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#### [Cover] THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT EXCLUSIVE MEET AND GREET RECEPTIONS

#### (Headshots)

As a founding partner of the Frederick Speaker Series, Frederick County Public Libraries is excited to, once again, 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.

Tickets for each reception are \$75, with proceeds benefiting children's library programs. 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.

Tickets can be purchased online at weinbergcenter.org, or by calling the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

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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 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, 2014 - \$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, Dave 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 his 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 best-sellers 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.

#### [Page 3] 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

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

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

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

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#### [Page 4] A Season of Wonder Kay Ryan, Former U.S. Poet Laureate, Launches Us Into Frederick Reads 2015 (Headshot and book covers on server)

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 rereleased 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 joins former Frederick

Reads featured poets Nikki Giovanni and Diane Ackerman, as well as U.S. Poet Laureates Billy Collins, Robert Hass, and Robert Pinsky.

KAY RYAN Sunday, February 1, 2 pm Weinberg Center for the Arts This is a free event, so tickets are not required. For more information, visit fcpl.org or call the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

Sponsors: CB Trust, FCPL, Frederick Reads, Weinberg, Plamondon Hospitality

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#### FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES: NEW LOOK, NEW SERVICES

(Pictures on server)

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 the larger changes. New technology, in the form of tablets and more self-checkout machines, will help catapult the Middletown branch into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The book sale section of the library has been relocated to accommodate more space 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 and Walkersville Branch Administrator, is especially excited about this new area. "Libraries as charging stations are 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 book display daily.

The Middletown Library would like to thank everyone who assisted with this project. Also, Middletown Branch Library would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for their patience during the renovations.

#### [Page 6] THINK WITH BINK

(Make robot logo larger than last year)

The Fort Detrick Alliance is excited to announce the following presenters for the Think with BINK 2015 winter series:

#### TOM TAYLOR

Specialized Engineering, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer Event sign-up begins December 24, 10 am 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.

#### STEM CURIOSITY ACADEMIES

(Low res pictures on server, more to come)

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 Onical 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 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 a camp in August for children entering Kindergarten in 2016.

Applications for the January, March, and April camps 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.

The STEM Lab is generously underwritten by the National Center for Families Learning, AAA, KinderCare, and Frederick County Public Libraries.

#### [Page 7] BEE ALERT

#### (Use logo as heading)

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 30 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 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.

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24-25, 2014 – closed December 31, 2014 – closing at 5 pm January 1, 2015 – closed January 19, 2015 – closed

#### [Page 8] FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES' SATELLITE GALLERIES

(Pictures on server)

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 through February 2015: Sheryl Massaro. Photography.

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

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

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

#### [Sidebar]

#### **RECAP: THROUGH THE LENS**

The theme of "home" was explored during "Through The Lens", photography projects at C. Burr Artz and Urbana Regional Libraries in conjunction with the 2014 One Maryland, One Book, *The Distance Between Us* 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.

"Through the Lens" concluded with a gallery event celebration at each library, where photographs and journals were displayed for the public to enjoy. A copy of each of the participants' photographs will be archived in the Maryland Room, becoming a permanent record of how Frederick was seen as "home".

[Pages 9-12] **Page 9: Annual Report Cover** FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT FY2014 Page 10: Intro

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 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.

#### Page 11-12: Annual Report

Total Circulation - 2,783,289 New Library cards issued - 9,533 Total Registered patrons - 151,606 Total Virtual Branch Visits - 670.690 Total Library Visits - 1,020,386 Total Hours of Computer Usage By Patrons - 118,097 WiFi Usage (Users) - 73.572 Total Library Volunteer Hours - 8,453 Total Meeting Room Events - 1,469 Total Attendance for Meeting Room - 18,231 Total Participants - Summer Reading Program - 9,479 Total Adult Programs - 85 Total Adult Attendance - 12,269 Total Child & Teen Programs - 4,761 Total Child & Teen Attendance - 126,884 Books & Media donations added to the Collection - 2.940

#### [Sidebar]

#### CORPORATE/COMMUNITY PARTNERS

American Library Association, Ausherman Family Foundation, C. Burr Artz Trust, Community Association Services, Community Foundation of Frederick County, Delaplaine Foundation, Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Downtown Frederick Partnership, Dynamic Automotive, Fort Detrick Alliance, Franklin Liquors, Frederick Arts Council, Frederick Community College, Frederick County Bank, Frederick County Literacy Council, Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick News-Post, Friends of FCPL, Friends of the Urbana Regional Library, G. Frank Thomas Foundation, Hood College, Legal and General, Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc, Living Grace Lutheran Church, Urbana, Louise Lippy McMahan Trust, M&T Bank, Maryland Humanities Council, Natelli Communities, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Park Service, One Maryland One Book, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, PNC Bank, Sandy Springs Bank, Tourism Council of Frederick County, United Way of Frederick County, Villages of Urbana, Weinberg Center for the Arts, Westview Promenade, 930 WFMD

#### [Sidebar] DRAGON BAGS

(Pictures on server, use logo)

Is your child excited to check books out at the library, but not yet ready for the responsibility of a library card? Frederick County Public Libraries and Sandy Spring Bank have the perfect solution for you and your family – Dragon Bags!

Dragon Bags is 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 Library 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.

"It is because of our partners in the community, like Sandy Spring Bank, that we are able to provide this wonderful program," Darrell Batson, Director of Frederick County Public Libraries, said. "Getting books into the hands of children and assisting them in learning how to read is one of our highest priorities."

