



# library happenings

**NEW  
LAYOUT!**  
*See inside*



## LIBRARY INFO

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Christmas: December 24 - 26, 2023  
 New Years Eve and Day: December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024  
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 15, 2024

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

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## Skip Auld, Anne Arundel County Public Library Chief Executive Officer



### A New Look for Library Happenings

We are so pleased to be sharing our newly designed *Library Happenings* newsletter. After receiving extensive feedback from staff and customers, we are proud to unveil a design that makes it easier to find events in the branches you most visit and more information about library resources. You told us you wanted to know more about what the library offers, and we listened!

While the new layout organizes events by branch, it precludes us from including all of the more than 1,000 programs we offer each quarter. But never fear, as we've made it easy to find all events at your favorite libraries with a handy QR code on each page. We've even grouped nearby branches together as well, since we know many of our customers visit more than one library.

The one exception to this new format centers on our systemwide commemoration month events like Black History Month, Women's History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month. For each issue, we will continue to organize these events on their own page, no matter which branch is hosting. See page 3 for details on this issue's special Black History Month events.

With this new format, we look forward to opening your eyes to the incredible breadth of services and resources your library offers. Don't forget to sign up to receive the newsletter electronically and information on branch events by email by visiting [aacpl.info/emailnewsletter](mailto:aacpl.info/emailnewsletter).

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We've redesigned *Library Happenings* to make it easier to find events at the branches in your area. Some popular events are listed below under *Events of Interest* to make them easier to find.

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### Library STEM Programs Promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Skills

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



This donor funded icon brings awareness to the many wonderful programs and experiences that are a reality at the library thanks to community donors.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### THE ABC'S OF HIP HOP WITH BABA BOMANI

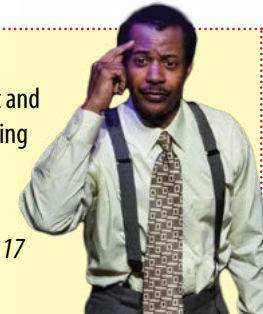
Use rhythm and rhyme to explain basic reading and math concepts while breaking and discover how to rap the alphabet backward. Learn crucial active listening skills and Black history.

#### For kids

<b>Brooklyn Park</b> Friday, February 16 at 11:30 AM	<b>Eastport-Annapolis Neck</b> Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 AM	<b>Maryland City at Russett</b> Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 PM
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### SOUL OF LANGSTON

This one-man show translates the bittersweet wit and wisdom of Langston Hughes' poetry into an inspiring story of resilience and persistence.



<b>Mountain Road</b> Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 PM	<b>Severna Park</b> Saturday, February 17 at noon
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## MOVIE SCREENINGS

### Brooklyn Park

*Hidden Figures* (PG, 2016)  
 Tuesday, February 6 at 6 PM  
*The Hate U Give* (PG-13, 2019)  
 Tuesday, February 20 at 6 PM

### Busch Annapolis

#### Flicks with Sticks

Bring your needlework or craft project and enjoy a movie! Patterns will be provided for those who wish to donate their work to Luminis Anne Arundel Medical Center.  
*The Butler* (PG-13, 2013)  
 Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM

### Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

*The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* (PG, 2022)  
 Tuesday, February 13 at 2 PM  
*Just Mercy* (PG-13, 2019)  
 Tuesday, February 20 at 2 PM  
*Summer of Soul* (PG-13, 2021)  
 Tuesday, February 27 at 2 PM

#### For adults

### Odenton

*Dedicated to Chaos* (NR, 2000)  
 Saturday, February 24 at 2 PM

#### For adults

### Broadneck

#### A Visit to Kofi's Village

Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 PM  
 Enjoy African percussion instruments, through rhythmic drumming patterns, storytelling, call and response and movement!

### Crofton

#### African American Genealogy

Thursday, February 22 at 7 PM  
 Hannah Lane, research archivist at the Maryland State Archives, will talk about researching African American genealogy using state and local resources.

#### Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

*African Dance Through the Decades*  
 Saturday, February 3 at 2 PM  
 Experience African history through movement and stories. Understand the meanings behind the movements and how they have evolved.

Presenter: *Dance Solutions Outreach*

#### For all

### They Pointed Them North: Black Jacks, Iron Furnaces, and The Underground Railroad

Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM  
 Join Ranger Tim from The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park to learn about the vital roles of Black Jacks and iron furnaces on the Underground Railroad.

### Discovery Theater presents: "Lions of Industry, Mothers of Invention"

Saturday, February 24 at 2 PM  
 Join a science fair of G.W. Carver's

### Discoveries continued

inventions using the peanut. Hear Booker T. Washington's great oratory and be inspired by the story of the world's first female, self-made millionaire, Madame C.J. Walker!

#### For kids

### Eastport-Annapolis Neck

#### Groundbreaking Geniuses

Saturday, February 24 at 10:30 AM  
 Enjoy a show about amazing characters from Black history including surgeon Daniel Hale Williams, mathematician Dorothy Vaughan, literary geniuses Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou and the artistic brilliance of Alvin Ailey.

Presenter: *Bright Star Touring Theatre*

### Mountain Road

#### Paint Like Jean-Michel Basquiat

Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 PM  
 Learn about the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and create art in his style.

#### For kids

### Glen Burnie

#### Nyame Nti West African Drummers

Saturday, February 3 at 2 PM  
 Enjoy a high-energy, uplifting and engaging African drumming performance that focuses on Africa's rich history and culture.

### Odenton

#### Be an Artist like Alma Thomas

Saturday, February 3 at 2 PM  
 Learn about local African American artist and activist Alma Thomas. Hear her life story and engage in art projects inspired by her artistic style.

#### For kids





# BROADNECK LIBRARY

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## ALL AGES

### Homeschool Needlecrafters

Wednesday, January 3 at 2 PM

Bring your own working project or join us to start from scratch! Learn new knitting and crochet skills with the help of friends.

## ADULTS

### Beginner Line Dancing Fun

Thursdays, December 7, January 4 and February 1 at 6 PM

Learn more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity!

### Arnold Senior Center Book Club

Meets at Broadneck Library

**A Lowcountry Christmas**  
by Mary Alice Monroe  
Monday, December 4 at 2 PM

**The Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life or Death in World War II**  
by Buzz Bissinger  
Monday, January 8 at 2 PM

**There There**  
by Tommy Orange  
Monday, February 5 at 2 PM

## LGBTQIA+ Book Club

Each month we will discuss queer fiction and nonfiction titles in a safe and healthy space. All are welcome.

**The House in the Cerulean Sea**  
by TJ Klune  
Monday, December 18 at 6 PM

**I Was Better Last Night: a Memoir**  
by Harvey Fierstein  
Monday, January 29 at 6 PM

**The Song of Achilles**  
by Madeline Miller  
Monday, February 26 at 6 PM

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Mondays at 11:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 and 11:30 AM  
Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

## TEENS

### After Hours Lock-In Party

Friday, February 23 at 6 PM

Teens take over the library at this after-hours party with activities, games and prizes!

## KIDS

### Early Reader Book Club

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 at 4 PM

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader books.

### Tinker Lab

Thursdays, December 14, January 25 and February 29 at 3 PM

Enjoy imaginative fun with open-ended, hands-on exploration of different materials!

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Yoga Flow Storytime

Fridays, December 8, January 19 and February 16 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

Read and pose with us as we practice the yoga positions featured in movement-centered stories!

### Full of Love Storytime

Wednesday, February 14 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy a fun love-themed storytime with stories, songs and a craft!

## ALL AGES

### Annapolis Blend Chorus Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 12 at 7 PM

The Annapolis Blend Chorus presents a winter concert for all!

