Shake Off Winter Doldrums at your Library

Winter may be dreary outside but there are plenty of exciting events to keep you entertained at the 16 branches of your public library. From concerts and computer coding to book clubs and movies, there are more than 1,000 programs for every age and interest.

February marks African American History Month and we are proud to offer a host of educational and engaging events throughout the month. Enjoy performances from the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts, learn how to preserve your family history, discover inspiring stories from African American women in Anne Arundel County and explore the origins of popular music. These are but a few of the offerings available. Check out the complete schedule at [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net).

So shake off the winter doldrums and come to the library where we not only have great programs but we have plenty of books, CDs and DVDs to get you through the cold days!

Happy Reading,

In Memoriam

Ellan Wheeler Thorson
July 8, 1944 – September 29, 2018

Mrs. Thorson was a valued member of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Board of Trustees from July 1, 1997 until her recent death. She demonstrated her enthusiasm for public service by holding various leadership roles on the library board including director, secretary and treasurer. She will be remembered for her hospitality, love of books and dedication to education.
Broadneck
Inspiring Stories of African American Women in AA County
Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 PM
A panel will showcase the positive impact African American women have had on our community with accounts of their journeys.
For teens through adults

Crofton
Succotash Tales
Saturday, February 16 at 2 PM
Explore the richness of African American stories and traditions with storyteller Diane Macklin.

Deale
African Beats
Friday, February 22 at 10 AM
Tap your feet to Jazz while listening to a story about musicians from the past. Children will handle and decorate Jazz instruments.
Sponsor: Reginald F. Lewis Museum
For ages three through five

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Jazzy Storytime
February 22 at 10:30 AM
Celebrate the rich culture of Jazz with stories, songs and a fun craft!
For ages five and under

Linthicum
Researching African American Families at the MD State Archives
Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM
Research Archivist Ryan Cox will lead a discussion about the resources available for those looking to research their Maryland roots.
Sponsor: Maryland State Archives
For adults

Maryland City at Russett
Magnificent Folks, Animals and other such Tales
Saturday, February 2 at 2 PM
Applaud the great accomplishments of those with paws, fins, feet or wings. Storyteller Diane Macklin highlights teamwork and the best tool for solving problems: the brain!

Preserve your Family History
Saturday, February 16 at 1 PM
Elinor Thompson, a leading genealogist, historian and local author, will teach you how to preserve your family history and create a family history book for your next family reunion.
For adults

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Jazzy Storytime
February 22 at 10:30 AM
Celebrate the rich culture of Jazz with stories, songs and a fun craft!
For ages five and under

Odenton
From Jazz to Hip-Hop
Monday, February 11 at 6 PM
Explore the origins and evolution of popular music forms that originated in the African American community.
Sponsor: Enoch Pratt Free Library/State Library Resource Center
For adults and teens

Salute to Black Inventors
Saturday, February 16 at 2 PM
Discover African American inventions that changed the world! Then, join the Chesapeake Children’s Museum to create your own invention.

Riviera Beach
African Folktales and Crafts
Tuesday, February 19 at 10 AM
Travel to Kunta Kinte’s childhood homeland! Take part in Anansi stories, traditional folk tales from West Africa. Make a Kufi hat and shake your shakere!
Sponsor: Chesapeake Children’s Museum

Severn
BESA
Wednesday, February 6 at 6 PM
BESA, which means “come dance” in the Akan language of Ghana, is a fun, aerobic and cardio workout that uses African dance forms and techniques.
Sponsor: Performing Arts Center for African Cultures

SEVERN
BESA
Wednesday, February 6 at 6 PM
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Sponsor: Performing Arts Center for African Cultures

Deep River: Songs of an Enslaved People
Experience a moving tribute to the legacy of Negro Spirituals, narrated and performed by Washington National Opera Tenor Wayne Jennings and Violinist Alexander Strachan.
Sponsor: CAAPA – Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts

Brooklyn Park
Thursday, February 21 at 6 PM

Edgewater
Bates High School: Center for Excellence – Memories of Bates’ Teachers (NR)
Wednesday, February 6 at noon
Sponsor: Kunta Kinte - Alex Haley Foundation

Mountain Road
It’s More Than a Month: Black History through Documentary
For adults
Anita: Speaking Truth to Power (NR)
Tuesday, February 5 at 10 AM
Whose Streets: An Unflinching Look at the Ferguson Uprising (R)
Tuesday, February 12 at 10 AM
Ken Burns: The Central Park Five (NR)
Tuesday, February 19 at 10 AM
Strange Fruit: The Biography of a Song (NR)
Tuesday, February 26 at 10 AM

Severna Park
I Am Not Your Negro (PG-13)
Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 PM
For adults and high school students

Music in Film, Animation, TV and Video Games!
Have fun singing along to popular Jazz themed music from classic cartoons, cinema, animated movies and video games of the past and present!
Sponsor: Renee Collins Georges, Kidz MusIQ Club

Edgewater
Saturday, February 23 at 10 AM

Glen Burnie
Saturday, February 23 at 2 PM

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African American History Month Book Clubs, page 5
**Book Clubs for Adults**

**Crofton**
- A Separation by Katie Kitamura
  - Thursday, December 13 at 2 PM
- The Woman’s Hour by Ta-Nehisi Coates
  - Thursday, February 14 at 2 PM

**Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
- Year of Yes: How to Dance It Out, Stand in the Sun and Be Your Own Person by Shonda Rhimes
  - Friday, January 4 at 11 AM

**Edgewater**
- The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy
  - Tuesday, January 8 at 7 PM

**Maryland City at Russett**
- Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
  - Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 PM

**Mountain Road**
- Books in Bars!
  - The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
    - Tuesday, January 29 at 7 PM
  - Join us at the Rumor Meal at 4730 Mountain Rd. (same shopping center as the library) for a special book club. Enjoy drink and food specials!

**Severna Park GUYS BOOK CLUB**
- The Lost City of the Monkey God by Douglas Preston
  - Thursday, December 20 at 2 PM

**South County Senior Center Book Club**
- Where’d You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple
  - Monday, January 28 at 1 PM
- Still Life by Louise Penny
  - Monday, February 25 at 1 PM

**General Book Discussions**
- It’s a book club without the book! No reading is required. Chat about a book you’ve read and hear about great books that others have enjoyed.

**BROADNECK**
- My Favorite Crime Book Club
  - Wednesdays, December 19, January 30 and February 20 at 7 PM

**EASTPORT-ANNAPOolis NECK**
- Monday, December 10, January 14 and February 11 at 10 AM

**MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT**
- Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM

**OTHER LOCATIONS:**
- ARNOLD SENIOR CENTER BOOK CLUB
  - Wednesdays, December 5, January 2 and February 6 at noon

**O’MALLEY SENIOR CENTER READ AND SHARE**
- Tuesdays, January 15 and February 19 at 2 PM
  - Please call the senior center at 410.222.6227 to register.