Dragon Bags are available at all Frederick County Public Library branches. For more information, visit www.fcpl.org/dragon-bags.

#### Sponsors: Sandy Spring, FCPL

Pictured: Darrell Batson, Director of FCPL; Stephanie Long, Children Services Librarian; Robin Bowers, Middletown & Walkersville Branch Administrator; Paul Shaffer II, Vice President of Sandy Spring Bank; Janet Vogel, Central Children's Services Supervisor; and Melissa Minsker, Urbana Children's Services Supervisor.

[Page 13] STORYTIMES AT ALL BRANCHES (Separate Document)

[Page 14-19] FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROGRAMS (Separate Document)

[Page 20] **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Cheryl G. Smith, Chair George J. Laugelli, Vice-Chair

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#### FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIRECTOR Darrell Batson

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#### ON MY NIGHTSTAND

(Headshots on server)

#### Laurie Fisher

#### Executive Director, Literacy Council of Frederick County

"The theme for Banned Books Week "F<u>READOM</u> – 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*, by Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who risks her life daily to advocate for girls' education 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. I have an opportunity to hear him speak in the near future. 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. But *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. I'm reading *Orphan Train* as it's the most recent selection for my neighborhood book club."

#### 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 – and luckily, she just so happened to have an advanced reader copy!

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."

#### FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES STORYTIMES AT ALL BRANCHES Winter 2014-2015

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

**BABIES WITH BOOKS** (birth-24 months, with adult) Tuesdays at 10:05 am (birth-12 months) and 11:00 am (12-24 months) Brunswick 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 to 12 months) [Reg]. Tuesdays at 11:00 am and 11:45 am (birth-24 months) [Reg]. Thursdays at 2:30 pm (birth-24 months) [Reg]. Tuesdays at 10:05 am Middletown Tuesdays at 10:15 am [Reg]. Thurmont Thursdays at 10:15 am [Reg]. Mondays at 10:30 am, 11:15 am Urbana Walkersville Mondays at 10:05 am **TRANSITION TO TWOS** (18-30 months, with adult) Middletown Wednesdays at 10:05 am and 11:00 am Registration is available two weeks before monthly program series begins. Urbana Fridays at 10:30 am and 11:15 am [Reg]. 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 & 11:00 am [Reg]. **Emmitsburg** Mondays at 10:30 am Middletown Mondays at 10:05 am Tuesdays at 11:00 am [Reg]. Thurmont Thursdays at 11:00 am [Reg]. Urbana Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 11:15 am [Reg]. Thursdays at 10:30 am [Reg]. Walkersville Tuesdays at 10:05 am

[STEM] <b>PRESCHOOL STORYTIME</b> (ages 3-5, with adult)		
Brunswick	Wednesdays at 10:15 am and 11:00 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 11:00 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

# [STEM] 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-age 3, with adult)

A special storytime in partnership with Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program.BrunswickMonthly on 3rd Thursday at 10:30 amC. Burr ArtzRegistration opens two weeks before storytime event.<br/>Monthly on 1st Friday at 10:15 am [Reg].ThurmontMonthly on 2nd Friday at 10:15 am [Reg].

WIGGLE GIGGLE STORYTIME (ages 2-5, with adult) C. Burr Artz Wednesdays at 10:15 am and 11:00 am

[STEM] SCIENCE AT SUNDOWN (ages 6-11, with adult) Walkersville Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

#### FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOOKMARKS - WINTER 2014-2015 PROGRAMS

#### **CENTRAL REGION**

#### Frederick • Middletown • Walkersville

The library may photograph or videotape patrons for library promotional purposes. Please notify staff if you do not want yourself or your child to be photographed.

**Reg**. - *Register online at fcpl.org/programs or call your branch.* Submit ASL interpreter request three weeks prior to the date of the program.

 NOTE:
 [STEM] - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program

 [SB] - Spelling Bee
 [REG]- Registration Required

 [FROSTY] Frosty Fun Program

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Any food/beverage offered may cause allergic reaction, i.e., wheat, nuts, soy, etc. Parents/guardians, please be advised that it is solely your responsibility to ensure the welfare of the children in your care and your option to allow/disallow the products offered. Registration for an event acknowledges that you have read and understand this caution.

# C. BURR ARTZ PUBLIC LIBRARY 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick • 301-600-1630

Branch Hours: Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Maryland Room Hours: Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### [REG] Get to Know the Computer for the Online GED - Part II

In the second part of this class, you will take a practice test, learn where to find more information about the GED and continue learning strategies to do well on the exam. You must have attended Get to Know the Computer for the Online GED, Part I, to take this class. Registration is required. **Saturday at 9:00 am, December 6** 

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

[REG] **Completing Your Taxes Online** Want to do your own taxes, but don't know how to navigate the online forms? Learn how in this class! Meet at the front door of the library. Saturday at 9:00 am, February 7

## [REG] Introduction to Computers - Part I

Learn the basics of using a mouse and keyboard in this two-part class. For beginners, this class is a great way to overcome your computer jitters. Meet at the front door of the library. **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**

Learn how the Grant Seekers Resource Center's resources can help you become a more effective grantseeker!

## Wednesday at 1:00 pm, February 25

## [REG] Open Office Writer – 2 Session Course

Need to learn how to type a letter or resume? This two-part class will teach you how to use Open Office Writer, a program similar to Microsoft Word. Meet at the front door of the library. **Saturday at 9:00 am, January 10- Part I** 

## Saturday at 9:00 am, January 24- Part II

## TEEN PROGRAMS

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

[STEM] 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)

Become a better writer and improve your skills in this workshop! Each month, we'll tackle a different element of writing and put what we learn into practice with short exercises. Refreshments may be served.

