Spring is here, and as we look forward to the renewal of warmth, we take this time to look at change and growth. No matter where you are in your personal journey, there's always something to learn and improve.

All of our library branches provide opportunities to build a wide variety of skills and to expand knowledge. Stream an audiobook with Hoopla Digital. Peruse the Great Courses or Curiosity Stream and learn something new. Dive into Creativebug and create something amazing!

Growth is change. Wicomico Public Library has launched a new website that is easier to navigate and a shiny new events calendar for you to sign up for programs. You'll also be able to see the availability of meeting rooms at Sarbanes Branch and link to reserve them online!
NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE!

On February 14th, we launched a brand new website design, as well as a redesigned logo. Browse for library programs and events, reserve a meeting room, or find a great new read with one of our easy to navigate digital resources.

STORYWALK®

Warmer weather encourages us to get outside more. A great way to get moving outside, and enjoy a fun story on the way, the Story Walk Downtown features a new story every month, for kids of all ages! The Storywalk starts at the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch, travels along the Riverwalk of Downtown Salisbury, and ends at Route 13. Enjoy the scenic views and engage your body and mind with this fun activity.

LIGHT OF LITERACY

Last chance to nominate a Luminary is March 14th this year. Print out the entry form from lightofliteracy.org or grab a form from any of our branches. Tickets to attend the Light of Literacy Awards go on sale on March 1st. The Ceremony takes place on May 18th.

The new prices for tickets will be $35 for the public. Friends Members will be able to purchase them at a discount for $25.

Visit www.lightofliteracy.org to purchase your tickets!

SAVE THE DATE

Spring BI-ANNUAL BOOKSALE

April 14th - 16th, 2023
WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 410-749-3612 X140.

COME LEARN SOME WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR READER FOR READ ACROSS AMERICA BY LEARNING ABOUT THE DIGITAL LIBRARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD.

READ N’ GO - CENTRE AT SALISBURY FRI, MAR. 10, 4PM - 7PM
READ N’ GO - CIVIC CENTRE FRI, MAR. 24, 4PM - 7PM

LADY DOCTOR: A VISIT WITH ELIZABETH BLACKWELL SAT, MAR. 11, 2PM-3PM - PAUL S. SARBANES BRANCH

In this one woman show, Beth Ohlsson brings Elizabeth Blackwell to life and sheds light on her remarkable journey to become the first woman doctor in the Western World. You will hear her struggles and triumphs, as well as her hopes for the future, in this brave new world called America. There will be time after the presentation for questions. Due to a graphic discussion of a surgical procedure, this program may not be suitable for young children.

We are looking for volunteers. For more information call 410-749-3612 x140.
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

* = REGISTRATION REQUIRED

PAUL S. SARBANES BRANCH

THE LEGO CHALLENGE
WED, MAR. 1 & 15, 3:30PM - 5PM

The LEGO Challenge is open at the Paul S. Sarbanes - Downtown Branch! Children ages 5-11 are invited to build with LEGOs and learn about their community and world while developing skills and confidence. We will supply the LEGOS and you supply the imagination! LEGO Wii games will be available as well. Join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month for this free program.

FROM HERE AND BACK WITH MOLLY MACGREGOR
THU, MAR. 9, 4:15PM - 4:45PM

Join us for a special hybrid storytelling event on Facebook Live and in-person. This program for families and children is presented by Beth Ohlsson’s creation, Molly MacGregor. Molly McGregor is from “Once Upon a Time,” a land where time stands still. There are wondrous creatures and compelling characters, whose stories and amazing adventures Molly happily shares with all manners of humans - tiny and otherwise.

STORYTIME AGES 0-5
THU, MAR. 2, 9, & 23, 10:30AM - 11AM

All 0-5 year olds and their caregivers are welcome to join us at the Paul S. Sarbanes downtown library for stories, music, singing, finger plays, and a craft on the first four Thursdays of each month. This half-hour program is designed to introduce young children to the joys of reading and STEAM activities and to encourage parents/caregivers to read with their children at home. The program is free and does not require registration.

THURSDAY GAMING
THU, MAR. 2 & 16, 4PM - 4:45PM

Come play your favorite WiiU and xbox One S games at the Sarbanes Branch! A selection of board games will also be available. Thursday Gaming will take place the first and third Thursday of each month! Open to middle and high school students.

COMPUTER TUTOR SARBANES BRANCH
MON, MAR. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1030AM - 11:30AM

Learn computer basics such as email, search engines, password safety, and more through the self-paced, hands-on program.

STEAM & ROBOTICS CLUB
WED, MAR. 8 & 22, 3:30PM - 5PM

Imagine, design, explore, build, and discover using STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math! Bring your curiosity and imagination to play with Snap Circuits, littleBits, and more!

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PAWS TO READ
MON, MAR. 13 & 27, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

The Paws to Read program allows your child to read aloud to a dog for 5 - 7 minutes. Children must be 4-12 years old, accompanied by an adult, and not have any allergies to dogs. You may bring your own books or choose chapter or picture books from the library to read. Permission slips may be filled out the day of program.
MANGA/ANIME CLUB  
TUE, MAR. 14, 4PM - 4:45PM  
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.

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE BLISS BAKING CLASS  
SAT, MAR. 18, 1PM - 1:45PM  
Do you love sweet treats? Do you especially love yummy chocolate desserts? Then this is the class for you! Join us for a “Chocolate Brownie Bliss” baking class where we will learn step by step how to make warm, gooey fudgy brownies from scratch. We will use basic ingredients that you probably already have in your pantry. This class will last about 45 minutes and will be interactive. Although this recipe is traditionally made using a stovetop and oven, we will adapt and use a microwave oven and Air Fryer Toaster Oven. We can't wait to see you!

