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Walkersville Library

SAVE THE DATE!

The new Walkersville Library at 2 S. Glade Road opens Saturday, March 10, 2018, and you won't want to miss it.

We will have activities for all ages and a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m.

The new library will include an Early Literacy Play and Learning Space, STEM Lab, community meeting rooms, computers, and more.

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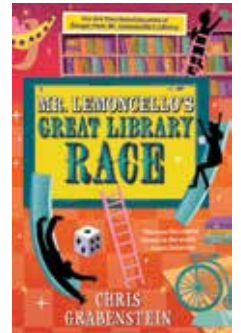
Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race with Chris Grabenstein

Saturday, Dec. 2; 1:00 p.m.
Urbana Regional Library

Meet Chris Grabenstein, author of all of the Mr. Lemoncello books, and learn more about the life of an author. In Grabenstein's latest book, *Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race*, everyone's favorite game maker, Mr. Lemoncello, is testing out his new FABULOUS FACT-FINDING FRENZY game! If Kyle can make it through the first round, he and the other lucky finalists will go on a great race—by bicycle, bookmobile, and even Mr. Lemoncello's corporate banana jet!—to find fascinating

facts about famous Americans. The first to bring their facts back to the library will win spectacular prizes! But when a few surprising "facts" surface about Mr. Lemoncello, it might be GO TO JAIL and LOSE A TURN all at once! Could Kyle's hero be a fraud? It's winner take all, so Kyle and the other kids will have to dig deep to find out the truth before the GAME is OVER for Mr. Lemoncello and his entire fantastic empire!

Author Q&A and book sales and signing included. Following the signing, enjoy a winter treasure hunt in the library as part of the Urbana Library holiday celebration all day.



Best for 3rd-6th grade. Presented in partnership with Curious Iguana.



Grant Seeker Workshops with The Word Woman, Michelle Nusum-Smith

We are pleased to have Michelle Nusum-Smith, owner and principle consultant of The Word Woman, LLC, leading two grant seeker workshops for us this winter. With almost 20 years of nonprofit experience, Michelle has expertise in nonprofit management, leadership, program development, financial management, fundraising, and community relations. As The Word Woman, LLC, she provides customized services as a consultant, coach, trainer, and grant writer, in order to help nonprofits achieve and excel in their missions.

Grant Writing/Grant Basics for Beginners Double Header

C. Burr Artz Public Library
 Jan. 19, *snow date Jan. 26*
 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Lunch will take place during the presentation so attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.

How to Develop Programs that Get Funded

C. Burr Artz Public Library
 Feb. 16, *snow date Feb. 23*
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.





the frederick speaker series



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

**For ticket sales, visit
weinbergcenter.org.**

Dr. Temple Grandin

**Accomplished Autistic Author and
Leading Animal Welfare Expert**

January 18, 2018 | 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. //
Tickets \$25 | \$30 | \$35

Diagnosed with autism as a child, Dr. Temple Grandin did not speak until she was nearly four years old. Fortunately, her mother defied the advice of the doctors and kept her out of an institution. Though life was hard, her formative years gave way to studies in animal science and a career in the livestock industry. Today, half of the cattle in the United States are handled in facilities she designed. She has consulted with organizations like McDonald's on animal welfare guidelines, and has received numerous prestigious awards, in addition to a 2011 *TIME Magazine* "100 Most Influential People" designation. She has authored multiple bestselling books, including *The Way I See It* and *Thinking in Pictures*. In 2010, an Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning HBO movie was made about her life and career. A past board member for the Autism Society of America, she travels the globe lecturing to parents and teachers on her experiences with autism. Now, Dr. Grandin takes the stage to share her story of perseverance and the power of "differently-abled brains."

Ted Koppel

Legendary Anchor of ABC News' "Nightline"

February 22, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$50 | \$60 | \$65

With a career that spans over half a century, Ted Koppel is recognized around the world as one of the most trusted and revered voices on current events and issues of global importance. A member of the Broadcasting Hall of Fame, Koppel's iconic career spans both radio and television and includes every major professional recognition, including eight George Peabody Awards, 11 duPont-Columbia Awards (television's equivalent of the Pulitzer), and 42 Emmys. He is best known for his role as anchor and managing editor of ABC News' Nightline, which defined excellence in television news reporting, interviewing, and analysis over the past 35 years. Today, Koppel serves as a news analyst for NPR and a contributing columnist for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, and is a senior contributor to The CBS Sunday Morning Show. His *New York Times* bestseller *Lights Out* examines a threat unique to our time: cyber-catastrophe. With his trademark wisdom, wit, and warmth, Koppel takes the stage to share his observations on the state of the U.S. and the world, providing unmatched analysis of the important foreign policy and political headlines of the day — and, of course, the people behind the scenes.



Mitch Albom

Bestselling Author, Columnist, and Radio Host

March 15, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$40 | \$45 | \$50

Mitch Albom is an internationally-renowned and best-selling author, journalist, screenwriter, playwright, radio and television broadcaster, and musician. From *Tuesdays with Morrie* to *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, his books have collectively sold more than 35 million copies worldwide, have been published in 45 languages, and have been made into Emmy award-winning television movies. A columnist for The Detroit Free Press since 1985 and a panelist on ESPN's "The Sports Reporters," Albom has been named the #1 Sports Columnist in the Nation by the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) 13 times. In June 2010 he received the APSE Red Smith Award for lifetime achievement, and in June 2013 he was inducted into the Sportswriters Hall of Fame. Now, this gifted writer weaves personal stories and anecdotes with a captivating message about the potential in all of us for a giving, meaningful life.

Rita Moreno

Award-winning Singer, Dancer, and Actress

April 6, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$40 | \$45 | \$50

Octogenarian Rita Moreno remains one of the busiest actresses, singers, and dancers in show business. With star-making turns in "West Side Story," "The Ritz," and "The Electric Company" under her belt, the entertainment icon belongs to an elite group of only eight living performers to have won all four of the industry's most prestigious awards: the Oscar, Emmy, Tony, and GRAMMY®. A Kennedy Center honoree for lifetime contributions to American culture and a recipient of the coveted Presidential Medal of Freedom, Moreno represents the intersection of selfless service and professional achievement. Appearing in Frederick for the first time, the feisty entertainer brings a sense of humor and wealth of personal stories to the stage, exploring the value of diversity, the power of language, and getting older without getting old.

Mark Ruffalo

Actor, Director, and Activist

May 10, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. // Tickets \$50 | \$70 | \$75

Academy Award, Golden Globe, BAFTA, and Emmy nominee Mark Ruffalo is one of Hollywood's most sought-after actors, easily moving between stage and screen and working with directors including Ang Lee, Martin Scorsese, Michael Mann, Spike Jonze, and David Fincher. He has earned accolades for his starring roles in *Spotlight*, *Foxcatcher*, *The Normal Heart*, *Marvel's Avengers*, and again plays Dr. Bruce Banner/The Incredible Hulk in the recently released *Thor: Ragnarok*. With warmth and candor, Ruffalo discusses his work on screen, stage, and behind the camera, as well as his advocacy. Ruffalo makes an impassioned case for clean water, raising awareness of the dangers of fracking and other energy-related pollution. He also discusses his own life experiences in the context of overcoming obstacles, touching on the illness, addiction, and tragic violence that has affected his family.

THANKS TO



Exclusive Meet & Greet Opportunities

VIP Ticket Proceeds Benefit Children's Programming

As one of the founding partners of the Frederick Speaker Series, Frederick County Public Libraries is very pleased to offer you a chance to meet your favorite celebrity! You'll receive a professional digital photo of you with your favorite star.

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

You may purchase tickets online at weinbergcenter.org or by calling the Weinberg Box Office at 301-600-2828.

SPELLING BEE

What's All the Buzz About the S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E?

An exciting and challenging academic opportunity awaits Frederick County students on March 10, 2018. Students from elementary and middle schools and homeschool groups in Frederick County will compete at the 11th annual Frederick County Spelling Bee at Frederick Community College. The winner of the Frederick County Bee moves directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C., in May 2018.

11TH FREDERICK COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, Frederick Community College
Saturday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the Spelling Bee, please visit fcpl.org/spelling.



CELTIC CONCERT



BOOKMARK MARCH!

The incredibly popular Celtic Concert is returning on March 22, 2018. Mark your calendars now...tickets are FREE and they go fast! Stay tuned for more ticket and band information coming soon.



ANNUAL REPORT



FCPL Branches

- Brunswick Branch Library**
- C. Burr Artz Public Library**
- Edward F. Fry Memorial Library
at Point of Rocks**
- Emmitsburg Branch Library**
- Middletown Branch Library**
- Thurmont Regional Library**
- Urbana Regional Library**
- Walkersville Branch Library**
- The Community Bookmobile**
- The Early Start Bookmobile**

At Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL), our mission is to facilitate the public's freedom to explore, to invent, and to transform. We believe in connecting people to ideas and to one another by striving to meet the evolving needs of our patrons, while bridging the digital and print divide.

Each of our eight library branches provides public access to WiFi; unique indoor and outdoor spaces for gathering; quiet areas for studying; community and educational enrichment through programming and events; and diverse print and digital collections.

During this past year, FCPL has experienced many exciting new changes from unveiling a new look for our bookmobiles to breaking ground on the expanded Walkersville library. We are proudly anticipating an early 2018 grand opening. In addition, design of a new branch in Myersville is already underway with construction to begin this summer.

Our Summer Challenge Program set a record in community participation amongst not only patrons of all ages, but in the number of business and nonprofit partners who supported our initiative and worked to make it a success.

Frederick County is a dynamic and growing community. FCPL helps make Frederick County an attractive place to live, work, and play by providing evolving collections across many formats and high-quality customer service.

The accompanying annual report provides a snapshot of our exciting services and activities over the past year. FCPL continues to thrive, due to your loyal and continued support. On behalf of our FCPL staff and Board of Trustees, thank you for helping FCPL continue to be your trusted gathering place and informational resource.

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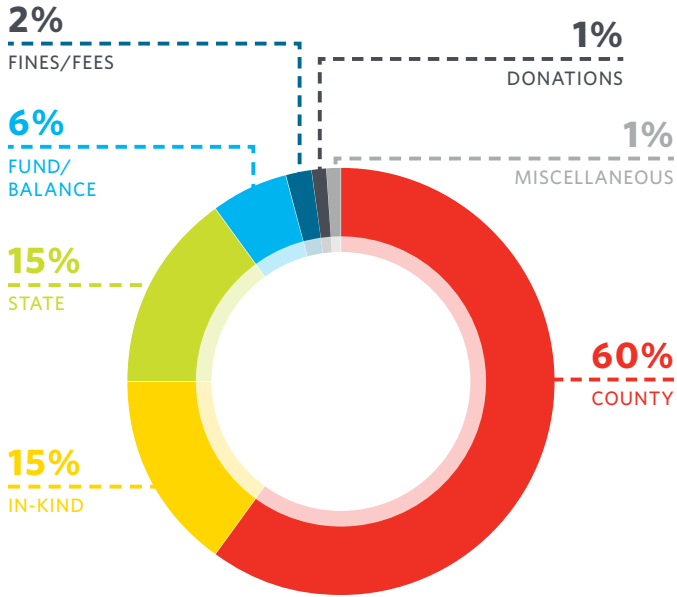
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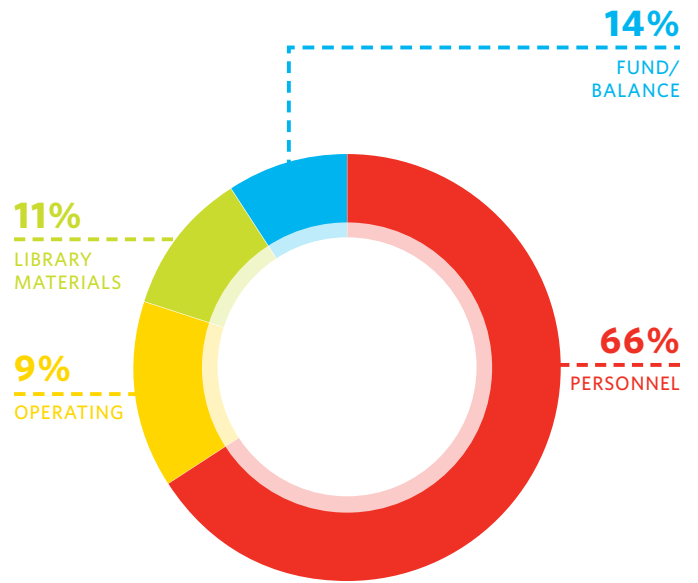
Cheryl G. Smith