#### Monthly 1st Tuesday at 4:00 pm, December 9- February 3

#### Book Jar (TEENS & TWEENS)

Bring a jar or bottle and make a book jar! You'll fill your jar with the names of books and

authors you want to read or recommend. Then, whenever you're looking for something to read, you'll draw a slip and have a great choice.

Saturday at 2:30 pm, December 13

Readathon (TEENS & TWEENS)

Spend a wintry Saturday curled up with a good book or two! There will be plenty of snacks, as well as raffle prizes, book giveaways, and games. Saturday at 11:00 am, February 28

[REG][STEM] **STEM for Teens: Snapcircuits** (AGES 12 AND UP) **Thursday at 4:00 pm, January 15** 

## [REG] Poets, Poets Everywhere

Join us for our first teen open poetry mic event! Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the event. Along with your work, bring with you a short bio for the host to introduce you. **Saturday at 1:00 pm, January 24** 

[REG][STEM] **STEM for Teens: Instagram Bookmarks** (AGES 12 AND UP) Learn how to turn your Instagram photos into a photobooth-style bookmark! Come with your Instagram username and password. **Tuesday at 4:00 pm, January 27** 

[REG][STEM] **STEM for Teens: Squishy Circuits** (AGES 12 AND UP) See how you can use homemade dough to create electrical circuits! **Tuesday at 4:00 pm, February 17** 

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

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

[REG][STEM] **STEM Club for 3-5 year olds** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm, December 3-February 25

[REG][STEM] **STEM Club for 6-8 year olds** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm, December 3-February 25

[REG][STEM] **STEM Club for 9-12 year olds** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm, December 3-February 25

[STEM] **STEM Lab Open Hours Drop-in Play** (AGES PRESCHOOL – 18, WITH AN ADULT) Stop by to create and explore in the STEM Lab. Those younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult. **Thursdays at 3:30 pm, December 4-February 26** 

Saturdays at 2:00 pm, December 6-February 28

# **Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program Playgroup** (AGES BIRTH-36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)

This program is open to all children ages Birth-36 mos. as well as those enrolled in the Frederick County Infants & Toddlers Program.

Fridays at 10:45 am, December 5- February 27

# [REG] **Art Zone: Creative Drawing with Colors** (AGES 9-12, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, TWEENS)

This class is a fun and easy way for beginners to get started drawing. All materials and tools will be provided. No previous drawing skills are required.

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of the month at 4:00 pm, December 5- February 6

## [STEM] Minecraft Monday (AGES 8-12) Mondays at 4:00 pm, December 8- February 23

## Happy Holidays Concert with Mr. Jon (All AGES, WITH AN ADULT)

Join Mr. Jon & George the Monkey for a silly dance time, and fun for the whole family this holiday season.

## Tuesday at 6:30 pm, December 9

## [REG][STEM] The Hour of Code (AGES 7-12)

Join us for The Hour of Code, a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics! Registration required. Wednesday at 4:00 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, will be featured at C. Burr Artz Public Library throughout November and December. The exhibit deals with the personal experiences of both the great leaders and the common soldiers who participated in the conflict.

## **December 1-31, All Day**

Museums by Candlelight Christmas Garden (ALL AGES) Christmas Garden of Model Trains. Friday-Sunday All Day, December 12-14

**Read to a New Dog Friend** (ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT) \*Allergy alert: the dogs are live animals. **Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 1:30 pm, December 14-February 8** 

[REG][STEM] Minecraft Club (AGES 8-12) Monthly on 3rd Wednesday at 4:00 pm, December 17- February 11

[REG] **Baby and Toddler Yoga with Miss Lanie** (12-36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT) Please wear comfortable clothes to join in the fun. Registration opens two weeks before the

## event. Fridays at 10:15 am, December 19 and February 20

[REG] **Preschool Yoga with Miss Lanie** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Please wear comfortable clothes to join in the fun. Registration opens two weeks before the event.

## Fridays at 11:00 am, December 19 and February 20

[FROSTY] **Fun with Frozen!** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Come dressed as your favorite character and join us for Frozen fun! We will read a Frozen story and sing our favorite songs! **Friday at 11:30 am, December 19** 

[FROSTY] **Frosty Fun: Celebrate Winter!** (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) Watch Frosty the Snowman and stay for a craft afterwards. **Friday at 10:30 am, December 26** 

LEGO® & DUPLO Block Party (AGES 2 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT) Monday at 2:00 pm, December 29 Tuesday at 2:00 pm, December 30 Wednesday at 2:00 pm, December 31

[REG][STEM] **STEM Curiosity Academy** (FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN FALL 2015)

Children entering Kindergarten in fall 2015 are invited to apply for the library's very own STEM Curiosity Academy! Race balloons, learn about circuits, build structures, make "flubber," and much more in this exciting 10-day series.

Registration required. Applications will be accepted beginning November 1, but do not guarantee acceptance to the program.

Monday-Friday at 10:00 am, January 5-9 Monday-Friday at 10:00 am, January 12-16

[REG] Firefighter Fun! (AGES 3-12, WITH AN ADULT)
Come and meet firefighters and learn how they help us every day!
Tuesday at 4:00 pm, January 6
Snow date: Tuesday at 4:00 pm, January 13

[REG][STEM] **Think with BINK: A Fort Detrick Alliance STEM Program for Kids** (GRADES 1-5, WITH AN ADULT)

## January theme: Engineering Materials and Sample Testing

How are common construction materials used and tested? How does concrete work? How does it compare with wood or steel? Explore engineering materials and learn the answers in this hands-on session with engineer Tom Taylor!

