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SEEK & FIND

TEST YOUR INVESTIGATIVE SKILLS with our Summer Challenge Seek & Find! Throughout this issue of Bookmarks, we've hidden five dragons. Try to find them all!

FIND ALL 5 DRAGONS!



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SUMMER CHALLENGE 2020



SUMMER CHALLENGE IS GOING DIGITAL! Whether you play at home or on-the-go, earning points has never been easier. Everything you love about Summer Challenge is now available online and includes more activities than ever before to enjoy with friends and family, from the game boards to the reading logs, to the opportunities to connect to the library community.

Join FCPL this summer as we explore, invent, and transform our story. The quest begins June 1.

Visit fcpl.org/summer or download the Beanstack app to register.

5 STEPS TO LOGGING CODES IN BEANSTACK

Earn 50 points in the Summer Challenge for each code that you enter.
Visit fcpl.org/summer for complete details.

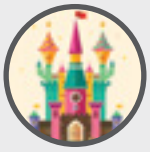
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Open the **Beanstack app** or click on the Beanstack banner at fcpl.org/summer.



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Log in to your **Summer Challenge account** or create one if this is your first time using Beanstack.



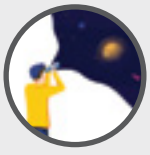
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Choose the **Activity Badges** tab.



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Click on the **Activity Track** listed with your code.



5

Enter your **code**.



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Bringing the Quest to You!

FCPL INTRODUCES VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

This summer, explore programs that suit your style and schedule online at fcpl.org/virtual. Storytimes. Virtual Adventures. STEM experiments. Start exploring now and keep checking back as we add adventures all summer long!







A QUEST FOR EVERYONE!

SUMMER CHALLENGE PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL AGES—KIDS, TEENS, AND ADULTS!

INTRODUCING TICKETS

CHOOSE YOUR OWN PRIZE DRAWINGS

Participants will earn virtual tickets in Beanstack at registration and after reaching 1,000 points, 1,500 points, and 5,000 points. Tickets can be used to enter prize drawings of their choice. Additionally, our super-readers will be able to earn an extra ticket for every 1,000 points they earn beyond the 5,000-point level, all the way up to 10,000 points!

Want to earn fifty points towards completing Summer Challenge 2020? Visit the Pop-Up Destinations Track in Beanstack and input the code **TICKET**.

Club Pilates, Curious Iguana, Dancing Bear Toys, & Maryland 529

Explore, Invent, and Transform through Virtual Content

Summer Challenge 2020 provides patrons with the flexibility to complete the challenge at home or in branch, individually or as a family. Enjoy a wide variety of activities designed to be both educational and fun, while exploring the library's online offerings and making connections with the library and your community. Whether you are interested in pursuing a new hobby, learning a new skill, or simply enjoying a great book or movie, Frederick County Public Libraries has the digital resources you need to explore, invent, and transform YOUR story. By accessing and enjoying FCPL's vast treasury of digital content including ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and magazines, participants of all ages can earn points toward finishing the challenge.

This summer, participants can even earn points for digitally visiting our community partners. Frederick County Public Libraries will be active on social media all summer and we would love to see you there! Whether you are thanking our community heroes or having fun with our gameboard activities, don't forget to tag FCPL **@FredCoLibrary** or use **#FCPLsummer**—we want to share your summer excitement and adventures.



Beanstack

Like Fitbit for Reading

With the **Beanstack Tracker app** you are able to track your reading and stay motivated to read more!

Frederick County Public Library customers can use this app for:

- Summer Challenge program
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Winter Reading Challenge and more!

Quickly log reading for multiple family members

Log reading & activities on the go

Game-ify reading for your kids

Beanstack How-To

Step 1
Download the Beanstack Tracker app

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Step 2
Login by first clicking **"Find Your Library"** and typing in **"Frederick County Public Libraries."** Then, sign up for an account OR use your existing Beanstack account login.

Step 3
View challenges you're entered in or eligible to join, like the Summer Challenge, by clicking the **"Challenges"** button.

Step 4
Log reading by clicking on the **plus sign**.

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Don't forget!

FCPL and FCPS now have unified tracking with Beanstack! Your reading progress will sync between locations and count towards any active reading challenges.

Local Legends

SINCE THIS SUMMER IS ALL ABOUT STORIES, we have a fun one for you from Frederick County lore–but it's not quite what you may expect. Every town has a local legend, but only Frederick can claim the Snallygaster. What's that? You've never heard of the Snallygaster? Well, gather 'round...

The Snallygaster is Frederick's most famous cryptid, a creature that falls "outside of taxonomic records." It is even more famous than the Dwayyo, our own werewolf-like critter, and no friend to the Snallygaster. Cryptids are the animals of myth and legend. They are seen, but their existence is never proven. They are the beasts whose photographs are always out of focus, always fuzzy.

