Story Times at CCPL

Cuddle Time: *Ages 0-2*. This is a fun and unique story time that will teach babies social skills, listening comprehension and the foundations of reading through board books and songs, as well as helping parents learn the basics of encouraging literacy at a young age. A parent or guardian MUST accompany each child.

West – **Mondays** 9:30 – 9:50 am

La Plata – **Thursdays** 9:30 – 9:50 am

Movers & Shakers: *Ages 1-3*. This is a fun and unique story time that will teach toddlers social skills, listening comprehension and the foundations of reading through letters, numbers and vocabulary. A parent or guardian MUST accompany each child.

PD Brown – **Tuesdays** 10:00 – 10:30 am

Toddler Story Time: *Ages 2-3*. This story time encourages literacy for a very active crowd - toddlers! Children will listen to books being read, sing songs, do finger plays and listen to flannel board stories. This program is intended as a transition between Cuddle Time and Preschool Story Time and includes a simple craft at each session.

West – **Mondays** 10:00 – 10:30 am

Preschool Story Time: *Ages 2-5*. Story Time is a weekly must for kids 2-5 years old. Each program includes book reading, songs & music, crafts and lots of fun!

West – **Mondays** 10:45 – 11:30 am

Potomac – **Tuesdays** 10:00 – 10:45 am & 11:00 – 11:45 am

PD Brown – **Wednesdays** 10:00 – 10:45 am & 11:00 – 11:45 am

La Plata – **Thursdays** 10:00 – 10:45 am & 11:00 – 11:45 am

Saturday Story Time: *All ages*. Share the excitement and love of reading with your child by joining us at story time. We will read books, sing songs and dance and make a super fun craft to take home.

PD Brown – Fourth **Saturday** of the Month - 11:00 - 11:45 am

West – Third **Saturday** of the Month - 11:00 – 11:45 am

Evening Story Time: *All ages*. Couldn't make story time during the day? Join us for our evening story time for preschoolers – we'll read books and make a fun craft.

PD Brown – Third **Thursday** of the Month – 7:00 – 7:30 pm

West – Second and Fourth **Tuesdays** of the Month – 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Spanish Class for Little Amigos: *Ages 2-5*. Children will enjoy bilingual stories (English & Spanish), songs, finger plays and a craft!

West – First **Thursday** of the Month – 6:00 – 6:30 pm

November 2016 Themes

(We are on hiatus in December so we can prep for the Winter!)

La Plata

2 Garrett Ave., La Plata

301-934-9001

11/3: Not-So-Villainous Villains

11/10: Elephalooza!

11/17: Thanksgiving

Potomac

3225 Ruth B. Swann Dr., Indian Head

301-375-7375

11/1: Superheroes

11/8: CLOSED!

11/15: Opposites

PD Brown

50 Village St., Waldorf

301-645-2864

11/2: Bears

11/9: Things That Go

11/16: Family

West

10405 O'Donnell Pl., Waldorf

301-645-1395

11/7: Colors

11/14: I'm Thankful!

All dates & themes are subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information call the branch or go to ccplonline.org

Daycare Disclaimer: All daycares must make arrangements with the Children's Librarian three weeks in advance to attend any programs. If you have six or more children, two adults must be present to participate in craft activities.

12/03 Visit with Santa 1:00 - 3:30 PM **All Ages**

Sponsored by the Citizens for Charles County Public Library, we welcome the holiday season with a Visit with Santa! Santa's elves will guide children through writing a letter to Santa, coloring and holiday crafting and songs. Santa will be available for photos and children will receive reindeer food and a free book after their visit. Great fun for all ages! CCPL is also a toy donation collection site for the Charles County Children's Aid Society. You're welcome to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to a needy youth in Charles County.

JobSource Mobile Career Center

The Mobile Career Center is a self-contained vehicle equipped with state-of-the-art telecommunications equipment capable of being deployed inside or outside of the vehicle. It allows JobSource to offer a full array of employment, reemployment and employers services on the go. The Mobile Career Center contains a Greeter Workstation, a Resource Area, Employee Workspace and a Confidential Interviewing Space; Computer workstations and one computer server with the ability to accommodate additional people, through the use of wireless laptops that have Internet Access. The Mobile Career Center is ADA accessible with a working wheelchair ramp providing access for those with limited mobility.