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING*  
TUE, MAR. 21, 4PM - 4:45PM  
All middle and high school students are invited to our Teen Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting. Come learn about online resources and volunteer opportunities the library offers and share your ideas for teen programming while earning one service learning hour.

CENTRE BRANCH  
COMPUTER TUTOR AT CENTRE BRANCH  
MONS & WEDS, 3PM - 5PM  
Looking for some help using the computer? Centre Branch is here to help! Get assistance with Windows Office, Google Office, or basic internet browsing. Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome. Call to reserve your time slot.

JOB SEARCH HELP AT CENTRE BRANCH  
TUES & THUS, 3PM - 5PM  
In this fast-paced work environment, a good resume and job hunting skills are more important than ever. Centre Branch is hosting Job Search help hours. Get help building a resume and cover letter, as well as assistance with finding job postings. Call or email us to book an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

MUSIC MAKER STORYTIME  
WED, MAR. 1, 5:45PM - 6:30PM  
Celebrate Music Therapy day with a musical storytime at Centre Branch. There will be music, stories and crafts for children ages 5-12.

COFFEE CLUB  
THU, MAR 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 11AM - 12PM  
Stop by Centre Branch on Thursday mornings for the brand new Coffee Club. Enjoy coffee, tea or hot chocolate, read the paper or just chat with friends and start your day off right!

GAME ON! UNPLUGGED @ CENTRE  
FRI, MAR. 3 & 31, 4PM - 6PM  
Looking to challenge yourself or your friends to a game? Check out Centre's selection of board games like Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Pandemic, Uno, Rook, and more.

LET'S PAINT TOGETHER!*  
WED, MAR. 8, 11AM - 12PM  
WED, MAR. 22, 5PM - 6:45PM  
Let's paint together! Join us for a creative painting session. We will provide paints, brushes, and a canvas with an outline even novice artists can fill with color.

DROP IN D&D  
FRI, MAR. 10 & 24, 4PM - 5:45PM  
Interested in playing D&D but can't commit to long campaigns? Drop in D&D will let you randomly generate a character and play a one-shot game, no homework required!
ADVENTURE’S LEAGUE*
SAT, MAR. 11 & 25, 2PM - 4PM
The library is hosting a roleplaying program just for teens! Role playing games use cooperative storytelling in which they are the heroes. These games foster creativity, learning to work together, and applied math skills! This is an in-person program located at the Centre at Salisbury. Registration is required.

GAME ON! @ CENTRE
FRI, MAR. 17, 4PM - 6PM
Challenge a friend and come play at Centre Branch! Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Minecraft Dungeons and more. Show your competitive streak, and let’s Game On! Each Game On event will feature a different game.

PITTSVILLE BRANCH

GAME ON!: WINGSPLAN
THU, MAR. 9, 4PM - 6PM
Come by the Pittsville Branch and try your hand at the board game Wingspan! Meet new friends to play games with and have snacks as well!

GAME ON!: MARIO PARTY
THU, MAR. 16, 4PM - 6PM
Come by the Pittsville Branch and try your hand at Super Mario Party on our Nintendo Switch! Meet new friends to play games with and have snacks as well!

TEEN CONNECT
WED, MAR. 29, 3PM - 5PM
The Pittsville Library invites teens to come and hang out, watch a movie, have snacks, play games, get homework help, talk about what they’d like to do at their library, and more! Come to our very first Teen Connect meeting and see what we’re all about.

MOBILE SERVICES

READ N’ GO - CENTRE AT SALISBURY
FRI, MAR. 10, 4PM - 7PM
Come learn some ways to support your reader for Read Across America by learning about the digital library resources available to you with your library card. The Mobile Learning Lab will be located in the Centre at Salisbury parking lot near Route 13 entrance.

READ N’ GO - CIVIC CENTRE
FRI, MAR. 24, 4PM - 7PM
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VIRTUAL

READ ACROSS AMERICA BEANSTACK
March. 1-31
Reading can take you anywhere! Join your community and read across America this month. Log your reading to earn badges throughout the challenge.
www.wicomicolibrary.beanstack.org

THE REFERENCE DESK PODCAST
TUE, MAR. 21
Wicomico Libraries now has a Podcast! Tune in to “The Reference Desk” on Simplecast or our YouTube Page
wpl-reference-desk.simplecast.com

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB*
TUE, MAR. 21, 6PM - 7PM
Please join the Virtual Book Club from the comfort of your home for a relaxed discussion. Come prepared to share book(s) that you’re reading or have recently read. Registration is required. We will be using the Zoom platform. A link to join the book discussion will be sent to all registered the day before the program via email.

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DIGITAL LIBRARY
You have access to a variety of databases and resources with your library card! From magazines to ebooks, music to TV shows - not to mention all the resources to help with learning from home - there’s something for everyone. Visit the digital resources page on our website to see all of our free offerings.

Books To Go
With our Books to Go curbside service, getting materials has never been so easy! Simply place your requests online or by phone, and we'll schedule a curbside appointment when your items are ready. Then, pull up to the Library to pick up your items contact free! Patrons can request books, movies, audiobooks, video games and even laptop computers and WiFi hotspots!

Contact your closest branch:
Sarbanes Branch call 410-749-3612 x806
Centre Branch call 410-546-5397
Pittsville Branch call 410-835-2353.

COMING IN APRIL:
National Library Week: April 23 - 29