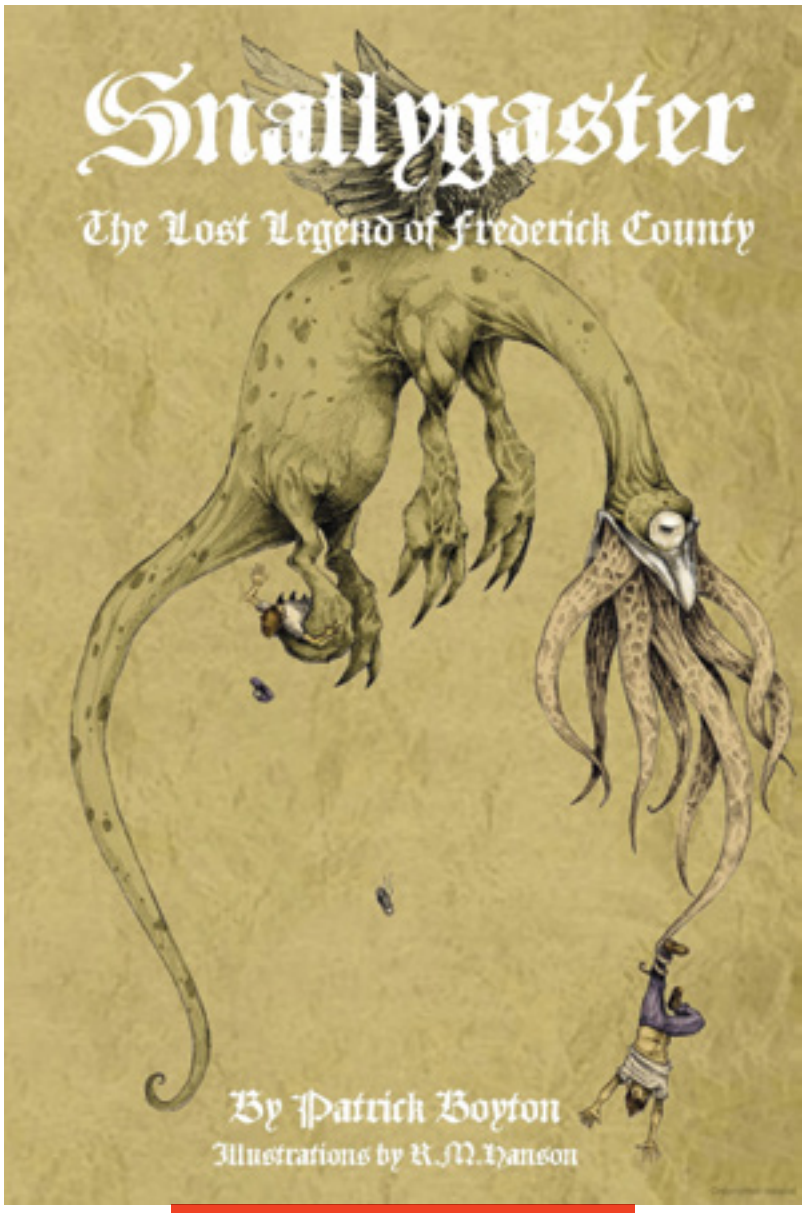
What does the Snallygaster look like? Perhaps its most defining feature is its one eye and its very large wings. Other characteristics are debated, but it probably has a beak. It is reported to have claws, but it is also reported to have hooves, and sometimes tentacles, making it perhaps resemble a flying octopus.

The word Snallygaster has its origins in the German phrase "schneller geist," meaning quick spirit. There are early references in our history to ghosts and ghouls that could be the Snallygaster. The documented Snallygaster, however, is a twentieth century beast. Its story begins in a 1909 issue of the Middletown Valley Register newspaper. A smattering of articles followed. The Snallygaster then went dormant until 1932, when a series of sightings were again reported in the Middletown paper.

The Snallygaster's travels throughout Maryland are not limited to Frederick County. It has been seen not only in neighboring Carroll and Washington Counties, but as far away as Baltimore and Cecil Counties. Some accounts place Snallygaster activity in Ohio and West Virginia, communities that have migration patterns out of Frederick. Coincidence, cultural tradition, or were those folks followed?

While people may have seen less of the Snallygaster as the century progressed, it was not forgotten. In the late 1940s, for example, a Thurmont algebra teacher would threaten his less studious charges with the beast. He also threw erasers at them. It is unclear which action was more successful.

Over a hundred years after its first newsworthy sighting, the Snallygaster can be experienced in several books available at FCPL including *Spirits of Frederick* (1992), *Weird Maryland* (2006), and *Mysteries and Lore of Western Maryland: Snallygasters, Dogmen, and other Mountain Tales* (2013). The definitive history of this cryptid's story can be found in Patrick Boyton's *The Snallygaster: The Lost Legend of Frederick County* (2008) and his children's book *Beware the Snallygaster* (2011).



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by Gretchen Kendall

Libraries have been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember.

While teaching my oldest daughter about Frederick Douglass during Black History Month, I stumbled upon this quote of his: "Once you learn to read, you will forever be free." Upon reflecting on the impact of libraries on my life, I cannot agree more. Learning to read opens the gate to escape to whatever world you choose.

At three years old, I danced in Frederick, and my mother would take me to the C. Burr Artz Library after class. Angelina Ballerina was my favorite book and my dance mates and I always discussed which Angelina Ballerina book we got at the library that week. I still enjoy sharing these books with my family today. I did not realize at the time, but my sense of community and fellowship among other book lovers was planted at this young age because I had access to such a wonderful public library.

While in pharmacy school, I could always be found in the library. At this point in my life, my library needs changed; it was not so much about finding the next intriguing book as it was about studying in a safe and quiet place. I would wait in line for the library to open so I could get my favorite study spot. After having children, I realized again how the library is so much more than books or a quiet place to study. I found myself at the library multiple times a week and visiting every library in the county as a part of the Summer Reading Program. Both of my daughters loved the storytimes and children's programming. Through the wonderful family events, we have made lasting friendships in our community.

About five years ago, a friend invited me to attend the Friends of the Urbana Regional Library (FURL) meeting. After seeing this selfless and hard-working group, it seemed only natural to join as a way to give back. I was not sure how much I would be able to offer this experienced group, but I knew I wanted to try. I have been a part of FURL ever since that day, and I am currently their secretary.

