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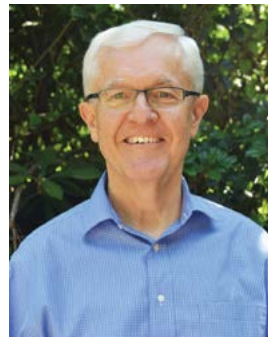
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**Your Library...  
Enriching Lives for 100 Years!**

## A Message from Skip Auld

Anne Arundel County Public Library Chief Executive Officer



### Enriching Lives Since 1921!

On January 8, 1921, a small group of committed citizens recognized a community need and opened the first public library in what is now Annapolis' City Hall. Opened for three days a week for two hours a day, the original collection was completely donated and totaled about 2,000 books.

Since then, Anne Arundel County Public Library (AACPL) has grown to 16 branches boasting more than one million items, including books, movies and music. Eliza Suydam, our first librarian, surely couldn't have imagined what modern libraries have become – community hubs for education, enrichment and inspiration.

As we mark our centennial, we'll be celebrating with special events, programs and surprises. The kickoff event, a special virtual birthday storytime, launches a year of recognizing our history, customers, staff and impact in the community. Visit page 5 for details. Thanks to support from our Library Foundation, for the first time ever, we are mailing this newsletter to every household in the county.

While we continue to find ourselves living in unprecedented times, the library remains committed to adapting our service to fit your needs. We are proud to offer our expert assistance in person, online and by phone to meet the needs of all our customers.

Our contactless curbside pickup service continues to be popular with customers of all ages. Simply reserve an item through our catalog, wait for the email letting you know it's available, text us when you've arrived at the library and we'll bring your items to the pickup table for you. The service is available Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon and 3-6 p.m. It's also available Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. Some branches offer Sunday service as well from 1-5 p.m. You can even pick up print jobs with this service. Learn more at [www.aacpl.net/curbside](http://www.aacpl.net/curbside).

All branches are also open for appointments to browse the shelves, use a computer or get in person help from library staff. Call your local branch to set one up. Some branches offer limited walk up appointments. You can find a list of phone numbers for all branches on the back cover of this newsletter, or at [www.aacpl.net/location](http://www.aacpl.net/location).

In an effort to help bridge the digital divide, AACPL recently started loaning out Chromebook and Wi-Fi hotspot bundles. These kits, which can be checked out for seven days, feature a new Chromebook and a Wi-Fi hotspot with unlimited data. The program is made possible through financial support provided by the Library Foundation.

While the future remains uncertain, you can count on your library to adapt to changing times, deliver top-notch service and provide innovative resources that meet the needs of the next 100 years.

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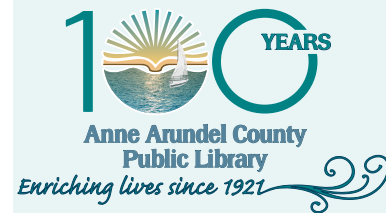
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The cover of *Library Happenings!* was designed by Annapolis resident Deirdre Tanton. We invite you to look for special nods to the beloved children's classic *Goodnight Moon*. Born and raised in Baltimore, Ms. Tanton has worked as a graphic designer, illustrator, fine artist and textile designer in Boston, Germany, Turkey and Annapolis. "When I do artwork, I like to make positive images that lift up the spirit especially through the use of color," she says.

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# Anne Arundel County Public Library Proudly Celebrates One Hundred Years!



Anne Arundel County  
Public Library  
Enriching lives since 1921



First librarian, Eliza Suydam

**JANUARY 8, 1921**  
The first public library in Annapolis opens in the municipal building in downtown Annapolis. The library opened its doors three days a week for two hours a day. Books were loaned for two weeks, but borrowers first had to pay ten cents for an identification card.

**1923**

The Glen Burnie Free Public Library started in the Glen Burnie Masonic Temple. Library moves to various locations around Glen Burnie until opening in its current location in 1969.

**1934-1936**

Annapolis Library moved to the old Annapolis High School building on Green Street and then into Reynolds Tavern.



**1937**

Fines raised to 2 cents a day for over due items.



**1938**

In an attempt to extend library service to the Black residents of Annapolis, a branch library was opened on Clay Street in 1938. It was open 20 hours a week. This branch was closed in 1950, and its Librarian, Mrs. Eloise Richardson, was added to the staff at the Reynolds' Tavern.

**1953**

Bookmobile service begins in the Glen Burnie area.

**1955**

Severna Park Library opens in former Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad station.



**1958**  
Linthicum Library opens in old Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad station.

**1959**

Overdues fines raised to 3 cents.

**1964**

Riviera Beach Library opens in a rented store.

**1965**

Annapolis Library opens at current location.

**1967**

Linthicum Library opens in current location.

**1968**

Deale Library opens in current location.



**1969**

Glen Burnie Library opens in current location.

Odenton Library opens in a church building provided by the Soroptimist Club of Severn.

**1971**

Brooklyn Park Library opens in current location.

Riviera Beach Library opens in current location.

**1972**

Severna Park Library opens in current location.

Sunday hours piloted at Annapolis Library.

**1976**

Library Headquarters opens in current location.

Crofton Library opens in Crofton Centre.



**1978**

Maryland City at Russett Library opens in Maryland City Shopping Center.

**1979**

Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library opens in current location.

**1983**

Broadneck Library opens in current location.

**1986**

Severn Library opens in current location.

**1987**

AACPL completes conversion to online circulation system moving away from card catalog.

**1988**

Library begins issuing plastic yellow library cards in place of cardboard cards.

**1991**

Edgewater Library opens in current location.

**1994**

Mountain Road Library opens in current location.



**1996**

AACPL Kiosk opens in Annapolis Mall.

**1998**

Maryland City at Russett Library opens in current location.

**2002**

Crofton Library opens in current location.

**2004**

Odenton Library opens in current location.

**2005**

Maryland Digital eLibrary Consortium formed allowing customers to checkout eBooks, eAudiobooks.

**2006**

Library Foundation formed.

**2009**

Self-check machines first installed at four libraries.

**2012**

Library begins lending pre-loaded Kindles and Nooks, digital magazines.

**2015**

3D printers introduced at some AACPL locations.

**2017**

Library begins offering Kanopy streaming videos.

**2018**

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall opens at Westfield Annapolis.

