



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY 2026 PROGRAMS

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.

Doing History:

An Archivist's Approach to Uncovering the Past

Thursday, 1/29 at 6:30 PM

McDaniel College, Hoover Library
2 College Hill, Wahrhaftig Room, Westminster

Ages 12 - Adults. Join Kyle Dalton (Union Mills Homestead), Adrienne Smith (Gatehouse Museum), and Gwen Coddington (McDaniel College) for an engaging session exploring the theme of Doing History as part of the Semiquincentennial celebration. This conversation invites participants to step into the historian's role—examining how archivists interpret evidence, uncover silences in collections, and craft inclusive narratives. Through an archivist's lens, attendees will gain insight into the historical method, learn how community knowledge and oral histories shape our understanding of the past, and discover how they too can "do history" in meaningful ways. This session emphasizes transparency, collaboration, and the evolving nature of historical interpretation, encouraging public engagement with history as a dynamic and participatory process.



Cost: Free

Scan QR Code to register, or go to:
tinyurl.com/250-archivists



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Online Programs

HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 8 PM

Friday & Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM

CCPL will be closed on

Thursday, 1/1 for New Year's Day

Monday, 1/19 for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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 • 1/5 - 1/12, 1/26

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.

Art Discovery ●

Monday, 1/5 at 4:30 PM

Ages 6 - 11. Each month we will learn about a different artist. Participants will create their own unique art piece based on the techniques and style of the artist.

Yoga with Meditation ● R

Monday, 1/5 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/22

Monday, 1/12 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/29

Friday, 1/23 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/9

Friday, 1/30 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/16

Adults. Experience the many benefits of yoga and meditation. This class, taught by Rebecca Berg, welcomes students of all levels. Adaptations for using a chair will be shared if participants are uncomfortable getting on the floor. Meditation exercises will be incorporated into the practice. Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a blanket, yoga mat, and a strap (or belt or towel). All attendees need to register.

Line Dancing with Lori ● R

Tuesday, 1/6 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/23

Tuesday, 1/20 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/6

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.

Youth Community Service Group ●

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 1/6, 1/20

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 • 1/7 - 1/28

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.

LEGO® Builders Club ●

Wednesday, 1/7 at 4:30 PM

Ages 6 - 12. 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 • 1/7 - 1/28

Mondays at 12:30 PM • 1/12, 1/26

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

Gentle Yoga ● R

Thursday, 1/8 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/25

Thursday, 1/22 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 1/8

Adults. This gentle yoga class allows students of various abilities and physical conditions to develop their yoga practice comfortably. No experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat and a blanket. All attendees need to register.

How Money Works ● R

Thursday, 1/8 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/25

Adults. Start the new year off right with this in-depth and informative program that will help you form the building blocks of financial health. Presenters Michael and Karen Stebner will present ways to help you build a strong financial house and grow your money while saving for college, emergencies, retirement, and more.

Q&A with the ●

Small Business Administration

Friday, 1/9 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. Whether you want to start a business or are interested in learning to improve the business you have, the SBA can assist you. Schedule an appointment at <https://tinyurl.com/ccpl-sba-eldersburg> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

American Red Cross Blood Drive ● ●

Friday, 1/9 from 10 AM - 3 PM

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

Peaceful Melodies with Lydia Bandy ● ● ●

Saturday, 1/10 at 12 PM

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

Curious Kids ●

Monday, 1/12 at 4:30 PM

Ages 5 - 8. 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, 1/12 at 5:30 PM

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg. We welcome experienced players and newer players for casual, non-competitive play.

Strategy Games ●

Tuesday, 1/13 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, 1/28 from 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Adults. Please drop in and learn or teach a game. There will be games at various levels available to play, such as *Cascadia*, *Plunder*, *Catan*, *Azul*, *Sykjo*, and *Triominos* to name a few. You are welcome to bring your favorite game to teach/play.

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Knit and Chat

Tuesday, 1/13 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. There will also be an optional show-and-tell and a yarn exchange each month.

Relax and Unwind with Reverse Coloring

Tuesday, 1/13 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/30

Ages 14 - Adults. Take time out for yourself as we relax and experiment with reverse coloring templates and ink pens. Let vibrant watercolor backgrounds guide your imagination as you draw, doodle, and create without rules. Let go of perfection and embrace creativity for relaxation!

Eldersburg Branch Anime Club

Wednesday, 1/14 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, 1/15 at 6 PM

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

Coffee with the Classics: *The Lady Eve*

Friday, 1/16 at 10 AM

Adults. Celebrate the New Year with this month's selection, the screwball comedy, *The Lady Eve*, starring Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda. Refreshments will be served.

C is for Crime Scene: Forensics at the Library

Friday, 1/16 at 2 PM

Ages 6 - 12. Join Dr. Judy Staveley for an interactive reading of *C is for Crime Scene: A Forensics A to Z Book*, a fun and educational introduction to science and forensic discovery for young readers. Families can explore hands-on activities such as fingerprinting demonstrations and STEM-themed coloring pages that bring the book's concepts to life.

Tai Chi for Wellness and Rehabilitation

Saturday, 1/17 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/3

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.

Sykesville Painting Club:

How to Paint Clouds with Joyce Blair

Saturday, 1/24 at 1 PM

Adults. The library is partnering with the Sykesville Painting Club to offer this workshop. Joyce Blair will be teaching how to paint clouds.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/spc-cloud-workshop>.

Cost of Workshop: Members \$35.00, Non-Members \$45.00

Please take note of the materials you will need to bring.

