



CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FEBRUARY 2026 PROGRAMS

LIGHT *of* CARROLL *Awards* Breakfast

Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) presents the Light of Carroll Awards to honor individuals, organizations, and businesses whose extraordinary kindness, courage, and innovative spirit have advanced literacy and learning throughout Carroll County.

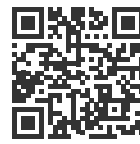
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HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 8 PM

Friday & Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM

CCPL will be closed on
Monday, 2/16 for Presidents' 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 • 2/2 - 2/9, 2/23

Ages Birth - 5. Come play with us! Help your child practice fine motor, gross motor, and social/emotional skills through the art of play!

Art Discovery ●

Monday, 2/2 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.

Line Dancing with Lori ● R

Tuesday, 2/3 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/20

Tuesday, 2/17 at 5 PM • Registration opens 2/3

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 • 2/3, 2/17

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 • 2/4 - 2/25

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.

LEGO® Builders Club ●

Wednesday, 2/4 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 • 2/4 - 2/25

Mondays at 12:30 PM • 2/9, 2/23

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.

Fun with LEGO® Sumo-Bots ●

Thursday, 2/5 at 5:30 PM

Ages 8 - 12. Drop by to see how robots compete in a sumo-style match. This workshop will be guided by the coach and members of the Pie3 robotic team, Gear Freaks.

Gentle Yoga ● R

Thursday, 2/5 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 1/22

Thursday, 2/26 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 2/12

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.

Yoga with Meditation ● R

Friday, 2/6 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/23

Monday, 2/9 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 1/26

Friday, 2/13 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/30

Monday, 2/23 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 2/9

Adults. This class welcomes students of all levels. 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.

Painted Valentine's Day Glass ● ● R

Friday, 2/6 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/23

Ages 14 - Adults. Toast to love with a personal touch! Create your own hand-painted Valentine's Day glass to make a sweet gift for someone special.

Book Hedgehog Decorating Contest ● ●

Saturday, 2/7 from 1 PM - 3 PM

Ages 8 - 17. Join us for our Fourth Annual Book Hedgehog Contest! Decorate a pre-made folded book hedgehog inspired by a theme, fictional character, aesthetic, or anything you can imagine, and then enter it into our hedgehog contest! This year, kids and teens will make their hedgehogs in one combined session and then, based on age, be entered into the kids' division (ages 8 - 11) or teens' division (ages 12 - 17).

Curious Kids ●

Monday, 2/9 at 4:30 PM

Ages 5 - 8. Join us each session to share a story, art project, and hands-on STEM activity. Food and natural items may be present.

Open Mah Jongg ●

Monday, 2/9 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, 2/10 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, 2/25 at 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Adults. Please drop in anytime between the hours listed 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.

Knit and Chat ● ● ●

Tuesday, 2/10 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.

Eldersburg Branch Anime Club ●

Wednesday, 2/11 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 17. Watch the first episode of an anime, make anime-themed crafts, discuss your favorite series, share your artwork, and more!

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Papercraft Studio

Thursday, 2/12 at 6 PM

Adults. 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.

Romance Novel Bingo

Thursday, 2/12 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 1/29
Thursday, 2/19 at 2 PM • Registration opens 2/5

Adults. Back by popular demand! Celebrate Valentine's Day with a fun and hilarious night of bingo with a romance genre twist! Prizes will be awarded.

Q&A with the Small Business Administration

Friday, 2/13 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.

Fusible Bead Magnets

Friday, 2/13 at 2:30 PM

Ages 8 - 15. Choose your favorite colors, shapes, and designs to create unique magnets for your room, locker, and more.

VITA Tax Preparation

Thursday, 2/19 from 12 - 5 PM

Adults. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS Program that offers free tax preparation services to low- and moderate-income households. Please call 410-386-4460, ext. 6613, to see if you qualify and register for an available time slot.

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, 2/19 at 6 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Help us plan teen programming and influence our teen collections. Need service hours? We've got those too!

Not Too Late to Make 2026 Your Best Year Yet!

Thursday, 2/19 at 6 PM • Registration opens 2/5

Adults. In this interactive session, participants will start planning their goals, travel, major events, and important projects for 2026. We'll explore how to choose meaningful life categories to focus on, evaluate existing commitments, break goals into realistic 90-day milestones, and map everything onto a clean, easy-to-follow calendar.

Cabin Fever Book Sale

Friday, 2/20 - Saturday, 2/28 during library hours

All Ages. Shop a large selection of items at special prices.

Coffee with the Classics: *Wuthering Heights*

Friday, 2/20 at 10 AM

Adults. Help us celebrate Valentine's Day with the romantic classic, *Wuthering Heights*, starring Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon. Refreshments will be served.

Little Adventures: Backyard Birding

Friday, 2/20 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 2/6

Ages 3 - 6. Join us for a hands-on storytime where preschoolers explore STEM concepts with a special focus on nature. Only kids need to register.

Peaceful Melodies with Lydia Bandy

Saturday, 2/21 at 12 PM

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

Sykesville Painting Club Workshop with Nancy Fine

Saturday, 2/21 at 1 PM

Adults. Please register and pay at <https://tinyurl.com/spc-nancy-fine-workshop>. Cost of Workshop: Members \$35.00, Non-Members \$45.00

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

Puzzle Race

Saturday, 2/21 at 2 PM • Registration opens 2/7

Ages 12 - Adults. 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.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Monday, 2/23 from 10 AM - 12 PM

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

LEGO® Club: Grown Up Edition

Tuesday, 2/24 at 6 PM

Adults. Join us for a relaxed and inspiring evening where adults can rediscover the joy of building, creating, and imagining with LEGO® bricks.

Open Chess

Wednesday, 2/25 at 6 PM

All Ages. Drop in to show your skills with other chess players! Chess players of all levels are welcome.

