

MAY 2024 EVENTS

Carroll County Public Library

LOCATIONS

ELDERSBURG BRANCH

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

FINKSBURG BRANCH

2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg
410-386-4505

MOUNT AIRY BRANCH

705 Ridge Avenue, Mount Airy
410-386-4470

NORTH CARROLL BRANCH

2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead
410-386-4480

TANEYTOWN BRANCH

10 Grand Drive, Taneytown
410-386-4510

WESTMINSTER BRANCH

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

EXPLORATION COMMONS AT 50 EAST

50 E. Main Street, Westminster
443-293-3000

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CCPL HOURS & HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

CCPL will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Check library.carr.org for weather-related closings and program updates.

The library is committed to making programs available to everyone. Persons requiring assistance are encouraged to discuss needs with a librarian. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

We often take photos and videos at the library to document library activities and share with our community. If you or your child do not wish to be in a photo or video, please tell a librarian.

Storytimes for Kids

Move & Groove Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 5/1 - 5/29

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!

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 5/2 - 5/30

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.

Family Storytime

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Alphabet Train

Mondays at 9:30 AM • 5/6 - 5/13

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.

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesday, 5/7 at 6:30 PM

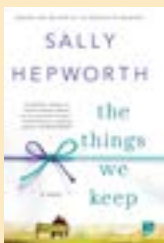
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storytime introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

Saturday Adventures

Saturdays at 10 AM • 5/18 - 5/25

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.

Book Club



Free Spirit Book Club

Saturday, 5/11 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Things We Keep* by Sally Hepworth.

Writing Group

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM • 5/1 - 5/29

Adults. Writers of all levels and genres are invited to join our weekly writing group. It is a flexible, drop-in, stay-as-long-as-you-like environment. The primary goal is to dedicate quiet time away from the daily chaos to make consistent progress on your novel or children's book. Bring your current project to work on during this time. 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.

Eldersburg Hooked on Crochet

Wednesdays at 6 PM • 5/1 - 5/29

Ages 12 - Adults. Join this friendly crochet group open to beginners and experienced crocheters alike. Those new to crocheting should bring a size J hook and a light-colored, worsted-weight yarn to the class.

Simply Books Book Club

Thursday, 5/2 at 4:30 PM

Ages 5 - 8. Let's get excited about reading! Come along on our journey as we explore amazing stories together!

Teen Chess Club

Thursday, 5/2 at 6 PM

Ages 11 - 17. Are you an expert chess player or interested in learning? Compete and learn new skills at our monthly chess club! New and experienced chess players are welcome.

ABC: A Blast of Color

Friday, 5/3 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 6. This program is designed to bring out the big artists in your little ones! The projects will help develop problem-solving skills, refine motor skills, and build self-confidence.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Saturday, 5/4 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - 6. Celebrate spring by sharing garden stories. We will explore the magic of seeds through a take-home STEM activity and prepare a seed starter to begin your summer garden. We will be using soil, seeds, and other craft materials.

Sykesville Painting Club Workshop

Saturday, 5/4 at 11 AM

Adults. Sharon Gribbin-Lindemon from the Sykesville Painting Club will offer the workshop, Approaching Abstraction. All attendees need to register. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/3HmK3PG>

Mix and Mingle Mondays

Mondays at 11 AM • 5/6 - 5/20

Ages Birth - 8. Are you looking to make new friends and have valuable social experiences for your little one? Join us for our new weekly playgroup! This will be a dedicated time and space for gathering for fun playtime for kids while the grown-ups socialize.

Yoga with Meditation

Monday, 5/6 at 6:30 PM

Registration opens 4/22

Friday, 5/31 at 10 AM

Registration opens 5/17

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.

Fabric Decorated Flower Pot

Wednesday, 5/8 at 6 PM

Registration opens 4/24

Adults. Are you looking for a last-minute Mother's Day gift or a fun and easy spring project? Join us as we transform plain terra cotta pots using colorful fabric and Mod Podge! All attendees need to register.

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

5/9 Registration opens 4/25

5/23 Registration opens 5/9

Ages 13 - Adults. This gentle yoga class allows students of various abilities and physical conditions to develop their yoga practice comfortably. Yoga has many appealing aspects, including increased flexibility, relaxation, strength, improved balance, stress, and pain relief. No experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat and a blanket. All attendees need to register.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration

Saturday, 5/11 at 10 AM

Ages 4 - Adults. Join us as we journey to the South Pacific to experience traditional songs and dances of Tahiti, Hawaii, and New Zealand! Meki's Tamure Polynesian Arts Group, Inc. will present an exciting and interactive program to introduce the audience to Pacific geography, greetings, live music, drumming, and a chance to learn a simple Hawaiian hula dance!

Tai Chi for Wellness and Rehabilitation

Saturday, 5/11 at 3:30 PM

Registration opens 4/27

Ages 13 - Adults. Tai chi is an ancient practice that has its origins in China. It is a mind/body practice that incorporates 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.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Tuesday, 5/14 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.

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, 5/16 at 6 PM

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

Coffee with the Classics: *Rear Window*

Friday, 5/17 at 10 AM

Adults. Join us for this month's selection, Alfred Hitchcock's suspense thriller, *Rear Window*, starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly. This movie has a runtime of 1 hour and 52 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

Birds of Maryland: From Field to Forest and Ground Floor to Treetops

Monday, 5/20 at 6:30 PM

Registration opens 5/6

Ages 13 - Adults. Enjoy lifelong birder Martin Brazeau's entertaining and informative high-definition film showing the ecology of Maryland birds, such as scarlet tanagers, orioles, and warblers. He will share how birds change with each habitat and discuss unique bird behaviors. You will also view a short film showing what you can do to protect birds. Marty will humorously describe the rewards and challenges of filming birds that don't seem to want to pose for him! There will be a question-and-answer period after the presentation. All attendees need to register.

