JANUARY EVENTS

Watch these programs online on Facebook @carrollcountypubliclibrary and YouTube @libraryccpl.

**Blender Basics: Creating 3D Logos**
Saturday, 1/1 at 2 PM
Ages 11 - Adults. Learn how to make a cool custom logo, and then make it into a 3D rendered object using Blender! Media Production Tools were funded by an Infy Maker Award from Infosys Foundation USA.

**Kids Cook: Fun and Easy Dipped Pretzel Rods**
Monday, 1/3 at 4 PM
Ages 6 - 17. Make hot chocolate, a winter snowman, and candy cane dipped pretzel rods in this cook-along video. A supply list will be provided. This class uses a microwave and may require adult supervision. Media Production Tools were funded by an Infy Maker Award from Infosys Foundation USA.

**What to Read Wednesdays**

1/5: *Billy Summers* by Stephen King
1/19: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
Adults. Welcome to What to Read Wednesdays. Grab your lunch on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and listen to the North Carroll staff serve you up some great selections for readers and listeners of all tastes. We’ll supply the main dish, just bring an appetite for reading.

**Tinkercad Circuits: Basic Electronics**
Monday, 1/17 at 1:00 PM
Ages 11 - Adults. Learn basic electricity and electronic concepts with Tinkercad Circuits. This online simulation tool is a wonderful way to get into electronics without the hassle of expensive and delicate lab equipment. We’ll cover basic electricity, series and parallel circuits, LEDs, power supplies, and much more. Media Production Tools were funded by an Infy Maker Award from Infosys Foundation USA.

**Corky’s Adventures**
Tuesday, 1/18 at 11 AM
Ages Birth - 5. What kind of adventure will Corky have today? Come play, sing, and learn with Corky as he explores his world.

**CCPL WILL BE CLOSED ON**
**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**
**IN OBSERVANCE OF**
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

**LIBRARY HOURS AND LOCATIONS**
library.carr.org/about/locations.asp
Scan the QR code to see our current hours.
Storytime Zoom Room
Registration Required
Ages Birth - 5. Meet us and your friends in Zoom for an interactive and fun storytime including books, music, and movement.

Eldersburg Branch
Tuesdays at 1 PM • 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

Mount Airy Branch
Thursdays at 10 AM • 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

North Carroll Branch
Fridays at 10 AM • 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28

Taneytown Branch
Tuesdays at 10 AM • 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

Westminster Branch
Wednesdays at 11 AM • 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Finksburg Branch
Alphabet Train
Mondays at 11 AM • 1/24 (A & B), 1/31 (C & D)
Registration Required
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.

Twos and Threes Together
Thursdays at 10 AM • 1/20, 1/27
Registration Required
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement. All attendees need to register.

Read and Play Zoom Room
Registration Required
Ages Birth - 5. Meet us and your friends in Zoom for an interactive and fun storytime including books, music, and movement.
Writing Group
Wednesdays at 9:15 AM
1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
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. Periodically, some time will be spent brainstorming, critiquing, and sharing knowledge about upcoming events and the book publishing industry.

Free Spirit Book Club
Saturday, 1/8 at 2 PM
Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Then our book discussion group is for you! We will feature a different book at each meeting. Come join us for a sharing of good books and ideas. This month’s selection is A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World by C. A. Fletcher.

Radon Awareness
Wednesday, 1/12 at 10 AM
Adults. January is National Radon Action Month. The Maryland Department of the Environment will be on hand to share information on Radon, the second leading cause of preventable lung cancer. Radon is found across the state, however, Carroll County has some of the highest rates of incidents. Come learn how to test your home and why it’s important to your family’s health to do so.

Library Digital Collections
Thursday, 1/13 at 6:30 PM
Registration Required
Adults. Would you like to use your computer or mobile device to read books, listen to audiobooks and music, read magazines, or stream films? Join us for an introduction to using your library card to gain free access to the amazing digital content available at the library. We will explore each digital collection and how to get started. This program is being held in person; attendees are welcome to bring their computers or devices with them.