Open Paint-In with Sykesville Painting Club

Saturday, 2/28 from 1 - 4:30 PM

Adults. Bring an art project and your own supplies to work in our shared space with other artists.

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 2/28 at 2 PM

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

Tai Chi for Wellness and Rehabilitation

Saturday, 2/28 at 2 PM • Registration opens 2/14

Adults. Tai chi 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.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM

2/2 - 2/12, 2/17 - 2/26

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.

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM

2/3 - 2/26

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 • 2/3 - 2/24

Ages 3 - 6. A special storytime just for preschoolers! Adult caregivers are welcome. Food and natural items may be present.

Move & Groove Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 AM

2/4 - 2/25

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 • 2/7 - 2/28

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, 2/18 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, 2/14 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

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Cooking for Wellness: ● ● ● R \$ **Tempeh Teriyaki**

Monday, 2/2 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/19

Ages 15 - Adults. Research supports embracing plant-based proteins to support a healthy heart. Tempeh is an excellent choice and the perfect pairing for a discussion on a heart-healthy diet. This class is provided through our partnership with Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Game Day Snacks ● ● ● R \$ **with Smokin Roche's BBQ**

Monday, 2/2 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/19

Adults. Get together for an evening in the kitchen with Brian Roche, owner of Smokin' Roche's BBQ, and make several delicious snacks everyone will enjoy while watching the Big Game. **\$15.00**

Laser-Cut Interlocking Boxes ● ● ● R \$ **Tuesday, 2/3 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/20**

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn how to design and cut interlocking boxes with custom dividers using the laser cutter.

Laser-Engraved Tumblers ● ● ● R \$ **Wednesday, 2/4 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/21**

Ages 16 - Adults. In this class, we will be engraving a tumbler using *Adobe Illustrator* to create a simple design with text and graphics. This class does not result in independent laser cutter use certification. **\$10.00**

Adobe Illustrator Skill Builder: ● ● ● R \$ **Tools & Shortcuts**

Wednesday, 2/4 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/21

Ages 14 - Adults. Boost your speed and confidence in *Adobe Illustrator* with this hands-on class focused on essential tools and time-saving shortcuts. Attendees should have a basic understanding of *Illustrator* and some experience creating independent projects.

Beginner Sewing Level 1: ● ● ● R \$ **Sew a Reversible Drawstring Bag (Class 8)**

Thursday, 2/5 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 1/22

Ages 16 - Adults. Get acquainted with the sewing machine and basic tools of the trade. Learn how to sew a channel onto a fully lined bag and insert drawstrings that will close the bag. **\$10.00**

Valentine's Day Strawberry Jelly Roll ● ● ● R \$ **Thursday, 2/5 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/22**

Adults. Bake a delicious sweet for your sweethearts. This strawberry roll cake is decorated with hearts, baked, and filled with strawberry jam. **\$15.00**

Design an Augmented Reality ● ● ● R \$ **Scavenger Hunt Game with *Delightex***

Thursday, 2/5 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/22

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

Intro to Adobe Illustrator ● ● ● R \$ **Friday, 2/6 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/23**

Ages 12 - Adults. Learn the basic features of *Adobe Illustrator*. No experience is required. All attendees need to register.

Dragon's Beard Candy ● ● ● R \$ **Saturday, 2/7 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/24**

Adults. Discover the art of making Dragon's Beard Candy, a traditional Chinese street sweet known for its delicate strands of spun sugar filled with nuts and coconut. **\$5.00**

Beginner Cricut: ● ● ● R \$ **Custom Valentine's Day Card**

Monday, 2/9 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/26

Ages 12 - Adults. Explore numerous design techniques, tool options, and specialized materials available for custom card creation. Each attendee will design a custom Valentine's Day card to bring home. All attendees need to register.

Quick Dinner Series: ● ● ● R \$ **Egg Roll in a Bowl**

Monday, 2/9 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/26

Ages 16 - Adults. This chicken egg roll in a bowl is a 30-minute meal that blends plant and animal proteins with familiar flavors to create a colorful and energy-boosting dish. We'll enjoy our meal together in the teaching kitchen. All attendees need to register. **\$8.00**

Making for Seniors: Introduction to ● ● ● R \$ **3D Printing and Design with *Tinkercad***

Tuesday, 2/10 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/27

Adults. A basic hands-on session where we'll create a simple 3D design project to be printed on Exploration Commons' 3D printers. Previous basic computer experience is required. No previous experience with 3D printing or design software is needed.

Edge-Lit Acrylic Signs: ● ● ● R \$ **Valentine Edition**

Tuesday, 2/10 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/27

Ages 12 - Adults. We're taking a twist on everyone's favorite edge-lit signs class! Choose from a selection of Valentine-themed cut-out 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. In this program, you'll laser engrave Valentine-themed artwork of your choice onto a piece of clear acrylic and light it up with a provided multi-color LED light stand. **\$8.00**

Intro to Laser Cutting ● ● ● R \$ **Wednesday, 2/11 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/28**

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.

Galentine's in the Kitchen ● ● ● R \$ **Thursday, 2/12 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 1/29**

Adults. Bring your favorite gal pal for a Galentine's Day cooking class. Recipes will include Strawberry and Goat Cheese Crostini, Lobster Ravioli in Brown Butter Sauce, Waffles with Bourbon Barrel Maple Syrup, and Chocolate Covered Strawberries. This is a hands-on cooking class. One registration per group of two. **\$20.00**

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

Thursday, 2/12 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/29

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.

Cooking Basics: Blackened Salmon ● ● ● R \$ **Friday, 2/13 at 11 AM • Registration opens 1/30**

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**

Introduction to ● ● ● R \$ ***Onshape* & 3D Printing**

Saturday, 2/14 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/31

Ages 14 - Adults. Welcome to the world of 3D modeling, design, and 3D printing. In this introductory class, we will review the computer-aided design (CAD) software *Onshape* by diving into the fundamentals and techniques to make a 3D-printed keychain. All attendees need to register.

