

APRIL 2024 EVENTS

Carroll County Public Library

LOCATIONS

ELDERSBURG BRANCH

6400 W. Hemlock Drive, Eldersburg
410-386-4460

FINKSBURG BRANCH

2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg
410-386-4505

MOUNT AIRY BRANCH

705 Ridge Avenue, Mount Airy
410-386-4470

NORTH CARROLL BRANCH

2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead
410-386-4480

TANEYTOWN BRANCH

10 Grand Drive, Taneytown
410-386-4510

WESTMINSTER BRANCH

50 E. Main Street, Westminster
410-386-4490

EXPLORATION COMMONS AT 50 EAST

50 E. Main Street, Westminster
443-293-3000

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Battle of the Books Schedule

CCPL HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Check library.carr.org for weather-related closings and program updates.

The library is committed to making programs available to everyone. Persons requiring assistance are encouraged to discuss needs with a librarian. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

We often take photos and videos at the library to document library activities and share with our community. If you or your child do not wish to be in a photo or video, please tell a librarian.

ELDERSBURG BRANCH

Mix and Mingle Mondays

Mondays at 11 AM • 4/1 - 4/29

Ages Birth - 8. Join us for our new weekly playgroup! This will be a dedicated time and space for gathering for fun playtime for kids while the grown-ups socialize.

Writing Group

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM • 4/3 - 4/24

Adults. Writers of all levels and genres are invited to join our weekly writing group.

Storytimes for Kids

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 9:30 AM • 4/1 - 4/29

Ages 3 - 6. Explore a different letter of the alphabet through books, songs, and activities. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 4/2 - 4/11, 4/30

Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM • 4/2 - 4/11, 4/30

Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement.

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesday, 4/2 at 6:30 PM

Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

Move & Groove Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 4/3 - 4/10

Ages Birth - 8. Explore children's books through song, dance, and creative movement!

Saturday Adventures

Saturdays at 10 AM • 4/6 - 4/27

Ages Birth - 8. Come to the library every Saturday morning for a new adventure! Stories, songs, dancing, crafts, there will be something new and different each week.

Book Club



Free Spirit Book Club

Saturday, 4/13 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde.

Eldersburg Hooked on Crochet

Wednesdays at 6 PM • 4/3 - 4/24

Mondays at 12:30 PM • 4/8, 4/22

Ages 12 - Adults. Join this friendly crochet group open to beginners and experienced crocheters alike.

Immigration and Mental Health:

A Crossroad of Social Reform in

Maryland's Late 19th Century

Wednesday, 4/3 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 3/20

Adults. Join Gate House Museum Curator Adrienne Smith as she presents ongoing research about turn-of-the-century Maryland immigration, its perception, and how it affected the population of Sykesville's Springfield Hospital. All attendees need to register.

Teen Chess Club

Thursday, 4/4 at 6 PM

Ages: 11 - 17. Compete and learn new skills at our monthly chess club! New and experienced chess players are welcome.

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

4/4 Registration opens 3/21

4/11 Registration opens 3/28

Ages 13 - Adults. This gentle yoga class allows students of various abilities and physical conditions to develop their yoga practice comfortably. All attendees need to register.

Roar Like a Lion:

An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 4/6 from 1 - 4 PM

All Ages. Spring into an afternoon of community service in partnership with the local Lions Clubs. Student service hours will be available.

Open Mah Jongg

Monday, 4/8 at 6 PM

Adults. We welcome experienced players and newer players for casual, non-competitive play.

Carroll County

Workforce Development Day

Tuesday, 4/9 from 10 AM - 2 PM

Adults. Join Carroll County Workforce Development for a pop-up event! Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Irish Dancing Workshop

Tuesday, 4/9 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 3/26

Adults. Join Cierra O'Keefe, a world championship-level Irish dancer, for a beginner "Shamrock Session," which will include Irish dance basics and traditional ceili practice. All attendees need to register.

Yoga with Meditation

Friday, 4/12 at 10 AM • Registration opens 3/29

Monday, 4/29 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 4/15

Ages 13 - Adults. Experience the many benefits of yoga and meditation. This class, taught by Rebecca Berg, welcomes all levels of students. All attendees need to register.

Peaceful Melodies with Lydia Bandy

Saturday, 4/13 at 12 PM

All Ages. Enjoy the soothing sounds of piano or harp as Lydia Bandy fills the library with beautiful music.

Tai Chi for Wellness and Rehabilitation

Saturday, 4/13 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 3/30

Ages 13 - Adults. This program will assist the body in recovering from illness and maintaining wellness. The instructor is certified through the Tai Chi for Health Institute. All levels are welcome.

Papercrafts: Paper Flowers

Monday, 4/15 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/1

Ages 16 - Adults. Choose from two beautiful templates: a paper hyacinth bouquet and a paper sunflower bouquet. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, 4/18 at 6 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens with a love of the library! Help us plan teen programming and influence our teen collections. We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Need service hours? We've got those too!

Coffee with the Classics: *Sunset Boulevard*

Friday, 4/19 at 10 AM

Adults. Join us for this month's selection, Billy Wilder's noir classic *Sunset Boulevard*. This movie has a runtime of 1 hour and 50 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

Teen Craft: Design a Cricut Mug

Saturday, 4/20 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/6

Saturday, 4/20 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 4/6

Ages 12 - 17. Design a custom dishwasher-safe mug with our library's Cricut machine. Create a design, prepare your mug, and return later to pick up your unique sublimation mug! All attendees need to register.

Note: There are 2 sessions of this event and they are the same program. Please plan on attending only one of the sessions.

The Three Little Pigs Puppet Show

Tuesday, 4/23 at 6:30 PM

Ages 3 - 12. Mama Pig has decided their house isn't big enough, so it's time for her three little piggies to go out into the world to seek their fortunes! Come with us as we follow them on their journey!

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 4/27 at 2 PM

Ages 4 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog from My Caring Paws. Research shows that reading to animals can boost reading skills in children as well as help with emotional and social skills. Struggling readers are encouraged to participate.