As a member, I've learned how the library strives to have something for everyone, regardless of age or interest. I've seen how the book sale revenue enhances our beautiful library and makes the staff's dreams a reality. I have met many friends and families at the Urbana Library that often travel a distance to this location to see the unique offerings such as the World Market and the Coin Orbiter that FURL helped to make possible.

As I get older, I see the value of a clean, quiet, safe place that welcomes everyone and anyone. I often think that people do not realize how dynamic and all-encompassing the library can be, but I encourage them to start exploring. I am always impressed with the vast array of activities, including the Summer Reading Program's musicians, magicians, gymnastics, karate, and even 3-D printing events, among many more. One of my children's favorite musicians, Rocknocerous, was introduced to them at the library.

Although we are all busy, I have found it worthwhile to try to find time to give back to the libraries, and in doing so, I have received so much more in return.



BOOKS I LOVE

Falling Up by Shel Silverstein

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

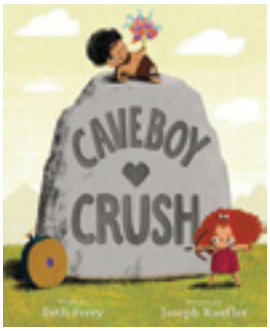
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

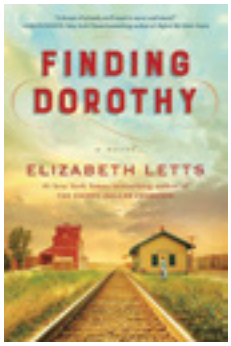
Each quarter, Frederick County Public Libraries features a story from a library lover. The stories, written by our customers, share their personal accounts of what the library means to them. Interested in sharing your love story? Contact us at jel-zeftawy@frederickcountymd.gov

Reading Recommendations

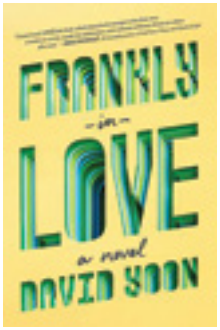
Each year, Frederick County Public Libraries works with librarians, reading specialists, and Judy Center staff to select reading recommendations to help you find your next great read.

Visit fcpl.org/booklist for a complete list of book and audiobook recommendations for all ages, from babies to seniors and everyone in between.







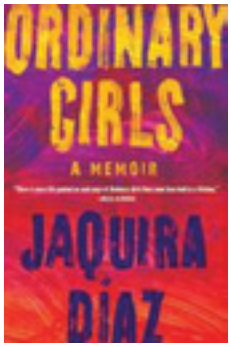








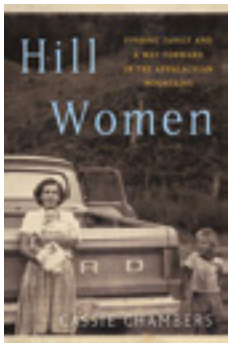


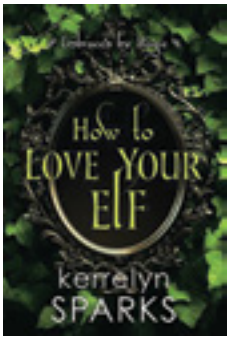












Early Literacy At Home

FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES' STORYTIMES ARE ALWAYS A CROWD-PLEASER, and we love to offer high-quality, educational, and engaging programming for our families. We know that you enjoy reading to your children, but did you know that you can offer storytimes at home any time?

Here are a few ways to get started:

STORIES:

You already have your favorite books at home, but the library's resources are ready to expand your collection.

- Use Beanstack (fcpl.beanstack.org) to find new reading recommendations for all ages, plus plenty of extra activities.
- Check out read alongs from Bookflix, Hoopla, and Libby by OverDrive for stories that will read to you and your child!

SONGS:

Don't worry about your singing voice! Kids won't care if you're off key—just start singing and have fun.

- Sing songs from your childhood or your favorites from storytime.
- Create a dance party playlist in Freegal. Download five free songs per week using your library card number. Select Genre to browse by children's music, or search for your favorite artists from the Sony music catalog like Caspar Babypants.
- hoopla also offers downloadable music that returns automatically after one week. Limit by genre to browse children's music, or search for favorites like the Laurie Berkner Band or Disney.
- Many of your favorite musicians may have songs available for streaming on their website, too.

PROPS:

Puppets and scarves can make storytime seem magical! However, you don't need magic to include props in your at-home storytime.

- **Puppets** are fun and easy. Just use your hand, a sock, or a paper bag. Decorating a paper bag with crayons or markers is a great at-home craft activity. Encourage children to build imaginative and narrative skills by telling a story with their puppets.
- **Scarves** are a favorite prop from storytime. If you don't have one, a washcloth or even a paper towel can be an at-home alternative.
- **Shaker eggs** can be made with a plastic bottle and rice or dried beans. A small amount is all you need. Tip: tape the lid closed to prevent curious fingers from spilling the contents.
- **Flannel stories and rhymes** are really just pictures to help the librarian tell a story or rhyme. Children can draw characters and hold them up while you tell the story. Don't worry about getting the words right—just aim for the basic plot outline.

FUN:

Storytimes are both educational and fun, so don't let at-home early literacy stress you out. If your child is feeling cranky, move on to the next activity, or take a break and come back. Learning happens all the time for little ones as they explore, talk, and play.

READ, WRITE, TALK, PLAY, AND SING YOUR WAY TO SCHOOL READINESS



The Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children developed five simple practices, based on research, to help caregivers develop early literacy skills in children:

Read: Reading together develops vocabulary and comprehension, nurtures a love of reading, and motivates children to want to learn to read.

Write: Grasping a pencil in kindergarten begins with crayon scribbles at home to help develop fine motor skills.

