



library happenings



LIBRARY INFO

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Easter: Sunday, April 20
 Mother's Day: Sunday, May 11
 Memorial Day: Monday, May 26

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

March 20 at 4 PM: Crofton Library
 May 15 at 4 PM: Brooklyn 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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Education and Entertainment are Blooming at the Library

Spring is a season of renewal, growth and fresh opportunities—and nowhere is that spirit more alive than in our Anne Arundel County Public Library system. As flowers bloom and days grow longer, we're excited to share all the ways your library is blossoming to meet the needs of our vibrant community.

This spring, we're introducing new programs designed to inspire and engage. I encourage you to join us at one of our events to celebrate Irish American Heritage, Women's History, Arab American Heritage, Jewish American Heritage and Asian Pacific American Heritage Months. We'll examine the history, culture and accomplishments of individuals in these groups and their impact on our nation. We have programs celebrating art, dance, film, music, history, cultural traditions and more. All are welcome.



None of this would be possible without your support and the dedication of our incredible staff. Their hard work ensures that the library remains a welcoming, inclusive space for all—whether you're here to borrow a book, attend a program or simply find community.

As always, we encourage you to explore the many resources and opportunities available at your library this spring. Whether in person or online, we're here to serve and support you.

Literary May Day display by Gabby Mitchell and Rockford Toews of Back Creek Books

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Library STEAM Programs Promote Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Skills

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



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

May is Asian Pacific American HERITAGE MONTH



Brooklyn Park
Japanese Snacks Taste Test
 Saturday, May 24 at 2 PM

For teens
 Taste some popular Japanese snacks!

Busch Annapolis
Prakriti Dance Performance: Through Fish Eyes
 Saturday, May 3 at 2 PM

For all ages
 This unique performance uses Bharata Natyam, a classical Indian dance, to raise awareness about the ocean's decline, exploring humanity's impact and the urgent need for environmental change.



Crofton
Gyotaku: Fish Printing
 Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 PM

For kids
 Discover the art of Japanese Fish Printing (Gyotaku) by creating your very own marine art!

Deale
K-Pop Escape Room
 Saturday, May 10 at 11 AM
 Immerse yourself in a high-energy, music-themed experience. Solve puzzles and uncover clues inspired by the vibrant world of K-Pop.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Bonsai Basics Workshop
 Saturday, May 3 at 2 PM
 Learn from seasoned bonsai artists and create a beginner bonsai tree.
 Presenter: Maryland Bonsai Association

Discoveries, continued

Armenian Storytime
 Friday, May 9 at 10:30 AM

For preschoolers
 Enjoy a story and songs while building ready to read skills in English and in Armenian.

Anime Night
 Monday, May 12 at 6 PM

For teens
 Hang out and talk about your favorite shows. View some videos and make a fun craft.

Tai Chi for Stress Reduction
 Saturday, May 24 at 2 PM

For adults
 Join the Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu & Tai Chi and learn about the benefits of practicing Tai Chi to reduce stress in your life.

Maryland City at Russett

Make Art!
 Thursday, May 8 at 6 PM

For teens and adults
 Learn about notable Asian American and Pacific Islander artists, then create art with those techniques.



MOVIE EVENTS



Edgewater
Turning Red (PG, 2022)
 Saturday, May 17
 at 2 PM
For kids



Mountain Road
Past Lives (NR, 2022)
 Monday, May 5
 at 10:30 AM
For adults



Severna Park
Big Hero 6 (PG, 2014)
 Saturday, May 24
 at 2 PM
For kids

Mountain Road
Dancing Stories with Kalanidhi Dance



Monday, May 19 at 6 PM
For all ages
 Discover how dancers use rhythms, hand gestures and facial expressions to tell stories. Watch an Indian fable come to life through dance in this fun and interactive performance!

Adult Book Club

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
 by Jesse Q. Sutano
 Tuesday, May 27 at 6:45 PM

Severna Park
Art Night: The Truth About Dragons
 Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 PM

For ages 8 and up
 Make art inspired by 2024 Caldecott Honor book *The Truth About Dragons*, written by Julie Leung and illustrated by Hanna Cha.



An Intro to Taiko, the Art of Japanese Drumming

For all ages
 Experience traditional and contemporary taiko drumming. Explore the instruments, history and Japanese vocabulary. Try your hand at playing the big drums during this interactive performance!
 Presenter: Mark H Rooney

Broadneck Thursday, May 8 at 6 PM	Glen Burnie Tuesday, May 27 at 6 PM
Brooklyn Park Friday, May 16 at 11:30 AM	Severna Park Wednesday, May 14 at 6 PM
Edgewater Tuesday, May 20 at 6 PM	





ALL

Family Bingo

Mondays, March 10, April 14 and May 12 at 6 PM

ADULTS

Arnold Senior Center Book Club



Loyalty
by Lisa Scottoline
Monday, March 3 at 2 PM



The Paris Novel
by Ruth Reichl
Monday, April 7 at 2 PM



Discussing books
by author Katherine Center
Monday, May 5 at 2 PM

Global Gardens

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 PM

Join Master Gardener and Watershed Steward Alison Milligan, on a global tour of unique gardens, exploring their origins, plants and wildlife through beautiful photos and insightful stories.

Yoga Nidra

Tuesdays, March 25 and April 22 at 6 PM

Experience Yoga Nidra, a restorative practice that rejuvenates body and mind. Relieve stress, pain and anxiety. Bring a mat, blankets and pillows. Presenter: Joan Livingston



TEENS

Homeschool Needlecrafters

Tuesday, April 29 at 2 PM

Bring your project or start fresh! Learn crochet and knitting skills with friends. Individual instruction may be available, based on demand.

✓ After Hours Lock-In Party

Friday, May 16 from 6 to 7:30 PM

Teens take over the library in this after-hours party with activities, games, prizes and more! Registration and signed permission slip required.

KIDS

Early Reader Book Club

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13 at 4 PM

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games.

STEM Tinker Lab

Thursday, April 17 at 2 PM

Get creative and inventive with some STEM-based activities.

PRESCHOOL

St. Patrick's Day Storytime

Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy songs, stories and games to celebrate the greenest of holidays!

Yoga Flow Storytime

Saturday, March 29 at 10:30 AM

Read and pose along with us as we practice the yoga positions featured in movement-centered stories!

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

Celebrate Our Great State!

Saturday, March 22 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate Maryland Day with fun family crafts and activities highlighting the past and present of our great state!

Bay Winds Band Concert

Saturday, April 5 at 2 PM

Enjoy a performance from the Annapolis community concert band, Bay Winds.

ADULTS

Managing Your Money

Wednesdays as listed below at 6 PM

Join us each week to learn how to manage your money!

March 5: **Tax Credits**

March 12: **Retirement**

March 19: **Estate Planning 101**

March 26: **Bear or Bull Explained**

April 2: **Dollar Cost Averaging and Bond Laddering**

April 9: **Investment Portfolios**

Presenter: Annapolis Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition

Grantseeking Resources Workshop

Wednesday, March 26 at 2 PM

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

TEENS

✓ Cook & Tell: Fandom Food!