Tuesday at 4:15 pm, January 20

#### February theme: Money Matters: Teach Children to Save Program

Math is everywhere! Did you know that you can use math to help your money grow? Join Mary Barry from Frederick County Bank to learn about budgeting, saving, and how interest works to increase your bank account. Friday at 4:15 pm, February 3

Happy Birthday Winnie-the-Pooh (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Wednesday at 2:00 pm, January 21

[REG][STEM] 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

[REG] Fun with Ivy + Bean! (AGES 6-9)
Grab your best friend and join us for some Ivy + Bean themed fun!
Monday at 4:00 pm, January 26

[REG] Elementary Yoga (AGES 7-10) Elementary Yoga is back for this one-time special in January! Registration is required and opens 2 weeks before the class. Thursday at 4:00 pm, January 29

[REG] **Art Zone: Contour and Shaded Drawing for Beginners** (ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL, TWEENS) In this beginning drawing class, we will learn about contour drawing and shaded drawing. All materials and tools will be provided. No previous drawing skills are required. **Friday at 4:00 pm, February 6** 

Valentine's Day Dance (ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT) Dress up and dance the night away! Tuesday at 6:30 pm, February 10

Friday Afternoon Movie: Goosebumps - A Night in Terror Tower (AGES 7 & UP, WITH AN ADULT)
Bring a blanket or pillow and curl up on the floor to watch "A Night in Terror". Caution - not for children under seven.
Friday at 2:00 pm, February 13

[REG] **Improv Club with Mr. Jon** (AGES 6-11) Come on out and play some drama games with Mr. Jon. **Monday at 4:00 pm, February 16** 

[REG][STEM] Science and the Arts: M.C. Escher (AGES 6-10, TWEENS)

Learn how science influenced this incredible artist and his time period. Please wear old clothing and be prepared to get messy! Wednesday at 4:00 pm, February 18

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## TEEN PROGRAMS

[STEM] **Tech Talk** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) What's on your wish list? Starts after school and snacks may be served. **Tuesday at 3:00 pm, December 2** 

The Not Book Group, Book Group: (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) Things Got Complicated... too many characters, plotlines, words.... Tuesday at 3:00 pm, December 9

Going Forward in the New Year. Going forward with a new author, new series, new book, new audio, new download? Tuesday at 3:00 pm, January 13

U Turn...trying not to, or to make, that U Turn! Have you read a book that has made you do a 'u turn'? Tuesday at 3:00 pm, February 17

Holiday Helpers (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) It's time for giving and sharing. Tuesday at 3:00 pm, December 16

[REG] Frosty Fun: Movie and a Pizza (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) Tuesday at 3:00 pm, December 23

Ready, Set, Games (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) Tuesday at 3:00 pm, January 20

[STEM] **Tech Talk** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) More Pi? More apps?

## Tuesday at 3:00 pm, January 27

#### Weather Permitting (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)

Weather permitting this program is just for you, and I'm not telling! Bring a friend and be surprised!

Tuesday at 3:00 pm, February 3

#### Heart (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL)

At the center, affection, concern, nucleus ... show some heart and make plans for some February treats!

Tuesday at 3:00 pm, February 10

[REG] **Combinations: Movie and a Pizza** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGHSCHOOL) Bring a friend, help choose a movie, enjoy! **Tuesday at 3:00 pm, February 24** 

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

**Stay and Playgroup** (CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT) Plan to stay after Preschool Storytime to play with friends. **Thursdays at 11:00 am** 

[REG][SB] **Spelling Club** (GRADES 3-5) **Mondays at 4:30 pm, December 1-December 22** 

**Star Reader Night** (CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT) Teachers from local elementary schools will be guest readers at the library! **Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm, December 2-February 3** 

[REG][STEM] **Starlight Science** (AGES 6-10) 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tuesday of the month, December 9-February 10** 

[REG] WILD About...(AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT)
Afternoon story time with live animals and craft! December - Owls, January - Snakes, and February - Turtles.
Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 pm, December 10- February 11

[REG] Holiday Music with the Clustered Spires Chorus (ALL AGES)
Join us at the Middletown Amvets for the Middletown Branch Library's Eighth Annual Performance of Holiday Music by the Clustered Spires Chorus.
This event will be held at Middletown Amvets Post #9, 408 W Green Street, Middletown.
Wednesday at 7:00 pm, December 10

[REG][STEM][ART] **Winter Books and Crafts** (AGES 6-10) **Monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:00 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm, December 23- February 24** 

[REG][STEM] Crazy 8s Math Club (GRADES 3-5) Mondays at 4:30 pm, December 29-February 23

[REG] Homeschool Focused Study: Timeline for Technology (GRADES 2-5) Students will research technology as it applies to changes in life and work. Thursdays at 2:30 pm, January 8-January 29.

