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Deale

African Beats

Tap your feet to jazz while listening to a story about musicians from the past.

World Music: Africa

Explore the rich cultural traditions of African music, song and dance.

For preschoolers

Oystermen: Versatile and Unique

Relive the days of the African

For preschoolers

African American Oystermen

Saturday, February 15 at 10:30

Relive the days of the African American oystermen. Learn about their lives on the Chesapeake and in the shucking sheds, their tools, fishing traditions and cultural history.

Sponsor: CalvertMarineMuseum

For elementary school students and adults

Linthicum

Culture Queen: Jessica Smith

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Book Tasting

Wednesday, January 8 at 10 am
Sit down and “taste” our collection of books in bite-sized courses.

**CROFTON**

EVERYONE EATS

COOKBOOK CLUB

Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 7 at 2:30 pm
Bake-with-a-friend! Choose a recipe from any cookbook related to a book, movie or television show. Prepare the dish at home and bring it and the cookbook to the potluck meeting.

**EDGEMONT**

COOKBOOK CLUB

EVERYONE EATS

Wednesday, January 8 at 10 am
Choose a recipe that fits this month’s theme and bring it to share.

**RIVERA BEACH**

COOKBOOK CLUB

EVERYONE EATS

Choose a favorite recipe from any cookbook for a friendly potluck meeting.

**SEVERNA PARK**

COOKBOOK CLUB

EVERYONE EATS

Enjoy a potluck meal consisting of a dish you prepared at home and bring your favorite cookbook to share.

**Write Your Story**

Tuesday, January 21 at 10 am
Learn writing techniques for creating a short story.

**SEVERN**

COOKBOOK CLUB

EVERYONE EATS

Join the fun-choose a recipe from any cookbook related to a book, movie or television show. Prepare the dish at home and bring it and the cookbook to the potluck meeting.

**For adults and teens**

READ A BOOK club

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**Book Clubs for Seniors**

These book clubs are held at locations other than a library.

**ARNO LD SENIOR CENTER BOOK CLUB**

44 Church Road, Arnold

Wednesday, December 4, January 8 and February 5 at noon

**SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER BOOK CLUB**

27 Steepnys Lane, Edgewater

Tuesday, January 21 at 10 am

**SENIOR BOOK CLUB AT PASADENA SENIOR CENTER**

4103 Mountain Road, Pasadena

Wednesday, December 4, January 8 and February 5 at noon

**READ AND SHARE AT THE O’MALLEY SENIOR CENTER**

1275 Odenton Road, Odenton

Tuesdays, January 21 and February 18 at 2:15 pm

Please note: Event information is subject to change, especially during times of inclement weather. Check online or call your local branch for event updates.

**DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL**

Read Aloud Book Club

Monday, December 9, January 13 and February 10 at 10 am
Explore and enjoy different genres of short stories and poetry.

**EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK**

BOOK LOVERS

Monday, December 10 at 7 pm

COOKBOOK CLUB

Prepare a recipe that fits this month’s theme and bring it to share.

**RIVIERA BEACH**

CAPTAIN MARVEL

Monday, January 13 at 11 am
The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler by John Hendrix

**SEVERN PARK**

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**MOUNTAIN ROAD**


Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm

**SEVERN PARK GUYS BOOK CLUB**

ON DESPERATE GROUND: THE MARINES AT THE RESEVOIR, THE KOREAN WAR’S GREATEST BATTLE by Harlan Ellison

Thursday, December 19 at 7 pm

**DONUTS & DISCUSSIONS**

FOR SENIORS at the LINTHICUM LIBRARY

**Self-Publishing**

Thursday, January 9 at 7 pm
Learn the basics of self-publishing and the differences between various distributors and the methods of publishing including print, eBooks and audio.

**Romance**

Thursday, February 6 at 7 pm
Love is in the air! Learn the basics of a romance plot or subplot. Handouts provided.

**WRITE YOUR STORY**

Tuesday, January 21 at 10 am
Learn writing techniques for creating a short story.