Afternoon Puzzle Swap

Saturday, 5/25 from 1 - 3 PM

All Ages. Looking for a new puzzle to put together? Then come to the library's puzzle swap! Bring a puzzle of good quality with no missing pieces to the information desk at CCPL's Eldersburg Branch anytime between May 13 and May 24 to get a swap ticket. Then, stop by during the program to exchange each swap ticket you have for a new puzzle!

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 5/25 at 2 PM

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

Eldersburg Branch Fan Con

Presented by the Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, 5/18 from 1 - 4 PM

All Ages. Join us for an all-ages fan con event! Drop in to make fandom-inspired crafts, test your trivia skills, attend a Pokémon drawing lesson, and more!

Costumes are encouraged!

FAN CON!

Pokémon Go and Draw with Art Way Alliance

Saturday, 5/18 at 2 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Learn how to draw some of your favorite Pokémon characters. From the original 151 to the new Scarlet and Violet starters, we will explore the shapes that make up these awesome characters. Participants may even get to create their own original creatures!

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Twos and Threes Together

**Tuesdays at 11 AM • Thursdays at 9:45 AM
5/7 - 5/30**

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

Pajama Party Storytime

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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.

Offsite Event

at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

**Tuesday, 5/14 at 7 PM
Registration opens 4/30**

Adults. What trivia tidbits are rattling around in your head? Grab a few friends and join us for Trivia Night! All prizes are provided by Bistro 91. Only one person per team needs to register.

The Three Little Pigs Puppet Show ● R

**Thursday, 5/2 at 6 PM
Registration opens 4/18**

Ages 3 - 12. Mama Pig has decided their house isn't big enough, so it's time for her three little piggies to go out into the world to seek their fortunes! What will the little piggies use to build their houses? Will they meet anyone as they head out on their own, and what kinds of excitement will they find? Come with us as we follow them on their journey!

May the 4th Be with You! ● R

**Saturday, 5/4 at 10 AM
Registration opens 4/20**

Ages 5 - 10. Celebrate all things *Star Wars* at our May the 4th craft event! We'll provide the supplies to create an assortment of *Star Wars* crafts; you bring the Force! Only kids need to register.

Knitting Nights ● ●

Wednesday, 5/8 at 6 PM

Ages 16 - Adults. New and experienced knitters are welcome to join us for an evening of chatting and sharing ideas while working on your own projects. Beginners looking for instruction, please bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles and a smooth worsted or DK weight yarn in a light color to be taught the basic stitches to create a washcloth.

Organizing for Everyone ● R

**Thursday, 5/9 at 6:30 PM
Registration opens 4/25**

Adults. Do you get overwhelmed when you look at pictures or videos of how your closet or pantry should look? Join Rebecca from Organizing for Ease to learn simple tips and hacks to organize your home and help bring order and peace into your life. You will also learn how to upcycle typical trash items and turn them into useful organizing tools for everyday use in your home. All attendees need to register.

Volunteer Opportunity ● R

at the Finksburg Branch Garden

**Saturdays from 9 - 11 AM
5/11 Registration opens 4/27
5/25 Registration opens 5/11**

Ages 14 - 17. Are you in need of service hours? Do you like working outside and don't mind getting your hands dirty? If so, this may be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! 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.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime ●

Saturday, 5/11 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 10. Are you interested in improving your language skills? Join us for Spanish Bilingual Storytime! There will be singing, dancing, activities, stories, and rhymes in Spanish and English.

Edades 2 - 10. ¿Está interesado en mejorar sus habilidades del lenguaje? ¡Ven a la biblioteca para el programa de cuentos bilingües en español e inglés! Habrá cantos, bailes, actividades, cuentos y rimas en español e inglés.

Common Errors Writers Make but Can Easily Fix ●

Saturday, 5/11 at 1 PM

Adults. Revision Division's Kimberly Hunt will present common errors writers make and offer a "first line frenzy" review session, where attendees can submit the first lines of their works-in-progress to get feedback. This program is sponsored by the Maryland Writers' Association, Carroll County Chapter.

Carroll County Critique Group ●

Saturday, 5/11 at 3:30 PM

Adults. Please join the Carroll County Critique group as we meet to discuss our writing achievements.

Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic ● ● ●

Thursday, 5/16 from 10 AM - 12 PM

All Ages. Time to plant your tomato plants? 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.

Third Thursday: ● ● R

Libraries Are for Everyone

**Thursday, 5/16 at 1 PM
Registration opens 5/2**

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.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime ● ● ● R

**Friday, 5/17 at 10 AM
Registration opens 5/3**

All Ages. This inclusive program welcomes children of all abilities and their caregivers to a supportive, judgment-free storytime.

Sunflower Storytime ●

Friday, 5/17 at 1:30 PM

Ages Birth - 6. We will read stories about sunflowers and everyone will get to plant their own sunflower seed to take home.

PAWS to Read

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Saturday, 5/18 at 2 PM
Registration opens 5/4

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

Immigration and Naturalization Research

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Monday, 5/20 at 6:30 PM

Adults. Delve into your family's fascinating immigration history and U.S. citizenship experience. Learn about ports of entry, passenger lists, citizenship records, and online resources to find them. There will be a special emphasis on Maryland/Baltimore resources. Presented by David Powell. Dave has been researching his family history for over 25 years. He is currently treasurer of the Carroll County Genealogical Society. He is also a member of the Maryland Genealogical Society and a member of its Board of Directors.

This program is sponsored by the Carroll County Genealogical Society.

Picnic Concert Series:

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Ben Sherman Duo

Wednesday, 5/22 at 6:30 PM
Registration opens 5/8

All Ages. Join us at the Finksburg Branch Garden for this music event! Pack a picnic, spread a blanket, and enjoy the cool sounds of local bands. Artists are encouraged to bring supplies and create artwork during the golden hour. Tonight's event features the Ben Sherman Duo. Ben is the master of many styles on the guitar, playing everything from classical to classic rock during his 30+ year musical career. In the event of rain, this concert will be in our Large Meeting Room. All attendees need to register.