Total Operating Budget | FY17 = \$14,116,606

REVENUES

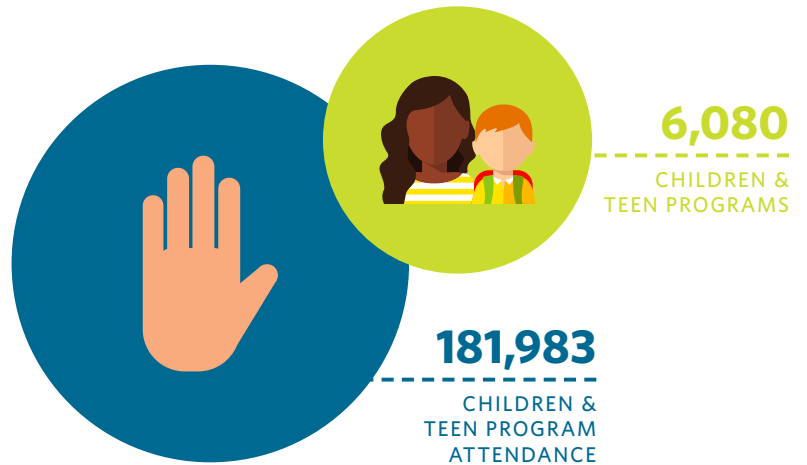


EXPENDITURES



Library Volunteer Hours | 9,127

= 500 hours



Library Visits | 1,047,029

75,000 visits




Total Circulation | 2,794,159

 = 150,000 circulations



Adult Programs Total | 488

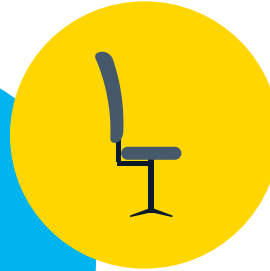
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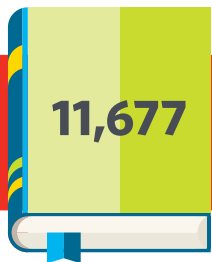
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USERS



MEETING ROOM
ATTENDANCE




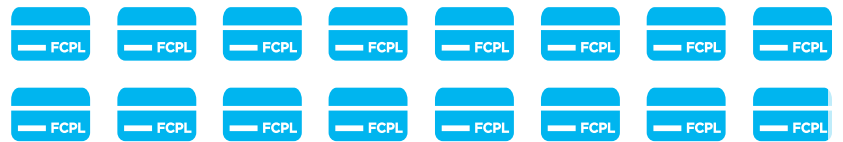
MEETING ROOM
EVENTS



SUMMER READING
PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

New Library Cards Issued | 9,507

 = 600 cards



TOTAL
REGISTERED
PATRONS

791,063

VIRTUAL BRANCH
VISITS



ADULT PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

135,574

WIFI USERS



You make a good library even better for the people of Frederick County. Thank you!

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Denis Bonilla	Lisa Deborde	Ceili Galante	James and Kari Kelly
Rosemarie Boore	Jeffrey Deckenback	Ernesto Geisler	Daryl Knight
Joshua Boudreaux	Anne Deguzman	Glade Valley Lions Club	Catherine Kolos
Patrick Boughan	Rachel Delchamps	David Gochman	Claireann Kondig
Betsey Brannen	Cynthia Deutermann	Brett Green	Linda and Donald Kornreich
Terrence Briggs	Yaritza Diaz	Shannon Green	Mariellen Krivos
Courtney Brohawn	Erin Dingle	Allison Green	Susan Lagnese
Martin Brown	Sophianna Dobransky	Monica Greene	Amy Lanctot
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Bruster's Ice Cream	Marcia Dresner	Galen Hahn	Allison Lanham
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Jessie Campen	Geoffrey Edwards	Maggie Harris	Karen Lazo
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Patricia Carson	Marlene England		Jennifer Liebsch
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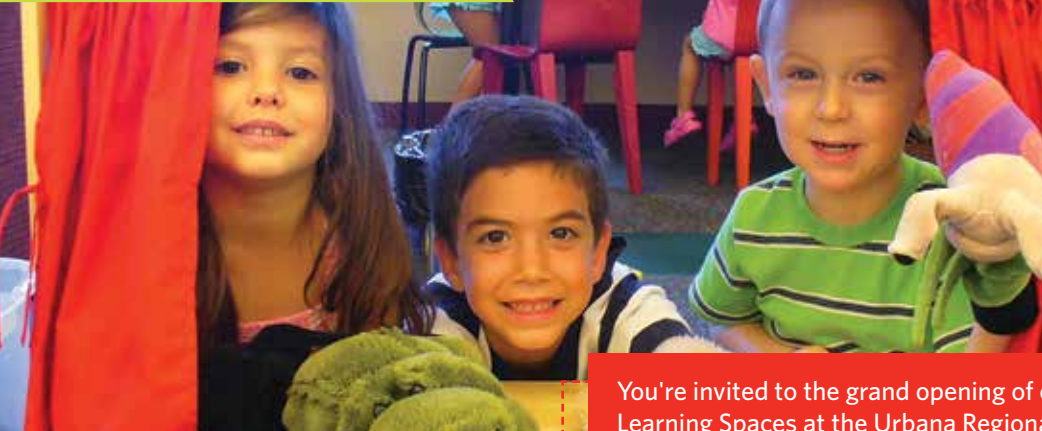
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 Ysa Nunez
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 Psykahaesh Padmanabhan
 Tammy Page
 Trina Panagos
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 Dimitar Paralanov
 Adam Parks
 Leah Perry
 Anna Peterson
 Betty Petrola
 Sandra Phillips
 Shawn and Rebecca Pickrell
 Plamondon Hospitality Partners
 Anthony Poffenberger
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 Heather Potter
 Gail Powell
 Jeffrey Price
 Princess Nail
 Pump it Up
 Xuechun Qiu
 Vicki Quist
 Rachel Radwinsky
 Readers and Eaters Book Club
 Rachel Rhinehart
 Rosa Rippeon
 Rita's Italian Ice
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 David Roberson
 Rebecca Robinson

Julia Rogers
 Heather Rose
 Jack Ruback
 Deborah Schray
 Shadowland Laser Adventures
 Pragnesh and Sonal Shah
 Kelly Shealer
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 Barbara Sofinowski
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 Robert Steinen
 Heather Stevens
 Paul Stokely
 Shawn Stout
 Shirley Stroup
 PV Subramanian
 Sumittra Thai Cuisine
 Kenton Sumpter
 Sinan Suslu
 Stephanie Swartz
 Kyler Swilley
 Desiree Szec
 Hongfang Tang
 Eduardo Tejada
 Valerie Tennant
 The Frederick Keys
 The Maryland Symphony
 Orchestra
 The PNC Financial Services
 Group, Inc.
 Venkat Thoppae
 Michele Thornton

Thurmont High School Class of
 1961
 Linda Tibbs
 Michelle Toulotte
 Renee Trendell
 Jennifer Trimble
 Debbra Tross
 Mary Turney
 Urban Green Apartments
 Urbana Dance & Performing
 Arts Studio
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 Villages of Urbana
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STORYTIMES



You're invited to the grand opening of our two brand new Early Literacy Play and Learning Spaces at the Urbana Regional Library and the new Walkersville Library! Subscribe to our newsletter to get more exciting updates and information about this project at fcpl.org/newsletter.

All storytimes are weekly unless otherwise noted and do not require registration. Each storytime is targeted to a specific developmental age as noted, but all (including siblings!) are welcome to attend.

BABY STORYTIME

(designed for birth-24 months with a caregiver)

Brunswick	Tuesdays at 10:05 and 11:00 a.m. (bilingual English/ASL)
C. Burr Artz	Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
Middletown	Tuesdays at 10:05 a.m.
Thurmont	Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
Urbana	Mondays at 10:05 a.m.
Walkersville	Mondays at 10:05 a.m.

TODDLER STORYTIME

(designed for 2 year olds with a caregiver)

Brunswick	Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
C. Burr Artz	Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
Middletown	Mondays at 10:05 a.m.
Thurmont	Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.
Urbana	Tuesdays at 10:05 a.m. Fridays at 10:05 a.m.
Walkersville	Tuesdays at 10:05 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

(designed for ages 3-5 with a caregiver)

Brunswick	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
C. Burr Artz	Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m.
Emmitsburg	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Middletown	Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Point of Rocks	Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
Thurmont	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Urbana	Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 10:05 a.m.
Walkersville	Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Thursdays at 10:05 a.m.

FAMILY STORYTIME

(designed for ages 0 and up with a caregiver)

C. Burr Artz	Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Emmitsburg	Monthly on 4 th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Urbana	Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

STORYLAND STORYTIME

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

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

Thurmont	Monthly on 2 nd Friday at 10:15 a.m.
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MUSICAL STORYTIME

(designed for ages 0 and up with a caregiver)

Brunswick	Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
C. Burr Artz	Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
Emmitsburg	Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
Middletown	Wednesdays at 10:05 a.m. Fridays at 10:05 a.m.
Point of Rocks	Monthly on 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
Thurmont	Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.
Urbana	Thursdays at 10:05 a.m. Saturdays at 10:05 a.m.
Walkersville	Wednesdays at 10:05 a.m.

FAMILY TUNES AND TALES: SYMPHONY STORYTIME WITH FREDERICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

(designed for ages 0 and up with a caregiver)
Classical music and stories with Music & Arts instrument petting zoo. Made possible through funding by The Community Foundation of Frederick County. These storytimes may be livestreamed on Facebook. Follow us for details (facebook.com/FredCoLibrary).

Point of Rocks	Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m.
Middletown	Friday, Dec. 8 at 10:05 a.m.
Walkersville	Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Emmitsburg	Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

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

BOOKS & AUTHORS

MR. LEMONCELLO'S GREAT LIBRARY RACE WITH AUTHOR CHRIS GRABENSTEIN

Meet Chris Grabenstein and learn about the life of an author! Author Q&A and book signing included. Best for grades 3-5. Presented in partnership with Curious Iguana. **Urbana** Saturday, Dec. 2; 1:00 p.m.

LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Museums by Candlelight's yearly gathering of local authors ready to discuss and sign their works. Books will be available for purchase.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 9; 11:00 a.m.

MOVIES FROM BOOKS: "THE LION, THE WITCH, & THE WARDROBE" (PG)

Join us for the movie "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," based on the book by C.S. Lewis.

Urbana Monday, Jan. 29; 2:30 p.m.

EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

POKÉTOWN GYM!—A POKÉMON TRADING CARD LEAGUE FOR ALL AGES!

Use your own Pokémon cards to make decks and play with others, and bring your Pokémon Video Games for exciting head-to-head battles!

Urbana Sundays, Dec. 3, 17, 31, Jan. 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 11, 25; 1:45 p.m.

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Explore educational and creative, mind-challenging games each week!

C. Burr Artz Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 6:00 p.m.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

BINGO Night for the whole family.

Brunswick Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 6:30 p.m.

MOVIE MATINEE: "STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS"

Enjoy "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (PG-13) on the big screen before the release of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

Urbana Friday, Dec. 15; 2:30 p.m.

"STAR WARS" PARTY

Fun "Star Wars" activities, trivia, crafts, and games centered around "The Force." Dress as your favorite character, you may!

Urbana Friday, Dec. 15; 2:30 p.m.

CHESS CLUB

Beginners to advanced players welcome. Learn, play, and sharpen your skills.

Thurmont Saturdays, Dec. 16, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10; 11:00 a.m.

MOVIE MATINEE

Watch a movie on the big screen with related activities.

