



COMMUNITY CARES

LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

PRORAMS & EVENTS

Herbert and Cristi, our Community Support Specialist, showing the Donation Space in Sarbanes Branch.

Staff Highlights

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

- 12/24 - Christmas Eve
- 12/25 - Christmas Day
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve
- 1/1 - New Year's Day
- 1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 2/19 - Presidents' Day



Staff Highlight: Al White – Custodian

The Library has all types of positions employed at the branches. Most are at the forefront greeting and assisting patrons every day. Al White has worked “behind the scenes” at the Sarbanes branch of Wicomico Public Library since November 2005 as the part-time custodian. He changed to full-time in that position in November 2022. The best way to describe Al besides hardworking, dedicated, and caring is how friendly he is to everyone including vendors, staff and patrons. Al has a way of looking at his job and situations that he deals with to find solutions to make changes to better the Library. He is always focused on how to help.

During COVID, Al was the first line of defense with cleaning to get rid of harmful bacteria spread by the virus. He researched and provided cleaning methods that made the Library clean and safe for all to return. He was one of three employees who stayed in the Library during the COVID lockdown and that cleaned from roof to basement.

Al is always flexible to adjust his hours as needed for special projects that are needed at the library. He will volunteer for assignments and is always helpful to anyone who will ask. There isn't enough space to list all accomplishments, but the Board of Trustees has awarded Al with the “Above and Beyond” award at the October 2023 Board Meeting for his outstanding service to the Library.

If you are in the Library, please stop by and congratulate him.

Wicomico Public Library Staff wishing you a happy 2024!



A heartfelt thank you to all our cherished patrons and esteemed community partners for making 2023 a remarkable year at our library. Wishing everyone a year filled with happiness and success in 2024!

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!

- In the original “Wonderful Wizard of Oz,” Dorothy’s signature ruby red slippers are silver shoes, and I have a feeling that she did not actually say “I have a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore” in the book!
- The original US print of “A Clockwork Orange” excluded the pivotal final chapter.
- “Dune” was rejected by twenty publishers prior to being accepted by Chilton firm, a publisher of car-repair manuals.
- Harper Lee and Truman Capote were friends– Capote dedicated “In Cold Blood” to Lee, and it is heavily implied that Capote inspired Dill’s character in “To Kill a Mockingbird.”
- Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” is the result of a game between Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley. Byron said “we will each write a ghost story,” and Mary was determined to win– the inspiration for the book came from Erasmus Darwin’s experiments on preservation (yes, father of Charles Darwin)!
- Beatrix Potter’s beloved bunny books about Peter Rabbit began as an illustrated letter, “The Tale of Peter Rabbit,” to her governess’ son. With a background in mycology and art, Potter went on to write and create watercolor illustrations for twenty more books of the adventures of Peter Rabbit & Co.
- The Baltimore Ravens bear the namesake of Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven.” Poe spent part of his career in Baltimore, and died there shortly under mysterious circumstances.

New to our collection

Pittsville Branch is thrilled to announce a fantastic addition to our library collection that is sure to spark excitement in young minds and bring families closer together in the new year. Building on the success of our adult board game collection, we are delighted to present our new selection of classic and educational board and card games for children and families to check out and enjoy at home!



DISCOVER YOUR NEXT READ



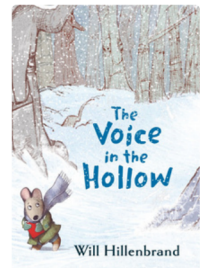
These Burning Stars by Bethany Jacobs

Science Fiction,
Fantasy

A collection of noble families has an iron grip on power in the far-off star system known as the Kindom. But if the appropriate person discovers a single secret, everything might be altered. A first book in a new trilogy.

The Voice in the Hollow by Will Hillenbrand

Children's & YA
Picture Book



The ideal book to read as a snowstorm is blowing outside, *The Voice in the Hollow* is endearing, and just a little bit frightening. Hubert had no idea that going to the library would result in an actual adventure when he is forced to venture out into the cold on his own after a snowstorm interrupts his reading time.

