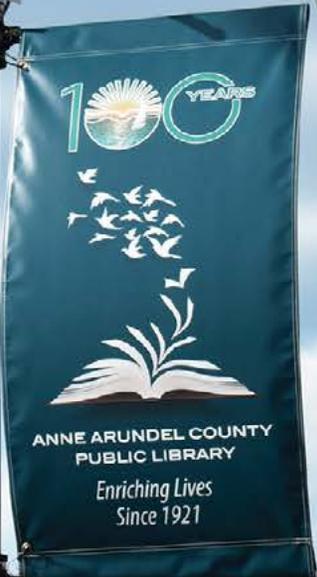
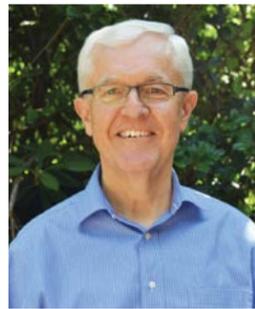


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Anne Arundel County  
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MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2021  
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# Skip Auld, Anne Arundel County Public Library Chief Executive Officer



*“Where flowers bloom,  
so does hope...”*

—Lady Bird Johnson

Spring is upon us and while many challenges remain, the staff of the Anne Arundel County Public Library are excited to begin offering in person programs at some locations. These small, mainly outdoor programs provide an opportunity for connecting with one another in a safe way. They also represent the first hopeful steps in returning to more normal operations. Please note that all attendees will need to adhere to the safety protocols listed below.

We continue to celebrate our 100th anniversary with a series of events and special features. You are sure to enjoy some of the then and now photos of our staff on page three along with a few library stories from our customers.

I encourage you to attend a special program, in partnership with Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA), titled *Celebrating our Library Stories*. This virtual program on March 4 at 7 PM will feature LAA alumni and partners sharing their library stories and how libraries are more essential than ever.

Look for this icon  for all anniversary events and don't forget to tell us your library stories at [aacpl.net/100years](http://aacpl.net/100years).

Wishing you a healthy and happy spring,

## To attend an in-person event at the library, you MUST:

- be healthy and fever free
- wear a mask over your nose and mouth at all times
- adhere to social distancing guidelines
- wash your hands when possible
- comply with instructions from library staff

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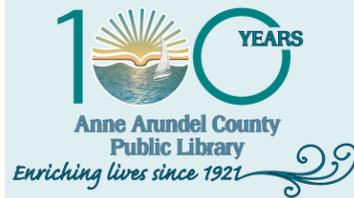
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STEM education fosters a love of math and science by encouraging learners to engage in inquiry, logical reasoning, collaboration and investigation. In *Happenings!*, programs that incorporate STEM principles are designated with this icon: 

# THEN AND NOW

## Library Staff Through the Years...

As part of our 100 years celebration, we are pleased to bring you some special photos of current library staff from yesteryear.



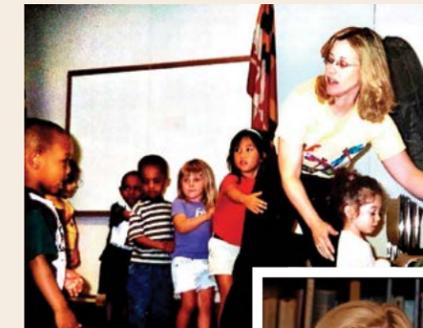
**Kt Z., Headquarters (l)** Years after wearing the dress while working as a page at the Severna Park Library, Programming & Outreach Librarian Kt found her dress in a bag of donations for the Glow Up Prom Dress Giveaway at the Linthicum Library.

**Sharon L., Odenton Library (r)** Always a lover of books, it's no wonder Sharon became a librarian at Odenton Library.



**Bethany L., Headquarters (l)** Bethany, seen here dressed as a TV circa 1978, grew up visiting the Brooklyn Park Library. In 1985, she joined the staff as a page. Today, she's the library's learning and development manager.

**Catherine H., Headquarters (r)** Chief of Public Services and Branch Management, Catherine still fondly remembers doing storytimes at the Glen Burnie Library in the 90s.



**Holly D., Brooklyn Park Library** In 1995, Holly could be found participating in a summer reading program at Brooklyn Park Library. Over 25 years later, Holly now works as a library associate at that same branch.

# LIBRARY Love Stories

When I was a little girl (1950s) living in northeast Anne Arundel County, I remember the bookmobile coming to our community. It was a big event. I looked forward to the visits.

As an adult, I worked full time and my daughter attended school and an after-school day care center in Eastport. As you can see, our days were very full. Because of that, what time we had together was very special to us. Friday night was our time together, to have some fun, just the two of us. One of our favorite things to do was visit the library on West Street. We could slow down and take our time, look through the books or sit and read. Sometimes we would see friends from school. Our evening at the library ended with an armful of books that we enjoyed all week.

My daughter now has a daughter of her own and reading is a big part of their together time. Thank you for being part of our lives.

—Gale E., of Annapolis

*One of our favorite  
things to do was  
visit the library...*

My parents were avid newspaper readers, but we didn't have many books at home. One day I was visiting a neighbor, Miss Joan, who had a large, fully stocked bookshelf. I was so mesmerized by the books, I forgot to play with my friends. Miss Joan took note, and with my mother's permission, I joined the family on their regular visits to Keuthe Library back in the mid-60s. My love for libraries continued as I visited not only to check out books for myself and my children, but also for special programs and academic research. Later, I tutored adults learning to read at the West County and Odenton libraries—the perfect place to inspire a lifelong love of reading! My first novel was published last year, with a second on the way. I owe it all to my first visit to the library (and my kind neighbor!)



Author Donna Koros Stramella, Odenton



# Special Events for Adults

## ✓ VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

### GUITAR BASICS FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, March 2 at 7 PM  
Do you have a guitar sitting in the corner that you have been meaning to learn how to play for years? Now is your chance! Join us for a virtual beginner's lesson with Bryan Ewald.

### AACC INFO SESSION FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Monday, March 8 at 5 PM  
Adult learners will meet with an Anne Arundel Community College Admissions officer (virtually) to learn about the admissions process for new and returning students, fields of interest, transferability of credits and partnerships with four-year institutions, paying for college and student success support services.  
Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

### ART PARTY FOR GROWN UPS

Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 PM  
Join us for an art party where the fun is in the process, not the product. This reiteration of our fan favorite will be for grown-ups only!

### 100 YEARS THE FUTURE OF MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

Wednesday, March 10 at 7 PM  
How has the pandemic affected the music industry and musicians? What does the future hold for music of all kinds, at all levels? Our webinar will examine these questions, hearing from musicians, music educators and music industry professionals from the worlds of popular, country, jazz, classical and other forms of music.

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Wednesdays, March 17 and 31 at 6 PM  
Band together with fellow adventurers in pursuit of gold, glory and cool magic swords... and maybe even save the world while you're at it!  
Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

### INTRO TO RING JOUSTING, THE MARYLAND STATE SPORT

Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 PM  
As we get ready to celebrate Maryland Day, let's learn the history and how-to's of the state sport. We will learn about the sport and answer your questions. Guests will include a former state champion.  
Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff

### CREATE YOUR OWN PUPPETS

Wednesday, March 24 at 11 AM  
Penny Russell will show you how to create simple puppets and teach you how to use them over Zoom or FaceTime to delight your faraway younger relatives. Pick up a DIY puppet kit at the Glen Burnie Library with all the materials you'll need to create fun puppets and make family storytime even more fun!

