Library Impacts Customer During Closure

Like any parent, Tiphanie Schreier wants her two-year-old son Lucus to succeed, so she enlisted Anne Arundel County Public Library to help her reach that goal. Tiphanie began routinely taking her son to both the Odenton and Discoveries branches when he was just five months old for the Babies in Bloom storytimes and Every Child Ready to Read programs. Since the pandemic began, the family has attended storytime virtually through the library’s Facebook page.

Before Lucus enrolled in virtual storytimes, he was behind on speech development for children of his age. While watching Mr. Steve’s program where he was singing the song “Down by the Bay,” Lucus was able to say the word ‘Bay’ for the first time. For the Schreier’s, this was a major milestone. The family has been relying on online sources to achieve positive results while waiting for a speech evaluation that has been put on hold, due to the lockdown.

“Seeing him picking up a new word was very exciting,” says Tiphanie. He was able to benefit from the language exposure of the librarian presenting the storytime. Steve Mangum from the Broadneck Library says: “It’s gratifying to see a specific instance of this with Lucus, and it speaks volumes to how people rely on our services even when our doors are closed. For me, personally, it’s something I will never forget as I continue presenting, and it’s why I will never take the responsibility for granted.”

Before watching Mr. Steve’s program, Lucus had spoken about fifteen words just before turning two. He had learned them from observing his parents’ interactions. Watching the library’s virtual storytime also ensured that he was able to learn new hand gestures from Ms. Jackie’s rendition of “Wheels on the Bus” as well as being able to mimic the sign for “fish” by interacting with Ms. Rebecca’s storytime.

The future is bright for Lucus and the Schreier family. “We look forward to a time when we can check out books again, as well as attend our favorite storytimes. We miss seeing Ms. Jackie, Mr. Peter and Ms. Rebecca,” says Tiphanie.

Library storytimes combine books, songs, rhymes and movements into a program that stimulates all five senses to promote learning. They are specially designed to assist parents in helping their child develop a solid foundation that prepares him or her for kindergarten.

“Virtual programming allows connection during a season that has prevented people from connecting in person. It supports parents and caregivers by continuing to offer high quality programs and early literacy skill development that expand horizons for kids of all ages,” says Rebecca Hass, programming and outreach librarian at AACPL.

Although no early literacy programs will be held in person through at least the fall, virtual storytimes will continue to be held. See page 5 for a complete schedule.

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Special Edition Summer 2020

Use the Library Safely

As the Grateful Dead sang in one of their classic hits, “What a long strange trip it’s been.” No one could have predicted the world would come to a screeching halt in mid-March and remain closed through the spring.

As we move into summer and start to adjust to our new normal, I'd like to thank you, our loyal customers, for your support over the last three months. You’ve sent us messages of encouragement, checked out ebooks, streamed movies on Kanopy, tuned into virtual programs and taken advantage of our free online tutoring with Brainfuse. We are so very grateful you still love the library.

While we were closed, we worked diligently to come up with innovative ways we could open our branches to serve you based on guidance from public health officials. Our staff was relentless in their efforts to reopen in a safe and meaningful way because we consider you family. But we depend on you to help make a trip to the library safe for us all.

For everyone’s health and safety we now require you to:

- Wear a face covering (ask us if you need one)
- Adhere to social distancing guidelines of keeping six feet apart if at all possible
- Use marked spaces at information and check out desks
- Follow marked arrows between the stacks and in walkways
- USE SELF CHECKOUT MACHINES OR AACPL CHECKOUT APP TO CHECKOUT IF POSSIBLE
- Return items to the book drop, not to individual staff
- Don’t come to the branch if you are sick
- Practice good hygiene by covering your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands for 20 seconds
- Limit your time in the branch

While the way we do business has necessarily changed, one thing remains constant – our commitment to providing education, enrichment and inspiration to all cardholders. We are excited to have our doors open and serve you in public.

Thank you for helping keep us all safe!

Skip Auld, Anne Arundel County Public Library Chief Executive Officer

No Where to Go but Digital

The Library Is Always Open Online!