Frog Prince Puppet Show
Friday, 1/14 at 10 AM and 2 PM
Registration Required
Ages 3 - 12. Oh no! The princess has dropped her sparkly golden ball down the well, what will she do? Frog will help her get the ball. All he wants in return is to be her best friend. Will the princess keep her promise to play with the frog and become his best friend? Join us at the castle to find out the exciting conclusion to this story.

Qigong
Saturday, 1/15 at 10 AM
Registration Required
Adults. Kathleen Busching will lead a 45-minute class following Dr. Paul Lam’s Qigong for Health. Qigong is a series of movements that cultivate Qi, our life force energy. No prior experience is necessary. The movements can be done seated or standing. This program will be in-person in the large meeting room at CCPL’s Eldersburg Branch.

Garden Talk: Holiday Plant Care
Wednesday, 1/19 at 3 PM
Adults. Join beginner and experienced gardeners as we discuss planting for next holiday season’s décor. All are welcome to share their interest and passion for gardening and be inspired in this friendly learning environment. Facilitated by a University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener.

Hooked on Crochet
Wednesday, 1/19 at 6:30 PM
Ages 11 - Adults. Join Caroline Brocato in this friendly crochet group that is open to both 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.

GoVAX Mobile is Maryland’s COVID-19 mobile vaccination effort. Carroll County Public Library is partnering with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to offer GoVAX Mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics on select dates at CCPL Branches. Contact your local branch to find out when clinics will be offered there and how to register!

Snowman Spectacular
Friday, 1/21 at 10 AM
Registration Required
Ages 2 - 5. It’s cold outside, perfect weather for a snowman! Come to the library to pick up crafts about our favorite winter friend.

The Caswells & Friends
Saturday, 1/22 at 2 PM
All Ages. Roots and traditional Americana instrumental music and songs for all ages. A Celebrating America program.

DIY Pokémon Snow Globe and Perler Bead Creation
Wednesday, 1/26 at 2 PM
Registration Required
Ages 8 - 17. Come create a Pokémon-themed snow globe wonderland and Perler bead creation.

T-Shirt Throw Pillow
Saturday, 1/29 at 1 PM
Registration Required
Ages 8 - 17. Do you have an old t-shirt that you don’t wear but don’t want to throw away? Bring it to Exploration Point! to transform into a throw pillow! Participants will learn some easy machine and hand sewing in order to create a unique upcycled pillow! No previous sewing experience is needed. Please bring an old t-shirt you no longer wear.

Please check our online calendar of events for the most up-to-date branch programming! https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events

CCPL VACCINATION CLINICS

Taneytown Branch • Wednesday, January 5

Mount Airy Branch • Thursday, January 6

North Carroll Branch • Saturday, January 15
**FINKSBURG BRANCH**

**Carroll County Writers Group**
Saturday, 1/8 at 1 PM
Adults. Please join the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Writers’ Association as we welcome author Millie Mack (Dark and Stormy Night Mysteries) as she illustrates the process of making audiobooks.

**Veterans Book Club**
Monday, 1/10 at 6 PM
Adults. In partnership with the Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council, we invite veterans, current military and reservists, and family members to join us for an evening of discussion, fellowship, and camaraderie. This month’s selection is *The Polar Bear Expedition* by James Carl Nelson. A Celebrating America program.

**DIY Pokémon Snow Globe**
**Kit Pickup:** Starting Friday, 1/14 Registration Required
Ages 10 - 17. Create your own DIY Pokémon snow globe. Materials and instructions are included. Registrants will have a week to pick up their kit.

**Frog Prince Puppet Show**
Wednesday, 1/19 at 11 AM and 6:30 PM Registration Required
Ages 3 - 12. Oh no! The princess has dropped her sparkly golden ball down the well, what will she do? Frog will help her get the ball. All he wants in return is to be her best friend. Will the princess keep her promise to play with the frog and become his best friend? Join us at the castle to find out the exciting conclusion to this story.

**Card Kit Crafty Box**
**Kit Pickup:** Friday, 1/28 – 2/4 Registration Required
Adults. What is a Card Kit Crafty Box? It's a box full of fun for crafty adults! Register to pick up a box containing library materials for crafty inspiration, two rubber stamp sets, two card bases with envelopes, 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. Registered attendees will receive a form to help Finksburg staff match you with your preferred crafty supplies. One registration per household; we can accommodate households with multiple crafters.