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

West - First Tuesday of each month (Nov 1st, Dec 6th)

Potomac - Second Thursday of each month (Nov 10th, Dec 8th)

PD Brown - Third Thursday of each month (Nov 17th, Dec 15th)

Calling all artists! We need your help!

We are looking for high-quality graphics fitting the theme of learning, discovery and technology to use on our new mobile library (debut date: April 2017). If you have design talent, submit your art for our mobile library to marketing@ccplonline.org in a .tiff, .jpg or .psd format no later than December 30th, 2016 at 8:00 pm. Please include your name and your contact information so we can notify you if your art is chosen to decorate our vehicle! All art that's submitted MUST be original and un-copyrighted.
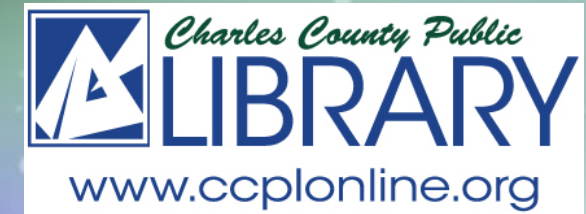
Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 9am - 8pm

Fri: 1pm - 5pm

Sat: 9am - 5pm

Check our online calendar for the most up-to-date info!

November & December 2016 Program Events

Checkout the bountiful harvest at your library!

Waldorf West

La Plata

Potomac

PD Brown

Call or check online for the most up-to-date program and registration information!

La Plata

11/01 [Fall Inspired Beaded Bracelets](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

Do you love the beauty of nature this time of year? Come out and join us for a fun evening to create a beaded bracelet inspired by the beautiful fall colors. All materials will be provided and you'll be able to keep what you make.

11/03 [Clark Center Book Discussion](#) 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Ages: 55+**

Join us for a fun and insightful discussion of the topics, characters, and themes of our book of the month. This month we will be discussing "The Escape" by David Baldacci.

11/04 [Minecraft for Kids](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 6-11 Registration**

If you and your friends are crazy about Minecraft, join us for an evening of building and Creepers! We'll provide the building challenges (past challenges have included building a library and building statues) and you provide the creativity!

11/05 [Saturday STEM Club & Maryland STEM Festival: It's Electric!](#) 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 6-11**

Have you ever wondered what makes a light bulb turn on? How about why batteries have to go in a certain way to work? Join us for an afternoon of electrifying fun! Learn how circuits work, and then put your knowledge to the test using our snap circuits and squishy circuits!

11/09 [Thanksgiving Food Through the Centuries](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

This presentation will explore the political, social, economic, and cultural traditions that have made Thanksgiving the truly American holiday that it is. Learn how Thanksgiving has transformed itself over time from the celebration of Harvest Home, as it was called in 1621 by the settlers at Plymouth Plantation, and been influenced by such prominent figures in American history as George Washington, women's magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. You'll learn that not only have the reasons we celebrate Thanksgiving changed over time, but so has the food! The presentation will be followed by samples of Thanksgiving food from four centuries: a 17th c. Native American Stew, 18th c. Thanksgiving Cakes, 19th c. Cranberry Pies, and 20th c. Pumpkin Tarts.

11/10 [La Plata Adult Book Discussion](#) 7:00 - 8:00 PM **Ages: 18+**

Join us for a fun and insightful discussion of the topics, characters, and themes of our book of the month. This month we will be discussing "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

11/12 [Paws to Read](#) 2:15 - 3:30 PM **Ages: 6-11 Registration**

This program for kids 1st-6th grade lets them read to a furry friend who is a great listener! Improved reading skills and confidence (plus fun) are the goals. All dogs are certified therapy dogs.

11/15 [Small Business Administration: Marketing Your Small Business](#) 9:30 - 11:00 AM **Ages: 18+**

This class focuses on marketing your small business order to build your customer base and increase your success. Presented by the Maryland chapter of the Small Business Administration.

11/15 [eReader Drop-in](#) 5:15 - 7:15 PM **All Ages**

Come learn how to use you eReader device to access free library eBooks using Overdrive. Drop in with your own device. It is on a first come, first served basis.

