AUGUST 2024 EVENTS
Carroll County Public Library

KEEP YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURES GOING WITH
SUMMER READING
JUNE 1 - AUGUST 31• FOR ALL AGES

HOW TO PARTICIPATE
Earn points by:
• Reading Books
• Submitting Written or Picture Reviews Online
• Completing Activities

PRIZES
Receive a book donated by Penguin Random House when you earn 300 and 1000 points! Please pick up finishing and 1,000-point book prizes by September 10.

VIRTUAL RAFFLE DRAWINGS
Participants can enter into virtual raffles through Beanstack! Receive raffle tickets for every badge earned; complete the program and earn five bonus tickets! Winners will be notified after September 10.

IN-BRANCH RAFFLE DRAWINGS
Participants are eligible to enter monthly in-branch prize drawings. Prizes will include gift cards, tickets, or passes from local businesses and community partners.

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Penguin
Random House
Amy’s Laundry
Baltimore Orioles
Bonjangles
Blush Republic
Carroll County Farm Museum
Collision Course
Cultivated
Fine Line Medical Aesthetics, LLC
Flourish Beauty Studio
Gotham Comics
Hiko Hibachi & Sushi
Laughing Coffin
Maryland Science Center

Maryland State Fair
Massage by Pamela Inserto
Mitchell’s Golf Complex
National Aquarium
Ötzi Mediterranean Market & Eatery
Rudolph Girls
Run Moore
Stratosphere Social
The Bus Stop
Thunderhead Bowl
Wendy’s
WhatADay Café

Sign up and record your progress at CARR.BEANSTACK.ORG/READER365

The library is committed to making programs available to everyone. Persons requiring assistance are encouraged to discuss needs with a librarian. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. We often take photos and videos at the library activities and share with our community. If you or your child do not wish to be in a photo or video, please tell a librarian.
Yoga with Meditation
Fridays at 10 AM
8/2  Registration opens 7/19
8/16  Registration opens 8/2
Mondays at 6:30 PM
8/5  Registration opens 7/22
8/26  Registration opens 8/12
Ages 13 - Adults. Experience the many benefits of yoga and meditation. This class, taught by Rebecca Berg, welcomes all levels of students. Adaptations for using a chair will be shared if participants are uncomfortable getting on the floor. Meditation exercises will be incorporated into the practice. Please wear comfortable clothing: bring a blanket, yoga mat, and a strap (or belt or towel). All attendees need to register.

Peaceful Melodies with Lydia Bandy
Saturday, 8/3 at 12 PM
All Ages. Enjoy the soothing sounds of piano or harp as Lydia Bandy fills the library with beautiful, calming music.

Meet and Greet a Miniature Horse
Tuesday, 8/6 at 10 AM
All Ages. Join the fun as we meet a miniature horse from Full Moon Farms. We’ll have a brief informative presentation, a Q and A session, and a chance to meet the mini horse. Bring your camera and share this special event!

LEGO® Builders Club
Tuesday, 8/6 at 2 PM
Ages 6 - 12. Want to practice your building skills? Join us for a LEGO® program where you tackle a new design each time! We supply the bricks, and you supply the creativity! Designs will be displayed in the library.

Writing Group
Wednesdays at 9:15 AM - 8/7 - 8/28
Adults. Writers of all levels and genres are invited to join our weekly writing group. The primary goal is to dedicate quiet time away from the daily chaos to make consistent progress on your novel or children’s book. At 10 AM, we will brainstorm, critique, and share knowledge about upcoming events and the book publishing industry. You are welcome to share a short piece of writing during this time for critique.

Mindful Art
Mindful Art supplies will be provided, or you may bring your own. Rozi Rice will offer simple but thoughtful projects for you to interpret however you choose. This is a free program. All experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat and a blanket. All attendees need to register.

How to Train Your Dragon
Monday, 8/12 at 10 AM
All Ages. Enjoy a favorite family movie. Blankets and pillows are welcome! All children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. How to Train Your Dragon is rated PG.

Open Mah Jongg
Monday, 8/12 at 6 PM
Adults. Join us for a friendly game of American Mah Jongg. We welcome experienced players and newer players for casual, non-competitive play.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day
Tuesday, 8/13 from 10 AM - 2 PM
Adults. Join Carroll County Workforce Development for a pop-up event at CCPL’s Eldersburg Branch! Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Radical Reptiles
Thursday, 8/15 at 2 PM
All Ages. Nicole Osborne presents an exciting line-up of exotic reptiles in this interactive program, with a chance to hold/touch the reptiles! Learn about reptile care, fun facts, and more!
Animal Adaptations: R Wacky & Wild Ways Animals Survive Friday, 8/16 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/2 Ages 8 - 18. Join 4-H Environmental Educator Torrey Silliman as we explore the wonderful world of animal adaptations. We'll discuss unique species from around the world, get hands-on with pelts from native Maryland species, and finish with a creative teamwork activity! Only kids need to register.

Sykesville Painting Club Workshop R Saturday, 8/17 at 1 PM Adults. If you’ve never tried painting on Aquabord, you will be surprised by this clay substrate designed to be used with water media. All attendees need to register. To sign up for this workshop, go to: https://tinyurl.com/spc-watercolor-aquabord The fee for this workshop is $33 for club members and $38 for nonmembers; please be prepared to pay when you arrive.

Into the Wild R Monday, 8/19 at 10 AM Ages 3 - 6. Join us as we go into the wild for a fun-filled adventure with books, songs, and activities.

Wish Movie Screening R Monday, 8/19 at 1 PM All Ages. Join us for an all-ages screening of Disney’s Wish! The movie is rated PG. On August 23, teens ages 11 - 18 are welcome to join us at Exploration Commons for a film analysis and writing workshop hosted by professional writing partners Aliza Layne and Hans Heisler. See page 12 for more information.

Back from the Beach Booksale R Friday, 8/23 - Saturday, 8/31 during library hours All Ages. Shop a large selection of items at special prices.

Teen Service Learning: R No-Sew Cat Blankets for the Humane Society of Carroll County Friday, 8/23 at 1 PM • Registration opens 8/9 Ages 11 - 17. Earn service learning hours by making easy, no-sew fleece blankets for the Humane Society of Carroll County! All attendees need to register.

Family Game Day R Saturday, 8/24 from 10 AM - 4 PM All Ages. Join us as summer comes to a close for fun with board games, card games, puzzles, or anything in between.

