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Champion Reading. Build Knowledge. Inspire Curiosity. Connect Community.

# Winter Reading

DECEMBER 18-FEBRUARY 29

## Instructions

Choose from our Winter Reading menu & check off the circles as you complete reading challenges.

For each challenge completed, earn a raffle ticket for a Book Lovers Basket prize.

Complete 2 challenges to earn a mug.

Complete 3 challenges to earn a chance to win 2 tickets to the Friends Foundation's Kentucky Derby party, Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Submit your raffle entry for each completed challenge at any branch of the Cecil County Public Library.

Visit the library's website or the CCPL Readers Group on Facebook for reading recommendations for each challenge.



Scan for more info

## Reading Challenge Menu



### Hot Chocolate Bombs

Have a blast with an explosive, action-packed thriller



### Berger Cookies

Savor a uniquely Maryland read with a book set in Maryland or written by a local author



### Tres Leches Cake

Enjoy a flavor-filled read where more than one character shares the spotlight



### Smith Island Cake

Delight your taste buds with a lengthy read or the first in a series



### Baked Alaska

Layer up and take the plunge into a cold-weather read



### Salt Water Taffy

Snack on a book featuring a salty character with a sweet side



### Gingerbread House

Taste the deliciousness of a book where a house takes center stage



### Baklava

Sweeten your day with a title translated from another language

## Bonus



### Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Flip to the bottom of your TBR pile for a sweet read

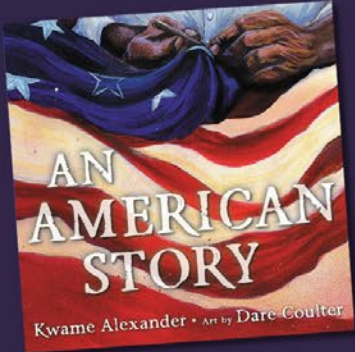


### Chocolate Sampler

Treat yourself to one of our scrumptious programs!

FEBRUARY IS

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**2024  
CORETTA  
SCOTT KING  
ILLUSTRATOR  
AWARD  
WINNER**

From the fireside tales in an African village, through the unspeakable passage across the Atlantic, to the backbreaking work in the fields of the South, this is a story of a people's struggle and strength, horror and hope.

**Visit our website to put this book on hold!**



## GUIDE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Are you trying to find your roots? If you're running into some brick walls with your genealogical research, or just don't know how to get started, this guide from the Enoch Pratt Free Library should be helpful to you.



## IN FREEDOM'S NAME

MARYLAND'S BLACK MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR DEFENSE OF LIBERTY

**ON DISPLAY AT THE NORTH EAST BRANCH LIBRARY THROUGH FEBRUARY**



This exhibit chronicles and commemorates the selfless contributions African American men and women have made to our national defense and the expansion of freedom over nearly 400 years.

Registration opens two weeks prior to the program date for all Children's programs. Visit our website or your local branch to register.