**eREADER TRAINING**
- Glen Burnie
  - Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 PM
- Mountain Road
  - Thursday, January 10 at 2 PM
- Riviera Beach
  - Thursday, January 17 at 7 PM

*Note: One on One computer and eReader training is available at select branches. Call your branch to check on availability.*

Please note: This information is subject to change. Check the library’s website or call your local branch for event updates.
**African American History Month Book Clubs**

**BARRACOON: THE STORY OF THE LAST “BLACK CARGO”**
*BY ZORA NEALE HURSTON*
The nonfiction account of the life of Cudjo Lewis, a man who was kidnapped from Africa and enslaved in America after slavery was outlawed.

**Annapolis**
Wednesday, January 23 at noon
**Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
Friday, February 1 at 11 AM

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**THE BIG SMOKE**
*BY ADRIAN MATEJKA*
The story of legendary fighter Jack Johnson’s journey from poverty to one of the most coveted titles in sports through the voices of Johnson and the women who knew him best.

**Brooklyn Park**
Tuesday, March 5 at 7 PM

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**Meet Libby.**
The one-tap reading app for audiobooks and ebooks

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**Laura Kamoie**

**Deale**
Wednesday, January 16 at 7 PM
**Odenton**
Saturday, February 2 at 2 PM

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**Broadneck**
Jack Gilden
Thursday, December 20 at 6:30 PM
Meet the author of *Collision of Wills: Johnny Unitas, Don Shula and the Rise of the Modern NFL* and discover this exciting story of two of the most successful men in league history.

**Brenda Lane**
Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 PM
The author will discuss *The Sons of Michigan*, a must read for ancestry seekers, history buffs, Civil War enthusiasts and readers who want to be inspired.
Health and Wellness

Broadneck
Female Empowerment and Introduction to Self-defense
Thursday, January 3 at 6:30 PM
Learn ways to keep yourself safe.
For teens and adults

Crofton
What is the Craze Over Pickleball?
Wednesday, January 23 at 7 PM
Discover the fastest growing sport in the USA. Learn the history of the game and its rapidly growing future. Register at https://croftonlibrarypickleball.eventbrite.com.

Mantra Meditation
Saturday, February 9 at 3 PM

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
2019 Vision Board Workshop
Saturday, January 5 at 2 PM
Create a collage of things that you’d like to attract to your life in 2019. Learn to set goals visually so that you can realize your dreams!

Walking Book Club
Saturdays, January 26 and February 23 at 9:30 AM
Meet just outside the Discoveries Library to walk the mall and discuss books! January: self help, February: romance.

Self-Care 101
Saturday, February 16 at noon
Pamper yourself in this fun, self-care program supported by mall retailer LUSH.

Glen Burnie
Save a Life: Narcan Training
Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 PM
Join us to become an informed citizen who is prepared to save a life from an opioid overdose. Register for January session at: https://bit.ly/2R9t6fc

Health Through the Holidays
Saturday, December 1 at 1 PM
Health and wellness coach Linda Bourdelaise shares her best tips on how to navigate holiday parties and meals and find time for self-care. Attendees will receive handouts with tips and recipes.

Odenton, continued
Chair Yoga
Tuesday, December 18 at 6 PM
Learn to quiet your mind and strengthen your body with different poses, breathing techniques and meditation—all done either seated or using a chair while standing.
Sponsor: Laura Goff, Whole Yoga & Pilates

Riviera Beach
Healthy Recipe Exchange
Thursday, January 3 at 6:30 PM
Discover healthy recipes to promote your new balanced lifestyle goals. Bring a recipe to share.

Severn
Essential Oils Make and Take
Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 PM
Treat yourself and learn to make your own fragrant candles and lip balms with essential oils.
For adults and teens

SENIOR HEALTHY LIVING SERIES
AT THE MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT LIBRARY

NUTRITION FOR BUSY SENIORS
Thursday, December 13 at 11 AM
Join nutritionist Leslie Jefferson, of Giant Food, as she discusses quick, easy and budget friendly meals.

INTRODUCTION TO CHAIR YOGA
Thursday, January 24 at 11 AM
Certified chair yoga teacher Barbara Day will lead you through a fun class including breathing, meditation, stretching and strengthening, all while sitting in a chair!

PAINT MORNING
Thursday, February 21 at 11 AM
Whether you’ve never held a paintbrush or you’ve been painting for years, our goal is a fun morning of camaraderie and creativity.

Registration required and begins two weeks before the program. All branch phone numbers are listed on the back cover.

Anne Arundel County Public Library
Crofton

Seed Starting Indoors
Saturday, February 23 at 10 AM to noon
Master Gardener Alison Rolen gives lots of practical advice on seed starting indoors.
Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
National Seed Swap Day
Saturday, January 26 at 11:30 AM
Swap seeds and tips! Bring heirloom or open-pollinated seeds from your garden to share with other local enthusiasts.

Glen Burnie

Pollinator Gardens
Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 PM
Learn how to create your own pollinator friendly garden from a master gardener.
Sponsor: Alison Milligan

Odenton

Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners Seed Swap
Saturday, January 26 from 10 AM to 1 PM
Come with seeds to share or come without seeds! We will have goodie bags, door prizes and more.

Gardening and Nature

Deale

On-Farm Composting Workshop
Friday, January 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, January 26 from 10 AM to 4 PM
The day begins with presentations about on-farm composting, habitat preservation and farm planning. Then the group will travel in their own vehicles to the Veteran Compost demonstration site to see aerated compost systems. Light refreshments and lunch provided.
Sponsor: AAEDC and Veteran Compost

Seed Starting Indoors
Saturday, February 2 from 10 AM to noon
Master Gardener Alison Rolen gives lots of practical advice on starting seeds indoors.
Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners

Music

Broadneck

Music Discussion Club
Wednesdays, December 5, January 16 and February 13 at 6 PM
Discuss your favorite songs and how they relate to American culture and society.

Vintage Guitars
Monday, January 28 at 6:30 PM
Edward Sparks will display and demonstrate vintage guitars from his collection and talk about their significance in guitar and music history. Bring your own vintage guitar to share.
For teens and adults

Glen Burnie

U.S. Navy Band Country Bluegrass Ensemble
Saturday, December 1 at 2 PM
Country Current, the United States Navy Band’s premiere country-bluegrass ensemble will perform a blend of modern country music and cutting edge bluegrass.
For adults and children

SoCo Grow at SoCo Grow at Deale Library

Holiday Party & Wreath-Making
Wednesday, December 12 from 5 to 7 PM
Meet at Jug Bay’s Butterfly Garden (5702 Plummer Lane, Lothian, MD) for a potluck party that includes evergreens! Bring comfortable trail shoes, clippers, gloves and spare ribbons to create your own wreath, swag or garland. Some materials will be available to borrow.