Open Paint-In with Sykesville Painting Club R Saturday, 8/24 from 1 - 4:30 PM Adults. Bring an art project and your own supplies. Work in our shared space with other artists.

Read with a Furry Friend R Saturday, 8/24 at 2 PM Ages 4 - 17. Come to the library and read a story to a book-loving dog from My Caring Paws. Struggling readers are encouraged to participate.

Carroll County Health Department’s Health on Wheels Mobile Services R Tuesday, 8/13 from 1 - 3 PM All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services, including reproductive health services, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, blood pressure screening, smoking cessation, Naloxone training, and more. Not all services will be available at all locations.

All About Owls R Wednesday, 8/28 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/14 Ages 6 - 12. Join us for a special visit by a screech owl from the Piney Run Park Nature Center! Participants will also perform an owl pellet dissection. Learn all about owl behavior, diet, and habitat. Only kids need to register.

Coffee with the Classics: R Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid Friday, 8/30 at 10 AM Adults. Join us for the last selection of the summer, the buddy Western classic Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid is rated PG with a runtime of 1 hour and 50 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

Backyard Birds and How to Identify Them R Friday, 8/30 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/16 Ages 8 - 18. Learn tips and tricks for identifying backyard birds. Learn about the four keys of bird identification, sharpen your skills with an online bird cam activity, and then venture outside to discover our feathered friends in their natural habitat. Youth will leave this program with a free online course and tons of materials to start them on their bird journey. Only kids need to register.

Tai Chi for Wellness R and Rehabilitation Saturday, 8/31 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 8/17 Ages 13 - Adults. Tai chi is an ancient practice with origins in China. It is a mind/body practice incorporating breath and gentle movements to focus the mind. This program will assist the body in recovering from illness and maintaining wellness. The instructor is certified through the Tai Chi for Health Institute. All levels are welcome.

Offsite Events

Mushroom-Spotting: Daytime Hike at Piney Run Park R Friday, 8/30 from 1 - 4 PM Registration opens 8/16 Piney Run Park, 30 Martz Rd, Sykesville Ages 11 - 17. Join us at the Piney Run Park Nature Center for a mushroom-spotting hike led by a naturalist! Identify and learn about mushrooms and return to the Nature Center’s yurt for mushroom-themed crafts! All attendees need to register. Please plan to meet at the nature center by 1 PM for the hike.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play R Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM 8/1, 8/8 - 8/29 Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities that allow children to practice skills and socialize.

Family Storytime R Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM 8/1, 8/8 - 8/29 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.

Saturday Adventures R Saturdays at 10 AM • 8/3 - 8/29 Ages Birth - 8. Come to the library every Saturday morning for a new adventure! Stories, songs, dancing, crafts--there will be something new and different each week.

Move & Groove Storytime R Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 8/7 - 8/28 Ages Birth - 8. Join us for this energetic and interactive storytime. Explore your favorite children’s books (and find some new ones) through song, dance, and creative movement!

Book Club

Free Spirit Book Club R Saturday, 8/10 at 2 PM Adults. This month’s selection is The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer.
**Storytimes for Kids**

**Read and Play**  
Tuesdays at 9:45 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM  
8/7 - 8/29  
Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

**Twos and Threes Together**  
Tuesdays at 11 AM • Thursdays at 9:45 AM  
8/1 - 8/29  
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement.

**Pajama Party Storytime**  
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • 8/6 - 8/27  
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

**Family Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 8/7 - 8/28  
Ages Birth - 8. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

**Ready, Set, School!**  
Wednesdays at 11 AM • 8/7 - 8/28  
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.

**Volunteer Opportunity at the Finksburg Branch Garden**  
Saturdays from 9 - 11 AM  
8/3 Registration opens 7/20  
8/17 Registration opens 8/3  
Ages 14 - 17. We are looking for students ages 14 - 17 to assist our local Master Gardeners with the maintenance of the Finksburg Branch Garden. Please dress appropriately, wear sunscreen, and bring water. Garden clean-up days are weather-dependent. All attendees need to register.

**Pre-Twinkle Violin**  
Monday, 8/5 at 10 AM • Registration opens 7/22  
Ages 2 - 7. Join Ms. Glenda Walsh Crous from Westminster Suzuki Strings for a free 30-minute violin class. Participants will explore the exciting world of pre-twinkle violin. Children are taught through play, games, and storytelling. In addition to hearing a brief professional performance of the violin, children will be able to try a real fractional-sized violin. Following the class, Ms. Glenda will be available to answer questions about the violin and the Suzuki Method.

**Preschool Vision Screening**  
Thursday, 8/8 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Ages 2 - 5. Drop by CCPL’s Finksburg Branch for a free preschool vision screening. The screening for preschool-aged children will test for nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal focusing, and differences in the power of the eyes. In partnership with the Deer Park Lions Club.

**Radical Reptiles**  
Friday, 8/9 at 2 PM • Registration opens 7/26  
All Ages. Nicole Osborne presents an exciting line-up of exotic reptiles in this interactive program, with a chance to hold/touch the reptiles! Learn about reptile care, fun facts, and more! All attendees need to register.

**Carroll County Writers Association**  
Saturday, 8/10 at 12:30 PM  
Adults. Join the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Writers Association for their monthly meeting at CCPL’s Finksburg Branch.

**Carroll County Critique Group**  
Saturday, 8/10 at 3:30 PM  
Adults. Please join the Carroll County Critique Group as we meet to discuss our writing efforts and achievements.

**Castles and Catapults**  
Monday, 8/12 at 1:30 PM  
Ages 12 - 17. Build your castle, then engineer your defenses against the horrible water-spitting dragon. (Please anticipate splashing!)

**Sensory Sensitive PAWS to Read**  
Friday, 8/16 at 10 AM • Registration opens 8/2  
All Ages. This inclusive program welcomes children of all abilities and their caregivers to a supportive, judgment-free storytime.

**Family Game Day**  
Friday, 8/16 from 1:30 PM - 3 PM  
All Ages. Bring the whole family to the table to try out a variety of games for all age groups. Board games, dice games, and even storytelling games will abound!

**Sensory Sensitive PAWS to Read**  
Saturday, 8/17 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/3  
Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to book-loving therapy dogs for people and children of all abilities. Research shows that reading to animals boosts reading skills and helps with social skills and emotional health for all ages. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Only kids need to register.

