



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Wicomico Public Library's new Bookmobile.

Library News

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- 3/29 - Good Friday
- 3/31 - Easter Sunday
- 5/26 - Memorial Day
- 5/27 - Memorial Day (observed)



From our Director, Seth Hershberger:

Join us on this exciting journey of growth at Wicomico Public Library. Let's embrace the opportunities for learning, self-discovery, and enrichment that the theme of "Growth" brings. Check our event calendar for specific dates and details. Connect with our growing community by participating in book clubs and storytimes. Tap into your artistic side with programs that celebrate the growth of imagination and expression. Watch how your library grows to serve the residents of Wicomico with a new schedule for the Bookmobile, the addition of a book locker in Bivalve, and STEAM programs in the newly equipped lab in Salisbury and on board the Mobile Learning Lab around the county. Spring comes early at the library with many opportunities to nurture and grow your mind and spirit.

Staff Highlight:



Bernadette Cannady – Paul S. Sarbanes Branch Manager

Bernadette started with Wicomico Public Library in 1987 and plans on retiring next year. That will be a total of 37 years! Bernadette is a native of Wicomico County. She started her Library career after graduating from Morgan State University in 1979. She first worked for Baltimore County Public Library for 7 years before returning home to her San Domingo community. She is very active in her community supporting various social action projects. She promotes all library activities through various social media sites. When possible, she makes a point to stress the importance of the Library through her various organizations she is

involved in. She supports the John Quinton Foundation, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and her Masonic Family.

Bernadette feels her most important contribution to the community is working to increase access to the library in those areas that are underserved. In the future she hopes that the Library will someday build a branch in the Western part of Wicomico County. As far as giving advice to new hires after all her years of experience: Prepare to show up for work to service the whole community inside and outside the building!

Wicomico Public Library thanks Bernadette for all her years of knowledge, leadership and caring support. We hope she enjoys her retirement starting next year.

Check it out!

Book Bites

Short on time and craving a literary snack? Looking to expand your reading list palate? Let us “serve” some trivia as inspiration for your next winter feast!

- Before *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn’s old job had her “dress up as a giant yogurt cone who wore a tuxedo”
- Suzanne Collins got the idea for *The Hunger Games* from going back and forth between Iraq War news coverage and reality TV.
- C.S. Lewis, Aldous Huxley, and former President John F. Kennedy all died on the same day– November 22nd, 1963.
- Cormac McCarthy kept his faithful typewriter for fifty years.
- Oscar Wilde’s alleged final words were “my wallpaper and I are fighting... one or other of us has got to go.”
- Jodi Picoult wrote multiple issues of *Wonder Woman*.
- The Netflix adaptation of Julia Quinn’s *Bridgerton* set a record for number of viewers on the platform.
- The Beat Museum’s emergency exit fittingly reads “Alarm will HOWL!”
- Virginia Woolf wrote all of her books while standing.
- The first appearance of the word “Robot” was in a 1920 play.

Sign up for Wowbrary today!



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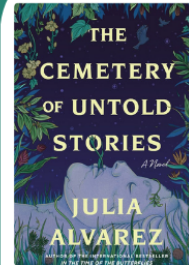


Wicomico Public Library is excited to offer its patrons free “Wowbrary” email alerts that showcase the library’s newest items each week. The alerts feature the latest bestsellers, movies, music CDs, audio books, children’s titles, cookbooks, mysteries, travel guides, health books, science fiction and more purchased by the library.

People are truly amazed when they see in one place just how many great new titles we purchase each week, which they can reserve and borrow at no cost. And we cover all age groups and many diverse interests.

Wowbrary alerts are free and do not require a library card. Go to www.wowbrary.org to sign up or learn more.

DISCOVER YOUR NEXT READ



“The Cemetery of Untold Stories”
By Julia Alvarez

Literary Fiction

The Cemetery of Untold Stories is about author Alma Cruz, who inherits a plot of land in the Dominican Republic and decides to create a cemetery to bury her unfinished manuscripts. Cared for by the cemetery’s groundskeeper, Filomena, the characters from Alma’s drafts begin to speak from beyond their graves, seeking closure for their stories and inspiring both Alma and Filomena to reconnect with their family histories.

“Tree. Table. Book” By Lois Lowry



Children’s & Middle Grade

Tree. Table. Book. is Lois Lowry latest, and it follows two best friends and neighbors named Sophie: One is 11 years old, while the other is 88 and beginning to struggle with her memory. The younger Sophie’s attempts to help her beloved friend lead to stories about the older Sophie’s experiences in World War II, which most assuredly will be delivered with Lowry’s signature power and grace.

