



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DECEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS

To Be Read: Cozy Up for Winter Edition



Wednesday, 12/3 at 6:30 PM

Exploration Commons, 50 East Main Street

Adults. December is the perfect time to stock up on books for your TBR (to be read) pile for the cold winter ahead! Join our conversation with bestselling authors Jenni L. Walsh, Lee Kelly, Victoria Schade, Jennifer Thorne, and Stephanie Burns. A book signing will follow the talk, with titles available for purchase from Park Books on Main. Presented by Park Books on Main and Carroll County Public Library.

About Jenni L. Walsh

Jenni is the *USA TODAY* bestselling author of historical novels *Becoming Bonnie*, *Side by Side*, *A Betting Woman*, *The Call of the Wrens*, *Unsinkable*, and *Ace*, *Marvel*, *Spy*. She also writes books for children, including the nonfiction *She Dared* series and historical novels *Hettie and the London Blitz*, *I Am Defiance*, *By the Light of Fireflies*, *Over and Out*, and *Operation: Happy*.

About Lee Kelly

Lee Kelly is the author of *City of Savages*, a *Publishers Weekly* "Best of Spring 2015" pick; *A Criminal Magic*, which was optioned and developed for a television series by Warner Bros.; *The Antiquity Affair*, co-written with Jennifer Thorne; *With Regrets*; and her latest, *My Fair Frauds*, co-written with Jennifer Thorne. She holds her MFA degree from the Vermont College of Fine Arts.

About Victoria Schade

Victoria Schade is an author, speaker, and dog trainer known for her upbeat approach to living and working with dogs. She has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Real Simple*, *Reader's Digest*, *The Bark*. Her works include *Secrets of a Dog Trainer*, *Life on the Leash*, *Unleashed Holiday*, and *Pick Me*.

About Jennifer Thorne

Jennifer Thorne is the *USA TODAY* bestselling author of *Diavola*, *Lute*, and *Newbourne Park*. With Lee Kelly, she is the co-writer of historical fiction novels *The Starlets*, *The Antiquity Affair*, and the forthcoming *My Fair Frauds* and *The Midnight Show*.

About Stephanie Burns

Stephanie Burns holds an MFA in Creative Writing and a BA in Theater Studies, both from Emerson College. When she's not dreaming up stories of her own, she is championing women authors as the COO of the award-winning Tall Poppy Writers. *Far from the A-List* is her debut novel.



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HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

CCPL will be closed on

Wednesday, 12/24 - Thursday, 12/25
for Christmas

Wednesday, 12/30 for New Year's Eve

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.

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Play and Explore ●

Mondays at 10:30 AM • 12/1 - 12/15

Ages Birth - 5. Come play with us! Help your child practice fine motor, gross motor, and social/emotional skills through the art of play! A large variety of engaging toys and materials will be available.

Line Dancing with Lori ● R

Tuesday, 12/2 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/18
Tuesday, 12/16 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/2

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.

Gentle Yoga ● R

Tuesday, 12/2 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 11/18
Tuesday, 12/9 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 11/25

Adults. This gentle yoga class allows students of various abilities and physical conditions to develop their yoga practice comfortably. Yoga has many appealing aspects, including increased flexibility, relaxation, strength, improved balance, stress, and pain relief. No experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat and a blanket. All attendees need to register.

Youth Community Service Group ●

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 12/2, 12/16

Ages 12 - 18. Connect with your community and earn service learning hours while collaborating on projects that will benefit Eldersburg and beyond.

Writing Group ●

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM • 12/3 - 12/17

Adults. Writers of all levels and genres are invited to join our weekly writing group. It is a flexible, drop-in, stay-as-long-as-you-like environment. The primary goal is to dedicate quiet time away from the daily chaos to make consistent progress on your novel or children's book. Bring your current project to work on during this time. At 10 AM, we will brainstorm, critique, and share knowledge about upcoming events and the book publishing industry. You are welcome to share a short piece of writing during this time for critique.

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 12/3 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.

LEGO® Builders Club ●

Wednesday, 12/3 at 4:30 PM

Ages 6 - 12. Want to practice your building skills? Join us for a LEGO® program where you tackle a new design each time! We supply the bricks, and you supply the creativity!

Eldersburg Hooked on Crochet ●●

Wednesdays at 6 PM • 12/3 - 12/17
Mondays at 12:30 PM • 12/8, 12/22

Ages 12 - Adults. Join this friendly crochet group open to beginners and experienced crocheters alike. Those new to crocheting should bring a size J hook and a light-colored, worsted-weight yarn to the class.

Busted Canvas Art Holiday Decoration ●● R

Thursday, 12/4 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Ages 14 - Adults. A busted canvas is a creative twist on traditional artwork—imagine a canvas that looks like it's been playfully "punched open" to reveal a festive surprise inside. From holiday-themed prints and cozy winter scenes to family photos or glittery designs, the possibilities are endless!

Polar Express Pajama Party ●

Thursday, 12/4 at 6:30 PM

Ages 4 - 10. All aboard! Join us in your favorite PJs for an interactive reading of *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg and some book-inspired crafts.

Yoga Nidra ● R

Friday, 12/5 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/21
Monday, 12/15 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/1

Adults. Yoga Nidra is the state of dynamic sleep. It is a powerful technique where you relax consciously, inducing complete physical, mental, and emotional relaxation. We will go through a five-stage process that begins with a body scan to engage one's physicality. It incorporates meditation on the breath, the balancing of emotional states, visualization, and self-healing. For your comfort, besides your mat, you may want to bring a blanket, pillow, and eye mask. For those not comfortable on the floor, this can be done in a chair as well. All attendees need to register.

