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

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, January 1 for New Year’s Day and Monday January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. 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 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

Read and Play
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM - 1/2 - 1/30
Ages Birth - 24 Months. A storytime featuring interactive books, rhymes, music, and movement, followed by playgroup activities.

Family Storytime
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Ages Birth - 8. We’ll share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement.

Pajama Party Storytime
Tuesday, 1/2 at 6:30 PM
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed.

Move & Groove Storytime
Wednesdays at 10 AM - 1/3 - 1/31
Ages Birth - 8. Explore children’s books through song, dance, and creative movement!

Saturday Adventures
Saturdays at 10 AM - 1/6 - 1/27
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.

Alphabet Train
Mondays at 9:30 AM - 1/8, 1/22 - 1/29
Ages 3 - 6. Explore a different letter of the alphabet through books, songs, and activities. All adult caregivers are welcome.

Book Clubs

Free Spirit Book Club
Saturday, 1/13 at 2 PM
Adults. This month’s selection is *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams.

Writing Group
Wednesdays at 9:15 AM - 1/3 - 1/31
Adults. Writers of all levels and genres are invited to join our weekly writing group.

Eldersburg Hooked on Crochet
Wednesdays at 6 PM - 1/3 - 1/31
Mondays at 12:30 PM - 1/8, 1/12
Ages 12 - Adults. Join this friendly crochet group open to beginners and experienced crocheters alike.

Teens

Eldersburg Teen Advisory Board
Thursday, 1/18 at 6 PM
Ages 12 - 17. Help us plan teen programming and influence our teen collections.

 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
Ebook and Audiobook Overview  
Thursday, 1/4 at 6 PM  
Ages 11 - Adults. Learn about hoopla and Libby and how to borrow ebooks and more with your library card.

Yoga with Laurel  
Saturday, 1/6 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/23  
Adults. Start your day and your year off right by doing yoga! All attendees need to register.

Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys Live in Concert  
Saturday, 1/6 at 3 PM • Registration opens 12/23  
All Ages. Hear Edgar Allan and the Poe Boys live in concert. All attendees need to register.

Senior Planet: Internet of Things  
Monday, 1/8 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/25  
Adults. Learn about the Internet of Things and discuss best practices for keeping your devices secure.

Knitting Nights  
Wednesday, 1/10 at 6 PM  
Ages 16 - Adults. New and experienced knitters are welcome.

Knitting Nights  
Friday, 1/12 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/29  
Ages 3 - 6. Join the fun with Fit Friends. Only kids need to register.

Cuentos Bilingües/Bilingual Storytime  
Saturday, 1/13 at 10 AM  
Ages 2 - 10. Join us for Spanish Bilingual Storytime! Edades 2 - 10. ¡Ven a la biblioteca para el programa de cuentos bilingües en español e inglés!

Carroll County Writers Group  
Saturday, 1/13 at 12:30 PM  
Adults. Join the Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Writers Association as we meet to discuss our writing.

Carroll Chapter Critique Group  
Saturday, 1/13 at 3:30 PM  
Adults. Please join the Carroll County Critique Group as we meet to discuss our writing achievements.

Third Thursday: Libraries Are for Everyone  
Thursday, 1/18 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/4  
Ages 13 - Adults. We welcome teens and adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers to join us for games and more! All attendees need to register.

Sensory Sensitive Storytime  
Friday, 1/19 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/5  
All Ages. This program welcomes children of all abilities and their caregivers to a judgment-free storytime.

PAWS to Read  
Saturday, 1/20 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/6  
Ages 4 - Adults. Come to the library to visit with or read to a book-loving dog. Only kids need to register.

Senior Planet: Smartphones at a Glance  
Monday, 1/22 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/8  
Adults. This program will compare and contrast Android and Apple’s iOS, discuss popular brands, and discuss the pros and cons of the systems and phones. Senior Planet programs are provided in cooperation with the Carroll Tech Council. All attendees need to register.

Chess at the Library  
Wednesday, 1/24 at 4 PM  
Ages 7 - Adults. Experienced and novice chess players are welcome.