Saturday, April 5 at 2 PM

Prepare a fandom-themed dish at home and bring your creation into the library to share with other teens!

Make a Mini-Adventurer!

Saturday, May 24 at 2 PM

Bring a miniature or choose an unpainted adventurer from the library to decorate!

KIDS

Mindfulness Crafts for Kids

Tuesday, May 13 at 3:30 PM

Enjoy mental health related arts and crafts to help kids explore their emotions and creativity.



Digitize Your Memories

Learn to digitize your old format media using library equipment.

Mondays in March as listed below at 6 pm:

March 3:

Photos, Negatives and Slides

March 10:

Vinyl Records and Cassette Tapes

March 24:

VHS Tapes and 8 mm/
Super 8 Film

PRESCHOOL

Mini Librarian

Monday, April 7 at 10:30 AM

Learn all the different parts of being a librarian and at the end of the program receive a "degree."

Milkshake Duo! Family Morning Concert

Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 AM

The popular Milkshake Duo, Lisa Mathews and Mikel Gehel, will perform an interactive family concert. The pair are regulars on Nick Jr. and PBS KIDS.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Thursdays at 10:15 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

Family Storytime

Fridays at 10:15 AM

Tuesday, March 11 at 6 PM: **Explore Your Senses**

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 PM: **Mini Scientist**

✓ Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 AM and

Monday, May 19 at 6 PM: **STEAM Storytime**

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ALL

O'Grady Quinlan Academy of Dance

Saturdays, March 8 and 15 at 11 AM

Enjoy Irish dancing from the O'Grady Quinlan Academy of Dance.

ADULTS

Hallyu Club: Meetup

Thursdays, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24 and May 1 and 22 at 6 PM

Explore East Asian shows, music and culture! All fans welcome: K-pop, J-pop, anime, K-dramas and more. Bring a dish to share (optional). Tea and snacks provided.

Read the Cards: Mental Health and Tarot

Saturday, May 17 at 3 PM

Explore tarot for meditation, stress relief and self-discovery. Learn to interpret cards, unlock insights and unwind with this 15th-century tool of reflection.

TEENS

Anime & Manga Club

Mondays, March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21 and May 5 and 19 at 6 PM

Hangout with us to share your favorites, what you are currently watching/reading, artwork and cosplay.

KIDS

✓ Young Adventurer's Guild

Saturdays, March 8, April 5 and May 3 at 2 PM

Join us for Dungeons & Dragons! Bring your character sheet, dice and imagination. Open to new and experienced players alike!

Party with Nintendo Wii!

Tuesday, March 18 at 2 PM

Play games and have fun with fellow fans of the Nintendo Wii video game system!

Nature Explorers At Deale

Monday, April 7 at 4 PM

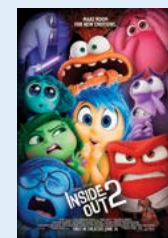
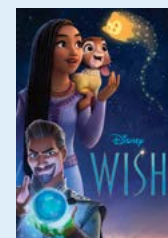
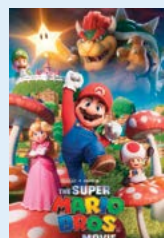
We'll investigate an aspect of the ecosystem through presentations, conversations, active games and hands-on activities.

Kids Yoga and Mindful Crafting

Saturday, May 24 at 1:30 PM

Come for yoga, mindful journaling and arts and crafts.

Family Movie Night



The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG, 2023)

Tuesday, March 18 at 6 PM

Wish (PG, 2023)

Tuesday, April 15 at 6 PM

Inside Out 2 (PG, 2024)

Tuesday, May 20 at 6 PM

PRESCHOOL

Earth Day Sensory Play

Friday, April 18 at 10:30 AM

This program is perfect for hands-on exploring while learning about the importance of Earth Day and taking care of our planet.

Musical Preschool Art

Friday, May 16 at 10:30 AM

Preschoolers will have the opportunity to create and explore art inspired by music.

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

Wednesday, April 9 at 6 PM: *Pajama Family Storytime*

ALL

El Día de Los Niños | Children's Day

Saturday, April 26 at 2 PM

Sábado 26 de abril a las 2 PM

This is an event for the whole family that celebrates children and reading. There will be games, prizes, snacks, music and more!

Este es un evento para toda la familia. ¡Habrà juegos, premios, refrigerios, música y más!

ADULTS

✓ What is Addiction & Where to Find Support

Tuesday, March 18 at 6 PM

Join us for a discussion on substance use disorder, mental health and finding support. Attend in-person or virtually.

Presenter: Pathways Treatment Center



Author Talk: Kim West, The Sleep Lady

Saturday, March 29 at 2 pm

Licensed Family Therapist and Author Kim West will discuss her book **Why Won't You Sleep?!** and share methods to help alert children sleep, as well as self-care tips for tired parents.

Safely Aging in Place

Monday, May 5 at 6 PM

Join Interior Designer Lauren Symmes for solutions and simple home modifications to help seniors age safely in place.

TEENS

Writing Workshop

Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM

Join *New York Times* bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer for an interactive writers' workshop! Bring a piece of writing to revise.

For teens and adults

Mindful Moments

Tuesdays, March 25, April 15 and May 20 at 5:30 PM

In this monthly series, we will explore mindfulness techniques, stress-busting activities and creative ways to boost your well-being.

Teen Blackout Poetry & Open Mic Night

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 PM

Create poems, share your work and enjoy snacks. Poets, singers and storytellers welcome!

Holocaust Memory Project

Saturday, May 17 at 2 PM

For teens and adults

This presentation features the oral histories of 2-3 survivors from The Jewish Museum of Maryland's Holocaust Memory Project archive.

KIDS

Early Reader Book Club

Thursdays, March 20, April 17 and May 15 at 4 PM

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games.

Book Tasting Party

Thursday, March 27 at 2 PM

Join our library "restaurant" and sample a menu of different book genres. Find new stories you may love and take one home!

Earth Day Crafternoon

Monday, April 21 at 2 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of Earth Day-themed crafts and activities, including making eco-friendly seed paper that you can plant!

PRESCHOOL

Spring Holidays Around the World

Friday, April 11 at 10:30 AM

Learn about the spring holidays of Ramadan, Holi, Passover, Easter and the Equinox through fun activities exploring traditions, meanings and shared connections.

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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

Friday, May 2 at 10:30 AM: *Be Prepared*

Friday, May 23 at 10:30 AM: *Mindfulness*

Tuesday, May 27 at 6 PM: *Campfire*

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APRIL 15 THROUGH MAY 15

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ALL

✓ Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, April 26 at 1:30 PM

Teams of up to six players compete in a jigsaw puzzle contest! Complete a 500-piece puzzle in two hours. Prizes for the winning team.

ADULTS

Cardio Drumming For Fun and Fitness

Thursdays, March 6 and 20, April 10 and 24 and May 8 and 22 at 11:30 AM

Stand or sit for this program where we will tap, stretch and move to music while drumming on large fitness balls.