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

Friday, 12/5 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, assistance with vaccines, WIC services by appointment, and health education. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Percy Jackson Party ●●

Saturday, 12/6 at 11 AM

Ages 8 - 17. Attention, all demigods! Drop in for a Percy Jackson-themed celebration with craft and game stations!

Tai Chi for Wellness and Rehabilitation ● R

Saturday, 12/6 at 2 PM • Registration opens 11/22

Adults. Tai chi is an ancient practice with origins in China. It is a mind/body practice incorporating breath and gentle movements to focus the mind. 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.

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Fiber Art for Kids

Monday, 12/8 at 4:30 PM

Ages 6 - 11. Learn about different fiber art techniques. Make your own fiber art piece to take home.

Yoga with Meditation

Monday, 12/8 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 11/24

Friday, 12/26 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/12

Adults. Experience the many benefits of yoga and meditation. This class, taught by Rebecca Berg, welcomes students of all levels. Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a blanket, yoga mat, and a strap (or belt or towel). All attendees need to register.

Knit and Chat

Tuesday, 12/9 at 6 PM

Ages 8 - Adults. Join us for this monthly meet-up with other knitters of all ages to relax, knit, get ideas for projects, receive help on current projects, gain new skills, and learn to knit if you don't know how.

Oreo Cookie Mix and Mingle

Wednesday, 12/10 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/26

Ages 14 - Adults. You're invited to an Oreo showdown! Join us for a lighthearted mix and mingle as we put our taste buds to the test. We'll sample a surprise lineup of Oreo flavors in a blind taste test—guess the flavor, rate your favorites, and debate the classics vs. the wildcards. Come for the cookies, stay for the company! Refreshments will be served.

Eldersburg Branch Anime Club

Wednesday, 12/10 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 17. Join us at CCPL's Eldersburg Branch for all things anime and manga! Watch the first episode of an anime, make anime-themed crafts, discuss your favorite series, share your artwork, and more!

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, 12/11 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!

Papercraft Studio

Thursday, 12/11 at 6 PM

Adults. Interested in meeting other scrapbookers, card makers, and papercraft people? Attend our monthly session to work on and finish projects, share ideas and layouts, share or exchange supplies, and have fun! Bring your own supplies and projects. We can't wait to see what you're working on!

Q&A with the

Small Business Administration

Friday, 12/12 from 9:30 AM - 1:30 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-eldersburg-sba> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Play Baby Play

Friday, 12/12 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 24 Months. You're invited to a morning playgroup just for little ones! Come 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.

Tea and Tarot

Saturday, 12/13 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/29

Adults. Explore the properties and benefits of herbs, sip custom-blended teas, and learn about tarot as a tool of self-actualization during this workshop. You will leave feeling refreshed and empowered to accomplish your goals. Presented by Mike Barberesi and Chaplain Lee. Refreshments will be served.

This program is designed for entertainment purposes only.

Curious Kids

Monday, 12/15 at 4:30 PM

Ages 5 - 8. Calling all curious kids! Join us each session to share a story, art project, and hands-on STEM activity. Children and adults can have fun and get messy together! Food and natural items may be present.

Open Mah Jongg

Monday, 12/15 at 6 PM

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg. We welcome experienced players and newer players for casual, non-competitive play. Please bring a current National Mah Jongg League card. If you don't have a card, one will be provided.

Hallmark Holiday Bingo

Thursday, 12/18 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Adults. Do you love The Hallmark Channel's holiday movies? Or just love to make fun of them? Either way, you will have a great time at our Hallmark holiday-themed bingo night. Take a break from pre-holiday stress and join us for an evening of fun and prizes! Refreshments will be served.

Coffee with the Classics: *The Thin Man*

Friday, 12/19 at 10 AM

Adults. Join us for our holiday selection, the Nick and Nora classic, *The Thin Man*, starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. Refreshments will be served.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Monday, 12/22 from 10 AM - 2 PM

Adults. Explore invaluable career resources at Carroll County Workforce Development's pop-up event. Discover free training opportunities, learn how to connect with employers, and receive personalized support to revamp your resume.

Kids Creative Crafts

Tuesday, 12/30 at 10 AM

Ages 5 - 12. Come join us for a morning of creativity and fun! A variety of crafts will be available for you to create your own masterpiece.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM

12/1 - 12/18

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

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM

12/2 - 12/18

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

Little Learners

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM • 12/2 - 12/16

Ages 3 - 6. A special storytime just for preschoolers! Activities will promote pre-reading and school readiness skills in preparation for kindergarten.

Move & Groove Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM

12/3 - 12/17

Ages Birth - 8. This storytime encourages creative movement and dance to help develop gross motor skills, coordination, and spatial awareness while fostering a love of stories.

Saturday Adventures

Saturdays at 10 AM • 12/6 - 12/20

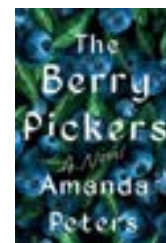
Ages Birth - 8. Come to the library every Saturday morning for a new adventure! Stories, songs, dancing—there will be something new and different each week.

Starlight Storytime

Wednesday, 12/17 at 6:30 PM

Ages 2 - 5. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and enjoy a cozy evening of stories and songs.

Book Clubs



Free Spirit Book Club Saturday, 12/13 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters.

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DECEMBER SPICE DRIVE

Exploration Commons is collecting donations of new, unopened spices & herbs for local food banks during December.



CCPL Holiday Ornament

Single Acrylic Ornament: \$3

Ornament & LED Base Combo: \$7

Bases are not for sale separately. Prices include tax.

Add CCPL cheer to your holidays with our 2025 ornament! Designed and made at Exploration Commons, these ornaments can be purchased at any CCPL location.

Previous years' ornaments are available at Exploration Commons upon request, while supplies last.



