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# navigating your library

## Navigating Your Library

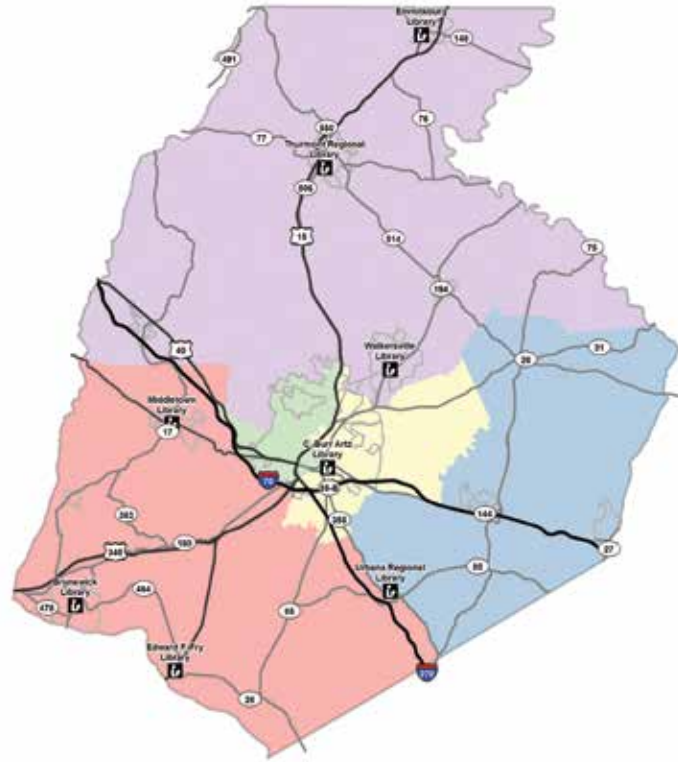
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## Branch Locations and Hours

### **Brunswick Branch Library**

915 North Maple Avenue  
Brunswick, MD 21716  
301-600-7250

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday & Sunday: Closed  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **C. Burr Artz Public Library**

110 East Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD 21701  
301-600-1630

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Edward F. Fry Library at Point of Rocks**

1635 Ballenger Creek Pike  
Point of Rocks, MD 21777  
301-874-4560

Monday & Wednesday: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Tuesday & Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Friday & Sunday: Closed

### **Emmitsburg Branch Library**

300 South Seton Avenue  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727  
301-600-6329

Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday & Sunday: Closed  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



# refresh and renew



## We're thrilled to announce that we've had some recent updates!

As you're reading through this issue of *Bookmarks*, you'll notice the most obvious change to our program listing. This section is now organized by age and theme, but still maintains all of the exciting programs you've come to know and love.

Updates abound beyond just *Bookmarks*, though. Both Urbana Regional Library and Emmitsburg Branch Library received a number of upgrades in response to requests received by patrons. "Urbana Regional Library refreshed the library interior to provide more study tables, reading areas, and a new and improved

circulation desk in order to serve you better," states Amy Whitney, Urbana Regional Library Branch Administrator. "These changes are in response to high demand for more quiet study and reading space."

Erin Dingle, Emmitsburg Branch Administrator, adds, "The Emmitsburg Branch features new furniture and bright new colors in the Teen Area, which gives our young people a fun, comfortable place to visit. In addition to those changes, look for more programs and event offerings for tweens and teens."

The adult department at the Emmitsburg Branch will also be receiving an upgrade. "Look for our brighter, open spaces and new furniture. And, don't forget about our improved computer area when visiting the library," says Dingle.

But, it's not just our physical spaces that were refreshed; our digital spaces are updated, too!

The library's website received a major upgrade in September. Virtual Branch Manager Derek Buker describes the website as "colorful and engaging." "Modeled after the bold new look of FCPL's new logo," Buker continues, "the website provides streamlined navigation and menus to let users quickly and easily find information." Users will be able to reserve meeting rooms and study spaces,

register for programs, learn how to get a new library card, and download digital content. "We're also excited to share the new Learn page with students and teachers. You can find everything from book recommendations to technology resources all in one place." And, it'll be easy to find at the same address—[fcpl.org](http://fcpl.org).

So, swing by your local branch or hop on the website to see these new and exciting updates!



### Middletown Branch Library

101 Prospect Street  
Middletown, MD 21769  
301-371-7560

Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday & Sunday: Closed  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Thurmont Regional Library

76 East Moser Road  
Thurmont, MD 21788  
301-600-7200

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Urbana Regional Library

9020 Amelung Street  
Frederick, MD 21704  
301-600-7000

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

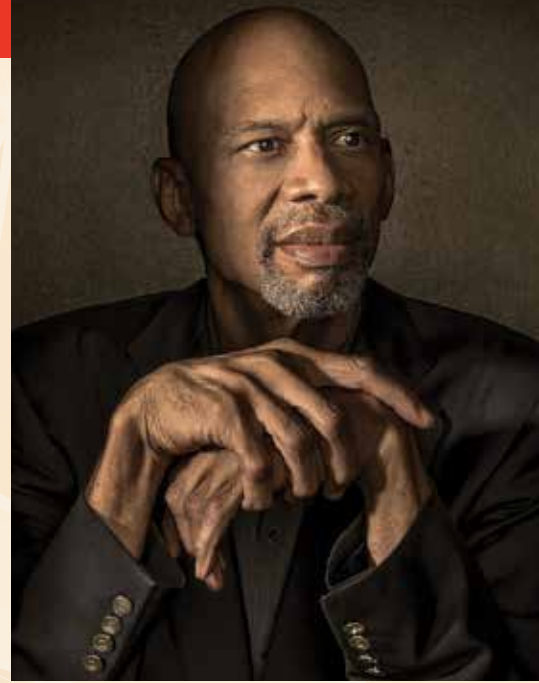
### Walkersville Branch Library

57 West Frederick St  
Walkersville, MD 21793  
301-845-8880

Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday & Sunday: Closed  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



# the frederick speaker series



The annual Frederick Speaker Series brings the best and brightest minds to center stage and engages the Frederick community through discourse on smart topics. Each Speaker Series event is held at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Downtown Frederick at 7:30 p.m. Did you know that a Meet & Greet follows each lecture and benefits the library? The VIP reception tickets are \$75 each and benefit children's library services at FCPL. Tickets for both the Frederick Speaker Series and the Meet & Greet receptions can be purchased online or at the Weinberg Center Box Office. For more information on the Speaker Series, visit [frederickspeakerseries.org](http://frederickspeakerseries.org).

**For ticket sales, visit  
[weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org).**

## **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**

**NBA all-time leading scorer, bestselling author, and U.S. Cultural Ambassador**

January 26, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$50 | \$60 | \$65

The all-time leading scorer and a six-time NBA champion, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is best known for changing the face of professional basketball. A triumphant CML Leukemia cancer survivor, he became a global icon for his work off the court as an activist and bestselling author. His most recent book, *Writings on the Wall—Searching for a New Equality Beyond Black and White*, offers his personal perspective on the current political landscape. An HBO documentary detailing his career entitled *Kareem: Minority of One* was released in late 2015 to universal acclaim. A regular contributing columnist for *The Washington Post* and *Time Magazine*, Abdul-Jabbar serves as the founder and chairman of the Skyhook Foundation, which brings innovative outdoor environmental learning to underserved students. In 2012, he was appointed a U.S. Cultural Ambassador by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; today, he continues to be a force for change, engaging audiences nationwide as he details his exciting evolution from street ball player to successful athlete and activist.

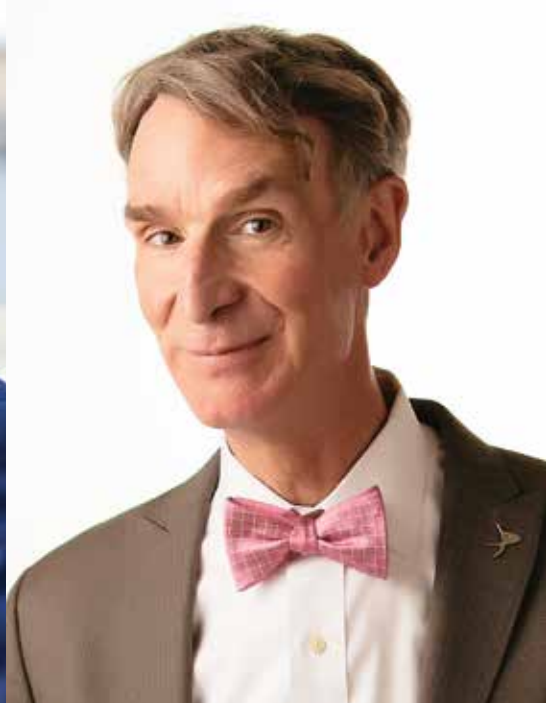
## **Elizabeth Smart**

**Abduction survivor, motivational speaker, and bestselling author**

February 23, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$30 | \$32.50 | \$37.50

The 2002 abduction of Elizabeth Smart was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time. Taken from her family home and held captive for nine months before being rescued, Smart chose to let her experiences define her—in a positive way. In the years after her rescue, Smart transformed from victim to advocate, traveling the country and working to educate, inspire, and foster change. Now, she shares her incredible story of perseverance in the face of unimaginable adversity, offering a lasting message about hope and stopping the brutal victimization of women and children around the world. The founder of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation, she has helped to promote the National AMBER Alert, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, and other safety legislation to help prevent abductions. With an insightful nature and bright spirit, Smart strives to motivate parents, law enforcement, and leaders worldwide to focus on children's safety.





## Dr. Bennett Omalu

**First doctor to discover and diagnose chronic brain damage in NFL athletes**

March 23, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$30 | \$32.50 | \$37.50

Dr. Bennet Omalu brings to the stage a rare combination of humility and fervor as he shares his personal journey, from humble beginnings in war-torn Nigeria to the revolutionary medical discovery that made him one of the biggest disrupters in the history of sports medicine. Portrayed by famed actor Will Smith in the 2015 film *Concussion*, Omalu details the challenges he faced taking on the NFL and sports industry to ensure that the truth—and risk—of chronic brain damage was understood, accepted, and prevented at all costs. A forensic pathologist, neuropathologist, and epidemiologist, Omalu reveals the biases and obstacles he overcame as an African immigrant staunchly committed to studying medicine in the United States, ultimately rising to the top of his field against all odds.

## Bill Nye

**Emmy® Award-winning scientist, engineer, comedian, author, and inventor**

April 20, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$50 | \$60 | \$65

Combining his love of science with a flair for humor, multi-talented engineer, comedian, and author Bill Nye is on a mission to help people everywhere appreciate how the world works. The bow tie-clad funnyman doesn't mess around when it comes to science: best known for the multi-Emmy® Award-winning series *Bill Nye the Science Guy*®, he has a number of other award-winning shows and children's books to his credit. Nye's first book for a general audience—*Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation*—was featured on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and he currently serves at the CEO of the Planetary Society, the world's largest space-interest group. He is a passionate advocate for climate change awareness and holds numerous honorary doctorate degrees in addition to his degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University. Beloved by audiences of all ages, Nye champions critical thinking, science, and reason in a quest to inspire others to change the world.

## Exclusive Meet & Greet Opportunities

**VIP Ticket Proceeds Benefit Children's Library Services**

As one of the founding partners of the Frederick Speaker Series, Frederick County Public Libraries is very pleased to offer you a chance to meet your favorite celebrity! The purchase of VIP tickets for the Meet & Greet gives you the opportunity to mingle with your favorite speaker at a backstage reception following the presentation. You'll also receive a professional photo of you with your favorite star.

The tickets are \$75 each and 100% of the proceeds benefit FCPL's Children's Department. Only 100 tickets will be sold for these receptions, and they sell out quickly. Please note that admission to the Frederick Speaker Series requires a separate ticket.

You may purchase tickets online at [weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org) or by calling the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

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# thinking money



Frederick County Public Libraries is thrilled to be one of 50 sites, out of over 130 applicants, selected to host *Thinking Money*, a new traveling exhibition designed to teach young people and their families about money. Topics include saving, spending, and avoiding fraud, and are presented in a way that is not only easy to understand, but fun.

Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content, and other fun activities, *Thinking Money* explores themes such as wants versus needs, preparing for a rainy day, and imagining your future self. The exhibition is for tweens, teens, and the adults in their lives.

C. Burr Artz Library will host the 1,000-square-foot exhibition for a six-week period from February 3 to March 15, 2017. Along with the exhibition there will be a wide range of programs related to financial literacy. Look for more details about the exhibition and related programs in the coming weeks.

It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn about these important life skills in an enjoyable and creative way!

*Thinking Money* was created by the American Library Association in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.



## Healthcare Coverage and You

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 10, Thurmont Regional Library will host an open session focusing on healthcare coverage. Find out if you qualify to enroll in quality, affordable health coverage with free help from trained experts authorized to enroll on Maryland Health Connection. For questions and appointments, please call 'The Door to HealthCare' at 855-288-DOOR (855-288-3667). #getcovered





# new year, new you



As the calendar days fall away, it's time to start thinking about the new year. What will 2017 bring? It's hard to say. But, we do know that if you're interested in trying something new, the library is the place for you!