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 1/24 at 2 PM

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

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Monday, 1/26 from 10 AM - 12 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.

Teen Service Hours: Valentine's Day Cards Craft

Monday, 1/26 at 2:30 PM

Ages 8 - 17. Earn some service hours by making Valentine's Day cards to be distributed to Carroll County community members. Crafting materials will also be provided.

Open Chess

Wednesday, 1/28 at 6 PM

All Ages. Are you a chess expert or learning to play? Drop in to show your skills with other chess players! Chess players of all levels are welcome.

Little Adventures: Brrr...Snow & Ice

Friday, 1/30 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/16

Ages 3 - 6. Join us for a hands-on storytime where preschoolers explore STEM concepts with a special focus on nature. Each session features a themed story and guided activities. Children and their caregivers will engage with natural and craft materials as they play, create, and discover. Only kids need to register.

Roar Like a Lion: An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 1/31 from 1 PM - 4 PM

All Ages. Beat the winter blues and feel the warmth of service to your community. In partnership with local Lions Clubs, join us for an afternoon of community service. Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM

1/5 - 1/15, 1/20 - 1/29

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 • 1/6 - 1/29

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 • 1/6 - 1/27

Ages 3 - 6. Activities will promote pre-reading and school readiness skills in preparation for kindergarten. Adult caregivers are welcome. Food and natural items may be present.

Move & Groove Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM

1/7 - 1/28

Ages Birth - 8. This energetic 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 • 1/10 - 1/31

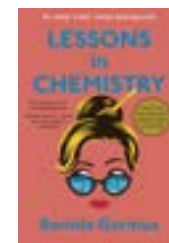
Ages Birth - 8. Come to the library every Saturday morning for a new adventure!

Starlight Storytime

Wednesday, 1/21 at 6:30 PM

Ages 2 - 5. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and enjoy a cozy evening of stories and songs. Perfect for families with young children. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Book Clubs



Free Spirit Book Club

Saturday, 1/10 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

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Dinner's on Me: Chicken Noodle Soup ●●R\$

Saturday, 1/3 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/20

Ages 13 - 18. Hey, teens, let's meet in the kitchen to prepare a new recipe that will impress your family and friends. Improve your independent cooking skills with hands-on experience in the kitchen. We will prepare a hearty chicken noodle soup recipe, perfect for cold winter evenings or when anyone is feeling under the weather. **\$8.00**

Cooking for Wellness: Beef and Lentil Bolognese ●●R\$

Monday, 1/5 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/22

Ages 15 - Adults. It's the start of a new year! Review the basics of nutrition with a registered dietitian and discuss how to set your goals for the year while enjoying a healthful, balanced meal. This class is provided through our partnership with Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Cooking Basics: Crepes ●●R\$

Monday, 1/5 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/22

Ages 14 - Adults. Learn how to make sweet crepes from scratch! We'll finish with fruit fillings and a variety of toppings. **\$5.00**

Web Design: HTML Basics ●●R

Tuesday, 1/6 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/23

Ages 14 - Adults. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the fundamentals of web design by exploring HTML. We will focus on HTML, covering essential elements like headings, paragraphs, links, images, and forms to build the basic structure of a web page.

Beginner Cricut: Soup-er Bowls ●●R\$

Wednesday, 1/7 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/24

Ages 12 - Adults. Put your Cricut skills into practice or learn the basics of design with this beginner-friendly class. Participants will explore tools in *Cricut Design Space* and then design a custom vinyl sticker in *Adobe Illustrator* to apply to a ceramic soup bowl. It's cold out! Come learn new skills and make a custom bowl for your favorite comfort soup. All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

Intro to Laser Cutting ●●R

Wednesday, 1/7 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 12/24

Wednesday, 1/28 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 1/14

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.

Beginner Sewing Level 1: Sew a Bucket Bag (Class 5) ●●R\$

Thursday, 1/8 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 12/25

Ages 16 - Adults. Get acquainted with the sewing machine and basic tools of the trade. Learn to sew a round base into a medium-sized bag and finish the incorporated handles. **\$12.00**

Cooking Basics: Roasted Vegetable Soup and Sides ●●R

Thursday, 1/8 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/25

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn how to identify, pick, and prepare root vegetables for roasting. We will roast vegetables for a tasty soup and side dishes that are easy and economical. This program is ideal for beginning cooks. This program is provided in partnership with the American Heart Association.

Intro to Adobe Illustrator ●●R

Thursday, 1/8 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/25

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

Pairs Cooking: Tiramisu ●R\$

Friday, 1/9 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/26

Adults. Learn what makes tiramisu an irresistible classic! Participants will learn what tiramisu is and create their very own to take home to share. Registration is for two people. Each pair will make ONE tiramisu to take home and share. **\$20.00**

Introduction to Arduino ●●R

Saturday, 1/10 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/27

Ages 12 - Adults. Microcontrollers are everywhere and are often the unseen heroes of our modern world. From coffee makers to elevators, and even the television remote control, microcontrollers can be programmed to fulfill a variety of simple tasks. The Arduino platform makes working with microcontrollers easy, fun, and offers a way to get started in electronics. Join us for a workshop where we'll explore various beginner Arduino projects using components from the Arduino education kits available for use in the makerspace. All attendees need to register.