### **Kids' Academy**

*Ages 6-11*

Monday, 2/5 at 1pm  
Rising Sun

Wednesday, 2/14 at 1pm  
Elkton

Tuesday, 2/27 at 11am & 1pm  
North East

### **Kids Can Cook: Fruit Pizza**

*Ages 8-11*

Wednesday, 2/7 at 3:30pm  
North East

### **The Delaware Historical Society Presents: African American Heroes**

*Ages 6-11*

Wednesday, 2/7 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

### **Tween Academy**

*Ages 9-14*

Thursday, 2/8 at 1pm  
North East

Monday, 2/26 at 1pm  
Elkton

### **Starlight StoryTime**

*For families with children ages 3-5*

Thursday, 2/8 at 6:30pm  
Elkton

Wednesday, 2/21 at 6pm  
North East

### **PAWS for Reading**

*Ages 4-11*

Thursday, 2/8 at 6:30pm  
North East

Wednesday, 2/21 at 6:30pm  
Elkton

### **Create Art with Science!**

*Ages 6-11*

Monday, 2/12 at 1pm  
Rising Sun

### **Birds of Winter**

*Ages 6-14*

Wednesday, 2/14 at 3:30pm  
Cecilton Community Building

### **STEAM Lab**

*Ages 6-11*

Wednesday, 2/14 at 3:30pm & 6pm  
North East

### **Martial Arts for Kids**

*Ages 6-11*

Saturday, 2/17 at 11am  
Chesapeake City

### **ABC...Come Play with Me**

*For families with children ages birth-5*

Saturday, 2/24 at 11am  
North East

### **Illustration Lab: Paper Collage**

*Ages 8-11*

Wednesday, 2/28 at 3:30pm  
North East



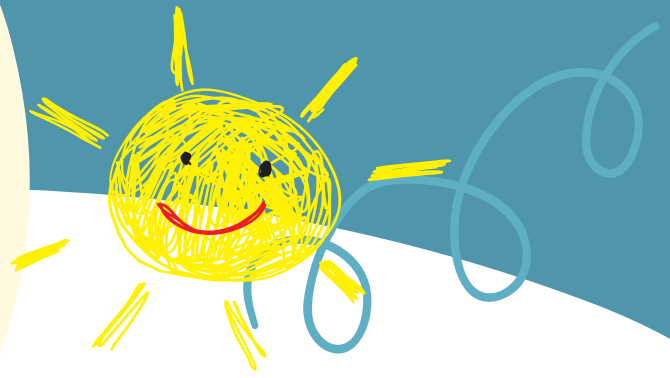
## **Bundle Up & Read at a CCPL Story Trail!**

Read a story with your family as you walk along the trail. Hop, skip, jump, or run to each new page and enjoy fun learning activities along the way.

**Story Trails are located at Brantwood, Calvert Regional, Conowingo, and Perryville Community Parks!**



# STORY TIME



**It's never too early to instill a love of reading!**

CCPL's StoryTimes develop early literacy skills by encouraging families to sing, talk, read, write, and play and provide a space for families to connect with one another.

StoryTimes are held weekly at most branches and are free to attend. Check the schedule for the best fit for your family.

## **Cecilton Community Building**

**Family Storytime | Ages birth-5**  
Every other Wednesday at 10:30 AM (2/7 & 2/21)

## **Elkton**

**Family Storytime | Ages birth-5**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM

## **Rising Sun**

**Family Storytime | Ages birth-5**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

**Movers & Groovers | Ages 2-3 1/2**  
Thursdays at 10:30 AM

## **North East**

**Hello Baby | Pre-walking babies**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

**Baby Steps | One year olds**  
Tuesdays at 10:45 AM

**On My Own | Ages 3 1/2-5**  
Wednesdays at 10 AM

**Movers & Groovers | Ages 2-3 1/2**  
Thursdays at 9:30 AM

**Family StoryTime | Ages birth-5**  
Thursdays at 11am



**Scan to Register**

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Visit our website or your local branch to register.

**Teen Mental Health Night**  
*Grades 9-12*

Friday, 2/2 at 5pm  
North East

**Game On**  
*Grades 9-12*

Monday, 2/5 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Art Club**  
*Ages 11-17*

Monday, 2/5 at 4pm  
Cecilton Community Building

**Iron Hill Museum Presents:  
Dinosaurs and their Fossils**  
*Ages 11-17*

Tuesday, 2/6 at 5pm  
Rising Sun

**Tween Academy**  
*Ages 9-14*

Thursday, 2/8 at 1pm  
North East

Monday, 2/26 at 1pm  
Elkton

**Teen Cuisine: Big Game Favs**  
*Ages 11-17*

Thursday, 2/8 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Creative Writing Workshop:  
Character Design**  
*Ages 11-17*

Monday, 2/12 at 3:30pm  
North East

**After School Art Lab:  
Paint-By-Numbers**  
*Ages 11-17*

Tuesday, 2/13 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Galaxy Glazed Mugs**  
*Ages 11-17*

Tuesday, 2/13 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Birds of Winter**  
*Ages 6-14*

Wednesday, 2/14 at 3:30pm  
Cecilton Community Building

**After School Art Lab:  
Phone Charms**  
*Ages 11-17*

Wednesday, 2/14 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Mind-Boggling Science**  
*Ages 11-17*