**2020**

AACPL goes fine free for children's materials and forgives \$754,637 in old fines from 33,000 people.

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall opens in larger space and signs long-term lease. Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library opens.

**2021**

Library celebrates 100 years of enriching lives.



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100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY STORYTIME

Friday, January 8 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate AACPL's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Bring your party hat and join the fun with stories, songs and rhymes that build early literacy skills.

Join us on Facebook Live for the preschooler event.



Early literacy programs for babies and young children use songs, rhymes and playtime to build early reading skills.

Anne Arundel County Public Library (AACPL) 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.

While AACPL had been holding these programs weekly at all branches, we've moved them to Facebook Live (see page 10) on the advice of public health officials. Please visit [aacpl.net](http://aacpl.net) for details on restarting these programs in person.

## EVERY CHILD READY TO READ PROGRAMS:

- **BABIES IN BLOOM:** For babies birth to 18 months.
- **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:** For children ages 3-5.
- **FAMILY STORYTIME:** For families with children ages 5 and younger.
- **BILINGUAL STORYTIME:** Children build ready to read skills in English and Spanish.

## 1,000 Books Before KINDERGARTEN

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

Register online at [aacpl.beanstack.org](http://aacpl.beanstack.org).

Keep track of the reading you've done on the Beanstack app or with the logs provided by the library. Earn stickers and prizes along the way. When you get all the way to 1,000 you'll receive a new book to take home — and keep!

Five year-old William W., of Pasadena, displays his completed 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten logs. William read 3,323 books!



## FIVE PRACTICES OF EARLY LITERACY

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

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

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

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

**WRITING** and reading go together. Scribbling and writing help children learn that the written words stand for spoken language.

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

## STEM ACTIVITY

### Make a Paper Mars Helicopter

For ages 6 - 11

#### MATERIALS:

- Scissors
- Mars Rover Template
- Blank paper (optional)
- Pencil or pen (optional)

#### PROCEDURES:

1. Cut out the helicopter. Be sure to cut along the dashed lines.
2. Fold along the solid lines. The propeller blades, A and B, should be folded in opposite directions. The X and Y panels fold towards the center and Z is folded upward.
3. Do a test flight! Stand up and hold the helicopter by its body. Raise it as high as you can. Now, drop it! What do you observe? Which way did the blades turn? Does it fall fast or slow?
4. Experiment! Make a change to your helicopter. Try changing the shape of the blades, or folding the bottom up more. How did that change the performance of your helicopter?
5. Try a challenge! Can you think of a way to make your helicopter blades turn faster or slower?

Tip! To make another helicopter, make a sketch of the template on a blank piece of paper and cut it out. Be sure to include the dashed and solid lines as a guide.

## En español

#### MATERIALES:

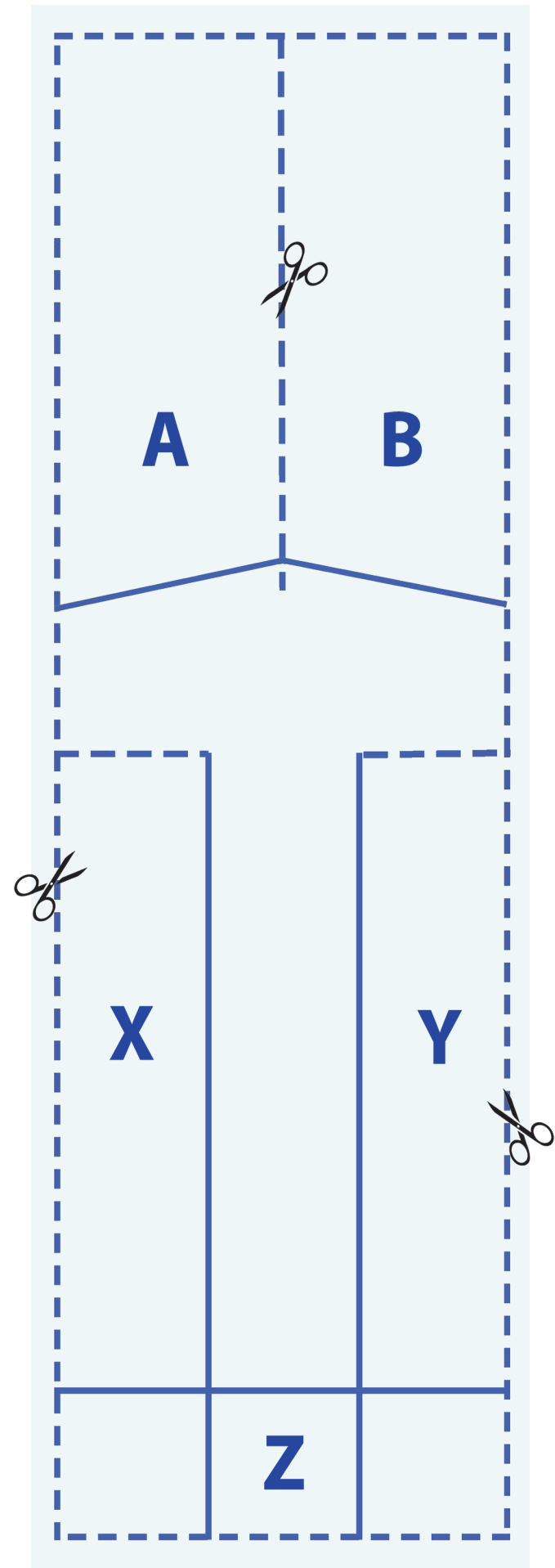
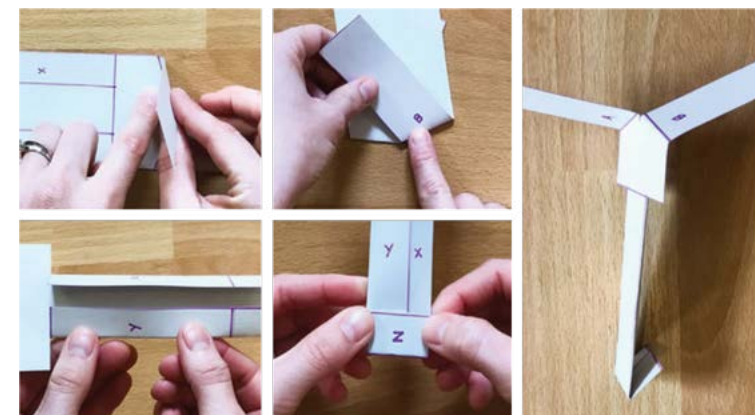
- Tijeras
- Plantilla Marte Rove (Abajo)
- Hoja blanca de papel (opcional)
- Lápiz o bolígrafo (opcional)

