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READY, SET, LIBRARY!

Every year, libraries across the country celebrate National Library Week. It’s the perfect time to celebrate all of the special work libraries and librarians do. But most importantly, we love to hear from YOU and how you use your library!

"I would be lost without the library. They have internet access when I didn’t, they have a great assortment of books and if they don’t have it locally they will search Maryland database for you. And then there’s the activities for all ages. I can’t say enough good things about the library. To end, it is people that also make it a good experience being friendly and helpful."

-Susan W.

2024 CCPL VALUES AWARD WINNERS

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.

This year’s winners with Director Morgan Miller. From left to right: Tyler Koch, Patrick Jones, Christopher Borroughs, Morgan Miller, Summer Rosswog, Morgan Morison.

Scan to Read About Values:  
Scan to Read Winners’ Interviews:

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How Perryville Branch Librarians are Connecting Community

The Perryville Branch Library is an important and much-used asset to the town. It is a place for the community to gather, explore, and create. Though the Branch is currently closed for exciting renovations, the Perryville librarians have ventured out into the community to provide on-the-go library services.

Perryville Librarians host weekly playgroups and clubs at local schools, lead book discussions at Town Hall, attend local community events, and work with community partners to ensure that every resident is still connected to their library.

To learn more about Perryville’s renovations, visit our website.

600 Kids & Teens Reached in January & February

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Longwood Community Read
MARCH - MAY

An annual partnership with Longwood Gardens, with a focus on nature and reading. Attend a program, start a conversation, and learn all about the meaning, beauty, and solace we can find in gardens.

Look for this symbol for Community Read programs: 🌸

Visit to learn more: https://tinyurl.com/lcread2024

Book Discussions
Discuss The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly
Tuesday, April 9 at 1pm
Chesapeake City
Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm
Perryville Town Hall
Tuesday, April 16 at 1pm
Perryville Town Hall

Learn more about this year's featured books:

The Last Garden in England
By Julia Kelly

The Secret Garden
Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Registration opens two weeks prior to the program date for all Children’s programs. Visit our website or your local branch to register.

**Starlight StoryTime**  
*Families with children ages 3-5*  
Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30pm  
North East

**Kids’ Academy**  
*Ages 6-11*  
Monday, April 8 at 1pm  
Rising Sun

Wednesday, April 10 at 1pm  
Elkton

Tuesday, April 23 at 11am & 1pm  
North East

**STEAM Lab**  
*Ages 6-11*  
Wednesday, April 10 at 3:30pm & 6pm  
North East

**Tween Academy**  
*Ages 9-14*  
Thursday, April 11 at 1pm  
North East

Monday, April 22 at 1pm  
Elkton

**Game Night Galore**  
*Families with children ages 4 and up*  
Thursday, April 11 at 5pm  
North East

**PAWS for Reading**  
*Ages 4-11*  
Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm  
North East

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm  
Elkton

**Play and Learn**  
*Families with children ages birth-2*  
Fridays, April 12 & 26 at 10am  
North East

**Chesapeake Children’s Museum:**  
*How Does Your Garden Grow?*  
*Ages 6-11*  
Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30pm  
Cecilton Community Center

**Illustration Lab: Tissue Paper Painting**  
*Ages 8-11*  
Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Let’s Learn About the Weather**  
*Ages 6-11*  
Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Stars on the Move: The Sky Tonight**  
*Ages 4-9*  
Wednesday, April 17 at 4pm  
Rising Sun

**Ages 10-15**  
Wednesday, April 17 at 6pm  
Rising Sun

**Crystal Murphy Music:**  
*The Magic of the Secret Garden*  
*Shadow Puppet Theater*  
*Families with children ages 3-7*  
Saturday, April 20 at 2pm  
North East

**Patching the Planet**  
*Ages 9-14*  
Wednesday, April 24 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**ABC...Come Play with Me**  
*Families with children ages birth-5*  
Saturday, April 27 at 11am  
North East

**Animal Services and Pet Toy Workshop**  
*Families with children ages 5-14*  
Tuesday, April 30 at 4:30pm  
Chesapeake City
CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY’S
CHILDREN’S BOOK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
FROM 10AM-2PM
NORTH EAST
BRANCH LIBRARY
FOOD, FAMILY FUN,
BOOK SIGNINGS,
STORY STAGE, & MORE!

