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The Washington County Free Library is committed to building a strong, inter-connected, diverse community by bringing people, information and ideas together.

VISION

Washington County will be a vibrant, collaborative, educated and diverse community.

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A MESSAGE FROM *Our Director*



Summer is here, and with it comes one of the most exciting times at the library—our annual Summer Reading Program! This year's theme, "**Color Our World,**" invites readers of all ages to explore the stories, ideas, and experiences that bring color, creativity, and connection to our lives. From imaginative storytimes and hands-on STEAM workshops to art-inspired activities and performances, our summer programming

is designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love of reading. Whether you're a young reader discovering a new favorite book, a teen diving into new adventures, or an adult exploring a genre you've never tried before, there's something for everyone.

We're proud to offer a vibrant lineup of events, resources, and opportunities to learn, grow, and celebrate together as a community. For creativity in the kitchen, try **Yogurt Making with Jakki**, add beauty and creativity to your outdoor space with **Planter Building with Dirk**, if you are a history buff or want to be, **19th Century Medical Practices with Tracey McIntire** in Boonsboro might be just what the doctor ordered. Want to participate in the Escape Room fun you've heard about? Give it a go with the **Indiana Jones Escape Room** at the Williamsport Library. Are you an aspiring musician or just want to learn more about it? Try our **Music Production Workshop** with award-winning artist, Stephen Coghill.

Is summertime causing money to be in and out of your pocket faster than you can say "heatwave"? Join certified Financial Coach, Michael Morris, for a simple, no-shame plan to help you track your money, reduce overwhelm, and build confidence in our **Money Without Stress** program. We've got a lot of topics covered, so let's make this a summer to remember.

Jenny Bakos
Executive Director

LIBRARY NEWS

Passport Services

Passport Services have returned! Washington County Free Library invites you to submit your passport application with ease at the Fletcher Library in Hagerstown!

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Passport Book and Card Applications
- Passport Photos
- Expedited Services

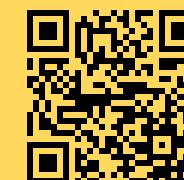
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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
11 AM - 3 PM

- By appointment only
- Call 301-739-3250 to schedule
- Walk-ins will not be accepted

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DETAILS





EVERYONE

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE

1st Saturdays | 2 PM
Community Room 308/309
All movies rated PG. Popcorn provided by Warehouse Cinemas.
7/5: *Paddington in Peru*
8/2: *Dog Man*
9/6: *Snow White (2025)*

YOGURT MAKING WITH JAKKI

Friday, August 1 | 11 AM – 12:30 PM
Community Room 308/309
Hagerstown Homesteaders present Jakki Williams, from the Teens Dept, as she instructs us on preparing homemade yogurt and condensed milk from scratch. Samples provided! Seats limited. **R**

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Mondays, May-July & Sept-Nov
10 & 11 AM | 18-36 months **R**

INFANT STORYTIME

Weds, May-July & Sept-Nov
10 & 11 AM | 6-18 months **R**

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays | 11 AM | Ages 3-5

FAMILY STORY NIGHT

Thursdays | 6:30 PM
All ages

YOUNG CHILDREN

READ WITH A PET

1st Saturdays | 1 PM
Children can read with Gimli, the dwelf cat.
First come, first served.

LEGO CLUB

3rd Saturdays | 2 PM
Materials stay at the library. Ages 4+
7/19: Build a Sculpture
8/16: Colorful Rainbow
No Lego Club in September

MARYLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA STORYTIME

Friday, September 19 | 11 AM
Community Room 308/309
Join Miss Abigail and a special MSO guest musician and book to be announced. This event will replace Preschool Storytime. All ages

BE OUR GUEST FAIRYTALE
TEA PARTY

Saturday, September 20 | 11 AM
Be our guest! Join Princess Belle and friends for a fairytale tea party. Dress as your favorite Disney character and enjoy themed activities, music, and refreshments. Ages 3-10 with adult caregiver. **R**

KIDS & TWEENS

KIDS DISCOVER STEM

Saturday, September 6 | 11 AM
Don't miss your chance to make slime!
Ages 6-10 **R**

TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD AND
HANGOUT

Wednesdays (EX 7/9,7/16)| 5 PM
Hang out, play games, eat snacks, and let

us know what fun things you want to see at the library! Ages 9-12

HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

2nd & 4th Mondays | 2 PM
Starting in September
Community Room 308/309
For grades 1-8 **R** See complete registration details online
9/8 & 9/22: Hagerstown Flying Boxcars: Learn about what goes on behind the scenes at a baseball stadium!

TAKE & MAKE

Register and pick up a kit at the branch of your choice during the designated week. For ages 6-12 **R**
Sept 15-19: Grow Your Own Geode

TWEEN STEAM CLUB

New Day/Time:
Thursday, September 18 | 3:30 PM
Homemade Silly Putty: You've made slime before, now let's make silly putty! With some simple chemistry, you'll have a fun new toy. For ages 9-12 **R** requested

TEENS

CREATIVE CORNER

1st and 3rd Tuesdays | 5 PM
Come get creative with Ms. Bonnie. All materials provided

GAME NIGHT

Thursdays | 5 PM
Come hang out with other teens and play on the Switch, foosball table, or any of our card or board games!

