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EXCLUSIVE MEET AND GREET OPPORTUNITY

TICKET PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHILDREN'S LIBRARY SERVICES

As a founding partner of the Frederick Speaker Series, Frederick County Public Libraries is excited, once again, to provide a wonderful opportunity for guests to attend private gatherings with the featured speakers at the conclusion of each event. These exclusive receptions give attendees a once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet and engage with our season speakers. This season, patrons will have a chance to meet speakers Jane Fonda, Dave Barry, General Stanley McChrystal, and Dr. Michio Kaku.

With proceeds benefiting children's library programming, tickets for each reception are $75. Only 100 tickets will be sold for these receptions, and tickets are expected to sell out quickly. Please note that admission to the Frederick Speaker Series lectures requires a separate ticket.

You may purchase tickets for both the lectures and the receptions online at weinbergcenter.org, or by calling the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

The Frederick Speaker Series is made possible through the generous support of:

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FREDERICK SPEAKER SERIES

Each year, the Frederick Speaker Series invites some of the world's best and brightest minds to enlighten our community with informative concepts and wisdom. Now in its third year, the Frederick Speaker Series will again serve as a prism for innovative ideas, as we invite new presenters to take the stage in our community.

All lectures begin at 7:30 pm at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, with a separately ticketed reception to follow. For more information, visit frederickspeakerseries.org.

JANE FONDA

Oscar®-winning Actress, New York Times Best-selling Author, Activist, and Fitness Expert

Friday, January 16, 2015 – $65, $60, $50

As a stage and film actress, author, and fitness expert, Jane Fonda has won numerous awards and prestigious honors. In addition, she is an activist and advocate for social change, having founded the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power and Potential and the Jane Fonda Center for Adolescent Reproductive Health at the Emory University School of Medicine. A former UN Goodwill Ambassador, she is a frequent speaker on a variety of subjects, including motivation, health and wellness, business, women's issues, achievement, and perseverance.

DAVE BARRY

Humorist, Pulitzer Prize-winning Author

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 – $50, $45, $40

Dave Barry has been a professional humorist ever since he discovered that professional humor was a lot easier than working. A former newspaper columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner, Barry was largely responsible for the movement to observe International Talk Like a Pirate Day every year, which he considers his most enduring achievement to date. Having written nearly 30 books, two of which were the basis for a CBS sitcom, Barry has plenty of experience in making people laugh.

GENERAL STANLEY MCCHRYSTAL

Former Commander of U.S. and International Forces in Afghanistan, and Senior Fellow at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 – $35, $30, $25

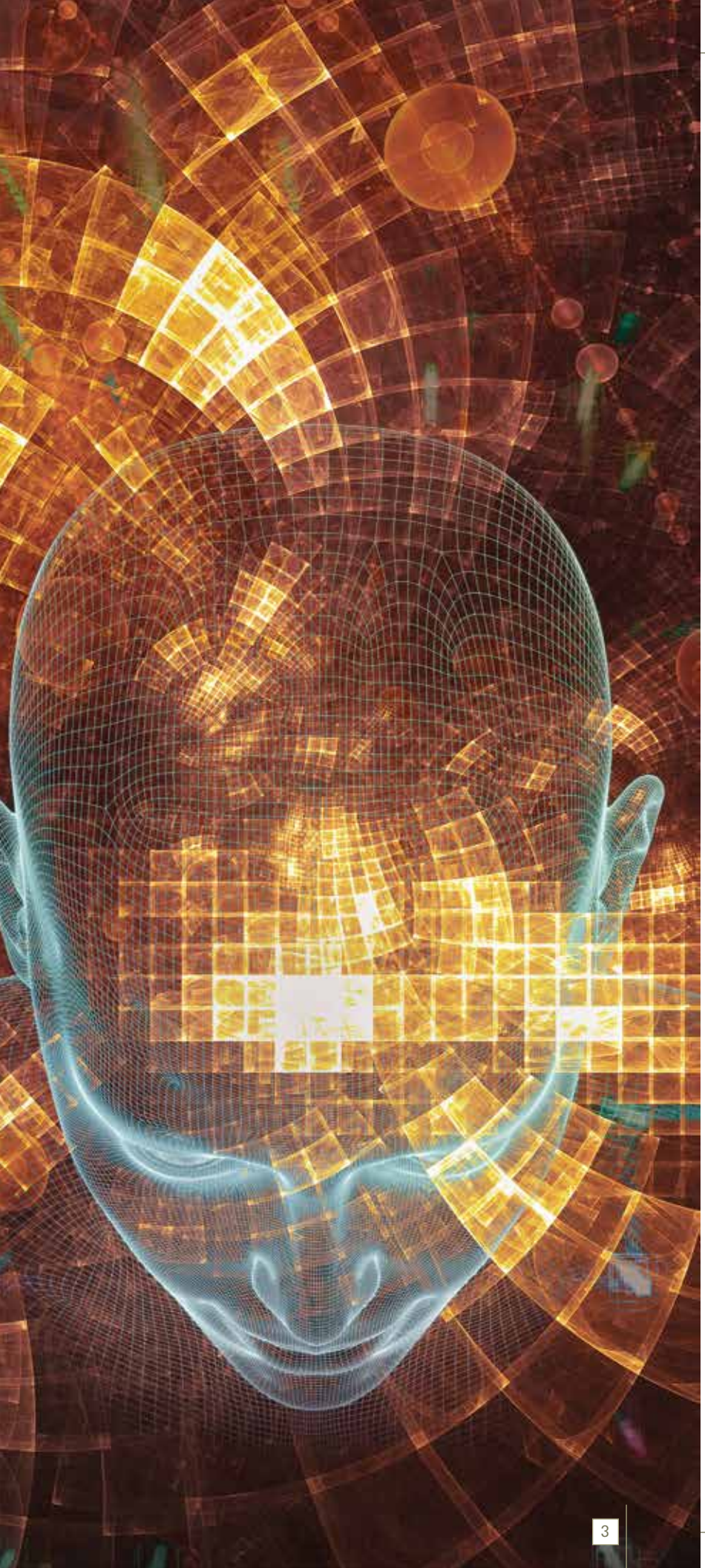
Known for candor, innovative leadership, and fusing intelligence and operations, General Stanley McChrystal is a one-of-a-kind commander with a remarkable record of achievement. Not only is he a four-star general, the former commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan, and the former leader of Joint Special Operations Command, but he is also an author of a best-selling book on leadership. Called "one of America's greatest warriors" by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, few can speak about leadership, teamwork, and international affairs with as much insight as he can.

DR. MICHIO KAKU

Theoretical Physicist, Professor, Futurist, and New York Times Best-selling Author

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – $35, $30, $25

One of the most widely recognized physicists and futurists in the world today, Dr. Michio Kaku has written three *New York Times* best sellers, one of which also hit number one on Amazon and Barnes and Noble's best-seller lists. He has appeared on numerous television shows, holds the Henry Semat Chair in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York, and has taught at both Princeton and Harvard. As a co-founder of string field theory, Dr. Michio Kaku carries on Einstein's quest to unite the four fundamental forces of nature into a single grand unified theory of everything.



TITLES AVAILABLE AT FCPL

All Together
Jane Fonda – DVD FOR ALL 2011

Complete Personal Trainer Series
Jane Fonda – DVD 613.7 JANE 2005

My Life So Far
Jane Fonda – B FONDA 2006

I'll Mature When I'm Dead
Dave Barry – 814.54 BARR, EBook, E Audiobook 2010

You Can Date Boys When You're Forty: Dave Barry on Parenting and Other Topics He Knows Very Little About
Dave Barry – 306.85 BARR, CD Book 2014

Peter and the Starcatchers Series
Dave Barry – J FIC BARR, Ebooks, E Audiobooks, CD Books

My Share of the Task: A Memoir
Stanley A. McChrystal – 355.009 MCCH 2013

Einstein's Cosmos: How Albert Einstein's Vision Transformed Our Understanding of Space and Time
Michio Kaku – 530.11 KAK 2004

Physics of the Impossible: A Scientific Exploration into the World of Phasers, Force Fields, Teleportation, and Time Travel
Michio Kaku – 530 KAKU, CD Book, 2008

The Future of the Mind: The Scientific Quest to Understand, Enhance, and Empower the Mind
Michio Kaku – 612.8 KAKU, EBook, CD Book, and E Audiobook 2014

Visit your library or www.fcpl.org to find more titles by these authors.

