

DECEMBER 2023 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 or 301-829-5290

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 Saturday, 12/23 - Monday, 12/25 for Christmas

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

Storytimes for Kids

Saturday Adventures

Saturdays at 10 AM • 12/2, 12/16

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.

Little Learners

Mondays at 9:30 AM • 12/4 - 12/18

Ages 3 - 6. A special storytime just for preschoolers! Activities will promote pre-reading and school-readiness skills in preparation for kindergarten. Adult caregivers are welcome.

Read and Play

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 12/5 - 12/21

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM • 12/5 - 12/21

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

Pajama Party Storytime

Tuesday, 12/5 at 6:30 PM - 7 PM

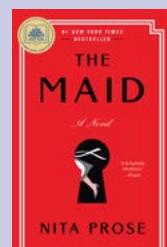
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storytime introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

Move & Groove Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 12/6 - 12/20

Ages Birth - 8. Explore your favorite children's books (and find some new ones) through song, dance, and creative movement!

Book Clubs



Free Spirit Book Club

Saturday, 12/9 at 2 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The Maid* by Nita Prose.

Letters to Santa

Friday, 12/1 - Wednesday, 12/13

Ages Birth - 10. Get ready for the holidays by writing your letter to Santa at CCPL's Eldersburg Branch! Be sure to add your address and drop your letter in our special mailbox to get a reply from Santa's Head Elf!

Peaceful Melodies with Lydia Bandy

Saturday, 12/2 at 12 PM

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

Teen Service Learning Drop-In:

Book Holiday Trees for BridgingLife

Saturday, 12/2 at 1 PM

Ages 12 - 17. Join us and earn service hours by decorating trees made from old books that will be donated to BridgingLife Hospice Care.

Scrabble Tile Holiday Craft

Saturday, 12/2 at 3 PM • Registration opens 11/18

Adults. Need to take a breather in between holidays? Join us as we use *Scrabble* tiles to make simple, festive winter holiday crafts! All attendees need to register. Refreshments will be served.

Mix and Mingle Mondays

Mondays at 11 AM • 12/4 - 12/18

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.

Writing Group

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM 12/6 - 12/27

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 • 12/6 - 12/27

Monday, 12/11 at 12:30 PM

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.

Polar Express Pajama Party

Thursday, 12/7 at 6:30 PM

Ages 4 - 10. All aboard! Join us in your favorite PJs for hot chocolate, crafts, and a reading of *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. Refreshments will be served.

Coffee with the Classics:

Christmas in Connecticut

Friday, 12/8 at 10 AM - 12 PM

Adults. Join us for this month's selection, the holiday screwball comedy *Christmas in Connecticut*, starring Barbara Stanwyck. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday Adventures:

Polar Express Pajama Party

Saturday, 12/9 at 10 AM

Ages 4 - 10. All aboard! Join us in your favorite PJs for hot chocolate, crafts, and a reading of *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. Refreshments will be served.

Open Mah Jongg

Monday, 12/11 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. Please bring a current National Mah Jongg League card. If you don't have a card, one will be provided.

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, 12/14 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!

Grinch Fest

Friday, 12/15 at 10 AM

Ages 2 - 5. Visit the Whos down in Whoville for a Grinch-tastic holiday celebration!

DIY Winter Snow Globes

Monday, 12/18 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Adults. Join us for a cozy evening celebrating the winter by creating your own snow globe. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Gentle Yoga

Thursday, 12/21 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/7

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.

Rest and Restore Yoga

Thursday, 12/28 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/14

Ages 13 - Adults. This special restorative yoga session is planned to support you during the busy holiday season. No experience is necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat and a blanket. All attendees need to register.

Card Kit Crafty Box

Kit Pickup: Starting Friday, 12/1

Registration opens 11/10

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. Registered attendees will receive a form via email to help Finksburg staff match you with your preferred crafty supplies. All attendees need to register.

December Dance Days

Fridays at 10 AM

12/1 Metal and Rock

12/8 Country and Folk

12/15 British Invasion

12/22 Disco and Motown

12/29 Pop

All Ages. Just love to dance? At December Dance Day, you can learn a few new (or old) steps, do themed crafts, or groove out while listening to songs in different genres. There are so many ways to move to the music!

Dear Santa: Winter Workshop

Saturday, 12/2 at 10:30 AM

Ages 2 - 10. Enjoy the magic of the season as we prepare for Santa's visit on December 25! Supplies will be provided for you to write a letter to Santa and prepare a treat to put outside for his hard-working reindeer. Letters completed and dropped in our mailbox by Saturday, December 9 will receive a response from Santa's head elf, Sparkly Snugglegbottoms.

