



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAMS



An Evening with **JACK CARR** Tuesday, 10/14 at 7 PM

Carroll Arts Center

91 W. Main Street, Westminster

Adults. An author talk will be followed by a book signing. Additional books will be available for purchase from Park Books on Main.

Presented by Carroll County Public Library and Park Books on Main.

This program is part of the Carroll 250 Speaker Series celebrating the United States Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence.

About the Author

Jack Carr is a former Navy SEAL who led special operations teams as a team leader, platoon commander, troop commander, and task unit commander. Over his twenty years in Naval Special Warfare, he transitioned from an enlisted SEAL sniper to a junior officer leading assault and sniper teams in Iraq and Afghanistan, to a platoon commander practicing counterinsurgency in the southern Philippines. He also commanded a special operations task unit in the most Iranian-influenced section of southern Iraq throughout the tumultuous drawdown of US Forces. Jack retired from active duty in 2016 and lives with his wife and three children in Park City, Utah. He is the author of *The Terminal List*, *True Believer*, *Savage Son*, *The Devil's Hand*, *In the Blood*, *Only the Dead*, *Red Sky Mourning*, and *Targeted: Beirut*. His debut novel, *The Terminal List*, was adapted into the #1 Prime Video series starring Chris Pratt. He is also the host of the top-rated *Danger Close* podcast.

About the Book

From the "hottest author on the thriller scene today" (*The Real Book Spy*), #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Jack Carr brings the worlds of special operations and CIA paramilitary units into direct collision in the jungles of Vietnam with his explosive new thriller.

He introduces young Navy SEAL Tom Reece, a man torn between the blurred lines and allegiances of the military and the increasingly murky world of intelligence. This is how it all began...



Cost: \$35 (includes the author talk and a signed copy of *Cry Havoc*)

Scan QR code to purchase tickets or go to tinyurl.com/ccpl-evening-with-jack-carr

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HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday – Thursday	9 AM – 8 PM
Friday & Saturday	9 AM – 5 PM

CCPL will be closed on
Monday, 10/13 for an
All-Day Staff Training

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

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Writing Group

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM • 10/1 - 10/29

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

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 10/1 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Adults. Staff from the Carroll County Department of Social Services will be available to share community resources and DSS services.

Social workers are unable to provide clinical and therapeutic services, direct financial support, or make eligibility determinations.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, 10/1 from 12 - 6:30 PM

Ages 16 - Adults. Give blood and save a life.

Eldersburg Hooked on Crochet

Wednesdays at 6 PM • 10/1 - 10/29

Monday, 10/27 at 12:30 PM

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

Diamond Art Autumn Suncatcher

Thursday, 10/2 at 2 PM • Registration opens 9/18

Ages 14 - Adults. Try your hand at diamond painting. All attendees need to register.

Gentle Yoga

Thursday, 10/2 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 9/18

Tuesday, 10/21 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 10/7

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

Big Art Small Hands

Friday, 10/3 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Explore your child's creativity and help strengthen their fine motor skills through art.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Friday, 10/3 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Stuffed Animal Drop-Off

Friday, 10/3 at 3:30 PM

Ages 3 - 12. Drop off your stuffed animal friend so they can spend a fun night at the library. Next, come in on Saturday, October 4 at 10 AM for a sleepover-themed storytime to pick up your stuffed animals and find out what they did during their time at the library!

Note: The sleepover is for the stuffed animals, not the children.

Real Estate Talk with Hanna: Sellers

Saturday, 10/4 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/20

Adults. Learn how to prepare your home for sale to attract potential buyers. All attendees need to register.

Saturday Adventures: Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime Pick-Up

Saturday, 10/4 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Come to the library a new adventure with a sleepover-themed storytime!

Play and Explore

Mondays at 10:30 AM • 10/6, 10/20 - 10/27

Ages Birth - 5. Help your child practice fine motor, gross motor, and social/emotional skills through play!

It's All Fun & Games To Me

Mondays at 1 PM • 10/6, 10/20 - 10/27

Adults. Join us on Monday afternoons to play games and meet new people.

Fiber Art for Kids

Monday, 10/6 at 4:30 PM

Ages 6 - 12. Learn about different fiber art techniques. This month we will learn how to make felted rocks.

Relax and Unwind with Watercolor

Tuesday, 10/7 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 9/23

Ages 14 - Adults. Create beautiful art you will want to take home and display. All attendees need to register.

Youth Community Service Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 10/7, 10/21

Ages 12 - 18. Earn service learning hours while collaborating on projects.

Senior Planet: Food Delivery Apps

Wednesday, 10/8 at 2 PM • Registration opens 9/24

Adults. This lecture provides an overview of the most popular food delivery apps, such as DoorDash and Uber Eats. All attendees need to register.

Maryland Ghost Trackers

Wednesday, 10/8 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 9/24

Ages 14 - Adults. Join us for this fascinating program as members of the Maryland Ghost Trackers recount their experiences with the supernatural.

Spanish Language Practice Circle

Thursdays at 10 AM • 10/9, 10/23

Adults. This program is for intermediate- and advanced-level Spanish speakers. A partner from The Literacy Council of Carroll County will lead this program.

Q&A with the

Small Business Administration

Friday, 10/10 from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Adults. Schedule an appointment at tinyurl.com/ccpl-eldersburg-sba or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Knit and Chat

Tuesday, 10/14 at 6 PM

Ages 8 - Adults. Join us for a meet-up with other knitters of all ages to relax and knit, get ideas for projects, receive help, gain new skills, and learn to knit.

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LEGO® Builders Club

Wednesday, 10/15 at 4:30 PM

Ages 6 - 12. Join us for a LEGO® program where you tackle a new design each time!

Halloween Bingo

Thursday, 10/16 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/2

Adults. Join us for spooky fun as we celebrate October with a thriller- and horror-themed bingo!

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, 10/16 at 6 PM

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

To Be Read: Elizabeth R. Hyman

Thursday, 10/16 at 6:30 PM • Registration now open

Adults. See back cover for details.