Thurmont Wednesday, Dec. 27; 1:00 p.m.

DOGS ARE AWESOME!

The Year of the Dog begins on Feb. 18, and we will host dog stories, dog crafts, and actual adoptable dogs from a local rescue.

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 13; 6:30 p.m.

DISCOVER AND EXPLORE: CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebrate the Year of the Dog with FCPL and the Asian American Center of Frederick. Festivities for all ages will include stories, crafts, traditional Chinese games, and music!

Urbana Sunday, Feb. 18; 1:00 p.m.

HISTORY & GENEALOGY

BAA HUMBUG! SHEEP TO SHAWL

PanoRAMic display of how WOOL from a flock of SHEEP is spun into YARN and woven/crocheted/knitted into hats/garments/blankets/etc.

C. Burr Artz Monday, Dec. 04 - Saturday, Feb. 03 during regular library hours

HAGERSTOWN & FREDERICK RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For Museums by Candlelight, join the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway Historical Society in the atrium to learn the history of Central Maryland's unique trolley system.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 9; 11:00 a.m.

MODEL TRAINS!

Model trains running for Museums By Candlelight, the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium's yearly holiday celebration.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 9; 11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL STORYTIME

INTERGENERATIONAL STORYTIME AT GLADE VALLEY CENTER

Stories, music, and dancing sure to bring joy to all ages. 56 W. Frederick St., Walkersville.

Offsite Saturdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, and Feb. 17; 10:45 a.m.



THIS JUST IN!

Internationally renowned chef, author, and humanitarian José Andrés will be the 2018 Frederick Reads Speaker. Chef Andrés will visit Frederick on March 19 and 20. Stay tuned for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOKS & AUTHORS

THURMONT FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

Hosted by the Friends of the Thurmont Regional Library and open to adult readers in the community who are interested in discussing books. Contact the Thurmont Regional Library at 301-600-7212 for information.
Thurmont Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12; 7:00 p.m.

URBANA FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

The Friends of the Urbana Regional Library (FURL) host an open discussion on a variety of books.
Urbana Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21; 6:45 p.m.

BUSINESS & JOB SKILLS

GRANT SEEKERS PRESENTS:

Grant Writing/Grant Basics for Beginners Double Header

Grant seeker workshop with *The Word Woman!* Lunch will take place during the workshop so participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.
C. Burr Artz Friday, Jan. 19; 10:30 a.m.

How to Develop Programs that Get Funded

Grant seeker workshop with *The Word Woman!*
C. Burr Artz Friday, Feb. 16; 10:30 a.m.

RESUME AND CAREER COACHING WORKSHOP

Resume, job-seeking, and interview tips and tricks from a professional career coach. Snow date Jan. 30.
Emmitsburg Tuesday, Jan. 23; 10:30 a.m.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

TEENS TEACH TECH

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

Brunswick Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; 2:00 p.m.

EBOOKS & MORE

Learn how to use our free digital materials. eBooks, movies, language learning, coding courses, and more! Bring your digital device.

C. Burr Artz Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, and Jan. 10, 17, 24; 10:30 a.m.

OPEN MEMORY LAB

Use our equipment to convert your photos and analog home videos to digital formats you can share and enjoy today! Lab volunteers will be available to help. Formats accepted: mini DV tapes, VHS tapes, VHS-C tapes, photos, slides, and negatives. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Department of Education.

Urbana Sundays, Dec. 10, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4; 2:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY—NORTH POLE EXPEDITION

Interact with a VR headset and take a virtual expedition to the North Pole with us!

C. Burr Artz Tuesday, Dec. 12; 2:00 p.m.

3D PRINTING OPEN LAB

Come tinker with design software, discuss 3D printers, brainstorm ideas, and meet others with an interest in design.

C. Burr Artz Thursdays, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15; 5:30 p.m.

MEMORY LAB @ THE SENIOR CENTER

Use our equipment to convert your photos and analog home videos to digital formats you can share and enjoy today! Lab volunteers will be available to help. Formats accepted: mini DV tapes, VHS tapes, VHS-C tapes, photos, slides, and negatives. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Maryland State Department of Education.

Urbana Monday, Jan. 29; 12:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY—FIRE & ICE EXPEDITIONS

Interact with a VR headset and take a virtual tour of famous volcanoes around the world and visit Antarctica too!

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Feb. 3; 3:00 p.m.

ROBOTICS DEMONSTRATION AT URBANA SENIOR CENTER

We will demonstrate how to use LEGO® Mindstorms, Ollie, and Sphero robots. Then it is your turn to manipulate and program these fun droids!

Urbana Wednesday, Feb. 7; 1:00 p.m.

EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

ART SERIES:

Paint a Glass Ornament

Artist Michele Maze of Seven Dragonflies Studio provides hands-on instruction to help you create a holiday ornament on glass. All supplies provided.

Thurmont Wednesday, Dec. 6; 7:00 p.m.

Paint a Glass Coaster

Artist Michele Maze of Seven Dragonflies Studio provides hands-on instruction to help you create coasters using tiles. All supplies provided.

Thurmont Wednesday, Jan. 3; 7:00 p.m.

Paint a Glass

Artist Michele Maze of Seven Dragonflies Studio provides hands-on instruction to paint a glass. She will provide design ideas or bring your own simple design. All supplies provided.

Thurmont Wednesday, Feb. 7; 7:00 p.m.

CAREGIVER CONNECTION & COFFEE BREAK

Network with other caregivers and learn about childcare resources. Refreshments for adults and playtime for children provided.

Emmitsburg Wednesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Feb. 7; 11:00 a.m.

WINTER HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

A representative from the University of Maryland Extension will be here to share tips on saving energy during the cold winter months.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Dec. 7; 7:00 p.m.

COFFEE AND CROSSWORDS

Challenge your brain and share with friends and neighbors.

Point of Rocks Saturdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10; 10:30 a.m.

CABIN FEVER: LET'S PLAY GAMES!!

Learn a new card or board game, or bring one to share with others. Get out of the winter weather and get warm with us.

Urbana Fridays, Jan. 12, and Feb. 23; 2:00 p.m.

COOKIE RECIPE SWAP!

Tired of your holiday desserts? Bring your favorite recipes and discover new ones!

Point of Rocks Saturday, Jan. 13; 11:00 a.m.

TAMING THE PAPER IN YOUR HOME

Functional Organizing with Wendy will show you how to declutter, organize, and create systems for the actionable paper in your home.

Urbana Saturday, Jan. 13; 11:00 a.m.

BUILDING WEALTH—A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SECURING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

Start the New Year off right with a new understanding of your finances. Presented by the University of MD Extension.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Jan. 18; 7:00 p.m.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS' SEMINAR

Gain the knowledge and confidence to maneuver the homebuying process. Presented by Mary Garnett Ratchford, Realtor RE/MAX Plus.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Jan. 20; 10:30 a.m.

EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISING: THE INSIDE SCOOP

Find out the best rivers, the best cruising companies, and the best time to go with travel expert Leslie Baker of Cruise Planners.

Middletown Wednesday, Jan. 24; 11:30 a.m.

FAKE NEWS: HOW TO SPOT IT

Gain the tools to evaluate information and become a savvy news consumer. Presented by the Maryland State Library Resource Center.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Jan. 25; 6:30 p.m.

VALENTINE'S TRIVIA NIGHT AT ORCHID CELLAR MEADERY & WINERY

Trivia Night at Orchid Cellar Meadery & Winery, 8546 Pete Wiles Road, Middletown. Trivia and fun are free. Wine and chocolate will be available for purchase. Trivia will be prepared by library staff and cover a variety of subjects and pop culture. Teams of six allowed. Registration is recommended. Prizes will be awarded. Call the library for further details at 301-600-7560.

Offsite Friday, Jan. 26; 6:30 p.m.

Visit fcpl.org for a complete list of our exciting programs and events!



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

CURIOUS MINDS:

Spending Less, Eating Better

Debbie Rhoades, extension educator from University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, shares money saving strategies to start the New Year with better eating habits for less money.

Thurmont Monday, Jan. 29; 2:00 p.m.

Attracting Bluebirds

Kathy Kremnitzer of the Maryland Bluebird Society shares her expertise and simple tips for attracting bluebirds and maintaining bluebird boxes.

Thurmont Monday, Feb. 26; 2:00 p.m.

WHAT IS PSYCHIC INTUITION?

Callie Claire will lead a discussion on mental telepathy, and explore medical intuitive techniques.

Brunswick Wednesday, Jan. 31; 6:30 p.m.

DISNEY TRAVEL ON A FAMILY BUDGET

An authorized Walt Disney World vacation planner will be here for Q/A and share tips for a non-intimidating, family WDW vacation.

Urbana Monday, Feb. 5; 6:00 p.m.

BOOK AND BREWS AT SMOKETOWN BREWING STATION

Guest speaker Maureen O'Prey discusses her book *Beer in Maryland, A History of Breweries Since Colonial Times*. 223 W. Potomac St., Brunswick, MD.

Offsite Wednesday, Feb. 7; 7:00 p.m.

BEST DISNEY VACATION EVER!

Join Melissa Snyder, Disney certified travel agent, to learn insider tips and tricks to make the most of your trip to the Magic Kingdom.

Brunswick Wednesday, Feb. 21; 6:00 p.m.

RIVER CRUISING @ THE SENIOR CENTER

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

Urbana Tuesday, Feb. 20; 6:00 p.m.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION IN FREDERICK COUNTY

Have you ever considered becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent? Join us to learn more.

Point of Rocks Saturday, Feb. 24; 10:00 a.m.

AFFORDING SENIOR CARE

Discussion on long-term care insurance, VA benefits, tax deductibility of assisted living, final expense planning, and reverse mortgages.

Urbana Monday, Feb. 26; 2:00 p.m.

STRESS-FREE SOLUTIONS FOR SENIOR DOWNSIZING

De-cluttering? Downsizing? Moving? Or just organizing? Ryan Burns will show you how Stress Free Seniors does it.

Middletown Wednesday, Feb. 28; 11:30 a.m.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



ADULT

HIDDEN FIGURES (PG) MOVIE NIGHT

Point of Rocks Monday, Feb. 19; 6:00 p.m.

HELD IN REGARD

People, places, and events we respect and value in telling the African-American history of Frederick County. Presented by African American Resources - Cultural and Heritage (AARCH).

Thurmont Tuesday, Feb. 20; 7:00 p.m.

LABORING SONS MEMORIAL GROUND DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING AT FREDERICK VISITOR'S CENTER

Co-sponsored by African American Resources - Cultural and Heritage (AARCH) and the Tourism Council of Frederick County. 151 S. East St., Frederick.

Offsite Thursday, Feb. 8; 6:00 p.m.

JOHN BROWN TO JAMES BROWN—THE LITTLE FARM WHERE LIBERTY BUDDER, BLOSSOMED, AND BOOGIED BY ED MALISKAS

Author talk/book signing. The unique and musical history of what is considered to be the geographic heart of racial freedom in America. Cosponsored by African American Resources - Cultural and Heritage (AARCH).

C. Burr Artz Sunday, Feb. 11; 2:00 p.m.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Vivian Fisher, manager of the African-American Department at the State Library Resource Center, will share stories about African-American women who were instrumental in shaping the Civil Rights Movement. The contributions of Ruby Dee, Angela Davis, Daisy Bates, and Ruby Bridges will be discussed along with lesser-known individuals who played pivotal roles in the struggle for Civil Rights.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Feb. 15; 7:00 p.m.

REMEMBERING AFRICA IN WESTERN MARYLAND, 1750-1865

Dr. Amt (Hood College) will discuss how slavery in western Maryland differed from slavery in the deep South, using narratives from the time.

Urbana Wednesday, Feb. 28; 6:00 p.m.

TEEN

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ IN (GRADES 6-12)

Participate in the African-American Read In. You must attend the TAB meeting on Feb. 1 to attend this program.

Urbana Thursday, Feb. 22; 6:30 p.m.