Card Kit Crafty Box

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Kit Pickup Starting: Friday, 5/24
Registration opens 5/3

Adults. What is a Card Kit Box? It's a box full of fun for crafty adults! Register to pick up a box containing library materials for crafty inspiration, including 2 rubber stamp sets, 2 card bases with envelopes, an ink pad, and other crafty extras to help unleash your creativity. Please return the stamp sets, ink pad, and box when you are done crafting. All attendees need to register.

Chess at the Library

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Wednesday, 5/29 at 4 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.

Reduce Food Cost, Not Quality

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Wednesday, 5/29 at 6:30 PM
Registration opens 5/15

Adults. Eating on a budget doesn't mean that food quality has to suffer. Join Weis Dietitian Christina Pelletier, MS, RDN, and LDN, as we discuss the variety of quality, nutritious foods offered in the grocery store while keeping the budget in mind. This presentation will be followed by a recipe demonstration that participants will be able to sample. Only adults need to register.

Stock Up for Summer Book Sale

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Friday, 5/31 from 9 AM - 4 PM

All Ages. \$5 Bag Sale! Get ready for summer with some great reads! Stock up on books, videos, music, and more at our \$5 (plus sales tax) sale. Special-priced items are not included in our bag sale.

Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club **Monday, 5/13 at 6 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *Brave Hearted: the Women of the American West* by Katie Hickman. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club **Wednesday, 5/15 at 6:30 PM**

Adults. This month's selection is *The Celebrants* by Steven Rowley.

▶ ONLINE ZOOM EVENTS ◀

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

Virtual Teen Advisory Board: Service Learning Opportunity

Wednesday, 5/1 at 6:30 PM

Registration opens 4/17

Ages 12 - 17. Are you interested in volunteering virtually at the library? Join us for Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a monthly meeting where teens help plan programs, complete service-oriented projects, and advise the library on teen-related topics.

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Tuesday, 5/14 at 4 PM

Registration opens 4/30

Ages 12 - 17. Join us for a session of Dungeons & Dragons played entirely online! Pre-generated characters will be available, and registrants will meet on Zoom the day before to become familiar with any websites used. This session is for beginners and avid players alike.

The Zentangle Method of Drawing-based Mindfulness

Wednesday, 5/15 at 7 PM

Registration now open

Ages 10 - Adults. In this online class, Sarah Reading CZT (Certified Zentangle Teacher) will lead us through a relaxing drawing activity that starts with four dots and a line. The outcome will amaze you! Please have the following supplies handy: white paper, a black pen, a pencil, and something with which to smudge. Registration closes at 4 PM on the day of the program. You will receive the Zoom link by 5:30 PM on the day of the program.

Storytimes for Kids

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Offsite Events

Bikes on the Trail

Friday, 5/10 at 11 AM

Watkins Park, 615 Center Street

Ages Birth - 8. Join us at Mount Airy's Rails-to-Trails trailhead for a late morning of biking and books!

Spring Nature Walk

Friday, 5/24 at 10 AM

Wildwood Park Gazebo, 400 Park Avenue

Ages Birth - 5. Spring is in full bloom and we will head outdoors to explore our local park to discover the beauty and wonder that surrounds us. Please bring water and/or snacks.

Mount Airy Knitters

**Wednesdays at 10 AM
5/1 - 5/29**

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

Writing Group: Tea & Poetry

Friday, 5/3 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. Please bring your favorite notebook, a pen, and your imagination! Writing journals will be provided if you need one.

Easy Crafting Afternoon:

May the 4th Be with You Luminaries

Saturday, 5/4 at 1 PM

Registration opens 4/20

Adults. Join us for an easy and fun crafting afternoon. We will celebrate all things *Star Wars* with our own *Star Wars*-themed luminaries. All attendees need to register.

Club Friendship

Monday, 5/6 at 2 PM

Registration opens 4/22

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.

Anime Club

Tuesday, 5/7 at 5:30 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!

Grown-Up Gaming

Wednesday, 5/8 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!

Crafty Creations: Paper Flowers

Friday, 5/10 at 2 PM

Registration opens 4/26

Adults. How do you make paper flowers? With paper from gently used books, of course! Join us as we create beautiful flowers that will be easy to maintain with no water required. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, 5/11 at 1 PM

Registration opens 4/27

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 1. 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.

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Unwind Your Mind:

Adult Coloring Book Group

Tuesday, 5/14 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 along with relaxing music. Feel free to bring your own coloring book, use our sheets and pencils, or bring your electronic pad with your favorite pre-loaded coloring book app. Let's de-stress together!

Live Action Oregon Trail

Tuesday, 5/14 at 5 PM

Registration opens 4/30

Ages 15 - Adults. Complete alone (with paper doll party members) or a party of up to five to make it west on the most grueling wagon trail in history. Watch for flooding wagons, rattlesnake bites, and don't die of dysentery! Only one participant per group must register.

LEGO® Creations

Saturday, 5/18 at 2 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. 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 a grown-up and build together!

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 5/18 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.

Oh CRIT! Sketch Comedy Show

Saturday, 5/18 at 3:30 PM

Ages 11 - 18. Oh CRIT! is an entirely improvised comedy show fused with tropes and game-like mechanics from the classic tabletop role-playing game *Dungeons and Dragons*. Our library show is a family-friendly, one-hour show crammed with audience participation, a wizard, death balloons, a 20-sided die, and a lot of laughs!

Death Café: Conversations about Death ... with Cake!

Tuesday, 5/21 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. We'll have a group-directed discussion with no agenda, objectives, or themes. Please note this is a discussion group, not a grief support or counseling session. Refreshments will be served.