Laser Cutting Refresher ● ● ● R \$ **Tuesday, 2/17 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 2/3**

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 does not result in independent laser cutter use certification.

Soup & Salad: ● ● ● R \$ **A Cozy Vegetarian Pairing**

Tuesday, 2/17 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 2/3

Thursday, 2/26 at 11 AM • Registration opens 2/12

Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will make a comforting but simple vegetarian soup and fresh salad while learning how to bloom spices and whisk up a simple vinaigrette. Together, we'll create a cozy, flavorful meal perfect for any season. **\$8.00**

Cooking Basics: Crepes ● ● ● R \$ **Wednesday, 2/18 at 10 AM • Registration opens 2/4**

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

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Engraved Metal Business Cards ●●R\$

Wednesday, 2/18 at 4 PM • Registration opens 2/4

Ages 16 - Adults. In this class, we will be engraving a metal business card 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.

Sewing Skills: ●●R\$

Foundation Piecing Techniques

Thursday, 2/19 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 2/5

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn the basics of quilting techniques, like String, Strip, and Crazy Quilting, in foundation piecing to create unique fabrics to use in your projects. Foundation fabrics will be provided along with scrap pieces. Students are invited to bring their own scrap fabrics as well. **\$5.00**

Baking Basics: Marshmallow ●●R\$

Fondant Snow Friends Cookie Decorating

Thursday, 2/19 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 2/5

Ages 15 - Adults. Add some sweetness to your winter afternoon! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to make soft, delicious marshmallow fondant from scratch and then learn some fun techniques to use it to decorate adorable snowman and snowflake prefabricated sugar cookies. No piping required! **\$12.00**

Soundscaping: ●●R

Intro to FL Studio and Roland Keyboard

Thursday, 2/19 at 6 PM • Registration opens 2/5

Adults. Learn the basics of music creation with an intro to *FL Studio* and a look into a few of the unique features of our Roland FP-90X keyboard.

Inclusive Cooks: Chicken Noodle Soup ●●R

Friday, 2/20 at 10 AM • Registration opens 2/6

Adults. In this hands-on cooking series for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and people without, we will prepare a hearty chicken noodle soup recipe. Perfect for cold winter days or when you're feeling under the weather.

Open Sewing Studio ●●R

Saturday, 2/21 at 10 AM • Registration opens 2/7

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.

Intro to CNC ●●R

Saturday, 2/21 at 10 AM • Registration opens 2/7

Ages 12 - Adults. This certification class will introduce you to the design basics, machine use, and safety procedures for our new Makera Carvera desktop CNC machine. This class will cover project design utilizing Makera's congruent software, *MakeraCAM*, along with other available compatible software.

Baking Basics: ●●R\$

Coffee Cake Banana Bread

Monday, 2/23 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 2/9

Ages 15 - Adults. Join us for a fun, hands-on class where you'll mash, mix, sprinkle, and bake your way to a tasty Coffee Cake Banana Bread—complete with a buttery cinnamon streusel topping twist that makes every slice irresistible. **\$10.00**

Intermediate Laser Cutting: ●●R

Photoshop for Laser Engraving

Monday, 2/23 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 2/9

Ages 12 - Adults. In this class we will focus on editing photos in *Adobe Photoshop* to get the best results with our Fusion Pro and Fusion Edge laser engravers. Laser certification is required prior to attending this program.

Making for Good: ●●R

Finksburg Branch Garden Tags

Wednesday, 2/25 at 10 AM • Registration opens 2/11

Adults. The Finksburg Branch of CCPL needs our help! Their gardens are overfilled with many types of plants, and our task is to create engraved metal plate tags to identify them. Put your laser skills to use in this Making for Good class, where all items will be used so the community can enjoy learning more about the Finksburg Branch Garden. All attendees must be laser-certified to participate. All attendees need to register.

Cooking Basics: Chicken Noodle Soup ●●R\$

Wednesday, 2/25 at 5 PM • Registration opens 2/11

Ages 15 - Adults. Ideal for beginning cooks! In this hands-on class, participants will work in pairs to prepare a hearty chicken noodle soup recipe. **\$9.00**

Beginner Sewing Level 1: ●●R\$

Make a Thread Catcher (Class 1)

Thursday, 2/26 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 2/12

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn about various fabric stabilizers and how to interpret and follow directions. Practice sewing in a straight line. Apply these techniques to make a small fabric basket to catch loose threads. **\$5.00**

Laser Engraved ●●R\$

Coated Metal Pet Bowl

Thursday, 2/26 at 5 PM • Registration opens 2/12

Ages 16 - Adults. Gain experience with laser engraving curved objects in this class as you engrave an 18-ounce coated pet bowl. We'll work in *Adobe Illustrator* to create our designs. Then we'll move to the laser for engraving, where we'll discuss using a jig versus rotary and the limitations of both when engraving. Exploration Commons Laser Certification is required prior to attending this program. **\$13.00**

Let's Start a Podcast! ●●R

Friday, 2/27 at 3 PM • Registration opens 2/13

Ages 15 - Adults. We will cover the basics of the different recording software we offer and introduce the equipment we provide in the Audio/Video Lab.

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Storytimes for Kids

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 AM • 2/2 - 2/9, 2/23

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
2/3 - 2/26**

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
2/3 - 2/26**

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 2/3 - 2/24

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 2/4 - 2/25

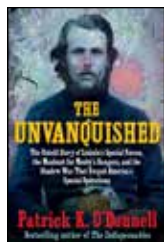
Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 2/4 - 2/25

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

Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club

Monday, 2/9 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Unvanquished* by Patrick K. O'Donnell. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club

**Wednesday, 2/18
at 6:30 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *How to Age Disgracefully* by Clare Pooley.