#### PROCEDIMIENTO:

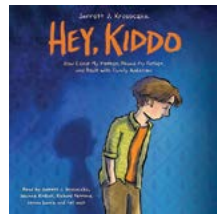
1. Corte el helicóptero. Asegúrese de cortar a lo largo de las líneas discontinuas.
2. Doble a lo largo de las líneas continuas. Las palas de la hélice, A y B, deben plegarse en direcciones opuestas. Los paneles X e Y se pliegan hacia el centro y Z se pliega hacia arriba.
3. ¡Haga un vuelo de prueba! Levántese y agarre el helicóptero por su cuerpo. Levántelo tan alto como pueda. Ahora, ¡suéltelo! ¿Qué observa? ¿En qué dirección giró la hélice? ¿Cayó rápido o lento?
4. ¡Experimente! Haga un cambio en su helicóptero. Intente cambiar la forma de las palas de la hélice, o doblar más la parte inferior. ¿Cómo cambió eso el rendimiento de su helicóptero?
5. ¡Pruebe un desafío! ¿Puede pensar en una manera de hacer que las palas de su helicóptero giren más rápido o más lento?

¡Consejo! Si quiere hacer otro helicóptero, puede hacer un boceto de la plantilla en una hoja blanca de papel y recortarlo. Asegúrese de incluir las líneas discontinuas y continuas como guía.

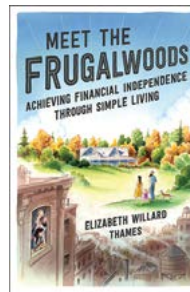
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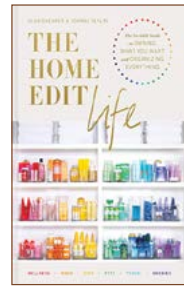
# STAFF PICKS FOR GOOD READS



**Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction** by Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
This young adult, non-fiction, graphic novel tells the story of Jarrett's life growing up in a dysfunctional family.  
—Cortney G., Odenton Library



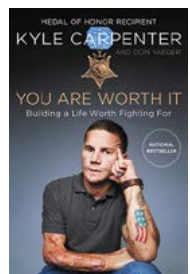
**Meet the Frugalwoods: Achieving Financial Independence Through Simple Living** by Elizabeth Willard Thames  
I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in how to live a simpler (and probably happier) life.  
—Meg T., Severn Library



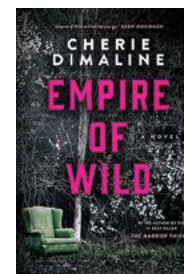
**The Home Edit Life: The No-Guilt Guide to Owning What You Want and Organizing Everything** by Clea Shearer, Joanna Teplin  
For people who want to be better organized but don't want to change who they are!  
—Christine F., Library Headquarters



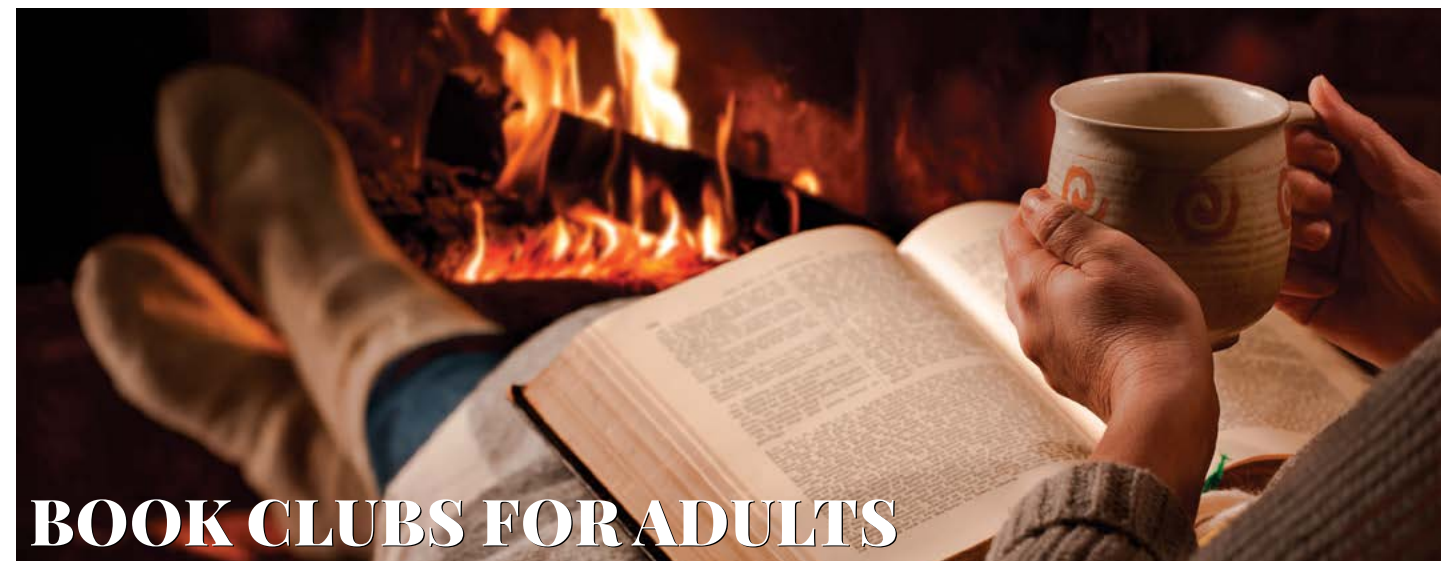
**One by One** by Ruth Ware  
This fast paced book is a quick, fun read written with lots of plot twists and turns.  
—Robin S., Busch Annapolis Library



**You Are Worth It** by Kyle Carpenter and Don Yeager  
I felt inspired by this story and am in awe of what this young man overcame to simply get out of the hospital and live.  
—Robin D., Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library