Plant-Based Recipe Demo  
Wednesday, 1/24 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 1/10  
Ages 12 - Adults. Join Christina Pelletier, a Weis market dietician, for a plant-based food recipe demonstration. All attendees need to register.

Card Kit Crafty Box  
Wednesday, 1/24 at 7 PM • Registration opens 1/5  
Adults. Register to pick up a box containing materials for crafty inspiration. All attendees need to register.

Who Are Engineers?  
Friday, 1/26 at 11 AM  
Ages 6 - 12. Learn how science makes the world work with the National Institute of Health at Fort Detrick.

Cozy Craft Time at the Winter Café  
Friday, 1/26 at 1 PM  
All Ages. Bring a snack and enjoy craft time at our Winter Café!

Explore Coding with Ozbots  
Friday, 1/26 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/12  
Ages 7 - 18. School’s out! Come to the library to code! All attendees need to register.

Painter’s Palette  
Saturday, 1/27 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/13  
Ages 16 - Adults. Create artwork inspired by Lunar New Year celebrations. All supplies will be provided. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

Agatha Christie’s Greatest Mystery  
Monday, 1/29 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 1/15  
Adults. Agatha Christie enthusiast John Haydon will discuss her 1926 disappearance and how this shaped the Queen of Crime’s life and writing. All attendees need to register.

TRIVIA NIGHT at Bistro 91  
Tuesday, 1/9 at 7 PM • Registration opens 12/26  
Adults. Prizes are provided by Bistro 91. Only one person per team needs to register.

Veterans Book Club  
Monday, 1/8 at 6 PM  
Adults. This month’s selection is Butch Cassidy: The True Story of an American Outlaw by Charles Leerhsen. A Celebrating America program.

Finksburg Book Club  
Wednesday, 1/17 at 6:30 PM  
Adults. This month’s selection is The Salt Path by Raynor Winn.
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#### Ready, Set, School!
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Ages 3 - 6. Hands-on activities will teach listening, pre-reading, math, movement, music, and art skills. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

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#### Book Clubs

##### Mount Airy Book Discussion Group
**Wednesday, 1/17 at 1 PM**
Adults. This month we will be discussing *The Push* by Ashley Audrain.

##### Mount Airy Senior Book Discussion Group
**Thursday, 1/25 at 12 PM**
Adults. This month we will be discussing *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

### Programs for Adults

#### Serenity Journaling
**Friday, 1/19 at 2 PM**
Adults. Serenity journaling is an opportunity to take a few minutes to slow down, think, and write.

#### Dungeons and Dragons Club
**Saturday, 1/20 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/6**
Ages 11 - 18. Our game is friendly to both new and returning players. All attendees need to register.

#### Read with a Furry Friend
**Saturday, 1/20 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:
**Godzilla: King of the Monsters**
**Monday, 1/22 at 1 PM**
Adults. Join us for a snack and an afternoon movie. This month's movie selection, *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*, will get your blood pumping despite the cold weather. The movie is rated PG-13. Refreshments will be served.

#### Senior Planet: Keeping in Touch
**With Video Chat Apps**
**Thursday, 1/25 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 1/11**
Adults. Learn how to stay in touch all year round with commonly-used, no or low-cost video chat apps. All attendees need to register.

#### Cardboard City
**Friday, 1/26 at 11 AM**
All Ages. Together we’ll design and create a city from recycled materials. All supplies will be provided.

#### Wintertime Craft: CD Photo Frame
**Friday, 1/26 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/12**
Adults. Decorate a CD/DVD and turn it into a photo frame craft complete with your personal trimmings! All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

#### Library Lock-In: Escape from the Cryptids Escape Room
**Friday, 1/26 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/12**
Ages 12 - 18. Work with other teens to escape cryptids. All attendees need to register.

#### LEGO® Creations
**Saturday, 1/27 at 2 PM**
Ages 5 - Adults. Join us for a LEGO® program where you can build whatever you would like!

#### Mount Airy Teen Advisory Board
**Tuesday, 1/30 at 6:30 PM**
Ages 12 - 17. Calling all teens with a love of the library! We want you for our Teen Advisory Board! Need service hours? We’ve got those too!