Pokémon Fun

Friday, 10/17 at 10 AM

Ages 6 - 12. Come to the library for some Pokémon fun, including trivia, crafts, and more!

Five Nights at Freddy's Escape Room

Friday, 10/17 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/3

Ages 11 - 17. Celebrate *Five Nights at Freddy's* with a breakout-themed escape room! All attendees need to register.

Princess and the Pea:

A Saturday Adventures Storytime

Saturday, 10/18 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. This week, we will have a special princess storytime featuring the cast of Liberty High School Drama Club's *Princess and the Pea*!

Tai Chi for Wellness

and Rehabilitation

Saturday, 10/18 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 10/4

Ages 13 - Adults. This program will assist the body in recovering from illness and maintaining wellness.

Curious Kids

Monday, 10/20 at 4:30 PM

Ages 5 - 8. Share a story, art project, and hands-on STEM activity. Children and adults can have fun and get messy together!

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Open Mah Jongg

Monday, 10/20 at 6 PM

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg. We welcome players for non-competitive play.

Yoga with Meditation

Monday, 10/20 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 10/6

Friday, 10/24 at 10 AM • Registration opens 10/10

Monday, 10/27 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 10/13

Friday, 10/31 at 10 AM • Registration opens 10/17

Ages 13 - Adults. Experience the many benefits of yoga and meditation. All attendees need to register.

Line Dancing with Lori

Tuesday, 10/21 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/7

Tuesday, 10/28 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/14

Adults. Join us for an evening of fun and fitness. All attendees need to register.

Senior Planet:

Streaming and Smart TVs

Wednesday, 10/22 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/8

Adults. This presentation will introduce streaming: what it is, how to use it, and the variety of content available. All attendees need to register.

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Eldersburg Branch Anime Club

Wednesday, 10/22 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 17. Join us for all things anime and manga!

Meet Maryland's Cryptids!

Thursday, 10/23 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 10/9

Ages 14 - Adults. Representatives from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will be here to talk about creatures of folklore and the wildlife that possibly inspired them.

Fall & Winter Primer:

Putting Your Garden to Bed

Friday, 10/24 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/10

Ages 12 - Adults. Join us for this special presentation on preparing your garden for fall and winter. All attendees need to register.

Sykesville Painting Club:

Watercolor Workshop with Matthew Bird

Saturday, 10/25 at 1 PM

Adults. The library is partnering with the Sykesville Painting Club to offer this workshop by Matthew Bird.

Please register and pay at <https://tinyurl.com/spc-watercolor-matthew-bird>. Cost of Workshop: Members \$35.00; Non-Members \$45.00

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 10/25 at 2 PM

Ages 4 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog from My Caring Paws.

Carroll County Workforce

Development Day

Tuesday, 10/28 from 12 - 4 PM

Adults. Explore invaluable career resources at Carroll County Workforce Development's pop-up event.

Battle of the Books:

Parent and Coach Information Sharing

Tuesday, 10/28 at 6:30 PM

All Ages. Join us for an information session about the Battle of the Books! All parents and caregivers who have children that are interested in participating, as well as coaches, are encouraged to attend.

Open Chess

Wednesday, 10/29 at 6 PM

All Ages. Chess players of all levels are welcome.

Coffee with the Classics:

House on Haunted Hill

Friday, 10/31 at 10 AM

Adults. Help us celebrate Halloween with *House on Haunted Hill*. Refreshments will be served.

Storytimes for Kids

Move & Groove Storytime

**Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM
10/1 - 10/29**

Ages Birth - 8. This energetic storytime encourages creative movement and dance.

Read and Play

**Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM
10/2 - 10/30**

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

Family Storytime

**Mondays at 9:30 AM
Tuesdays and Thursday at 10:30 AM
10/2 - 10/9, 10/14 - 10/30**

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

Saturday Adventures

Saturdays at 10 AM • 10/11, 10/25

Ages Birth - 8. Come to the library every Saturday morning for a new adventure!

Little Learners

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM • 10/14 - 10/28

Ages 3 - 6. A special storytime just for preschoolers! Adult caregivers are welcome.

Starlight Storytime

Wednesday, 10/29 at 6:30 PM

Ages 2 - 5. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and enjoy an evening of stories and songs. Siblings are welcome to attend.

Book Clubs



Free Spirit Book Club

Saturday, 10/11 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult.

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Intro to Laser Cutting ●●R

Wednesday, 10/1 at 5 PM • Registration opens 9/17
Saturday, 10/18 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 10/4

Ages 12 - Adults. At the instructor's discretion, customers who successfully complete this program will be certified to use the Exploration Commons' Fusion Pro and Fusion Edge laser cutters.

Inclusive Cooks: ●R

Chocolate Crispy Rice Treat

Thursday, 10/2 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/18

Adults. In this hands-on cooking series for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and people without, we will prepare a healthier version of the popular crispy rice treat.

Design an Augmented Reality ●●R

Scavenger Hunt Game with *Delightex*

Thursday, 10/2 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 9/18

Ages 12 - Adults. Join us to learn how to create and code a simple augmented reality scavenger hunt. Using *Delightex* (formerly *Cospaces Edu*), we will walk through a facilitated project build you can share with family and friends.

Asian-Style Dumplings ●●R\$

Saturday, 10/4 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 9/20

Wednesday, 10/8 at 5 PM • Registration opens 9/24

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn to prepare Asian-style dumplings with premade wrappers. **\$12.00**

Intro to Web Design: HTML Basics ●●R

Monday, 10/6 at 1 PM • Registration opens 9/22

Ages 12 - Adults. Participants will learn the fundamentals of web design by exploring HTML.

Cooking for Wellness: ●●R\$

Winter Squash Soup

Monday, 10/6 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 9/22

Ages 15 - Adults. This recipe is versatile and can be made with anything from butternut to kabocha squash. Enjoy this dish with a presentation on macronutrients. This class is provided through our partnership with Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Baking Basics: ●●R

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin Tops

Monday, 10/6 at 6 PM • Registration opens 9/22

Ages 13 - Adults. Learn how to make Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin Tops. Easy, quick, and delicious! All attendees need to register.