Cooking for Wellness: Roasted Veggie Holiday Salad

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Monday, 12/1 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/17

Ages 15 - Adults. Balance out heavy comfort foods with a unique salad infused with lots of holiday flavor and dense nutrition. Enjoy making this recipe while we discuss healthy eating over the holidays. This class is provided through our partnership with Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Cook Together: Easy Lasagna Roll Ups

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Monday, 12/1 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 11/17

Ages 6 - 17. In this family-friendly class, we will make delicious lasagna roll-ups, a side salad, and festive tree-shaped garlic sticks. We will enjoy our meal together in the kitchen. This class is designed for groups of up to four participants and must include at least one child aged 6-17 and one adult; the remaining two spots in the group may be filled by additional participants aged 6 or older or left unfilled. Only kids need to register. **\$20.00**

Intro to Laser Cutting

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Tuesday, 12/2 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/18

Friday, 12/12 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/28

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 the Exploration Commons' Fusion Pro and Fusion Edge laser cutters. Customers aged 12 to 15 who complete their certification are required to have a certified adult with them to use the laser independently.

Edge-Lit Acrylic Signs: Winter Edition

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Wednesday, 12/3 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/19

Ages 12 - Adults. In this program, you'll laser engrave winter-themed artwork of your choice onto a piece of clear acrylic and light it up with a provided multi-color LED light stand. Choose from a selection of winter-themed cutout designs for your acrylic sign. These bright and colorful projects are a way to display a message or add flair to your room, desk, or workspace. All attendees need to register. **\$8.00**

Custom Engraved Leatherette Journals

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Thursday, 12/4 at 4 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Saturday, 12/6 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/22

Monday, 12/8 at 4 PM • Registration opens 11/24

Ages 16 - Adults. In this beginner-friendly class, we will utilize our laser engravers to mark a custom design of your own onto a custom leatherette journal! Color variations of the journals are highly limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis. If you have previously taken this class at EC50, please do not register so that someone else may have the opportunity to attend. All attendees need to register. **\$8.00**

Plant-Based Dishes for the Holidays

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Friday, 12/5 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/21

Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, we will prepare and taste some plant-based dishes that are perfect for the holiday season. **\$12.00**

Baking Basics: Holiday Cookie Classics

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Monday, 12/8 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/24

Thursday, 12/18 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Ages 15 - Adults. Break out the butter! Join us in the Teaching Kitchen to bake three classic holiday cookies: Pecan Snowballs, Peanut Butter Blossoms, and Chocolate Midnight Cookies. **\$15.00**

Making for Seniors: Engrave a Simple Cork Project

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Tuesday, 12/9 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/25

Adults. Learning new technology should be fun, not intimidating! Join us for a basic hands-on session where we'll use *Adobe Illustrator* to create a simple design to be engraved on cork. Then watch your project being made on our Fusion Pro laser cutter. Previous basic computer experience is required. No previous experience with laser cutting or design software is needed. This class does not result in independent laser use certification.

Next Steps with Onshape

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Tuesday, 12/9 at 4 PM • Registration opens 11/25

Ages 14 - Adults. Welcome to the world of 3D modeling and design. In this class, we will review the computer-aided design (CAD) software *Onshape* by diving into the fundamentals and techniques to make a claw assembly. It is recommended that you have taken an Introduction to *Onshape* and 3D Printing class or are familiar with *Onshape* before taking this class. All attendees need to register.

Beginner Sewing Level 1: Multi-Bottle Tote Bag

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Thursday, 12/11 at 12:30 PM • Registration opens 11/27

Ages 16 - Adults. Get acquainted with the sewing machine and basic tools of the trade. Learn how to work with different-weight fabrics and sew a boxed corner. Students will also learn about topstitching, reinforcement and separator stitching, and how to incorporate handles. Apply these skills and more to make a sturdy canvas tote bag with lining that transports multiple bottles. Do not register if you do not have our independent sewing machine certification. **\$12.00**

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Create a Personalized Wood Holiday Ornament ●●●R

Thursday, 12/11 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 11/27

Ages 16 - Adults. Create a simple wood ornament with personalized text on our Epilog Fusion Pro laser. We'll learn some of the basics of using *Adobe Illustrator* and the shape builder tool, and then you'll watch your ornament being laser cut. Previous laser design experience is helpful but not required. This class does not result in independent laser cutter use certification.

Pairs Cook: Seaside Fish Stew ●●●R \$

Saturday, 12/13 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 11/29

Ages 16 - Adults. In this class, each pair will make a pot of hot and hearty fish stew. This is an easy and quick way to make fish and is a great source of vitamin B12, niacin, and protein. We will enjoy our lunch together with a side of crusty bread. Each registration is for TWO participants. Only adults need to register. **\$15.00**

Embroidery Machine: In-the-Hoop Projects ●●●R

Monday, 12/15 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 12/1

Ages 14 - Adults. Check out the in-the-hoop projects you can do on the Bernina 535 Embroidery Machine. In this demo class, learn how you can use the embroidery machine to make bookmarks, gift tags, greeting cards, zipper bags, stuffed toys, photo frames, and more. We will review the different in-the-hoop projects available in our OESD design collection, discuss where to find additional files, and walk through an in-the-hoop project.