**Libraries Are for Everyone**  
Thursday, 8/15 at 1 PM • Registration opens 8/1  
Ages 13 - Adults. The library is more than just books. It’s a place to come together as a community. We welcome teens and adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers to join us for games, crafts, music, and more! All attendees need to register.

**Introduction to Birding**  
Thursday, 8/1 at 6:30 PM  
Ages 10 - Adults. Join Benjamin Gantz from the Audubon Society to learn about the exciting hobby of birding. Introductory topics such as identifying features, species, and habitat types will be discussed.

**Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic**  
Thursday, 8/15 from 10 AM - 12 PM  
All Ages. Bring your questions to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more. The Ask a Master Gardener table will be set up in the Finksburg Branch lobby.

**Sensory Sensitive PAWS to Read**  
Wednesday, 8/14 at 12 PM • Registration opens 7/31  
Ages 4 - Adults. An inclusive visit with book-loving therapy dogs for people and children of all abilities. Research shows that reading to animals boosts reading skills and helps with social skills and emotional health for all ages. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Only kids need to register.

**Offsite Event**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91**  
Tuesday, 8/13 at 7 PM • Registration opens 7/30  
Adults. Grab a few friends and join us for Trivia Night at Bistro 91! All prizes are provided by Bistro 91. Only one person per team needs to register. Only teams of 6 or less can be seated in the dining room.
Animal Adaptations: Wacky & Wild Ways Animals Survive
Monday, 8/19 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/5
Ages 8 - 18. Join 4-H Environmental Educator Torrey Silliman as we explore the wonderful world of animal adaptations. We'll discuss unique species from around the world, get hands-on with pelts from native Maryland species, and finish with a creative teamwork activity! Only kids need to register.

Beatboxing with Max Bent
Friday, 8/23 at 10:30 AM
Ages 8 - 10. Max Bent entertains and engages through skill demonstrations, musical games, and the use of cutting-edge audio technology. Through beatboxing, you can learn about the elements of music, such as dynamics, duration, and pitch, and maybe even join in the presentation.

Backyard Bingo
Saturday, 8/24 at 10 AM
Ages 6 - 12. Who lives in our backyard? Birds, bugs, and maybe even more? Join us for a game featuring the creatures who are some of our closest neighbors.

Teens Volunteer: Craft Closet Cleanout
Saturday, 8/24 from 10 AM - 4 PM
Ages 14 - 17. Earn service learning hours by helping us count, sort, test, and clear out old craft supplies for future programs and events! Drop in whenever and for however long works for you.

Dungeons & Dragons
Saturday, 8/24 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 8/10
Ages 11 - 18. Calling brave heroes for a quest in Dungeons & Dragons! Whether this is your first adventure or your twentieth, join us for an afternoon of fantastic deeds! All attendees need to register.

Explore Coding with Ozobots
Monday, 8/26 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/12
Ages 8 - 18. Join 4-H Environmental Educator Torrey Silliman in this beginner robotics & coding program. All attendees need to register.

Chess at the Library
Wednesday, 8/28 at 5 PM
Ages 7 - Adults. Are you a chess champion or want to learn? Show off your best moves against other chess players! Experienced and novice chess players are welcome.

Carroll County Health Department’s Health on Wheels Mobile Services
Friday, 8/30 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM
All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services, including reproductive health services, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, blood pressure screening, smoking cessation, Naloxone training, peer support services, birth certificates, assistance with vaccines, WIC services by appointment, and health education. Not all services will be available at all locations.

Luis Garay: The Passion and Inspiration of the Drum
Friday, 8/27 at 10 AM • Registration opens 7/19
All Ages. Luis Garay’s South American, Caribbean, and African rhythms are a highly educational and entertaining musical journey. The audience will be introduced to many exotic instruments, such as the balafon, djembe, and talking drum, as well as the more familiar congas, bongos, and drum set. The audience participates throughout the performance as they learn to clap authentic rhythms from different cultures.

Dungeons and Dragons Club
Saturday, 8/3 at 1 PM
8/3 Registration opens 7/20
8/31 Registration opens 8/17
Ages 11 - 18. Welcome adventurers! Join our table as we embark on fun-filled campaign! Our game is friendly to both new and returning players. Our characters are currently level 3. Please feel free to bring your own character sheet or choose one of our pre-made ones to make your own! All attendees need to register.

The Great Puzzle Race
Monday, 8/5 at 2 PM
Ages 8 - Adults. How fast can you puzzle? Come with a group or be grouped with other players as we find out who can put a 300-piece puzzle together the fastest! Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Anime Club
Tuesday, 8/6 at 6:30 PM
Ages 11 - 18. Come and join us for all things anime and manga! Share your latest faves, cosplay, and artwork! We’ll have anime screenings, anime and manga discussions, crafts, coloring pages, and more!

Mount Airy Knitters
Wednesdays at 10 AM • 8/7 - 8/28
Adults. Join the Mount Airy Knitters for a weekly roundtable of knitting, conversation, and fun. All experience levels are welcome.

Wish Movie Screening
Friday, 8/9 at 1 PM
All Ages. Join us for an all-ages screening of Disney's Wish! The movie is rated PG. On August 23, teens ages 11 - 18 are welcome to join us at Exploration Commons for a film analysis and writing workshop hosted by professional writing partners Aliza Layne and Hans Heisler. See page 12 for more information.

Writing Group: Tea & Poetry
Friday, 8/9 at 2 PM
Ages 16 - Adults. If you enjoy reading poetry, chances are you enjoy writing it, too! Join our informal monthly poetry writing group, where we’ll share a cup of tea, discuss poetry topics, and write poetry. All experience levels are welcome. Supportive group discussions are encouraged, but readings are optional. If you need one, writing journals will be provided, or you can bring your favorite notebook. Bring those imaginations, and let’s start writing!

Cookbook Swap
Saturday, 8/10 at 2 PM
Adults. Calling all chefs! Bring up to 3 gently used cookbooks to swap with your fellow recipe fans. Drop off your donations at CCPL’s Mount Airy Branch from July 21 through August 3. Then, join us on Saturday, August 10 at 2 PM to find some fun “new to you” cookbooks!

LEGO® Creations
Saturday, 8/10 at 2 PM
Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like! We supply the blocks and you supply the creativity! Bring a grown-up and build together!