[REG][STEM] **Three, Two, One, SUGO!** (GRADES 2-3) Learn how to customize Lego® NXT robots and challenge other builders in a SUGO match with members of the RoboRangers 4-H Club **Wednesday, January 14 at 4:30 pm** 

[REG] Homeschool Focused Study: Library Resources (GRADES 2-5) Wednesday, January 21 at 1:00 pm

[REG][STEM] **Take the Lego® Robotic Challenge!** (GRADES 4-5) Join members of the RoboRangers 4-H Club as they work in small groups with participants to program a robot to run a specific mission. **Wednesday at 4:30 pm, January 28** 

Take Your Child to the Library Day (ALL AGES) Children will attend a special day at the library with story time and activities! Saturday at 10:30 am, February 7

[REG] **Preschool Valentine's Day Party** (AGES 3-5) **Thursday at 10:30 am, February 12** 

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TEEN PROGRAMS

## I HEART CLUB (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)

Whatever your latest obsession, the I HEART CLUB will give you space to craft, chat and dream about the things that make your heart skip a beat. Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 3:00 pm, December 1-February 2

## [REG] Homeschool Literature Group – Classic (HIGHSCHOOL) Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 1:30 pm, December 3-April 1

[STEM] **Arigato Mr. Roboto!** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Build your own robots and engineer objects in our monthly robotics club. **Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 3:00 pm, December 3-February 4** 

Garageband: Mix and Make (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Learn to use music software to edit and orchestrate your tracks. Thursday at 3:00 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 3:00 pm, December 10-February 11

**Program Roulette!** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Vote each month for the programming of your choice. **Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm, December 11-February 12** 

**Pizza Your Homework** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm, December 11-March 19

Naruto @ Animanga (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) A book club and general meeting ground for all things Manga, from Naruto and Death Note to Karneval and Evangelion. Cosplay lovers also welcome! Mondays at 3:00 pm, December 15-February 16

Crosswords & Cookies (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Compete against your friends. The winner walks away with a \$5 gift card. Everyone gets cookies! Monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:00 pm, December 17-February 5

**Project Runway: Couture Edition** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Learn the hand stitching techniques used in the Paris couture collections. **Monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 3:00 pm, December 18-February 19** 

Zine Station/Library (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL)

Work with your friends to publish your own monthly zine. Mondays at 3:00 pm, December 22-February 23

[STEM] Hackerspace/Tech Club (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Learn how to use Touchcast, Prezi, Python, Scratch, and more in our tech club. Monday at 3:00 pm, December 29

**Teen Advisory Board** (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Want to make a difference in your local library? **Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 3:00 pm, January 12-February 9** 

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

Knitwits (MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL) Learn all the basics you need to make your own one-of-a-kind creations! 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:00 pm, January 28-February 25

## **CHILDRENS PROGRAMS**

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

[REG] America's Kids - Exploring U.S. History (GRADES 2-4) Explore U.S. history through stories and poems. Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 4:30 pm, December 2- March 3

**Preschool Storytime** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) **Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10:15 am, December 3-February 26** 

**Read to a Dog - Wags for Hope** (ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT) \*Allergy alert: the dogs are live animals. **Monthly on 1**<sup>st</sup> **Tuesday at 6:30 pm, December 2-May 5** 

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

## [REG] Homeschool Literature Group - Classic (GRADES 2-4, TWEENS – NO ADULTS) Alternating Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, December 3-April 1

[REG] **Play with Clay** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) **Thursday at 11:00 am, December 11** 

[REG] Time Capsule Noise Makers (2 YEAR OLDS, WITH AN ADULT)

Bring small mementoes from the previous year that will fit inside two plates. Beads and pebbles will be provided for the noise! **Tuesday at 11:00 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 11:00 am, January 29

Take Your Child to the Library Day (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Join us to celebrate this day with a special Saturday story time. Saturday at 10:05 am, February 7

[REG] **Pet Valentine** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) **Tuesday at 11:00 am, February 10** 

## FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOOKMARKS - WINTER 2014-15 PROGRAMS

## NORTHERN REGION

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**[Reg.]** - *Register online at fcpl.org/programs or call your branch. Submit ASL interpreter request three weeks prior to the date of the program.* 

NOTE: [STEM] - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Any food/beverage offered may cause allergic reaction, i.e., wheat, nuts, soy, etc. Parents/guardians, please be advised that it is solely your responsibility to ensure the welfare of the children in your care and your option to allow/disallow the products offered. Registration for an event acknowledges that you have read and understand this caution.

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## FAMILY AND ADULT PROGRAMS

#### 7th Annual Holly Jolly Event (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)

Visit us for our 7th Annual Holly Jolly Seasonal Celebration! Part of the "Christmas In Thurmont". Drop in for make and take crafts for all ages, holiday face painting, and more including a special storytime with Santa and Mrs. Claus at 1:00 pm. **Saturday 10:00-1:00 pm, December 6** 

#### Satellite Gallery—Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center

• November-January: *The Glory of Water*, Howard Clark, photographer We welcome award-winning, professional photographer Howard Clark. Mr. Clark's photography combines the finest image-editing software with his artistic talent to reveal hidden intrinsic beauty. The gallery is open during regular library hours.

#### FREE! Job Assistance (ADULT)

Goodwill of Monocacy Valley and the Thurmont Regional Library partner to provide one-on-one help with interviewing, resume writing, online application help, and computer training. **1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:00-5:00 pm, December 2-March 17** 

#### Off The Shelf Adult Book Club (ADULT)

Sponsored by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library, this community book club is for adult readers interested in discussing books

# Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm, December 8-May 11

\*Please note there will be no meeting in January.

## [REG] Computer Basics Series (ADULT)

Three-session series with Computer Volunteer Mike Mathis. Includes information about using personal or library computers. There will be opportunities to ask questions. Attendance at all three sessions strongly encouraged.

# Monthly on 1st Wednesday at 6:30 pm, January 7-March 4

## Museums By Candlelight (ALL AGES)

"When Freemen Shall Stand," a traveling display on the War of 1812, from the Maryland Military Historical Society, will be featured at Thurmont Regional Library throughout February. The exhibit deals with the personal experiences of both the great leaders and the common soldiers who participated in the conflict.