Would you like to learn how to brew your own beer at home? Then head to the Brunswick Branch Library for a session on home brewing. Or, maybe you want to get out of the house. Check out the travel program at the Brunswick Branch Library if you're interested in exploring new places and seeing new faces.

On that note, if you're interested in learning about Asian history and culture you don't have to travel too far. Just stop by the Urbana Regional Library's Chinese New Year celebration, presented in partnership with the Asian American Center of Frederick.

Life springs eternal at the C. Burr Artz Public Library where teens can learn about gardening and growing. Also at our downtown Frederick location, the wee ones can ring in the new year by counting

down to noon (much easier than staying up all night) on December 31.

Are you an older adult interested in volunteering? Swing by the Middletown branch when RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is around to chat about volunteer opportunities.

And hey, all you cool babies—you're probably thinking it's time you stopped using diapers, right? Head to the C. Burr Artz Public Library for a gentle introduction to potty training, including a storytime. And, maybe you can talk your parents into swinging by the Emmitsburg Branch Library for a healthy lunchbox makeover before heading back to school.

Yes, if you'd like a new you for the new year, the library is the place to be. These programs and more are available at your local branch. Just check out our programming section starting on page 11 for more information, including dates and times.

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**Start off the new  
year right—at  
your local library!**

# same card, more possibilities

## Look What You Can Do with Your Library Card!

**FCPL is offering four great new online resources available to you anywhere and 24/7, at no cost to you, with your FCPL library card.**



**LearningExpress Library** has something for all ages. It features skill-building tools for reading, writing, math, and science from the elementary school level through adult learning. There is test preparation for high school equivalence and college or graduate school admissions exams. The Career Center provides tools for job searching, exploring new careers, and preparing for occupational licensing exams. Tests include Praxis, EMT Certification, Postal Worker exam, ASVAB, and many more. Adult Learning includes resources for Spanish speakers and preparation for the Citizenship Exam. Login to learn how LearningExpress can help you achieve academic and career success.



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**Visit [fcpl.org](http://fcpl.org) to see all the learning resources available to you with your library card.**





# spelling bee

## Frederick County Spelling Bee C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-E-S Turning 10!

There's a buzz in the air, thanks to the Bee—the 2017 Frederick County Spelling Bee, that is. Sponsored by Frederick County Public Libraries, *The Frederick News-Post*, and Frederick County Bank, this year's competition is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual event. The winner of the Frederick County Spelling Bee will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May.



Frederick County spellers and alternates will compete on March 11, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at the JBK Theater on the campus of FCC.



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# 2017 celtic concert

## 2017 Celtic Concert // March 21, 2017

Back by popular demand! The free and family-friendly event, sponsored by The C. Burr Artz Trust, is presented annually by the Emmitsburg and Thurmont libraries. "This celebration is a wonderful way to pay tribute to the heritage of our community, and to promote our library services in the northern part of the county," says FCPL Director Darrell Batson. "We are pleased as always to partner with the Emmitsburg community." The name of the band will be coming soon, so stay tuned and keep those Irish eyes a'smiling!

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# museums by candlelight



On December 10, join the Maryland Room for Museums by Candlelight, the annual holiday celebration of the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium. Local authors, including Jim Rada and Bob O'Connor, will be present for the yearly author showcase. Books will be on sale, and writers will be on hand to discuss and sign their work. Enjoy a harp and flugelhorn concert at 1 p.m., and model trains running in the C. Burr Artz Trust Room throughout the day. And, don't forget to make your way to the Edward F. Fry Library at Point of Rocks on the 10<sup>th</sup> to hear former NPS Ranger Susan Burke present a history of the National Park Service.

In conjunction with Museums by Candlelight, the Maryland Room will host Artifacts of Outlander, a traveling exhibit from Maryland's Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. Based on the wildly

popular book and television series by Diana Gabaldon, the exhibit features a Scotland bristling under English political control in the 1740s. By that time, Maryland had been an English colony for 100 years, and Frederick County had just been established. Colonial artifacts found by archaeologists in Maryland are therefore not so different than ones found in 1740s Scotland. Some amazing finds from colonial Maryland will be taken out of storage to show how they compare to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Scotland depicted in *Outlander*. The display features horse tack, drinking glasses, firearms, clothing fasteners, wig hair curlers, and rare organic survivals such as 18<sup>th</sup>-century corks and leather. This exhibit is courtesy of the Frederick County Public Libraries/NPS 2016 partnership in celebration of the National Park Service Centennial.

# discover space



## Coming Soon in Spring and Summer of 2017

Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey is a national traveling exhibition exploring the fascinating world of space and astronomy. Discover Space covers topics such as the formation of planetary systems, asteroids and comets, Mars exploration, and solar storms and their impacts on Earth. Frederick County Public Libraries is one of only eight library systems in the country to host this exhibit, which will be on display at the C. Burr Artz Public Library from May 31 to August 25, 2017. Get ready to explore the final frontier!

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# THE DELAPLAINE

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## Delaplaine Satellite Galleries

December 2016-February 2017

### THURMONT REGIONAL LIBRARY

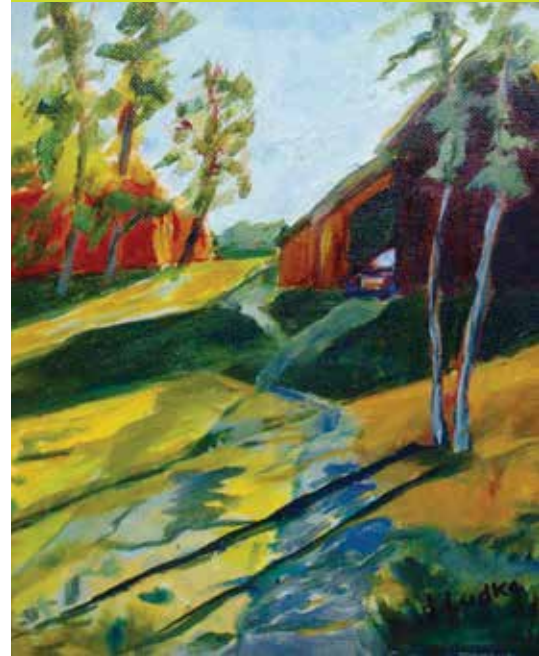
**Name** Russell and Cynthia Poole  
**Title of Show** "Images"  
**Media** Digital Photography

### URBANA REGIONAL LIBRARY

**Names** Linda Goddard  
**Title of Show** "Reflections"  
**Media** Oil on Canvas

### BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**Name** Jennifer Ludke  
**Title of Show** "Just Barns"  
**Media** Oil on Canvas



"Just Barns" by Jennifer Ludke



"Sunflowers" by Linda Goddard



"Twirl" by Cynthia Poole





## Hello Holidays

In December, Frederick County Public Libraries welcomes the season with a bright and cheery "Hello Holidays!" Celebrate all month at all library locations with special programs, workshops, and events that will capture the sparkle and excitement of the holiday season. It's all about new ideas, old traditions, and bringing our communities together.



All storytimes are weekly unless otherwise noted and do not require registration.

### BABY STORYTIME

(designed for birth-24 months with a caregiver)

- Brunswick** Tuesdays at 10:05 and 11 a.m. (bilingual English/ASL)
- C. Burr Artz** Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.  
Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
- Emmitsburg** Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- Middletown** Tuesdays at 10:05 a.m.
- Thurmont** Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
- Urbana** Mondays at 10:05 a.m.
- Walkersville** Mondays at 10:05 a.m.

### TODDLER STORYTIME

(designed for 2-year-olds with a caregiver)

- Brunswick** Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- C. Burr Artz** Mondays at 10:15 a.m.  
Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
- Middletown** Mondays at 10:05 a.m.
- Thurmont** Tuesdays at 11 a.m.  
Thursdays at 11 a.m.
- Urbana** Tuesdays at 10:05 a.m.  
Fridays at 10:05 a.m.
- Walkersville** Tuesdays at 10:05 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

(designed for ages 3-5 with a caregiver)

- Brunswick** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- C. Burr Artz** Mondays at 2 p.m.  
Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.
- Emmitsburg** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Middletown** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Point of Rocks** Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
- Thurmont** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Urbana** Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 10:05 a.m.
- Walkersville** Thursdays at 10:05 a.m.

### FAMILY STORYTIME

(designed for ages 0 and up with a caregiver)

- Brunswick** Monthly on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- C. Burr Artz** Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
- Thurmont** Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Urbana** Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Walkersville** Saturdays at 11 a.m.

### MUSICAL STORYTIME

(designed for ages 0 and up with a caregiver)

- Brunswick** Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- C. Burr Artz** Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Emmitsburg** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Middletown** Wednesdays at 10:05 a.m.
- Point of Rocks** Tuesday, December 6, 20, January 3, 17, and February 7 at 2 p.m.
- Urbana** Thursdays at 10:05 a.m.  
Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Walkersville** Wednesdays at 10:05 a.m.

### STORIES & STEM

(designed for ages 3-5 with a caregiver)

- Brunswick** Monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- C. Burr Artz** January 18 and February 15 at 2 p.m.  
*Space is limited, so come early for your ticket.*
- Walkersville** Thursdays at 1 p.m.

### STORYLAND STORYTIME

(designed for ages 0-36 months with a caregiver)

A special storytime in partnership with the Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program

- C. Burr Artz** Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 10:15 a.m.  
*Space is limited, so come early for your ticket.*
- Thurmont** Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10:15 a.m.

# all ages programs

**R** Register online at [fcpl.org/programs](http://fcpl.org/programs) or call your branch. Submit ASL interpreter request three weeks in advance at [fcpl.org/ASL](http://fcpl.org/ASL) or by contacting your local branch. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



## COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: DATABASES AT YOUR LIBRARY

In this New Year, teach yourself something new. We will show you databases about genealogy, learning a new language, car repair and much, much more.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Jan. 26; 6:00 p.m.

## EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON WITH DIANE YOUNKINS, HARPISIT

Come enjoy local harpist Diane Younkings share sounds of the holiday season.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 1; 6:30 p.m.

### RETRO GAMING DISCUSSION, APPRAISAL, AND SWAP

Discuss the history and popularity of retro cartridge video games with Play Raven of Frederick. Have up to three games appraised and swap titles afterwards.

\*No purchasing of games at program\*

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Dec. 1; 6:30 p.m.

### BINGO NIGHT

BINGO Night for the whole family.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, and Feb. 2; 6:30 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: HOLLY JOLLY CELEBRATION

Stamping location for Christmas In Thurmont event. Make and take crafts for all ages. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus read to children at 1 p.m.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Dec. 3; 10:00 a.m.

### JOYFUL JINGLES HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Enjoy local musicians and family activities throughout the day. Come at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate Urbana Library's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**Urbana Regional Library** Saturday, Dec. 3; 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4; 12:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: CATOCTIN HIGH BAND SEASONAL MUSIC

Enjoy the sounds of season performed by Catocctin High School musicians.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Sunday, Dec. 4; 2:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON WITH WALKERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI ORCHESTRA

Selected students from WMS Orchestra will perform music from their holiday concert.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 8; 6:30 p.m.

### POKETOWN GYM! - A POKEMON TRADING CARD LEAGUE FOR ALL AGES!

Use your own Pokemon cards to make decks and play with others, and bring your Pokemon video games for exciting head-to-head battles!

**Urbana Regional Library** Sundays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, 22, and Feb. 5, 19, 26; 1:45 p.m.

### FAMILY BOARD GAMES

Play classic and new games, or bring your own favorite game to share!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Sundays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5; 2:00 p.m.

### C&O CANAL NATURE WALK

Join us for the last of our seasonal ranger-led nature walks on the C&O Canal. Meet under the Brunswick Potomac River bridge at the boat ramp. Snow/Rain Date: Dec. 22 @ 2:00 pm.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 15; 2:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON WITH EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY CHORUS

Celebrate 50 years with the Emmitsburg Community Chorus as they share some sounds of the holidays with patrons.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 15; 6:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY MATINEE "THE POLAR EXPRESS"

Watch "The Polar Express" and take home a "hot chocolate" craft to continue the fun at home.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 17; 2:00 p.m.

### "FINDING DORY"

Enjoy an afternoon movie sponsored by the Friends of the Walkersville Library.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 28; 2:00 p.m.

### "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

Enjoy an afternoon movie sponsored by the Friends of the Walkersville Library.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 18; 2:00 p.m.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Come play games with the whole family.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 29; 6:30 p.m.

### POKEMON SAFARI

Extra lures are at the library today to help you catch some special Pokemon! Win a special prize when you tally your score with a librarian.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 4:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: BOOK SWAP

Bring in an old favorite and leave with a new favorite. Also, learn to navigate [fcpl.org](http://fcpl.org) to find long forgotten titles.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Saturday, Jan. 7; 10:00 a.m.

### STUMP THE POINT OF ROCKS VIDEO GAME GURU!

Match wits with our community resident expert on video games and consoles. You may swap games during event.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Monday, Jan. 9; 6:00 p.m.

### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Celebrate Chinese New Year—the Year of the Rooster—with the Asian American Center of Frederick and the Urbana Regional Library. Festivities for all ages will include stories, crafts, traditional Chinese games, and music!