Your library card gets you the latest:

- eBooks
- eAudiobooks
- Streaming movies with Kanopy
- Skill building video tutorials with Lynda.com
- Language learning with Rosetta Stone
- Educational lessons for k-12
- Ancestry.com Library Edition

Tell a friend to get their card! Sign up now at www.aacpl.net.

Anne Arundel County Public Library
Special Edition Summer 2020

Bay!
Your favorite library programs are now available from the comfort and safety of your home. Preschool and bilingual storytimes and Babies and Bloom will be held on Facebook Live and don’t require registration. All other programs are held on Zoom. You must register for these programs at www.aacpl.net/events, starting two weeks in advance, to receive login information via email.

**ADULTS**

### THE GREAT MOVIES

Watch the film on Kanopy (see page 22), then join us for a lively Friday evening discussion on Zoom. All programs begin at 7 pm.

- **June 12**: The Great Dictator (G, 1940)
- **June 19**: Transit (NR, 2018)
- **June 26**: Audience choice
- **July 3**: DOUBLE FEATURE: Sherlock Jr. (G, 1924) and The Great Buster (NR, 2018)
- **July 10**: The Wages of Fear (NR, 1953)
- **July 17**: Howard’s End (PG, 1992)
- **July 24**: Leon Morin, Priest (NR, 1961)
- **July 31**: Audience choice
- **August 7**: The Old Dark House (NR, 1932)
- **August 14**: Seconds (R, 1966)
- **August 21**: Royal Wedding (PG, 1951)
- **August 28**: Audience choice

### INTRO TO LIBRARY EBOOKS AND STREAMING

Wednesdays, June 17, July 1, 15 and 29 and August 12 and 26 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.

### GUYS BOOK CLUB

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Wednesday, June 17 at 7 pm

Many who have seen the Tom Hanks film Cast Away without having read Robinson Crusoe have missed out on a real treat, a book filled with adventure that goes far beyond a survival story.

The Waste Land by T. S. Eliot

Wednesday, July 15 at 7 pm

Published in 1922, The Waste Land was the most revolutionary poem of its time, offering a devastating vision of modern civilization between the two World Wars.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm

The Call of the Wild is the story of Buck, a dog stolen from his home and thrust into the merciless life of the Arctic north to endure hardship, bitter cold and the savage savagery of man and beast.

### HOW TO NAVIGATE YOUR FINANCES IN UNCERTAIN FINANCIAL TIMES

This program will be presented in English and Spanish.

Thursday, June 25 at 7 pm/June, 26 de junio a las 7 pm

Is COVID-19 affecting your finances? Join Christina Figueroa, financial education consultant for CASH Campaign, for this webinar to learn how to reduce your expenses, manage your credit/debt and for resources to help keep you afloat.

Is COVID-19 está afectando sus finanzas? Únase a Christina Figueroa, consultora de educación financiera de CASH Campaign, en este seminario web para aprender cómo reducir sus gastos, cómo administrar su crédito / deuda, y para obtener recursos para ayudarle mantenerse a flote.

### MONDAYS ARE MURDER

Enjoy a true crime discussion about famous solved and unsolved murders. Visit the library’s website for monthly topics.

- **Mondays, June 17, July 1 and 29, and August 12 and 26 at 3 pm**

### KIDS

#### YouTube Stars

Does your child want to be the next YouTube superstar? We can help them get started! Children will learn about staying safe on the Internet and planning interesting videos. When class is done, kids should plan to spend some time planning, recording and editing a video.

- **Thursdays, July 16 at 2 pm**

#### Mondays are Murder

Enjoy a true crime discussion about famous solved and unsolved murders. Visit the library’s website for monthly topics.

- **Mondays, June 29, July 27, and August 31 at 7 pm**

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#### Summer Slugger Program

Major League Baseball and the Orioles have partnered with digital learning innovator EVERFI to launch a baseball-themed, online education program for kids.

