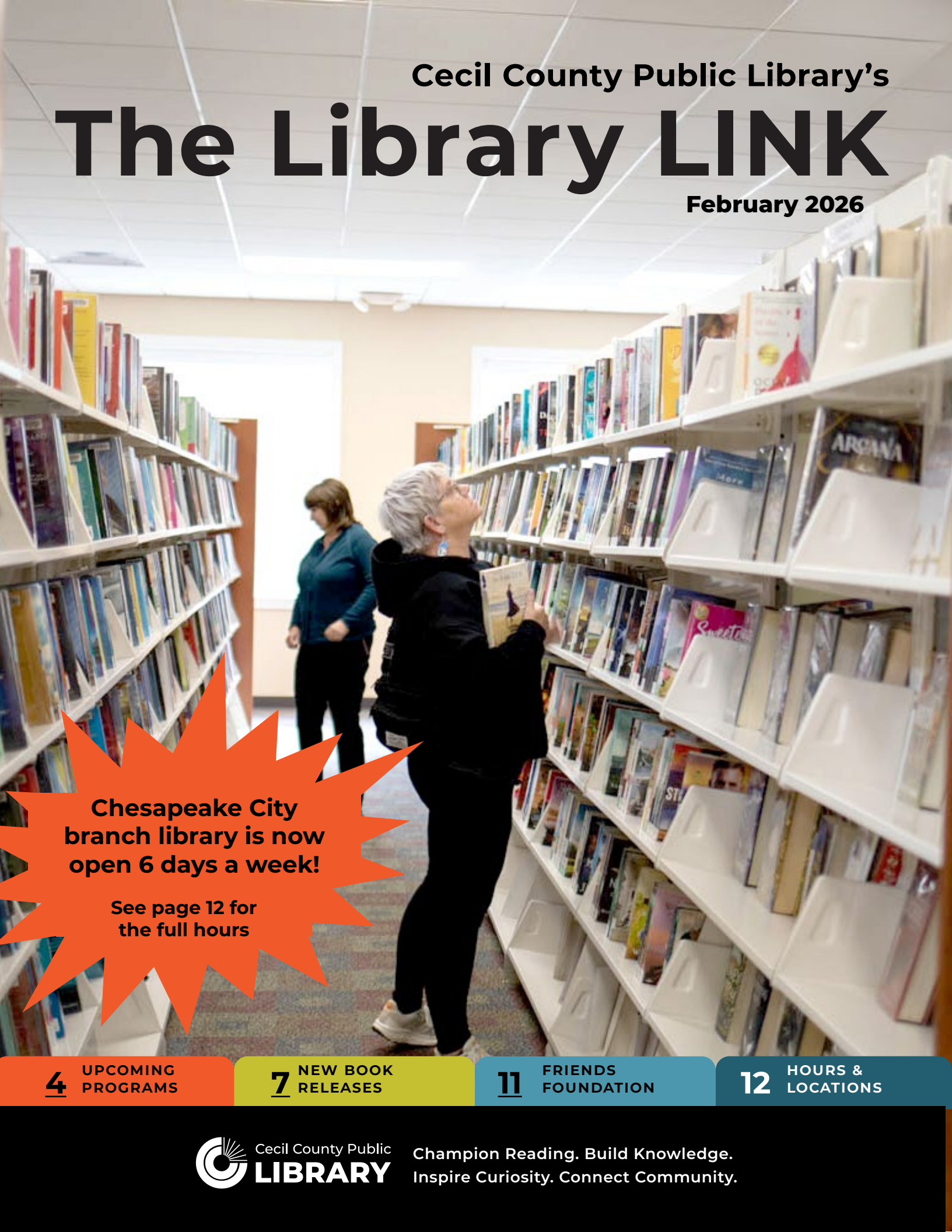


Cecil County Public Library's

The Library LINK

February 2026



**Chesapeake City
branch library is now
open 6 days a week!**

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the full hours

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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.cecilcountylibrary.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 Geothermic Spa**
Relax with an uplifting, feel-good story.