Books and Bites: Biographies and Blondies ●●R\$

Monday, 1/12 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/29

Ages 16 - Adults. Let's meet in the Teaching Kitchen to make Vanilla Cardamom Blondies. While they bake, enjoy some tea and join in a discussion of the newest biographies led by Westminster Branch librarians. This is a joint program with CCPL's Westminster Branch and Exploration Commons. Books will be available to check out at the event. **\$5.00**

3D Printing for Absolute Beginners ●●R

Monday, 1/12 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/29

Ages 12 - Adults. What's a 3D print, and how do you make it? In this class, we'll go over everything you need to know to get started with 3D printing. From materials to software to finding files online, this class will teach you the very basics. All attendees need to register.

Making for Seniors: Create a Simple Vinyl Cutter Project ●R

Tuesday, 1/13 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/30

Adults. Learning new technology should be fun, not intimidating! Join us for a basic hands-on session where we'll use Cricut Design Space to create a simple project to be cut out on one of EC's vinyl cutters. Previous basic computer experience is required. No previous experience with design software or vinyl cutting is needed. Participants are required to set up their own free Cricut Design Space account prior to attending.

Creating AI Images for Use in the Makerspace ●●R

Tuesday, 1/13 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/30

Ages 16 - Adults. In this class, we will discuss using generative AI to create images for use in the Makerspace. Topics will include what generative AI is and how it works, common pitfalls and issues with AI images, and the potential for AI use in the Makerspace. There will also be a demonstration and practice session creating an image for machine cutting and engraving in the Makerspace. All attendees need to register.

Basic Knife Skills ●●R

Wednesday, 1/14 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/31

Ages 15 - Adults. This hands-on class will cover everything you need to know about caring for your knives and how to use them. You'll learn how to chop, dice, and mince and get plenty of practice with other professional cuts. This is a beginner class.

Beginner Sewing Level 1: Sew a Japanese Knot Bag (Class 8) ●●R\$

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

Ages 16 - Adults. Get acquainted with the sewing machine and basic tools of the trade. Sew a fully lined, curved project bag. Learn to sew and finish a bag with two handles that are incorporated into the design of the bag. **\$10.00**

Intro to 3D Printing and Design with Tinkercad ●●R

Thursday, 1/15 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/1

Monday, 1/26 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/12

Ages 12 - Adults. Learn the basics of using *Tinkercad* to design for 3D printing! We'll walk through basic 3D design using *Tinkercad* software and create a simple project to be 3D printed. No previous design experience is necessary!

Robot Coding with Pepper ●●R

Friday, 1/16 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/2

Ages 12 - Adults. Code with Pepper, CCPL's social humanoid robot! Program Pepper to strike up a conversation using the drag-and-drop interface, *Choregraphe*. No previous coding experience is required.

Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

● PROGRAMS FOR KIDS ● PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ● PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

R Register online at library.carr.org. \$ and R Registration fee required and register online at explorationcommons.carr.org.

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Open Sewing Studio ●●●R

Saturday, 1/17 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/3

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.

Group Bake: Soft Pretzels ●●●R \$

Saturday, 1/17 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/3

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. Each registration is for a table that seats up to 4 attendees. If a child ages 6-16 is attending, the group must include at least one adult. **\$15.00**

Making for Good: Turkey Soup ●●●R

Tuesday, 1/20 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 1/6

Ages 16 - Adults. Join guest presenter and Executive Director Andrea Berstler in our teaching kitchen to make hot turkey soup from scratch. We will eat a mug of soup and chat with the director, and all extra soup will go to benefit the local nonprofit HSP. All attendees need to register.

Custom Engraved BBQ Spatulas and BBQ Seasoning ●●●R \$

**Tuesday, 1/20 and Thursday, 1/22 at 5 PM
Registration opens 1/6**

Ages 16 - Adults. In this two-part class, we will first be engraving BBQ spatulas with a custom design and then be making BBQ seasoning for your next cookout. All attendees need to register. **\$25.00**

Soft Pretzels ●●●R \$

Wednesday, 1/21 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 1/7

Ages 16 - Adults. 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. **\$10.00**

Handmade Mushroom Ravioli ●●●R \$

Wednesday, 1/21 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/7

Ages 16 - Adults. Master the art of fresh pasta as you make homemade pasta dough, prepare a mushroom filling, and assemble ravioli from start to finish. This class emphasizes techniques for rolling, shaping, and cooking pasta. **\$8.00**

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

Thursday, 1/22 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/8

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn the basics to feel comfortable using a sewing machine. This introductory-level class includes the EC sewing machine certification necessary for many other classes and/or independent sewing machine use in the makerspace.

ServSafe® Food Handler Course ●●●R \$

Friday, 1/23 from 1 - 4 PM • Registration opens 12/23

Ages 15 - Adults. The ServSafe® Food Handler course, taught by a Certified ServSafe® Instructor, provides basic food safety knowledge. This two-and-a-half-hour class covers five key areas: Basic Food Safety, Personal Hygiene, Cross Contamination and Allergens, Time and Temperature, and Cleaning and Sanitizing. At the end of the class, participants will take the online certification exam and will receive a certificate after passing it (in about one week). **\$35.00**

Making Customized Chocolate for Valentine's Day ●●●R \$

Saturday, 1/24 and 1/31 at 2 PM

Registration opens 1/10

Ages 16 - Adults. Customize chocolates for yourself or your valentine in this two-session class! In session one, we'll create our designs in Fusion 360 and learn about the 3D printing process. In session two, we'll utilize our 3D prints and the makerspace's Vaquform machines to create custom molds. Then, we'll head to the teaching kitchen to learn how to mold chocolate and make our custom chocolates. **\$10.00**