11/16 [Creative Writers Workshop](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 16+ Registration**

Join us for to this Creative Writing Workshop to celebrate NaNoWriMo at CCPL and tap into your memories and experiences in a friendly and welcoming environment. Writers with all levels of experience are welcome. At each session, a different writing challenge will be explored. Participants can read their work to one another for comments, ideas and fun.

12/01 [Clark Center Book Discussion](#) 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Ages: 55+**

Join us for a fun and insightful discussion of the topics, characters, and themes of our book of the month. This month we will be discussing "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck.

12/01 [Holiday Music Jam Event](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+**

Holiday Music Jam Event! 'Tis the season to be jammin'! Bring your preferred musical instrument for an impromptu jam session. It's all about the joy of playing the season's musical classics together!

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12/08 [La Plata Adult Book Discussion](#) 7:00 - 8:00 PM **Ages: 18+**

Join us for a fun and insightful discussion of the topics, characters, and themes of our book of the month. This month we will be discussing "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

12/10 [Gingerbread House Workshop](#) 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 6-11 Registration**

What a fun and tasty way to prepare for the holidays! Each participant will bring a bag of candy to share with the group. Kids will make their own gingerbread house (actually graham crackers!) and decorate to their own specifications. Each child gets to keep their creation!

12/14 [An Early American Christmas](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

This presentation is chock-full of a variety of Christmas culinary traditions that have traveled across the Atlantic to make the American celebration what it is today. Christmas candies, cakes, breads, drinks, and cookies are described revealing their origins and the reasons they are associated with the Christmas season. Participants will have the chance to taste an original version of a sugarplum, a Twelfth Night cake, a classic Christmas cookie, and a beverage, spiced wassail!

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Potomac

All November [Tree-mendously Grateful!](#)

All month long, stop into the Potomac Branch and fill out a paper leaf telling us what you are grateful for! Hang the leaf on our special tree to help celebrate all the wonderful things our community has to be thankful for this autumn!

All November [Dinosaurs Caught Behaving Badly Photo Contest](#)

Stop by the Potomac Branch to get 2-3 dinosaurs to take home to stage a picture of the dinosaurs behaving badly. Pictures can be emailed to or printed out and returned to the library. Dinosaurs can be picked up starting November 1st and are due back to the library November 19th. Voting will be held November 21st thru November 28th. Winners will be announced November 30th. Prizes for first and second place.

11/01, 11/15 [Special Needs Sensory Storytime](#) 2:00 - 2:45 PM **All Ages**

Special Needs Sensory Storytime is an inclusive program developed for all ages, children through adults, who are on the autism spectrum or differently abled, and presented at a preschool level of development. Join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun!

11/01, 11/15 [Special Needs Movement & Motion](#) 3:00 - 3:45 PM **All Ages**

Patrons with special needs are welcome to join us for a fun and energetic program where we will learn about how we communicate with our bodies from a professional instructor. This unique session explores movement and motion as we learn about ourselves and others through dance and movement.

11/02 [Homeschool S.T.E.A.M. Club](#) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 5-9 Registration**

Once a month we will have a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activity for early elementary age homeschool students. Join us for fun, learning, and socializing. Both sessions each month will be the same activity. In November we will be learning about Engineering with a bridge building project.

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11/05 ["Ghost Fleet" of Mallows Bay](#) 2:30 - 4:00 PM **Ages: 18+**

Learn more about the largest ship graveyard in the Western Hemisphere located in Charles County. Mallows Bay is home to over 200 submerged ships dating back from the Revolutionary War through World War I. Join Dr. Susan Langley (State of Maryland Underwater Archaeologist) as she shares the story of Mallows Bay and its "Ghost Fleet." It has been nominated to become a National Marine Sanctuary. If Mallows Bay is established as a marine sanctuary it will join the list of 14 sites across the nation.

11/09 [MD STEM Festival: Radical Robots!](#) 6:00 - 7:00 PM **Ages: 6-11 Registration**

Learn about circuits and conductivity while making your very own light up robot!

11/12 [Ask the Computer Lady](#) 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Ages: 12+**

Have questions about how to use your new device? Or almost any other IT questions? Come ask our resident expert. Help available on a first come, first served basis.