The Road to Financial Security and Freedom in Retirement

Saturday, 4/27 at 3 PM • Registration opens 4/13

Adults. Financial experts Mike and Karen Stebner are with us once again to explore strategies for a secure environment by focusing on wealth accumulation principles. Learn about diverse retirement savings and investment options to build a stable and growing nest egg for your future. All attendees need to register.

Solar System Bracelet

Monday, 4/1 at 3 PM

Ages 9 - Adults. Join us as we make a solar system bracelet and discuss the upcoming solar eclipse.

Teen Service Hour Earning Opportunity: Seed Pods

Tuesday, 4/2 at 1 PM • Registration opens 3/19

Ages 12 - 18. Registrants will earn up to two service hours for accurately prepping materials for the Carroll County Master Gardeners' Earth Day event.

Roar Like a Lion:

An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 4/6 from 1 - 4 PM

All Ages. Spring into an afternoon of community service in partnership with the local Lions Clubs. Student service hours will be available.

Knitting Nights

Wednesday, 4/10 at 6 PM

Ages 16 - Adults. New and experienced knitters are welcome to join us for an evening of chatting and sharing ideas while working on your own projects.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, 4/13 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 10. Join us for Spanish Bilingual Storytime!

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Marketing Your Book Without Going Crazy

Saturday, 4/13 at 1 PM

Adults. Flo McCahon will discuss how to market your book. Program sponsored by the Maryland Writers' Association, Carroll County Chapter.

Carroll County Critique Group

Saturday, 4/13 at 3:30 PM

Adults. Please join the Carroll County Critique group as we discuss our writing achievements.

Log Homes of Carroll County

Monday, 4/15 at 6:30 PM

Adults. Explore the history of these houses through a video and a discussion with Richard Blacksten. Program sponsored by the Carroll County Genealogical Society.

Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Thursday, 4/18 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Bring your questions about spring gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener.

Third Thursday:

Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 4/18 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/4

Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome teens and adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers to join us for games and more! All attendees need to register.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

Friday, 4/19 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/5

All Ages. This inclusive program welcomes children of all abilities and their caregivers to a supportive, judgment-free storytime.

Plant This, Not That: Native Plant Alternatives to Invasive Species

Saturday, 4/20 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 4/6

Adults. Join avid hobby gardener Mr. Max from CCPL's Finksburg Branch for a presentation on the state of our environment. An open discussion Q&A will follow the presentation. All attendees need to register.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, 4/20 at 2 PM • Registration opens 4/6

Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to a book-loving dog. Adults and seniors can come to de-stress and relax with a fuzzy friend too. Walk-ins welcome! Only kids need to register.

The Fool's Journey:

Tarot Cards for Divination, Brainstorming, Creativity, and Fun

Monday, 4/22 at 6:30 PM

Adults. Presenter Mary Mannix will discuss what tarot is and isn't, how a tarot deck is arranged, and an overview of card meanings.

Chess at the Library

Wednesday, 4/24 at 4 PM

Ages 7 - Adults. Show off your best moves against other chess players! Experienced and novice chess players are welcome.

Pre-Twinkle Violin

Wednesday, 4/24 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 4/10

Ages 2 - 7. Join Ms. Glenda Walsh Crouse from Westminster Suzuki Strings for a free 30-minute violin class. Only kids need to register.

Card Kit Crafty Box

Kit Pickup: Starts Friday, 4/26 • Registration opens 4/5

Adults. Register to pick up a box containing library materials for crafty inspiration. All attendees need to register.

Volunteer Opportunity at the Finksburg Branch Garden

Saturday, 4/27 from 9 - 11 AM • Registration opens 4/13

Ages 14 - 17. We are looking for students ages 14 - 17 to assist our local master gardeners with the maintenance of the Finksburg Branch gardens. Please dress appropriately, wear sunscreen, and bring water. Garden clean-up days are weather-dependent. All attendees need to register.

Offsite Event

at **Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.**

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

Tuesday, 4/9 at 7 PM

Registration opens 3/26

Adults. Prizes are provided by Bistro 91. Only one person per team needs to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 AM • 4/1 - 4/29

Ages 3 - 6. Explore a different letter of the alphabet through books, songs, and activities. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 9:45 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM 4/2 - 4/25

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime followed by playgroup activities.

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • Thursdays at 9:45 AM 4/2 - 4/25

Ages 2 - 3. This lively storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 4/2 - 4/23

Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 4/3 - 4/24

Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 4/3 - 4/24

Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school.

Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club

Monday, 4/8 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Operation Vengeance: The Astonishing Aerial Ambush That Changed World War II* by Dan Hampton. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club

Wednesday, 4/17

at 6:30 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

MOUNT AIRY BRANCH

Club Friendship

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Monday, 4/1 at 2 PM • Registration opens 3/18

Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome those with developmental disabilities or are neurodivergent, and their caregivers, for an hour of fun! All attendees need to register.

Hedgehog Meet & Greet

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Tuesday, 4/2 at 3 PM

All Ages. Join Ms. Sara and her hedgehog, Justine, and learn fun facts about hedgehogs.

Anime Club

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Tuesday, 4/2 at 5:30 PM

Ages 11 - 18. Join us for all things anime and manga!

Mount Airy Knitters

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Wednesdays at 10 AM • 4/3 - 4/24

Adults. Join a weekly roundtable of knitting and fun.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 4/1 - 4/29

Ages Birth - 8. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play in a format appropriate for young children.

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 4/2 - 4/30

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime followed by playgroup activities. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 4/3 - 4/24

Ages 3 - 6. A storytime that prepares children for school. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Pajama Party Storytime

Wednesday, 4/3 at 6:30 PM

Ages Birth - 8. Wear pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 11 AM • 4/6 - 4/27

Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement.

Writing Group: Tea & Poetry

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Friday, 4/5 at 2 PM

Ages 16 - Adults. Join our informal poetry writing group.

Spring Animals

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Saturday, 4/6 at 1 PM

Ages 5 - 11. Meet local wildlife with the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks!

Roar Like a Lion:

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An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 4/6 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

All Ages. Spring into community service with the local Lions Club. Student service hours will be available.