Find more at BookPage.com

Community Spotlight: Wor Wic

WOR-WIC CLASSES AT SARBANES BRANCH

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Demand for classes for English language learners in Wicomico County has substantially increased over the last year. The Wor-Wic Community College Adult Education program has been responding by hiring more teachers, adding more classes, and helping students to transition into their educational and career paths. Becoming English proficient is just the first step for these students. Although many are new to the area, they are ambitious to become acclimated and contributing members of the community. The Adult Education program began to experience an increase in the number of students needing classes to improve English proficiency in early 2023. In response, Wor-Wic Community College provided funding to the program to add 18 classes to the Spring schedule, which were previously not planned. In the 2022-2023 school year, the Wor-Wic Adult Education program received a total of 1,026 applications, of which 67% of those students began in the English language classes, and served 474 students, which was a 33% increase over the students served in the 2021-2022 school year. The 2023-2024 school year began on July 1, 2023, and to date the program has received over 1,250 applications to the program. 84% of those applications are for students who are English language learners. Since the increased demand has continued, the college is providing additional funding so those classes could continue and more could be added for the current school year. To date, the Adult Education program has served 385 students and plans to enroll an additional 500 students for the 2024 Spring classes. The majority of these students are English language learners and will begin with classes aimed to improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.



In addition to classes being held on the Wor-Wic Community College campus, the Adult Education program has partnered with many community organizations, such as the Wicomico County Library, the City of Salisbury, and Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, to hold classes at various locations around the Salisbury area. Wor-Wic Community College has been the provider of the Wicomico County Adult Education grant since 2014. Since then, the program has served over 4,500 students including over 110 NEDP clients. Maryland High School diplomas have been awarded to over 215 students and clients who received services from the program. Participants have ranged in age from 16 to 82 years old, come from 69 countries from around the world, and are native speakers of over 37 different languages. The Wor-Wic Adult Education program is state-funded through a grant provided by the Maryland Department of Labor and federally funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The funding allows for Wor-Wic Community College to offer free classes to adults in Wicomico County. The purpose of the classes is to provide instruction to improve reading, math, English proficiency, digital literacy, and job readiness skills to access employment education training and support services to succeed in the labor market. Achieving advanced English language proficiency and earning a high school diploma are important and necessary steps on every path toward higher education and career goals.

Community College's ESL Program

In addition to classes for English language learners, known as ESL or ELL, the Wor-Wic Adult Education program also offers pathways for adults who need a high school diploma. Residents of Maryland, over 18 years old and withdrawn from school, can receive individualized instruction to assist in passing the GED Test or enroll in the National External Diploma program (NEDP), which upon completion will result in a Maryland High School Diploma. Students born outside of the United States who have completed high school or higher education can have their educational documents professionally translated to transfer into local institutions. However, students who still need these credentials can start in the English language classes and then transfer into a high school diploma pathway. Upon obtaining this credential, students can then transition into any of the myriad of programs, credit and non-credit offered by Wor-Wic Community College, including three college preparation level classes for English language learners, Reading Comprehension, Speaking & Listening, and Writing & Grammar, as well as developmental reading and math courses. There are a variety of job training programs, through the Continuing Education and Workforce Development division, that can lead to workforce placement in health care, such as CNA/GNA or phlebotomy, trades, such as HVAC or welding, or stand-alone programs such as child-care or CDL. Wor-Wic Community College also offers certifications, two-year degrees and college credit transfer programs in many fields of study including Business, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Nursing, and so much more. At Wor-Wic Community College, anyone can truly start here and go anywhere!



HOW TO ENROLL IN ESL CLASSES:

For more information:

Call/Text:

(443) 669-6373



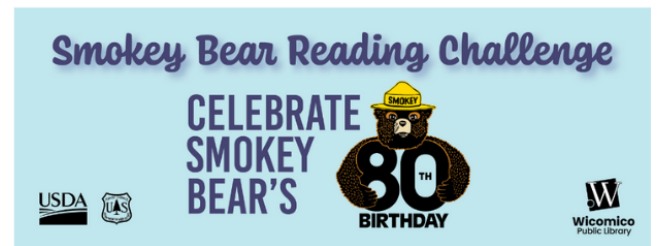
1. Watch the Orientation Video
<https://youtu.be/q04zIL7XHHc>



2. Complete the Application
<https://forms.office.com/r/v0njNXw3Am>

Beanstack Spring Reading Challenges

As flowers bloom and trees bud, so does the joy of reading! From a special Spring Reading Challenge to celebrating Smokey the Bear's 80th birthday, there's a reading adventure for every age and interest. Don't miss the chance to grow your reading list! Sign up today at wicomicolibrary.beanstack.org!



PLUS, DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGES!



Paul S. Sarbanes Branch

(410) 749-3612

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

AROUND THE WORLD IN 12 HOLIDAYS

SAT: 3/2, 4/6 & 5/4; 2PM - 3PM

Get ready for a year-long adventure! Around the World in 12 Holidays is a once-a-month adventure for explorers ages 5-12 where we will learn about the ways people around the world celebrate holidays and what makes us all beautifully unique!



