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The Library LINK

January 2026



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



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.



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

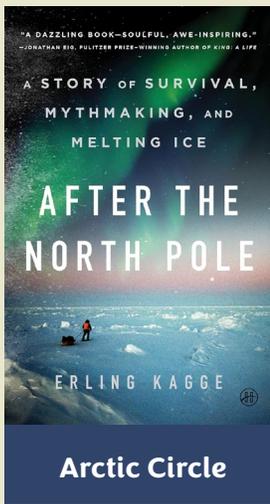
Bonus

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

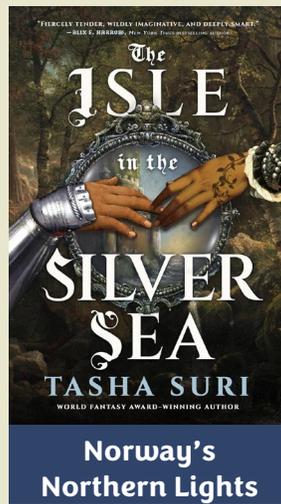
Winter Reading Book Picks

Need Reading Inspiration?

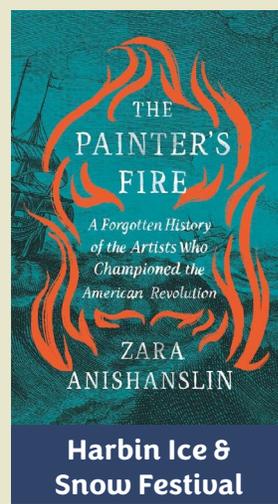
Our librarians have curated book lists for each of our Winter Reading Challenges. Here's a preview of those picks. Scan the code to visit our website for the full list of titles.



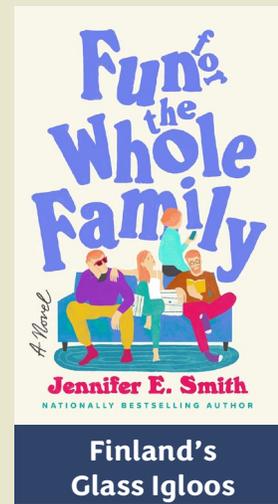
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Norway's Northern Lights



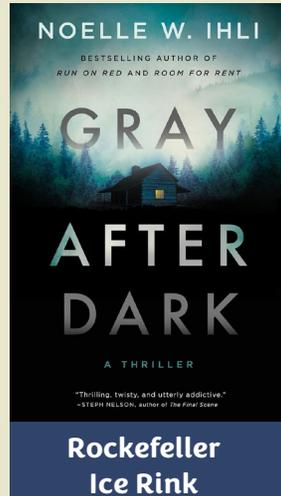
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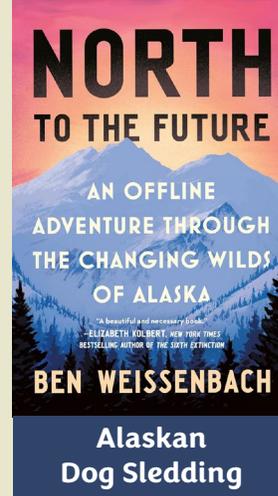
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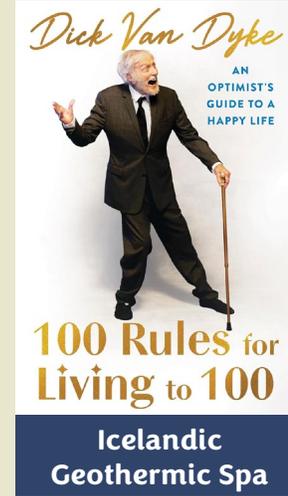
The Swiss Alps



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!

Starting January 5, 2026 the Chesapeake City Branch will be open 6 days a week!

Open house from noon-6pm. Celebrate with cocoa and cookies!

See page 12 for the new branch hours



STORY TIME

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

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

StoryTimes are held weekly at most branches and are free to attend. Check the schedule and select what works for your family.

StoryTimes begin the week of January 19.



Scan for the full list of StoryTime dates & to register for an event.

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

Play & Learn

*Families with children ages birth-2
Fri, 1/2, 1/16, & 1/30 at 10am | North East*

Checkmate!

*Families with children ages 8-14
Mon, 1/5 at 4pm | North East*

Kids' Academy

*Ages 6-11
Tue, 1/6 at 11am | Perryville (Game Design 101)
Wed, 1/14 at 1pm | Elkton (Snakes)
Mon, 1/26 at 1pm | North East (Sound Effect Live Theater)*

Preschool Science: Sink or Float

*Ages 2-5
Wed, 1/7 at 10am | North East*

Cozy Corner: Hobbies & Crafts

*Grades 4-8
Wed, 1/7 at 3:30pm | Elkton*

PAWS for Reading

*Ages 4-11
Thu, 1/8 at 6:30pm | North East
Thu, 1/15 at 6:30pm | Elkton
Wed, 1/28 at 6:30pm | Perryville*

Playdough Playdate

*Ages birth-5
Sat, 1/10 at 10:30am | Perryville*

Homeschool Connect

*Ages 9-14
Mon, 1/12 at 1pm | Elkton*

ABC...Come Play with Me

*Families with children ages birth-5
Tue, 1/13 at 10:30am | Elkton
Sat, 1/17 at 11am | North East (Winter)*