### TRIVIA NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Thursdays, March 25 and May 20 at 7 PM  
Grab your household team, play individually or call up a socially distant friend to connect with others in a fun and relaxed game night. Register your entire household team under one name. Trivia is geared towards adults in terms of content/challenge level, but all are welcome!  
See also, Family Trivia Night, page 14



### PODCAST LOVERS CLUB

Saturdays, March 27, April 24 and May 22 at 2 PM  
Share what you've been listening to and hear what other podcast lovers have to share. Open to teens and adults.  
Hosted by Discoveries Library staff

### LET'S CRAFT WITH SCRABBLE TILES

Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 PM  
We are celebrating National Scrabble Day by making crafts with letter tiles. Pick up your supplies from the Maryland City at Russett Library after you register, then follow along on Zoom as we get creative!  
Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff

### GENEALOGY USING EBOOKS

Thursday, April 22 at 7 PM  
Learn how to use free ebook resources to further your genealogical research! Carol Carman of the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society will present.  
Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

### VIRTUAL VISIT: THE NATIONAL ELECTRONICS MUSEUM

Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM  
Celebrate International Museum Day with a virtual visit to The National Electronics Museum in Linthicum. From STEM resources for children to World War II and space exploration exhibits for history lovers, this museum has something for everyone.  
Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff

## ☺ IN-PERSON EVENTS BROOKLYN PARK



### COFFEE & CONVERSATION: DISCUSSION WITH DIFFERENCES

Wednesdays, March 31, April 28 and May 26 at 2 PM  
An outdoor, socially distanced conversation circle where you can meet and socialize with other adults in your community. Poems of Maya Angelou, Wendell Berry and others serve as the starting point for discussions on what unites and what divides us. Bring your own coffee; light refreshments will be served.

# Gardening & Nature



## ✓ Virtual Events on Zoom

### GARDEN ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Hosted by Deale Library staff

#### Sustainable Agriculture Practices

Thursday, March 11 at 4 PM  
Watch one of two movies beforehand, then join us for a group discussion about sustainable agriculture practices that do less harm to the environment. Titles available on Kanopy include: *The Biggest Little Farm* and *New Farms, Big Success: With 3 Rock Star Farmers*.

#### Rethinking Your Lawn

Thursday, April 8 at 4 PM  
Read a book beforehand, then join us for a group discussion about lawn alternatives. Suggestions include: *Beautiful No-Mow Yards: 50 Amazing Lawn Alternatives* by Evelyn Hadden; *Lawn Gone! Low-maintenance, Sustainable, Attractive Alternatives for your Yard* by Pam Penick.

#### Organic Gardening

Tuesday, May 13 at 4 PM  
Watch *In Organic We Trust* and/or *The Organic Life* (both available in Kanopy), then join us for a group discussion of organic gardening practices.

## 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources

#### Gardening for Pollinators

Tuesday, March 16 at 6 PM  
Pollinators in Maryland and across the globe are in decline. Learn about common groups of Maryland's bees, which plants provide good nectar or are good host plants for butterflies and discover different types of nest boxes for pollinators.

#### Maryland's Natural Areas

Wednesday, April 21 at 10 AM  
From the ancient peatlands in the western part of the state to the globally rare serpentine savanna at Soldier's Delight Natural Environment Area, Maryland is a small state with a lot to offer. Learn about 31 unique natural areas open to the public.

#### Bird-Friendly Backyards

Wednesday, May 5 at 10 AM  
Learn how to make the ultimate bird-friendly habitat by enticing bugs, selecting the right seed, providing nest boxes and more.

## HOSTAS AND GARDENING FOR MONARCHS



Saturday, March 20 at 10 AM  
Jane Chouinard shows us the many and varied colors and patterns of Hosta plants and how to keep them looking good. Ginny Klocko shares photos of Monarch butterflies in their quest for survival. Join them on their journey for food and shelter.  
Hosted by Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library staff  
Sponsor: University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners

## FOUNDATION GRANTS

### ✓ INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSAL WRITING

Wednesday, March 10 at 2 PM  
This class provides an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation. Learn the basic elements of a proposal; the dos and don'ts of writing and submitting a proposal and how to follow up whether the answer is yes or no.

### ✓ INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT BUDGETS

Wednesday, April 14 at 2 PM  
Are you ready to start fundraising for your project or idea, but don't know what and how much to ask for? If preparing a budget for your foundation grant is holding you back, come learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence.

Foundation grants programs are hosted by the Busch Annapolis Library staff and sponsored by Candid.

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."

— Cicero

# Adults

## ✔ VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

### INTRO TO LIBRARY EBOOKS AND STREAMING

Wednesdays, March 3 and 31, April 28 and May 26 at 7 PM

March 17, April 14 and May 12 at 3 PM

Learn about eBook, eAudiobook, eMagazine and streaming options available free with your library card. Staff will be available to answer questions at the end of the presentation.

### 100 YEARS CELEBRATING OUR LIBRARY STORIES

Thursday, March 4 at 7 PM

Join us to hear from Leadership Anne Arundel alumni and partners as they share their library stories and discover how libraries are essential now more than ever.

### DEATH CAFE

Friday, March 5 at noon

This is an opportunity for individuals of any background, religion, culture or belief to meet together in a non-judgmental environment to discuss death and dying - one of our biggest conversational taboos. Join presenter Nicole Heidebreder, who is both a hospice and labor and delivery nurse, for the discussion.

Hosted by Discoveries Library staff

### INTRO TO ELEARNING RESOURCES

Tuesdays, March 16 and May 18 at 3 PM and April 20 at 7 PM

Learn about online learning resources offered by the library. Topics include: Rosetta Stone, Lynda/LinkedIn Learning, Udemy and live tutoring from Brainfuse.

### GALLERY TOUR with PATRICIA MOSS-VREELAND

Thursday, March 18 at 6 PM

Take a five-minute virtual tour of the exhibit, *In Search of Meaning: Memory Becomes Us* by artist Patricia Moss-Vreeland followed by a Q&A with the artist and exhibition coordinator. The exhibit illuminates the role memory plays in relation to who we are. Find out how memory becomes you, forms personal meaning and is a portal to your innate creativity.

### 100 YEARS POSITIVE FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Thursday, April 8 at noon

Healthy family communication has numerous benefits to children at home and in other settings. In this webinar, parents will learn a variety of techniques to positively influence their child's behavior through listening and creating meaningful connections. Sponsor: Anne Arundel Community College TEACH Institute

### 🚁 INTRODUCTION TO SAFE DRONE FLYING

Thursday, April 8 at 7 PM

Have you ever wondered if you're operating your drone legally? The world of remote piloting is still very new and the regulations are developing all the time. Join Tim Tumelty, "The AACC Drone Guy," for a free webinar to learn important basics you need to know to be a confident recreational drone pilot.

### SCHOOL READINESS SKILLS

### HABILIDADES DE PREPARACIÓN ESCOLAR

Tuesday, April 20 at 6 PM

Use the five early literacy skills (read, write, talk, sing and play) at home to help your child be ready for school. Learn practical tips and tricks to integrate these skills into your daily routines.