Battle of the Books:

Parent/Coach Information Sharing

Thursday, 12/7 at 6:30 PM

Adults. Join us for an information session about the Battle of the Books! All parents and caregivers who have children interested in participating and coaches are encouraged to attend.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, 12/9 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. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to join us.

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. Los niños de todas las edades y sus cuidadores están invitados al programa.

Carroll County Chapter of the

Maryland Writers Association

Saturday, 12/9 at 12:30 PM

Adults. Please join the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Writers Association as we meet to discuss our writing.

Carroll Chapter Critique Group

Saturday, 12/9 at 3:30 PM

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

PAWS to Read

Saturday, 12/16 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/2

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 also come to de-stress and relax with a fuzzy friend. Walk-ins welcome! Only kids need to register.

Holiday Sing-a-long

Thursday, 12/21 at 10 AM

All Ages. It's getting close to the holidays! Join us for a holiday sing-a-long, where we'll read stories, sing, and dance!

Third Thursday:

Libraries Are for Everyone

Thursday, 12/21 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/7

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.

Cozy Craft Time at the Winter Café

Friday, 12/22 at 1 PM

All Ages. Bring a snack and enjoy craft time at our Winter Café! Choose from a flurry of available crafts and enjoy fun thematic music. Craft availability per craft will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to allowed snacks, allergens may be present. The library itself will not serve food at this event.

Chess at the Library

Wednesday, 12/27 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.

Offsite Event

at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91

Tuesday, 12/12 at 7 PM

Registration opens 11/27

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

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 9:45 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM 12/5 - 12/14

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at 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 12/5 - 12/14

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 • 12/5 - 12/12

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:45 AM • 12/6 - 12/13

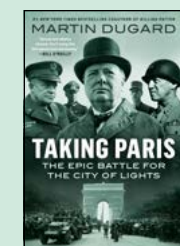
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Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 11 AM • 12/6 - 12/13

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.

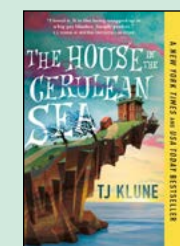
Book Clubs



Veterans Book Club

Monday, 12/11 at 6 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Taking Paris: The Epic Battle for the City of Lights* by Martin Dugard. A Celebrating America program.



Finksburg Book Club

Wednesday, 12/20

at 6:30 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune.

Storytimes for Kids

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays at 11 AM • 12/2 - 12/16

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 Storytime

Mondays and Thursdays at 10 AM • 12/4 - 12/21

Ages Birth - 8. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Read and Play

Tuesdays at 10 AM • 12/5 - 12/19

Ages Birth - 24 Months. 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.

Ready, Set, School!

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 12/6 - 12/20

Ages 3 - 6. Hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Pajama Party Storytime

Wednesday, 12/6 at 6:30 PM

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

Book Clubs



Mount Airy Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 12/20 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva.



Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group
Thursday, 12/28 at 12 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote.

Holiday Harp in the Library

Friday, 12/1 at 1 PM

All Ages. Browse for books as we ring in the holiday season with local harpist Lydia Bandy.

Tea and Poetry Writing Group

Friday, 12/1 at 2 PM

Adults. Please stop by for a monthly, informal poetry journal writing group where we'll share a cup of tea and write poetry. All experience levels are welcome.

Family Winter Movie: *Ice Age*

Friday, 12/1 at 2 PM

All Ages. Join us as we make our own paper snowflakes and watch *Ice Age*! Feel free to bring a blanket or pillow to sit on, water to drink, and light snacks to enjoy. *Ice Age* is rated PG.

Book Bingo for Adults

Saturday, 12/2 at 2 PM • Registration opens 11/18

Adults. Have fun and try to win some brand-new books; choose your favorites from our wide selection. We will even have bonus rounds where players can try for book bundles! All attendees need to register.

Avoiding Scams

Monday, 12/4 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/20

Adults. This program will teach you how to keep yourself, your identity, and your money safe and will cover current scams and strategies for avoiding them. Registration is recommended but not required.

Happy Birthday, Jane Austen!

Tuesday, 12/5 at 5:30 PM

Ages 15 - Adults. We will celebrate all things Jane Austen with 'afternoon' tea, activities, and a viewing of *Sense and Sensibility*. Refreshments will be served.

Mount Airy Knitters

Wednesdays at 10 AM • 12/6 - 12/27

Adults. Join the Mount Airy Knitters for a weekly roundtable of knitting, conversation, and fun.

Crochet Your Heart Out

Thursdays at 12 PM • 12/7 - 12/28

Adults. Join us for a weekly roundtable of crochet, conversation, and fun.