**Empire of Wild: A Novel** by Dimaline, Cherie  
Fans of Louise Erdrich and Rebecca Roanhorse, both Native American authors of speculative fiction, will enjoy Dimaline's work.  
—Ashley F., Edgewater Library

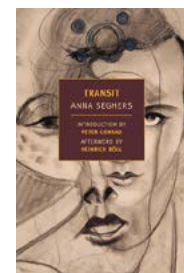


## BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

### ☑️ GUYS BOOK CLUB



**Say Nothing** by Patrick Radden Keefe  
*Wednesday, December 16 at 7 PM*  
In December 1972, Jean McConville, a thirty-eight-year-old mother of ten, was dragged from her Belfast home by masked intruders, her children clinging to her legs. They never saw her again. Her abduction was one of the most notorious episodes of the vicious conflict known as *The Troubles*. Patrick Radden Keefe's mesmerizing book on the bitter conflict in Northern Ireland and its aftermath uses the McConville case as a starting point for the tale of a society wracked by a violent guerrilla war, a war whose consequences have never been reckoned with.



**Transit** by Anna Seghers  
*Wednesday, January 20 at 7 PM*  
Anna Seghers's *Transit* is an existential, political and literary thriller that explores the agonies of boredom, the vitality of storytelling and the plight of the exile with extraordinary compassion and insight. Having escaped in 1937 from a Nazi concentration camp in Germany and later a camp in Rouen, the nameless 27 year-old German narrator of Seghers's multilayered masterpiece ends up in the dusty seaport of Marseille. Along the way he is asked to deliver a letter to a man named Weidel in Paris and discovers Weidel has committed suicide, leaving behind a suitcase containing letters and the manuscript of a novel.



**The British Are Coming** by Rick Atkinson  
*Wednesday, February 17 at 7 PM*  
From the battles at Lexington and Concord in spring 1775 to those at Trenton and Princeton in winter 1777, American militiamen and then the ragged Continental Army take on the world's most formidable fighting force. It is a gripping saga alive with astonishing characters: Henry Knox, the former bookseller with an uncanny understanding of artillery; Nathanael Greene, the blue-eyed bumpkin who becomes a brilliant battle captain; Benjamin Franklin, the self-made man who proves to be the williest of diplomats and George Washington, the commander in chief who learns the difficult art of leadership when the war seems all but lost.

### ☑️ AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Enjoy an afternoon of book discussion, with a book of your choice.

#### Baking Books

*Thursday, December 17 at 3 PM*  
This month we will be discussing baking books. Did you try any recipes and were there any recipes you enjoyed?

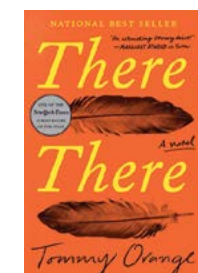
#### Self Help

*Thursday, January 21 at 3 PM*  
We will be discussing self-help. Do you have a new year's goal? Choose a book that will help you achieve that goal.

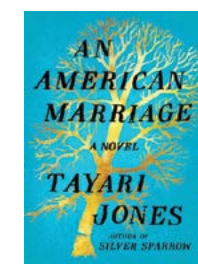
#### Romance

*Thursday, February 18 at 3 PM*  
This month we will be expanding to films and will be discussing the genre of romance and drama. If you enjoy TV dramas some of the best ones include *Poldark*, *Victoria*, *North & South* and the many Jane Austen adaptations, just to name a few.

### ☑️ WINTER BOOK CLUB



**There There** by Tommy Orange  
*Tuesday, January 26 at 7 PM*  
Twelve Native Americans, each with their own purpose, attend the Big Oakland Powwow and find their lives interconnected in ways they didn't imagine.  
*Hosted by Mountain Road Library staff*



**An American Marriage** by Tayari Jones  
*Tuesday, February 23 at 7 PM*  
The story of newlyweds Celestial and Roy, and how racial inequity degrades their life together.  
*Hosted by Mountain Road Library staff*

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# VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

All library programs through February 2021 are held via Zoom or Facebook Live. All Zoom programs require registration.

## BABIES & PRESCHOOLERS

### Join Us on Facebook Live for Stories, Songs, Rhymes and More!

#### Babies in Bloom

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Babies ages birth to 18 months will enjoy songs and action rhymes while building early literacy skills.

#### Preschool Storytime

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 AM

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

#### Bilingual Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

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

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

#### Music & Movement

Saturdays, December 12, January 9 and February 6 at 9 AM

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

Hosted by Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library staff via Zoom



### 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY STORYTIME

Friday, January 8 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate AACPL's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Bring your party hat and join the fun with stories, songs and rhymes that build early literacy skills.

Join us on Facebook Live for the preschooler event.

## KIDS

#### Mindfulness Through Yoga: Kids

Wednesday, January 13 at 3:30 PM

Enjoy yoga that will help kids with mindfulness, led by Michele Bickley of [LoveLifeYoga.org](http://LoveLifeYoga.org).

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

#### Winter Wonderland Storytime

Saturday, January 30 at 11 AM

Families with young children enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building early literacy skills.

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

#### Bilingual Family Concert

Friday, February 12 at 10:30 AM

Children's songwriter Nathalia engages families in an interactive musical performance. Her Afro-Latino energetic songs will have families singing, dancing and even learning a little Spanish in this fun multicultural experience!

## WINTER HOLIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Songs from Around the World

Saturday, December 12 at 2 PM

Enjoy holiday music from around the world!

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

#### Virtual Scavenger Hunts

Friday, December 18 at 3:30 PM (Winter)

Friday, January 15 at 3:30 PM (New Year)

Friday, February 12 at 3:30 PM (Valentine's Day)

Register as a team and work together to find items around your house. You will be prompted to seek out and find. Race against the clock to find the items in multiple rounds in order to earn the most points. The team that earns the most points wins a prize. Please register once per group.

Hosted by Deale Library staff

#### Kwanzaa Live with Culture Queen

Wednesday, December 30 at 10:30 AM

Join Culture Queen for a virtual Kwanzaa celebration from the comforts of your home. Kwanzaa expert Culture Queen teaches your royal children a fresh approach to celebrating the seven principles of Kwanzaa through interactive music, movement, storytelling and Black History themed games.

For preschoolers

Sponsor: Culture Kingdom Kids, LLC

#### Virtual Countdown to Noon!

Thursday, December 31 at 11:30 AM (preschoolers)

Stay home and countdown to noon with your favorite end of the year library program!