Utilice las cinco habilidades de alfabetización temprana (leer, escribir, hablar, cantar y jugar) en casa para ayudar a su hijo a estar listo para la escuela. Aprenda trucos y consejos prácticos para integrar estas habilidades en sus rutinas diarias.



## 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Sponsored by the Annapolis/Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition

### FAMILY FINANCES

Tuesday, March 9 at 6 PM

Learn tips and methods to teach financial education to children of all ages along with ideas for families to work together in reaching financial goals.

### DO YOU KNOW WHO HAS AN EYE ON YOUR MONEY?

Tuesday, April 6 at 6 PM

Learn how to protect yourself from consumer scams and identity theft, plus learn smart consumer purchasing decisions.

### SMALL BUSINESS BASICS

Tuesday, May 18 at 6 PM

Do you have a side hustle? Drive for Uber or Lyft? Join us to learn the basics of building your business with an emphasis on managing your taxes.

### SEARCHING MARYLAND COUNTY COURT INDEXES

Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM

Interested in learning the first step to locate court records in Maryland? Rachel Frazier will share how to use online indexes and related finding aids on the Maryland State Archives' website to search court records. Attendees will learn skills useful for researching court records for genealogical needs as well as for modern-day legal needs.

### 100 YEARS ONLINE MARYLAND GENEALOGY

Wednesday, April 28 at 7 PM

Interested in using Maryland related records to start or complete your family research? Rachel Frazier of the Maryland State Archives, will discuss how to use the agency's website to locate vital records, estate documents, land records and special collections materials.

Hosted by Riviera Beach Library staff

### GROWING UP IN A FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE

Saturday, May 1 at 1 PM

Kim Bixler, whose parents purchased the Wright-designed E.E. Boynton House in Rochester, New York, says the daring home, built in 1908, was as unconventional as its architect. In her multi-media presentation and in her latest book, *Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House*, Bixler recounts the joys and pitfalls of owning and living in a Wright-designed house.

### "AFTER THE FASHION OF HIS COUNTRY"

### Asia and Asians in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Mid-Atlantic

Wednesday, May 12 at 7 PM

Historian Daniel Sieh will discuss Asia and Asians in the 18th century. Asia was known for centuries in Europe and the British were keen to profit off their exotic goods through commerce. This trade was far from a one-sided exchange, it was a dialogue between two very distinct cultures.

# Older Americans Month

## 👤 IN-PERSON EVENT

### ✔ LIFE STORY WRITING WORKSHOP @ EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 5 at 10 AM

Have you ever wanted to write your life story for yourself, your children or your grandchildren? Have you struggled with how to begin? This free, two-hour workshop presented by Karen Bovie is for you! Learn how to jump-start the process in a safe, supportive and relaxed setting. Requirements for participation include social distancing and wearing a mask. You will be notified as soon as possible if we need to cancel the event.

## ✔ VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

### VIRTUAL DEMENTIA LIVE WORKSHOP

Monday, March 8, Wednesday, April 7, Tuesday, May 11 and Saturday, May 22 at 2 PM

Dementia Live® offers a unique inside-out understanding of dementia and aging. Family caregivers and interested community members will gain a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by those who live with dementia. Participants will also learn new communication skills to improve care and minimize disruptive behaviors, thus reducing caregiver stress.

### OLDIES MUSIC BINGO

Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 PM

Do you miss the musical hits of the 50s, 60s and 70s? Join us in a fun game of music bingo featuring all the best oldies.



### 100 YEARS A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO

Monday, May 10 at 7 PM

In honor of radio's 100th anniversary, writer and radio historian Steve Darnall, examines the role radio played in uniting the nation. Enjoy samples from the biggest shows and stars of the early years, including Jack Benny, Bob Hope and *The Shadow*.

### BESA FOR SENIORS

Saturday, May 15 at noon

BESA means "come dance" in the Akan language of Ghana. Enjoy this African-based, moderate-to-low impact dance exercise program that engages you while having fun and working on cardio to support a healthy lifestyle. The instructor uses African dance forms and techniques to teach cultural dances from the comfort of your own home.



## The Importance of Supportive Community-Based Programs for Individuals Living with Dementia

By Mary Chaput, Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities

Along with that, a rising number of individuals diagnosed with dementia. These numbers are projected to continue to increase at a rapid rate.

Unfortunately, individuals who have been diagnosed with dementia often feel isolated within their own communities. They struggle with activities they have done for most of their lives; yet they still have much to offer to their community. Their caregivers, often overwhelmed dealing with the additional stressors brought on by the diagnosis, are also feeling the strain of isolation. Caregivers and care recipients may be unaware of community support systems offered by the Department of Aging and Disabilities and other community agencies, such as the library system.

Recently, all county libraries were designated as dementia friendly. Staff at all 16 locations have undergone special training to increase their awareness of the issues that customers with dementia and their caregivers may face and how best to serve those individuals. The training offered participants a unique inside-out understanding of dementia and aging. Library staff gained a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by those who live with dementia and learned valuable tips and tools to improve communication and care.

The public is invited to participate in one of four virtual dementia live workshops for a hands-on experience. See *Virtual Dementia Live Workshop*, above, for more details.

Community programs, like the recently designated dementia friendly libraries, are vital in helping people live well with dementia and to remain a part of their community. Our libraries have always been a place for community members to gather, interact with others and feel welcome. Now, with staff trained in how to interact with individuals living with dementia and how to recognize signs of confusion and distress, our libraries can truly be welcoming and supportive to those living with dementia and to their caregiver.

# THE GREAT MOVIES

## Virtual Events on Zoom

Watch the movie on Kanopy beforehand, then join us for a lively Friday evening discussion on Zoom.

If you live outside of Anne Arundel County, please let us know in the "Special Notes" section of the registration form and we will email you the passcode.

### Ball of Fire (NR, 1941)

Friday, March 5 at 7 PM

### Ashes and Diamonds (NR, 1958)

Friday, March 19 at 7 PM

In Polish with English subtitles.

### Tol'able David (NR, 1921)

With Special Guest Fritzi Kramer

Friday, April 2 at 7 PM

This coming-of-age tale is one of the cornerstones of silent film. Who better to join us for this event than special guest Fritzi Kramer, silent film expert and creator of the website *Movies Silently*.

### Billy Liar (NR, 1963)

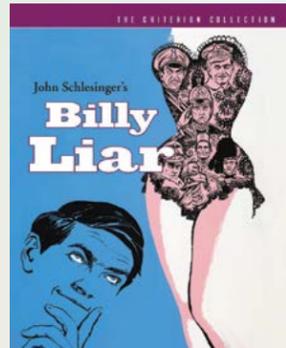
Friday, May 7 at 7 PM

### We Are the Best! (NR, 2013)

With Special Guests Cole Roulain and Erica Long

Friday, May 14 at 7 PM

A joyous and sharply observant portrait of the rebellious spirit of youth. In Swedish with English subtitles.



## Author Visits and Movie Discussions

### Christina Lane

Friday, April 16 at 7 PM

Christina Lane will join us to discuss her new book, *Phantom Lady: Hollywood Producer*, and tell the story of one of Hollywood's greatest unsung women. If you're an Alfred Hitchcock fan, you will not want to miss this event!