Serenity Journaling

Friday, 5/24 at 2 PM

Adults. It's important to take time for yourself during these hectic and often uncertain times. Serenity journaling is an opportunity to take a few minutes to slow down, think, and write. Join Maria as she provides us with some topics, both contemporary and remembrance, that we can write about and relax. You can also take this time to journal about whatever is on your mind or in your heart. After we free-write together, sharing is optional but encouraged!

Crafty Creations: Bedazzled Bookmarks

Saturday, 5/25 at 2 PM

Registration opens 5/11

Ages 16 - Adults. What do you do with a hardback book that you no longer want? Turn it into bookmarks! Join us as we turn hardbacks into decorated bookmarks with dazzling results. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, 5/28 at 6:30 PM

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

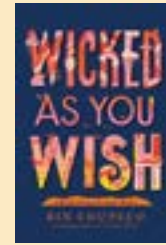
Murder Mystery Lock-In

Friday, 5/31 at 6 PM

Registration opens 5/17

Adults. There's been a murder in Mount Airy! Join us for a night of mystery, sleuthing, role-playing, and intrigue. Can you assemble the clues and determine which of your fellow guests is the killer? All attendees need to register.

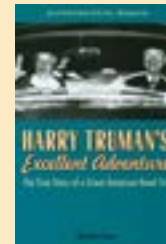
Book Clubs



Young Adult Book Club

Tuesday, 5/14 at 6:30 PM

Ages 12 - 17. This month we will be discussing *Wicked as You Wish* by Rin Chupeco.



Mount Airy Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, 5/15 at 1 PM

Adults. This month we will discuss *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure* by Matthew Algeo.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group

Thursday, 5/23 at 12 PM

Adults. This month we will discuss *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley.



HELP SMOKEY CELEBRATE HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY BY LEARNING HOW TO PREVENT WILDFIRES AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

MARCH 1 - NOVEMBER 30

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NORTH CARROLL BRANCH

North Carroll Writers Group

Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • Thursdays at 10 AM
5/2 - 5/30

Adults. Bring your writing, works-in-progress, or works-in-thought. This writing group allows beginners, unpublished, and published writers to network, learn, vent, and feel inspired to move to the next level. All genres are welcome: novel, short story, essay, poetry, memoirs, spiritual, sci-fi, fiction, and nonfiction. This group is led by Barbara D. Duffey, an experienced writing workshop leader and author of five books.

Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM
5/1 - 5/30

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

Family Fun Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM • 5/1 - 5/29

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.

Read and Play

Mondays and Fridays at 10 AM
5/3 - 5/24, 5/31

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

Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 5/7 - 5/28

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

Read to a Dog

Thursday, 5/2 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.

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Friday, 5/3 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. Not all services will be available at all locations. The schedule for locations and service information will be posted when available at <https://cchd.maryland.gov/healthonwheels/>.

North Carroll Knitters Group

Monday, 5/6 and Tuesday, 5/21 at 1 PM

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

Make an Art Journal

Monday, 5/6 at 6 PM
Registration opens 4/22

Ages 11 - 17. Design and create your own art journal. We'll provide all the materials you need.

Metal Jewelry Making

Monday, 5/13 at 6 PM
Registration opens 4/29

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to make bracelets and necklaces from washers, create wire-wrapped pendants, and more!

Preschool Vision Screening

Tuesday, 5/14 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM

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

Potomac Community Services Table

Thursday, 5/16 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

All Ages. Potomac Community Services provides mental health case management therapy services to youth and adults in Carroll County at no cost to you. Stop by to meet with staff, discuss service eligibility, and complete initial paperwork. Let us help you work through barriers to achieving your goals!

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Thursday, 5/16 at 6 PM

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

Making Jam with Fresh Strawberries

Monday, 5/20 at 1 PM
Registration opens 5/6

Adults. Participate in a hands-on workshop for making your own jam with Dr. Shauna Henley and Terry Serio from the University of Maryland Extension, Carroll County Office. The workshop is for beginning and experienced canners. All attendees need to register.

North Carroll Ask a Master Gardener

Tuesday, 5/21 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

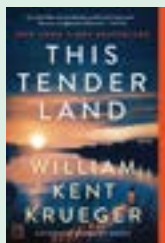
Adults. Bring your questions about spring gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Wednesday, 5/22 from 10 AM - 2 PM

Adults. Join Carroll County Workforce Development for a pop-up event at CCPL's North Carroll Branch! Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Book Clubs



North Carroll Book Discussion Group

Monday, 5/20 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.

Offsite Events

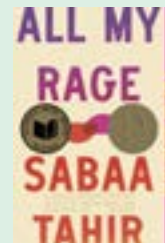
at the North Carroll Senior Center, 2328 Hanover Pike



North Carroll Senior Center Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday, 5/8 at 11 AM

Adults. This month's selection is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.



North Carroll Senior Center Thursday Book Club

Thursday, 5/9 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir.

● **R**

Wednesday, 5/22 at 1 PM

Registration opens 5/8

Adults. Plug into these apps to help you unplug from everything else! Need to unwind? Here's some tech for the mind with benefits such as reducing anxiety, improving memory, and lowering blood pressure. Senior Planet programs are provided in cooperation with the Carroll Tech Council. All attendees need to register.

● **R**

Thursday, 5/23 at 6 PM

Registration opens 5/9

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

● **R**

Mediterranean Diet

Tuesday, 5/28 at 6 PM

Registration opens 5/14

Adults. May is National Mediterranean Diet Month. Celebrate with Weis Dietitian Christina Pelletier, MS, RDN, LDN, and learn about the components of the Mediterranean Diet and its health benefits. The presentation will be followed by a Greek Chicken Gyro Bowl recipe demonstration that participants can sample. Come and receive a \$5.00 coupon to Weis Markets. All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

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BOARD GAMES!