Groundhog Storytime

Monday, 2/2 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/19

Ages 3 - 6. Will the groundhog see their shadow? Will there be six more weeks of winter? Come learn about and listen to stories about groundhogs, sing songs, and make a craft.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime

Friday, 2/6 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.

College Prep 101

Saturday, 2/7 at 10 AM

Ages 16 - Adults. Whether you're a soon-to-be-senior or the parent of a prospective grad, don't be intimidated by college and financial aid applications. Our special guest from Carroll Community College will help make sure you know what you need to take your next steps in higher education and career development.

World in Harmony Singing Workshop

Saturday, 2/7 at 3 PM • Registration opens 1/24

Ages 12 - Adults. Explore the world's rich and diverse musical heritage, and experience the thrill of joining other voices to create a World in Harmony. Whether you have always loved to sing or always wished you could, come and add your voice. Songs are taught in the oral tradition, through call and response. If you want to have a joyous time singing, moving, laughing, and learning, come experience a World in Harmony with choral director Elizabeth Melvin. All attendees need to register.

Crochet Circle

Thursdays at 6:30 PM • 2/12, 2/26

Ages 13 - Adults. Join our crochet group for a relaxing and creative experience! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crocheter, you'll find support and inspiration here. New to crocheting? We have some extra supplies available to get you started.

Offsite Events

at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

**Tuesday, 2/10 at 7 PM
Registration opens 1/27**

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

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

Make Your Own Valentines

Thursday, 2/12 at 6:30 PM

Ages Birth - 10. Come make valentines for friends and family! All supplies will be provided.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime

Friday, 2/13 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, 2/13 at 10:45 AM • Registration opens 1/30

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 • 2/13, 2/27

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, 2/14 at 1 PM

Adults. Please join us for the monthly meeting of the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Writers Association. This month's program will be a round table discussion on beta readers and critique groups, how to find them, and which is best for your needs. MWA chapter meetings are open to the public.

Dungeons & Dragons Winter Adventure

Saturday, 2/14 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/31

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.

Carroll County Critique Group

Saturday, 2/14 at 3:30 PM

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

Club Friendship:

Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 2/19 at 1 PM • Registration opens 2/5

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.

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PAWS to Read

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Saturday, 2/21 at 2 PM • Registration opens 2/7

Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to a book-loving therapy animal. Research shows that reading to animals boosts reading skills in children and helps with social skills and emotional health for all ages. Adults and seniors can also come to de-stress and relax with a fuzzy friend. Registration is optional; walk-ins are welcome! Only kids need to register.

Chess at the Library

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Wednesday, 2/25 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.

The Art of the Herb Garden: Planning with Purpose

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Wednesday, 2/25 at 6:30 PM

Ages 12 - Adults. Ready for something new this spring? Try your hand at growing herbs for your home apothecary! Join Amy Boldt, clinical herbalist and herb farmer, as she covers the basics when it comes to choosing easy herbs that will support your health.

Card Kit Crafty Box Demo

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Thursday, 2/26 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 2/5

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.

Q&A with the Small Business Administration

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Friday, 2/27 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. 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-finksburg> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

Pause for Paws: Therapy Animals for Adults & Seniors

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Friday, 2/27 at 11 AM • Registration opens 2/13

Ages 17 - Adults. Pause for a minute or two with a furry friend! 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!

Celebrate Black History Month at CCPL's Mount Airy Branch!

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Monday, 2/2 - Saturday, 2/28 during library hours

All Ages. Join us in our large magazine reading area throughout the month of February as we celebrate Black History Month at CCPL's Mount Airy Branch! Drop in anytime to enjoy a DIY craft, a community puzzle, and books to read at your leisure. Explore, learn, and participate in the richness that is Black History Month.

Homeschooler Lunch and Learn: Author Study with Kwame Alexander, Andrea Pinkney, and Karyn Parsons

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Tuesday, 2/3 at 12:30 PM • Registration opens 1/20

Ages 6 - 12. Join us for this exciting quarterly author series for homeschoolers! Created by professional educators with the non-profit One Word at a Time, Inc., this class will consist of lunch and a virtual livestream with Kwame Alexander. It includes a book talk with popular children's book authors, a brief writing lesson, and a live Q&A session. Special guest authors for February are award-winning authors Andrea Pinkney and Karyn Parsons. This series is recommended for children in first through seventh grades. Registrants must be present in the branch to access the presentation. All attendees need to register.

Each child must be registered. Please bring a bagged lunch from home. Caregivers must attend with children who are 8 years old and under. Caregivers of older children are welcome to stay for the presentation as well. Educational materials will be emailed out to registrants before and after the program takes place.

Tai Chi for Relaxation

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Tuesday, 2/3 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/20

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. Only adults need to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Siblings are welcome to attend these programs.

Family Storytime

Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM

2/2 - 2/12, 2/19 - 2/26

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 • 2/2 - 2/9, 2/23

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
2/3 - 2/25**

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 • 2/3 - 2/24

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

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 2/4 - 2/25

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Thursdays at 6:30 PM • 2/5 - 2/26

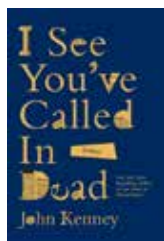
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 10 AM • 2/7 - 2/28

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

Book Clubs



Mount Airy Book Discussion Group

**Wednesday, 2/18
at 1 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursday, 2/26 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson.

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Mount Airy Knitters

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 2/4 - 2/25

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, 2/5 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.

Love Bug Storytime

Friday, 2/6 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Join us for a snuggly, wuggly Valentine's Day storytime about the people we love.

ASL Practice Club

Wednesday, 2/11 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!