Solar Eclipse Party

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Monday, 4/8 at 3 PM

All Ages. We'll make eclipse crafts, safe viewers, and watch as the Moon covers 80% of the Sun.

Unwind Your Mind:

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Adult Coloring Book Group

Tuesday, 4/9 at 12 PM

Adults. Join us for a monthly social gathering as we color along with relaxing music.

Grown-Up Gaming

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Wednesday, 4/10 at 5:30 PM

Adults. Calling all board game enthusiasts for an evening of whimsy, strategy, and cooperation!

Teen Crafternoon: Book Page Bouquets

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Thursday, 4/11 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 3/28

Ages 11 - 17. Celebrate spring by making lovely recycled flowers. All attendees need to register.

Crafty Creations: DIY T-Shirt Totes

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Friday, 4/12 at 1 PM • Registration opens 3/29

Ages 16 - Adults. Create and decorate cloth totes to fit your swag. All attendees need to register.

Serenity Journaling

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Friday, 4/12 at 2 PM

Adults. Join Maria as she provides us with topics that we can write about and relax.

The Life and Literary

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Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe

Saturday, 4/13 at 1 PM

All Ages. Experience the life and legacy of Edgar Allan Poe through the Enoch Pratt Free Library's collections.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

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Saturday, 4/13 at 1 PM • Registration opens 3/30

Ages 11 - 18. Our game is friendly to both new and returning players. All attendees need to register.

Death Café: Conversations about Death

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Tuesday, 4/16 at 6 PM

Adults. Please note this is a discussion group, not a grief support. Refreshments will be served.

Adult DnD One Shot: A Most Potent Brew

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Thursday, 4/18 at 5 PM • Registration opens 4/4

Adults. Join us for a fun-filled, self-contained one-shot adventure! All attendees need to register.

You Are a Poem

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Friday, 4/19 at 11 AM

Ages 6 - 11. Celebrate National Poetry Month as we learn about poetry and create some of our own poems!

Crafty Creations: Personal Poetry Jars

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Friday, 4/19 at 2 PM • Registration opens 4/5

Adults. Decorate poetry jars to hold your favorite poems! All attendees need to register.

LEGO® Creations

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Saturday, 4/20 at 2 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like!

Read with a Furry Friend

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Saturday, 4/20 at 2 PM

Ages 3 - Adults. Trained reading dogs will provide a relaxed atmosphere for kids to practice reading.

Teen Poetry Workshop

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Tuesday, 4/23 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 4/9

Ages 11 - 18. Presenter and author Logan Bruner will lead a workshop discussing all things poetry!

Building Blocks Playtime

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Friday, 4/26 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 5. Learn through play with wooden blocks! Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Mount Airy Volunteer Fair

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Saturday, 4/27 from 1 - 4 PM

Ages 12 - Adults. Explore the volunteer opportunities in our area, including groups offering service hours.

Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board

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Tuesday, 4/30 at 6:30 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Need service hours? We've got those!

Book Clubs



Young Adult Book Club

Tuesday, 4/9 at 6:30 PM

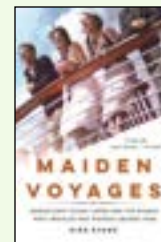
Ages 12 - 17. This month we will be discussing *The Valley and the Flood* by Rebecca Mahoney.



Mount Airy Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, 4/17 at 1 PM

Adults. This month we will discuss *Really Good, Actually* by Monica Heisey.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursday, 4/25 at 12 PM

Adults. This month we will discuss *Maiden Voyages: Women and the Golden Age of Transatlantic Travel* by Siân Evans.

Can You Find Gnome-E-O? ●●●

Monday, 4/1 - Thursday, 4/11 during library hours
All Ages. Visit the library often to see if you can find Gnome-E-O's hiding spot! Tell us where you found him, get a sticker, and fill out a ticket for a chance for a prize pack from the Washington Wizards!

April Fools' Farm Fun ●●●

Monday, 4/1 at 10 AM
All Ages. Meet farm animals and their 4-H owners to learn about their projects. There will be a tractor and an implement for you to explore and learn about. Then, plant a plant for you to grow this spring.

North Carroll Knitters Group ●

Monday, 4/1 and Tuesday, 4/16 at 1 PM
Adults. Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join this group gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns.

Medieval Madness ●●●

Monday, 4/1 at 1:30 PM
Ages 8 - 12. Join the fun as we make shields, make and test catapults, participate in axe throwing, and more!

North Carroll Writers Group ●

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • 4/2 - 4/30
Thursdays at 10 AM • 4/4 - 4/25
Adults. This writing group allows beginners, unpublished, and published writers to network, learn, vent, and feel inspired to move to the next level.

Irish Dance Workshop ●●●

Tuesday, 4/2 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 3/19
Adults. Join Cierra O'Keefe, a world championship-level Irish dancer, for a beginner "Shamrock Session" which will include Irish dance basics and traditional ceili practice. All attendees need to register.

Read to a Dog ●

Thursday, 4/4 at 6 PM
Ages 4 - 12. Read to a puppy from the Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Program! Reading to a dog can increase a child's self-esteem and confidence levels in reading, especially for struggling readers.

Roar Like a Lion: An Afternoon of Community Service ●●●

Saturday, 4/6 from 1 - 4 PM
All Ages. Spring into an afternoon of community service in partnership with the local Lions Clubs. The Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Student service hours will be available.

Total Solar Eclipse Day ●●●

Monday, 4/8 at 1 PM
All Ages. Learn what a solar eclipse is, make a special viewing device, and receive a pair of approved solar eclipse viewing glasses (available while supplies last.)

Preschool Vision Screening ●

Tuesday, 4/9 from 9 :30 AM - 12 PM
Ages 2 - 6. Testing covers nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal focusing, and differences in the power of the eyes. Offered in partnership with the Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club.

Crazy for Crafting ●●●

Thursday, 4/11 at 6 PM • Registration opens 3/28
Adults. Join us for some fun and easy craft projects each month. All attendees need to register.

Clue: A Murder Mystery ●●●

Monday, 4/15 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/1
Ages 11 - 17. Join us for a murder mystery based on the classic board game *Clue*.