Kung Fu Panda Party

Friday, 12/8 at 10 AM

All Ages. Join us for a morning of PANDAmonium as we craft and watch *Kung Fu Panda*! Feel free to bring a blanket or pillow to sit on, water to drink, and light snacks to enjoy. *Kung Fu Panda* is rated PG.

Serenity Journaling

Friday, 12/8 at 2 PM

Adults. Serenity journaling is an opportunity to take a few minutes to slow down, think, and write.

Trading Card Games Club

Tuesday, 12/12 at 6:30 PM

Ages 11 - 18. Whether you're a seasoned expert or a beginner still learning the rules, the Mount Airy TCG Club wants you to join our community and share your passion for TCGs.

Ugly Holiday Sweater Celebration

Friday, 12/15 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 11. Wear your favorite ugly sweater as we have fun playing games and making crafts. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Seasonal Crafts:

Upcycle Holiday Greeting Cards

Friday, 12/15 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/1

Ages 14 - Adults. Find out how to turn your old cards into something new that you can gift away. Supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

Acoustic Guitar with Ben Sherman:

Holiday Favorites

Saturday, 12/16 at 2 PM

All Ages. Join local guitarist Ben Sherman for an afternoon of acoustic holiday music.

Read with a Furry Friend

Saturday, 12/16 at 2 PM

Ages 3 - Adults. Trained reading dogs from My Caring Paws will provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere for kids to practice reading.

Movies and Munchies: *The Holiday*

Monday, 12/18 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's movie selection is *The Holiday* with Cameron Diaz. The movie is rated PG-13. Refreshments will be served.

Grown-Up Gaming

Tuesday, 12/19 at 5:30 PM

Adults. Calling all board game enthusiasts to this afternoon 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.

Candy Cane Oobleck

Friday, 12/22 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 11. Join us for some ooey-goey fun as we make peppermint oobleck, where we will be combining scientific discovery and sensory play. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Craftapalooza

Friday, 12/29 at 1 PM

Ages 3 - 12. We've gathered extras of our favorite crafts and we need your help to bring them to life.

LEGO® Creations

Saturday, 12/30 at 2 PM

Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like!

Offsite Event

Corky's Winter Visit at the Mount Airy Senior Center

Tuesday, 12/5 at 12:30 PM • Registration opens 11/21

Adults. We hope you'll join us for some chilly weather fun, games, and dancing! All attendees need to register.

Holiday Concert

Saturday, 12/2 at 11 AM

All Ages. Join us for a short holiday concert as local instrumental students show off their musical skills!

North Carroll Knitters Group

Monday, 12/4 and Tuesday, 12/19 at 1 PM

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

Make a Fresh Holiday Arrangement

Tuesday, 12/5 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/21

Adults. Add beauty to your home with a lovely and fragrant holiday arrangement this season. Bring a clear glass container such as a quart canning jar/spaghetti sauce jar and enough fresh cranberries to fill it. Bring some short evergreen branch tips to fill the container. Additional greens, ribbons, fresh flowers, and artificial berry stems will be provided. White House Nursery's Marilyn Sparks will be providing instruction again this year. All attendees need to register.

Read to a Dog

Thursday, 12/7 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.

Painting Bottles and Jars

Monday, 12/11 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/27

Ages 11 - 17. Join us to paint a bottle or jar and create an artistic masterpiece. We will also provide mini lights to light up your creations.

Preschool Vision Screening

Tuesday, 12/12 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.

Holiday Children's Choir

Tuesday, 12/12 at 6 PM

All Ages. Hear the sounds of the season with the voices of the Grace Bible Church Holiday Children's Choir. All ages are invited to hear the holiday music by young ones. Enjoy music, smiles, and laughter during this memorable season.

All Aboard the Polar Express

Wednesday, 12/13 at 6:30 PM

All Ages. Storyteller Beth Rebert's delightful presentation of this heart-warming holiday tale will enchant children of all ages! Come dressed in your PJs as this magical story unfolds.

Crazy for Crafting

Thursday, 12/14 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/30

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.

The 4 Pillars of the New Retirement

Monday, 12/18 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/4

Adults. This program provides an in-depth look at "The Four Pillars of the New Retirement" (health, family, purpose, and finances). Attendees will be empowered to think through their own circumstances, goals, and challenges so that they can take action today that impacts their quality of life in retirement. All attendees need to register.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Thursday, 12/21 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.

Radical Reptiles

Wednesday, 12/27 at 10 AM

Ages 3 - Adults. 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!

Penguin Party

Thursday, 12/28 at 10 AM

Ages Birth - 8. Slide into the new year with penguin stories and songs. During the first half hour, you'll meet life-size Corky the Penguin, the library mascot! We'll continue to party with penguin crafts and games. Later, you may use our Corky mailbox to send messages to Corky!