Preschool Playgroup

Mon: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13 & 5/20; 10:30am - 11:15am

Children 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to Preschool Playgroup! Children will have the opportunity to engage in free play and structured activities all while learning to socialize with their peers.

I SURVIVED BOOK CLUB

TUE: 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

If you're a fan of the *I Survived* book series, join us the first Tuesday of each month for this new book club! Each month we'll read one of the books that covers a major natural or man-made disaster throughout history.

- March 5 - Hindenburg Disaster 1937
- April 2 - Attack of the Grizzlies 1967
- May 7 - Eruption of Mt. St. Helens 1980

SPANISH FOR KIDS*

TUE: 3/5, 3/12, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16 & 4/23; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Come learn Spanish with us! Salisbury University Spanish professor, Dr. Sally Perret, will lead these fun and engaging Spanish classes for children. This class will occur weekly on Tuesdays at 4:30. Session 1 will take place 2/20 - 3/12. Session 2 will take place 4/2-4/23.



BEDTIME STORYTIME

Tue: 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7 & 5/21; 5:30pm - 6:00pm

For our bedtime storytime, all 0-5 year-olds and their caregivers are welcome to join us to share songs, rhymes, and stories together on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Feel free to wear your pajamas as this will be a cozy storytime where you can wind down at the end of the day!

YOUNG THINKERS CLUB

Wed: 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1 & 5/15; 4:30pm - 5:15pm

In the Young Thinkers Club, children will play games and do activities that get them thinking and having fun! This club is led by faculty and students from Salisbury University's philosophy department. Ages 6-11.

STORYTIME AGES 0-5

Thu: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 & 5/23; 10:30am - 11:00am

All 0-5 year-olds and their caregivers are welcome to share songs, rhymes, and stories together on the first four Thursdays of each month.

READING DRAGONS*

Sat: 3/9 & 4/13; 11am - 12pm

Here There Be Dragons! If you like collectible trading card games and reading, this program is for you! Earn dragon cards for reading and play fun games with the cards. Ages 6 to 11.

MINI-MONTESSORI FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS

Sun: 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28 & 5/12; 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Montessori play is purposeful play that mimics real-life tasks. It focuses on mindfulness during activities and focusing on the task at hand.



HOMESCHOOL MAKER MONDAY*

MON: 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22 & 5/13; 2PM - 3PM

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through fun activities at Homeschool Maker Monday! Ages 6 to 10

CODING FOR KIDS

Mon: 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22 & 5/13; 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Join us for an hour of coding! This program is designed for children ages 7-11, but all are welcome!

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PAWS TO READ

Mon: 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22 & 5/13;
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Paws to Read allows your child to read aloud to a dog for 5-7 minutes. A volunteer will be present during the entire session. This activity helps build reading confidence in children while they are relaxing and having fun.



STEAM & ROBOTICS CLUB

WED: 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, & 5/22;
3:30PM - 5:00PM

Imagine, design, explore, build, and discover using STEAM. Bring your curiosity and imagination to play with Snap Circuits, LittleBits, and more!

EASTER BUNNY HOP

SAT, MAR. 23; 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Are your little ones excited about Easter? Come out for Easter stories, music, and craft. Mobile Services will be hosting in the Children's Program Room of the Sarbanes Branch.



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CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

HOMESCHOOL ART 101*

FRI: 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3 & 5/17;
2PM - 3PM

Join us for Arts and Crafts for our homeschool friends! Each session we will work on a new project suitable for ages 10-16 focusing on a relevant artist, book, or technique. All supplies will be provided.

MUDHUD CERAMICS THROWING CLASS FOR KIDS!

Sun: 3/3 & 3/10; 1pm - 2pm

Always wanted to try your hand at wheel throwing? Join us for a free hour-long session learning to throw on the potter's wheel with Mudhud Ceramics Artist Constance Melvin. Make pieces on the pottery wheel with instruction and then choose to keep one of your creations to be glazed and fired. Ages 7-18. Funding for this program is provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

JUST FOR TEENS

GREEN-HANDS GARDEN CLUB*

- GRADES 6 TO 12

MON: 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/6 & 5/20;
5:30PM - 6:30PM

Get ready to grow your own scrumptious fruits and veggies! Our group meets twice a month and covers everything you need to know to become a green-thumbed guru. Discover how to grow your own food and become a self-sufficient superstar!

Meetings will be held in the teen room on the first Monday of the month, and at Salisbury's Riverwalk Park Edible Garden on the third Monday of the month.