• UPCOMING BEANSTACK READING CHALLENGES •

A blue rectangular graphic with white text and decorative borders. The top and bottom borders consist of a row of white stars on a blue background, flanked by thin red and white lines. The text is centered and reads: "Celebrating AMERICA" in a white serif font, with "Celebrating" in script and "AMERICA" in all caps. Below this is a thin white line with a small bridge icon in the center, followed by "CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND" in a small, white, all-caps sans-serif font. The main text is in large, bold, white, all-caps sans-serif font and reads: "SUMMER ADVENTURE 2024", "MAY 15 - SEPTEMBER 15", and "FOR KIDS ENTERING GRADES 1 - 9".

A graphic for Summer Reading. The top half has a dark purple background with the text "SUMMER READING" in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this is a horizontal band with a light yellow background. On the left of this band, the text "ADVENTURE" is written in a large, stylized, outlined font, with "BEGINS AT" in smaller text below it, and "YOUR LIBRARY." in a bold, dark purple font at the bottom. To the right of the text is a colorful illustration of a cave entrance. Inside the cave, a large elephant is visible, surrounded by other animals like a lion and a zebra. The cave is lit with warm, golden light.

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TANEYTOWN BRANCH

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 5/1 - 5/22

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.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 5/1 - 5/29

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.

Family Storytime

Thursdays at 10 AM • 5/2 - 5/30

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.

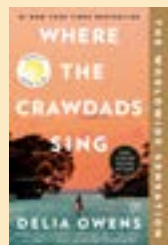
Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 5/7 - 5/28

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, 5/1 at 6 PM
Brewery Fire
4337 Old Taneytown Rd
STE B, Taneytown

Adults. Do you enjoy reading and talking about books while also getting a chance to enjoy excellent craft beer? Then our Books and Brews book

club is for you! The selection for this month is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

A Walk in the Park

Thursday, 5/2 at 11:30 AM

Taneytown Memorial Park
Md Route 140 at Park Drive

All Ages. Join us for a walk in the park as we enjoy the Story Stroll at Taneytown Memorial Park! We'll act out the story together, have fun with bubbles, and much more! Pack a picnic lunch and stay to play with new friends. Rain Date: Thursday, 5/23 at 11:30 AM

Carroll County Workforce Development Day

Thursdays from 10 AM - 4 PM • 5/2, 5/16

Adults. Learn about free career services, training, updating your resume, and connecting to employers.

Book Chat

Friday, 5/3 at 1 PM

Adults. Come and share what you are reading and get ideas from others about what to read next!

Writer's Circle

Friday, 5/3 at 2 PM

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

May the Force Be Crafty

Monday, 5/6 at 10 AM

Registration opens 4/22

Ages 2 - 6. Learn about forces, then create *Star Wars*-inspired crafts. Only kids need to register.

Star Wars Party

Monday, 5/6 at 6:30 PM

Registration opens 4/22

All Ages. Celebrate your love of the *Star Wars* universe with activities, crafts, and games! Only kids need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Taneytown Anime Club

Wednesday, 5/8 at 6 PM

Registration opens 4/24

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to watch the latest and greatest anime! Refreshments will be served.

Messy Masterpieces: Family Days

Thursday, 5/9 at 1 PM

Registration opens 4/25

Ages 2 - 6. It's time to create your very own messy masterpieces for special family members in your life!

Tea Party Fun

Friday, 5/10 at 10 AM

Registration opens 4/26

Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun at our pretend tea party. Only kids need to register.

Recycled Robots

Saturday, 5/11 at 2 PM

Registration opens 4/27

Ages 8 - 18. Create a model robot out of recycled materials. All attendees need to register.

Come Create

Monday, 5/13 at 6 PM

Registration opens 4/29

Adults. Doing crafts improves your mood, reduces stress, and it's fun! All attendees need to register.

Itty Bitty Science: May Flowers

Friday, 5/17 at 10 AM

Registration opens 5/3

Ages 2 - 6. Explore the science of flowers through stories, activities, and more.

Spanish Language Practice Circle

Friday, 5/17 at 10:30 AM

Adults. This is a friendly, informal group gathering monthly to practice speaking Spanish together. All levels are welcome; the leader will provide materials.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids

Saturday, 5/18 at 11 AM

Registration opens 5/4

Ages 6 - 11. CCPL's Taneytown Branch is having a monthly *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for kids, so join us to show you're the best *Super Smash Bros.* player your age in town!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens

Saturday, 5/18 at 1 PM

Registration opens 5/4

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

Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels Mobile Services

Tuesday, 5/21 from 1 - 3 PM

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Diamond Painting

Tuesday, 5/21 at 6 PM

Registration opens 5/7

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

Potomac Community Services Table

Thursday, 5/23 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

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Super Mario Escape Room

Saturday, 5/25 at 11 AM

Registration opens 5/11

Ages 6 - 11. Will you be able to work together to find the clues and solve the puzzles to get out in time to rescue Princess Peach in this Super Mario-themed escape room? Only kids need to register.

Let's Get Crafty

Tuesday, 5/28 at 6 PM

Registration opens 5/14

Adults. We will have a fun and EASY craft project each month. All attendees need to register.

Tiny Tots Gym Time

Wednesday, 5/29 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 5. Got an active toddler or preschooler? We'll have an obstacle course, tunnels, balance beams, and more to get out some of that energy!

Play Baby Play

Friday, 5/3 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 3. 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.

Mother's Day Craft and Play

Saturday, 5/4 at 11 AM

Ages Birth - 9. Mother's Day is fast approaching! Whether you are a mom, dad, grandparent, aunt, or friend, bring your little ones to do some simple crafts and play with friends. The children will have a chance to make a picture frame and have an instant photo taken of themselves to add to the frame to take home that day to give as a gift for a special person in their life. Photos are one per child and quantities are limited.