Hosted by Discoveries: The Library at the Mall staff

#### Valentine's Day Storytimes

Friday, February 12 at 2 PM

Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 AM (for babies)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your favorite little ones.

Join Discoveries Library staff on Facebook Live for a special family storytime program full of songs and rhymes you're sure to love.

Hosted by Discoveries:

The Library at the Mall staff



## TEENS

#### Virtual Teen Anime Manga Club

Tuesdays, December 15, January 19 and February 16 at 6 PM

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

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff



#### The Art of Books Club

Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 PM

Join us for a monthly teen art and book club where we explore the world of illustration and literature.

Hosted by Discoveries: The Library at the Mall staff

#### Mindfulness Through Yoga: Teens

Wednesday, January 20 at 3:30 PM

Yoga that will help teens with mindfulness, led by Michele Bickley of [LoveLifeYoga.org](http://LoveLifeYoga.org).

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

#### Social Media Mindfulness for Teens

Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 PM

Burnt out on social media and other digital platforms? Need a break? Learn how to approach your online usage in a mindful way.

Hosted by Discoveries: The Library at the Mall staff

#### Get Your Craft On!

Tuesdays, January 26 and February 23 at 6 PM

Get Your Craft On! is back and online!

For adults and teens

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

## ADULTS

#### Best Books of 2020

Saturday, December 5 at 2 PM

Join us on Facebook Live to learn about some of the best books of 2020 for all ages, just in time for the holiday buying season! No registration required.

Hosted on the Discoveries Facebook page

#### Intro to eLearning Resources

Tuesdays, December 15, January 19 and February 16 at 7 PM

Learn about the wealth of online learning resources available free with your library card. Topics include Rosetta Stone, Lynda, Udemy and live tutoring from Brainfuse.

#### Intro to Library eBooks and Streaming

Wednesdays: December 16, January 20 and February 17 at 3 PM; and December 2, January 6 and February 3 at 7 PM

Learn about eBook, eAudiobook, eMagazine and streaming options available free with your library card. Staff will answer questions after the presentation.

#### Earn it. Plan it. Keep It\*

Wednesday, December 16 at 7 PM

Ever wonder where your money goes? Learn ways to track your dollars, create a spending plan that works for you and set powerful financial goals.

#### Mondays are Murder: Online True Crime Discussion

Mondays, December 28, January 25 and February 22 at 7 PM

A true crime discussion featuring famous solved and unsolved murders. Monthly topic will be announced.

Hosted by Busch Annapolis Library staff

\*Sponsor: Annapolis/Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition

#### 100 Credit Smarts\*

Wednesday, January 20 at 7 PM

Your credit score is an important component of your financial health. Learn about credit reporting, how scores are determined and ways to improve yours.

#### Mindfulness Through Yoga: Adult Beginner

Wednesday, January 27 at 11 AM

Yoga that will help beginner adults with mindfulness, led by Michele Bickley of [LiveLifeYoga.org](http://LiveLifeYoga.org).

Hosted by Glen Burnie Library staff

#### What Makes a Great Cookbook?

Wednesday, January 27 at 7 PM

Join author Stephanie Weaver on a broad-ranging look at cookbooks. Learn what to look for when choosing cookbooks, how recipes are developed, behind-the-scenes of food photography and more.

Hosted by Riviera Beach Library staff

#### Demystifying the Publishing Process

Wednesday, February 17 at 7 PM

Author Stephanie Weaver will cover the ins and outs of publishing, how to decide what works best for your upcoming project and what you need to know about book proposals, query letters and manuscripts.

Hosted by Riviera Beach Library staff

#### 100 Build Income. Understand Taxes\*

Wednesday, February 17 at 7 PM

Need extra income? Attend this webinar to learn ideas on "side gigs" and methods to increase your income while at the same time, understanding how taxes can impact your income.

## Library Giving Day

Public libraries are known for books and research materials, but they also offer many programs that promote lifelong learning, connect people to technology and advance their knowledge. #LibraryGivingDay is a one-day fundraising event with the goal of encouraging people who depend on and enjoy public libraries to donate to their favorite library system.

CELEBRATE LIBRARY GIVING DAY: APRIL 7, 2021



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**DRUMBEAT FOR CHANGE**

Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 PM

Throughout history, kids have been agents of change. Author Kelly Starling Lyons shares her picture books, *One Million Men and Me* and *Sing a Song: How Lift Every Voice & Sing Inspired Generations*, that celebrate their roles in making a difference. During the program, she'll discuss her journey to write for children, offer insight into the process of turning an idea into a finished book and discuss her other books that tie into that theme. (See recommendations, next page.)

For ages 6-10

**FREEDOM BOUND: RUNAWAYS OF THE CHESAPEAKE**

Wednesday, February 10 at 6 PM

Before there was Harriet Tubman or Frederick Douglas, there were freedom seekers Stephen and Candis who ran away to freedom. Learn about their freedom stories and other runaways from Maryland told through an interactive virtual tour of *Freedom Bound* that includes costumed mannequins, their runaway ads and living history performances.

For ages 6-10



100 YEARS  **GENERATIONS: MUSIC AND THE BLACK FAMILY CONCERT**

Thursday, February 18 at 7 PM

Enjoy a virtual hour of family-based music performed by black classical musicians including classical, negro spirituals, folk tunes, jazz and sing-a-longs, produced by the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts for the *Generations: Music and The Black Family* series. Narration weaves a journey of musical legacy, love and family throughout generations of black history in America based on the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's 2021 national theme, The Black Family.