The Voice in the Hollow captures the emotions of being trapped during a snowstorm—feelings of uncertainty and danger, as well as the warmth and safety of eventually making it home and having a fantastic story to tell.

Find more at BookPage.com

Community Cares

WINTER DONATIONS

As winter blankets our community, let's come together in the spirit of giving. The Community Support Center at our library is now accepting donations to assist those in need during these cold months. Your generosity can make a meaningful difference by providing warmth, sustenance, and hope.

We are currently in need of the following essential items that would greatly benefit those seeking assistance:

- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Tents
- Tarps
- Socks
- Gently used clothes/shoes
- Winter coats
- Feminine Hygiene products
- Diapers
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Baby wipes
- Packs of underwear
- Backpacks/bags/suitcases (in good condition)
- Ready-to-eat food items (items that come in pouches, pull-top cans, granola bars, things that do not require a heat source)
- Bottles of water
- Reusable bags

Your kind donation can warm hearts and make a significant impact on the lives of those less fortunate. Let's unite in the spirit of giving and make this winter season a little bit brighter for everyone.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

The Community Support Center is open and available to assist patrons in making connections with community resources, referrals, and filling out documents.

Please call Cristi at 410-749-3612 Ext: 161 or 443-359-7228. The Community Support Center is open Monday-Friday but hours may vary. Please call to check availability and current operating hours.

Agape House

Provides free clothing to individuals and families in need.
2303 Hudson Dr, Salisbury, MD 21804-3321
decagapehouse@gmail.com

Affordable Connectivity Program

Provides community members with free or reduced cost internet service to qualifying households.

Learn about qualifying households here:

www.affordableconnectivity.gov/do-i-qualify/

Apply online here- tinyurl.com/4dzf9wr2

Lifeline/Safelink Wireless

Provides a free cellphone to qualifying individuals.

www.safelinkwireless.com/en/#!/aboutLifeline

Beyond Your Walls

Provides a free shower service to residents of Wicomico County every Tuesday from 9 am-11:45 am

129 Broad St. Salisbury, MD 21801

Geordan@beyondyourwallsinc.org

www.facebook.com/beyondyourwalls4

Lower Shore Workforce Alliance

Provides individuals with trade skills and on-the-job placement training.

31901 Tri-County Way, Salisbury, MD 21804

(410) 341-6515

lswa.org

Safe Station

For individuals seeking treatment and recovery services - Open 24/7

(443) 783-6875

726 S. Salisbury Blvd. Salisbury, MD 21804



Art and Culture

Facts in the Stacks Fundraiser



The Friends of the Wicomico Public Library will be hosting a "Facts in the Stacks" Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, December 9th at 7pm in the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch.



Enjoy general trivia, yummy desserts, 50/50 raffles, and more!

For registration and more information scan the QR Code or visit wicomicolibrary.org.

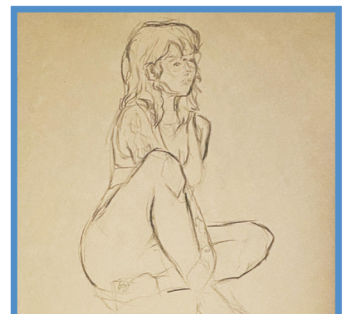
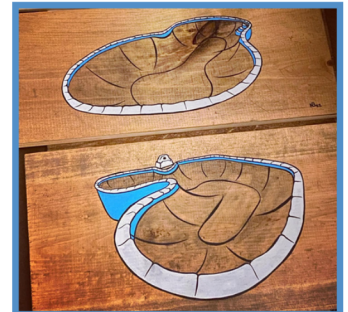


Artist Spotlight – Nadine Brittingham

Communities are shaped by their cultural folds and divides, and brought together through their people and their visions. Realizing a future of the county's creative landscape, Nadine Brittingham began her career at Becker Morgan Group as a graphic designer following her time at Delaware College of Art and Design, taking interest in Downtown Salisbury's art planning, including murals and the StoryWalk along the river, the latter a beloved part of Wicomico Public Library's Sarbanes branch. You can thank her mapmaking talents for the revitalized stops!

