CCPL Holiday Ornaments

Try out CCPL’s 3D printing service to print out the 2019 holiday ornament or one of our showcased designs below. You can even design and print your own! Submit a 3D print request at your local branch.

Visit library.carr.org/services/HolidayOrnament.asp for pricing and more options.

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LOCATIONS

ELDERSBURG
6400 W. Hemlock Drive, Eldersburg
410-386-4460

FINKSBURG
2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg
410-386-4505

MOUNT AIRY
705 Ridge Avenue, Mount Airy
410-386-4470 or 301-829-5290

NORTH CARROLL
2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead
410-386-4480

TANEYTOWN
10 Grand Drive, Taneytown
410-386-4510

WESTMINSTER
50 E. Main Street, Westminster
410-386-4490

HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:45 PM
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM*

*Westminster Branch (Year-Round)
*Eldersburg Branch (Year-Round)
*All other Branches (October - April)

CLOSINGS

Wednesday, November 27 (5 PM Closing)
Thursday, November 28
Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Tuesday, December 31 (5 PM Closing)
Wednesday, January 1
Monday, January 20
Monday, February 17

Check library.carr.org for weather-related closings and program updates.
This season is often about new things: discovering the new you, making new resolutions, or learning some new hobby or skill. At CCPL, we always enjoy helping people discover the new things. We also enjoy helping them rediscover the old things, perhaps a title by their favorite author they have not read or a piece of music they have not heard in years.

As an organization, our “resolutions” are in our strategic plan, our core values, and our customer service statement, where we promise to strive to “provide you with the best ideas, information, and resources.” From our collection of books, movies, and audio materials, to our programs, and countless services, this is what we do each day, and you can see that below in our snapshot of FY19 by the numbers.

As we enter the new year, we at CCPL want to be your partners in discovery. Look to us as your source for authoritative information, recommendations for your next book, or just as a place to spend some time working, meeting friends, or attending a program. And if your New Year’s resolution includes getting involved with something new, consider joining our Friends of the Library, where you can meet new people, learn about new events, and maybe find a new favorite author. Carroll County Public Library is your place for infinite possibilities in 2020.

**FISCAL YEAR 2019 AT A GLANCE**

### OVERVIEW
- **923,681** Visits
- **95,892** Cardholders
- **6** Branches + **3** Mobile Service Vehicles
- **139,215** Information Transactions
- **568,956,414** Total County Budget
- **10,820,721** CCPL Budget
- **167,656** County Population
- **164.75** FTE Employees

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- **6,037** Number of Activities
- **168,632** Total Attendance
- **9,982** Summer Reading Participants
- **1,567** Battle of the Books Participants

### TECHNOLOGY
- **112** Public Computers
- **150,717** Computer Sessions
- **93,933** Wifi Sessions
- **42** Average Computer Session (minutes)
- **111** Average Wifi Session (minutes)

### CIRCULATION/ COLLECTION
- **3.5 Million** Circulation
- **21.15 (Est.)** Circs per Capita
- **701,477** Items Owned
- **27** Databases

### ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY VALUE
- **3,307** County Bill Transactions
- **2,379** Passports Processed
- **6,728** Student Service Hours
- **122,044** Carroll County Times Digital Archive Views
- **10,264** Meeting Room Reservations

*Provided by Maryland State Library*
Seasonal Giving

DROP OFF NOVEMBER 25–DECEMBER 15

CCPL is partnering again with the United States Marine Corps Reserve to collect toys to give as gifts to disadvantaged children in our community. Please drop off new, packaged, unwrapped toys in collection boxes located inside all of our library branches and our library headquarters in New Windsor.

DROP OFF NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY 4

Join Carroll County Public Library in our 36th year of providing some holiday help to our neighbors in need. Donate store-bought or handmade gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for adults and children at any CCPL location. The items will be given to local charitable organizations.

Corky’s Mitten Tree

Roar Like A Lion
An Afternoon of Community Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 FROM 1:00 – 4:00 PM

At All Branches • For All Ages
Snow date: February 9

Beat the winter blues and feel the warmth that comes with serving your community. We will have an afternoon of community service in partnership with local Lions Clubs. The Lions Clubs will supply materials, instructions, and volunteers to lead a variety of projects that benefit our community. Drop in for an hour or the entire time. Student service hours will be available.
DECEMBER 3, 2019

GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their end-of-year giving.

https://www.givingtuesday.org/

One of the best ways to get involved is in your own community!

In 2019, under the leadership of new Executive Director, Andrea Berstler, we launched a new capital campaign, Exploration Commons at 50 East, a 14,000 SF makerspace, professional teaching kitchen, and collaborative meeting space in the lower level of the Westminster Branch. Construction design is underway and construction is expected to begin this upcoming winter and spring, with anticipated opening in late 2020.

We have a long record of achievement and will make every effort to continue to provide services that meet the current and emerging learning needs and interests of our customers.

Help provide Infinite Possibilities this #GivingTuesday! Make your gift to bring Exploration Commons at 50 East to our community.

Discover more and donate at: https://explorationcommons.carr.org

For more information, including naming opportunities, contact Tony Eckard at 443-293-3129 or saeckard@carr.org.

Infinite Possibilities
IRIS & ROY JOHANSEN
Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore & CCPL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
6:30 PM
Mount Airy Branch
Free, registration required:
cmplibrarymarket.com/events/johansen

Iris Johansen is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of more than 30 consecutive bestsellers. Her series featuring forensic sculptor Eve Duncan has sold over 20 million copies and counting and was the subject of the acclaimed Lifetime movie The Killing Game. Along with her son, Roy, Iris has also co-authored the New York Times bestselling series featuring investigator Kendra Michaels.

JEFFREY BLOUNT
Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore & CCPL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
6:30 PM
Eldersburg Branch
Free, registration required:
cmplibrarymarket.com/events/blount

Jeffrey Blount is the award-winning author of two novels: Almost Snow White and Hatting Heidi Foster. He is an Emmy award-winning television director and a 2016 inductee to the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame. During a 34-year career at NBC News, Jeffrey directed a decade of Meet The Press, The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, The Chris Matthews Show and major special events. He has been a contributor to HuffPost, The Washington Post, TheGrio.com and other publications. His award-winning documentary scripts for films and interactives are now on display in the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture. Born and raised in Smithfield, Virginia, he now lives in Washington, DC.

About the Book
Dr. Kendra Michaels, blind for the first twenty years of her life before gaining her sight via a revolutionary surgical procedure, is a renowned investigator known for her razor-sharp senses honed during her years in the dark and keen deductive abilities. Now her skills are needed uncomfortably close to home. Two staff members have been murdered at a school for the blind where Kendra spent her formative years. But the murders are puzzlingly dissimilar - are the crimes related? Or is Kendra on the hunt for more than one dangerous killer?

About the Book
Evan Walls is terrified by the birth of his first child because he doesn’t want her to suffer the isolation he had as a child. Seeing his torment, his wife, Izzy, prods him to explain. He tells of being a black child growing up in the racially charged 1960s. Inspired to overcome the racism and class status imposed on blacks, he dreams of a life bigger than that lived by most everyone he knows in the small Virginia town of Canaan. He is resented by friends and family for desiring a life better than theirs. Caught in a crossfire of hate from whites and his own people, who question whether he is black enough, Evan is often alone and bewildered. Only the love of his great grandmother, Mama Jennie, and his mentor, Bojack, keeps him on track. Together, they help Evan find perspective and peace.
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.

Sponsored by Carroll County Public Schools, Carroll County Public Library, the Carroll County Arts Council, and the Carroll County Branch of the NAACP. The event is free and open to the public.

Starting December 1, Carroll County Public Library will offer Notary Public services free of charge. Appointments are recommended to ensure a notary is available. Simply call your local branch and request a Notary Service appointment by dialing ‘0’ at the prompt.

Customers seeking notary services must bring with them their unsigned documents, valid photo identification, and any witnesses required. All persons signing the document(s) must be present. Library staff cannot serve as witnesses. Photo IDs must be current and in English.

Notaries will not provide service if the customer’s document or circumstances of the request for Notary Service raise any issues of authenticity, ambiguity, doubt, or uncertainty for the Library. In this event, the Library Notary may at his/her sole discretion, decline to provide Notary Service.

Notaries will screen the signers of documents for their:

- True identity
- Willingness to sign without duress or intimidation
- Awareness of the contents of the document or transaction

What we cannot notarize:

- Mortgages or real estate transactions
- Employment verification (IRS form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification)
The Penguin Random House Book Fair is a partnership of the Carroll Community College Foundation and Penguin Random House created to raise awareness of the importance of reading, literacy, and learning. For more information, visit: carrollcc.edu/About/Give/Book-Fair/ or call 410-386-8152.

**23rd ANNUAL PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE BOOK FAIR**

Look for CCPL’s Book Fair Author Event Details Soon

Sign up for emails at library.carr.org/currents.asp or follow us on Facebook for coming details on our author event at the Book Fair!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 9:00 AM–4:00 PM**

The Penguin Random House Book Fair is a partnership of the Carroll Community College Foundation and Penguin Random House created to raise awareness of the importance of reading, literacy, and learning. For more information, visit: carrollcc.edu/About/Give/Book-Fair/ or call 410-386-8152.

Previous guest authors include (left to right, top to bottom): Karen Abbott, Dorothea Benton Frank, Brad Meltzer, C. J. Box, Jason Reynolds, & Sandra Brown.

Previous Book Fair authors: Melanie Benjamin (left, 2018) and Jamie Ford (right, 2019).
National History Day® (NHD) is a non-profit education organization based in College Park, Maryland. NHD offers year-long academic programs that engage over half a million middle and high-school students around the world annually in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. This year’s theme is Breaking Barriers in History. The National Contest will be held June 14-18, 2020 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Are you working on a National History Day Project? Visit a Carroll County Public Library branch to talk with a librarian as you select your topic and begin your research. We are here to help!