May the 4th: Star Wars Day

Saturday, 5/4 from 11 AM - 3 PM

All Ages. A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... the Jedi Council decreed that May the 4th would forever be known as *Star Wars* Day. Drop in for *Star Wars*-themed crafts, games, and activities! Fun for all ages!

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 5/4 at 12 PM

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

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1

Wednesday, 5/8 at 5 PM

Registration opens 4/24

Adults. Come and find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. 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 for Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket costs. All attendees need to register.

Preschool Playtime

Friday, 5/10 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Join us for an open playtime where children can be imaginative and creative while exploring blocks, puzzles, playdough, and more.

Hello, Zuko Here!

Tuesday, 5/14 at 1 PM

All Ages. Meet and greet Prince Zuko from *Avatar: The Last Airbender*! Snap pictures, pose, and practice your firebending.

Avatar: Mastering the Elements

Tuesday, 5/14 at 2 PM

Ages 7 - Adults. Become the Avatar! Master the elements: water, earth, fire, and air. Join us for an interactive demonstration and class presented by Tristar Martial Arts Academy Westminster instructors. Yip, Yip!

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2

Wednesday, 5/15 at 5 PM

Registration opens 5/1

Adults. Come and find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. This seminar focuses on Medicare Supplement/Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans. Learn about the different Medigap plans and your period of guaranteed issue rights under original Medicare. We will also discuss a different way to obtain all services covered by Medicare and more: Medicare Advantage Plans. All attendees need to register.

Preschool Prom

Friday, 5/17 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Take a photo with your friends, make a craft, and dance the morning away!

Constellation Theater Company

Presents: Songs from Aladdin and Moana

Saturday, 5/18 at 2 PM

All Ages. Join us for a preview performance from Constellation Theater Company. Hear selected songs from their upcoming productions of *Aladdin* and *Moana* performed on the library stage (weather permitting). Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Westminster Branch

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 5/20 at 3:30 PM

Registration opens 5/6

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.

May Flowers Paint Party Jr.

Saturday, 5/25 at 11 AM

Registration opens 5/11

Ages 8 - 17. In this junior paint party, our young artists will have an opportunity to paint a flower masterpiece of their own on a small canvas to help usher in spring. Adults are welcome to observe, but supplies will be limited to youth participants. Only kids need to register.

Offsite Event

**at City Park Gaming & Brew Room,
133 E Main St Suite 1G Rear**

Game Day: Codenames

Saturday, 5/4 at 2 PM

Ages 14 - Adults. Librarian Joy Zimmer will teach you how to play *Codenames*! An adult must accompany all participants under the age of 18. This game is for ages 14+, two to eight players, and lasts 15 minutes.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM

5/1 - 5/29

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Twos and Threes Together

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM

Thursdays at 10 AM

5/1 - 5/30

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

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10 AM

Thursdays at 11 AM

5/2 - 5/23, 5/30

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

5/7 - 5/28

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, 5/28 at 5 PM

Registration opens 5/14

Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a monthly book discussion focusing on a diverse author's work. Our May selection is *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang. Attendees are welcome

to attend in person at CCPL's Westminster Branch or virtually through Zoom.

Intro to Laser Cutting ●●R

Wednesday, 5/1 at 5 PM
Registration opens 4/17

Saturday, 5/25 at 2 PM
Registration opens 5/11

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 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.

Intro to CNC Routing ●●R

Thursday, 5/2 from 10 AM - 4 PM
Registration opens 4/18

Ages 12 - Adults. This one-day CNC certification class will introduce you to the design basics, machine use, and safety procedures for our Iconic i2015 CNC router. We will focus on project design and the VCarve software in the morning session. We will cover machine use in the afternoon, including hands-on time with the CNC machine. There will be a break between the morning and afternoon sessions. At the instructor's discretion, customers who successfully complete both sessions of this program will be certified to use Exploration Commons' CNC machine. Customers aged 12 to 15 who complete their certification are required to have a certified adult with them to use the CNC router independently.

Getting Started with CLO 3D ●●R

Fashion Design Software

Thursday, 5/2 at 5 PM
Registration opens 4/18

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn the basics of creating a 3D avatar and accessing the 2D T-shirt block in CLO 3D. We will learn how to create a virtual dress for your avatar and show how to send the pattern to the printer to create a real-world sewing pattern. This is a beginner-level class.

Kentucky Hot Browns ●●R\$

Thursday, 5/2 at 5:30 PM
Registration opens 4/18

Ages 14 - Adults. The Kentucky Hot Brown Sandwich is a meal-worthy dish that's over-the-top delicious! Make open-faced sandwiches with thick slices of roasted turkey and fresh tomatoes on top of a thick piece of toasted bread, all smothered in a rich, cheesy mornay sauce, broiled, and topped with crispy bacon. We'll also make a mock mint julep to celebrate the upcoming horse race. **\$10.00**

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

Friday, 5/3 at 1:30 PM
Registration opens 4/19

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

Wok Cooking Basics ●R\$

Saturday, 5/4 at 1:30 PM
Registration opens 4/20

Adults. In this hands-on class, gain an introductory understanding of wok cooking and learn how to prepare your recipe for the best results. We will prepare a plant-based recipe to practice the new cooking skill. **\$10.00**

Cooking for Wellness: Building Better Salads ●●R\$

Monday, 5/6 at 1:30 PM
Registration opens 4/22

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn to make salads exciting! Join dietitian Dana Mealing in creating nutritious, crave-worthy salads. Go beyond iceberg lettuce with cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, and a sprinkle of cheese – discover the art of vibrant salads that make eating more vegetables easy. This class is provided through The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Family Cooking: Empanadas ●●●R\$

Monday, 5/6 at 5:30 PM
Registration opens 4/22

Ages 6 - Adults. Join us for a family cooking class to celebrate Cinco de Mayo (one day late) with scratch empanadas! Registration is for one child age 6+ and one adult plus up to two additional attendees per family. One registration per group of up to four. **\$10.00**

Intermediate Laser Cutting: Designing for Different Materials ●●R\$

Tuesday, 5/7 at 1 PM
Registration opens 4/23

Ages 16 - Adults. This intermediate-level laser design class focuses on the differences between creating designs and navigating unique settings on various materials. Attendees will learn how to optimize their workflow with several different material options. Fusion Pro Laser Cutter Certification is required prior to attending this program. **\$5.00**

Cooking Demo: Spiralized Veggies ●●R

Wednesday, 5/8 at 5:30 PM
Registration opens 4/24

Ages 15 - Adults. Get inspired to add a little creativity to your recipes with a spiralizer. Learn and sample dishes utilizing this fun kitchen tool that can help you add more veggies to your meals or entice reluctant eaters with this novel presentation.