Storytimes for Kids
Family Storytime
Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM
8/1 - 8/29
Ages 8 - 18. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Saturday Storytime
Saturdays at 11 AM • 8/3 - 8/31
Ages 8 - 18. We'll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Read and Play
Tuesdays at 10 AM • 8/6 - 8/27
Ages 8 - 18. Monthly. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Offsite Event
Farmer’s Market Days with CCPL’s Mount Airy Branch
Wednesday, 8/7 at 3 PM
Watkins Park, 615 Center Street
All Ages. Stop by our booth at Watkins Park every first Wednesday of the month between June and September to meet your local library staff, sign up for a library card, get book recommendations, log your Summer Reading points, participate in children’s activities, and score some library-themed freebies!
Radical Reptiles
Wednesday, 8/14 at 11 AM
All Ages. Nicole Osborne presents an exciting line-up of exotic reptiles in this interactive program, with a chance to hold/touch the reptiles! Learn about reptile care, fun facts, and more!

Grown-Up Gaming
Wednesday, 8/14 at 5:30 PM
Adults. Calling all board game enthusiasts to our evening of whimsy, strategy, competition, and cooperation! Feel free to bring a favorite game or learn a new one from our curated collection of unique indie hits and classic favorites. Come with a group or make new friends!

Teen Crafternoon: Book Page Chickens
Thursday, 8/15 at 5:30 PM
Ages 11 - 18. It’s craft time! Join us to make these adorably silly, recycled chickens from old book pages! Supplies are limited, so they are first come, first served.

Building Blocks Playtime
Friday, 8/16 at 10 AM
Ages Birth - 5. Did you know block play contributes to early childhood development? Join us as we stack, sort, build bridges, and lay the foundation for building confidence, self-esteem, and the problem-solving skills needed to succeed later in school, all while having fun with wood blocks.

Read with a Furry Friend
Saturday, 8/17 at 2 PM
Ages 3 - Adults. Every dog enjoys a good story! Trained reading dogs from My Caring Paws will provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere for kids to practice reading.

Spa Day with a Grown-Up!
Saturday, 8/17 at 2 PM
Registration opens 8/3
Ages 6 - 11. It’s almost time for school to start, but don’t worry, let’s have a relaxing spa day before it all begins! Grown-ups and children pairs can enjoy an afternoon together, making spa crafts to take home. Children will make the Kool-Aid lip gloss (sugar, Kool-Aid, water, and coconut oil), while adults will make scented bath bombs. Only kids need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Death Café: Conversations about Death…with Cake!
Tuesday, 8/20 at 6 PM
Adults. Please join us for our monthly Death Café. Enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee and a cupcake as we discuss death. Our goal is to destigmatize discussions about death and dying. Together, we’ll have a group-directed discussion with no agenda, objectives, or themes. Please note that this is a discussion group, not a grief support or counseling session. Refreshments will be served.

Craftapalooza
Wednesday, 8/21 at 1 PM
Ages 3 - 12. It’s a DIY frenzy! We’ve gathered extras of our favorite crafts from past storytimes and programs, and we need your help to bring them to life. Join us for an afternoon of cutting, pasting, drawing, and creating.

Club Friendship
Friday, 8/23 at 10 AM
Registration opens 8/9
Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome teens and adults with developmental disabilities or who are neurodivergent, along with their caregivers, to join us for an hour of movement, games, and fun! All attendees need to register.

Back-to-School Book Sale
Friday, 8/23, Saturday, 8/24, Friday, 8/30, and Saturday, 8/31 from 10 AM - 4 PM
All Ages. Join us for our first annual Back-to-School Book Sale! Stock up on all your school year reading needs at this expanded book sale event. Books for children and teens will be highlighted but adult titles will also be available. Book donations in very good to excellent condition may be dropped off at the Information Desk up to two weeks prior to the event. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, out-of-date textbooks, or dirty, mildewed, smoky, damaged, or torn materials. Money made from this book sale goes directly to CCPL programming.

Library Lock-In: End of Summer Bash
Friday, 8/23 at 6 PM
Registration opens 8/9
Ages 12 - 18. Summer isn’t over yet! Join us for a fun-filled evening of snacks, crafts, friends, and freeze-tag! We will also be screening Big Hero 6. The movie is rated PG. All attendees need to register.

Unwind Your Mind: Adult Coloring Book Group
Tuesday, 8/27 at 12 PM
Adults. Do you feel like you’re going in a dozen directions? Or maybe you’re not focusing due to hectic schedules. Sometimes, we need to stop everything and concentrate on the simpler things. Join us for a monthly social gathering as we color and listen to relaxing music. Feel free to bring your own coloring book, use our sheets and pencils, or bring your electronic device with your favorite pre-loaded coloring book apps. Let’s de-stress together!

Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board
Tuesday, 8/27 at 6:30 PM
Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens with a love of the library! Earn service hours while making friends, beautifying the library and planning programs!

Armchair Adventuring:
A Screening of Out of Africa
Friday, 8/30 at 1:30 PM
Adults. Join us as we enjoy Isak Dinesen’s adventure-filled memoir about Africa from the comfort of the air-conditioned library. Out of Africa is rated PG with a runtime of 2 hours and 41 minutes.
North Carroll Writers Group  ●  ●  ●
Tuesdays at 5:30 PM - Thursdays at 10 AM  
8/1 - 8/29

Adults. Bring your writing, works-in-progress, or works-in-thought. This writing group allows beginners, unpublished, and published writers to network, learn, vent, and feel inspired to move to the next level. All genres are welcome: novel, short story, essay, poetry, memoirs, spiritual, sci-fi, fiction, and nonfiction.

Read to a Dog  ●  ●  ●
Thursday, 8/1 at 6 PM

Ages 4 - 12. Read to a puppy from the Seeing Eye Puppy Raising Program! Reading to a dog can increase a child's self-esteem and confidence levels in reading, especially for struggling readers.

Luis Garay: The Passion and Inspiration of the Drum  ●  ●  ●
Friday, 8/2 at 2 PM

All Ages. Luis Garay's South American, Caribbean, and African rhythms are a highly educational and entertaining musical journey. The audience participates throughout the performance as they learn to clap authentic rhythms from different cultures.