Baking Basics: Traditional White Christmas Pie ●●●R \$

Monday, 12/15 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/1

Adults. Learn a traditional custard recipe incorporating coconut, egg whites, and whipping cream. Come make a yummy pie for your upcoming holiday parties. **\$10.00**

Beginner Sewing Level 1: Fabric Gift Basket/Bread Basket ●●●R \$

Tuesday, 12/16 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 12/2

Ages 14 - Adults. Get acquainted with the sewing machine and basic tools of the trade. Learn how to work with decorator-weight fabrics and sew a boxed corner. Students will also learn about finishing techniques and custom labeling. Apply these skills and more to make a sturdy, reversible fabric gift basket or bread basket. Do not register if you do not have our independent sewing machine certification. **\$10.00**

Shakshuka ●●●R \$

Tuesday, 12/16 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/2

Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will learn to make Shakshuka, a North African and Middle Eastern dish of eggs simmered in a rich tomato and pepper sauce. It's simple, flavorful, and perfect for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. **\$8.00**

Cricut Practice: Custom Labeled Reusable Bottle ●●●R

Wednesday, 12/17 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/3

Ages 13 - Adults. Put your Cricut skills into practice, or learn the basics of vinyl design with this beginner-friendly class. Each attendee will get a reusable plastic screw-top bottle to adhere their design. Great for yourself or for a gift! All attendees need to register.

Make and Enjoy: Gift Box and Goodies ●●●R \$

Wednesday, 12/17 at 5 PM

and Thursday, 12/18 at 1:30 PM

Registration opens 12/3

Ages 14 - Adults. Customize your own gift box design on our Epilog Fusion Pro Engraver. Participants will create their own designs using images and text in *Adobe Illustrator*. You will leave with a beautifully engraved gift box, perfect for any occasion. No previous experience is necessary, and laser certification is not required. This will be a two-part project. Part 1 will be in the EC Teaching Kitchen making and decorating gingerbread cookies. Part 2 will be in the EC Makerspace to engrave your gift box. **\$10.00**

Creating Jewelry with Makerspace Technology ●●●R

Friday, 12/19 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/5

Ages 14 - Adults. Learn about the types of jewelry you can make with our makerspace technology. We will review the available equipment, selecting appropriate materials, and setting up design files for success. Using *Adobe Illustrator* and the Epilog Fusion Pro Laser, participants will make either a pair of earrings or a necklace to take home. This is an introductory-level program; no previous experience with design software or laser cutting (or certification) is required.

Open Sewing Studio ●●●R

Saturday, 12/20 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/6

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.

Bake Together: Soft Pretzels ●●●R \$

Saturday, 12/20 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/6

Tuesday, 12/30 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 6 - 18. Join us for a hands-on baking class! We'll learn how to make delicious soft pretzels and a honey mustard dipping sauce to go with them. This class is designed for groups of up to four participants and must include at least one child aged 6-18 and one adult; the remaining two spots in the group with additional participants aged 6 or older or left unfilled. **\$15.00**

Learn to Solder ●●●R

Monday, 12/22 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/8

Ages 16 - Adults. Soldering is fun and fundamental to a wide assortment of 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 simple circuit. All attendees need to register.

Laser Engraved Cork Trivet ●●●R \$

Monday, 12/22 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/8

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn the basics of *Adobe Illustrator* and design for the laser engraver while we create a design for a cork trivet. Participants will then get to see their trivet being engraved. Great for gifts! This class does not result in independent laser use certification. All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

Sweet & Salty Holiday Snacks ●●●R \$

Tuesday, 12/23 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/9

Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will make two festive favorites: spiced bar nuts and peppermint bark. Both are simple, delicious, and perfect for gifting—or keeping all to yourself! **\$10.00**

Laser Cutting Refresher ●●●R

Saturday, 12/27 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/13

Ages 12 - Adults. If it's been a while since you passed your Exploration Commons laser certification and you could use a refresher on the process, this class is for you! Get a reintroduction to the basics of using our Epilog Fusion Pro and Edge lasers.

This class is for customers who have already been certified for Exploration Commons independent laser use. This class does not result in independent laser cutter use certification.

Laser Engraved Tumblers ●●●R \$

Monday, 12/29 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/15

Ages 12 - Adults. In this class, we will be engraving a tumbler using *Adobe Illustrator* to create a simple design with text and graphics. Previous laser design experience is helpful but not required. This class does not result in independent laser cutter use certification. You may bring custom images with you, preferably on a thumb drive, if you already have an idea in mind. All attendees need to register. **\$10.00**

Intro to Adobe Illustrator ●●●R

Tuesday, 12/30 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 14 - 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. All attendees need to register.

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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Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 9:45 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
12/2 - 12/18

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • Thursdays at 9:45 AM
12/2 - 12/18

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 12/2 - 12/16

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.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 12/3 - 12/17

Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 12/3 - 12/17

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.

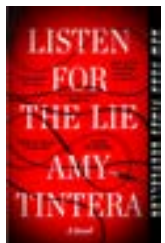
Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club

Monday, 12/8 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Into Unknown Skies* by David K. Randall. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club

Wednesday, 12/17
at 6:30 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera.

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 12/3 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.

The Green TerrorTones

A Cappella Ensemble Concert

Wednesday, 12/3 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 11/19

Ages 3 - Adults. Come hear a selection of a cappella jazz, holiday songs, pop, and folk tunes from McDaniel College's Green TerrorTones. All attendees need to register.

Senior Planet: Intro to AI

Thursday, 12/4 at 2 PM

Adults. Are you curious about AI? Want to know more about ChatGPT? This lecture will introduce some basic ideas around artificial intelligence. We'll talk about how AI is being used today, its current limitations, and how it will shape the future. Presented by the Carroll Technology and Innovation Council.

Winter Wonderland Book Sale

Friday, 12/5 and Saturday, 12/6 from 9 AM - 4 PM

All Ages. \$5 Bag Sale! Get ready for winter with some great reads! Stock up on books, videos, music, and more at our \$5 (plus sales tax) sale. Special-priced items are not included in our bag sale. Note, standard-sized plastic grocery bags are \$5; larger tote bags will be charged \$8.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime

Friday, 12/5 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 10. Are you interested in improving your language skills? Join us for Spanish Bilingual Storytime! There will be singing, dancing, activities, stories, and rhymes in Spanish and English.