Intro to Adobe Illustrator ●●R

Thursday, 5/9 at 10 AM
Registration opens 4/25

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

Laser Engraved Livestock Brushes ●●R\$

Thursday, 5/9 at 5:30 PM
Registration opens 4/25

Ages 12 - Adults. Getting ready for the summer livestock or horse show season? Join us to customize a wood-handled grooming brush to express your own personality! We'll learn the basics of Adobe Illustrator and designing for laser engraving, then watch as your design is engraved onto a brush to take home. This class does not result in independent laser use certification. **\$7.00**

Baking Techniques: Beignets & Cafe au Lait ●R

Friday, 5/10 at 1 PM
Registration opens 4/19

Adults. Learn how to make New Orleans-style beignets, the soft and pillowy fried doughnuts covered in powdered sugar. While our dough proofs, we'll make traditional New Orleans-style coffee with chickory.

Adobe Illustrator: Beyond the Basics ●●R

Saturday, 5/11 and 5/25 at 10 AM
Registration opens 4/27

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 Adobe's Get to Know Illustrator, Create and Edit Shapes, and Transform and Edit Artwork online videos.

Tinkercad: Beyond the Basics ●●R

Saturday, 5/11 at 2 PM
Registration opens 4/27

Ages 12 - Adults. Join us to explore Tinkercad's 3D design capabilities further. Utilizing both basic and intermediate design tools and methods, we'll make 3D-printed dice. Previous Tinkercad experience is strongly recommended.

Making for Seniors: Create a Simple Cork Laser Engraving Project ●R

Tuesday, 5/14 at 10 AM
Registration opens 4/30

Adults. Learning new technology should be fun, not intimidating! Join us for a basic hands-on session where we'll create a laser engraved cork project and watch your project being made on our Fusion Pro laser cutter. Previous basic computer experience is required. No previous experience with laser cutting or design software is needed. This class does not result in independent laser use certification.

Taco Tuesday: Plant-Based Taco Night ●R\$

Tuesday, 5/14 at 5:30 PM
Registration opens 4/30

Adults. Turn your Taco Tuesday into a plant-based feast! In this hands-on class, we'll make Vegan Jackfruit Tacos, Guacamole, and Jicama Salad. **\$17.00**

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin Tops ● R \$**Wednesday, 5/15 at 10 AM****Registration opens 5/1**

Adults. Learn how to make Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin Tops. Easy, quick, and delicious! All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

3D Design Skills: Sketching ● R**Wednesday, 5/15 at 5 PM****Registration opens 5/1**

Adults. Welcome to the exciting world of 3D design and modeling! In this comprehensive, hands-on session in *Onshape*, a powerful cloud-based computer-aided design (CAD) platform, we will dive further into the sketch tools and their functions.

3D Printed Calendars ● ● R \$**Thursday, 5/16 at 10 AM****Registration opens 5/2**

Ages 12 - Adults. Welcome to the exciting world of 3D design! Explore some fundamental 3D modeling techniques while designing a desktop calendar to be 3D printed! **\$5.00**

Focaccia Bread Art ● ● R \$**Thursday, 5/16 at 5 PM****Registration opens 5/2**

Ages 16 - Adults. Create your own fanciful bread art using fresh focaccia dough, veggies, and herbs. **\$10.00**

Kids Intro to Basic Sewing Skills ● ● R**Thursday, 5/16 at 5 PM****Registration opens 5/2**

Ages 10 - 16. Learn the necessary basics to feel comfortable using a sewing machine. This is a beginner-level class; you will leave feeling confident about the next steps to take toward sewing your projects.

Inclusive Cooks: Black Bean Quesadilla ● R**Friday, 5/17 at 10 AM****Registration opens 5/3**

Adults. In this hands-on cooking series for people with disabilities and people without, we will prepare a simple Black Bean Quesadilla recipe.

Kids Baking Class: Hamburger Cupcakes ● R \$**Saturday, 5/18 at 10:30 AM or 2 PM****Registration opens 5/4**

Ages 8 - 12. Participants will make "hamburger" cupcakes and learn basic baking skills. **\$10.00**

Intro to 3D Scanning ● ● R**Monday, 5/20 at 1 PM****Registration opens 5/6**

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 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.

Homemade Strawberry ● ● R \$**Toaster Pastry****Monday, 5/20 at 5:30 PM****Registration opens 5/6**

Ages 10 - 18. Designed for kids and teens, this class will use pastry dough, fruit filling, and royal icing to make our own scratch toaster pastries! All attendees need to register. **\$5.00**

Creative Crudité ● ● R \$**Wednesday, 5/22 at 10 AM****Registration opens 5/8**

Ages 16 - Adults. In this hands-on class, participants will learn how to make a beautiful crudité platter with delicious dips. **\$10.00**

Practical Fusion 360 ● ● R**Wednesday, 5/22 at 5:30 PM****Registration opens 5/8****Tuesday, 5/28 at 5:30 PM****Registration opens 5/14**

Ages 14 - Adults. Digital design using tools such as *Fusion 360* is a fundamental skill that unlocks the full potential of maker technologies such as 3D printing and many others that depend on a digital file to define the shape and size of a real-world object to be made. This introductory seminar will explore the *Fusion 360* design software, examine resources for continued learning, and get hands-on experience. *Fusion 360* is professional-level software, and participants should be proficient in using a Windows PC.