For adults

**HOW TO BE A CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR: ONE ARTIST'S JOURNEY**

Saturday, February 27 at 10 AM

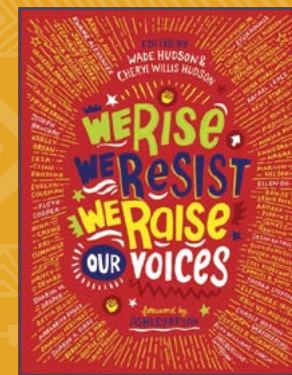
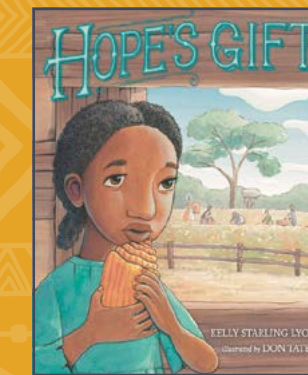
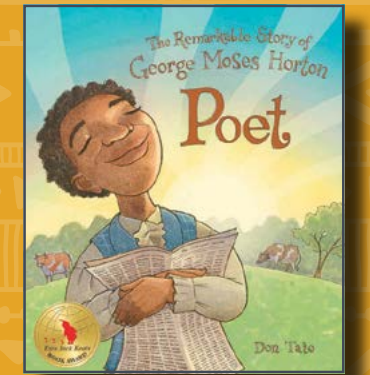
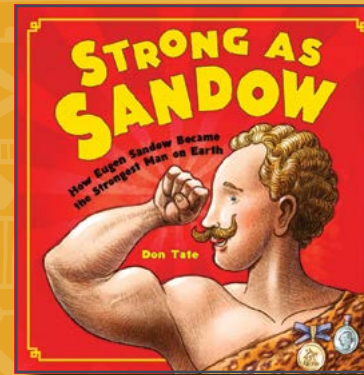
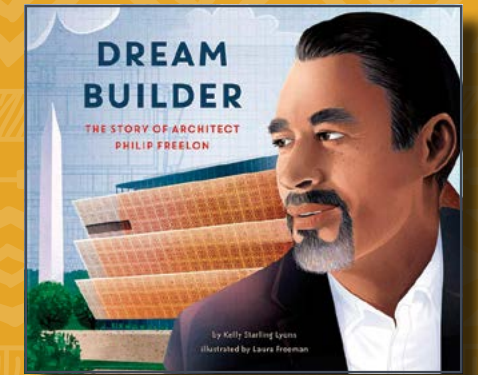
Author and illustrator Don Tate hasn't always been a lover of words. As a child, he struggled with reading. Books didn't hold his attention. In this session, Don will discuss his journey from shy, reluctant reader to celebrated author and illustrator of more than 80 books for young readers. Session will also include drawing and a Q&A. (See recommendations, next page.)

At left: Author Kelly Starling Lyons and author/illustrator Don Tate.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## RECOMMENDED READING

The books below were selected to complement the Black History Months events on the opposite page: DRUMBEAT FOR CHANGE, and HOW TO BE A CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR: ONE ARTIST'S JOURNEY. They are all available through the library's catalog.

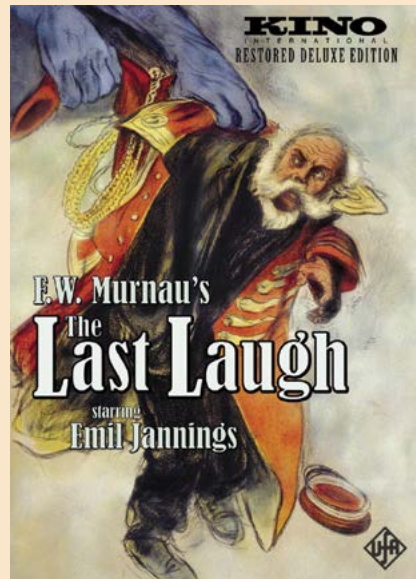


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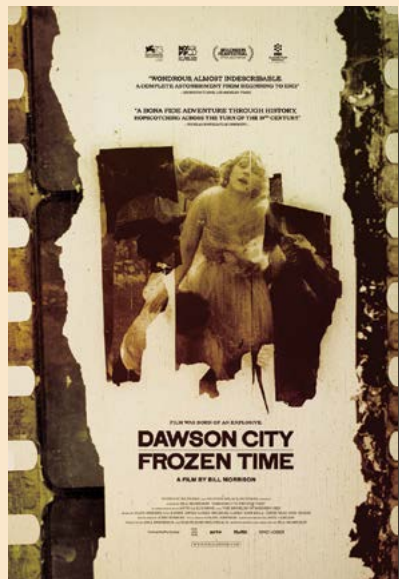
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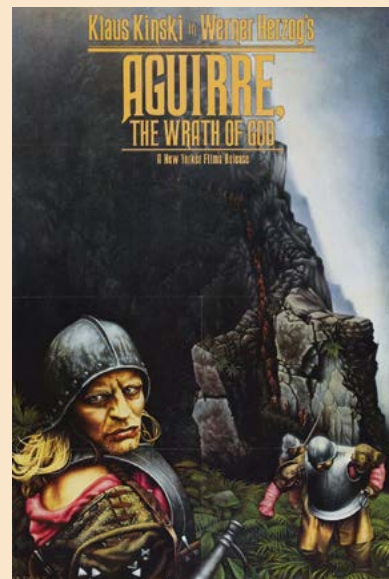
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All programs begin at 7 PM.



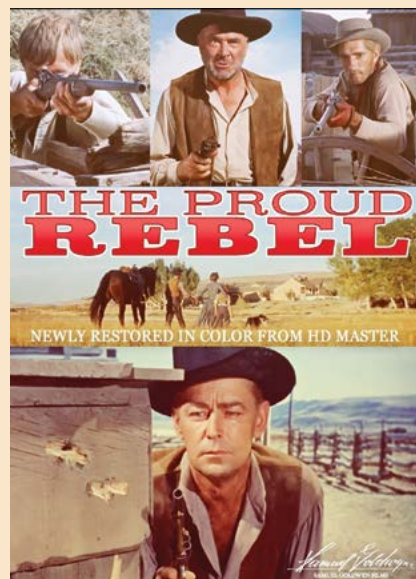
**The Last Laugh (NR, 1924)**  
Friday, December 4 at 7 PM



**Dawson City: Frozen Time (NR, 2016)**  
Friday, December 18 at 7 PM



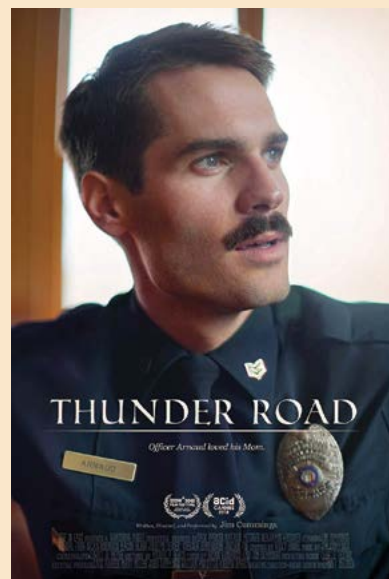
**Aguirre, the Wrath of God (NR, 1972)**  
Friday, January 8 at 7 PM