✓ Cookbook Club

Pick a recipe based on the monthly theme, cook at home and share! Call the branch for details.

Wednesday, March 12 at 6 PM: **Fruit**

Wednesday, April 9 at 6 PM: **Italian**



Earth Day Terrariums

Wednesday, April 2 at 6 PM

Create a terrarium from recycled glass containers. Supplies provided (while they last). Bring your own vessel and objects, if desired!

TEENS

Teen Hangout

Mondays, March 10 and 24, April 7 and 21 and May 5 and 19 at 4 PM

Drop in for video games, crafts, snacks and more every other Monday afternoon.

KIDS

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with fun crafts and a scavenger hunt.

✓ Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry!

Saturday, March 29 at 11 AM

For second to twelfth graders

Join Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez from the American Chemical Society for a hands-on program on the chemistry of glaciers.

Spring Crafternoon

Monday, April 14 at 2 PM

Celebrate spring with fun crafts and a scavenger hunt!

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 AM

ALL

🌀 Fairy Golf: Build and Play Mini Mini-Golf

Saturday, May 10 at 2 PM

Design and build a mini-golf hole for our library-wide fairy golf course! Pick up kits to create at home or at the library.

ADULTS

✓ Securing Your Retirement: Social Security

Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 PM

Learn how to maximize Social Security benefits with Certified Planner Matthew O'Keefe. Attend in-person or via Zoom.

✓ FREE US Coast Guard (USCG) Boater's Safety Certification Course

Saturdays, April 5 (Part 1) and April 12 (Part 2) at 10 AM

This two-day boating safety course, required by Maryland law for operators born after July 1, 1972, will help you become a better and safer boater.

Presenter: USCG Auxiliary Herring Bay

Herbs in Disguise

Saturday, April 26 at 2 PM

Discover the surprising beauty, origins and herbal uses of weeds with Maryland State Library Resource Center Librarian Eva Slezak.



🌀 Art Outside: Make a Sun Print

Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 AM

Learn the science behind cyanotype and make your own sun print art with light-sensitive paper and natural materials. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate date will be scheduled.

March, April and May 2025

TEENS

✓ Teen Paint-Along

Wednesday, April 16 at 4 PM

Channel your inner Bob Ross and follow along as we make a beautiful painting. Materials provided.



✓ May Day: Make a Flower Crown

Thursday, May 1 at 6 PM

Learn about the history of May Day while we choose beautiful blooms to make floral crowns.

KIDS

✓ 🌀 Spring is a Hoot! Story Hike and Wildlife Encounter

Saturday, March 29 at 1 PM

Join us at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center for a special storytime! Learn about owls, meet an ambassador and hike 1.3 miles.

🌀 Throw and Sow: Making Seed Balls

Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30 PM

Use natural materials to make seed balls. Throw seed balls in your garden and watch beautiful flowers bloom!

PRESCHOOL

Preschool Nature Process Art

Monday, May 5 at 10:30 AM

Be creative with natural materials. Dress for mess! Weather permitting, event will be outside.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Saturdays, March 8, April 5 and May 3 at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Mondays as listed below at 5:30 PM

March 17: *Bedtime Stories for Spring Chickens*

April 21: *Bedtime Stories: Royal Tales and Dragon Scales*

May 19: *Bedtime Stories for Little Dinosaurs*



ART in our schools

ART IN OUR SCHOOLS

is a celebration of the visual arts to encourage support for quality art programs in Anne Arundel County public schools.

Each library* will showcase a unique student exhibition, featuring selected pieces from neighboring public school students in pre-K through grade five.

EXHIBITS

February 28 – April 2

All libraries* will host community open houses. Stop by to view the students' artwork and meet the featured artists.

OPEN HOUSES

Thursday, March 6 from 5 to 6 PM

*The Odenton Library will be closed for renovations during the month of March and will not be able to participate this year.



ALL

Homeschool Lunch & Recess

Friday, March 7 and Mondays, April 14 and May 12 at noon

Bring your lunch and enjoy games and activities with your friends.



¡Lotería in the Library!

Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 PM

Jueves 1 de mayo a las 6:30 PM

Let's play Lotería, a traditional Mexican game that is similar to bingo! Learn how to play while enjoying light snacks. This event will be in English and Spanish.

¡Vamos a jugar lotería!, un juego tradicional Mexicano que es parecido a bingo. Aprenda como jugar mientras disfrutando meriendas. Este evento serán inglés y español.

ADULTS

Five Steps to a Native Garden

Saturday, March 1 at 10:30 AM

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

Crofton Houseplant Club

Mondays, March 31, April 28 and May 19 at 6 PM

Join us for a plant-filled evening of fun, discussion and show-and-tell! Bring your favorite or struggling plant for advice and solutions.



TEENS

Survival Skills Academy: Hunger Games Edition

Saturday, March 29 at 2 PM

Test your Hunger Games skills at our various stations with berry identification, knot-tying, trivia and more!

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

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 and May 20 at 6 PM:

Bibliobop Dance Party

KIDS

Book Buddies



Science Comics

Thursday, March 13 at 4:15 PM



Big Tree

by Brian Selznick

Thursday, April 24 at 4:15 PM

PRESCHOOL

My Gym: Fitness & Fun

Friday, March 21 at 10:30 AM

Join a My Gym instructor for balance, tumbling, games and more! Wear athletic gear. Signed release form required.

Earth Day Storytime

Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy an environmentally-minded storytime as we explore a variety of activities teaching the importance of treating the Earth with kindness.

ADULTS

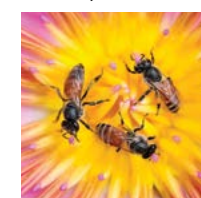
Beginner Line Dancing Fun

Wednesday, March 19 at 6 PM

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

What's the Buzz on Wild Bees?

Thursday, March 20 at 6 PM



Maryland has over 400 species of native bees. Learn how to support them in your home landscape with easy things you can do to help.

Presenter: United States Geological Survey's Eastern Ecological Science Center

Maryland Day Art: Painting Crab Shells

Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM

Try your hand at painting with acrylics on crab shells. Some examples will be provided to spur your imagination. All supplies provided.

For adults and teens

TEENS

Escape Room – School's Out!

Thursday, May 22 at 4:30 PM

Solve puzzles and interactive clues in order to find the key and escape!



KIDS

Science Saturdays

Saturdays as listed below at 10:30 AM

March 8: Foil Boats

April 12: Fun With Magnets

May 10: Stomp Rockets

PRESCHOOL

Pre-K Process Art

Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 AM

Explore open-ended activities and different art techniques with a focus on the creative process. This activity may get messy, please dress accordingly!

Magic Show Storytime

Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a story and magic show for preschoolers, where Dan the Magic Man will celebrate reading.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM

Online Events

Virtual Visit: Seed Starting with a Professional Horticulturist

Tuesday, March 4 at 6 PM

Learn seed germination tips from a certified horticulturalist and master gardener. Get advice on veggies, insect-repelling flowers and gardening solutions.

The Great Movies Discussion

Fridays, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 7 PM

Each month, we will discuss a specific movie from our Kanopy collection. Watch the movie on Kanopy beforehand, then join us for a lively Friday evening discussion on Zoom.

