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January 2025

**Winter
Reading
is Here!**

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Family StoryTime with Kittens, Perryville

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Cecil County Public
LIBRARY

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

Adult Winter Reading

December 16-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.

Complete 2 challenges to earn a special Winter Reading prize.

Complete 3 challenges to earn a chance to win 2 tickets to the Friends Foundation's Books, Bourbon, & BBQ event on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

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 and to browse book picks for each challenge.



www.cecilcountypubliclibrary.org



Challenges

☐ Arctic Hare

Chill with the story of a character who can blend in with their surroundings and is not what they seem.



☐ Caribou

Take a journey with a character who migrates to a new area.



☐ Polar Bear

Cozy up to a story that explores the depth of familial love.



☐ Puffin

Frolic through a whimsical, playful book.



☐ Moose

Brace for impact with characters who come head-to-head in a story of competition.



☐ Snowy Owl

Soar through a book about someone who sees things from a different perspective.



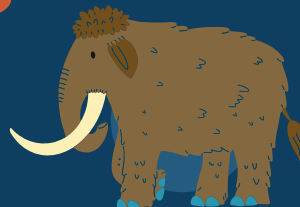
☐ Sea Lion

Wade into a book recommended by fellow readers in your "colony."



☐ Mountain Goat

Scale the pages of an adventure.



Bonus

☐ Mammoth

Read a book where a character overcomes a Mammoth problem.



☐ Narwhal

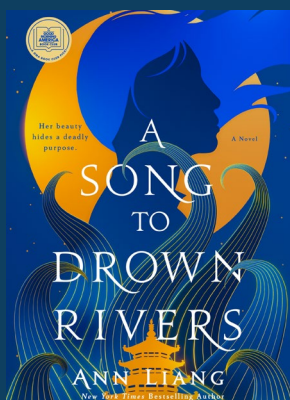
Join your "pod" and attend a library program.



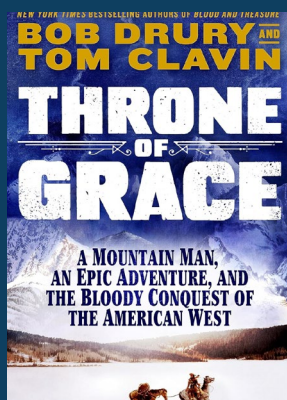
Winter Reading Book Picks

Need Reading Inspiration?

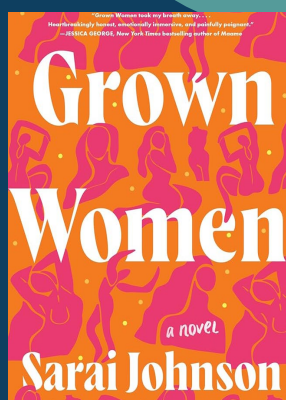
Our librarians have curated book lists for each of our Winter Reading Challenges. Here's a preview of those picks. Scan the code to visit our website for the full list of titles.



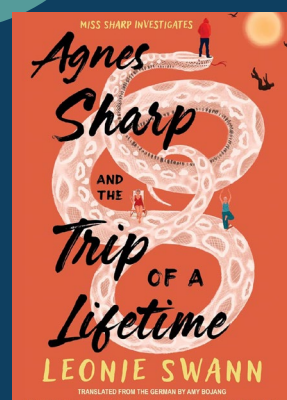
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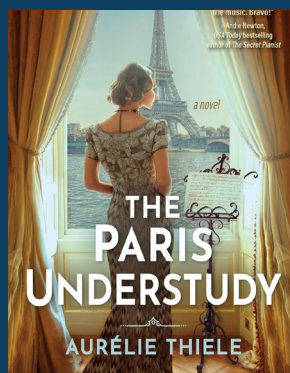
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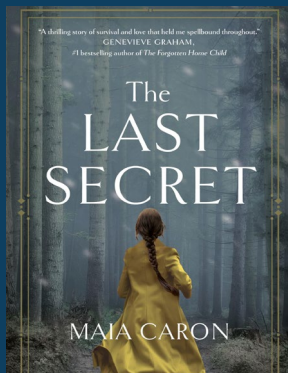
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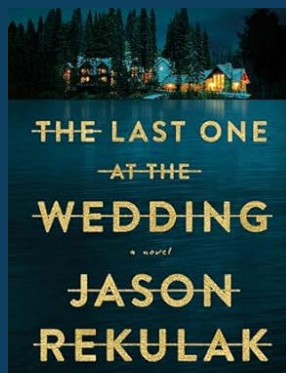
Puffin



Moose



Snowy Owl



Sea Lion



Mountain Goat



Join Us on Facebook!