**Urbana Regional Library** Sunday, Jan. 29; 12:00 p.m.

### THINKING MONEY EXHIBIT OPENING

Take a tour of Thinking Money, a museum-quality exhibition traveling to 50 U.S. public libraries.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Feb. 11; 2:00 p.m.

# adult programs



## "ZOOTOPIA" FAMILY MOVIE

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to watch Officer Hopps solve a mystery.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 1:00 p.m.

## HISTORY & GENEALOGY

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: MUSEUMS BY CANDLELIGHT—MODEL TRAINS

The yearly running of model trains. Choo choo!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 10:00 a.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: THE HAGERSTOWN AND FREDERICK RAILWAY

Join the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Historical Society in the atrium to learn the history of Central Maryland's unique trolley system.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 10:00 a.m.

### HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Join former NPS Ranger Susan Burke as she tells the wide-ranging history of our parks.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Saturday, Dec. 10; 11:30 a.m.

## MAKE & CREATE

### BUILDING FROM RECYCLABLES

Create a unique object from recyclable items.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 3; 10:30 a.m.

### MAKE-A-GIFT GIVE-A-GIFT

School is out early! Swing by the library and make some special gifts to give to family and friends. Choose from a variety of unique crafts.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Dec. 9; 11:00 a.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: NEW YEAR'S NOON

A New Year's Celebration for Non-Night Owls! Confetti makers, resolution banners, sparkler hats, and more before the clock strikes noon!

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 31; 11:00 a.m.

## STEM

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Participate in Cornell University's Great Backyard Bird Count!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Feb. 18; 1:00 p.m.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### PLAYERS BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

New members welcome. For more information call 301-371-7560.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9; 6:30 p.m.

### BRUNSWICK POETRY GROUP

Enjoy readings by local poets followed by open mic.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 2:00 p.m.

### AUTHOR TALK WITH WILLY CONLEY: THE DEAF HEART

In partnership with the Curious Iguana, and for Clerc-Gallaudet week, author Willy Conley will talk about *The Deaf Heart: A Novel*. The book chronicles the humorous experiences of Max McCall, a deaf medical photographer in the hearing and deaf worlds. Book signing to follow. ASL interpretation provided.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Sunday, Dec. 11; 2:00 p.m.

### FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

Hosted by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library and open to adult readers in the community who are interested in discussing books. Call 301-600-7212 for information.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14; 7:00 p.m.

### TRAVELERS BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

Travelers Book Discussion Club always welcomes new members. For more information call 301-371-7560.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, and Feb. 16; 7:00 p.m.

### FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

The Friends of the Urbana Regional Library (FURL) host an open discussion on a variety of books.

Call 301-600-7004 for monthly titles.

**Urbana Regional Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15; 6:45 p.m.

## BUSINESS & JOB SKILLS

### COMMUNITY FORUM NIGHT

Join local nonprofits for a monthly educational networking event, each hosted by a different participating organization. Refreshments will be served.

### DAYBREAK ADULT DAY SERVICES

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 5:00 p.m.

### FREDERICKTOWNE PLAYERS

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 5:00 p.m.

### GRANT SEEKER'S RESOURCE CENTER OF FCPL

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Feb. 7; 5:00 p.m.

### NSA DAY OF CYBER (GRADE 7 - ADULT)

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 3:00 p.m.

### ACCESSING AND UNDERSTANDING U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DATA R

Nesreen Khashan from the U.S. Census Bureau will share updates and changes to the Bureau's website. Participants are encouraged to bring personal laptops/tablets to follow along.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Feb. 24; 10:00 a.m.

## COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

### TEENS TEACH TECH

Do you have tech questions? Tech savvy teens will teach you how to use your devices and computers.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; 3:30 p.m.

**Urbana Regional Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14; 3:30 p.m.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 3:00 p.m.

### SMARTPHONES 101 R

Basic instruction for Android and Apple phones, including cloud storage, Google backup, and data usage. BYO smartphone is required.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Wednesdays, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 7:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: DOWNLOADABLES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Was your New Year's Resolution to learn something new? Learn about downloading at your library.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Jan. 19; 6:00 p.m.



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## EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: PRESERVING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Join Deborah Rhoades, Maryland Extension Educator, to learn creative ways to preserve your family traditions involving all the generations.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 1; 6:30 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: GET FESTIVE AND GO GREEN R

Learn ways to reduce waste, improve recycling, and make your celebrations more sustainable. Presented by the Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 7; 11:30 a.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: DANCING BEAR TOYS & GIFTS EXPO

Before you buy those games for Christmas, test them out at the library. Courtesy of Dancing Bear Toys and Gifts of Frederick.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 2:00 p.m.

### COFFEE AND CROSSWORDS

Come in out of the cold for a hot cup of coffee or hot cocoa. Enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors while you challenge your brain.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Saturdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11; 10:30 a.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: INTRODUCTION TO HOME BREWING

A discussion of local and online home brewing equipment, ingredient suppliers, and what to expect from a typical first batch.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Monday, Dec. 12; 6:30 p.m.

### RSVP (RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS)

Learn about RSVP to find out how to forge new relationships in the community and make a significant difference in the lives of others.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 28; 11:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: VACATION CRUISES

Explore the world on a cruise ship! Join travel agent Leslie Baker as she shows us what cruises have to offer to all ages.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Monday, Jan. 9; 6:30 p.m.

### GREEN BURIAL

Join Colt and Michalia Black from Black's Mortuary and Cremation Services as they explain State of Maryland requirements for an environmentally friendly green burial.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Jan. 12; 7:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: GET ORGANIZED!

Learn tips and tricks for getting organized in the new year. Presented by Keri Whitlow, independent consultant with Clever Container.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 14; 2:00 p.m.

### ALL-INCLUSIVE TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Join Leslie Baker of Cruise Planners to learn about destinations and travel tips!

**Urbana Regional Library** Saturday, Jan. 21; 11:00 a.m.

### CURIOS MINDS:

#### EXPLORING OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibitors in the Delaplaine Satellite Gallery, photographers Cindy and Russ Poole share their passion for and knowledge of photography.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 2:00 p.m.

### TRAVEL MAKES YOU RICHER

Discover river cruising, eco-travel, and other options to see more of the world to enrich your life. Hosted by Leslie Baker of Cruise Planners.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Feb. 20; 2:00 p.m.

### THE FOUR C'S: COLOR, CUT, CLARITY, AND CARAT

Looking for that perfect diamond for Valentine's Day? Wholesale Diamond Consultants, Inc. will educate you on the four C's in diamond selection.

**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 7:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: CRUISING ALASKA, THE NORTHERN FRONTIER

Is cruising to Alaska on your bucket list? Join Leslie Baker of Cruise Planners to learn about Alaskan adventures.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 25; 11:30 a.m.

### PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Recent exhibitors in Urbana's Delaplaine Satellite Gallery, Cindy and Russ Poole share their passion for and knowledge of photography.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Feb. 2; 2:00 p.m.

### RIVER CRUISE TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

Join Leslie Baker of Cruise Planners as she discusses the popular river cruise market and provides tips on planning your next getaway!

**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Feb. 13; 7:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR NEW YOU: JOB SEARCH SUCCESS WITH FREDERICK COUNTY WORKFORCE SERVICES

Interview tips, goals, resumes, and reemployment are all topics Workforce Services are experts at. Join us and bring your questions!

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesday, Feb. 22; 11:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: QUILTING 101

Want to learn how to quilt? Join us to learn basic machine and hand quilting techniques. No experience necessary.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 7:00 p.m.

### PLANNING A BURIAL

Black's Mortuary and Cremation Services hosts an informational program on planning for a loved one's burial or cremation.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 7:00 p.m.



# children's programs

## "SOUND OF MUSIC" SING-A-LONG

You can shout out and use props from your interactive fun pack, all while singing your heart out along with the movie. Snow Date: March 5

**Thurmont Regional Library** Sunday, Feb. 26; 1:15 p.m.

## HISTORY & GENEALOGY

### BRUNSWICK THROUGH KAPLON'S EYES

Meet us at the Brunswick Senior Center to learn about the history of Brunswick and the Myer Kaplon Photograph Collection.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 5:30 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: RECORDING GRANDMA—FAMILY HERITAGE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Join local Emmy-award winning historian and producer Chris Haugh to learn the finer details of collecting family oral histories.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Thursday, Dec. 8; 7:00 p.m.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Dec. 12; 7:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: RECORD YOUR FAMILY STORIES WITH STORYCORPS

Learn how to use the StoryCorps app to interview your loved ones and keep your family's oral history alive.

**Urbana Regional Library** Wednesday, Dec. 14; 7:00 p.m.

## MONOCACY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

Monocacy Archaeological Society monthly meeting. Open to the public.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8; 3:00-6:00 p.m.

## WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD HISTORY

Paul Faulkner, photo archivist for the Western Maryland Railway Historical Society, shares the rich and colorful history of the legendary WMRR that operated for 125 years. Snow date is February 6.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 7:00 p.m.

## MAKE & CREATE

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: DIY WITH RECYCLED HOLIDAY CARDS (GRADE 6-ADULT)

Wow friends and family with these boxes, bookmarks, and ornaments created with recycled holiday cards. Bring scissors.

**Urbana Regional Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 7:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: MIND, FOOD & HEALTH R

Join Fox Haven Farm to learn how mindful meditation and plant-based meals lead to good health. Food prep, recipes, and meditation included!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Dec. 7; 7:00 p.m.

### KNIT 2GETHER

Join Fiber Artist Sue Cavendish for fiber arts. Bring your own or come learn something new.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 11:30 a.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: SCANDINAVIAN CRAFTS AND TREATS (GRADE 7-ADULT)

From the land of ice and snow, discover the traditions of a Scandinavian holiday.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 11:00 a.m.

### ART FOR ADULTS

Create and learn different drawing techniques with Paper Artist Barbara Fine.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8; 11:30 a.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS QUICK CRAFT (HOLIDAY ORNAMENT)

Join local crafter Sue Cavendish and learn a quick craft in just one hour.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 21; 11:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR NEW YOU: QUICK CRAFT, WAX HEARTS

Join local crafter Sue Cavendish and learn a quick craft in just one hour.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 18; 11:30 a.m.

### RUBBER STAMP CARVING R

Design and carve your own rubber stamp. Custom stamps are a great way to add a personal touch to creative projects. Snow date is Feb. 4.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Jan. 28; 1:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: QUICK CRAFT

Join local crafter Sue Cavendish and learn a quick craft in just one hour.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesday, Feb. 15; 11:30 a.m.

## WELLNESS

### SOL YOGA: GOOD CAUSE CLASS

Join us for this free yoga class offered by Sol Yoga's Good Cause Division. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. Donations accepted.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 11:00 a.m.

### AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE—LIBRARY ENROLLMENT DAY

Find out if you qualify to enroll in quality, affordable health coverage with free help from trained experts authorized to enroll on Maryland Health Connection. For questions and appointments please call 'The Door to HealthCare' 855.288.DOOR (855.288.3667).

#getcovered

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 10:00 a.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: WALK 15® FITNESS CLASS

Join fitness instructor Jenn Ginsburg for a multi-muscle and calorie burning indoor walk. A workout for everyone!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 1:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: CHEF CHRIS SPEAR

Join chef Chris Spear as he demonstrates how to give your favorite recipes a healthy spin. Afterwards, stay to enjoy these delicious dishes!

**Urbana Regional Library** Tuesdays, Jan. 10 and Feb. 7; 7:00 p.m.

### MEDICARE IN PLAIN ENGLISH

Presented by Eileen Kutzler, director of financial planning services for Country Meadows Retirement Communities.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 11:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: NUTRITION

Join nutritionist Abbey Spurrell to learn about healthy eating.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 6:30 p.m.





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### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: WELLNESS WITH REIKI

Join Reiki Master Janice Currens to learn about the history and benefits of Reiki.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Feb. 18; 2:00 p.m.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS

#### HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB (GRADES 2-3)

Join us for Book Club followed by an extension activity.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, 15, 29, Jan. 12, 26, and Feb. 9, 23; 2:00 p.m. and Thursdays, Dec. 1, 15, 29, Jan. 12, 26, and Feb. 9, 23; 2:30 p.m.

#### AFTER SCHOOL BOOK DISCUSSION (GRADES 3-5)

Have a favorite book you want to share with friends? Need a book suggestion? Bring a favorite book and come to hear what others are reading!

**Middletown Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13; 4:00 p.m.

#### ALL ABOUT AUTHORS (GRADES K-5)

Read stories by one author and talk about what makes them unique!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 20, Jan. 3, 17, 31, and Feb. 14; 4:00 p.m.

#### YOU'RE A POET, DID YOU KNOW IT? (GRADES 3-5) R

A 3-day workshop to learn about and write our own poetry. We will create a book and read our poetry to each other. Materials are provided.

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 12; 5:00 p.m.

#### "BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR" 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (AGES 3-8)

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" through stories, crafts, and activities.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 4; 11:00 a.m.

#### "WHO WAS?" BIOGRAPHY BOOK CLUB (GRADES 2 - 5) R

Have you heard about the "WHO WAS?" series? We will be learning about interesting people and preparing a dramatic conclusion to our club!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Thursdays, Feb. 9, 16, 23; 4:30 p.m.

### EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

#### THURSDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP (AGES 0-5)

Join us Thursday mornings for playtime at the library.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 10:30 a.m.

#### FREDERICK COUNTY INFANTS AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP (AGES 0-36 MONTHS)

Fun and play co-sponsored by FCPL and the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program. This playgroup is open to all children ages 0-36 months as well as those enrolled in the Infants and Toddlers Program.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Fridays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10, 17; 10:45 a.m.

#### R.E.A.D.® WITH WAGS FOR HOPE (GRADES K-5)

Children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturdays, Jan. 28, and Feb. 25; 10:30 a.m.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Sundays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12; 1:30 p.m.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Saturdays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4; 1:00 p.m.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21; 5:00 p.m.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 24, and Feb. 28; 6:30 p.m.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, and Feb. 25; 11:00 a.m.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursdays, Jan. 19, and Feb. 16; 6:30 p.m.

**Urbana Regional Library** Sundays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5; 2:00 p.m.

#### SPELLING BEE CLUB (GRADES 1-8)

Practice your spelling skills to get ready for the mock Spelling Bee at the library on January 3 or your school/group bee.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19; 4:30 p.m.

#### PLAYGROUP (AGES 0-5)

Play and meet friends at the library!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 11:00 a.m.

#### HOMESCHOOL MAKERSPACE (GRADES K-5)

STEM, arts and crafts, and educational exploration for homeschoolers.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 2:00 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: ST. LUCIA'S DAY (GRADES K-5)

Come in and learn about St. Lucia's Day with a story and make a craft to take home with you!

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 6:30 p.m.

#### SCHOOL SKILLS FOR PRESCHOOLERS (AGES 3-5)

Cutting, tracing, and writing, oh my! Children practice school skills they need to be ready for school.



**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 22; 11:15 a.m.

#### ROOKIE READER (AGES 3-5)

Help encourage a love of reading in your child while developing Kindergarten Readiness Skills.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4, 18, and Feb. 1, 15; 1:00 p.m.

#### PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND (AGES 3-5)

After storytime, enjoy a half hour of active play, visiting with friends, and making new ones!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; 11:00 a.m.

#### POKEFAN (GRADES K-12)

Calling all Pokemon trainers! Whether in card form or Pokemon Go, join other fans to trade, talk, and play Pokemon! Gotta catch 'em all!

**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 4:00 p.m.

#### PLAY DATE! PLAYGROUP FOR LITTLE ONES (AGES 0-5)

A special playgroup hosted by the Thurmont Library and the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program. Meet new friends, read books, and play with toys.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Fridays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10; 10:45 a.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: JUNIOR GARDENER TEA CUP ARRANGEMENTS (GRADES K-5) R

Create tea cup floral arrangements for the holidays. All materials provided.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 10:00 a.m.



# children's programs



## HOMESCHOOL HUB: AMERICAN HEROES (GRADES K-2)

These book-based programs include discussion and STEAM activities. December: Amelia Earhart, January: Martin Luther King, Jr., February: George Washington  
**Urbana Regional Library** Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13; 11:00 a.m.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS SHOW (AGES 0+)

Celebrate the holidays together with a fun concert! We'll dance around and enjoy the music of Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Dec. 13; 6:30 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: HANUKKAH (GRADES K-5)

Learn about Hanukkah by listening to stories, playing traditional games, and enjoying a craft.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 13; 6:30 p.m.

## ART LAB (GRADES K-8)

Stop by for an exciting new art project on the second Tuesday of every month. No previous art experience necessary.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14; 4:30 p.m.

## DROP-IN PLAYGROUP (AGES 0-5)

We'll provide the toys and space, and you provide the imagination! Drop in with your child to play and meet with friends.

## Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks

Tuesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14;

11:30 a.m.

## PAWS TO READ (GRADES K-5)

Children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.  
**Urbana Regional Library** Sundays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 19; 2:00 p.m.

## DO THE DEW! (GRADES 3-5) R

Can't figure out what fiction means? What are those numbers on the books? Come and learn how to get the most out of your library visit!

**Middletown Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 19, Jan. 30, and Feb. 27; 4:00 p.m.

## FAMILY DINNER AND A MOVIE (GRADES K-12)

Bring your dinner and join us for a movie on the big screen!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Tuesday, Dec. 20; 6:30 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: CHRISTMAS (GRADES K-5)

Learn about Christmas traditions by listening to stories and enjoying a craft.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 20; 6:30 p.m.

## WELCOME WINTER PRESCHOOL PARTY (AGES 3-5)

Celebrate the beginning of winter with fun activities.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 21; 10:30 a.m.

## WII GAMING (GRADES K-12)

Join us to play a variety of Wii games in the library!  
**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15; 4:00 p.m.

## BOXING DAY (GRADES K-12)

Celebrate Boxing Day with a building program featuring...boxes!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 27; 2:00 p.m.

## PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS (GRADES K-12)

Craft a winter bird feeder for your feathered friends.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 28; 2:00 p.m.

## GAME DAY (GRADES K-8)

Come enjoy board games and video games.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 29; 2:00 p.m.

## "PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR" MOVIE (AGES 3+)

Super spy teams aren't born, they're hatched. Discover the secrets of the greatest and most hilarious covert birds in the global espionage biz. Rated PG; 92 minutes.  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Thursday, Dec. 29; 2:15 p.m.

## R.E.A.D.® WITH WAGS FOR HOPE HOLIDAY READ (GRADES K-5)

Children read holiday selections to Reading Education Assistance Dogs. We will be collecting used, clean towels to donate to a local animal shelter.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 29; 6:30 p.m.

## LIFE-SIZED SCRABBLE® (GRADES 4-8)

Play life-sized Scrabble® to practice for the spelling bee! Presented by the Teen Advisory Board.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Dec. 30; 2:00 p.m.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: COUNTDOWN TO NOON (AGES 0+)

Families are welcome to count down to the noon year with crafts, games, and an awesome dance party!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Dec. 31; 11:00 a.m.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: COUNTDOWN TO NOON YEAR'S EVE (AGES 0-10)

A special celebration designed especially for those who can't stay up until midnight.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Dec. 31; 11:00 a.m.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: NOON YEAR'S EVE (AGES 2-12)

Get ready for 2017 with a Noon Year's Eve party full of fun crafts, activities, and games!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 31; 11:30 a.m.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY! (AGES 3-10)

Make a craft and count down till noon with dancing and more. Stick around for the movie "Winnie the Pooh Very Merry New Year".

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 31; 11:30 a.m.

## PRACTICE SPELLING BEE (GRADES 1-8)

Join fellow spellers for a practice Spelling Bee.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 4:30 p.m.

## CARDBOARD CREATIONS (AGES 3-5)

Use cardboard to create different kinds of art and more.  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 1:30 p.m.

## WHEN I GROW UP...(GRADES K-5)

Meet grownups with fun, interesting jobs and learn what it takes to do them well. This program is for homeschool children.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 2:00 p.m.

## HAPPY "MEW" YEAR! (AGES 3-8) R

Celebrate all things "cat" with stories and a craft. Feel free to bring your favorite plush kitty cat.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 7; 11:00 a.m.

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### **MINECRAFT (GRADES K-5)**

Join us for an evening of gaming! We will have 15 laptops available for patrons plus Minecraft based crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 10; 6:30 p.m.

### **TODDLER WINTER CELEBRATION (AGES 1-3) R**

Toddlers will participate in storytelling, music, and art around a winter theme.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 10:30 a.m.

### **WINTER STORIES & ART (GRADES K-5) R**

Enjoy listening to stories and creating art around a winter theme.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 14; 11:00 a.m.

### **STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER DROP OFF (AGES 0-10)**

Drop off a stuffed animal for the Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Come back Wednesday morning for the Stuffed Animal Preschool Party!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17; 12:00 p.m.

### **SCHOLASTIC JEOPARDY (GRADES 3-8)**

Take part in this fun academic challenge and wow your friends and family while learning cool facts!

**Urbana Regional Library** Tuesdays, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21; 5:00 p.m.

### **NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: JUMP INTO PARACHUTE PLAY (AGES 0-5)**

No school today! Try your hand at parachute play. A sure cure for cabin fever. If we have enough friends we can get out the BIG parachute.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 3:00 p.m.

### **WINTER CARNIVAL (AGES 0-10)**

Activities, games, and prizes that are sure to chase away the winter doldrums.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 11:00 a.m.

### **CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL (GRADES PRE K-5)**

Maggie Arnold will explore Chinese New Year holiday traditions, readings, games, and crafts.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 26; 6:30 p.m.

### **NEW YEAR NEW YOU: JUMP INTO POTTY TRAINING (AGES 2 - 4)**

Join us for a gentle approach to this monumental topic. Fun and learning for toddlers. Adults will pick up some helpful hints along the way!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Jan. 27; 10:15 a.m.

### **CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION! (AGES 0 - 11)**

Join us as we ring in the Year of the Rooster! Centers will be available with crafts, books, music, and games. Fun for the whole family!

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 28; 11:00 a.m.

### **PASSPORT TO THE WORLD ART CLUB (GRADES 1-5) R**

Enjoy a hands-on art project while learning about art from around the world.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Mondays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 1:00 p.m.

### **CELEBRATE GROUNDHOG DAY! (AGES 0+)**

Groundhog day is right around the corner. Let's prepare by looking for our shadows and learning all about this furry little weather forecaster.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Jan. 31; 1:30 p.m.

### **BACKYARD BIRDS (GRADES K-5) R**

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society will introduce children to the amazing world of birds. All children will make a decorative birdhouse to take home.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 7; 6:30 p.m.

### **STORIES ALIVE! (FOR AGES 3-5)**

Join us as stories leap off the page and into plays, puppet shows, songs, and more!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 1:30 p.m.

### **ROYAL PRESCHOOL PARTY & FASHION SHOW (AGES 3-5)**

Be in a royal fashion show! Enjoy crafts and activities designed to please the prince or princess in all of us.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesday, Feb. 15; 10:30 a.m.

### **CLOTHING OF THE FUTURE (GRADES K-5)**

It's 2017, but what will fashion be like in 2067? We'll discuss planning and work to create examples of clothing from the future!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 11:00 a.m.

### **NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: PLAY QUIDDITCH! (GRADES K-5) R**

School's out today. Try something new, play Quidditch, and burn some energy! Sign up your team of four or Professor B will put you on a team.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 3:00 p.m.





# children's programs

## SPY TRAINING (GRADES K-5)

Craft a disguise, decode secret messages, and navigate a field of laser beams at this top secret program.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 2:00 p.m.

## MAKE & CREATE

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: TINYMAKERS—RECYCLABLE SNOWPEOPLE (AGES 3-5)

Hang around after our storytime every other Thursday for a fun craft!

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 1; 11:05 a.m.

### ART ZONE:

#### WATERCOLOR PAINTING (GRADES 4-7)

Explore the fun of watercolor painting in this beginning art class. All tools and materials will be provided.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Dec. 2; 4:00 p.m.

#### MIXED MEDIA CREATIONS (GRADES 4-7)

A mixed media art class designed for beginning artists. All tools and materials will be provided.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Jan. 6; 4:00 p.m.

#### COLORED PENCIL DRAWINGS (GRADES 4-7)

Create colorful works of art using colored pencils in this beginning art class. All materials and tools will be provided.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Feb. 3; 4:00 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: CRAFTERNOON—SCRATCH BOARD SNOW OWLS (AGES 4-14)

Are you searching for a fun and creative outlet for your family during the upcoming winter months? Stop by for fun crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 3; 11:00 a.m.

#### DORA THE EXPLORER ADVENTURE PARTY (AGES 3-5)

Swiper has hidden the treasure box. Can you find it?

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Monday, Dec. 5; 2:30 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: PRECOCIOUS MASTERPIECES (AGES 3-5)

Give your little artist a chance to explore holiday-themed art!

**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Dec. 5; 2:00 p.m.

#### PAPIER-MACHE SNOW OWLS (GRADES K-8) R

Join us for a three-day art project and be prepared to get messy and have fun! \*Allergy warning to those sensitive to flour and glue.

**Middletown Branch Library** Monday, Dec. 5; 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6; 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 7; 1:00 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: GUATEMALA—NATIVITY SET SCULPTURE (AGES 4-14)

Learn how other cultures celebrate the holidays and create a nativity based on this traditional folkart.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 6:30 p.m.

#### HOLIDAY MAKE AND TAKES (AGES 3-5)

Make holiday inspired crafts with your family.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20; 1:30 p.m.

#### ART ZONE JR. (AGES 3-5)

Create a work of art inspired by a children's picture book! Please check in at the Children's desk before the program for your ticket.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, and Feb. 1; 2:00 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: LITTLE MAKERS CELEBRATE WINTER (AGES 3-5)

Celebrate winter with stories, games, and crafts!