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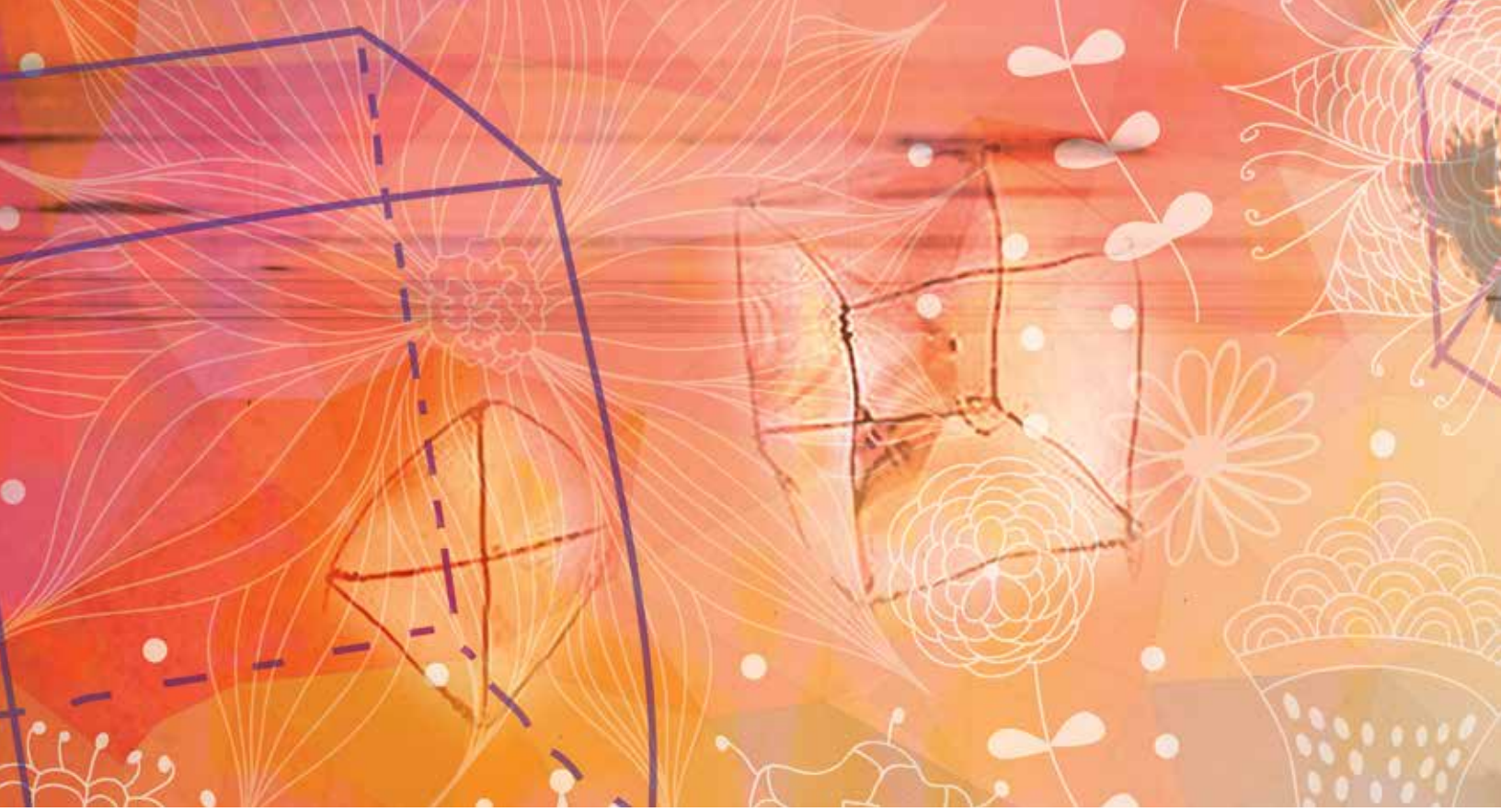


A SEASON OF WONDER

KAY RYAN, FORMER U.S. POET LAUREATE, LAUNCHES FREDERICK READS 2015 SEASON

Former United States Poet Laureate (2008–2010) and Pulitzer Prize winner, Kay Ryan, will kick off the 2015 season of Frederick Reads with the C. Burr Artz Trust Poetry Series, a free public appearance at the Weinberg Center for the Arts. The theme for the 2015 Frederick Reads season will be "Wonder" and will explore books and programs that celebrate the unusual, from the divine to the ridiculous, in big and small ways.

Born in California in 1945, Kay Ryan grew up in the San Joaquin Valley and the Mojave Desert. She received a bachelor's and master's degree from UCLA and has lived in Marin County in Northern California since 1971.

Ryan is the author of many popular works including *The Best of It: New and Selected Poems,* which was nominated for the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award and for which she was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 2011, *Odd Blocks: Selected and New Poems* (2011), *The Niagara River* (Grove Press, 2005), and *Believe It or Not!* (2002), which was recently re-released and retitled as *The Jam Jar Lifeboat & Other Novelties.* Her work has been selected multiple times for *The Best American Poetry* and has been included in *The Best of the Best American Poetry 1988–1997.* The Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, The Ingram Merrill Award, and The MacArthur "Genius" Award are just a few of Ryan's other notable awards. She has also received fellowships from the Guggenheim and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ryan's poems and essays have been featured in *The New Yorker, The Atlantic,* and *The Yale Review,* among others. Not only was Ryan elected a Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets in 2006, but in 2008 she was also appointed the Library of Congress's sixteenth Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, responsible for raising awareness of poetry through reading and writing.

About Ryan's work, J.D. McClatchy has said: "She is an anomaly in today's literary culture: as intense and elliptical as Dickinson, as buoyant and rueful as Frost." Ryan now takes the stage formerly graced by C. Burr Artz Trust featured poets Nikki Giovanni and Diane Ackerman, and U.S. Poets Laureate Billy Collins, Robert Hass, Natasha Tretheway, and Robert Pinsky.

THE C. BURR ARTZ TRUST FREDERICK reads WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS PLAMONDON HOSPITALITY PARTNERS

KAY RYAN
Sunday, February 1, 2 pm
Weinberg Center for the Arts
Book sales and signing to follow the reading.
This is a free event. Tickets are not required.

For more information, visit fcpl.org or
call the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MIDDLETOWN BRANCH LIBRARY

After 23 years of serving the community, the Middletown Branch Library was in need of more than a little TLC. All of that changed on September 5 when renovations began that would not only restore, but also revitalize the library with an updated look and many new features.

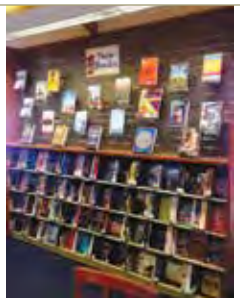
On the outside, the library received a new roof, fresh paint, tinted windows, and new plantings and mulch. Entering the library, patrons will notice even more changes. New technology, in the form of tablets and more self-checkout machines, will help catapult the Middletown branch into the 21st century. The book sale section of the library has been relocated to accommodate more books, and a larger circulation desk has been installed with more storage. A *New Books* wall becomes a prominent fixture that is constantly being restocked. The children's area has been expanded to accommodate more children and larger events.