Nadine currently serves as Events Coordinator for the City of Salisbury Arts, Business, & Culture Department, and is heavily involved with Downtown Salisbury's Third Fridays, having led urban printmaking on canvas bags for September's "Urban Artscapes" theme, with a goal of connecting people, vendors, and businesses to support each other. Her interests transcend mediums: illustration, painting, multimedia, woodworking, and ceramics; her other passion for skating inspired her to learn how to and help build DIY skate spots locally (she even makes waffles for those who come out)!

Nadine brings people together through more than events; she aims to connect local artists with grants and developers who provide guidance for them to get their art recognized and celebrated, paving the way for their own artistic careers. She hopes to continue to work with the Public Arts Planning Committee, Rommel Entrepreneurship Center, and promote local art galleries. You can check out Nadine's recent paintings showcased Sby Art Space Exhibition, currently featuring local artisans from the Eastern Shore.



Beanstack Winter Reading Challenges

Explore the enchanting world of books and ignite the joy of reading this winter with our Beanstack Winter Reading Challenges. With tailored challenges for every age and interest, there's a literary adventure awaiting you. Some challenges even extend throughout 2024, promising a year filled with delightful reading experiences. Don't miss out—sign up today at wicomicolibrary.beanstack.org!

WINTER READING 2024: WHERE WE COME FROM 1/1/24 – 1/31/24

Every person has a rich history and unique stories to tell — dive deeper into your own this winter!



GENRE BINGO CHALLENGE 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

This year, challenge yourself to read beyond what you can imagine! Stretch your reading skills and explore new genres, or specific types of books.



THE GREAT ESCAPE 1/1/24 – 12/31/24

Reading can be a great escape! Books and stories can transport you to a completely different place.



MISCHIEF MANAGED READING CHALLENGE 12/1/23 – 2/29/24

Try this Harry Potter-themed challenge!



Additionally, if you're visiting your local library branch, be sure to inquire about our ongoing Beanstack Reading Challenges. Engage your young ones with our "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, and upon joining, receive a special book to kickstart their reading journey. Plus, don't miss our "Reading Dragons" collector cards—earn these colorful cards as you log your reading.



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: 12/2, 1/6 & 2/3; 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: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26;

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.

LET'S PLAY! COLLABORATIVE GAME TIME

MON: 12/4 & 12/18;

4:30PM - 5:30PM

Let's Play! provides an opportunity for children ages 6-11 to collaborate on their favorite games! A selection of video and board games will be available for each one hour session.

IF YOU GIVE A KID A BOOK - MIDDLE GRADE BOOK CLUB

TUE, DEC. 5; 4PM - 5PM

If you give a kid a book, they'll want to read another! Join us on the first Tuesday of each month for our graphic novel book club. This book club is designed for middle grade readers, but all kids are welcome!

- Dec. book: Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

STORYTIME AGES 0-5

THU: 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22; 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.

MINI-MONTESSORI FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS

FRI, 12/8, 12/22, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9 & 2/23; 10:15AM - 11:15AM

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

READING DRAGONS*

SAT: 12/9, 1/13 & 2/10; 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.



HOMESCHOOL MAKER MONDAY*

MON: 12/11, 1/8, 1/22, 2/12 & 2/26; 2PM - 3PM

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math through fun activities at Homeschool Maker Monday! All homeschool students ages 6 to 10 are invited to join us the second and fourth Monday of each month to learn all about STEAM! Registration is required.

CODING FOR KIDS

MON, DEC. 11; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

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

STEAM & ROBOTICS CLUB

WED: 12/13, 12/27, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14 & 2/28; 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!

WINTER WONDERLAND*

THU, DEC. 14; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Get your mittens on and come chill with us at our winter wonderland party. We're crafting graham cracker houses and snowmen, playing icy games, and grooving to frosty tunes. Don't miss out on the fun!