Download a theme book at nhd.org to learn about these barrier-breakers (left to right) Harriet Quimby, Mary Church Terrell, and Bayard Rustin. Library of Congress images.

The Census is coming this spring

For more information, visit: celebratingamerica.info and follow Celebrating America–Carroll County on Facebook for updates!

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts a count of every person living in the United States every 10 years, mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2. The data collected by the decennial census determines the number of seats Maryland has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to its local communities. April 1, 2020 is Census Day, however you can respond online starting on March 12, 2020.
The law requires the Census Bureau to keep all information confidential and use it only to produce statistics. Drop in your local branch for information and assistance with online forms.

For more information on Carroll Counts, visit: http://bit.ly/33IL7aW
**SAVE THE DATE**

**Battle of the Books Kickoff Event**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10 • ELDERSBURG ELEMENTARY**

Battle of the Books is an exciting student competition. The game format creates interest and excitement in reading, while cultivating teamwork and encouraging good sportsmanship.

*Free event, registration required:*
ccpl.librarymarket.com/events/BOBauthors

**2019–2020 READING LISTS**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

BOB
Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead
FRONT DESK
Kelly Yang
INKLING
Kenneth Oppel
STRONGHEART
Candace Fleming
THE REAL McCOYS
Matthew Swanson & Robbi Behr
SPARKS!
Ian Boothby
SHORT & SKINNY
Mark Tatulli
SANITY & TALLULAH
Molly Brooks
THE CITY ON THE OTHER SIDE
Maighread Scott
THE MISCALCULATIONS OF
LIGHTNING GIRL
Stacy McAnulty

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

DEEP WATER
Watt Key
GAME CHANGER
Tommy Greenwald
THE MISCALCULATIONS OF
LIGHTNING GIRL
Stacy McAnulty
HALFWAY NORMAL
Barbara Dee
THE TRUTH AS TOLD BY MASON
BUTTLE
Leslie Connor
LIFEBOAT 12
Susan Hood
CLICK'D
Tamara Ireland Stone
AMAL UNBOUND
Aisha Saeed
SWEEP
Jonathan Auxier
CRUSH
Svetlana Chmakova
LAST PICK
Jason Walz
ESTRANGED
Ethan Aldridge

**Meet the Kickoff Event Authors on March 10!**

KENNETH OPPEL
MATTHEW SWANSON & ROBBI BEHR

Check https://library.carr.org/programs/BoB.asp for details as they are announced.

**BATTLES START APRIL 3, 2020!**

**Become a sponsor!**
Contact Lisa Picker at 443-293-3196 or email lpicker@carr.org

Top to bottom: author Ru Xu signing for a fan; author Cammie McGovern surprised by fan art; The Reading Rock Stars Battle team score a correct answer.
Friends of CCPL support the library through advocating for public funding for libraries, promoting awareness of public library services, and enhancing library program resources. As a benefit of membership, Friends receive advance notice of signature author events like Day for Book Lovers. Current Friends are invited to our Annual Membership Meeting.

Friends make a difference at CCPL!
Join online today at library.carr.org/about/support.asp or at your local branch.

Thank You
Carroll County Public Library benefits from the generosity of many organizations and individuals. This support allows us to enhance services, collections of materials, and programming. To find out how you can also help us provide enriching experiences and infinite possibilities for all ages, log onto library.carr.org/about/support.asp or call 410.386.4500.

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Robert & Yolanda Wiese ♥
Kara Wolf ≈
Sharon Hafner Yingling & John Yingling ∞

* BATTLE OF THE BOOKS  ♦ EXPLORATION COMMONS AT 50 EAST  ♥ FRIENDS OF CCPL  ♠ GARDEN GUILD AT FINKSBURG BRANCH
≈ OUTREACH & BRANCH PROGRAMMING  ♦ SCORE CHALLENGE  ♦ SUMMER DISCOVERY
DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

NON-THEMED STORYTIMES

Read and Play
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:45 AM
12/3 - 12/26, 1/2 - 1/28, 1/30 - 2/27
Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Pajama Storytime
Mondays at 6:30 PM
12/9, 1/6, 2/3
Ages Birth - 8. There is nothing better than bedtime stories with cookies and juice. Wear your pajamas to this cozy storytime.

Saturday Storytime
Saturdays at 9:45 AM
12/14, 12/28, 1/11 - 1/25, 2/8 - 2/29
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.

THEMED STORYTIMES

Twos and Threes Together
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 11 AM
12/3 - 12/26, 1/2 - 1/28, 1/30 - 2/27
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Family Storytime
Mondays at 9:45 and 11 AM
12/2 - 1/13, 2/3 - 2/24
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.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Sunday Music in the Library
Sundays at 2 PM
12/1 Rob Caswell (dulcimer)
12/8 Lydia Bandy (piano/harp)
12/15 Elaine Bryant (harp)
12/22 Kendalyn Korth (harp)
12/29 Chris Reynolds (guitar)
1/5 Ghost Sugar (bluegrass band)
1/12 Lydia Bandy (piano/harp)
1/19 Chris Reynolds (guitar)
2/2 Rob Caswell (dulcimer)
2/9 Lydia Bandy (piano/harp)
2/16 Anthony Napolitano (flute)
2/23 Rob Caswell (dulcimer)
For All Ages. Listen to local musicians at the library.

Tuesday Afternoons at the Library
Tuesdays at 3 PM
12/3 - 12/17, 1/7 - 2/18
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a variety of fun activities from Shake, Rattle, and Read to Parachute Fun to Little Builders to crafts.

Breastfeeding Support Group
Tuesdays at 12:30 PM
12/3 - 12/17, 1/7 - 2/18
Adults. Come share, support, socialize, and help one another in a non-judgmental environment. Siblings welcome. This support group is led by Susan Weyer, RN, IBCLC. A scale is available for pre and post weights.

Writing Group
Wednesdays at 9:15 AM
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8 - 2/26
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, per group consensus, some time will be spent brainstorming, critiquing, and sharing knowledge about upcoming events and the book publishing industry.

Black Eyed Susan Book Club: Picture Books
Thursdays at 1 PM
12/5, 1/2, 2/6
Ages 6 - 12. Each month we will read a 2019-20 Black-Eyed Susan nominee from the picture book list, followed by group discussion and related activity.

BOOK CLUBS

Free Spirit Book Club
Saturdays at 2 PM
December 14
The Optimist’s Daughter by Eudora Welty
January 11
Waiting by Ha Jin
February 8
Where’d You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple
For Adults

Gentle Yoga
Thursdays at 7 PM
12/5 Registration begins 11/21
1/2 Registration begins 12/19
1/23 Registration begins 1/9
1/30 Registration begins 1/16
2/6 Registration begins 1/23
2/13 Registration begins 1/30
2/20 Registration begins 2/6
2/27 Registration begins 2/13
Ages 13 - Adults. This gentle yoga class, taught by Rebecca Berg, is designed to allow students of various abilities and physical conditions to comfortably develop his or her own yoga practice. No experience necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat and a blanket.

Music Together® Demo Class by Syke’d Music
Saturdays at 9:45 AM
12/7, 1/4, 2/1

Developmental Storytime
Saturdays at 3:30 PM
12/7 Registration begins 11/23
1/4 Registration begins 12/21
2/1 Registration begins 1/18
Ages Birth - 8. This inclusive program welcomes children of all abilities and their caregivers to a supportive, judgment-free storytime.

Yoga for Everyone
Sundays at 1:30 PM
12/8 Registration begins 11/24
12/15 Registration begins 12/1
1/12 Registration begins 12/29
1/19 Registration begins 1/5
2/16 Registration begins 2/2
2/23 Registration begins 2/9
Ages 13 - Adults. This class in the Hatha Yoga tradition is suitable for many different levels and abilities. Therapeutic elements of yoga will be included. The class ends with a deep relaxation Yoga Nidra. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. All attendees need to register.

WEEK OF | THEME
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12/1 | Winter
12/8 | Bath Time
12/15 | Five Senses
12/22 | Cookies
12/29 | Love
1/5 | Dinosaurs
1/12 | Monkeys
1/19 | Bedtime
1/26 | Royalty
2/2 | Silly Stories
2/9 | Art
2/16 | Playtime
2/23 | Wild Animals
After-School Minecraft
Wednesdays at 6 PM
12/11 Registration begins 11/27
1/8 Registration begins 12/25
2/12 Registration begins 1/29
Ages 8 - 17. Join us after school to play Minecraft with other players on our special Minecraft server! All attendees need to register.

Knit Wits
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
12/11, 12/16, 1/8, 2/12
Ages 11 - Adults. Beginners, please bring a size 8 needle and light colored worsted weight yarn to the class. If you know how to knit, please bring your project to work on.

Bluegrass with Alani
 Saturdays at 10:30 AM
12/14, 1/25, 2/8
For All Ages. Local bluegrass musician Alani Sugar will play the fiddle and mandolin.

Open Mah Jongg
Mondays at 6:30 PM
12/16, 1/2, 13, 2/10
Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American mah jongg. We welcome experienced players, as well as those newer to the game, 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.

The Bereavement Support Group
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
12/17, 1/7, 2/18
Adults. The Bereavement Support Group will focus on counseling those who have lost someone close to them. This group is open to all grieving people in the community. Remember: you are not alone. Hosted by Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care.

Hooked on Crochet
Wednesday, 12/18 at 6:30 PM
Wednesdays at 7 PM
1/15, 2/19
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.

Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, 12/18 from 1:30 - 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 2/25 from 1:30 - 6:30 PM
Adults. Give blood and save a life. Set up an appointment or drop-in. https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html

LEGO® Builders Club
Monday, 12/23 at 2 PM
Mondays at 4 PM
1/13, 2/3
Ages 6 - 17. Love to build? Join us for a program where you can build a castle, a spaceship, or whatever you like! We’ll supply LEGO® bricks; just bring your imagination. Come on by to create something awesome!