One of the more exciting additions to the library is a "use your own device" section. This area allows patrons to sit at a desk and use their personal phones, laptops, or tablets while they charge. Robin Bowers, Middletown Branch Administrator, is especially excited about this new area. "Libraries as charging stations is an initiative that Maryland Libraries are talking about this year, so we are ahead of the curve in Middletown," Bowers said.

While demolition was taking place on the inside of the building, an unusual item was discovered inside of a window seat. A time capsule newspaper was found that was dated 1991, which was when the library first opened.

Renovations were completed with new paint, freshly cleaned and sealed tile, and new easy-to-reconfigure furniture, making a real difference for library programming. The library is already seeing the benefits of the renovations. Moving the book sale section of the library to a larger area has increased sales, and patrons are utilizing the *New Books* display daily.

The Middletown Library would like to thank the community for their patience during the renovations and everyone who assisted with the project.



STEM CURIOSITY ACADEMIES

Building on the success of the STEM Curiosity Academy in July, Frederick County Public Libraries will continue to host STEM Curiosity Academies in library branches throughout 2015. Children entering Kindergarten in fall 2015 are invited to apply for this exciting opportunity to delve into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning during these 10-day programs, designed by Dr. Marisel Torres-Crespo, Director of the Onica Prall Child Development Laboratory School at Hood College.

Activities include racing balloons, learning about circuits, building structures, making "flubber," and much more. Parents of children who attended the summer program at the Frederick County Judy Center said it was "the experience of a lifetime," and their children demonstrated increased interest and aptitude in STEM subjects.

2015 CURIOSITY ACADEMIES

C. Burr Artz Library: January 5–9 and 12–16, 10 am–12 pm

Urbana Regional Library: March 16–20 and 23–27, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Thurmont Regional Library: April 20–24 and April 27–May 1, 1 pm–3 pm

Brunswick Library will host an academy in August for children entering Kindergarten in 2016.

Applications for the January, March, and April academies are available at library branches or at fcpl.org. Applying does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Children must be able to attend all 10 sessions to participate.

STEM Curiosity Academies are sponsored by: The Community Foundation of Frederick County, PNC BANK

Frederick County Public Libraries; Hood College; Frederick County Judy Center; Fort Detrick Alliance; United Way; Frederick County Bank; M&T Bank; Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc.; Asian American Center of Frederick; and Erin Doolittle, FCPS Teacher of the Year

THINK WITH BINK

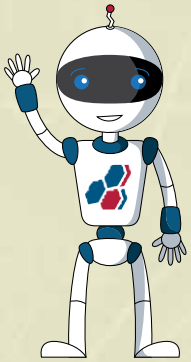
The Fort Detrick Alliance is excited to announce the following presenters for the Think with BINK 2015 winter series for elementary school-aged children:

TOM TAYLOR

Specialized Engineering, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer

January 7, 4:30 pm at Urbana Regional Library
January 20, 4:15 pm at C. Burr Artz Public Library

Explore common engineering materials and sample testing in this hands-on session with MD registered Professional Engineer Tom Taylor.



MARY BARRY

Frederick County Bank, Vice President

February 3, 4:15 pm at C. Burr Artz Public Library
February 4, 4:30 pm at Urbana Regional Library

Learn about budgeting, saving, and how interest works to increase your bank account with Frederick County Bank Vice President, Mary Barry.

Think with BINK programs are free, but we ask you to register so that we're sure to have enough space for everyone. For information on how to register and for upcoming topics, visit fcpl.org.

BEE ALERT! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2015 FREDERICK COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Spellers get ready; it's that time of year! The Frederick County Spelling Bee will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 1:30 pm at the JBK Theater on the campus of Frederick Community College. The participants, from more than 35 schools countywide, greatly appreciate your support and welcome the applause! The winner of this Bee will continue on to the 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee, May 24–29, held just south of Washington, DC, at National Harbor.

SPELLING BEE CLUBS

In order to help prepare students for their preliminary bees, we are offering the following programs to students in both schools and home school associations who are enrolled in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Brunswick Public Library

Spelling Bee practice, grades 1–8.

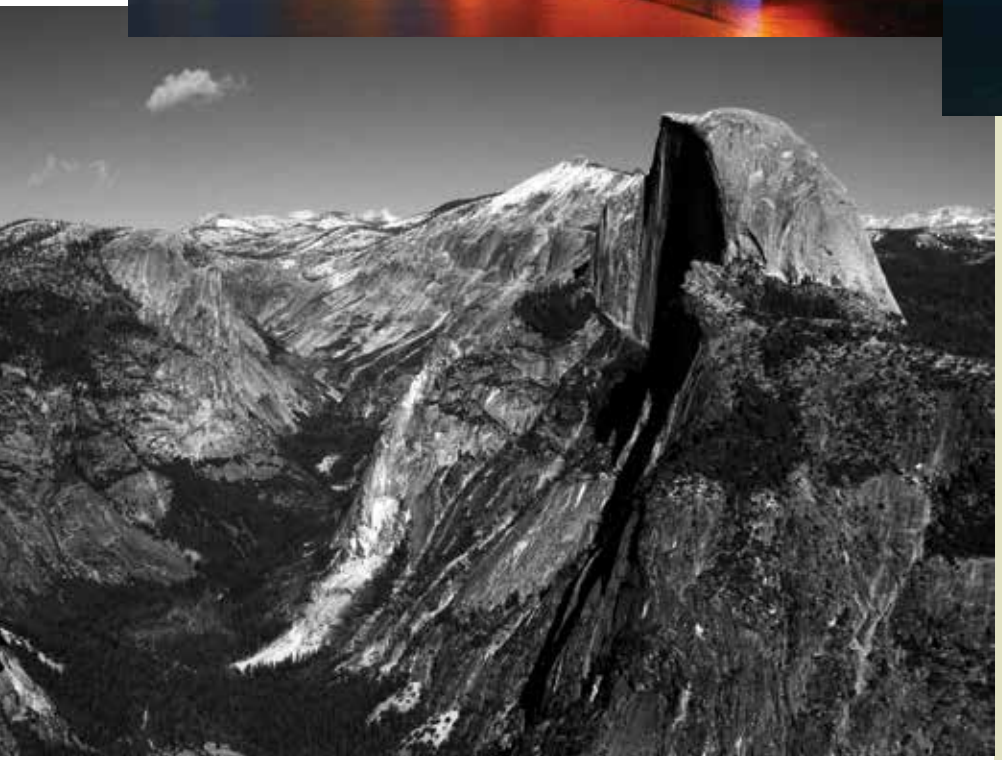
Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 at 4:30 pm.

Middletown Public Library

Spelling Club, grades 3–5.

Mondays, December 1–22 at 4:30 pm.

FREDERICK COUNTY SPELLING BEE



Top Left » *Bridge to Cologne* by Howard Clark
Top Right » *Isola, Lago Maggiore* by Sheryl Masaro
Bottom » *Half Dome and Cloud* by John Kuhn

FCPL SATELLITE GALLERIES

The following local and regional artist displays are available November through February at the Urbana, Brunswick, and Thurmont Libraries. These satellite galleries are possible thanks to the ongoing partnership between FCPL and The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center.

Urbana Regional Library, *PhonePhotos*
November 2014–February 2015: Sheryl Massaro. Photography.

Brunswick Branch Library, *Photographic Images by John Kuhn*
November 2014–February 2015: John Kuhn. Photography.

Thurmont Regional Library, *The Glory of Water*
November 2014–February 2015: Howard Clark. Photography.

For more information, visit fcpl.org and delaplaine.org.

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THROUGH THE LENS

The theme of "home" was explored during "Through The Lens" photography projects at C. Burr Artz Public Library in conjunction with the 2014 One Maryland, One Book, *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir by Reyna Grande* by Reyna Grande. A grant from the Maryland Humanities Council provided disposable cameras for participants of all ages to frame their home and community identity through a camera lens.

In addition to the photographic component, participants were also asked to keep a written journal, recording their thoughts and observations about the hidden, unusual, and undiscovered sights in their communities.