- **PLAY WEEKLY SERIES**
- **EARN REWARDS**
- **CONQUER CHALLENGES**

**Kids who complete the program earn two Orioles tickets!**

Sign up today at SummerSlugger.com/Orioles

**Babies & Preschoolers**

**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE FOR STORIES, SONGS, RHYMES AND MORE!**

**Preschool Storytime**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am

Join library staff from across AACPL as we present stories, songs and fun.

**Bilingual Storytime**

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhythms and activities while building ready to read skills in English and in Spanish.

**Babies in Bloom**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 am

Join us online for a special Facebook Live event for babies ages birth to 18 months. Babies will enjoy songs and action rhymes while building early literacy skills.

**LEARN WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD GET READY TO READ WITH OUR TIPS AND RESOURCES TO ENCOURAGE EARLY LITERACY.**

**SEE PAGES 14 AND 15.**
SUMMER@Your Library

JOE ROMANO’S MAGIC WOW WORKSHOP
Tuesdays, July 7 and 21 and August 25 at 1 pm
Learn some magic tricks with things that you can easily find around the house. Grab a sheet of copy paper, a pair of scissors, tape, a dollar bill and a coin, deck of cards and five pieces of dried spaghetti. If you can’t find an item or two, don’t worry, you can still enjoy the show.

MUSIC AND BOOKS

STEVEN’S PUPPETS PRESENT GOLDLOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS
Tuesday, July 28 at 1 pm
Hand-carved wooden marionettes bring this story to life with charming literary rhymes, alliterations and idioms which engage, educate and amuse. Hand-painted scenery presents the misty fells and inlets of Southeast Alaska in glorious color and authenticity.

SCIENCE TELLERS DRAGONS: RETURN OF THE ICE SORCERESS
Tuesday, August 17 at 1 pm
A long time ago in a faraway world, two brave villagers go on a daring journey to release the dragons and save the kingdom from the Evil Ice Sorceress. When things go wrong, however, they need to look to themselves (and to science!) for the answer! Don’t miss this fun fantasy adventure with awesome dry ice effects.

SCIENCE TELLERS JUGGLING FUNNY STORIES!
Tuesday, August 18 at 1 pm
Join award-winning family entertainer Chris Fascione as he brings stories to life with boundless energy, humor and even audience participation. He combines comedy, juggling and story performance as he acts out children’s books, becoming a multitude of hilarious characters. If you have three light-weight material squares or tissues at home, you can join Chris as he teaches everyone to juggle!

ROCK & RHYME WITH MR. JON
Friday, July 17 at 10:30 am
Mr. Jon & Friends multi Parents’ Choice Award winning music for kids and their families. Come enjoy a fun, dancy, interactive and musical time with Mr. Jon and his silly friends George the Monkey.

THE FASTER PLANET: AN IMAGINARY JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD
Friday, July 31 at 10:30 am
Brought to you by Beatboxer and Producer Max Bent, it features original music! Enjoy this interactive musical experience that uses percussion instruments to cultivate the minds of children – a dynamic cross between DC’s Trouble Funk and Schoolhouse Rock.

ANANSEGRO! (INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING, AFRICAN DRUMS AND GAMES)
Kofi Dennis
Friday, August 14 and 21 at 10:30 am
In this exciting family funfare event, we will use the technique of African storytelling to explore some favorite children’s literature, with lots of stories of life-changing journeys.

3. Read a book at bedtime
2. Try something new
1. Watch a movie on Kanopy

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES
- Visit a library
- Play a game
- Visit a park or playground
- Watch a movie on Kanopy
- Read a book at bedtime
- Read a family member or pet
- Download a library eBook, audiobook or eMagazine
- Create something to share
SUMMER@YOUR LIBRARY CHALLENGE 2020

Track your progress here. Read for 20 minutes a day, or choose from the supported activities listed on the other side. Check off each day you read or do an activity on the calendars below. Collect a sticker every five days of participation. Bring your log to any library to pick up your completion prize and enter in a random drawing for your choice of prizes!

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**Behind the Scenes of a Closed Library**

by Kelley Jackson, Marketing and Communications Specialist, AACPL

When the COVID-19 pandemic rippled through our world, library staff immediately started asking, “how can we help?” With buildings closed, staff were eager to begin working in new ways to provide critical services to our customers.