### MakerSpace Tour

Friday, February 9 at 3:30 PM

Take a tour of our most popular items, including our button maker, 3D pens and more!

### The Crossroads of Ireland and Appalachia

Saturday, February 17 at 2 PM

Peter Brice and Meghan Mette will perform topical songs, ballads and Irish and American traditional music that re-imagines classic melodies from Ireland and communities in the Appalachian Mountains.

## ADULTS

### Author Talk with John Frece

Tuesday, December 5 at 7 PM

Author John Frece will discuss his most recent book **Self-Destruction: The Rise, Fall, and Redemption of U.S. Senator Daniel B. Brewster**. This book explores the tumultuous life of the "Golden Boy of Maryland Politics." An author signing and book sale will follow the presentation.

### Off site: You Had Me At Merlot Book Club

Join us for hot drinks and hotter reads in this new romance book club, hosted at the 49 West Coffeehouse & Winebar!

**A Court of Thorns and Roses**  
by Sarah J. Maas  
Thursday, December 14 at 6 PM

**Fourth Wing**  
by Rebecca Yarros  
Thursday, January 11 at 6 PM

**Legends & Lattes**  
by Travis Baldree  
Thursday, February 8 at 6 PM

# BUSCH ANNAPOLIS LIBRARY



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## Winter Film Series: Four by Ford

Each film will be introduced by area cinephile Ann Glenn with info about the film's production, director and stars and followed by a Q&A session.

### Young Mr. Lincoln (NR, 1939)

Saturday, January 6 at 2 PM

### My Darling Clementine (NR, 1946)

Saturday, January 13 at 2 PM

### They Were Expendable (NR, 1945)

Saturday, January 20 at 2 PM

### The Searchers (NR, 1956)

Saturday, January 27 at 2 PM

## TEENS

### Board Game Speed-Dating

Thursday, February 22 at 4:30 PM

Try out board and card games to see if any are a match for you and your friends!

## KIDS

### Preparedness Bingo with the Nature Explorers Club

Thursday, January 18 at 2:30 PM

Play bingo with a representative from the City of Annapolis' Office of Emergency Management and learn to be prepared.

### Instrument Petting Zoo with the U.S. Naval Academy Band

Monday, February 26 at 10:30 AM

Listen to and get hands-on experience with the different instruments of the band.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Thursdays and Fridays at 10:15 AM

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

### Family Storytime

Monday, December 11 at 6:30 PM: **Family Pajama**

Monday, December 18 at 10:30 AM: **Winter Solstice**

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 PM: **Fairytale STEM**

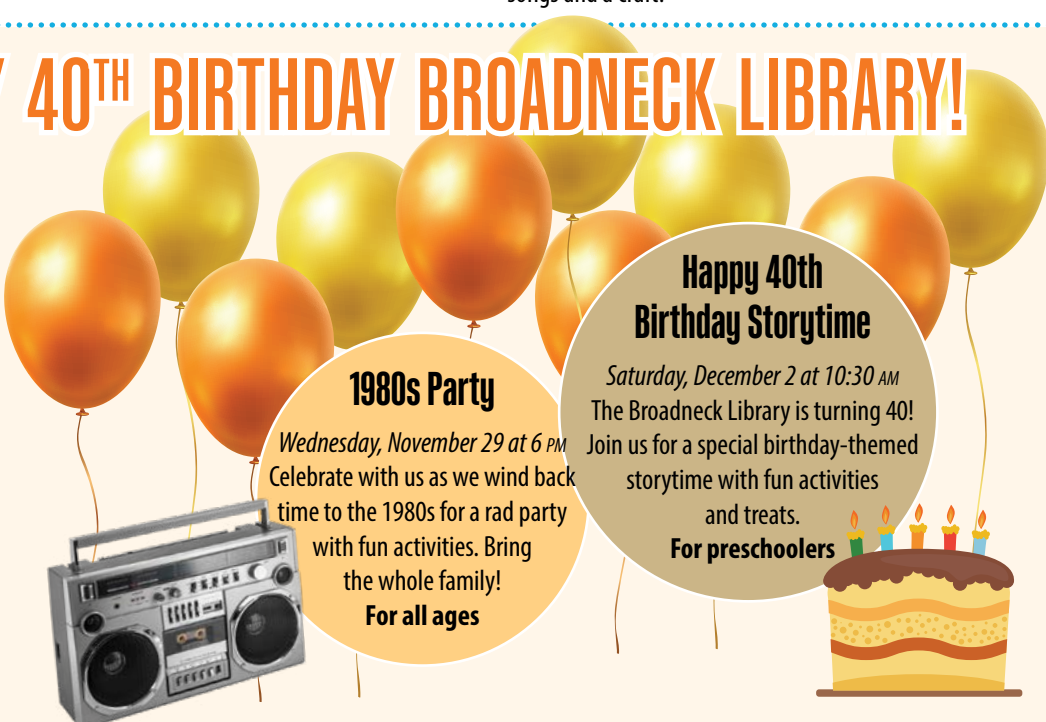
Monday, February 5 at 6:30 PM: **Happy Birthday, Gerald**

Monday, February 12 at 10:30 AM: **Lunar New Year**



# HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BROADNECK LIBRARY!

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## Happy 40th Birthday Storytime

Saturday, December 2 at 10:30 AM

The Broadneck Library is turning 40! Join us for a special birthday-themed storytime with fun activities and treats.

For preschoolers

## 1980s Party

Wednesday, November 29 at 6 PM

Celebrate with us as we wind back time to the 1980s for a rad party with fun activities. Bring the whole family!

For all ages

BUSCH ANNAPOLIS LIBRARY  
**MAKERSPACE**  
Build, Make, Create

Want to use sewing machines, cricut and button makers? You can set up a **one-on-one appointment** with our staff! Once trained, you'll be able to use these tools on your own.

← SIGN UP NOW



# DEALE LIBRARY

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# DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

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## ALL AGES

### Family Movie Night

Bring your favorite snack, blanket or camp chair and get comfy for this indoor event.

**Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (PG, 1992)

Thursday, December 14 at 6 PM

**Happy Feet** (PG, 2006)

Thursday, January 11 at 6 PM

**How To Train Your Dragon** (PG, 2010)

Thursday, February 8 at 6 PM

### Silent Book Club

Friday, December 15 at 3 PM

Bring a book you would like to read and enjoy this low-stimulus environment and quiet company of others who also want to read in peace. Designed for neurodivergent customers, but all are welcome.

### Avengers Escape Room

Friday, January 26 between 1 and 4 PM

Saturday, January 27 between 10 AM and 4 PM

Avengers assemble! Your task is to stop Thanos, protect the stones and preserve their incredible power! Call to register your group.

## ADULTS

### Mixed Level Hatha Yoga Class

Mondays, December 11, January 8 and February 12 at 7 PM

Enjoy this beginner to advanced class with a certified yoga instructor. Bring a mat, props and blanket.

### Writing Your Love Story: Not for Romantics Only

Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM

Join **Bay Weekly** founding editor Sandra Olivetti Martin in celebrating Valentine's Day by writing your choice of your life's many love stories. Bring your preferred writing tools (electronic or paper).

## TEENS

### Anime and Manga Club

Mondays, December 4 and 18, January 22 and 29 and February 5 and 26 at 6 PM

Share your faves, what you are currently watching/reading, artwork, cosplay, etc.

## Movie Night

**Avengers Infinity War** (PG-13, 2018)

Thursday, January 18 at 6 PM

**Spirited Away** (PG, 2001)

Thursday, February 15 at 6 PM

### Mario Party

Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 PM

Enjoy playing Mario Kart and creating Mario-themed crafts. Materials provided.