Deep Relaxation Class
Wednesdays at 7 PM
1/15 Registration begins 1/1
1/22 Registration begins 1/8
1/29 Registration begins 1/15
2/5 Registration begins 2/2
2/12 Registration begins 2/9
2/19 Registration begins 2/5
Ages 13 - Adults. Experience the benefits of a deep relaxation session in this inwardly focused yoga class. Through gentle asanas (comfortable stretching), Yoga Nidra (deep relaxation), an introduction to pranayama (breathing practices), and meditation, we work from the physical body to the subtle bodies, restoring and inviting peace to our being. No experience necessary. Please bring a mat and a blanket. All attendees need to register.

TinkerTots
Fridays at 10 AM
1/17 Registration begins 1/3
2/28 Registration begins 2/14
Ages 2 - 5. Keep those little fingers busy and experimenting in our library Tinkertown. Fun, playful activities will engage the mind and body as your child builds his/her fine motor skills and creativity. Refreshments will be served. Only kids need to register.

Pokémon Club
Saturdays at 2 PM
1/18, 2/15
Ages 8 - 17. Gotta catch ’em all!! Bring your cards and/or devices to this informal gathering for some unofficial Pokémon play.

PAWS to Read
Saturdays at 2 PM
1/25, 2/22
Ages 5 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog. Research shows that reading to animals can boost reading skills in children as well as help with emotional and social skills. Struggling readers are encouraged to participate.

Passport Prep Q&A
Monday, 12/2 at 5 PM
Friday, 12/13 at 1 PM
Ages 16 - Adults. Get a head start on the passport application process in this open Q&A session where a passport acceptance agent will be available to answer all your questions.

Family Ugly Sweater DIY
Tuesday, 12/3 at 7 PM
Registration begins 11/19
Ages 11 - Adults. Bring your own sweater or sweatershirt to decorate at this ugly sweater event. We’ll supply the blitz and the bling for your creations. All attendees need to register.

Drop in for self-directed use of our makerspace resources during our unstaffed open lab hours. Check library.carr.org/programs/explorationpoint.asp for a full list of available equipment and software.

OPEN EXPLORATION
Mondays from 3 – 8:30 PM
12/2 – 12/16, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24
Wednesdays from 3 – 8:30 PM
12/4, 1/15, 2/6, 2/19
Saturdays from 1 – 4:30 PM
12/14 – 12/28, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22 – 2/29
Ages 6 – 17

WEEKLY THEMES
12/2 – 12/15 Holiday STEAM
12/16 – 12/29 Star Wars
12/30 – 1/12 Flight
1/13 – 1/26 Nintendo
1/27 – 2/9 STEAM Art
2/10 – 2/23 Minecraft

R Register beginning 2 weeks before a program at library.carr.org.
DECEMBER

Nail Polish Ornaments
Wednesday, 12/4 at 6:30 PM
Adults. Create an ornament you can hang on your tree using nail polish. All materials will be provided.

Druide Theater Arts Presents: Amahl and the Night Visitors
Saturday, 12/7 at 1 PM
Ages 3 - Adults. Based on Italian folk tales of the Nativity and Epiphany, Amahl and the Night Visitors is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy named Amahl, who lives in poverty with his widowed mother near Bethlehem.

Holiday STEAM Crafts: Cookie Cutters and Cards
Saturday, 12/7 at 2 PM
Registration begins 11/23
Ages 8 - 17. Use Cookie Caster to design and 3D print your own custom cookie cutters to keep or share as a holiday gift. Next, take photos on our green screen to appear in your favorite holiday movie or scene, and then print your photo to make a card! Participants will be able to pick up their cookie cutters within a week after the program. All attendees need to register.

Yoga Nidra
Thursday, 12/12 at 7 PM
Registration begins 11/28
Ages 13 - Adults. Yoga Nidra is the state of dynamic sleep. It is a powerful technique where you relax consciously, inducing complete physical, mental, and emotional relaxation. For your comfort, besides your mat, you may want to bring a blanket, pillow, and eye mask. For those not comfortable on the floor, this can be done in a chair as well. All attendees need to register.

Grinch Fest
Friday, 12/13 at 10 AM
Registration begins 11/29
Ages 2 - 5. Visit the Whos down in Whoville for a Grinch-tastic holiday celebration!

Duffy & Ro: Americana and Country Music
Saturday, 12/14 at 12 PM
For All Ages. Blending the styles of modern country, Americana, and traditional American music into a mix of beautiful vocal harmonies and well-constructed guitar duets, Duffy & Ro bring new life and a fresh perspective to tunes of yesteryear. Their music is sure to inspire and warm the heart of any listener. A Celebrating America program.

Make a Gift for Someone Special
Monday, 12/16 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 12/2
Ages 3 - 9. Join us as we make a holiday gift and card for someone special. All supplies will be provided. Only kids need to register.

Star Wars STEAM at Exploration Point!
Wednesday, 12/18 at 3 PM
Ages 6 - 17. Join us for some fun Star Wars themed drop-in STEAM activities – program a droid, try out our green screen, make your own buttons, and more!

Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents: A Dickens Tale
Saturday, 12/21 at 11 AM
Ages 5 - Adults. Join old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, old Jacob Marley, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future while discovering the true meaning of the season.

Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus
Saturday, 12/21 at 1 PM
For All Ages. Enjoy an afternoon of holiday music and good cheer to get you in the spirit of the season.

Boomwhackers: Symphony of FUN!
Thursday, 12/26 at 2 PM
Ages 8 - 12. Discover the exciting world of Boomwhackers, the musical instrument ANYONE can learn! We’ll use this unique instrument to play popular tunes with the assistance of a video guide.

Lightsaber Circuit Cards
Monday, 12/30 at 2 PM
Registration begins 12/16
Ages 8 - 17. Create a lightsaber greeting card that really glows - thanks to a paper circuit you can build yourself! Join us to learn about circuits and enjoy some Star Wars crafting! All attendees need to register.

New Year’s at Noon!
Tuesday, 12/31 at 11 AM
Ages 3 - 12. Ring in the New Year early with the whole family! We’ll celebrate the beginning of 2020 with games, snacks, and crafts, as well as a countdown to midnight! Refreshments will be served.

JANUARY

Makey Makey Arcade
Saturday, 1/4 at 1 PM
Registration begins 12/21
Ages 6 - 17. First, we will design and build custom game controllers, and then we will use Makey Makey, circuits and wires that turn any object into a computer keyboard, to connect and play games with our controllers in the Makey Makey arcade! All attendees need to register.

Druide Theater Arts Presents: The Fall of the House of Usher
Saturday, 1/18 at 1 PM
Ages 6 - Adults. This performance is based on one of Poe’s most terrifying tales, The Fall of the House of Usher. This story is narrated by a childhood friend of Roderick Usher who is visiting. Usher gradually makes clear that his twin sister, Madeline, has been placed in the family vault not quite dead. When she reappears in her blood-stained shroud, the visitor rushes to leave as the entire house splits and sinks into a lake.

Explore Nintendo
Wednesday, 1/22 at 3 PM
Ages 6 - 17. Join us in Exploration Point! for some drop-in Nintendo-themed activities. Stop in to take photos on our green screen, make your own Nintendo-themed buttons, and try out even more games, snacks, and activities!

Roar Like a Lion: An Afternoon of Community Service
Sunday, 1/26 from 1 - 4 PM
For All Ages. See page 4 for details.

FEBRUARY

Make Your Own Minecraft Pillow
Saturday, 2/1 at 1 PM
Registration begins 1/18
Ages 8 - 17. Sew and stuff your own pillow designed to look like a creeper from Minecraft! No sewing skills are required, we’ll teach some hand-stitching skills and provide all the materials! All attendees need to register.
Laser Tag at the Library
Friday, 2/7 at 6 PM
Registration begins 1/24
Ages 11 - 17. Join us for an after-hours night of laser tag fun! All participants must have a signed permission slip which is available at drop off. Refreshments will be served.

Be Mine! Crafts
Saturday, 2/8 at 11 AM
Ages 2 - 6. Create Valentine’s Day crafts for your special someone.

Watercolor Card Making
Monday, 2/10 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 1/27
Ages 11 - Adults. Create a Valentine-themed watercolor card and share a little love with someone special! All attendees need to register.

Valentine’s Day Fun
Friday, 2/14 at 10 AM
Registration begins 1/31
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for an afternoon of Valentine’s Day fun with stories, songs, and crafts!

Drum Circle
Saturday, 2/15 at 1 PM
For All Ages. Nellie Hill will lead us in a fun and energetic drum circle. Family friendly and open to all ages and abilities.

Bad Art Night Lock-in
Friday, 2/21 at 6 PM
Registration begins 2/7
Ages 10 - 14. Join us for a fun night of creating the best bad art possible. We’ll supply the materials, you bring the wacky imagination and tacky creativity. All participants must have a signed permission slip which is available at drop off. Refreshments will be served. All attendees need to register.

Stop by your local branch to pick up a gift or treat yourself at our ongoing book sales.

Winter Super Sale
Friday, 2/21 and Saturday, 2/22 from 10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday, 2/23 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Winter Book Sales
Stop by your local branch to pick up a gift or treat yourself at our ongoing book sales.