TEEN STEAM STUDIO*

TUE: 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Every first Tuesday join us in our STEAM Studio to check out our technology and learn something new. Teens 12-18 are invited to learn the basics of digital illustration, 3d printing, stop motion animation and more!



ANIME AND MANGA CLUB

TUE: 3/12, 4/9 & 5/14; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Manga/Anime Club members meet the second Tuesday of each month to talk about manga and watch a member selected anime movie/show. Open to middle and high school students.

TEEN ACTION BOARD (TAB)

MEETING*

TUE: 3/19, 4/16 & 5/21; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Attend in person or on Zoom! Registration is required. All middle and high school students are invited to our TAB (Teen Action Board) Meeting. TAB meetings are a forum where students' opinions and suggestions are heard. TAB members earn one service learning hour for each meeting attended.

CROCHET 101*

TUE: 3/26, 4/23 & 5/28; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

If you'd like to learn to crochet and are in middle or high school, join us! We'll use tutorials from the library resource, Creativebug, and one on one instruction to start you crocheting for fun and to make scarves for our community.

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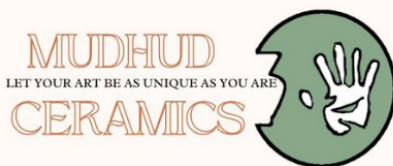
ADULT PROGRAMS

MUDHUD CERAMICS THROWING CLASS*

SUN: 3/3 & 3/10; 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Always wanted to try your hand at wheel throwing? Sessions are now available to learn the mediating properties of throwing clay on a potter's wheel. Join us for a free hour-long session learning to throw on the potter's wheel with Mudhud Ceramics Artist Constance Melvin. Each client will get to make pieces on the pottery wheel with instruction and then choose to keep one of your creations to be glazed and fired.

Funding for this program is provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



ADULT YOGA PROGRAM - SOUL YOGA*

WED, MAR. 6; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Come join Soul Yoga's instructor Lauren Gilmore for a bi-weekly, free adult yoga class! Participants will learn the fundamentals of yoga while exploring how it can benefit them.

Participants are to bring their own towel or yoga mat.

Funding for this event was provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



TAROT 101 || THE SALISBURY SALON*

TUE, MAR. 5; 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Feeling lucky? Find out what's in the cards for you. We'll explore meanings of the cards and learn to read different tarot spreads.



ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT*

THU, MAR. 7; 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Think you know it all? Come prove it at The Brick Room, where an adult trivia night will be hosted! Participants are required to be at least twenty-one years of age. Drinks will be available for purchase.

Funding for this event was provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PAINT NIGHT*

FRI, MAR. 15; 6PM - 8PM

Do you want to get your creative juices flowing or do you just want a fun night with your friends? Join us for a St. Patty's paint night! Supplies will be provided as well as instruction. We will be in meeting room 8.



COMPUTER TUTOR

MON: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13 & 5/20; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

IN THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

Learn the basics in this Computer Tutor Series! Self-paced, hands-on learning of just the basics.

- Getting Started with a Computer - the essential functions of the mouse and keyboard.
- Basic Search - What is a search engine?
- Navigating a Website- Introduction.
- Intro to Email.

Questions at the end. Registration is preferred; walk-ins are welcome.



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Centre Branch

(410) 546-5397

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: CLOSED

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

TINY CREATORS - HOMESCHOOL STEAM

TUE: 3/5, 4/2 & 5/7; 1:00PM - 2:30PM

Come be a tiny creator! Every month there will be a different science, technology, engineering, arts, or mathematics activity geared to elementary and middle school-age students.

BUDDING ARTIST CLUB FOR KIDS*

WED: 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1 & 5/15
5:30PM - 7:00PM

If you're between the ages of 7 and 12 and love to draw, paint, and create, join us as we learn a different art technique each session and create works of art that you can take home with you.



STORYTIME WITH NANA

Come to a special storytime in our Storybook Room as Nana reads fun stories, sings songs, and themed holiday crafts for everyone to take home with them.

Wednesdays 10AM - 11AM

- 3/13 - St. Patrick's Day Storytime
- 4/10 - Easter/Spring Storytime
- 5/8 - Mother's Day Storytime

MAKE YOUR OWN PAPER SOLAR ECLIPSE*

FRI, APR. 5; 4PM - 5PM

The 2024 Solar Eclipse is almost here! While we're waiting for April 8th, why not stop by and make your own mini solar eclipse out of paper!

TEEN PROGRAMS

CENTRE BRANCH ANIME/MANGA CLUB

WED: 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15 & 5/29; 5:30PM - 7:00PM

If you are between the ages of 12 and 17 and love all things manga and anime, join our club at the Centre Branch.

ADVENTURES' LEAGUE D&D CLUB

SAT: 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11 & 5/25;
2PM - 4PM

The library is hosting a roleplaying program just for teens! Drop-ins welcome.