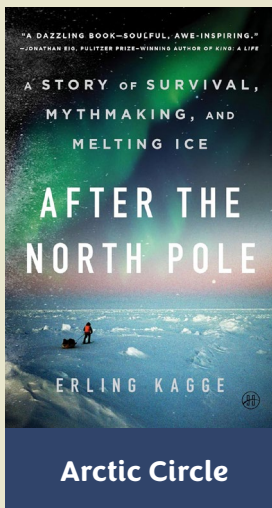
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-  **Attend a program**
-  **Visit a different branch**

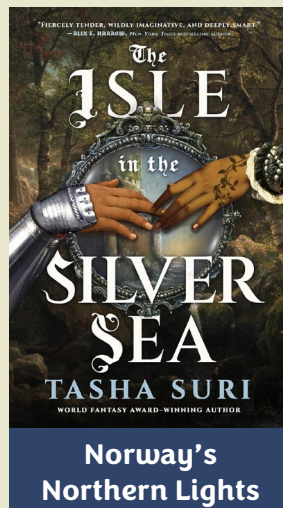
Winter Reading Book Picks

Need Reading Inspiration?

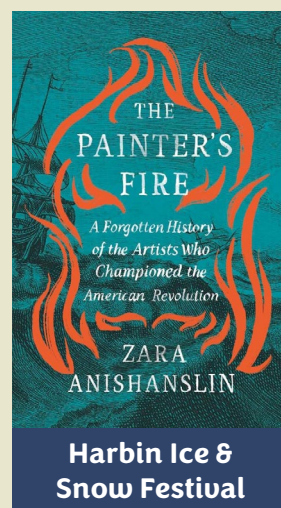
Our librarians have curated book lists for each of our Winter Reading Challenges. Here's a preview of those picks. Scan the code to visit our website for the full list of titles.



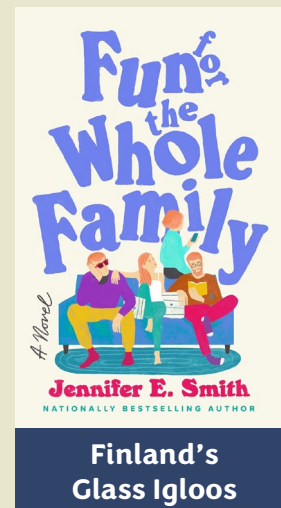
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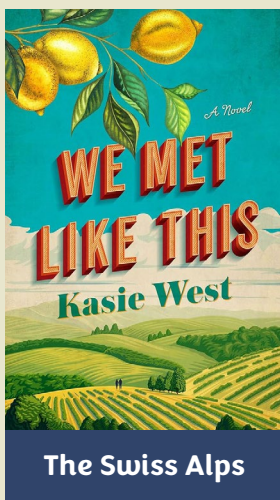
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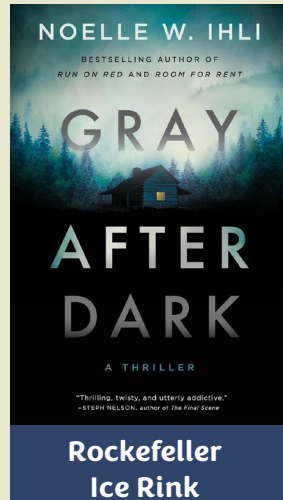
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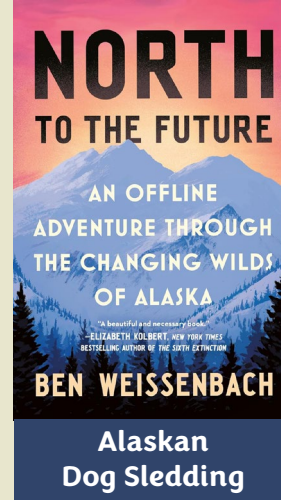
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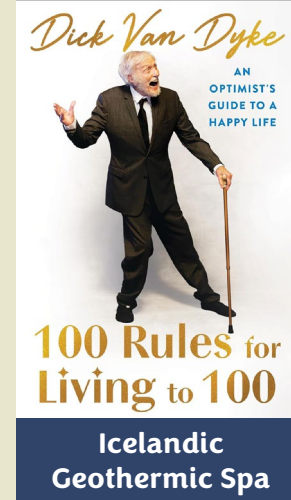
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Rockefeller Ice Rink



Alaskan Dog Sledding



Icelandic Geothermic Spa



Join Us on Facebook!