Teens Bake: Apple Cider Donuts ●●●R \$

Monday, 1/26 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/12

Ages 12 - 18. Join us on a day off from school for a hands-on kitchen class! We'll make Baked Apple Cider Donuts and learn basic baking skills. All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

Baking Basics: Boiled Chocolate Cake with Piped Chocolate Buttercream ●●●R \$

Tuesday, 1/27 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/13

Ages 15 - Adults. Celebrate National Chocolate Cake Day with a timeless favorite! In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to make an ultra-moist boiled chocolate cake—an old-fashioned technique that creates incredible depth of flavor and a moist, velvety crumb. We'll finish it off by whipping up a rich, fluffy chocolate buttercream to pipe on top. **\$10.00**

Intermediate Laser Cutting: Engraving Painted Canvas ●●●R \$

Tuesday, 1/27 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/13

Ages 16 - Adults. This intermediate-level laser design class focuses on the differences between creating designs and navigating unique settings on pre-painted paper canvases. It is recommended that you bring any photos you would like to engrave with you on a flash drive to help save design time. Fusion Pro Laser Cutter Certification is required prior to attending this program. All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

Cooking Basics: Blackened Salmon ●●●R \$

Tuesday, 1/27 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/13

Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will master blackened salmon with a homemade smoky spice crust. We'll cover seasoning, searing, and simple sides for an easy, flavorful meal. **\$8.00**

Designing and Making for Cricut ●●●R

Wednesday, 1/28 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/14

Ages 16 - Adults. In this class, we will discuss both the capabilities of the Cricut machine and the design software available in the Makerspace for creating custom projects. Participants will design a custom vinyl sticker in *Adobe Illustrator* and then cut it out on the Cricut.

Beginner Sewing Level 1: Sew a Small Messenger Bag (Class 7) ●●●R \$

Thursday, 1/29 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 1/15

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn to sew a gusset into a bag with rounded corners. Practice how to sew and insert a cross-body handle into the bag. **\$10.00**

Demo: Creamy Tuscan Chicken Soup ●●●R

Thursday, 1/29 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 1/15

Ages 15 - Adults. In this fun demonstration class, watch us simmer, stir, and sprinkle our way to the ultimate Creamy Tuscan Chicken Soup—loaded with tender chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, garlic, herbs, and silky creaminess.

Introduction to Autodesk Fusion ●●●R

Thursday, 1/29 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/15

Ages 12 - Adults. Welcome to the world of 3D modeling and designing. In this introductory class, we will review the computer-aided design (CAD) software *Autodesk Fusion* by diving into the fundamentals and techniques for making a simple object.

Laser Skills: Print and Cut ●●●R

Friday, 1/30 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/16

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn how to print-and-cut with the Epilog Fusion Pro. We will explore how the Epilog's IRIS™ Camera Registration System works for extremely precise cutting and engraving. We will work in *Adobe Illustrator* to create a print-and-cut file that can be used with the Camera Registration System. Laser certification is required for all attendees. Familiarity with *Adobe Illustrator* is encouraged.

Roar Like a Lion: An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 1/31 from 1 PM - 4 PM

All Ages. Beat the winter blues and feel the warmth of service to your community. In partnership with local Lions Clubs, join us for an afternoon of community service. Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.

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

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 AM • 1/5 - 1/12, 1/26

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

Read and Play

**Tuesdays at 9:45 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
1/6 - 1/29**

Ages Birth - 24 Months. 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
1/6 - 1/29**

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 1/6 - 1/27

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 1/7 - 1/28

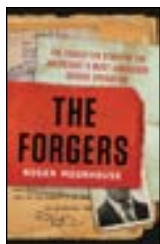
Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement.

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

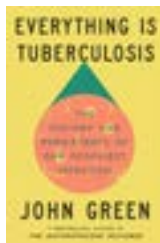
Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club

Monday, 1/12 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Forgers* by Roger Moorhouse. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club

**Wednesday, 1/21
at 6:30 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *Everything Is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection* by John Green.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime

Friday, 1/2 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 10. Join us for Spanish Bilingual Storytime! There will be singing, dancing, activities, stories, and rhymes in Spanish and English.

¡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.

Dungeons & Dragons Winter Adventure

Saturday, 1/3 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/20

Ages 11 - 18. Calling brave heroes for a quest in Dungeons & Dragons! Whether this is your first adventure or your twentieth, join us for an afternoon of fantastic deeds! A choice of playable third-level characters, dice, pencils, and other necessary supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Winter Sowing for the Garden

Thursday, 1/8 at 6 PM

Adults. Are you dreaming of spring as you browse through seed catalogs? Learn about the winter sowing technique, which will let you start some of your seeds now! Participants will be able to practice the technique and winter-sow some seeds to take home.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

Friday, 1/9 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, 1/9 at 10:45 AM • Registration opens 12/26

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

Fridays at 1:30 PM • 1/9, 1/23

Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg. We welcome experienced players and newer players for casual, non-competitive play.

Offsite Events

at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

Tuesday, 1/13 at 7 PM

Registration opens 12/30

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.*

History of Spying

Saturdays at 9:30 AM

Part 1: 1/10 • Part 2: 1/24

Adults. This two-part series offers an overview of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) from World War I to the present. It covers three main areas: a brief history of espionage and the post-World War II reorganization of U.S. spy agencies; an examination of the IC, including its member agencies, their roles, and methods; and a study of counterintelligence, focusing on insider threats, their motivations, espionage activities, and the resulting damage. A Celebrating America program.