**BOOK SPEED DATING**

Tuesday, February 18 at 10 am
Speed a few minutes with a new book. Instant attraction? Or not for you! Move on and try again!
More Health & Wellness

BP Café at Brooklyn Park  
Community support for maintaining economic self-support and self-sufficiency.  
Lunch provided  
Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Dept. of Social Services, a Community of Hope Partner

Holiday Celebration with Toy Giveaway and Food  
Wednesday, December 18 at noon

Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County  
Wednesday, January 22 at noon

Maryland Coalition of Families  
Wednesday, February 26 at noon

Gardening & Nature

Deale  
Creating a Forest Garden  
Tuesday, January 14 at 7 pm  
Forest gardens produce an abundance of food and supplies while restoring a healthy forest ecosystem. Discover the principles of forest gardening with examples from Forested, a 10-acre experimental forest garden site in Bowie.  
Sponsor: Master gardeners and Lincoln Smith

Urban Homesteading: Seed Starting Indoors  
Saturday, February 8 at 10 am  
Master Gardener Alvan Reim gives lots of practical advice on starting seeds indoors to get a jump on spring.

Master Gardener Showcase  
Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm  
Interested in being a master gardener or just curious about the program? Volunteers from around the county will share their projects and information.

Mountain Road  
Spring Gardening 101  
Friday, February 21 at noon  
Learn from local experts about what to plant and when to plant this spring. Then take a few seeds home to get started.  
Sponsor: Himmel’s Landscape and Garden Center

Odenton  
Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners  
Seed Swap  
Saturday, January 25 at 10 am  
Come with seeds to share or come without seeds! We will have goodie bags, door prizes, handouts and more plus take home seeds of your choosing.  
Sponsor: Master Gardeners of Anne Arundel County

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Living Well with Hypertension*  
Have you been diagnosed with hypertension? Attend this workshop to learn hypertension management strategies. Registration is required by calling the Department of Aging and Disabilities at 410.222.0268 or online at www.aacounty.org/aging.

Glen Burnie  
Free & Confidential HIV Testing  
Thursday, December 5 from 10 am to 2 pm  
No appointment required. Gift cards to the first 20 people tested.  
Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Department of Health

HIV Prevention  
Thursday, February 6 from 6:30 to 8 pm  
Learn about HIV and best practices for prevention.  
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Music & Memory Connection*  
Monday, February 10 at 1 pm  
Persons with diseases that damage brain chemistry, such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s can often reconnect to the world when listening to personal music favorites. Learn to use personalized music to maintain a calm and supportive environment.

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Monday, February 3 at noon

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Music & Memory Connection*  
Monday, February 4 at 6 pm

American Red Cross Blood Drives  
You are eligible to donate if you are 17 or older (16 with written parental consent), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good health. You may walk in or schedule an appointment by calling 1.800.227.2777.

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Coffee with a Cop
Monday, February 17 at 7 pm
Residents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee with Corporal Betha of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Bring your questions, concerns or just get to know Corporal Betha in our informal library environment.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
Color for Calm
December 9 at 6:30 pm
Join us for a relaxing night of coloring, fun and friendship.

2020 Vision Board Workshop
Saturday, January 4 at 2 pm
Create a collage of things that you’d like to attract to your life in 2020. Set goals visually so that you can realize your vision.

More Events for Adults

Center of Help/Centro de Ayuda
Friday, December 13, January 10 and 24 and February 7 at 17 pm
This true crime discussion group explores solved and unsolved famous murders.

Instant Pot Cooking
Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm
Learn the basics of instant pots.

Free Legal Advice: Ask a Lawyer in the Library
Saturday, February 29 at 10 am
Talk with a lawyer for up to 20 minutes about your legal issue for free.

Get Your Craft On!
Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm
Create a paper succulent in a decorative container, keep it for yourself or give it as a gift.

Ukulele Club Strum
Thursdays, December 5, January 2 and February 5 at 7 pm
Explore ukulele with a certified teacher.

Get an overview of our Memory Lab equipment in our Creation Station.
Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm

Get Your Craft On!
Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm
Create an ornament for the holiday season.

LGBTQIA+ 101
Saturday, January 11 at 2 pm
Get an overview of our Memory Lab equipment in our Creation Station.

Cutting the Cable Cord
Monday, January 13 at 2 pm
Learn about online dating options, your voice heard by your elected representatives, and how to become a legal permanent resident or a United States citizen?

Learn to become a community caseworker.

Need help with bills? Job applications or court issues? Or don’t know how to handle court? Come see our caseworker.

LGBTQIA+ 101
Saturday, January 11 at 2 pm
Do you feel overwhelmed by the number of letters in the LGBTQIA+ acronym? Get answers to questions about pronouns, identities or other terminology. Educators, parents and employers encourage you to attend.