Valentine's Date with a FREE Book!

Friday, 2/13 at 1 PM

Ages 14 - Adults. Who said Friday the 13th was unlucky? Not you if you visit CCPL's Mount Airy Branch that day! Chat with other book lovers, get cozy with new genres, mingle with a few new titles, and take home a FREE new book of your choice. We'll also have DIY crafts, games, and snacks on site. Who knows—your "Mystery Date" might be waiting for you! Available while supplies last.

TTRPG Afternoon

Friday, 2/13 at 3 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. Role-playing games also feature cross-disciplinary activities and skill-building, such as reading, presentation, mathematics, and socioemotional learning.

All resources will be provided.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, 2/14 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/31

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.

DC Comics Day

Tuesday, 2/17 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 18. Celebrate all things DC Comics with us! Make superhero-themed crafts, play games, answer trivia questions, and discover more about your favorite characters through our collection of comics!

Mount Airy Ask a Master Gardener

Wednesday, 2/18 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Have questions about keeping your garden green? Bring your questions to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more. The Ask a Master Gardener table will be set up in the Mount Airy Branch lobby.

Preschool Playtime

Friday, 2/20 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 8. Join us for a morning of games and exploration while we develop social skills and critical thinking through playful learning!

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 2/21 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.

LEGO® Builders Club

Monday, 2/23 at 5 PM

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

Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, 2/24 at 6:30 PM

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

Read with a Furry Friend:

Adaptive Program for Adults

Friday, 2/27 at 10 AM

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

Snow Science!

Friday, 2/27 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Let's learn about ice and snow with interactive experiments! All materials will be provided.

My Important Person

and Me Paint Party

Saturday, 2/28 at 1 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. This is perfect for pairs—whether it's you and your grown-up, your best friend, or a sibling. Together, you'll each paint one half of a canvas. When completed, your two pieces will form a single work of art representing your connection. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. All supplies will be provided.

North Carroll Knitters Group

Monday, 2/2 and Tuesday, 2/17 at 1 PM

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

Teen Service Hours:

Valentine's Day Cards Craft

Monday, 2/2 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/19

Ages 12 - 17. Earn service hours by making Valentine's Day cards to be distributed to Carroll County community members. Crafting materials will be provided for you. You have to be at least 12 to receive service hours.

North Carroll Writers Group

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • Thursdays at 10 AM

2/3 - 2/26

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.

Chair Yoga at the Library

Wednesday, 2/4 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/21

Wednesday, 2/11 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/28

Wednesday, 2/18 at 2 PM • Registration opens 2/4

Wednesday, 2/25 at 2 PM • Registration opens 2/11

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

Thursday, 2/5 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/22

Thursday, 2/19 at 1 PM • Registration opens 2/5

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

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!

Read to a Dog

Thursday, 2/5 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.

Abominable Snowman Escape Room ● R

Monday, 2/9 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/26

Ages 11 - 17. Gather clues, solve puzzles, and try to escape in time in an Abominable Snowman-themed escape room.

Small Brine to Big Business: Our Pickle Journey ● R

Tuesday, 2/10 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/27

Adults. Learn the story of DCDills, a local new business that everyone is raving about. The owners of this mouth-watering business will share a little bit about their process, and how others can turn a hobby or love into a full-time business. There will be samples for everyone to try, and you will also hear how they come up with all their various flavors and products. They will also share about the struggles of small business and how community support is so important. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day ●

Wednesday, 2/11 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.

Club Friendship: Libraries Are for Everyone ● ● R

Thursday, 2/12 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/29

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Q&A with the Small Business Administration ●

Friday, 2/20 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-northcarroll> or email Denise.Hayes@sba.gov. Walk-ins are welcomed as time allows.

VITA Tax Preparation ●

Monday, 2/23 from 1 - 5 PM

Adults. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS Program that offers free tax preparation services to low- and moderate-income households. Human Services Programs of Carroll County will be offering VITA Tax Preparation Service. Please call 410-386-4480, ext. 5525, to see if you qualify and register for an available time slot.

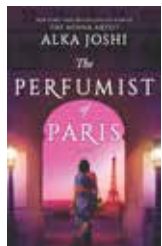
Offsite Events

at North Carroll Senior Center,
2328 Hanover Pike



**North Carroll Senior Center
Wednesday Book Club
Wednesday, 2/11 at 11 AM**

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



**North Carroll Senior Center
Thursday Book Club
Thursday, 2/12 at 1 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *The Perfumist of Paris* by Alka Joshi.

North Carroll Ask a Master Gardener ●

Tuesday, 2/24 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.

Potomac Community Services ●

Tuesday, 2/24 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.

Crazy for Crafting ● R

Thursday, 2/26 at 6 PM • Registration opens 2/12

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 a winter craft using buttons. All attendees need to register.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

**Mondays at 10 AM • Fridays at 10 AM
2/2 - 2/13, 2/20 - 2/27**

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.

Alphabet Train

Mondays at 11 AM • 2/2 - 2/9, 2/23

Ages 3 - 6. Climb aboard each week to explore a different letter of the alphabet through books, songs, and activities. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Move and Learn

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 2/3 - 2/24

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 2/4 - 2/26

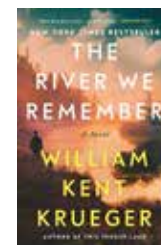
Ages Birth - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM • 2/4 - 2/25

Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas and listen to stories before bed. Join us for family fun, featuring stories, music, crafts, play, and time with friends.

Book Clubs



**North Carroll Book Discussion Group
Monday, 2/23 at 6 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger.

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Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
2/3 - 2/25

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Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 11 AM • 2/3 - 2/24

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

Preschool Move and Learn

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 2/4 - 2/25

Ages 3 - 6. Join us for an interactive storytime where we develop school readiness skills using movement, music, and more, while fostering a love of learning! This fun program includes art projects and hands-on learning stations.