One participant stated, "I hope the exhibit will inspire conversation and that it will make others treasure the people and places around them and deepen their connection to the community."

The "Through the Lens" project featured partnerships with the Literacy Council, as well as Frederick Community College, the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, and the Frederick Camera Clique.

If you missed the first gallery unveiling, you still have a chance during Museums By Candlelight, when a portion of the photos will be on display at the C. Burr Artz Public Library from 11 am to 2 pm. A selection of the participants' photographs will be archived in the Maryland Room, becoming a permanent record of how Frederick was seen as "home."

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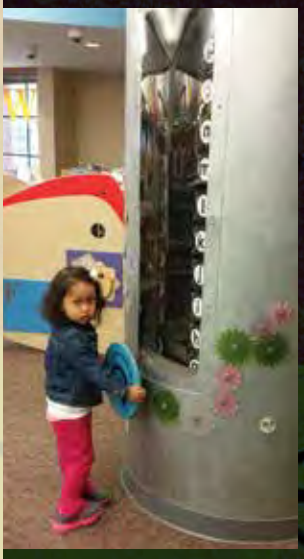

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
ANNUAL REPORT FY2014

You could find me at C. Burr Artz as I started my writing career. Librarians there nutured me and sent me forth!

–Deborah Wiles, Author of Revolution
2014 National Book Award Finalist

Frederick County Public Libraries prides itself in providing the most useful pathways to knowledge and information for every customer. Whether you seek personal or professional enrichment, we strive to offer innovative resources and methods to access information.

FCPL continues to grow and keep pace with the ever-changing needs of our diverse community. Our services and programming reach far beyond the walls of the buildings into the heart of the community. Our eight library locations, along with our busiest branch (FCPL.org) have experienced steady growth over the past several years.

Just as the community of Frederick continues to gain wider recognition as a vibrant and attractive place to live and work, so is the library gaining increased recognition for its innovative and enriching services. This annual report provides a brief snapshot of the library system's services and activity. Your continued support is crucial. On behalf of the FCPL staff and Board of Trustees, thank you for helping us make our libraries the hub of our community.

Sincerely,

Cheryl G. Smith
Chair, FCPL Board of Trustees

Darrell Batson
Director, FCPL

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that a free and accessible Public Library is fundamental to a democratic society. The Public Library will provide facilities and an environment which connects people to ideas, experiences and information. The Public Library will meet the current and changing information needs of the community.

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Darrell Batson

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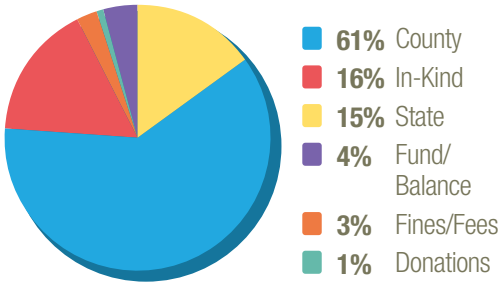
C. Burr Artz Public Library
Urbana Regional Library
Thurmont Regional Library
Brunswick Public Library
Emmitsburg Branch Library
Middletown Branch Library
Walkersville Branch Library
Edward F. Fry Memorial Library
at Point of Rocks

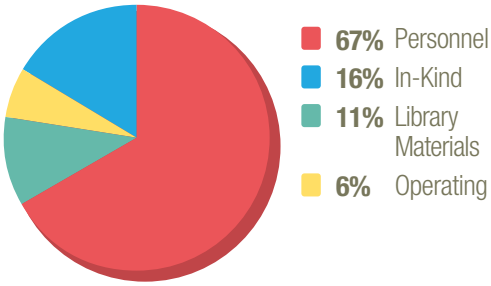
Two bookmobiles
Frederick County Detention Center Library

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FY14 = $12,951,512

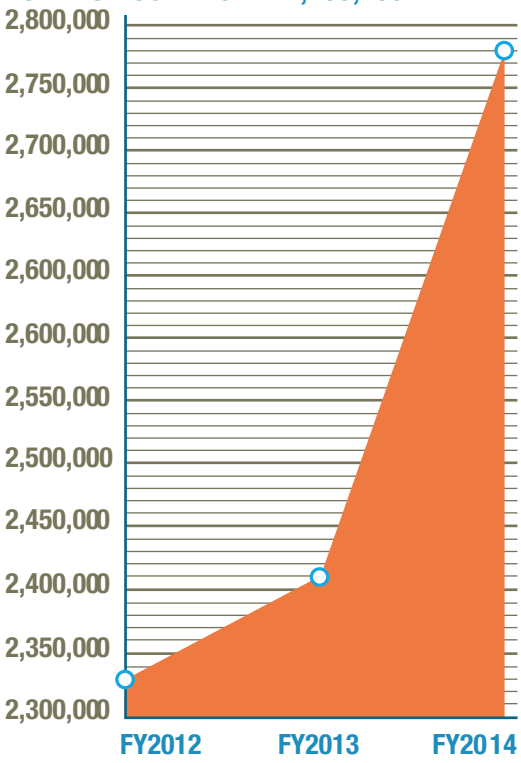
BUDGETED REVENUES FY14



BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FY14

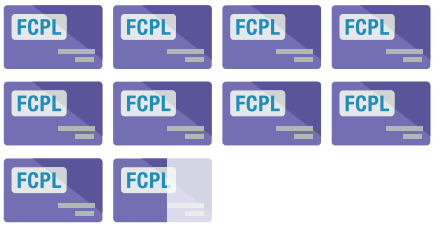


TOTAL CIRCULATION = 2,783,289



NEW LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

= 1,000



TOTAL = 9,533

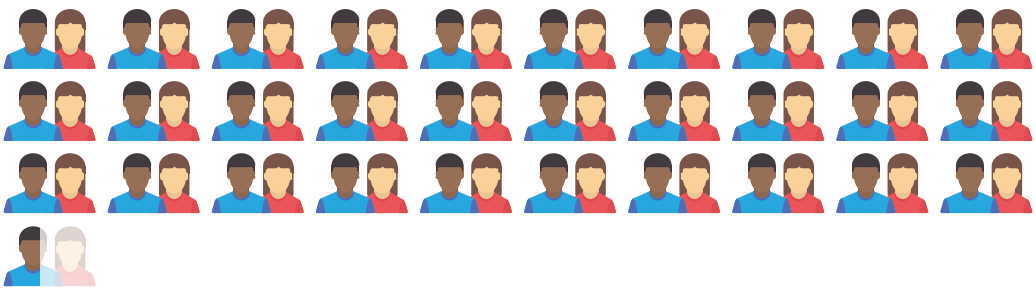
BOOKS AND MEDIA DONATIONS ADDED TO THE COLLECTION

= 500

TOTAL = 2,940

TOTAL REGISTERED PATRONS

= 5,000

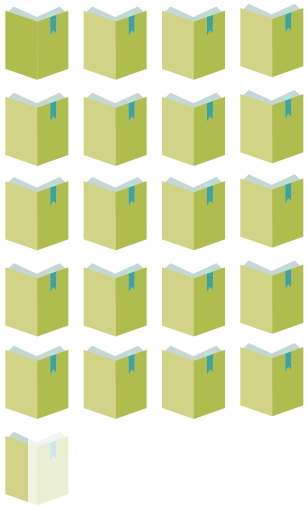


TOTAL = 151,606

LIBRARY VISITS

PHYSICAL BRANCH VISITS

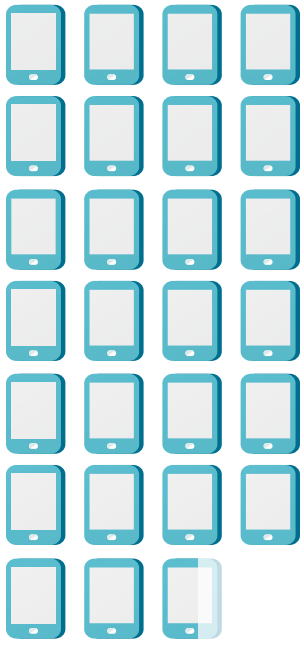
= 50,000



TOTAL = 1,020,386

VIRTUAL BRANCH VISITS

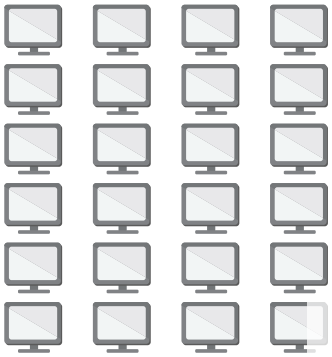
= 25,000



TOTAL = 670,690

TOTAL HOURS OF COMPUTER USAGE BY PATRONS

= 5,000



TOTAL = 118,097

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER HOURS

= 1,000

TOTAL = 8,453

WIFI USAGE (USERS)