North Carroll Ask a Master Gardener ●

Tuesday, 4/16 from 9 :30 - 11 :30 AM
Adults. Bring your questions about spring gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener.

Potomac Community Services Table ●●●

Thursday, 4/18 from 9 :30 - 11 :30 AM
All Ages. Potomac Community Services provides mental health case management therapy services to youth and adults in Carroll County at no cost to you. Stop by to meet with staff, discuss service eligibility, and complete initial paperwork.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group ●

Thursday, 4/18 at 6 PM
Adults. Speaking with other people who have multiple sclerosis can be one of the most empowering and helpful things for someone with MS. This group is part of the MS Focus Independent Support Group Network.

Spring Healthy Cooking Series: Sustainability & Reducing Food Waste ●●●

Tuesday, 4/23 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/9
Adults. Join Weis Dietitian Christina Pelletier, MS, RDN, LDN, to learn how to live more sustainably, both in and outside the grocery store. The presentation will be followed by a Crunchy Broccoli and Apple Slaw recipe demonstration that participants will be able to sample. Come and receive a \$5.00 coupon to Weis Markets. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day ●

Wednesday, 4/24 from 10 AM - 2 PM
Adults. Join Carroll County Workforce Development for a pop-up event! Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Senior Planet: Streaming and Smart TVs ●●●

Wednesday, 4/24 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/10
Adults. Are you paying for TV channels you don't watch? Learn why people are "cutting the cord" and using streaming services instead! All attendees need to register.
Senior Planet programs are targeted at the 60+ community, but all are welcome! Senior Planet programs are provided in cooperation with the Carroll Tech Council.

Outsmart the Scammers ●●●

Monday, 4/29 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 4/15
Adults. Learn about red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter and steps attendees can take now to help protect themselves and loved ones. All attendees need to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Move and Learn

Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 4/2 - 4/30
Ages Birth - 8. A storytime featuring an age-appropriate story, songs, and learning activities, with a concentration on creative movement.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM
4/3 - 4/25
Ages Birth - 8. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play in a format appropriate for young children.

Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM • 4/3 - 4/24
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas and listen to stories before bed. Join us for family fun and enjoy stories, music, crafts, play, and being together with friends.

Read and Play

Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM • 4/5 - 4/29
Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

Book Club



North Carroll Book Discussion Group

Monday, 4/22 at 6 PM
Adults. This month's selection is *The Last Green Valley* by Mark Sullivan.

Offsite Events

**at the North Carroll Senior Center,
2328 Hanover Pike**

North Carroll Senior Center Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday, 4/10 at 11 AM
Adults. This month's selection is *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir.

North Carroll Senior Center Thursday Book Club

Thursday, 4/11 at 1 PM
Adults. This month's selection is *Standing in the Rainbow* by Fannie Flagg.

TANEYTOWN BRANCH

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Thursdays from 10 AM - 4 PM • 4/4, 4/18

Adults. Join Carroll County Workforce Development for a pop-up event! Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Storytimes for Kids

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 4/2, 4/16 - 4/30

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Read and Play

Wednesday, 4/17 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities that allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 4/17 - 4/24

Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills.

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM • 4/18 - 4/25

Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Offsite Event

at Brewery Fire

4337 Old Taneytown Rd STE B

Books and Brews Book Club

Wednesday, 4/3 at 6 PM

Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books while also getting a chance to enjoy excellent craft beer? Then our Books and Brews book club is for you! We will feature a different book at each meeting, so join us for a sharing of good books and good ideas.

The selection for this month is *Educated* by Tara Westover, a memoir about Tara's life journey, from being raised by homeschooling survivalists in the mountains of Idaho to earning a PhD from Cambridge University.

Roar Like a Lion: An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 4/6 from 1 - 4 PM

All Ages. The Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.

Total Solar Eclipse Day

Monday, 4/8 at 1 PM

All Ages. Celebrate the solar eclipse! We'll have safe viewers and watch as the Moon covers 80% of the Sun.

Come Create

Monday, 4/8 at 6 PM • Registration opens 3/25

Adults. Explore your inner artist. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

The Three Little Pigs Puppet Show

Wednesday, 4/10 at 6:30 PM

Ages 3 - 12. Mama pig has decided their house isn't big enough so it's time for her three little piggies to go out into the world to seek their fortunes! Come with us as we follow them on their journey to seek their fortune!

Spring Into Art

Monday, 4/15 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/1

Ages 2 - 6. Explore photosynthesis and learn what plants need to grow. Make play dough flowers and create a nature collage. Only kids need to register.

Diamond Painting

Tuesday, 4/16 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/2

Adults. Join us for a monthly session of diamond painting! All attendees need to register.

Taneytown Anime Club

Wednesday, 4/17 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/3

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to watch the latest and greatest anime with other teens! Refreshments will be served.

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Friday, 4/19 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/5

Ages Birth - 8. Join us as we celebrate the changing weather of spring.

Spanish Language Practice Circle

Friday, 4/19 at 10:30 AM

Adults. This is a friendly, informal group gathering monthly to practice speaking Spanish together. All levels are welcome; the leader will provide materials.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Friday, 4/19 from 1 - 3 PM

All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services, including reproductive health services, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, blood pressure screening, and more. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids

Saturday, 4/20 at 11 AM • Registration opens 4/6

Ages 6 - 11. CCPL's Taneytown Branch is having a *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for kids, so join us to show you're the best player your age in town!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens

Saturday, 4/20 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/6

Ages 11 - 17. CCPL's Taneytown Branch is having a monthly *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for teens, so join us to show you're the best *Super Smash Bros.* player in town! No prizes, just glory to the winner!

Taneytown Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 4/22 at 3:30 PM

Ages 12 - 18. Help us plan teen programming and influence our teen collections. Need service hours? We've got those too!

Let's Get Crafty

Tuesday, 4/23 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/9

Adults. We will have a fun and EASY craft project each month. No experience or creative skills are needed! All attendees need to register.

Tiny Tots Gym Time

Wednesday, 4/24 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 5. We'll have an obstacle course, tunnels, balance beams, bean bags, balls, and more to get out some of that energy!