Introduction to Calligraphy
Thursday, January 24 at 2 pm
Celebrate National Handwriting Day with an introduction to calligraphy.

Market Mountain
Cutting the Cable Cord
Monday, January 13 at 2 pm
Learn the pros and cons of dropping cable television subscription and the variety of streaming devices and services you can use to replace it.

Better Angels Talking to Each Other Across the Political Divide
Wednesday, January 29 at 6 pm
In our current polarized environment, many people avoid or dread political conversations. Better Angels, an organization dedicated to depolarizing America, offers this workshop to teach skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences and search for common ground.

Maryland City at Russett
The Art of Ren tángt	Tuesday, December 3 at 2 pm
Join a certified Zentangle teacher to learn this fun way to relax, drawing easy patterns. No experience needed.

A Melting Pot: Cookbook Group
Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm
Prepare a recipe from any cookbook inspired by a culture, tradition or favorite memory and bring it to share.

Zumba into the New Year!
Wednesday, December 11, January 8 and February 12 at 7 pm
Chat with members of the Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission and learn about their new resource center that provides guidance, assistance and information to veterans and military families.

Coffee with a Cop
Monday, February 17 at 6:30 pm
Enjoy board games and conversation with other adults while the children make salt dough ornaments. Adults without children are welcome too.

Paint Night
Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 pm
Decorate glassware and ceramics with easy-to-use alcohol ink and oil-based markers. Supplies provided.

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Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm
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Travel Journaling
Monday, January 13 at 2 pm
Join us to explore basic art and writing techniques to add to your existing journal or to start a new one. Bring a journal and forms to collage.

Potato Printing
Saturday, February 1 at 6:30 pm
Create simple printing blocks from potatoes and make a piece of wrapping paper and a greeting card.

Riviera Beach
Paper Succulents
Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm
Discover a plant that cannot fail. Community gardener will share her knowledge on the United States citizen?”

Crofton
Parent & Child: Books & Snacks
Wednesday, January 8 at 9 am

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GET AN OVERVIEW OF OUR MEMORY LAB EQUIPMENT IN OUR CREATION STATION.

Political Divide
Starting January 27, call 410.674.6993, Monday — Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Thursdays from 7 pm to 9 pm

Dale

Wednesday, December 5 from 3 to 6:30 pm

Maryland City at Russett
MONDAYS, DECEMBER 23, JANUARY 27 AND FEBRUARY 17
Mondays Are Murder
Edgewater

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PUBS to Move Out & Move On
A Decluttering Workshop
Thursday, January 30, February 27 and March 6 at 2 pm

Lynn Gaudet, speaker and coach on the minimalism movement, will lead a three-session workshop to teach you tips and get ideas on how to discard and declutter your home and/or office.

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**Star Wars Celebration**
Saturday, December 14 at 2 pm
Celebrate all things Star Wars in anticipation of the new movie Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker!

**Chinese New Year Celebration**
Saturday, January 25 at 2 pm
Celebrate the new Year of the Rat and learn about Chinese culture!

**Mr. Jon & Friends Concert!**
Monday, February 17 at 10:30 am
Award winning music for kids and their families. This energetic family music is all about fun and movement!

**Hedgehog Love**
Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm
Come meet and learn about African Pygmy pet hedgehogs and stay to make a lovely craft.

**Who Do You Love?**
Saturday, February 15 at 10:30 am
Naturalist Liz Smith of Raptor’s Eye will show and tell why she loves her birds of prey.

**Holiday Ornament Workshop**
Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm
Celebrate the holiday season with music, cocoa and crafts.

**Future Builders**
Monday, December 16 at 10:30 am
Families of all kinds are invited for a special winter storytime where we’ll dance and prance to some different ways we love each other!

**Visit**
Tuesday, December 31 at 11:30 am (babies) and 10:30 am (preschoolers)
Enjoy a reading of The Nutcracker and meet a real ballerina! Enter to win tickets to an upcoming performance.

**Coffee & Cards**
Tuesday, December 31 at 10:30 am

**Polar Express**
Monday, December 16 at 9:30 am (preschoolers)
Enjoy an intimate reading of the classic story. Materials provided.

**Gingerbread House Design**
Tuesday, December 31 at 10:30 am
Join us for a high-energy dance party, where we’ll dance and prance to some holiday favorites. Glow bracelets while supplies last.