¿Está interesado en mejorar sus habilidades del lenguaje? ¡Ven a la biblioteca para el programa de cuentos bilingües en español e inglés! Habrá cantos, bailes, actividades, cuentos y rimas en español e inglés.

Offsite Events

at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

Tuesday, 12/9 at 7 PM
Registration opens 11/25

Adults. Grab a few friends and join us for Trivia Night at Bistro 91! All prizes are provided by Bistro 91.

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

Diamond Art Bookmark

Saturday, 12/6 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/22

Ages 11 - 17. Make a diamond art bookmark for someone you love during this season of giving. All supplies provided.

Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus

Saturday, 12/6 at 1:30 PM

All Ages. Enjoy the sounds of the season with a selection of music performed by the Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus of Carroll County.

Card Kit Crafty Box Demo

Thursday, 12/11 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Adults. Curious as to what is included in a card kit crafty box and how to use it? Staff will be on hand to demonstrate how to use the stamps, tools, and other supplies that are included in a card kit box. Register to pick up a box containing materials for crafty inspiration, including rubber stamp sets, papers, an ink pad, and other crafty extras to help unleash your creativity. Please return the stamp sets, ink pad, and box when you are done crafting. All attendees need to register.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

Friday, 12/12 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, 12/12 at 10:45 AM • Registration opens 11/28

Ages 4 - Adults. An inclusive visit with book-loving therapy dogs for people and children of all abilities. Research shows that reading to animals boosts reading skills and helps with social skills and emotional health for all ages. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Only kids need to register.

Open Mah Jongg

Friday, 12/12 at 1:30 PM

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg. We welcome experienced players and newer players for casual, non-competitive play. Please bring a current National Mah Jongg League card. If you don't have a card, one will be provided.

Carroll County Writers Group

Saturday, 12/13 at 1 PM

Adults. Please join us for the monthly meeting of the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Writers Association. This month, presenter Emily Long will share tips on how to create an author website. MWA chapter meetings are open to the public.

Carroll County Critique Group

Saturday, 12/13 at 3:30 PM

Adults. Please join the monthly meeting of the Carroll County Critique Group.

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Homeschool Hangout: Painter's Palette ●●●R

Monday, 12/15 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/1

Ages 6 - 17. Prepare to print your own winter wonderland in this special Painter's Palette for homeschoolers.

Chess at the Library ●●●

Wednesday, 12/17 at 5 PM

Ages 7 - Adults. Are you a chess champion or want to learn? Show off your best moves against other chess players! Experienced and novice chess players are welcome.

Club Friendship: Libraries Are for Everyone ●●●R

Thursday, 12/18 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Ages 13 - Adults. The library is more than just books. It's a place to come together as a community. 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.

PAWS to Read ●●●R

Saturday, 12/20 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/6

Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to a book-loving therapy animal. Adults and seniors can also come to de-stress and relax with a fuzzy friend. Registration is optional; walk-ins are welcome! Only kids need to register.

Holiday Sing-Along ●●●

Monday, 12/22 at 11 AM

All Ages. It's getting close to the holidays! Join us for a holiday sing-along, where we'll read stories, sing, and dance!

Reading with a Ballerina: *The Nutcracker* ●●●R

Monday, 12/29 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/15

Ages 3 - 12. Join Contempic School of Ballet for Reading with a Ballerina hosted by the beloved Sugar Plum Fairy from the holiday ballet classic *The Nutcracker*. All attendees need to register.

Indoor Snowball Fight ●●●

Monday, 12/29 at 1 PM

Ages 6 - 12. Join us for an indoor "snowball" fight; no snow required! Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Family Bingo ●●●

Monday, 12/29 at 2:30 PM

All Ages. Join us for an afternoon of family fun playing bingo! Participants of all ages will win new books donated from Penguin Random House.

Crafty Café: Earring Extravaganza ●●●R

Tuesday, 12/30 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 12 - 17. Come craft with us! Learn some techniques for making your own adornments, or feel free to design your own.

Mount Airy Knitters ●

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 12/3 - 12/17

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

Crafty Activities for Seniors ●

Thursday, 12/4 at 1 PM

Adults. Join us for a monthly group session where you'll create something different to take home or share. You'll also meet other craft lovers and exchange ideas along the way! Available while supplies last.

All About Bears! ●

Friday, 12/5 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. We'll find out what our local black bears eat, how they live, and how they prepare for their long winter naps! With crafts, stories, and more, we'll be sure to have a bear-y good time.

The Hidden Life of Spices ●

Saturday, 12/6 at 10 AM

Ages 5 - 12. Join Army research chemist Dr. Rose Pesce-Rodriguez as we navigate the hidden world of spices. We will have hands-on learning experiments and learn all about what makes spices so spicy.

Holiday Decoration Swap ●

Saturday, 12/6 at 1 PM

Adults. Please drop off any decorations you'd like to donate beginning Saturday, November 29, and then come back for some cookies and fun browsing the day of the event! Refreshments will be served.

Homeschooler Lunch and Learn: ●●●R

Author Study with

Kwame Alexander and Alan Gratz

Tuesday, 12/9 at 12:30 PM • Registration opens 11/25

Ages 6 - 12. 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 a live Q&A session. December's special guest author is *New York Times* bestselling author Alan Gratz. This series is recommended for children in first through seventh grades. Registrants must be present in the branch to access the presentation. Please bring a bagged lunch from home. All attendees need to register.

Book Clubs



Mount Airy Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, 12/17 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Sipsworth* by Simon Van Booy.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursday, 12/18 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer* by Fredrik Backman.

Storytimes for Kids

Siblings are welcome to attend these programs.

Family Storytime

Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 12/1 - 12/18

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 • 12/1 - 12/15

Ages Birth - 8. We'll explore books, rhymes, and songs with lots of wiggles and giggles!