Talk: Talking with children helps them learn oral language, one of the most critical early literacy skills. Children learn about language by listening and joining in the conversation.

Play: Playing is one of the best ways for children to learn language and literacy skills. Activities can help them put thoughts into words as they talk about what they are doing.

Sing: Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds within each word. It can also be used as a tool to help children learn new words and information.

FCPL offers programs and activities to support early literacy and school readiness.

STORYTIMES AT HOME ANY TIME

Read along with your favorite titles!

We know that you love Wonderbook, the book and audio player available in our physical libraries, but did you know that FCPL has digital options, too? Visit **fcpl.org/download** to access read along ebooks that provide on-screen text synced to the audio to promote early literacy skills.

Browse our digital collections:

- In **hoopla**, search for "read alongs" and select one of the always available titles to read! Download the content via the app to read later without needing Wi-Fi or view in a browser.
- In **Libby by OverDrive**, find the "Read Along with Me" shelf on the homepage. Or, search for "read along" and select a title to check out. Use your device's browser to read along!
- In **Bookflix**, log in using your device's browser and select any story to read or watch. Select "Read Along" to turn the feature on or off.





DELAPLAINE SATELLITE GALLERIES SUMMER 2020

SPARKING EXCITEMENT WITH ART

Since 2012, Frederick County Public Libraries (FCPL) and The Delaplaine Arts Center have worked together to improve the customer experience in three of our branches with our Delaplaine Satellite Galleries. Visitors to the Brunswick Branch Library, Thurmont Regional Library, and Urbana Regional Library are treated to a rotating series of local artwork by artists who have previously worked with The Delaplaine Arts Center.

This partnership was created with the belief that art can improve everything and that libraries are natural places of reflection and contemplation where art can be appreciated within the community. "Everyone deserves art," said Catherine Moreland, CEO of The Delaplaine Arts Center. "Both of our missions serve the greater community of Frederick County. We are always looking for opportunities to get more art into the community."



"Storytelling"

THE DELAPLAINE arts CENTER



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Business classes from the comfort of your couch. Free resources every business owner should know about.

Go to FCPL.org/Learn, and enter your library card number and PIN to access.



"Lights, Action, Camera: Nighttime on the Midway"

NOW EXHIBITING THROUGH SUMMER

Brunswick Branch Library

Alison Izard, "Anthropomorphic"

Thurmont Regional Library

Virginia Sperry, "Storytelling"

Urbana Regional Library

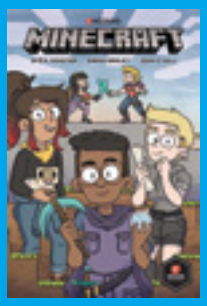
Lee Goodwin, "Lights, Action, Camera: Nighttime on the Midway"



"Anthropomorphic"

Focus is a community celebration of photography featuring the National Juried Photography Exhibition at the Delaplaine Arts Center, as well as other photography exhibitions and programs at the Delaplaine; at Brunswick, Thurmont, Urbana, and C. Burr Artz Libraries; and at various partnering organizations and locations around downtown Frederick and throughout the county. For more information about *Focus*, visit delaplaine.org or call 301-698-0656.

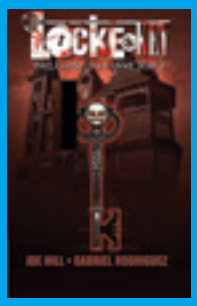
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Minecraft Vol 1 by Sfe Monster



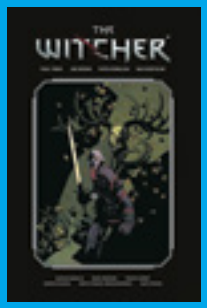
Star Wars Vol. 1: Skywalker Strikes by Jason Aaron



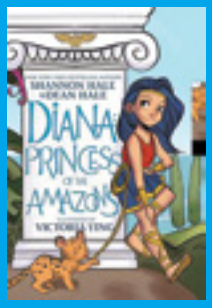
Locke & Key Vol 1: Welcome to Lovecraft by Joe Hill



Hip Hop Family Tree Vol. 1 by Ed Piskor



The Witcher Library Edition by Paul Tobin



Diana: Princess of the Amazons by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale

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Read A Book Ball

A Novel Event Benefiting Frederick County Public Libraries

The Most Anticipated Non-Event of the Year

Stay home, read a book, and have a ball!

When: Saturday, August 15 at 7 a.m.

Where: Wherever you are! Your cozy couch, at your local park, on the train or bus, or anywhere the pages lead you!

How: Select a book (or a few) and get lost in the pages. While you're having a ball reading at home, support the library by donating what you would have spent at a fancy gala.

Attire: Black tie and ball gowns, or pajamas... definitely party pajamas.