ADULT PROGRAMS



HISTORY & GENEALOGY

ITINERANT PAINTER: VIRGINIA JACOBS MCLAUGHLIN: A LIFELONG BRUSH WITH HISTORY

Autobiography book signing, with brief comments, by Frederick's premier muralist. Part of our Museums by Candlelight celebration.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 9; 3:00 p.m.

WE MUST NOW RETURN TO VIRGINIA: ROBERT E. LEE'S RETREAT FROM GETTYSBURG

Local history discussion on the retreat of Lee and his troops through northern Frederick County presented by Jonathan Weller from the National Park Service. Snow date is January 29 at 7 pm.

Thurmont Monday, Jan. 22; 7:00 p.m.

GENEALOGY 101

Learn how to research your family history with expert genealogist and historian Mary Mannix.

Brunswick Thursday, Jan. 25; 6:30 p.m.

MAKE & CREATE

KNIT 2GETHER

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

Middletown Wednesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Feb. 7; 11:30 a.m.

SILK PAINT WITH PERMANENT MARKERS AT URBANA SENIOR CENTER

Design and dye a silk scarf in the colors that you choose, using permanent markers and alcohol.

Urbana Wednesday, Dec. 6; 1:00 p.m.

ART FOR ADULTS

Create and learn different watercolor techniques with paper artist Barbara Fine.

Middletown Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, and Feb. 14; 11:30 a.m.

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN? R

Join us at the Urbana Senior Center to make a "snowman" with DIY products inside and share your personal flair on the outside.

Urbana Wednesday, Dec. 13; 1:00 p.m.

QUICK CRAFT

Join local craft artist Sue Cavendish and learn a quick craft in just one hour. All supplies provided, just bring your imagination!

Middletown Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21; 11:30 a.m.

ORCHID PARFAITS WITH ABLOOM R

Make an easy to care for orchid arrangement.

Walkersville Saturday, Jan. 6; 10:30 a.m.

LETTING THIEVES IN: BOOSTING YOUR IMMUNITY R

Discover how to support a healthy immune system using DIY home remedies, essential oils, and other natural products. Make and take included.

Urbana Thursday, Jan. 18; 11:00 a.m.

HEALTHY AND HAPPY KIDDOS R

Discover how to support health and wellness for kiddos using DIY home remedies, essential oils, and natural products. Make and take included.

Urbana Wednesday, Jan. 31; 11:00 a.m.

WOOD CARVING WITH HAND-HELD POWER TOOLS

Join wood carving artist Gary Carver as he demonstrates techniques for wood carving and shares examples of his work. Hands-on opportunities!

Brunswick Saturday, Feb. 10; 11:00 a.m.

MOM'S DAY OUT R

Pamper yourself with some free, all-natural, non-toxic DIY items sure to make mom relaxed and stress-free. Make and take products included.

Urbana Tuesday, Feb. 27; 11:00 a.m.

WELLNESS

SOL YOGA: GOOD CAUSE CLASS

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

C. Burr Artz Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 11:00 a.m.

Urbana Fridays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 11:30 a.m.

WINTER WELLNESS

Embrace healthy living by using essential oils and other natural alternatives to improve your family lifestyle.

"Smell the difference."

Urbana Friday, Dec. 8; 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 3, and Friday, Feb. 2; 1:15 p.m.

ARE YOU SLEEPING?

Dr. James Lee of Frederick County Pediatrics will discuss common infant and toddler sleep issues and answer your questions.

Urbana Monday, Jan. 22; 10:35 a.m.

ESSENTIAL OILS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Join Adrienne Summers and find out about the 10 most popular oils for cleaning, healthy skin, odor blends, and wellness benefits.

Middletown Wednesday, Jan. 31; 11:30 a.m.

GET HEART HEALTHY

Join Kathryn Troupe, CRNP of the Heart Failure Program and the Care Clinic at FMH, as she shares the necessary steps to protect our hearts.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Feb. 3; 1:00 p.m.

HOUR OF CODE



Hour of Code takes place every year during Computer Science Education Week. FCPL's programs are part of more than 4,800 events around the world. Take a look and be inspired to try something new!

ADULT

VIRTUAL REALITY

Interact with a VR headset during Hour of Code week, a global celebration of computer science.

Brunswick Saturday, Dec. 9; 2:00 p.m.

Walkersville Tuesday, Dec. 5; 11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S

EXPLORE TECH (GRADES K-5)

Walkersville Monday, Dec. 4; 5:00 p.m.

STEM EXPLORATION (AGES 3-18)

STEM activities led by Mount St. Mary's University Women in STEM.

Thurmont Monday, Dec. 4; 4:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL CODE AND GO ROBOT MICE (GRADES K-2)

Be a super coder! Build your maze and then practice coding with friends to help our programmable robot mice find the cheese.

Urbana Tuesday, Dec. 5; 2:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY (GRADES K-5)

Interact with a VR headset during Hour of Code week, a global celebration of computer science.

Walkersville Tuesday, Dec. 5; 6:30 p.m.


OFF THE GRID CODING (GRADES K-5)

Learn the basics of computer coding without technology to help.

Walkersville Wednesday, Dec. 6; 5:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY (GRADES K-8)

Interact with a VR headset during Hour of Code week, a global celebration of computer science.

C. Burr Artz Monday, Dec. 4; 4:00 p.m. 

Emmitsburg Thursday, Dec. 7; 6:30 p.m.

Middletown Wednesday, Dec. 6; 4:00 p.m.

Thurmont Wednesday, Dec. 6; 4:00 p.m.

GINGERBREAD CODING (GRADES K-2)

Help the Gingerbread Man crack the code and run to his gingerbread home.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 7; 5:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY (AGES 3+)

Interact with a VR headset during Hour of Code week, a global celebration of computer science.

Brunswick Thursday, Dec. 7; 3:00 p.m.

TEEN

VIRTUAL REALITY (GRADES 5-12)

Interact with a VR headset during Hour of Code week, a global celebration of computer science.

Point of Rocks Monday, Dec. 4; 4:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY (GRADES 6-12)

Interact with a VR headset during Hour of Code week, a global celebration of computer science.

Urbana Tuesday, Dec. 5; 3:30 p.m.

Walkersville Tuesday, Dec. 5; 3:00 p.m.

CODING UNPLUGGED (GRADES 6-12)

Explore coding concepts with and without the use of technology.

Walkersville Wednesday, Dec. 6; 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 20; 2:00 p.m.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BOOKS & AUTHORS

BOOKS TO MOVIES: *THE LION, THE WITCH, & THE WARDROBE* (GRADES 3-5)

Read the book *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis and join us for a book discussion and craft.
Urbana Monday, Jan. 29; 1:30 p.m.

EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

LEGO® HANGOUT (GRADES 1-5)

Watch LEGO® movies while you build. All movies rated NR.

Thurmont Fridays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 4:00 p.m.

PLAYGROUP (AGES 0-5)

Play and meet friends at the library!

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

C. Burr Artz Fridays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 11:15 a.m.

Point of Rocks Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13; 2:00 p.m.

Thurmont Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; 11:30 a.m.

JEDI ACADEMY (AGES 4-11)

Younglings will train through activities, crafts, and demonstrations centered around "The Force" and receive a certificate each week!

Middletown Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; 11:00 a.m.

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

Children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

Brunswick Saturdays, Dec. 23, Jan. 27, and Feb. 24; 10:30 a.m.

C. Burr Artz Sundays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11; 1:30 p.m.

Emmitsburg Thursdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15; 5:00 p.m.

Middletown Tuesdays, Jan. 23, and Feb. 27; 6:30 p.m.

Point of Rocks Saturdays, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3; 1:00 p.m.

Thurmont Saturdays, Dec. 23, Jan. 27, and Feb. 24; 11:00 a.m.

Urbana Sundays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, and Feb. 4; 2:00 p.m.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 28; 6:30 p.m.

ART CONNECTIONS (AGES 4-11)

Create and discover with the fine arts. We will focus on visual arts, music, writing, and dance by covering a different topic each week.

Middletown Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 2:00 p.m. and Mondays, Jan. 8, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:00 p.m.

GAMES FOR KIDS (GRADES K-5)

Play all kinds of games.

Brunswick Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 22, and Feb. 5, 12, 26; 4:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION (GRADES 1-5) **R**

Dec. 6: *Elf Houses*, Dec. 20: *Crazy 8's Math*, Jan. 3: *LEGO WeDo*, Jan. 17: *Winter Books and Art*, Feb. 7:

Library Olympics, Feb. 21: *Cubetto*

Emmitsburg Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 20, Jan. 3, 17, and Feb. 7, 21; 2:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND (AGES 3-5)

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

Thurmont Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 1:30 p.m.

SCHOOL SKILLS FOR PRESCHOOLERS (AGES 3-5)

Practice school-readiness skills with cutting, tracing, play, and other literacy activities.

Brunswick Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 21, 28; 11:15 a.m.

C. Burr Artz Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 1:30 p.m.

Middletown Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; 11:15 a.m.

Point of Rocks Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13; 11:30 a.m.

Thurmont Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 1:00 p.m.

Walkersville Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:45 a.m.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER CLASS (AGES 0-5)

Middletown Fridays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, and Feb. 9; 11:00 a.m.

PAWS TO READ (GRADES K-5)

Children read to Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

Urbana Sundays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, and Feb. 11; 2:00 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL HUB: HISTORY HEROES (GRADES K-2)

These book-based programs include discussion and STEAM activities. December: *Jim Henson*. January: *Gandhi*. February: *Jane Goodall*.

Urbana Tuesdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13; 2:30 p.m.

SCHOOL'S OUT: LEGO® CLUB (GRADES K-5)

School is closed, so spend some time building cool creations with other LEGO® enthusiasts.

C. Burr Artz Fridays, Dec. 15, 29, Jan. 26, Feb. 16, Wednesday, Dec. 27, Thursday, Dec. 28, Mondays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 19; 2:00 p.m.

WELCOME WINTER PARTY (AGES 0-5)

Celebrate winter with fun and games.

Brunswick Wednesday, Dec. 20; 10:30 a.m.

GAME DAY (GRADES 1-10)

Playing is learning! Develop problem-solving, reading, math, and social skills while playing awesome tabletop games.

Thurmont Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Thursday, Dec. 28; 2:30 p.m.

DINOS VS. BARBIES (GRADES K-5)

Play with and read about dinosaurs and Barbies.

Emmitsburg Wednesday, Dec. 27; 2:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO ROLE-PLAYING GAMES (GRADES 4-10)

Learn the basics of tabletop role-playing games and play through a short adventure.

Thurmont Saturday, Jan. 6; 2:30 p.m.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVE PLAY PARTY (AGES 3-5)

Indoor fun and games on a winter day.

Brunswick Wednesday, Jan. 17; 10:30 a.m.

HOMESCHOOL HUB: SPELLING BABY BEE (GRADES K-2)

Is your child too young for the Frederick County Spelling Bee? Join our sight word practice bee, followed by fun spelling activity stations.

Urbana Tuesdays, Jan. 23, and Feb. 20; 2:30 p.m.

FUN WITH MAGNETS! (GRADES K-5)

Explore magnets with games and crafts!

Thurmont Thursday, Jan. 25; 2:30 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 26; 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE (AGES 6+)

Jan. 29: "Charlotte's Web." Rated G; 97 minutes. Feb. 19: "The Secret of NIMH." Rated G; 82 minutes.

Brunswick Mondays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 19; 12:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL: WORLD TRAVELERS (GRADES K-5)

Learn about countries from around the world.

Brunswick Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22; 2:00 p.m.

2018 WINTER LIBRARY OLYMPICS (GRADES K-5)

Participate in the 2018 Winter Library Olympics! Try out some library-style Olympic games and go for the gold!

Emmitsburg Monday, Feb. 19; 1:00 p.m.

Thurmont Monday, Feb. 19; 10:30 a.m.

Urbana Wednesday, Feb. 7; 5:30 p.m.

INTRO TO IMPROV (GRADES K-5)

Join us for some silly Drama Games! We'll have a fun time together learning about improv. No acting experience necessary.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Feb. 8; 4:00 p.m.