11/14 [Off the Hook Crochet and Knitting Club](#) 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 55+**

Join us for an evening of crocheting, knitting and socializing with other beginning and advanced crafters. We will share basic stitches and techniques to help you begin your crochet and knitting journey. All participants must bring their own yarn and needles.

11/17 [Small Business Administration - Financing Your Small Business](#) 9:30 - 11:00 AM **Ages: 18+**

Presented by the Maryland chapter of the Small Business Administration, this class offers real-world information on financing the start of your business and the expansion of your existing small business.

11/18 [Beginning Resume Writing](#) 10:00 - 11:30 AM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

Learn to create a simple, eye-catching resume to land your next job. You will leave this one and a half hour session with your resume in hand and know where to go to get free on-line help in creating new ones. Participants must have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and be able to use a mouse.

11/19 Dino Fest 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 6-11**

Take a picture with a dinosaur, learn dino facts, play dino games, and create dino themed crafts. Participant will even get to dig for dinosaur bones in the library!

11/22 Prehistoric Dino Story Time 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 3-5**

Come enjoy stories, rhymes, felt boards, crafts and songs all about dinosaurs plus a dino egg hunt!

11/23 Indian Head Senior Center Book Club 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 55+**

This is a monthly book discussion group of seniors discussing a variety of genres and interest. Our November discussion will be "Inside the O'Briens" by Lisa Genova.

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12/06 Shake, Rattle and Roll Storytime 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 3-5**

Join us for a storytime that is all about music and movement. There will be music themed stories, songs, and crafts.

12/07 Homeschool S.T.E.A.M. Club 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 5-9 Registration**

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12/10 Arm-Knitted Beanie 2:00 - 3:30PM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

Enjoy light refreshments and holiday cheer while crafting a warm winter beanie to give as a gift or to wear yourself this winter. Participants will need to bring one skein of super bulky yarn to complete this project.

12/12 Off the Hook Crochet and Knitting Club 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 55+**

Join us for an evening of crocheting, knitting and socializing with other beginning and advanced crafters. We will share basic stitches and techniques to help you begin your crochet and knitting journey. All participants must bring their own yarn and needles.

12/14 Crafty Kids: Holiday Ornament Workshop 6:00 - 7:00 PM **Ages: 6-11**

Come and create one of a kind ornaments for the holidays. We'll make snowmen, reindeer and Santa's list ornaments that you can take home!

12/17 Saturday STEM Club: Melted Crayon Bookmarks 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 6-18**

Looking for a unique gift to give this holiday season? Join us to learn about thermodynamics as we make bright colorful melted crayon bookmarks!

12/20 White Rabbit's Color Science Storytime 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 2-5**

Preschoolers join us for a special storytime where we will read a book and do color science experiments!

12/28 Indian Head Senior Center Book Club 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Ages: 55+**

This is a monthly book discussion group of seniors discussing a variety of genres and interest. Our December discussion will be "Still Life With Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlen.

12/28 Don't Pop the Present 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 6-11**

Got awesome wrapping skills? Prove it by wrapping a balloon without popping it! It's a lot harder than you think.

12/29 Life Sized Games 6:00 - 7:30 PM **All Ages**

In this monthly series we play a different life-sized game each month. So far we have played Clue, Battleship, Candy Land, Chess, Angry Birds, Jenga and many more. Come join us and see what game we make life-sized next! In December we will play Mancala!

PD Brown

11/01 Homeschool Book Club 1:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 9-11**

The new and improved Homeschool Book Club, now located at P.D. Brown Memorial Branch Library, will feature a well-known book and the movie adaptation of that book to discuss and review. Each book club meeting encourages homeschooled children to read and compare the book to the film. This month we will be discussing "How to Train Your Dragon" by Cressida Cowell.

11/03 Early Dismissal Game Day 1:30 - 4:30 PM **Ages: 6-18**

Drop by P.D. Brown Library and enjoy a variety of fun and exciting games with your friends and family, including cool board games and video games!

11/03, 11/10, 11/17 Jazzy Yarns: Crochet and Knitting Class 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+**

Learn the basics or develop your skills in crocheting or knitting. Please bring your own supplies. For beginners, please bring a skein of yarn and a "J" crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles.