Increasing digital content for stuck at home customers immediately became a top priority. Staff purchased more than 35,000 new eBooks and eAudiobooks during their closure.

“We searched for materials that would be helpful for our community. If we thought it would meet a need, we bought it,” said the library’s head of Materials Management, Judy Poyer.

The constant additions ensured decreased wait times and allowed the library to provide a broader range of materials such as more children’s books, Spanish language options, or titles needed by students or professionals working from home.

Beyond our books, library educational resources took on a new level of importance when schools and businesses closed. Staff worked tirelessly to find solutions for the challenges facing our communities.

Learning and professional development resources such as Udemy and Lynda were added; temporary access to TumbleMath and Miss Humblebee’s Academy was offered to our younger customers and students benefited from expanded online live tutoring hours through Brainfuse.

Dedicated staff were also ready to personally answer individual’s questions via social media or our Email Librarian service. Most received responses within an hour!

Sandy Meyers, library associate at Riviera Beach Library, took a personal interest in maintaining the library’s connection to the public remarking that it was “extremely gratifying to help customers when they needed us most. Even when the doors were physically closed, we were still here.”

Within days of the libraries closing, staff began offering virtual programs for the first time. Library workers had to quickly develop new skills in order to present online events from their homes and deal with new technology. Adults enjoyed discussion groups, workshops, ebook help and more. Children took advantage of daily live storytimes, including bilingual programs, through Facebook.

“We wanted to provide some sense of normalcy during this scary time, particularly for kids,” said Library Associate Steve Mangum. “Providing outlets for our customers to interact, learn and feel supported was a major goal of our online programming.”

Serving our customers while everyone remained safe at home was only part of the efforts made by our staff over the past couple months. Planning ahead for how to safely reopen proved a vast undertaking. Knowing that public gatherings will continue to be limited, library staff had to drastically reconfigure in-person events including the popular Summer @ Your Library programs. Thanks to the flexibility and creativity demonstrated by our staff and partners, we are providing the opportunity for people to see their favorite summer performers in special online events.

Safety remains our utmost concern and with other new additions like curbside pickup, expanded access to public WiFi at many locations and increased cleaning protocols, we are excited to continue enriching our communities from inside our buildings once again.

Virtual storytimes kept little ones engaged and learning ready-to-read skills.

**Learn a new language with Mango or Rosetta Stone, or take a top-quality course taught by recognized industry experts on Lynda.com.**

**AACPL.NET/ELEARNING**
What Your Library Staff Read During the Pandemic

What is one of the biggest stress relievers for a group of library workers? Reading!  Check out some of the selections our staff enjoyed over the last three months.

Maeve In America Essays by a Girl From Somewhere Else by Maeve Higgins

Higgins published this book of essays in 2018. She is a comedian and immigrant from Ireland with a quirky sense of humor, meaning she嘲s up on you, stirs things in a hilarious way and is very tender hearted. Some of her essays describe her insecurities and are sweet, funny and identifiable. Her essays about immigrants are the most interesting and valuable but all are good and keep your attention. I like books like this that don’t require cover to cover reading but highly recommend you don’t miss. Abbes of Extraordinary Ability which I plan on re-reading. It is touching, very original and moving.

–Deborah Cross, Odenton Library

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Brave New World is a dystopian novel about a future where humans are no longer born but created in labs. Citizens in this world are genetically modified and conditioned to fit into a certain hierarchy determined by the government. This novel, published in 1932, was so far ahead of its time that it reads like it could have been written just yesterday. I really enjoyed it because it made me ponder and question what our future as a species could look like as a result of scientific advancements. It is not a light-hearted book, but it is an important one. Those who enjoy sci-fi and dystopian books will enjoy this classic.

–Megan Taxdal, Severn Library

The Hot Zone by Richard Preston

In this graphic novel-prose hybrid, Allie Brosh takes you into the mind of a person dealing with depression and anxiety while somehow making it hilarious and totally relatable. The simple artwork really makes the stories and I found myself laughing out loud more than once. A must-read for anyone who struggles with depression and/or anxiety or someone who wants to understand it.