Potomac Community Services Table

Thursday, 4/25 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

All Ages. Potomac Community Services provides mental health case management therapy services to youth and adults in Carroll County at no cost to you. Stop by to meet with staff, discuss service eligibility, and complete initial paperwork. Let us help you work through barriers to achieving your goals!

Car Seat Safety Event

Thursday, 4/25 from 10:30 AM - 1 PM

Adults. Child car safety seats can be very challenging and confusing to install! The Carroll County Health Department will perform car seat safety checks and assist families to ensure they use child seats correctly. Appointments are suggested but not required. Call 410-876-4448 to make an appointment.

Taneytown Craft Swap

Saturday, 4/27 during library hours

All Ages. Gently used or like-new craft supplies can be dropped off at CCPL's Taneytown Branch from April 13 through April 26. Anyone looking to try something new can stop by anytime on April 27 to browse and find something fun to do next! Arts and crafts of any type are welcome.

Birds of Maryland: From Field to Forest and Ground Floor to Treetops

Monday, 4/29 at 6 PM

Ages 13 - Adults. Enjoy lifelong birder Martin Brazeau's entertaining and informative high-definition film showing the ecology of Maryland birds, such as scarlet tanagers, orioles, and warblers. He will share how birds change with each habitat and discuss unique bird behaviors. You will also view a short film showing what you can do to protect birds. Marty will also share a PowerPoint presentation showing how he films birds. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation.

Super Awesome Dance Party with Mr. Craig

Tuesday, 4/2 at 1 PM

Ages Birth - 12. Enjoy your day off from school with one of Mr. Craig's raucous dance parties. There will be plenty of music, dancing, and fun.

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 4/6 at 12 PM

Ages 4 - Adults. Every dog enjoys a good story! Trained "reading dogs" provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere for kids to practice reading. Research shows that reading to animals can boost reading skills in children and help with emotional and social skills.

Roar Like a Lion:

An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 4/6 from 1- 4 PM

All Ages. Spring into an afternoon of community service in partnership with the local Lions Clubs. The Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.

Mamma Mia Mini Concert

Saturday, 4/6 at 1 PM

All Ages. Enjoy a sneak peek from Winters Mill High School's drama department's upcoming musical, *Mamma Mia*, based on the music of ABBA.

English Paper Piecing Block (of the month) Party: Blocks 10 - 12

Tuesday, 4/9 at 5 PM • Registration opens 3/26

Ages 16 - Adults. Join us to stitch the *Love Patchwork & Quilting* EPP Party Block of the Month using English paper piecing (EPP) and Appliquè technique. Paper pieces will be provided. All attendees need to register.

It Starts with a Seed Storytime

Saturday, 4/13 at 11 AM • Registration opens 3/30

Ages 5 - 10. Learn about how plants grow from a seed into a plant with stories. Then, you'll have a chance to plant your own seed to take home and watch it grow! Don't forget to bring Ms. Rachel progress photos!

Spring Paint Party

Saturday, 4/20 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/6

Ages 13 - Adults. Celebrate spring with a fun afternoon of painting! The paint we use can stain clothing, so please wear old clothes. Materials will be provided. No prior experience is necessary. All attendees need to register.

Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 4/22 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 4/8

Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens looking for leadership roles in planning library programs. We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Need service hours? We've got those too! Participants can join us in person or log in virtually through Zoom by registering.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
4/1 - 4/29

Ages Birth - 8. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
4/2 - 4/30

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, and more, followed by playgroup activities.

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM
Thursdays at 10 AM
4/2 - 4/30

Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 7 PM • 4/2 - 4/30

Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

▶ ONLINE ZOOM EVENTS ◀

Zoom login information will be emailed to participants one hour before the program starts.

Virtual Teen Advisory Board: Service Learning Opportunity

Wednesday, 4/3 at 6:30 PM
Registration opens 3/20

Ages 12 - 17. Are you interested in volunteering virtually at the library? Join us for Teen Advisory Board, a monthly meeting where teens advise the library on teen-related topics.

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Tuesday, 4/9 at 4 PM
Registration opens 3/26

Ages 12 - 17. Join us for a session of Dungeons & Dragons played entirely online! This session is for beginners and avid players alike. All attendees need to register.

The Zentangle Method of Drawing-based Mindfulness

Wednesday, 4/17 at 7 PM • Registration now open

Ages 10 - Adults. In this online class, Sarah Reading CZT (Certified Zentangle Teacher) will lead us through a relaxing drawing activity that starts with four dots and a line. The outcome will amaze you! Please have the following supplies handy: white paper, a black pen, a pencil, and something with which to smudge.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1

Wednesday, 4/10 at 5 PM
Registration opens 3/27

Adults. Seminar will cover the four parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C, and D), Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans, available preventive services, and how to protect yourself from healthcare fraud. All attendees need to register.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2

Wednesday, 4/17 at 5 PM
Registration opens 4/3

Adults. Find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. This seminar focuses on Medicare Supplement/Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. All attendees need to register.

Book Club



Diverse Voices Book Club

Tuesday, 4/30 at 5 PM
Registration opens 4/16

Ages 16 - Adults. Our April selection is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. Attendees are welcome to attend in person at CCPL's

Westminster Branch or virtually through Zoom.

Offsite Event

at City Park Gaming & Brew Room
133 E Main St Suite 1G Rear

Game Day: Carcassonne Saturday, 4/13 at 2 PM

Ages 10 - Adults. Librarian Joy Zimmer will teach you how to play *Carcassonne*! An adult must accompany all participants under the age of 18. The library will not cover the cost of beverages or snacks.

Cooking for Wellness: ●● R \$

Greek Yogurt French Onion Dip

Monday, 4/1 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 3/18

Ages 15 - Adults. Onions are often a tasty addition to a meal, and we use them so often that it's easy to overlook their nutritional value. In this class, registered dietitian Dana Mealing will discuss the health benefits of all the vegetables in the allium family while enjoying a versatile onion recipe. This class is provided through The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Teens Cook: National Burrito Day ● R

Monday, 4/1 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 3/18

Ages 12 - 18. Teens! Celebrate National Burrito Day with handmade beef burritos with rice, corn, black beans, and all the fillings. All attendees need to register.