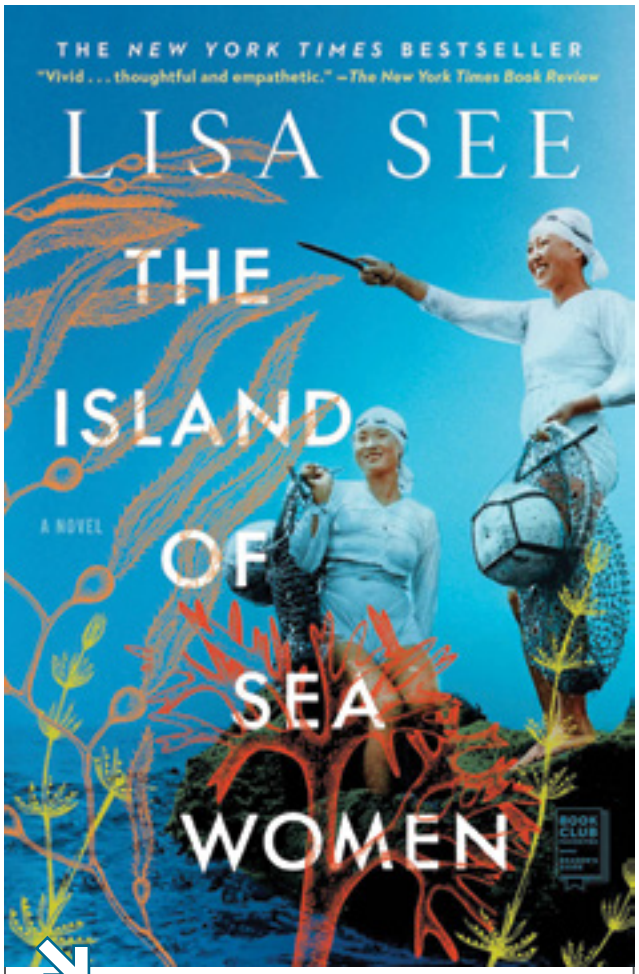
Menu: Milk & cookies, wine & cheese—anything goes!

Guests: Friends, family, your book club besties, your pets—everyone is welcome!

RSVP at fcpl.org/bookball

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One Maryland ONE BOOK

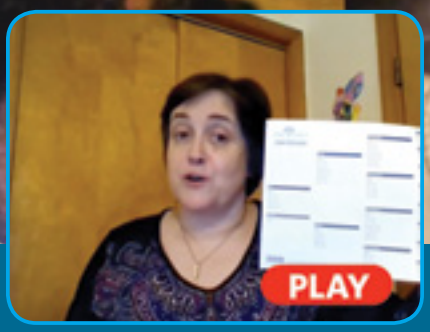


IN LATE SUMMER, FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES WILL AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN ONE MARYLAND ONE BOOK, a program from Maryland Humanities that strives to unite Marylanders of diverse backgrounds through the shared experience of reading the same book. The selection this year is *The Island of Sea Women*, a novel from Lisa See about female friendship and devastating family secrets on a small Korean island. Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends who come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective, beginning a life of excitement and responsibility—but also danger. *The Island of Sea Women* takes place over many decades, beginning during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War, through the era of cell phones and modern technology.



SEARCH YOUR HISTORY WITH FCPL

Genealogists use a wide variety of sources in their research. Three of the most well-known databases are available through FCPL—**HeritageQuest**, **Fold3**, and **Ancestry Library Edition (ALE)**. HeritageQuest and Fold3 can both be accessed from anywhere on the planet with your FCPL library card. Ancestry Library Edition, a version of the world's most well-known genealogy site, is only available from within one of our nine branches.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Head to fcpl.org/virtual for our virtual program series Genealogy Moments.

HERITAGEQUEST

HeritageQuest has the smallest number of databases. Its strengths include full text books (nearly 30,000 histories of places and families), along with digitized "Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-land Warrant Application Files" and "Freedmans' Bank Records, 1865-1871." Both of these sources can provide family information not found elsewhere. This is especaily true for the recently emancipated individuals who applied with the Freedman's Bank. For many, these applications are the first public document in which they appear by name and not simply counted as someone's property.

fold3 by ancestry

Fold3's strength is military records, including documents for nearly every conflict the US has been in since the Revolution. Other datasets of note include "Passport Applications, 1795-1905" and "Project Blue Book – UFO Investigations."

Ancestry Library Edition

Finally, available to you at no cost is Ancestry Library Edition (ALE). You may have seen commercials for Ancestry.com, but ALE has even more content, including newspaper, obituary, and immigration databases. The census, high school yearbooks, birth, marriage, and death records, along with land and criminal records can all be found there as well.

So if family history is something you've always wanted to explore, there's no better starting place than your local library in Frederick County.

If you have any questions about utilizing any of these tools, don't hesitate to contact the FCPL Maryland Room at mdroom@fcpl.org.