MAKE YOUR OWN FLOWER CROWN

TUE, MAR. 19; 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Come celebrate the beginning of the Spring season by making a flower crown!

EVERYONE

BEGINNER'S CHESS CLUB

SAT: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18 & 5/25;
11:00AM - 12:00PM

Looking to learn how to play, or improve your chess game? Players of all ages are welcome!

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ: READ-A-THON!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, ALL DAY

It's Drop Everything and Read day! Bring a cozy blanket or pillow and enjoy some quiet time reading at our library. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided, along with some light snacks.

JENGA TOURNAMENT

TUE, MAY 21; 6:00PM - 7:00PM

See who can last the longest without losing it all, while competing head-to-head for a chance to win the grand prize: a Jenga set for you to take home!

ADULT PROGRAMS

BOOK BINGO*

TUE: 3/5, 4/10 & 5/8; 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Book Bingo is BACK at the Centre Branch library! Join us for an hour of game night fun for the chance to win some cool library & book-related prizes, and of course... BOOKS!

COFFEE CLUB

THU: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 & 5/30;
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Enjoy coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, meet new friends, and chat with others to start your day right! Help us save waste; bring a mug!

DIAMOND DAZZLERS - DIAMOND PAINTING GROUP*

THU: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 & 5/30;
1:00PM - 2:30PM

Join the Diamond Dazzlers to work on a special diamond painting that you can take home when finished, as well as enjoy snacks and make new friends.

CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS*

SAT: 5/4, 5/11 & 5/18; 3:45PM - 4:45PM

Sign up to join our Crochet for Beginners program, and learn the basics of crochet as we make a fun project

HOMEMADE GREETING CARDS USING CANVA*

TUE, MAY 7; 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Together, we'll design and then print your own greeting cards and even learn to make our own envelopes! Just in time for Mother's Day.

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Pittsville Branch

(410) 835-2353

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Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: CLOSED

KIDS & TEENS PROGRAMS

GAME ON!

THU: 3/21, 4/18 & 5/16; 4PM - 6PM

Come play your favorite video games every month! Every month is something new, so be sure to check us out. We have a variety of games for the Playstation 4, Nintendo Switch, VR headsets, and even board games!

GLASS JAR VOTIVES*

THU, MAY 9; 3PM - 5PM

Reuse old candle jars to create a beautiful votive just in time for Mother's Day.



DIY TERRARIUM CRAFT*

MON, APR. 22; 3PM - 5PM

Join us and together let us weave mesmerizing Terrarium crafts, as we revel in the enchantment of nature's bounty.

JUST FOR TEENS

PITTSVILLE BRANCH ANIME/MANGA CLUB

TUE: 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14 & 5/28; 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Calling all teen manga and anime enthusiasts, both new and seasoned! If you're passionate about the captivating worlds, rich storytelling, and dynamic characters found in manga and anime, this is the club you've been waiting for!

CRAFTS PROGRAMS

DIY SPRAYED EDGES*

THU, MAR. 7; 4PM - 6PM

Bring in a book you own and give it some personal flair with a beautiful decorative sprayed edge! Teens and Adults.

ECLIPSE CHALK ART

THU, APR. 4; 4PM - 5PM

Join us to make cool chalk art eclipses to prepare for the big event this week! All Ages!

MAKE A GNOME HOME*

TUE, APR. 16; 4PM - 6PM

Learn to make a delightful Gnome home for your fairy garden. Ages 19+



MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT - HUNT-A-KILLER BODY ON THE BOARDWALK*

FRI, APR. 19; 5PM - 7PM

Put on your detective cap and help us solve a murder. We will be playing Hunt-A-Killer Body on the Boardwalk, a fun, immersive murder mystery game. Bring a friend and team up. Prizes will be given to the team that solves the murder.

ADULT PROGRAMS



VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

FRI, MAR. 8; ALL DAY

Celebrate International Women's Day by registering to vote with the help of our suffragettes!

COMPUTER TUTOR FOR SENIORS*

TUE: 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/7 & 5/21; 5PM - 7PM

Need help learning how to use the computer but don't know where to start? Come to the Pittsville Library every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, where a librarian will teach a class starting with the most basic skills you may need.

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Join us for an hour of game night fun for the chance to win some cool library & book-related prizes, and of course... BOOKS!

TIK TOK MADE ME READ IT BOOK CLUB*

Wednesdays from 5PM - 7PM

Reading the viral BookTok sensations every month and discussing them!

- 3/27 - The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller
- 4/24 - The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin
- 5/29 - Babel by R.F. Kuang

Mobile Services

(410) 749-3612 ext. 804
mobileservices@wicomico.org

COMMUNITY COMPUTER LAB

Need a place to study or do some work? Just need to use a computer for a short task? Stop by the Mobile Learning Lab!