Modifying Store Bought Costumes ●●R

Tuesday, 10/7 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 9/23

Ages 13 - Adults. This interactive class is designed to show attendees ways to modify preexisting garments and accessories for costuming. Attendees are encouraged to bring their costumes (if they have one) so we can work together to modify them. All attendees need to register.

Beginner Sewing Level 1: ●●R\$

Sew a Reversible Drawstring Bag (Class 8)

Wednesday, 10/8 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 9/24

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn how to sew a channel onto a fully lined bag and insert drawstrings that will close the bag. Learn about using different fabric combinations to add visual interest and how to use 'boxed bottom' techniques to create a sturdy base. **\$10.00**

Next Steps with Arduino ●●R

Thursday, 10/9 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/25

Ages 12 - Adults. Join us for a workshop where we'll explore a few challenging Arduino projects. All attendees need to register.

Creating Customized Chocolates ●●R\$

Thursday, 10/9 and 10/16 at 5:30 PM

Registration opens 9/25

Ages 16 - Adults. Get festive for fall by learning to create customized chocolates in this two-session class! **\$10.00**

Open Sewing Studio ●●R

Saturday, 10/11 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/27

Ages 16 - Adults. Open Sewing Studio is an opportunity to enjoy freestyle sewing with other sewists. All skill levels are welcome. Note: This is not an instructional class; no materials will be provided.

Note: there are two listings for this class, please register to bring your own machine -or- reserve one from our makerspace.

Making for Seniors: Create a ●R

Simple Wood Laser Cutter Project

Tuesday, 10/14 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/30

Adults. Join us for a basic hands-on session where we'll use *Adobe Illustrator* to create a simple wood laser cutter project. This class does not result in independent laser use certification.

Sewing Skills: Foundation ●●R\$

Piecing Techniques

Wednesday, 10/15 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 10/1

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn the basics of quilting techniques in foundation piecing to create unique fabrics to use in your projects. Foundation fabrics will be provided along with scrap pieces. **\$5.00**

Autumn Harvest Salads ●●R\$

Wednesday, 10/15 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 10/1

Ages 16 - Adults. Celebrate fall with festive autumn harvest salads! **\$6.00**

Intro to *Adobe Illustrator* ●●R

Wednesday, 10/15 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/1

Wednesday, 10/29 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 10/15

Ages 14 - Adults. Learn the basic features of *Adobe Illustrator*. All attendees need to register.

The 10/29 date is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Ghostly Glow: 3D Printed Night-Lights ●●R\$

Monday, 10/20 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 10/6

Ages 15 - Adults. In this class, we will 3D model our own ghostly figures that can be rigged up to everyday electronics to create a one-of-a-kind spooky night-light! **\$8.00**

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Intro to Basic Sewing Skills (Skill Level 0) ●●R

Tuesday, 10/21 at 10 AM • Registration opens 10/7

Ages 16 - Adults. This introductory-level class includes the EC sewing machine certification.

Edible Spheres ●●R\$

Tuesday, 10/21 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 10/7

Ages 15 - Adults. Participants will learn how to turn liquids into solid, edible spheres. **\$5.00**

Understanding 3D Models: ●●R

What Can I 3D Print?

Tuesday, 10/21 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/7

Ages 16 - Adults. Review the basics of what to look out for in 3D models that you would like to have 3D printed. We will review several models using the 3D modeling software Tinkercad and the 3D printer software PrusaSlicer. All attendees need to register.

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Laser Cutting Refresher ●●R

Wednesday, 10/22 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/8

Ages 12 - Adults. Get a reintroduction to the basics of using our Epilog Fusion Pro and Edge lasers. Previous laser certification is required.

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Dinner's on Me: Asian-Style Dumplings ●R\$

Wednesday, 10/22 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/8

Ages 13 - 18. Teens, strengthen your independent cooking skills with hands-on experience in the kitchen. **\$12.00**

Cooking Basics: ●●R\$

Fall-Themed Caramel Apples

Thursday, 10/23 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/9

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn how to prepare and dip apples in caramel and chocolate and decorate them. **\$10.00**

Beginner Sewing Level 1: ●●R\$

Make a Thread Catcher (Class 1)

Monday, 10/27 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 10/13

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn about various fabric stabilizers and how to sew different stitches, including sewing in a straight line. Apply these techniques to make a small fabric basket to catch loose threads. **\$5.00**

Teens Cook: Edible Spheres ●R\$

Tuesday, 10/28 at 6 PM • Registration opens 10/14

Ages 12 - 17. Participants will learn a simple technique to turn liquids into solid, edible spheres. **\$5.00**

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Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)

Wednesday, 10/1 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Adults. Staff from the Carroll County Department of Social Services will be available to share community resources and DSS services.

Social workers are unable to provide clinical and therapeutic services, direct financial support, or make eligibility determinations.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime

Friday, 10/3 at 10 AM

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

¡Ven a la biblioteca para el programa de cuentos bilingües en español e inglés!

Crochet Amigurumi

Thursday, 10/9 and 10/23 at 6:30 PM

Registration opens 9/25

Adults. Attendees will be introduced to amigurumi techniques while completing a small turtle. All supplies will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring their preferred crochet hook (4.5mm). In the second class, attendees will create a pumpkin plush. All attendees need to register.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

Friday, 10/10 at 10 AM

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

Sensory Sensitive PAWS to Read

Friday, 10/10 at 10:45 AM • Registration opens 9/26

Ages 4 - Adults. An inclusive visit with book-loving therapy dogs for people and children of all abilities. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Only kids need to register.

Mah Jongg Practice & Play

Friday, 10/10 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 9/26

Friday, 10/24 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 10/10

Adults. This session is meant for beginners, but experienced players are welcome to assist. All attendees need to register.

Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Thursday, 10/16 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Bring your questions to a Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more.

Club Friendship: Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 10/16 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/2

Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome teens and adults of all abilities, along with support staff, to join us for games, crafts, music, and more in a sensory-friendly environment! All attendees need to register.