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM • 2/5 - 2/26

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

Offsite Events

at Brewery Fire,
4337 Old Taneytown Rd. STE B



Books and Brews Book Club

Wednesday, 2/4 at 6 PM

Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books while enjoying excellent craft beer? Then our Books and Brews book club is for you!

This month's selection is *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry. It's both a tribute to and a takedown of small-town romance stories; it's an enemies-to-lovers romance about two New York City rivals, a literary agent and a book editor, who end up in the same small town for a month and somehow can't avoid each other.

Drop-In Diamond Painting

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • 2/3 - 2/10

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

Diamond Painting for Teens

Tuesday, 2/3 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/20

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

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Thursdays from 10 AM - 12 PM • 2/5, 2/19

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.

ABCs & 123s: Be My Valentine

Friday, 2/6 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/23

Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun as we explore letters and numbers. We'll offer lots of engaging, hands-on activities to make learning fun!

Spanish Language Practice Circle

Fridays at 11 AM • 2/6, 2/20

Adults. Join us for a friendly and informal group gathering to practice speaking Spanish together. This program is for intermediate and advanced-level Spanish speakers. A partner from The Literacy Council of Carroll County will lead this program.

Book Chat

Friday, 2/6 at 1 PM

Adults. Join us for an hour of chatting about books! Come and share what you are reading and get ideas from others about what to read next!

Writer's Circle

Friday, 2/6 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. Whether you write novels, short stories, poems, or anything in between, this group is for you!

Playdough Fun

Saturday, 2/7 at 10 AM

All Ages. Need something fun to do on Saturday? Join the boredom busting fun as we create with playdough. Our homemade playdough is a delight that keeps kids (and adults) busy. We'll have numerous colors (which we like to keep separate) as well as dough cutters and tools.

Pizza Storytime

Monday, 2/9 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Join the storytime fun as we celebrate this delicious favorite! We'll share stories, songs, a craft, and activities—and create a giant felt pizza together. Bring your imagination as we decide on our toppings!

Come Create

Monday, 2/9 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/26

Adults. Doing crafts improves your mood, reduces stress, and is fun! Explore your inner artist. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Taneytown Teen Anime Club

Wednesday, 2/11 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/28

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

Valentine's Messy Masterpieces

Thursday, 2/12 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/29

Ages 2 - 6. It's time to create your very own masterpieces to share with someone you love for Valentine's Day. Please dress to get messy.

Hooks & Needles

Thursday, 2/12 at 5:30 PM

Adults. Bring your crochet, knitting, embroidery, or any other portable project to the library to work alongside other crafters. Get out of the house and enjoy some company while you stitch a few more rows. Drop in anytime; no instruction will be provided.

Be Mine-O-Saurus Dinosaur Bash

Friday, 2/13 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/30

Ages 3 - 8. Join us for a roaring good time! We're celebrating Valentine's Day in a big way. Jurassic-sized fun to be had by all!

Drop-In Valentine Crafts

Saturday, 2/14 at 10 AM

All Ages. Share the love with some easy Valentine crafts for the whole family.

Diamond Painting

Tuesday, 2/17 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 2/3

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

Make Your Own Sourdough Starter

Wednesday, 2/18 at 6 PM • Registration opens 2/4

Adults. We'll provide everything you need to make a sourdough starter, explain how to maintain your new starter, and provide recipes to make bread. All attendees need to register.

Fabric Pocket Wreath

Thursday, 2/19 at 6 PM • Registration opens 2/5

Adults. We'll be creating a pocket wreath using embroidery hoops and fabric. No sewing is required, and all supplies will be provided.

Castle Fun

Friday, 2/20 at 10 AM • Registration opens 2/6

Ages 2 - 8. Join the royal fun as we celebrate a special castle storytime adventure with stories, songs, activities, and a craft. Costumes are welcome but not required. Siblings are welcome to attend this program. Only kids need to register.

ONLINE ZOOM PROGRAMS

Yoga and Pranayama for Stress Relief ●●● R

Saturday, 2/21 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 2/7

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. Breathing techniques and physical postures will be practiced that can be utilized off your mat and outside this class to enable you to manage stress and pressure in various settings in your life. All attendees need to register.

Read with a Furry Friend ●●● R

Saturday, 2/21 at 11 AM • Registration opens 2/7

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

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids ●● R

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

Ages 6 - 11. CCPL's Taneytown Branch is holding a *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for kids, so join us to show you're the best player your age in town! There will be no prizes, just glory for the winner!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens ●● R

Saturday, 2/21 at 2:30 PM • Registration opens 2/7

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

Monday Makers ●●● R

Monday, 2/23 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 2/9

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

Potomac Community Services ●

Tuesday, 2/24 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

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

Let's Resin! ●● R

Tuesday, 2/24 at 6 PM • Registration opens 2/10

Adults. Join us for a new resin project each month! In February, we will create jewelry and pens. All attendees need to register.

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

Thursday, 2/26 from 10 AM - 12 PM

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

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

The Zentangle Method of Drawing-based Mindfulness

Wednesday, 2/4 at 7 PM

Registration now open

Wednesday, 2/18 at 7 PM

Registration now open

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

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Tuesday, 2/10 at 4 PM

Registration opens 1/27

Ages 12 - 17. Join us for a session of Dungeons & Dragons played online! 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 1

Wednesday, 2/11 at 5 PM

Registration opens 1/28

Adults. Are you or someone you care about eligible for Medicare? Find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. There are many decisions to make when you are transitioning to Medicare. This seminar will cover the four parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C, and D), Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans, available preventive services, and how to protect yourself from healthcare fraud. We will also cover Medicare Savings Programs, which help pay out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries. These are not all low-income programs. All attendees need to register.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2

Wednesday, 2/18 at 5 PM

Registration opens 2/4

Adults. Are you or someone you care about eligible for Medicare? Come and find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. This seminar focuses on Medicare Supplement/Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. Learn about the different Medigap plans and your period of guaranteed issue rights under original Medicare. These secondary/supplemental plans can cover some or all of Medicare's out-of-pocket costs. We will also discuss a different way to obtain all services covered by Medicare and more: Medicare Advantage Plans. All attendees need to register.