#### Pom-Pom Penguins Craft
**Wednesday, 1/31 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/17**
Ages 11 - 18. We’ll use yarn pom-poms to create cute penguins! All attendees need to register.
North Carroll Knitters Group
Tuesday, 1/2 and 1/16 at 1 PM
Adults. Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join this group gathering to share tips, projects, and patterns.

North Carroll Writers Group
Tuesdays at 5:30 PM • Thursdays at 10 AM
1/2 - 1/30
Adults. Bring your writing, works-in-progress, or 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.

North Carroll Book Discussion Group
Monday, 1/22 at 6 PM
Adults. This month’s selection is Varina by Charles Fraizer.

Read to a Dog
Thursday, 1/4 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.

Focus on Fixed Income
Monday, 1/8 at 6:30 PM • Registration opens 12/25
Adults. Focus on Fixed Income is a seminar designed to educate clients and prospects on how fixed-income investments such as bonds can help them reach their financial goals. Participants will learn: bond characteristics and features, the relationship between interest rates and bond prices, tax advantages of municipal bonds, and how bonds may help investors weather fluctuating markets. All attendees need to register.

Preschool Vision Screening
Tuesday, 1/9 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Be Kind:
Community of Kindness Workshop
Tuesday, 1/9 at 6 PM • Registration opens 12/26
Ages 13 - Adults. Participants will be enveloped by a positive atmosphere to create art that inspires kindness. Join Eric and Tina from Action for Kindness to create your own hand-painted BE KIND sign. All supplies will be provided. All attendees need to register.

North Carroll Ask a Master Gardener
Tuesday, 1/16 at 1 PM
Adults. Bring your questions about winter gardening to a Carroll County Master Gardener and pick up tips, handouts, and more.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group
Thursday, 1/18 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.

Senior Planet: Fitness Apps
Wednesday, 1/24 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/10
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! All attendees need to register.

Senior Planet programs are provided in cooperation with the CarrollTech Council.

Crazy for Crafting
Thursday, 1/25 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/11
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.

Nerf Winter Wildness
Friday, 1/26 at 1:30 PM
Ages 8 - 17. Join us for a winter-themed Nerf program. We will provide the Nerf weapons and targets for you to use!

Jurassic Park Escape Room
Monday, 1/29 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/15
Ages 11 - 17. Join us for a Jurassic Park-themed escape room. Gather the clues and solve puzzles to see if you can escape in time!

Painter’s Palette
Tuesday, 1/30 at 6 PM • Registration opens 1/16
Adults. Join us for an evening of painting at the library. Attendees will receive instruction and create beginner-level artwork inspired by Lunar New Year celebrations. Please wear old clothes or bring an apron. All supplies will be provided. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.
Storytimes for Kids

Twos and Threes Together
Tuesdays at 10 AM - 1/2 - 1/30
Ages 2 - 3. This lively, fast-paced storyline for young children includes books, songs, fingerplays, and movement. Siblings are welcome to attend this program.

Read and Play
Wednesdays at 10 AM - 1/3 - 1/31
Ages Birth - 24 Months. Join your little one at a storyline 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 - 1/3 - 1/31
Ages 3 - 6. An independent storyline 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 - 1/4 - 1/25
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
Thursdays at 6:30 PM - 1/4 - 1/25
Ages Birth - 8. Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and listen to stories before bed. This storyline introduces stories through books, songs, and activities appropriate for young children.

Offsite Event
Books and Brews Book Club
Wednesday, 1/3 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.

National Puzzle Month
Tuesday, 1/2 - Wednesday, 1/31 during library hours
All Ages. Celebrate National Puzzle Month during January with a variety of puzzles set up around the branch. Jigsaw, word, logic, and visual puzzles can exercise your mind this winter. Participants will be able to enter a prize drawing.

ABCs & 123s: Winter
Friday, 1/5 at 10 AM - Registration opens 12/22
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!

Puzzle Swap
Saturday, 1/6 at 12 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 Taneytown Branch of CCPL anytime between December 30 and January 5 to get a swap ticket. Then, stop by during the program to exchange each swap ticket you have for a new puzzle!