**Cookie Creations**
Monday, December 30 at 10 am
Make cookies, icing and sprinkles. Calling all cookie lovers! Show us your creations!

**Time Capsule**
Friday, December 27 at 10:30 am
Drop in and make a time capsule to be opened on Leap Day 2024.

**December 31 Noonies**
Tuesday, December 31 at 11 am (babies) and 10:30 am (toddlers)
Join us for a special winter storytime and learn how to make fake snow.

**The Twelve Grapes New Year’s Celebration**
Tuesday, December 31 at 11:30 am
Celebrate the new year by counting down to midnight around the world.

**New Year’s Day Storytime**
Wednesday, January 1 at 10 am
Celebrate with a read-aloud and make a fun craft!

**Annapolis**

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**Books and Bagels**
Saturday, January 4 at 10 am and 1 pm
Learn how to say thank you in different languages and write thank you notes to those you appreciate!

**A Celebration of Light**
Saturday, December 28 at 2 pm
Join us for a mid-winter celebration and learn about festivals of light from around the world.

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Call us to order your decorating talents. We will supply the cookies, icing and sprinkles.

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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-renowned 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. Every Child Ready to Read programs are provided at every branch location weekly for ages birth through five.

### BABIES IN BLOOM
For babies from birth to 18 months

- **Annapolis**
  - Mondays at 9:30 and 10:30 am
  - Saturdays, December 7, January 4 and 18 at 10 am
  - Saturdays, January 11 and February 8 at 10 am

- **Broadneck**
  - Mondays at 9:30 am
  - Saturdays, December 7 and January 4 at 10 am

- **Crofton**
  - Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am
  - Fridays, December 6 and February 21 at 10 am

- **Deale**
  - Thursdays at 10 am
  - Saturdays, December 7, January 4 and February 15 at 10:30 am

- **Dundalk**
  - Fridays at 9:30 am
  - Saturdays, December 7 and January 4 at 10:30 am

- **Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am
  - Thursdays at 10 am and 11:30 am

- **Glen Burnie**
  - Mondays at 9:30 am
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Linthicum**
  - Mondays at 9:30 am
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Maryland City at Russett**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Mountain Road**
  - Mondays at 9:30 am

- **Odenton**
  - Mondays at 9:30 am

- **Odenton**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Riveria Beach**
  - Thursdays at 9:30 am

- **Severn**
  - Mondays at 10 am

- **Severn**
  - Tuesdays at 9:30 am and 10:30 am

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

- **Annapolis**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Broadneck**
  - Mondays at 10:30 am

- **Crofton**
  - Saturdays, December 7 and January 4 at 10 am

- **Deale**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**
  - Mondays at 10:30 am

- **Eastport-Annapolis Neck**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Edgewater**
  - Thursdays at 10 am

- **Glen Burnie**
  - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

- **Linthicum**
  - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

- **Maryland City at Russett**
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

- **Mountain Road**
  - Thursdays at 10 am

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  - Mondays at 9:30 am

- **Riveria Beach**
  - Thursdays at 9:30 am

- **Severn**
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  - Tuesdays at 9:30 am and 10:30 am

### MUSIC & MOVEMENT
Sing, chant, play instruments and move creatively as we explore sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language.

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Mondays, December 2 and 16, January 6 and 23, February 3 and 17 at 11 am

- **Crofton**
  - Saturdays, December 29 at 11 am

### PAWS TO READ
Children in elementary school improve reading skills with the rapt attention of canine tutors.

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Mondays, January 27 and February 24 from 4 to 6 pm

### BILINGUAL STORYTIME/HORA DEL CUENTO BILINGÜE
Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and Spanish.

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Mondays, January 14 and February 11 at 10 am

- **Edgewater**
  - Mondays, January 27 and February 24 at 10 am

### SENSORY STORYTIME
Designed for children, ages 3 to 7, with autism spectrum disorders, sensory integration issues or other developmental disabilities.