English Conversation Club

Thursdays, March 27, April 24 and May 15 at 6:30 PM

Jueves 27 de marzo, 24 de abril y 15 de mayo a las 6:30 PM

Get together to practice speaking English. All levels and native languages are welcome.

Únase a nosotros para practicar Inglés.



Virtual Visit: The Mindful Art of Zentangle

Tuesday, April 22 at 6 PM

Join our virtual Zentangle session led by a certified instructor! No art experience needed. Bring a black pen, pencil and paper.

Introduction to Proposal Writing

Wednesday, April 23 at 2 PM

Learn how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation.

Virtual Visit: Capturing the World: Travel Photography

Tuesday, May 13 at 6 PM

Join photographer Rich Isaacman as he shares tips on capturing memorable travel photos, using images from his 56-country journey.

Introduction to Project Budgets

Wednesday, May 21 at 2 PM

Learn how to draft a project budget for your grant proposal, covering costs, budget narrative and required documents



Scan this code for registration and a complete list of our online events.

Crofton Library Reopens After Exciting Renovation

After a five-week closure to take care of much-needed updates, the Crofton Library officially reopened December 30, offering a refreshed and vibrant space for the community. The renovation, which included new paint, carpeting and shelving, has transformed the library into a bright, welcoming environment for all.

"We are really enjoying all the positive customer responses," said Crofton Library Manager Rachel Troianos Halbig. "We worked very hard to make the library look and function in a more updated and practical way that reflects how our customers are actually using the space."

The Crofton Library staff collectively picked out the new carpet and paint colors and agreed that the new lower shelving would create a more open, inviting space for customers.



"It is so bright and airy, spacious and beautiful," commented one library visitor while another exclaimed, "Grand! It's grand! Whoever gave us this great gift, THANK YOU!"

We are excited to welcome back our customers to enjoy the improved library environment and we look forward to continuing to serve the needs of our community.

Women's History Month

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

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Broadneck

Crafternoon: Women's History Month!

Thursday, March 27 at 2 PM

For kids

Try a sample craft inspired by notable women in history or create your own design! Materials provided.

Brooklyn Park

Women's History Games

Monday, March 3 at 6:30 PM

For teens

Busch Annapolis

Sharing the Burden: The History of Women in Cryptology

For teens and adults

Tuesday, March 4 at 6 PM

Discover the history of women in cryptology.

Presenter: Director of Education for the National Cryptologic Museum, Jennifer Robertson

Women's History Month Bingo

Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM

For kids

Learn about famous women in history while playing bingo!

Grace Hopper-Inspired Coding Activities

Tuesday, March 18 at 4 PM

For kids

Honor the queen of computer coding, Admiral Grace Hopper, with coding activities that do not require a computer!

Crofton

DanceInTime Performance

Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 PM

For all ages

In "Women Take the Lead," a dance performance by Barbara Bernstein, dancers will discuss the history of women's equality in dance and model salsa dancing techniques.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Spanish Bilingual Storytime
La Hora del Cuento Bilingüe en Español

For preschoolers

See description on opposite page.

Women in STEM

Saturday, March 15 at 2 PM

For kids

Celebrate groundbreaking contributions of female scientists through hands-on activities and inspiring stories in biology, astronomy, chemistry and engineering.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Women Transforming Annapolis

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM

For adults

Join a discussion with women in leadership roles who are transforming Annapolis.

Edgewater

Man! I Feel Like a Woman! Trivia Night

Thursday, March 13 at 6 PM

For adults

Join trivia night for a fun challenge on women's history! Don't have a team? Join team members before the game. Snacks provided.

South County Senior Center Book Club

The Women
by Kristin Hannah
Monday, March 17 at 1 PM

For adults

Glen Burnie

Women's History Month Storytime

Wednesday, March 12 at 10:30 AM

For preschoolers



RIVIERA BEACH
Afterschool Special: Suffrage Song
Wednesday, March 19 at 3:30 PM

Learn about the history of women's rights in the United States and make protest buttons from different eras! Snacks provided.

For teens

Linthicum

Girl Power Storytime

Monday, March 3 at 6:30 PM

For kids

Who run the world? Girls! Celebrate girl power with stories, music, dance and crafts. All welcome.

Maryland City at Russett

Make Art!

Thursday, March 13 at 6 PM

For teens and adults

Learn about notable female artists in history, then create an art piece using one of those artist's techniques.

Mountain Road

Paint Like... Georgia O'Keefe

Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM

For grades K-5

Learn about Georgia O'Keefe and create art in her style.

Severna Park

Grace O'Malley: The Pirate Queen

Saturday, March 15 at 11 AM

For all ages

Join award-winning Actress and Smithsonian Scholar, Mary Ann Jung, for an adventurous journey with Grace O'Malley, pirate queen of Ireland.

MOVIES FOR ADULTS



Brooklyn Park
Hidden Figures
(2016, PG)
Saturday, March 8 at 2 PM



Busch Annapolis
Flicks with Sticks*
Philomena
(PG-13, 2013)
Saturday, March 22 at 2 PM



Mountain Road
Leonor Will Never Die
(NR, 2022)
Monday, March 3 at 10:30 AM

*Bring your needlework and craft as you watch.

HORA DEL CUENTO BILINGÜE | BILINGUAL STORYTIME

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

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

Brooklyn Park

Tuesdays, March 4, April 1 and May 6 at 11:30 AM

Martes 4 de marzo, 1 de abril y 6 de mayo a las 11:30 AM

Busch Annapolis

Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 AM

Sábado 8 de marzo a las 10:30 AM

Crofton

Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 AM

Sábado 8 de marzo a las 10:30 AM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Celebrate Women's History Month
Celebremos el mes de la historia de la mujer

Friday, March 7 at 10:30 AM

Viernes 7 de marzo a las 10:30 AM

Friday, April 4 at 10:30 AM

Viernes 4 de abril a las 10:30 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturdays, March 15, April 26 and May 24 at 10:30 AM

Sábados 15 de marzo, 26 de abril y 24 de mayo a las 10:30 AM

Glen Burnie

Saturdays, March 1, 15 and 29, April 12 and 26 and May 10 and 24 at 10:30 AM

Sábados 1, 15 y 29 de marzo, 12 y 26 de abril y 10 y 24 de mayo a las 10:30 AM

Severn – Urdu Storytime

(May 3 at 10:30 AM presented in Urdu)

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MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

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

Broadneck

Fridays, March 7, April 4 and May 2 at 10:30 AM

Brooklyn Park

Fridays at 11:30 AM

Saturday, April 5 at 11:30 AM

Sábado 5 de abril a las 11:30 AM

Busch Annapolis

Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 AM

Crofton

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15 and May 20 at 6 PM

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Saturdays, March 1 and May 3 at 10:30 AM

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Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Friday, April 25 at 10:30 AM

Friday, April 25 at 10:30 AM

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturday, March 1, April 5 and May 3 at 10 AM

at 10 AM



Edgewater

Saturdays, March 1 and May 10 and Monday, April 7 at 10:30 AM

Glen Burnie

Thursdays at 10 AM

Maryland City at Russett

Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 AM

Severn

Saturday, March 22, April 12 and May 24 at 10:30 AM

Severna Park

Saturdays, March 1, April 12 and May 10 at 10 AM

Thursdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1 at 5:30 PM



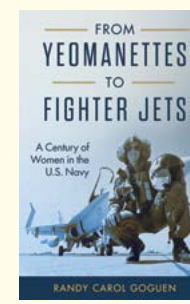
1000 Books Before Kindergarten makes a difference!