### Raquel Stecher

Friday, May 21 at 7 PM

By popular demand, Raquel Stecher, creator and author of *Out of the Past: A Classic Film Blog*, returns to join us for a discussion of movie books for your summer reading!

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# Book Clubs for Adults

## Virtual Events on Zoom



### Busch Annapolis Afternoon Book Club



#### Say Nothing

by Patrick Radden Keefe  
Tuesday, March 16 at 2 PM



#### Anxious People

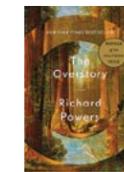
by Fredrik Backman  
Tuesday, April 20 at 2 PM



#### The Vanishing Half

by Brit Bennett  
Tuesday, May 18 at 2 PM

### Crofton Library's Virtual Book Club



#### Overstory

by Richard Powers  
Thursday, March 11 at 2 PM



#### The Library Book

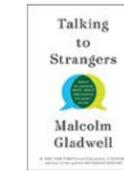
by Susan Orlean  
Thursday, May 13 at 2 PM

### Edgewater Library's South County Senior Center Book Club



#### The Giver of Stars

by Jojo Moyes  
Monday, March 15 at 1 PM



#### Talking to Strangers

by Malcolm Gladwell  
Monday, April 19 at 1 PM



#### The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein  
Monday, May 17 at 1 PM

### The Edgewater Library Co-Conspirators Book Group



#### The Golden Cage

by Camilla Lackberg  
Tuesday, March 9 at 5 PM



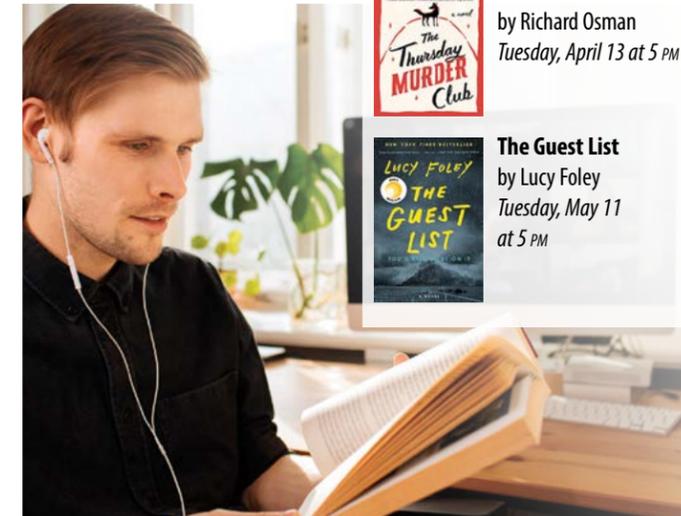
#### The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman  
Tuesday, April 13 at 5 PM



#### The Guest List

by Lucy Foley  
Tuesday, May 11 at 5 PM



### Mountain Road Adult Book Club



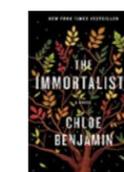
#### The Last Time I Lied

by Riley Sager  
Tuesday, March 30 at 7 PM



#### The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

by Kim Richardson  
Tuesday, April 27 at 7 PM

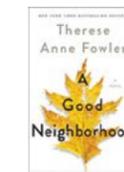


#### The Immortalists

by Chloe Benjamin  
Tuesday, May 25 at 7 PM

### Zoom Lunchtime Book Club

Join staff from the Riviera Beach Library for a lunchtime book club on Zoom. March's selection is:



#### The Good Neighborhood

by Therese Anne Fowler  
Friday, March 26 at noon

### Mondays are Murder Online True Crime Discussion

Mondays, March 29, April 26 and May 24 at 7 PM

A true crime discussion featuring famous solved and unsolved murders. Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

### Adults Reading Children's Literature Book Club

Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff

Revisit some childhood favorites and discover at some newer titles.



#### Tuck Everlasting

by Natalie Babbitt  
Tuesday, March 30 at 7 PM



#### Freak the Mighty

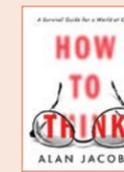
by Rodman Philbrick  
Tuesday, April 27 at 7 PM



#### A Wish in the Dark

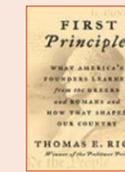
by Christina Soontornvat  
Tuesday, May 25 at 7 PM

### GUYS BOOK CLUB



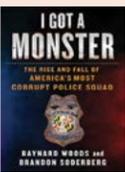
#### How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds

by Alan Jacobs  
Wednesday, March 17 at 7 PM



#### First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country

by Thomas E. Ricks  
Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM



#### I Got a Monster: The Rise and Fall of America's Most Corrupt Police Squad

by Baynard Woods  
Wednesday, May 19 at 7 PM

# Babies and Preschoolers

Join us on FACEBOOK LIVE for stories, songs, rhymes and more!  
Find us at [facebook.com/aacpl](https://facebook.com/aacpl).



## BABIES IN BLOOM

Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
Babies from birth to 18 months enjoy songs, action rhymes and playtime while building early literacy skills.

**100 YEARS Baby Beats**  
Friday, April 9 at 10:30 AM  
The **Beatbox Dads** are Mr. Root and Mr. Max, two human beatboxers from Baltimore. Their show features music, language and movement, designed to engage and elicit kinesthetic and linguistic response from young audiences and the adults that love them.

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

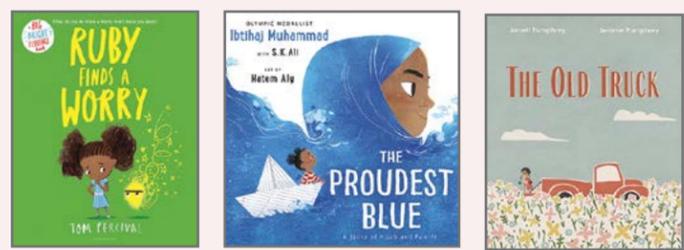
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 AM, except April 9  
Children ages three to five build the early literacy skills needed for school readiness through engaging books, songs and activities.

**100 YEARS Storytime from London Town and Gardens**  
Monday, May 24 at 10:30 AM  
Tune in to our Facebook page for a special springtime storytime from the beautiful Historic London Town and Gardens.

## BILINGUAL STORYTIME

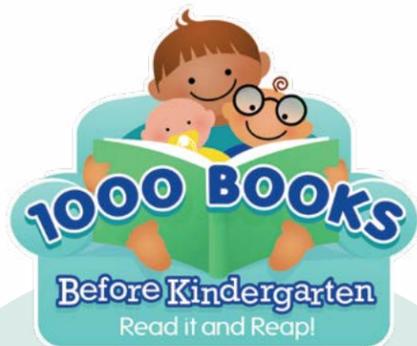
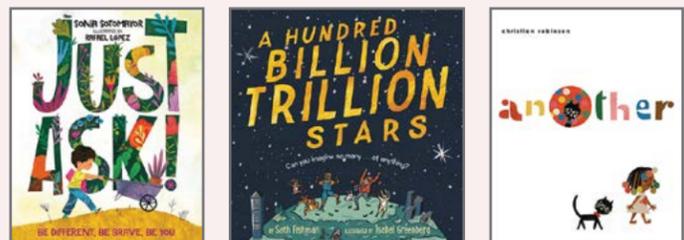
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM  
Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and in Spanish

Los niños pequeños disfrutarán de historias, canciones, rimas y actividades mientras desarrollan habilidades de lectura en inglés y en español.