**Cabin Fever Book Sale**
Friday, 1/28 - Saturday, 1/29 from 10 AM – 5 PM
All Ages. Stock up on books, movies and more to enjoy through this winter season. All items included, $5.00/bag.

**Mount Airy Branch**

**New Year, New (Old) Art!**
Tuesday, 1/4 at 5 PM Registration Required
Ages 11 - Adults. What better way to ring in the New Year than by livening up old art? Join Amber as they take you through a fun experiment in art and design, painting on top of found artworks! Get as creative as your heart desires in this wacky and wild art class!

**Mount Airy Knitters**
**Wednesdays at 10 AM**
1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
Adults. Join the Mount Airy Knitters for a weekly roundtable of knitting, conversation, and fun. All experience levels are welcome.

**Family Read Together Kits**
**Kit Pickup:** Monday, 1/10 - Friday, 1/14 Registration Required
Ages 6 - 12. Bond with your children as they get older through reading! We are making it easy to start a read-aloud tradition in your own household by providing you with a family-favorite chapter book, some suggested activities, and a couple of goodies for the entire family to enjoy together! Register to get a kit; be sure to let us know the number of family members and ages the kit will be serving. Recommended for families with children ages 6 - 12.

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Ages 3 - 12. Oh no! The princess has dropped her sparkly golden ball down the well, what will she do? Frog will help her get the ball. All he wants in return is to be her best friend. Will the princess keep her promise to play with the frog and become his best friend? Join us at the castle to find out the exciting conclusion to this story.

**Why Native Plants:**
**Local Plants and Their Importance**
Saturday, 1/15 at 1 PM Registration Required
Adults. Growing native plants has many benefits and rewards for the grower, local wildlife, and pollinators. Come and learn about the many varieties of natives that will brighten your gardens. Learn about the important role you can play in feeding our pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. This program will be presented by a local Carroll County Master Gardener.

**Serenity Journaling**
Friday, 1/21 at 2 PM Registration Required
Adults. Serenity journaling is an opportunity to take a few minutes, slow down, think, and write. After we free-write together, sharing is optional but encouraged!

**NORTH CARROLL BRANCH**

**Read to a Dog**
**Thursday, 1/6 at 6 PM**
Ages 6 - 10. 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 with struggling readers.

**Clay Creations**
**Monday, 1/10 at 6 PM**
Registration Required
Ages 11 - 17. We’ll provide air-dry clay and tools for you to make a fantastic clay creation or two! All attendees need to register.

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**
Tuesday, 1/11 at 6 PM
Adults. Speaking with other people who have multiple sclerosis can be one of the most empowering and helpful things for someone with MS. Sharing stories, feelings, and experiences with people in similar situations is not only therapeutic, but also enlightening, and can often improve emotional health. This group is part of the MS Focus Independent Support Group Network. Please email Nadine Rosendahl (nadiner@car.org) with questions.

**Ask A Master Gardener**
Tuesday, 1/18 from 9:30–11:30 AM
All Ages. Bring your questions about winter gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more!

**Stitch a Snowflake!**
**Saturday, 1/22 at 1 PM**
Registration Required
Ages 5 - Adults. Create a paper keepsake by stitching a fun and easy snowflake. Perfect for members of a family or friends to stitch a snowy afternoon away. Pierced paper templates, embroidery floss, and needles will be provided. You may come stitch in person or pick up a take-home kit.

**North Carroll Book Discussion Group**
**Monday, 1/24 at 6:30PM - 8:30PM**
Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Then our book discussion group is for you! We will feature a different book at each meeting. This month’s selection is *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue. Please note: we will be meeting virtually, contact the North Carroll Branch for information.