North Carroll Knitters Group  ●  ●  ●
Monday, 8/5 and Tuesday, 8/20 at 1 PM

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

Junk Journal Making  ●
Monday, 8/5 at 1:30 PM - Registration opens 7/22

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to create and assemble your own junk journal. We'll provide a variety of recycled materials for you to make your very own creation out of.

Create, Explore, and More: Medieval Madness  ●
Tuesday, 8/6 at 10 AM - Registration opens 7/23

Ages 8 - 12. Explore medieval worlds by constructing catapults, making axes, and more!

Savvy Saver Travel for Families  ●  R
Tuesday, 8/6 at 6 PM - Registration opens 7/23

Adults. Learn how to save for a family trip without using credit payment plans. All attendees need to register.

Make a Paracord Survival Bracelet  ●  R
Wednesday, 8/7 at 1:30 PM - Registration opens 7/24

Ages 11 - 17. A survival bracelet is an essential item for any adventurer! Made from paracord, the bracelet can quickly be unwound to provide 10 feet of strong cording that can be used in emergency situations; all other supplies are provided.

Circus Science with Gregory May  ●  ●  ●
Thursday, 8/8 at 10 AM

All Ages. Join professional knucklehead and silly scientist Gregory May on a tour of the scientific principles behind his circus skills.

Second Thursday: Libraries Are for Everyone  ●  R
Thursday, 8/8 at 1 PM - Registration opens 7/25

Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome teens and adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers to join us for games, crafts, music, and more!

Dragon Crafts  ●
Monday, 8/12 at 1:30 PM - Registration opens 7/29

Ages 11 - 17. Do you like dragons? Join us to do dragon paintings, make dragon eyes, and more.

Preschool Vision Screening  ●
Tuesday, 8/13 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM


Create, Explore, and More: Paint-a-Palooza  ●
Tuesday, 8/13 at 10 AM - Registration opens 7/30

Ages 8 - 12. Do you like to paint? Explore different styles of painting. You provide the creativity, and we will provide the paint.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1  ●  R
Tuesday, 8/13 at 5 PM - Registration opens 7/30

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

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM  
8/1 - 8/7, 8/14 - 8/29

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.

Read and Play

Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM - 8/2 - 8/30

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

Move and Learn

Mondays at 11 AM - 8/5 - 8/26

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

Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - 8/7 - 8/28

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

North Carroll Book Discussion Group

Monday, 8/26 at 6 PM

Adults. This month’s selection is Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.
ONLINE EVENTS

Watch our online events on listed platform.
Zoom login information will be emailed to participants one hour before the program starts.

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Multiple Sclerosis Support Group
Thursday, 8/15 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.

Create, Explore, and More:
Radical Rockets
Tuesday, 8/20 at 10 AM - Registration opens 8/6
Ages 8 - 12. Prepare for BLAST OFF! We will be creating and testing several types of rockets.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2
on Zoom
Tuesday, 8/20 at 5 PM - Registration opens 8/6
Adults. This seminar focuses on Medicare Supplement/Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. Learn about the different Medigap plans and your period of guaranteed issue rights under original Medicare. These secondary/supplemental plans can cover some or all of Medicare's out-of-pocket costs. We will also discuss a different way to obtain all services covered by Medicare and more: Medicare Advantage Plans. All attendees need to register.

Crazy for Crafting
Thursday, 8/26 at 6 PM - Registration opens 8/8
Adults. Join us for some fun and easy craft projects each month. No experience or creative skills are needed. All attendees need to register.

Back-to-School Book Sale
Saturday, 8/24 from 9 AM - 4 PM
All Ages. Stock up on books, DVDs, books on CD, etc., as we gear up for another year of learning. There will be something for all ages, including some autographed books by New York Times bestselling authors available.

Create, Explore, and More:
Nerf Party
Tuesday, 8/27 at 10 AM - Registration opens 8/13
Ages 8 - 12. Design your own targets, try out obstacle courses, and test your accuracy with our Nerf weapons.

Eating Well This Summer on a Budget
(Reduce Food Cost, Not Quality)
Tuesday, 8/27 at 6 PM - Registration opens 8/13
Adults. Healthy, nutritious food doesn't have to cost a fortune. Learn how to navigate the grocery store with budget and nutrition in mind. The presentation will be followed by an Avocado Chicken Salad recipe demonstration that participants will be able to sample. A $5.00 Weis coupon will be available to all attendees.

Carroll County Workforce
Development Day
Wednesday, 8/28 from 10 AM - 2 PM
Adults. Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Carroll County Workforce
Development Day
Thursdays from 10 AM - 2 PM - 8/1, 8/15
Adults. Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Summer Lunch at the Library
Mondays - Fridays at 12 PM - 8/1 - 8/23
All Ages. CCPL's Taneytown Branch will partner with Carroll County Public Schools and the US Department of Agriculture to provide free summer meals for kids and teens. Thanks to a Caring and Sharing Ministries sponsorship, adult lunches will also be provided at no charge. Adults may pick up a meal to go, but to comply with Federal regulations, children must eat at the library.

ABCs & 123s: At the Vet
Friday, 8/2 at 10 AM - Registration opens 7/19
Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun as we explore letters and numbers. We'll offer lots of engaging, hands-on activities to make learning fun!

Spanish Language Practice Circle
Fridays at 10:30 AM - 8/2, 8/16
Adults. Join this fun group of writers and aspiring writers as we share what we are working on and listen to feedback from others.

Radical Reptiles
Monday, 8/5 at 10:30 AM
All Ages. Nicole Osborne presents an exciting line-up of exotic reptiles in this interactive program, with a chance to hold/touch the reptiles! Learn about reptile care, fun facts, and more!

Adventures with Water!
Monday, 8/5 at 1:30 PM - Registration opens 7/22
Ages 6 - 11. Join the hands-on fun as we experiment with water. Learn about the properties of water with sink or float activities and much more! Only kids need to register.

Happy Campers Storytime
Tuesday, 8/6 at 10 AM
Ages Birth - 6. We'll celebrate the joy of camping through stories, songs, and activities.

Road Trip Adventure
Thursday, 8/8 at 1:30 PM - Registration opens 7/25
Ages 3 - 8. Decorate your own cardboard car, then hop in for a road trip adventure to CCPL's Taneytown Branch Drive-In for a kid-friendly movie!

