

# CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S The Library LINK

February 2026

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IS NOW OPEN  
6 DAYS A WEEK!**

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Cecil County Public  
**LIBRARY**

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](http://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 Geothermal Spa

Relax with an uplifting, feel-good story.

## Bonus



Attend a program



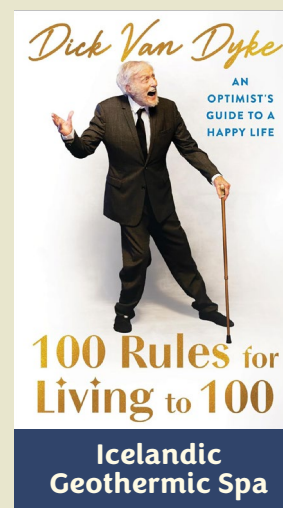
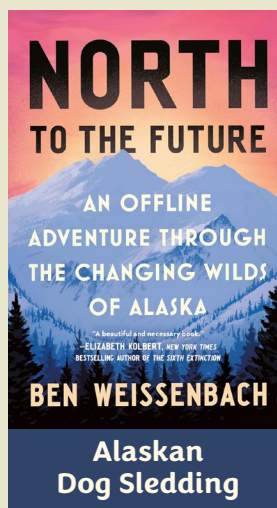
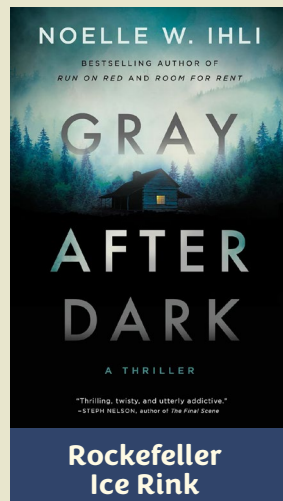
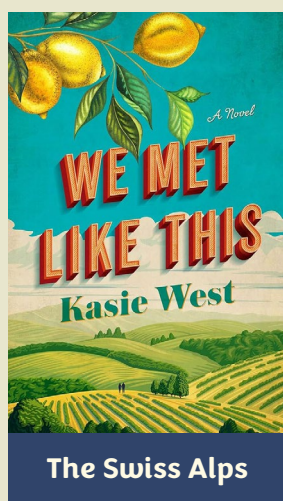
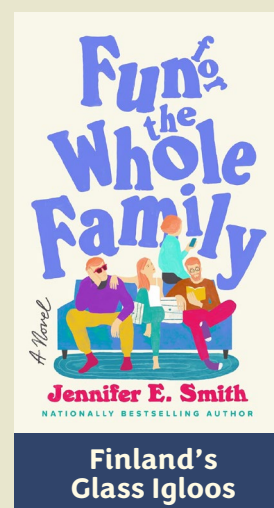
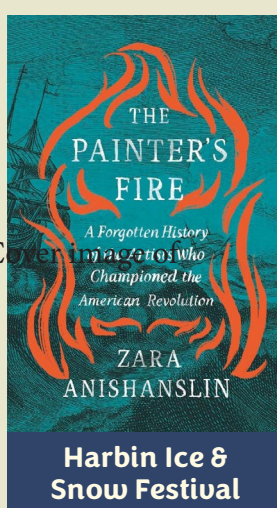
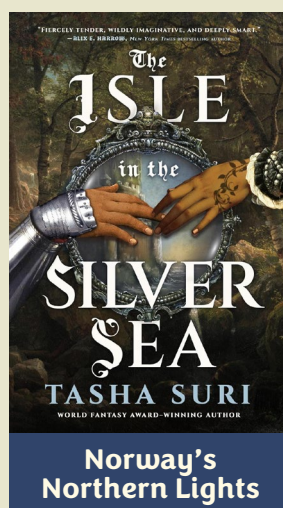
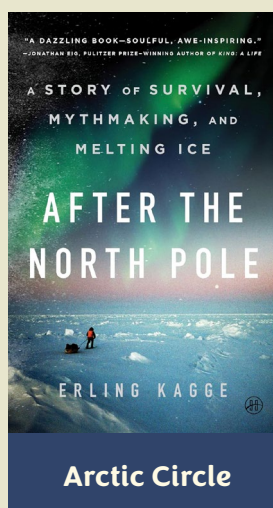
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# Winter Reading Book Picks

## 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.



## 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



## JOIN US FOR A STORYTIME!

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.