HOLIDAY STORYTIME W/ THE MOBILE SERVICES CREW

SAT, DEC. 16; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

The Mobile Services Crew is hosting a Holiday Storytime led by Miss Deirdre. Join us for fun stories, music, and a craft! This will be held in the Children's Program room of the Sarbanes Branch.

I SURVIVED BOOK CLUB

TUE: 1/2 & 2/6; 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. Participants can check out the book from the library or download the ebook from Hoopla, a library resource.

*Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit the Events Calendar at www.wicomicolibrary.org/events

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Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BEDTIME STORYTIME

TUES: 1/2, 1/16, 2/6 & 2/20;
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 January and February. Feel free to wear your pajamas as this will be a cozy storytime where you can wind down at the end of the day!



RHYTHM AND ROOTS DRUM WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE

THU, JAN. 11; 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Rhythm and Roots is a percussion-based program where participants will explore making music with traditional drum kits and bucket drums accompanied by hip hop hits from past and present. Participants will learn to count beats and put on a mini concert.

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A LIBRARIAN?

WED, FEB. 28; 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Attendees will be assigned onto four teams to compete in Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?

Teams will be competing against library staff in a night of trivia fun to see who will come out on top! A prize will be awarded to the winning team!

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CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

HOMESCHOOL ART 101*

FRI: 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2 &
2/16; 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.

POKÉCLUB

TUE: 12/12, 1/9 & 2/13; 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Poké fans unite! Join us for Pokémon games, activities, and more.

SWIFTIE PARTY

WED, DEC. 13; 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Celebrate Taylor Swift's birthday in style. Dress as your favorite era for an enchanted evening! Activities will include making friendship bracelets, taking pictures at the photo booth, and a Swiftie Scavenger Hunt!

JUST FOR TEENS

GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB*

- GRADES 6 TO 12

SAT: 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9,
12/16, 1/6, 1/13 & 1/20; 1PM - 3PM

Join our club to learn from fun and simple online coding tutorials, build community through interactive activities, and learn about inspiring role models. Club members will work in teams to design and build a Girls Who Code Project that solves real world problems you care about through code! Please note that participants are meant to attend all sessions of this program as each session builds on the previous one.

ANIME AND MANGA CLUB

TUE: 12/12, 1/9 & 2/13; 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: 12/19, 1/16 & 2/20; 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.



CRAFTERNOON*

WED: 12/20, 1/17 & 2/21; 4PM - 5PM

Let's have fun and make some art! Patrons 12-18 are invited to join us for a relaxed afternoon crafting session. All materials are provided and participants will take home their project at the end of the group.

CROCHET 101*

TUE: 1/23 & 2/27; 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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Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm



DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN*

SAT: 2/3, 2/10 & 2/17; 1PM - 3PM

Do you want to learn digital illustration or photoshop? Come join us in our STEAM Lab to learn the basics and explore the possibilities! Teens 12-18 are welcome and pre-registration is required.



THE SOUND OF SCIENCE*

SUN, FEB. 18; 2PM - 4PM

Learn how a record is made while recording one during the program. Using a "Mad Libs" style template, participants will write stories that are then recorded on vinyl.

Join us in meeting room #1. Presented by Kaiju Records, Salisbury, MD. Funding for this program is provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.



EMPOWERING YOUNG READERS: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO NURTURING EARLY LITERACY *

SAT: 12/2, 12/16 & 12/30; 2PM - 3PM

Join us for an enlightening workshop designed to empower parents of kindergarten to 2nd-grade students with the essential insights into the science of reading. There will be an activity available for any children attending with their care givers.

COMPUTER TUTOR

MON: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12 & 2/26; 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Learn the basics in this Computer Tutor Series! Self-paced, hands-on learning of just the basics. Questions at the end. Registration is preferred; walk-ins are welcome.

ADULT YOGA PROGRAM - SOUL YOGA*

WED: 12/13, 12/27, 1/24, 2/7 & 2/21; 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.

ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT*

THU, JAN. 11; 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.



DROP-IN GIFT WRAPPING PARTY

SAT, DEC. 16; 10AM - 4PM

Do you need a place to wrap gifts away from prying eyes? Join us for a drop-in gift wrapping party!