Thursday, 2/15 at 4pm  
Rising Sun

**Woodworking 101: Birdhouses**  
*Ages 11-17*

Thursday, 2/15 at 4pm  
Chesapeake City

**Tech Tuesday**  
*Ages 11-17*

Tuesday, 2/20 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Stories for Teens**  
*Ages 11-17*

Thursday, 2/22 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Life After High School:  
All About the Vote!**  
*Grades 9-12*

Thursday, 2/22 at 5pm  
North East


**Plantable Paper**  
*Ages 11-17*


Monday, 2/26 at 4pm  
Cecilton Community Building

**Teen Cuisine: Smoothie Bowls**  
*Ages 11-17*

Wednesday, 2/28 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Reserve a study room!** The library is the perfect place to work on homework alone or with friends. Study Rooms are available at North East & Elkton.


 **How to Start a Resume**  
Thursday, February 1 at 1pm  
Elkton

 **Introduction to Zoom**  
Wednesday, February 7 at 10:30am  
North East

**Victorian Valentine's Day Cards and Pop-Card Workshop**  
Wednesday, February 7 at 6pm  
Rising Sun

**Once Upon a Romance**  
Saturday, February 10 at 11am  
North East

**Cooking the Books: Exploring Recipes from our Cookbook Collection**  
Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm  
North East

 **Lifelong Learning at CCPL**  
Wednesday, February 14 at 11am  
Elkton

**Early American History Through the Eyes of Cecil County Citizens**  
Thursday, February 15 at 6:30pm  
Elkton

**Intro to Hoopla and Libby**  
Friday, February 16 at 11am  
Elkton

**Estate Planning Essentials: Building a Secure Future for Your Loved Ones**  
Thursday, February 22 at 1pm  
Rising Sun

**Dungeons & Dragons: Roll for Initiative**  
Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30pm  
North East


**Paint Night**  
Wednesday, February 28 at 1pm & 6:30pm  
North East

**Pursuit of Freedom**  
Thursday, February 29 at 6:30pm  
Elkton



**JAN 22 - FEB 23**

**CCPL can help you in your job search or to further your career. Just visit our website or ask a librarian for more information on things like JobNow, resume help, career test prep, and more.**

**For career-related events, look for this symbol:** 



Find a job and advance your career using our free service, JobNow! Get live expert help, resume review, job search, and more.

To learn more about CSM, scan this code:



MEET & GREET WITH  
ROMANCE AUTHORS

ONCE UPON A  
*Romance*

Come meet, chat, and purchase a signed book from popular authors within the Romance genre- romance to fit every reader!



*Saturday,  
February 10*

11AM-1PM

*North East*

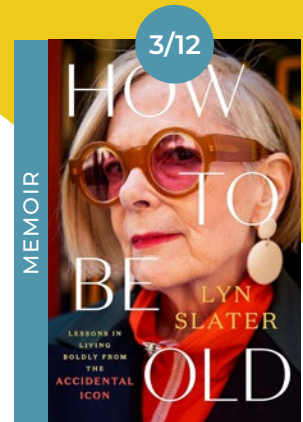
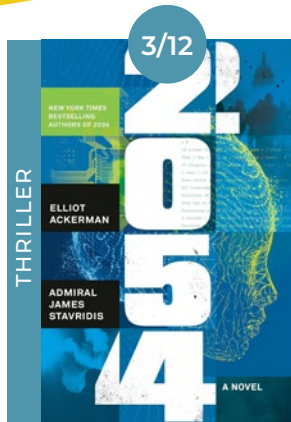
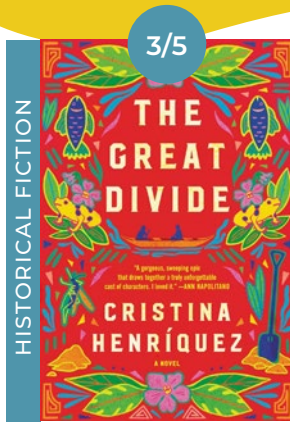
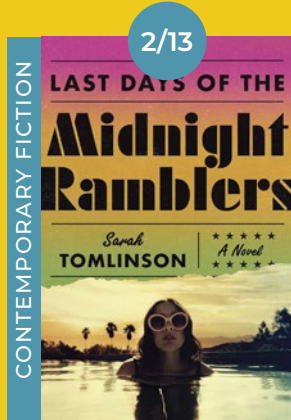
BRANCH LIBRARY