Offsite Events

at the North Carroll Senior Center,
2328 Hanover Pike

North Carroll Senior Center
Thursday Book Club
Thursday, 12/7 at 1 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan Henry.

North Carroll Senior Center
Wednesday Book Club
Wednesday, 12/13 at 11 AM

Adults. This month's selection is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott.

Storytimes for Kids

Read and Play

Fridays at 10 AM • 12/1 - 12/15

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

Meet-up Mondays

Mondays at 10 AM • 12/4 - 12/11

All Ages. Get together at the library for a fun social time for you and your children. We'll provide the space, toys, and activities, you provide the fun. Play is an important part of developing early literacy skills. Learn and make new friends at the same time!

Move and Learn

Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM • 12/5 - 12/12

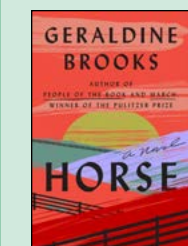
Ages Birth - 8. A storytime featuring an age-appropriate story, songs, and learning activities, with a concentration on creative movement.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM
12/6 - 12/14

Ages Birth - 8. Come talk, sing, read, write, and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Book Clubs



North Carroll Book Discussion Group
Monday, 12/4 at 6:30 PM

Adults. This month's selection is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

Storytimes for Kids

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Offsite Event

Books and Brews Book Club
Wednesday, 12/6 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! We will feature a different book at each meeting, so join us for a sharing of good books and good ideas.

The selection for this month is *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab, a novel about a young woman who made a Faustian bargain to live forever but is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets, until she stumbles across someone who remembers her name.

ABCs & 123s: Bedtime ● R
Friday, 12/1 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/17
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!

Gingerbread Fun ●●● R
Saturday, 12/2 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/18
Ages 3 - Adults. Join the festive fun as we decorate a small gingerbread house snack, papercraft a gingerbread person, and create gingerbread-scented playdough to take home. Seasonal music will get us in a holiday mood. Refreshments will be served.

Paint-Along Party ● R
Tuesday, 12/5 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/21
Adults. Join us for an evening of painting at the library. Create something beautiful for your home or to give as a gift! All attendees need to register.

Holiday Music & More ● R
Wednesday, 12/6 at 11 AM • Registration opens 11/22
Ages 2 - 6. Join the fun with your child as we celebrate the joys of holiday music with instruments and dancing, plus make an instrument to take home!

Make and Create ● R
Saturday, 12/9 at 1 PM
Ages 11 - 18. Make a handmade holiday gift. All materials will be provided.

Santa Visit ●●● R
Saturday, 12/9 from 1 - 4 PM
All Ages. Join Santa for some special holiday fun! We'll start with songs and a story; then, we'll have crafts and music throughout the afternoon. Santa said he is in a dancing mood and will dance with the kids! If you'd like a picture of your child with Santa, please bring your camera or cell phone!

Avoiding Scams: Keeping Your Money and Identity Safe ● R
Monday, 12/11 at 1 PM
Adults. This educational program will teach you how to keep yourself, your identity, and your money safe and will cover current scams and strategies for avoiding them. Presenter Carrie Sorenson is an Accredited Financial Counselor from the Carroll County Office of University of Maryland Extension. Registration is not required, but will help Carrie prepare for the program; to register, please email her at cjsoren@umd.edu. Refreshments will be served.

Come Create ● R
Monday, 12/11 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/27
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.

Messy Masterpieces: Holiday Art ● R
Wednesday, 12/13 at 11 AM • Registration opens 11/29
Ages 2 - 6. Paint and scissors and glue, oh my! It's time to create your very own masterpieces that can be used for holiday gifts! Please dress to get messy.

Taneytown Anime Club ● R
Wednesday, 12/13 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/29
Ages 11 - 17. Join us to watch the latest and greatest anime with other Taneytown teens! Refreshments will be served.

Carroll County Workforce Development Day ● R
Thursday, 12/14 from 10 AM - 2 PM
Adults. Join Carroll County Workforce Development for a pop-up event at CCPL's Taneytown Branch! Learn about free career services, opportunities for free training, updating your resume, and getting connected to employers.

Winter Reading Celebration ●●● R
Thursday, 12/14 at 6 PM
All Ages. Join the fun as we celebrate the winter season and our Winter Reading program! We'll have games and crafts and hot chocolate! Refreshments will be served.