Carroll Community College

Children's Show: School Invaders

Friday, 10/17 at 10 AM • Registration opens 10/3

All Ages. While left behind to finish a science assignment, flighty Angelina Dorf encounters two little spacemen who've accidentally landed in the schoolyard. They're on their way to warn their planet of its demise and are being pursued by evil beings. Angelina helps to bring about interplanetary justice (although no one knows it) and is rewarded. All attendees need to register.

Discover the Night Sky!

Friday, 10/17 at 7 PM • Registration opens 10/3

All Ages. Join the Westminster Astronomical Society and for an evening of stargazing with telescopes.

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, 10/18 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/4

Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to a book-loving therapy animal. Registration is optional; walk-ins are welcome! Only kids need to register.

Exploring Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Monday, 10/20 at 6:30 PM

Ages 13 - Adults. This presentation will cover the history of Sanborn maps as well as where you can find them, how to read them, and how to use them in your research. This program is in partnership with the Carroll County Genealogical Society. A Celebrating America program.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Puppet Show

Tuesday, 10/21 at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, 10/22 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 12. Goldilocks is off to get her mom some flour from the store. Should she go the long way or take the shortcut and risk running into the ferocious bears? Join us as we wind our way through the twists and turns of this adventure with Goldilocks!

Chess at the Library

Wednesday, 10/22 at 5 PM

Ages 7 - Adults. Experienced and novice chess players are welcome.

Offsite Events

Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

Tuesday, 10/14 at 7 PM

Registration opens 9/30

Adults. All prizes are provided by Bistro 91.

*Only one person per team needs to register.
Please keep the team size to 8 or less.*

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 10/1 - 10/15, 10/29

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

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 10/1 - 10/15, 10/29

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.

Twos and Threes Together

**Tuesdays at 11 AM • Thursdays at 9:45 AM
10/2 - 10/30**

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

Read and Play

**Tuesdays at 9:45 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
10/2 - 10/30**

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 10/7 - 10/14, 10/28

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

Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club

Monday, 10/6 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Old Lion* by Jeff Shaara. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club

**Wednesday, 10/15
at 6:30 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin.

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

The Exploration Commons kitchen is not an allergen-free facility. Closed-toed shoes are required in the teaching kitchen.

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Q&A with the Small Business Administration

Friday, 10/24 from 9:30 AM - 1 PM

Adults. Meet with a representative from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for a 30-minute, one-on-one appointment to learn about resources available for small businesses. Schedule an appointment at <https://tinyurl.com/ccpl-finksburg-sba> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Tree of Life Pendant

Saturday, 10/25 at 10 AM • Registration opens 10/11

Ages 16 - Adults. We will be creating a tree of life pendant using wire and beads to place on a cord to wear as a necklace. All materials will be provided.

Dungeons & Dragons Fall Adventure

Saturday, 10/25 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/11

Ages 11 - 18. Calling brave heroes for a quest in Dungeons & Dragons! A choice of playable third-level characters, dice, pencils, and other necessary supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Spooky Storytime

Monday, 10/27 at 11 AM • Registration opens 10/13

Ages 2 - 6. It's Halloween time! Dress up in a costume and come hear spooky stories, sing spooky songs, and make a witch's brew! Only kids need to register.

Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop with Michelle Reichart

Monday, 10/27 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 10/13

Adults. Please join Eline Funeral Home's Michelle Reichart for a presentation on pre-planning a funeral service. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Tuesday, 10/28 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Meet the Great Pumpkin and Squash Visitors to Our Garden

Wednesday, 10/29 at 6 PM • Registration opens 10/15

Ages 6 - 12. The Carroll Garden Club, along with CCPL's Finksburg Branch, will provide program participants with the opportunity to see a collection of happy pumpkins and squash. They will also create wild and crazy pumpkin and squash 'garden beings' using found natural materials. Only kids need to register.

Ghosts of Gettysburg

Thursday, 10/30 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 10/16

Ages 11 - Adults. Join Nancy Householder, a tour guide for Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg Candlelight Walking Tours, for chilling tales. All attendees need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Mount Airy Knitters

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 10/1 - 10/29

Adults. Join the Mount Airy Knitters for a weekly roundtable of knitting, conversation, and fun.

Carroll Hospital Presents:

Prenatal Nutrition

Wednesday, 10/1 at 6 PM • Registration opens 9/17

Ages 16 - Adults. Join Registered Dietitian Dana Mealing to discuss the evolving dietary considerations throughout pregnancy. All attendees need to register.

Crafty Activities for Seniors

Thursday, 10/2 at 1 PM

Adults. Are you a retiree or an older adult who enjoys making crafts? If so, then please join us for a monthly group session where you'll create something different to take home or share. Available while supplies last.

Read with a Furry Friend:

Adaptive Program for Adults

Friday, 10/3 at 10 AM

Ages 13 - Adults. Trained reading dogs from My Caring Paws will be here to enjoy a meet-and-greet with new adult friends!

Cardboard City

Friday, 10/3 at 12 PM

All Ages. Let's build a city out of cardboard! All supplies will be provided; you only need to bring your imagination!

CarFit for Seniors

Monday, 10/6 from 2 - 5 PM

Registration now open

Adults. This CarFit event is in collaboration with the Town of Mount Airy, Maryland Department of Transportation, State Farm Insurance, and the Mount Airy Commission on Aging and Livability. Participants will be driving their cars through a designated area in the library parking lot at their designated time to be assisted by experts. Only adults need to register.

Senior Resource Fair

Monday, 10/6 from 2 PM - 5 PM

Adults. Stop into the library to find out the plethora of resources that are available to seniors! This information fair will have presentations from the Town of Mount Airy along with numerous organizations from both Carroll and Frederick Counties. All participation is confidential. Presented by the Town of Mount Airy and partners.

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 10/8 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Adults. Staff from the Carroll County Department of Social Services will be available to share community resources and DSS services; offer application assistance for SNAP, TCA, MA, and more; and assist with child support services.

Social workers are unable to provide clinical and therapeutic services, direct financial support, or make eligibility determinations.