**Urbana Regional Library** Friday, Dec. 9; 2:00 p.m.

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS: COLOR ME HAPPY (AGES 0-10)

Children, parents, and grandparents are encouraged to color together. All supplies provided. Fun for all ages.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 10:00 a.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: CRAFTERNOON—MIXED MEDIA ELF AND HOUSE SET (AGES 4-14)

Are you searching for a fun and creative outlet for your family during the upcoming winter months? Stop by for fun crafts. Bring your own cleaned out 1/2 gallon cardboard drink container.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 11:00 a.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: FINLAND—MAKE PRESENTS FOR ANIMALS (AGES 4-14)

Learn how other cultures celebrate the holidays and create fleece blankets for shelter animals (fleece donations welcomed).

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 13; 6:30 p.m.

#### ALL ABOUT ILLUSTRATORS (GRADES K-5)

Join us every other week as we explore a new illustrator's method. Patrons will then create their own version. Dress accordingly!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 13, 27, Jan. 10, 24, and Feb. 7, 21; 4:00 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: PRINTMAKING (GRADES 1-5)

Learn about printmaking at this hands-on holiday event!

**Urbana Regional Library** Wednesday, Dec. 14; 4:00 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: TINYMAKERS—REINDEER COLLAGE (AGES 3-5)

Hang around after our storytime every other Thursday for a fun craft!

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 15; 11:05 a.m.

#### BACKYARD BIRD FEEDERS (GRADES K-5) R

Children with adults will make bird feeders for their backyards in preparation for winter weather.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 17; 11:00 a.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: CRAFTERNOON—BUMBLE, THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMONSTER OF THE NORTH COLLAGE (AGES 4-14)

Are you searching for a fun and creative outlet for your family during the upcoming winter months? Stop by for fun crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 17; 11:00 a.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: SWEDEN—DALA SCULPTURES (AGES 4-14)

Learn how other cultures celebrate the holidays and create a craft based on their traditions.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 20; 6:30 p.m.

#### HELLO HOLIDAYS: LET IT SNOW! (AGES 3-12)

Celebrate winter with stories and a craft.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 27; 6:30 p.m.

#### TINKER TIME (AGES 3-5)

Each month we will have a different playful experiment that encourages tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Tuesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 31, and Feb. 28; 2:00 p.m.





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### **TINKER TIME: CONFETTI MAKERS (GRADES K-8)**

Weekly fun exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through experiments and crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 29; 4:00 p.m.

### **HEART MONSTERS (GRADES K-8)**

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 2; 4:00 p.m.

### **PIPE CLEANER MONSTERS (GRADES K-8)**

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 16; 4:00 p.m.

### **WAX RESIST PAINTINGS (GRADES K-8)**

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 5; 4:00 p.m.

### **MOVIE NIGHT WITH CRAFT:**

Bring your own popcorn and wear your PJ's for a movie projected on the big screen. A craft will be on hand for those interested.

### **"KUBO AND THE TWO STRINGS" (GRADES K-8)**

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 6:00 p.m.

### **"ENCHANTED" (Grades K-8)**

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 14; 6:00 p.m.

### **STUDIO GHIBLI APPLIQUE (GRADES 5-8) R**

Bring your own size 18 chenille needle and some embroidery floss for this sewing craft. Needle threading and knotting knowledge is a plus!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 4; 1:00 p.m.

### **CRAFTERNOON: Studio Ghibli Appliques (Grades 2-8) R**

Bring in a chenille needle and be prepared to learn how to sew!

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 7; 11:00 a.m.

### **"Spirited Away" Soot Sprites (Grades K-8)**

Join us as we create pom-pom sculptures based on the cute sprites from the movie "Spirited Away".

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 21; 11:00 a.m.

### **Valentine Card and Decorative Card Holder Box (Grades K-8)**

Join us as we create cards to pass out to friends and family as well as Valentine Mailboxes. Please bring a shoe box for the mailbox creation.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 4; 11:00 a.m.

### **Movable Monsters (Grades K-8)**

Are you searching for a fun and creative outlet for your family during the upcoming winter months? Stop by for fun crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 18; 11:00 a.m.

### **Jim Dine Heart Paintings (Grades K-8)**

Join us as we create works of art based off of artist Jim Dine's Hearts series. Dress to get messy!

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 11; 11:00 a.m.

### **Yeti Collage (Grades K-8)**

Are you searching for a fun and creative outlet for your family during the upcoming winter months? Stop by for fun crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 25; 11:00 a.m.

### **CREATE PERSONALIZED JOURNALS (GRADES 4-8) R**

Create a personalized journal using collage techniques and recycled magazines. Materials provided.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Jan. 7; 1:00 p.m.

### **HELLO HOLIDAYS: TINYMAKERS—J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S BIRTHDAY HOBBIT FEET (AGES 3-5)**

Hang around after our storytime every other Thursday for a fun craft!

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 12; 11:05 a.m.

### **LITTLE MAKERS (AGES 3-5)**

Explore your creative side with fun and easy book-inspired crafts that will improve fine motor skills and stimulate imaginations!

**Urbana Regional Library** Fridays, Jan. 13, and Feb. 3; 2:00 p.m.

### **"FROZEN" SING-A-LONG PARTY (AGES 3-12)**

Come dressed up or dressed down ready to sing along to favorite songs from the beloved movie. A make and take will follow.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 14; 11:00 a.m.

### **THINKING MONEY: TOTORO PIGGY BANK (GRADES K-8)**

Make a piggy bank based on a lovable character named Totoro.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 14; 11:00 a.m.

### **EXPLORE ART! (GRADES 1-4) R**

Try your hand at making cute animals using heart shapes. All materials provided.



**Thurmont Regional Library** Wednesdays, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15; 6:15 p.m.

### **CREATIVE CRAFTS (GRADES K-8)**

Enjoy fun, easy crafts! No art experience necessary.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturdays, Jan. 21, and Feb. 11; 10:30 a.m.

### **HOW TO DRAW POKEMON (GRADES 4-8)**

Love Pokemon? Learn how to draw them.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Monday, Jan. 23; 4:00 p.m.

### **HELLO HOLIDAYS: TINYMAKERS—SNOW OWL COLLAGE (AGES 3-5)**

Hang around after our storytime every other Thursday for a fun craft!

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 26; 11:05 a.m.

### **SWEDISH DALA SCULPTURES (GRADES K-8)**

Learn about the traditional folk art behind dalas and create a mixed-media relief sculpture based on these wooden horses.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 31; 6:30 p.m.

# children's programs



## MAKE A LIGHT-UP VALENTINE CARD! (GRADES 1-5) R

Use simple circuits to create a special light-up Valentine card.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Feb. 4;  
10:30 a.m.

## PAPER FLOWER BOUQUETS (GRADES K-8)

Learn how to make several different types of paper flowers. Make a bouquet for your sweetheart!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 7;  
6:30 p.m.

## STOP MOTION MOVIE MAKING (GRADES K-8) R

We will create objects, but you may also bring materials from home for your scenery/characters (no larger than an action figure, please).

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 7;  
11:00 a.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 8; 11:00 a.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: TINYMAKERS—HEART MONSTERS (AGES 3-5)

Hang around after our storytime every other Thursday for a fun craft!

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 9;  
11:05 a.m.

## VALENTINE MAKE AND TAKE (AGES 3-12)

Stop by and make a fun Valentine's Day goodie.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 11;  
12:00 p.m.

## VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION (AGES 0+)

Bring your loved one to this fun-filled celebration! Make a special Valentine craft and listen to some great music,

too. All materials provided.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Feb. 14;  
6:30 p.m.

## CONVERSATION HEARTS PICTURE FRAME (GRADES K-8) R

Bring a photo from home or make a picture here to use for your sweet picture frame creation.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21;  
6:30 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: TINYMAKERS—HEART TREE (AGES 3-5)

Hang around after our storytime every other Thursday for a fun craft.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 23;  
11:05 a.m.

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES

### SYMPHONY STORYTIME WITH FREDERICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (AGES 0-5)

Give your budding music-lover the chance to explore music! Each storytime features the talents of FSO musicians performing classical music.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 1;  
10:30 a.m.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17;  
6:30 p.m.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 21;  
11:00 a.m.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of  
Rocks** Tuesday, Feb. 14; 11:00 a.m.

### SLEEPYTIME STORYTIME (AGES 0-5)

Get ready for bed with Middletown Library! Wear your PJ's, bring your blanket, and let's hear some bedtime stories.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 1;  
7:00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY STORYTIME WITH MRS. CLAUS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING (AGES 0-10)

A special storytime with Mrs. Claus celebrating Middletown's Annual Christmas in the Valley.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 3;  
4:00 p.m.

### DANCE STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Dance your way through this special storytime presented by Dance Unlimited!

**Urbana Regional Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6;  
1:30 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: POINSETTIA DAY (GRADES 1-4) R

Celebrate this special holiday symbol with facts, stories, and a craft.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Friday, Dec. 9;  
3:00 p.m.

### STAR READER FAMILY STORY NIGHT (AGES 0-10)

Join us for stories and crafts starring teachers as our star readers!

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 15,  
Jan. 19, and Feb. 16; 6:00 p.m.

### HISTORIAS (AGES 0+)

Stories, songs, and play in both Spanish and English for the whole family.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Monday, Dec. 19;  
6:30 p.m.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursdays, Jan. 12, and  
Feb. 9; 2:00 p.m.

### PENGUIN FUN! (AGES 0-6)

Celebrate winter fun with some penguin stories, music, and rhymes!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Thursday, Dec. 29;  
1:30 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: NEW YEAR'S AT NOON! (AGES 0+)

Celebrate the new year with stories, songs, crafts, and a countdown to noon!

**Urbana Regional Library** Saturday, Dec. 31;  
11:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: RISE AND SHINE STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Participate in special stories and activities that will get you up and moving!

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 5;  
10:30 a.m.

### TOTS AND TUNES (AGES 1-4)

Celebrate music and rhythm with your child in this fast-paced program using lots of fun props.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Mondays, Jan. 9  
and Feb. 13; 10:30 a.m.

### CELEBRATE WINNIE THE POOH (AGES 0-5)

January 18<sup>th</sup> is Pooh Day! Celebrate early with stories, songs, fun, and games. Fun for everyone!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17;  
2:00 p.m.

### STUFFED ANIMAL PRESCHOOL PARTY (AGES 0-5)

Enjoy fun, crafts, and activities, and see what your stuffed animals did at the library all night during their Stuffed Animal Sleepover.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 18;  
10:30 a.m.

### DROP-IN STORYWALK (AGES 2-5)

Take a trip through a picture book and bring the story to life with interactive activities for you and your child to share!

**Urbana Regional Library** Friday, Jan. 27;  
10:00 a.m.

### FIND PHIL'S SHADOW (AGES 2-5)

It's Groundhog Day! Celebrate with stories, songs, and crafts your little person will love!



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**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Feb. 2;  
10:05 a.m.

## STEM

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT STEM LAB (AGES 3-18)

Try out STEM toys before holiday shopping! Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Dec. 1;  
5:00 p.m.

### TINKERTIME:

#### LEGO® WeDo Robotics (Grades K-8) R

Weekly fun exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through experiments and crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1 and Feb. 9; 4:00 p.m.

#### Minecraft (Grades K-8)

Minecraft on our 15 laptops and related crafts!

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12; 4:00 p.m.

#### Holiday Mystery Lab (Grades K-8)

Weekly fun exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through experiments and crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 15; 4:00 p.m.

#### Rudolph Slime (Grades K-8)

Join us for weekly fun exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through various experiments and crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 22; 4:00 p.m.

#### Animal Dens (Grades K-8)

Join us as we discuss different animals who utilize dens as their home. We will construct our own dens to house some animals at Middletown.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 19; 4:00 p.m.

#### Open STEM Lab (Grades K-8)

Centers focusing on one of the parts of STEM

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 26; 4:00 p.m.

#### Pom-Pom Catapults (Grades K-8)

Join us for weekly fun exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math through various experiments and crafts.

**Middletown Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 4:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT STEM LAB (AGES 3-18)

Try out STEM toys before holiday shopping! Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Friday, Dec. 2;  
11:00 a.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3; 2:00 p.m.

### LEGO® AND MEGA BLOKS! (AGES 2+)

Join us for LEGO® and Mega Blok fun!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00 a.m. and Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 1:00 p.m.

### HOMESCHOOL STEM—WEDO FUN (GRADES 2-5) R

Explore, create, and learn basic coding skills and simple engineering concepts with LEGO® WeDo 2.0 technology. One-time registration is for all classes.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, and Jan. 9, 23; 1:00 p.m.

### PRESCHOOL STEM LAB (AGES 3-5)

An exploration of science, technology, engineering, and math concepts for preschoolers and their grownups.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 11:30 a.m.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 1:00 p.m. and Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 11:15 a.m. and Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; 11:15 a.m.

### MINDS FOR MATH:

Learn and practice math concepts taken from Common Core State Standards.

#### Shapes (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 2:00 p.m.

#### Geometry (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 13; 2:00 p.m.

#### Measurement (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 2:00 p.m.

#### Graphs and Data (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17; 2:00 p.m.

#### Numerical Expressions (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 31; 2:00 p.m.

#### Word Problems (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 7; 2:00 p.m.

#### Time and Money (Grades 1-5) R

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 2:00 p.m.

### MINECRAFT MANIA (GRADES K-12)

Play Minecraft with friends!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 4:30 p.m.