Reading aloud to children from birth helps strengthen language skills and build vocabulary – two important tools for learning to read. Register your child for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, log their reading, grow a reader and build your home library.

For more information, visit us in person, scan the code or visit aacpl.net/kindergarten.

Women's History Month, continued

Author Talk: From Yeomanettes to Fighter Jets A Century of Women in the U.S. Navy



Explore the integration of women in the U.S. Navy from World War I to modern-day leadership with author Randy Goguen, highlighting societal changes and trailblazing efforts.

For all ages

DEALE | Saturday, March 29 at 2 PM

EDGEWATER | Saturday, March 15 at 1 PM





ALL

Chess Club

Wednesdays, April 16 and May 21 at 5:30 PM

ADULTS

Friends and Fiber Arts

Mondays, April 14 and May 12 at 4:30 PM
Meet to share fiber arts projects, learn techniques and make new friends. Beginning materials provided.

✓ Preserve Your Home Movies

Monday, April 21 at 6 PM
Learn to digitize old videos and films at the Memory Lab. Complete the class to book independent appointments.

Share Your Story with Pride Community Art Project

Tuesday, May 27 at 6 PM
Create a multimedia masterpiece that will be displayed at the 3rd Annual Share Your Story With Pride Art Show this June.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:15 and 11:15 AM

Family Storytime

Saturdays, March 8, April 12 (Earth Day) and May 10 at 10:15 AM

TEENS

Anime and Manga Club

Tuesdays, April 8 and May 13 at 4:30 PM

Come for discussions, games, events or even an anime viewing.

Teen Community Service Club

Wednesdays, April 9 and May 14 at 5:30 PM

Collaborate with peers and library staff on community service projects, suggest programs and earn service hours.

Teen Writing Club: In-Branch Edition

Thursday, April 10 at 6 PM

Explore the craft of writing through writing prompts, discussion and feedback. Bring something already written to share or just listen.

D20 Gamers Club

Thursdays, April 17 and May 15 at 6 PM

Wednesdays, April 23 and May 28 at 6 PM

Join for role-playing adventure! Bring a completed standard array character sheet and dice set. Novices welcome, but some experience recommended.

KIDS

🕵️ Secret Agent Science!

Thursday, April 17 at 2 PM

Write messages with invisible ink, analyze fingerprints and complete some fun spy crafts!

🧱 Building Block Challenge

Saturday, May 17 at 2 PM

How quickly can you complete the building challenges? Blocks provided.



DIVE INTO STEAM

LEARNING ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING
ART
MATH

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ADULTS

Mindful Drawing

Monday, March 10 at 6 PM

Learn to use art as a way of mindfulness. Relax and draw through a series of activities and exercises that will help inspire creativity and fun.

TEENS

Make a Comic Book

Saturday, May 3 from 2 to 3:30 PM

For kids, teens and adults

Learn how comic book professionals work together to make and publish comics, and then work as a team to make a comic book to print, share and take home.

DIY Mother's Day Gifts

Wednesday, May 7 at 4 PM

Create your own handmade sugar scrubs, hand lotions and bath bombs for the parent or caregiver in your life.

Let's Paint Poppy Flowers!

Monday, April 7 at 6 PM

Explore the work of talented Palestinian artists and paint your own poppy flower artwork!



KIDS

🍷 Pi Day STEAM

Friday, March 14 at 3 PM

Celebrate Pi Day as we learn about the number through fun activities.

🪄 Magic Demystified: A Tutorial of Tricks!

Friday, April 18 at 2 PM

Learn a few beginner-friendly magic tricks through crafting and more!

PRESCHOOL

Young Child at Play

Fridays at 10:30 AM

Young children will enjoy books, music and developmentally-appropriate toys and activities during an hour of unstructured social time.

🧘 Yoga Family Storytime!

Mondays, March 3 and April 14 at 6 PM

Read books while practicing stretching and breathing techniques.

🗣️ Urdu Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 AM

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

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

BILINGUAL RESOURCES



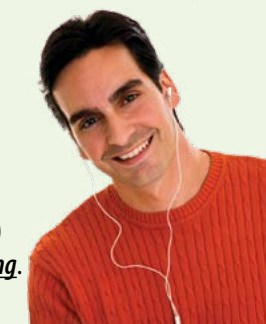
Recursos Para Hispanohablantes (Resources for Spanish Speakers)

AACPL Latino Outreach (ALO) tiene como objetivo promover los servicios que la Biblioteca ofrece a las comunidades Latina e Hispana, reconocer la importancia de las culturas Latina e Hispana y celebrar la diversidad en nuestro condado: aacpl.net/services/espanol.

- Libros y películas en español
- Hora del cuento bilingüe (Bilingual storytimes)
- Mejore su Inglés o aprenda otro idioma con Mango o Rosetta Stone

Language Learning Resources

Rosetta Stone, Mango Languages, Handspeak (American Sign Language) and WordReference.com can be accessed at aacpl.net/language-learning.





BROOKLYN PARK LIBRARY

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ADULTS

Spring Garden Primer

Saturday, March 15 at 11 AM

Get advice from a gardening expert to prepare your garden for a bountiful summer.

Sit and Stitch

Saturdays, March 15, April 12 and May 10 at 2 PM

Sew, knit, needlepoint or crochet while meeting friends to learn from each other.

Language Exchange

Intercambio de Idiomas

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 and May 21 at 6 PM

Miércoles, 19 de marzo, 16 de abril y 21 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.

Conquering Debt

Thursday, March 27 at 6 PM

Learn what debt collection agencies can and can't do, steps to take to reduce/eliminate debt and how to negotiate with a creditor.

Bebidas y Pinturas

(Drinks and Paints: Spanish Language Program)

Miércoles, 23 de abril a las 11 AM

Wednesday, April 23 at 11 AM

Venga a la biblioteca para pasar tiempo pintando en comunidad! Este programa sera presentado completamente en español.

Spend time painting as a community! This program is presented completely in Spanish.



KIDS

Party with Nintendo Switch!

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13 at 4 PM

Play games and have fun with fellow fans!

STEAM & Snacks

Thursdays, March 13, April 10 and May 8 at 4 PM

Enjoy STEAM crafts and snacks!

Library Spring Break!

Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 18 at 2 PM

Join us for daily activities: game day, art, optical illusions, escape room and electric Earth Day.

Mindfulness in Nature

Tuesday, May 20 at 2:30 PM

Explore the library's garden using all your senses.