**For kids and teens**

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Bedtime Storytime

Tuesdays, December 5, January 2 and February 6 at 6:30 PM

Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffie and a blanket and settle in for bedtime stories and songs.

### Parachute Palooza

Friday, January 19 at 2:30 PM

Join us for fun and games with a parachute.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, as listed below, at 10:30 AM

December 19: **Pajama Time**

February 13: **Valentine's Day Royal Ball**

## ALL AGES

### RPG Try Before You Buy

Saturday, December 2 at 2 PM

Are you a fan of role-playing games, but tired of the ones you have? Swing by to swap out your old games and pick up something new to you. Third Eye Games & Hobbies will bring games to try out.

### Pet Care 101

Saturday, December 9 at 2 PM

Get all your first pet questions answered by PAWS at the Mall and check out books about your new furry friends. There will even be adoptable pets.

### National Mariachi Day Performance

#### Actuación del Día Nacional del Mariachi

Saturday, January 20 at 2 PM

Sábado, 20 de enero, a las 2 PM

Celebrate National Mariachi Day by attending a performance by Mariachi Los Mensajeros Del Sur De Humberto Guzmán!

¡Celebre el Día Nacional del Mariachi asistiendo a la presentación del Mariachi Los Mensajeros Del Sur De Humberto Guzmán!

### Emotional Self-Care for Immigrants

#### Autocuidado emocional para inmigrantes

Thursday, January 25 at 6 PM

Jueves, 25 de enero, a las 6 PM

Emotional self-care is important for everyone. Join María Winters, LCPC, as she talks about ways to take care of your mental health in uncertain times and how to make it a daily practice.

El autocuidado emocional es importante para todos. Únase a María Winters, LCPC, mientras habla sobre formas de cuidar su salud mental cuando vivimos en tiempos inciertos y cómo convertirlo en una práctica diaria.

## ADULTS

### Walking Book Club

Thursdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8 at 9 AM

Walk the mall and discuss what you've been reading lately! Visit the library afterwards for a drink and to pick up your next read.

### Citizenship Mock Interviews

Monday, February 12 at 5 PM

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship interview and explore resources to boost readiness for the naturalization process.

December 2023, January and February 2024

## TEENS

### Anti-Valentine's Day Teen Lock-In

Friday, February 9 at 5:30 PM

Enjoy a fun, low-key night of self-care activities.

## KIDS

### Homeschool Art Club

Tuesdays as listed below at 2 PM

Engage in fun and creative art projects to master artistic skills!

December 19: **Free form**

January 9: **Tiny Art**

February 6: **Process Art**

### Dance Together: Hip Hop

Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 PM

Join Outlet Dance Complex for a fun introduction to hip hop for littles and their grown-ups!

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Kwanzaa Tales

Saturday, December 30 at 2 PM

In her interactive performance, TAHIRA shares the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) of Kwanzaa through storytelling and music.

### The Uncle Devin Show

Friday, January 19 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy original songs, funky grooves and the D.C. tradition of call-and-response to have children and families experience the infectious energy!

### Milkshake Duo Concert

Monday, February 19 at 2 PM

Children will enjoy an interactive performance that inspires them to join in the music making.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Mondays at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

### Family Storytime

Saturdays at 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Monday, December 11 at 6 PM: **Action Figure**

and **Stuffed Animal Slumber Party**

Friday, February 9 at 10:30 AM: **Lunar New Year**

## Get Help with Internet Costs

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps struggling households afford computer devices and internet service.



Scan this code or go to [getacp.org](https://getacp.org) to get started.

A library staff person, at any location, can help.

ACP makes home internet

FREE with some plans.



## COMMUNITY PANTRY

For anyone who needs help getting basic baby and/or hygiene supplies!

DISCOVERIES: THE LIBRARY AT THE MALL

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FROM 10 AM - NOON

FIRST TUESDAYS

FROM 6 - 7 PM

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# EASTPORT-ANNAPOLIS NECK LIBRARY

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## ALL AGES

✓ **Open Mic Night**  
Monday, December 18 at 7 PM  
Enjoy or perform at a family-friendly night of songs, dancing and poetry! Acts must be under five minutes. Registration required for performers only.

✓ **Eastport Library Chili Cook-Off**  
Saturday, January 27 at 2 PM  
Prepare your favorite chili at home and bring it to the library to compete in our first-ever, cook-off. Judging begins at 2:30 PM. Prizes will be awarded.

✓ **Valentine's Day No-Sew Pillows**  
Tuesday, February 6 at 3 PM  
Make handmade heart pillows using knots instead of a sewing machine!

## ADULTS

✓ **Cookbook Club: Holiday Mocktail Party with Appetizers**  
Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM  
Choose a recipe that fits the monthly theme from a cookbook of your choice. Prepare the recipe at home to bring in and share.

**Carly Harvey: DC's Queen of the Blues**  
Saturday, January 13 at 2 PM  
Enjoy a performance by Blues singer Carly Harvey. Register to receive notices about this event.

✓ **Beginner Line Dancing Fun**  
Saturday, January 20 at 10 AM  
Learn some more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity!  
Presenter: *Jessie's Soul Line Dancers*

## TEENS

✓ **Tween Art Night**  
Thursdays as listed below at 6:30 PM  
Hang out with friends while completing an art project. Materials provided.  
December 7: *Snow Globe*  
January 18: *Suncatcher*  
February 29: *Macramé Keychain*

## KIDS

✓ **Winter Bird Count**  
Thursday, December 7 at 4 PM  
Learn how to participate in the Winter Bird Count, then make a pine cone bird feeder.

**Snowy Day Crafts**  
Saturday, December 16 at 2 PM  
Celebrate winter with fun snowy day crafts!  
**For kids and preschoolers**

✓ **The Healing Power of Chemistry**  
Friday, January 19 at 10 AM  
Join a chemist from the American Chemical Society for hands-on experiments exploring chemistry related to health and medicine.



## PRESCHOOLERS

**Process Art– Winter!**  
Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 AM  
Enjoy making some winter-themed art! You may get messy.

## Kindergarten Readiness

**Babies in Bloom**  
Wednesdays at 10 AM

**Toddler Time**  
Thursdays at 10 AM

**Preschool Storytime**  
Tuesdays at 10 AM

Tuesday, February 6 at 10 AM: *Lunar New Year*

**Family Storytime**  
Thursday, January 25 at 6 PM: *Snowflakes*

Thursday, February 22 at 6 PM: *Wonderful World*

## ADULTS

✓ **Résumé Building and Interview Preparation**  
Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 PM  
Create a basic résumé, cover letter and discover useful online resources. Laptops or mobile devices are recommended, but not required, and will be available for the first 10 participants.  
Presenter: *State Library Resource Center*

✓ **Investing Basics**  
Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 PM (in-person and virtual)  
A certified financial planner will explain key terms to know, discuss how to build a successful portfolio and explore types of investments.

**Paper Wreath Making Workshop**  
Saturday, February 24 at 2 PM

## TEENS

✓ **Teen "Selfie" Portrait Paint Day**  
Wednesday, January 17 at 3 PM  
Let your inner artist shine by creating a selfie portrait. Supplies provided. Your masterpiece can hang in our Club 1117 Gallery.

✓ **After-Hours Lock-In: Craft Night**  
Friday, February 2 at 5:30 PM  
Enjoy a special after-hours event where we will have the entire library to ourselves! Make craft projects such as LED bookmarks, friendship bracelets and paint pouring.

