sus habilidades de leer por medio de lectura en grupo, actividades, y juegos basados en libros populares para principiantes. Presentado en inglés.



Edgewater

✓ Ready for Reading Storytime

Saturdays, January 21 and February 18 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a special storytime just for beginning readers! Kids will listen to a story, play word-decoding games, participate in a read-along and make a craft.

Severna Park

✓ RAD Readers Book Club for Homeschoolers in Grades 3-5

Flora & Ulysses

Wednesday, December 7 at 1 PM

Real Friends

Wednesday, January 18 at 1 PM

Ungifted

Wednesday, February 15 at 1 PM

✓ Early Reader Book Club

Wednesdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8 at 4 PM

Children in K-2 practice reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader books. Each session will focus on a different series or theme.



STEM Events

Deale

Ospreys: Oscar and Olive's Amazing Story

Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM

Local author, Janie Suss, will share the story of Oscar and Olive, a pair of Osprey who have made their home at the end of her pier. She will also include insight on being a published author, her research and the writing of the amazing story.



Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Snowy STEM

Friday, January 6 at 10:30 AM

Pull on your snow boots and learn about the science behind snow and ice through experiments and art!

Elementary Tinker Time!

Saturday, January 7 at 2 PM

Try your hand at our Rigamajig Kit and other STEM toys to think, design and invent!

✓ SERC: Turtle Time!

Saturday, January 28 at 2 PM

Learn all about turtle adaptations for living on land and in water. Weather permitting we'll have our live diamondback terrapin ambassador animal.

Presenter: Smithsonian Environmental Resource Center

Great Backyard Bird Count for Families

Saturday, February 11 at 2 PM

Learn about the birds you can see and hear in your own backyard. Create and take home a craft that is sure to delight your feathered friends.



Eastport-Annapolis Neck

EcoAdventures Presents: Hooray for the Bay!

Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 PM

Learn about things you can find in your own backyard here in the Chesapeake Bay region and interact with some local creatures such as snapping turtles, terrapins, box turtles, snakes, bugs, flying squirrels and more!

Edgewater

✓ Owl Pellet Dissection with SERC

Saturday, January 7 at 2 PM

Learn more about the secret lives and diets of owls by dissecting an owl pellet with experts.

Presenter: Smithsonian Environmental Resource Center

✓ Family STEM Night: Engineering Challenge!

Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 PM

Create a hovercraft, build a strong structure and construct an unsinkable boat, all with common household items.

✓ Kids Create: Hand-Sewn Stuffies

Monday, February 20 at 3 PM

Learn how to make a pattern and hand-sew a stuffed toy to take home. Materials provided.

✓ Combat Robotics!

Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM

Introduce yourself to combat robotics with the help of Maryland Area Combat Robotics.

Try your hand at battle and discover how to get started or increase your participation building and battling robots.

NATURE EXPLORERS CLUB

Each month we'll investigate an aspect of the ecosystem through presentations, conversations about environmental justice, games or activities.

✓ Busch Annapolis

Wednesdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8 at 4:15 PM

Deale

Mondays, January 9 and February 13 at 3:30 PM

Odenton

✓ Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry of Fabrics

Saturday, December 3 at 2 PM

Join us for hands-on experiments exploring the chemistry of fabrics with a chemist from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society.

✓ Sewing Lab for Kids: Sew a Stuffed Animal

Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM

Learn basic sewing skills while making your own stuffed animal friend!

Homeschool Thursday: Fairy Tale STEM

Thursday, January 12 at 1 PM

Can you build a house strong enough to protect the three little pigs from the big bad wolf? Try your hand at this engineering design challenge!

Oh, Whale, Whale, Whale!

Saturday, February 18 at 11 AM

Learn about whales and what makes them a cetacean sensation!

SCIENCE SATURDAYS at Maryland City at Russett Library

Marble Mania

Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 AM

Magnet Magic

Saturday, January 14 at 10:30 AM

Straw Structures

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 AM



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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

A Note from our Foundation President, Karen W. Smith



Karen Smith with her grandsons.

At this time of year, many of us pause to reflect on donations we have made and may still wish to make in the upcoming year. Let me share a personal story about why I love supporting the library.

Last summer, our 12-year-old grandson came for a visit, and we dropped into the new Busch Annapolis Library. He was captivated! He explored the various spaces, asked questions about the design and simply let his mind walk through all the opportunities he saw. At one point, he stopped and said, "You know, Nana, this is a place for all the community, isn't it?"

So why do my husband Doug and I give to the library? Because we know that **public funding can't do it all**. Our libraries offer free programs, services and resources that enrich and strengthen our diverse

community. At our libraries, all are welcomed and gather for all kinds of reasons – a place where we can experience and invest in the richness that is community, *our community*.

I love how our grandson recognized the value of our library. Through every turn, his mind exploded with all the possibilities the library offers. Our grandson saw it, and I know you see it too. I invite you to explore and experience a new-to-you branch (there are 161) with fresh eyes, just as he did. I think you will find even more things to love about it, both in the stacks and beyond.