= 10,000

TOTAL = 73,572

MEETING ROOM EVENTS

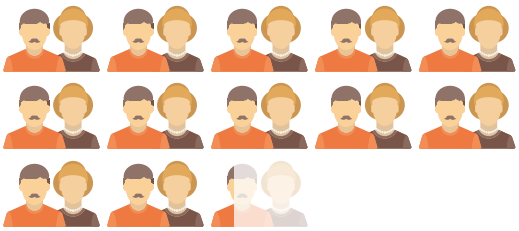
TOTAL = 1,469

TOTAL ATTENDANCE = 18,231

PROGRAMS

ADULT PROGRAMS TOTAL = 85

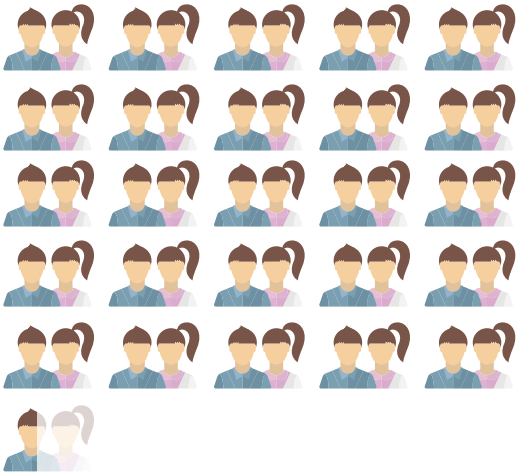
= 1,000



TOTAL ATTENDANCE = 12,269

CHILD & TEEN PROGRAMS TOTAL = 4,761

= 5,000



TOTAL ATTENDANCE = 126,884

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

= 1,000

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS = 9,479

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Tourism Council of Frederick County
United Way of Frederick County
Villages of Urbana
Weinberg Center for the Arts
Westview Promenade
930 WFMD
...and many others.

STORYTIMES AT ALL BRANCHES

No programs scheduled on public holidays. Check online at fcpl.org/programs or at your local branch for updates and to register. Registration required. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program

BABIES WITH BOOKS
(BIRTH–24 MONTHS, WITH ADULT)

Brunswick Tuesdays at 10:05 am (BIRTH–12 MONTHS) and 11:00 am (BIRTH–24 MONTHS)

C. Burr Artz *Tickets will be available on the day of the program for the first 15 parent/child pairs. This program is limited, so come early for your ticket.*
Tuesdays at 10:15 am (BIRTH –12 MONTHS)
11 am and 11:45 am (BIRTH–24 MONTHS)
Thursdays at 2:30 pm (BIRTH–24 MONTHS)

Middletown Tuesdays at 10:05 am

Thurmont Tuesdays at 10:15 am
Thursdays at 10:15 am

Urbana Mondays at 10:30 am, 11:15 am

Walkersville Mondays at 10:05 am

TRANSITION TO TWOS (18–30 MONTHS, WITH ADULT)

Middletown Wednesdays at 10:05 am and 11 am

Urbana *Registration is available two weeks before monthly program series begins.*
Fridays at 10:30 am and 11:15 am

Walkersville Mondays at 10:45 am

TINY SIGNS (18–30 MONTHS, WITH ADULT)

Emmitsburg Wednesdays at 11:00 am

TIME FOR TWOS (AGE 2, WITH ADULT)

Brunswick Mondays at 10:30 am

C. Burr Artz *Registration is available two weeks before monthly program series begins.*
Mondays at 10:15 am and 11 am

Emmitsburg Mondays at 10:30 am

Middletown Mondays at 10:05 am

Thurmont Tuesdays at 11 am
Thursdays at 11 am

Urbana Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 11:15 am
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Walkersville Tuesdays at 10:05 am

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
(AGES 3–5, WITH ADULT)

Brunswick Wednesdays at 10:15 am and 11 am

C. Burr Artz Thursdays at 10:15 am

Emmitsburg Thursdays at 10:30 am

Middletown Thursdays at 10:30 am

Point of Rocks Tuesdays at 11 am

Thurmont Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Urbana Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
Wednesdays at 10:30 am and 11:15 am

Walkersville Wednesdays at 10:15 am
Thursdays at 10:15 am

STARLIGHT FAMILY STORYTIME
(ALL AGES, WITH ADULT)

Almost bedtime? Feel free to wear your pajamas!

Brunswick Thursdays at 6:30 pm

C. Burr Artz Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Emmitsburg Thursdays at 6:00 pm: July 31, August 28

Middletown Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Point of Rocks Mondays at 6:30 pm

Thurmont Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Urbana Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

STORYLAND: A SENSORY STORYTIME
(BIRTH–36 MONTHS, WITH ADULT)

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

Brunswick Monthly on 3rd Thursday at 10:30 am

C. Burr Artz *Registration opens two weeks before storytime event.*
Monthly on 1st Friday at 10:15 am

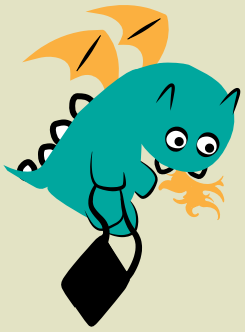
Thurmont Monthly on 2nd Friday at 10:15 am

WIGGLE GIGGLE STORYTIME
(AGES 2–5, WITH ADULT)

C. Burr Artz Wednesdays at 10:15 and 11 am

SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN
(AGES 6–11, WITH ADULT)

Walkersville Tuesdays at 6:30 pm



DRAGON BAGS

Forgot your library card? Don't have a library card? Frederick County Public Libraries has the perfect solution for you and your family—Dragon Bags!

Dragon Bags are a part of a free children's book loan program that does not utilize library cards or fines. Here's how it works:

Step 1: Check out a free Dragon Bag at any Frederick County Public Libraries branch. Each one contains 10 children's books, and no two bags are alike.

Step 2: Take your Dragon Bag home and let your child enjoy all the reading adventures inside.

Step 3: When your child is finished, return the Dragon Bag of books back to the library.

Step 4: Repeat the process as often as you would like, so that your child can enjoy even more adventures.

This program is a great way for the library to repurpose donated materials to benefit community members and local childcare organizations. The Dragon Bags program, which focuses on the interest and reading levels of children 0–8, began in the fall with 125 bags and has already helped local children experience the wonders of the library.

"Getting books into the hands of children and assisting them in learning how to read is one of our highest priorities," said Darrell Batson, Library Director.

Sponsored by Sandy Spring Bank, Dragon Bags are available at all Frederick County Public Libraries branches. For more information, visit www.fcpl.org/dragon-bags.