Senior Planet: Mindfulness Apps
Monday, 1/8 at 9:30 AM - Registration opens 12/25
Adults. Need to unwind? Here’s some tech for the mind! Plug into these apps to help you unplug from everything else. Senior Planet programs are designed for the 60+ community, but all are welcome! Senior Planet programs are provided in cooperation with the Carroll Tech Council.

Come Create
Monday, 1/8 at 6 PM - Registration opens 12/25
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.

Diamond Painting
Tuesday, 1/9 at 10 AM - Registration opens 12/22
Adults. This is a conversation club created to help each other learn and practice Spanish. All levels welcome; native speakers, too. No pressure, no judgment. ¡Aprender juntos es divertido!

Itty Bitty Scientist:
Brrr...It’s Cold Outside!
Friday, 1/19 at 10 AM - Registration opens 1/5
Ages 2 - 6. Join the science fun as we learn about temperature and explore what makes things cold! Be prepared to get cold. Only kids need to register.

Super Smash Bros.
Tournament for Kids
Saturday, 1/20 at 11 AM - Registration opens 1/6
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 in town! No prizes, just glory to the winner!

Super Smash Bros.
Tournament for Teens
Saturday, 1/20 at 1 PM - Registration opens 1/6
Ages 11 - 18. 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!

Let’s Get Crafty
Tuesday, 1/23 at 6 PM - Registration opens 1/9
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.

Sign with Me
Friday, 1/26 at 10 AM - Registration opens 1/12
Ages 2 - 6. Let’s get together to learn sign language! Join us as we learn to communicate using our eyes and hands.

Black-Eyed Susan Award:
Nominee Preview
Friday, 1/26 at 1 PM
Ages Birth - 11. The Black-Eyed Susan Awards are decided by readers just like you! The chosen nominees range from picture books to young adult, and voting opens soon. Take a moment to meet some of these wonderful books through games, activities, and more!
**Mid-Week Movie and Munch**

Ruby Gillman: Teenage Kraken

Wednesday, 1/6 at 6 PM
All Ages. Join us for popcorn and the movie Ruby Gillman: Teenage Kraken! Popcorn will be provided. Please bring your own water bottle. This movie is rated PG, and the runtime is 91 minutes.

**Preschool Vision Screening**

Thursday, 1/11 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Ages 2 - 5. Drop in at CCPL’s Westminster Branch for a free vision screening for your child, offered in partnership with the Deer Park Lions Club. This screening for preschool-aged children will test for lazy eye, nearsightedness, farsightedness, and depth perception. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

**Transitioning to Medicare Part 1**

Wednesday, 1/17 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/3

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

**Preschool Playtime**

Friday, 1/19 at 10 AM
Ages 2 - 5. Play is a fantastic way for children to develop their critical thinking skills. Join us for an open playtime where children can be imaginative and creative while exploring blocks, puzzles, playdough, and more.

**Family Storytime**

Mondays at 10 AM • Thursdays at 11 AM

*1/8 - 1/11, 1/18 - 1/29*

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

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**Family Storytime**

Move Night stories for kids provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

**Yoga for Sleep Optimization and Brain Health**

Saturday, 1/20 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/6

Ages 16 - Adults. Laurel Brennan (occupational therapist, yoga instructor, and functional medicine practitioner) will facilitate a gentle vinyasa yoga for brain health, focusing on pranayama (breath work) and relaxation. Modifications will be offered for chair yoga as well. We will finish class with a Yoga Nidra. Yoga Nidra is a form of guided meditation also known as “yogic sleep” or “effortless relaxation.” Please bring props to support your maximum comfort (i.e., yoga mat, pillows, blankets, eye mask). Please bring the attached waiver to the program. All attendees need to register.

**Westminster Branch Teen Advisory Board**

Monday, 1/22 at 3:30 PM • Registration opens 1/8

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.

**Transitioning to Medicare Part 2**

Wednesday, 1/24 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/10

Adults. Are you or someone you care about eligible for Medicare? 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. These secondary/supplemental plans can cover some or all of Medicare’s out-of-pocket costs. We will also discuss a different way to obtain all services covered by Medicare and more: Medicare Advantage Plans. All attendees need to register.