SPY TRAINING (GRADES K-5)

Learn to be a spy.

Brunswick Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 20, and 27; 4:30 p.m.

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

DINOSAUR FUN (AGES 2-8)

Learn fun dinosaur facts, play with dinosaur figures, and make a dinosaur craft.

Thurmont Friday, Feb. 16, and Saturday, Feb. 17; 11:00 a.m.

"WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE" PARTY (AGES 2-5)

Share a classic story and enjoy some "wild" games and activities, followed by a screening of "Where the Wild Things Are" (PG).

Urbana Wednesday, Feb. 21; 2:30 p.m.

MAKE & CREATE

MAKE AND TAKE (GRADES K-8)

Enjoy a hands-on activity and make something to take with you.

Brunswick Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and Feb. 3, 10, 17; 10:30 a.m.

LITTLE MAKERS (AGES 3-5)

Practice school readiness skills with your little one through shared stories and literacy activities.

Urbana Mondays, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12; 2:30 p.m.

PLAYDOUGH PICASSOS (AGES 2-4)

Use your creativity and imagination to build with playdough.

Walkersville Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 16, 23, 30, Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 11:00 a.m.

RAG RUGS (GRADES K-5)

Create your own hand-tied rag rug. All materials provided.

Brunswick Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19; 4:30 p.m.

ART ZONE (GRADES 4-7)

Explore the world of art through fun, hands-on projects.

C. Burr Artz Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 4:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL RAG RUGS (GRADES K-5)

Create your own hand-tied rag rug. All materials provided.

Brunswick Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, and 21; 2:00 p.m.

LETTERBOXING (GRADES 2-6)

Learn about letterboxing—create your own stamp and stamp book and search for the library letterbox hidden in the Children's Department!

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Dec. 14; 4:30 p.m.

NOT A BOX (GRADES K-8)

Turn a box into something new.

Brunswick Wednesday, Dec. 27; 2:00 p.m.

PAINTING ON ROCKS (GRADES K-8)

Create winter-themed friendship rocks!

Emmitsburg Thursday, Dec. 28; 10:30 a.m.

PINECONE BIRDFEEDERS (GRADES K-8)

Brunswick Thursday, Dec. 28; 2:00 p.m.

POPSICLE STICK FIGURES (AGES 3-11)

Will you make a ninja? A princess? A monster? Your family? We can't wait to see what you decide!

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 9; 6:30 p.m.

SEW YOUR OWN MONSTER (GRADES 2-8)

Design and create your own monster! Make your own creature by learning and practicing sewing basics. All materials provided.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Jan. 11; 4:30 p.m.

PRINTMAKING (AGES 3-11)

Create your own printmaking plate to print!

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 16; 6:30 p.m.

CREATE A SCRIBBLE-BOT (GRADES 2-6)

Make a drawing machine using a small motor and battery. Supplies provided.

Urbana Wednesday, Jan. 17; 5:30 p.m.

BACKYARD BIRD FEEDERS (GRADES K-5)

Help the birds in your yard survive the cold winter weather by making a backyard bird feeder! All materials provided.

Thurmont Saturday, Jan. 20; 11:00 a.m.

WINTER BOOKS AND ART (GRADES K-5) **R**

Winter stories and a birch tree art project.

Emmitsburg Saturday, Jan. 20; 10:30 a.m.

FROM TRASH TO TREASURE (AGES 3-11)

Art can be created with anything! Stop by and we will show you how to turn some trash and recycling items into works of art.

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 30; 6:30 p.m.

TINKER TIME (AGES 3-5)

A different playful experiment that encourages tinkering, curiosity, and creative thinking each month.

Point of Rocks Tuesdays, Jan. 30, and Feb. 27; 2:00 p.m.

PET ROCK ADOPTION (GRADES K-5)

Choose, decorate, and take home your very own pet rock!

Point of Rocks Saturday, Feb. 3; 1:00 p.m.

STOP MOTION MOVIE MAKING: GNOME BEARD COMPETITION (GRADES 2-6)

Based on Kirsten Mayer's *Go Big or Go Gnome*. Create your own Beards International Gnome-athlon (12-iPad limit for program, prepare to share).

Middletown Saturday, Feb. 3; 11:00 a.m.

CRAFTEFTERNOON (AGES 4-11)

Join us for craft projects to reflect the season.

Middletown Saturdays, Feb. 10, 17, and 24; 11:00 a.m.

BUILD A FLASHLIGHT (GRADES 2-6)

Learn about simple circuits as you make your own flashlight.

Urbana Thursday, Feb. 15; 4:30 p.m.

LOVE STINKS! (AGES 4-11)

Thank goodness Valentine's Day is over! Join us for a completely non-romantic, fun craft.

Middletown Thursday, Feb. 15; 4:00 p.m.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CRAFTS (AGES 2-11)

Drop in for simple and creative crafts to celebrate the Chinese New Year—it's the Year of the Dog!

Thurmont Friday, Feb. 16; 10:15 a.m.

RAD ROBOTS! (AGES 4-11)

Create an amazing relief sculpture robot with a wide array of odds and ends to decorate with.

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 20; 6:30 p.m.

ART NIGHT (AGES 2-16)

Drop in to try printmaking, charcoal, watercolor, and more!

Thurmont Tuesday, Feb. 27; 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL STORYTIME

HOLIDAY MUSICAL STORYTIME (AGES 0+)

Celebrate the holiday season with music, movement, and stories for the whole family, then stay for seasonal activities for all ages!

Urbana Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:05 a.m.

NEWBORN STORYTIME (AGES 0-6 MONTHS)

We'll help introduce you and your newborn to favorite songs, rhymes, and books.

C. Burr Artz Monday, Dec. 4; 11:15 a.m. and Mondays, Dec. 11, 18, Jan. 8, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 11:15 a.m.

UNICORNS VS. DRAGONS PARTY! (AGES 2-5)

Party time, excellent! Stations of fun and a story or two will center around the month's theme.

Middletown Wednesday, Dec. 6; 10:15 a.m.

"STAR WARS" STORYTIME AND COSTUME PARADE (AGES 3-5)

Celebrate "Star Wars" with storytime fun! Wear your favorite costume and take a pic with special guest Darth Vader.

Urbana Wednesday, Dec. 13; 10:05 a.m.

LET THE WILD RUMPUS START! (AGES 3-10)

Join Max for a reading of *Where the Wild Things Are* and other Maurice Sendak stories!

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 16; 11:15 a.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

MERMAIDS VS. PIRATES PARTY! (AGES 2-5)

Party time, excellent! Stations of fun and a story or two will center around the month's theme.

Middletown Wednesday, Jan. 3; 10:15 a.m.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLUMBER PARTY! (AGES 0-5)

Bring a stuffed friend to storytime, then come back in the morning to find out what happened at a stuffed-animal sleepover!

Point of Rocks Monday, Jan. 29; 6:00 p.m.

Urbana Wednesday, Jan. 3; 3:00 p.m.

HISTORIAS: STORYTIME IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH (AGES 3-5)

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

Brunswick Thursday, Feb. 22; 10:30 a.m.

C. Burr Artz Wednesday, Feb. 7; 1:30 p.m.

Middletown Thursday, Jan. 25; 10:30 a.m.

Point of Rocks Tuesday, Feb. 6; 11:00 a.m.

Thurmont Wednesday, Jan. 31; 10:30 a.m.

Urbana Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8; 2:00 p.m.

WINTER CARNIVAL (AGES 0-10)

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

Thurmont Monday, Jan. 29; 11:00 a.m.

FAIRIES VS. TROLLS PARTY! (AGES 2-5)

Party time, excellent! Stations of fun and a story or two will center around the month's theme.

Middletown Wednesday, Feb. 7; 10:15 a.m.

STEM

OPEN STEM LAB (AGES 3-18)

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts in the STEM Lab. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

C. Burr Artz Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; 2:00 p.m.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 14; 6:30 p.m.

LEGO® WEDO EXPLORATIONS (GRADES K-8)

Explore science through robot-based learning with LEGO® WeDo. Participants will engineer, code, and experiment.

Emmitsburg Monday, Dec. 4; 4:30 p.m.

NATURE SPROUTS (AGES 3-6)

Preschoolers will explore the world around them with stories, games, and activities.

Walkersville Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18; 1:00 p.m.

TODDLER STEM (AGES 1-3)

STEM projects geared toward toddler hands and imagination.

Middletown Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 10:45 a.m.

BABY STEM (AGES 0-2)

STEM projects geared toward our youngest patrons and their caregivers.

Middletown Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:45 a.m.

ELEMENTARY MAKERS (GRADES 3-7)

Drop in and explore, learn, and create. Each week will offer new challenges exploring STEAM.

C. Burr Artz Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 4:00 p.m.

EXPLORER'S CLUB: STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING (GRADES 1-4)

Explore structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering through hands-on activities and research.

Urbana Wednesday, Dec. 6; 5:30 p.m.

PRESCHOOL STEM LAB (AGES 3-5)

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts in the STEM Lab. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Brunswick Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 11:30 a.m.

C. Burr Artz Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 12:00 p.m.

Urbana Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:35 a.m.

LITTLE MAKERS (AGES 3-6)

Cultivate thinking skills while making a project each week.

Walkersville Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28; 1:00 p.m.

3D PRINTER CHALLENGES (GRADES K-5)

We challenge you to create a 3D masterpiece! Drop in, explore with TinkerCad, and see our 3D printer in action.

Middletown Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 24, and Feb. 21; 4:00 p.m.

FAMILY TUNES AND TALES

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MAKERS DISCOVER SPACE (AGES 7-10)

Explore outer space through classical, contemporary, and NASA-recorded music, while creating your own tunes and art.

Thurmont Tuesday, Dec. 12; 2:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

MUSIC MAKERS JR. (AGES 3-5)

Engage your child's natural love of music and instruments with activities that introduce early music concepts. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Frederick Arts Council and The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Brunswick Thursday, Jan. 25; 10:30 a.m.

Emmitsburg Wednesday, Dec. 13, and Monday Jan. 8; 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 9; 1:30 p.m.

Urbana Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, and Feb. 8; 11:00 a.m.

MUSIC MAKERS (GRADES K-5)

Exciting group experiences with more complex instruments and rhythm play. This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Frederick Arts Council and The Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Brunswick Tuesdays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; 4:30 p.m.

See page 10 for Symphony Storytime dates and locations.





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

MAKEY MAKEY MADNESS (GRADES 2-5) **R**

Have you seen a piano made of carrots? Can you create a keyboard with PlayDoh? With Makey Makey kits, we will invent, explore, and play.
Urbana Wednesday, Dec. 13; 4:15 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 13; 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® BLOCK PARTY (AGES 3-11)

Take on our LEGO® Challenge.
Walkersville Saturday, Dec. 16; 11:00 a.m.

HOMESCHOOL HUB: STEM STYLE (GRADES 2-5)

Dec. 18: Explore new worlds through Virtual Reality.
Feb. 19: Learn about robotics with LEGO® WeDo.
Urbana Mondays, Dec. 18, and Feb. 19; 2:30 p.m.

LEGO® BLOCK PARTY (GRADES K-5)

Build vehicles with kits or build your own creation.
Emmitsburg Mondays, Dec. 18, Jan. 8, 22, and Feb. 12; 4:00 p.m.
Urbana Monday, Jan. 22; 3:00 p.m.

STEM FUN MONDAYS (GRADES 2-5)

Dec. 18: Explore new worlds through Virtual Reality.
Feb. 19: Learn about robotics with LEGO® WeDo.
Urbana Monday, Dec. 18; 5:00 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 19; 5:00 p.m.

LEGO® CHALLENGE (GRADES 1-5)

Do you accept the LEGO® challenge that will change each month?
Point of Rocks Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, and Feb. 21; 3:30 p.m.

PRINT YOUR MINECRAFT WORLD! (GRADES 3-6) **R**

Design an item in Minecraft to be printed with our 3D printer!
Urbana Saturday, Dec. 23; 1:00 p.m.

MAKEY MAKEY ACADEMY (GRADES 2-5)

Join us for a three-day-long academy creating with Makey Makey!
Middletown Wednesday, Dec. 27, Thursday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Dec. 29; 4:00 p.m.