Presenter: Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 11:30 AM

Toddler Time

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 PM: **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**



Long-Term Chromebook Lending Program

Now Available at Brooklyn Park Library



Anne Arundel County Public Library has launched a long-term Chromebook lending program at the Brooklyn Park Library to

help bridge the digital divide. The \$50,000 initiative is made possible through the generous support of Wellpoint Maryland, T-Mobile for Government and the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation.

In response to the growing need for technology access, this program has added 56 Chromebooks to the library's catalog, offering library customers the opportunity to borrow a Chromebook with free Wi-Fi for up to 12 weeks. These devices are available for pick-up and return exclusively at the Brooklyn Park Library.

"Access to a computer and reliable internet is no longer a luxury—it's a necessity in today's world," said AACPL CEO Skip Auld. "This program will empower our customers to pursue education, career opportunities and other essential online services that might otherwise be out of reach."

The Brooklyn Park Library was chosen as the hub for this initiative due to its high volume of device checkouts. Grace Planalp, a Brooklyn Park resident (pictured), was the first to check out a Chromebook as part of the program.

GLEN BURNIE LIBRARY



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

TEENS

The Poetry of Taylor Swift

Saturday, April 12 at 2 PM

Celebrate National Poetry Month with award-winning Young Adult Author Sandra Mitchell. Explore Taylor Swift's lyrics as poetry. Friendship bracelets and Taylor-inspired outfits welcome!

After Hours Sensory-Friendly Teen Lock-In

Friday, April 18 at 6 PM

Join our sensory-friendly lock-in with crafts, games, snacks and more! Open to neurodiverse or disabled teens and friends.

Journaling for Mental Health

Saturday, May 10 at 2 PM

Explore the possibilities by decorating your own journal and getting tips on different journaling techniques.



ALL

Trans Pride Party

Monday, March 31 at 5:30 PM

Celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility! Connect, enjoy music, make pronoun pins and meet others in a safe space for all.

ADULTS

Parenting with Purpose: Effective Strategies for Behavior Management

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 PM

Discover effective tools and strategies for managing your child's challenging behaviors while promoting their growth and development.

Presenter: Cristina Smith, AACPL TEACH Institute, Education and Parenting Center

Older Americans Month Bingo

Friday, May 2 at 11 AM

In observance of Older Americans Month, play bingo for fun and win prizes!

Exciting Plans for a New Glen Burnie Library: Share Your Ideas!

Plans are underway for a new Glen Burnie Library, designed to be a 40,000-square-foot modern community space that includes a dedicated cultural resource center. The new library will be constructed on the current site at 1010 Eastway, off Ritchie Highway, and promises to better serve the diverse needs of the local community.

The new state-of-the-art library will be twice the size of the existing library, offering a brand-new collection of books, public computers, group meeting rooms, individual study rooms and more! The project is currently in the schematic design phase, which is the initial step in transforming the concept into physical plans. The design and construction process is expected to take about three years.

To ensure continuous library services during construction, Anne Arundel County has committed to funding a temporary library space. The location and opening date for the temporary library will be announced as the project moves forward.

We want to hear from you! Share your ideas on how the new Glen Burnie Library can better serve the community. Have suggestions for the features,



programs and spaces you would like to see in the new library? Stop by the library, email NewGlenBurnie@aacpl.net or scan the code to share your thoughts.

Stay tuned for more updates as this exciting project progresses!





Family Movie Night

Bring your favorite snack, blanket or camp chair and get comfy for this indoor event.

Matilda (PG, 1996)
Thursday, March 6 at 6 PM
Despicable Me 4 (PG, 2024)
Thursday, April 3 at 6 PM

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

KIDS

✓ Paws to Read

March 1 and April 5 at 10 AM

Children in elementary school improve their reading skills while enjoying the rapt attention of canine tutors. Call the Linthicum Library at 410-222-6265 to register for a 15-minute appointment.

Future Librarians Academy: Library Tour & Mini MLS

Monday, April 7 at 10:30 AM

Tour, learn librarian duties and earn your "Mini Master's of Library Science" certificate.

❄️ Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry!

Saturday, April 12 at 11 AM

For kids and preschoolers

Join Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez from the American Chemical Society for a hands-on program on the chemistry of glaciers and celebrate Earth Day.

PRESCHOOL

🌐 Little Explorers

Fridays as listed below at 10:30 AM

Join us for engaging, fun-filled sessions designed for young learners! Each month, we explore a new theme through hands-on activities.

March 7: **Music**

April 11: **Librarianship**



Bon Voyage Crayon Party

Monday, March 31 at 2 PM

Celebrate Crayon Day with books and crafts! Bring old crayons to donate to the Crayon Initiative anytime during March.

🌐 Build Your Own Fort Storytime

Monday, April 7 at 6:30 PM

Join us for a cozy storytime and blanket fort building! We provide supplies, feel free to bring flashlights and wear pajamas.

ADULTS

✓ Spring Pastels

Wednesday, March 5 at 6 PM

Learn how to use oil pastels while creating some fun spring landscapes.

Stitch n'Chat

Saturdays, March 8, April 19 and May 17 at 2 PM

Join us for some social stitching!

✓ Yoga for You

Mondays, March 10, April 7 and May 12 at 6 PM

Strengthen your mind-body connection through breath work and poses. Bring your own mat and towel.

Presenter: Kirtana Kalavapudi of Yoga For You.



✓ What's Cooking?

Thursdays as listed below at 6:30 PM

Every month we share dishes across a theme. Be sure to bring enough to feed at least five people.

March 13: **War and Pizza** (Pizza)

April 10: **The Green Meal** (Farmer's Market/Fresh Spring Produce)

May 8: **In Search of Lost Time** (Decades Dishes)

✓ Adult Book Club

Interesting Facts About Space

by Emily Austin

Tuesday, March 25 at 6:45 PM

Behind You is the Sea

by Susan Muaddi Darraj

Tuesday, April 29 at 6:45 PM

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

by Jesse Q. Sutano

Tuesday, May 27 at 6:45 PM

Learn Google Sheets

Tuesday, April 15 at 6 PM

Learn spreadsheet basics like formatting and formulas. Bring your own laptop to follow along, limited library laptops available.

March, April and May 2025

BYOD Family Movie Night

Bring dinner from a local restaurant or from home and come enjoy a family-friendly movie at the library.



Migration (G, 2023)

Thursday, March 6 at 6 PM

The Wild Robot (PG, 2024)

Thursday, April 3 at 6 PM

Raya and the Last Dragon (PG, 2021)

Thursday, May 1 at 6 PM

TEENS

Anime and Manga Club

Thursday, March 27 at 6 PM

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



KIDS

✓ Tree Scouts: League of Young Adventurers

Saturdays, March 15, April 12 and May 10 at 2 PM

Join fellow adventurers for Dungeons and Dragons. Suitable for those new to roleplaying games and those who already have experience.

For ages 8-12

Rainbow Storytime

Saturday, May 24 at 11 AM

Celebrate solidarity, community and building empathy with stories, music and a fun craft.