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

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

Checkmate!

Families with children ages 8-14

Mon, 2/2 at 4pm | North East

Kids' Academy

Ages 6-11

Tue, 2/3 at 11am | Perryville (*STEM in Black History*)

Wed, 2/11 at 1pm | Elkton (*Birds*)

Mon, 2/23 at 1pm | North East (*Benjamin Franklin Adventure*)

Benjamin Franklin Adventure

Ages 6-11

Wed, 2/4 at 3:30pm | North East

Full STEAM Ahead!

Ages 20 Months-early 4s

Thu, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, & 2/26 at 10:30am | Perryville

Tween Academy

Ages 9-14

Thu, 2/5 at 1pm | North East (*Birds*)

Thu, 2/12 at 1pm | Perryville (*Heartwarming Science*)

Mon, 2/23 at 1pm | Elkton (*Five Ways To Freedom*)

Hot Chocolate Through the Ages

Ages 6-11

Thu, 2/5 at 4pm | Chesapeake City

Sensory StoryTime

Ages 2-5

Sat, 2/7 at 10am | North East

Homeschool Connect

Ages 9-14

Mon, 2/9 at 1pm | Elkton

Collage & Create: Art Inspired by Faith Ringgold

Ages 6-11

Mon, 2/9 at 3pm | Rising Sun

Kids Can Cook: Strawberry Shortcakes

Ages 8-11

Wed, 2/11 at 3:30pm | North East

LEGO® Challenge

Ages 6-11

Thu, 2/12 at 4:15pm | Rising Sun

PAWS for Reading

Ages 4-11

Thu, 2/12 at 6:30pm | North East

Thu, 2/19 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Wed, 2/25 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Play & Learn

Families with children ages birth-2

Fri, 2/13 & 2/27 at 10am | North East

We Kids Rock

Families with children ages 2-6

Fri, 2/13 at 11am | Chesapeake City

African Storytelling Reimagined with Ada Ari

Ages 2-11

Wed, 2/18 at 3:30pm | North East

Let's Twist Yoga

Families with children ages birth-5

Fri, 2/20 at 10am | North East

ABC...Come Play with Me:

Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Families with children ages birth-5

Sat, 2/21 at 11am | North East

Picture This! Jazz Day:

The Making of a Famous

Photograph

Ages 6-11

Wed, 2/25 at 3:30pm | North East

Magnetism

Ages 6-11

Wed, 2/25 at 4pm | Cecilton

Starlight StoryTime

Families with children ages 3-5

Wed, 2/25 at 6:30pm | North East

STEM in Black History

Ages 6-11

Thu, 2/26 at 4pm | Perryville

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Checkmate!

Families with children ages 8-14
 Mon, 2/2 at 4pm | North East

Teen Cuisine

Grades 6-12
 Tue, 2/3 at 4pm | North East
(Jambalaya)
 Tue, 2/17 at 3:30pm | Elkton *(Lunar New Year)*
 Tue, 2/17 at 4pm | Rising Sun *(Cupcake Decorating)*

Teen Lounge

Grades 6-12
 Wed, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 at 3pm | Perryville
 Tue, 2/10 at 4pm | Rising Sun
 Mon, 2/23 at 4pm | Cecilton (VR)

Tween Academy

Ages 9-14
 Thu, 2/5 at 1pm | North East *(Birds)*
 Thu, 2/12 at 1pm | Perryville
(Heartwarming Science)
 Mon, 2/23 at 1pm | Elkton *(Five Ways To Freedom)*