### NATURE SPROUTS (AGES 3-6)

Preschoolers will gain a sense of wonder about nature through exploring the world around them with stories, games, and activities.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 1:00 p.m.

### OPEN STEM LAB (AGES 3-18)

Explore science, technology, engineering, and math concepts in the STEM Lab. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; 4:30 p.m.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 2:00 p.m.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 4:00 p.m.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursdays, Dec. 8, 15, 22, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16; 5:00 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10; 11:00 a.m. and Saturdays, Dec. 10, 17, 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21, and Feb. 4, 11, 18; 2:00 p.m.

**Urbana Regional Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, 12, Jan. 9, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 27; 4:30 p.m.





# children's programs

## HOMESCHOOL STEM LAB (GRADES K-8)

Enjoy the library's STEM games and activities.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 8; 2:00 p.m.

## HOUR OF CODE (GRADES 1-12)

Participate in the Hour of Code at the library.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 8; 4:30 p.m.

## CODING FOR KIDS (GRADES K-5)

Code in the library! Whether you are new to coding or an expert, practice your skills and learn something new.

**Middletown Branch Library** Saturday, Dec. 10; 3:00 p.m.

## MAD SCIENTISTS (GRADES 3-5) R

What's that smell? What's that sound? Calling all Mad Scientists to explore the five senses! All materials are provided.

**Middletown Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 23, and Feb. 20; 4:00 p.m.

## TINKER TOTS (AGES 3-5)

Explore hands-on STEM concepts with your child!

**Urbana Regional Library** Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 6; 7:00 p.m.

## LEGO® ENGINEERING (GRADES K-5)

Do you like solving puzzles? Using LEGO®? Combine them to solve engineering puzzles!



**Middletown Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 14, 28, Jan. 11, 25, and Feb. 8, 22; 4:00 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: SNOWFLAKE SCIENCE (GRADES 2-5)

Investigate different kinds of snow and the science of how snowflakes are formed. Finish with a fun snowflake ornament craft!

**Urbana Regional Library** Friday, Dec. 16; 3:30 p.m.

## LEGO® BLOCK PARTY (GRADES K-5)

Join us for an afternoon of LEGO® fun!

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 21, 28, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15; 4:00 p.m.

## CITY OF THE FUTURE (GRADES K-5)

It's almost 2017, but what will the world look like in 2067? We'll discuss planning and engineering to work to create a model of the future!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 27, Wednesday, Dec. 28, and Thursday, Dec. 29; 11:00 a.m.

## MYSTERY MAKERS (GRADES K-8)

Visit the library, grab a mystery bag, and use the materials inside to make something amazing!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 24, and Feb. 28; 4:30 p.m.

## MINECRAFT MANIA (GRADES 2-5) R

Play Minecraft with friends!

**Urbana Regional Library** Wednesday, Dec. 28, Thursday, Dec. 29, and Friday, Dec. 30; 1:00 p.m.

## MINECRAFT MANIA (GRADES K-2) R

Play Minecraft with friends!

**Urbana Regional Library** Wednesday, Dec. 28, Thursday, Dec. 29, and Friday, Dec. 30; 11:00 a.m.

## SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN: Frederick County Beekeeping Association (Grades K-5)

Join the Frederick County Beekeeping Association and see what all the "buzz" is about.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3; 6:30 p.m.

## Bees

Enjoy hands-on activities while learning about bees.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 31; 6:30 p.m.

## STEM SATURDAY (GRADES K-12)

Explore science, technology, engineering, and math concepts in the STEM Lab. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturdays, Jan. 7, and Feb. 18; 10:30 a.m.

## BUILD IT (GRADES K-8)

A new building challenge each week.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Mondays, Jan. 9, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 4:30 p.m.

## SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN WITH WALKERSVILLE ES: Bees (Grades K-5)

Learn about bees and how they help our environment.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 10; 6:30 p.m.

## Environmental Awareness (Grades K-5)

Enjoy a hands-on activity while learning how to clean up an oil spill!

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 14; 6:30 p.m.

## ROBOTICS WITH LEGO® WEDO 2.0 (GRADES 3-5) R

Learn basic coding skills and explore simple engineering concepts with LEGO® WeDo 2.0 technology.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 6:00 p.m.

## ROBOTICS WITH LEGO® WEDO 2.0 (GRADES K-2) R

Learn basic coding skills and explore simple engineering concepts with LEGO® WeDo 2.0 technology.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 4:30 p.m.

## MINECRAFTEDU MANIA (AGES 6+)

Join us for MinecraftEDU free play, crafts, and activities!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Sunday, Jan. 15; 1:30 p.m.

## SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN WITH GLADE ES: Bees (Grades K-5)

Learn about bees and how they help our environment.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17; 6:30 p.m.

## Environmental Awareness (Grades K-5)

Enjoy a hands-on activity while learning how to clean up an oil spill!

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 6:30 p.m.

## 3D PRINTING (GRADES 3-7) R

Learn how to create 3D print files and participate in this month's 3D printing challenge! Select 3D models will be printed.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesdays, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15; 4:15 p.m.

## TRUCK CONSTRUCTION (GRADES K-5)

Build a truck from recycled materials and explore different ways to make it move. Get ready to race!

**Brunswick Branch Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 2:00 p.m.

## VEHICLES OF THE FUTURE (GRADES K-5)

It's 2017, but what will transportation look like in 2067? We'll discuss different options and participants will design their own vehicle!

**Middletown Branch Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 11:00 a.m.

## WIGGLE BOT ROBOTICS (GRADES 2-5)

Design and create a wiggle robot!

**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 4:30 p.m.

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### SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN WITH WOODSBORO ES: BEES (GRADES K-5)

Learn about bees and how they help our environment.  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 24; 6:30 p.m.

### STEM AT SUNDOWN (GRADES K-5)

FCPS students are invited to explore STEM and maker activities at their local library.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Jan. 25; 6:00 p.m.  
**Thurmont Regional Library** Tuesday, Feb. 28; 6:00 p.m.

### LEGO® WEDO ROBOTS (GRADES 3-5) R

Learn basic coding skills and explore simple engineering concepts with LEGO® WeDo 2.0 technology.  
**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Monday, Jan. 30; 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 1; 4:00 p.m.

### BRUNSWICK HACKERSPACE (GRADES 3-6)

Christopher Vigliotti of Brunswick Hackerspace presents a fun STEM program.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 4; 10:30 a.m.

### LEGO® STOP-MOTION MOVIES (GRADES 3-5) R

In celebration of the new LEGO® Batman Movie, we will make our own stop-motion animated LEGO® movies. All supplies are provided!  
**Middletown Branch Library** Monday, Feb. 6, Tuesday, Feb. 7, Wednesday, Feb. 8, Thursday, Feb. 9; 5:00 p.m.

### EXPLORER CLUB: MONEY AND PRESIDENTS (GRADES K-2)

What's up with the faces on our money? Learn cool facts about the presidents, make awesome stuff, and play fun games!  
**Urbana Regional Library** Wednesdays, Feb. 8, 15; 5:00 p.m.

### CREATIVE STEM! (GRADES 2-5)

Explore the science of art in this special creative STEM lab!  
**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Feb. 20; 4:30 p.m.

### MICROSCOPE MAGIC (GRADES 2-5) R

Curious what the world looks like up close? Find out at this special microscope event! We'll talk about the parts of a microscope and learn how to use one!  
**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 21; 2:00 p.m.

### STEM CHALLENGE:

#### Ping Pong Challenge (Grades 3-5) R

Explore STEM challenges while building teamwork and problem solving skills.

### Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks

#### Make 'Em and Break 'Em Pasta Bridges (Grades 1-5) R

Explore STEM challenges while building teamwork and problem solving skills.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Monday, Feb. 20; 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 22; 4:00 p.m.

### WEDO EXPLORATIONS (GRADES K-5) R

Explore science through robot-based learning with LEGO® WeDo's! Students will engineer, code, and experiment!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Tuesday, Feb. 21; 2:00 p.m.

### THINKING MONEY: OPEN STEM LAB (AGES 3-18)

Explore math and money concepts in the STEM Lab. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.  
**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 5:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24; 11:00 a.m. and Saturday, Feb. 25; 2:00 p.m.

### GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT (AGES 0-10)

Participate in Cornell University's Great Backyard Bird Count!  
**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 6:00 p.m.

### RUBE GOLDBERG CREATIONS (GRADES 2-5) R

Put on your crazy inventor hat and design a wacky machine that can accomplish simple challenges!  
**Urbana Regional Library** Friday, Feb. 24; 3:30 p.m.

### SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN WITH WOODBORO ES: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS (GRADES K-5)

Enjoy a hands-on activity while learning how to clean up an oil spill!  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 28; 6:30 p.m.

## WELLNESS

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU—HEALTHY LUNCHBOX MAKEOVER (GRADES K-5) R

Experiment with the five food groups while designing new lunchbox ideas using the MyPlate plan.  
**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 4; 5:00 p.m.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### HOME SCHOOL LITERACY CIRCLE (GRADES 9-12)

Discuss a variety of books and other literary topics. Come prepared to interact!



**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 11, 25, and Feb. 8, 22; 2:00 p.m.

### HOME SCHOOL LITERACY ADVENTURES (GRADES 6-8)

Meet friends, discuss, investigate, and explore different genres of literature. Come prepared to interact!  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, 18, and Feb. 1, 15; 2:00 p.m.

### YOUNG WRITER'S CLUB (GRADES 6-12) R

Improve your writing, share stories, and work with other budding authors!  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Mondays, Dec. 19 and Feb. 20; 5:00 p.m.

### TEEN BOOK CLUB (GRADES 6-12)

Discuss books with themes. Food will be served. December: Winter/Holiday; January: Humor; February: Friendship/Romance  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 22, Jan. 26, and Feb. 23; 7:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: BOOK RESOLUTIONS (GRADES 6-12)

Use book titles to inspire your new year's resolutions. Bring a camera to capture your resolution!  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 11; 3:15 p.m.

## EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

### BRUNSWICK MOVIE MAKERS (GRADES 6-12)

Help make a movie about Brunswick and its history.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, Jan. 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 16, 23; 3:30 p.m.

# teen programs



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (GRADES 6-12)

Let your voice be heard and influence the library! Take advantage of free food while gaining leadership experience and service learning hours.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 4:00 p.m.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, and Feb. 2; 6:00 p.m.

## CATOCTIN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA SHOWCASE

An evening of local theater! Students from the Catoclin High School Drama Club will perform scenes and monologues.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Dec. 5; 6:00 p.m.

## POINT OF ROCKS LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (AGES 14-18)

Make a difference in your community and earn Service Learning hours! Volunteer, enjoy games and snacks, and get plugged into your library!

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Wednesdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 6:00 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: PROJECT RUNWAY UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER EDITION (GRADE 6 TO ADULT)

You bring the sweater, we'll bring the wacky supplies and LED lights. Win your holiday party's ugliest sweater contest in no time!

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Dec. 8; 7:00 p.m.

## BLTS (BRUNSWICK LIBRARY TEENS) (GRADES 6-12)

Plan upcoming Brunswick Library teen programs. Snacks served.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9; 7:00 p.m.

## SUPER SMASH BROTHERS TOURNAMENT (GRADES 6-12)

Eat popcorn while supporting and competing against fellow teens!

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursdays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9; 4:30 p.m.

## ASL CLUB (GRADES 6-12)

Learn and practice American Sign Language.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 23, and Feb. 20; 3:30 p.m.

## TEENS TEACH TOTS (AGES 14-18)

Make a difference in a child's life and earn Service Learning Hours! Attend this 30-minute seminar, and then help present Tinker Tots.

**Urbana Regional Library** Mondays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 6; 6:30 p.m.

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT WITH PIZZA! (GRADES 6-12)

We'll be showing the timeless comedy, "Elf", on the big screen.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Dec. 15; 6:00 p.m.

## TEEN JEOPARDY (GRADES 6-12)

"Jeopardy"-style trivia with a surprise theme! Winning team gets a prize!

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, and Feb. 16; 4:30 p.m.

## ANIME CLUB (GRADES 6-12) R

Watch anime, create art, and work on cosplay costumes!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Fridays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17; 4:00 p.m.

## ANIME/MANGA CLUB (GRADES 6-12)

Meet with anime/manga enthusiasts to watch, discuss, and draw anime, and have fun! Cosplay welcomed. Snacks served.

**Urbana Regional Library** Sundays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, and Feb. 12; 2:00 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: MOVIE MADNESS (GRADES 6-12)

Holiday movie and popcorn. Kick back, relax, and watch something fun with your friends.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 20; 3:00 p.m.

## TEEN GAME DAY (GRADES 6-12)

Play ping pong, Wii, board games, and card games.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 20; 3:30 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: MOVIE "HOME ALONE" (GRADES 6-12)

Get comfy and enjoy a warm beverage while watching the holiday classic "Home Alone!"

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Dec. 21; 6:00 p.m.

## KARAOKE CAROLS (GRADES 6-12)

Sing songs of the season with our karaoke machine.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 21; 3:00 p.m.

## EDIBLE PEPPERMINT SPOONS (GRADES 6-12)

Dip the edible spoon that you make into hot chocolate as we socialize and enjoy the season.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 22; 3:00 p.m.