11/05 Waldorf Adult Book Discussion 9:30 - 10:30 AM **Ages: 18+**

The Waldorf Adult Book Discussion is a monthly book club for adults who enjoy a lively and informal discussion of classic and contemporary literature. The book club meets on the first Saturday of every month (holidays excluded) from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. November's theme is Self-Selected Non-Fiction. Choose any non-fiction title and share your reactions with the group.

11/07 MD STEM Festival: The MD Science Center 6:00 - 7:00 PM **All Ages**

It's solid! It's liquid! It's slime! Join the pros from Maryland Science Center as we learn about solids, liquids... and SLIME! We'll learn about the differences between solids and liquids, make our own slime and do an investigation into slime's state of matter.

11/10 Pajama Storytime 7:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 0-5**

Join us for a cuddly family storytime in your pajamas! Young children and their caregivers will hear stories, participate in songs and activities, and create a craft. This month's theme is "Things That Go."

11/16 Party With Your Bear Day 4:00 - 5:00 PM **All Ages**

Celebrate Party with Your Bear Day by bringing your bear or other stuffed animal to the library. There will be dancing, crafts, and pictures with your animal.

12/01, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29 Jazzy Yarns: Crochet and Knitting Class 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+**

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12/06 Homeschool Book Club 1:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 9-11**

The new and improved Homeschool Book Club, now located at P.D. Brown Memorial Branch Library, will feature a well-known book and the movie adaptation of that book to discuss and review. Each book club meeting encourages homeschooled children to read and compare the book to the film. This month we will be discussing "Mary Poppins" by P.L. Travers.

12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28 Family Yoga 10:00 - 10:45 AM **All Ages**

This is an introduction to Yoga for young children in a playful and imaginative way. The name of the game is to have fun, get energized, and mimic nature and the world around you using your own body. Open to children and their parents, grandparents & caregivers!

12/08 Remember the '60s! 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Ages: 55+ Registration**

Let's celebrate music from the '60s and learn a few things along the way -- or maybe just remember a few that we've forgotten! Test your trivia knowledge of artists, tunes, song lyrics and album artwork.

12/10 Health Care Enrollment Day 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM **Ages: 16+**

Libraries throughout Maryland will participate in "Library Enrollment Day" on Saturday, December 10th. Maryland Health Connection has partnered with the Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators to provide in-person assistance to consumers across the state. Experts will be on-site to answer questions and enroll Marylanders in health coverage through the state-based health insurance marketplace.

12/13 Senior Crafternoon 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Ages: 55+ Registration**

Come join us for an afternoon of friendly conversation and a fun holiday craft that you will make and take at the end. Seniors only, please!

12/15 50th Anniversary of Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas 6:00 - 7:00 PM **All Ages**

Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the premiere of Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" in true Dr. Seuss style. Come dressed like a Whoville citizen and watch the movie and do Grinch activities.

12/22 Seasonal Salt Dough Ornaments 3:00 - 4:00PM **All Ages**

Children and caregivers can come and delight their senses while creating festive holiday ornaments with colorful, scented salt dough. Each participant can keep what they make!

Waldorf West

11/01, 11/15 Imaginative Playtime 6:00 - 6:30 PM **Ages: 2-5**

Children learn a lot about language through play. Play helps children think symbolically, so they understand spoken and written words, and it helps them express themselves and put thoughts into words. Join us for an interactive play session - we'll provide the educational toys, you bring your child and provide the imagination! Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please sign in at the children's desk.

11/01 Anime Club 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Spend time with your Otaku brothers and sisters on the first Tuesday of the month at Waldorf West. Bring your manga to share, enjoy Pocky, watch an anime, and perfect your manga drawings.

11/03, 11/10, 11/17 Imaginative Playtime 10:00 - 10:30 _OR_ 10:45 - 11:15 AM **Ages: 2-5**

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11/03 Spanish Class for Little Amigos 6:00 - 6:30 PM **Ages: 2-5**

Children will enjoy hearing stories in English and Spanish, songs, finger plays, and a craft! This month we'll talk about "The Very Busy Spider" by Eric Carle.

11/09 Small Business Administration - Marketing Your Small Business 9:30 - 11:30 AM **Ages: 18+**

This class focuses on marketing your small business in order to build your customer base and increase your success. Presented by the Maryland chapter of the Small Business Administration.