Bring your holiday gifts. We'll provide the space, festive music, cozy hot drinks, wrapping paper, tape, and scissors. Don't have gifts to wrap? No problem! We'll have some Friends of the Library merchandise for sale.

WINTER PAINT NIGHT*

THU, JAN. 18; 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Come out and create a masterpiece of your very own to hang on your wall! We will be supplying acrylic paints, canvases, and our own resident artist as help and guidance. You supply the talent!

SUNDAY SCRABBLE & MORE

SUN: 12/10, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11 & 2/25; 1:30PM - 2:30PM

Stop by the Sarbanes Branch for an afternoon of wordsmithing with the classic game Scrabble. If Scrabble isn't your game, try one of our other classic games (Checkers, Chess, or Parcheesi).

JIGSAW WARS

SAT, JAN. 13; 11AM - 1PM

Build your team and compete against others in a race to complete a jigsaw puzzle! Are you up for a challenge? Teams can have up to 3 members. When registering your team, please sign up together. Select "intermediate" for a 500 piece puzzle or "easy" for a 300 piece puzzle.

Centre Branch

(410) 546 - 5397

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: CLOSED

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIME WITH NANA

WED: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21 & 2/28; 11AM - 12PM

Join us every Wednesday in our Storybook Room as Nana reads fun stories, sings songs, and teaches a fun craft for everyone to take home with them. Crafts are appropriate for children ages 2-5, but younger (and older) ones can come and listen to the stories as well. Registration is helpful to reserve your seat, but drop-ins are welcome.



TAKE & MAKES

TUESDAY: 12/12, 1/9 & 2/13

Come pick up one of our popular Take & Make kits on the second Tuesday of every month. Each month we will have a holiday or seasonal-themed kit that will be suitable for the whole family to enjoy. Limit two kits per person while supplies last.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

GAME ON! VIRTUALLY

FRI: 12/8, 12/22, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2 & 2/16
3:30PM - 5:00PM

Game On! at the Centre has a new twist. Come and play virtual reality games and experience VR immersive adventures. Drop-ins are welcome.

* - Registration is required.

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TEEN PROGRAMS

ADVENTURE'S LEAGUE D&D CLUB

SAT: 12/9, 12/23, 1/6, 1/20, 2/3 & 2/17;
2PM - 4PM

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

CENTRE BRANCH MANGA CLUB

MON, DEC. 11; 5PM - 6PM

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!

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

SEWING WITH SUMMER: WINTER PLUSH CHARMS*

THU, DEC. 21; 5:45PM - 6:45PM

Welcome winter by making an adorable polar bear plush! Supplies will be provided, and we'll walk you through step by step so you'll leave with your very own hand-made friend!

BEGINNERS SCRAPBOOKING*

TUE, JAN. 2; 5PM - 6PM

Start the new year off by honoring the memories from before. We'll talk about why some people scrapbook, show some examples of completed pages, and get you started on your first one! This is a hands-on activity with supplies provided.

DIAMOND PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS*

(SESSION 1) TUE, JAN. 16; 4PM - 6PM

(SESSION 2) TUE, JAN. 23; 4PM - 6PM

Need a fun, relaxing hobby? If so then diamond painting may be for you. This is a two-session project so please sign up for both sessions.

ADULT PROGRAMS

COFFEE CLUB

THU: 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 & 2/29;
10:30AM - 12:00PM

Enjoy coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, read the paper or just chat with friends and start your day off right! Help us save paper, bring a mug!

SENIOR GEEKS ACADEMY*

Are you a senior (or close to it) who wants to get more tech-savvy?

WED. 1:00PM - 2:30PM

- 12/6 & 1/31 - Computer Basics
- 12/13 & 2/7 - The Internet
- 12/20 & 2/14 - Learning about Email
- 1/3 & 2/21 - Microsoft Word
- 1/10 & 2/28 - How to Use Zoom
- 1/17 - Learn About Social Media
- 1/24 - All About Ebooks and Digital Entertainment

CRICUT FOR BEGINNERS*

(PART 1) TUE, DEC. 12; 4PM - 6PM

(PART 2) TUE, DEC. 19; 4PM - 6PM

Join us as we learn how to get started using the Cricut Machine. A Cricut is a cutting machine that can cut a wide variety of materials for your craft projects. This is a two-part class.