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 10 AM • Wednesdays at 11 AM 12/2 - 12/17

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • 12/2 - 12/16

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

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 12/3 - 12/17

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Thursdays at 6:30 PM • 12/4 - 12/18

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 10 AM • 12/13 - 12/20

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.

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Cookie Decorating Contest ●

Tuesday, 12/9 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 18. Design and decorate your own cookie contraptions! Join us for a fun evening of icing, sprinkles, and sugar as we compete to see who can bring their vision to life in the most spectacular way!

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)! ●

Wednesday, 12/10 from 9 AM - 12 PM

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

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ASL Practice Club ●●●

Wednesday, 12/10 at 6 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for our ASL (American Sign Language) Practice Club! All fluency levels are welcome!

Snacks & Conversations: Reading Recommendations ●●● R

Friday, 12/12 at 11 AM

Ages 16 - Adults. Recommend your favorite title in a friendly conversational setting. A fun group activity will also take place. Grab a snack, socialize, and get inspired for what to read next. All genres, fiction and non-fiction, are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Artsy Paper Luminaries ●

Friday, 12/12 at 3 PM

Ages 3 - 12. Join us for a kid-friendly craft where you can design and decorate your very own paper luminary lantern. This hands-on craft is perfect for all ages and skill levels, with plenty of room for imagination. One per customer. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

TTRPG Afternoon ●

Saturday, 12/13 at 2 PM

Ages 6 - 11. Let's learn to play a tabletop role-playing game at the library! All resources will be provided.

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

Tuesday, 12/16 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.

Mount Airy Ask a Master Gardener ●●●

Wednesday, 12/17 from 10 AM - 12 PM

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

Play Baby Play ●

Friday, 12/19 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 3. Come enjoy a warm and inviting space where you and your child can play. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Dungeons and Dragons Club ●●● R

Saturday, 12/20 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/6

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

Read with a Furry Friend ●●●

Saturday, 12/20 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, 12/22 at 5 PM

Ages 6 - Adults. Join us for a LEGO® program where you tackle a new design challenge each time! Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board ●

Tuesday, 12/23 at 6:30 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Earn service hours while making friends, beautifying the library, and planning programs!

New Year's at Noon ●

Tuesday, 12/30 at 11:30 AM

Ages Birth - 12. Get ready for your New Year's celebration with us! We'll have crafts, games, and a practice countdown at noon!

North Carroll Knitters Group ●

Monday, 12/1 and Tuesday, 12/16 at 1 PM

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

Make Resin Holiday Ornaments ●●● R

Monday, 12/1 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/17

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to design and create your own resin holiday ornaments.

North Carroll Writers Group ●

**Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • Thursdays at 10 AM
12/2 - 12/23, 12/30**

Adults. Bring your writing, works-in-progress, or works-in-thought. This writing group allows beginners, unpublished, and published writers to network, learn, vent, and feel inspired to move to the next level. All genres are welcome: novel, short story, essay, poetry, memoirs, spiritual, sci-fi, fiction, and nonfiction. This group is led by Barbara D. Duffey, an experienced writing workshop leader and author of five books.

Make a Fresh Holiday Arrangement ●●● R

Tuesday, 12/2 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/18

Adults. Add beauty to your home with a lovely holiday arrangement this season. White House Nursery's staff will be providing instruction on how to fill a provided bud vase with fresh greens, cranberries, flowers, and more. Learn tips on how to extend the arrangement you create to last throughout the season. Attendees will need to bring clippers/trimmers and gardening gloves. All attendees need to register.

Mini Musicians ●●● R

**Thursday, 12/4 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/20
Thursday, 12/18 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/4**

Ages 3 - 6. Come join us for a creative and exploratory first introduction to music! This program will incorporate piano playing, boomwhackers, and rhythm instruments while teaching children the basics of pitch, patterns, and rhythm. We will learn skills that are beneficial for future piano lessons and other musical instruments too!

ONLINE ZOOM PROGRAMS

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

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1

Wednesday, 12/3 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/19

Adults. Find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. This seminar will cover the four parts of Medicare Medicare Supplement plans, available preventive services, and how to protect yourself from healthcare fraud. All attendees need to register.

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Tuesday, 12/9 at 4 PM • Registration opens 11/25

Ages 12 - 17. Pre-generated characters will be available, and registrants will meet on Zoom the day before to become familiar with any websites used. This session is for beginners and avid players alike. All attendees need to register.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2

Wednesday, 12/10 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/26

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.

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Read to a Dog

Thursday, 12/4 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.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Tuesday, 12/9 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, assistance with vaccines, WIC services by appointment, and health education. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Holiday Children's Choir

Tuesday, 12/9 at 6 PM

All Ages. Hear the sounds of the season with the voices of the Grace Bible Church Holiday Children's Choir. All ages are invited to hear the holiday music by young ones. Enjoy music, smiles, and laughter during this memorable season.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Wednesday, 12/10 from 10 AM - 2 PM

Adults. Explore invaluable career resources at Carroll County Workforce Development's pop-up event. Discover free training opportunities, learn how to connect with employers, and receive personalized support to revamp your resume.

Club Friendship: Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 12/11 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/27

Ages 13 - Adults. The library is more than just books. It's a place to come together as a community. 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!

Make a Bottlecap Pendant and a Wire-Wrapped Stone Pendant

Monday, 12/15 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/1

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to make a metal bottlecap pendant and a wire-wrapped stone pendant. All materials will be provided for you.

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 12/17 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.

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Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Thursday, 12/18 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. Sharing stories, feelings, and experiences with people in similar situations is not only therapeutic, but also enlightening, and can often improve emotional health. This group is part of the MS Focus Independent Support Group Network. Please email Nadine Rosendale (nadiner@carr.org) with questions. This group meets on the third Thursday of the month.