**Frog Prince Puppet Show**
**Wednesday, 1/26 at 6:30PM**
**Thursday, 1/27 at 10 AM**
**Registration Required**
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**DIY Pokémon Snow Globe**
**Kit Pickup:** Wednesday, 1/26 - Saturday, 1/29 Registration Required
Ages 10 - 17. Create your own DIY Pokémon Snow Globe. Material and instructions will be provided.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
**at Bistro 91 in Finksburg**
**Tuesday, 1/11 at 7 PM**
**Registration Required**
Adults. What trivia tidbits are rattling around in your head? Grab a few friends and join us for Trivia Night at Bistro 91! Compete for prizes and Facebook fame! Registration required. Teams of up to five can sign up by registering online. Only one person per team needs to register.
TANEYTOWN BRANCH

Library Book Box: First Steps
Kit Pickup: Monday, 1/3 – 1/10
Registration Required
Adults. Ready to take home a Library Book Box? The Book Box is a take-home kit with a craft, a treat, a few little surprises, and a library book for you to enjoy! Our theme this month is First Steps, so get ready to begin your own journey with this box of fun! Be sure to return the box and book when you’re done reading!

BERC’s Virtual Job Club
Wednesday, 1/5 at 1 PM
Registration Required
Adults. Don’t face the job search alone! The Business Employment Resource Center (BERC) hosts an online meeting for job seekers and employers. It is designed to create an environment for positive encouragement, motivation, networking, strategy sharing, and employment announcements. Come to the library to participate in BERC’s Virtual Job Club on our giant smartboard screen. Get more info at https://carrollworks.com/. Refreshments will be served.

Library Loot Box: New Year, New You
Kit Pickup: Monday, 1/3 – 1/10
Registration Required
Ages 11 - 17. Ready to take home a Library Loot Box? The Loot Box is a take-home kit with a craft, a treat, a few little surprises, and a library book for you to enjoy! Our theme this month is New Year, New You, so sign up to get your very own box of ideas and projects to help you start the new year off right. Be sure to return the box and book when you’re done reading!

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Wednesday, 1/12 at 6:30 PM
Thursday, 1/13 at 10 AM
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Ages 3 - 12. Oh no! The princess has dropped her sparkly golden ball down the well, what will she do? Frog will help her get the ball. All he wants in return is to be her best friend. Will the princess keep her promise to play with the frog and become his best friend? Join us at the castle to find out the exciting conclusion to this story.

OFF-SITE

North Carroll Senior Center
Wednesday Book Club
2328 Hanover Pike, Hampstead
Wednesday, 1/12 at 11 AM
Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Then our book discussion group is for you! We will feature a different book at each meeting. Come join us for a sharing of good books and ideas. This month’s selection is The Rose Code by Kate Quinn.

North Carroll Senior Center
Thursday Book Club
2328 Hanover Pike, Hampstead
Thursday, 1/13 at 1 PM
Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Then our book discussion group is for you! We will feature a different book at each meeting. Come join us for a sharing of good books and ideas. This month’s selection is American Princess by Stephanie Marie Thornton.

WESTMINSTER BRANCH

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Library Loot Box: Winter
Kit Pickup: Tuesday, 1/18 - 1/25
Registration Required
Ages 6 - 10. Hold onto your winter caps! It’s time for a Library Loot Box! The Loot Box is a take-home kit with a craft, a treat, a few little surprises, and an actual library book for you to read! In the spirit of the season, our theme this month is Winter! Be sure to return the box and book when you’re done reading!

DIY Pokémon Snow Globe
Kit Pickup: Starting Tuesday, 1/18
Registration Required
Ages 10 - 17. Create your own DIY Pokémon snow globe. Material and instructions will be provided. This take-home kit can be picked up at CCPL’s Taneytown Branch beginning Tuesday, January 18. Kits not picked up by January 24 will be distributed to other participants.

Minecraft for Me
Saturday, 1/8 at 1 PM
Registration Required
Only kids need to register. Register separately. Let’s see your mad Minecraft skills! Share a laptop with your children but do not need to play with the big kids? Come play on the library’s dedicated server! Games will begin in Creative Mode and transition into Survival Mode. Come show us your mad Minecraft skills! Only kids need to register.

Winter Fun Craft & Activity Kits
Kit Pickup: Starting Tuesday, 1/18
Ages 3 - 6. Winter offers so many opportunities for mixing fun and learning! Pick up a take-home craft and activity kit for hours of educational entertainment during this wonderful season. Kits will be available while supplies last.