Jingle All the Way ● R
Friday, 12/15 at 10 AM
Ages 2 - 6. Join us for some jingly fun. We will celebrate the holiday season as we enjoy winter and holiday activities! We will read, sing, and do some crafts! Stations will be created for everyone.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Kids ● R
Saturday, 12/16 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/2
Ages 6 - 10. 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! No prizes, just glory to the winner!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Teens ● R
Saturday, 12/16 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/2
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!

Senior Planet: Fitness Apps ● R
Monday, 12/18 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 12/4
Adults. Get ready to start the new year with some health and wellness goals. Learn how fitness apps can help you track and conquer your goals! Senior Planet programs are designed for the 60+ community, but all are welcome!

Let's Get Crafty ● R
Tuesday, 12/19 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/5
Adults. Come craft with us! We will have a fun and EASY craft project each month. No experience or creative skills are needed! Bring a friend and craft together, or meet new people with a shared love of crafting. All attendees need to register.

Merry TUBACHRISTMAS ●●● R
Saturday, 12/2 at 1 PM
All Ages. Join us for TUBACHRISTMAS, a live music event on our outdoor stage of traditional Christmas tunes performed on euphonium, baritone, and similar instruments.

Battle of the Books First Chapter ● R
Wednesdays at 6 PM
12/6 *How to Win a Slime War* by Mae Respicio
12/20 *The Secret Garden on 81st Street* by Ivy Noelle Weir
12/27 *Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee
Ages 8 - 12. Are you interested in participating in the Battle of the Books? Would you like some additional information about the titles on this year's elementary book list? Join us on Wednesday nights at the Westminster Branch as we listen to the first chapter of one of the books. There will be time to ask questions about Battle of the Books and titles similar to the featured book will be available for check out.

Holiday Greens ● R
Thursday, 12/7 at 1 PM • Registration opens 11/23
Adults. Join the Carroll Garden Club to make and take a fresh holiday table arrangement. The Carroll Garden Club will provide containers, oases, greens, and instruction. Participants should bring gloves and pruning shears and may also bring a container of their choosing and accessories such as a candle, ribbon, silk flowers, etc. All attendees need to register.

Play Baby Play ● R
Friday, 12/8 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.

Sounds of the Season Concert ●●● R
Saturday, 12/9 at 12 PM
All Ages. Join us for a seasonal concert in our park featuring student musicians from Westminster Elementary School and East Middle School. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket. Our park is smoke- and alcohol-free.

All Aboard the Polar Express ●●● R
Friday, 12/15 at 10 AM
All Ages. Storyteller Beth Rebert's delightful presentation of this heart-warming holiday tale will enchant children of all ages! Come dressed in your PJs as this magical story unfolds.

Winter Wonderland Storytime ● R
Tuesday, 12/26 at 11 AM
Ages Birth - 8. It's getting cold outside! Come in and warm up with this winter-themed storytime and craft.

Mid-Week Movie and Munch: Elemental ●●● R
Wednesday, 12/27 at 6 PM
All Ages. Join us for a movie and popcorn! We'll be watching Disney's *Elemental*. Follow the journey of Ember and Wade as they learn how much they have in common while living in a city where fire-, water-, land- and air-residents live together. This movie is rated PG. Please bring water bottles. Refreshments will be served.

Pigeons at the Library Storytime ● R
Thursday, 12/28 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/14
Ages 3 - 12. Coo-coo-ka-choo! Join The Pigeon Pit Sanctuary for a presentation about pigeons, doves, and animal rescue. Meet live actual birds, and enjoy a storytime of some of your favorite Mo Willems Pigeon stories, followed by a craft. Only kids need to register.

WINTER READING

A READING CHALLENGE FOR ALL AGES
DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 29
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Storytimes for Kids

Family Storytime
Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM
12/4 - 12/21

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.

Read and Play
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 AM
12/5 - 12/20

Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

Twos and Threes Together
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11 AM
Thursdays at 10 AM
12/5 - 12/21

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

Pajama Party Storytime
Tuesdays at 7 PM • 12/5 - 12/19

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

Offsite Events

Game Day: Catan
City Park Gaming & Brew Room
133 E Main St Suite 1G Rear, Westminster
Saturday, 12/9 at 2 PM

Ages 10 - Adults. Librarian Joy Zimmer will teach you how to play *Catan* at City Park Gaming & Brew Room! An adult must accompany all participants under the age of 18. The library will not cover the cost of beverages or snacks. However, participants are encouraged to support City Park Gaming & Brew Room. The total number of players is 3 - 6 with an average gameplay of 60 - 90 minutes.