Join the CCPL Readers Group on Facebook for more Winter Reading and other bookish fun!



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

Play & Learn

Families with children ages birth-2

Fri, Jan 3, 17, & 31 at 10am | North East

STEAM Lab: Bears and Hibernation

Ages 6-11

Mon, Jan 6 at 1pm | North East

Wed, Jan 8 at 3:30pm | North East

Kids' Academy

Ages 6-11

Tue, Jan 7 at 11am | Perryville

Wed, Jan 8 at 1pm | Elkton

Preschool Art

Ages 2-5

Tue, Jan 7 at 11am | Chesapeake City

Wed, Jan 22 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Tween Academy: Ancient Egypt

Book Discussion

Ages 9-14

Thu, Jan 9 at 1pm | North East

Family Trivia Night: Book Edition

Families with children ages 3-11

Thu, Jan 9 at 6:30pm | Elkton



ABC...Come Play with Me

Families with children ages birth-5

Tue, Jan 14 at 10:30am | Elkton

Sat, Jan 18 at 11am | North East

PAWS for Reading

Ages 4-11

Tue, Jan 14 at 6:30pm | North East

Wed, Jan 15 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Wed, Jan 29 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Sustainable Future Building

Ages 6-11

Wed, Jan 15 at 3pm | Perryville

Early Chapter Book Club

Ages 8-11

Wed, Jan 15 at 3:30pm | North East

Meet a K9 Police Dog!

Ages 4-11

Wed, Jan 15 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Mosaic Masterpieces

Grades 4-8

Wed, Jan 15 at 3:30pm | Cecilton

UMD Extension Presents:

Lava Lamps and Calming Jars

Grades 4-8

Tue, Jan 21 at 4:30pm | Chesapeake City

Full STEAM Ahead!

Ages 1.5-4

Wed, Jan 22 & 29 at 10:30am | Perryville

Pottery from the Ground Up

Ages 6-11

Wed, Jan 22 at 5:30pm | Perryville

Iron Hill Museum Presents:

Birds, Birds, Birds

Ages 6-11

Thu, Jan 23 at 4:30pm | Rising Sun

Tween Academy: Hibernation

Presented by Fair Hill Nature Center

Ages 9-14

Mon, Jan 27 at 1pm | Elkton



Starlight StoryTime

Families with children ages 3-5

Tue, Jan 28 at 6:30pm | North East



STORYTIMES START THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20!

A space for families to connect with one another and develop early literacy skills by encouraging families to sing, talk, read, write, and play.

Scan the code for dates & times.



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

Teen Lounge

Grades 6-12

Mon, Jan 6 at 3:30pm | Elkton
Tue, Jan 14, 21, & 28 at 3pm | Perryville
Tue, Jan 28 at 3pm | North East

Stained Glass Painting

Grades 6-12

Mon, Jan 6 at 4pm | Cecilton

Teen Lounge with Puppies!

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 7 at 3pm | Perryville



Teen Cuisine: Smoothies

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 7 at 4pm | Rising Sun

Tween Academy: Ancient Egypt Book Discussion

Ages 9-14

Thu, Jan 9 at 1pm | North East

Manga & Anime Club

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 9 at 3pm | Perryville
Thu, Jan 16 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Creature Clash

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 9 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Teen Tech: Scratch Animated Movie

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 14 at 3:15pm | North East

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 14 at 3:30 & 4:30pm | Elkton

Mosaic Masterpieces

Grades 4-8

Wed, Jan 15 at 3:30pm | Cecilton

Artful Yoga

Grades 6-12

Wed, Jan 15 at 4pm | Rising Sun

Teen Academy: Scientific Art

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 16 at 1pm | Perryville

UMD Extension Presents:

Lava Lamps and Calming Jars

Grades 4-8

Tue, Jan 21 at 4:30pm | Chesapeake City

Teen Cabaret & Theater Workshop

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 23 at 3pm | Perryville

PAWS for People After School

DeStress Event

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 23 at 3:30pm | North East

Tween Academy: Hibernation

Presented by Fair Hill Nature Center

Ages 9-14

Mon, Jan 27 at 1pm | Elkton



Teen Cuisine: Lotsa Pasta

Grades 6-12

Tue, Jan 28 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Impulse Improv

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 30 at 3:15pm | North East

Let's Create Poetry

Grades 6-12

Thu, Jan 30 at 3:30pm | Elkton

BORROW GRAPHIC NOVELS & MANGA ON HOOPLA DIGITAL!