Q&A with the Small Business Administration

Friday, 12/19 from 9:30 AM - 1:30 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-northcarroll-sba> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Dungeons & Dragons Winter Adventure

Monday, 12/29 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/15

Ages 11 - 17. Welcome, adventurers! Join our table as we embark on a fun-filled, winter-themed campaign! Our game is friendly to both new and returning players. We will have a number of pre-made character sheets for you to make your own!

Winter STEM Challenge

Tuesday, 12/30 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 8 - 13. Join us as we design and create a fort, a lookout tower, a snowball shooter, and more.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM • 12/1 - 12/19

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

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 AM • 12/1 - 12/15

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

Move and Learn

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 12/2 - 12/16

Ages Birth - 8. A theme-based storytime featuring an age-appropriate story, songs, and learning activities.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 12/3 - 12/18

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

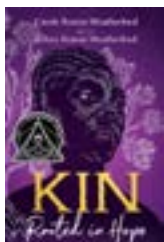
Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM • 12/3 - 12/17

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

Offsite Events

at North Carroll Senior Center, 2328 Hanover Pike



North Carroll Senior Center Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday, 12/10 at 11 AM

Adults. This month's selection is *Kin: Rooted in Hope* by Carole Boston Weatherford, the 2025 One Maryland One Book selection.

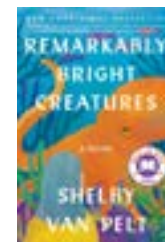


North Carroll Senior Center Thursday Book Club

Thursday, 12/11 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Last Mrs. Parrish* by Liv Constantine.

Book Clubs



North Carroll Book Discussion Group

Monday, 12/8 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

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Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
12/2 - 12/17**

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 at 11 AM • 12/2 - 12/16

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

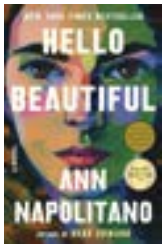
Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM • 12/4 - 12/18

Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together.

Offsite Events

at Brewery Fire, 4337 Old Taneytown Rd. STE B



Books and Brews Book Club

Wednesday, 12/3 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

Drop-In Diamond Painting

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • 12/2 - 12/9

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

Diamond Painting for Teens

Tuesday, 12/2 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/18

Ages 12 - 17. We'll have a new diamond painting project each month, and no experience is necessary! All attendees need to register.

1-2-3 Martial Arts for Me

Wednesday, 12/3 at 11 AM • Registration opens 11/19

Ages 2 - 6. Join Stephanie Sullivan from Choe's HapKiDo to learn some basic martial arts skills. Two-year-olds must have an adult caregiver participate.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Thursdays from 10 AM - 2 PM • 12/4, 12/18

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

Paper Bag Snowflakes

Thursday, 12/4 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Adults. Transform simple paper bags into big, beautiful snowflakes! All supplies will be provided.

Book Chat

Friday, 12/5 at 1 PM

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

Writer's Circle

Friday, 12/5 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.

Make & Take Greeting Cards for Kids

Saturday, 12/6 at 10 AM

Ages 4 - 17. Join the holiday fun as we create custom greeting cards with the kids. Create up to five cards to take home. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Come Create

Monday, 12/8 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/24

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

Preschool Yoga

Wednesday, 12/10 at 11 AM • Registration opens 11/26

Ages 3 - 6. Join yoga instructor Julie Albert for some preschool yoga fun.

All Aboard the Polar Express

Wednesday, 12/10 at 6:30 PM

Ages 2 - Adults. Storyteller Beth Rebert's delightful presentation of this heartwarming holiday tale will enchant children of all ages!

Hooks & Needles

Thursday, 12/11 at 5:30 PM

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

Gingerbread Fun

Friday, 12/12 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/28

Ages 2 - 5. This active, hands-on program will include songs, stories, and making a gingerbread house. Only kids need to register.

Diamond Painting

Tuesday, 12/16 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/2

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

Ask the Department of Human Services (DHS)!

Wednesday, 12/17 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.

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Messy Masterpieces: Holiday Art

Wednesday, 12/17 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/3

Ages 2 - 6. It's time to create your very own masterpieces that can be used for holiday gifts!

Santa Visit

Wednesday, 12/17 from 5 - 7:30 PM

All Ages. We'll share a brief holiday story, and then offer individual time with Santa, a candy cane, and crafts and music throughout the evening.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Friday, 12/19 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.

Yoga and Pranayama for Stress Relief

Saturday, 12/20 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 12/6

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. All attendees need to register.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids

Saturday, 12/20 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/6

Ages 6 - 11. Join us to show you're the best player your age in town!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens

Saturday, 12/20 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 12/6

Ages 11 - 17. CCPL's Join us to show you're the best player in town!

Monday Makers

Monday, 12/22 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/8

Ages 11 - Adults. Join us to make something new and creative. Experiment with the materials provided.

Mario Kart World Tournament for Kids

Monday, 12/29 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/15

Ages 6 - 11. Join us to show you're the best player your age in town!

Mario Kart World Tournament for Teens

Monday, 12/29 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/15

Ages 12 - 17. Join us to show you're the best player your age in town!

New Year's at Noon

Tuesday, 12/30 at 11:30 AM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 2 - 12. Get ready for your New Year's celebration with us! We'll have crafts, games, and a practice countdown at noon! Only kids need to register.

Gingerbread Joy

Tuesday, 12/30 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 7 - 17. Spread some joy with gingerbread as we make new friends from other generations! Residents from Lorien Assisted Living will visit the library and be paired with student participants to create gingerbread house masterpieces as they get to know their new friends.

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Needle Little Klatch?

