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Winter Reading

DECEMBER 18 - FEBRUARY 29

Instructions

Choose from our Winter Reading menu & check off the circles as you complete reading challenges.

For each challenge completed, earn a raffle ticket for a Book Lovers Basket prize.

Complete 2 challenges to earn a mug.

Complete 3 challenges to earn a chance to win 2 tickets to the Friends Foundation’s Kentucky Derby party, Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Submit your raffle entry for each completed challenge at any branch of the Cecil County Public Library.

Visit the library’s website or the CCPL Readers Group on Facebook for reading recommendations for each challenge.

Reading Challenge Menu

Hot Chocolate Bombs
Have a blast with an explosive, action-packed thriller

Berger Cookies
Savor a uniquely Maryland read with a book set in Maryland or written by a local author

Tres Leches Cake
Enjoy a flavor-filled read where more than one character shares the spotlight

Smith Island Cake
Delight your taste buds with a lengthy read or the first in a series

Baked Alaska
Layer up and take the plunge into a cold-weather read

Salt Water Taffy
Snack on a book featuring a salty character with a sweet side

Gingerbread House
Taste the deliciousness of a book where a house takes center stage

Baklava
Sweeten your day with a title translated from another language

Bonus

Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Flip to the bottom of your TBR pile for a sweet read

Chocolate Sampler
Treat yourself to one of our scrumptious programs!

Scan for more info

www.cecilcountylibrary.org
We held our second annual Book Lover’s Market on Saturday, November 11 at the Elkton Library!

Hundreds of book lovers joined us to browse the used book sale, chat with local authors, vendors, and to purchase their books and merchandise.

The Friends Foundation co-hosted the event, selling “fill a tote” bags, fabulous “It’s Book O’Clock” enamel collector pins, and other fun and festive library merchandise. Attendees also enjoyed our “Cozy Cafe” - a complimentary hot beverage bar!

We were so pleased to support local authors and vendors at this event. Be sure to check back for details on future events.
Registration opens two weeks prior to the program date for all Children’s programs. Visit our website or your local branch to register.

**Holiday Open House**  
Monday, 12/4 at 5pm  
Rising Sun

**ABC...Come Play with Me**  
*Families with Children ages birth-5*  
Tuesday, 12/5 at 10:30am  
Elkton

Saturday, 12/16 at 11am  
North East

**Starlight StoryTime**  
*Ages 3-5*  
Thursday, 12/14 at 6:30pm  
North East

Thursday, 12/21 at 6:30pm  
Elkton

**DIY Collages**  
*Ages 6-11*  
Wednesday, 12/6 at 3:30pm  
Elkton

**Mr. Jon Concert**  
*Families with children ages birth-5*  
Tuesday, 12/12 at 10:30am  
Elkton

**We Kids Rock Holiday Concert**  
*Families with children ages 2-6*  
Tuesday, 12/12 at 11am  
Rising Sun

Thursday, 12/14 at 11am  
Chesapeake City

**Gingerbread Houses**  
*Families with children ages 4-11*  
Wednesday, 12/13 at 3:30pm & 6pm  
Elkton

Wednesday, 12/20 at 3:30pm  
Cecilton

Thursday, 12/21 at 3:30pm & 6:30pm  
North East

**Hour of Code: Painting with Spheros**  
*Ages 7-11*  
Wednesday, 12/13 at 6pm  
Rising Sun

**Holiday StoryTime**  
*Ages birth-3*  
Tuesday, 12/19 at 10:30am  
North East

**Noon Year’s Eve**  
*For ages 5-11*  
Saturday, 12/30 at 11am  
North East
Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Visit our website or your local branch to register.

**Teens**

- **Clay Sculpting**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Monday, 12/4 at 3:30pm  
  North East

- **Mason Jar Cookie Gifts**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Monday, 12/4 at 4pm  
  Cecilton

- **Teens Give Back for the Holidays**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Monday, 12/4 at 4pm  
  Rising Sun

  Thursday, 12/7 at 4pm  
  Chesapeake City

- **Holiday Open House**  
  Monday, 12/4 at 5pm  
  Rising Sun

- **Let's Create Time Capsules**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Thursday, 12/7 at 3:30pm  
  Elkton

- **Game On: Level Up!**  
  *Grades 9-12*  
  Monday, 12/11 at 3:30pm  
  North East

- **Art Club**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Monday, 12/11 at 4pm  
  Cecilton

- **After School Art Lab**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Tuesday, 12/12 at 3:30pm  
  North East

  Thursday, 12/14 at 4pm  
  Rising Sun

- **Skills for Independence**  
  *Grades 9-12*  
  Wednesday, 12/13 at 5pm  
  North East

- **Cupcake Wars**  
  *Ages 11-17*  
  Thursday, 12/14 at 3:30pm  
  Elkton

  Thursday, 12/14 at 3:30pm  
  North East

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Adults

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

Holiday Open House
Monday, 12/4 at 5pm
Rising Sun

What Have You Been Reading?
Tuesday, 12/5 at 11am
Elkton

Tuesday, 12/12 at 6:30pm
Perryville Town Hall

Monday, 12/18 at 1pm
Rising Sun

Tuesday, 12/19 at 1pm
Perryville Town Hall

Learn to Crochet
Tuesday, 12/5 at 6:30pm
North East

Introduction to Computers: Windows 10 Basics
Wednesday, 12/6 at 10:30am
North East