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS
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PROGRAMS FOR TEENS
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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
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Smokey Bear Birthday Celebration
Friday, 8/9 at 1:30 PM
All Ages. Smokey Bear’s official 80th birthday is August 9, 2024, and his iconic message, “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires,” is still important. Sign up for our Smokey Bear Reading Challenge in Beanstack. Also, join the fun as we celebrate Smokey and our forests with a special birthday event. We’ll make a craft and have a small snack. A Celebrating America program. Refreshments will be served.

Adventures in Energy
Monday, 8/12 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 7/29
Ages 6 - 11. Join the hands-on fun as we discover renewable and non-renewable energy. Try some awesome experiments. Identify which energy types are renewable and which are not, and prepare yourself to be an informed resident of planet Earth! Only kids need to register.

Come Create
Monday, 8/12 at 6 PM • Registration opens 7/29
Adults. Doing crafts improves your mood, reduces stress, and it’s fun! Explore your inner artist. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Taneytown Anime Club
Wednesday, 8/14 at 6 PM • Registration opens 7/31
Ages 11 - 17. Join us to watch the latest and greatest anime with other Taneytown teens! Refreshments will be served.

Meet a Miniature Horse!
Thursday, 8/15 at 11 AM
All Ages. Join the fun as we meet a miniature horse from Full Moon Farms. This outdoor program is a great chance to meet and touch a miniature horse. Bring your family and friends—and your camera—and share this special event. In the event of severe weather, the program will be cancelled.

Carroll County Health Department’s Health on Wheels Mobile Services
Friday, 8/16 from 1 - 3 PM
All Ages. Health on Wheels will offer a range of services, including reproductive health services, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, blood pressure screening, smoking cessation, Naloxone training, peer support services, birth certificates, assistance with vaccines, WIC services by appointment, and health education.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids
Saturday, 8/17 at 11 AM • Registration opens 8/3
Ages 6 - 11. CCPL’s Taneytown Branch is holding a monthly Super Smash Bros. tournament for kids, so join us to show you’re the best player your age in town! There will be no prizes, just glory for the winner!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens
Saturday, 8/17 at 1 PM • Registration opens 8/3
Ages 11 - 17. CCPL’s Taneytown Branch is holding a monthly Super Smash Bros. tournament for teens, so join us to show you’re the best player in town! There will be no prizes, just glory for the winner!

Fun in the Sun!
Monday, 8/19 at 10 AM
Ages 3 - 8. Join the fun as we learn about solar energy and create with crafts.

Diamond Painting
Tuesday, 8/20 at 6 PM • Registration opens 8/6
Adults. Join us for a monthly session of diamond painting! We’ll have a new project each month, and no experience is necessary! All attendees need to register.

Cozy Crafternoon
Friday, 8/23 at 2 PM • Registration opens 8/9

Let’s Get Crafty
Tuesday, 8/27 at 6 PM - Registration opens 8/13
Adults. Come craft with us! We will have a fun and creative craft project each month. No experience or creative skills are needed! All attendees need to register.

National Book Festival Bus Trip
Saturday, 8/24 from 7:30 AM - 8 PM
The bus will pick up in front of the Westminster City Administration Building at 7:30 AM to depart for DC.

Ride along with fellow local book lovers to the Library of Congress National Book Festival in Washington, DC! Ticket holders will receive 20% off Book Festival books the weekend of August 17 and 18 at Rudolph Girls.

This trip is a partnership between Carroll County Public Library and Rudolph Girls...

Ticket Price: $50
https://rudolphgirls.com/events/38820

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Twos and Threes Together
Tuesdays at 11 AM • 8/13 - 8/27
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storytime for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Offsite Event

Books and Brews Book Club
Wednesday, 8/7 at 6 PM
Brewery Fire
4337 Old Taneytown Rd
STE B, Taneytown
Adults. The selection for this month is The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman.

Board Games at Laughing Coffin
Tuesday, 8/20 at 4 PM
Laughing Coffin
115 E Baltimore St., Taneytown
Teens. Calling all fans of fun, lovers of strategy and competition! The library will be hosting board game demos for teens at the Laughing Coffin Hobby Shop in Taneytown. Bring a group or meet new friends while trying out a variety of popular modern board games!
Storytimes for Kids

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Family Storytime
Mondays at 10 AM - Thursdays at 11 AM
8/1 - 8/21
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
Tuesdays at 7 PM • 8/6 - 8/20
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storytime introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

Book Clubs

Diverse Voices Book Club
Tuesday, 8/27 at 5 PM
Registration opens 8/13
Ages 16 - Adults. Our August selection is The House of Doors by Tan Twan Eng.

Westminster Book Club
Wednesday, 8/28 at 2 PM
Adults. This month’s selection is Meant to Be by Emily Giffin.

Book Clubs

Magician Mike Rose:
Magical Adventures
Friday, 8/2 at 10 AM
All Ages. Magician Mike Rose’s new show consists of impossible magic tricks and off-the-wall comedy all themed around adventure! The show features lots of audience participation, too. Many children will become part of the show!

Teen After Hours Movie Night: X-Men
Friday, 8/2 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 7/19
Ages 11 - 17. Join the Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board as we explore the Marvel Multiverse with a showing of X-Men. X-Men is rated PG-13. Registration and permission slips are required for this after-hours event. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Summer Lunch at the Library
Mondays at 12:15 PM • 8/5 - 8/26
Ages Birth - 18. CCPL’s Westminster Branch is partnering with Carroll County Public Schools and the US Department of Agriculture to provide free summer meals for kids and teens. Due to federal regulations, meals must be eaten at the library.

Senior Planet
Mondays at 6:30 PM
8/5 Intro to AI
8/12 Everyday Uses of AI
8/19 AI Image Generators
8/26 Is That AI?
Adults. This lecture series will introduce participants to artificial intelligence and how it’s used.

Mid-Week Movie and Munch: Wish
Wednesday, 8/7 at 6 PM
All Ages. Come hang out with us as we watch Wish and munch on some yummy popcorn. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your own water bottle. The movie is rated PG and is 95 minutes. On August 23, teens ages 11 - 18 are welcome to join us at Exploration Commons for a film analysis and writing workshop hosted by professional writing partners Aliza Layne and Hans Heisler. See page 12 for more information.

Radical Reptiles
Friday, 8/9 at 10 AM
All Ages. Nicole Osborne presents an exciting line-up of exotic reptiles in this interactive program, with a chance to hold/touch the reptiles!