Current stops available:

- Willards Lions Community Center - TUE, MAR. 12; 10AM- 2PM
- Crown Sports Center - TUE, MAR. 26; 10AM - 2PM
- Oak Ridge - TUE, APR. 9; 10AM - 2PM
- ShopRite in Hebron - TUE, APR. 23; 10AM - 2PM
- Willards Lions Community Center - TUE, MAY 14; 10AM - 2PM
- Crown Sports Center - TUE, MAY 28; 10AM - 2PM

View the current schedule at:
tinyurl.com/wplmobilelab

LIBRARY LOCKER LOCATIONS

Request pickup of library items at these alternate locations:

- inside the lobby of the YMCA
- inside the Centre at Salisbury Mall by the Centre Branch Library
- at Crown Sports Center just inside the door with the green awning
- outside of Sharptown Town Hall

BOOKMOBILE POP UP STOPS

Check out some books! Don't have a card? No problem, we can sign you up for one!

- Cedar Hill Marina - Wed, Mar. 13; 11am - 1pm
- Cope Bennett Park - Wed, Apr. 10; 11am - 1pm

MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT @ CROWN SPORTS CENTER*

TUE, MAR. 5; 6PM - 8PM

Crown Sports Center parking lot

Join Mobile Services staff for movie trivia night! Teams of two to four. Each team member must register.

CHESS CLUB

WED: 3/6, 3/20, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8 & 5/22;
3:30PM - 5:30PM

Parkside High School parking lot

Play chess onboard the Mobile Learning Lab against your friends on computers or physical boards. Students from any middle or high school are welcome.

CELEBRATE SPRING STORYTIME & CRAFT

Tue, Apr. 2; 10:30am - 12:00pm
Pemberton Historical Park

Are you ready to get out of the house to enjoy some fresh air? Join us in celebrating the start of spring with story time and a craft!

LET'S LEARN ABOUT THE ECLIPSE!

Sat, Apr. 6; 10am - 11am
Oak Ridge Church parking lot

On April 8th there is a total solar eclipse! In Maryland, we will only be able to see partial eclipse but we can use science and art to see what a full Eclipse might look like.

ESCAPE THE MOBILE LEARNING LAB*

Sat, Apr. 13; Session 1: 1pm - 2pm &
Session 2: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Crown Sports Center parking lot

Can you escape the Mobile Learning Lab? In this escape room style game, an AI has locked you in and you need to solve puzzles to get out. Work together with your group before the timer runs out.

STORYWALK @ PEMBERTON PARK

Spring Storywalk 04/01 - 04/14

Spring is here! Enjoy some nature and fresh air while reading our story walk. We hope you enjoy the book Don't Touch That Flower!



E-GAME DEMO DAY

Sat, Apr. 27; 10am - 12pm

East Salisbury School parking lot

We will have the Mobile Learning Lab showcasing the different types of e-games we have. We even have an Oculus to try!

GIFT MAKING WITH THE CRICUT*

Sat, May 4; 10am - 11am

Oak Ridge Church parking lot

Need a gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day? Stop by the Mobile Learning Lab and we will help you create a personalized gift for that special someone.

HAVE FUN WITH TISSUE PAPER!

Sat, May 4; 11:30am - 12:30pm

Oak Ridge Church parking lot

Explore different ways to use tissue paper in crafting. Your creation will make a perfect gift for Mother's Day!

SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT AND CRAFT

Sat, May 25; 10am - 12pm
Pemberton Historical Park

Come out to Pemberton Park for a nature scavenger hunt! Participating children will receive a small prize when completed. We will also be decorating bird houses to take home for your feathered friends.

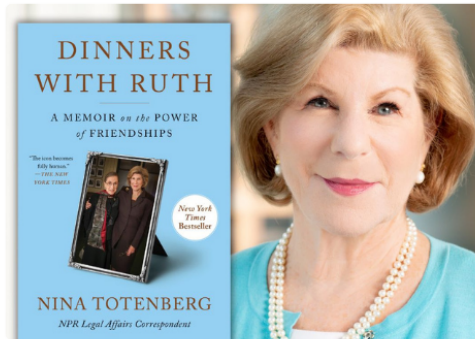
Virtual Programs and Online Services

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders.

Watch live to have your questions answered or enjoy the recorded program at your leisure.

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH
NINA TOTENBERG



WED, MARCH 6TH
AT 4 PM EST

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH
CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI



THU, MARCH 14TH
AT 4 PM EST

MORE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Can't physically visit the library? Not to worry! Visit our YouTube page to discover fun activities provided by the Wicomico Public Library from the comfort of your home. Find a wide range of enjoyable and educational videos for the entire family, including kid-friendly craft videos, riveting storytimes, interesting STEM activities, and enjoyable podcasts.