History 101: The Daughters of Charity

Wednesday, 10/8 at 6:30 PM

All Ages. James Rada will be presenting *The Daughters of Charity, Their Work as Civil War Nurses, with a Focus on Frederick County*. A Celebrating America program.

History 101:

The Legacy of Civil War Medicine

Thursday, 10/9 at 6:30 PM

All Ages. Betsy Estilow will discuss the legacy of Civil War medicine and explore how innovations developed during this devastating conflict impact our health care today. A Celebrating America program.

Bike Garden at the Library

Friday, 10/10 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Learn about bike safety and road safety from our friends at Patapsco Bikes! Bring your bike or trike (and your helmet!) and practice safety skills outside at the library.

Creative Writing for Teens with Jenni Howell

Tuesday, 10/14 at 6 PM

Ages 12 - 18. Join Jenni Howell, local author of *Boys with Sharp Teeth*, for a fun workshop on how to put your own creative ideas into writing.

Ask a Master Gardener

Wednesday, 10/15 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Bring your questions to a Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more.

ASL Practice Club

Wednesday, 10/15 at 6 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for our ASL (American Sign Language) Practice Club! We will have conversational games and prompts to help keep your skills up. All fluency levels are welcome!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Thursday, 10/16 at 2 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Play against your friends on the branch's Nintendo Switch for the right to call yourself the tournament champion! Refreshments will be served.

Virtual Ghost Tour of Mount Airy

Thursday, 10/16 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/2

All Ages. Join us for a tour through Mount Airy's haunted past and hear ghostly tales from beyond the grave without the walking! Explore Mount Airy's violent past of murders on Main Street, shoot-outs at the station, deadly railroad riots, mysterious fires, and ghostly apparitions in town. All are welcome! This program is an accessible option to Historical Society of Mount Airy walking tours. Only adults need to register.

DIY Halloween Makeup

Friday, 10/17 at 2 PM

Ages 6 - 12. Make your costume unique with makeup you've created yourself. We'll use Kool-Aid for lip gloss and tinted hand cream for face paint.

Robot Pumpkin Smash

Saturday, 10/18 at 10 AM

Ages 4 - Adults. Join the Robo-Lions, a team of students, as they fire up their robots for Robot Pumpkin Smash! This program is a collaboration between PIE3 (Partnership in Inspiration for Engineering Education and Entrepreneurship), Robo-Lions, and Carroll County Public Library.

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Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 10/18 at 2 PM

Ages 3 - Adults. Trained reading dogs from My Caring Paws will provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere for kids to practice reading.

LEGO® Builders Club

Monday, 10/20 at 5 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for a LEGO® program where you tackle a new design each time! We supply the bricks, and you supply the creativity.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Tuesday, 10/21 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Homeschooler Lunch and Learn:

Author Study with Kwame Alexander and Erin Entrada Kelly

Tuesday, 10/21 at 12:30 PM • Registration opens 10/7

Ages 6 - 12. Join us for this exciting new quarterly author series for homeschoolers! Created by professional educators with the non-profit One Word at a Time, Inc., this class will consist of lunch and a virtual livestream with Kwame Alexander. The program includes a book talk with popular children's book authors, a brief writing lesson, and live Q&A. October's special guest author is Erin Entrada Kelly.

This series is recommended for children in first through seventh grades. Registrants must be present in the branch to access the presentation. Each child must be registered. Please bring a bagged lunch from home. Caregivers must attend with children who are 8 years old and under. All attendees need to register.

Battle of the Books:

Parent and Coach Information Sharing

Tuesday, 10/21 at 6:30 PM

All Ages. Join us for an information session about the Battle of the Books! All parents and caregivers who have children who are interested in participating, as well as coaches, are encouraged to attend.

Goldilocks and the

Three Bears Puppet Show

Thursday, 10/23 at 10 AM

Thursday, 10/23 at 6:30 PM

Ages 3 - 12. Goldilocks is off to get her mom some flour from the store. Should she go the long way or take the shortcut and risk running into the ferocious bears? Join us as we wind our way through the twists and turns of this adventure with Goldilocks!

Toddler Tree Walk

Friday, 10/24 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 6. Celebrate fall with a tyke hike around the library property! We'll learn what makes leaves change color and a bit about the trees in our yard. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Quarterly Writing Group: Tea & Poetry

Friday, 10/24 at 2 PM

Ages 16 - Adults. Join our informal quarterly poetry writing group where we'll share a cup of tea, discuss poetry topics, and write poetry in a supportive setting. Refreshments will be served.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, 10/25 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/11

Ages 11 - 18. Join our table as we embark on a fun-filled campaign! Our characters are currently level 1. We will have a number of pre-made character sheets for you use! All attendees need to register.

Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, 10/28 at 6:30 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens with a love of the library! Earn service hours while making friends, beautifying the library, and planning programs!

Storytimes for Kids

Siblings are welcome to attend these programs.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 10/1 - 10/29

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

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 10 AM • Wednesdays at 11 AM
10/1 - 10/29

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

Family Storytime

Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM

10/2 - 10/9, 10/16 - 10/20, 10/27 - 10/30

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Thursdays at 6:30 PM • 10/2 - 10/16, 10/30

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 10 AM • 10/4 - 10/11, 10/25

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

Let's Move!

Mondays at 11 AM • 10/6, 10/20 - 10/24

Ages Birth - 8. Join us for an interactive storytime where we're learning through movement.

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • 10/7 - 10/28

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

Offsite Events

Caboose Visitor Center, 2 N Main Street

Mount Scary:

Ghost Stories at the Caboose

Friday, 10/31 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Join the library and Mount Airy's First Lady Mary Hushour for a not-so-scary celebration. Come in costume; we'll be trick-or-treating at the Mount Airy Town offices after storytime!

Book Clubs



Mount Airy Book

Discussion Group

Wednesday, 10/15
at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursday, 10/23 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin.

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North Carroll Branch Closure

CCPL's North Carroll Branch will be closed for renovations for approximately 4 weeks, starting Monday, October 13. Please visit our website for updates.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM
10/1 - 10/9

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

Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM • 10/1 - 10/8

Ages Birth - 8. Join us for family fun, featuring stories, music, crafts, play, and time with friends.