## GREAT BOOKS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

AACPL has a huge assortment of books for your little one(s). Here are a few we recommend. Find more at [catalog.aacpl.net](https://catalog.aacpl.net).



The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge encourages families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten. Reading aloud to children from birth helps strengthen language skills and build vocabulary — two important tools for learning to read.

Register online at [aacpl.beanstack.org](https://aacpl.beanstack.org).  
Keep track of the reading you've done on the Beanstack app or with the logs provided by the library. Earn stickers and prizes along the way. When you get all the way to 1,000 you'll receive a new book to take home — and keep!

# Babies and Preschoolers

## VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

- Seuss Storytime**  
Saturday, March 13 at 11 AM  
Music, books and more! Dressing up is encouraged!  
Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff
- Exploring Mixing Primary Colors: Early Years STEM Lab\***  
Tuesday, March 23 at 11 AM  
Listen to a story and then explore mixing primary colors with us. If you would like, stop by the Busch Annapolis Library anytime the week before and pick up a special Take and Make bag to help you with your exploration!
- We Sing and Dance\***  
Fridays, March 26 and May 28 at 11:30 AM  
Get your wiggles out! Sing and dance with library staff.
- Music & Movement**  
Saturday, April 10 at 11 AM  
Music, books and dancing! Join the Glen Burnie Library staff for a fun morning!



- Bilingual Puppet Show\***  
**Un show bilingüe de títeres\***  
Tuesday, April 13 at 3 PM  
Join us for an entertaining puppet show of the classic story, *The Three Little Pigs*, told in English and Spanish. Pick up your Three Little Pigs packet starting the week before, so you can build a house for them along with us!  
Únase con nosotros en este espectáculo divertido de títeres del cuento clásico: *Los tres cerditos*. Contaremos el cuento en inglés y en español. La semana antes del evento, ¡no se pierda recoger un paquete de Los tres cerditos para que pueda construirles una casa con nosotros!
- Artsy Thursday!\***  
Thursday, April 22 at 2 PM  
Help celebrate the Month of the Young Child with our fun art projects! Pick up a bag of supplies and instructions a week ahead or have paper, glue stick and crayons at the ready!
- Tree Songs Puppet Show**  
Saturday, April 24 at 10:30 AM  
Jasper and his puppet friends take you on an interactive musical adventure. Sing and dance to your favorite tree songs while exploring preschool science.
- Fly, Butterfly, Fly!\***  
Thursday, May 6 at 2 PM  
Listen to the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and enjoy learning about butterflies. Create a butterfly craft with materials you have at home or pick up one of our Take and Make bags that week.
- A Mother's Day Storytime**  
Saturday, May 8 at 11 AM  
Music, books and more! Celebrate the special women in your life.  
Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

\* Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff/La Biblioteca Busch Annapolis presentará este programa virtual.

## IN-PERSON EVENTS

- Brooklyn Park**
- Second Monday!**  
Mondays, March 8, April 12 and May 10 at 11:30 AM  
Wind power! Wild water! Watch it grow! Explore science outside with stories, demonstrations and discoveries.
- Outdoor Music & Movement**  
Tuesdays, March 9 and 23, April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25 at 11:30 AM  
Sing, chant, play instruments and dance outdoors while exploring sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language.
- Toddler Time Outside!**  
Mondays, March 22, April 26 and May 24 at 11:30 AM  
Children ages 18 to 36 months (with caring adult) enjoy a variety of developmentally-appropriate stories, songs, rhymes and movements.

- Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
- Music and Movement**  
Saturdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1 at 9 AM  
Bring your scarves, shakers and rhythm sticks to make music. No instruments at hand? You can use towels, pillowcases, beans in a cup, wooden spoons or paper towel rolls! This event will be held outdoors. If conditions are poor, the event will be held virtually.
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover!**  
Monday-Wednesday, April 12-14 from 10 AM to 6 PM  
Bring in a stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library! Drop off will be April 12-14. Come back on April 19 and see what mischief they got into at the library!

- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
- Pre-K Art Party**  
Fridays, March 26, April 23 and May 21 at 10:30 AM  
Let's have fun with an outdoor art party, where it's okay to get a little messy! Dress for the occasion. Weather permitting.

- Linthicum**
- Book your Bubble Family Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 9:30 AM  
Enjoy socially distanced indoor storytimes. Registration will open every Friday for the following Wednesday. Each storytime will accommodate up to five family bubbles. Enjoy stories, songs and other activities and take home a storytime coloring sheet.



# EVENTS FOR KIDS



## 📍 Kids' Virtual Cooking Classes

Saturdays, March 6 (blueberry scones) March 20 (black bean tacos) and April 3 (apple cinnamon cupcakes) at 11 AM

Join The Kids' Table for a hands-on and interactive cooking experience. Your budding chef will get to measure, mix, chop and roll their way through a new recipe in each class, with an experienced instructor virtually guiding them every step of the way. They'll have a delicious creation to enjoy in the end, with enough to share with the whole family! Recipe and ingredient list will be emailed upon registration. Parent supervision/support/assistance required, based on the needs and abilities of your child.

## 📍 MORE VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM (except where noted)

### Early Reader Book Club

Wednesdays, March 3, April 7 and May 5 at 2 PM

Practice skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader series. Pick up your book club materials at the Discoveries Library beforehand. Call the branch at 410.222.0133, if you have any questions. Please sign up with your child(ren)'s name(s) for an accurate count for book club materials.

### Art Week with the Glen Burnie Library

Monday through Friday, March 15-19 at 4:15 PM

Join us on Facebook\* for a special celebration of art month. Follow along each day as we demonstrate how to do an at-home craft project inspired by real artists. Drop by the Glen Burnie Library the week before for a special supply Take and Make bag.

\* ([www.facebook.com/glenburnielibrary](http://www.facebook.com/glenburnielibrary))

### 100 YEARS How High Does the Mars Helicopter Fly?

Wednesday, March 24 at 2 PM

Join NASA Mars Rover scientist Dr. Adrian Brown for this virtual program about the Mars helicopter. Dr. Brown will answer questions about the mission, what it is achieving on Mars and some exciting things yet to come. Download and print your own paper helicopter or stop by your local library to pick up a template!

### 📍 Design Challenge

Saturdays, April 17 and May 15 at 9 AM

Find out the theme for the challenge at the beginning of the program. You'll have ten minutes to design your creation while listening to music or a story! At the end, share your creation with the group. You can use any supplies you want or pick up a design challenge kit from the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library for inspiration.

### Samurai Hat & Fish Kite

Wednesday, May 5 at 1 PM

Celebrate Kodomo no Hi with fun and engaging stories and art! Parents' Choice Award winner Motoko enchants children of every age with folktales enlivened with traditional songs, humor and wisdom. She will also teach you how to make an origami samurai hat!



Motoko Dworkin (Photo by Susan Wilson)

## 📍 IN-PERSON EVENTS AT THE BROOKLYN PARK LIBRARY

### Jump, Jump, Jump for Fun!

Thursdays, March 11, April 8 and May 13 at 3:30 PM

Meet us outdoors in the library parking lot and jump rope with friends! Learn new techniques and accept challenges, while having fun and listening to music.