## KIDS

**Archaeology with Historic London Town and Gardens**  
Tuesday, December 5 at 2 PM  
Explore archaeology with an educator from Historic London Town and see how archaeologists learn from the past to inform and compare with the present.



Historic London Town and Gardens, Edgewater

✓ **Backyard Birds in Winter**  
Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 PM  
Explore the world of birds, learn how to make your backyard bird friendly and create your own seed ornaments.

✓ **Science Lab Escape Room**  
Friday, January 19 and Saturday, January 20 during branch hours  
Participants will have 45 minutes to find clues, solve puzzles and mix up the correct solution in this fun escape room.

**Leap Day Celebration**  
Thursday, February 29 at 4:30 PM  
Celebrate the extra day that only comes once every four years with activities, games and crafts!

## PRESCHOOLERS

**Baby, Process That Art!**  
Saturday, January 13 at 10:30 AM  
Explore art techniques that may get messy.

✓ **Sensory Playtime**  
Monday, January 29 at 10:30 AM

**Preschool Play Dough Party**  
Monday, February 19 at 10:30 AM  
Come build, squish and explore color and texture with play dough.



## Kindergarten Readiness

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**Toddler Time**  
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

**Preschool Storytime**  
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

**Family Storytime**  
Mondays, as listed below, at 5:30 PM

December 11: *Astronauts*

January 22: *Pirates*

February 12: *Stuffed Animal Sleepover*

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# DISCOVER STEM

Hands-on learning activities to empower and inspire.



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- INTERVIEW & JOB COACHING
- TEST PREP
- MARKET RESEARCH
- BUSINESS PLANS
- SKILL-BUILDING COURSES
- LAPTOPS & WI-FI HOTSPOTS
- MEETING ROOMS



[aacpl.net/career](http://aacpl.net/career)



## ADULTS

### One is the Loneliest Number

Tuesday, January 9 at 2 PM

Discuss the importance of maintaining an active social life and what to do when obstacles arise.

Presenter: Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities Adults

### Adult Book Club



#### The House of Eve

by Sadeqa Johnson

Thursday, January 11 at 2 PM



#### Daisy Jones & the Six

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Thursday, February 8 at 2 PM

### Crofton Library Concert Series

Experience live, local music.

**Davonne D'Neil**

Thursday, January 11 at 7 PM

**Doug Segree**

Thursday, February 8 at 7 PM

### How to Avoid Heartbreak Scams

Tuesday, February 6 at 2 PM

Learn how romance scams work, how to protect yourself, how to verify someone's identity and what to do if you've been scammed.

Presenter: Better Business Bureau of Greater Maryland

## TEENS

### Reading Rebels: What's New?

Thursday, January 25 at 4:30 PM

Read a new young adult title of your choice to discuss, followed by snacks and activities.

### Reading Rebels Book Club



#### Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

Thursday, February 29 at 4:30 PM

A book discussion followed by snacks and activities.

## KIDS

### Book Buddies

Read the graphic novel then come to discuss the book with snacks and activities!



#### Pawcasso

by Remy Lai

Thursday, January 18 at 4:15 PM



#### Stuntboy, In the Meantime

by Jason Reynolds

Thursday, February 15 at 4:15 PM



## PRESCHOOLERS

### Cookies & Cocoa STEM Storytime

Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, songs and simple science activities all about cookies and cocoa!

### Splashy Summer Shindig

Saturday, February 3 at 10 AM

Shake off the winter blues with an indoor beach party! Discover a tropical paradise with beach tunes, books and play. Beach attire encouraged.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10 AM

### Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 and 11 AM

## ADULTS

### Gift Wrap for Beginners

Tuesday, December 5 at 7 PM

Tired of gift bags or looking to save money by wrapping gifts economically? Learn the basics of gift wrapping for any occasion.

### Music Bingo

Wednesday, January 24 at 7 PM

Enjoy a fun night of music bingo! We play the song and you will see if it is on your card!

### Senior Fraud Prevention

Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 PM (in-person and virtual)

The Deputy State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County will provide attendees with tools to empower themselves and their loved ones against ID theft, fraud, scams and exploitation.

### Wii Bowling for Seniors

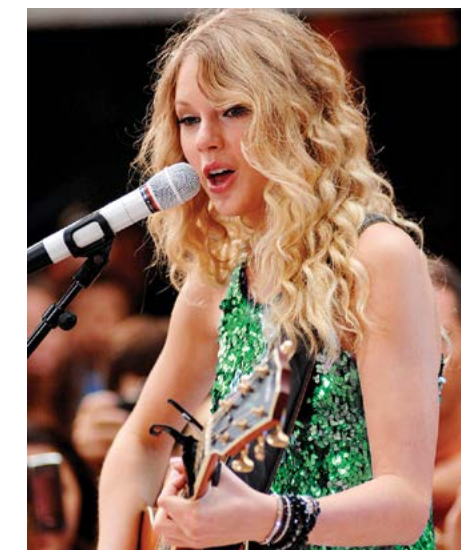
Wednesday, January 31 at 2 PM

Try your hand at Wii bowling and socialize with other seniors.

### Learn to Solder Workshop

Tuesday, February 20 at 7 PM

Learn the basics of soldering, with an emphasis on safety. This program is geared for adults, but those ages 10 and up may attend. Participants under age 14 must attend with an adult.



## TEENS

### Taylor Swift Party

Tuesday, February 6 at 2 PM

Love Taylor Swift? Drop in for some fun activities and, of course, music! Taylor not attending.

## KIDS

### Science Saturdays

Explore a different science topic the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM

December 9: *CD Racer*

January 13: *Catapults*

February 10: *Gumdrop Structures*

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Polka Dot Dance Party

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM

We will read a polka dot book, do polka dot crafts and dance. Come as you are or dress up in all of your favorite polka dots!

### Magical, Musical, Math for Preschoolers

Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 AM

Explore early math concepts with stories, music and fun activities.

### Leaping for Leap Day

Thursday, February 29 at 6:30 PM

Celebrate the extra calendar day that only comes once every four years with activities, games and crafts for the whole family

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM



## LIBRARY BY MAIL

Anne Arundel County Public Library will mail library materials to **any county residents** who are homebound due to illness, injury or disability.

Items are sent by US Mail in a pouch that includes a pre-paid postage label for return to the library.

For information call 410-222-6270 or email [lbn@aacpl.net](mailto:lbn@aacpl.net).



## New PRIVACY POD Available for Meetings, Appointments

Customers at the Maryland City at Russett Library now have a quieter and more private place to conduct zoom interviews and telehealth appointments with the branch's new privacy pod. Funded by the Laurel Race Course Impact Fund Advisory Committee, the space will provide an area for quiet study or work.



Del. Mark Chang, Councilwoman Julie Hummer, Maryland City at Russett Manager Darnice Jasper and Anne Arundel County Public Library CEO Skip Auld cut the ribbon on the new space on October 4.

# KINDERGARTEN READINESS

## Music And Movement

Sing, chant, play instruments and dance while exploring sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language.

### Broadneck

Fridays, December 15, January 12 and 26 and February 9 and 23 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

### Brooklyn Park

Fridays at 11:30 AM

### Busch Annapolis

Saturday, February 24 at 10:30 AM

### Deale

Saturdays, December 16, January 20 and February 24 at 2 PM

### Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Fridays, December 8, January 5 and February 16 at 10:30 and 11:30 AM

### Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturdays, December 2, January 6 and February 3 at 10 AM

### Edgewater

Saturdays, December 9, January 6 and February 3 at 10:30 AM

### Linthicum

Monday, February 5 at 6:30 PM

### Severn

Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 AM and Fridays, January 19 and February 23 at 10:30 AM

## Bilingual Storytime | Hora Del Cuento Bilingüe

Young children enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and a variety of languages.