MAKE YOUR OWN PERSONALIZED COFFEE MUG*

WED, JAN. 10; 4PM - 6PM

Come make your own personalized coffee mug using the Cricut machine and Cricut Design Space.

SINGLES ROMANCE BOOK MIXER

TUE, FEB. 13; 5PM - 7PM

Find a nice romance book to be your date for Valentine's Day this year, and maybe discuss some books with others too! Drop-ins Welcome.

Pittsville Branch

(410) 835 - 2353

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: CLOSED

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

MS. KAT & FRIENDS - PUPPETS & STORIES

THU, 12/7, 1/4 & 2/1; 11AM - 12PM

Join Ms. Kat and her puppet friends for a special storytime. Ages birth to whenever you stop believing in magic! Drop-ins welcome.



JUST FOR TEENS

PITTSVILLE BRANCH MANGA CLUB

MON, 12/4, 1/8, & 2/5; 4PM - 5PM

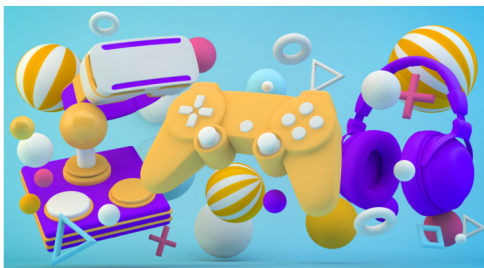
Calling all teen manga and anime enthusiasts, both new and seasoned! If you're passionate about the captivating worlds, rich storytelling, and dynamic characters found in manga and anime, this is the club you've been waiting for!

GAME ON!

THURSDAYS FROM 4PM - 6PM

Play your favorite video games at the branch. Drop-ins welcome.

- 12/21: Minecraft on PlayStation 4
- 1/18: Super Smash Bros on Nintendo Switch
- 2/15: Dreams on PlayStation 4



TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

CREATIVE JOURNALING*

THU, DEC. 14; 4PM - 5PM

Join us as we learn how to create journals to express our thoughts, feelings, and ideas creatively. We will integrate art and words to enhance our expressions and create a living document that will reflect our inner conversations.

BOOK BINGO*

THU, FEB. 8; 6PM - 7PM

Join us at the Pittsville Branch and get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some cool library & book-related prizes and of course...BOOKS!! Pre-registration is required. No drop-ins please, space is limited.



BEGINNERS SEWING*

TUE, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 & 2/27; 5PM - 6PM

This is a beginner class where students will be learning the basics of sewing, including understanding how to use your sewing machine and its accessories, sewing terminology, sewing notions, and tips and tricks for beginners. Bring your own machine if you have one.



TIK TOK MADE ME READ IT BOOK CLUB

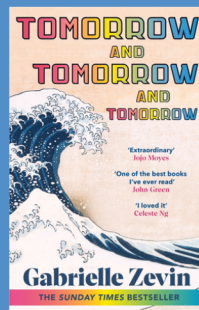
Wednesdays from 6PM - 7PM

Join our book club, where we read and discuss the books that are trending on BookTok. If you don't have a copy of the book, contact your local branch to order a copy.

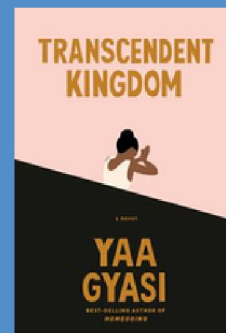
12/27 - Before The Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi



1/24 - Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin



2/28 - Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi



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:

- ShopRite in Hebron – TUE, DEC. 12; 10AM – 2PM
- Willards Lions Community Center – TUE, JAN. 9; 10AM – 2PM
- Crown Sports Center – TUE, JAN. 23; 10AM – 2PM
- Oak Ridge – TUE, FEB. 13; 10AM – 2PM
- ShopRite in Hebron – TUE, FEB. 27; 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

READER VAN SERVICE

Have a local daycare and want supplement material? Our Reader Van is a transit van that brings educational materials to daycares in the form of curriculum-centered-themed totes and storytimes.