Read and Play

Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM • 10/3, 10/10

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

Move and Learn

Tuesday, 10/7 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. A theme-based storytime featuring an age-appropriate story, songs, and learning activities, with a concentration on creative movement.

Offsite Events

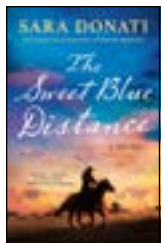
North Carroll Senior Center, 2328 Hanover Pike



North Carroll Senior Center Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday, 10/8 at 11 AM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.



North Carroll Senior Center Thursday Book Club

Thursday, 10/9 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Sweet Blue Distance* by Sara Donati.

North Carroll Writers Group

Thursdays at 10 AM • Tuesdays at 5:30 PM
10/2 - 10/9

Adults. This writing group allows beginners, unpublished, and published writers to network, learn, vent, and feel inspired.

Mini Musicians

Thursday, 10/2 at 1 PM • Registration opens 9/18

Ages 3 - 6. Come join us for a creative and exploratory first introduction to music!

Read to a Dog

Thursday, 10/2 at 6 PM

Ages 4 - 12. Read to a puppy from the Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Program!

Graveyard Genealogy

Saturday, 10/4 at 2 PM • Registration opens 9/20

Ages 12 - Adults. In this program you will discover how to get frightfully good results from your genealogy research by learning about the types of death, funeral, and cemetery records available and how to use them to record facts about your ancestors. All attendees need to register.

Fire Truck Visit

Monday, 10/6 at 10 AM

All Ages. Celebrate Fire Prevention Week early with the Manchester Volunteer Fire Company when they bring a fire truck to the library.

North Carroll Knitters Group

Monday, 10/6 at 1 PM

Adults. Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join this gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns.

Wednesday Addams Escape Room

Monday, 10/6 at 6 PM • Registration opens 9/22

Ages 11 - 17. Gather clues, solve puzzles, and try to get out at a Wednesday Addams-themed escape room.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Wednesday, 10/8 from 10 AM - 2 PM

Adults. Explore invaluable career resources at Carroll County Workforce Development's pop-up event.

Club Friendship: Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 10/9 at 1 PM • Registration opens 9/25

Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome teens and adults of all abilities, along with support staff, to join us for games, crafts, and more in a sensory-friendly environment!

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Thursdays from 10 AM - 2 PM • 10/2, 10/16

Adults. Explore invaluable career resources at Carroll County Workforce Development's pop-up event.

ABCs & 123s: Halloween

Friday, 10/3 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/19

Ages 2 - 5. Join the fun as we explore letters and numbers.

Book Chat

Friday, 10/3 at 1 PM

Adults. Join us for an hour of chatting about books!

Writer's Circle

Friday, 10/3 at 2 PM

Adults. Join this fun group of writers and aspiring writers as we share what we are working on and listen to feedback from others.

Garden Tool TLC

Saturday, 10/4 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 9/20

Ages 10 - Adults. As the gardening season winds down, join the Carroll County Master Gardeners for a workshop where you'll learn how to properly clean, sharpen, and store all kinds of tools.

Drop-In Diamond Painting

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • 10/7 - 10/14

Adults. Join us for a drop-in session of diamond painting! No experience is necessary!

Diamond Painting for Teens

Tuesday, 10/7 at 6 PM • Registration opens 9/23

Ages 12 - 17. No experience is necessary! All attendees need to register.

Taneytown Anime Club

Wednesday, 10/8 at 6 PM • Registration opens 9/24

Ages 11 - 17. Join us each month for an anime-themed craft and a chance to watch the latest and greatest anime! Refreshments will be served.

Hooks & Needles

Thursday, 10/9 at 5:30 PM

Adults. Bring your crochet, knitting, embroidery, or any other portable project to the library to work alongside other crafters.

The Mad Pumpkin Scientist

Friday, 10/10 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/26

Ages 2 - 5. Celebrate pumpkins with some fun science experiments, a craft, songs, and a story. There will be science stations. Wear old clothes that you won't mind getting messy!

Five Nights at Freddy's Escape Room

Saturday, 10/11 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 9/27

Ages 10 - 18. Celebrate *Five Nights at Freddy's* with a breakout-themed escape room!

Decorate a Pumpkin for the Library ●●●R

Wednesday, 10/15 during library hours
Registration opens 10/1

Ages 5 - Adults. CCPL's Taneytown Branch is opening its annual pumpkin decorating contest up to everyone! All pumpkins must be picked up on Wednesday, October 15, and returned to the library by Monday, October 20.

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 10/15 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Adults. Staff from the Carroll County Department of Social Services will be available to share community resources and DSS services.

Social workers are unable to provide clinical and therapeutic services, direct financial support, or make eligibility determinations.

Paying for College & Trade School ●●

Thursday, 10/16 at 6 PM

Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a free workshop on strategies for paying for education after high school. Accredited financial counselor Carrie Sorenson, who has over six years of experience teaching financial workshops and is an educator with the University of Maryland Extension's Carroll County office, will present this program.

STEM Day Pumpkin Fun ●

Friday, 10/17 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 6. We'll explore pumpkins with lots of measuring, weighing, counting, and sorting activities! *This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.*

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services ●●●

Friday, 10/17 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services, including reproductive health services, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, blood pressure screening, smoking cessation, Naloxone training, peer support services, birth certificates, and more. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Pumpkin Slime ●●R

Friday, 10/17 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/3

Ages 10 - 18. Celebrate STEAM and the creepy season by learning to make pumpkin slime. Only kids need to register.

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Robot Pumpkin Smash ●●●

Friday, 10/17 at 3 PM

Ages 4 - Adults. Join the Robo-Lions, a team of students, as they fire up their robots for Robot Pumpkin Smash! Find out how long it takes a robot to crack open a pumpkin. This program is a collaboration between PIE3 (Partnership in Inspiration for Engineering Education and Entrepreneurship), Robo-Lions, and Carroll County Public Library.