I invite you to *join me in making a difference* by donating to the library. There are many worthy causes, but I know you will agree that the library is worth your investment. Thank you for loving your wonderful library. Together, we can continue to make it even better.

Invest Today and Create Readers



Kindergarten readiness describes what kids should know and be able to do when they start school. **Sixty percent of children in Anne Arundel County are not ready for kindergarten.** Studies show that kindergarten readiness is the key to long-term academic success by impacting drop-out rates, future employment outcomes and better health and lifestyle habits. Your library is an established educational leader and social and community safety net in our county. For decades, your library has been helping families get children ready for school by offering thriving kindergarten readiness programs, and this need is now more critical than ever.

The library's role is to enhance and support the work that teachers, caregivers, social workers and so many others are doing to help the children get ready for school. With your support, your library can reach those who cannot get to the library or who do not know what the library can offer them and their families. A literate community is a strong community.

Your gift to the library today makes our community stronger by creating readers now and in the future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- \$7,500 funds a SMART Board
- \$5,000 funds books for children to create their own library at home
- \$2,500 funds literacy supplies for a branch or an outreach vehicle for a year
- \$1,000 funds a STEM educator program, live musical performance or 3D pen sets
- \$500 funds a bilingual storytime or wooden reading block sets for each branch
- \$250 funds STEM and language building kits
- \$100 funds a set of storytime puppets, percussion tubes or sensory tiles



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Gifts that Give Back

Wrap up your holiday shopping at **Wraby Boutique**, located in Annapolis, on **Monday, December 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**. The professional stylists at Wraby will help you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list (including you!) while you enjoy champagne and sweet treats. One hundred percent of ticket proceeds and 10% of sales will be donated to the Library Foundation. Learn more at aacpl.net/giftsgiveback.

WRABYN



Help Power Up Your Librarians!

Pay it forward by purchasing any bag of coffee from **Ceremony Coffee Roasters' Annapolis Roastery** (90 Russell St., Suite 500) or the Riva café (2329 Forest Drive) to donate to library staff. Ceremony will take care of the rest and have them dropped off to the library for your local librarians. Available through January 2023.

CEREMONY
COFFEE ROASTERS



ALWAYS ICE CREAM x AACPL

We're scooping up something delicious with the Always Ice Cream Company during the month of February. Custom ice cream flavor for the library anyone? Learn more at aacpl.net/icecream.



A Morning with Robin Daumit

Meet TV personality and local author, Robin Daumit on **Saturday, December 3 at 10:30 AM** at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library.

Learn how Robin's journey led her to becoming a food and lifestyle blogger, her experiences on three Food Network shows as well as being a finalist in season 1 of *The Great American Recipe* on PBS.

Robin will end the program by showing you how to incorporate her newest cookbook, *My Muffin Madness*, into your holiday season this year. Each guest will receive an autographed copy of *My Muffin Madness*. Learn more at aacpl.net/robindaumit.



Did you know that you can support the Library Foundation year-round by simply logging in through Amazon Smile?

Search for "Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation Inc" when using Amazon Smile and Amazon will make a donation to the library equal to 0.5% of your eligible purchases.

Your prices and shopping experience remain the same!



For the love of the library 2022



SAVE THE DATE
 For the Love of the Library,
 Friday, September 22, 2023!
 Thank you for making your library better.

Thank YOU for making the 2022 For the Love of the Library a tremendous success! Over 350 guests gathered at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library to raise more than \$92,000 to support essential kindergarten readiness programs, services and resources needed to support the five practices of early literacy – sing, talk, read, write and play at all 16 branches of the library. Your generosity ensures that the library can do its part to help children be ready for kindergarten.



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A gift to the Library Foundation is a gift to your library and benefits the entire Anne Arundel County community. From crayons to large projects, the foundation works to make your library better. We help support the library's early literacy programs, create collaborative spaces, connect county residents to technology, foster community engagement and ensure school readiness for students.

MAKING YOUR LIBRARY BETTER

WINTER HOLIDAY EVENTS

Visit aapcl.net/events for age recommendations for these events. Holiday events especially for teens, see pages 10-11.

Broadneck

Create a Vision Board

Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 PM

Map out your future, remain true to yourself and define your goals with a vision board!

Brooklyn Park

Gift Wrapping-Palooza

Monday, December 5 at 6 PM

Enjoy some mood music and a virtual fire and wrap gifts away from prying eyes!

Busch Annapolis

Everyone Eats Cookbook Club Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 3 at 3 PM

Pick a cookie recipe from any cookbook in the library collection to bake at home. Bring a friend, the cookbook and four dozen cookies to exchange.

Arundelair Chorus Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM

The Arundelair Chorus presents a winter concert for all ages.

Winter Wonders! Holiday Stories

Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30 PM

Many religions have holidays based around this time of year. Listen to tales of the winter solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas and more.

Crofton

Winter Solstice Party

Monday, December 19 at 6 PM

Celebrate the longest night of the year by building a giant blanket fort! Exchange books for *Jolabokafloð*, Iceland's Christmas book giving tradition. Curl up with hot cocoa to learn about the winter solstice and different astronomical events.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Nutcracker Storytime and Preview

Wednesday, November 30 at 6 PM

Sunday, December 4 at 2 PM

Join us for a special Nutcracker storytime.