Featured Sales
Eldersburg Branch
Holiday Gift Sale
Friday, 11/29 to Saturday, 1/4 during library hours

Cabin Fever Book Sale
Starting Thursday, 2/13 at 5 PM to Sunday, 2/23, during library hours

Finksburg Branch
Winter Super Sale
Friday, 2/21 and Saturday, 2/22 from 10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday, 2/23 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM

OFFSITE EVENT
BE SAFE ONLINE BOOK HISTORY MEETS 3D
Tuesday, February 4 at 10 AM
Fairhaven Auditorium
7200 Third Ave • Sykesville
Ages 6 - Adults. Learn the ins and outs of online safety. Whether you’re a retiree, a professional, or just a curious person, Hash Newman will lead us in understanding basic online tips and how to be more conscious of how we spend our time online. We’ll also explore 3D printing as an example of the fast-moving pace of technology.
**DECEMBER - FEBRUARY**

## NON-THEMED STORYTIMES

**Read and Play**  
Tuesdays at 9:45 AM  
Thursdays at 11 AM  
12/3 - 12/19, 1/7 - 2/27  
Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

**THEMED STORYTIMES**

**Twos and Threes Together**  
Tuesdays at 11 AM  
Thursdays at 9:45 AM  
12/3 - 12/19, 1/7 - 2/27  
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

**Family Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 11 AM  
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8 - 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.

**Ready, Set, School!**  
Wednesdays at 1:30 PM  
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8 - 2/26  
Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills.

**Pajama Party Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM  
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8 - 2/26  
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.

### Alphabet Train  
Mondays at 11 AM  
1/6 - 2/24  
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.

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## BOOK CLUBS

### Veterans Book Club  
Mondays at 6 PM  
12/16: Smokey the Brave by Damien Lewis  
1/27: Valley Forge by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin  
2/24: Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans by Brian Kilmeade  
For Adults. In partnership with the Carroll County Veterans Advisory Council. Refreshments will be served. A Celebrating America program.

### Finksburg Book Club  
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM  
12/17: Where’d You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple  
1/21: The Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck  
2/18: Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf  
For Adults.

### First Friday Book Club  
Fridays at 10:30 AM  
1/3: Still Alice by Lisa Genova  
2/7: Vox by Christina Dalcher  
For Adults. Refreshments will be provided.

### Chess Club  
Saturdays at 1 PM  
12/7, 1/4, 2/1  
For All Ages. Play chess and learn from other players. For all skill levels.

### Busy Bee Quilting  
Fridays at 1 PM  
12/13, 1/10, 2/14  
Adults. Looking for a quilting group? Interested in learning how to quilt? Join the Busy Bee Quilt Guild every month for some quilting fun!

### PAWS to Read  
Saturdays at 2 PM  
12/14: Registration begins 11/30  
1/11: Registration begins 12/28  
2/8: Registration begins 1/25  
Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with and read a story to a book-loving dog. Research shows that reading to animals boosts reading skills in children, helps with social skills and even emotional health for all ages. Adults and seniors come de-stress and relax with a fuzzy friend. Walk-ins welcome! Only kids need to register.

### Teen Advisory Board  
Thursdays at 6 PM  
12/19, 1/16, 2/20  
Ages 12 - 17. Join the Teen Advisory Board! Share your opinions and ideas about programs and materials you’d like to see at the Finksburg Branch. Earn service hours while helping your library! Refreshments will be served.

### CUENTOS BILINGÜES  
**BILINGUAL STORYTIME**  
Jueves a las/Thursdays at 6:30 PM  
12/5, 1/2, 2/6  
Sabados a las/Saturdays at 10 AM  
12/21, 1/18, 2/15  
Ages Birth – 11. Do you speak Spanish? We’ll share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement in English and Spanish. Come talk, sing, read, and create together in a format appropriate for young children.

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**Finksburg Branch**
DECEMBER

St. Lucia and St. Nicholas Celebrations
Monday, 12/2 at 11 AM
Ages 3 - 6. Come learn about these two holidays celebrated in parts of Europe. We will hear stories, sing songs, and do crafts together, all themed around the holiday.

Bird Migration and Conservation with Lights Out Baltimore
Tuesday, 12/3 at 3 PM
Registration begins 11/19
Ages 8 - Adults. Join Lights Out Baltimore, a nonprofit project of the Baltimore Bird Club for a presentation on bird migration, light pollution, and how to make your home safe from collisions with bird-safe building design and crash-proof glass doors and windows for our feathered friends. Registration available but walk-ins welcome.

All About Dogs
Saturday, 12/7 at 11 AM
Registration begins 11/23
Ages 5 - Adults. Explore your options for finding the right dog with Susan Bulanda. This informative presentation will help you get ready for dog ownership, from veterinary visits to behavioral training. There will be time for a question and answer session after the presentation. All attendees need to register.

Frozen Dinosaur Eggs
Monday, 12/9 at 10 AM
Registration begins 11/25
Ages 3 - 6. During this program we will talk about the differences between solids and liquids! After we talk about solids and liquids, we will get the chance to do a fun experiment with frozen dinosaur eggs! Only kids need to register.

3D Printed Cards
Tuesday, 12/10 at 5:30 PM
Registration begins 11/26
Ages 12 - 17. Use 3D design technology to create a custom card for friends or loved ones, then have it printed out with our 3D printer! All attendees need to register.

Festive Holiday Crafts
Thursday, 12/12 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 11/28
Ages 14 - Adults. Get in the holiday spirit by creating some festive decorations! Keep them for yourself or use them as a gift. All materials will be provided, just bring your creativity. All attendees need to register.

Holiday Sing-a-long
Monday, 12/23 at 11 AM
For All Ages. It’s getting close to the holidays! Come join us for a holiday sing-a-long where we’ll read stories, sing, and dance!

LEGO® Creations
Friday, 12/27 at 10 AM
For All Ages. Want to build a castle? Or a spaceship? Or something totally new and different? Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring your dad or your mom and build together!

Meet Pepper
Monday, 12/30 at 1 PM
For All Ages. Meet Pepper, CCPL’s social humanoid robot! During this drop-in time, interact with Pepper to learn about robots and how their underlying technology works. Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Robo Dojo: Code with Pepper
Monday, 12/30 at 2 PM
Registration begins 12/16
Ages 11 - Adults. Meet Pepper, CCPL’s social humanoid robot! Program Pepper to strike up a conversation, choreographer. No previous coding experience is required. Explore coding concepts and human robot interaction in a fun way. Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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Canine Search and Rescue Presentation
Saturday, 1/4 at 11 AM
Registration begins 12/21
Ages 8 - Adults. Susan Bulanda, M.A., C.A.B.C. will present a brief overview of canine search and rescue. She will explain the different types of searches, how the dogs operate, as well as some tips about staying safe in the woods. Susan has over 20 years of field experience in K9SAR. Her book, Ready! The Training of the Search and Rescue Dog, will be available for sale and Babs, her Border Collie, will be here and may do a few tricks! All attendees need to register.

Darla Jean and the Somethin’ or Others
Saturday, 1/4 at 2 PM
Registration begins 12/21
For All Ages. Darla Jean and the Somethin’ or Others is a local band founded in 2010. They play mostly old-time country music and throw in some blues, traditional bluegrass, and original songs. You’ll hear fiddle, mandolin, upright bass, guitar, banjo, harmonica, and tight harmony. They encourage singing along, tiny kids who dance in circles, and having a good time. So c’mom down and have some old time fun! All attendees need to register.

Card Camp
Monday, 1/6 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 12/23
Ages 6 - Adults. Create your own greeting cards with the library’s collection of rubber stamps. Examples and supplies for three cards will be provided. And best of all, if you want to continue crafting, you can check out a stamp set and take it home! All attendees need to register.

Protect Our Feathered Friends Workshop with Lights Out Baltimore
Saturday, 1/11 at 10 AM
Registration begins 12/28
Ages 5 - Adults. Join Lights Out Baltimore, a nonprofit project of the Baltimore Bird Club, a local chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society, for a workshop on how to protect migrating birds. Create your own decals for glass doors and windows, making them visible to our special feathered friends.

Expand Your Writing Comfort Zone!
Saturday, 1/11 at 1 PM
Ages 6 - 17. Join Makenzie Greenwood, the 12-year-old founder of Hampstead’s Little Free Pantry, as she conducts a fun and informative workshop for students to improve their community through service projects. The workshop promotes the entrepreneurial spirit, self-motivation, and hard work. Makenzie’s efforts have been recognized by Governor Hogan, Ellen Degeneres, and Dr. Ben Carson. Participants will leave inspired with fresh ideas to start their own community service project. Community service hours can be earned by attending this workshop. All attendees need to register.

Kids Can! Make a Difference in Their Community
Ages 6 - 17. Join Makenzie Greenwood, the 12-year-old founder of Hampstead’s Little Free Pantry, as she conducts a fun and informative workshop for students to improve their community through service projects. The workshop promotes the entrepreneurial spirit, self-motivation, and hard work. Makenzie’s efforts have been recognized by Governor Hogan, Ellen Degeneres, and Dr. Ben Carson. Participants will leave inspired with fresh ideas to start their own community service project. Community service hours can be earned by attending this workshop. All attendees need to register.

at the Finksburg Branch
Monday, 1/13 at 6:30 PM • Registration begins 12/30
at the Taneytown Branch
Monday, 2/24 at 6:30 PM • Registration begins 2/10

R Register beginning 2 weeks before a program at library.carr.org.
**Tuesdays at 7 PM**

December 10
Registration begins 11/27

January 14
Registration begins 1/1

February 11
Registration begins 1/28

Adults. What trivia tidbits are rattling around in your head? Grab a few friends and join us for Trivia Night at Bistro 9!! Compete for prizes and Facebook fame! Teams of up to five can sign up by registering online. Only one person per team needs to register.
**DECEMBER - FEBRUARY**

### NON-THEMED STORYTIMES

**Read and Play**
Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:45 AM
12/2 - 1/8, 1/15 - 2/26
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

**Shake, Rattle, and Read**
Mondays at 11 AM
12/2, 12/16, 12/30, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a playgroup just for preschoolers. Enjoy music, and socialize with others.

**Meetup Mondays**
Mondays at 11 AM
12/9, 12/23, 1/6, 2/3
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a playgroup just for preschoolers. Come enjoy a festive space where you and your child can explore and play with our toys, read a board book, enjoy music, and socialize with others.