CHESS CLUB

WED: 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/7 & 2/21;
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.

ORNAMENT MAKING WITH CRICUT

SAT, DEC. 9; 10AM – 12PM

Centre at Salisbury parking lot

Stop by the Mobile Learning Lab (parked in the Centre at Salisbury parking lot near the old Macy's) to make a custom ornament using our Cricut. Take a break from your holiday shopping and join us. You could always give it as a gift to that hard to buy for person!

E-GAMING DAY

SAT, JAN. 20; 1PM – 4PM

Winterplace Park

Try out our tech gaming options on board the Mobile Learning Lab! We will have our Nintendo Switch, VR headset, tablets, and computers available for use.

COFFEE & SCRAPBOOKING: SHARE & CREATE

SAT, FEB. 17; 10AM – 12PM

Henson YMCA parking lot

Do you scrapbook? Thinking about getting into it? Come out and share your ideas, create some pages, and sip some coffee (tea and hot chocolate also available).

STORYWALK @ LEONARD MILL PARK

Winter Storywalk 01/02 – 01/16

How to catch a snowman by Adam Wallace

February Storywalk 02/06 – 02/20
See snowmen at work by Caralyn Buehner

TRIVIA NIGHT

HOLIDAY MOVIE TRIVIA*

THU, DEC. 7; 6PM – 8PM

Oak Ridge Church parking lot

Join Mobile Services staff for trivia night in the Oak Ridge Church parking lot inside the Mobile Learning Lab! Bring your family and test your knowledge about holiday movies! Up to four people per team. Registration is required. Each team member must register.

TALL TALES TAPHOUSE

BOOKS & BREW TRIVIA NIGHT*

THU, JAN. 4; 6PM – 8PM

Tall Tales Taphouse

Join Mobile Services staff for trivia night at Tall Tales Taphouse! Bring your friends and have a drink or dinner and test your knowledge about books! Up to four adults per team. Registration is required. Each team member must register.

DOUBLES TRIVIA NIGHT*

THU, FEB. 1; 6PM – 8PM

Crown Sports Center parking lot

Join Mobile Services staff for trivia night in the Crown Sports Center parking lot inside the Mobile Learning Lab! Bring your significant other or bestie and test your knowledge about famous duos! Teams of two. Registration is required. Each team member must register.

Virtual Programs and Online Services

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB*

TUE: 1/16 & 2/20; 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.

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.

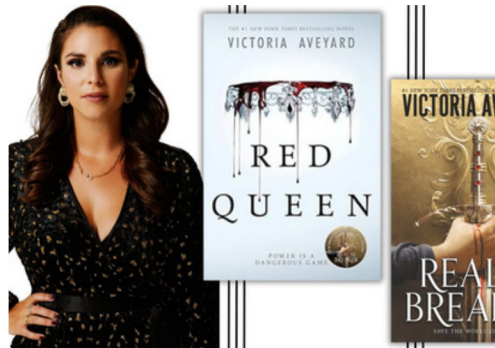
Visit our youtube page at youtube.com/@wicomicopubliclibrary to find out more!



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.