Finding Your Purpose
Youth Talent Showcase
Saturday, 8/10 at 2 PM
All Ages. Join us in the park for live music and dance performances from the talented youths of Finding Your Purpose, a local nonprofit.

Mid-Week Movie and Munch: The Canterville Ghost
Wednesday, 8/21 at 6 PM
All Ages. Join us for popcorn and a not-so-scary ghost movie. Popcorn is provided. Please bring your own water bottle. This movie is rated PG and is 89 minutes.

Teen Advisory Board
Monday, 8/26 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 8/12
Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens looking for leadership roles in planning library programs. We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Need service hours? We’ve got those too! Participants can join us in person or log in virtually through Zoom by registering.

Play Baby Play
Wednesday, 8/28 at 10 AM
Ages Birth - 3. You’re invited to a morning playgroup just for little ones! Enjoy a warm and inviting space where you and your child can play with our toys, practice gross motor skills on our baby obstacle course, enjoy music, and socialize with others.

Parachute Play
Thursday, 8/29 at 10 AM - 11 AM
Ages 3 - 6. We will have an amazing time singing songs, playing games, and learning to work together around our colorful parachutes!

Saving Seeds from Your Garden
Saturday, 8/31 at 10 AM • Registration opens 8/17
Ages 10 - Adults. Learn how to save seeds from your garden. Feel free to bring your disease- and pest-free plant material or materials will be provided.
Beginner Sewing Level 3: Intro to Garment Sewing, Set-In Sleeves
Thursday, 8/1 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 7/18
Ages 14 - Adults. Properly fitting and sewing in sleeves is a challenge for beginning sewists. Learn the necessary steps to sew set-in sleeves without puckers. You will practice these skills by inserting sleeves into a 1/2-scale woven bodice sample. $5.00

Homemade Manicotti: Part 1 and 2
Thursday, 8/1 and Friday, 8/2 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 7/18
Ages 16 - Adults. Chef Andrew Preziosi will teach authentic Italian cooking in this two-session class. Learn to make manicotti shells, filling, and marinara sauce from scratch, as well as tips for success. Note: this is a two-part class. $10.00

Let's Start a Podcast!
Thursday, 8/1 at 6 PM • Registration opens 7/18
Ages 15 - Adults. Do you want to get into podcasting but don’t know where to start? This is the class for you! We will cover the basics of the different recording software we offer and introduce the equipment we provide in the Audio/Video Lab.

Advanced Laser Cutting: Precision Techniques
Saturday, 8/3 at 10 AM • Registration opens 7/20
Ages 16 - Adults. We will discuss precision techniques to improve your laser project outcomes. Topics will include centering-point alignment, printed registration marks, using jigs or templates, and the importance of maintaining a settings notebook. Exploration Commons Laser certification is required prior to attending this program.

Cooking for Wellness: Breastfeeding Support
Monday, 8/5 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 7/22
Ages 15 - Adults. Breastfeeding can be a struggle. Getting all the nutrition to support this time period can be extra challenging. Join a registered dietitian to discuss how nutrition needs change when breastfeeding and how to make a convenient nutrition-dense meal that is friendly to this busy time in life. This class is provided through The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and Carroll Hospital. Participants will be able to sample the dishes discussed in class; this class is meeting in Exploration Commons Classroom and nurseries are permitted to attend. $5.00

Taste of Sicily: Caponata & Cannoli
Monday, 8/5 at 5 PM • Registration opens 7/22
Ages 11 - Adults. Join guest chefs Dom and Stephanie Greco and sous chef Eric White from Otzi Mediterranean Market & Eatery as they share Sicily’s rich heritage and flavors. We will prepare a traditional caponata recipe full of sweet and sour flavors and explore the many ways this dish is enjoyed in everyday cuisine. Children ages 11 - 14 may register and attend with a registered adult; all attendees must register.

Tinkercad: Morphing and Importing Irregular Shapes
Tuesday, 8/6 at 10 AM • Registration opens 7/26
Adults. Join us in this project-based class, which builds on basic and intermediate design tools and techniques. By manipulating irregular shapes and importing others, we will create a mini pie-shaped decoration. Previous Tinkercad experience is strongly recommended. $5.00

Practical Fusion 360
Tuesday, 8/6 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 7/23
Ages 14 - Adults. This introductory seminar will explore the Fusion 360 design software, examine resources for continued learning, and provide hands-on experience. Fusion 360 is professional-level software, and participants should be proficient in using a Windows PC.

Intro to 3D Scanning
Wednesday, 8/7 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 7/24
Ages 13 - Adults. 3D scanning is a digital design process that enables the creation of detailed and accurate models of real-world objects. Join us for an introductory look into this technology, which is used extensively in engineering, architecture, historic preservation, and video game development. We will demonstrate the use of our handheld Artec Leo 3D Scanner and highlight some recent projects that have been created with it.

Baking Basics: Angel Food Cake
Thursday, 8/8 at 5 PM • Registration opens 7/25
Ages 15 - Adults. Learn to bake a perfect angel food cake from scratch using six simple ingredients. Cakes will cool overnight and be ready for pickup the following day. $8.00

Inclusive Making: Basic Laser Engraving
Friday, 8/9 at 1 PM • Registration opens 7/26
Ages 15 - Adults. Join us for an inclusive makerspace class for teens and adults with disabilities! Discover the joy of creating as we learn about the basics of creating laser-engraved projects! Each registration covers one participant and up to one direct support professional.

Advanced Laser Cutting: Inclusive Making
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Basic Electronics & Arduino
Wednesday, 8/14 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 7/31
Ages 13 - Adults. This skill-building class focuses on the basics of electronics and the use of the Arduino programming environment to create a wide array of simple circuits. We’ll get hands-on with assembling circuit elements and discuss the theory and programming involved in making it all work.

Family Class:
National Smores Day
Saturday, 8/10 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 7/27
Ages 6 - Adults. Bring your sweet tooth! Celebrate National Smores Day with this family class, intended for groups of children ages 6 and up with at least one adult. Each registration is for a group of up to 4 attendees (one must be an adult). $5.00

Using Photoshop for Product Marketing Photos
Monday, 8/12 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 7/29
Ages 16 - Adults. Join us as we explore ways to edit product shots, change product image colors, and add logos quickly using Photoshop adjustment layers and blend modes.