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Yoga and Pranayama for Stress Relief ●R

Saturday, 10/18 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 10/4

Adults. This program includes a gentle yoga practice, pranayama (breath exercises), and meditation to allow you to let go of tension, relax, and relieve stress. The program will be accessible for individuals of varying physical ability and yoga experience and can be modified to a chair for those with limited mobility. Participants will need to bring their own yoga mat or towel to practice on. All attendees need to register.

Read with a Furry Friend ●●●R

Saturday, 10/18 at 11 AM • Registration opens 10/4

Ages 3 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to book-loving therapy dogs. Research shows that reading to animals boosts reading skills in children and helps with social skills and emotional health for all ages. Adults and seniors can also come to de-stress and relax with a fuzzy friend. Walk-ins are welcome! All attendees need to register.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids ●R

Saturday, 10/18 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/4

Ages 6 - 12. CCPL's Taneytown Branch is holding a *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for kids, so join us to show you're the best player your age in town! There will be no prizes, just glory for the winner!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens ●●R

Saturday, 10/18 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 10/4

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

Diamond Painting ●R

Tuesday, 10/21 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 10/7

Adults. Join us for a monthly session of diamond painting! We'll have a new project each month, and no experience is necessary! All attendees need to register.

Spooky Music Fun ●R

Thursday, 10/23 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/9

Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun with your child as we have a spooky musical celebration with instruments, dancing, beanbags, streamers, and more! Costumes for all ages are welcome.

Monday Makers ●●R

Monday, 10/27 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 10/13

Ages 11 - Adults. Join us to make something new and creative. Instructions will be limited so you can experiment with the materials provided.

Let's Get Crafty ●R

Tuesday, 10/28 at 6 PM • Registration opens 10/14

Adults. Come craft with us! We will have a fun and EASY craft project each month. No experience or creative skills are needed! Bring a friend and craft together, or meet new people with a shared love of crafting. All attendees need to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
10/1 - 10/29

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

Preschool Move and Learn

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 10/1 - 10/29

Ages 3 - 6. Join us for an interactive storytime where we develop school readiness skills using movement, music, and more, while fostering a love of learning!

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM • 10/2 - 10/30

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • 10/7 - 10/28

Ages 2 - 3. This lively storytime including books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Book Clubs



Picture Book Book Club

Monday, 10/27 at 10 AM
Registration opens 10/13

Ages 3 - 6. This month, we are highlighting

nocturnal animals. Join us for *The Midnight Library* by Kazuno Kohara. Participants should bring a favorite nocturnal-themed title to show the group.

Offsite Events

Brewery Fire, 4337 Old Taneytown Rd. STE B



Books and Brews Book Club

Wednesday, 10/1 at 6 PM

Adults. To honor Halloween this month, we chose the classic dark fantasy *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury.

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Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
10/1 - 10/29

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.

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM
Thursdays at 10 AM
10/1 - 10/30

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

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
10/2 - 10/9, 10/16 - 10/30

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.

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 7 PM • 10/7 - 10/28

Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storytime introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

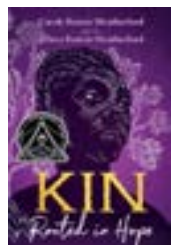
Book Clubs



Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, 10/22 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Esme Cahill Fails Spectacularly* by Marie Bostwick.



Diverse Voices Book Club

Tuesday, 10/28 at 5 PM
Registration opens 10/14

Ages 16 - Adults. Our October selection is the 2025 One Maryland One Book title, *Kin: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford.

Westminster Wednesday: Live Music

Wednesday, 10/1 at 5 PM

All Ages. Enjoy Westminster Wednesdays with live music in the park featuring Elly Cooke and DJ Anchor The Bank. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy!

CCGS Research Thursday

Thursdays from 1 - 4 PM • 10/2 - 10/30

Ages 13 - Adults. Volunteers from the Carroll County Genealogical Society are available to help with your family history research. Please contact volunteers at info@ccgsmd.org to schedule a time if you require CCGS staff assistance. A Celebrating America program.

Open Mah Jongg

Thursdays at 5:30 PM • 10/2 - 10/9, 10/23 - 10/30

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of casual, non-competitive American Mah Jongg. An instructor will not be present.

Q&A with the

Small Business Administration

Friday, 10/3 from 9:30 AM - 1 PM

Adults. Meet with a representative from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for a 30-minute, one-on-one appointment to learn about resources available for small businesses. Schedule an appointment at <https://tinyurl.com/ccpl-westminster-sba> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Preschool Play

Friday, 10/3 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 6. Join us for an open playtime where children can be imaginative and creative while exploring blocks, puzzles, playdough, and more. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Nintendo Afternoon

Fridays at 2 PM • 10/3, 10/31

Ages 11 - 17. Join us in our Young Adult Area for gaming on our Nintendo Switch. Games will be provided.

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Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 10/4 at 11 AM

Ages 4 - Adults. 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.

Needle Little Klatch?

Tuesdays at 5 PM • 10/7, 10/21

Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a casual, bi-weekly stitching club. All needle-crafters are welcome!

Westminster Branch Chess Club

Thursday, 10/9 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 9/25
Thursday, 10/23 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 10/9

Ages 11 - Adults. Whether you are a chess newbie or an expert, you will find a community here in Westminster Branch's Chess Club and walk away having learned something new from our personal instructor. Boards and pieces will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own set(s) from home. All attendees need to register.

Play Baby Play

Friday, 10/10 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 3. Enjoy a warm and inviting space where you and your child can play with our toys, practice gross motor skills on our baby obstacle course, enjoy music, and socialize with others. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

History of Spying Part 2

Saturday, 10/11 at 10 AM • Registration opens 9/27

Ages 11 - Adults. This is part two of the history of spying. We'll discuss the beginnings of the US intelligence community and, specifically, the CIA and FBI and their role in obtaining and protecting the nation's secrets. We will also look at key events affecting US policy in the later half of the last century. Finally, we'll look at counterintelligence: what it is, what it does, and how it works to protect the national security. An open discussion will follow the presentation. All attendees need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Westminster Branch Anime Club

Wednesday, 10/15 at 4 PM

Ages 11 - 17. Join us for all things anime and manga! Watch the first episode of an anime, discuss your favorite series, share your artwork, and more!