LET'S TALK WORLD BUILDING: VICTORIA AVEYARD



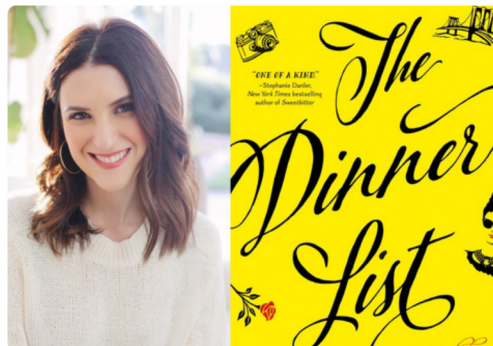
TUE, DECEMBER 5TH
AT 7:00 PM EST

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH STEPHANIE LAND



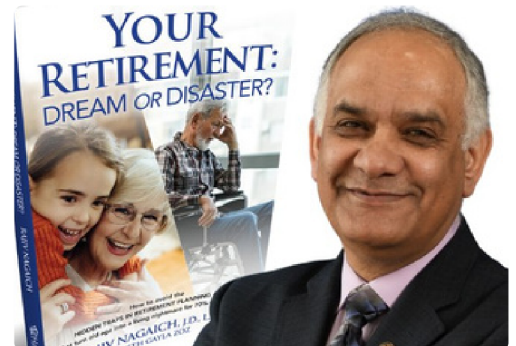
TUE, DECEMBER 12TH
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AN AUTHOR TALK WITH REBECCA SERLE



WED, JANUARY 10TH
AT 8:00 EST

AN AUTHOR TALK WITH RAJIV NAGAICH



TUE, JANUARY 23RD
AT 2:00 PM EST

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER:**
WWW.LIBRARYC.ORG/WICOMICOLIBRARY



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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

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!

The statistics are staggering: 9,000 people in our county don't have a high school diploma, 1 in 7 people can't read above a third-grade level, and 11,000 people speak little to no English. These individuals face significant challenges in their daily lives, from difficulty finding employment to struggling to communicate with healthcare providers and so much more.

But you can make a difference. By volunteering with our adult literacy program, you can help these individuals improve their reading, writing, and English language skills. You'll work one-on-one with learners, helping them develop the skills they need to succeed in today's world.

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

PASSPORT SERVICES

Are you planning to travel for the holidays and need a passport? Be mindful of the current time frames the State Department is giving for processing applications.

Passport services are available at the Centre Branch, located in the Centre at Salisbury Mall. We can help you obtain or renew your passport. We have expanded our appointment days and times.

New Passport Service Hours

- Tuesday - Thursday: 11 to 5
- Friday & Saturday: 11 to 3

Our passport services are available by appointment only. To make an appointment or for further questions, please contact the Centre Branch by calling 410-546-5397.

Our knowledgeable staff will guide you through the process and ensure that your application is complete and accurate.



Visit the website travel.state.gov to download the passport application and to check the status of your passport.

FRIENDS OF THE WICOMICO PUBLIC LIBRARY



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.

It also demonstrates to local leaders that the Library is vital to our community and continues the Library's base of support.

To make this easier, the Friends are now using the Join It platform, so you'll be able to join and renew your membership, modify your information, and even go paperless! So now it is even easier to join the Friends of Wicomico Public Library today!

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

ALL FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP LEVELS INCLUDE
2 FREE BOOKS FROM THE BOOKSHELF BOOK STORE.

- ☐ BOOKWORM (INDIVIDUAL) \$15
- ☐ BOOK COLLECTORS (FAMILY)..... \$25
- ☐ BOOK LOVER \$50
- ☐ BESTSELLER \$100
- ☐ DONATIONS

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.



SAVE THE DATE

The Friends will be hosting multiple fundraisers this coming year. Come out and show your support!

FACTS IN THE STACKS

Trivia Fun that Gives Back
Dec. 9th at 7pm
Paul S. Sarbanes Branch

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Form your team, read best selling books, and battle to be champions!
Mar. 9th at 7pm
Paul S. Sarbanes Branch

BOOK SHELF

The Book Shelf is our volunteer run used bookstore and gift shop located in the lobby of the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch. Thanks to our Friends of the Library Volunteers, the Book Shelf is major source of additional funding for our Wicomico Public Library.

HOURS:

Mon - Sat: 10am - 4pm
Sunday: Closed

* Hours are subject to volunteer availability.

PRICE LIST

- Hardcover \$2.00
- Paperback \$2.00
- Small Paperback \$1.00
- Youth \$1.00
- Media Shelf \$1.00
- Tote Bag \$1.50

* Gift Items are Priced as Marked.

Paul S. Sarbanes Branch Downtown Salisbury

(410) 749 - 3612

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



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



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