

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

The Library LINK

December 2025

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

Holiday Favorites

Get in the holiday spirit with your library card! Download books, movies, music, and more. Your library card is the perfect accessory for your holiday parties, baking nights, or even your road trips to visit family.



Movies

Music

Books

Instantly borrow your holiday favorites from **hoopla Digital**. No wait or holds!



Magazines can be the perfect inspiration!

Choose from hundreds of digital magazines on Libby or hoopla Digital and see the latest and greatest in holiday entertaining and recipes.

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


 **Family Concert: Mr. Jon and Friends**
Families with children ages birth-5
Tue, 12/2 at 11am | Rising Sun

Kids' Academy
Ages 6-11
Tue, 12/2 at 11am | Perryville (*Science in Color*)
Wed, 12/10 at 1pm | Elkton (*Space*)
Mon, 12/15 at 1pm | North East (*Coding History*)

Preschool Science: Solid, Liquid, or Gas?
Ages 3-5
Wed, 12/3 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Eric Energy: The Holiday Slime Show
Ages 6-14
Wed, 12/3 at 4pm | Cecilton

Preschool Math: Festive Holiday Math
Ages 3-5
Thu, 12/4 at 10am | North East

 **ABC...Come Play with Me**
Families with children ages birth-5
Thu, 12/4 at 10:30am | Elkton
Sat, 12/6 at 10:30am | Perryville (*Penguin Palooza*)
Sat, 12/13 at 11am | North East (*Holiday*)

Holiday Log Cabins
Families with children ages 3-11
Thu, 12/4 at 4:30pm | Rising Sun

Play & Learn
Families with children ages birth-2
Fri, 12/5 & 12/19 at 10am | North East


 **Tween Baking Challenge: Winter Cupcakes**
Grades 4-8
Sat, 12/6 at 1pm | Perryville

Homeschool Connect
Ages 9-14
Mon, 12/8 at 1pm | Elkton

Preschool Art: Fingerpainting
Ages 2-5
Tue, 12/9 at 10am | North East


Tween Academy: Self-Defense
Ages 9-14
Tue, 12/9 at 1pm | North East

Science in Color
Ages 6-11
Wed, 12/10 at 3pm | Perryville

 **Kids Can Cook: Holiday Appetizers**
Ages 8-11
Wed, 12/10 at 3:30pm | North East

Tween Academy: Artificial Intelligence
Ages 9-14
Thu, 12/11 at 1pm | Perryville

Hour of Code: Robot Obstacle Course
Ages 6-11
Thu, 12/11 at 4:15pm | Rising Sun

 **All Aboard the Polar Express!**
Families with children ages 3-5
Thu, 12/11 at 6:30pm | Elkton

PAWS for Reading
Ages 4-11
Thu, 12/11 at 6:30pm | North East
Wed, 12/17 at 6:30pm | Perryville
Thu, 12/18 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Coding History
Ages 6-11
Wed, 12/17 at 3:30pm | North East

Gingerbread Houses
Families with children ages 4-11
Wed, 12/17 at 3:30pm & 6pm | Elkton
Thu, 12/18 at 3:30pm & 6pm | North East
Families with children of all ages
Wed, 12/17 at 4pm | Cecilton

Holiday Piñatas
Families with children ages 4+
Sat, 12/20 at 10:30am | Perryville

Tween Academy: RoboMasterminds
Presents Holiday Circuit Cards
Ages 9-14
Mon, 12/22 at 1pm | Elkton

 **Sensory StoryTime**
Ages 2-5
Sat, 12/27 at 10am | North East

Noon Year's Eve
Ages 5-11
Wed, 12/31 at 11am | North East

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

Teen Lounge with Puppies!

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/2 at 3pm | Perryville

Teens Give Back for the Holidays

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/2 & 12/4 at 4pm | Rising Sun

Eric Energy: The Holiday Slime Show

Ages 6-14

Wed, 12/3 at 4pm | Cecilton

Manga & Anime Club

Grades 6-12

Thu, 12/4 at 3pm | Perryville

Thu, 12/18 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Teens Give Back: Memory Bottles

Grades 6-12

Thu, 12/4 at 3:15pm | North East



Tween Baking Challenge:

Winter Cupcakes

Grades 4-8

Sat, 12/6 at 1pm | Perryville

Homeschool Connect

Ages 9-14

Mon, 12/8 at 1pm | Elkton

Tween Academy: Self-Defense

Ages 9-14

Tue, 12/9 at 1pm | North East

Teen Lounge

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/9 & 12/23 at 3pm | Perryville

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/9 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Thu, 12/18 at 3:15pm | North East

Tween Academy: Artificial Intelligence

Ages 9-14

Thu, 12/11 at 1pm | Perryville

Just Dance Tournament

Grades 6-12

Thu, 12/11 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Teen Lounge: Holiday Crochet

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/16 at 3pm | Perryville

Art Lab: Paper Ornaments

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/16 at 3:15pm | North East



Teen Cuisine: Hot Chocolate

Through the Ages

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/16 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Art Heist Mystery