Seed Swap Party!
Wednesday, January 9 at 7 PM
Bring leftover or collected seeds as well as gardening books and cookbooks. Having something to swap not required. We’ll have food to share but snacks are welcome!

Movie Night: High Tide in Dorchester
Wednesday, February 13 at 7 PM
This new documentary about Maryland’s own Eastern Shore concerns sea level rise, erosion and climate change in Dorchester County. The film creates a powerful, intimate story that looks at a worsening global threat through the lens of the Chesapeake Bay’s most vulnerable county.

Ukulele Strum & Sing Along
Have you ever wanted to play a musical instrument? How about starting with the ukulele? Join us for a fun novice/beginner lesson. Don’t have a ukulele? We have a limited number to share.
For adults and teens

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Riviera Beach

Edgewater
Saturday, January 19 from 10 AM to noon

Glen Burnie
Thursdays, December 20, January 17, and February 21 at 7 PM

Country Current, the U.S. Navy Band Country Bluegrass Ensemble
Events for Adults

**Broadneck**

**Digital Forensics**
Wednesday, January 23 at 7 PM
Discover more about forensics and digital forensics from Ray Bosse of Anne Arundel Community College.

**Genealogy for Beginners**
Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 PM
Learn about techniques to find your ancestors and discover what the library has to offer. Bring a USB drive. Sponsor: Margaret M. McMahon, Teaching and Training Co., LLC

**Brooklyn Park**

**BP Café**
Discover onsite services to assist parents in achieving or maintaining economic self-support and self-sufficiency. Sponsor: Brooklyn Park Community of Hope

**Holiday Food and Toy Giveaway**
Wednesday, December 19 from 11 AM to 1 PM
Benefits: Food Stamps and TCA

**Self Care**
Wednesday, February 27 from 11 AM to 1 PM

**Deale**

**Etsy Basics**
Tuesday, January 8 at 7 PM
Learn about how to use Etsy to sell your handmade crafts online.

**Writing Workshop: Howduinit**
Thursday, January 17 at 2 and 7 PM
Learn tips and tricks for writing a mystery novel. Crime scene investigation and forensics basics will be discussed as well.

**Writing Workshop: Romance**
Thursday, February 21 at 2 and 7 PM
Learn about writing a romance novel or adding a romance subplot.

**Edgewater**

**One Pot Multicooker Cooking**
Tuesday, January 22 at 6:30 PM
Learn more about multi-use pressure cookers or share your knowledge.

**Baltimore Center Stage Mobile Unit presents Antigone**
Wednesday, February 20 at 2 PM
Members of the Baltimore Center Stage Mobile Unit will perform Sophocles’ ancient Greek tragedy Antigone in a streamlined show.

**Maryland City at Russell**

**Instant Pot 101**
Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 PM
Curious about what an electric pressure cooker can do? Join us for an Instant Pot demonstration and learn tips and tricks to cooking with this time saving kitchen appliance.

**Odenton**

**Art Journaling**
Saturday, January 12 at 1 PM
Explore basic art making techniques to add to your existing journal or start a new journal with images. Bring your own journal and items that you might want to collage. Art supplies will be provided.

**Happy Trees Paint Night**
Saturday, February 23 at 1 PM
Join us and create your own “happy trees” and more as we view episodes of The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross. Art supplies will be provided. For adults and teens

**Severn**

**Cutting the Cable Cord**
Wednesday, January 23 at 7 PM
Join us for an informative presentation on why and how you might be able to “cut the cable cord” in favor of using popular streaming subscriptions like Netflix, Hulu and more.

**Planning a Trip to a Disney Destination?**
Tuesday, February 19 at 7 PM
Learn tips and tricks from a travel expert. Neverland Travel, LLC offers two college savings plans to help families prepare for the future cost of college and reduce future debt.

**Maryland529**

(formerly College Savings Plans of Maryland)
Learn about Maryland 529, an independent, non-profit state agency that offers two college savings plans to help families prepare for the future cost of college and reduce future debt.

**Maryland City at Russett**

**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**
Volunteers will be available to answer questions and assist with tax form preparation. The service requires no registration unless noted and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Self-service electronic filing is available using library computers.

**Broadneck**

**Tuesdays, February 5 through April 16 from 1 to 3 PM**

**Crofton**

**Tuesdays, February 5 through April 16 from 1 to 3 PM**

**Glen Burnie**

**Fridays, February 1 through April 12 from 9 AM to noon**

**Severna Park**

**Fridays, February 1 through April 12 from 9 AM to noon**

**Maryland City at Russett**

**Wednesdays, February 6 through April 10 from 1 to 4 PM**
Sign-up sheets will be available at noon each Wednesday of tax assistance.

**Severna Park**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, February 5 through April 11 from 9 AM to 1 PM**
By appointment only. Starting January 15, call David Brinegar at 410.674.6993, Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM, to schedule an appointment. No appointments will be scheduled outside of these hours.

**Eastport-Annapolis Neck**

**Fridays, February 1 through April 12 from 9 AM to noon**

**Glen Burnie**

**Fridays, February 1 through April 12 from 9 AM to noon**
By appointment only. Starting January 15, call David Brinegar at 410.674.6993, Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM, to schedule an appointment. No appointments will be scheduled outside of these hours.

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Money Management

Broadneck

Investing Basics
Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 PM
Learn the seven basic investment strategies, how to select an investment advisor and how to approach investing with tools you can use.

Social Security and You
Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM
Discover how Social Security works and options available for claiming benefits.

Crofton

Preparing for Tax Season
Monday, February 4 from 7 to 8:45 PM
Minimize your taxes and maximize your refund by understanding eligible deductions and credits.
Sponsor: Roy Yenoli of Making Change

Investing Basics
Wednesday, February 27 from 7 to 8:45 PM
A primer on the jargon of investing and the many alternatives to consider.
Sponsor: Roy Yenoli of Making Change

Mountain Road

Financial Boot Camp for Millennials
Wednesday, January 16 at 6:20 PM
Ali Solonche, financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual, will reviews five key considerations for your financial health: know where you are today, picture where you want to be, grow your savings, protect your assets and make your money last.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE:
Ask a Lawyer in the Library

Talk with a lawyer for up to 20 minutes about your legal issue for free. Lottery to determine time slots begins after 4:15 PM. Last clients will be seen at 6:10 PM. Lawyers can advise on all types of legal matters except criminal law.
Co-sponsored by: Anne Arundel County Public Law Library and Anne Arundel Bar Association

Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Glen Burnie

Tuesdays, January 29 and February 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM
Wednesdays, January 16 and February 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM

LUNCH & LEARN
BRING A BROWN BAG LUNCH. ALL LEVELS OF LEARNERS AND CHILDREN WELCOME, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Law Library

Getting Started: Understanding Your Options
Wednesday, February 6 at 6:30 PM
Learn about the different types of legal documents and the purpose for each.

Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center:
Past, Present and Future
Friday, February 8 at noon
Learn about the design, concept, partnerships, challenges and success of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center during a virtual tour.
For adults

EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK

Conversational Español
Fridays, January 4 and 18, February 1 and 15 at noon
Hola! Practice and expand your Spanish speaking skills in a relaxed environment.

Making an Ornament
Wednesday, December 12 at noon
Create a fanciful marbleized ornament. Supplies will be provided.

MOUNTAIN ROAD

Financial Boot Camp for New Parents
Friday, January 4 at noon
Join Ali Solonche, financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual, for a seminar examining the impact children have on finances and what can be done to plan for your growing family.

Green Cleaning with Essential Oils
Friday, January 18 at noon
Learn to make your own non-toxic cleaning solutions, powered by the natural antibacterial properties of essential oils! Learn how to save money, making products that are safer for your family’s health, using ingredients you already have in your home!
Special Events for Families

**New Years Noontime Celebration!**

Celebrate the New Year by counting down to noon at our special party just for kids who won’t make it to midnight!

- **Monday, December 31:**
  - Deale | at 11 AM
  - Discoveries: The Library at the Mall | at 11:30 AM
  - Eastport-Annapolis Neck | at 11:30 AM
  - Edgewater | at 11:30 AM
  - Riviera Beach | at 11:30 AM
  - Odenton | at 11 AM
  - Severn | at 11 AM

**Knitting**

**KNIT CLINIC AT RIVIERA BEACH**

Saturdays, December 1, January 19 and February 9 at 10 AM

**KNIT FLIX & CRAFT AT RIVIERA BEACH**

- **Back to the Future** (PG, 116 minutes) Saturday, December 1 at 11 AM
- **A Wrinkle in Time** (PG, 109 minutes) Saturday, January 19 at 11 AM
- **Big Fish** (PG-13, 125 minutes) Saturday, February 9 at 11 AM

**DROP IN GROUPS**

- **Broadneck**
  - Tuesdays, December 18, January 15 and February 19 at 7 PM
- **Crofton**
  - Monday, January 28 from 7 to 8:30 PM
- **Glen Burnie**
  - Wednesdays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

**KNITTING FOR GOOD**

Make items for a local hospital. Bring needles if you have them.

- **Sponsor: Anne Arundel Medical Center**
  - **Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
    - Tuesdays, December 11, January 8 and February 12 at 6:30 PM
  - **Odenton**
    - Thursdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7 at 6 PM

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**Mountain Road**

**Sensory Social Hangout**

Saturdays, January 5 and February 16 at 2 PM

This stress free hangout afternoon is for children ages 8-12, who are on the Autism Spectrum. Join us for board games, Jenga, cards and more. Adult supervision is required. For more information, call 410.222.6699.

**Odenton**

**Valentines for Vets**

Saturday, January 26 through Sunday, February 3

Create a valentine for a veteran using the supplied materials. All cards will be distributed to local organizations before Valentine’s Day.

**Riviera Beach**

**Craft-a-Palooza**

December 7 and 8 from 9 AM to 5 PM

Make a unique gift for a special person in your life.

**Severn**

**Build a Pet Palace!**

Saturday, January 12 at 10 AM

Bring empty boxes and build your small pet a fun palace! Design ideas and supplies provided.

**Severna Park**

**Disney Karaoke**

Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 PM

Sing your heart out to your favorite Disney movie songs!

**Broadneck**

**Hedgehog Day Celebration**

Saturday, February 2 at 10 AM

Come meet and learn about African Pygmy pet hedgehogs.

**Brooklyn Park**

**A Symphony Storytime!**

Wednesday, January 16 at 7 PM

A special family storytime featuring engaging tales accompanied by classical music and a musical instrument petting zoo.

**Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**

**A Long Winter’s Nap**

Friday, January 18 at 10:30 AM

Read some stories and do some activities to learn why animals hibernate in the winter.

**Eastport-Annapolis Neck**

**Whoo Do You Love?**

Saturday, February 9 at 12:30 PM

Naturalist Liz Smith will show and tell why she loves her collection of birds of prey.

**Sponsor: Raptor’s Eye**

**Glen Burnie**

**Build Your Cat a Castle**

Saturday, January 26 at 10 AM

Use our supplies to build your cat (or other small pet) a fun castle!
Brooklyn Park
AFTER SCHOOL PARTY WITH NINTENDO SWITCH!
Tuesday, January 22 at 4 PM
For ‘tweens and elementary school students
Glen Burnie
FUN AND GAMES
Thursday, December 27 at 2 PM
For children
FAMILY GAME NIGHT
Wednesdays, January 23 and February 27 at 6 PM
Odenton
D20 GAMERS CLUB
Thursdays, December 20, January 17 and February 21 at 6:30 PM
Play Dungeons & Dragons with us.
All levels of expertise are welcome!
For teens and adults
Mountain Road
SCRABBLE SATURDAY
Saturdays in December, January and February at 2 PM

Riviera Beach
3D DOODLE
Thursday, December 27 at 2 PM
Drop in and create a unique doodle with a 3D pen.
For elementary school students through adults
VR EXPEDITION
Saturday, February 16 at 2 PM
Take a virtual field trip around the world.
For children through teens
Severna Park
FAMILY GAME DAY
Saturday, January 12 at 2 PM
For elementary school students through adults

CHESS
Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Mondays, December 17, January 28, and February 25 at 6 PM
Glen Burnie
Mondays, December 17, January 28 and February 25 at 6 PM
Linthicum
Wednesdays, December 5, January 2 and February 6 at 6 PM
Odenton
Wednesdays, December 12, January 9 and 23, and February 13 and 27 at 6 PM

BINGO
Broadneck
Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM
Brooklyn Park
Tuesday, December 11, January 15 and February 12 at 7 PM
Crofton
Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM

MINECRAFT!
Crofton
Saturday, February 2 at 2 PM
Register online at https://croftonlibraryminecraft.eventbrite.com.
Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Saturday, January 5 from 2 to 4 PM
Glen Burnie
Thursday, January 31 at 2 PM
Mountain Road
Saturdays, December 15, January 26 and February 23 at 10 AM

BUILD & PLAY
Annapolis
Monday, December 17 at 2 PM
Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Saturdays, December 15, January 19, and February 16 from 10 AM to noon
Linthicum
Thursday, December 27, January 24 and February 28 at 6:30 PM
Odenton
Saturdays, December 15 and January 19 at 2 PM
Riviera Beach
Monday, February 18 at 2 PM
Severn
Monday, January 7 at 6 PM
Anne Arundel County Public Library is committed to providing parents and caregivers with the tools Every Child Ready to Read initiative, libraries can have an even greater impact on early literacy through an parents and caregivers talk, write, read, play and sing with their child. Every Child Ready to Read pro

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BABIES AT PLAY

Babies from birth to 18 months (with caring adult) may enjoy books, music and a variety of developmentally appropriate toys during this hour of unstructured social time.