SANDY SPRING BANK

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CENTRAL REGION FREDERICK ▪ MIDDLETOWN ▪ WALKERSVILLE

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C. BURR ARTZ PUBLIC LIBRARY

110 East Patrick Street, Frederick
301-600-1630 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Sunday 1 pm–5 pm
Monday–Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am–5 pm

Maryland Room Hours:
Monday–Thursday 10 am–7 pm
Friday 10 am–5 pm
Saturday 12 pm–5 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Get to Know the Computer for the Online GED – Part II
Saturday at 9:00 am, December 6

Monocacy Archeological monthly meetings
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, December 10 and January 14
Wednesday at 5:00 pm, February 11

Completing Your Taxes Online
Saturday at 9:00 am, February 7

Introduction to Computers – Part I
Saturday at 9:00 am, February 21

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 will be accepted to support local non-profit groups in the area.
Mondays at 10:30 am,
December 1–February 23

Grantseeking Basics
Wednesday at 1:00 pm, February 25

Open Office Writer – 2 Session Course
Saturday at 9:00 am, January 10 – Part I
Saturday at 9:00 am, January 24 – Part II

Go to page 13 for Storytimes listings.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Started 6th grade this year? These programs are for you.

Minecraft Monday (AGES 8–12)
Mondays at 4:00 pm,
December 1–February 23

College Planning 101 (TEENS & ADULTS)
- **Getting Ready for College**
  Monday at 6:30 pm, December 1
- **Paying for College**
  Monday at 6:30 pm, December 8

Writing Workshop (TEENS & TWEENS)
Monthly 1st Tuesday at 4:00 pm,
December 9–February 3

Book Jar Craft: Bring a Bottle or Jar (TEENS & TWEENS)
Saturday at 2:30 pm, December 13

Readathon (TEENS & TWEENS)
Saturday at 11:00 am, February 28

STEM for Teens: Snap Circuits (AGES 12 AND UP)
Thursday at 4 pm, January 15

Poets, Poets Everywhere: Open Mic
Saturday at 1 pm, January 24

STEM for Teens: Instagram Bookmarks (AGES 12 AND UP)
Tuesday at 4 pm, January 27

STEM for Teens: Squishy Circuits (AGES 12 AND UP)
Tuesday at 4 pm, February 17

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Monday Morning Playgroup (AGES 2–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Mondays at 11:45 am,
December 1–February 23

STEM Club for 3–5 year olds
1st Wednesday of the month at 2 pm,
December 3–February 25

STEM Club for 6–8 year olds
1st Wednesday of the month at 4 pm,
December 3–February 25

STEM Club for 9–12 year olds
1st Wednesday of the month at 5 pm,
December 3–February 25

STEM Lab Open Hours Drop-in Play
(AGES PRESCHOOL–18, UNDER 8 WITH AN ADULT)
Thursdays at 3:30 pm,
December 4–February 26
Saturdays at 2 pm, December 6–February 28

Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program Playgroup (AGES BIRTH–36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
Fridays at 10:45 am, December 5–February 27

Art Zone: Creative Drawing with Colors (AGES 9–12)
1st Fridays of the month at 4 pm
- **December 5: Creative Drawing with Colors**
- **January 2: Creative Patterns and Designs**
- **February 6: Contour and Shaded Drawing for Beginners**

Minecraft Monday (AGES 8–12)
Mondays at 4 pm,
December 8–February 23

Happy Holidays Concert with Mr. Jon
(ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 6:30 pm, December 9

Hour of Code: Intro to Computer Coding
(AGES 7–12)
Wednesday at 4 pm, December 10

Museums By Candlelight (ALL AGES)
- **"When Freemen Shall Stand"**
  A traveling display on the War of 1812, from the Maryland Military Historical Society
  December 1–31, All Day
- **Museums by Candlelight Christmas Garden**
  Christmas garden of model trains.
  Friday–Sunday All Day, December 12–14
- **Through the Lens Photo Exhibit**
  Saturday 11–2 pm

Read to a New Dog Friend (ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
Monthly on 2nd Sundays at 1:30 pm,
December 14–February 8

Minecraft Club (AGES 8–12)
Monthly on 3rd Wednesday at 4 pm,
December 17–February 11

Baby and Toddler Yoga with Miss Lanie
(12–36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
Fridays at 10:15 am, December 19 and February 20

Preschool Yoga with Miss Lanie
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Fridays at 11 am, December 19 and February 20

Fun with Frozen! (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 11:30 am, December 19

Register online at fcpl.org/programs or call your branch. Submit ASL interpreter request three weeks in advance.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program · Frosty Fun program

Spelling Bee program · Art programs

Frosty Fun: Movie and Craft
(ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 10:30 am, December 26

LEGO® & DUPLO Block Party
(AGES 2 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT)
Monday at 2 pm, December 29
Tuesday at 2 pm, December 30
Wednesday at 2 pm, December 31

STEM Curiosity Academy
(FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN FALL 2015)
See page 6 for details.
Mondays–Fridays 10 am-12 pm, January 5–9 & January 12–16

Firefighter Fun! (AGES 3–12, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 4 pm, January 6
Snow date: Tuesday at 4 pm, January 13

Think with BINK (GRADES 1–5, WITH AN ADULT)
See page 6 for details.
Tuesday at 4:15 pm, January 20
Friday at 4:15 pm, February 3

Happy Birthday Winnie-the-Pooh
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Wednesday at 2 pm, January 21

Math for Bookworms (AGES 7–11)
- **The Action of Subtraction**
  Monday at 2:30 pm, January 26
- **If You Hopped Like a Frog**
  Monday at 2:30 pm, February 16

Fun with Ivy + Bean! (AGES 6–9)
Then see the musical 1/31 at the Weinberg!
Monday at 4 pm, January 26

Elementary Yoga (AGES 7–10)
Thursday at 4 pm, January 29

Valentine's Day Dance (ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 6:30 pm, February 10

Friday Afternoon Movie: Goosebumps – A Night in Terror Tower (AGES 7 & UP, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 2 pm, February 13

Improv Club with Mr. Jon (AGES 6–11)
Monday at 4 pm, February 16

Science and the Arts: M.C. Escher Art
(AGES 6–10, TWEENS)
Wednesday at 4 pm, February 18

MIDDLETOWN BRANCH

101 Prospect Street, Middletown
301-371-7560 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 10 am–6 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Saturday 10 am–5 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Tech Talk (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, December 2

The Not Book Group, Book Group:
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesdays at 3 pm, December 9, January 13, February 17

Holiday Helpers (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, December 16

Frosty Fun: Movie and a Pizza
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, December 23

Ready, Set, Games (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, January 20

Tech Talk (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, January 27

Weather Permitting Surprise (MIDDLE & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, February 3

Heart (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, February 10

Combinations: Movie and a Pizza
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)
Tuesday at 3 pm, February 24

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Stay and Playgroup (CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT)
Thursdays at 11 am

Spelling Club (GRADES 3–5)
Mondays at 4:30 pm, December 1–December 22

Star Reader Night (CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT)
Local elementary staff are guest readers.
Monthly on 1st Tuesday at 6 pm, December 2–February 3

Starlight Science (AGES 6–10)
2nd Tuesday of the month, December 9–February 10

WILD About Live Animals (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
December: Owls. January: Snakes. February: Turtles.
Monthly on 2nd Wednesday at 1 pm, December 10–February 11

Holiday Music with the Clustered Spires Chorus (ALL AGES)
At the Middletown Amvets Post #9, 408 W Green St.
Wednesday at 7 pm, December 10

Winter Books and Crafts (AGES 6–10)
Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays at 6 pm, December 16–February 17

Read to a New Dog Friend: Wags for Hope
(ELEMENTARY WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm, December 23–February 24

Crazy 8s Math Club (GRADES 3–5)
Mondays at 4:30 pm, December 29–February 23

Homeschool Focused Study: Timeline for Technology (GRADES 2–5)
Thursdays at 2:30 pm, January 8–January 29

Three, Two, One, Lego® SUGO! (GRADES 2–3)
With RoboRangers 4-H Club
Wednesday, January 14 at 4:30 pm

Homeschool Focused Study: Library Resources
(GRADES 2–5)
Wednesday, January 21 at 1 pm

Take the Lego® Robotic Challenge!
(GRADES 4–5)
With RoboRangers 4-H Club
Wednesday at 4:30 pm, January 28