February 1-28, All Day

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## [REG] Gingerbread Houses - Make and Take (AGES 12-18)

Make your own gingerbread house. Gumdrops, frosting, and other supplies provided, but bring your own milk carton if you have one.

Thursday at 5:00 pm, December 18

## [REG] Teen Volunteer Corps Meeting (AGES 12-18)

Learn more about the library. Help with children's activities and programs. Earn school service hours too. Registration required.

Thursday at 5:00 pm, January 8

[REG] Valentine's Day Party at Thurmont Senior Center (TWEENS – TEENS, NO ADULTS)
Library teen and tween volunteers will host a Valentine's Day party at the Thurmont Senior Center. Registration required.
Friday at 1:00 pm, February 13

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Make-A-Gift Give-A-Gift! (ALL AGES) Each week we will feature a different craft. Get all your gifts made just in time for holidays. Mondays at 10:00 am, December 1-December 22

**LEGO® and Mega Blocks!** (AGES 2 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT) Saturdays at 10:00 am, December 6-February 28 Sundays at 1:00 pm, December 7-February 22

[REG][STEM] 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 the Thurmont Library and the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program. Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays at 10:45 am, December 12-February 13

[REG] Preschool Power: Merry Christmas, Merry Crow (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Registration required.
Tuesday at 1:30 pm, December 16

[REG] Merry Christmas, Merry Crow (ALL AGES)Registration required.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) Bring a blanket and your lunch and enjoy a great movie with your family and friends! Friday at 12:00 pm, December 26

Catch the Gingerbread Man (ALL AGES) Drop-in any time to join the fun as we follow his path and make a Gingerbread craft. Saturday-Monday, December 27-29

[REG] Read to a Dog Friend! (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)
\*Allergy Alert! The dogs are live animals. Registration required.
4th Saturday of every month at 11:00 am, December 27-February 28

[REG] **Countdown to "Noon" Year's Eve** (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) It's the last day of 2014, and we're hosting a special celebration for anyone who can't stay awake until midnight. We'll countdown to noon with our party hats and confetti, play a game, and make a special craft. Registration required.

Wednesday at 11:30 am, December 31

[REG] Tiny Tots 'N' Tunes (12-36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT)
Come experience this energetic program especially designed for the younger tots as they enjoy the magic and fun of rhythm, movement and music.
Registration required.
Friday at 10:15 am, January 2
Monday at 10:15 am, January 12

Lunch and a Movie (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) Bring a blanket and your lunch and enjoy a great movie with your family and friends! Friday at 12:00 pm, January 2 [REG] Playdough Playtime! (18 MONTHS-4 YEARS, WITH AN ADULT)
Chase away winter blues and explore homemade playdough with your child!
Help develop fine motor skills and have creative fun.
Registration required.
Friday at 10:30 am, January 16

[REG][STEM] **Futuremakers: Drawing Machines** (GRADES 3-7, NO ADULTS) Create miniature electromechanical creatures that draw fantastic patterns or wiggle all over. For kids in grades 3-7. Limit 30 participants. Note: this program is 90 minutes. Registration required. **Saturday at 1:00 pm, January 17** 

[REG] **Preschool Power: Fairy tales and Fables** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Afternoon fun for our preschool friends. Enjoy some favorite stories and then take an active role in acting them out! Along the way, you just might learn a lesson or two. Registration required. **Tuesday at 1:30 pm, January 20** 

[REG] Snowmen at Night (ALL AGES)

School's out today! Have you ever wondered what snowmen do at night? Find out at the library and make your own snowman out of a sock.

Monday at 6:30 pm, January 26

Tuesday at 6:30 pm, January 27

#### Groundhog Make & Take (ALL AGES)

Get ready for the Groundhog's big day by making an adorable craft to take home. Then, follow the clues to see if you can find the groundhog's burrow. **Saturday All Day, January 31** 

Sunday 1-4:30 pm, February 1

[REG] **Preschool Power: Celebrate Groundhog Day!** (AGES 3-5 WITH AN ADULT) Afternoon fun for our preschool friends. Are you ready for spring? Come find out what the groundhog has to say about the weather. Don't forget to bring your shadow. Registration required.

Monday at 1:30 pm, February 2

[REG] **Celebrate Groundhog Day!** (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) Are you ready for spring? Come find out what the groundhog has to say about the weather. Don't forget to bring your shadow. **Monday at 6:30 pm, February 2** 

[REG] 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

[REG] **Music Together!** (AGES 0-5, WITH AN ADULT) Cyndi Webb, professional Music Together instructor, is bringing a special class to the Thurmont Library today. You and your child will sing, dance, clap, enjoy finger plays and rhythmic chants and even have an instrument play along jam session. Space is limited, so register today! **Monday at 10:30 am, February 9** 

## [REG] Circle Loom Friendship Bracelet (GRADES 3-8)

Just in time for Valentine's Day, learn how to make colorful friendship bracelets on a homemade circle loom. Registration required.

# Friday at 2:00 pm, February 13

[REG] Sweetheart Dance & Valentine Bingo (CHILDREN, WITH AN ADULT)

Enjoy a special afternoon for you and your little sweetie. Dress your best and dance the afternoon away. Round out your date with a few rounds of BINGO. Register early, as space is limited.