MINECRAFT (GRADES 1-6) **R**

Enter the world of Minecraft to build, explore, and destroy!
Urbana Wednesdays, Dec. 27, and Feb. 28; 4:30 p.m.
Urbana Friday, Dec. 29, and Saturday, Dec. 30; 2:00 p.m.

MOVABLE STRAW HANDS (AGES 3-11)

Explore anatomy using straws, cardboard, and strings to create a movable hand.
Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 2; 6:30 p.m.

BLOXELS (GRADES K-5)

Create your own video game with Bloxels.
Brunswick Wednesdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; 4:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL LEGO® CHALLENGE (GRADES K-5)

Engineering challenges with LEGO® bricks.
Brunswick Thursdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:00 p.m.

MAKERSMESS (AGES 3-11)

Solve a weekly art problem and create a mess or a masterpiece. Make sure to bring creative problem solving skills.
Middletown Thursdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1, 8, 22; 4:00 p.m.

LEGO® WEDO EXPLORATIONS (GRADES 2-5) **R**

Explore science through robot-based learning with LEGO® WeDo. Participants will engineer, code, and experiment.
Emmitsburg Saturday, Jan. 6; 11:00 a.m.

SCIENCE SLEUTH SATURDAYS (AGES 4-11)

It's STEM on a budget as we get fizzy, oozy, slimy, and almost magical. Learn how to turn household items into awesome experiments each week!
Middletown Saturdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27; 11:00 a.m.

EXPLORER'S CLUB:

Mechanical Engineering (Grades 1-4)

Explore structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering through hands-on activities and research.
Urbana Wednesday, Jan. 10; 5:30 p.m.

Electrical Engineering (Grades 1-4)

Explore electrical, mechanical, and structural engineering through hands-on activities and research.
Urbana Wednesday, Feb. 21; 5:30 p.m.

STOP-MOTION MOVIE MAKING (GRADES 2-5) **R**

Make your own stop-motion movie using Stop Motion Movie Studio Pro.
Urbana Tuesday, Jan. 16; 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 17; 2:00 p.m.

DUPLO® MARBLE RUN (GRADES K-5)

Design and create your own marble run using DUPLO® bricks and pool noodles.
Urbana Friday, Jan. 26; 3:00 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL HUB: MAKEY MAKEY MADNESS (GRADES K-2)

Have you seen a piano made of carrots? Can you create a keyboard with PlayDoh? With Makey Makey kits we will invent, explore, and play.
Urbana Tuesday, Jan. 30; 2:30 p.m.

LEGO CHALLENGE: MYSTERIOUS LANDMARKS (GRADES K-6)

Discover mysterious landmarks from around the world, then build your own!
Thurmont Tuesday, Jan. 30; 2:15 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 30; 4:15 p.m.

MINECRAFT (GRADES K-5)

Enter the world of Minecraft to build, explore, and destroy!
Urbana Wednesdays, Jan. 31, and Feb. 14; 4:30 p.m.

CHEMICAL REACTIONS (GRADES K-5)

Conduct experiments featuring chemical reactions.
Brunswick Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28; 4:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL REALITY TOURS (GRADES 3-6) **R**

Use virtual reality headsets to explore the world through Google Expeditions!
C. Burr Artz Thursday, Feb. 15; 4:00 p.m.

ALL ABOUT OWLS (AGES 5-ADULT)

Learn about owls from a Cunningham Falls State Park Naturalist and through hands-on activities.
Thurmont Friday, Feb. 16; 3:30 p.m.

LEGO® WEDO (GRADES 3-5)

Explore the world of robotics through LEGO® WeDo!
Urbana Friday, Feb. 16; 2:00 p.m.

LEGO® WEDO (GRADES K-2)

Explore the world of robotics through LEGO® WeDo!
Urbana Friday, Feb. 16; 3:30 p.m.



DIGITAL LEARNING DAY (GRADES K-8)

Educators from FCPS and FCPL offer students hands-on activities on Digital Learning Day, a nationwide celebration highlighting great teaching and demonstrating how technology can improve student outcomes. Snow date March 1.

Brunswick Thursday, Feb. 22; 4:30 p.m.

C. Burr Artz Thursday, Feb. 22; 6:30 p.m.

Emmitsburg Thursday, Feb. 22; 4:30 p.m.

Middletown Thursday, Feb. 22; 6:30 p.m.

Thurmont Thursday, Feb. 22; 5:30 p.m.

Urbana Thursday, Feb. 22; 6:30 p.m.

Walkersville Thursday, Feb. 22; 6:30 p.m.

HELLO HOLIDAYS : CELEBRATE WINTER HOLIDAYS AT FCPL

ADULT

3D PRINTING FOR ADULTS WITH THE SNOWFLAKE MACHINE

Use The Snowflake Machine to design your own unique snowflake to be printed on our 3D printer.

Walkersville Wednesday, Dec. 20; 11:30 a.m.

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Wear your ugliest holiday sweater to the library, get your photo taken, and be part of the first Annual Ugly Holiday Sweater contest. Photos taken during regular business hours through Dec. 8. Voting takes place Dec. 11-15.

Thurmont Friday, Dec. 1 - Friday, Dec. 8 during regular library hours.

FREDERICK'S GERMAN HERITAGE

Learn about early German settlers in Frederick and German Christmas traditions with Pat Ogden, docent at Schifferstadt Architectural Museum.

Walkersville Wednesday, Dec. 13; 11:30 a.m.

CREATE AN UGLY SWEATER

Wear your ugliest sweater, and we photograph you between Dec. 1-8. But, if you don't have an ugly sweater, you can make one today as part of Holly Jolly events. You provide a sweater, we provide the ugly! Everyone votes for the ugliest Dec. 11-17.

Thurmont Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:00 a.m.

WREATHMAKING AND DECORATING WITH ABLOOM

Get in the holiday spirit by making your own wreath before visiting the Town of Walkersville's Christkindlesmarkt.

Walkersville Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS

Join Deborah Rhoades to learn about creating beautiful gift baskets just in time for the holiday season.

Brunswick Tuesday, Dec. 5; 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY CARDMAKING

Make your own holiday cards with Randi Collins, independent consultant with Stamp It Up.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 7; 6:30 p.m.

ALL AGES

ANNUAL HOLLY JOLLY EVENT

Hands-on crafts for all ages, Ugly Sweater contest, Santa and Mrs. Claus read *The Night Before Christmas* at 1 pm. Bring a camera!

Thurmont Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY ESCAPE

Drop in for seasonal fun! Events include a holiday storytime, author Chris Grabenstein, a treasure hunt, and a retro holiday movie!

Urbana Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY HISTORIES WITH THE MEMORY LAB

Share your holiday memories and traditions with trained interviewers collecting local oral histories.

Urbana Saturday, Dec. 2; 12:00 p.m.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" (PG)

Drop in for the library's annual seasonal celebration, then stay for a retro holiday classic on the big screen!

Urbana Saturday, Dec. 2; 2:30 p.m.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S FLUTE CHOIR CONCERT

Emmitsburg Saturday, Dec. 2; 2:00 p.m.

SURELOCKED IN ESCAPE ROOM

Join Surelocked In of Frederick for a holiday escape room experience! Do you have what it takes to escape the holidays?

Urbana Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:00 a.m.

HARP AND FLUGELHORN CONCERT

Holiday music outside the Maryland Room to celebrate Museums by Candlelight performed by Claire Moblard and Byron L. Stay.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 9; 1:00 p.m.

FAMILY MOVIE AND CRAFT: "ELF"

Celebrate the season with a family screening of "Elf" (PG).

Point of Rocks Wednesday, Dec. 27; 3:30 p.m.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Make your gingerbread house at home and bring it in to the library to display by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Prizes will be awarded!

Point of Rocks Saturday, Dec. 2; 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S

FAMILY CONCERT (AGES 0-10)

Celebrate the holiday season with songs and dancing for the whole family.

C. Burr Artz Tuesday, Dec. 5; 6:30 p.m.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP (GRADES 2-5)

Reflect on and write about family traditions. Create a keepsake. Must read and write independently.

Walkersville Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, and Thursday, Dec. 21; 1:00 p.m.

"POLAR EXPRESS" PARTY (AGES 2-8)

Wear your PJs for a story and activities, followed by a screening of "Polar Express" (G).

Urbana Wednesday, Dec. 6; 2:30 p.m.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 21; 6:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR PARTY (AGES 0-10)

Fun and games to ring in 2018.

Brunswick Friday, Dec. 29; 2:00 p.m.

Emmitsburg Saturday, Dec. 30; 10:30 a.m.

Thurmont Friday, Dec. 29; 11:30 a.m.

BRING THE ONE YOU LOVE DANCE (AGES 0-10)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with dancing and seasonal activities!

C. Burr Artz Tuesday, Feb 13; 6:30 p.m.

Thurmont Tuesday, Feb. 13; 6:30 p.m.

BRING THE ONE YOU LOVE DANCE (AGES 2-5)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with dancing and seasonal activities!

Urbana Wednesday, Feb. 14; 2:30 p.m.

VALENTINE PARTY (AGES 0-5)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with fun and games.

Brunswick Wednesday, Feb. 14; 10:30 a.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY STORIES AND CRAFTS (AGES 3-5)

Emmitsburg Wednesday, Feb. 14; 10:30 a.m.

ELF HOUSES (AGES 4-11)

Hot glue guns will be in use so caregiver is needed for littles. Program limited to the first 12 patrons; get a ticket at the front desk.

Middletown Tuesday, Dec. 5; 6:30 p.m.





HANDMADE GIFTS (GRADES K-5)

Create a different handmade gift each week.

Brunswick Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20; 4:30 p.m.

MAKE-A-GIFT (AGES 3-5)

Make something special for the holiday season! Enjoy a different craft each week. All supplies provided.

C. Burr Artz Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28; 1:30 p.m.

FOLDED PAPER HOLIDAY CARD (GRADES 4-12)

Learn how to make beautiful holiday cards using the Iris Folding technique!

Thurmont Saturday, Dec. 9; 10:30 a.m. and Sunday,

Dec. 10; 2:00 p.m.

JUNIOR GARDENERS—TEA CUP ARRANGEMENTS (GRADES 2-8)

Silver Fancy Garden Club members lead participants in creating floral tea cup arrangements.

Emmitsburg Saturday, Dec. 9; 10:00 a.m.

ABOMINABLE SNOWMONSTER COLLAGE (AGES 4-11)

How did the Yeti feel when he got sick? ABOMINABLE! But you won't feel the same while creating these awesome mixed-media Yeti collages.

Middletown Tuesday, Dec. 12; 6:30 p.m.

SNOW OWL RELIEF SCULPTURE (AGES 4-11)

Create a beautiful relief sculpture with only cardboard, oil pastels and glue!

Middletown Tuesday, Dec. 19; 6:30 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARD MAKING (AGES 4-11)

Get creative with us! We will set out a wide array of craft materials for you to get a head start on those cards for your loved ones.

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 6; 6:30 p.m.

VALENTINE CRAFT MAKE AND TAKE (AGES 0-10)

All materials provided to make a special Valentine craft.

Emmitsburg Saturday, Feb. 10; 10:30 a.m.

Thurmont Monday, Feb. 12, Tuesday, Feb. 13, and Wednesday, Feb. 14; 10:00 a.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT (GRADES K-5)

Make and take a last-minute Valentine's Day craft for the one you love.

Point of Rocks Wednesday, Feb. 14; 3:30 p.m.

ELVES, REINDEER, AND SNOWMEN PARTY! (AGES 0+)

Party time, excellent! Centers of fun and a story or two will center around Santa's friends.

Middletown Wednesday, Dec. 20; 10:15 a.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME (AGES 0+)

Music, stories, and a craft centered around the theme of LOVE.

Middletown Wednesday, Feb. 14; 10:05 a.m.

REINDEER SLIME (AGES 4-11)

Middletown Thursday, Dec. 7; 4:00 p.m.