**Eastport-Annapolis Neck**

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM, except December 26 and January 2

**Edgewater**

Fridays at 9:30 AM

**Severn**

Thursdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7 at 10 AM
**Ready to Read**

to help their young children get ready to read. Through the nationally-renowned approach that focuses on educating parents and caregivers. The program advocates programs are provided at every branch location weekly for ages birth through five.

**MUSIC & MOVEMENT**

Children five and under sing, chant and play instruments and dance as they explore sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language.

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Mondays, December 3 and 17, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18 at 11 AM

- **Crofton**
  - Tuesdays, January 22 and February 26 at 6:30 PM

- **Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
  - Friday, January 11 at 10:30 AM

- **Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
  - Saturdays, December 1 and February 2 at 10 AM

- **Glen Burnie**
  - Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 PM

- **Odenton**
  - Wednesdays, December 5, January 2, and February 6 at 6:30 PM

- **Riviera Beach**
  - Wednesday, January 9 at 1:30 PM
  - Friday, February 22 at 10 AM

**PAWS TO READ**

Children in elementary school improve reading skills with the rapt attention of canine tutors. Sponsors include: Therapy Dogs International, Pets on Wheels, Laurie Bailey and Mutley and Caring Canines.

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Saturdays, December 15, January 19, and February 16 from 1 to 3 PM

- **Crofton**
  - Thursdays, December 6, January 17, February 7 and 21 from 4:45 to 5:45 PM

- **Deale**
  - Saturdays, January 12 and February 16 from 10 AM to noon
  - Wednesdays, January 23 and February 27 from 5 to 7 PM

- **Edgewater**
  - Saturdays, December 8 and 15, January 5 and 19, February 2 and 9 from 10 AM to noon

- **Glen Burnie**
  - Saturdays, December 8, January 12 and February 9 at 10 AM

- **Odenton**
  - Saturdays, December 1, January 5 and February 2 at 10 AM

**SENSORY STORYTIMES AND EVENTS**

Specifically designed for young children, ages 3 to 7, with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues or other developmental disabilities. Registration is required.

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Saturday, February 9 at 10 AM

- **Crofton**
  - Saturdays, December 8, January 12 and February 9 at 10 AM

- **Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
  - Sensory Friendly Saturdays
  - Saturdays, December 8, January 5 and February 9 at 9 AM

  Our branch will open an hour early for children who have special sensory needs and families who are looking for a smaller, more adaptive library experience.

- **Riviera Beach**
  - Saturdays, January 5 and February 2 at 10 AM

**FAMILY STORYTIME**

For families with children ages 5 and younger

- **Crofton**
  - Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM

- **Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
  - Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
  - Sundays at 2 PM, except December 23 and 30 and January 20

- **Riviera Beach**
  - Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Families and caregivers are encouraged 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 by visiting [aacpl.beanstack.org](http://aacpl.beanstack.org) or stopping by any library branch.
Special Events for Preschoolers

Annapolis
Celebrate Chinese New Year!
Tuesday, February 5 at 10:30 AM
Come and celebrate the Chinese New Year with stories, crafts and a treat!

Brooklyn Park
Drum Circle
Mondays, December 10 and February 11 at 11 AM
Saturday, January 19 at 2 PM
Express yourself through joyful sound, rhythm and positive leadership! No experience necessary, and instruments are provided.

Crofton
Fitness! Fun!
Friday, December 7 at 10 AM (toddlers)
Friday, December 14 at 10 AM (preschoolers)
Enjoy a 45-minute structured My Gym class that will include songs, dance and tumbling games. Register at https://croftonlibrarytoddlers.eventbrite.com (December 7) or https://croftonlibrarypreschoolers.eventbrite.com (December 14)
Sponsor: My Gym Children’s Fitness Center of Crofton

Deale
Rockin’ 2 Rhythm
Monday, January 7 at 6:30 PM
Enjoy a musical story program that uses books, songs, manipulatives and free dance.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Stories and a Snack
Tuesdays, December 4 and 18 at 6:30 PM
Families with young children enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building early literacy skills. Afterward, special guests from mall restaurants will be on hand to provide samples, coupons and more. December 4: Stoney River Legendary Steaks; December 18: Charley’s Philly Steaks.

Family Yoga
Tuesdays December 11, January 29 and February 26 at 6:30 PM
Join us for a yoga practice for children and their caring adults presented by Jillian Amodio Yoga.

Family Yoga
Tuesdays, December 4 and 18 at 6:30 PM
Practice gentle stretches and mindfulness to be shared between a child and a caring adult.
Sponsor: Katrice Nelson, Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds Yoga

Imagination Station
Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 PM
Young children will use their imaginations to explore our creative pretend play and art stations.

Odenton
Storybook Movies
Fridays, December 7, January 4 and February 1 at 9:30 AM
Enjoy animated or iconographic short films of popular children’s picture books and make a craft.

Parachute Play
Saturday, February 16 at 10:30 AM
Sing songs and play games with the parachute. Tickets available at the information desk starting 30 minutes before the program.

Severn
Imagination Station
Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 PM
Young children will use their imaginations to explore our creative pretend play and art stations.

Winter Fun!
Wednesday, February 20 at 6 PM
Join us for a wintry storytime and explore the season through all five of your senses!

ART Programs
Enjoy an art experience using different art mediums and learn through play. Please wear clothing that is mess-friendly. Visit www.aacpl.net/events for more details on each program.

Brooklyn Park
Thursday, December 6 at 11 AM (preschoolers)
Monday, January 28 at 11 AM (babies and toddlers)

Deale
Friday, January 18 at 10 AM (babies)

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Friday, January 25 at 10:30 AM (preschoolers)

Edgewater
Monday, January 14 at 10:30 AM (babies and toddlers)

Glen Burnie
Saturday, February 16 at 10 AM (preschoolers)

Maryland City at Russett
Fridays, December 7, January 18 and February 8 at 10 AM

Riviera Beach
Wednesday, December 12 and February 13 at 1:30 PM
Friday, January 25 at 10 AM

Severna Park
Fridays, December 14, January 11 and February 15 at 10:30 AM
Winter Holiday Events