Learn to Solder ●● R

Tuesday, 4/2 at 5 PM • Registration opens 3/19

Ages 16 - Adults. Soldering is fun and fundamental to various maker electronic projects and modern technology. From simple light-up LEDs to complex robots, solder is the glue that holds the technological world together. Join us for a hands-on project where you will assemble and solder your very own electronic dice circuit.

Baking Basics: Pie Crust ●● R \$

Wednesday, 4/3 at 10 AM • Registration opens 3/20

Ages 16 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will learn the tricks of making flaky pie crusts. Each participant will take a cherry pie home to bake or freeze for later. **\$18.00**

Designing for 3D Printing ●● R with Onshape

Wednesday, 4/3 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 3/20

Ages 12 - Adults. Welcome to the exciting world of 3D design and modeling! In this comprehensive, hands-on session in *Onshape*, a powerful cloud-based computer-aided design (CAD) platform, we will dive into the fundamental concepts and practical techniques needed to design for 3D printing.

Intro to Laser Cutting ●● R

Thursday, 4/4 at 10 AM • Registration opens 3/21

Monday, 4/15 at 5 PM • Registration opens 4/1

Ages 12 - Adults. This beginner-level laser cutter class will walk you through design basics, machine use, and safety procedures. At the instructor's discretion, customers who successfully complete this program will be certified to use Exploration Commons' Fusion Pro and Fusion Edge laser cutters. Customers aged 12 to 15 who complete their certification must have a certified adult with them to use the laser independently.

Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner ●● R \$

Thursday, 4/4 at 5 PM • Registration opens 3/21

Ages 14 - Adults. Koom essa - Come eat! Learn about and cook traditional Pennsylvania Dutch favorites: Ham Balls, Wilted Lettuce Salad with Hot Bacon Dressing, and Brown Buttered noodles. **\$10.00**

Sewing: Embroidery Machine Basics ●● R

Thursday, 4/4 at 5 PM • Registration opens 3/21

Ages 16 - Adults. Get familiar with embroidery machines and the tools and materials you need to create a successful project. Through both lecture and demonstration, learn about Exploration Commons' Bernina 535E Embroidery Machine, types of hoops and stabilizers, and use of embroidery motifs. Attendees may schedule an appointment to complete the Embroidery Machine Independent Certification after completing this class.

Makes and Munchies: ●● R \$

Cast Iron Cookie Sundaes

Saturday, 4/6 at 10 AM and Saturday, 4/13 at 1 PM

Registration opens 3/23

Saturday, 4/6 at 2 PM and Saturday, 4/13 at 1 PM

Registration opens 3/23

Ages 13 - Adults. Join us in this crossover program spanning two Saturdays! We will begin the first session by customizing platters for our skillets using our laser engraver. Our second session will be in the teaching kitchen, where we will make skillet cookies using our platters and finish with ice cream and toppings for a tasty sundae. Each registration is for 2 attendees who will share a platter/skillet and sundae. It can be couples, friends, or family members over the age of 13. Anyone under the age of 16 must share their registration with an adult. All attendees need to register. **\$15.00**

Photoshop: Getting Started with Basic Photo Compositing ●● R

Monday, 4/8 at 1 PM • Registration opens 3/25

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn new techniques to create fantasy images or edit family photos using *Photoshop*! In this class, you will learn how to copy, paste, and mask images onto another photo. We'll also explain Smart Objects and Blending Modes. Experience with Photoshop is helpful but not necessary.

Chef Stories: Scallion Pancakes ● R \$ with Jen Yang of Covalent Spirits

Monday, 4/8 at 5 PM • Registration opens 3/25

Adults. Join us for Chef Stories with Jennifer Yang of Covalent Spirits. Jen will teach her 'taste of home' recipe for making scallion pancakes. Attendees will make their own scallion pancakes to eat while hearing about Jen's childhood memories around cooking, food, and more! All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

Making for Seniors: ● R

Introduction to Podcasting

Tuesday, 4/9 at 10 AM • Registration opens 3/26

Adults. Learning new technology should be fun, not intimidating! Join us for a walkthrough of our podcasting equipment and software to get you started using our Audio/Video Lab!

CAD for Cosplay: ●● R

Lightsabers & Fusion 360

Tuesday, 4/9 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 3/26

Ages 14 - Adults. Learn the ways of *Fusion 360* and become a design Jedi. This project-based tutorial will teach the fundamentals of cosplay prop design using *Fusion 360*, a professional CAD software suite with a free hobbyist license. We'll examine the art and technique of crafting props and explore the process by designing your own custom saber shape. No previous CAD experience is required, although participants should be comfortable using a Windows PC and mouse. All attendees need to register.

Kids Cooking: Wrap Sandwiches ●● R \$

Wednesday, 4/10 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 3/27

Ages 9 - 14. Prepare a tasty wrap sandwich for an easy snack or your lunchbox. In this hands-on class, we will learn how to avoid soggy wraps and prepare a delicious sauce to eat it with. **\$6.00**

Digitizing Sewing Patterns ●● R

Thursday, 4/11 at 10 AM • Registration opens 3/28

Thursday, 4/18 at 5 PM • Registration opens 4/4

Ages 14 - Adults. In this class, participants will explore the basics of pattern digitizing. Pattern digitizing is the process of transforming paper sewing patterns into digital files with computer-aided design (CAD) systems for preservation, editing, and storage. Learn how to transfer your paper sewing patterns to digital files for storage, printing, or laser cutting. Some experience with design software is required for this class.

Personalized Snack Boards for Teens ● R \$

Thursday, 4/11 at 5 PM • Registration opens 3/28

Ages 12 - 17. Step up your snacking game by creating a custom engraved snack board! We'll personalize a bamboo snack board using *Adobe Illustrator* design software and our Fusion Pro laser cutter. Then head to the teaching kitchen to learn some tips and tricks while you fill the board with yummy snacks! **\$12.00**

3D Printed Watering Can Adapters ●● R

Friday, 4/12 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 3/29

Ages 12 - Adults. Welcome to the exciting world of 3D design! Explore some fundamental 3D modeling techniques while designing a watering can adapter for disposable water bottles that can be 3D printed!