## Saturday at 2:00 pm, February 14

## Lunch and a Movie (CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT)

Bring a blanket and your lunch and enjoy a great movie with your family and friends! Monday at 12:00 pm, February 16

[REG] **Preschool Power: Celebrate Presidents' Day** (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Afternoon fun for our preschool friends. Join us for a special visit from two of our favorite Presidents. Learn facts and ask questions, then look the part by making a tricorn and stove pipe hat. Don't forget the camera! Registration required. **Tuesday at 1:30 pm, February 17** 

# **Celebrate Presidents' Day** (ALL AGES)

Happy Birthday George and Abe. Join us for a special visit from 2 of our favorite Presidents. Learn facts and ask questions, then look the part by making a tricorn and stove pipe hat. Don't forget the camera!

# Tuesday at 6:30 pm, February 17

# Community Toy Swap (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)

Is your house filled with toys that no one plays with? Want to get your kids something new to play with? Drop in during our community toy swap and freshen up your toys without spending a dime. Bring a new or gently used toy and swap it for another. Any leftover toy donations will be sent to Goodwill.

Guidelines: Children must be accompanied by an adult. Games and puzzles must include all pieces. Anything cloth (i.e. stuffed animals, etc) must be laundered before bringing in. **Saturday at 1:00 pm, February 21** 

# [REG] Meet a Hedgehog (ELEMENTARY, MIDDLESCHOOL)

School is out early today. Love cute animals? Love cute little animals that roll into a ball? Love cute little animals that roll into a ball and have spikes? Here is your chance to meet a hedgehog. Space is very limited - register early.

# Friday at 2:30 pm & 3:30 pm, February 27 (2 sessions)

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## TEEN PROGRAMS

[REG] Faux Snow Globes (AGES 12-18) Make a snow globe for a gift or for your own home or room! Registration required. Tuesday at 4:00 pm, December 9

[REG] **Snowy Day Collage** (AGES 12-18) We will be painting with marbles to make a snowy day collage. Registration required. **Tuesday at 4:00 pm, January 13** 

[REG] **Yarn Wrapped Bottles** (AGES 12-18) A bit of yarn will transform jars and bottles into works of art! Registration required. **Tuesday at 4:00 pm, February 10** 

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

[REG] **Tiny Signs** (0-36 MONTHS, WITH AN ADULT) Join us for a special story time that includes sign language! Learn basic signs with your little one through stories, songs, and rhymes. Help them develop language and communication skills all while having fun! Registration required.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am, December 03-February 4

## [REG] Children's Holiday Tea (ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT)

A special tradition in Emmitsburg! Kick off your holiday fun at the annual Children's Holiday Tea Party hosted by the Friends of the Emmitsburg Library. Dress up in your holiday finery to enjoy an afternoon of seasonal stories, songs, and treats. Children of all ages with an adult. Registration required.

## Saturday at 1:30 pm, December 6

[REG] Ginger-rific! (AGES 3-5 & ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT)

Run, Run as fast as you can... to the library as we celebrate Gingerbread Decorating Day with crafts and games inspired by the classic tale of the Gingerbread Man. Registration required. **Saturday at 11:00 am, December 13** 

## [REG] Creativity Junction (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)

Calling all Creatologists, Imagineers, and aspiring Artists! Celebrate International Creativity Month. We provide the supplies and you provide the inspiration to create your own unique works of art. Children of all ages with an adult. Registration required. Saturday at 11:00 am, January 10

Lunch & a Magical Movie (ALL AGES WITH AN ADULT) Join us for a special showing of the movie Frozen. Wear your royal attire by dressing like a Prince/Princess and bring lunch or snacks, as well as a blanket. Saturday at 11:00 am, January 24

[REG] Wee Workout! (AGES 2-6, WITH AN ADULT)

Celebrate National Preschool Fitness Day with games and activities that will get you movin' and groovin'! Registration required.

Saturday at 11:00 am, January 31

## Love Your Library: A Friends of The Library Event (ALL AGES)

Visit the library today with the whole family. Create a Valentine 'make and take' craft, play games, and more. Meet the neighbors who help the Friends of the Library and discover how you can get involved. There's no obligation. Just stop, say hello and share your love of the Emmitsburg Library.

Saturday at 10:00 am, February 14

Have A Heart! (AGES 3-5 & ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT) Celebrate Valentine's Day with heart-inspired crafts, games, and activities. Saturday at 11:00 am, February 14

[REG] **Hibernation Station** (AGES 3-5 & ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT) Come hibernate at the library and enjoy a special reading of the story "Bear Snores On", as well as hibernation-inspired activities and crafts. Registration required. **Saturday at 11:00 am, February 21** 

#### FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOOKMARKS - Winter 2014-2015 PROGRAMS

#### SOUTHERN REGION

#### **Urbana • Point of Rocks • Brunswick**

The library may photograph or videotape patrons for library promotional purposes. Please notify staff if you do not want yourself or your child to be photographed.

[REG] Register online at fcpl.org/programs or call your branch. Submit ASL interpreter request three weeks prior to the date of the program.

NOTE: [STEM] Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program

[FROSTY] Frosty Fun Program

[SB] - Spelling Bee

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Any food/beverage offered may cause allergic reaction, i.e., wheat, nuts, soy, etc. Parents/guardians, please be advised that it is solely your responsibility to ensure the welfare of the children in your care and your option to allow/disallow the products offered. Registration for an event acknowledges that you have read and understand this caution.