### 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)

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### 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

**brainfuse HelpNow**

**FREE ONLINE TUTORING**

- Expert Live Tutors
- Homework Help
- Skill Building
- 24-hr Writing Lab


Scan to learn more

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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

## JOIN US FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION!

**Circe by Madeline Miller**  
Wed, 2/4 at 11am | Elkton

**The Many Lives of Mama Love**  
by Lara Love Hardin  
Tue, 2/10 at 1pm | Chesapeake City

**You Deserve to Know**  
by Aggie Blum Thompson  
Tue, 2/10 at 6pm | Perryville

**The Chocolate Maker's Wife**  
by Karen Brooks  
Wed, 2/11 at 1pm | Cecilton



**Second Chance Reads**  
Tue, 2/17 at 1pm | Perryville

**Good Dirt by Charmaine Wilkerson**  
Mon, 2/23 at 1pm | Rising Sun

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

**Intro to Windows II**  
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



**Put these books on hold now!** Stay up to date on the latest new releases with our **Book Buzz** newsletter. The Spring edition is available in any branch or scan the code to read it online.



## A celebration of the nation's past **250** years in Maryland and beyond.



Look for this symbol for MD 250 programs



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FEBRUARY 12 AT 6PM**

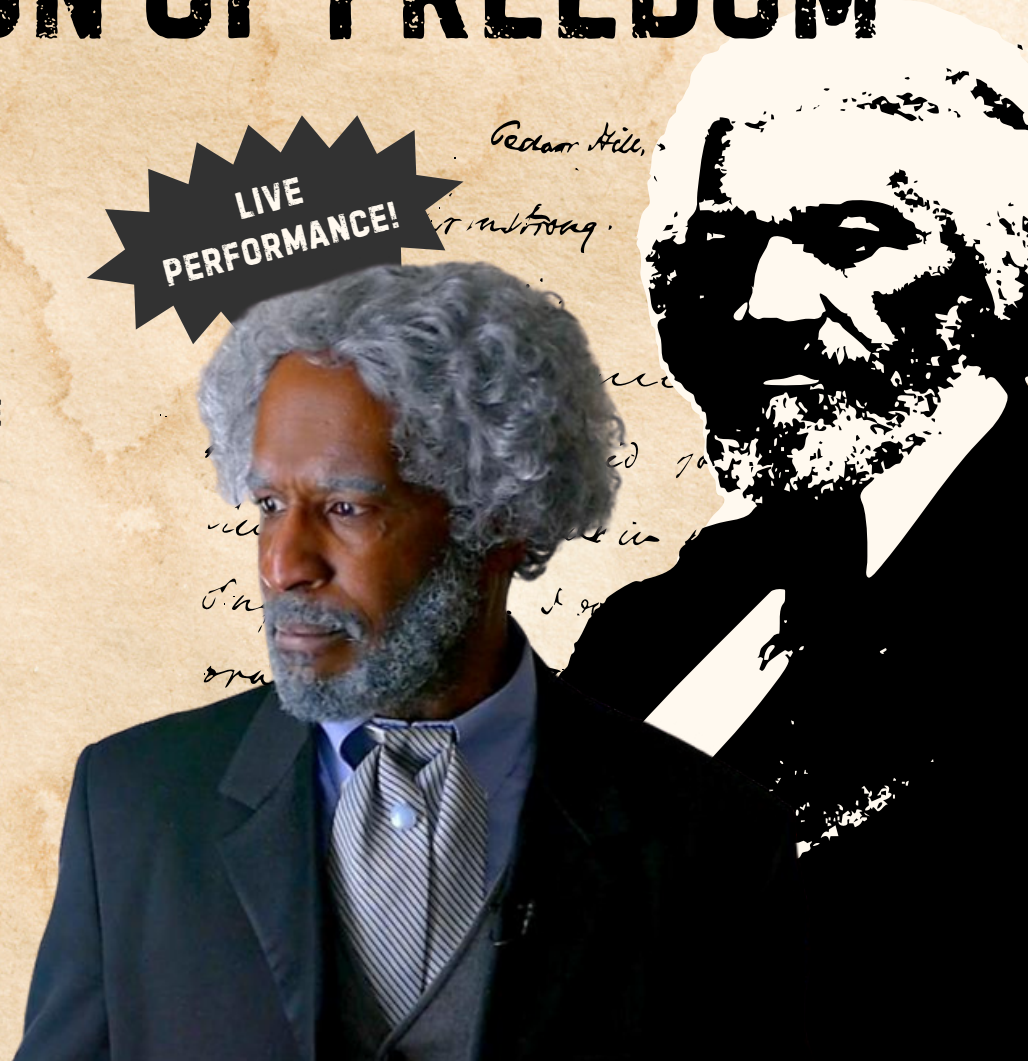
**ELKTON  
BRANCH LIBRARY**

# **FREDERICK DOUGLASS!**

## **THE LION OF FREEDOM**

**THIS ONE-MAN SHOW,  
WRITTEN AND PERFORMED  
BY DARIUS WALLACE, IS A  
JOURNEY THROUGH THE  
GREAT ABOLITIONIST  
FREDERICK DOUGLASS'S LIFE  
GROWING UP AS A SLAVE ON  
THE PLANTATION, UNTIL THE  
MOMENT HE BECOMES FREE.  
AUDIENCES WILL WITNESS  
WALLACE TRANSFORM INTO  
SEVERAL DIFFERENT  
CHARACTERS OF INFLUENCE  
ON DOUGLASS'S LIFE  
THROUGH SONG, SPEECHES,  
MONOLOGUE AND POETRY.**

**LIVE  
PERFORMANCE!**