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

### Brooklyn Park

Wednesdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7 at 4 PM

### Busch Annapolis

Saturday, January 27 at 10:30 AM

### Crofton

Saturday, January 6 at 10:30 AM

### Discoveries: The Library at the Mall

Fridays, December 15 and February 23 at 10:30 AM

### Eastport-Annapolis Neck

Saturdays, December 16, January 13 and February 10 at 10:30 AM

### Glen Burnie

Fridays, December 15, January 12 and February 9 at 11 AM



Scan the code for more events, resources and support.

## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Reading aloud to children from birth helps strengthen language skills and build vocabulary – two important tools for learning to read. Register for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, log your reading and grow a reader while building your home library.

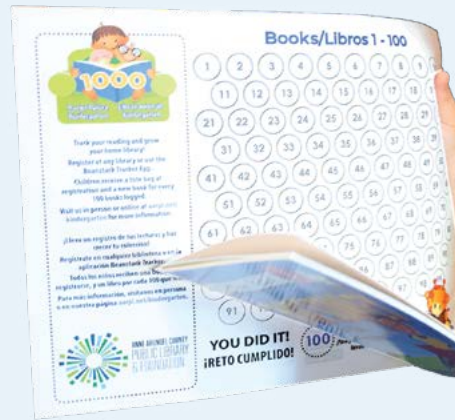
**It's easier than you think!**

**3 books a day for 1 year = 1,095 books**

**1 book a day for 3 years = 1,095 books**

### How does it work?

1. Register at any library or use the Beanstack Tracker app. Children receive a free book and tote bag at registration.
2. Track your reading. Each time you read a book with your child, log it in the Beanstack Tracker app or on the paper log. All books count including the books read at library storytimes and day care! You can read 1,000 different books or the same book 1,000 times!
3. Earn prizes. Visit any library to select a new book for your home library for every 100 books you log and receive a special prize for reading 1,000 books!



### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is making a difference!

A record number of children have signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. This summer alone, 766 children began their journey to read 1,000 books before they enter Kindergarten. Thanks to funding from Anne Arundel County and the Library Foundation, staff purchased and distributed more than 12,000 books at schools, preschools and community events.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US IN PERSON, SCAN THE CODE OR VISIT [AACPL.NET/KINDERGARTEN](http://AACPL.NET/KINDERGARTEN).

# 2024

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT



## Spend Quality Time with Family

Libraries are a fantastic resource for families looking to bond and create lasting memories.

- Events for all ages
- Makerspaces for intergenerational fun
- Discovery Dock children's play spaces



## Increase Wellbeing

Seeking better nutrition, physical activity, organization skills or mental wellness? The library offers a wealth of resources to support your journey.

- Books, magazines for health info and recipes
- Yoga, line dancing programs
- Cooking clubs, arts and crafts workshops
- Creativebug online classes



**POSITIVE CHANGE WITH THE LIBRARY'S HELP!**

## Get Ahead Professionally

Your library believes in your potential for personal growth and success.

- Meeting rooms, computers and free printing
- LinkedIn Learning classes
- Resume workshops
- Interview and test prep

[aacpl.net/career](http://aacpl.net/career)



## Save Money

The average library user saves a staggering \$1,750 annually, which can be put towards vacations, college or other expenses.

- Free ebooks, digital magazines and streaming movies
- Free Kindergarten readiness programs
- Free tutoring and career assistance
- Free language learning



The best part? All these resources are absolutely free! Visit [aacpl.net](http://aacpl.net) or drop by your local library.



## ALL AGES

### Community Quilt Exhibit Reception

Friday, January 12 at 3 PM

Come warm up with a glass of hot cocoa or apple cider at the opening reception of our community quilt exhibit which will be on display for a month.

### ✔️ Nancy Roman Space Telescope Information Session

Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 PM

Join us in-person or online as a scientist from Baltimore's Space Telescope Science Institute shares information about the new Nancy Grace Roman Telescope, expected to launch in late 2026.

## ADULTS

### ✔️ Candle Remix

Saturday, January 13 at 2 PM

Repurpose your old candles! Drop off old candles ahead of time or bring them the day of. Additional wax warmers and heating plates welcome!

### Plant Party!

Saturday, January 20 at 2 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of plant-related activities! Participate in a houseplant cuttings swap and make some fun planty crafts!

## Game Exchange and Play

Saturday, January 27 at 2 PM

Trade your gently used board games and puzzles with other gamers and stick around for an afternoon of gaming.

## TEENS

### Crafts for a Cause

Projects to help those in need. High school students can earn service hours.

### Cards for Library by Mail Homebound

Monday, December 11 at 6 PM

### Yo-yo Quilt for St. Jude's Children's Hospital

Friday, December 29 at 2 PM

### Heart Pillows for Kits to Heart

Tuesday, January 9 at 4 PM

## KIDS

### Early Reader Book Club

Wednesdays, December 13, January 10 and

February 14 at 4 PM

Children in K-2 can practice their reading skills through group reading, activities and games based on popular beginner reader books.

## ❄️ Winter Solstice Celebration

Saturday, December 16 at 11 AM

Learn about the winter solstice with a cup of hot chocolate and discover how it is celebrated around the world. Check out a cozy book and make a winter craft to take home or give as a gift.

### Kid Anime Club

Tuesday, January 30 at 4 PM

Join us for an anime event just for kids! Together we'll watch anime, play games and craft.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:15 AM

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

### Family Storytime

Saturdays, December 9, January 13 and

February 10 at 10:15 AM

## ADULTS

### The Black Panthers: 761st WW II Tank Battalion

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM

Gina DiNicolo, author of *The Black Panthers: A Story of Race, War, and Courage-the 761st Tank Battalion in World War II*, will share the mainly-Black U.S. tank unit history.

### 🗨️ Korean-English Language Hour

#### 한영 언어 교환 시간

Mondays, December 18, January 29 and February 26 at 7 PM

12월 18일, 1월 29일, 2월 26일 월요일 오후 7시  
Want to practice your Korean or English-speaking skills but don't have anyone to talk to? Join our conversation hour! There will be snacks, conversation prompts and the chance to learn about library and county resources!

한국어나 영어 말하기 실력을 연습하고 싶지만 함께 이야기할 사람이 아무도 없을까요? 우리의 대화 시간에 참여하세요! 간식, 대화 프롬프트, 그리고 도서관과 카운티 정보 자료에 대해 배울 기회가 있을 것입니다! 우리 카페에 만나세요.

## Houseplant Swap and Tea

Saturday, February 10 at 2:30 PM

Enjoy a plant swap. Bringing a plant to attend is not required. Refreshments provided.

## TEENS

### Teen Anime Hangout

Wednesdays, December 6, January 3 and February 7 at 6 PM

Share in the love of Japanese animation and comics! Join your fellow Otaku and enjoy watching anime, manga discussions, games and more. Cosplay is always welcome!

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursdays, December 21, January 18 and

February 15 at 6 PM

Need service learning hours? Have great ideas to enhance our teen programming? Join us for our Teen Advisory Board meeting to share your thoughts about improving teen spaces and programming!

## KIDS

### ❄️ Fairy Tale STEM

Saturday, December 16 at 2 PM

Take on this engineering design challenge to build a house strong enough to protect the three little pigs from the big bad wolf! Materials provided.

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Friday Storytime Fun!

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, January 5,

12 and 26 and February 2, 9 and 16 at 10:30 AM

Join us for stories, songs and activities perfect for young children. Each week will be a different theme and activities!