ADULTS

Adult Book Club



Us Fools

by Nora Lange

Saturday, March 15 at 11 AM



All This Could Be Different

by Sarah Thankam Mathews

Saturday, May 17 at 11 AM

Donuts & Discussions

Fridays as listed below at 10:30 AM

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

March 21: **Effective Ways to Declutter For Home Sale**

May 23: **Chair Yoga**

TEENS

Tarot for Life

Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 PM

Join us for an introduction to tarot!



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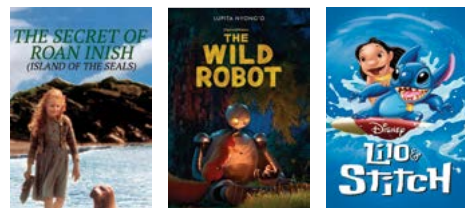
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MOVIE NIGHT



The Secret of Roan Inish (PG, 2000)

Thursday, March 13 at 5:30 PM

The Wild Robot (PG, 2024)

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 PM

Lilo and Stitch (PG, 2002)

Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 PM

Paired Program: Family Finance and Pretend Play Farmers Market

Saturday, April 12 at 2 PM

Learn financial education tips for children of all ages and get help with family goal-setting ideas while kids explore our pretend farmer's market.

Presenter: M&T Bank



Soul Boxes

Thursday, April 24 at 6 PM

Enjoy the calming, restorative activity of folding and decorating origami Soul Boxes that will be woven together and displayed to raise awareness of the U.S. gun violence epidemic.

Community Festival

Saturday, May 17 at 11 AM

Celebrate the Riviera Beach Library's first year in its new building with a day of fun with music, crafts and activities while getting a chance to meet your neighbors and visit information tables from community organizations.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Preschool Storytime

Saturdays at 10:30 AM

ADULTS

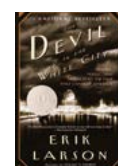
Book Club

The Color Purple

by Alice Walker

Friday, March 21 at noon

Wednesday, March 26 at noon*



Devil in the White City

by Erik Larson

Friday, April 18 at noon

Wednesday, April 23 at noon*



Fun Home

by Alison Bechdel

Friday, May 16 at noon

Wednesday, May 21 at noon*

*on these dates we will meet at the Pasadena Senior Center, 4103 Mountain Road.

Mystery Social Deduction Game: Blood on the Clocktower

Thursday, April 10 at 6 PM

Join Chesapeake Clocktower for a game of mystery, deception and deduction with expert storytellers.

Beginning Crochet

Thursday, April 17 at 4:30 PM

Drop in to learn to crochet or to chat and work on your own projects.

TEENS

Afterschool Special

Stop by at 3:30 PM to learn, create and have fun with different activities. Snacks provided.

Wednesday, March 19: **Suffrage Song**

Thursday, April 10: **Blackout Poetry**

Thursday, May 22: **Tarot Cards**

Celebrate Comics and Graphic Novels

Saturday, May 3 at 1 PM

Celebrate comics and graphic novels with crafts and giveaways.

KIDS

Maryland Critters, Who Lives Where?

Thursday, May 8 at 4 PM

Learn about adaptations, local species and the importance of healthy waterways with CoreShark H2O. Live animals included if available.

Marble Painting

Saturday, May 10 at 2 PM

Unleash your inner Jackson Pollock or Lee Krasner and see what masterpiece you can create!

PRESCHOOL

Preschool Fun

Fridays as listed below at 10:30 AM

March 28: **Shadow Storytime**

April 4: **Cherry Blossom Art**

May 2: **Sock Hop**

Gun Safety Locks Available at All Libraries

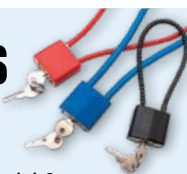
Safety and Gun Violence Prevention Begin at Home

Free gun safety locks remain available at all 16 public library branches in Anne Arundel County, thanks to a program led by the Department of Health's Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT). This initiative, which began in April 2023, is the first of its kind in the state. Since its launch, **more than 7,000 gun safety locks** have been distributed to county residents.

"The library is a trusted community institution where residents can count on accurate information, high-quality educational tools and helpful resources," said AACPL CEO Skip Auld. "The success of this program surely indicates that residents want to do their part to reduce gun violence."

County residents ages 18 and older are eligible to receive up to two gun safety locks per household, per day. No proof of residency is required. Along with the safety locks, gun owners will also receive manufacturer instructions on how to properly use the gun lock.

The program is funded by a grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. For more information about this pilot program, as well as additional resources, visit aahealth.org/GVIT.



ADULTS

Severna Park Plant Club

Mondays, March 17, April 21 and May 19 at 6 PM

Our local Homestead Gardens expert will present a seasonal lecture and lead a lively question-and-answer conversation.

Free Hearing Screening

Tuesday, May 6 between noon and 4 PM

Join Dr. Britney Ometz for a free hearing screening and ask questions. Hearing aid cleaning and checks also provided.

Safely Aging in Place

Tuesday, May 20 at 3 PM

Enjoy a presentation by Interior Designer and Certified Aging In Place Specialist Lauren Symmes on solutions and simple home modifications to help seniors to age safely in place.

TEENS

Community Service Crafternoon

Saturdays, March 1, April 12 and May 10 at 2 PM

Earn service hours while making a craft to serve a community need.

SAT Study Hall

Tuesdays, March 11 and 25 at 6:30 PM

Learn about the SAT and how to prepare. We will cover sample questions, offer test taking strategies and share strong study habits.

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10 AM

Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 AM

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM

Family Storytime

Mondays, March 3, April 7 and May 5 at 6 PM:

Pajamas

Saturdays, March 8, April 5 and May 3 at 10 AM:

Pre-K Process Art

KIDS

Rad Readers Book Club

Each month, we will hold a book discussion and enjoy crafts and activities related to the story!



The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum

by Lisa Yee

Wednesday, March 12 at 4 PM



Charlotte's Web

by E.B. White

Wednesday, April 23 at 4 PM



Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II

by Adam Gidwitz

Wednesday, May 21 at 4 PM



Happy Birthday, Barbie!

Saturday, March 29 at 1 PM

Bring your favorite Barbie and celebrate her birthday with fun, crafts and the **Barbie** movie! (PG-13, 2023)

Fishing Fun: Casting Practice!

Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 AM

Practice casting so you can drop your bait or lure right where it needs to be and "catch a Big-Un!" This event is weather permitting.

Spring into STEAM

Wednesday, May 21 at 6 PM

Welcome the spring with some hands-on science experiments! Wear mess-friendly clothes.

PRESCHOOL

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration!

Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM



Let's celebrate the families who participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and have a party!

Income Tax Assistance



Seniors and low-income residents can get help with their income taxes from trained AARP volunteers at the library locations below through April 15.

Reservations will be limited. Membership in AARP is not required.

Busch Annapolis

Tuesdays from 1:30 to 7 PM

Thursdays from 1:30 to 7:30 PM

Fridays from 10:30 AM to 4 PM

Saturdays from 10:30 AM to 4 PM

By appointment only. Register on site at the dates and times above or online at aacpl.info/3WvyqR5.