Visit our youtube page at youtube.com/@wicomicopubliclibrary to find out more!



AN AUTHOR TALK WITH
MADELINE MILLER



THU, MARCH 21TH
AT 7 PM EST

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH
MCCANN & FOLEY



TUE, APRIL 9TH
AT 2:00 PM EST

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH
XOCHITL GONZALEZ



WED, APRIL 17TH
AT 8 PM EST

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER:



SCAN ME

Services and Support

MEETING ROOMS

The Paul S. Sarbanes Branch offers meeting rooms for public use. These rooms are perfect for a variety of events, including business meetings, community gatherings, and educational workshops.

Simply visit our website wicomicolibrary.org/reserve-room and select the date, time, and room size that best fits your needs. Please note that there is a charge for using the meeting rooms, with the exception of non-profit organizations. Once your reservation is confirmed, you'll receive an email with all the details.

Before reserving a meeting room, it's important to review the library's meeting room policies. These guidelines ensure that all guests can enjoy a safe and comfortable environment. Some of the key policies include:

- Rooms can be reserved up to three months in advance
- Reservations must be made by an adult (18 years or older)
- No food or drink is allowed in the meeting rooms
- Rooms must be left clean and tidy after use

If you have questions, or need to request a room within three days notice, please contact the admin office at 410-749-3612 x110.



PROJECT READ

**Empower Through Knowledge,
Unlocking Futures!**

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in your community? Do you want to help those who are struggling with basic literacy skills? Join our adult literacy program as a volunteer today!

No prior teaching experience is necessary. We'll provide all the training and resources you need to be an effective volunteer. All we ask is that you have a passion for helping others and a willingness to commit to at least two hours of tutoring per week.

Join us in making a difference in our community. Contact us today to learn more about volunteering with our adult literacy program.



SCAN ME

Scan the code to for more information or call DeMyra Harvey at 410-749-3612 ext. 159.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Wicomico Public Library would like to thank you for generously volunteering your time, expertise and skills through your commitment to our library, patrons and staff. Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated and we could not do it without you. Your support not only allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve the patrons of Wicomico County, it enables us to provide more programming, events and community outreach to the members of our community each year.

We aim to provide exciting and skill-based volunteer experiences at our branches that match your interests and expertise. Whether it be shelving, shelf reading, tutoring adults who are aspiring to broaden their educational knowledge, working in homework help or working in our bookstore, every hour spent volunteering is valued. At the end of your volunteer experience, we hope you feel valued, appreciated and rewarded. Your commitment to community is evident in everything you do. Wicomico Public Library would like to thank you again for your service to our library system.

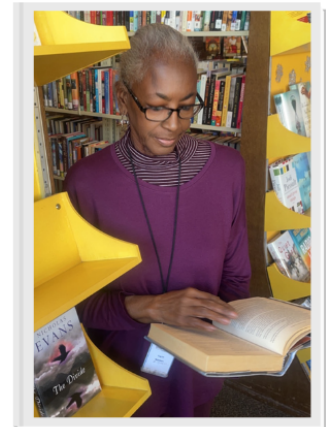
Susan Bunting



Zelda Kelly



June Belizaire



FRIENDS OF THE WICOMICO PUBLIC LIBRARY



Making An Impact Through Service

Amanda Markos
Friend of Wicomico Public Library

Students from the LEO Clubs of Parkside and James M. Bennett High Schools recently partnered with the Friends of the Wicomico Public Library by volunteering to assist with the setup and breakdown for the Friends' Fall Book Sale. The biannual event helps raise funds to support many services offered by the library that might otherwise be limited or unavailable for members of our community. Bennett students have been assisting with the Friends of the Library book sales for many years and have been instrumental in assuring the success of these important fundraisers. Due to the added support from Parkside students this year, the labor-intensive tasks of lifting heavy boxes, sorting books before the event, and packing unsold items afterward, were completed quickly and efficiently, greatly minimizing the workload for senior volunteers. The energy, enthusiasm, and strong work ethic displayed by the students were admirable and a credit to their schools and the LEO club organization.

An acronym for the club's motto (Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity), LEO clubs are a youth organization of Lions Clubs International. The Parkside and James M. Bennett LEO Clubs are sponsored by the Salisbury Lions Club for high school students. Known as "Leos," students from both schools participate in activities and projects that enhance the community and help them develop and practice leadership, organization, and social skills, with the intent of instilling a lifetime commitment to helping others.

Read more about LEO Club at www.wicomicolibrary.org/posts

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MARCH 9TH

SPRING BOOK SALE
APRIL 18TH-20TH

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The Friends of Wicomico Public Library provides support for this necessary public institution. Being a Friend shows your commitment to the Library: its resources, services, and educational opportunities.

All Friends membership levels include 2 free books from the Bookshelf Book Store.