**Barbie Movie and Munch Party**

Friday, 1/26 at 2:30 PM

Ages 13 - Adults. Come on Barbies, let’s go party! Think pink and join us to watch the new Barbie movie. Popcorn will be provided. Please bring a water bottle. Feel free to dress up. The film is rate PG-13 and has a runtime of 1 hour and 54 minutes.

**The Art of Book Folding: Hedgehogs**

Saturday, 1/27 at 1 PM • Registration opens 1/13

Ages 13 - Adults. Join us for a fun and cozy afternoon as we upcycle books into adorable hedgehogs. All attendees need to register.

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

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- **Read with a Furry Friend**
  - Saturday, 1/6 at 12 PM
  - Ages 4 - Adults. Every dog enjoys a good story! Trained “reading dogs” provide a relaxed, informal atmosphere as well as help with emotional and social skills.

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**Book Clubs**

- **Diverse Voices Book Club:**
  - Social Justice Book Discussion
  - Tuesday, 1/30 at 5 PM
  - Registration opens 1/16
  - Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a monthly book discussion focusing on a diverse author’s work. Each month, we will select a young adult or adult title written by an author from a diverse background so we can learn from others’ perspectives. For our January meeting, we will be having a book-share discussion about books on social justice. Attendees are welcome to attend in person at CCPL’s Westminster Branch or virtually through Zoom.
Machine Magic

Tuesday, 1/2 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/19
Adults. Learn to use decorative stitches by decorating flowers for a pillow front. This class will use techniques recommended in Machine Magic by Deborah Louie. Learn how to use decorative stitches on computerized machines. Although the class will use Bernina machines, these techniques can be applied to other computerized brands. All participants are required to be Exploration Commons Sewing Machine Certified prior to attending this class. $10.00

Intro to Adobe Illustrator

Tuesday, 1/2 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/19
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!

Arduino Workshop

Wednesday, 1/3 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/20
Tuesday, 1/3 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/16
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.

All About Oats

Thursday, 1/4 at 9:30 AM • Registration opens 12/21
Adults. Oats are a cereal grain that can be used in many delicious dishes. In this program, we will be making and tasting Baked Oatmeal with nuts, fruits, and toppings, No-Bake Oat Energy Bites, and Healthy Granola. All attendees need to register. $5.00

Intro to Basic Sewing Skills

Thursday, 1/4 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/21
Ages 14 - Adults. 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. This program includes Exploration Commons Sewing Machine Certification for independent use.

Intro to Laser Cutting

Thursday, 1/4 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/21
Wednesday, 1/17 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/3
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 the use of 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.

Wok Cooking Basics

Saturday, 1/6 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/23
Adults. In this hands-on class, gain an introductory understanding of wok cooking and learn how to prepare your recipe for the best results. $10.00

Cooking for Wellness:

Beef and Lentil Bolognese

Monday, 1/8 at 1/3 PM • Registration opens 12/25
Ages 15 - Adults. January is National Blood Donor Month; unfortunately, 10% will be denied their ability to donate because of low hemoglobin related to iron deficiency. With this recipe, we will be discussing how to increase your iron levels through food. $5.00

Making for Seniors: Introduction to 3D Printing and Design with Tinkercad

Tuesday, 1/9 at 10 AM • Registration opens 12/26
Adults. Learning new technology should be fun, not intimidating! Join us for a basic hands-on session where we will create a simple 3D design project to be printed on Exploration Commons’ 3D printers. Previous basic computer experience is required. No previous experience with 3D printing or design software is needed.

Soft Pretzels

Tuesday, 1/9 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/26
Ages 16 - Adults. Join us for a hands-on baking class! We’ll learn how to make delicious soft pretzels and a dipping sauce to go with them. $10.00

Sewing: Embroidery Machine Basics

Tuesday, 1/9 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/26
Ages 16 - Adults. Get familiar with embroidery machines and the tools and materials you need to create a successful project. Through both lecture and demonstration, learn about Exploration Commons’ Bernina 535E Embroidery Machine, types of hoops and stabilizers, and use of embroidery motifs. Attendees may schedule an appointment to complete the Embroidery Machine Independent Certification after completing this class.