### 📍 A Chalk in the Park

Thursdays, March 18 and 25, April 15 and 22, May 20 and 27 at 3:30 PM

Meet us outdoors in the library parking lot for creative activities using sidewalk chalk. We have lots of ideas and lots of chalk – bring your imagination!

## CLUB 1117 For tweens & teens

### 📍 VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

#### Virtual Anime & Manga Club!

Tuesdays, March 2 and 16, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18 at 6 PM

Share in the love of Japanese animation and comics - online! Join your fellow Otaku and enjoy discussing your favorite anime and/or manga with others. Artwork sharing and cosplay is always welcome.

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

#### Among Us

Wednesday, March 3 at 7 PM

In space, no one can hear you scream... but your crew may be able to avenge you! Race to finish your tasks and help sleuth out the deadly Impostors, or trick the crewmates into letting you get away with murder.

Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

#### 📍 Chemistry in the (Virtual) Library: Reducing Our Environmental Footprint

Saturday, March 6 at 2 PM

Celebrate Earth Week with a chemist from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society. Join in a live, interactive on-line program.

Sponsor: United States Army Research Lab

#### Early College Access Program: Get a Jump Start on Earning College Credits

Monday, March 8 at 3 PM

Meet with an Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) Admissions officer (virtually) to learn about how to get a jump start on earning college credits while in high school. Receive information about the AACC Early College Access Program enrollment process and its numerous benefits. Parents are welcome.

#### Scenes from *She Kills Monsters*

Tuesday, March 9 at 6 PM

Watch a selection of scenes from the Children's Theater of Annapolis' production of *She Kills Monsters* followed by a Q&A with the cast.

#### Art Stories

Wednesday, March 10 at 2 PM

Use supplies you have at home to create a piece of art that represents a favorite book. Join us for a virtual art show and let people guess what book you are depicting.

Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff



#### Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays, March 10 and 24 at 6 PM

Unite with your fellow adventurers to go on daring adventures for gold, glory and monster smashing!

Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

#### Paint-along for Beginners

Saturday, March 13 at 2 PM

Follow along on Zoom as we paint a watercolor picture together. Pick up a kit at the Riviera Beach Library before event.

Hosted by Riviera Beach Library staff

#### 📍 Introduction to Safe Drone Flying

Saturday, April 10 at 2 PM

Flying a drone is fun, but there are FAA regulations you should know, and they apply to everyone. Join Tim Tumelty "The AACC Drone Guy" for a free webinar to learn important drone basics and other things you need to know to be a safe recreational drone pilot.

#### K-pop Music Bingo

Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 PM

Join us for a virtual, music bingo featuring your favorite K-pop tunes! You will receive your bingo game card after you register for the program. Space is limited. Prizes will be offered to the first three winners!

Hosted by Discoveries Library staff

#### Yes! YOU Can Be a Pilot: Learn About Careers in Aviation

Wednesday, April 21 at 2 PM

Think working with aircraft is out of your reach? Think again. Join this discussion with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association to learn about aviation careers from pilots to mechanics to lawyers to engineers and everything in between. Learn about opportunities and where to find resources that might be closer than you think.

Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff



# SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FAMILIES



The Annapolis Symphony Orchestra

## ✔ VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

### 100 YEARS Behind the Curtain of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra (ASO)

Wednesday, March 3 at 2 PM  
Join ASO Music Director José-Luis Novo and members to learn how they have made the pivot to virtual performances during the pandemic.

### Gardening for Nutrition

Thursday, March 11 at 10 AM  
LaTasha Coleman, a nutrition educator with the Maryland Extension SNAP-Ed program, will discuss the importance of gardening and how to start your garden with nutrition in mind.  
Hosted by Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library staff

### Virtual St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, March 17 at 3:30 PM  
Register as a team and work together to find items around your house. You will be prompted to seek out and find. Race against the clock to find the items in multiple rounds in order to earn the most points. Please register once per group.  
Hosted by Deale Library staff

### Virtual Pet Show & Tell

Saturday, March 27 at 10:30 AM  
Showcase your pet's special talents at our first virtual pet show and tell.  
Hosted by Edgewater Library staff

### 100 YEARS You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen

Saturday, April 3 at 2 PM  
Soar with pioneering African American World War II pilots who broke the color barrier in the U.S. military. Celebrate the 80th anniversary of their amazing achievement with Carole Boston Weatherford and Jeffery Weatherford, the mother-son/author-illustrator team behind the award-winning verse novel, *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*. Session will include a Q&A with the authors.  
Hosted by Maryland City at Russett Library staff

### Family Trivia Night

Thursday, April 29 at 7 PM  
Join us for virtual family trivia where there's something for everyone! Grab your household team, play individually or call up a socially distant friend. There's sure to be fun for all! Please register your entire household team under one name. This trivia is geared towards school-aged children, but all are welcome!  
**See also, Trivia Night for Adults, page 4**

### Superhero Trivia on Zoom

Thursday, May 6 at 7 PM  
Test your superhero trivia during our online event for bragging rights.  
Hosted by Riviera Beach Library staff



### Edgewater

#### ✔ Chalk Art Party

Wednesday, May 12 at 4 PM  
Rain date: Wednesday, May 19 at 4 PM  
Let's get creative! Help us beautify our sidewalk and outdoor seating area by creating sidewalk art. Chalk will be provided, or feel free to bring your own.

### Linthicum

#### Outdoor Library

Saturdays in May  
We are bringing our books outside! Browse displays of new books and movies in our outdoor reading garden. Checkout in the safety of the outdoors.

## 😄 IN-PERSON EVENTS

### Brooklyn Park

#### Pokémon Go Pokéstop & Gym Tour!

Wednesdays, March 10, April 7 and May 19 at 3:30 PM  
Walk with library staff and search for elusive Pokémon in the Pokémon Go game! Visit several Pokéstops and PokéGyms in Brooklyn Park. Complete the tour with the extra fun of a lure on the library Pokéstop!

#### 🧠 Eggcellent Art!

Tuesday, May 4 at 4 PM  
Yolk it up outside with an eggcellent craft that blends science, imagination and your artistic flair! We provide the eggs and instruction at this hands-on event.

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## ✔ VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

### 100 YEARS SHARING THE BURDEN: WOMEN CODERS DURING WORLD WAR II

Wednesday, March 10 at 7 PM  
Women played a large, but rarely told, role in World War II cryptology. This is their story.  
Sponsor: National Cryptologic Museum

### 100 YEARS ART+FEMINISM WIKI-EDIT-A-THON

Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 PM  
Edit Wikipedia with librarians in support of the Art+Feminism campaign. Art+Feminism works to newly create and improve upon existing Wikipedia entries that center on art, gender and feminism.  
Sponsor: Wikimedia DC

### 100 YEARS WILD WOMEN OF MARYLAND: GRIT AND GUMPTION IN THE FREE STATE

Thursday, March 18 at 1 PM  
Daring women of Maryland made their mark on history as spies, would-be queens and fiery suffragettes. From famous figures like Harriet Tubman to unsung heroines like "Lady Law" Violet Hill Whyte, author Lauren R. Silberman introduces Maryland's most tenacious and adventurous women in this virtual program.  
Sponsor: Historic London Town and Gardens



### VERDA WELCOME: PERSON OF PRINCIPLE

Saturday, March 20 at 2 PM  
Before there was Kamala Harris or Shirley Chisholm on the national political scene, there were local and state political black female leaders paving the way. Meet Maryland State Senator Verda Freeman Welcome, the second black woman elected to a state senate in the early 1950s. Hear Senator Welcome, portrayed by Janice The Griot, champion for laws to eradicate racism in schools, workplace, public accommodations and interracial relationships.  
Sponsor: Reginald F. Lewis Museum

At left: This portrait of Verda Welcome hangs in the James Senate Office Building in Annapolis.