Google Earth Pro for Genealogy

Monday, 2/23 at 6:30 PM

Registration opens 2/9

Adults. Google Earth Pro is a 360-degree three-dimensional way to view your ancestor's world! In this session you will learn how to use Google Earth's tools in conjunction with genealogical research techniques to identify old photos, find, plot, and virtually visit your ancestor's homestead, and locate and utilize historic maps. Finally, Google Earth has the power to geographically document your ancestor's lives. Every genealogist can benefit from using Google Earth Pro, and best of all, it's FREE!

Lisa Louise Cooke is a genealogy expert, author of *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*, and host of the popular *Genealogy Gems Podcast* and YouTube channel. Lisa also writes for *Family Tree Magazine* and hosts its podcast, reaching a global audience with nearly 4 million podcast downloads. Inspired by her grandmother at age 8, she is now a sought-after international speaker, known for helping genealogists uncover valuable insights through clear, practical guidance.



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Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
2/2 - 2/12, 2/19 - 2/26

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.

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
2/3 - 2/25

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

Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM
Thursdays at 10 AM
2/3 - 2/26

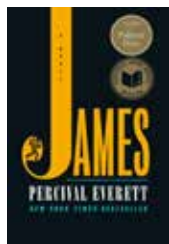
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesdays at 7 PM • 2/3 - 2/24

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

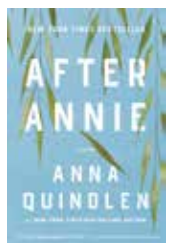
Book Clubs



Diverse Voices Book Club

Tuesday, 2/24 at 5 PM
Registration opens 2/10

Ages 16 - Adults. Our February selection is *James* by Percival Everett.



Westminster Book Club

Wednesday, 2/25 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen.

Needle Little Klatch?

Tuesdays at 5 PM • 2/3, 2/17

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

Open Mah Jongg

Wednesday, 2/4 at 1 PM

Wednesday, 2/11 at 5 PM

Monday, 2/23 at 5 PM

Thursday, 2/19 at 1 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 be present.

Line Dancing with Lori

Thursday, 2/5 at 4 PM • Registration opens 1/22

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.

Preschool Play

Friday, 2/6 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. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 2/7 at 11 AM

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

Teen Service Hours:

Valentine's Day Cards Craft

Saturday, 2/7 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/24

Ages 11 - 17. Earn some service hours by making Valentine's Day cards to be distributed to Carroll County community members. Candy and drinks will be available for attendees. Crafting materials will also be provided. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Westminster Branch Chess Club

Thursday, 2/12 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/29

Thursday, 2/26 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 2/12

Ages 11 - Adults. Whether you are a chess newbie or an expert, you will find a community here in Westminster Branch's Chess Club and walk away having learned something new from our personal instructor. Our club sessions consist of 30 minutes of instruction and one hour of open play. Boards and pieces will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own set(s) from home. All attendees need to register.

Play Baby Play

Friday, 2/13 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 3. You're invited to a morning playgroup just for little ones! 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.

Nintendo Afternoon

Friday, 2/13 at 2 PM

Ages 11 - 17. Join us in our Young Adult Area for gaming on our Nintendo Switch. Bring your friends and take turns playing Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., and more. Games will be provided.

Potomac Community Services

Tuesday, 2/17 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.

Winter Paint Party

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

Ages 13 - Adults. Come out of the cold and join us for a winter paint party! The paint we use can stain clothing, so please wear old clothes to this event. Materials will be provided, and no prior experience is necessary. All attendees need to register.

Westminster Branch

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 2/23 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 2/9

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.

Westminster Branch

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Wednesday, 2/25 at 4:30 PM • Registration opens 2/11

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.

CELEBRATING AMERICA PROGRAMS

Carroll 250: Patriots Buried in Carroll County Cemeteries

Wednesday, 2/11 at 6:30 PM

Registration now open

Exploration Commons

50 East Main Street, Westminster

"Every man has two deaths, when he is buried in the ground and the last time someone says his name. In some ways men can be immortal."

– Ernest Hemingway

Adults. There are an estimated 60 Revolutionary War patriots buried in Carroll County across several cemeteries. Many of these are known, but many more are likely lost to history. It is important to remember our patriot ancestors. This talk will provide an overview of family cemeteries, church cemeteries, and town cemeteries located in the county and discuss patriots buried there.

More importantly, as we approach America's 250th, there are cemeteries that are known to be lost or in danger of being lost. Preservation of these patriot ancestors' graves is an important part of our American heritage and a sacred duty to keep their memory alive. A Celebrating America program.

PRESENTERS

JAMES ENGLER

Mr. Engler is a member of the Westminster Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. He has served in various roles in the SAR, including as president of both the Westminster Chapter and Maryland SAR, as well as Vice President General of SAR for the Mid-Atlantic District (Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware).

JOHN LAYCOCK

Mr. Laycock is a member of the Westminster Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution and a board member of the Historical Society of Carroll County.

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

Carroll 250: American Revolutionary War Tavern Exhibit

Monday, 2/23 - Monday, 3/23

during library hours

North Carroll Branch

2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead

All Ages. Taverns during the American Revolution fostered the spirit of revolution and community. The themes presented in the Tavern exhibit highlight the local history of Carroll County to ignite conversation, civic engagement, community service, and what it means to be an American today. A Celebrating America program.