# FEBRUARY IS **BLACK** **HISTORY** **MONTH**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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



DIY Holiday Ornaments



Holiday Piñatas



Kids Can Cook

Noon Year's Eve



Eric Energy



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.





### **\$50 gift or \$5 per month**

sponsor reading incentives and prizes for a child's journey through summer reading



### **\$100 gift or \$10 per month**

sponsor a Learning Kit



### **\$200 gift or \$20 per month**

sponsor 10 children for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



### **\$250 gift or \$22 per month**

sponsor a program for adults or contribute toward an exhibit



### **\$500 gift or \$40 per month**

sponsor a shelf of books or a living history presenter

### **\$1,000 gift or \$85 per month**

sponsor a kit of supplies for the Reading Buddy program. Elementary aged readers are paired with a volunteer to work on reading skills using books, games, and learning resources



*Donate Today!*

[www.ccplfriendsfoundation.org](http://www.ccplfriendsfoundation.org)

# Hours & Locations

## Cecilton

☎ (410) 275-1091  
Mon: 12pm-6pm  
Tue: 10am-6pm  
Wed: 10am-6pm  
Thu: 10am-6pm  
Fri: 10am-5pm  
Sat: Closed

## Chesapeake City

☎ (410) 996-1134  
Mon: 12pm-6pm  
Tue: 10am-6pm  
Wed: 10am-6pm  
Thu: 10am-6pm  
Fri: 10am-5pm  
Sat: 10am-5pm

**Now open 6 days a week!**

## Elkton

☎ (410) 996-5600  
Mon: 12pm-6pm  
Tue: 10am-8pm  
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  
Mon: 12pm-6pm  
Tue: 10am-8pm  
Wed: 10am-8pm  
Thu: 10am-6pm  
Fri: 10am-5pm  
Sat: 10am-5pm

**Drive-Thru available!**

## Rising Sun

☎ (410) 658-4025  
☎ (410) 398-2706  
Mon: 12pm-6pm  
Tue: 10am-6pm  
Wed: 10am-8pm  
Thu: 10am-6pm  
Fri: 10am-5pm  
Sat: 10am-5pm

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✉ [Ask@CecilCountyLibrary.org](mailto:Ask@CecilCountyLibrary.org)

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All CCPL branches will be closed on  
February 16 for Presidents' Day.