Chicken and Dumpling Soup

Tuesday, 1/10 at 11 AM • Registration opens 12/27
Adults. Cold weather is perfect for this warm, delicious chicken and scratch dumpling soup. We’ll create our steamy soup and have it together for lunch in our teaching kitchen. All attendees need to register.

Tinkercad: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, 1/10 at 5 PM • Registration opens 12/27
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.

New Year’s Custom Engraved Tumblers!

Thursday, 1/11 at 1:30 PM • Registration opens 12/28
Ages 13 - Adults. Ring in 2024 with a brand new custom engraved tumbler! Maybe a shiny custom cup will help keep those hydration goals on track for the year! All attendees need to register. $5.00

Pairs Cooking: Cioppino (Italian-American Seafood Stew)

Thursday, 1/11 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 12/28
Adults. Make a pot of Cioppino, a hearty Italian-American stew made with a medley of fresh seafood and fish in a rich broth of tomato and wine. Registration is for TWO attendees. $18.00

Homeschool Cooking Class:

Mozzarella

Friday, 1/12 at 1 PM • Registration opens 12/29
Ages 12 - 18. Stretch fresh curds into mozzarella cheese, then create your own delicious Margherita Flatbread. Each person will make 1 pound of fresh mozzarella. $17.00

Intro to CNC Routing

Saturday, 1/13 from 10 AM - 3 PM • Registration opens 12/30
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 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.

Making for Good: Pet Beds

Tuesday, 1/16 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/2
Adults. In this Making for Good program, attendees will make a pet bed to be donated to the local animal shelter! Attendees are also welcome to make a pet bed for their own furry friends. All attendees must be sewing machine certified to attend this class. All attendees need to register.

Inclusive Cooks: Sheet Pan Dinner

Thursday, 1/18 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/4
Adults. In this hands-on cooking series for people with disabilities and people without, we will prepare a simple sheet pan dinner.
Sewing: Serger Basics ⚫ R
Thursday, 1/18 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/4
Ages 14 - Adults. In this class, you will learn about the sewing, cutting, proper threading, and operating basics of the versatile serger/overlock sewing machine. You will be inspired to incorporate serger/overlock techniques into your sewing projects to achieve better results. This is a beginner-level class, and no sewing experience is required. This program includes Exploration Commons Serger Certification for independent use.

3D Printing Do’s and Don’ts: Editing Pre-Made Objects ⚫ R
Thursday, 1/18 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/4
Ages 15 - Adults. This class will go over both finding and modifying pre-existing models and utilizing the various manipulation and design tools found in Blender to help re-shape creations to your own design.

Custom Cookie Stencils with Adobe Illustrator ⚫ R $10.00
Friday, 1/19 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/5
Ages 16 - Adults. Learn to use Adobe Illustrator and our Fusion Pro laser to create a custom cookie stencil in this hybrid makerspace/teaching kitchen class! We’ll design and cut our stencils, then head to the kitchen to test them on several cookies that attendees will take home. All participants are required to be Exploration Commons Laser Certified prior to attending this class.

Kids Cooking Class: Calzones ⚫ R $10.00
Saturday, 1/20 at 10:30 AM • Registration opens 1/6
Saturday, 1/20 at 2 PM • Registration opens 1/6
Ages 8 - 15. Participants will make and enjoy delicious calzones and a side dish to go with them.

Designing for 3D Printing with Onshape ⚫ R
Monday, 1/22 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/8
Ages 12 - 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 into the fundamental concepts and practical techniques needed to design for 3D printing.

Basic Photography Skills to Move Beyond Automatic Mode ⚫ R
Tuesday, 1/23 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/9
Ages 16 - Adults. Learn basic photography skills to get your DSLR and mirrorless camera off automatic mode. We will discuss the basics of shutter speed, aperture, and ISO. Discover the best way to save files on your camera for editing in the makerspace. Feel free to bring your camera or manual and any questions.

Kids Intro to Basic Sewing Skills ⚫ R
Tuesday, 1/23 at 3 PM • Registration opens 1/9
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.

Baking for Good: Cupcakes for Caregivers with ButterWorks Bakery USA ⚫ R $10.00
Tuesday, 1/23 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/9
Ages 15 - Adults. Learn how to decorate cupcakes with Emily Uhlman of ButterWorks Bakery USA. You'll keep one cupcake and donate two to Emily's Cupcakes for Caregivers Program!