Cooking for Wellness: ●● R \$ Developing Diabetes Dish Diversity

Monday, 4/15 at 11 AM • Registration opens 4/1

Ages 15 - Adults. Getting bored with cooking the same things over and over? You may just be missing that creative spark! In this class, we will use the same primary ingredients, chicken, tomato, and pasta, to discuss how to make three separate dishes. Registered dietitian Dana Mealing will show you how to keep the variety alive in your kitchen. You'll never get bored of food again! **\$5.00**

Become a Blue Ribbon Winner! Competing at the State Fair

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Monday, 4/15 at 6 PM • Registration opens 4/1

Ages 12 - Adults. Join Maryland State Fair Home Arts Department Superintendent Janice Coroneos to learn the ins and outs of competing at the Fair. This program will discuss Home Arts Categories and is not limited to food entries. Topics will include Open Class categories, premiums, registration dates, rules and guidelines, competition dates, and more. All attendees need to register.

VCarve: Create a Puzzle Ball

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Tuesday, 4/16 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/2

Ages 12 - Adults. Join us for a hands-on session where we create and cut out a wood puzzle ball on Exploration Commons' Iconic CNC router. Previous basic computer experience is required. No experience with the CNC router or design software is needed. This class does not result in independent CNC use certification. **\$5.00**

Chicken and Dumpling Soup

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Wednesday, 4/17 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/3

Adults. Learn to make delicious chicken and scratch dumpling soup. We'll create our soup and have it together for lunch in our teaching kitchen. All attendees need to register.

Cosplay Electronics: Arduinos & Lightsabers

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Wednesday, 4/17 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 4/3

Ages 12 - Adults. In this introductory seminar, we'll examine the design and coding of an Arduino-based solution to lighting up a lightsaber prop and giving it the iconic sound effects we know and love (or some custom sounds of your own). We'll also cover available resources for learning electronics and programming microcontrollers using the Arduino platform.

Sweet and Savory Waffles

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Thursday, 4/18 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 4/4

Ages 14 - Adults. Make and taste sweet and savory varieties of this breakfast favorite. Recipes will include Banana Oatmeal, Apple Fritter, Cheddar Bacon Jalapeño, Pulled Pork, and Belgian Coffee. **\$7.00**

Inclusive Making:

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Intro to 3D Printing with *Tinkercad*

Friday, 4/19 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/5

Ages 15 - Adults. Join us for an inclusive makerspace class for teens and adults with disabilities! Discover the joy of creating as we dive into *Tinkercad*, an entry-level 3D design software! Each registration covers one participant and up to one direct support professional.

Advanced Laser Cutting: Precision Techniques

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Saturday, 4/20 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/6

Ages 16 - Adults. We will discuss precision techniques to improve your laser project outcomes. Topics will include centering-point alignment, printed registration marks, using jigs or templates, and the importance of maintaining a settings notebook. Exploration Commons Laser certification is required prior to attending this program.

Basic Knife Skills

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Wednesday, 4/24 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 4/10

Ages 16 - Adults. This hands-on class will cover everything you need to know about caring for your knives and how to use them. You'll learn how to chop, dice, and mince and get plenty of practice with other professional cuts. This is a beginner class.

Be a Coffee Connoisseur!

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Thursday, 4/25 at 11 AM • Registration opens 4/11

Adults. Take a trip around the world of coffee! Learn about bean origins, roasting temperatures, and types of grinding to brew the perfect cup of joe! Sample several varieties and evaluate using coffee flavor descriptors.

Intro to Adobe Illustrator

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Thursday, 4/25 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 4/11

Ages 12 - Adults. Learn the basic features of *Adobe Illustrator*. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and explore the program through hands-on instruction. No experience is required!

CNC and Fusion 360 Demo

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Friday, 4/26 at 3 PM • Registration opens 4/12

Ages 14 - Adults. Fusion 360 can generate toolpaths for subtractive manufacturing using CNC machines like our CNC router. We'll examine the design and manufacturing process of a simple 3D milling project and the learning pathways to becoming proficient in using *Fusion 360*. This demonstration assumes no prior CAD or CAM knowledge, but having previous experience with Fusion is extremely helpful; manufacturing with Fusion is an intermediate skill. All attendees need to register.

Family Baking:

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Cinnamon Star Bread

Saturday, 4/27 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/13

Ages 6 - Adults. Shape and bake a delicious Cinnamon Star Bread using pre-made dough. Registration is for one child age 6+ and one adult plus up to two additional attendees per family. Please indicate the attendees' names and the children's ages at registration. One registration per group covers up to four people.

Laser Engraved Personal Recipe Card and Box

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Monday, 4/29 at 1 PM • Registration opens 4/15

Ages 16 - Adults. Create a kitchen keepsake by turning a handwritten recipe into an engraved wooden recipe card! We'll learn some of the basics of *Adobe Illustrator* as we create a custom recipe box label and utilize scanning to bring our handwritten recipes into a digital, engravable format. Previous laser design experience is helpful but not required. This class does not result in independent laser cutter use certification. **\$8.00**

Baking Techniques Two-Day Class: Croissants

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Tuesday, 4/30 and Wednesday, 5/1 at 10 AM

Registration opens 4/16

Adults. Learn the basics of dough lamination on day one. On day two, participants will bake croissants and pain au chocolat. **\$18.00**

Sewing: Serger Basics

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Tuesday, 4/30 at 10 AM • Registration opens 4/16

Ages 14 - Adults. In this class, you will learn about the sewing, cutting, proper threading, and operating basics of the versatile serger/overlock sewing machine. This is a beginner-level class, and no sewing experience is required. This program includes Exploration Commons Serger Certification for independent use.

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

CELEBRATE SMOKEY BEAR'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

Join Smokey in learning about wildfires and the environment. Read books, take action, and have fun! And remember: only you can prevent wildfires.