- **Broadneck**
  - Saturday, January 25 at 10 am

- **Crofton**
  - Saturdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8 at 10 am

- **Edgewater**
  - Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 am

### MORE SENSORY EVENTS
Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

- **Annapolis**
  - Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am

- **Crofton**
  - Saturdays, December 28, January 25 and February 22 at 9:30 am

- **Deale**
  - Wednesdays at 10:30 am

### SENSORY SANTA
Sunday, December 7 from 9:30 am to 3 pm

### SENSORY STORIES:
Giggle Wiggly Bookworm

- **Brooklyn Park**
  - Monday, January 14 at 10 am

### MORE SENSORY EVENTS
Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

- **Annapolis**
  - Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am

- **Crofton**
  - Sundays, December 29 and January 12 at 11 am

- **Deale**
  - Wednesdays, December 18 and January 22 at 11 am

- **Edgewater**
  - Wednesdays, December 18 and January 22 at 11 am

- **Severn**
  - Wednesdays, December 18 and January 22 at 11 am

### Sensory Hungry Saturday, January 18 and February 15 at 3 pm

A stress-free hangout afternoon for children who are on the autism spectrum. Kids can relax and meet friends with similar interests and experiences.

Adult supervision is required.

For children ages 7-12
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**Explore the science of sound**

**Tuesday, February 18 at 10:30 am**

Learn about sound vibrations, pitch, and more. Taught by an early childhood music instructor.

**ODENTON**

**More Parachute!**

**Thursday, January 30 at 10:30 am**

Join us for a morning of gross-motor activities and an art project.

**Special Events for Kids**

**ANAPOLIS**

**The Three Billy Goats Gruff: Build a Bridge!**

**Wednesday, January 15 at 10:30 am**

A STEAM event. See page 2 for a description.

**Rosedale**

**Storytime with an Assisted Communication Device**

**Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm**

Do not wear name tags, school, home address, etc. We will need a signed release from each child and their parent(s) for each video. We will upload a group challenge video and demonstrate how to edit and upload to YouTube. All children shown in the video will need a signed release before they are recorded.

**BROOKLYN PARK**

**Preschool Ballet**

**Friday, December 20 at 10:30 am**

Our littlest dancers are invited to join us for a ballet-inspired storyline and to practice dance class fundamentals. Taught by an experienced early childhood music instructor.

**REMOVING REGISTRATION**

**At Your Library**

Enjoy an art experience using different art mediums and learn through play. Please wear clothing that is mess-friendly.

**DELAWARE**

**Slope Storytime**

**Thursday, January 9 and February 13 at 11 am**

Learn about the unique characteristics of sloths and create a Sloth-themed craft.

**BROOKLYN PARK**

**Preschool Picnic and Play**

**Fridays, December 6, January 24 and February 28 at 11 am**

Bring a snack and lunch and play through themed activity stations with your storytime friends.

**SEVERN**

**Preschool Picnic and Play**

**Fridays, December 6, January 24 and February 28 at 11 am**

Learn about recycling and make a craft using re-purposed materials.

**CROFTON**

**Streaming STEM Storytime**

**Tuesday, December 17 at 10 am**

Celebrate winter by learning about the physics of ice-skating with the help of preschool-friendly stories, songs and simple science activities.

**ELIZABETH CITY**

**We Love Our Teeth**

**Thursday, January 30 at 10 am**

Police Officer Storytime

**Special Events for Kids**

**ANAPOLIS**

**The Three Billy Goats Gruff: Build a Bridge!**

**Wednesday, January 15 at 10:30 am**

Listen to the story, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Use STEM skills to build a troll proof bridge with everyday materials.

**Ellicott City**

**Celebrate Chinese New Year!**

**Monday, January 27 at 10:30 am**

Celebrate the Year of the Rat with Chinese New Year activities all about snowflakes.

**BROOKLYN PARK**

**The Three Billy Goats Gruff**

**Monday, December 9 at 11 am**

Dr. Jason Denise will read from a big screen! Followed by a short film.

**BROOKLYN PARK**

**Healthy Teeth, Healthy Smiles**

**Tuesday, February 4 at 10:30 am**

Dr. Denise will teach children about dental hygiene and make and take their own musical instrument.
BOOK CLUBS for KIDS

CROFTON

After a discussion, we’ll enjoy snacks and activities!

Read a Book Published in 2019
Tuesday, December 17 at 4:15 pm
Mr. Lemoncello’s All-Star Breakout Game
by Chris Grabenstein
Tuesday, January 21 at 4:15 pm

Read the First Book in a Series
Tuesday, February 18 at 4:15 pm

DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

Early Reader Book Club
Wednesdays, December 11, January 8 and February 5 at 2 pm
Homeschooled students can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader series.

EDGewater

Kids Cook! Cookbook Club
Are you a kid who likes to cook or always wanted to try? Choose a recipe, make it (get an adult to help if necessary) and bring it to share. Bring your cookbook or printed recipe with you so we can see what you put in your delicious creation.