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Artists of the Now:
Gina Beavers, Virtual Seescape
Wednesday, 1/5 at 6 PM
Registration Required
Ages 13 - Adults. You’ve heard of Leonardo da Vinci and Vincent van Gogh, but what about Gina Beavers? Instead of focusing on artists of the past, join us for an evening of fun and creativity as we explore great artists of the present! Each week we will introduce a different contemporary artist and create art based on their work. Not sure you’re an artsy person? Come anyway! No art skills are required! Note: This week, please make sure you have a smartphone handy. We will be using them for the art project. This program and art prompts are based on the book You Are an Artist by Sarah Urist Green. Some of these projects are also featured on the PBS The Art Assignment YouTube Channel, hosted by Sarah Urist Green. Anyone wishing to share their projects with Sarah and other budding artists can tag their works with #youareanartist on social media.

Winter Craft Time
Kit Pickup: New kits available each Friday
Ages Birth - 5. Craft supply kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at CCPL’s Westminster Branch. You can pick them up at storytimes or starting on Fridays, during library hours, while supplies last.

Minecraft Madness
Friday, 1/7 at 6:30 PM
Registration Required
Ages 11 - 17. Minecraft is back, and we want you to help celebrate! Come play on our private servers while enjoying some crafts, food, and other fun! Permission slips are required for this event; available at CCPL’s Westminster Branch or online when you register.

Minecraft for Me
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Magical Minecraft
Saturday, 1/8 at 1 PM
Registration Required
Ages 9 - 13. Join us for an afternoon of Minecraft on the library’s dedicated server! Games will begin in Creative Mode and transition into Survival Mode. Come show us your mad Minecraft skills!

Full STEAM Ahead
Fridays at 10 AM • 1/14, 1/28
Registration Required
Ages 3 - 6. A hands-on early learning program that explores STEAM concepts to spark curiosity in young children through interactive experiments and activities! STEAM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Early STEAM education aims to build on young children’s innate curiosity to develop creative, analytical, and collaborative thinking skills in a fun, informal learning environment.

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Masks Required
Face masks covering nose & mouth are required at all times while inside all branches for ages 2 and older.

R Register online at library.carr.org.
SELF Discovery! An Interactive Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Storytime
Saturday, 1/15 at 11 AM
Ages 3 - 6. An interactive storyline that focuses on cultivating children’s social-emotional competencies through engaging stories, games, and activities! This program will promote the five SEL competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. To learn more about SEL and its benefits, check out the CASEL website at https://casel.org.

Read with a Furry Friend
Saturday, 1/15 at 12 PM
Ages 4 - Adults. Every dog enjoys a good story! KPets’ 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 as well as help with emotional and social skills.

Intro to Laser Cutting
Tuesday, 1/4 at 10 AM
Ages 12 - Adults. This beginner-level laser cutter class will walk you through the basics of design, machine use, and safety procedures. Customers who successfully complete this program will be certified for use of Exploration Commons’ laser cutters.

Basic Knife Skills
Tuesday, 1/4 at 5:30 PM
Ages 16 - Adults. This hands-on class will cover everything you need to know about caring for your knives and how to use them. You’ll learn how to chop, dice, mince and get plenty of practice with other professional cuts. This is a beginner’s level class. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons’ program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures.

How Spirits of Loved Ones Communicate
Saturday, 1/22 at 1 PM
Ages 3 - 12. At all branches. See branch listings.

Baklava Bites
Friday, 1/7 at 10 AM and 2 PM
Ages 8 - Adults. Learn the secrets to baking a variety of traditional and stamped shortbreads. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons’ program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures.

Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board
Monday, 1/24 at 3:30 PM
Ages 12 - 17. Join us for an afternoon of planning activities for CCPL’s Westminster Branch. Service hours are available.

Meal Prep Strategies That Work
Tuesday, 1/11 at 2 PM
Ages 16 - Adults. Beginner-level cooking class that covers basic cooking techniques, cutting techniques, fabric selection, and how to read a pattern. We will complete a simple project in class.