Grades 6-12

Thu, 12/18 at 3pm | Perryville

Holiday Piñatas

Families with children ages 4+

Sat, 12/20 at 10:30am | Perryville

Tween Academy:

RoboMasterminds Presents

Holiday Circuit Cards

Ages 9-14

Mon, 12/22 at 1pm | Elkton

PAWS for People: DeStress Event

Grades 6-12

Tue, 12/30 at 3:30pm | North East

Japanese Autumnal Scenes



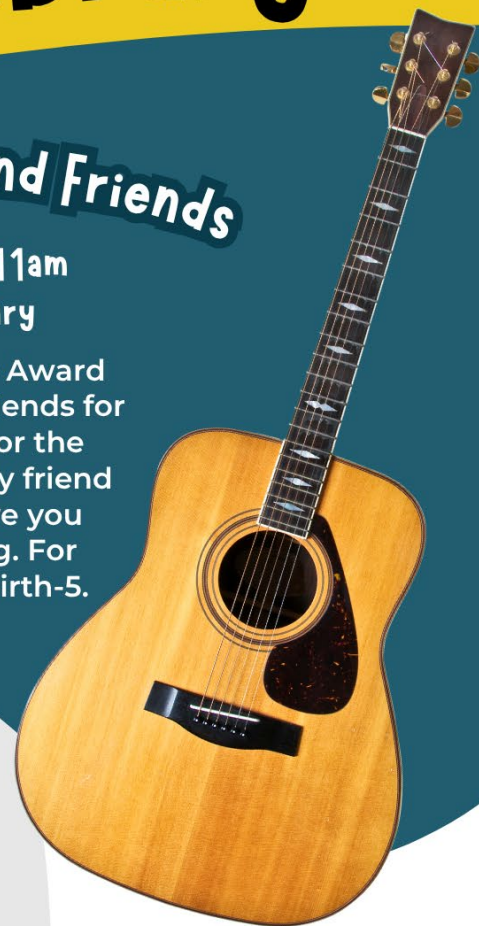


Music at the Library

Family Concert: Mr. Jon and Friends

Tuesday, December 2 at 11am
Rising Sun Branch Library

Join multiple Parents' Choice Award winning musician Mr. Jon & Friends for a musical comedy concert for the whole family. Mr. Jon & his silly friend George the Monkey will have you laughing and dancing along. For families with children ages birth-5.



Newark Symphony Orchestra's Serenata Strings

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30pm
Elkton Branch Library

Enjoy a variety of holiday music performed by the Serenata Strings from the Newark Symphony Orchestra.



First State Ringers

Saturday, December 13 at 12pm
Elkton Branch Library

Celebrate the season with a holiday musical performance by the First State Ringers handbell choir.



Scan to Register
for a Concert

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

Drop-In Tech Help

Mon, 12/1 at 1pm | Rising Sun
Mon, 12/8 at 1pm | Perryville
Thu, 12/11 at 1pm | North East

Cecil Serves: Volunteer Fair

Tue, 12/2 at 4pm | North East

What Have You Been Reading?

Wed, 12/3 at 11am | Elkton
Tue, 12/9 at 6pm | Perryville
Wed, 12/10 at 1pm | Cecilton
Mon, 12/15 at 1pm | Rising Sun
Tue, 12/16 at 1pm | Perryville

Newark Symphony Orchestra's Serenata Strings

Wed, 12/3 at 6:30pm | Elkton

First State Ringers

Saturday, 12/13 at 12pm | Elkton

Booked for the Holidays:

DIY Ornament Workshop

Saturday, 12/20 at 1pm | Perryville



BOOK MATE

**NEED GIFT
INSPIRATION THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON?**

Try BookMate!

Fill out a brief form & receive personalized book recommendations from your librarians. Great for finding new book titles to gift your loved ones!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO:



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

What Can Your Library Do For You?

Mon, 1/5 at 1pm | Perryville
Tue, 1/6 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Drop-In Tech Help

Thu, 1/8 at 1pm | North East

Ancient Archeoastronomy in Modern Design

Tue, 1/13 at 6:30pm | North East

Cooking the Books: Gluten-Free Goodness

Wed, 1/14 at 6:30pm | North East

There's an App for That: Entertainment Edition

Thu, 1/15 at 1pm | North East

Art Inspirations

Tue, 1/20 at 1pm | Chesapeake City

Chronic Disease Management and Prevention

Tue, 1/20 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Adult Paint Night: Watercolor

Wed, 1/21 at 6pm | Perryville

Habit Shift Mindset

Thu, 1/22 at 2pm | Cecilton

Dungeons & Dragons: At the Library

Tue, 1/27 at 5:30pm | North East

Create with Clay: Pottery Workshop

Thu, 1/29 at 6pm | Elkton

Adult Winter Reading

December 15 - February 28

Instructions

Fill in the circle for each challenge you complete.