Holiday Baking
Monday, December 2 at 6 pm
Soups
Monday, January 6 at 6 pm
Desserts
Monday, February 3 at 6 pm

LINTHICUM

Book Lab
Experiment with books. Read the book, then we will talk about it and work on a STEAM project that relates.

CatStronauts: Mission Moon
by Drew Brockington
Monday, December 9 at 6 pm

What to do with a Box
by Jane Yolen
Monday, January 13 at 6 pm

Magic Tree House: Revolutionary War on Wednesday
by Mary Pope Osborne
Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm

SEVERNA PARK

Read the book, then come for a discussion and activity.

The Ember Stone
by Katrina Charman
Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm

Who Would Win? Series
Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm

BUILDING CHALLENGE

How quickly can you build the challenge? We’ll supply the LEGO® bricks.

MARYLAND CITY AT RUSSETT

Tuesdays, January 28 and February 25 at 6:30 pm

SEVERN

Thursday, December 5 at 3 pm

Homeschool Series: Crazy Concoctions
Monday, December 30 at 2 pm

Homeschool Series: Crazy Concoctions
Thursday, January 16 at 1 pm

Homeschool Series: Crazy Concoctions
Tuesday, February 25 at 4 pm

Science Lab
Monday, February 24 at 6 pm
Learn science concepts through hands-on experiments with a guest chemist.

ODENTON

Create in 3D
Tuesday, January 28 at 6 pm
Use Cookie Cutter, free online software, to design your own cookie cutter. Objects will be printed after the program.

For students in grades 2-5

Snap Circuits
Tuesday, February 11 at 6 pm
Use snap circuit kits to create basic to complex circuits.

Science Lab
Monday, February 24 at 6 pm
Learn science concepts through hands-on experiments with a guest chemist.

SEVERN

Breakerspace
Wednesday, January 29 at 2 pm
Take apart computers, toys, radios and other items to see what’s inside! Tools, safety gloves and safety goggles provided.
Brooklyn Park

Fresh Ink Writing Club
Tuesdays, December 3, January 7 and February 4 at 4:30 pm
Kickstart your creativity! Express yourself and have fun in a safe space. Writing supplies provided.

Cookies with a Cop
Wednesday, December 11 and Tuesday, February 18 at 3:30 pm
Children, teens, and other residents are invited to enjoy a cookie with Corporal Bethel of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Bring your questions, concerns or just get to know an officer.

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

Nonfiction: Truth V Fiction
Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm
Nonfiction writers have the challenge of telling fact-based narratives in a way that is vivid and engaging. Valerie Austin, West Point graduate and author, will offer writing tips and insights into the nonfiction genre including categories of nonfiction and determining one’s audience.

Mountain Road

Design Your Own Pop Socket
Thursday, January 23 at 3:30 pm
Decorate and design your very own pop socket! All materials provided.

Make Your Own Suncatcher
Thursday, February 20 at 3:30 pm
Design your very own stained-glass inspired sun catcher! All materials provided.

Stress Balls
February 3 at 4 pm
Learn how to make stress balls using various materials.

Odenton

DIY Teen Time
Monday, February 3 at 10 am
Drop in for games, crafts and more.

STEAM Tuesday
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14 and February 11 at 4 pm
Get your creative juices flowing with a different STEAM activity each month.

Raspberry Pi
Drop in to program with Raspberry Pi computer! A fun way to explore technology.

Annie Arundel County Public Library

December 2019, January and February 2020

Registration required and begins two weeks before the program. Find programs at aacpl.net/events.
**Board Members Attend CML 2019 Conference**

Members of the AACPL board and foundation board recently attended the Citizens for Maryland Libraries (CML) 2019 annual conference. Held at the beautifully restored Central branch of Enoch Pratt Free Library, the conference featured nationally known library executives who spoke on the changing roles of libraries as well as the most recent trends in library programming and development. Attendees were also treated to a tour of the newly restored art deco building.

Foundation board members Tessie Ballard, Anna Greenberg, Mary Hagerty and Karen Smith joined library trustees Deirdre Hendrick, Barbara Maxwell, Sandy Solomon and AACPL library and foundation staff at the event. The day-long conference featured presentations by CEO/President of Enoch Pratt Free Library Heidi Daniel, City Librarian of Los Angeles John Szabo, CEO/President of the Free Library of Philadelphia Siobhan Reardon and Director of the Washington County (Maryland) Free Library Mary Boykan.