Sfoggia di Mozzarella ●●● R \$
Friday, 12/1 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/17
Thursday, 12/14 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 11/30
 Ages 12 - Adults. Stretch fresh curds into mozzarella cheese, then create an iconic Italian appetizer - Sfoggia. Sheets of mozzarella filled with roasted vegetables, prosciutto, and greens, then rolled and sliced and served with Balsamic dressing. Each student will make 1 pound of fresh mozzarella for the recipe. **\$17.00**

Makers Gonna Make! ●●● R \$
Gift-Making Day for Kids
Saturday, 12/2 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/18
Saturday, 12/2 at 2 PM • Registration opens 11/18
 Ages 8 - 15. Attendees will be able to choose one item from a litany of customizable gifts. Staff will help them design their project to customize a holiday gift for a family member or friend. We will have volunteers available to help participants wrap their gifts so the surprise isn't spoiled when parents come to pick them up. Each registration is for one child and one item. All attendees need to register. **\$10.00**

Cooking for Wellness: ●●● R \$
Healthy Holiday Charcuterie
Monday, 12/4 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/20
 Ages 15 - Adults. The holidays are often stressful, heightening our thoughts and concerns around food. Learn how to assemble a plate of healthy and tasty treats while discussing ways to manage stressors. This class is provided through The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County and Carroll Hospital. **\$5.00**

Intro to Laser Cutting ●●● R
Tuesday, 12/5 at 2 PM • Registration opens 11/21
Thursday, 12/21 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/7
 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 for using 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.

Kids Intro to Basic Sewing Skills ●●● R
Tuesday, 12/5 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/21
 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.

Intro to 3D Printing and Design with Tinkercad ●●● R
Wednesday, 12/6 at 6 PM • Registration opens 11/22
 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!

3D Printed Presents! ●●● R \$
Thursday, 12/7 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 11/23
 Ages 15 - Adults. 'Tis the season of making! And what better way to celebrate than hopping into an introductory 3D printing and design class where you will model your very own 3D printed present box! **\$5.00**

Create a Personalized Wood Holiday Ornament ●●● R
Thursday, 12/7 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 11/23
 Ages 16 - Adults. Create a simple, personalized wood ornament on our Epilog Fusion Pro laser. We'll learn the basics of using *Adobe Illustrator* to design for the laser, and then you'll watch your ornament being made. Previous laser design experience is helpful but not required. This class does not result in independent laser cutter use certification.

Learn to Solder ●●● R
Friday, 12/8 at 2 PM • Registration opens 11/24
 Ages 16 - Adults. Soldering is fun and fundamental to various maker electronic projects and modern technology. From simple light-up LEDs to complex robots, solder is the glue that holds the technological world together. Join us for a hands-on project where you will assemble and solder your very own electronic dice circuit.

Holiday Cookie Series: Family Creations ●●● R \$
Saturday, 12/9 at 11 AM • Registration opens 11/25
 Ages 6 - Adults. During this family baking class, attendees will make three recipes from our 12-recipe Holiday Cookie Series. Attendees for this program will make Chocolate Chip Snowballs, Candy Cane Cookies, and Stained Glass Cookies. Registration is for families (at least one adult and one child, up to four attendees). Please indicate the names and ages of the children attending. All attendees need to register. **\$10.00**

Designing and 3D Printing a Holiday Ornament with Onshape ●●● R
Monday, 12/11 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/27
 Ages 12 - Adults. Learn how to 3D model using *Onshape*, a powerful cloud-based computer-aided design (CAD) software, and begin leveraging powerful design techniques to model and 3D print a holiday ornament!

Making for Seniors: Create a Simple Rotary Laser Cutter Project ●●● R
Tuesday, 12/12 at 10 AM • Registration opens 11/28
 Adults. Learning new technology should be fun, not intimidating! Join us for a basic hands-on session where we'll create a simple laser cutter project designed to utilize our laser's rotary attachment. Then, 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.

VCarve: Create a Puzzle Ball ●●● R
Tuesday, 12/12 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/28
 Ages 12 - Adults. Join us for a hands-on session where we create and cut out a wood puzzle ball on Exploration Commons' Iconic CNC router. Previous basic computer experience is required. No experience with the CNC router or design software is needed. This class does not result in independent CNC use certification.

Holiday Cookie Series: The Classics ●●● R \$
Wednesday, 12/13 at 11 AM • Registration opens 11/29
 Adults. During this class, attendees will make three recipes from our 12-recipe Holiday Cookie Series. Attendees for this program will make German Pfeffernüsse, Italian Anise Cookies, and Old Fashioned Spritz. All attendees need to register. **\$10.00**

Plant-Based Dishes for the Holidays ●●● R
Wednesday, 12/13 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/29
 Ages 15 - Adults. In this hands-on class, we will prepare plant-based dishes for the holiday season.