## TEEN VOLUNTEER MEETUP (GRADES 8-12)

Work on teen displays!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Fridays, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3; 4:00 p.m.

## TABLETOP GAMES BONANZA! (GRADES 6-12)

Get your game on! Ultimate Werewolf, Zombie Dice, Sushi Go, Fluxx, Exploding Kittens, and more!

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 10; 3:00 p.m.

## YU-GI-OH SWAP MEET (GRADES 1-12)

Yu-Gi-Oh dueling and trading.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesdays, Jan. 17 and Feb. 7; 3:30 p.m.

## TEEN WINTER CARNIVAL (GRADES 6-12)

Beat the winter blues with music, dancing, food, and fun. Games and prizes too!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Jan. 19; 3:00 p.m.

## LIFE-SIZED CLUE (GRADES 6-12)

Was it Colonel Mustard in the library with a candlestick? Solve the classic whodunit with your fellow teens.

**Urbana Regional Library** Monday, Jan. 23; 1:00 p.m.

## WII TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (GRADES 6-12)

Game on with Mario Bros., Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, and more. Bring friends. Snacks and prizes!

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Jan. 26; 5:00 p.m.

## "TEEN WOLF" MARATHON (GRADES 8-12) R

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a "Teen Wolf" marathon!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Sunday, Feb. 12; 1:00 p.m.

## "CUPCAKE WARS" (GRADES 6-12) R

Popular TV show comes to the library! Bring your best decorating skills and produce the best looking cupcake.



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All materials supplied.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 14; 3:15 p.m.

### TEEN COFFEE HOUSE AND OPEN MIC (GRADES 6-12)

Play an instrument, recite a poem, do Karaoke—or just hang out and listen! Snacks served.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 14; 6:00 p.m.

### TEENS VOLUNTEER AT THE SENIOR CENTER (GRADES 6-12)

Meet at the Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St., Thurmont, for this annual event. Games, prizes, refreshments.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Monday, Feb. 20; 1:00 p.m.

### TEEN LUAU (GRADES 6-12)

Blast away the February blues and say aloha to island-style fun! Join us for hula dancing, crafts, and Hawaiian food.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Feb. 25; 3:00 p.m.

### THINKING MONEY: FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP (GRADES 8-12) **R**

Decipher paychecks, credit and debit cards, maintain a realistic budget, and understand the importance of saving for the future with Nymeo.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Feb. 28; 7:00 p.m.

## MAKE & CREATE

### TEEN ART CART (GRADES 6-12)

Use our free art supplies to craft, chat, and relax in the teen department.

**Urbana Regional Library** Fridays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10, 17; 3:00 p.m.

### BEADING 101 (GRADES 5-8) **R**

Create your own bracelet. Supplies provided.

**Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks** Monday, Dec. 5; 6:00 p.m.

### FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM (GRADES 6-12)

Catoclin Creek Nature Center's amazing magical beasts visit to inspire the creation of Harry Potter themed projects.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 3:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: 3-D PAPER SNOWFLAKES (GRADES 6-12)

Create three dimensional snowflakes in preparation for winter and the holidays.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6; 3:15 p.m.

### BEGINNING SEWING FOR TEENS (GRADES 6-12) **R**

Learn to use a sewing machine, read a pattern, and complete at least one wearable item.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 10, 24, 31, and Feb. 21, 28; 6:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP (GRADES 6-12)

Build and decorate a festive candy house.

**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Dec. 8; 5:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: DECK THE PAWS (GRADES 6-12)

Make fleece blankets to donate to local animal shelters for the winter season.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 13; 3:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: GINGERBREAD HOUSES (GRADES 6-12) **R**

Enter the holiday season by designing your own gingerbread house with candy and food of the season. Materials provided.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 13; 3:15 p.m.

### RECYCLED MATS FROM PLASTIC BAGS (GRADES 6-12)

Learn how to make plastic bag sleeping mats to keep a person experiencing homelessness warm! Bring plastic bags!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Dec. 14; 6:00 p.m.

### POKEMON BOOKMARK CORNERS (GRADES 6-12)

Capture your own Pokemon to create a corner bookmark. All materials provided.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 15; 3:15 p.m.

### GIFT BOX GIVING (GRADES 6-12)

Learn to make a gift box or bag out of recycled materials.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 20; 3:00 p.m.

### HELLO HOLIDAYS: TEEN GINGERBREAD HOUSES (GRADES 6-12)

Decorate a gingerbread house. Snacks served.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 21; 6:00 p.m.

### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: TIME IN A BOTTLE (GRADES 6-12)

Capture time by making monthly resolutions for the upcoming year and placing them in a bottle. Each month pull out a resolution and monitor your progress!

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Dec. 28; 3:00 p.m.

### TEEN WASHI TAPE (GRADES 6-12)

Make a project with Washi tape.

**Brunswick Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 29; 2:00 p.m.



# teen programs

## GET CREATIVE WITH PERLER BEADS (GRADES 6-12)

Design and create your own Perler Bead projects.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 3;  
3:00 p.m.

## TINY TERRARIUMS (GRADES 6-12) R

Brighten your space for the New Year with your own little garden. Supplies provided.  
**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursday, Jan. 5;  
5:00 p.m.

## CREATE GRAPHIC PRINTS (GRADES 6-12)

Create print blocks for making cool graphic prints.

### Part 1

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17;  
3:00 p.m.

### Part 2

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 24;  
3:00 p.m.

## BOTTLE WRAPPING (GRADES 6-12)

Create a unique vase by bottle wrapping. Please bring a clean bottle. Wrapping materials provided.  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 24;  
3:15 p.m.

## RANGOLI SAND ART (GRADES 6-12)

Rangoli is a sand decoration that is thought to bring good luck. Learn about this tradition and make rangoli designs.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 31;  
3:00 p.m.



## DIY SMASH BOOKS (GRADES 6-12)

Create a unique book to capture your memories with up-cycled and recycled materials.  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Feb. 1;  
3:15 p.m.

## COOKIES, CRAFTS & COCOA (GRADES 6-12)

Drop in after school to socialize, have refreshments and fun with friends.  
**Thurmont Regional Library** Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9,  
16; 3:00 p.m.

## SUMI-E BRUSH ART (GRADES 6-12)

Learn traditional sumi-e art techniques using sumi brushes and ink to create take home works of art.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 14;  
3:00 p.m.

## GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT: PHOTOGRAPHY MEETUP (GRADES 6-12) R

Bring your own camera and take photos of birds as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count Photo Contest.  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Saturday, Feb. 18;  
3:00 p.m.

## ALTERED BOOKS (GRADES 6-12)

In the style of *Battle Bunny* by Joh Scieszka, teens will alter a picture book to tell a new and "improved" story.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 28;  
3:00 p.m.

## MARDI GRAS MAGAZINE BEADS (GRADES 6-12)

Celebrate Mardi Gras with a beaded necklace you made yourself!  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 28;  
3:15 p.m.

## STEM

### INTERACTIVE INTERNET SAFETY GAMES (GRADES 6-12) R

Practice safe internet usage after watching a short video demonstrating best cyber practice. Play interactive games on computers provided.  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Dec. 1;  
3:00 p.m.

### TEEN STEAM: Research Techniques and Citations (Grades 8-12) R

Learn how to perform library and online research using credible sources, APA and MLA citations, and how to format your research paper.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8,  
15, 22, 29; 1:00 p.m.

### Engineering Challenge (Grades 8-12) R

Study acceleration and impact through given engineering challenges to create and design.  
Two-day event.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Monday, Dec. 12;  
1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 13; 1:00 p.m.

## Science Fair Projects (Grades 8-12) R

Research, design, and create a science fair project with a credible research paper. Requires work both at home and at library. Fair day 2/23.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12,  
19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 1:00 p.m.

## Movie Makers Workshop (Grades 6-12) R

Storyboard ideas, make backdrops, create figures, and film their story in either continuous or stop motion format. Three-day program.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Monday, Feb. 6;  
1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 7; 1:00 p.m. and  
Wednesday, Feb. 8; 1:00 p.m.

## Java Coding (Grades 8-12) R

Learn to program in Java. No prior programming knowledge needed, just a desire to learn. Two-day program.  
**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 10;  
1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 11; 1:00 p.m.

## CODING CLUB (GRADES 6-12) R

Learn to code!  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Mondays, Dec. 5, Jan.  
9, and Feb. 13; 5:00 p.m.

## MINECRAFT FOR TEENS (GRADES 6-12)

An afternoon of Minecraft at the library.  
**Brunswick Branch Library** Tuesday, Dec. 6;  
3:30 p.m.

## HELLO HOLIDAYS: ENGINEER A TARDIS (GRADES 6-12) R

Build a TARDIS and help the Doctor save the world from yet another holiday alien invasion! Sponsored by TAB.  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Dec. 28;  
5:00 p.m.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: 3D PRINTING 101 (GRADES 6-12) R

Learn the basics of 3D printing in this introductory class!  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Jan. 10;  
7:00 p.m.

## ARDUINO 101 (GRADES 6-12)

Hands-on experience learning all about this little computer.  
**Thurmont Regional Library** Saturday, Jan. 14;  
1:00 p.m.

## SOLAR POWERED MASON JARS (GRADES 6-12) R

Make your own solar powered light with mason jars. All materials supplied.  
**Walkersville Branch Library** Tuesday, Jan. 17;  
3:15 p.m.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: SEWING 101 (GRADES 6-12) R

Learn the basics of sewing in this introductory class by the American Sewing Guild!  
**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesdays, Jan. 17, 24;  
7:00 p.m.

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### **IGLOO ARCHITECTURE (GRADES 6-12) R**

Practice architecture and design skills using sugar cubes to make an igloo. All material provided.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 19; 3:15 p.m.

### **ENGINEERING CLUB:**

#### **NASA Engineers (Grades 6-12) R**

Meet two NASA engineers and learn about engineering through hands-on activities!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Wednesday, Jan. 25; 6:00 p.m.

#### **Nanotechnology (Grades 6-12) R**

Amy Stabell discusses nanotechnology for this special edition of *Engineering Club*.

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Friday, Feb. 24; 4:00 p.m.

### **ROBOTICS WITH LEGO® MINDSTORMS (GRADES 6-12)**

Build a LEGO® Mindstorms robot.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Jan. 25; 3:15 p.m.

### **3-D MARSHMALLOW SNOWFLAKES (GRADES 6-12)**

Tired of real snowflakes? Make edible and unique snowflakes out of marshmallows.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Jan. 26; 3:15 p.m.

### **STEAM CAFE:**

#### **Stained Art Light Jars (Grade 6-12)**

All supplies provided.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Jan. 28; 10:00 a.m.

#### **Sharpie Bookmarks (Grades 6-12)**

All supplies provided.

**Emmitsburg Branch Library** Saturday, Feb. 18; 10:00 a.m.

### **NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: GARDENING 101 (GRADES 6-12) R**

Learn the basics of gardening in this introductory class with the Master Gardeners!

**C. Burr Artz Public Library** Tuesday, Jan. 31; 7:00 p.m.

### **STOP MOTION OR LIVE ACTION ANIMATION (GRADES 6-12)**

Create your own stop motion or live action movie with student created storylines and props.

**Middletown Branch Library** Tuesday, Feb. 7; 3:00 p.m.

### **MINECRAFT (GRADES 6-12) R**

Play Minecraft with other players on our special Minecraft server. Laptops provided.

**Walkersville Branch Library** Wednesday, Feb. 8; 3:15 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 9; 3:15 p.m.

### **THINKING MONEY: FINANCIAL REALITY CHECK (GRADES 6-12) R**

Practice fiscal responsibility by role-playing with online reality games designed to promote an understanding of positive financial decisions.

#### **Part 1**

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 16; 3:15 p.m.

#### **Part 2**

**Walkersville Branch Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 3:15 p.m.

### **LEGO® ROBOTICS (GRADES 6-12)**

Want to make LEGO® bricks come alive? Build and learn how to code LEGO® Mindstorms robots.

**Urbana Regional Library** Thursday, Feb. 23; 4:30 p.m.



You can find our programs online, too. Check out [fcpl.org/programs](http://fcpl.org/programs) today!



# annual report

## FY16 Sponsors

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At Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL), our mission is to facilitate the public's freedom to explore, to invent, and to transform. We believe in connecting people to ideas and to one another by striving to meet the evolving needs of our patrons, while bridging the digital and print divide.

Each of our eight library branches provides public access to WiFi; unique indoor and outdoor spaces for gathering; quiet areas for studying; community and educational enrichment through programming and events; diverse print and digital collections.

During this past year, FCPL has experienced exciting new growth from the unveiling of our new logo and website to providing customers access to popular new online resources such as Rosetta Stone, Lynda.com, and Fold3 through Ancestry.com.

Additionally, our Summer Challenge Program set a record in community participation amongst not only patrons of all ages, but in the number of business and nonprofit partners who supported our initiative and worked to make it a success.

Frederick County is a dynamic and growing community. FCPL helps make Frederick County an attractive place to live, work, and play by providing evolving collections across many formats and high-quality customer service.