Save the date!

Look for updates on our website and social media!

JOIN US FOR

STORY TIME

Registration required. Ask a librarian or visit our website to sign up.

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

StoryTimes are held weekly at most branches and are free to attend. Scan this code for the full list of dates & times.

SOLAR ECLIPSE AT THE LIBRARY

MONDAY,
APRIL 8 FROM 2-4PM
FOR FAMILIES
NORTH EAST
BRANCH LIBRARY

NASA LIVESTREAM
CRAFTS
SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

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Teens Give Back  
**Ages 11-17**  
Mondays, April 8, 15, & 22 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

Saturday, April 27 at 1:00pm  
North East

**Art Club**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Monday, April 8 at 4pm  
Cecilton Community Center

**Tween Academy**  
**Ages 9-14**  
Thursday, April 11 at 1pm  
North East

Monday, April 22 at 1pm  
Elkton

**Choose Your Own Adventure**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Thursday, April 11 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Art Lab: Origami**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Thursday, April 11 at 4pm  
Rising Sun

Thursday, April 18 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Game Night Galore**  
*Families with children ages 4 and up*  
Thursday, April 11 at 5pm  
North East

**Game On**  
**Grades 6-12**  
Monday, April 15 at 3:30pm  
North East

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

**Tech Tuesday**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Tuesday, April 16 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Art Lab:**  
**Crayon Art Jewelry**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Wednesday, April 17 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Stars on the Move: The Sky Tonight**  
**Ages 10-15**  
Wednesday, April 17 at 6pm  
Rising Sun

**Youth Sleuths:**  
**Animatronics on the Loose**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Thursday, April 18 at 4pm  
Chesapeake City

**Patching the Planet**  
**Ages 9-14**  
Wednesday, April 24 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Life After High School:**  
**Car Care and Travel Tips**  
**Grades 9-12**  
Thursday, April 25 at 5pm  
North East

**Techno Bowling**  
**Ages 11-17**  
Monday, April 29 at 3:30pm  
North East

**Animal Services and Pet Toy Workshop**  
**Ages 5-14**  
Tuesday, April 30 at 4:30pm  
Chesapeake City
Staying Safe Online
Wednesday, April 3 at 10:30am
North East

The Great North American Eclipse
Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30pm
Elkton

Living History:
Olivia Floyd, Civil War Spy
Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm
North East

Lums Pond State Park
Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm
Chesapeake City

Author Visit: Mark DeWitt Lanyon
Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30pm
Rising Sun

Introduction to PowerPoint
Thursday, April 11 at 1pm
Elkton

Intro to Homesteading:
Backyard Chickens
Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm
North East

Intro to Website Analytics
Tuesday, April 23 at 11am
North East

Crafting Treasures
Wednesday, April 24 at 6pm
Rising Sun

History and Celebration of
Latin Dance
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm
Elkton

Intro to Interviewing
Thursday, April 25 at 1pm
Elkton

Dungeons & Dragons:
Playing Online
Tuesday, April 30 at 5:30pm
North East

Chocolate from the Alps:
Stories from a Swiss Chocolatier
Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30pm
North East

Navigating When to Approach Your
Bank for Business Financing
Tuesday, April 30 at 11am
North East

JOIN US FOR A
BOOK DISCUSSION!
Engage in a lively discussion about this month’s book picks.

www.cecilcountylibrary.org
To view this event, visit the Enoch Pratt Free Library's Facebook or YouTube page. For more information, scan this code:

Building Urgent Optimism for the Future

with Jane McGonigal

Thursday, April 25
12:00 p.m.

Presented with Maryland Libraries Together

Supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Maryland State Library.
Join us for an event! They are always free and you don’t even need a library card to attend. Registration is required. To sign-up for a program, visit our website or scan the code.
A Special After-Hours Event

Books, Bourbon, & BBQ

Saturday, May 4 at 5pm
North East Branch Library

Dress code is Picnic Casual; Derby Hats optional

Bourbon Station
Celebrity Bartenders
Live Band: Acoustic with an Edge
Kentucky Derby on the Big Screen

All to benefit the Library’s Literacy Programs

Sponsorships Available

Tickets are $75
Scan to purchase:

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The Perryville branch is currently closed for renovations. See our website for updates.