Take Your Child to the Library Day (ALL AGES)
Saturday at 10:30 am, February 7

Preschool Valentine's Day Party (AGES 3–5)
Thursday at 10:30 am, February 12

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NORTHERN REGION THURMONT • EMMITSBURG

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THURMONT REGIONAL LIBRARY

76 East Moser Road, Thurmont
301-600-7200 • fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Sunday 1 pm–5 pm
Monday–Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am–5 pm

FAMILY AND ADULT PROGRAMS

7th Annual Holly Jolly Event (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday 10 am–1 pm, December 6

Free Job Assistance from Goodwill of Monocacy Valley (ADULT)
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3 pm–5 pm, December 2–March 17

Off The Shelf Adult Book Club (ADULT)
Monthly on the 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm, December 8–May 11
**Please note there will be no meeting in January.*

Computer Basics Three-session Series (ADULT)
Led by Mike Mathis.
Monthly on 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm, January 7–March 4

War of 1812 Exhibit (ALL AGES)
"When Freemen Shall Stand," from the Maryland Military Historical Society.
February 1–28, All Day

TEEN PROGRAMS

Gingerbread House Craft: Bring a Milk Carton – Make and Take (AGES 12–18)
Thursday at 5 pm, December 18

Teen Volunteer Corps Meeting (AGES 12–18)
Thursday at 5 pm, January 8

Valentine's Day Party at Thurmont Senior Center (TWEENS – TEENS, NO ADULTS)
Friday at 1 pm, February 13

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Make-A-Gift Give-A-Gift! (ALL AGES)
Mondays at 10 am, December 1–December 22

LEGO® and Mega Blocks! (AGES 2 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturdays at 10 am, December 6–February 28
Sundays at 1 pm, December 7–February 22

Hour of Code: Learn How to Talk to a Robot! (ELEMENTARY GRADES, WITH AN ADULT)
Thursday at 4:30 or 6:30 pm, December 11

Play Date! (AGES 0–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Hosted by Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program.
Monthly on 2nd Fridays at 10:45 am, December 12–February 13

Merry Christmas, Merry Crow (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 1:30 pm, December 16

Merry Christmas, Merry Crow (ALL AGES)
Tuesday at 6:30 pm, December 16

Make a Cookie Plate for Santa (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday All Day, December 23

Lunch and a Movie (CHILDREN, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 12 pm, December 26

Catch the Gingerbread Man Craft (ALL AGES)
Saturday–Monday, December 27–29

Read to a Dog Friend! (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
4th Saturday of every month at 11 am, December 27–February 28

Countdown to "Noon" Year's Eve Party (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Wednesday at 11:30 am, December 31

Tiny Tots 'N' Tunes (12–36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 10:15 am, January 2
Monday at 10:15 am, January 12

Lunch and a Movie (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 12 pm, January 2

Playdough Playtime! (18 MONTHS–4 YEARS, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday at 10:30 am, January 16

Go to page 13 for Storytimes listings.

Register online at fcpl.org/programs or call your branch. Submit ASL interpreter request three weeks in advance.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program

Frosty Fun program

Spelling Bee program

Art programs

Futuremakers: Drawing Machines
(GRADES 3–7, NO ADULTS)
Note: this program is 90 minutes.
Saturday at 1 pm, January 17

Preschool Power: Fairy tales and Fables
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 1:30 pm, January 20

Snowmen at Night Sock Craft (ALL AGES)
Monday at 6:30 pm, January 26
Tuesday at 6:30 pm, January 27

Groundhog Make & Take Craft (ALL AGES)
Saturday All Day, January 31
Sunday 1-4:30 pm, February 1

Preschool Power: Celebrate Groundhog Day!
(AGES 3–5 WITH AN ADULT)
Monday at 1:30 pm, February 2

Celebrate Groundhog Day!
(ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Monday at 6:30 pm, February 2

Tiny Tots 'N' Tunes (12–36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
Registration required.
Friday at 10:15 am, February 6
Monday at 10:15 am, February 16

Music Together! (AGES 0–5, WITH AN ADULT)
With professional instructor Cyndi Webb.
Monday at 10:30 am, February 9

Circle Loom Friendship Bracelet (GRADES 3–8)
Friday at 2 pm, February 13

Sweetheart Dance & Valentine Bingo
(CHILDREN, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 2 pm, February 14

Lunch and a Movie (CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT)
Monday at 12 pm, February 16

Preschool Power: Celebrate Presidents' Day
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Registration required.
Tuesday at 1:30 pm, February 17

Celebrate Presidents' Day (ALL AGES)
Tuesday at 6:30 pm, February 17

Community Toy Swap (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Call for guidelines.
Saturday at 1 pm, February 21

Meet a Hedgehog (ELEMENTARY, MIDDLESCHOOL)
Friday at 2:30 pm & 3:30 pm, February 27 (2 sessions)

EMMITSBURG BRANCH

300-A South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg
301-600-6329 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 10 am–6 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Saturday 10 am–5 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Faux Snow Globe Craft (AGES 12–18)
Tuesday at 4 pm, December 9

Snowy Day Collage (AGES 12–18)
Tuesday at 4 pm, January 13

Yarn Wrapped Bottles (AGES 12–18)
Tuesday at 4 pm, February 10

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Tiny Signs with ASL (0–36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
1st Wednesday of the month at 11 am, December 03–February 4

Gingerbread Decorating Day
(AGES 3–5 & ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 11 am, December 13

Creativity Junction: Make Art!
(ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 11 am, January 10

Lunch & A Magical Movie (ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 11 am, January 24

Wee Workout! (AGES 2–6, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 11 am, January 31

Love Your Library Friends of the Library Event (ALL AGES)
Saturday at 10 am, February 14

Have A Heart: Crafts & Games (AGES 3–5 & ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 11 am, February 14

Hibernation Story & Craft
(AGES 3–5 & ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 11 am, February 21

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URBANA REGIONAL LIBRARY

9020 Amelung Street, Frederick
301-600-7000 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Sunday 1 pm–5 pm
Monday–Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am–5 pm

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Joyful Jingles Live Music (ALL AGES)
Saturday–Sunday All Day, December 6–7

War of 1812 Exhibit (ALL AGES)
"When Freemen Shall Stand," from the Maryland Military Historical Society.
January 1–31, All Day

TEEN PROGRAMS

Duct Tape Craft Night (AGES 8–14)
Wednesday at 5 pm, December 10

Anime/ Manga Club
Sunday at 2 pm, December 14

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Gingerbread House Contest
(ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Pick up entry form at the Children's Desk.
December 1–21: Entries due
December 23: Winners chosen
January 5: Last day to pick up entries

Monday Playgroup at the Library!
(BIRTH–3, WITH AN ADULT)
Mondays at 3 pm:
December 1–February 23

LEGO® Super Saturdays
(AGES 5 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturdays at 10 am:
December 6–February 28

Poketown Gym: Play & Trade! (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Sundays at 1:45 pm,
December 21–February 22

Read to a New Dog Friend – Wags for Hope
(ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
Monthly on 1st Sundays at 2 pm:
December 7–February 1

Go to page 13 for Storytimes listings.