For each challenge completed, earn a raffle ticket to win a Book Lovers Basket.

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



Scan the code to register for Winter Reading & to browse book picks for each challenge.



Cecil County Public
LIBRARY

www.cecilcountypubliclibrary.org



Challenges



Arctic Circle

Lose yourself in a chilling tale of survival.



Norway's Northern Lights

Immerse yourself in another world of sci fi or fantasy.



Harbin Ice & Snow Festival

Be inspired by a book about an artist or work of art.



Finland's Glass Igloos

Discover a story about a close-knit family.



The Swiss Alps

Cozy up with a sweet romance.



Rockefeller Ice Rink

Take a spin with a book about wintry sports or activities.



Alaskan Dog Sledding

Harness an adventurous spirit with a tale about the Great North.



Icelandic Geothermal Spa

Relax with an uplifting, feel-good story.

Bonus



Attend a program



Visit a different branch

December 2025

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New & Upcoming Releases



Put these books on hold now! Use our online catalog or visit any library branch.



READY, SET, READ!

NEW! THEMED BACKPACKS WITH BOOKS, GAMES, AND ACTIVITIES TO HELP CHILDREN DEVELOP AND PRACTICE THEIR READING SKILLS.

Partial financial assistance has been provided for this project through the Cecil County VLT Local Community Grant Program, sponsored by the Cecil County Executive

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 CCPL VALUES AWARD WINNERS!



This year's winners, from left to right: Tekeya, Sadie, Laura, Heather, & Eric (front row).

Pictured with Board of Trustees members Danny DeMarinis, Shirley McCrary-Simmons, Joanne Morton, and Executive Director Rachel Wright (back row).

We honor our wonderful library staff who were awarded our **"CCPL Values Award."** This award was created to recognize and show appreciation for staff who have exceptionally modeled our values over the past year.

**Read
About Our
Values:**



COMING THIS FEBRUARY

FLEE!

**Stories of Flight
Maryland in Black & White**

**Exhibit on display at North East
February 1-March 31, 2026**

The Underground Railroad touched all parts of society, enslaved and free, black and white. This exhibit explores previously unknown stories of slave owners, fugitives and accomplices to show how slavery and the flight to freedom shapes the lives of all Marylanders. The Maryland State Archives produced this exhibit as part of its ongoing effort to study the legacy of slavery in Maryland.

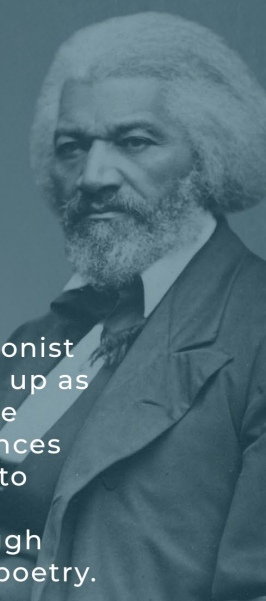
FREDERICK DOUGLASS:

The Lion of Freedom

Elkton

Thursday, February 12 at 6pm

This one-man show, written and performed by Darius Wallace, is a journey through the great Abolitionist Frederick Douglass's life growing up as a slave on the plantation, until the moment he becomes free. Audiences will witness Wallace transform into several different characters of influence on Douglass's life through song, speeches, monologue and poetry.



Seen Around the Library



Spooky Houses



Full STEAM Ahead



On My Own

Kids Can Cook: Cake Decorating



Living History: Edgar Allan Poe



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

MONTHLY DONATIONS - THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING!

As we enter the holiday and giving season, requests for time, attention, and donations can be overwhelming. 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.

<https://ccplfriendsfoundation.org/donate/>



Cecil County Public Library

Book Sponsorship

Looking for the perfect present for that hard-to-buy-for someone? Give the gift of reading!

Sponsor books in memory or in honor of someone special. With your gift, we'll personalize a bookplate in a library book.



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Contact us to learn how you can get involved!



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www.ccplfriendsfoundation.org

Hours & Locations

Cecilton

☎ (410) 275-1091

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: 10am-6pm

Thu: 10am-6pm*

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: Closed

**Starting December 1.*

Chesapeake City*

In preparation for being open 6 days a week, the Chesapeake City Branch is closed for updates from December 1 - January 3.

Elkton

☎ (410) 996-5600

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-8pm

Wed: 10am-8pm

Thu: 10am-8pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

North East

☎ (410) 996-6269

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 9am-8pm

Wed: 9am-8pm

Thu: 9am-8pm

Fri: 9am-5pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

Perryville

☎ (410) 996-6070

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-8pm

Wed: 10am-8pm

Thu: 10am-6pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

Drive-Thru available!

Rising Sun

☎ (410) 658-4025

☎ (410) 398-2706

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: 10am-8pm

Thu: 10am-6pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

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All CCPL branches will be closed December 24-26 for Christmas.

All CCPL branches will close at 3pm on December 31 and remain closed through January 1 for New Year's.