–Lori Rieckewell, Glen Burnie Library

Wow, No Thank You by Samantha Iby

The latest collection of essays by Samantha Iby does not disappoint—hilariously uncomfortable, relatable and forthright. Her takes on everything from mixtape selections to marriage to social media are laugh-out-loud funny. Fans of David Sedaris, Issa Rae and Jenny Lawson will want to add Samantha Iby to their go-to list of honestly funny authors.

–Sharon Lansa, Odenton Library

Rocket Boys by Homer Hickman, Jr.

The memoir of Homer Hickam who while growing up in now gone Coalwood, West Virginia, forms a group of high achieving miner’s sons who become proficient at backyard rockets and provided hope to the entire town. I enjoyed reading about this bygone era and the characters who resided there. The book would appeal to all ages and was the basis of the film October Sky.

–Liz Savage, Orel Library

Enchantee by Gita Trelease

This is a fun YA historical fantasy – Les Mis meets Cinderella. Camille practices a magic ordinaire, ordinary magic, to support herself and her sister by turning scraps of metal into coins. When their brother steals everything they have, Camille turns to dark magic to transform herself into a baroness. With her new secret identity, she earns money by gambling at the Court of Versailles. Camille also falls in love with a hot air balloonist with Court secrets of his own.

The French atmosphere was written well as the reader goes back and forth from the streets of Paris to the Court of Versailles, becoming immersed in both of Camille’s identities. This is a great read if you want something with low romance, strong sisters and great atmosphere.

–Katelyn Tjarks, Severn Library

All the Days Past, All the Days to Come by Meldred D. Taylor

Published in January, this is the tenth book by the author of Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. It is the story of the Logan family as adults – and Cassie Logan is now an independent, young woman. She has many challenges navigating the racism of the 1960’s. There are many references to incidents and individuals in the civil rights movement - and Cassie’s responses are inspiring. Mildred Taylor’s writing is a pleasure to read.

–Lisa Shore, Severna Park Library

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Welcome to the Michael E. Busch ANNAPOLIS LIBRARY

OPENING SOON

BY THE NUMBERS
1. conference room (capacity 35)
2. external book drops
3. meeting rooms (capacity 509)
4. 4.8 acre campus
5. vehicle charging stations
6. collaboration rooms (capacity 4-6)
7. 21 glulam beams
8. 34 computers
9. 222 individually programmed electro-chromic windows
10. 1,569 number of donated bricks
11. 32,500 square ft. building
12. 85,000 print books and materials

FEATURES
- 3D printer
- Café
- Club 1117 teen area
- Community Living Room
- Digitized nautical map of the Chesapeake Bay
- Gallery
- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Maryland Room
- Outdoor play space
- Tech zone
- Tinker lab
- Wall hangings: George Washington’s resignation speech; poem by Vincent Godfrey Burns, former Poet Laureate of Maryland (1965)

1. Young customers enjoy the entrance to the new library.
2. Staff at the new welcome desk will greet visitors when they arrive.
3. The tech zone will feature computer and business services.
4. A children’s storytime theatre is sure to be a hit.
5. The Foundation Café will give customers a place to relax.
6. An aerial view of the new building.
7. The brick walkway shares messages of hope and remembrance.
8. Books have arrived in the library’s Community Living Room.
9. The children’s area is ready to be completed with thousands of new books.
Babies and young children enjoy songs, rhymes and playtime while building early reading skills. Anne Arundel County Public Library is committed to providing parents and caregivers with the tools to help their young children get ready to read. Through the nationally-recognized Every Child Ready to Read initiative, libraries can have an even greater impact on early literacy through an approach that focuses on educating parents and caregivers. The program advocates parents and caregivers talk, write, read, play and sing with their child.

**FIVE PRACTICES OF EARLY LITERACY**

These five early literacy practices will help every child develop the foundation for reading, listening, writing and learning for a lifetime.

**Talking**

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and to learn about language and conversation.

**Singing**

Singing and rhyming are fun ways for children to learn about language.