### 100 YEARS AFRICAN AMERICAN SUFFRAGISTS OF MARYLAND

Thursday, March 25 at 6 PM  
Learn more about four extraordinary Maryland women who fought for suffrage before and after the passing of the 19th amendment. Local historical experts will discuss the lives and work of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Mary Church Terrell, Augusta Chissell and Margaret Gregory Hawkins.  
Sponsor: Maryland Women's Heritage Center

### DESTINATION DESSERT CAREER CHAT

Tuesday, March 30 at 6 PM  
Meet Johnelka Stafford, proprietor of Destination Dessert, as she discusses her story and how her passion for baking led her to start her own business.



## 😄 ✔ IN-PERSON EVENT

### Brooklyn Park

#### MAMA HEARTS AND TINY TOES BABY SHOWER

#### LLUVIA DE REGALOS CORAZONES DE MAMÁ Y DEDITOS DE LOS PIÉS DE BEBÉ

Saturday, May 15 at noon  
Food, games, prizes, music and fun for women with a baby on the way in Brooklyn Park! This is a socially distanced parking lot party and resource fair. To register, call the library at 410.222.6260 or the Community of Hope at 410.830.0054.

¡Comida, juegos, premios, música y diversión para mujeres esperando un bebé en Brooklyn Park! Para matricularse llame a la biblioteca: 410.222.6260 or/o Community of Hope: 410.830.0054.



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**A Message from Chuck Ferrar  
Library Foundation Board President**



Chuck Ferrar

Where do we look when trying to find information, solutions, access and/or respite? This beacon of hope for so many is often the library. In 2020, as we grappled with masks and social distancing, struggled to connect with loved ones through Zoom, navigated Wi-Fi for school or needed to escape in a good book – your library was there for you. This year, this resource has been more critical than ever.

Through a combination of public and private support, your library boldly reimagined its role to make services and programs accessible for everyone in Anne Arundel County, particularly during the challenges of the pandemic. Like your gifts, philanthropy made it possible to continue as our community's beacon of hope, solving problems and providing access to essential resources. As you will read in this issue, you made a remarkable difference in many people's lives in an immeasurable way. Last year, with your philanthropic funds, the library foundation provided over \$300,000 to enhance timely and necessary services for people of all ages. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you. There are many impactful stories, and in this issue we'll highlight just a few.

I'm also grateful to our board of directors, who continued their volunteer service remotely through the pandemic to make your library better. Our board members and your gifts reflect dedication to upholding the library's service tradition for our community.



Cathleen Sparrow

We also welcomed Cathleen Sparrow, our new executive director, who brings us over 25 years of executive-level leadership experience. Her career highlights include working in government parks and recreation, with Girl Scouts of Utah, Volunteers of America and at the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics. Cathleen's a creative and innovative development professional and is thrilled to be leading our foundation as we move to our next century. She and her husband, Randy, recently relocated here from Utah. They're looking forward to exploring and getting involved in our community. Please join me in welcoming Cathleen to AACPL!

In celebration of our library's 100th anniversary, I'd like to invite you to join the **\$100 for 100 Campaign**. With your gift, you'll enrich library services and your name will be listed at your favorite branch. Details on the campaign and how you can join us can be found on the next page or online at [aacpl.net/foundation/100for100](http://aacpl.net/foundation/100for100).

Thanks again to our remarkable board, staff and to you, our donors, who make our libraries brighter every day.



January 19, 2021 Board of Directors meeting via Zoom. Row 1 (l to r): Skip Auld, AACPL CEO; Cathleen Sparrow, foundation executive director; Julie Kizer Ball, development manager; Abbey Boudreau, development assistant; Chuck Ferrar, president and Rudy Rodela, AACPL chief of support services; Row 2: Karen W. Smith, vice president; Trish Strott, secretary; Bill Hufnell, treasurer; Tessie LaRose Ballard, Sam Brown and Christine Feldmann, AACPL director of marketing and communications; Row 3: Joan Beck, Jane Campbell-Chambliss, Katie Prechtl Cooke, DeDe Duncan-White, Anna E. Greenberg and Cedric Grant, AACPL CFO; Row 4: Linda Greene, Mary Hagerty, Stephen Holt, Joyce Miller and Chris Nelson



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**\$100 FOR 100 Years**

**It's AACPL's Birthday  
We invite you to join the celebration!**

You're invited to join in the celebration of your library's future as we mark 100 years of library service in Anne Arundel County. A combination of public and philanthropic gifts have allowed us to serve your community in ways that would have been impossible without your generosity.

Your contributions have made the library what it is today and continue to transform and expand for the community it serves. Through the pandemic, donors contributed to virtual programs, homeschooling resources and technology enhancements that connected loved ones and helped the library to continue as a beacon of hope for all despite growing, changing and increasing needs.

Your support will help us move into the next 100 years, and we invite you to join in the **\$100 for 100 Years Campaign** by making a gift of \$100. Your name will be listed at your favorite library branch on a special 100-year celebration plaque with your donation. Additionally, in early 2022, you'll be our guests at the Century Celebration held at your favorite library branch.

To join in the celebration and make a gift, please go to [aacpl.net/foundation/100for100](http://aacpl.net/foundation/100for100). Your gift will be used to enhance programs and services at all sixteen branches.

*Your name here!*



*Invest in your library today*

**Library  
Giving  
Day**

**APRIL 7, 2021**

Join public library lovers from around the country to show support and love for their favorite library system by donating. We know for you, that's AACPL!

On April 7, your gift will promote lifelong learning, connect people to technology and advance knowledge.

Watch your email and AACPL social media for more info.

**#LibraryGivingDay**

*"A gift to the library impacts people far beyond books and reading. Especially now with the pandemic. The library connects our community in such a profound and essential way."*

— Deborah McGlaufflin

## Honoring Mom on Her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!



Geneva McGlauffin at Troy Public Library, Troy, NY.

Annapolis resident and library donor Deborah "Debbi" McGlauffin has come to realize that material things are not what is important at this point in life.

Finding a way to celebrate her mother had her searching for an impactful, meaningful gift, which led her to the Anne Arundel County Public Library. After discussion with the foundation staff, a tribute gift seemed to be a way to celebrate her mother's remarkable life.

Geneva McGlauffin raised her family to embrace reading and lifelong learning and spent her career at four public libraries developing those same traits

within the communities she served. Notably, her special love is children's library programs that help instill a love of reading early on.

Growing up in Waterville, Maine, she remembers what a magical place her beautiful brick library was, going up the circular staircase to storytime or curling up in a window seat and getting lost in a book. After college, she would later return there, having been hired to present her own literacy programs to the next generation of children.