**The Proud Rebel (NR, 1958)**  
With Special Guest Alan K. Rode  
Friday, January 15 at 7 PM



**Beauty and the Beast (NR, La Belle et la Bete, 1946)**  
Friday, February 5 at 7 PM



**Thunder Road (NR, 2018)**  
Friday, February 19 at 7 PM

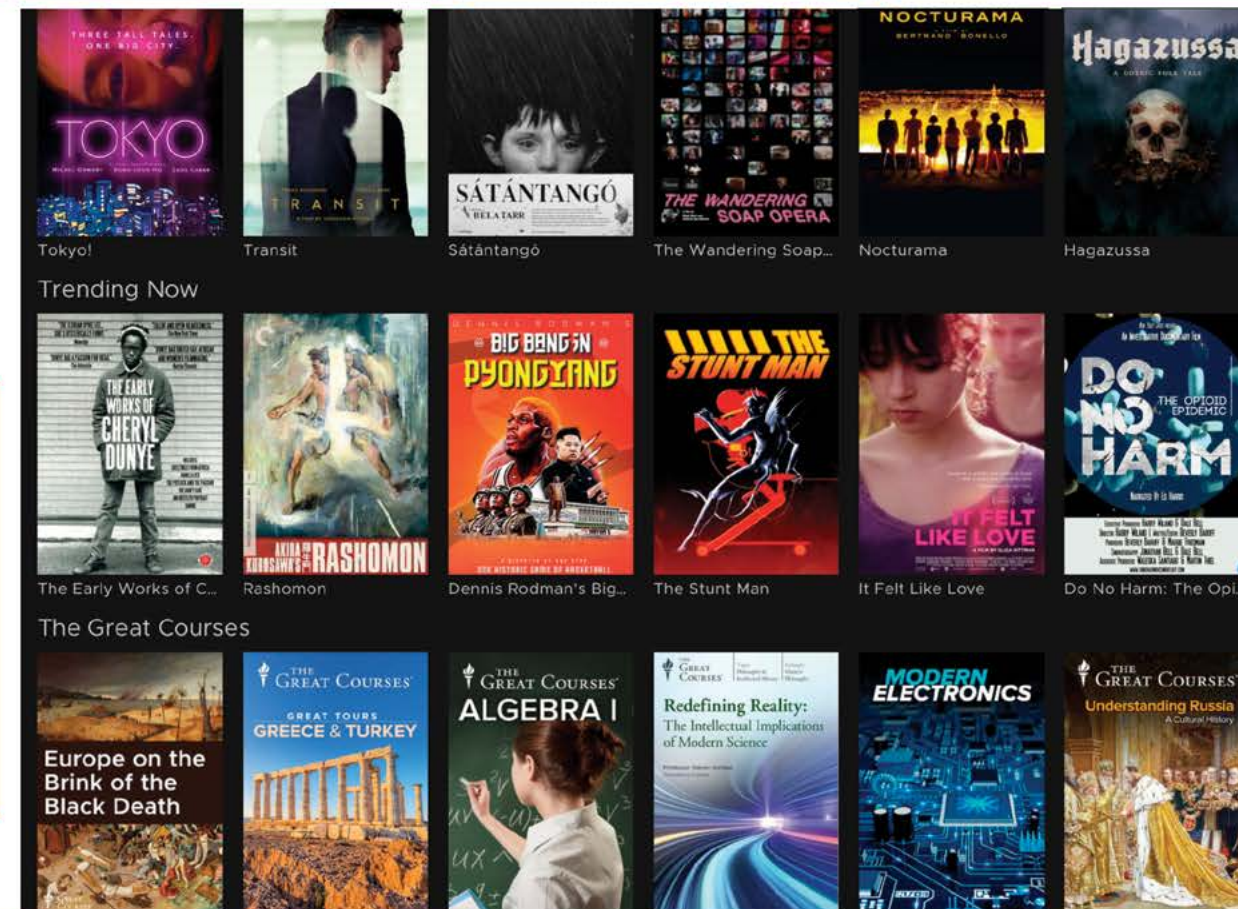
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## A Message from Chuck Ferrar Library Foundation Board President

The library has a lot to celebrate. It may seem strange to say that amidst the chaos and disruption we find ourselves in, however, we are on the precipice of an extraordinary milestone for our community – the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Anne Arundel County Public Library**. Perhaps there is no more appropriate time to be looking simultaneously at the past and into the future, celebrating both — how far we’ve come and how much further we are destined to go. The library foundation has only been a part of this rich history for a short while considering it was created 14 years ago. And, look how far we have come, *raising \$3.5 million to make the library better* for everyone in our county. This has all been in great part thanks to our generous supporters and community partners who see the value of supporting the library so it can continue to serve, enrich and transform.



One hundred years ago, the value of a dollar was quite different than it is today. In the 1920s, \$2 could buy you a recent published copy of *The Great Gatsby*, 20 issues of a magazine or tickets for the whole family to a movie, twice. My, how times have changed! What hasn’t changed, however, is how grateful we are for every single dollar donated to the library foundation in support of the library. Every dollar truly makes a difference. In recognition of the incredible power of the dollar, we humbly invite you to participate in a special initiative called **\$100 for 100 years**. With your gift of at least \$100 to the library foundation in honor of the library’s first century of serving our community, we will recognize you in the branch of your choice by displaying your name or the name of a chosen loved one.

*In times when many people are isolated and without resources, the library has been able to facilitate enrichment and connection to knowledge. Truly, nothing is more important than that.*

The library foundation will use donated dollars to continue to fund many things that have been critical resources during the pandemic: Chromebooks and hotspots for use outside the library and virtual programming (author visits, French pastry cooking, escape rooms and bilingual concerts). Who would have thought, one hundred years ago, that we would be reading books electronically or that we could borrow a hotspot with unlimited data – those things hadn’t been invented or even heard of yet. Imagine how your philanthropy will continue to transform the library in the next one hundred years.

