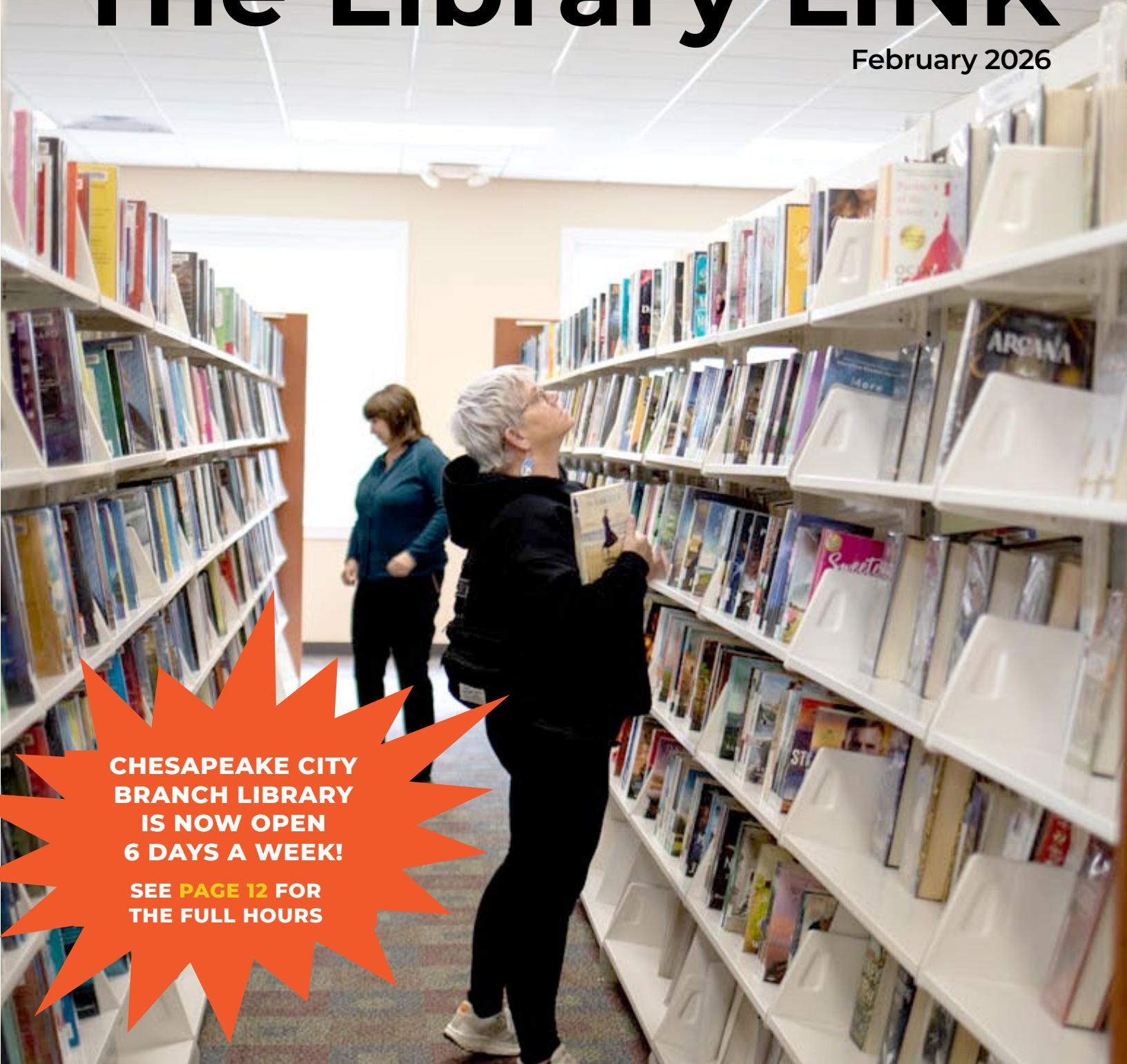


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February 2026



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Champion Reading. Build Knowledge.  
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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.



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[www.cecilcountylibrary.org](http://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 Geothermal Spa**

Relax with an uplifting, feel-good story.