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AT CARR.BEANSTACK.ORG/READER365

Note: Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures.

The Exploration Commons kitchen is not an allergen-free facility.



COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH REAL PEOPLE

SATURDAY, 4/13 FROM 10 AM - 1 PM

AT EXPLORATION COMMONS

50 East Main Street • Westminster, MD 21157

Free & Open to the Public | For Adults | Refreshments Provided

A Human Library is a safe space where human "Books" share their stories with "Readers" who attend the event. The human Books are members of our communities who have experienced discrimination or prejudice based on who they are, where they come from, or how they self-identify. At the event, Readers and Books have a 20-minute conversation, asking questions and discussing their shared experiences and differing perspectives. The goal of this event is to create a dialogue and understanding between people in our communities in a safe, conversational space and to promote unity, diversity, and respect. The Human Library is designed to be a welcoming, inclusive, non-partisan space.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact
Cassandra Casey (CCasey@carrollcc.edu or 410-386-8118).

This event is a collaboration among Human Library,
Carroll County Community College, McDaniel College's Hoover Library,
and Carroll County Public Library.



CARROLL COUNTY
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FREE AUTHOR EVENT

ELIZA KNIGHT



**Saturday, 4/13
at 1:30 PM**

**Exploration
Commons**

50 East Main Street
Westminster, MD 21157

HUMAN LIBRARY AUTHOR EVENT

Adults. Join us for a special event with bestselling author Eliza Knight as she talks about her recent collaboration *Can't We Be Friends*. The historical novel uncovers the boundary-breaking, genuine friendship between Ella Fitzgerald, the Queen of Jazz, and iconic movie star Marilyn Monroe.

An author talk will be followed by book sales and signing. Registration is suggested but not required for this Human Library companion program.

Eliza will be in conversation with Madeline Martin, bestselling author of *The Last Bookshop in London*, *The Librarian Spy*, and *The Keeper of Hidden Books*.

Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore and Carroll County Public Library.



Price: Free

Registration now open at:

cpl.librarymarket.com/event/knight-author

FREE AUTHOR EVENT

JEAN BURGESS



Tuesday, 4/16
at 6:30 PM

Exploration Commons
50 East Main Street
Westminster, MD 21157

BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Adults. Join local author, Jean Burgess, as she launches her debut fiction, *That Summer She Found Her Voice: A Retro Novel*. The book, set in 1978 with locales on Maryland's Eastern Shore and Baltimore's Little Italy, tells the story of 23-year-old Margie Stevens as she encounters sexist and moral challenges while touring the country as a singer with King Vido's Swing Band. Loosely based on the author's own experience as a singer in the late 1970s, the book explores themes of emerging feminism, social injustice, and spiritualism against a background of swing music, jazz, and funk. The event will include a free Retro Gift Box raffle, an appearance by Baltimore's Best Hon 2023, Kendra DeChantel Sweren Keiser, and an author talk, followed by a book signing.



Price: Free
Registration now open at:
ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/jean-burgess

AUTHOR EVENT - \$35

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Wednesday, 4/24
at 6:30 PM

Winters Mill High School
560 Gorsuch Road
Westminster, MD 21157

Adults. Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and Black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants in this courtroom drama from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author David Baldacci.

Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore and Carroll County Public Library.

Accessibility: If special accommodations are needed, please contact the event organizer at least two weeks prior to the event.

Refund Policy: Refund requests for ticket price will be considered until two weeks before the event date. Eventbrite ticket fees are non-refundable. Any ticket holder who is unable to attend after that date will still be able to receive a signed copy of A Calamity of Souls. In the event of a weather cancellation, ticket holders will receive credit for use on a future event.



Price: \$35
includes signed copy of *A Calamity of Souls*
Purchase tickets at:
DavidBaldacci.eventbrite.com



2024 Schedule

COUNTYWIDE PRIVATE AND HOME SCHOOL BATTLES

Friday, April 19 at 6:30 PM
Elementary School Battle: Montessori School of Westminster

PUBLIC SCHOOL BATTLES

Friday, April 5 at 6:30 PM
Eldersburg Area Elementary Battle: Century High School

Friday, April 5 at 6:30 PM
North Carroll Area Elementary Battle: Manchester Valley High School

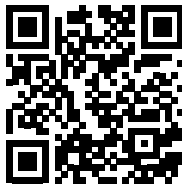
Friday, April 12 at 6:30 PM
Finksburg Area Elementary Battle: Westminster High School

Friday, April 12 at 6:30 PM
Mount Airy Area Elementary Battle: South Carroll High School

Friday, April 19 at 6:30 PM
Westminster Area Elementary Battle: Westminster High School

Friday, May 3 at 6:30 PM
Taneytown Area Elementary Battle: Francis Scott Key High School

Help us cheer on our students! Battle of the Books is an exciting book-based competition. Students compete in teams to answer questions relating to the content of a number of books. The game format creates interest and excitement in reading, while cultivating teamwork, and encouraging good sportsmanship.



Scan QR code for more information, or go to:
<https://library.carr.org/programs/BoB.asp>

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ENHANCE LIBRARY SERVICES

Our collection of materials that guide learning and inspire curiosity.

PROVIDE INNOVATING PROGRAMMING

Our incredible educational activities support literacy and provide enriching experiences for all ages.

EXPAND OUR COLLECTION TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY



CARROLL COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Infinite Possibilities

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE LIBRARY?

BECOME A FRIEND

Members of the Friends of Carroll County Public Library support the library in its mission to deliver lifelong learning for all ages through advocating for public funding for libraries, promoting awareness of public library services and needs, and by enhancing library program resources in partnership with staff and board of trustees.

MAKE A DONATION

The library welcomes financial gifts, in-kind support, and material gifts. Donations may also be mailed to Carroll County Public Library, 1100 Green Valley Road, New Windsor, MD 21776.

If you would like to donate books, music, or movies to the library, please call your local branch to ensure donations are currently being accepted.

If you would like more information about giving to the library, please call 410.386.4500 or scan the QR code to go to library.carr.org/about/support.asp