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BOOK LOVER	\$50
BESTSELLER	\$100

To join securely online, visit qrco.de/wplfriends or scan the QR code:



By mail, please return your form and dues and/or donation check to:

Friends of Wicomico Public Library
122 S Division St
Salisbury, MD 21801

Please make a check payable to Wicomico Public Library and put Friends Membership in the memo line.

Paul S. Sarbanes Branch Downtown Salisbury

(410) 749-3612

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Mobile Services

(410) 749-3612 ext. 804

mobileservices@wicomico.org

Centre Branch Centre At Salisbury

(410) 546-5397

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Pittsville Branch 34372 Old Ocean City Rd

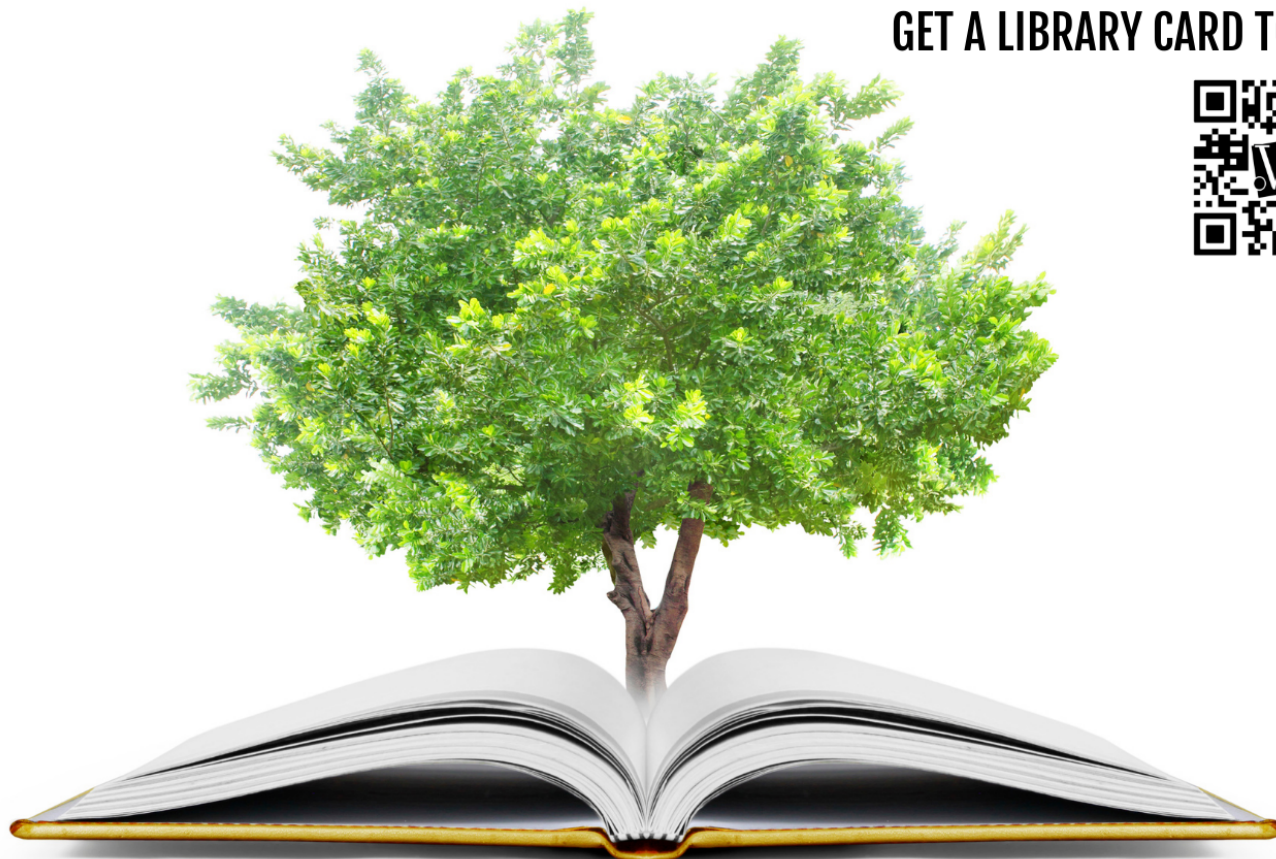
(410) 835-2353

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: CLOSED

"Wicomico Public Library has been such a gift to my girls and I. Since we've relocated we have been welcomed so seamlessly into the community and have managed to make a plethora of beautiful relationships. So fortunate for the staff who is knowledgeable, helpful and has made an abundance of resources readily available to find whenever requested. They offer a variety of activities that are always fun, engaging and even educational. We look forward to the newsletter/magazine to inform us of our exciting new adventures ahead. We are thankful for you all and appreciate all you do."

- Sarbanes Branch Patron

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