Carroll County Writers Group

Saturday, 1/10 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's program will be a round table discussion on how to write author bios. MWA chapter meetings are open to the public.

Carroll County Critique Group

Saturday, 1/10 at 3:30 PM

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

Club Friendship:

Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 1/15 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/1

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.

Crafty Café: Duct Tape Decor

Friday, 1/16 at 3 PM

Ages 6 - 17. Come craft with us! The most useful material in the world can make a lot of cool stuff, and your imagination is the limit!

Grow Your Family Tree

Saturday, 1/17 at 9:30 AM

Adults. Learn the first steps to discovering your ancestors! Basic genealogy research steps will be explored to get you started. Presented by Debra A. Hoffman of the Carroll County Genealogical Society. A Celebrating America program.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, 1/17 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/3

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.

Card Kit Crafty Box Demo

Thursday, 1/22 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 1/2

Adults. 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. Please return the stamp sets, ink pad, and box when you are done crafting. All attendees need to register.

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Q&A with the Small Business Administration

Friday, 1/23 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-sba-finksburg> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Pause for Paws: Therapy Animals for Adults & Seniors

Friday, 1/23 at 11 AM • Registration opens 1/9

Ages 17 - Adults. A special quiet hour for adults and seniors to come to de-stress and relax with a therapy animal. Bring a book, bring pictures, and share good memories. Registration is optional; walk-ins are welcome!

Maryland Food Bank Youth Nutrition Workshop

Monday, 1/26 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/12

Ages 7 - 12. This fun, hands-on program presented by Maryland Food Bank will encourage healthy eating through learning about vegetables and how they're grown. Participants will have the option to taste-test healthy foods and plant seeds to take home. Only kids need to register.

Homebodies and High Flyers

Monday, 1/26 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/12

Ages 6 - 12. The Carroll Garden Club, in partnership with CCPL's Finksburg Branch, will provide participants with the opportunity to make the cold days and the long dark nights of winter a little more bearable for our feathered friends. We will construct hanging feeders that will provide nourishment to the birds during the winter months.

Chess at the Library

Wednesday, 1/28 at 5 PM

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

Your Health, Your Voice: Healthcare Advocacy for Seniors & Caregivers

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

Adults. Learn practical strategies for navigating the healthcare system, including how to prepare for appointments, communicate effectively with doctors, and use available resources to ensure health needs are met. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Roar Like a Lion: An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 1/31 from 1 PM - 4 PM

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

3D Printer Basics

Friday, 1/2 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/19

Ages 6 - 17. Learn the basics of creating a 3D image in *Tinkercad*, then design a project that we'll print out just for you! Only kids need to register.

Valentine's Crafts with Clay

Saturday, 1/3 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/20

Ages Birth - 5. Let's make Valentine's Day crafts at the library! Join us and a professional potter as we make heart-shaped sculptures out of clay. All resources will be provided.

Pottery in the Afternoon: Clay Heart Art

Saturday, 1/3 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/20

Ages 16 - Adults. Valentine's Day is next month! Wouldn't you like to make something special for that special someone? Join us as we make clay heart art with a professional local potter and teacher. You'll absolutely fall in love with your creation! Pieces will be ready for pickup before Valentine's Day. Space is limited; all supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Winter Watercolors

Tuesday, 1/6 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 18. Join us to learn the basics of painting wintry watercolor scenes! We'll have a relaxing hour of art and go over painting snowy scenes and landscapes at a beginner level, with plenty of room to personalize your piece. Wear paint-friendly clothes!

Tai Chi for Relaxation

Tuesday, 1/6 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/23

Adults. Tai Chi for Relaxation is terrific for adults of all fitness levels and abilities! Tai Chi Ch'uan has been practiced for fitness and health for hundreds of years. The slow, graceful movements and fluid natural postures can help improve balance, coordination, posture, breathing, and concentration. Your program is being taught by a local professional instructor. Wear comfortable, loose clothing. Registration is required. The program is also offered on February 3. All attendees need to register.

Book Clubs



Mount Airy Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, 1/21
at 1 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *I Came All This Way to Meet You: Writing Myself Home* by Jami Attenberg.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursday, 1/22 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry.

Storytimes for Kids

Siblings are welcome to attend these programs.

Family Storytime

**Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM
1/5 - 1/15, 1/22 - 1/29**

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

Let's Move!

Mondays at 11 AM • 1/5 - 1/12, 1/26

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

Read and Play

**Tuesdays at 10 AM • Wednesdays at 11 AM
1/6 - 1/28**

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • 1/6 - 1/27

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

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 1/7 - 1/28

Ages 3 - 6. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills.

Pajama Party Storytime

Thursdays 6:30 PM • 1/8 - 1/29

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 10 AM • 1/10 - 1/31

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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Mount Airy Knitters

● **Wednesdays at 10 AM • 1/7 - 1/28**

Adults. Join the Mount Airy Knitters for a weekly roundtable of knitting, conversation, and fun. All experience levels are welcome.

Crafty Activities for Seniors

● **Thursday, 1/8 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. You'll also meet other craft lovers and exchange ideas along the way! Available while supplies last.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

● **Friday, 1/9 at 10 AM**

Ages Birth - 8. Help us say thank you to our local community helpers in a special storytime with guests from the Mount Airy Police Department! Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Club Friendship:

● ● **Libraries Are for Everyone - Winter Ball**

Friday, 1/9 at 11 AM

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!