TEEN CHEF

1st or 2nd Mondays | 5 PM
Make deliciously seasonal recipes. **R**

7/7: Make your own ice cream in a bag to celebrate Ice Cream month. Bring gloves—it'll be cold (but fun)!
8/4: Double chocolate chip cookies for chocolate lovers. Make a great new cookie recipe with plenty of chocolate!
9/8: Make plantain and cheese turnovers to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month. Fried plantain dough around melted cheese—a treat native to Honduras!

TEACH TRUTH EVENT

Monday, July 7 | 4:30-7 PM
Stop by the Teens Department booth to learn about the Zinn Project and protecting young people's right to learn.

ALPHABET CLUB

2nd Tuesdays | 5 PM
Step into a vibrant world where everyone is celebrated! This is an inclusive environment and a safe haven for all who embrace love, diversity, and self-expression. Meet new friends and connect with a community that values acceptance and joy.

CRAFTING CHRONICLES WITH
DONNY

2nd Wednesdays | 5 PM
Come craft and make art with Donny! This class is for teens by teens!

FESTIVE FRIDAYS

1st and 3rd Fridays (EX 7/4) | 4 PM
Celebrate something silly every other Friday afternoon with Ms. Swaneet.

LARPING EXPO BY THE BARONY
OF PHOENIX HOLLOW

Saturday, July 19 | 11 AM - 4 PM
Come meet the Live Action Role Players (LARP) of the Barony of Phoenix Hollow and enjoy a free demo of crafting cosplay and live-action battle games with safe, foam-replica weapons!

DOGGIE DECOMPRESSION
(THERAPY DOG VISIT)

Wednesdays, July 23, August 20,
September 17 | 5 PM
We're partnering with Kindly Canines Therapy Dogs to bring stressed out teens some relaxation. Drop in and meet Pixel the Poodle or one of his friends!

CHESS CLUB

Last Wednesdays | 5 PM
Teen Community Room
Join us for a game of chess or checkers. Bring a friend!

INTROVERTS BOOK CLUB

Saturday, August 16 | 2-4 PM
Teen Community Room
Join our quiet time for reading. No pressure to talk to anyone, make friends, or participate in any activities! Snacks will be provided.

HOMECOMING DREAM CLOSET

Monday, September 8 | 5-7 PM
We're teaming up with the Goodwill Adolescent Clubhouse and Miss Washington County to offer free formal wear to young ladies and gentlemen who may not have the means to purchase these garments. First come, first served.

PROFESSIONAL PREVIEW DAY

Saturday, September 13 | 12-4 PM
Community Room 308/309
What does an engineer do all day? What about a surgeon? Discover the daily work of dozens of professions and understand the steps they took to achieve their careers. Teens can practice networking and socializing with professionals, while building essential connections in various industries.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Monday, September 15 | 5 PM
Teens and their adults are welcome to join us for an evening of board and card games or coloring pages.

BLEU THERAPY RABBIT VISIT

Monday, September 29 | 6-7 PM
Bleu is back after a two month break! Bleu is a certified Lionhead therapy rabbit and will be visiting us with her little buddy, Cheddar. Drop in any time within the hour!

ADULTS

THE EMPOWERED CAREGIVER
EDUCATION SERIES

Monthly | 11:30 AM
Classroom 315
Join nonprofit Betty's Wish and Dementia Friendly Washington County for vital educational sessions.

7/7: Communicating effectively
8/8: Responding to dementia-related behaviors
9/2: Exploring care and support services

LITERACY COUNCIL OF WASHCO:
INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Mondays, July 7-August 4 | 5:30 PM
Classroom 315
Join tutor Kate T. for 9 weeks of language education. For ELL adults ready for conversation and intermediate English language learning. **R**

PLANTER BUILDING WITH DIRK!

Wednesday, July 9 | 11 AM – 12:30 PM
Community Room 308/309
Please join us as we learn how to build artisan planter boxes and trellises with Dirk Kraushaar. Several of his works of art will be raffled off! Seats are limited. **R**

*** All programs in the Storytime Room 227 unless otherwise noted ***



¡CONVERSEMOS! SPANISH/
ENGLISH CHAT GROUP

2nd and last Mondays | 6 PM

El segundo y el último Lunes de cada mes
Western Maryland Room

This informal group for speakers of both English and Spanish is the perfect opportunity to learn in a fun, no-pressure environment.

Este grupo informal para hablantes de inglés y español es la oportunidad perfecta para aprender en un ambiente divertido y sin presiones.

REEL TALK

2nd Wednesdays | 2 PM

Classroom 315

Come to our new film discussion program! We'll be discussing a different film each month. Films are available for either checkout or streaming on Kanopy.

7/9: *Princess Mononoke*

8/13: *Conclave*

9/10: *Sinners*

STORYTIME FOR ADULTS WITH
ALL ABILITIES

2nd or 4th Thursdays | 10 AM

Community Room 308/309

Join us as we read books, sing along to music, dance, play games, make crafts, and more! **R**

7/10: Fireworks | 7/24: Ice cream

8/14: Happiness | 8/28: Bunnies

9/11: Voting | 9/25: Salsa

BOOK CARNIVAL

Saturday, July 12 | 1-3 PM

Community Room 308/309

Book tasting, book face photos, bookmark decorating, and so much more!

EATING HEALTHY ON A BUDGET

Tuesday, July 22 | 11 AM

Conference Room 334

Eating healthy while sticking to a budget can be a challenge. In this workshop, we'll discuss tips and recipe ideas to help you meet your nutritional goals—without breaking the bank!