11/09 Maryland Day of Cyber - 4:30—5:30 pm **Ages: 12+**

Are you a student or young adult who enjoys technology? Join us for an exciting and practical session to find out more about what's it's like to work at the NSA and the skills needed to embark on a cyber professional career. Join a mentor from NSA for information about the basics of cyber safety, careers in cyber security and more during this MD STEM Festival special event.

11/10 The State of Our Community - Q & A with Sheriff Troy Berry 6:30 - 8:00 PM **Ages: 16+**

Join us for our community engagement series where we talk to community leaders about the state of our community. This month we'll host Sheriff Troy Berry as he talks about what CCSO does to improve community relations and how they work to make sure our community has positive experiences with the Sheriff's Office. Following his presentation, Sheriff Berry will be available for Q&A with attendees.

11/12 STEM Festival: Animation Workshop for Teens 2:00 - 4:00 PM **Ages: 12-18 Registration**

Teens will learn how to create their own cartoons utilizing OpenToons, an open source animation software. OpenToonz has been used for several popular television programs and films, including "Futurama," "Steven Universe," and "Spirited Away." Participants will come away with a working knowledge of the free software as well as how to download it so they can continue to work on their own projects.

Mobile Veterans Center

Once a month the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service Mobile Vet Center will visit the Waldorf West library to provide services for our country's veterans. Readjustment Counseling Services such as individual, family and group counseling, bereavement counseling, military sexual trauma counseling, outreach and education, substance abuse referrals, employment referrals and VBA explanation and referrals will be available to eligible vets. Stop by between 10 am and 3 pm to take advantage of the free, confidential services offered by the Mobile Vet Center.

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

West - Third Thursday of the Month (Nov 17th, Dec 15th)

11/15 Wreath Decorating How To 6:00 - 7:45 PM **Ages: 16+ Registration**

Join us for a fun, educational, crafty good time! CCPL will provide wreaths, ribbons, decorative picks and more for you to learn how to decorate an artificial wreath. Learn how to make a fabric wreath or decorate a synthetic evergreen wreath with easy and creative tricks. This is a library fundraiser, but we need your help! Practice what you learn by decorating a wreath then donate your creation to the library

and we'll auction your work to the highest bidder to raise funds for our libraries! All participants will have the option to purchase their creation before it's offered to the public.

11/16 Family Game Night 6:00 - 7:30 PM **All Ages**

It's family game night! Spend time with family and friends playing new and classic games like Candy Land, Checkers, Scatergories, Pictionary, Chutes and Ladders and more! Or you can try out our chess boards or Snap Circuits kits!

11/16 Social Media: Facebook Analytics 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+**

Facebook is everywhere! Setting up a business Facebook page can help your business grow. But how do you know if your Facebook page is reaching your target market? How do you know if what you're doing is working? Learn how to get the latest data about your organization's audience and how to better engage!

11/17 Comic Book Club 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Teens and young adults get together to talk about the latest in the comic book universe. Bring in your old issues to trade with others. Games, trivia, activities, discussion, and swap!

11/22 Evening Story Time Yoga 6:00 - 6:45 PM **All Ages**

This is an introduction to Yoga for young children in a playful and imaginative way. The name of the game is to have fun, get energized, and mimic nature and the world around you using your own body. Open to children and their parents, grandparents & caregivers!

11/29 Teen Advisory Board 6:00 - 6:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Calling all young adults aged 12 and 18. We will discuss teen issues in the library and how to improve the teen library experience.

11/29 World Records for Teens 6:30 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

How many chocolate candies can you move in 60 seconds? How fast can you read a Dr. Seuss book? Make history as you set new library records and attempt to shatter others!

11/30 MDOT Minority Business Enterprise Workshop 11:00 - 1:00 PM **Ages: 18+**

Got a small business? Interested in working with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)? Then this workshop is for you! Learn about the four business enterprise opportunities available through MDOT, if your business is eligible, and more about the application process.

12/01, 12/8, 12/15 Imaginative Playtime 10:00 - 10:30 *OR* 10:45 - 11:15 AM **Ages: 2-5**

Children learn a lot about language through play. Play helps children think symbolically, so they understand spoken and written words, and it helps them express themselves and put thoughts into words. Join us for an interactive play session - we'll provide the educational toys, you bring your child and provide the imagination! Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please sign in at the children's desk.