EXPLORE HISTORY

Behind the Scenes with the Library Collections Department



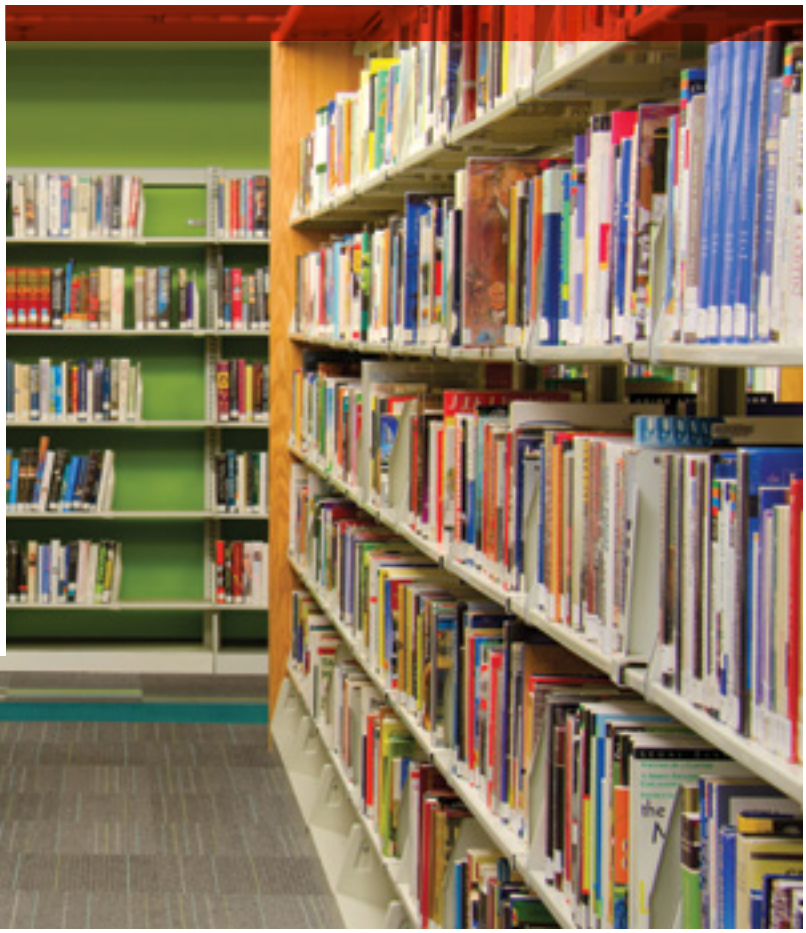
by Stephanie Duncombe

AS ONE OF THE MATERIALS SELECTORS in the Library Collections Department, I am part of the team that develops the collection of books, audiovisual materials, e-content, and databases for the nine branches and two bookmobiles that make up the Frederick County Public Libraries. When choosing materials for the FCPL collection, we keep our vision in mind - to have an informed, empowered, and vibrant community. We are passionate in our endeavor to create an outstanding collection of materials for our library.

We make decisions on how to build collections by drawing on information from a variety of sources. The people in our community are interested in a myriad of topics, and we aspire to build a collection that reflects diverse points of view. We also know that our customers appreciate the assorted ways that information is presented, so we strive to offer a range of formats. We regularly check usage reports to determine which formats and titles are most popular with our customers.

One of the first places we look for new materials is forthcoming titles sent to us from our vendors. As we review the titles that will be released in the coming months, we identify those authors and publishers that produce materials that people want to check out. When a book is being released and we know nothing about the author or the publisher, we will give it more careful consideration. We know the topics that are most popular with our customers: cooking, quilting, gardening, and anything about the Civil War, to name just a few. When in doubt, we look to reviews in professional journals, such as Publisher's Weekly, to give us more information. In these journals, we read a short synopsis of the book or movie written by a reputable critic to help guide our decision. We also pay attention to titles being highlighted in the media or through celebrities, such as Oprah and Reese Witherspoon.

We encourage customers to let us know if there are materials that they would like to see in the library. It is our primary goal to meet the needs of the community, and we value the suggestions we receive. The "Suggest a Purchase" link can be found at www.fcpl.org/contact. This is your library, and we appreciate your suggestions!



BOOKMOBILE



As the popular children's song goes..."The wheels on the bus go round and round," and that is certainly the case with the Frederick County Public Libraries' (FCPL) two Bookmobiles. The branch managers who operate those bookmobiles, Loree Sichelstiel of the Early Start Bookmobile and Chris Long of the Community Bookmobile, have decidedly different day-to-day experiences but both are in a selective group of professionals who pilot a moving library on wheels.

"The best part of my job is that every day is completely different. I'm on the road from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an average of 3 stops per day," says Sichelstiel who has been driving the Bookmobile since 2012. The Early Start Bookmobile (ESB) visits Head Start classrooms, daycare centers, and preschools and serves over 1,000 people each month.

> "Since the passing of my husband, my greatest joy has been the library's Bookmobile. I do not get out much, so my trips to meet the Bookmobile are always a highlight. The librarian, Chris Long, is so good with all his patrons. Over the many, many years that I've been visiting the bookmobile, I have gotten to know him, and I'm so thankful for the work he does.
>
> – Ellie Murray"

The days can be non-stop but very rewarding. According to Sichelstiel, "My favorite thing is getting the perfect book to a child. It's amazing watching a child's face light up. You get the biggest smile in return. Watching a child hug a book; knowing that I've helped to make a lifelong connection with literacy."

Chris Long, Branch Manager of the Community Bookmobile, has been in the driver's seat for nearly forty years. The Community Bookmobile has a total of 16 stops; the majority of which serve seniors at various facilities. Other stops include communities that do not have branch libraries.

The Bookmobile is like a small, comfortable branch with a little bit of everything, from children's to adult materials. According to Long, "Fiction is definitely the most popular section, and we carry it in both large and regular print, as well as paperback. DVDs are a hit everywhere we go, as are audiobooks. We also carry an interesting mix of newer non-fiction and biographies."

The bookmobile customers are life-long readers and have been supporters of libraries for a long time. The patrons are immensely grateful, and Long says he owes a lot to the library staff who get the materials to him for distribution. "I get to be Santa Claus, but it's important to remember the army of elves that makes it all work!"





A Friend to the Library

WE BEGAN IN 2017 WITH A COUPLE OF PEOPLE, A NOTEPAD, A PENCIL, $0.00 IN THE BANK, AND A DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In August of 2019, Frederick County Public Libraries opened the Myersville Community Library. It was thrilling for our community and the many residents who have been rallying for a library for over 50 years! A longtime bookmobile stop, the town of Myersville is a little community about nine miles west of Frederick. If you haven't been out to see the new library, I encourage you to plan a visit; it will be worth the trip. It is a beautiful place in a beautiful location. We even have a restored historic trolley car right in the middle of the library!

A few years before the library even broke ground, I was approached by Darrell Batson, a good friend and then director of the library. He knew that I had a love for libraries so he casually asked me if I knew "anyone like me" who would be willing to start a group dedicated to supporting the new library—a "Friends of the Library" group. Immediately, I knew that "anyone like me" really meant, ME! After some thought, I decided that this would be a good opportunity to give back to my community and advocate for something that I felt was really important for our little town. So, I accepted the volunteer position and became president of the Friends of the Myersville Library (FOML).