Brooklyn Park

Saturdays from 10 AM to noon

Walk in assistance available, no registration required.

Crofton

Mondays from 10 AM to 3 PM

Registration is required at aacpl.info/3Q8wTKB

Severna Park

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17 and 31,

and April 7 and 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Tuesday, March 25 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Fridays, March 7, 14 and 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Friday, March 21 from 12:30 to 4:30 PM

Register on site at the dates and times above as appointments are available on a walk-in basis. Or register for an appointment in advance online at

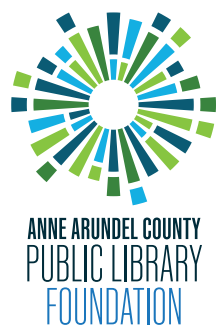
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One of "The Science Guys" entertains and educates a crowd of children at a S@YL event last summer.

LIBRARY GIVING WEEK 2025

Plan Your Spring Giving to the Library!

From April 1-5, join us in celebrating all the ways the library enriches our lives. This week-long event invites you to give back by donating at any branch or online using the website or QR code below.

YOUR GENEROSITY DRIVES PROGRAMS LIKE *SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY (S@YL)*, WHICH IN 2024:

- Inspired nearly 3,800 children, teens and adults to engage with summer reading.
- Drew almost 60,000 attendees to events celebrating reading, art, music and more.
- Reinvigorated adult participation with over 1,660 participants, including 1,500 in wild card bingo!

YOUR DONATIONS SPARK REAL CHANGE:

"My youngest, who's entering 1st grade, wasn't excited about reading—S@YL got her hooked!" — *Library customer*



You can make 2025 our best year yet. Every dollar makes an impact and your support ensures beloved programs like S@YL and others continue to thrive. Look for more information on Library Giving Week and Summer at Your Library in your email this spring!

Donate today and support your library community! Scan the code or visit aacpl.net/foundation/donate.

YOUR DONATION IN ACTION

Anne Arundel County Public Library has launched a long-term Chromebook lending program at the Brooklyn Park Library, providing 56 Chromebooks with free data for up to 12 weeks. Funded by T-Mobile for Government, Wellpoint Maryland, and the Library Foundation, this \$50,000 initiative addresses the high demand for internet access, with current waiting lists exceeding 110 customers for Chromebooks and nearly 200 for Wi-Fi hotspots. This program aims to achieve digital equity, empowering customers to pursue education, career opportunities and essential online services.

"This Chromebook lending program empowers Maryland families by providing access to laptops, effectively addressing financial and technological barriers," said Wellpoint Maryland's Director of Marketing Lori Hammond. "Wellpoint Maryland is proud to have contributed to the effort to bridge the digital divide."



Attending the program launch event last December: from left, John Wilson, Sharrad Hayes, Bethany Kerley, Cathy Hollerbach, Stephanie Petruso, KT Zawodny, Councilmember Pete Smith, Mary Hagerty, County Executive Steuart Pittman, Betsy Bender, Dr. Darrell Gray II, CEO Skip Auld, Lori Hammond, Cathleen Sparrow and Sandra Powell.

DID YOU KNOW?



Nearly 60% of county children aren't ready for kindergarten, according to an Anne Arundel County assessment. Thanks to donors like you, AACPL is addressing this critical issue. This year, we've invested \$45,000 in *Kindergarten Readiness* including \$25,000 to *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*. Your contributions provide giveaway books, helping kids build their own home libraries and get ready for school. See the smiles on social media as children receive their library cards—and learn more at aacpl.net/kindergarten.



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Thanks to donor support, the Library Foundation funded over \$100,000 in major projects across six branches during the fiscal year. In Odenton, new adult-area seating on the second floor now offers comfortable spaces for quiet reading, group discussions and family gatherings. At Brooklyn Park, an additional SmartBoard enhances meetings and programs on the lower level. Stay tuned for more project highlights in future issues!

THANK YOU!

We extend our gratitude to PNC Bank for their generous \$10,000 gift supporting the Anne Arundel County Public Library! Their contribution helps fund vital early literacy programs, ensuring children across our community are prepared for success in school and beyond.

UPCOMING
Events

Library Giving Week

APRIL 1 - 5



Read Between the Wines

APRIL 27
AT GREAT FROGS WINERY

FOR THE LOVE OF THE LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 19
AT BUSCH ANNAPOLIS LIBRARY

For more information on these and other Foundation events, scan this code or visit aacpl.net/foundation/events.



April is Arab American Heritage Month



Malikat Al Dabke Performance

Experience the vibrant rhythms of dabke with Malikat Al Dabke, the area's first all-female troupe specializing in Arab-American and traditional dance.

Busch Annapolis	Severn
Saturday, April 12	Saturday, April 19
at 2 PM	at 2 PM
Odenton	Severna Park
Saturday, April 26	Saturday, April 5
at 10:30 AM	at 2 PM

Crofton

Tatreez with Wafa Ghnaim

Saturday, April 19 at 2 PM
Join historian, Wafa Ghnaim, to learn about traditional Palestinian embroidery.

For adults

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Pre-K Art Party

Friday, April 18 at 10:30 AM
Create art inspired by Arab and Arab American artists.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Arabic Calligraphy

Thursday, April 24 at 6 PM
Explore the rich history and training of master calligraphers, then watch live demonstrations.

For adults

HENNA AROUND THE WORLD

Explore the varied ways henna has been adopted by cultural communities across the globe, from medicinal to body art.

For adults

Edgewater	Maryland City at Russett	Riviera Beach
Tuesday, April 22 at 6 PM	Wednesday, April 9 at 6 PM	Saturday, April 5 at 2 PM



Glen Burnie

Create Art inspired by Helen Zughaib

Saturday, April 26 at 2 PM
Create colorful works of art inspired by the artist.

For kids

Maryland City at Russett

Make Art!

Thursday, April 10 at 6 PM
Discover notable Arab American artists, and create an art piece using their styles or techniques.

For teens and adults

Author Visit: Susan Muaddi Darraj

Wednesday, April 23 at 6 PM
Enjoy a reading by the creator of *Farah Rocks*, discuss diversity in books and participate in a character-building activity for young authors!

For kids

Mountain Road



Adult Book Club

Behind You Is the Sea
by Susan Muaddi Darraj
Tuesday, April 29 at 6:45 PM

For adults

Odenton

Kahlil Gibran Poetry Collage

Tuesday, April 29 at 5 PM
Join us for a collage project featuring the poetry of Kahlil Gibran, an Arab American poet and visual artist. Learn about his life and work and create your own masterpiece.

For teens and adults



MOVIES



Deale
Kahlil Gibran's The Prophet (PG, 2014)
Saturday, April 12
at 2 PM
For all ages



Mountain Road
El Houb: The Love (NR, 2022)
Monday, April 7 at
10:30 AM
For adults



Anne Arundel County Public Library Branches

All libraries are open Monday through Thursday: 10 AM to 8 PM and Friday and Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM
Highlighted branches are open on Sundays, September through May only, from 1 to 5 PM

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

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.