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

## Severn Library Customers Benefit from Improvements Funded by Local Development Council

Over the last three years, the community served by the Severn Library has benefited from a number of grants received from the county's Local Development Council. Thanks to an investment of more than \$1.4 million, the interior and exterior of the popular library have been substantially improved including creating more welcoming and functional public spaces, increased visibility of the branch and the ability of library staff to reach customers outside the building through the new Library on the Go vehicle, Twig. Additional improvements to restrooms in the facility and more exterior renovations and enhancements are also underway. AACPL thanks the Local Development Council for their tremendous support.



## ONE-ON-ONE SEWING

at Odenton Library

We now offer one-on-one sewing appointments to learn machine basics and safe operation. Create your very own fabric bookmark to take home!

Once you've gained confidence, you can book appointments to sew independently on our machines.

TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT, CALL

410-222-6277







## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 11:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Mondays at 10:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

## ADULTS

### Language Exchange/Intercambio de Idiomas

Wednesdays, December 20, January 17 and February 21 at 6 PM

Los miércoles, diciembre 20, enero 17, y febrero 21 a las 6 de la tarde

Practice speaking English or Spanish in a fun and informal setting.

Únase a un grupo de hablantes de inglés y español para practicar hablar cualquiera de los dos idiomas en un ambiente divertido e informal.

## TEENS

### Tabletop Game Fun: Dungeons & Dragons 5e

Saturday, December 16 at 1:30 PM

Bring your friends and try a new tabletop RPG! Enjoy DnD 5e one shot with pre-generated character sheets.

## KIDS

### Cultural Arts Tour of the Polynesian Triangle

Friday, January 5 at 11:30 AM

This program will introduce audiences to South Pacific geography, greetings, live music and a chance to learn a simple Hawaiian hula dance! Presenter: Meki's Tamure Polynesian Arts Group, Inc.

### Mini Golf

Thursday, January 18 at 1 PM

Play a round of mini golf at the library!



## PRESCHOOLERS

### Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 17 at 1 PM

Gong Hei Fat Choy means Happy New Year! Listen to a story about the Lunar New Year and watch the Wulin Institute perform the Lion Dance.

## BROOKLYN PARK LIBRARY OFFERS PEACEFUL RETREAT WITH SENSORY GARDEN



For many members of the community, the sensory garden at Brooklyn Park Library has become an outdoor classroom and meditative space. The outdoor area includes native plants, comfortable chairs, a picnic table, outdoor musical instruments and access to the library's outdoor Wi-Fi. From the sounds of birds chirping to the aroma of fresh rosemary and thyme, the garden engages all senses and provides an opportunity to interact with the environment for all who visit.

The idea of developing the library's courtyard started in December 2021. The Watershed Stewards Academy, a group that trains and mobilizes community leaders to drive change for sustainable landscapes and clean waters, approved the project and assigned steward candidate Ayia Lindquist to create the plan for the garden, apply for funding, source the materials and coordinate the installation and upkeep of the garden.

Thanks to the hard work of our library staff and the Watershed Stewards Academy, the sensory garden continues to thrive after being installed in November 2022. Funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Library Foundation and the Gardens of Connection, the garden has been the site of many educational programs and can be enjoyed year-round.



## ALL AGES

### Holiday Songs from Around the World

Saturday, December 9 at 2 PM

Enjoy live and recorded holiday music from different countries!

## ADULTS

### Origami Club

Thursdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8 at 7 PM

Do you want to make cool art for cheap or maybe just learn a new skill? Come make beautiful origami crafts with live instruction!

### Cybersecurity Basics Talk

Saturday, January 20 at 3 PM

Learn tips for protecting yourself while online or using email and participate in a Q&A session.

### Parent Time-Out: Recharge and Re-energize!

Monday, January 29 at 6:30 PM

Practice self-care, make a craft and learn strategies for managing emotions to share with your family. Presenter: AACC, TEACH Institute and Parenting Center

## TEENS

### Teen Creative Writing Club

Tuesdays, December 5, January 2 and February 6 at 6 PM

Practice your craft and find your community! Hone your skills or just have fun with writing prompts, games and group discussion.

### Teen Game Night!

Monday, December 11 at 6 PM

Shake off that anxious "end-of-quarter" energy and come hang out! Play games on the Nintendo Switch (feel free to bring your own) or our PS4.

### Origami Club

Thursdays, December 14, January 11 and February 8 at 7 PM

Do you want to make cool art for cheap or maybe just learn a new skill? Come make beautiful origami crafts with live instruction!

### WIE Inspire: Explore Engineering

Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM

Join the Women in Engineering program to engage in hands-on engineering activities guided by current University of Maryland students.

## KIDS

### Homeschool Hangout

Mondays, December 4 and 18, January 8 and 22 and February 5 at 2 PM

Explore a different subject every week with fun games, STEM, reading, writing, crafts and tons of other activities! Snacks will be provided.

### Series Safari

Curious readers will have the opportunity to explore some of their favorite characters and their adventures in this hands-on drop-in program.



### Captain Underpants

by Dav Pilkey

Wednesday, January 24 at 3 PM



### Junie B. Jones

by Barbara Park

Wednesday, February 28 at 3 PM

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Little Engineers: Constructive Play

Tuesdays, December 5 and 19, January 2, 16 and 30 and February 27 at 10:30 AM

### Sunflower Yoga

Wednesday, December 13 at 6 PM

Little yogis will practice mindfulness and movement with yoga books, songs and games.

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten New Year's Ball

Thursday, January 4 at 10:30 AM

Begin your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten journey (see page 12) and receive a gift! Dress in your New Year's best for a fun storytime and dance party, complete with ball drop and bubbles.



## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Mondays at 10:30 AM

### Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 11 AM

### Family Storytime

Saturdays at 11 AM: *Saturday Surprise*

Wednesday, January 31 at 6 PM: *Stuffed Friend Sleepover*



## Social Workers Available at Five Libraries

Get access to county and state resources for financial assistance, immigration help, substance abuse counseling and more.

### Brooklyn Park

Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 AM to 5 PM

### Busch Annapolis

Wednesdays from 10 AM to 5 PM

### Deale

Thursdays from 10 AM to 5 PM

### Edgewater

Mondays from 10 AM to 5 PM

### Glen Burnie

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 5 PM

Learn more at

[aacpl.net/services/social-worker](http://aacpl.net/services/social-worker).





## ADULTS

### Donuts and Discussions for Adults

Fridays, December 15, January 19 and February 16 at 10:30 AM

Enjoy learning, socializing and donuts.

### Adult Book Club

Saturdays, December 16 and January 20 at 11 AM

Join us for an hour of discussion, coffee and good vibes at the Panera Bread at 1451 W. Nursery Road, in Linthicum Heights.

### Caregiver Connect: Building Positive Relationships and Routines

Friday, January 12 at 10:30 AM

Nurture your relationship with your child through positive communication. Enjoy light refreshments and create your own routine chart.

Presenter: TEACH Institute and Parenting Center, Anne Arundel Community College



## TEENS

### Teen Movie Afternoon

Wednesday, January 17 at 2 PM

Spider-man: Into the Spideverse (PG, 2018)

## KIDS

### ✓ Paws to Read

Saturdays, December 2, January 6 and February 3 at 10 AM

Children in elementary school improve their reading skills while enjoying the rapt attention of canine tutors. Call to make an appointment.

### Family Movie Night

The Santa Clause (PG, 1994)

Thursday, December 7 at 6 PM

Where the Wild Things Are (PG, 2009)

Thursday, January 4 at 6 PM

Soul (PG, 2020)

Thursday, February 1 at 6 PM

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Baby Explores Sensory Stations

Friday, December 1 at 10:30 AM

Babies birth to 18 months will explore various sensory stations and learn through play.