Tuesdays at 5 PM • 12/2, 12/16

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

Open Mah Jongg

Wednesday, 12/3 at 1 PM

Wednesday, 12/10 at 5 PM

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of casual, non-competitive American Mah Jongg. This program is for experienced and newer players with some play experience. An instructor will not be present.

Holiday Greens

Thursday, 12/4 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Adults. Design a large swag or two small matching swags for a door, mailbox, table centerpiece, or whatever you can imagine.

Westminster Branch Chess Club

Thursday, 12/4 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Thursday, 12/18 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Ages 11 - Adults. Our club sessions consist of 30 minutes of instruction and one hour of open play. All attendees need to register.

Preschool Play

Friday, 12/5 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Join us for an open playtime where children can be imaginative and creative. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 12/6 at 11 AM

Ages 4 - Adults. "Reading dogs" provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere for kids to practice reading.

Merry TUBACHRISTMAS!

Saturday, 12/6 at 1 PM

All Ages. Join us for a lively outdoor concert performed entirely on tuba, sousaphone, and euphonium.

Line Dancing with Lori

Thursday, 12/11 at 4 PM • Registration opens 11/27

Adults. Join us for an evening of fun and fitness in this beginner's line dancing class. All attendees need to register.

Play Baby Play

Friday, 12/12 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 3. Enjoy a warm and inviting space where you and your child can play.

Cookie Decorating Fun

Saturday, 12/13 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 11/29

Adults. Join us for a sweet and colorful afternoon of cookie decorating! Only adults need to register.

Sounds of the Season Concert

Saturday, 12/13 at 12 PM

All Ages. Join us for a concert of seasonal tunes performed by students from Westminster Elementary and other local schools.

Mah Jongg Marathon

Saturday, 12/13 at 12 PM • Registration opens 11/29

Adults. Play American Mah Jongg at the library! This event is for experienced and newer players with some play experience. Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Nintendo Afternoon

Saturday, 12/13 at 2 PM

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

Open Mah Jongg

Thursday, 12/18 at 1 PM

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

Preschool Science:

Electricity and Magnetism

Friday, 12/19 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 6. Investigate electricity and magnetism with a story, simple science experiments, and hands-on activities.

Teen After Hours Movie Night:

The Polar Express

Friday, 12/19 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/5

Ages 11 - 17. Join the Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board as we get in the holiday spirit with a showing of *The Polar Express*! All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

All Aboard the Polar Express

Saturday, 12/20 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - Adults. Storyteller Beth Rebert's delightful presentation of this heartwarming holiday tale will enchant children of all ages!

Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 12/22 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 12/8

Ages 12 - 17. 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.

Kids' Craft Time

Monday, 12/29 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 12. Join us for a craft morning at the library where there will be several options of crafts.

Banking Basics & Budgeting for Teens

Tuesday, 12/30 at 3 PM • Registration opens 12/16

Ages 12 - 18. Learn about banking basics and budgeting during a presentation and Q&A session from M&T Bank. All attendees need to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM

12/1 - 12/18

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

12/2 - 12/17

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM

Thursdays at 10 AM

12/2 - 12/18

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 7 PM • 12/2 - 12/16

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.

Book Clubs



Westminster Book Club

**Wednesday, 12/17
at 2 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang.

Offsite Events

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

Game Day: *Catan*

Saturday, 12/13 at 2 PM

Ages 10 - Adults. Librarian Joy Zimmer will teach you how to play *Catan* at City Park Gaming & Brew Room! An adult must accompany all participants under the age of 18. *Catan* is for ages 10+, lasts 60 to 90 minutes, and is for 3 - 4 players.

MD TWO FIFTY

Carroll 250 Speaker Series



The Carroll 250 Speaker Series celebrates the United States Semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of the 1776 United States Declaration of Independence.

Carroll 250: Community Forum

Thursday, 12/4 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Taneytown Branch, 10 Grand Drive

Adults. Please join the Carroll 250 Advisory Committee for our next open session. Meet our task force members, hear updates on progress, and offer input on 250 activities and initiatives.

Patriots of Carroll County: Normand Bruce

Thursday, 12/11 at 6:30 • Registration now open

Eldersburg Branch, 6400 Hemlock Drive

Ages 12 - Adults. Join us as local historian John Laycock discusses the story of Normand Bruce, his enduring legacy in Carroll County, and the foundation of Bruceville, where Myrtle Hill, the home he built in the 1760s, still stands. Bruce was a Scottish immigrant, businessman, prominent landowner, soldier, politician, husband, and father. He answered the call during the American Revolution and served as an officer in the Maryland militia.

After the Fashion of His Country:

Asia and Asians in the 18th Century Mid-Atlantic

Saturday, 12/13 at 2 PM • Registration now open

Mount Airy Branch, 705 Ridge Avenue

Adults. This fascinating talk will be presented by Daniel Sieh. Asia was known for centuries in Europe, and the British were keen to profit off the exotic goods through commerce. This trade was far from a one-sided exchange; it was a dialogue between two very distinct cultures. Goods, ideas and people flowed through trade routes established by the British East India Company and reached as far as the 13 colonies (soon, the nascent United States). These goods, and yes, even people, arrived as distant foreigners in a strange land, but left an indelible mark that has only recently been uncovered.



Collecting
items
through
January 3

FOOD DRIVE

Help feed our hungry neighbors! Your non-perishable donations will help stock the pantry shelves and help ensure your neighbors have enough to eat.

Collection to benefit Carroll Community College Food Locker, Carroll County Food Sunday, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Little Free Pantry at CCPL's Eldersburg Branch, The Mission Food Program, Mount Airy Net, Springboard Community Services, and other local organizations.

COLD WEATHER ITEM DRIVE

Donate new or handmade cold weather items such as scarves, blankets, mittens, and hats to Corky Cares. Items will be donated to those most in need in our community.

WINTER READING

DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 28

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