12/01 Free Confidential HIV Testing 12:00 - 4:00 PM **Ages: 16+**

The Charles County Health Department will be here from 12:00 - 4:00 to offer free HIV testing for anyone who wants to be tested. Tests are done by oral swab and results are completely confidential.

12/01 Spanish Class for Little Amigos 6:00 - 6:30 PM **Ages: 2-5**

Children will enjoy hearing stories in English and Spanish, songs, finger plays, and a craft!

12/03 Deciding to Give: End of Year Giving Tips 9:30 - 11:00 AM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

Year-end is an ideal time to think about the kind of charitable impact you'd like to make in the coming year. December 31st is the end of the tax year, the deadline for charitable giving in order to receive a tax deduction. Learn valuable things you can do to design a smart, strategic plan for year-end gift planning. Presented by The Community Foundation of Southern Maryland.

12/03 Southern MD Concert Band Holiday Concert 3:00 - 4:30PM **All Ages**

Join Southern Maryland Concert Band for it's annual holiday concert. Enjoy holiday classics and a delightful sing-along, as well as the opportunity to meet the performers after the concert!

12/05 Business Plans for Small Businesses & Nonprofits 5:30 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+**

Celebrate National Write a Business Plan Month with CCPL! Learn why you should write a business plan, how to write one, and other resources for your organization, presented by the Small Business Development Center.

12/06 Imaginative Playtime 6:00 - 6:30 PM **Ages: 2-5**

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12/06 Anime Club 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Spend time with your Otaku brothers and sisters on the first Tuesday of the month at Waldorf West. Bring your manga to share, enjoy Pocky, watch an anime, and perfect your manga drawings.

12/07 An Early American Christmas 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 18+ Registration**

This presentation is chock-full of a variety of Christmas culinary traditions that have traveled across the Atlantic to make the American celebration what it is today. Christmas candies, cakes, breads, drinks, and cookies are described revealing their origins and the reasons they are associated with the Christmas season. Participants will have the chance to taste an original version of a sugarplum, a Twelfth Night cake, a classic Christmas cookie, and a beverage, spiced wassail!

12/08 Animation Club for Teens 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Would you like to learn to make cartoons? Using open-source software, teens will learn how to animate cartoons and can actively help create the animation for a scripted story written by our own CCPL Film Club for Teens or create their own animated story!

12/08 Kwanzaa: 50th Anniversary Celebration 6:30 - 7:30 PM **All Ages**

Join us for a family-oriented, interactive celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Kwanzaa! Learn about the traditions, principles and philosophy of this week-long holiday.

12/10 Holiday Classics with the Flute Choir of Southern MD 3:00 - 4:30 PM **All Ages**

Enjoy seasonal tunes and songs you can sing to with the Flute Choir of Southern Maryland. The Choir will provide a delightful mixture of holiday music to boost your holiday spirits!

12/13 Board Game Craft Night for Teens 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Teens! Upcycle board game pieces and turn them into DIY gifts for friends and family. We'll craft jewelry and keepsake boxes. Bring your imagination and donate an old board game you'd like to recycle (not required).

12/15 Comic Book Club 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Ages: 12-18**

Teens and young adults get together to talk about the latest in the comic book universe. Bring in your old issues to trade with others. Games, trivia, activities, discussion, and swap!

12/20 Family Craft Night 6:00: - 7:00 PM **All Ages**

Spend family time together creating simple craft projects. This month we will make picture frames out of Popsicle sticks.

12/21 Family Game Night 6:00 - 7:30 PM **All Ages**

It's family game night! Spend time with family and friends playing new and classic games like Candy Land, Checkers, Scatergories, Pictionary, Chutes and Ladders and more! Or you can try out our chess boards or Snap Circuits kits!

12/22 Gingerbread House Workshop 3:00 - 4:30 PM **Ages: 6-11 Registration**

Attendees will decorate pre-made "gingerbread houses" (graham crackers fashioned around a milk carton to resemble a gingerbread house) using candy and icing. Icing and graham crackers will be provided by the library. In registering, attendees agree to bring a bag of candy with them to share with other decorators.