### THEMED STORYTIMES

**Family Storytime**
Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 and 11 AM
12/3 - 2/28
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a storytime that specializes in a specific, beloved activity: parachutes, scarves, and bean bags! Each program will focus on a different theme: bathrooms, five senses, sweet treats, and bedtime.

**Twos and Threes Together**
Wednesdays at 11 AM
12/4 - 2/27
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

**Saturday Storytime**
Saturdays at 11 AM
12/7 - 2/29
Ages 2 - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together.

**Sunday Storytime**
Sundays at 2 PM
12/15, 1/5, 2/23
Ages 2 - 8. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together.

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**Teen Advisory Board**
Mondays at 6:30 PM
12/9, 1/13, 2/10
Ages 12 - 17. Need service hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board for a fun-filled meeting to learn how you can become a leader in your library. But it’s not all work and no play; we’ll provide plenty of snacks and games too! Refreshments will be served.

**Storytime Shorts**
Tuesdays at 2 PM
Parachute Play
12/10  Registration begins 11/26
Ages 5 - 12. Stop by and make a card or two for the holiday season! We will have all of the supplies for both standard and pop-up cards, as well as a few templates to make your card beautiful and one-of-a-kind. It’s the perfect gift for someone special!

**Shake, Rattle, and Read**
**Parachute Play**
12/15, 1/5, 2/23
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a storytime that specializes in a specific, beloved activity: parachutes, scarves, and bean bags! Each program will focus on a different “tool” we use to develop and enhance our fine motor skills. Attend one, two, or attend them all! Only kids need to register.

**Meetup Mondays**
Mondays at 11 AM
12/9, 12/23, 1/6, 2/3
Ages 2 - 5. Join us for a playgroup just for preschoolers. Come enjoy a festive space where you and your child can explore and play with our toys, read a board book, enjoy music, and socialize with others.

**Memory Writing**
Fridays at 2 PM
12/20, 1/17, 2/21
Ages 3 - Adults. Join us as we recall fond memories and free-write, creating a journal for others (and ourselves) to enjoy! Each month features a different topic.

**Washer Jewelry and Art**
Sunday, 12/1 at 2 PM
Registration begins 11/17
Ages 14 - Adults. Take ordinary washers and turn them into works of art and beautiful jewelry! All attendees need to register.

**Dinosaurs**
12/29
Ages 5 - 12. Based on Italian folk tales of the Nativity and Epiphany, Amahl and the Night Visitors is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy named Amahl, who lives in poverty with his widowed mother near Bethlehem.

**Amahl and the Night Visitors**
Saturday, 12/7 at 2:30 PM
Ages 3 - Adults. Based on Italian folk tales of the Nativity and Epiphany, Amahl and the Night Visitors is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy named Amahl, who lives in poverty with his widowed mother near Bethlehem.

**Holiday Pop-Up Cards**
Saturday, 12/14 at 1:30 PM
Ages 5 - 12. Stop by and make a card or two for the holiday season! We will have all of the supplies for both standard and pop-up cards, as well as a few templates to make your card beautiful and one-of-a-kind. It’s the perfect gift for someone special!

**The Gingerbread Manis Loose in the Library!**
Wednesday, 12/18 at 6:30 PM
Ages 3 - Adults. Based on Italian folk tales of the Nativity and Epiphany, Amahl and the Night Visitors is a retelling of the story of the Magi from the point of view of a young disabled boy named Amahl, who lives in poverty with his widowed mother near Bethlehem.

**Mount Airy Book Discussion Group**
Wednesdays at 1 PM
12/18: *Oskar and the Eight Blessings* by Richard and Tanya Simon
1/15: *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore
2/19: *All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani
For Adults

**Mount Airy Senior Center Book Discussion Group**
Thursdays at 12 PM
12/26: *Twelve Days of Christmas* by Debbie Macomber
1/23: *Five Presidents* by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin
2/27: *On the Beach* by Nevil Shute
For Adults

**Register beginning 2 weeks before a program at library.carr.org.**
DECEMBER

Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents: A Dickens Tale
Saturday, 12/21 at 2 PM
Registration begins 12/7
Ages 5 - Adults. Join old Scrooge, bumbling Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, old Jacob Marley, and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future while discovering the true meaning of the season. All attendees need to register.

Frozen Party
Friday, 12/27 at 2 PM
For All Ages. We’ll have crafts and activities galore to celebrate the recent Disney movie – we might even build a snowman! Costumes and singing voices welcome. Refreshments will be served.

American Girl® Winter Party
Monday, 12/30 at 2 PM
Ages 5 - 10. Bring your American Girl® doll and join us for crafts, activities, and indoor winter fun! A Celebrating America program.

New Year’s at Noon!
Tuesday, 12/31 at 11:30 AM
Registration begins 12/17
Ages Birth - 8.Join us for New Year’s Eve stories and fun. We’ll make a noisemaker and practice for tonight by counting down to 12 noon. Refreshments will be served. Only kids need to register.

JANUARY

Younglings Rule, Nerfherders Drool!
Saturday, 1/4 at 2 PM
Thursday, 1/9 at 6:30 PM
Ages 3 - 8. See page 30 for details.

Stay Safe with Tristar Martial Arts
Saturday, 1/11 at 1 PM
Registration begins 12/28
Ages 6 - 12. An instructor from Tristar Martial Arts Academy will present a fun-filled, high-energy martial arts class focusing on stranger danger, safety, and anti-bullying. Martial arts encourages confidence, respect, physical fitness, and is fun for all ages! Loose-fitting pants or shorts are encouraged. Only kids need to register.

Cinderella’s Winter Ball
Monday, 1/13 at 11 AM, 2 PM, or 6:30 PM
Registration begins 12/30
Ages 3 - 12. The prince is having a winter ball and you’re invited! Will Cinderella get to go or will she have to stay home and clean? Who will the prince dance with and will he find his true love? Join us as we sing and dance our way through one enchanted evening! All attendees need to register.

Robo Dojo: Code with Pepper
Wednesday, 1/29 at 2 PM
Registration begins 1/15
Ages 11 - Adults. Program Pepper to create a story or a conversation, dance, or tell a story using the simple drag and drop interface, Choregraphe. No previous coding experience is required. Explore coding concepts and human robot interaction in a fun way. Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Fall in Love with Your Instant Pot®
Thursday, 1/16 at 7 PM
Ages 6 - Adults. You can save up to three lives with your Instant Pot®. We will answer all of your questions as we go through the process. Afterward, we will share tips on how to cook other foods, as well as share sources for recipes.

The Opera Bears
Friday, 1/17 at 1 PM
Ages 3 - 8. See page 30 for details.

Virtual Reality Open House:
Oculus Quest
Sunday, 1/19 from 2 - 3:30 PM
Ages 6 - Adults. Join us as we try out some of CCPL’s newest virtual reality technology, the Oculus Quest.

Language Learning with Mango Languages
Thursday, 1/23 at 7 PM
Registration begins 1/9
Ages 11 - 17. Mango Languages is back! Join us for an introduction to this awesome resource. Please feel free to bring your tablet or mobile device. All attendees need to register.

Roar Like a Lion:
An Afternoon of Community Service
Sunday, 1/26 from 1 - 4 PM
For All Ages. Page 4 for details.

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Bubble Gum Taste Test
Saturday, 2/1 at 1:30 PM
Ages 4 - 12. Celebrate National Bubble Gum Day as we learn more about the history and science behind one of America’s favorite things! We will end the program with a taste test of various brands and flavors to see which one will be declared Mount Airy’s favorite! A Celebrating America program.

Can You See Your Shadow?
Monday, 2/3 at 2 PM
Ages 2 - 6. What does your shadow look like? Will the groundhog see his shadow this month? Join us for a storytime, groundhog crafts, games, and some shadow science fun.

Teen After-Hours: Winter Wonderland
Friday, 2/7 at 6 PM
Registration begins 1/24
Ages 11 - 17. Who says the snow has to stay outside? Join us for an evening of winter-themed fun and games. We will break out the snow machine and maybe even have (marshmallow) snowball fights! Parent pick-up at 8 PM. Refreshments will be served. All attendees need to register.

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Board Game Afternoon
Thursday, 2/20 at 3:30 PM
Registration begins 2/6
Ages 11 - 17. Join us for an afternoon of board game fun! We will have a selection handy; if you have a favorite, consider bringing it from home and introducing it to your friends. Refreshments will be served. All attendees need to register.

Bottle Cap Art
Tuesday, 2/25 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 2/11
Adults. Join us as we recycle bottle caps into works of art. Make a beautiful mural or a piece of jewelry to show off your creative skills! All attendees need to register.
DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

NON-THEMED STORYTIMES

Meetup Mondays
Mondays at 10 AM
12/2 - 12/16, 1/6 - 2/24
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Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

THEMED STORYTIMES

Move & Learn
Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM
12/3 - 12/17, 1/7 - 2/25
Ages 2 - 6. A theme-based storytime featuring an age-appropriate story, songs, and learning activities, with a concentration on creative movement.

Family Storytime
Wednesdays at 10 AM
12/4 - 12/19, 1/8 - 2/27
Ages Birth - 8. We’ll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Pajama Party Storytime
Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8 - 1/22, 2/5 - 2/26
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.

WEEK OF THEME
12/1 Bedtime
12/8 Royalty
12/15 Holiday Stories
1/5 Wild Animals
1/12 Winter
1/19 Bath Time
1/26 Five Senses
2/2 Cookies
2/9 Love
2/16 Dinosaurs
2/23 Monkeys

North Carroll Knitters Group
Mondays at 7 PM
12/2, 1/6, 2/3
Tuesdays at 7 PM
12/17, 1/21, 2/18
Adults. Knitters and crocheters are all welcome to join this semi-monthly gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns.

Read to a Dog Friend
Thursdays at 6:30 PM
12/5, 1/9, 2/6
Ages 4 - 12. Read to a puppy from the Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Program. Research shows that reading to an animal can boost reading skills in children as well as help with emotional and social skills.