Kids Can Cook: Broccoli Cheddar Soup

*Ages 8-11
Wed, 1/14 at 3:30pm | North East*

Preschool Art: Collage Creation

*Ages 2-5
Thu, 1/15 at 10am | North East*

Tween Academy

*Ages 9-14
Thu, 1/15 at 1pm | Perryville (Coding)
Thu, 1/22 at 1pm | North East (Electric Vehicles)
Mon, 1/26 at 1pm | Elkton (Annette Whipple Presents- Facts Are Fun!)*

Fingertip Literacy: Discovering Braille

*Ages 6-11
Thu, 1/15 at 4pm | Chesapeake City*

No Two Alike: Snowflake Science & Craft

*Ages 6-11
Thu, 1/15 at 4:30pm | Rising Sun*

Finding Poetry

*Ages 6-11
Wed, 1/21 at 3:30pm | Elkton*

Sound Effect Live Theater

*Ages 6-11
Wed, 1/21 at 3:30pm | North East*

Full STEAM Ahead!

*Ages 20 months-4
Thu, 1/22 & 1/29 at 10:30am | Perryville*

Sensory StoryTime

*Ages 2-5
Sat, 1/24 at 10am | North East*

Starlight StoryTime

*Families with children ages 3-5
Tue, 1/27 at 6:30pm | North East*

Preschool Art: Lunar New Year

*Ages 3-6
Wed, 1/28 at 3:30pm | Elkton*

LEGO Challenge

*Ages 6-11
Wed, 1/28 at 4pm | Cecilton*

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

Checkmate!

Families with children ages 8-14
 Mon, 1/5 at 4pm | North East

Teen Lounge

Grades 6-12
 Wed, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, & 1/28 at 3pm | Perryville
 Tue, 1/13 at 4pm | Rising Sun

Cozy Corner: Hobbies & Crafts

Grades 4-8
 Wed, 1/7 at 3:30pm | Elkton

New Year's Paint Night

Grades 6-12
 Wed, 1/7 at 5:30pm | Rising Sun

Manga & Anime Club

Grades 6-12
 Thu, 1/8 at 3pm | Perryville
 Tue, 1/13 at 4pm | North East
 Thu, 1/15 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Homeschool Connect

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 Thu, 1/22 at 1pm | North East (Electric Vehicles)
 Mon, 1/26 at 1pm | Elkton (Annette Whipple Presents- Facts Are Fun!)

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12
 Thu, 1/15 at 3:30pm | North East
 Thu, 1/22 at 4pm | Chesapeake City

Art Lab: Street Art

Grades 6-12
 Tue, 1/20 at 3:30pm | Elkton (Street Art)
 Thu, 1/22 at 3pm | Perryville (Vision Board)

Teen Cuisine: Potstickers

Grades 6-12
 Tue, 1/20 at 4pm | North East

PAWS & Relax

Grades 6-12
 Thu, 1/22 at 3:30pm | Elkton
 Tue, 1/27 at 3:30pm | North East

Family Book Discussion

Families with teens in Grades 6-12
 Sat, 1/31 at 1pm | Perryville

BORROW GRAPHIC NOVELS & MANGA ON HOOPLA DIGITAL!

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What Can Your Library Do For You?

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

Ancient Archeoastronomy in Modern Design

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

How to Apply for a Job

Wed, 1/14 at 11am | Elkton

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

Sourdough Basics

Wed, 1/21 at 6pm | Rising Sun

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

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

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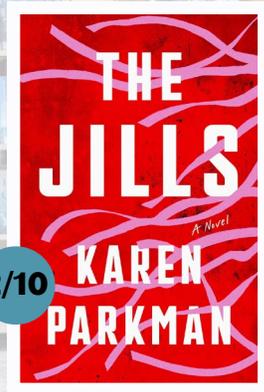
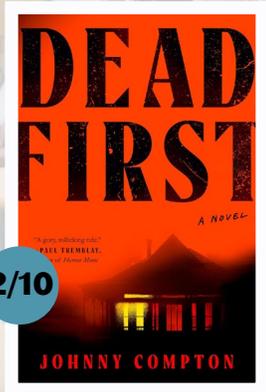
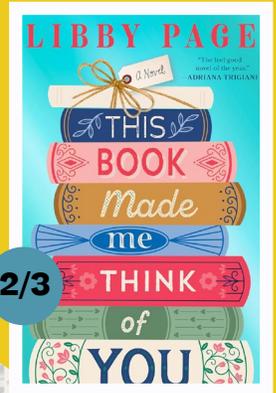
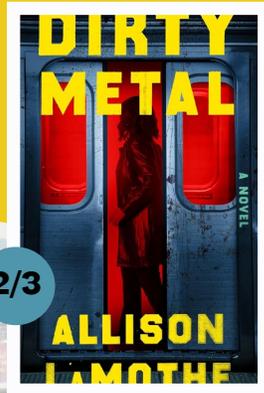
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Hours & Locations

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Thu: 10am-6pm
Fri: 10am-5pm
Sat: Closed

Chesapeake City

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North East

☎ (410) 996-6269
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Wed: 9am-8pm
Thu: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-5pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

Perryville

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