*Featured Authors*

Nisha Sharma - M.K. Hale --Mona Shroff - Christi Barth - Rebecca Rivard  
Kristie Wolf - Susan Green - Grace Burrowes - Harper Cross

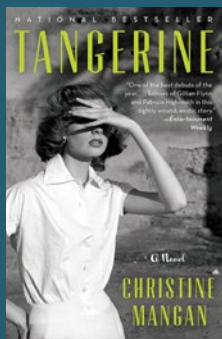


# New & Upcoming Releases

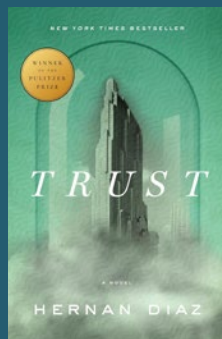


## JOIN US FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION!

Pick up a copy of the book at your local branch and then join us for a lively conversation. Can't make it to a book discussion? You can still be part of the fun by join our CCPL Readers' Group on Facebook!



Elkton  
Tuesday, 2/6  
at 11am



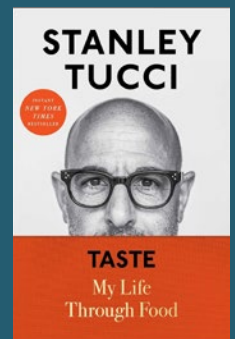
Chesapeake City  
Tuesday, 2/13  
at 1pm



Perryville  
Town Hall  
Tuesday, 2/13  
at 6:30pm



Perryville  
Town Hall  
Tuesday, 2/20  
at 1pm



Rising Sun  
Monday, 2/26  
at 1pm

# Seen Around the Library



Family StoryTime, Cecilton



Lego Challenge, Rising Sun



Kids Can Cook, North East



Lego Challenge, Rising Sun



Perryville Middle School Library Visit



Join us for an event! They are always free and you don't even need a library card to attend. Registration is required. To sign-up for a program, visit our website or scan the code.



# Friends Foundation

OF THE CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MONTHLY DONATIONS – THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING!

Did you know that you can set up an automatic donation through our giving portal? Set your gift for \$10, \$20 or more and we'll take care of the rest, including an annual gift receipt. It's an easy but impactful way to support the Library you Love.

[www.bit.ly/FriendsFoundation-CCPL](http://www.bit.ly/FriendsFoundation-CCPL)

## Race for the Roses

A DERBY EVENT TO BENEFIT THE LIBRARY



Save the Date! Our annual Kentucky Derby event will be held Saturday, May 4 at the North East Branch Library.

**Tickets will be available soon!**



## Contact us for how you can get involved!



485 Mauldin Ave.,  
North East, MD 21901



(410) 996-1055  
x1129



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[www.cecilcountylibrary.org/about/friends-foundation](http://www.cecilcountylibrary.org/about/friends-foundation)

# HOURS & LOCATIONS

All CCPL Branches will be closed on Monday, 2/19 for Presidents' Day.

## Cecilton

Phone: (410) 275-1091

Monday: 12pm-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Wednesday: 10am-6pm

Thursday: 1pm-6pm

Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: Closed

## North East

Phone: (410) 996-6269

Monday: 12pm-6pm

Tuesday: 9am-8pm

Wednesday: 9am-8pm

Thursday: 9am-8pm

Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 9am-5pm

## Chesapeake City

Phone: (410) 996-1134

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10am-6pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10am-5pm

## Rising Sun

Phone: (410) 658-4025

Phone: (410) 398-2706

Monday: 12pm-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Wednesday: 10am-8pm

Thursday: 10am-6pm

Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

## Elkton

Phone: (410) 996-5600

Monday: 12pm-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Wednesday: 10am-8pm

Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday: 10am-5pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

The Perryville branch is currently closed for renovations. See our website for updates.



Ask@CecilCountyLibrary.org