The Notary Is In!
Saturdays from 1 - 4 PM
1/18, 2/15
Adults. Did you know CCPL offers FREE Notary service? If you need those documents notarized stop by the branch to meet with our notary! Can’t stop by today, then call to speak with one of our notaries and schedule a time that will work for you!

Ask A Master Gardener
Mondays at 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
1/27, 2/24
Adults. Bring your questions about winter gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more!

Pearl Harbor: Day of Infamy
Tuesday, 12/3 at 7 PM
Ages 13 - Adults. In honor of the 78th anniversary of Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941), Henry Endres, a World War II reenactor, will speak about this Day of Infamy. Learn about what led up to the attack, hear an hour-by-hour account and about some of the people who lost their lives, and see some rare memorabilia from that fateful day. A Celebrating America program.

Polar Express
Friday, 12/6 at 1 PM
Ages 3 - Adults. Fun-In-It Storytelling will present The Polar Express.

Santa’s Secret Shop
Saturdays from 10 AM - 2 PM
12/7, 1/14
Ages 3 - 12. Join us and create fun crafts and gifts to surprise someone with during the holiday season.

Minecraft Mania
Monday, 12/9 at 7 PM
Registration begins 11/25
Ages 11 - 17. Join us to play Minecraft.

North Carroll Senior Center Book Clubs
Wednesdays at 11 AM
12/11: A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
1/8: The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
2/12: The Gown by Jennifer Robson
Thursdays at 1 PM
12/12: A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg
1/9: Marilla of Green Gables by Sarah McCoy
2/13: The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
For Adults

North Carroll Book Discussion Group
Mondays at 6:30 PM
1/27: Sunburn by Laura Lippman
2/24: The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan
For Adults

Book Club Without a Book!
Tuesday, 2/4 at 6:30 PM
For Adults. No reading is required. Chat about a book you’ve read and hear about great books others have enjoyed.

R Register beginning 2 weeks before a program at library.carr.org.
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**Holiday Bells**
**Tuesday, 12/10 at 7 PM**
For All Ages. Ring in the Holidays with the Grace Bible Church Children’s Bell Choir as they play traditional seasonal music.

**Conquering Debt**
**Friday, 12/13 at 2 PM**
Adults. Learn about the debt collection process and how to effectively interact with debt collectors. Review various techniques that will help you reduce your debt.

**Meet Santa**
**Saturday, 12/14 at 10 AM**
For All Ages. Santa’s calling all the good children to read a story, sing songs, and listen to wishes for the holiday season! If you miss the Santa visit, you can write him a letter at our North Pole mail station until December 23.

**Seasonal String Music**
**Saturday, 12/14 at 11 AM**
For All Ages. Enjoy a concert of holiday music with local violin performer and teacher, Heather Keller!

**Outscam the Scammers!**
**Monday, 12/16 at 6:30 PM**
Registration begins 12/2
Adults. Join representatives from Edward Jones and the Town of Hampstead Police Department for this presentation that will help give you the information you need to outsmart the scammers! All attendees need to register.

**Wrap It Up!**
**Saturday, 12/21 from 1 - 3 PM**
Adults. Enjoy a two-hour drop-in of gift wrapping, snacks, and big screen holiday sights and sounds. Bring your small to medium size gifts (limit 5 per family) and the library will provide the wrapping paper and supplies. Refreshments will be served.

**Radical Reptiles**
**Monday, 12/30 at 10 AM**
Ages 2 - 12. In this STEM-based program, children will learn about habitat and care of a wide array of reptiles. Under supervision, children will have the opportunity to touch, pet, and hold some of the reptiles.

**Chameleons Collage**
**Monday, 12/30 at 1 PM**
Registration begins 12/16
Ages 10 - 16. A STEAM-based art program taught by a licensed art teacher and reptile enthusiast. Tweens and teens will have the opportunity to closely view a reptile as their model and create an original collage using a variety of art media.

**New Year’s Eve at Noon**
**Tuesday, 12/31 at 11 AM**
Ages 3 - 9. We’re celebrating the end of 2019 early at a kid-friendly, day time bash! Join us for crafts, games, and dancing. And at 11:59 we’ll ring in the noon with balloons, noise, and fun.

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**Tuesday, 12/31 at 12 PM**
For All Ages. Meet Pepper, CCPL’s social humanoid robot! During this drop-in time, interact with Pepper to learn about robots and how their underlying technology works. Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**Robo Dojo: Code with Pepper**
**Tuesday, 12/31 at 2 PM**
Registration begins 12/17
Ages 11 - Adults. Meet Pepper, CCPL’s social humanoid robot! Program Pepper to strike up a conversation, dance, or tell a story using the simple drag and drop interface, Choregraphe. No previous coding experience is required. Explore coding concepts and human robot interaction in a fun way. Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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**Chutes and Bubbles**
**Thursday, 1/2 at 10 AM**
Ages 2 - 6. Enjoy two of everyone’s favorite story time activities, the parachute and bubbles, set to music for a half hour of fun.

**Drive-In Movie at the Library**
**Friday, 1/3 at 1 PM**
Registration begins 12/20
Ages 4 - 10. Children will customize cardboard box cars and drive them to the “drive-in” theater to see a short film. Boxes and decorating supplies will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Only kids need to register.

**Eating for Diabetes: Prevention and Management**
**Tuesday, 1/7 at 6 PM**
Registration begins 12/24
Adults. Jen Whitcomb will be demonstrating cooking in the Instant Pot® for Valentine’s Day? Tuesday, 1/28 at 6:30 PM
Adults. Earn it, plan it, keep it, and why we want to avoid them. Then create your own lip balm and bar lotion to start your toxin free New Year. All attendees need to register.

**Create Your Own Vision Board**
**Thursday, 1/9 at 7 PM**
Registration begins 12/26
Adults. It has been proven that visualization techniques can help people achieve their goals. Create a vision board that highlights your dreams of your future, using pictures and power words. All attendees need to register.

**Quilt Trunk Show**
**Saturday, 1/11 from 1 - 3 PM**
Ages 8 - Adults. Warm up this winter by attending a quilt show presented by local master quilter, Barb Myers, who will display an array of her quilts. This program is for non-quilters and quilters alike. In the event of inclement weather, the snow date will be Saturday, January 25. A Celebrating America program.

**Create a Snow Globe**
**Monday, 1/13 at 7 PM**
Registration begins 12/30
Ages 11 - 17. Join us to make your own snow globe. All material will be provided for you.

**No Toxin New Year**
**Tuesday, 1/14 at 3 PM**
Registration begins 12/31
Adults. Learn about common toxins in your home and why we want to avoid them. Then create your own lip balm and bar lotion to start your toxin free New Year. All attendees need to register.

**Make an Electric Car**
**Saturday, 1/18 at 10 AM**
Registration begins 1/4
Ages 11 - 17. Join to us to design, create, and test out your own mini electric car. All materials will be provided.

**Leave It, Move It, Roll It, Take It**
**Thursday, 1/23 at 6 PM**
Adults. This educational program is designed to help you learn how to handle your 401(k), pension, or other employer-sponsored retirement plans when you leave a job.

**What’s Cooking… in the Instant Pot® for Valentine’s Day?**
**Tuesday, 1/28 at 6:30 PM**
Adults. Jen Whitcomb will be demonstrating cooking for Valentine’s Day, or anytime you are looking for something you will love!

**Olaf’s Frozen Party**
**Wednesday, 1/29 at 1:30 PM**
Ages 3 - 9. Celebrate Olaf, Elsa, and Anna through crafts, songs, and activities. Have fun with tech as you experience Olaf’s snowy world. Dress as your favorite character and join us for an hour of Frozen fun!

**Cinderella’s Winter Ball**
**Wednesday, 1/29 at 6:45 PM**
Ages 3 - 12. The prince is having a winter ball and you’re invited! Join us as we sing and dance our way through one enchanted evening!
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Escape Room
Monday, 2/10 at 7 PM
Registration begins 1/27
Ages 11 - 17. Gather clues, figure out puzzles, and attempt to escape the room in less than an hour.

Credit Is an Asset
Thursday, 2/13 at 2 PM
Adults. Learn about your credit report, credit score, and how they affect your ability to borrow money. Find out how to check your credit report and dispute any errors.

Drop-Off Tax Service
Thursday, 2/13 from 3 - 6 PM
Adults. Need help filing your 2019 taxes? Have you fallen behind in filing your taxes in previous years? If you make less than $55,000, then you should consider stopping by to drop off your tax documents for one of our IRS-certified preparers. Your returns are prepared for free within seven business days courtesy of HSP and the VITA Tax Program. Call 410-386-4480, ext. 5225 for more details.

Beat Saber VR
Saturday, 2/15 at 10 AM
Registration begins 2/1
Ages 11 - 17. Come and try out Beat Saber, a virtual reality game that will challenge your coordination and musical timing.

We LOVE Eric Carle!
Saturday, 2/22 at 10 AM
Ages 3 - 9. Eric Carle’s beautiful books teach us so much about nature! We’ll read some of our favorite books and make a collage inspired by this author and illustrator.

What’s Cooking...Heart Warming Soup Recipes!
Tuesday, 2/25 at 6:30 PM
Adults. Bring your favorite soup recipe to share or come in need of a good soup recipe. Warm-up this winter with a fun night of “everything soup” to chase away the winter chill. A variety of soup cookbooks and magazines will be available for check-out as well. Mmm, Mmm Good!

VITA Tax Preparation
Wednesday, 2/26 from 1 - 7 PM
Adults. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS Program offering free tax preparation services to low and moderate-income households. Human Services Programs of Carroll County will be offering a VITA Tax Preparation Day at the North Carroll Branch. Please call 410-386-4480, ext. 5525 to see if you qualify and register for an available time slot. All attendees need to register.