Sewing 101
Wednesday, 1/5 at 6 PM
Ages 16 - Adults. Beginner-level sewing class that covers basic machine sewing skills, cutting techniques, fabric selection, and how to read a pattern. We will complete a simple project in class.

Get the Pulse on Pulses!
Thursday, 1/6 at 5:30 PM
Ages 13 - Adults. Pulses are edible seeds from the legume family including beans, peas, chickpeas, and lentils. They are very high in protein and fiber and low in fat. This demo-style class will feature delicious recipes and tastings: Middle Eastern Lamb and Lentil Meatballs, Pigeon Pea Tacos al Pastor, and Azuki Bean Baklava Bites. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons’ program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $10.00.

Whole Grains Under Pressure
Friday, 1/7 at 10:30 AM
Ages 13 - Adults. Learn how to use the electronic pressure cooker to prepare whole grains. This demo class will highlight different grains and cooking methods to get the best results. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons’ program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $5.00.

Intro to CNC Routing
Tuesday, 1/11 at 5:30 PM
Ages 12 - Adults. CNC milling is one of the many bricks in the foundation of modern manufacturing. In this introductory session, we’ll explore the fundamentals of the technology and get some hands-on experience with our ICONIC 2015 CNC Router.

Shortbread Baking
Wednesday, 1/12 at 10 AM
Ages 3 - 12. At all branches. See branch listings.

Arduino Workshop
Saturday, 1/8 at 1 PM
Ages 13 - 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 Arduino projects using components from the Arduino education kits available for use in CCPL’s makerspace.

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Ages 13 - Adults. Learn how to use the electronic pressure cooker to prepare whole grains. This demo class will highlight different grains and cooking methods to get the best results. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons’ program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $5.00.
What's in Season: Winter Squash  
Wednesday, 1/12 at 6 PM  
Registration Required
Adults. Cook with the seasons to enjoy the freshest produce year-round. In this demo class, we will explore different winter squash recipes to inspire you to add new dishes to your table. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $15.00.

Laura Lippman Celebrates 25 Years  
Author Event & Trivia  
Wednesday, 1/12 at 6:30 PM  
Registration Required at sykesvillebooks.com
Adults. Help us celebrate Laura Lippman's 25th year in publishing with an author talk and special trivia competition! Laura's latest is Seasonal Work: Stories, a suspenseful collection of stories featuring fierce women—including one never-before-published novella. Attendees will enjoy a fast-paced Laura Lippman-themed trivia contest with special prizes. Choose either a free registration or a VIP ticket, which includes a copy of Seasonal Work: Stories. All attendees need to register in advance and purchase tickets through A Likely Story Bookstore. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore and CCPL.

Photoshop: Fun with Filters  
Thursday, 1/13 at 6 PM  
Registration Required
Ages 13 - Adults. Photoshop filters can be used to make small edits or to completely change the look of your image. In this hands-on beginner-level program, we’ll take a look at some simple filters you can use to change up the look of your pictures.

Family Baking Class: Soft Pretzels  
Saturday, 1/15 at 1 PM  
Registration Required
Ages 6 - Adults. Join us for a hands-on family baking class! We’ll learn how to make delicious soft pretzels and dipping sauces to go along with them. One registration per family, up to four family members. For families with children ages 6 and up; children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $15.00.

Make-a-Mug  
Wednesday, 1/19 at 5:30 PM  
Registration Required
Ages 13 - Adults. Make a custom-designed mug using Adobe Illustrator and a Cricut vinyl cutter. You'll design, cut, and apply the vinyl to your mug using permanent vinyl. All materials will be supplied and no previous Cricut experience is needed. Just bring yourself and your ideas! $10.00.

Mozzarella Making  
Thursday, 1/20 at 5:30 PM: for Ages 16–Adults  
Saturday, 1/22 at 9:30 AM: for Ages 11–17  
Registration Required
Ages 16 - Adults. Stretch-a-long with our chef! In this class, you’ll transform fresh curds into yummy mozzarella. We'll finish by making several delicious recipes to taste. Dishes include Sfoglia, Mozzarella Caprese Skewers, and Margherita Flatbread. This is a hands-on cooking class. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $15.00.