Choose from hundreds of titles and read them directly on your device! If you're a CCPS student, you can even use your Student Virtual Library Card.

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THE LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU TO GET THE MOST OUT OF IT!



Did you know that you can borrow books, audiobooks, movies, and more directly to your device FREE with your library card?



Libby allows you to download eBooks and audiobooks directly to your computer, tablet, eReader, or smart phone.

EBOOKS, EAUDIOBOOKS, & MAGAZINES

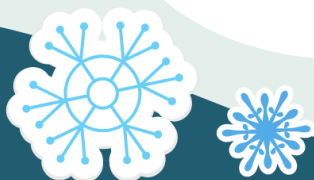


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EBOOKS, EAUDIOBOOKS, MAGAZINES, MOVIES/TV, MUSIC



An on-demand collection of children's books available on any device, featuring interactive picture books with narration and animation, read aloud videos, TumbleTunes songs, graphic novels, early readers, chapter books, and more!



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

Staying Safe Online

Tue, Jan 7 at 1pm | North East

Intro to PowerPoint

Mon, Jan 13 at 1pm | Perryville

Identity Theft and Cyber Security

Thu, Jan 23 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Dungeons & Dragons: At the Library

Tue, Jan 28 at 5:30pm | North East

Intro to Game Design

Tue, Jan 28 at 6:30pm | Perryville

JOIN US FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION!



The Cemetery of Untold Stories

Tue, Jan 7 at 11am
Elkton

The Frozen River

Tue, Jan 14 at 1pm
Chesapeake City

Daisy Darker

Tue, Jan 14 at 6:30pm
Perryville

Tue, Jan 21 at 1pm
Perryville

The Little Liar

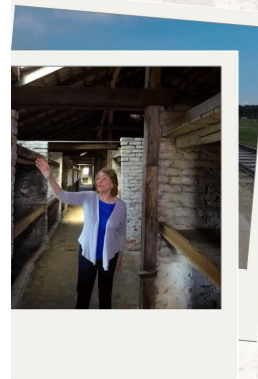
Mon, Jan 27 at 1pm
Rising Sun

THE JOURNEY BACK

Mobile Virtual Reality Trunks

Discover the power of virtual reality to enhance Holocaust education through 360-degree immersive technology.

“Walk” with Holocaust Survivors through childhood hometowns and concentration camps as they share their stories of survival, creating an unforgettable experience.



January 18 - February 4

Follow our social media channels and website for information about this special virtual reality exhibit.

On loan by the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Maintaining and Improving Your Garden Year after Year

Tue, Feb 4 at 6:30pm | North East

Creating Book Sculptures

Wed, Feb 5 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

Black Wall Street

Thu, Feb 6 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Intro to LinkedIn