We love Club Friendship and can't wait for our Winter Ball! Wear some fun dress attire and get ready to boogie down with us!

The ABCs of Self Defense

● ● R **Saturday, 1/10 at 12 PM • Registration opens 12/27**

Ages 16 - Adults. Would you like to increase your safety awareness in public or private locations? Learn how to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations from Carl Minkel, founder and chief instructor of the Taekwondo Arnis Academy. Carl has over 50 years of martial arts experience and holds Master rank in Korean Taekwondo and in the Filipino martial art of Modern Arnis. Free guest demonstrations and resources will help you learn what you need to stay safe in your home, your car, and on the street. Inclement weather date: January 24, 12 PM. All attendees need to register.

ASL Practice Club

● ● ● **Wednesday, 1/14 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!

TTRPG Afternoon

● **Friday, 1/16 at 2 PM**

Ages 6 - 11. Let's learn to play a tabletop role-playing game at the library! TTRPGs are story-based games focused on player choice and randomized encounters, built around cooperation and group learning. All resources will be provided.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

● R **Saturday, 1/17 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/3**

Ages 11 - 18. Welcome, adventurers! Join our table as we embark on a fun-filled campaign! Our game is friendly to both new and returning players. Our characters are currently level 1. We will have a number of pre-made character sheets for you to make your own! All attendees need to register.

Read with a Furry Friend

● ● ● **Saturday, 1/17 at 2 PM**

Ages 3 - Adults. Every dog enjoys a good story! Trained reading dogs from My Caring Paws will provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere for kids to practice reading.

Mount Airy Ask a Master Gardener

● ● ● **Wednesday, 1/21 from 10 AM - 12 PM**

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

Molecular Art

● R **Friday, 1/23 at 11 AM • Registration opens 1/9**

Ages 5 - 11. Students will be dazzled by chemical reactions, bubble printing experiments, and color explosions to create one-of-a-kind art projects to share with family and friends. Presented by Big Learning. Only kids need to register.

Murder Mystery Lock-In

● R **Friday, 1/23 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/9**

Ages 11 - 18. It's time to put your detective skills to the test at an after-hours murder mystery! All attendees need to register.

LEGO® Builders Club

● ● ● **Monday, 1/26 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: Community Cardmaking

● **Tuesday, 1/27 at 6:30 PM**

Ages 12 - 17. This month, we're having a special meeting to make greeting cards for the community and earn service hours!

Senior Social Hour: Let's Do Lunch!

● **Friday, 1/30 at 12 PM**

Adults. We'll bring the cookies, you bring your brown-bagged lunch, and let's get together for some fun conversation games! Refreshments will be served.

Roar Like a Lion:

● ● ● **An Afternoon of Community Service**

Saturday, 1/31 from 1 PM - 4 PM

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

North Carroll Knitters Group

● **Monday, 1/5 and Tuesday, 1/20 at 1 PM**

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

North Carroll Writers Group

● **Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • Thursdays at 10 AM
1/6 - 1/29**

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.

Risky Business:

● R **Fraud and Scam Protection**

Wednesday, 1/7 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/24

Adults. Online activity plays a big role in your everyday life—and knowing how to navigate it safely is more important than ever. In this engaging session, explore how common internet habits can open the door to unwanted risks, and more importantly, how simple changes can help protect your personal information, privacy, and peace of mind. This class is brought to learners through a partnership between the Carroll Technology and Innovation Council (CTIC) and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. All attendees need to register.

Club Friendship:

● ● R **Libraries Are for Everyone**

Thursday, 1/8 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/25

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!

Read to a Dog

● **Thursday, 1/8 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.

Superhero Day!

● ● ● **Saturday, 1/10 from 9 AM - 4 PM**

All Ages. Join us to make superhero crafts and try out a superhero scavenger hunt.

Create Your Own Vision Board

● R **Saturday, 1/10 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/27**

Adults. Have you made New Year's goals or resolutions? A vision board may be just the tool you need to help you focus on achieving them. Design a board that makes you feel great and inspires your plans for the future. The library will supply foam board, magazines, and printouts, but you are welcome to bring special things you'd like to add. All attendees need to register.

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Winter Gnomes

● R

Monday, 1/12 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/29

Ages 10 - 17. Join us to make winter-themed gnomes out of a variety of different materials.

Preschool Vision Screening

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Tuesday, 1/13 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Ages 2 - 6. Drop by for a free vision screening for preschool-aged children. Testing covers nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal focusing, and differences in the power of the eyes. Offered in partnership with the Lineboro-Manchester Lions Club.

It's Scent-sational!

● R

Tuesday, 1/13 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/30

Adults. Learn to make a scented body scrub and a moisturizing lip balm at this fun winter program. All attendees need to register.

Chair Yoga at the Library

● R

Wednesday, 1/14 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/31

Wednesday, 1/21 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/7

Wednesday, 1/28 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/14

Adults. Focus on simple stretches, mindful breathing, and relaxation techniques through chair yoga at the library! This class is a great way to improve your flexibility, balance, and overall well-being in a welcoming environment. No prior yoga experience or supplies are needed—just bring your curiosity and a smile!

Mini Musicians

● R

Thursday, 1/15 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/1

Thursday, 1/22 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/8

Thursday, 1/29 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/15

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!