Ground Venison Recipes ⚫ R
Wednesday, 1/24 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/10
Ages 10 - 16. Venison is a readily accessible meat option for many locals, but knowing what recipes to use can be difficult. In this program, we will create several recipes to make and taste, including Venison Tacos, Spicy Korean Venison, and Hunter’s Ground Venison Casserole. All attendees need to register.

Practical Fusion 360 ⚫ R
Wednesday, 1/24 at 5:30 PM • Registration opens 1/10
Ages 14 - 16. 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.

Super Bowl Snacks with Smokin Roche’s BBQ ⚫ R
Thursday, 1/25 at 5 PM • Registration opens 1/11
Ages 12 - Adults. Get the guys together for an evening in the kitchen with Brian Roche, making Super Bowl snacks everyone will enjoy on game day. Enjoy a glass of specially selected craft beer to accompany your food. You must be 21 or older to attend; a government-issued photo ID is required. $15.00

ServSafe® Food Handler Course ⚫ R $15.00
Friday, 1/26 from 9 AM - 12 PM • Registration opens 1/29
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. All attendees need to register.

Design an Augmented Reality Project with CoSpaces and Merge Cube ⚫ R
Saturday, 1/27 at 10 AM • Registration opens 1/13
Ages 12 - Adults. Augmented reality allows you to combine digital elements with real-world objects. Join us to learn how to create a simple augmented reality project specifically for interaction with a Merge Cube. Using CoSpaces Edu, we will walk through a facilitated project build that you'll be able to share with family and friends.

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

The Exploration Commons kitchen is not an allergen-free facility.
Wednesday, 1/24 at 6 PM  
Registration now open  
Exploration Commons at 50 East • 50 E. Main Street • Westminster  
Adults. Learn how the economy affects local governments, the services you receive, and why you should care from Ted Zaleski, Carroll County’s Director of Management and Budget.  
Presented by Carroll Community College and Carroll County Public Library.

Thursday, 1/11 at 6:30 PM • Registration now open  
Westminster High School • 1225 Washington Rd. • Westminster  
All Ages. Join us for a special evening with author Brad Meltzer and illustrator Christopher Eliopoulos! Help us celebrate the release of *I Am Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, the next installment in the wildly popular Ordinary People Change the World series. Books will be available for purchase and signing. The book signing will follow the author talk. All attendees need to register.

Tuesday, 1/30 at 6:30 PM • Registration now open  
Exploration Commons at 50 East • 50 E. Main St. • Westminster  
Adults. From bestselling nonfiction author Abbott Kahler comes the spellbinding fiction debut, *Where You End*. An unusual form of amnesia upends the lives of identical twins, forcing them to face an indelible, dangerous shadow of the past. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Register at  
ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/facts-first-economy

Register at  
ccpl.librarymarket.com/event/RBG

Register at  
bit.ly/be-read-abbott-kahler
TALES FROM THE TANNERY:
MILESTONES OF LEATHER MAKING
THURSDAY, 1/18 AT 6:30 PM

Adults. Barry Knight will review some key milestones of leather making, examine the main disciplines of tanning, and their evolution over time. He will also discuss how leather was made at the Shriver Tannery in Union Mills. Barry is a recognized expert in the production of tanned leather products. He works as a technical consultant for tanneries based both in the U.K. and Argentina, specializing in heavy (thick) leather of all tanning disciplines for purposes such as shoes, belts, saddlery and industrial drive belts. Presented by Union Mills Homestead and Carroll County Public Library. A Celebrating America program.

• TWO WAYS TO WATCH ONLINE.

Watch Live on YouTube @libraryccpl (No registration required.)

Join from your browser. Register at bit.ly/tannery-tales

ONLINE ZOOM EVENTS

Virtual Teen Advisory Board:
Service Learning Opportunity
Wednesday, 1/3 at 6:30 PM
Registration opens 12/20

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, 1/9 at 4 PM
Registration opens 12/26

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. All attendees need to register.

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.
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

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**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**

**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.

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**DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 29**

**A Reading Challenge For All Ages!**
Participate online or with the app.