The Citizens for Maryland Libraries is a coalition of interested citizens, libraries, library board and foundation members and library professionals throughout the state who work to create greater public awareness of the need for, and services of, all libraries. The group also works to foster, promote and help local library support groups such as the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation. More information can be found at their website: www.citizensformarylandlibraries.org.

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**Foundation’s Brick Campaign Raises $156,900**

The library foundation’s first-ever brick campaign was a resounding success. Over 1,200 donors donated 1,569 engraved bricks. These red pavers will make up the main walkway from the parking lot to the front entrance at the new Annapolis library, scheduled to open in spring of 2020.

“We couldn’t be more pleased with the community’s response,” reported Foundation Executive Director Ann Glenn. “I was hoping there would be at least 500 bricks donated but when the brick orders kept coming in, I was thrilled. People really do love the library!”

The messages people wanted engraved on their bricks were as simple as someone’s name (there were many bricks in memory of a loved one) or as exuberant as a favorite saying or adomimation. “Many donors purchased more than one brick, some with messages that spread out over several bricks,” reported the Foundation’s Development Specialist, Julie Kizer Ball.

“Donors were limited to three lines and 15 spaces per lines, so they had to be creative. Sometimes they reached out to us for help with abbreviations or ways to say what they wanted with fewer words. It could get challenging,” Julie related.

“The funds raised through the brick campaign will go to support the foundation’s 2020 annual fund,” reported Ann. “Those funds are used in all of our 16 branches, and at library headquarters, to support programming, purchase equipment and supplies, enable new technologies and upgrade or revamp interior spaces within the buildings.”

Donors will be able to see their engraved brick when the walkway is dedicated during the Annapolis Library’s grand opening events. That date will be announced by the end of 2019.

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**Foundation Hosts Second Annual Retiree Reunion Breakfast**

Library retirees were once again hosted by the foundation at its second annual Retiree Reunion Breakfast held Tuesday, October 22. Like last year, the event took place at Carroll’s Creek Cafe in Annapolis. Thirty-eight AACPL retirees were welcomed by Library CEO Skip Auld, Foundation Secretary Trish Strott, Foundation Executive Director Ann Glenn, the Library’s Chief of Public Services and Branch Management Cathy Hollerbach and Chief of Human Resources Terry Brown, Annapolis Branch Manager Gloria Harbors and Discoveries Branch Manager Rachel Myers as well as AACPL staff members Julie Kizer Ball, Georgeanne Montanari and Cindy Them.

Rachel Myers spoke to retirees about the creation of Discoveries: The Library at the Mall, made possible in part by the foundation and operating since April, 2017, and outlined services now available at that branch. She also brought guests up to date on Discoveries’ move to a much larger space in the mall, a project which is scheduled to be completed by January 2020.

Foundation President Sam Brown welcomed guests and introduced a video created by the foundation last spring and first shown at the foundation’s annual For the Love of the Library event. The five-minute video, filmed in a number of AACPL’s branches, shows how funds given to the foundation enhance the library and features first-hand testimony from library customers about the importance of the library in their lives. It can be viewed on the foundation’s web page at: www.aacpl.net/foundation.

Retirees came from throughout Anne Arundel and surrounding counties. One of the guests, retiree Dawn Haddon who lives in Florida had coordinated a trip up to Annapolis to coincide with the date of the breakfast. At the end of the event, guests were encouraged to take some foundation “swag” such as book lights and notebooks.

Before the event ended, the date of next year’s Retiree Reunion Breakfast, October 20, was announced.
Computers and more

**COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE ODETON LIBRARY**

Learn from a computer lab assistant in a group setting with hands-on practice. All classes are taught on computers with Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2016. Please bring your library card, a 4-digit PIN and a USB flashdrive to save your work.

**Microsoft Excel I**
- Tuesday, February 4 at 6 pm
- Saturday, February 8 at 2 pm

**Microsoft Excel II**
- Tuesday, February 11 at 6 pm
- Saturday, February 22 at 2 pm

**Microsoft Word I**
- Tuesday, January 7 at 6 pm
- Saturday, January 11 at 2 pm

**Microsoft Word II**
- Tuesday, January 14 at 6 pm
- Saturday, January 25 at 2 pm

**Microsoft Word III**
- Tuesday, January 28 at 6 pm

**ADULT LEARNING**

**English Basic Skills**

Free English classes offered by Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) and taught at the Maryland City at Russell 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 and to register.