MONEY WITHOUT STRESS: A
SIMPLE PLAN TO GAIN CONTROL

Tuesday, July 22 | 12 PM

Conference Room 334

Ditch financial stress and finally feel in control. In this practical and judgment-free workshop, Certified Master Financial Coach Michael Morris shares a simple, no-shame plan to help you track your money, reduce overwhelm, and build confidence. **R**

FLETCHER WRITING GROUP

3rd Thursdays | 6 PM

Conference Room 334 (7/17 & 9/18)

Classroom 315 (8/21)

Workshop your writing, complete writing prompts, share your work or start a new project. Open to anyone interested in writing in a fun/supportive environment.

HAGERSTOWN HOMESTEADERS

3rd Fridays | 2 PM

3rd Saturdays | 11 AM

Conference Room 334

Monthly Gardening Club: learn to grow, harvest, preserve, and cook food from scratch. Get vital info for garden success pertinent to each season. **R**

July: Garden maintenance, harvesting, and sowing fall garden

August: Harvesting and preserving

September: Harvesting and preserving

INTRO TO MUSIC PRODUCTION
WITH STEPHEN COGHILL

Thursday, August 21 | 5-7 PM

Conference Room 334

Are you an aspiring musician? Join our Music Production workshop! Award-winning artist Stephen Coghill will teach you how to utilize music software to produce, record, and mix your tracks. **R**

50 BOOKS CAFE

Wednesday, September 3 | 6 PM

Western Maryland Room

Join our group book chat whether you're reading 50 books or just want to chat about what you're reading.

PUBLIC EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS

Saturday, September 6 | 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Community Room 308/309

Join the *Hagerstown Homesteaders* as we partner with the WashCo Health Dept. Public Health Emergency Division. September is in the midst of hurricane season—be aware and prepared for any unexpected disruption of normal lives. Get free safety items from the Strategic National Stockpile Division! **R**

LIVING HISTORY:
FRANCES PERKINS

Friday, September 12 | 1 PM

Community Room 308/309

Frances Perkins was instrumental in the New Deal, mandating no child labor, minimum wage, 40 hour work week, among other things. Feel like you are back in time as an actress brings Perkins's legacy to *life*. Enjoy a Q&A session afterwards.

COFFEE & SOUND BATH

Saturday, September 27 | 1-3 PM

Community Room 308/309

Explore the flavors of coffee and experience the wellness effects of a Sound Bath! **R**

EVERYONE

OUTDOOR MOVIES WITH THE
TOWN OF BOONSBORO

3rd Saturdays July & August | Dusk

Join us in the field next to the Library, behind the Police Station.

7/19: *Inside Out* (PG)

8/16: *The War with Grandpa* (PG)

YOUNG CHILDREN

SINK OR FLOAT?

Saturday, September 13 | 11 AM

Let's experiment to see if apples sink or float! What's your guess?

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO TRIVIA

Thursday, September 25 | 4:30 PM

Now that school is in full swing, families can have fun playing Bingo to test their knowledge through trivia questions. Earn prizes for each win or correct answer!

KIDS & TWEENS

STEM EXPLORATIONS:
LEGO CLUB

4th Wednesdays | 4 PM

Join us for some hands-on fun as we try some Lego Engineering Challenges and discover what we can make.

TEENS

TWEEN/TEEN AFTERNOON: BACK-
TO-SCHOOL DISC GOLF

Friday, September 5 | 4 PM

Join us to play disc golf on the course just outside the library. For grades 6-12

ADULT

ABC (AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB)

3rd Tuesday of September | 3 PM

(Summer hiatus for July & August)

All are welcome to join the discussion. 9/16: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

LOW WASTE LIVING: WORKSHOP
AND SWAP

Wednesday, August 20 | 5:30 PM

Join the discussion on low waste systems that preserve food and reduce waste. Bring items that you no longer need to the swap table and share abundance with other participants, reducing the need to buy new goods. The theme of the Swap will be kitchen and organizational items. This gathering is hosted by the Boonsboro Green Fest/Zero Waste team with the intent of creating an interest in low waste living by offering examples of lifestyle shifts that make a difference. Questions or suggestions? Contact them at info@boonsborogreenfest.com.

BOONSBORO HISTORICAL
SOCIETY SPEAKERS

4th Tuesdays | 5:30 PM

(No meeting in July)

If you are interested in the fascinating history of our area, join us each month to hear from speakers who know intriguing details we bet you haven't heard before.

8/26: Tracey McIntire - *19th Century*

Medical Practices

9/23: TBA

MOVIE NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS

2nd Tuesdays | 6 PM

7/8: *Unbreakable Boy* (PG)

8/12: *Here* (PG-13)

9/9: *Here Today* (PG-13)

Regular
Storytimes

TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays | 11 AM

Learn numbers, shapes, and colors!

Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 3:30 PM

Have fun and develop a love of reading and learning. Ages 3+

INFANT LAP-SIT

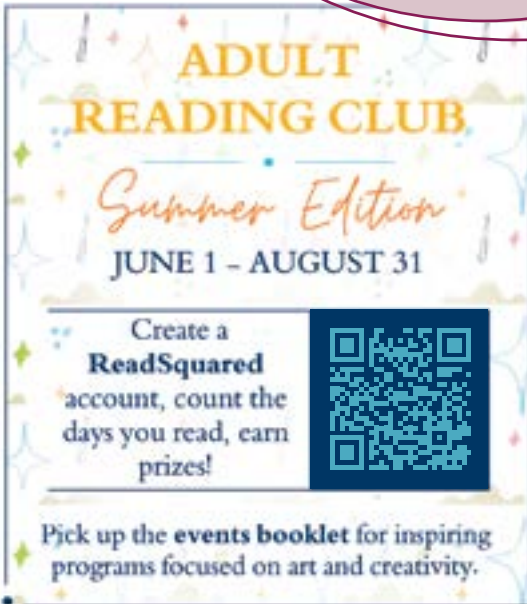
Fridays | 11 AM

Enjoy books with your baby in a fun, interactive setting. Ages 0-18 months

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturdays | 11 AM

Seasonally themed stories
and craft! All ages





EVERYONE

MYSTERY BOOK AND CHERRY PIE

In Memory of Arnita Ernst, who would like us all to read a mystery book and bake a cherry pie, each month we will raffle off a mystery novel. When you pick up your book, don't forget the recipe for Arnita's award winning cherry pie!

KIDS & TWEENS

HOMESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, September 16 | 1 PM
Topic TBD. Ages 8+

ART CLASS WITH STANLEY

Tuesday, July 15 | 1 PM
Make beautiful butterfly magnets with BISFA art student Stanley Stottlemeyer.

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

1st Wednesdays | 11:30 AM
Join a lively discussion. Please contact the library for a copy of the book.

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT

3rd or 4th Saturdays | 11 AM
Crafts that are enjoyable to make and useful too. Ages 13+
7/19: Art of Amigurumi—create cute crochet plushies. Introduction to crochet. No prior knowledge needed. Learn how to read a pattern and do simple stitches.
8/23: Pendant jewelry creation
9/20: Glassware etching/painting—choose from a variety of glassware.

Regular Storytime

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays (except 7/4, 7/25) | 11:30 AM
30 minutes of stories, songs, movement, and more. See library staff for themes. Ages 2-5 with adult.



MEET LISA, AUBRI, & NAZZIE

BY LAURA TIETZ

If you visit the Boonsboro Free Library, you have likely seen this bunch! Lisa has

been frequenting this branch for as long as she can remember. Her memories go back to the old Boonsboro library on Main Street. Seven-year-old Aubri and four-year-old Nazzie started joining Lisa when they were each about 2 years old. Their main draws remain to this day: weekly storytimes, Summer Reading Club (SRC), and special events. They come as often as their family schedule allows—but at least once a week!

For these library-lovers, visiting all 8 branches was only natural. Avid reader, Lisa, remarks, "I would live at the library if I could"! It was Sneaks the Cat who drew them to each branch for the SRC Scavenger Hunt. Aubri shares that finding the stuffed cat is her favorite part of the club. All three family members agree that participating in SRC is the highlight of their summer. "We work on it as a family," Lisa beams. Together, they have the most fun by making small, incremental accomplishments a "big thing".

When thinking of the most memorable Summer Reading Club experience, hundreds of memories surface for Lisa. She lands on the group activities and describes how she sees the kids grow when they continually meet for programs throughout the summer; how they become braver and more willing to try new things in a group of familiar peers. Lisa appreciates the way the community is strengthened for her and the friends they've made thanks to this annual summer club. If you haven't registered yet, it is not too late!

SUMMER READING CLUB

COLOR OUR WORLD

Our annual self-paced reading program for all ages includes exciting themed programs open to the whole community. This year's theme celebrates the transformative power of art that uplifts and connects us.
Join the fun from June 1 - August 31, 2025!
Register by July 13 to be able to complete the 50-day challenge!!!

PICK UP THE SRC EVENTS BOOKLET AT REGISTRATION!

MINI MASTERPIECES

Pick up a tiny canvas from your branch library between July 5 and July 31 (while supplies last; one canvas per artist). Get creative! Use paint, markers, stickers, or whatever you'd like to make it totally unique! Return your mini masterpiece and form by August 1 to be included in the art exhibits!
Reception: Sunday, August 17 | 2-4 PM
Fletcher Library in Hagerstown

TIMCO MAGIC SHOW

Prepare to be amazed by mindblowing magic tricks with TimCo magic!
Saturday, July 12 | 11:30 AM - SMI
Saturday, July 19 | 11:30 AM - BNS
Friday, July 25 | 11:30 AM - CLE | 2 PM - HAN

PUPPET SHOW & BOOKMOBILE STOP

Meet Hermie and Charlotte, and learn about their colorful world and how they're enjoying Summer Reading Club! See your favorite librarians perform, make a fun craft, and hop aboard the Bookmobile.
Tuesday, July 29 | 11:30 AM - CLE | 1:30 PM - HAN
Thursday, July 31 | 3:30 PM - SHA
Friday, August 1 | 11 AM - SMI
Tuesday, August 5 | 11 AM - KEE
Wednesday, August 6 | 11 AM - WIL | 3:30 PM - BNS
Friday, August 8 | 11 AM - HAG

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Be transported through storytelling with Authentic Community Theater's local actors. As always, this performance is inspired by the SRC theme! Fun for all ages.
Monday, July 7 | 11:30 AM - WIL
Tuesday, July 8 | 11:30 AM - KEE
Wednesday, July 9 | 11:30 AM - HAN
Friday, July 11 | 11 AM - HAG

SCAN TO VIEW ALL SRC PROGRAMS!!