Arduino Workshop ●●● R
Thursday, 12/14 at 3 PM • Registration opens 11/30
 Ages 13 - Adults. Microcontrollers are everywhere and are often the unseen heroes of our modern world. Microcontrollers can be programmed to fulfill various simple tasks, from coffee makers to elevators and even the television remote control. The Arduino platform makes working with microcontrollers easy, fun and offers a way to get started in electronics. Join us for a workshop to explore various beginner Arduino projects using components from the Arduino education kits available in the makerspace.

Holiday Cookie Series: The Classics ●●● R \$
Friday, 12/15 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/1
 Adults. During this class, attendees will make three recipes from our 12-recipe Holiday Cookie Series. Attendees for this program will make Chocolate Crinkle Cookies, Raspberry Thumbprint Cookies, Chocolate Peanut Butter Buckeye Cookies. All attendees need to register. **\$10.00**

Holiday Cookie Series: Kid Creations ●●● R \$
Monday, 12/18 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/4
 Ages 6 - 18. Attendees will make three recipes from our 12-recipe Holiday Cookie Series during this class. Attendees for this program will make Melted Snowman Cookies, Stacked Christmas Tree Cookies, and Reindeer Face Cookies. All attendees need to register. **\$10.00**

Edge-Lit Acrylic Sign Making: Holiday Edition! ●●● R \$
Tuesday, 12/19 at 2 PM • Registration opens 12/5
 Ages 8 - Adults. We're taking a fun winter twist on everyone's favorite edge-lit signs class! Choose from a selection of holiday-themed cut-out designs for your acrylic sign. These bright and colorful projects are a way to display a message or add flare to your room, desk, or workspace. In this program, you'll laser engrave festive-themed artwork of your choice onto a piece of clear acrylic and light it up with a provided multi-color LED light stand. All attendees need to register. **\$8.00**

Family Class: Decorate a Gingerbread House ●●● R \$
Tuesday, 12/19 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/5
 Ages 6 - Adults. Learn new decorating techniques to upgrade a store-bought gingerbread house easily. Each family will receive one house. One registration per group, up to four participants. For families with children ages six and up, children must be accompanied by an adult. **\$25.00**

Decorate a Gingerbread House ●●● R \$
Wednesday, 12/20 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/6
 Adults. Learn new decorating techniques to upgrade a store-bought gingerbread house. Each participant will receive one gingerbread house. **\$25.00**

Intro to 3D Scanning ●●● R
Wednesday, 12/20 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/6
 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.

Intro to CNC Routing ●●● R
Friday, 12/22 from 10 AM - 3 PM
Registration opens 12/8
 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. In the morning session, we will focus on project design and the VCarve software. We will cover machine use in the afternoon, including hands-on time with the CNC machine. There will be a break from 12-1 PM between the morning and afternoon sessions. At the instructor's discretion, customers who successfully complete both sessions of this program will be certified for using 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.

Practical Fusion 360 ●●● R
Tuesday, 12/26 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/12
 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. All attendees need to register.

Family Baking Class: Soft Pretzels ●●● R \$
Wednesday, 12/27 at 10:30 AM
Registration opens 12/13
Wednesday, 12/27 at 2 PM
Registration opens 12/13
 Ages 6 - Adults. Join us for a hands-on family baking class! We'll learn how to make delicious soft pretzels and one dipping sauce to go with them. One registration per group, up to four participants. For families with children ages six and up, children must be accompanied by an adult. **\$15.00**

Advanced Laser Cutting: Precision Techniques ●●● R
Wednesday, 12/27 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/13
 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.

Making Movies: Intro to Premiere Pro ●●● R
Thursday, 12/28 at 3 PM • Registration opens 12/14
 Ages 15 - Adults. See what's behind the silver screen in this introductory course to Adobe's high-end video editing software, *Premiere Pro!* We will cover everything from basic editing tips and tricks to some of the cool tucked-away features in the program. So, if you have ever wanted to start getting into video editing, this is the class for you!

All About Oolong: Types and Tastings ●●● R
Thursday, 12/28 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/14
Friday, 12/29 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/15
 Ages 12 - Adults. Oolongs range from light and floral to dark and chocolatey. Learn more about this unique tea type and how those flavors are determined by two main factors: oxidation level and roasting.

Family Cooking Class: Happy Noon Year! ●●● R \$
Saturday, 12/30 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/16
 Ages 6 - Adults. Ring in 2024 by learning to make Clock Quesadillas, Noon Year's Eve Mocktails, Pretzel Stick Sparklers, and Fruit Rockets. One registration per family, up to four family members. For families with children ages six and up, children must be accompanied by an adult. **\$22.00**

ONLINE ZOOM EVENTS

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

Transitioning to Medicare Part 1

Wednesday, 12/6 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/22

Adults. Come and find out how to make the most of your Medicare health benefits. All attendees need to register.