Deale
Winter Cards & Crafts
Saturday, December 8 at 2 PM
Need inspiration for cards and gifts? Join in an afternoon of card-making, intricate snowflake cutting and perler bead crafting!
For children and teens
Gingerbread STEM Storytime
Tuesday, December 18 at 10 AM
Oh no, the Gingerbread Man ran away! We’ll sing songs and participate in preschool-friendly science activities to get him back!
For preschoolers
Winter Wonderland
Thursday, December 27 at 10 AM
Bundle up and bring your child in to make winter themed crafts.
For preschoolers
Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Ugly Sweater Craft Day
Saturday, December 1 from 2 to 4 PM
Create your own delightfully tacky holiday wear. You bring the sweater- we will provide the ugly.
For adults and teens
Gift Making Extravaganza
December 3 through 7 at noon
Celebrate the season by making a different gift each day this week.
Wrap, Reuse, Recycle
Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 PM
Come be inspired by upcycled and reusable materials for your holiday gift wrapping needs.
For adults
Winter Wonderland
Friday, December 14 at 10:30 AM
Celebrate the magical winter season with activities, crafts and snacks.
For children
Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Wrap it Up!
Saturday, December 1 from 2 to 4 PM
Tuesday, December 4 from 6 to 8 PM
Join us for a time of gift wrapping, snacks and holiday music! Bring your small to medium-sized gifts (limit of 5 per family) and the library will provide the wrapping paper and supplies.
Edgewater
Build a Gingerbread House
Saturday, December 8 at 10 AM
Celebrate the winter holidays by decorating gingerbread houses.
For elementary school students
Glen Burnie
Cards, Cookies and Cocoa
Saturday, December 8 at 2 PM
Join us for some card making, cookies and cocoa.
Maryland City at Russett
It’s A Jolly Holiday
Saturday, December 29 at 11 AM
Mary Poppins is returning in movie theaters this month, so let’s celebrate by having a party! Join us for fun crafts and activities.
Mountain Road
The Grinch
Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 PM
Come listen to a reading of the Dr. Seuss classic How The Grinch Stole Christmas. Followed by Grinchy crafts and activities for all ages.
Riviera Beach
Polar Express
Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 PM
Jump aboard the Polar Express for holiday stories, crafts and treats! PJs are welcome! Bring a donation for an area food bank.
For children
Severn
Winter Holidays Around the World
Wednesday, December 19 at 6 PM
Explore winter holidays that are celebrated in our country and around the world through stories, crafts and other fun activities.

Valentine’s Day

DEALE
Chocolate Bingo
Monday, February 11 at 6:30 PM
EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK
Valentine Bingo
Wednesday February 13 at 6:30 PM
GLEN BURNIE
Valentine Chocolate Bingo
Saturday, February 9 at 2 PM
MOUNTAIN ROAD
Open Your Heart Family Yoga
Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with yoga instructor Jillian Amodio, as she leads families through yoga moves focusing on the heart chakra.
RIVIERA BEACH
Preschool Valentine’s Bingo
Thursday, February 14 at 2 PM
Storytimes
Cuddle up with your little valentine for sweet songs, rhymes and playtime. Visit www.aacpl.net/events for more details on specific programs.
Annapolis
Tuesday, February 12 at 9:30 AM (toddlers) and 10:30 AM (preschoolers)
Thursday, February 14 at 9:30 AM; repeated at 10:30 AM (babies)
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Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Thursday February 14 at 10:30 AM (babies)
See also, Valentines for Vets, page 10

_STEM event. See page 2 for a description._
SPECIAL EVENTS FOR KIDS

Brooklyn Park
Paint Party for Library Art!
Tuesday, January 8 at 4:30 PM
Create a masterpiece based on the work of a famous artist, with guided instructions. Supplies provided.

Crofton
Fantastic Beasts: at the Crofton Library?
Saturday, December 1 at 2 PM
Newt Scamander has finally finished his textbook, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, but now a dark wizard is on the loose. Help Newt on this adventure through crafts, games and activities. Witch and wizard dress encouraged!

K Kids Yoga
Saturday, February 23 at 3 PM
Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to a fun event where yoga meets excitement. A few mats will be available, please bring your own. Register at https://croftonlibrarykidsyoga.eventbrite.com.
Sponsor: Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds Yoga

Deale
National Handwriting Day Workshop
Thursday, January 31 at 2 PM
Enjoy a workshop on cursive writing.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Family Fire Safety
Monday, December 10 at 6:30 PM
Join us for a family friendly fire safety presentation with a representative from the Anne Arundel County Fire Department.
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM
Put on your pj’s and bring a stuffed friend for a sleepover at the library. After a storytelling, tuck the animals in and say goodnight. Come back the next day to find out what mischief they got into overnight.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Crafterday!
Saturdays, December 8, January 12 and February 9 at 10 AM
Make something fun! We’ll supply the materials; you bring the creativity.

Glen Burnie
Crafternoon
Monday, February 18 at 2 PM
Enjoy your afternoon with some guided crafting and creating.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
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Odenton
Artists In Training
Monday, February 18 at 6 PM
Explore different art styles through hands-on activities. All materials will be provided.

Severn
Art Collage Party
Monday, February 25 at 6 PM
Join us at the library for an evening of fun making collage art!

Animal Marionettes
Saturday, February 9 at 10 AM
Create your own animal marionettes!

Linthicum
Big Foot and Little Foot by Ellen Potter and Felicita Sala
Monday, January 28 at 4:30 PM
Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln? by Kate DiCamillo
Monday, February 25 at 4:30 PM
Pen Pals
Learn how to write a letter and be paired up with a student across the county. Pen pals may exchange letters and drawings through February 28.

Edgewater
Thursday, December 6 at 6 PM

Severn
Saturday, December 15 at 11 AM

#ReadWithMe CELEBRATION
Enjoy library storytime for elementary school students as part of the #ReadWithMe challenge.

Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Saturday, February 2 at 10 AM

Glen Burnie
Saturday, February 2 at 10 AM

Odenton
Saturday, February 2 at 10 AM

Severna Park
Superhero Harry by Rachel Ruiz
Monday, December 17 at 6:30 PM
8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos by Vivian Vande Velde
Monday, January 28 at 6:30 PM
The Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald
Monday, February 25, 2019

Registration required and begins two weeks before the program. All branch phone numbers are listed on the back cover.
Deale
**Hour of Code**
Monday, December 3 at 5 PM
Learn computer coding through fun games and challenges.
For elementary and middle school students

**Coding Club**
Thursdays, January 24 and February 28 at 4 PM
Learn how to use Scratch to code video games and other fun things.
For elementary through middle school students

**Broadneck**
**Marble Roller Coasters**
Saturday, January 26 at 10 AM
Explore engineering and physics by building a marble roller coaster.

**Brooklyn Park**
**Slime Time**
Monday, February 18 at 2 PM
Make your own custom slime.

**Crofton**
**Building Big! Domes**
Thursday, January 31 from 2 - 3:30 PM
Explore the science principles used in building domes with hands-on activities.

**Science Fair for Young Scientists of the Future**
Saturday, February 23 at 10 AM
Enjoy a science fair from students at Arundel High School.
For elementary and middle school students

**Maryland City at Russett**
**Building Challenge**
Mondays, January 28 and February 25 at 6:30 PM
Take on a different challenge each month.

**Ozobots**
Monday, February 4 at 6:30 PM
Learn and practice coding by drawing, using the library’s Ozobots — tiny robots that you direct.

**Mountain Road**
**Thinker Thursday**
Thursday, January 31 at 2 PM
Learn about science through hands-on STEM activities.