The accompanying annual report provides a snapshot of our exciting services and activities over the past year. FCPL continues to thrive, due to your loyal and continued support. On behalf of our FCPL staff and Board of Trustees, thank you for helping FCPL continue to be your trusted gathering place and informational resource.

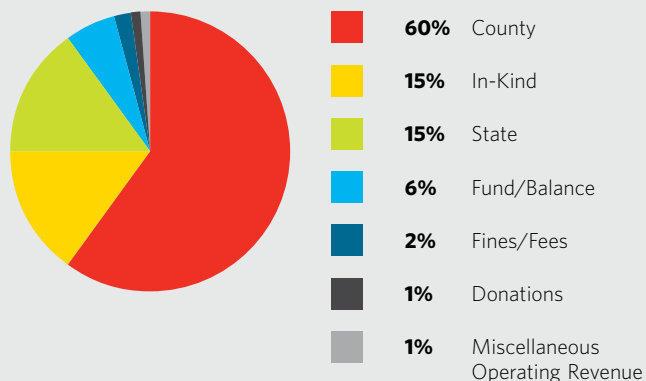
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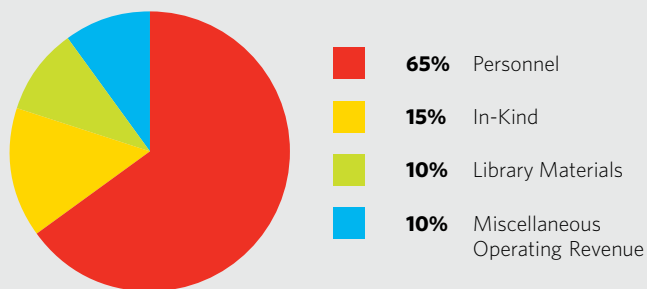


# Total Operating Budget FY16

### Revenues



### Expenditures



## Library Visits | Physical Branch Visits

= 50,000 visits



## New Library Cards Issued

= 10,000 cards



**Total = 9,179**

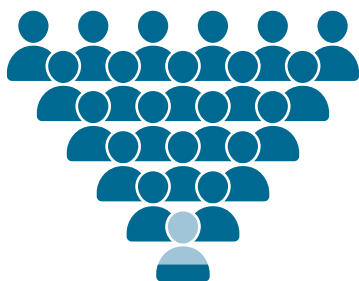
## Total Circulation



**Total = 2,829,482**

## Total Registered Patrons

= 7,500 patrons



**Total = 151,898**

## Library Visits | Virtual Branch Visits


= 25,000 visits

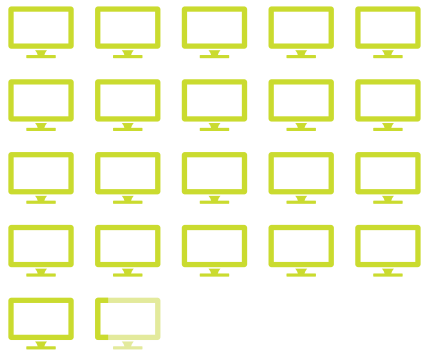


**Total = 687,134**

# annual report


## Total Hours of Computer Usage

 = 10,000 hours

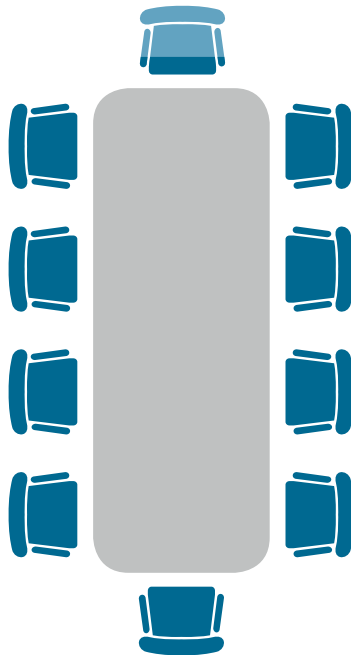


Total = 212,045

## Meeting Room Events


 = 2,500 people

Total Meeting Room Events = 1,551



Total Attendance = 24,249

## Library Volunteer Hours

 = 10,000 hours



Total = 7,864


## Wifi Usage (users)

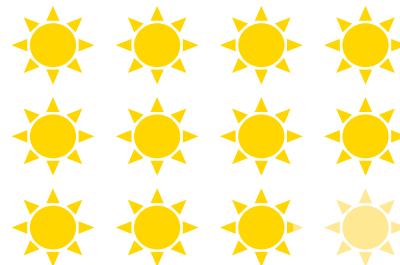
 = 125,000 users



Total = 114,832

## Summer Reading Program Attendance

 = 1,000 participants



Total = 10,932

## FY16 Donors

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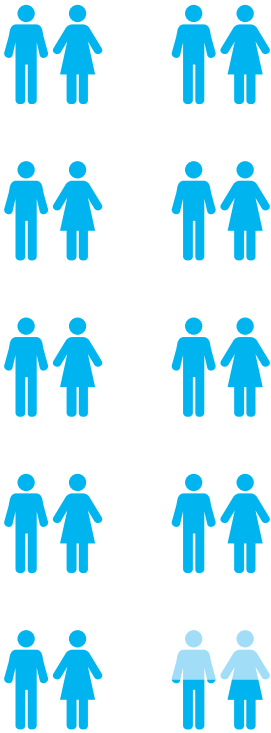




### Adult Programs

= 1,000 people

Total Adult Programs = 305

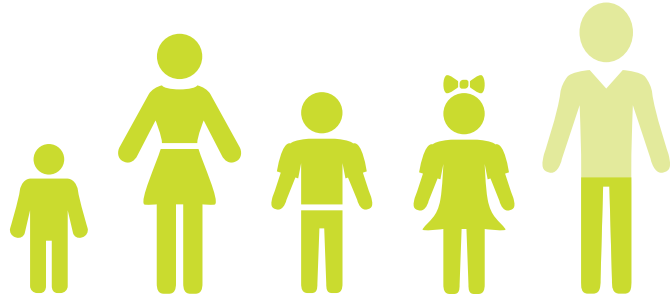


Total = 9,050

### Children and Teen Programs

= 35,000 people

Total Children and Teen Programs = 5,901



Total = 155,210

### E-Content Circulation

= 2,829,482 total circulation



Total = 598,595

Sharon Maul  
 Laura and John McCullough  
 MOMS Club of Urbana  
 Connie Morgan  
 Suzanne Murphy  
 Warren and Kate Naylor  
 Warren Naylor Jr.  
 Nancy Neighbors

Holly Parker  
 Allison Parker  
 Shawn Pickrell  
 Arooj Rana  
 Mahera Rana  
 Sue Rausch  
 Robert and Wendy Reed  
 Molino Remo

Margaret Rosato  
 Virginia Salitrik  
 Kenneth and Janice Sayles  
 Katharine Scrivener  
 Barbara Shealer  
 Barbara Shellenberg  
 Bonnie Smoal  
 Susan Stein

Martha Sullenger  
 Greg and Suzie Thornton  
 Susan Verdi  
 Monica Viers  
 David H. Wallace  
 Tonisa Ward  
 Blair and James Webber  
 Wednesday Book Club  
 Logan Wern

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## Library Love Stories



### Candy Greenway

*Board of Trustees Member since 2011 // Frederick County Public Libraries Donor*

I am originally from Atlanta, Ga. and have lived in Frederick since 1999. I was appointed to the Frederick County Library Board of Trustees six years ago and currently serve as the Vice Chair.

My mother was a voracious reader, and I learned early on that I had to start reading so we could discuss literature together. She started taking me to the public library when I was 3 years old. Walking into a library opens up a world of possibilities, and that feeling has never left me. Even though she passed several years ago, reading was the bridge to a life-long friendship I continue to cherish.

A 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading assignment, *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand, was the first book that had a major impact on me. When I went to college, I did nothing but read for my entire freshman year. It didn't do wonders for my GPA, but I still consider it the best education I could have ever gotten. Even now, I have been in countless book clubs and thoroughly enjoy the great discussions and insights we share.

In 2004, I helped create the Friends of the Library, a nonprofit volunteer organization, for the C. Burr Artz Public Library. I've also volunteered in the library's Technical Services Department, labeling CDs, binding books, and doing whatever I could. It was a wonderful experience that taught me the basics about how libraries operate. The staff I worked with were so grateful for volunteers and did all they could to support my efforts.

Making a gift to the library is such a small token of my appreciation considering how much the library has given me throughout the years. I only wish I could do more.



### Susan Gainey

*C. Burr Artz Library Donor*

My husband and I recently moved to Frederick from Southern California, following our retirement and desire to move closer to our daughters, sons-in-law, and grandkids. Before moving to Frederick, I was blessed to have worked as a nurse, vocational rehabilitation counselor, and workforce development program manager.

The first book I ever loved was *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper. Growing up, my goal to become a nurse was keenly shaped by *The Cherry Ames* nurse series, and I also loved Nancy Drew mysteries. My favorite childhood summer activity was riding my bicycle to the library and meeting friends to explore the stacks—at no cost! My mother and grandmother instilled a deep love of books, reading, and the magic of libraries before I could even read. As a parent, I passed along this love of reading and libraries to my own two children.

While we've only lived in Frederick for about a year, I've always been motivated to contribute and give back to the local community. Volunteering at community and school libraries provided many opportunities to share wonderful experiences, helping to match patrons to appropriate books of interest.

My husband and I are excited about living here; we look forward to continued exploration and involvement in this beautiful city.

***If you would like to learn more about volunteering and giving back to the library, visit [fcpl.org/support](http://fcpl.org/support).***



# giving back

## Warm Hands, Warm Hearts

At Frederick County Public Libraries, we put books in the hands of those who need them the most. But, we're so much more than that.

In an increasingly digital age, the role of the library is occasionally called into question. The antiquated idea of buildings and books has been replaced with a modern library that serves many purposes and strives to meet the needs of our changing community.

At FCPL, our eight library branches and two bookmobiles serve as community centers—places where people gather to meet face-to face, where children roam the stacks learning and playing. They are the beginning and the end to curiosity—the spark for conversations about diversity, art, music, and literature. They are also lifelines for those who, for reasons out of their control, would be separated from the world. More than just books, FCPL creates opportunities for people to explore, invent, and transform—and we couldn't do it without the support of generous donors like you.

With the rapid innovations in technology and the growth of Frederick County,

support from donors is more important now than ever. Donations in support of the libraries will be put to use where it's needed most this winter, including increasing access to resources in underserved areas of the county and providing services to children and to adults with limited mobility.

No matter the size of your gift, you can make a difference. Make a gift now for "Library's Greatest Need" by visiting [fcpl.org/support](http://fcpl.org/support) or by detaching and mailing in the form below. Together we can put books in the hands of those who need them the most this winter!



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## FCPL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 23-24 // Closed  
December 25-26 // Closed  
December 31 // Libraries close at 5pm  
January 1-2 // Closed  
January 16 // Closed

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# ON MY NIGHTSTAND



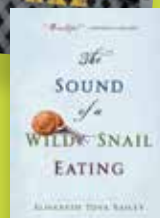
## Lauren Nopenz Fairley

*Operations Manager, Curious Iguana Books*

For all those non-fiction lovers, nature enthusiasts, or readers who can't commit to a long book, I highly recommend *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating* by Elisabeth Tova Bailey. It is a charmingly written and fascinating investigation into not only the natures of mollusca but also the complexities of life.

I am also an avid young adult reader, and my two favorites for fall and winter are *Phantom Limbs* by Paula Garner and *The Forgetting* by Sharon Cameron. *Phantom Limbs* is a complex novel about loss, amputation both literal and metaphorical, and connectedness. *The Forgetting* is a terrific book for fans of *Divergent* or *The Hunger Games*. It is part dystopia, part science fiction with a splash of romance and lots of action!

As for general fiction, I am obsessed with a stunning book called *I Will Send Rain* by Rae Meadows. Her small novel sweeps readers into 1934 rural Oklahoma and through a town suffering from the effects of the Dust Bowl. The small cast of characters are endearing and their troubles tangible. As they struggle to survive, their faith and love is tested.



## James Kelly

*Associate Director for Operations, Frederick County Public Libraries*

A book I just finished and can't stop recommending is *Rolling Blackouts: Dispatches from Turkey, Syria, and Iraq*, a graphic novel by Sarah Glidden. She does a great job of untangling the situation in the Middle East and, more importantly, explaining what some of these conflicts mean for civilians in the region. Glidden also explores the idea of how, in telling a

story, journalists and writers become part of the story.

For me, non-fiction graphic novels have been a great entry point to some pretty weighty topics. I've learned about everything from economic theory (*Economix: How and Why Our Economy Works and Doesn't Work* by Michael Goodwin) to basic neuroscience (*Neurocomic* by Hana Ros) and read some remarkable histories (*Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans* by Don Brown) and compelling memoirs (*Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel).

What I like about graphic novels is that they share so much in common with film. The visual storytelling can be very powerful. Like movie directors, authors have to decide how to frame a shot in a way that best moves the narrative forward. When it is done well, graphic novels have a way of letting us in, of making complex situations or emotions more immediate, accessible, and relatable.

Next up for me is volume two of Ed Piskor's *Hip Hop Family Tree*, an entertaining multi-volume history of the genre.