### Family Yoga Storytime

Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a storytime incorporating yoga and movement with stories and songs. Bring a mat if you have one or a towel.

### Baby Explores Art

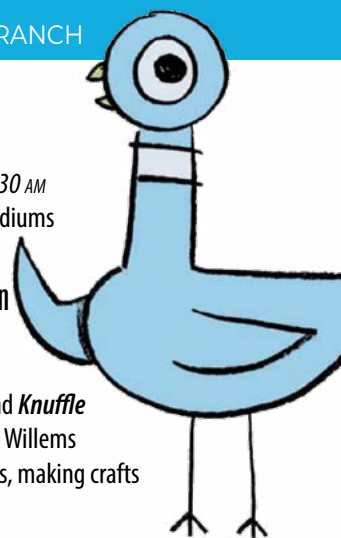
Friday, February 9 at 10:30 AM

Explore different art mediums and learn through play.

### Mo Willems Celebration

Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate the Pigeon and Knuffle Bunny series author Mo Willems by listening to his stories, making crafts and enjoying treats.



## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

### Toddler Time

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM

### Family Storytime

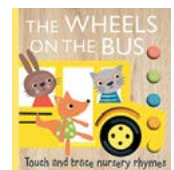
Monday, December 4 at 6:30 PM: Pajama Time

Monday, January 8 at 6:30 PM: Fort Night



## Staff Book Picks for Kids

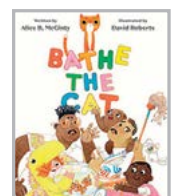
With comments by AACPL Library Associates Colin Chappell and Caroline Sharp



### The Wheels on the Bus: Touch and Trace Nursery Rhymes

by Emily Bannister

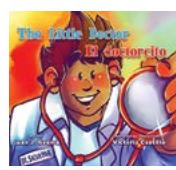
I love this collection of rhymes and appreciate the tactile pages that reinforce each familiar rhyme. —CS



### Bathe the Cat

by Alice B. McGinty

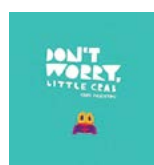
Grandma is on her way over and things need to get done, people! When the family cat learns a bath is on the list, she's determined to make sure confusion reigns. I love this one for its bright illustrations, rambunctious word play, and non-traditional family representation. This one never fails to get our preschool crowd howling! —CC



### The Little Doctor El doctorcito

by Juan J. Guerra

One of my favorites for preschoolers and lower elementary readers; Salvador has to help his abuela who doesn't speak English at the doctor's office. This book encourages our future leaders that when they encounter a problem, they can be empowered to be the solution. —CS



### Don't Worry, Little Crab

by Chris Haughton

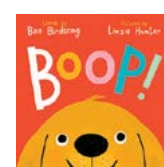
This is one of my favorites for socioemotional awareness for littles. It acknowledges that it's ok to not be ok sometimes, and that if we're together and take a big breath, we can do hard things. —CS



### Don't Want to Be Your Monster

by Deke Moulton

The stakes of a sibling rivalry are cranked up to 11 when two vampire brothers attempt to track down a human serial killer taking lives in their hometown. This one is pretty frightening and heavy at times but is shot through with deep empathy and features a diverse cast. —CC



### Boop!

by Bea Birdsong

If you love to Boop a Snoot, then this is the book for you! Interactive, totally adorable, and brimming with all the joy of a dozen happy pooches. I really love the bold, bright illustrations. —CC



## ALL AGES

### Bring Your Own Dinner Family Movie Night

Super Mario Bros. (PG, 2023)

Thursday, January 11 at 6 PM

The Little Mermaid (PG, 2023)

Thursday, February 8 at 6 PM



## ADULTS

### ✓ Yoga for You

Monday, December 11 at 6 PM

Practice breath work and physical poses that best support your physical and emotional needs to cultivate a stronger mind-body connection. Bring your own yoga mat and a towel.

### ✓ Bullet Journaling for the New Year

Wednesday, January 3 at 6 PM

Learn how to bullet journal using different ideas and techniques!

### ✓ Mountain Road Creates: Forest Book Nook

Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM

Craft a forest-themed book nook for yourself! Supplies are limited.

## KIDS

### Graphic Novel Book Club



Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce

Monday, December 4 at 5 PM

Read any Big Nate graphic novel to join in a discussion of the books, then learn to draw your own comics.

### Homemade Holiday Cards During the Pasadena Tree Lighting

Tuesday, December 5 at 5 PM

Stop by the library during the Pasadena tree lighting at Lakeshore Plaza for holiday card making!



## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Fridays at 11 AM

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 11 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 11 AM

## MOUNTAIN ROAD OPENS IN NEW LOCATION LAKESHORE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER





# RIVIERA BEACH LIBRARY

← SCAN OR CLICK THIS CODE FOR UPDATES ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LIBRARY



## Riviera Beach Library Faces Delays

Construction of the Riviera Beach Library has encountered several unanticipated delays putting the facility's opening back to early 2024. Currently, the county's Department of Public works is navigating revisions needed in the drainage requirements, which will necessitate new permits. All noticeable construction activities outside will be halted as this permit is processed, yet progress on the interior construction activities will continue. We understand the inconvenience this has caused to the Pasadena community and your patience is appreciated. Project-related questions can be submitted via email at [pwcust00@aacounty.org](mailto:pwcust00@aacounty.org) or by phone at 410-222-7582.

## Virtual Programs

Enjoy entertaining and/or educational library events from the comfort of your own home.

### How Everything Began: The Big Bang and the Origin of the Universe

Monday, December 4 at 7 PM

Retired NASA astronomer Dr. Richard Isaacman, explores questions about the origin of the universe with technological breakthroughs, observations and experiments that expand our understanding.

### Festive Cookies and Cookie Bars

Wednesday, December 6 at 6 PM

Get in the spirit during this demonstration class filled with tips, creative ideas and baking advice.

### Take College Courses While in High School

Thursdays, December 14 and February 14 at 5 PM

Meet with an admissions officer from Anne Arundel Community College to learn about taking courses through the Early College Access Program.

### Adult Writers' Group

Saturdays, December 16, January 13 and February 10 at 2 PM

We welcome writers of all abilities interested in a read and critique group. Open to all forms of writing: poetry, novel, short story, creative nonfiction, memoir... Bring an open mind and a desire to improve your craft.

### Merry Berry Celebration: Cooking with Berries throughout the Holiday Season

Tuesday, December 19 at 6 PM

Enjoy a festive celebration of all things bright and merry as we explore what berries offer, plus pick up tips for relaxed and enjoyable entertaining.

### Jeopardy

Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM

Join us for virtual Jeopardy where you will compete with others to be the champion!

### Anne Arundel Community College Information Session for Adult Learners

Thursday, January 18 at 5 PM

Meet with an admissions officer from Anne Arundel Community College to learn about the admissions process, majors offered, transferability of credits and partnerships with four-year institutions, paying for college and student success support services.

### The Art of Looking

Monday, January 29 at 6:30 PM

Practice your skill of close looking at art to gain a deeper understanding of works from the Walters Art Museum collection.

### Twilight Winter Solstice Walk with a Ranger

Thursday, December 21 at 4 PM

Take a twilight winter solstice walk at Fort Smallwood Park. We will talk about winter foliage, where animals burrow and conclude with a warm cup of coffee, tea or cocoa with Park Ranger Felipa Fontes. Registration is required and allows for free entrance into the park. Current trail construction makes this walk not accessible for wheelchairs. We regret the inconvenience.