**Odenton**
**3D Print Design Class**
Tuesday, January 8 at 6 PM
Design and create your own 3D project using free online software.
(See page 22 for more 3D Printing.)

**Snap Circuits**
Tuesday, February 12 at 6 PM
Use snap circuit kits to create basic to complex circuits.

**Riviera Beach**
**What to Do with a Box**
Monday, February 4 at 4 PM
Listen to Jane Yolen’s *What to Do with a Box* and then build, play and create in a room full of boxes!

**Severna Park**
**STEM on Ice**
Wednesday, January 30 at 6 PM
Learn about fun ways that science can help you survive the winter months.

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WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE
Learn a step-by-step process on how to pay for college and set yourself up for financial success! Sponsor: Anne Arundel Community College

BROADNECK | Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 PM
MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT | Wednesday, January 23 at 6:30 PM
LINTHICUM* | Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 PM
*Get help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

BROADNECK
Crafternoon for a Cause
Mondays, January 7 and February 4 at 3 PM
Craft various items for a good cause. No experience necessary. All items will be donated.

CROFTON
Teen Talk
Wednesdays, December 19, January 16 and February 13 at 4 PM
Have fun with games of all kinds after school. Snacks provided.

DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL
Teen Holiday Card Workshop
Thursday, December 13 at 4 PM
Hang out and make holiday cards for friends and family!

Candy Sushi Creation
Wednesday, January 9 at 6 PM
Make your very own “sushi” out of rice krispies and candy in this interactive, sugar-filled program.

EDGEWATER
Making Bath Scrubs
Monday, December 10 at 4 PM
Create DIY bath scrubs using natural ingredients and essential oils.

DIY Bath Bombs & Scrubs
Saturday, December 15 at 2 PM
Make homemade bath bombs and scrubs with natural materials and essential oils.

GLEN BURNIE
Harry Potter Break Out
Saturday, January 19 from 10 AM to 4 PM
Test your knowledge of all things Harry Potter. Try to break out of our Wizard Escape Room Challenge in a timed event. Costumes are welcome!

Teen Drop-In
Tuesdays at 3 PM
Drop in for crafts, games and more.

MOUNTAIN ROAD
Love Your Library
Thursday, February 14 at 3 PM
Show your library some love by helping to spruce-up the teen area. Paint a bookend and make the teen space a great place to hang-out.

ODENTON
Teen Poetry and Art Club
Mondays, January 7 and February 4 at 4 PM
Using different styles, write your own poetry and share your creations. Design works of art using various media to enhance your poetry.

Hour of Code
Thursday, December 6 at 6 PM
Learn computer coding through fun games and challenges.

Book to Art Club: Drawing (Story) Lines
Tuesday, January 15 and Tuesday, February 19 at 6 PM
Discuss plots and create your own artwork based on popular novels.

SEVERNA PARK
Crafternoon for a Cause
Thursday, December 6
Wednesday February 6 at 2 PM
Make a craft to donate to someone in need. Count the time toward your volunteer service hours for school.

Make a Gift: Mini-Books
Saturday, December 15 at 2 PM
Make a miniature version of your favorite book to use as a key chain, necklace or charm.

Author Visit: Brigid Kemmerer
Saturday, February 23 at 2 PM
Brigid Kemmerer will discuss blending the real world with the fantastic in her new book, A Curse So Dark and Lonely, a novel inspired by Beauty and the Beast.

MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT
No Pressure Book Club
Wednesdays, December 12, January 16 and February 13 at 3:45 PM

SEVERN
Messy Meditation
Thursday, December 13 at 6 PM
De-stress by making an artistic mess, then cool down with a guided meditation session.

Life-Size Games
Tuesday, January 15 at 6 PM

ANIME/MANGA
Join your fellow Otaku and enjoy anime watching, manga discussions, crafting and more! Light snackage provided and cosplay is always welcome!

CROFTON
Tuesdays, December 4, January 8 and February 5 from 3:30 PM to 5 PM

GLEN BURNIE
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, and February 11 at 6 PM (tweens)
Tuesdays, December 18, January 15, and February 19 at 6 PM (teens)
For Tweens & Teens

**TEEN WRITERS CLUB**
Explore the craft of writing with the help of a volunteer from the Maryland Writers’ Association. A completed permission form is required for new attendees. **Sponsor:** Maryland Writers’ Association

**EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK**
Thursdays, December 13, January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21 from 6 PM to 8 PM

**ODENTON**
Thursdays, December 13, January 10 and 24, and February 14 and 28 at 7 PM

**MINI ROBOT CHALLENGE**
Test your coding skills at the Odenton Library with our Ozobot robots. **Sponsor:** Maryland Writers’ Association

**EDGEWATER**
Monday, February 11 at 4 PM

**MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT**
Thursday, February 7 at 3:45 PM

**SEVERN**
Saturday, December 15 at 2 PM

**3D PENS**
Hang out with friends while you create designs with the 3D pens. **Sponsor:** Maryland Writers’ Association

**EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK**
Thursday, January 31 at 6 PM

**MOUNTAIN ROAD**
Thursday, January 17 at 3 PM

**ADULTING 101 at the Odenton Library**
**Sewing Basics**
Wednesday, December 19 at 6 PM
Learn basic sewing skills to mend, patch and replace buttons. Sewing materials will be supplied.

**Breakerspace!**
Wednesday, January 16 at 6 PM
Take apart computers, toys, radios and other items to see what’s inside! Tools, safety gloves and goggles provided.

**In Their (Virtual) Shoes**
Wednesday, February 20 at 6 PM
Explore the lives and experiences of people from around the world using virtual reality viewers.

**STEAM DAYS**
Let your creative juices flow with a different STEAM activity each month!

**GLEN BURNIE**
Mondays, December 3, January 7 and February 4 at 6 PM

**LINTHICUM**
Mondays, December 10, January 14 and February 4 at 6 PM

**ODENTON**
Tuesdays, December 11, January 8 and February 12 at 3:30 PM

**STEAM DSTEAM DAYS**
Let your creative juices flow with a different STEAM activity each month!

**See also:**
STEM events on page 17

**Check out our new Club 1117 at the Odenton Library**
Gaming system, comfy furniture, computers, books, movies and more!
Foundation Hosts Library Retirees

The Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation welcomed retirees at its first-ever retiree reunion breakfast on October 23. The event, held at Carrol’s Creek Cafe in Annapolis, was attended by former library staff, ranging from 14 to 40 plus years of service, from throughout the county.

The event was organized and planned by foundation staff with assistance from retirees Adam Mazurek and Betty Morganstern. Additional support was given by Annapolis branch manager Gloria Harberts and headquarters staff member Georgeanne Montanari.

Guests were able to meet and speak with current representatives of the library’s programming and outreach, human resources, materials management and virtual services departments. Library CEO Skip Auld welcomed guests and introduced longtime AACPL staff member Gloria Harberts who detailed the positive impact the foundation’s support has had in all of AACPL’s branches.