- ART CLASSES
- CREATIVE CRAFTS
- NEW TECHNIQUES

MR. JON: KIDS MUSIC CONCERT

Sing, dance, and be silly with local kids music legend, Mr. Jon! Fun for all ages.
Wednesday, August 20 | 11 AM - WIL | 2 PM - HAN
Thursday, August 21 | 11 AM - SMI | 3:30 PM - SHA

HANCOCK

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Regular Storytimes

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME


Wednesdays | 11:30 AM
An hour of stories, movement, games, and crafts. Ages 3-5

INFANT & TODDLER

Fridays | 11:30 AM
30 interactive minutes for our smallest patrons and their caregiver. Ages 0-18

EVERYONE

FAMILY TAKE & MAKE

All month | Library hours
A fun craft to do at home. Ages 8+ 
July: Woven friendship bracelets
August: Grass head planter
September: Paper tube fall wreath

FAMILY CRAFT SATURDAYS

3rd or 4th Saturdays | 12 PM

KEEDYSVILLE

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YOUNG CHILDREN


COLORFUL CRAFT

Wednesday, July 9 and Saturday, July 12 | Library hours
Make a craft to celebrate the SRC theme.

TEENS

TEEN ACTIVITY


July 1, 2, and 5 | Library hours
Whether you're a pro or beginner at watercolor painting, come relax and create art unique to you! Grades 6-12

Make a different craft every month. 

7/19: Terracotta wind chimes
8/23: 3-D Framed dragonfly
9/20: Stepping stone


LIBRARY NIGHT AT MARTHA'S HOUSE

4th Tuesdays | 5:30 PM
47 W. Main St, Hancock, MD

Enjoy a family style meal and activity. 

YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TAKE & MAKE

All month | Library hours
A fun, seasonal take-home craft. Ages 3-7 
July: 4th of July confetti poppers
August: Bubble wand & homemade bubbles
September: Paper bag scarecrow

KIDS & TWEENS

LEGO CLUB

4th Wednesdays | 3 PM
Attention Legomaniacs! Join other LEGO lovers in some bricktastic building fun! A different challenge each month! Grades 1-5

HOMESCHOOL DAY @ THE LIBRARY

Thursday, September 25 | 3 PM
Homeschool group activities. Series runs September-May. All ages

TEENS

TEENZONE CRAFT


All month | Library hours
A monthly craft activity in our YA section.

ADULTS


ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays | 5 PM
Books chosen each month by members.

CRICUT CLUB

3rd Saturdays | 10 AM
Come create with Cricuts. Adults & ages 12+ with supervision. No Club in July. 

SENIOR CRAFT & CHAT FRIDAYS

3rd Fridays | 10 AM
Hancock Senior Center
126 W. High St, Hancock, MD
Enjoy social time, crafts, and snacks with other seniors. 


EVERYONE

SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, September 20
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
In honor of Sharpsburg Days, pick up your clues and return it completed (before we close!) for a treat or donated Sharpsburg book. While supplies last.

YOUNG CHILDREN

COMMUNITY STORYTIME

Thursday, September 25 | 3:30 PM
Meet at the library and we will walk up and explore the new park on the corner of Main and Church. 

Regular Storytimes


THEMED STORYTIME
Thursdays | 3:30 PM
Ages 3+

KIDS & TWEENS

LEGO CLUB

1st Saturdays | 10 AM
Build the Lego challenge or make your own creation.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: VANILLA

Wednesday, July 16 | 2 PM
Where does vanilla come from? Join us and you will find out! Make a small jar of vanilla to take home. Learn how to make vanilla ice cream and sample homemade, store bought, creamery, and nondairy vanilla ice cream. Which is your favorite? While supplies last.
 Call 301-432-8825

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM: VETERANS

Thursday, September 11 | 1:30 PM
Meet some local veterans and hear their stories. Make cards for local hospitalized veterans.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 24 | 1:30 PM
Join us for discussion and activities relating to the book *Babe: The Sheep Pig* by Dick King-Smith

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK SHARE

1st Wednesdays, August/September | 1 PM
Tell us about your current favorite summer read. No meeting in July.

MEET THE AUTHORS OF COMMANDERS OF ANTIETAM

Saturday, July 12 | 2 PM
101 W Main Street, Sharpsburg
This is the third in a series of books focused on different aspects of the Antietam campaign. Published by the Antietam Institute. The book provides a biography of every (191) brigade and corps/wing commanders in the infantry, cavalry, and artillery in the Union Army of the Potomac and Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Forty-four expert authors weave a compelling story about each commander at Antietam. Sponsored by Antietam Institute and Sharpsburg Library.

APPALACHIAN SAVE A LIFE DAY/ NARCAN TRAINING

Thursday, September 25 | 5-6:30 PM
Lindsay Ridenour from Washington County Health Department will distribute, demonstrate use, and explain what situations in which to use Narcan. She will answer questions and provide other helpful resources.



Image from Community Storytime at Little Brick Coffee.



YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIME IN OUR TOWN

Saturday, August 9 | 11:30 AM
Misty Meadows Farm Creamery
14325 Misty Meadow Rd., Smithsburg, MD

Children and families, meet us for a fun storytime, tour of the creamery, and a free ice cream for children.