Create a Book Blanket

● R

Thursday, 1/15 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/1

Adults. Celebrate your love of reading and crocheting by creating a book blanket! Join us as we learn how to make a personalized blanket using granny squares that feature favorite book covers and genres. This project is easy to learn for those who know basic crochet stitches. Participants are encouraged to bring along a hook, yarn, and a favorite book they have read; however, additional supplies will also be available.

North Carroll Ask a Master Gardener

●

Tuesday, 1/20 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Adults. Bring your questions about winter gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more.

Crazy for Crafting

● R

Thursday, 1/22 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/8

Adults. Join us for some fun and easy craft projects each month. No experience or creative skills are needed. Bring a friend or meet new people who also enjoy crafting. This month we will be making wine bottle luminaries. All attendees need to register.

Puzzle Race

● ● R

Saturday, 1/24 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/10

Ages 12 - Adults. Do you love to do jigsaw puzzles? Form a team of up to 4 players and join us for a puzzle race competition! All teams will get the same 500-piece puzzle and race to see which team can assemble it first.

Note: One player will register per team; please include the names of other teammates when you register.

Sphero Mania

● ● R

Monday, 1/26 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/12

Ages 8 - 13. We will be breaking out the mini remote-controlled Sphero robots. We will be doing programming with them as well as running them through races and obstacle courses.

Potomac Community Services

●

Tuesday, 1/27 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Adults. A client engagement specialist will visit the branch to share available services for both adults and children. Adult Services offers mental health case management focused on advocacy, education, connecting individuals to community resources, and supporting treatment to improve quality of life. The Children's Program provides coordinated mental health support for ages 6-18, helping families set goals, access benefits and resources, improve stability, and promote healthy development.

Roar Like a Lion:

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An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 1/31 from 1 PM - 4 PM

All Ages. Beat the winter blues and feel the warmth of service to your community. In partnership with local Lions Clubs, join us for an afternoon of community service. Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM

1/5 - 1/16, 1/23 - 1/30

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

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 AM • 1/5 - 1/12, 1/26

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

Move and Learn

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 1/6 - 1/27

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 1/7 - 1/29

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

Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM • 1/7 - 1/28

Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas and listen to stories before bed.

Book Clubs

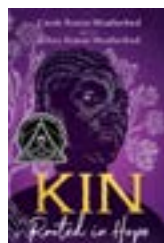


North Carroll Book Discussion Group

Monday, 1/26 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Leftover Woman* by Jean Kwok.

Offsite Events



North Carroll Senior Center Thursday Book Club

Thursday, 1/8 at 1 PM

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



North Carroll Senior Center Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday, 1/14 at 11 AM

Adults. This month's selection is *The American Queen* by Vanessa Miller.

at North Carroll Senior Center, 2328 Hanover Pike

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ABCs & 123s: Winter ● R

Friday, 1/2 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/19

Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun as we explore letters and numbers.

Book Chat ●

Friday, 1/2 at 1 PM

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

Writer's Circle ●

Friday, 1/2 at 2 PM

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

Puzzle Race ● ● R

Saturday, 1/3 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/20

Ages 12 - Adults. Form a team of up to 4 players and join us for a puzzle race competition!

Note: One player will register per team; please include the names of other teammates when you register.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM

1/6 - 1/28

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • 1/6 - 1/27

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

Preschool Move and Learn

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 1/7 - 1/28

Ages 3 - 6. Join us for an interactive storytime where we develop school readiness skills!

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM • 1/8 - 1/29

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

Offsite Events



Books and Brews Book Club

**Wednesday, 1/7 at 6 PM
at Brewery Fire, 4337 Old Taneytown Rd. STE B**

Adults. This month's selection is the thriller *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave.

Drop-In Diamond Painting ●

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • 1/6 - 1/13

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

Diamond Painting for Teens ● R

Tuesday, 1/6 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/23

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

Hooks & Needles ●

Thursday, 1/8 at 5:30 PM

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

Snow, Ice, & Snowmen ● R

Friday, 1/9 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/26

Ages 2 - 5. Bundle up for a chilly program about all things cold. All attendees need to register.

Snowy Slime ● ● ● R

Saturday, 1/10 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/27

Ages 8 - Adults. Create snowy slime in our slime lab!

Come Create ● R

Monday, 1/12 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/29

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

Preschool Vision Screening ● R

Wednesday, 1/14 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Ages 2 - 6. The Deer Park Lions Club will be offering free vision screenings.

Taneytown Teen Anime Club ● R

Wednesday, 1/14 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/31

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.

Carroll County Workforce ●

Development Day

Thursday, 1/15 from 10 AM - 12 PM

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

Beaded Houseplants ● R

Thursday, 1/15 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/1

Adults. Using beads, we'll create plants that require no water, soil, or light! All supplies will be provided.

Taco Storytime ●

Friday, 1/16 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Our featured book will be *Dragons Love Tacos*. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

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

Friday, 1/16 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Yoga and Pranayama for Stress Relief ● R

Saturday, 1/17 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 1/3

Adults. This program includes a gentle yoga practice, pranayama (breath exercises), and meditation. All attendees need to register.

Read with a Furry Friend ● ● ● R

Saturday, 1/17 at 11 AM • Registration opens 1/3

Ages 3 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to book-loving therapy dogs. Walk-ins are welcome! All attendees need to register.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids ● R

Saturday, 1/17 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/3

Ages 6 - 11. Join us for a *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for kids!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens ● R

Saturday, 1/17 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 1/3

Ages 11 - 17. Join us for a *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for teens!