**Reading**

Reading together is the most important way to help children get ready to read. Children who have fun being read to are more likely to want to learn to read themselves.

**Writing**

Writing helps children learn about the world, express themselves and put ideas into words. Writing also helps children understand that spoken and written words stand for real things and emotions.

**Playing**

Playing helps children learn about the world, express themselves and put ideas into words. Playing also helps children understand that spoken and written words stand for real things and emotions.

### Tips and Resources to Encourage Early Literacy

by Kathleen Zawody, Programming and Outreach Librarian, AACPL

The first book I ever read was The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. I vividly remember being in my kindergarten classroom, bragging about how I could do it—and I did! I read a book out loud! Except, I wasn’t quite reading the letters on the page. My parents had read that book to me so often that I had it memorized. In fact, they read it so often that I bet they wished it would magically go missing.

My parents did a lot of things to help me build confidence around reading—and you can do things with your own children to help them, too. From the day they are born, you are teaching your children and helping them learn. Here are some tips that you can do at home, no matter how old your child is:

- **Sing with your child!** Singing slows down your natural speech patterns, allowing your child to hear the sounds inside of words.
- **Have your child tell you the story!** Have your child look at the pictures and guess what’s going to happen next in the story. Reading visual clues is an important skill.
- **Play with books!** Children love turning the pages and exploring how books work. Use board books with thick, sturdy pages. Babies learn about books through play—keep some books with their other toys.
- **Play writing games!** Let your child practice writing letters in shaving cream, sand and other hands-on materials so they can literally feel the shapes of letters.
- **Play word games!** Start a game by saying “I spy with my little eye something that starts with the letter T…”

### FREE RESOURCES

- **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**
  - [www.aacpl.net/1000](http://www.aacpl.net/1000)
  - We’re challenging you to read 1,000 books before starting kindergarten! Log your reading and earn prizes along the way! The best part is that you can log the same book as many times as you read it. (My parents will be glad to hear that!)

- **Ebooks**
  - [www.aacpl.net/ebooks](http://www.aacpl.net/ebooks)
  - The library has many ebooks available for you to read with your children. Check out TumbleBooks and OverDrive for a wonderful collection of virtual picture books.

- **Find educational movies and shows streaming for free through Kanopy.**
  - [www.aacpl.net/kanopy](http://www.aacpl.net/kanopy)

- **Register by stopping by any library branch or online at aacpl.beanstack.org.**

### Help Your Child Achieve Early Literacy

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 by stopping by any library branch or online at 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!**

### Every Child Ready to Read Programs:

#### BABIES IN BLOOM: For babies born to 18 months

#### TODDLER TIME: For children ages 18-36 months

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: For children ages 3-5

#### FAMILY STORYTIME: For families with children ages 5 and younger

#### BILINGUAL STORYTIME: Children build ready to read skills in English and Spanish.
1. Children try out the Discovery Dock play area at the new branch.
2. Grace Feldmann, 12, and Amelie Cook, 13, both from Annapolis enjoy the new Club 1117 teen space including its laptops.
3. County Executive Steuart Pittman and Sneaks, the Library Cat, meet some of the library’s youngest customers.
4. Two customers browse the DVD selection.
5. From left: Library Foundation Board President Sam Brown, Discoveries Manager Rachel Myers, Library CEO Skip Auld, County Executive Steuart Pittman, Senator Sarah Elfreth, Westfield Annapolis Manager Steven Stavropoulos, Library Board of Trustees Chairman Wil Colquhoun and former chair Don Roland cut the ribbon to open Discoveries: The Library at the Mall in its new location.