FOUND OBJECT GINGERBREAD HOUSES (AGES 4-11)

Hot glue guns will be in use so caregiver is needed for littles. Program limited to the first 12 patrons; get a ticket at the front desk.

Middletown Thursday, Dec. 14; 4:00 p.m.

3D PRINTING WITH THE SNOWFLAKE MACHINE (GRADES K-5)

Use The Snowflake Machine to design your own unique snowflake to be printed on our 3D printer.

Walkersville Tuesday, Dec. 19; 6:30 p.m.

TIN ORNAMENTS (AGES 3-11)

Create a beautiful embossed tin ornament to decorate your house.

Middletown Thursday, Dec. 21; 4:00 p.m.

LINCOLN LOG ENGINEERING (AGES 3-18)

Build with Lincoln Logs in honor of our 16th president's birthday.

Thurmont Monday, Feb. 12; 2:00 p.m.

TEEN

ANIME MATSURI (GRADES 6-12)

Matsuri is the Japanese word for festival. Celebrate the holidays anime-style! For teens only. Costumes welcome.

C. Burr Artz Wednesday, Jan. 10; 6:00 p.m.

ANTI-VALENTINE PARTY (GRADES 6-12)

Crafts, games, and STEM activities without pink, red, or hearts.

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 13; 3:30 p.m.

Thurmont Tuesday, Feb. 13; 3:30 p.m.

ESCAPE ROOM—PRESIDENTS' DAY EDITION (GRADES 6-12)

Solve a series of clues to break out before time's up!

Thurmont Monday, Feb. 19; 1:00 p.m.

ELF HOUSES (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Dec. 5; 3:30 p.m.

ORNAMENTS FROM NATURE (GRADES 5-12)

Using pine cones, seeds, teasel, and more, Thurmont's Green Team will lead us in making unique ornaments to hang on any tree.

Thurmont Thursday, Dec. 7; 6:00 p.m.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES (GRADES 6-12)

Design your own gingerbread house with candy and food of the season.

Thurmont Thursday, Dec. 21; 6:00 p.m.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 14; 3:00 p.m.

DIY GIFTS (GRADES 6-12)

Create a special holiday gift for a friend or family member.

Emmitsburg Saturday, Dec. 16; 1:00 p.m.

Walkersville Tuesday, Dec. 12; 3:00 p.m.

GERMAN WINDOW STARS (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Dec. 19; 3:30 p.m.

STRING ORNAMENTS (GRADES 6-12)

Create a seasonal ornament with balloons, glue, and string.

Walkersville Wednesday, Dec. 20; 3:00 p.m.

MARDI GRAS MADNESS (GRADES 6-12)

Thurmont Thursday, Feb. 22; 6:00 p.m.

You can support your library this holiday season by becoming a volunteer or making a gift at fcpl.org/support. Your tax-deductible donation helps to make a good library even better for the people of Frederick County.



TEEN PROGRAMS

BOOKS & AUTHORS

BOOK CLUB (GRADES 6-12)

This is a book club designed by teens for teens! Check with the Teen Advisory Board for the book selections. Snacks provided!

Urbana Thursday, Dec. 14; 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 11; 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 8; 5:00 p.m.

EDUCATION & ENJOYMENT

HOMESCHOOL ART CLUB (GRADES 6-12)

Explore the work of famous artists.

Urbana Fridays, Dec. 1, 8, 22, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 12:30 p.m.

TEEN HANGOUT (GRADES 6-12)

Hang out with your friends, have a snack, study, or join in the day's activity; Dec. 4: Wii and Games; Dec. 11: T-shirt Crafts; Dec. 18: Gift Bingo; Jan. 8: Slime; Jan. 22: Giant Jenga; Jan. 29: Wii and Games; Feb. 5: 15-min Coloring Challenge; Feb. 12: 15-min Building Challenge; Feb. 19: 15-min Playdough to Fake Food Challenge; Feb. 26: Wii and Games.

Brunswick Mondays, Dec. 4, Feb. 5; 3:15 p.m. and Mondays, Dec. 11, 18, Jan. 8, 22, and Feb. 12, 26; 3:15 p.m. and Mondays, Jan. 29, and Feb. 19; 3:15 p.m.



TEEN TUTOR ROOM (GRADES 6-12)

Do you need help organizing your notebook? Studying for a test? Planning a big project? Get help from other teens and a teen librarian.

Urbana Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, Jan. 8, 22, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; 3:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT DOCENT TRAINING (AGES 14+) R

Train as a volunteer docent for our World War I exhibit. Tours take place the 2nd and 3rd weekends of December.

C. Burr Artz Wednesday, Dec. 6; 6:00 p.m.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (GRADES 6-12)

Let your voice be heard and influence the library! Gain leadership experience and discuss what your library can do for you! Snacks provided.

C. Burr Artz Wednesdays, Dec. 6, and Jan. 3; 5:00 p.m.

Urbana Thursdays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1; 6:00 p.m.

URBANA FRIENDS GAME NIGHT

We invite our teens and young adults with special needs to play board games with our Teen Advisory Board. Games and snacks provided!

Urbana Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12; 7:00 p.m.

TEEN THURSDAYS (GRADES 6-12)

Dec. 14: Trivia Night; Dec. 21: Spoons Championship; Jan. 11: Trivia Night; Jan. 18: Book Club; Jan. 25: Art Night; Feb. 8: Trivia Night; Feb. 15: Wii and Games; Feb. 22: Coffee House.

Brunswick Thursdays, Dec. 14, 21, Jan. 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 8, 15, 22; 6:30 p.m.

BRAVE NEW VOICES: YOUTH POETRY PERFORMANCE (GRADES 6-12)

Teens, come and perform original youth poetry! All are welcome to attend and listen.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Dec. 16; 4:00 p.m.

CHESS, CHECKERS, AND COOKIES (GRADES 6-12)

Play chess, checkers, and other games while enjoying cookies.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 21; 3:00 p.m.

BOOK RECYCLING 101 (GRADES 6-12)

Turn old books into paper, bowls, beads, and bookmarks.

Brunswick Wednesday, Dec. 27, Thursday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Dec. 29; 3:30 p.m.

WII AND STEM FUN (GRADES 6-12)

Decompress from the busy season by exploring STEM materials and enjoying Wii games.

Walkersville Wednesday, Dec. 27; 3:00 p.m.

CALLIGRAPHY RESOLUTIONS (GRADES 6-12)

Motivate yourself for the new year by writing down your resolutions with calligraphy pens!

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 28; 3:00 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT AND TRAIL MIX (GRADES 6-12)

Thurmont Thursday, Dec. 28; 6:00 p.m.

LIFE SIZE OREGON TRAIL (GRADES 4-12)

C. Burr Artz Friday, Dec. 29; 2:00 p.m.

MOVING MOUNTAINS SPEAKER SERIES AT FCC (GRADES 9+)

Speakers encourage young adults to set the bar high in all areas of their lives. Visit fcpl.org for details. Jack B. Kussmaul Theater, Visual, and Performing Arts Center, at FCC.

Offsite Wednesday, Jan. 10; 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 21; 7:00 p.m.

BINGO BASH (GRADES 6-12)

Bingo with prizes and refreshments!

Thurmont Monday, Jan. 15; 1:00 p.m.

WRITERS' CLUB (GRADES 9-12)

Aspiring storytellers of all kinds are welcome to join us on a monthly writing sprint. Enter your final product for a shot at the podium!

Urbana Tuesdays, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20; 3:30 p.m.

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

WII WINTER PARTY (GRADES 6-12)

Play Wii, enjoy refreshments, and win prizes.
Thurmont Thursday, Jan. 18; 3:00 p.m.

MOVIE AND POPCORN (GRADES 6-12)

"Pele: Birth of a Legend." Rated PG; 107 minutes.
Brunswick Friday, Jan. 26; 1:30 p.m.

SUPER SMASH BROTHERS TOURNAMENT (GRADES 6-12)

Enjoy a day off school with a Super Smash Brothers tournament!
Urbana Monday, Jan. 29; 2:00 p.m.

FAFSA WORKSHOPS (GRADES 11+)

FAFSA Finish is held at the following local high schools:
Jan. 30: Frederick; Feb. 6: Thomas Johnson; Feb. 7: Catoclin; Feb. 8: Brunswick; Feb. 12: Walkersville
Offsite Tuesdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Wednesday, Feb. 7, Thursday, Feb. 8, and Monday, Feb. 12; 6:00 p.m.

STEAMPUNK DAY (GRADES 9-12)

Steampunk-themed crafts and activities, plus viewing the Japanese animated film "Steamboy" (PG-13).
Thurmont Sunday, Feb. 4; 1:30 p.m.

PARENT & TEEN WORKSHOP (GRADES 8+) **R**

Communicate better and learn the basics of financial responsibility with Kate Cullen and the Interfaith Housing Alliance.
C. Burr Artz Tuesdays, Feb. 13, and 20; 6:00 p.m.

MOVIE MATINEE (GRADES 6-12)

Relax with a movie matinee on an early dismissal day from school. Snacks provided!
Urbana Friday, Feb. 16; 2:00 p.m.

SILLY OLYMPICS (GRADES 6-12)

Take advantage of a day off school to enjoy this silly version of the Winter Olympics!
Urbana Monday, Feb. 19; 12:00 p.m.

TEENS VOLUNTEER AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Sing-a-long and Mardi Gras craft at Thurmont Senior Center, 806 E. Main St.
Offsite Monday, Feb. 19; 1:00 p.m.

MAKE & CREATE

DECORATE OUR BOOKENDS! (GRADES 6-12)

Our bookends are a dull tan. Drop-in and brighten them up with a bit of art!
Point of Rocks Wednesday, Dec. 13; 4:00 p.m.



FREEZER PAPER STENCIL ART (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 2; 3:30 p.m.

TEEN ART ACADEMY (GRADES 6-12) **R**

Learn printmaking and stamping techniques to create a masterpiece.
Thurmont Monday, Jan. 8, and Tuesday, Jan. 9; 1:00 p.m.

PILLOW AND PLUSHIE ART (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 9; 3:30 p.m.

PRINTMAKING (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 16; 3:30 p.m.

DESIGN COOL TEES (GRADES 6-12)

Learn how to make cool graphic designs on shirts using stencils and fabric paint with presenter Elizabeth Price. No sewing necessary!
Point of Rocks Wednesday, Jan. 17; 6:00 p.m.

DIY LAVA LAMPS (GRADES 6-12)

Build a lava lamp using household ingredients.
Emmitsburg Saturday, Jan. 20; 1:00 p.m.

STUFFED ANIMAL TAXIDERMY (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 23; 3:30 p.m.

PAINTED FEATHER ART (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Jan. 30; 3:30 p.m.

STRING ART (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 6; 3:30 p.m.

BOX ART (GRADES 5-12)

Decorate multi-purpose boxes using duct tape, scrap book paper, and other provided supplies.
Thurmont Thursday, Feb. 8; 6:00 p.m.

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE MICROWAVE MUGCAKES (GRADES 6-12)

Learn recipe basics making a delicious microwave mug cake.
Emmitsburg Saturday, Feb. 10; 1:00 p.m.

SHARPIE TIE DYE T-SHIRTS (GRADES 5-12)

Design your own t-shirt. Sharpies and shirts provided!
Thurmont Thursday, Feb. 15; 6:00 p.m.

MAGNET MOVING ART (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 20; 3:30 p.m.

STEAMPUNK CRAFTS: LEATHER CUFFS (GRADES 6-12)

Make your own steampunk cuffs from old belts!
Point of Rocks Saturday, Feb. 24; 1:00 p.m.

DVD SCRATCH-OFF ART (GRADES 6-12)

Middletown Tuesday, Feb. 27; 3:30 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

STEM

TEEN STEM:

Teens, Tech, and Video (Grades 6-12) **R**

Learn to design in a CAD program for 3D printing, create stop motion animation, and more.

Middletown Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28; 1:00 p.m.

Meteorology (Grades 6-12) **R**

Learn about atmospheric chemistry, physics, and weather forecasting.

Middletown Thursdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 1:00 p.m.