Intermediate Laser Cutting:
Engraving Painted Canvas
Monday, 8/12 at 5 PM • Registration opens 7/29
Ages 16 - Adults. This intermediate-level laser design class focuses on the differences between creating designs and navigating unique settings on pre-painted paper canvases. Fusion Pro Laser Cutter Certification is required prior to attending this program. $10.00

Making for Seniors:
Create a Simple Wood Laser Cutter Project
Tuesday, 8/13 at 10 AM • Registration opens 7/30
Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a basic hands-on session where we’ll create a simple wood laser cutter project and experience the joy of creating as we learn about the basics of creating laser-engraved projects! Each registration covers one participant and up to one direct support professional.

Knife Skills Practice:
Black Bean Salad
Tuesday, 8/13 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 7/30
Ages 16 - Adults. Sharpen your knife skills! Participants will make a black bean salad to take home in this hands-on class while practicing cutting techniques learned in our Basic Knife Skills class. $8.00

Baking with a Badge: Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday, 8/14 at 1 PM • Registration opens 7/31
Ages 6 - 18. In this group cooking class, we will make quick-rise cinnamon rolls with cream cheese frosting from scratch. Participants will be seated in table groups with officers from the Westminster City Police Department and will work in groups to create a batch of rolls! This is a great opportunity for attendees to work alongside our uniformed officers to create a sweet treat.

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Meal Prep Strategies:  Wrap Sandwiches  
Friday, 8/16 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 8/2
Ages 15 - Adults. Build a toolbox of strategies to make meal prep easy to integrate into your busy life. We will discuss increasing nutrient density, making easy recipe variations, and simplifying this ongoing task. You will prepare a nutrient-dense wrap sandwich that will satisfy your hunger and taste great too. This class includes a plant-based recipe that can be made gluten-free upon request in advance. $8.00

Intro to Laser Cutting  3D Design Skills:  Reference Geometry  
Saturday, 8/17 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 8/3
Monday, 8/26 at 5 PM • Registration opens 8/12
Ages 12 - Adults. This beginner-level laser cutter class will walk you through design basics, machine use, and safety procedures. At the instructor’s discretion, customers who successfully complete this program will be certified to use the Exploration Commons’ Fusion Pro and Fusion Edge laser cutters. Customers aged 12 to 15 who complete their certification are required to have a certified adult with them to use the laser independently.

Adobe Illustrator: Beyond the Basics  
Monday, 8/19 and Tuesday, 8/20 at 1 PM
Registration opens 8/5
Ages 12 - Adults. Join us for a comprehensive two-session Adobe Illustrator program where we further explore the software’s capabilities and build on our existing knowledge. Because this class explores more advanced functionality, it is strongly recommended that participants take our Intro to Adobe Illustrator class or complete the prerequisite videos listed online before the class.

Group Baking: Cinnamon Rolls  
Monday, 8/19 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 8/5
Ages 8 - Adults. In this group cooking class, we will make quick-rise cinnamon rolls with cream cheese frosting from scratch. One registration is for up to 4 attendees, with a minimum of 2 per group. Anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Each group will make one recipe.

Bagels  
Tuesday, 8/20 at 5 PM • Registration opens 8/6
Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a hands-on baking class! We’ll learn how to make delicious bagels and a flavorful cream cheese. $10.00

Intro to Basic Sewing Skills  
Tuesday, 8/20 at 5 PM • Registration opens 8/6
Ages 14 - Adults. Learn the basics to feel comfortable using a sewing machine. This introductory-level class includes the EC sewing machine certification necessary for many other classes and/or independent sewing machine use in the makerspace. If you’ve never touched a sewing machine or a sewing needle, or if it’s been years since you’ve sewed, and you need a refresher on the basics, then this class is for you.

Tomato Galette  
Wednesday, 8/21 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 8/7
Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will make a delicious tomato galette. $10.00

3D Design Skills:  Reference Geometry  
Wednesday, 8/21 at 5 PM • Registration opens 8/7
Ages 16 - Adults. Ready to take your 3D design skills to the next level? In this comprehensive, hands-on session on Onshape, a powerful cloud-based computer-aided design (CAD) platform, we will explore how to leverage reference geometry for creating complex designs.

Beginner Sewing Level 3:  Intro to Garment Sewing, Sewing a Collar with a Lapel  
Thursday, 8/22 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 8/8
Ages 14 - Adults. Sewing a simple jacket can feel intimidating, especially the collar and lapel. Learn about the basic collar, types of lapels, and techniques for sewing collars with lapels. You will practice these skills by sewing a collar with a lapel onto a women’s pre-cut 1/2-scale jacket bodice. $5.00

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Robot Coding with Pepper  
Thursday, 8/22 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 8/8
Ages 12 - Adults. Code with Pepper, CCPL’s social humanoid robot! Program Pepper to strike up a conversation using the drag-and-drop interface, Choregraphe. No previous coding experience is required.
Pepper was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Maryland State Library and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Basics of Short Order Cooking  
Saturday, 8/24 at 10 AM • Registration opens 8/10
Ages 16 - Adults. Learn the aspects of working in a commercial kitchen. This course includes hands-on use of equipment, including a flattop grill, fryer, commercial stove, and oven. Learn the concept of executing several orders at one time. Practice timing of having multiple orders ready for service at the same time. Students will produce several breakfast items and assist with class clean-up. This class is intended for those who desire to gain employment in a commercial kitchen. Closed-toe shoes are required. $5.00

Make Your Wish with Aliza Layne and Hans Heisler  
Friday, 8/23 from 1 - 4 PM
Ages 11 - 18. Join us for a film analysis and writing workshop hosted by professional writing partners Aliza Layne and Hans Heisler. The workshop will focus on collaboratively recrafting the story of Disney’s Wish. Together, we’ll discuss ideas, create concept art and storyboards, write a synopsis, and reimagine our own version of the story.
Mimicking the experience of a real Disney writers’ room, this workshop will help build constructive critique and collaborative storytelling skills. Very few pieces of professional storytelling are written alone, and building these skills for those who want to be a writer is vital! There will also be an opportunity to earn service learning hours by using the ideas discussed in the group to produce a work of library beautification.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS  PROGRAMS FOR TEENS  PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS  Register online at library.carr.org.
$ and R Registration fee required and register online at explorationcommons.carr.org.

Note: Registration verifies your acceptance of Exploration Commons’ program cancellation and kitchen safety procedures.

The Exploration Commons kitchen is not an allergen-free facility.