Recycled Book Journal
Saturday, 2/29 at 10 AM
Registration begins 2/15
Adults. Design and put together your own beautiful journal using a recycled book cover. All supplies will be provided.
DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

NON-THEMED STORYTIMES

Read and Play
Wednesdays at 11 AM
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8 - 2/26
Ages 0 - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement. Followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

THEMED STORYTIMES

Twos and Threes Together
Tuesdays at 9:45 AM
12/3 - 12/17, 1/7 - 2/25
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

Pajama Party Storytime
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
12/4 - 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 2/5 - 2/26
Ages 0 - 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.

Family Storytime
Thursdays at 9:45 AM
12/5 - 12/19, 1/9, 1/23 - 2/27
Ages 0 - 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.

Ready, Set, School!
Wednesdays at 9:45 AM
12/18, 1/8 - 2/26
Ages 3 - 6. An independent storytime that prepares children for school. Fun, hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills.

DECEMBER BOOK CLUBS

Taneytown Book Club
Thursdays at 6 PM
December 19
Becoming Belle
by Nuala O'Connor
January 16
The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris
February 20
We Are All Made of Stars
by Rowan Coleman
For Adults

ABCs & 123s
Fridays at 11 AM
The Nutcracker
12/6 Registration begins 11/22
Bundle Up!
1/3 Registration begins 12/20
St. Valentine’s Day
2/7 Registration begins 1/24
Ages 2 - 5. Join the fun as we explore letters and numbers. We’ll offer lots of engaging, hands-on activities to make learning fun!

Vinyasa Yoga with Lindsey
Saturdays at 9:30 AM
12/7 Registration begins 11/23
2/1 Registration begins 12/21
2/7 Registration begins 1/18
Ages 13 - Adults. Join us for a session of Vinyasa or flow yoga. In these classes, we will learn breathing techniques (pranayama), foundational postures (asanas), and use Shavasana and meditation to create a whole-body experience for yogis of all levels.

Teen Advisory Board
Thursdays at 6:30 PM
12/12, 1/9, 2/13
Ages 12 - 17. Is there something you'd like to see at your library? Join us and help make it happen! At TAB, you can help create displays, programming, and more. Earn service hours while making a difference in your community.

Tweens TIME
Thursdays at 4:30 PM
12/19, 1/16, 2/20
Ages 8 - 12. Tween TIME is discovery time. Drop in to the Teen Zone to try out something new each month: tech, games, crafts, arts.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Music with Me
Wednesday, 12/4 at 9:45 AM
Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun with your child as we celebrate the joys of music with instruments, dancing, bean bags, streamers, and more!

All Wrapped Up: Drop-In Holiday Crafts
Saturday, 12/7 from 1 - 3 PM
Ages 2 - 10. Join the fun with December holiday crafts for children to make and take home.

Santa Visits the Library
Saturday, 12/7 from 1 - 4:30 PM
For All Ages. We’re expecting a special visitor – Santa! Bring a camera to take pictures. Santa will be here during our All Wrapped Up: Holiday Drop-in Crafts.

A Handcrafted Holiday: Ornaments
Monday, 12/9 at 6:30 PM
Registration required 11/25
Adults. Nothing says you care like handmade. Join us for an evening of creating handcrafted treasures to display or give away this holiday season. All supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity.

Itty-Bitty Dancers
Wednesday, 12/11 at 9:45 AM
Ages 3 - 6. Come dance with us! We’ll use songs and movement to learn some of the basics of dancing. Join the fun with Kim Golliday from the Taneytown Dance Center.

Messy Masterpieces: Holiday Art
Thursday, 12/12 at 1:30 PM
Ages 2 - 6. Paint and scissors and glue, oh my! It’s time to create your very own masterpieces that can be used for holiday gifts! Please dress to get messy.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Beekeeping in Carroll County
Saturday, 12/7 at 2 PM
Ages 16 - Adults. The Carroll County Beekeepers Association will be here to discuss equipment, set-up, and becoming a beekeeper. Join us if you have any questions and find out what the buzz is all about!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

THEMED STORYTIMES
**Nightmare Before Christmas in the Library**

Thursday, 12/12 at 6 PM

For All Ages. Do you love the Pumpkin King? Are you prepared to kidnap the Sandy Claws? If so, join us for a celebration of Tim Burton’s *Nightmare Before Christmas*, where we’ll scare you into a jolly mood with crafts, activities, and snacks inspired by the modern classic!

**Itty Bitty Scientists: Explore Science**

Friday, 12/13 at 11 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Help your preschool child discover the excitement of science through hands-on activities. We will have many exciting activities for your child; they will observe, solve problems, question, discover, and just have fun!

**Hour of Code™**

Saturday, 12/14

Registration begins 11/30

Ages 8 - 12 at 1:30 PM

Ages 13 - 17 at 3 PM

Taneytown will be taking part in the Hour of Code™ this year! Join us for an introduction to computer science that shows anyone can learn the basics. We will have tutorials for beginners AND for those who are already comfortable with code, so everyone is welcome! Hour of Code™ is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

**Preschool STEAM Tales: Gingerbread Fun**

Friday, 12/20 at 10 AM

Registration begins 12/6

Ages 2 - 6. Explore traditional fairy tales with a STEAM twist! We’ll incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, and/or math activities to extend the fun! Our feature story will be *The Gingerbread Man*. Play dough and other hands-on fun is planned.

**Gretchen and the Winter Whirlwinds Puppet Show**

Friday, 12/27 at 10:30 AM

Registration required 12/13

For All Ages. Gretchen, a young girl from a small village, fights through winter whirlwinds and blizzards hoping to reach the palace of Father Christmas and ask for help. Crumela, an evil winter wizard, plans to keep winter in the village forever. Preventing the other seasons from returning would devastate the village. Join the holiday fun with the Grannies of Carroll Vista.

**Happy New Year at Noon!**

Tuesday, 12/31 at 11 AM

Ages 2 - 10. Are you excited for 2020? Don’t want the kids up ‘til midnight? Ring in the New Year early with games, a noisemaker craft, and a special countdown to noon!

**Itty Bitty Scientists: It’s Cold Outside!**

Friday, 1/10 at 11 AM

Registration begins 12/27

Ages 2 - 5. How do Arctic animals stay warm in icy water? What makes ice melt faster? How do you make an ice castle? Discover the answer to these questions and more as you experiment with ice and water.

**Mad Hatter Tea Party**

Saturday, 1/11 at 2 PM

For All Ages. Whether you’re mad about tea, or just a little bit mad, there’s no better way to celebrate Hot Tea Month than with a tea party. Especially one done Mad Hatter style! Join us for a Wonderland of activities, crafts, and fun. There might even be tea! Costumes welcome.

**Meditation**

Saturday, 1/4 at 2 PM

Registration begins 12/21

Ages 13 - Adults. A member of the International Meditation Center will join us to share their expertise. They will start with an introduction to the concepts of meditation based on the Buddhist tradition, why meditation is so helpful, and follow it with a meditation practice session. There will also be a Q&A for anyone wanting to learn more!

**COMING THIS MARCH**

**to the Taneytown and Finksburg Branches!**

We the People: America’s Founding Visions

Join us for a panel discussion about America’s founding visions. We will use historical documents and local stories to spark public conversations about the founding era’s enduring ideas and themes. A Learning Advantage Partnership and Celebrating America program.

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<td>Preschool STEAM Tales: Falling for Rapunzel</td>
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<td>Friday, 2/21 at 10 AM; Registration begins 2/7; Ages 8 - 12; Explore traditional fairy tales with a STEAM twist! We’ll incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, and/or math activities to extend the fun! It’s Valentine’s Day and our feature story will be Falling for Rapunzel. Playdough and other hands-on fun are planned. We’ll get silly with rhyming, and we’ll see if we can design a tower escape for Rapunzel…because the Prince wasn’t much help! Costumes are welcome if desired.</td>
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<td>Happy Chinese New Year!</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 2/26 at 6:30 PM; Registration begins 1/15; Ages 3 - 12; Celebrate the Chinese New Year, a major cultural festival in Asia. 2020 is the Year of the Rat, and we’ve got special stories and crafts to get in the mood. Learn about another culture, sample some traditions, and try eating long-life noodles with chopsticks! Red is a lucky color, so if you dress in red, there will be a special surprise for you!</td>
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**THEMED STORYTIMES**

**Ready, Set, School!**
- Mondays at 10:30 AM
- Ages Birth - 8
- Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storyline introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

**Let’s Move**
- Tuesdays at 10 AM
- Ages 2 - 5
- Our regular, theme-based storyline with a twist. There will be age appropriate stories, songs and a learning activity along with the opportunity to get up and get moving!

**Pajama Party Storytime**
- Tuesdays at 7 PM
- Ages Birth - 8
- Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storyline introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

**Twos and Threes Together**
- Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM
- Ages 2 - 3
- This lively, fast-paced storyline for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

**WEEK OF** | **THEME**  
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12/1 | Cookies  
12/8 | Love  
12/15 | Dinosaurs  
1/5 | Royalty  
1/12 | Silly Stories  
1/19 | Art  
1/26 | Playtime  
2/2 | Wild Animals  
2/9 | Winter  
2/16 | Bath Time  
2/23 | Five Senses

**NON-THEMED STORYTIMES**

**Read and Play**
- Mondays at 9:30 AM
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 11 AM
- Ages Birth - 24 Months
- Join your little one at a storyline featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities which allow children to practice skills and socialize.

**BOOK CLUBS**

**Westminster Book Discussion Group**
- Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
- December
- Dragon Teeth by Michael Crichton
- January
- Filthy Rich by James Patterson
- February
- Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty
- For Adults

**Teen Advisory Board**
- Mondays at 3:30 PM
- 12/4, 1/8, 2/5
- Ages 12 - 17
- Calling all teens looking for leadership roles in planning library programs. We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Meetings will start with snacks at 3:30 PM, then we’ll get down to business around 3:45 PM. Need service hours? We’ve got those too! Refreshments will be served.