In times when many people are isolated and without resources, the library has been able to facilitate enrichment and connection to knowledge. Truly, nothing is more important than that. And nothing would make us happier than to have the opportunity to memorialize our gratitude to those who continue to give back to others in our community through a gift to the library foundation. Thank you for considering our request to participate in \$100 for 100 years. Your support ensures that we continue to be available to serve our community for many, many years to come.

**Gifts can be made online [www.aacpl.net/foundation](http://www.aacpl.net/foundation) or sent to the Library Foundation c/o AACPL Headquarters, 5 Truman Pkwy., Annapolis MD 21401.**

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions. Send us an email at [foundation@aacpl.net](mailto:foundation@aacpl.net).

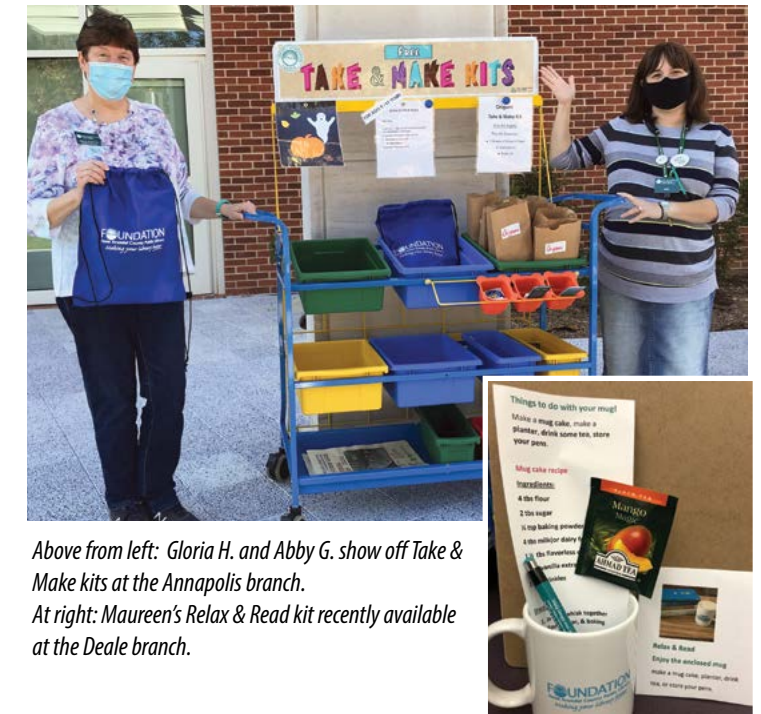
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## Foundation Funds Take & Make Kits

**K**nown for their creativity and persistence, our hardworking library professionals have continued to provide exceptional service to their customers during the COVID pandemic. As programs went virtual and browsing the stacks and computer usage moved to appointment only, the entrepreneurial library staff were on the lookout for ways to bring hands-on programming to customers in a pandemic-friendly and safe way. Take & Make kits were created to offer customers of all ages enriching, educational or just-for-fun offerings available at curbside pickup.

Examples of these kits, made from supplies funded by the library foundation, include handmade greeting card, butterfly ring and finger-paint crafts; flower seeds and garden tips; science experiments and make-a-catapult or robot for STEM skill development; an origami how-to complete with sheets of Japanese origami paper; beach candle making supplies with a beach read list; recipe ideas including chocolate mug cake in a library foundation logo mug, and more. Offerings change as supplies do and as librarian inspiration transforms. Please call your branch to find out what is being offered at your curbside pickup.

The foundation is pleased to have had the flexibility to grant funds to the library to increase its impact at this challenging time, in such a profound way. Great progress has been made to ensure virtual access, resources and expanding programs to reach those most impacted by COVID’s reach. We are grateful for our donors who continue to support our efforts to make the library better for everyone in our county.



Above from left: Gloria H. and Abby G. show off Take & Make kits at the Annapolis branch. At right: Maureen’s Relax & Read kit recently available at the Deale branch.

## Many Hands Make Light Work Volunteers Keep the Annapolis Library Weed Free



The Weed to Read volunteers out in force. Photo by bobmadden.com

**T**o keep our wonderful new gem of a library beautiful and inviting, the Annapolis branch’s volunteer supervisor Lara J. was approached by local garden enthusiasts Tara Clifford, Lucie Lehmann and Susan Nugent who offered to rally teams of volunteers to assist in this important work. Since August, these volunteers have been maintaining the native gardens surrounding the Michael E. Busch Annapolis Library by doing clean ups and weeding, including between the over 1,500 engraved bricks in the library foundation donor walkway. Twice a month on Saturday mornings, this group of dedicated gardeners (some master gardeners) can be seen social-distancing and tending to the grounds surrounding our newest state-of-the-art branch.

Recently, students from Indian Creek Upper School and Archbishop Spalding led by sister and brother, Havana and Jack M., got in on the act to fulfill community service hours. A special shout out to them and Jenna B., Kathleen M., Adeline M. and Rebecca S. in order: great job and thank you!

Foundation funds will continue to be used to purchase brown bags for regular clean ups, mulch and any needed gardening supplies to facilitate this work. A book was also funded for use by the volunteers: *Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests: A Field Guide for Identification and Control*. The foundation greatly values time, treasure and talent to make the library better. Thank you, **Weed to Read** volunteers!



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You guys are doing such a great job. Everyone in the neighborhood is talking about how sweet and wonderful you all are!

I appreciate the increase of on-line titles.

The staff is trying so hard to be so welcoming and helpful in these difficult times. My hat's off to them.

Have really enjoyed the events online during this time. Glad to have access to the public computers again, as well as access to printing.

I missed having the library when it was closed but learned to enjoy reading on a device. I've also chatted with staff using Facebook messenger and it has always been a great experience.

I used the curbside and it was seamless (they even gave me two free masks!); I've also put books on hold and come in to pick up since they reopened. I use the app to checkout and don't have to get close to anyone. As far as I'm concerned, AACPL went above and beyond to serve their customers.

Glad to see the library with so many patrons feeling safe.

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Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25  
 Sunday, December 27  
 Friday, January 1  
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 Sunday, January 3  
 Sunday and Monday, January 17 and 18

### Library Board Meetings

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

Thursday, December 17 at 4 p.m.  
 Thursday, January 21 at 4 p.m.  
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### BROOKLYN PARK

1 East 11th Ave., Baltimore, MD 21225  
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### CROFTON

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

### DEALE

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

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