Geneva was quick to embrace technology in the workplace and was

one of the first librarians to welcome computers. She launched interlibrary loans, participating in creating a library without walls allowing anyone to borrow a book from any New York library. With Geneva's incredible library career, Debbi knew that donating a tribute gift to the library was the perfect way to celebrate her mother's legacy.

In recognition of Geneva's milestone birthday and her many contributions as a children's librarian and library computer pioneer, personalized bookplates were placed in ten Playaway Launchpad tablets that circulate throughout the library's 16 branches.

"Libraries are exciting, free and are for everyone. All are welcome," said Geneva. "Over the years, I do not know what I would have done without the library."

In true 2020 fashion, Geneva's family held a Zoom virtual birthday party. Family gathered near and far and watched Debbi present her mother's tribute gift showing off a library Launchpad so Geneva could see the device and learn about all that it offered to the youngest library users. This

meaningful tribute gift allows Geneva to be part of educating children through technology and espouses all that matters to Geneva. It honors her lifetime of supporting literacy and social-economic justice. She is so pleased that the library continues to make learning accessible and fun to young children and, specifically, that Launchpads do not require Wi-Fi access or electricity. This gift allows Geneva to share her love of reading to all the children in our county.

"A gift to the library impacts so many in the community, far beyond books and reading," said Debbi. "Especially now with the pandemic. The library connects our community in such a profound and essential way."

Both Debbi and Geneva, as soon as the COVID-19 crisis subsides, look forward to returning to see their library staff and to enjoy all the wonderful in-person activities at their branch, Eastport-Annapolis Neck.

To learn more about tribute gifts and how they impact the community, contact the foundation office at 410.222.1199.

## Your Gifts in Action: Keeping Loved Ones Connected



After suffering a stroke, Army veteran William "Smitty" Smith, Jr., began residing at an assisted living facility in St. Mary's County. Frances, his wife of 55 years, visited him several times a week to stay connected because nothing would keep her from him.

Then the COVID 19 pandemic hit, and nursing care facilities restricted visitors. For several months, Frances couldn't visit William. She knew she needed to find a way to connect with him. Her teenage grandson offered a solution – her local library.

The Eastport-Annapolis Neck librarians came to Frances and Smitty's rescue. Using a public computer station, Frances learned how to use Zoom and set up weekly visits with William. Virtual visits helped William know that he was no longer isolated and seeing Frances was good for his soul. Each week, Frances visited the library, and as staff became personally involved, found themselves inspired by the couple's love and commitment to one another.

Above: William and Frances attending the Morgan State ROTC Ball in 1965. They are incredibly proud of their life of sacrifice and service. At right, on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Your philanthropic support ensures the library can serve its customers by providing resources to help people like Frances and William stay connected when they need it most.

Because of you, Frances is able to spend time with Smitty through Zoom and keep their love strong. Her weekly visit to the library brightens their lives, at least for a short time. Both Frances and William are grateful to the library for keeping their hearts connected.



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS!



## Health & Wellness

### ✓ VIRTUAL EVENTS ON ZOOM

**INSTANT POT COOKING**  
A virtual program to show different ways to use your instant pot.

Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

**Family Meals**

Thursday, March 11 at 7 PM

**Breakfasts**

Thursday, April 8 at 7 PM

**Appetizers**

Thursday, May 13 at 7 PM

**PREPARE AND SHARE COOKBOOK AND RECIPE CLUB**  
Bring your favorite recipe. Enjoy cooking demonstrations.

Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

**Tapas, Small Plates and Mezzes**

Thursday, March 18 at 7 PM

**Latin Inspired**

Thursday, April 15 at 7 PM

**Let's Talk Bread**

Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM

**MYSTERY INGREDIENT CHALLENGE**

Wednesday, April 14 at 7 PM

Shake up your cooking repertoire! Registrants may pick up the free mystery ingredient at the Crofton, Eastport-Annapolis Neck or Maryland City at Russett libraries during branch hours. Let your creative juices flow while preparing a recipe with the ingredient at home. Then, Zoom in to share your dish and experiences with other home chefs.

**VIRTUAL DEMENTIA LIVE WORKSHOP**

Monday, March 8, Wednesday, April 7, Tuesday, May 11 and Saturday, May 22 at 2 PM

Dementia Live® offers a unique inside-out understanding of dementia and aging. Gain a heightened awareness of the challenges faced by those who live with dementia. Participants will also learn new communication skills to improve care and minimize disruptive behaviors, thus reducing caregiver stress.

**INTRODUCTION TO VIPASSANA (INSIGHT MEDITATION)**

Tuesday, May 11 at 7 PM

Join Zaw Maw for an introductory session that explores the practice of Buddhism-based meditation known as Vipassana. Unlike other popular meditation practices that focus solely on calming the mind, Vipassana is a practice of mindfulness that develops one's insight into the true nature of the mind.

### 🧐 ✓ IN-PERSON EVENT

**ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER BLOOD MOBILE AT THE EDGEWATER LIBRARY**

Thursday, May 20 at 9 AM

Basic requirements for donating blood: You must be in general good health, 17 to 75 years of age (16 with written parental consent) and a weight of at least 110 pounds. Also, please be well hydrated and eat a well-balanced meal before donating. Register online at <http://bit.ly/EdgewaterLibrary>.



FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT OUR CALENDAR  
[AACPL.NET/EVENTS](http://AACPL.NET/EVENTS)

✓ Registration is required and begins two weeks before the program at [aacpl.net/events](http://aacpl.net/events).

🧐 In-person attendees must adhere to safety guidelines and protocols.

## FYI...

### Libraries Closed

Easter Sunday, April 4  
Mother's Day Sunday May 9  
Sunday and Monday, May 30 and 31

### Library Board Meetings

Board of Trustees meetings are aired on our AACPL YouTube Channel.

Thursday, March 18 at 4 p.m.  
Thursday, April 15 at 4 p.m.  
Thursday, May 20 at 4 p.m.

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### MICHAEL E. BUSCH ANNAPOLIS

1410 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401  
410.222.1750 • Curbside text: 410.226.9216

### BROADNECK

1275 Green Holly Dr., Annapolis, MD 21409  
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### BROOKLYN PARK

1 East 11th Ave., Baltimore, MD 21225  
410.222.6260 • Curbside text: 410.226.9215

### CROFTON

1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD 21114  
410.222.7915 • Curbside text: 410.226.9214

### DEALE

5940 Deale-Churchton Rd, Deale, MD 20751  
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### DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

2550 Annapolis Mall Rd., Annapolis MD 21401  
410.222.0133 • Curbside text: 410.226.9206

### EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK

269 Hillsmere Dr., Annapolis, MD 21403  
410.222.1770 • Curbside text: 410.226.9205

### EDGEWATER

25 Stepneys Ln., Edgewater, MD 21037  
410.222.1538 • Curbside text: 410.226.9204

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### LINTHICUM

400 Shipley Rd., Linthicum, MD 21090  
410.222.6265 • Curbside text: 410.226.9202

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3501 Russett Common, Laurel, MD 20724  
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### MOUNTAIN ROAD

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### ODENTON

1325 Annapolis Rd., Odenton, MD 21113  
410.222.6277 • Curbside text: 410.226.8995

### RIVIERA BEACH

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2624 Annapolis Rd., Severn, MD 21144  
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