FOML began in 2017 with a couple of people, a notepad, a pencil, $0.00 in the bank, and a desire to make a difference. We learned how to become a nonprofit charity, wrote our by-laws, and recruited officers into leadership positions. We visited other libraries and their Friends groups. We discovered that fundraising and advocating for the library are the primary purpose of the Friends of the Library, and our goals would be developed to achieve those two goals in supporting the library.



by Coleen Daniels, Friends of the Myersville Library President, with fellow Friend Member, Stacy Benner

In our first year since the library has opened, we've had tremendous success. One of the things I love most about being a member of FOML is the opportunity to meet people from all different backgrounds, but we have a common love of books, libraries, and reading!

Did you know that every library in Frederick County has a Friends group? That's because public funding keeps the doors open, the lights on, and staff in the stacks, but each library needs support from the community to provide the funding required to offer the best possible services and programs. The Friends make sure that our libraries are truly innovative and some of the best in the state.

The work of the Friends of the Library enhance the library experience and we need your help. We are looking for neighbors who want to support the learning and growing that take place in our public libraries.

Here are a few ways you can support our libraries:

- Become a Friend of the Library at your local branch **fcpl.org/about-us/friends-frederick-county-public-libraries**
- Be an active library customer by checking out materials and participating in programs
- Donate books to the libraries who are asking for them to support a book sale
- Shop at your local library's book sale
- Volunteer your time
- Support and advocate for public libraries

If you would like to get involved with the Friends group in your community, contact your library. I am sure they would be happy to connect you.

If you would like to be a part of The Friends of the Myersville Library, you can contact us on Facebook at Friends of the Myersville Library or email us at friendsofthemyersvillelibrary@gmail.com. We would love to meet you, and we could really use your help.

Libraries are remarkable places. We need your support and help so that our wonderful libraries can offer the best possible services. If you love your public library, consider becoming a member of your local Friends of the Library group. You will make new friends and advocate for a worthy cause! All good things!

BOOKS I LOVE

I have always been a reader. I love to sit with a good book and get lost in another time, another place, or just learn some new facts. I often find myself in the middle of both a fiction and non-fiction book at the same time. I love to read about American History (kind of nerdy, I know), but also love just a good story. Some of the books that I have enjoyed are:

America: Last Best Hope Vol 1 and 2 by William Bennett

A Century of Character by William Bennett

George Washington's Six by Brian Kilmeade

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Anne Barrows

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall (children's novel)

Love Ruby Lavendar by Deborah Wiles (children's novel)

#SUMMERCHALLENGE

This year's Summer Challenge is all about exploring, inventing, and transforming YOUR story.

So, try your hand at filling in the details of this story by coloring the picture! Once complete, share your picture with us by tagging us on social media with **@FredCoLibrary** and **#FCPLsummer**.



Summer Challenge Word Search

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Search for these Summer Challenge themed words. The words are hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and can be backwards.

EXPLORE
FABLE
BEANSTACK
FOLKLORE
FANTASY
INVENT
QUEST
ADVENTURER
MYSTICAL
LEGEND
TRANSFORM
DRAGON
ENCHANTED
IMAGINATION
HERO



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FCPL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WERE ONE OF THE TOP PERFORMING LIBRARIES IN THE BEANSTACK WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

We will receive a special author visit from Penguin Random House, and we can't wait to officially announce the author's name and the event date. Follow us on social media **@FredCoLibrary** or sign up for our enewsletter for the latest announcements from FCPL.

We are also excited that this challenge was our first joint challenge with Frederick County Public Schools. Students at schools with Beanstack can link their accounts to sync reading progress between locations.

Thank you to every FCPL participant in #WinterRead2020 for logging time spent reading, sharing on social media, and supporting our programming. We won because of YOU!

WINTER READING BY THE NUMBERS

More than
786,000
minutes read

2,665
participants

768
people finished the program by reading at least **500 minutes**, and many participants read far more!



Student Success Card

In partnership with Frederick County Public Schools

FCPS students can now access Frederick County Public Library resources.

Using their student ID number, students can:

- Borrow three print items (books or magazines) without any late fees
- Access ebooks, available at **fcpl.org/download**
- Use learning resources such as encyclopedias, journal articles, and test prep, available at **fcpl.org/learn**

Visit fcpl.org/StudentSuccess for complete details.









Where You Are. We Are.

This year, COVID-19 grabbed the attention of everyone around the world.

As we all began to make adjustments to our lives following the CDC's recommendations and the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a great deal of uncertainty about a lot of things, and library services was just one of them.

At Frederick County Public Libraries, we value providing essential library services and resources to our community. While the branches were closed and programs were canceled, **our staff were actively working to bring you more of the library services you've come to know and expect from your local library.**

We quickly mobilized to expand and share our extensive digital collections and virtual programming so you, and others like you, could access your library while preventing the spread of germs.

In Frederick County, you can get access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, tv shows and movies, songs, and digital magazines—**at no cost with your library card.**

To help families with young children feel like life was a little more normal, our staff worked to bring daily storytimes to your living room through Facebook. And, our staff fielded questions in a time of great uncertainty. The library has always been a trusted source of accurate and reliable information.

We are more concerned than ever for the well-being of those we serve, and we are committed to bringing exceptional library services to you and our community in times of need.

As our loyal supporters, YOU make our work possible.

Please consider making a gift today to support the Library's Greatest Need Fund which allows the library to respond quickly to emerging community needs.

Thank you for loyally supporting the library and our mission to build bridges, provide access to information and resources, and spark excitement for lifelong learning—now, more than ever.

You can support your library today by making a gift with the remittance below.