KIDS & TWEENS

SIMPLE STEM CHALLENGE KITS

July: Colorful candy science
August: Kaleidoscopes
September: Flying helicopter

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KITS

July: Colorful lantern
August: Whisk dragonfly
September: Decorate a notebook

LEGO NIGHT

1st or 2nd Mondays | 5 PM
Try the LEGO Challenge or free build.
7/7: Build a patriotic item
8/4: Build a rainbow
9/8: Create a bridge that can hold a two-pound item

POKEMON TRADING CLUB

2nd Saturdays | 1:30 PM
Bring Pokemon cards to trade with others in our community room and socialize while you build your deck. Intermediary provided to ensure fair trades. Parental supervision required for 10 and under. Ages 6–17

GREAT ARTISTS SERIES

Join us to learn about artists that changed the world, their lives, and achievements. Each session will include hands-on activities. Ages 6-12.
Thursday, July 17 | 4 PM
Alma Thomas
Wednesday, August 13 | 4 PM
Pablo Picasso
Wednesday, September 17 | 4 PM
Michelangelo

TEENS

TEEN TRIVIA

Wednesday, September 24 | 5 PM
Think you know it all? Put your knowledge to the test at *Teen Trivia Night!* Grab your friends, compete for prizes, and prove who really rules the trivia scene—snacks included!

ADULTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for a free showing of great movies.
Tuesday, July 1
4 PM | *Dog Man* (PG)
6 PM | *Conclave* (PG)
Tuesday, August 5
4 PM | *A Minecraft Movie* (PG)
6 PM | *Last Breath* (PG-13)
Tuesday, September 2
6 PM | *Fly Me To The Moon* (PG-13)

Friday, September 5
Dusk | *Moana 2* (PG)
(Outdoor movie in front of library)

KNITTING, CROCHETING, AND CRAFT GROUP

Fridays (EX 7/4) | 10:30 AM
Bring your project and join this group.

IT’S GAME NIGHT!

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6-8 PM
Board games are available. Ages 10+

DEMENTIA CARE CONVERSATIONS: GRIEF & LOSS

Tuesday, July 8 | 6 PM
There are several aspects of grief on a dementia care journey. Let’s have a conversation about grief associated with the loss of the person your loved one used to be, grief associated with loss of an expected way of life, and grief associated with the loss of personal time.

WRITERS GROUP

2nd and 4th Saturdays | 10:15 AM
Join this fun and informal group of fellow writers to share writing, feedback, and ideas.

WHAT’S NEW AT ANCESTRY.COM: PRO TOOLS AND BEYOND

Tuesday, July 15 | 6 PM
Susan Fabian will walk us through new tools released by Ancestry’s Pro Tools subscription package. Included are several new research and DNA features designed to improve family tree accuracy and highlight histories. View charts and reports to discover connections within family, friends, and neighbors.

ADULT BOOK CLUB

4th Tuesdays | 5 PM
7/22: *Leaving Coy’s Hill* by Katherine Sherbrooke
8/26: *The Wager: A tale of shipwreck, mutiny and murder* by David Grann
9/23: *KIN: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford and Jeffery Boston Weatherford (One Maryland One Book)

WATERCOLOR CLASS

Tuesday, July 29 | 11 AM - 5 PM
Artist Janie Moltrup will lead this all-day watercolor class which will contain a demonstration piece, basic drawing

techniques, and creating a watercolor project. Please bring a lunch. Funded by the Washington County Arts Council. Ages 14+

DISCOVERING THE HIDDEN CLUES IN US CENSUS RECORDS

Tuesday, August 19 | 6 PM
Nearly all genealogists have used US census records in their family research. But if you are only looking at names and ages, you are missing a wealth of information available. In this presentation by Susan Fabian, we’ll learn about census records from 1790 to 1950, which questions were asked, and what details those answers revealed about our ancestors.

MONEY WITHOUT STRESS: A SIMPLE PLAN TO GAIN CONTROL

Tuesday, September 9 | 6:30 PM
Ditch financial stress and finally feel in control. In this practical and judgment-free workshop, Certified Master Financial Coach Michael Morris shares a simple, no-shame plan to help you track your money, reduce overwhelm, and build confidence. Seats are limited.

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM NEWSPAPER RESEARCH

Tuesday, September 16 | 6 PM
Newspapers can provide a wealth of information for family research. Learn about major events and day-to-day lives that helped shape where your family members lived and what they did. In this presentation by Susan Fabian we’ll discuss where to find newspapers online, the types of articles to look for, and search terms that will provide the best results.

APPALACHIAN SAVE A LIFE DAY

Thursday, September 25 | 2-4 PM
This day brings awareness and resources to Appalachian communities coping with opioid addiction. The WashCo Health Department will provide education on how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to save someone in cases of opioid overdose. Find resources for receiving treatment and support.

Out & About

WITH THE BOOKMOBILE

CITY PARK FALL FEST

Saturday, September 20 | 11 AM - 4PM

City Park: 501 Virginia Ave, Hagerstown, MD

This event in partnership with the South End Block Party will feature family-fun activities spread across six sites in the park. The Bookmobile will be open for tours, book check-out, and signing up for a library card.