### I ♥ Nature Storytime at Hancock's Resolution

Wednesday, February 14 at 2 PM

Join the Riviera Beach Library staff and Park Ranger Felipa at Hancock's Resolution to celebrate our love of nature! Bundle up for an outdoor storytime with nature-themed crafts. Registration required and allows for free entrance into the park.



### \*Making A Difference: African American Women of the Civil Rights Movement

Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 PM

Learn about African American women who shaped the Civil Rights Movement, including those who received little recognition.

### Getting the Most Out of Census Records

Monday, February 12 at 7 PM

Learn how census records can enhance your genealogy research.

### \*From Jazz to Hip Hop

Thursday, February 22 at 7 PM

Explore the origins and evolution of popular music forms that originated in the African American community.

Presenter: State Library Resource Center

### \*A Black History Month special event.

See more on page 3.

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# SEVERNA PARK LIBRARY

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## ALL AGES

### Movie Screenings

*The Nightmare Before Christmas* (PG, 1993)

Monday, December 18 at 6:30 PM

*Groundhog Day* (PG, 1993)

Thursday, February 1 at 6:30 PM

## ADULTS

### Silent Book Club

Saturdays, December 16 and January 27 at 2 PM and February 10 at 3 PM

Show up with a book and enjoy this low-stimulus environment and the quiet company of others. For neurodivergent customers, but all are welcome.

### Color Me Calm

Saturdays, December 23, January 27 and February 24 at 3 PM

Are you looking for some peace and quiet to let your inner artist emerge? Come join us in this peaceful and low-stimulus environment.

### Get Career Inspiration with Speed Mentoring!

Tuesday, January 23 at 6 PM

Speed mentoring allows participants to make meaningful connections. Participants will have the opportunity for brief conversations with at least five mentors, followed by informal networking.

## TEENS

### Community Service Crafternoon

Saturdays, December 9, January 20 and February 19 at 2 PM

Earn service hours while making a craft to serve a community need. Projects to be announced.

### Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Mondays, December 11, January 8 and February 12 at 5 PM

### New Year, New Journal!

Saturday, January 13 at 2 PM

Create a new journal to track your year.

## KIDS

### Early Reader Book Club

Wednesdays, December 6, January 24 and February 14 at 4 PM

### Homeschool Hangout

Mondays, December 18, January 22 and February 26 at 11 AM

Stop by for games, arts, crafts and more!

### RAD Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, December 20, January 17 and February 28 at 4 PM

Does your third-fifth grader like to read, play games and have fun? Join our RAD Readers book club. See [aacpl.net/events](http://aacpl.net/events) for details.

### LEGO® Bricks Challenge

Wednesdays, December 27, January 31 and February 21 at 4 PM

Build a masterpiece and have your creation on display.

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Babies at Play @ Severna Park Library

Saturdays, December 9, January 6 and February 3 at 10:30 AM

A place for caregivers and their babies to meet and have fun. Now starting 30 minutes earlier.

## Kindergarten Readiness

### Babies in Bloom

Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM

### Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10 and 11 AM

### Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 10 and 11 AM



## YOUTH ART MONTH COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES

All branches will display artwork February 16 through March 11 and host receptions Wednesday, March 6 from 4:30 to 6 PM.

Celebrate our amazing Anne Arundel County Public School art students and their creative accomplishments. Special guests at branch receptions include featured student artists, their friends and families.

Hosted in partnership with AACPS and AACPL

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## Donate Today to Help Us Enhance Your Library Experience!

While public funding provides a vital foundation, it doesn't cover all the innovative and enriching programs that make our library a beacon of learning, exploration and connection.

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**HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- \$10** Provides craft supplies for children's and youth programs.
- \$50** Buys craft and STEM supplies for Makerspace.
- \$100** Pays for percussion tubes or sensory tiles.
- \$500** Funds puppets and other supplies for storytime.
- \$1,000** Pays for musicians, presenters or prizes for Summer @ Your Library.
- \$2,500** Supplies our "Library on the Go" with craft, STEM and storytime materials.
- \$5,000** Funds books for children to create their own home library.
- \$7,500** Pays for movie licenses for in-branch movies.



Enhance your library today! Scan this code or visit [AACPL.NET/DONATE](https://aacpl.net/donate).



## 2023 For the Love of the Library Raises More than \$141,000

Oh, What a Night! Thank YOU for making this event a tremendous success! Over 380 guests gathered at the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library to raise more than \$141,000 to support all 16 branches of the Anne Arundel County Public Library.

The generosity of all who attended and sponsored paves the way for a future where everyone, regardless of age or background, can access our library's limitless treasures of knowledge. Your support will help us empower learning, enrich our community and secure a brighter future for all.

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## Always Ice Cream & AACPL!

BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Join us as Always Ice Cream Company creates a custom library-inspired ice cream flavor. Beat the winter blues in February with a scoop of fun! Learn more at [aacpl.net/icecream](https://aacpl.net/icecream).

## 'CHEERS TO AACPL' was a SUCCESS!

Thank you for supporting the library and your right to read! We raised \$11,371 to enhance all 16 library branches!



A young customer enjoys the book and a furry friend in the Discovery Dock of a children's area. Community donors help fund educational toys for these popular spaces.

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# FREE Gun Locks



## AVAILABLE AT ALL LIBRARIES

Residents can receive up to two gun locks at any Anne Arundel County Public Library thanks to a partnership with the county health department. Since its inception in April, more than 3,200 gun locks have been distributed to county residents 18 years and older. No identification required.



## Anne Arundel County Public Library Branch Locations

All libraries are open Monday through Thursday: 10 AM to 9 PM and Friday and Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM (except where noted below)  
Highlighted branches are open on Sundays, September through May only, from 1 to 5 PM

\*Discoveries hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 AM to 8 PM and Friday and Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM (Sunday hours as above)

### **Broadneck**

1275 Green Holly Dr., Annapolis, MD 21409  
410-222-1905

### **Brooklyn Park**

1 East 11th Ave., Baltimore, MD 21225  
410-222-6260

### **Michael E. Busch Annapolis**

1410 West St., Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-222-1750

### **Crofton**

1681 Riedel Rd., Crofton, MD 21114  
410-222-7915

### **Deale**

5940 Deale-Churchton Rd, Deale, MD 20751  
410-222-1925 and 410-867-4164

### **\*Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**

2550 Annapolis Mall Rd., Annapolis MD 21401  
410-222-0133

### **Eastport-Annapolis Neck**

269 Hillsmere Dr., Annapolis, MD 21403  
410-222-1770

### **Edgewater**

25 Stepneys Ln., Edgewater, MD 21037  
410-222-1538

### **Glen Burnie (& Library by Mail)**

1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060  
410-222-6270

### **Linthicum**

400 Shipley Rd., Linthicum, MD 21090  
410-222-6265

### **Maryland City at Russett**

3501 Russett Common, Laurel, MD 20724  
410-222-1070

### **Mountain Road**

4115 Mountain Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122  
410-222-6699

### **Odenton**

1325 Annapolis Rd., Odenton, MD 21113  
410-222-6277

### **Riviera Beach (temporarily closed)**

1130 Duvall Highway, Pasadena, MD 21122  
410-222-6285

*New location to open early 2024*

### **Severn**

2624 Annapolis Rd., Severn, MD 21144  
410-222-6280

### **Severna Park**

45 W. McKinsey Rd., Severna Park, MD 21146  
410-222-6290



Anyone needing special accommodations should contact the appropriate library branch at least seven days in advance of the event. TTY users, please call via Maryland Relay 7-1-1. All materials are available in an alternative format upon request.