Enjoy a reading of the classic tale and meet real dancers! Enter to win tickets to an upcoming performance by the all-student Chesapeake Ballet Company.

3D Print Your Own Cookie Cutter

Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 PM

Learn to use Tinkercad, a free, online 3D design tool, to make your own custom cookie cutter! Following the workshop, you'll be able to submit your design to be printed on one of our 3D printers.

NOON YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 31 at 11:30 AM

Each of the library branches below will celebrate the new year by counting down to noon at a special party just for kids who won't make it to midnight!

Broadneck

Busch Annapolis

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

LUNAR NEW YEAR STORYTIMES!

It's the Year of the Rabbit! Celebrate Lunar New Year with a story, songs and a craft!

Brooklyn Park

Saturday, January 21 at 1 PM

Busch Annapolis

Monday, January 23 at 10:30 AM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Saturday, January 21 at 10:30 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturday, January 21 at 10 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Holiday Ornament Workshop

Saturday, December 3 at 2 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with music, cocoa and crafts.

Kwanzaa Live with Culture Queen

Tuesday, December 27 at 10 AM

The Culture Queen teaches royal children a fresh approach to celebrating the seven principles of Kwanzaa through interactive music, movement, storytelling and Black History-themed games.

Edgewater

Cookie Decorating Fun!

Monday, December 19 at 5:30 PM

Decorate a sugar cookie to take home. Supplies and designs provided.

Mountain Road

Season's Readings

Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 PM

Decorate our community tree with book characters and other festive decorations.

Valentines Day

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Valentine Craft for Babies

Tuesday, February 14 at 11 AM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your favorite little love. Make a card for someone special with your baby's feet!

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Valentine's Day Storytime

Tuesday, February 14 at 10 AM

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with a special storytime!

Glen Burnie

Paper Flowers from the Heart

Thursday, February 2 at 7 PM

Learn how to craft paper flowers and create a heart-warming display.

Valentine Paper Wreath

Monday, February 13 at 6:30 PM

Upcycle old book pages and cardboard into a fancy wreath! Supplies provided.

Mountain Road

Valentine's Chocolate Bingo

Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM

MOVIES



Broadneck

The Polar Express (G, 2004)

Thursday, December 8 at 6 PM

Groundhog Day (PG, 1993)

Thursday, February 2 at 6 PM

Busch Annapolis

Winter Movie Series: Immigration Stories

Annapolis cineophile, Ann Glenn, introduces each screening with facts and insights about the film's production and actors and why it's a standout.

Gran Torino (R, 2008)

Saturday, January 7 at 2 PM

Goodbye Solo (R, 2008)

Saturday, January 14 at 2 PM

Entre Nos (NR, 2009)

Saturday, January 21 at 2 PM

Minari (PG-13, 2020)

Saturday, January 28 at 2 PM

Deale

The Polar Express (G, 2004)

Thursday, December 15 at 6 PM

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (PG, 2005)

Thursday, January 12 at 6 PM

Soul (PG, 2020)

Thursday, February 16 at 6 PM

Edgewater

Family Watch Party

The Bad Guys (PG, 2022)

Wednesday, January 25 at 2 PM

Severna Park

The Great Movies

Christmas in Connecticut (NR, 1945)

Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 PM

The Maltese Falcon (NR, 1941)

Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 PM

Online Events

The Great Movies

Wake in Fright (R, 1971)

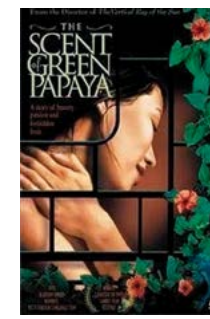
Friday, December 2 at 7 PM

The Scent of Green Papaya (NR, 1993)

Friday, January 6 at 7 PM

The Florida Project (R, 2017)

Friday, February 3 at 7 PM



FYI...

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

*Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 24, and Sunday, November 27, 2022

*All branches will close at 5 PM on November 23, 2022

Christmas: Friday through Monday, December 23 through 26, 2022

New Years Day: Sunday and Monday, January 1 and 2, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Sunday and Monday, January 15 and 16, 2023

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Board of Trustees meetings are aired on our [AACPL YouTube Channel](https://www.aapcl.net/channel).

Thursday, December 15 at 4 PM: Edgewater Library

Thursday, January 19 at 4 PM: Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library

Thursday, February 16 at 4 PM: Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library

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Public funding can't do it all.

The Library Foundation enhances the library's countless free programs, services and resources.

Your donation can increase kindergarten readiness, connect residents to technology and digital resources and create welcoming, accessible spaces for residents of all ages.



Make your library *better*:

- Donate online.
- Give a recurring gift.
- Honor a loved one with a memorial gift.
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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, 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

4730 Mountain Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122
410-222-6699

Odenton

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

Riviera Beach TEMPORARY LOCATION

8485A Ft. Smallwood Rd., 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



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