FIND THE BOOKMOBILE wherever IT MAY ROAM

SCAN QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE



EVERYONE

FAMILY FUN: OPEN MIC NIGHT/ TALENT SHOW

Thursday, July 24 | 4:30-6:30 PM

Performance Art! Share your art and talent on our stage! Sing, dance, recite poetry, or tell jokes! **R**

NEW FAMILY FUN NIGHT: CRAFTY SHENANIGANS

Tuesday, August 5 | 5 PM

All are welcome to this family craft night. Spend an hour making museum-inspired crafts together. Supplies provided.

Regular Storytimes

TODDLER STORYTIME

Mondays | 11 AM

(8/18 will be held outside)

Stories, songs, finger plays, and music. Ages 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 11 AM

Stories, music, educational activities, and fun! Bring a blanket—we might go outside if the weather is nice.

Ages 2-6

NEW EVENING STORYTIME

1st & 3rd Thurs | 6 PM

A great, alternative time to enjoy stories, music, and educational activities. Ages 2-6

CANAL DAYS: WILLIAMSPORT DAYS

Saturday, August 23 | 11 AM - 2 PM

Visiting Williamsport for Canal Days festivities? Stop by the library for outdoor fun like a storywalk, sand crafts, and spin art! Check out the Volunteer Booksale!

HOMESCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL MEET-UP

Wednesday, September 17 | 4-5 PM

Tuesday, September 23 | 2-3 PM

Two opportunities to join our back-to-school meet-up! Discuss ideas for homeschool events at the library, socialize with other homeschool families, and find out what we have to offer your homeschooler(s) this year.

YOUNG CHILDREN

STORYTIMES AROUND TOWN

Join us for books, music, and fun in town!

Wednesday, July 2 | 11 AM

The Washington County Museum of Art

401 Museum Drive

Hagerstown, MD 21740 **R**

Wednesday, September 3 | 11 AM

The C & O Canal

Williamsport Visitor Center

205 West Potomac St.

Williamsport, MD 21795 **R**

NEW WIGGLE & GIGGLE: FREE PLAY TIME

Mondays & Wednesdays | 11:30 AM

Join us after storytime to wiggle, socialize, and play in our storytime area. Organized activities provided from time to time.

KIDS & TWEENS

MAKERSPACE TABLETOP CHALLENGE

Every week | Library hours

Stop by the Makerspace to try a new tabletop challenge or activity each week! Activities include science, engineering, math, nature, and building challenges. Grades K-5

TWEEN CRAFT NIGHT

Last Wednesdays | 5 PM

Too old for storytime, and not ready for our teen programs? Then this event is just for you! Join us for a craft time just for tweens. All supplies are provided. Ages 8-12

R preferred

7/30: Bad art for fun

8/27: Duct tape crafts

9/24: Yarn crafts

TEENS

JOURNALING THROUGH ART

Join us to create your own journal this summer. Learn techniques on journal creating with paper, and adding art and designs into your journal. Attend one or all. (Part 1 took place in June.) For teens & adults, ages 13+

Tuesday, July 15 | 5 PM

Part 2: Journal Art—how to journal without words!

Tuesday, August 19 | 5 PM

Part 3: Journal entry suggestions & why journaling is good for your mental health!

TEEN ESCAPE ROOM: INDIANA JONES

Tuesday, September 9 | 4 PM

Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down timed challenges with your team to escape the room before 30 minutes run out! **R**

POKEMON TRIVIA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Thursday, September 25 | 6 PM

How much do you know about Pokemon? Join us for casual Pokemon Trivia! This meet up is for young adults and older.

ADULTS

WILLIAMSPORT BOOK CLUB

1st Thursdays | 1:30 PM and 5 PM

Our Book Club is a small group, with a very lively and engaging book discussion.

7/3: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

8/7: *The Paper Place: a novel* by Miranda Cowley Heller

9/4: *The Cliffs* by J. Courtney Sullivan

NEW CRAFTY COMPANIONS

2nd Mondays | 1 PM

Craft time for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Join us monthly for an engaging craft and social time at our center table. Craft with your companion.

ADULT CRAFTY HOUR

2nd Wednesdays | 5:30 PM

Crafting can be relaxing and help improve your mood. Join us for an enjoyable hour. All supplies are provided. For teens & adults, ages 13+ **R**

7/9: Bad art

8/13: Wool felted scene

9/10: Dried flower mini wreath

ADULT ESCAPE ROOM: INDIANA JONES

Thursday, September 11 | 5 PM

Wish you could attend our Teen Escape Room but you're not a teen? Join our Escape Room for Adults! Find clues, solve puzzles, and face down timed challenges before the time runs out! **R** online or call

301-223-7027

FAMILY & CHILDREN TALKS WITH THE WASHCO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mondays, July 14 and August 11 | 10:45 AM

(preceding storytime)