**Transitioning to Medicare Part 1**
- Wednesdays at 5 PM
- 12/4, 1/8, 2/5
- Adults. Are you or someone you care about eligible for Medicare? Come and find out how to make the most of your Medicare health benefits. There are many decisions to make when you are transitioning to Medicare. This seminar will cover what the four parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C, and D) are, Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans, Medicare Advantage plans, available preventative services, and how to protect yourself from healthcare fraud. We will cover Medicare Savings Programs, which help pay for Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket costs. These are not all low-income programs. Presented by Carroll County State Health Insurance Assistance Program/Senior Medicare Patrol.

**Transitioning to Medicare Part 2**
- Thursday, 12/12 at 5 PM
- Wednesdays at 5 PM
- 1/15, 2/12
- Adults. Are you or someone you care about eligible for Medicare? Come and find out how to make the most of 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 discuss a different way to obtain all services covered by Medicare and more: Medicare Advantage Plans. Presented by Carroll County State Health Insurance Assistance Program/Senior Medicare Patrol.

**McDaniel College Gospel Choir**
- Sunday, 12/1 at 2 PM
- For All Ages
- The McDaniel College Gospel Choir, accompanied by pianist Alice Dorsey, is made up of McDaniel students and community members that are committed to spreading the message of love, tolerance, and compassion to Carroll County and beyond. The choir is a diverse group that sings spirituals, gospel and a variety of music to lift your spirits and fill your heart with joy. A Choose Civility program.

**Sunday Afternoon at the Movies**
- Sundays at 2 PM
- 12/18 Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13, 76 min)
- 12/25 The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG, 76 min)
- For All Ages
- Join us for a free afternoon movie. Feel free to BYO popcorn and refreshments.

**It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas**
- Thursday, 12/5 at 2 PM
- For All Ages
- The McDaniel College Gospel Choir, for All Ages. The McDaniel College Gospel Choir, accompanied by pianist Alice Dorsey, is made up of McDaniel students and community members that are committed to spreading the message of love, tolerance, and compassion to Carroll County and beyond. The choir is a diverse group that sings spirituals, gospel and a variety of music to lift your spirits and fill your heart with joy. A Choose Civility program.

**Pre-Twinkle Violin Class**
- Friday, 12/6 at 10 AM
- Ages 2 - 5
- Come to a free violin class at the Library! We are offering a free 30 minute group class that will instruct children the very basics of violin playing (instrument hold, bow hold, rhythms, basic instrument care, etc.). Children will have a chance to jam along with Ms. Glenda on real violins! Questions will be answered at the end of the class regarding the Suzuki method, how to find an instrument and about the Pre-Twinkle program at Westminster Suzuki Strings. Only kids need to register.
DECEMBER

Join the {Electric} Band!
Saturday, 12/7 at 11 AM
Ages 11 - 17. Looking to test your musical chops? Come try out some amplified instruments in our large meeting room! Instructors from Coffey Music will be on hand to give you some pointers, and help you get ready to rock on!

Holiday Concert in the Park
Saturday, 12/7 at 12 PM
For All Ages. Join us for a seasonal concert in our park featuring Westminster Elementary’s 5th Grade Band, West Middle’s 8th Grade Band, and Westminster High’s Jazz Ensemble.

Create a Digital Holiday Greeting
with CoSpaces Edu
Friday, 12/13 at 3:30 PM
Registration begins 11/29
Ages 10 - Adults. We’re back for another rockin’ New Year’s at Noon! Come join us for fun with hands-on activities that encourage small and large motor skills. Staff will walk you through the basics of the CoSpaces Edu story creation tool to create a fun seasonal greeting! All attendees need to register.

Santa’s Shop
Saturday, 12/14 from 2 - 4 PM
Ages 5 - 12. Santa’s Shop is open for business: Just one Saturday in December, while supplies last, to shop for presents for your family. Tickets to buy each present will be handed out at the door (no money involved). No adults allowed - children only. All items are new.

All Aboard the Polar Express
Friday, 12/20 at 10 AM
For All Ages. Storyteller Beth Rebert’s delightful presentation of this heart-warming holiday tale is sure to enchant children of all ages! Come dressed in your PJs as this magical story unfolds.

Opus Antiqua
Saturday, 12/21 at 2:30 PM
For All Ages. Opus Antiqua, formerly the New Windsor Recorder Consort, will play holiday music for your listening enjoyment.

New Year’s at Noon
Tuesday, 12/31 at 11:30 AM
Ages Birth - 18. We’re back for another rockin’ New Year’s Eve! Join us for crafts, games, music, and dancing as we count down and celebrate with our annual balloon drop at noon!

JANUARY

The Log Cabin Caner
Thursday, 1/9 from 7 - 8 PM
For All Ages. Local caner Rick Barrick is fond of antique treasures, most especially chairs. Twelve years ago, he learned how to revive and save the life of chairs in need of caning by taking a traditional art class at the Carroll County Farm Museum; he has saved hundreds of chairs, including antique American ones. Watch Barrick as he weaves natural materials together to create a surface that is sturdy and surprisingly strong. Bring your questions, and even your small chairs, and Rick will have the answers. A Celebrating America program.

The Gingerbread Baby
Friday, 1/10 at 10 AM
Ages 3 - 6. Join us for a fun filled storyline based on Jan Brett’s book Gingerbread Baby. We will explore the text and illustrations through games, activities, and crafts.

Library Wars: Battlefield Westminster
Friday, 1/10 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 12/27
Ages 11 - 17. The epic battle returns! Bring your unmodified foam blaster for an after-hours competition of capture the flag. Registration and permission slips are required for this event; get yours at the library Information Desk. Refreshments will be served.

Cinderella’s Winter Ball
Friday, 1/24 at 10 AM or 2 PM
Ages 3 - 12. The prince is having a winter ball and you’re invited! Will Cinderella get to go or will she have to stay home and clean? Who will the prince dance with and will he find his true love? Join us as we sing and dance our way through one enchanted evening!

National Seed Swap Day
Saturday, 1/25 at 11 AM
Registration begins 1/1
Ages 16 - Adults. It may be cold and snowy, but it’s never too early to start planning your garden! Bring your heirloom or open-pollinated seeds in individually labeled packets to swap with other gardeners. We will have a speaker from the Carroll County Master Gardeners, and there will be plenty of time to socialize, swap tips, and gather information with other gardeners. All attendees need to register.

Roar Like a Lion:
An Afternoon of Community Service
Sunday, 1/26 from 1 - 4 PM
For All Ages. See page 4 for details.

Rags to Rugs
Monday, 1/27 at 6 PM
Ages 14 - Adults. Join Miss Emma to create a functional rug out of recycled materials. Please bring the following supplies: 1 jumbo crochet hook (15-30mm, thicker material requires a larger hook), fabric shears, and materials to upcycle (t-shirts, towels, sheets, jeans, etc). All attendees need to register.

Living Healthy
Monday, 1/13 at 6:30 PM
Ages 11 - Adults. Brooke Hagerty, chef/owner of The Food Chick, and Institute for Integrative Nutrition Health Coach, will discuss how healthy eating doesn’t have to be difficult or expensive; all you need is a willingness to try something new; a little creativity and planning and the sky is the limit! It’s also not about the dreaded word - diet. It’s a way of life and yes, it can still include pizza and ice cream! Discover the resources available right here in Carroll County and conclude the evening munching on a healthy snack while asking questions. In partnership with Carroll Community College and The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County. Refreshments will be served.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS
PROGRAMS FOR TEENS
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
Introduction to English Paper Piecing
Tuesdays at 1 PM
Registration begins 1/21
2/4 Templates and Basting
2/11 Whip Stitch and Flat Back Stitch
2/18 Applique and Finishing Tips

Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for this three-part series where you will learn the basic hand sewing techniques to start your own Grandmother’s Flower Garden style quilt using the English paper piecing technique. Please refer to the pattern “Enduring Legacy” found on pages 52 - 62 of American Patchwork and Quilting Magazine, June 2018 available through our RBdigital service. In addition to fabric requirements in the pattern, please bring the following supplies: 80wt - 100wt polyester thread, a pack of Milliners needles size 9 - 11 (depending on your preference), a water-soluble glue pen (Sewline brand or similar), thread snips, and a thimble. All attendees need to register.

Unmasking Internet Hoaxes
Thursday, 2/6 at 7 PM
Ages 11 - Adults. Join Ryan O’Grady from the Maryland State Library Resource Center as he shows us what should concern us on the Internet, and what should not. Learn to be aware, not afraid!

The Snowy Day
Friday, 2/7 at 10 AM
Ages 3 - 6. Let’s have some fun with snow! We will read The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats and other wintry stories. We will make our own snowy painting, play in homemade snow, make tracks in the snow and other fun winter activities.

Embracing Your Virtual Vibe
Friday, 2/7 at 6:30 PM
Registration begins 1/24
Ages 11 - 17. Achieving your artistic side? Considering your competitive side? We’re open to both at our virtual reality showcase! Registration and permission slips are required for this after-hours event; you can pick up yours at the library’s Information Desk. Refreshments will be served.

Preschool Vision Screening
Monday, 2/10 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Ages 2 - 5. Drop-in for a free vision screening for your child, offered in partnership with the Deer Park Lions Club. This screening for preschool-aged children will test for lazy eye, nearsightedness, farsightedness, and depth perception. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Caregiving & Dementia: Helpful Strategies for Effective Caregiving
Monday, 2/10 at 7 PM
Registration begins 1/27
Adults. Kellie McThenia, Executive Master of Health Administration candidate at George Washington University, has eight years of experience in working with older adults. Caring for those who have dementia is one of Kellie’s greatest passions. Join her for an evening of discussion and building strategies and solutions to help in your caregiving journey.
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