Nutrition (Grades 6-12) **R**

Learn about the roles of macronutrients and micronutrients in maintaining health.

Middletown Thursdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22; 1:00 p.m.

TEEN TECH THURSDAY (GRADES 6-12)

Hang out and have fun exploring STEM-related apps on iPads.

Walkersville Thursday, Dec. 7; 3:00 p.m.

STOP MOTION ANIMATION (GRADES 6-12) **R**

Create your own short videos.

Thurmont Monday, Dec. 11, and Tuesday, Dec. 12; 1:00 p.m.

3D PRINTING (GRADES 6-12)

Explore 3D designing and printing by creating a unique snowflake.

Middletown Tuesday, Dec. 12; 3:30 p.m.

Walkersville Tuesday, Dec. 19; 3:00 p.m.

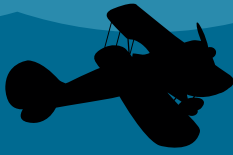
TINKERCAD AND 3D PRINTING (GRADES 5-12)

Two-part series. Jan. 11: Learn the basics of Tinkercad to create your design. Jan. 13: 3D print your design!

Thurmont Thursday, Jan. 11; 6:00 p.m.



You're invited to the grand opening of our two brand new Early Literacy Play and Learning Spaces at the Urbana Regional Library and the new Walkersville Library. Made exclusively for public libraries and uniquely designed for children to learn through play, the early literacy spaces will emphasize skill development and school readiness. Subscribe to our newsletter for more exciting updates and information about this project at fcpl.org/newsletter.



WORLD WAR I

ADULT

AIR COMBAT

Mike Finnegan, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, discusses aviation and combat in WWI. Learn how the brand-new art of flying influenced WWI.

Point of Rocks Saturday, Dec. 16; 2:00 p.m.

THE POETRY OF THE GREAT WAR

Learn about the poets of World War I and see how their words affected, and continue to affect, popular attitudes toward warfare.

C. Burr Artz Wednesday, Jan. 17; 7:00 p.m.

GREETINGS FROM GETTYSBURG BY DAVID CRAIG

Author talk/book signing. Gettysburg's changing landscape as seen by postcards. Craig is the executive director of MD's WWI Centennial Commission.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Jan. 27; 1:00 p.m.

DOUGHBOY STATUE HISTORY

Presentation and discussion about Emmitsburg's Doughboy Statue.

Emmitsburg Thursday, Feb. 1; 6:30 p.m.

RESEARCHING THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT WAR

Three local researchers discuss their experiences and findings investigating the people of World War I. Teri Bisceglia, Denise Coughlin, and Kathi Donatucci. Co-sponsored by FRECOGS. Snow date Feb. 24.

C. Burr Artz Saturday, Feb. 10; 1:00 p.m.

HELPING VETERANS RECLAIM THEIR SERENITY

Judy Buchanan, certified medical Reiki master and army veteran, will explore holistic techniques to help veterans reclaim peace and balance. Learn how stressors affect the body and the therapies available for veterans.

C. Burr Artz Sunday, Dec. 3; 2:00 p.m.

ALL AGES

WORLD WAR I EXHIBIT TOURS

Explore our World War I exhibit with free, docent-led tours.

C. Burr Artz Saturdays, Dec. 9, 16, and Sundays, Dec. 10, 17; 1:00 p.m.

WORLD WAR I AND AMERICA EXHIBIT

Traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History commemorates the centennial of our entry into The Great War.

C. Burr Artz Friday, Dec. 1 - Thursday, Dec. 21 during regular library hours.

TEEN

WRITERS' CLUB (GRADES 9-12)

Aspiring storytellers of all kinds are welcome to join us on a monthly writing sprint. Enter your product for a shot at the podium!

Urbana Tuesday, Dec. 19; 3:30 p.m.



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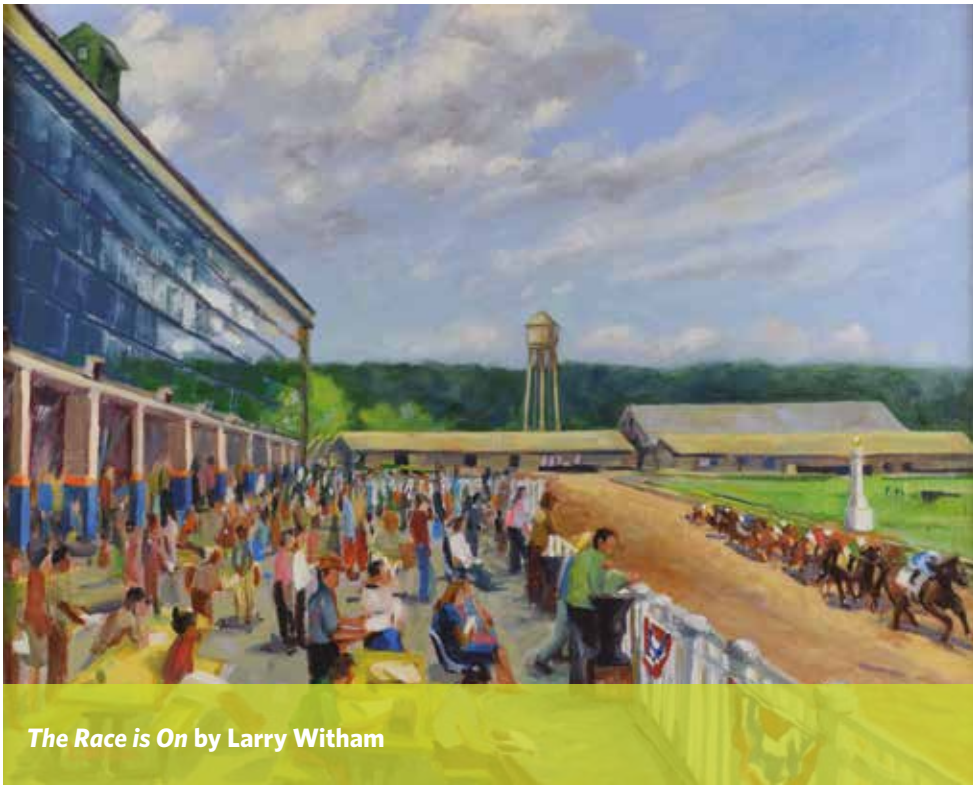
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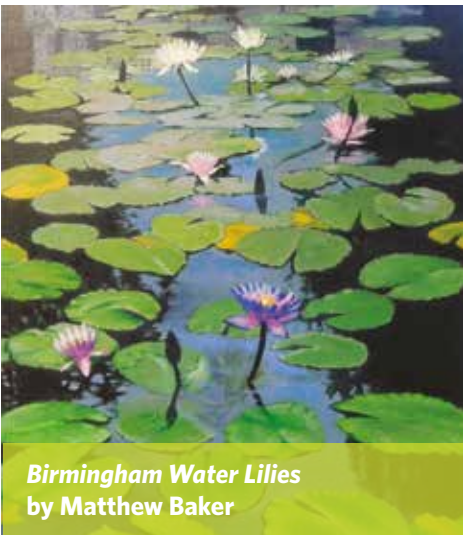
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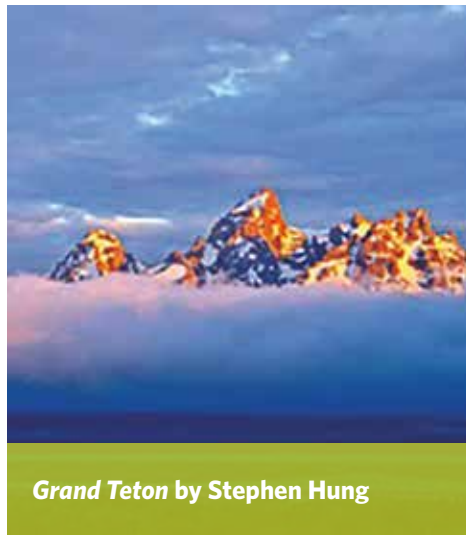
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Brunswick Branch Library

Larry Witham
The Race is On
Oil on linen



Birmingham Water Lilies
by Matthew Baker



Grand Teton by Stephen Hung

Thurmont Regional Library

Matthew Baker
Birmingham Water Lilies
Oil on panel

Urbana Regional Library

Stephen Hung
Exhibit: *America's National Parks*
Grand Teton
Photography printed on archival paper

David Spaans

Friends of the Urbana Regional Library, Treasurer

I'm an old, retired guy who loves books. My first experience with a library of sorts was in elementary school. While there was no library, there was a set of the *Encyclopedia Americana* outside the principal's office. I would sometimes skip recess and take a volume to read in my 4th-grade room. School libraries were nearly non-existent in the years following WWII when I was a kid, and I had no contact with libraries until I was in high school—and it wasn't the school library, but the Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg. I lived in the area, and once I got my driver's license, I spent many an afternoon in their dusty stacks of vintage books—a real discovery experience! The first books that intrigued me were the Nordhoff and Hall series on sailing the South Pacific. That got me started on researching the whole Mutiny on the *Bounty* story and the matters that followed—Fletcher Christian and Pitcairn's Island.

Somewhat earlier, in my teenage years, the first book that intrigued me was *The Outermost House* by Henry Beston. It's a story about his year on Nauset Beach on Cape Cod. The book was in my Norwegian grandmother's library, and she recommended that I read it. The real "Outermost House" was far out on the beach from any habitation. Beston spent a year observing nature and recording his impressions. I remember the calming effect his prose had and the poetry of his descriptions. When my wife and I were first married, we walked the beach all the way to the Outermost House. She took a picture of it with her Brownie camera. We still have both—the camera and the print, pasted in a signed copy of Beston's book. Regrettably, Beston's retreat was claimed by a winter storm in 1978—symbolic in my mind of an experience that probably will never be again.

I spent college earning a degree in civil engineering, but soon gave up the idea of practicing since I felt that it limited my broader perspective. I was also enrolled in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp (NROTC) and graduated with a B.S. and a commission. I spent the next three years sailing the Pacific (it does come around). Many on our ship disliked being at sea, but I thought it was the height of romance—gazing up in the star-filled sky during the mid-watch, observing the curvature of the earth of a hull-down ship 13 miles away with the powerful binoculars on the bridge.

I left the Navy and took a master's in library science at Drexel University, and after a couple of short work sojourns, I took a computer-related job at the Library of Congress (LC). This was in the early days of library automation. My first experience was subject searching the computerized catalog data, and then went on to maintenance programming an artificial intelligence program that read and formatted inputted catalog data. I wasn't a "real" librarian being in data processing, but I had to know a lot about cataloging practice. On lunch breaks, I would explore the stacks and was constantly thrilled at what was there. In one place were all the works of Dickens—every edition (LC is a copyright depository). I could hold in my hands a handwritten copy of the proceedings of the Houses of Parliament dating to the 17th century. LC stacks are more restricted now for security.

After retirement from LC, I first volunteered at the Natural History Museum and contributed a small part in writing the *Bulletin of the Global Volcanism Network*. Geology is one of my pet interests, but the two-hour commute



became a problem. Soon the Urbana Regional Library opened, and I learned about a Friends organization forming. I thought it was a great opportunity and joined. The Friends hold a book sale twice a year, and I have helped to sort donated books and participated in the book sales. It's a great opportunity to indulge my love for books and to serve the community. Since 2010, I have been the Urbana Friends treasurer.

If you would like to join David and make a gift to support the library, visit fcpl.org/support.

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

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C. Burr Artz Public Library

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

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

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

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

Emmitsburg Branch Library

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

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

Middletown Branch Library

101 Prospect Street
Middletown, MD 21769
301-600-7560

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

Thurmont Regional Library

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

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

Urbana Regional Library

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

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

Walkersville Branch Library

57 West Frederick Street
Walkersville, MD 21793
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FCPL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24 // Christmas Eve,
Closed

December 25 & 26 // Christmas Day,
Closed

December 31 // New Year's Eve,
Libraries close at 5 p.m.

January 1 // New Year's Day, Closed

January 15 // Martin Luther King Jr.
Day, Closed