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

Celebrating America History Expo

Saturday, 2/28 from 9 AM - 1 PM

Winters Mill High School

560 Gorsuch Road, Westminster

All Ages. Experience the incredible work of middle and high school students as they showcase their historical research on this year's History Day theme: "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." Explore Carroll County's rich heritage by visiting exhibits from local historical sites and organizations at the History Expo. Plus, enjoy a keynote address from a special guest representing Maryland 250! A Celebrating America program.

TO BE READ: MARK GREANEY

Wednesday, 2/18 at 6:30 PM

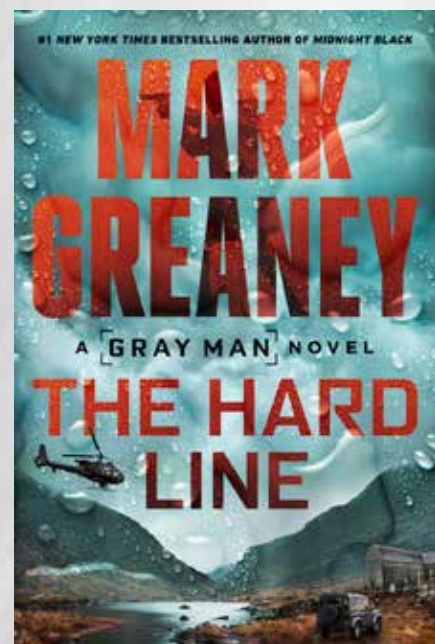
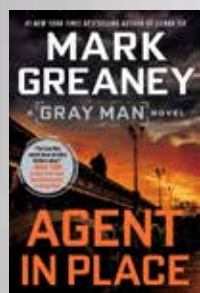
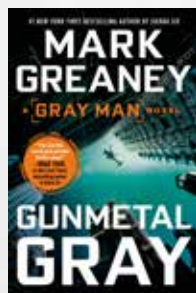
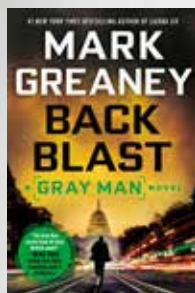
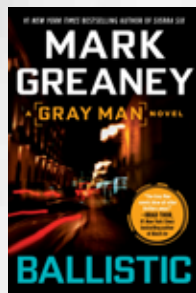
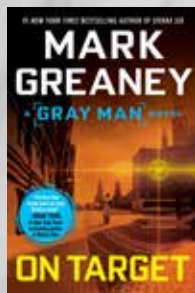
Exploration Commons

50 East Main Street, Westminster



Cost: Free

Scan QR Code to register, or go to:
tinyurl.com/ccpl-tbrgreaney



Adults. Presented by Park Books on Main and Carroll County Public Library. An author talk will be followed by a book signing. Books will be available for purchase from Park Books on Main.

ABOUT MARK GREANEY

Mark Greaney is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Midnight Black*, the 14th Gray Man novel. The Netflix production of *The Gray Man*, starring Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans, was the #1 most popular movie on the streaming service in 2022. Mark has written or co-written seven Tom Clancy novels and is also the co-author of the 2019 military thriller, *Red Metal*, and the 2022 release, *Armored*. The Gray Man series also includes *The Chaos Agent*, *Burner*, *Sierra Six*, *Relentless*, *One Minute Out*, *Mission Critical*, *Agent in Place*, *Gunmetal Gray*, *Back Blast*, *Dead Eye*, *Ballistic*, *On Target*, and *The Gray Man*.

ABOUT THE HARD LINE

Family means different things to different people, but in the Gray Man's world, family is defined by blood—the blood you share with some and the blood you shed with others. The Gray Man, the world's deadliest assassin and apex predator, discovers he's really the prey in the most shocking entry of this #1 *New York Times* bestselling series.





CABIN FEVER BOOK SWAP & SOCIAL

Tuesday, 2/10 from 5 - 8 PM

Oscar's Alehouse
1438 Liberty Road, Eldersburg

All Ages. Feeling the winter blues? Cure your cabin fever with a cozy evening of books, brews, and community!

Join the Friends of the Carroll County Public Library for a Cabin Fever Book Swap at Oscar's Alehouse in Eldersburg. Book lovers of all ages are invited to bring gently used books to share—and take home some new reads in return!

- Bring a book, take a book
- Stay for dinner and drinks
- Support a great cause!

A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated to Carroll County Public Library's Battle of the Books program, helping local students discover the joy of reading and teamwork.

Membership is not required to participate. Registration is requested, but not required—just show up with your books and your appetite for good food and great stories!



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Scan QR code to register, or go to
ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/cabin-fever-book-swap



AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

Monday, 2/23 at 7 PM

Carroll Arts Center

91 West Main Street, Westminster

All Ages. The National African American Read-In is the nation's first and oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. This initiative has reached more than 6 million participants around the world. The event is free and open to the public.

Presented by Carroll County Public Schools, Carroll County Public Library, and the Carroll County Arts Council.

• **SAVE THE DATE** •



CARROLL BOOK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
10 AM - 4 PM

Carroll County Farm Museum

We are delighted to present the first ever Carroll Book Festival. The day will build upon Carroll County, Maryland's reputation as being a community of readers who support authors. Taking place at Carroll County Farm Museum, the scenic preserved farmhouse and grounds make for a one-of-a-kind setting for a book festival. Proceeds will benefit literacy needs in Carroll County.

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- Children's character breakfast
- Ticketed author events
- Book signings
- Book-related vendors
- Author panels

AND MORE!

**More details to come at
carrollbookfestival.org**



Carroll Book Festival is presented by Carroll County Public Library in partnership with Park Books on Main, Carroll County Economic Development, Last Word Bookstore, and the Two Sides to the Story Podcast.