Panda Stories – in Chinese & English
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Monthly on 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm

Dinosaur LEGO® Library Takeover!
(ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Fridays at 10 am: December 26, December 31

Think with BINK: A Fort Detrick Alliance STEM Program for Kids (GRADES 1–5)
See page 6 for details.
Monthly on 1st Wednesday at 4:30 pm:
January 7–February 4

A Soup Opera: Act it Out! (AGES 7–10)
***Snow date for performance: January 29**
Thursdays at 4:15 pm:
January 8–January 22

Bring the One You Love Dance
(AGES 2 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT)
Friday, February 13 at 3 pm

EDWARD F. FRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY AT POINT OF ROCKS

1635 Ballenger Creek Pike, Point of Rocks
301-874-4560 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 3 pm–8 pm
Tuesday & Saturday 10 am–3 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

Journey Through the Jungle (AGES 8–14)
Monday at 6:30 pm, December 1

Cash Cab Trivia at the Library (TWEENS)
Monday at 4 pm, January 26

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

READ to a New Dog Friend (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
Monthly on the 1st Saturdays at 1 pm,
December 6–February 7

LEGO® and Wii Game Night (AGES 8–14)
Wednesday at 6 pm, December 17

Valentine's Day Celebration (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 11 am, February 10

LEGO® Junior Makers (AGES 4–7, WITH AN ADULT)
Wednesday at 6 pm, February 18

BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

915 N. Maple Avenue, Brunswick
301-600-7250 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Monday–Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Saturday 10 am–5 pm

FAMILY AND ADULT PROGRAMS

Acting Out! Play Performance (ALL AGES)
Thursday at 6:30 pm, February 12

TEEN PROGRAMS

Hour of Code for Teens (GRADES 6–12, NO ADULTS)
Tuesday at 6:30 pm, December 9

Acting Out! (GRADES 6–8)
Middle School acting troupe
Thursdays at 5 pm,
January 8–February 12
Thursday at 6:30 pm,
February 12: performance

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Spelling Bee Practice (GRADES 1–8)
Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, December 3–17

Thursday Morning Playgroup (AGES 2–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Acting Up! (ALL AGES)
Enjoy a performance by our elementary age actors.
Thursday at 6:30 pm, December 11

Hour of Code for Kids (GRADES 1–5)
Monday at 4 pm, December 8

BINGO Night (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Monthly on 1st Thursdays at 6:30 pm,
December 4–February 5

LEGO® Club (GRADES 1–6)
Monthly on 2nd Wednesdays at 4 pm,
December 10–February 11

Family Game Night (ALL AGES)
Monthly on 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm,
December 16–February 17

STEAM Team (ELEMENTARY)
Monthly on 4th Mondays at 4 pm,
December 22–February 23

R.E.A.D. with Wags for Hope
(ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
Monthly on 4th Saturdays at 10:30 am,
December 27–February 28

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Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program
Frosty Fun program
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Art programs

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
The next day, see a slide show of the overnight.
Monday, December 29 All Day

Paddington Bear Day (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 10:30 am, December 30

Ivy + Bean Party (GRADES 2–5)
Then see the musical 1/31 at the Weinberg!
Thursday at 4:30 pm, January 22

Frozen Party (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
Monday at 10:30 am, January 26

Valentine's Day Party (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Thursday at 10:30 am, February 12

UnValentines Day (ELEMENTARY)
Monday at 2 pm, February 16

Chinese New Year Celebration
(ALL AGES, CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT)
Thursday at 6 pm, February 19

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WALKERSVILLE BRANCH

57 West Frederick Street, Walkersville
301-845-8880 · fcpl.org

Branch Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 10 am–6 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 10 am–8 pm
Saturday 10 am–5 pm

TEEN PROGRAMS

I HEART CLUB (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 1st Monday at 3 pm, December 1–February 2

Homeschool Literature Group – Classic
(HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 1st Wednesday at 1:30 pm, December 3–April 1

Arigato Mr. Roboto: Robotics Club
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 1st Wednesday at 3 pm, December 3–February 4

Garageband: Using Music Software
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Thursday at 3 pm, December 4

Homeschool Literature Group – Classic
(MIDDLE SCHOOL)
Alternating Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, December 10–April 8

Super Hero Origami (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Wednesdays at 3 pm, December 10–February 11

Program Roulette! (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 2nd Thursday of the month at 3 pm, December 11–February 12

Pizza Your Homework (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm, December 11–March 19

Naruto @ Animanga (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Mondays at 3 pm, December 15–February 16

Crosswords & Cookies (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 3rd Wednesday at 3 pm, December 17–February 5

Project Runway: Couture Edition
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 3rd Thursday at 3 pm, December 18–February 19

Zine Station/Library (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Mondays at 3 pm, December 22–February 23

Hackerspace/Tech Club
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monday at 3 pm, December 29

Teen Advisory Board (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Monthly on 2nd Monday at 3 pm, January 12–February 9

Quidditch: Bring Your Broom!
(MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
Saturday at 10:15 am, January 24

Knitwits (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)
4th Wednesday of the month at 3 pm, January 28–February 25

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Toddler Play Group (AGE 2, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesdays at 10:45 am, December 2–February 17

America's Kids – Exploring U.S. History (GRADES 2–4)
Monthly on 1st Tuesdays at 4:30 pm, December 2–March 3

Read to a Dog – Wags for Hope
(ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)
Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals.
Monthly on 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm, December 2–May 5

Stay 'N Play (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Monthly on 1st Wednesday and Thursdays at 10:45 am, December 3–June 4

Homeschool Literature Group – Classic
(GRADES 2–4, TWEENS–NO ADULTS)
Alternating Monthly on 1st Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, December 3–April 1

Play with Clay (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Thursday at 11 am, December 11

Make Time Capsule Noise Makers
(2 YEAR OLDS, WITH AN ADULT)
Bring small mementoes.
Tuesday at 11 am, January 6

Chair Exercises – Family Fitness Month (ALL AGES)
Saturday at 10:15 am, January 10

Toddler Yoga – Family Fitness Month
(0–36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 10:15 am, January 17

National Puzzle Day for Preschoolers!
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Thursday at 11 am, January 29

Take Your Child to the Library Day
(AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Saturday at 10:05 am, February 7

Pet Valentine (AGES 3–5, WITH AN ADULT)
Tuesday at 11 am, February 10

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ON MY NIGHTSTAND

Laurie Fisher
Executive Director, Literacy Council of Frederick County

The theme for Banned Books Week "FREADOM – Celebrating the Right to Read" recently motivated me to read two inspiring books related by their advocacy for literacy. The impact of the classic novel *Fahrenheit 451,* in which society burns books and suppresses learning, is summed up by author Ray Bradbury: "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them." *I Am Malala* is by Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who risks her life daily to advocate for girls' education and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She humbly demonstrates how each of us has the power to impact the life of another by the freedom gained through reading.

Mary Jo Richmond
Supervisor, Media Services, Frederick County Public Schools

I tend to have two books "On My Nightstand" at most times. One is for professional purposes, and the other is for recreational reading. Right now my professional book is called *Every Child, Every Day: A Digital Conversion Model for Student Achievement,* by Mark A. Edwards. Mr. Edwards is a school superintendent from North Carolina and was honored nationally as the top superintendent in the US in 2013. His book is about his school district's innovative digital conversion and outstanding academic results.

My other book is *Orphan Train,* by Christina Baker Kline, which gives us a glimpse of a period of time in history when orphans were put on trains on the East Coast and sent out West to be adopted by families. *Orphan Train* also has a story of a young foster child from today who sees what life was like through the eyes of one of those orphans from yesteryear. Molly is performing community service work for an elderly widow and as they clean out Vivian's attic, they realize just how much they have in common.

Steven Colella
Promotion & Events Manager, Downtown Frederick Partnership

When Marlene from Downtown Frederick's Curious Iguana recommended *A Deadly Wandering* by Matt Richtel to me, I was skeptical. Not only am I a strong fiction devotee, but I am also a member of the tech-addicted generation that Richtel writes about. With that in mind I thought to myself, "Why would I want to read a depressing, stuffy non-fiction book about our diminishing attention span?" Nonetheless, when a friend and bookstore owner says she can't put a book down, it's usually worth a try.

The short of it is… Marlene was right. *A Deadly Wandering* is an artfully woven recounting of Richtel's experiences talking to those affected by one of the earliest fatal crashes resulting from texting and driving. The story, from survivor recollections to expert interviews, goes beyond a simple retelling of the facts. It's flat-out gripping, and opens a window into the haunting reality of the aftermath that distracted driving can cause. Flowing prose, masterful layering of storylines (all true—it is non-fiction, after all!) and a brilliantly accessible writing style make *A Deadly Wandering* a volume worthy of any nightstand.