Manga & Anime Club

Grades 6-12
 Thu, 2/5 at 3pm | Perryville
Tue, 2/10 at 4pm | North East
Thu, 2/19 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Homeschool Connect

Ages 9-14
 Mon, 2/9 at 1pm | Elkton

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12
 Tue, 2/10 at 3:30pm | Elkton
 Thu, 2/12 at 3:30pm | North East

Art Lab: Modeling Clay Magic

Grades 6-12
 Tue, 2/17 at 4pm | North East

Poetry through Pictures

Grades 6-12
 Thu, 2/19 at 3pm | Perryville

PAWS & Relax

Grades 6-12
 Tue, 2/24 at 3:30pm | North East

Nintendo Switch Sports Tournament

Grades 6-12
 Thu, 2/26 at 3:30pm | Elkton

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Intro to Email

Mon, 2/2 at 1pm | Perryville
Tue, 2/3 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Black History & Culture of Cecil County

Wed, 2/4 at 6:30pm | North East

**Recovering History:
The Baltimore Black Sox**

Thu, 2/5 at 6:30pm | Elkton

**Blackboards and Barriers:
History of Cecil County Colored Schools**

Sat, 2/7 at 1pm | Elkton

Intro to Cake Decorating

Wed, 2/11 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

**The Book That Stole My Heart Book
Discussion**

Thu, 2/12 at 1pm | North East

**Frederick Douglass! The Lion of
Freedom**

Thu, 2/12 at 6pm | Elkton

Intro to Interviews

Tue, 2/17 at 6:30pm | North East

DIY Landscape Blunders

Thu, 2/19 at 6:30pm | North East

Dungeons & Dragons: At the Library

Tue, 2/24 at 5:30pm | North East

Freedom Stories

Tue, 2/24 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Learn to Crochet: The Basics

Wed, 2/25 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

**America's Birth Certificate:
The Declaration of Independence**

Thu, 2/26 at 6:30pm | Elkton

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Intro to Windows 11

Mon, Mar 2 at 1pm | Perryville

Ordinary Heroes of Old Delmarva

Tue, Mar 3 at 6:30pm | North East

The Last Stop on the Underground Railroad

Thu, Mar 5 at 6:30pm | Elkton

**Building a Stand-out Resume in the World
of AI**

Tue, Mar 10 at 6:30pm | North East

Cooking the Books: Luck of the Irish

Wed, Mar 11 at 6:30pm | North East

**Irish Women in Baltimore and American
History**

Tue, Mar 17 at 2pm | Cecilton

Wild Women of Maryland

Wed, Mar 18 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

**Local Voices, Lasting Change: Cecil County
Women and the Fight for the Vote**

Thu, Mar 19 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Living Historian: Harriet Tubman

Sat, Mar 21 at 11am | Elkton

**Rediscovering 1776: In Search of the
Revolutionary Spirit in Cecil County &
Beyond**

Tue, Mar 24 at 1pm | Chesapeake City

**Behind Closed Doors: The Story of the
Cecil County Almshouse**

Tue, Mar 24 at 6:30pm | North East

Storytelling with Sista' Martha Ruff

Wed, Mar 25 at 6:30pm | Perryville

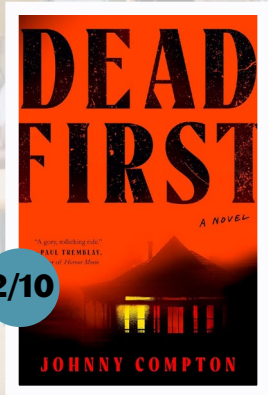
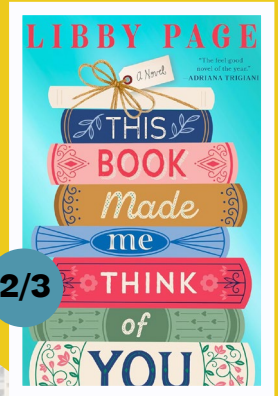
**All Stirred Up: Suffrage Cookbooks, Food,
and the Battle for Women's Right to Vote**