Yes! I Support Frederick County Public Libraries

MY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Email _____

Mailing address _____

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Phone number _____

HOW I'D LIKE TO GIVE

☐ One-time gift of $ _____ ☐ $ _____ per month

WHERE MY GIFT SHOULD GO (choose one)

☐ Where it's needed most

☐ My local library:

_____

☐ Other:

_____

THREE WAYS TO GIVE:

1. CHECK
Please make check payable to:
Frederick County Public Libraries
C/O Development Officer
110 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

2. ONLINE
Make a gift online at
fcpl.org/support

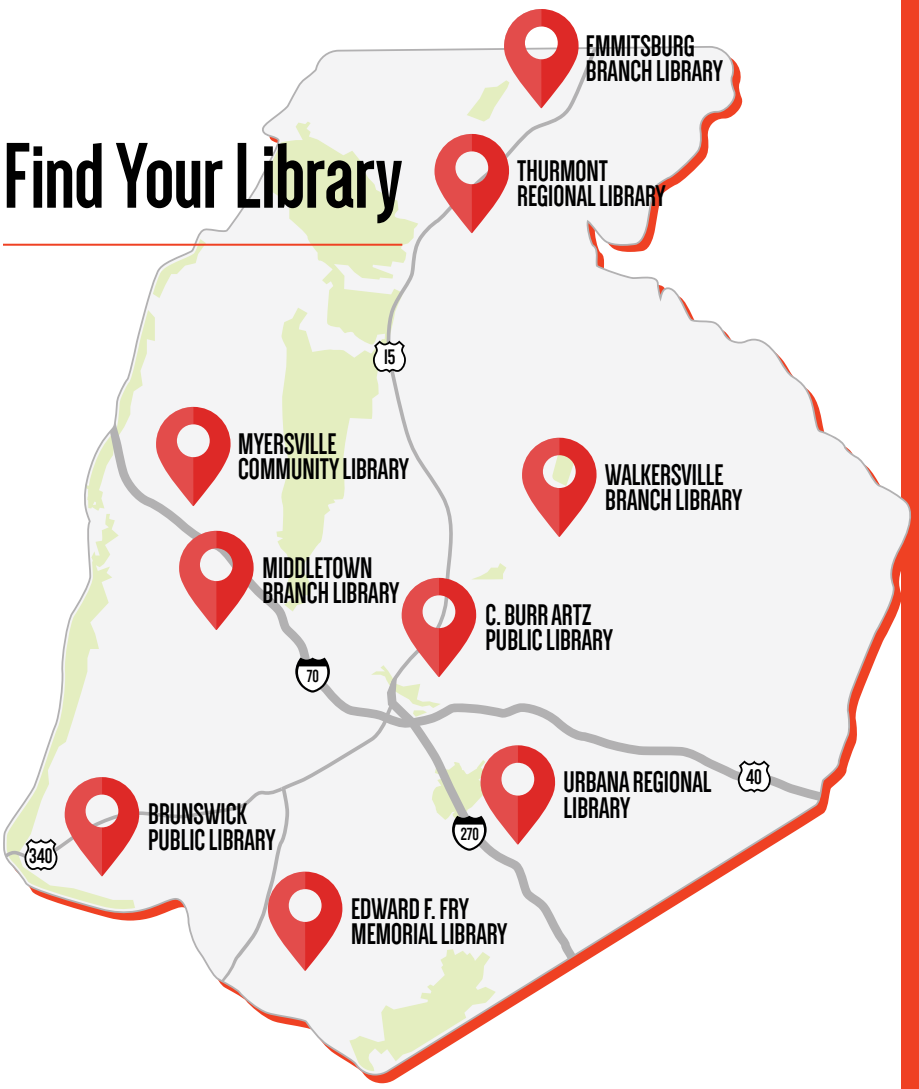
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Name of cardholder _____

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Exp date _____ CVV _____ Billing zip _____

Find Your Library



Frederick County Public Libraries' (FCPL) mission is to facilitate the public's freedom to explore, to invent, and to transform. FCPL connects people to ideas and to each other, helping to foster individual and community growth.

Do you know the power of your library card?

- Free cards to anyone who lives or works in Maryland
- Access to thousands of free programs and events
- 24/7 access to 25 free digital resources like ebooks, magazines, movies, music, and research databases
- Free online courses through Lynda.com and Mango Languages
- Reserve free meeting and study rooms
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free scanning and low-cost copying, faxing, and printing
- No fines on any children's items
- Checkout and return materials to any branch
- No limits on how many items can be checked out or put on hold

For a full listing of the benefits and policies of your library card, please visit fcpl.org. Please return or renew items before the due date. Overdue items (with the exception of children's materials) can result in fines of 25 cents per day, per item on your library card. Items not returned can lead to charges for lost materials.

Support

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FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

BRANCH LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Brunswick Branch Library
915 North Maple Avenue
Brunswick, MD 21716
301-600-7250
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



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: 1–5 p.m.



Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks
1635 Ballenger Creek Pike
Point of Rocks, MD 21777
301-874-4560
Monday, Tuesday, & Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Wednesday: 3–8 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



Myersville Community Library
8 Harp Place
Myersville, MD 21773
301-600-8350
Monday & Wednesday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Sunday: Closed
Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.



Thurmont Regional Library
76 East Moser Road
Thurmont, MD 21788
301-600-7200
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 1–5 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: 1–5 p.m.



Walkersville Branch Library
2 South Glade Road
Walkersville, MD 21793
301-600-8200
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



Community Bookmobile
The Community Bookmobile is the traveling branch of FCPL and is open to the public. For stop locations and times, visit fcpl.org/bookmobile