## Bonus



Attend a program

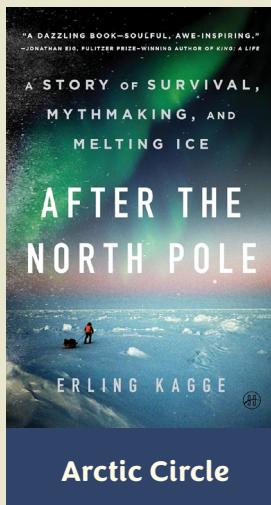


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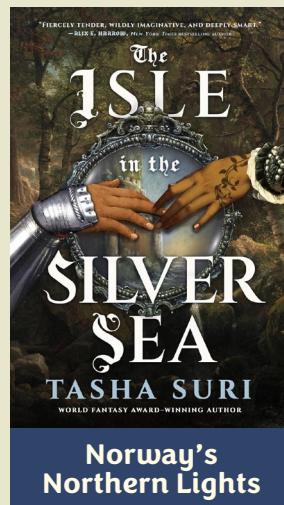
# Winter Reading Book Picks

## Need Reading Inspiration?

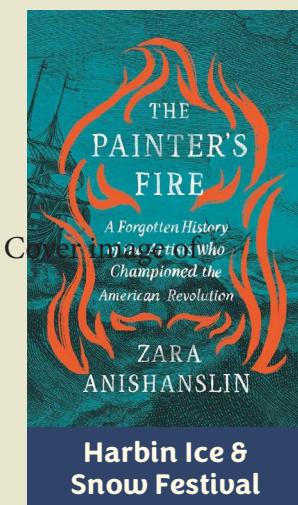
Our librarians have curated book lists for each of our Winter Reading Challenges. Here's a preview of those picks. Scan the code to visit our website for the full list of titles.



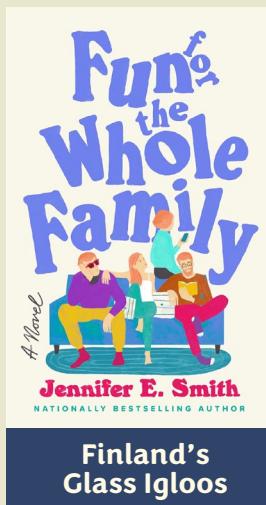
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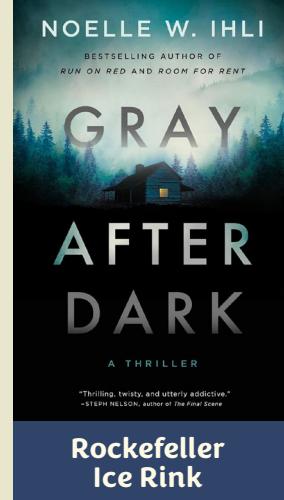
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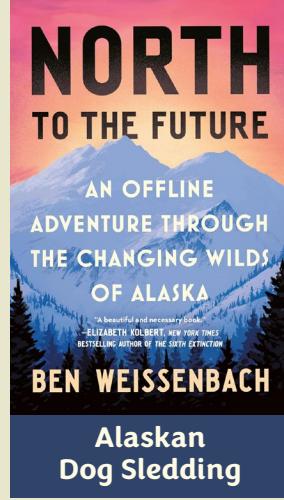
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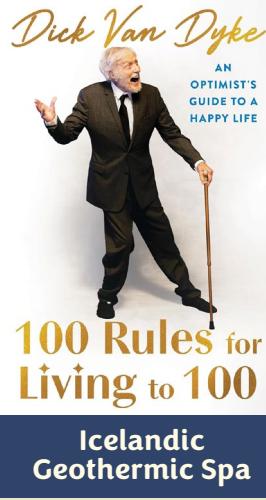
The Swiss Alps



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!

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

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

 **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**

**B C 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

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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 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

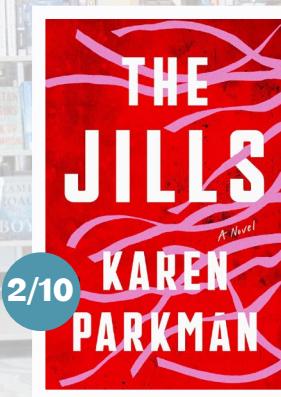
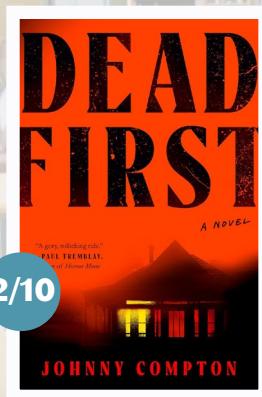
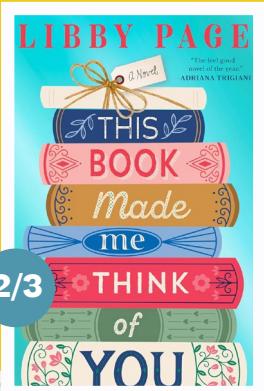
 Behind Closed Doors: The Story of the Cecil County Almshouse  
Tue, Mar 24 at 6:30pm | North East

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



**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.



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AUDIENCES WILL WITNESS  
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THROUGH SONG, SPEECHES,  
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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



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# 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

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## 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  
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## Rising Sun

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Mon: 12pm-6pm  
Tue: 10am-6pm  
Wed: 10am-8pm  
Thu: 10am-6pm  
Fri: 10am-5pm  
Sat: 10am-5pm



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