# URBANA REGIONAL LIBRARY 9020 Amelung Street, Frederick • 301-600-7000

Branch Hours: Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

**Satellite Gallery—Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center** The gallery is open during regular library hours—See Page 8 for details

Joyful Jingles (ALL AGES) Join us for two days of performances by local groups, craft demonstrations, and a helping of holiday festivities. Saturday-Sunday All Day, December 6-7

#### Museums By Candlelight (ALL AGES)

"When Freemen Shall Stand," a traveling display on the War of 1812, from the Maryland Military Historical Society, will be featured at Urbana Regional Library throughout January. The exhibit deals with the personal experiences of both the great leaders and the common soldiers who participated in the conflict.

January 1-31, All Day

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

[REG] Duct Tape Night (AGES 8-14)

Make a simple duct tape wallet or something even more sophisticated. All supplies provided. Wednesday at 5:00 pm, December 10

Anime/ Manga Club Cosplay (dressing as characters) is welcomed. Snacks served. Sunday at 2:00 pm, December 14

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Gingerbread House Contest** (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) Pick up a rules/entry form with recipes at the Children's Desk. **December 1-21: Entries to be delivered to the library December 23: Winners chosen January 5: Last day to pick up entries** 

Monday Playgroup at the Library! (BIRTH-3, WITH AN ADULT) Mondays at 3:00 pm: December 1-February 23

[STEM] **LEGO® Super Saturdays** (AGES 5 AND UP, WITH AN ADULT) **Saturdays at 10:00 am: December 6-February 28** 

**Poketown Gym!** – (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) You can play, trade, and earn cool prizes. We'll have some starter decks on hand if you don't have any Pokemon cards. **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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 2 pm: December 7-February 1

**Panda Stories - A Storytime in Chinese and English** (AGES 3-5, WITH AND ADULT) **Monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm** 

**Dinosaur LEGO® Library Takeover!** (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) **Fridays at 10:00 am: December 26, December 31** 

[REG][STEM] **Think with BINK: A Fort Detrick Alliance STEM Program for Kids** (GRADES 1-5) **Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 4:30 pm: January 7-February 4** 

[REG] Soup Opera: Act it Out! (AGES 7-10)\*Snow date for performance: January 29th.Thursdays at 4:15 pm: January 8-January 22

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

# POINT OF ROCKS BRANCH 1635 Ballenger Creek Pike, Point of Rocks 21777

Branch Hours: Monday and Wednesday 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Tuesday and Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

Journey Through the Jungle (AGES 8-14) Never been to the jungle? Now is your chance to answer wild clues and compete for prizes through the jungle that is the library! Monday at 6:30 pm, December 1

Cash Cab at the Library (TWEENS) Try your best to answer our trivia questions and get a chance to earn prizes. Monday at 4:00 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays at 1:00 pm, December 6-February 7** 

LEGO® and Wii Game Night (AGES 8-14) Enjoy an evening of building with LEGO® blocks and playing Wii on the 6x8 ft big screen! Wednesday at 6:00 pm, December 17

Valentine's Day Celebration (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Tuesday at 11:00 am, February 10

**LEGO® Junior Makers** (AGES 4-7, WITH AN ADULT) **Wednesday at 6:00 pm, February 18** 

# BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY 915 N. Maple Avenue, Brunswick • 301-600-7250

Branch Hours: Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

# Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

## FAMILY AND ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Satellite Gallery—Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center

The gallery is open during regular library hours—See Page 8 for details.

Acting Out! Play Performance (ALL AGES) Enjoy a performance by the Middle School Acting Out! Group Thursday at 6:30 pm, February 12

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

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

[REG] Acting Out! (GRADES 6-8)
Middle School acting troop
Thursdays at 5:00 pm, January 8-February 12
Thursday at 6:30 pm, February 12: performance

#### **CHILDRENS PROGRAMS**

[REG] Happy Birthday, Author! (GRADES 3-6)
Copies of the book are available at the library.
Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 4:00 pm, December 2-February 3

[SB] Spelling Bee Practice (GRADES 1-8)Students will play Hangman, Wheel of Fortune, Bananagrams, as well as testing skills with practice Bees.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

[REG] Hour of Code for Kids (GRADES 1-5) Monday at 4:00 pm, December 8

**BINGO Night** (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT) Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 pm, December 4-February 5

#### LEGO® Club (GRADES 1-6) Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, December 10-February 11

Family Game Night (ALL AGES)

A variety of games will be provided. Feel free to bring your own games as well. Monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, December 16-February 17

[REG][STEM] STEAM Team (ELEMENTARY)

Do you want to be a scientist, engineer, or artist? Join the STEAM Team on the fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Brunswick Public Library. Learn about all things science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Registration required. Open to children in grades 1-6. Monthly on 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 4:00 pm, December 22-February 23

**R.E.A.D. with Wags for Hope** (ELEMENTARY, WITH AN ADULT) Children can read aloud to volunteer pet teams. **Monthly on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 10:30 am, December 27- February 28** 

## Stuffed Animal Sleepover (ALL AGES, WITH AN ADULT)

Come in anytime today and drop off your friend for the 2nd Brunswick Stuffed Animal Sleepover. When you pick your friend up the next day, watch a slide show of all the fun the friends had overnight at the library.

Monday, December 29 All Day

Paddington Bear Day (AGES 3-5, WITH AN ADULT) Games, crafts, and fun - all to celebrate Paddington Bear! Tuesday at 10:30 am, December 30

[REG] **Ivy + Bean Party** (GRADES 2-5) Celebrate friendship with Ivy + Bean. **Thursday at 4:30 pm, January 22** 

[FROSTY] **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 2:00 pm, February 16** 

**Chinese New Year Celebration** (ALL AGES, CHILDREN WITH AN ADULT) **Thursday at 6:00 pm, February 19**