Foundation executive director Ann Glenn shared her perspective on the foundation’s activities and her conviction that donors support the library foundation in large part because of the affection and gratitude they have for the staff working in their respective community libraries.

Next year’s breakfast is slated for October 22, 2019. As they departed, each guest received a special retiree-labeled insulated tumbler featuring the library and foundation’s logos.
Two Directors Join Foundation Board

The library foundation board of directors welcomed two new members at their September 25 meeting: Chris Nelson and Marc Rodriguez. Both are beginning three-year terms on the 19-member governing body.

Chris Nelson, president emeritus of St. John’s College and a current tutor at the school, served St. John’s for 25 years before his 2017 retirement. He has been a board member on a number of national, as well as statewide, non-profit organizations.

Marc Rodriguez grew up in both Annapolis and Mexico City and is currently an alderman on the Annapolis City Council where he represents the city’s Ward 5. He is Annapolis’ first Hispanic/Latino alderman with a special interest in enhancing educational access and quality for all.

“We’re thrilled to have both Chris and Marc on the foundation board,” says Ann Glenn, executive director of the foundation, “Their understanding of our community and its needs will strengthen the foundation’s ability to increase private support for the library.”

Foundation-Funded Wi-Fi Hotspots Debut at Eastport

On Friday, August 10, the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library inaugurated an important new service. The branch became the first in Anne Arundel County to offer portable Wi-Fi hotspots for customer checkout. Made possible by a grant from Sylvia and Jim Earl through the Helena Foundation, the 50 devices are available throughout the library system.

The portable, credit card size hotspots enable connection to the internet in a wide variety of locations and make it possible for individuals to access the internet using a smart phone or Wi-Fi-enabled computer even if they don’t have Wi-Fi, access to enough data or broadband in their home.

The devices not only help individuals without Wi-Fi access but also aid those who experience a break in internet service due to a move or weather interruption. They can also enable someone traveling to a remote location to still connect to the internet.

“Internet connectivity is vital for so many aspects of our lives, “ says library CEO Skip Auld. “Now the library can not only supply Wi-Fi access in our branches, but we can help customers stay connected even when they’re not inside one of our libraries.”

Libraries throughout the country have been making portable hotspots available since 2014. AACPL had lacked the funding to do so until receiving the grant from the Helena Foundation. The devices can be checked out for up to one week.

“We’re immensely grateful to Jim and Sylvia for their commitment to ensuring digital literacy for everyone in Anne Arundel County,” Auld said. “Their generosity and enthusiasm for strengthening internet access for all has made it possible for us to offer this much-needed service to our customers.”
Computers and more

**Computer Classes at the Odenton Library**
Learn from a computer lab assistant in a group setting with hands-on practice.
**Space is limited and registration is required.** All classes are taught on computers with Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010. Please bring your library card, a 4-digit PIN and a USB flashdrive to save your work.

- **Microsoft Word I**
  - Saturday December 1 at 2 PM
  - Tuesday December 4 at 6 PM
- **Microsoft Word II**
  - Tuesday, December 11 at 6 PM
  - Saturday, December 15 at 2 PM
- **Microsoft Word III**
  - Tuesday, December 18 at 6 PM
- **Introduction to HTML**
  - Thursdays, December 6 and 13 at 6 PM

This is a two-session class, plan to attend both sessions.

**Crofton**

**Holiday 3D Print Design**
Wednesday, December 5 at 4 PM
Learn how to use Cookie Caster, a free online program, to create your own original cookie cutter. Register at [https://croftonlibrarycookiecaster.eventbrite.com](https://croftonlibrarycookiecaster.eventbrite.com).

For elementary school students through adults

**3D Print Design Class**
Monday, February 18 from 3 to 4:30 PM
Use Tinkercad to design a 3D object. Before the class, create a free account at [www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com). Laptops provided to first 20 attendees.

For elementary school students through adults

**Edgewater**

**Intro to the Cloud with Google Drive**
Wednesday, February 27 at 7 PM
Learn how Google Drive can be used for uploading, organizing and sharing files in the cloud.

**Severn**

**Computer Keyboard Skills**
Tuesday, February 5 and Saturday, February 9 at 2 PM
This two-part program will introduce basic computer keyboard skills to those interested in learning to type.

**eReader Training**
Bring an iPad, iPhone, eReader or other device and learn how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks.

- **Glen Burnie**
  - Wednesday, January 30 at 6:30 PM
- **Mountain Road**
  - Thursday, January 10 at 2 PM
- **Riviera Beach**
  - Thursday, January 17 at 7 PM

**Note: One on One computer and eReader training is available at select branches. Call your branch to check on availability.**

**Foundation Grants**

**Sponsors: Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County; Library Foundation**

**EDGEEWATER**

**Grant Research One-on-One Training**
Get help searching for grant opportunities for your nonprofit organization or as an individual grant seeker.

**Introduction to Corporate Giving**
Wednesday, December 12 from 2 to 4 PM
Learn the different types of corporate giving; what motivates corporations to give and how to find potential corporate partners.

**Introduction to Finding Grants**
Wednesday, January 9 from 2 to 4 PM
Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

**Basic Crowdfunding for One-Time Projects**
Wednesday, February 13 from 2 to 4 PM
Learn to navigate the world of crowdfunding. Bring your ideas and create a crowdfunding pitch to use in your campaign.

**Sponsor: State Library Resource Center**

**SEVERNA PARK**

**Introduction to Finding Grants**
Wednesday, February 27 from 2 to 4 PM
Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders.

**English Basic Skills**
Free English classes offered by Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) and taught at the Maryland City at Russett and Odenton libraries integrate listening, speaking, writing and reading skills for students with minimal English training. Call AACC’s ESL office at 410.777.2901 for more information.

**Prepare for a GED/Learn Adult Basic Skills**
Improve your basic reading, math or language skills or prepare for a GED with the Adult Basic Skills program provided by Anne Arundel Community College at the Odenton Library. For more information call 410.777.7823.
The GREAT MOVIES Series at the Severna Park Library
For adults and high school students
Sponsor: Library Foundation, Sun Valley Movies 6

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For adults and high school students

Libraries Closed
Sunday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 25
Sunday, December 30
All branches close at 5 p.m., Monday, December 31 and are closed January 1.
Sunday and Monday, January 20 and 21

Library Board Meetings
At Library Headquarters except where noted.
Open to the public, but may be temporarily closed as permitted by the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
Thursday, December 20 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, January 17 at 4 p.m.
Thursday, February 23 at 4 p.m.

Anne Arundel County Public Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.
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All meetings held in library branches are open to the public. Meeting room listings are available in each branch.

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### ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS

All Libraries are open Monday through Thursday: 9 AM to 9 PM and Friday and Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM (except where noted below)
Highlighted branches are open on Sundays, September through May, from 1 to 5 PM

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