1. The Severn Library received a $1.1 million renovation as a result of funding from the county’s Local Development Council, which advises the county executive on the needs of communities surrounding the Maryland Live! Casino and the expenditure of video lottery terminal funds.
2. Customers will be able to enjoy a new computer area and checkout Chromebooks for use in the branch.
3. A newly renovated small conference room will be perfect for business meetings and tutoring sessions.
4. Everyone will love the new Café available for the first time in any of our libraries.
5. The large meeting room was expanded so it can be divided into two for use by the community and library partners.
SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL
Modified from Bay Area Discovery Museum
For Preschoolers, ages 3-5
Materials
• Recycled metal or plastic container with a lid (coffee cans work well)
• Recycled small cardboard box (a shoe box would work well)
• Tweezers, tongs or large plastic spoons (optional)
• Materials for filling the container. Here are some examples, but anything that will fit in the container and make noise when shaken will work:
- Pebbles
- Short, thick sticks
- Dry pasta or beans
- Buttons
- Metal washers
- Pompoms
Directions:
1. Sort your noise making materials into piles or small containers.
2. Pick a container to make a shaker with.
3. Let children use the tongs, tweezers or spoons to add materials to their shaker.
4. Encourage children to try different combinations of materials and containers.
5. Let children enjoy shaking their shaker!
Activity extensions:
• Ask, “How would you make a loud sound or a quiet sound?”
• Ask: “How many shakes make your name?” Say the child’s name and shake the shaker for each syllable. Continue to model syllable counting using familiar names and fan words.
• Encourage children to walk around to collect their own natural materials to add to their shakers.

GO FLY AN UPCYCLED KITE
Modified from The National Aquarium
For kids in elementary school
Materials
• Plastic grocery bag
• String or yarn
• Two thin sticks
• Tape
• Scissors
• Marker
• Popsicle stick or sturdy, short stick
• Ruler or straight edge
Directions:
1. Make a kite frame by laying the two thin sticks on top of one another. Secure them by winding string around where they intersect. Crisscross the string between the sticks to make sure they remain in place. Tie and cut the string.
2. Cut a grocery bag on one side and across the bottom, so you have a flat sheet of plastic.
3. Lay the grocery bag on a flat surface.
4. Place your kite frame on top and tape it in place.
5. Use the marker and ruler to draw lines on the grocery bag, connecting from one stick to another. When you are finished, you should have a full rectangle around your kite frame. This will be the template for your kite.
6. Use your scissors to cut along the lines you just drew.
7. Tie a new piece of string around the intersecting sticks in the middle of your kite frame.
8. Unroll several feet of string and tie the other end of the string to a popsicle stick to create a line for your kite.
9. Enjoy your kite!

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New Library’s Engraved Brick Sidewalk Now In Place

As of February, the engraved brick sidewalk at the soon-to-be-opened Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library, is in place. The sidewalk, which goes from the parking lot to the front entrance of the building was designed to contain bricks which donors purchased as part of the library foundation’s brick campaign, held in the summer of 2019. Library friends from across the county, and some even from out of state, donated $100 for each brick, with many donating more than one.

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The sidewalk contains some 1,590 engraved bricks. Each has a unique inscription from a simple word or name to book quotes. Foundation President Sam Brown marveled at the variety and creativity of what was on many of the bricks, “After the sidewalk was completed my daughter and I took a field trip to look for our 10 family bricks. We found them all and spent over two hours reading the many messages left for the world to see by our many brick donors. It was a fun afternoon reading every brick, smiling and laughing and with many oohs and aahs. Some were funny, some meaningful and some so cryptic I couldn’t figure them out.”

“We found all 10 of ours and took pictures for the family. It was inspiring to see them in person. To think, they will be there for decades to come,” Brown added.

Donations to the foundation’s brick campaign totaled over $156,000. Funds raised will be used to enhance the facilities and programming at all of the library’s 16 branches.

Evelyn Dahl reads next to the brick she “received” for her 16th birthday.

Photo by Vicky Bruce.

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What Library Staff Watched During the Pandemic

TOGO (2019) Disney+

Togo is based off the 1925 serum run to Nome across central and northern Alaska. Its the true story surrounding the well-known sled dog named Balto. Much to my surprise, Balto did NOT run most of the relay to get the medicine to Nome. It was a dog named Togo. There were 19 sleds in the relay and all averaged 31 miles each. Togo did almost 300 miles of the relay but Balto got all the credit.

Very fascinating story to watch! If you’re a dog lover like me, you might need tissues to get though the movie.

—Joshua Batucan, Library Headquarters

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