Demystifying Senior Living Options

Thursday, 10/16 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/2

Adults. Learn about different types of communities, prepare yourself with the questions you need to ask both yourself and potential facilities, and explore related topics like downsizing and financial planning. This program will be facilitated by Kevin T. Jones, who has over 15 years of experience in senior living. All attendees need to register.

Line Dancing with Lori

Thursday, 10/16 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 10/2

Adults. Join us for an evening of fun and fitness in this beginner's line dancing class. We suggest bringing water and wearing comfortable shoes and clothing for the class. All attendees need to register.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Puppet Show

Friday, 10/17 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 12. Goldilocks is off to get her mom some flour from the store. Should she go the long way or take the shortcut through the woods and risk running into the ferocious bears? Who else will she meet along the way? Join us as we wind our way through the twists and turns of this adventure with Goldilocks!

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Carroll Community College Children's Show: School Invaders

Friday, 10/17 at 2 PM

All Ages. While left behind to finish a science assignment, flighty Angelina Dorf encounters two little spacemen who've accidentally landed in the schoolyard. They're on their way to warn their planet of its demise and are being pursued by evil beings. Angelina helps to bring about interplanetary justice (although no one knows it) and is rewarded.

Leafy Crafts

Saturday, 10/18 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 11. A variety of fall crafts will be available for you to choose from. Leaves will be provided.

Connect U to Technology: Smart Devices Made Simple

Saturday, 10/18 at 1 PM • Registration opens 10/4

Adults. This judgment-free session encourages questions and provides personalized guidance to help everyone leave feeling more empowered with their devices. Presented by Jason and Lydia from Connect U, LLC. All attendees need to register.

This is one of many Maryland STEM Festival events being held around the state.

Plot Twist! An Improv Class

Saturday, 10/18 at 3 PM • Registration opens 10/4

Ages 11 - 17. Join us for an interactive workshop where participants will learn the basics of improv from local instructor Ben Azat. All attendees need to register.

Teen After Hours Movie Night:

Five Nights at Freddy's

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

Ages 11 - 17. Join the Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board as we prepare for the upcoming *Five Nights at Freddy's 2* with a *Five Nights at Freddy's* movie night! Snacks will be provided. *Five Nights at Freddy's* is rated PG-13. All attendees need to register.

Ghost Walk of Westminster

Saturday, 10/25 at 2 PM • Registration opens 10/11

Monday, 10/27 at 6 PM • Registration opens 10/13

Friday, 10/31 at 6 PM • Registration opens 10/17

Ages 10 - Adults. Join us for a ghost presentation and stroll through Westminster to visit our local ghosts and legends. All attendees need to register. A Celebrating America program.

Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 10/27 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 10/13

Ages 12 - 17. We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Participants can join us in person or log in virtually through Zoom by registering.

Preschool Science: Not-So-Scary Science

Friday, 10/31 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 6. Join us as we investigate not-so-scary science! We will read a book, sing, and have a messy time! Costumes are welcome, but not too spooky.

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Celebrating America Fall History Expo

Saturday, 10/4 from 9 AM - 12 PM • Exploration Commons, 50 East Main St.

All Ages. The Fall History Expo provides an opportunity for attendees to get to know the people in our community who are preserving and telling the stories of Carroll County's past. The morning event is great for students who are beginning work on their 2026 National History Day projects! A Celebrating America program.

Carroll 250: Recording History

Saturday, 10/4 at 10 AM • Exploration Commons, 50 East Main St.

All Ages. Recording oral histories helps preserve family stories and community memories for future generations. Diane Boettcher, past president of the Carroll County Genealogical Society, will share her experience and demonstrate how to conduct oral history interviews. Discover the importance of preserving community narratives and how your story contributes to our shared history. A Celebrating America program.

This program is part of the Carroll 250 Speaker Series celebrating the United States Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence.

ONLINE ZOOM PROGRAMS

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

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Tuesday, 10/14 at 4 PM • Registration opens 9/30

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.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1

Wednesday, 10/15 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/1

Adults. This 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, 10/22 at 5 PM • Registration opens 10/8

Adults. This seminar focuses on Medicare Supplement/Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. All attendees need to register.

The Zentangle Method of Drawing-based Mindfulness

Thursday, 10/30 at 7 PM • Registration now open

Ages 10 - Adults. In this online class, Jill Suffel, 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.

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GREEKING OUT:

Tales from the Underworld Release Party!

Tuesday, 10/7 at 6:30 PM

Exploration Commons, 50 East Main Street

Ages 8 - Adults. Hold on tight as *Greeking Out* creators Kenny Curtis and Jillian Hughes go to the dark side, bringing you scary (and surprisingly funny) tales of life, death, and everything in between!

Get ready for 20 bone-chilling stories of the Underworld—from ancient Greece and around the world—as told by the team behind the smash-hit podcast and *New York Times* bestselling book series. Tales of fearsome gods, fantastical monsters, and literally death-defying heroes of the spirit world are told in the hilarious, kid-friendly voice that's sent



the *Greeking Out* podcast to the top of the charts.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Presented by Carroll County Public Library
and Park Books on Main.



Cost: Free

Scan QR code to register or go to ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/greeking-out-book-release-party

To Be Read:

ELIZABETH R. HYMAN

Thursday, 10/16 at 6:30 PM

Eldersburg Branch, 6400 West Hemlock Drive

Adults. In *The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto*, Elizabeth R. Hyman adds a new dimension to the story of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising during World War II, shining a long-overdue spotlight on five young, Polish Jewish women—champions who helped lead the resistance, sabotage the Nazis, and aid Jews in hiding across occupied Poland and Eastern Europe. Hyman is a Holocaust historian, archivist, and history blogger with dual Master's Degrees in History and Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland-College Park. She is the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of



Polish Jews who fled their homeland in 1939 and ultimately made their way, as refugees, to the United States.

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