7/14: Safe sleep

8/11: Nutrition

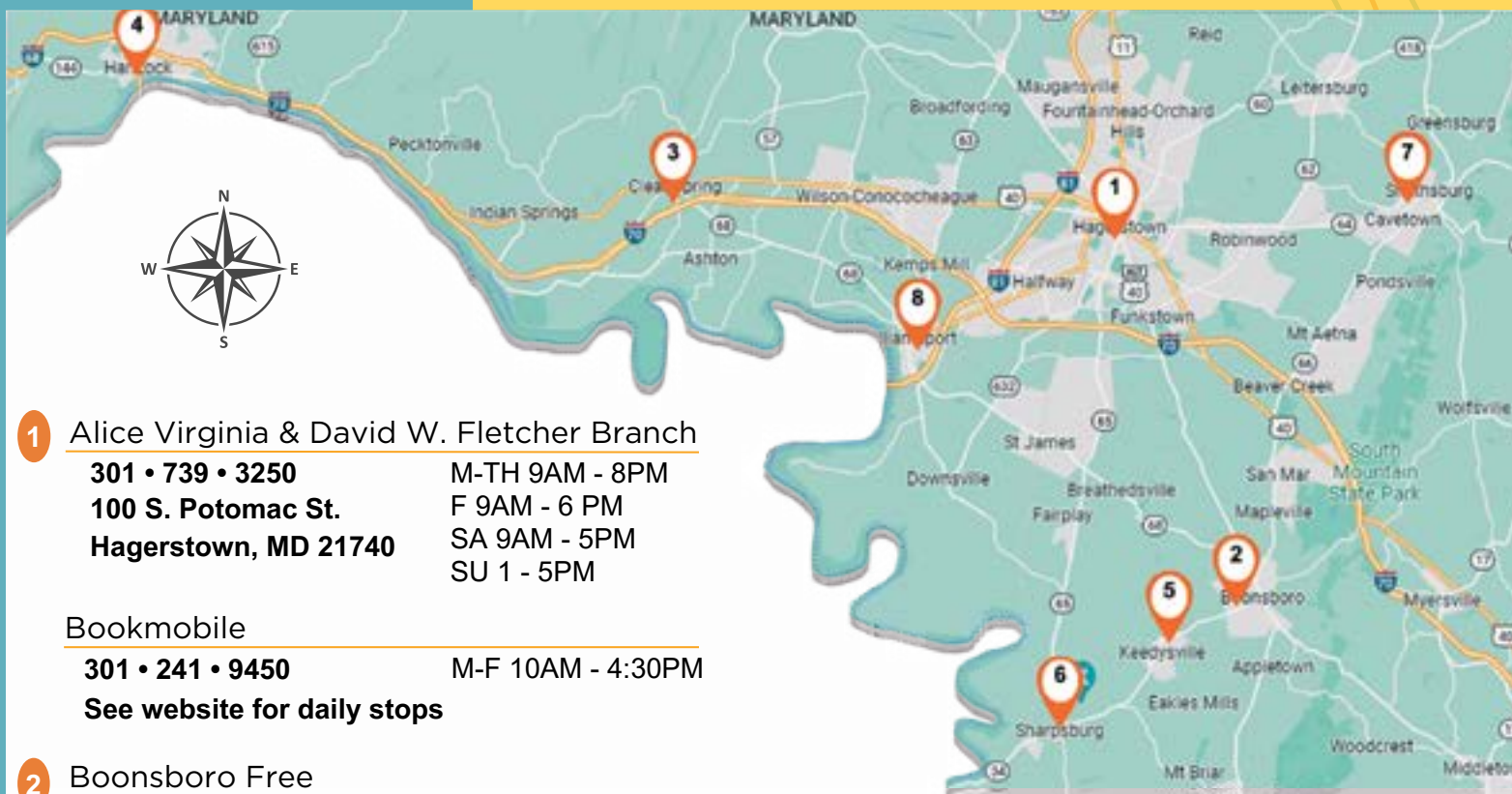
APPALACHIAN SAVE A LIFE DAY

Friday, September 26 | 11-12:30 PM

Stop by to learn how and when to use Naloxone (Narcan) to save someone in cases of opioid overdose. Presented by the WashCo Health Department to bring awareness and resources to Appalachian communities coping with opioid addiction.



BRANCH INFORMATION



1 Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch

301 • 739 • 3250 M-TH 9AM - 8PM
100 S. Potomac St. F 9AM - 6 PM
Hagerstown, MD 21740 SA 9AM - 5PM
 SU 1 - 5PM

Bookmobile

301 • 241 • 9450 M-F 10AM - 4:30PM
See website for daily stops

2 Boonsboro Free

301 • 432 • 5723 M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM
401 Potomac Street F 10:30AM - 6PM
Boonsboro, MD 21713 SA 10:15AM - 3PM

3 Clear Spring Memorial

301 • 842 • 2730 T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM
12624 Broadfording Rd. F 11:30AM - 6PM
Clear Spring, MD 21722 SA 10:15AM - 2PM

4 Hancock Veterans Memorial

301 • 678 • 5300 T-TH 11:30AM - 7PM
231 Hancock Veterans F 11:30AM - 6PM
Pkwy Hancock, MD 21750 SA 10:15AM - 2PM

5 Keedysville Branch

301 • 432 • 6641 T-W 11AM - 2PM
22 Taylor Drive SA 10:15AM - 2PM
Keedysville, MD 21756

6 Sharpsburg Branch

301 • 432 • 8825 T-TH 1:30 - 7PM
106 East Main St. SA 9:15AM - 1PM
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

7 Smithsburg Branch

301 • 824 • 7722 M,W,TH 10:30AM - 7PM
66 West Water St. T 11:30 - 8PM
Smithsburg, MD 21783 F 10:30AM - 6PM
 SA 10:15AM - 3PM

8 Williamsport Memorial

301 • 223 • 7027 M-TH 10:30AM - 7PM
104 E. Potomac St. F 10:30AM - 6PM
Williamsport, MD 21795 SA 10:15AM - 3PM