Clases de Inglés, gratis, administradas por el Anne Arundel Community College (AACC), se presentan en las bibliotecas de Maryland City at Russett y Odenton. Integran comprensión oral, verbal, de leer para estudiantes con experiencia mínima en el Inglés. Llame a la oficina de ESL en AACC, 410.777.2901 para obtener información y para el registro.

Prepare for a GED/Leaern 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 and to register, call 410.777.7823.

**FOUNDATION GRANTS**

**DEAL**

Introduction to Finding Grants
- Tuesday, December 3 at 2 pm
- Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders in this introductory course.

**EDG WATER**

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

**Starting a Nonprofit**
- Wednesday, January 8 at 2 pm
- Learn fundamental federal and Maryland requirements to start a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization from experienced SCORE mentors. Subjects will include: type of business organization; composition of boards; revenue production; IRS non-taxable requirements and managing ongoing operations.

**INTRO TO FUNDRAISING PLANNING**
- Wednesday, February 5 at 2 pm
- Learn basic tips on how to direct your organization’s fundraising efforts. Planning focuses your organization by setting fundraising priorities and helps guide staff and board members a road map to success.

**Sponsor:** SCORE of Southern Maryland

**BINGO**

*Broadneck*
- Mondays, December 9, January 6 and February 10 at 6 pm
- Brooklyn Park
- Thursdays, December 19 at 3:30 pm
- Thursday, January 16 and February 7 at 7 pm
- Crofton
- Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 pm
- Glen Burnie
- Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 pm

**Sponsor:** Candid

**STEAM**

**Computers and More**

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**Learning Never Ends**

**Print your idea into 3D at the Library**

With Anne Arundel County Public Library’s 3D printing service you are only limited by your imagination!

**www.aacpl.net/3DPrinting**

**Minecraft!**

Crofton
- Saturday, January 18 at 2 pm
- Mountain Road
- Saturday, January 25 and February 22 at 10 am
- Severna Park
- Mondays, December 9, January 13 and February 10 at 7 pm
- Linthicum
- Wednesday, December 4, January 8 and February 5 at 6 pm
- Odenton
- Wednesday, December 11, January 12 and February 8 at 7 pm

**Sponsor:** AACC

**Build & Play**

Deale
- Thursdays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 at 4 pm
- Discoveries: The Library at the Mall
- Monday, December 16 through Saturday, December 21 at 2 pm
- Linthicum
- Thursday, December 26, January 23 and February 27 at 7:30 pm
- Odenton
- Saturday, December 21, January 18 and February 15 at 2 pm

**Sponsor:** Anne Arundel Community College

**D2O Gamers Club**

**Brooklyn Park**
- Mondays, January 6 and February 3 (for rookies) at 5:30 pm
- For ages 10 and up

**Sponsor:** block perpetrated by Library Happenings

**Gems**

**Games**

A Minecraft event at the Crofton Library

**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 19 at 4 pm
- Thursday, January 16 at 4 pm
- Thursday, February 20 at 4 pm

Library Board of Trustees

Sponsor does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided for library-sponsored programs upon request to the branch manager at least one week in advance of the program date.

Any program for children under 8 requires an accompanying caregiver.

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Annapolis: Center of Help
Centro de Ayuda

Conversational Spanish
Meets at Center of Help, 1906 Forest Drive, Suite 2A/2B, Annapolis
Wednesday, December 11 at noon; After the holidays, meetings will resume every other Wednesday, beginning January 8, 2020 at noon
Practice and expand your Spanish speaking skills in a relaxed environment.

Eastport-Annapolis Neck
Conversational Español
Fridays, December 6 and 20, January 3, 17 and 31 and February 14 and 28 at noon
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Maryland City at Russett
Podcasts 101
Thursday, December 12 at noon
Learn what podcasts are, how you can listen to them, why you should love them and maybe even be inspired to start your own.

Now What? Caregiving for those with Memory Loss*
Friday, January 10 at noon
Caring for someone with a progressive dementia can be a daunting experience. Understanding the disease and connecting with local resources are major steps in providing quality care while not losing your sense of self.
Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities

Cutting the Cable Cord**
Thursday, January 16 at noon
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TTY users, please call via Maryland Relay 7-1-1. All materials are available in an alternative format upon request.