Mon, Feb 10 at 1pm | Perryville

Cooking the Books: Heart Health

Wed, Feb 12 at 6:30pm | North East

Intro to Email

Tue, Feb 18 at 1pm | North East

A Gardener's Toolbox

Wed, Feb 19 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

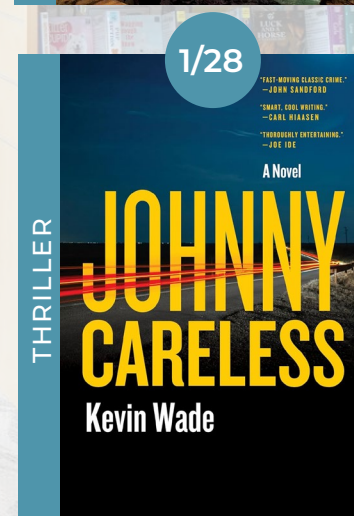
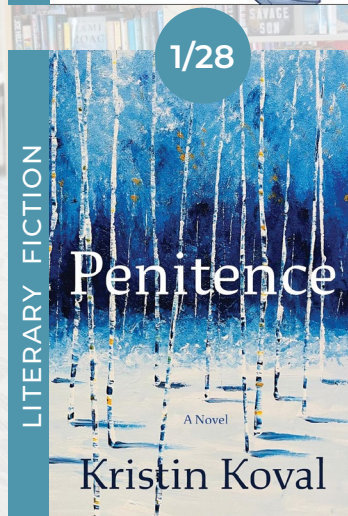
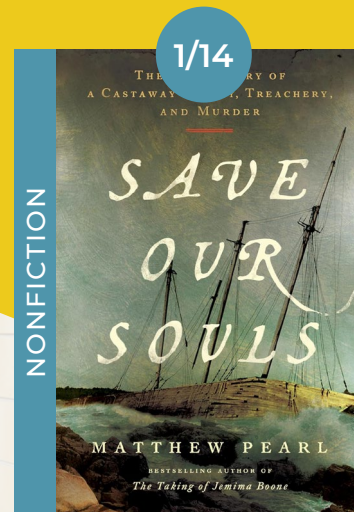
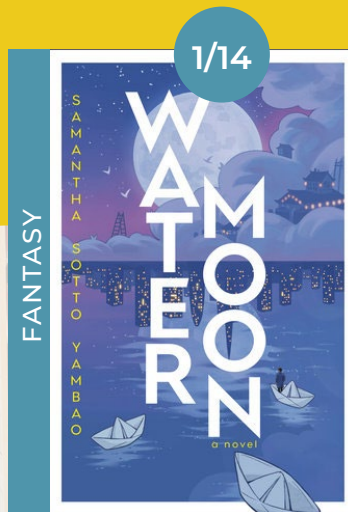
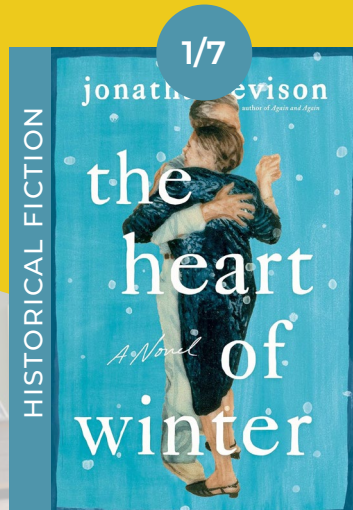
Dungeons & Dragons: At the Library

Tue, Feb 25 at 5:30pm | North East

I've Been Working on the (Perryville) Railroad

Tue, Feb 25 at 6:30pm | Perryville

New & Upcoming Releases



Put these books on hold now! Use our online catalog or visit any library branch. For all of the newest and buzzworthy book releases, pick up the spring-edition of our Book Buzz newsletter! Available at all branches.

Upcoming Events

Mystery
Book
Celebration

Meet &
greet with
mystery
authors

Saturday, March 8 from 10am-1pm
North East Branch Library

MARCH-MAY
Longwood
Community Read

Coming soon! An annual
partnership with Longwood
Gardens, with a focus on
nature and reading.



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GARDENS



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Digital Media Lab

Adobe Creative Cloud programs, such as Photoshop and Illustrator, are free to use in this special computer lab located in our North East Branch.



Creator Studio Kits

These take-home kits have everything you need to create high quality photos and videos with your smartphone. Put a kit on hold today!



Video Courses led by Industry Experts

Use LinkedIn Learning and Gale Courses to explore thousands of video courses taught by expert instructions.



Scan to learn more about the Digital Media Lab and Creator Studio Kits.



Scan to learn more about our Online Courses.



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COMING SOON! EXPLORE DOUGLASS'S IMPACT AND HIS LIFE THROUGH HIS OWN WORDS AND IN PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS.

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FEBRUARY 3-28

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Seen Around the Library



Family StoryTime, Elkton



Leaf Painting, North East



Canvas Painting, Cecilton



Kids' Academy, North East



Book Lover's Market, Elkton



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!

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.



Scan this code to learn more about how you can donate.

Your Donations at Work

When you support the Friends Foundation, you support the Library. Your generous gift will go to enhance library services in youth literacy, adult programming and exhibits, and community outreach.

Two recent Friends Foundation-supported initiatives include Nature Explorer Backpacks (take-home kits available at all branches) and the newly revamped Elkton Children's Room!

To learn more about where your donations go, visit:
<https://ccplfriendsfoundation.org/donate/>



Save the Date!

Books, Bourbon, & BBQ, our special annual after-hours event, will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2025**.

Contact us to learn how you can get involved!



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@cecilcountylibrary.org

www.ccplfriendsfoundation.org

Hours & Locations

Cecilton

☎ (410) 275-1091

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: 10am-6pm

Thu: 1pm-6pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: Closed

Chesapeake City

☎ (410) 996-1134

Mon: Closed

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: Closed

Thu: 10am-6pm

Fri: Closed

Sat: 10am-5pm

Elkton

☎ (410) 996-5600

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

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

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Tue: 10am-8pm

Wed: 10am-8pm

Thu: 10am-6pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

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Rising Sun

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Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: 10am-8pm

Thu: 10am-6pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

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January 1 for New Year's Day and
January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.