Holiday Concert: Upper Chesapeake Chorus
Wednesday, 12/6 at 6:30pm
North East

Intro to Android
Thursday, 12/7 at 11am
Elkton

Upcycled Holiday Ornaments
Thursday, 12/7 at 1pm & 6:30pm
North East

The History of Bread
Monday, 12/11 at 6:30pm
Cecilton

Book Discussion
Tuesday, 12/12 at 1pm
Chesapeake City

Holiday Music with the Newark Symphony Orchestra
Thursday, 12/14 at 7pm
Elkton

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Volunteer at Your Library!

For more info about volunteer opportunities and to apply, visit:

www.cecilcountylibrary.org/about/volunteering

Please note: All volunteers age 55+ are asked to also enroll with our partners at Cecil County Department of Community Services’ AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Program.

tinyurl.com/CecilAmeriCorps
AS THE PERRYVILLE LIBRARY NEARS ITS 16TH BIRTHDAY, WE'RE PLANNING SOME EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

The branch will be closed for construction beginning Thursday, November 23rd and will reopen early summer.

During this time, Library programs will be offered through our partners and at the North East and Rising Sun branches.

PLEASE CHECK WWW.CECILCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG FOR UPDATES.
Upper Chesapeake Chorus
Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm
North East Library

Enjoy an evening of holiday songs and trivia by the Upper Chesapeake Chorus, a four-part a cappella barbershop chorus.

Mr. Jon Concert
Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30am
Elkton Library

Join Mr. Jon for a musical comedy show that the whole family can enjoy! For children ages birth-5.

We Kids Rock Holiday Concert
Tuesday, December 12 at 11am
Rising Sun Library

Thursday, December 14 at 11am
Chesapeake City Library

Mr. Bill Currier will have everyone rockin’ and rollin’ with holiday spirit in this interactive musical program. For families with children ages 2-6.

Newark Symphony Orchestra
Thursday, December 14 at 7pm
Elkton Library

Enjoy an evening of classical holiday music with talented members of the NSO’s string orchestra.
Holiday Favorites

Get in the holiday spirit with your library card! Download books, movies, music, and more. Your library card is the perfect accessory for your holiday parties, baking nights, or even your road trips to visit family.

Instantly borrow your holiday favorites from hoopla Digital. No wait or holds!

Magazines can be the perfect inspiration!

Choose from hundreds of digital magazines on Libby or hoopla Digital and see the latest and greatest in holiday entertaining and recipes.
Megan L. recommends the Tasty cookbooks!

Tasty recipe books are generally always a great go-to for beginner cooks, as well as just easy-peasy ideas. When I first moved out on my own, I considered myself a beginner until I discovered Tasty videos on Social Media. Now they have boomed and have plenty of Tasty cookbooks and cookware. Tasty makes even the most reluctant chef have fun with confidence. Now I’m excited to try new and exciting things and creating my own ideas!
MONTHLY DONATIONS – THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING!

As we enter the holiday and giving season, requests for time, attention and donations can be overwhelming. 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.

www.bit.ly/FriendsFoundation-CCPL

Book Sponsorship

Looking for the perfect present for that hard-to-buy-for someone? Give the gift of reading!

Sponsor books in memory or in honor of someone special. With your gift, we'll personalize a bookplate in a library book.

For more information, scan this code or visit our website.

www.cecilcountylibrary.org/about/friends-foundation
All CCPL Branches will be closed December 23-26 for Christmas and Monday, January 1 for New Year’s Day.

### Cecilton
Phone: (410) 275-1091  
Monday: 12pm-6pm  
Tuesday: 10am-6pm  
Wednesday: 10am-6pm  
Thursday: 1pm-6pm  
Friday: 10am-5pm  
Saturday: Closed

### Chesapeake City
Phone: (410) 996-1134  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10am-6pm  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 10am-6pm  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 10am-5pm

### Elkton
Phone: (410) 996-5600  
Monday: 12pm-6pm  
Tuesday: 10am-6pm  
Wednesday: 10am-8pm  
Thursday: 10am-8pm  
Friday: 10am-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-5pm

### North East
Phone: (410) 996-6269  
Monday: 12pm-6pm  
Tuesday: 9am-8pm  
Wednesday: 9am-8pm  
Thursday: 9am-8pm  
Friday: 9am-5pm  
Saturday: 9am-5pm

### Rising Sun
Phone: (410) 658-4025  
Phone: (410) 398-2706  
Monday: 12pm-6pm  
Tuesday: 10am-6pm  
Wednesday: 10am-8pm  
Thursday: 10am-6pm  
Friday: 10am-5pm  
Saturday: 10am-5pm

The Perryville branch will be closed for construction beginning Thursday, November 23. See page 7 for more info.