Plant-based Cooking for Everyone  
Friday, 1/21 at 10:30 AM  
Registration Required
Adults. Gather in the kitchen to prepare delicious plant-based dishes. Whether you always eat a plant-based diet or are trying something new in 2022, check out this class to learn to make dishes that everyone can enjoy. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $15.00.

Soundscaping: Intro to Audacity  
Friday, 1/21 at 2 PM  
Registration Required
Adults. This is an intro to most of the tools and effects found in Audacity. Attendees will use pre-made audio files to mix and play with to get a better understanding of the software.

Making Customized Chocolate for Valentine's Day (Saturday Session)  
Part 1: Saturday, 1/22 at 2 PM  
Part 2: Saturday, 1/29 at 2 PM  
Registration Required
Ages 16 - Adults. Customize chocolates for yourself or your valentine in this two-session class! We’ll create our designs in Fusion 360, utilize 3D printing and the makerSpace’s Vaguum machines to create custom molds, and then head to the teaching kitchen to learn the process of molding chocolate. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $10.00.

ServSafe® Food Handler Course  
Monday, 1/24 at 10 AM  
Registration Required
Ages 16 - Adults. The ServSafe® Food Handler course taught by a Certified ServSafe® Instructor provides basic food safety knowledge. This two-hour class covers the following 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 receive a certificate after completing a 40-question assessment. $15.00.

Learn to Solder  
Tuesday, 1/25 at 5:30 PM  
Registration Required
Ages 16 - Adults. Soldering is fun and fundamental to a wide assortment of maker electronic projects as well modern technology. From simple light-up LEDs to complex robots, solder is the glue that holds the technological world together. Join us for a hands-on project where you will assemble and solder your very own electronic dice circuit.

Aussie Aussie Aussie, Oi Oi Oi!  
Wednesday, 1/26 at 10 AM  
Registration Required
Ages 11 - 17. G'day, mates! Celebrate National Australia Day by making fair dinkum foods we all can celebrate. This is a hands-on cooking class. Recipes include Shrimp on the Barbie, Sausage Rolls, Lamington Cakes, and Fairy Bread. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures. $15.00.

Teen Cooking: Hot Cocoa Bombs  
Saturday, 1/29 at 10:30 AM  
Registration Required
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Restaurant Roundtable  
Monday, 1/31 at 12 PM  
Registration required
Adults. Join a roundtable for chefs, managers, and restaurant owners in Carroll County and the surrounding area. Get together with your peers to discuss current issues, upcoming events, new menu items, personnel issues, and more. Hosted by the Teaching Kitchen at Exploration Commons at 50 East. There is no charge for this event and registration is requested, but not required. Guest chef TBD. This will be a quarterly event. Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons' program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures.

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The Power of Internal Family Systems (IFS) and Mindfulness Meditation
Mondays at 7 PM - 1/3, 1/10, 1/24, 1/31
Registration Required
Adults. Imagine staying calm despite the chaos surrounding you, being courageous and confident despite overwhelming challenges before you, exemplifying care and compassion despite hate and divisiveness facing you. It is possible! Join Joanne Hochendoner as she shows us the serenity and joy of living from our authentic selves.

Among Us Play Session
Tuesday, 1/4 at 4 PM
Registration Required
Ages 11 - 17. Which crewmember is kinda sus? Join us for a chance to play the popular game Among Us with your peers in a non-public game and find out! Registrants will be invited to a meeting on Zoom the day before the program to walk through how we will connect and play the game.

Virtual Teen Advisory Board: Service Learning Opportunity
Wednesday, 1/5 at 6:30 PM
Registration Required
Ages 12 - 17. Are you interested in volunteering virtually at the library? Join us for Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a monthly meeting where teens help plan programs, complete service-oriented projects, and advise the library on teen-related topics.

Dungeons & Dragons Online
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Mount Airy Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 1/19 at 11:30 AM
Registration Required
Adults. Join us for a sharing of good books and ideas. This month’s selection is Bossypants by Tina Fey.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1
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Finksburg Book Club
Wednesday, 1/19 at 6:30 PM
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