Creating Jewelry with ● ● R**Makerspace Technology****Thursday, 5/23 at 10 AM****Registration opens 5/9**

Ages 16 - Adults. Learn about the types of jewelry you can make with our makerspace technology. We will review the available equipment, selecting appropriate materials, and setting up design files for success. Using *Adobe Illustrator* and the Epilog Fusion Pro laser, participants will make either a pair of earrings or a necklace to take home. This is an introductory level program; no previous experience with design software or laser cutting (or certification) is required.

Let's Start a Podcast! ● ● R**Thursday, 5/23 at 6 PM****Registration opens 5/9**

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, along with an introduction to the equipment we provide in the Audio/Video Lab.

Sewing Skills: Fabric Cutting ● ● R**Tuesday, 5/28 at 10 AM****Registration opens 5/14**

Ages 15 - Adults. Learn to use traditional and updated techniques and tools for preparing and cutting fabric. You will leave with the confidence to use a rotary cutter and mat as well as traditional cutting tools. This is a beginner-friendly class; no sewing experience is required.

ServSafe® Food Handler Course ● ● R \$**Tuesday, 5/28 from 1 - 4 PM****Registration opens 4/30**

Ages 15 - Adults. The ServSafe® Food Handler course taught by a Certified ServSafe® Instructor provides basic food safety knowledge. This two-hour class covers the following five key areas: Basic Food Safety, Personal Hygiene, Cross Contamination and Allergens, Time and Temperature, and Cleaning and Sanitizing. At the end of the class, participants will receive a certificate after completing a 40-question assessment. **\$25.00**

Adobe Illustrator: ● ● R**Create a Bookmark****Wednesday, 5/29 at 12 PM****Registration opens 5/15**

Ages 12 - Adults. In this session, we will go over some of the fundamental tools of *Adobe Illustrator* while designing custom bookmarks. Attendees will get a chance to experiment with the software and produce their bookmarks on either Cricut Maker or Cricut Explore. All the necessary materials will be provided, and no prior experience with Cricut is required.

Dinner's on Me: Frito Chili Pie ● R \$**Wednesday, 5/29 at 5:30 PM****Registration opens 5/15**

Ages 13 - 18. Calling all aspiring teen chefs! Join us in the kitchen to learn how to prepare Frito Chili Pie (chili served over corn chips and topped with sour cream and cheese). Enhance your culinary skills, gain confidence in the kitchen, and impress your loved ones with your cooking ability. **\$8.00**

Couples Cook: ● R \$**Southern Shrimp and Grits****Thursday, 5/30 at 5:30 PM****Registration opens 5/16**

Adults. Plan a date night! Delectable shrimp will be cooked with creole seasoning, red pepper, green onions, crisp bacon, and garlic then put over a bed of creamy cheddar grits. **\$20.00 per couple**

South African Eats: ● R \$**Fufu with Chicken Soup****Friday, 5/31 at 2 PM****Registration opens 5/17**

Adults. Guest presenter Leticia Nortey will teach attendees how to make the authentic South African dish of Cassava and Plantain Fufu with Chicken Soup. This dish has recently become popular on TikTok, and we will learn how to make this social media phenomenon. **\$5.00**

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

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

FREE AUTHOR EVENT

BOB DRURY



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**Wednesday, 5/8
at 6:30 PM**

**Exploration
Commons**

**50 East Main Street
Westminster, MD 21157**

Adults. *Throne of Grace: A Mountain Man, an Epic Adventure, and the Bloody Conquest of the American West* is the explosive true saga of the legendary adventurer Jedediah Smith and the Mountain Men who explored the American frontier, written by *New York Times* bestselling authors of *Blood and Treasure* Bob Drury and Tom Clavin. Bob Drury will join us for an author talk followed by book sales and signing. A Celebrating America program.

Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore and Carroll County Public Library.



Price: Free

Registration now open at:
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FREE AUTHOR EVENT

SEAN CARROLL



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**Thursday, 5/16
at 6:30 PM**

**Exploration
Commons**

**50 East Main Street
Westminster, MD 21157**

Adults. Sean Carroll is creating a profoundly new approach to sharing physics with a broad audience, one that goes beyond analogies to show how physicists really think. He cuts to the bare mathematical essence of our most profound theories, explaining every step in a uniquely accessible way. In his latest book, *Quanta and Fields*, Sean Carroll explains measurement and entanglement before explaining how the world is really made of fields. You will finally understand why matter is solid, why there is antimatter, where the sizes of atoms come from, and why the predictions of quantum field theory are so spectacularly successful. Books will be available for purchase from A Likely Story Bookstore. A book signing will follow the talk.

Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore and Carroll County Public Library.



Price: Free

Registration now open at:
tinyurl.com/ccplcarrollcarroll-193136

FREE AUTHOR EVENT

JEFF
SHAARA

**Monday, 5/20
at 6 PM**

**Exploration
Commons**

**50 East Main Street
Westminster, MD 21157**

Adults. From the bestselling author Jeff Shaara, comes the story of rising conflict between the super-powers that gripped the world, a global war that almost happened: The Cuban Missile Crisis. Extensively researched and vividly imagined, *The Shadow of War* brings to life the many threads that lead to the building crisis between the Soviet Union and the United States in 1962. A Celebrating America program.

Jeff will be in conversation with Steve Bowersox. Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore, Historical Society of Carroll County, and Carroll County Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Price: Free

**Registration now open at:
ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/shaara**

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ENHANCE LIBRARY SERVICES

Enhance our collection of materials and our services that guide learning and inspire curiosity

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