Virtual Teen Advisory Board: Service Learning Opportunity

Wednesday, 12/6 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 11/22

Ages 12 - 17. 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, 12/12 at 4 PM • Registration opens 11/28

Ages 12 - 17. Join us for a session of Dungeons & Dragons played entirely online! This session is for beginners and avid players alike. All attendees need to register.

Transitioning to Medicare Part 2

Wednesday, 12/13 at 5 PM • Registration opens 11/29

Adults. Come and find out how to maximize your Medicare health benefits. All attendees need to register.

The Zentangle Method of Drawing-based Mindfulness

Wednesday, 12/20 at 7 PM • Registration now open

Ages 10 - Adults. Please have the following supplies handy: white paper, a black pen, a pencil, and something with which to smudge.



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

EXPLORATION COMMONS

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MAKER EXPO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 10 AM to 1 PM

Exploration Commons customers have made some amazing things in 2023! Stop by any time between 10 AM and 1 PM to help us celebrate another year of learning and making! Interact with some of the customers who have created projects and learned new software in our makerspace; see their projects, chat about their experiences in Exploration Commons, and even do some holiday shopping. Several customers participating will have finished projects available for purchase.

We will have an hourly door prize drawing for attendees featuring unique items made in our space.

Purchase some stocking stuffers from our teaching kitchen while you're here, like chocolate-dipped pretzels. Donate at our Spice Drive during your visit (donate spices for our local food banks and shelters).

TO BE READ: ARIEL LAWHON

Monday, 12/11 at 6:30 PM

Registration now open

Exploration Commons

50 East Main Street • Westminster

Adults. From Ariel Lawhon, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia* and *Code Name Hélène*, comes *The Frozen River*, a sweeping historical mystery inspired by the Pulitzer Prize-winning diaries of Martha Ballard. When a renowned 18th-century midwife finds herself at the center of a shocking murder, the small community of Hallowell, Maine becomes unhinged. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented by A Likely Story Bookstore and Carroll County Public Library.

FREE EVENT

Register at <https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/ariel-lawhon>



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Corky CARES

DROP-OFF
11/27 - 1/6

Donate new or handmade cold weather items such as scarves, blankets, mittens, and hats to Corky Cares. We'll be accepting donations at any Carroll County Public Library branch or at Library Headquarters in New Windsor during normal business hours. Items will be donated to those most in need in our community.



TOYS FOR TOTS

DROP-OFF
11/27 - 12/13

Drop off your new, unwrapped toys at any Carroll County Public Library branch or at Library Headquarters in New Windsor during normal business hours. The Toys for Tots Program has been delivering hope since 1947 and is run by the Marine Corps Reserve. Toys collected will be distributed as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children of all ages in our community.

Books also make great gifts! Researchers have found that in low-income neighborhoods, the availability of books per child is approximately one book to 300 children, and one in four children in America grow up without learning how to read.*

*Toys for Tots Foundation



CCPL HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Add CCPL cheer to your holidays with our 2023 ornament!

Celebrate all things Maryland with our 2023 holiday ornament!

The clear acrylic allows lighting from your festive decorations to shine through the Maryland flag and Carroll etchings.

Visit library.carr.org/services/HolidayOrnament.asp for pricing and ordering information.

Show us your ornament and tag us on Facebook @ExplorationCommons50East or use hashtag #ccplornament.



Yes, Carroll County Public Library is a free library that is supported largely by government funding. However, the generous private support of our community goes a long way in helping us as well. Private funding is used to:

ENHANCE LIBRARY SERVICES

Our collection of materials that guide learning and inspire curiosity.

PROVIDE INNOVATING PROGRAMMING

Our incredible educational activities support literacy and provide enriching experiences for all ages.

EXPAND OUR COLLECTION TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY



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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE LIBRARY?

BECOME A FRIEND

Members of the Friends of Carroll County Public Library support the library in its mission to deliver lifelong learning for all ages through advocating for public funding for libraries, promoting awareness of public library services and needs, and by enhancing library program resources in partnership with staff and board of trustees.

MAKE A DONATION

The library welcomes financial gifts, in-kind support, and material gifts. Donations may also be mailed to Carroll County Public Library, 1100 Green Valley Road, New Windsor, MD 21776.

If you would like to donate books, music, or movies to the library, please call your local branch to ensure donations are currently being accepted.

If you would like more information about giving to the library, please call 410.386.4500 or scan the QR code to go to library.carr.org/about/support.asp