Thu, Mar 26 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Dungeons & Dragons: At the Library

Tue, Mar 31 at 5:30pm | North East

New & Upcoming Releases



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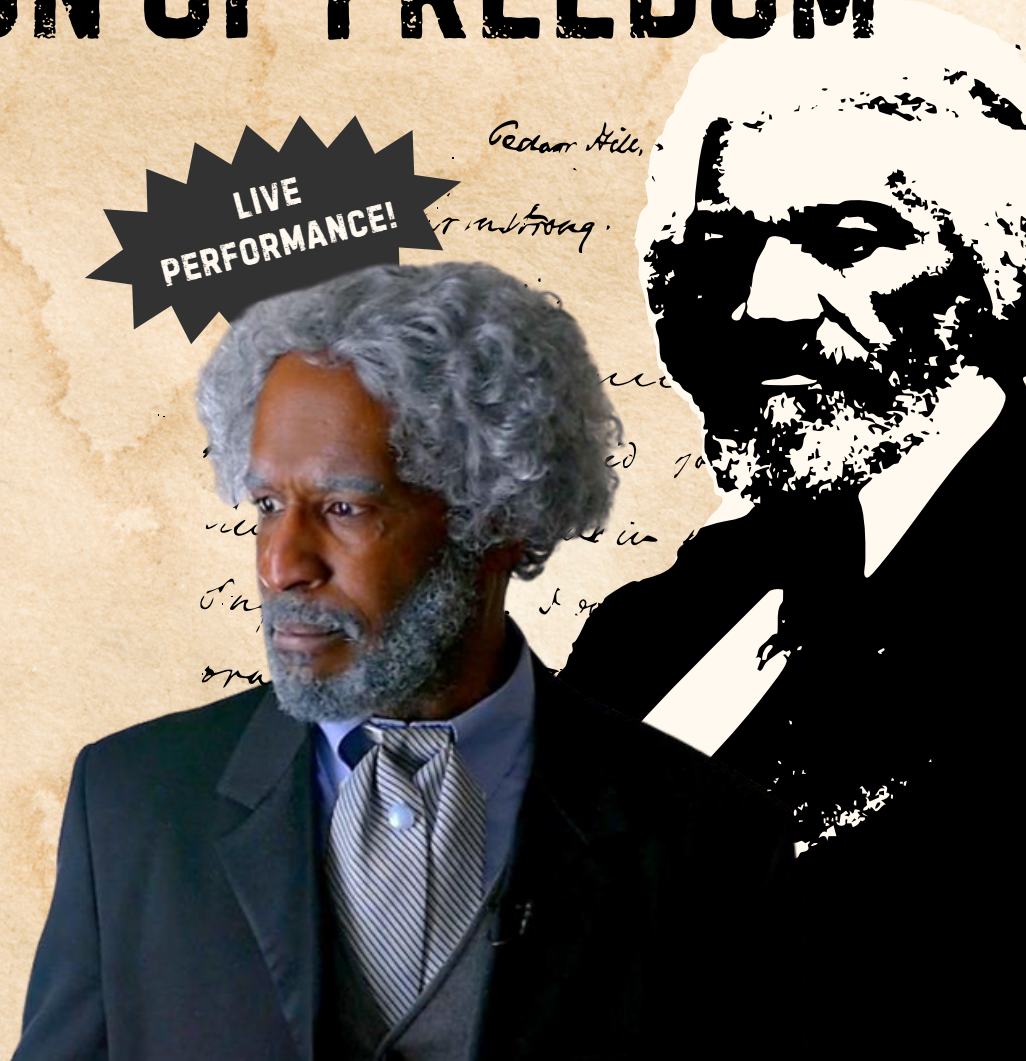
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**EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY AT ELKTON
FEBRUARY 1-MARCH 31**

Flee!
Stories of Flight
Maryland in Black & White

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.

Seen Around the Library



Learn and connect! Events 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.



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