Diamond Painting ● R

Tuesday, 1/20 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/6

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

It's Snow Fun! ● ● ●

Monday, 1/26 from 12 - 4 PM

All Ages. We're planning snow-themed activities for family fun! Crafts and activities will be set up in stations throughout the branch.

Monday Makers ● ● R

Monday, 1/26 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/12

Ages 11 - Adults. Join us to make something new and creative.

Potomac Community Services ●

Tuesday, 1/27 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Adults. A client engagement specialist will visit the branch to share available services for both adults and children. Adult Services offers mental health case management focused on advocacy, education, connecting individuals to community resources, and supporting treatment to improve quality of life.

Let's Resin! ● R

Tuesday, 1/27 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/13

Adults. We will create coasters and bookmarks! All attendees need to register.

Roar Like a Lion: ● ● ●

An Afternoon of Community Service

Saturday, 1/31 at 1 PM - 4 PM

All Ages. Beat the winter blues and feel the warmth of service to your community. In partnership with local Lions Clubs, join us for an afternoon of community service. Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.

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The Beatles Story

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Saturday, 1/3 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/20

Ages 8 - Adults. This presentation will discuss who The Beatles were, key points in their history and recordings, and why they continue to have such an impact on pop culture. All attendees need to register.

Read with a Furry Friend

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Saturday, 1/3 at 11 AM

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

Needle Little Klatch?

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Tuesdays at 5 PM • 1/6, 1/20

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

Open Mah Jongg

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Wednesday, 1/7 at 1 PM

Monday, 1/12 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.

CCGS Research Thursday

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Thursdays from 1 - 4 PM • 1/8 - 1/29

Ages 13 - Adults. Volunteers from the Carroll County Genealogical Society are available to help with your family history research.

Line Dancing with Lori

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Thursday, 1/8 at 4 PM • Registration opens 12/25

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

Play Baby Play

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Friday, 1/9 at 10 AM

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

The Art of Book Folding: Hedgehogs

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Saturday, 1/10 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/27

Ages 13 - Adults. Upcycle books into adorable hedgehogs. All attendees need to register.

Nintendo Afternoon

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Saturday, 1/10 at 2 PM

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

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1

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Wednesday, 1/14 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/31

Adults. Find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. All attendees need to register.

Westminster Branch Chess Club

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Thursday, 1/15 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/1

Thursday, 1/29 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/15

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

Preschool Play

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Friday, 1/16 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Play is a fantastic way for children to develop their critical thinking skills. Join us for an open playtime where children can be imaginative and creative while exploring blocks, puzzles, playdough, and more.

Potomac Community Services

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Tuesday, 1/20 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Adults. A client engagement specialist will visit the branch to share available services for both adults and children.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2

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Wednesday, 1/21 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/7

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

Crafternoon

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Thursday, 1/22 at 3:30 PM

Ages 10 - Adults. Join us for a laid-back crafting session to unwind, explore creativity, and make something beautiful—together. All materials provided, while supplies last.

Preschool Science: Colors

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Friday, 1/23 at 10 AM

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

Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board

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Monday, 1/26 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 1/12

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

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Dungeons & Dragons Club

Wednesday, 1/28 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 1/14

Ages 12 - 17. Welcome, adventurers! Join our table(s) as we embark on fun-filled campaigns! Our games are friendly to both new and returning players. We will have a number of pre-made character sheets for you to make your own. Dungeon Masters who help run club campaigns will also receive service hours for their time.

Seed Swap Drop-Off

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Friday, 1/30 from 12 - 4:45 PM

Ages 11 - Adults. Want to get a head start on the Seed Swap? Bring your labeled heirloom or open-pollinated seeds. Early drop-off helps us set up a great selection for Saturday and makes your arrival on event day quick and easy.

National Seed Swap Day

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Saturday, 1/31 at 11 AM • Registration opens 1/17

Saturday, 1/31 at 12:30 PM • Registration opens 1/17

Ages 11 - Adults. Bring your heirloom or open-pollinated seeds in individually labeled packets to swap with other gardeners. We will also feature exhibits from the Carroll County Master Gardeners, plenty of time to socialize and share tips, and a CCMG plant clinic. All attendees need to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM

1/5 - 1/15, 1/22 - 1/29

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

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM • 1/6 - 1/28

Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime followed by playgroup activities.

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM

Thursdays at 10 AM

1/6 - 1/29

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 7 PM • 1/6 - 1/27

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

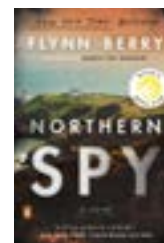
Book Clubs



Diverse Voices Book Club

Tuesday, 1/27 at 5 PM
Registration opens 1/13

Ages 16 - Adults. Our January selection is *Under the Same Stars* by Libba Bray.



Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, 1/28
at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry.

WINTER READING

DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 28

A READING CHALLENGE FOR ALL AGES!

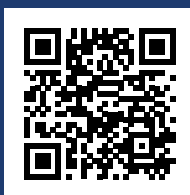
Earn 300 points to complete the challenge;
earn points by:

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- Completing Activities
- Submitting Reviews

Earn badges to receive tickets for virtual raffles
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ONLINE ZOOM PROGRAMS

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

Battle of the Books: Parent and Coach Info Session Online

Monday, 1/5 at 6 PM
Registration opens 12/22

Adults. 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.

The Zentangle Method of Drawing-based Mindfulness

Thursday, 1/8 and Wednesday, 1/21 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!

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Tuesday, 1/13 at 4 PM
Registration opens 12/30

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.



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