

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S The Library LINK

February 2025

**Winter
Reading
is Here!**

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**Coming soon!
Meet & Greet
Mystery Authors**

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ABC... Come Play with Me, North East

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

Adult Winter Reading

December 16-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.

Complete 2 challenges to earn a special Winter Reading prize.

Complete 3 challenges to earn a chance to win 2 tickets to the Friends Foundation's Books, Bourbon, & BBQ event on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

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 and to browse book picks for each challenge.



www.cecilcountypubliclibrary.org



Challenges

☐ Arctic Hare

Chill with the story of a character who can blend in with their surroundings and is not what they seem.



☐ Caribou

Take a journey with a character who migrates to a new area.



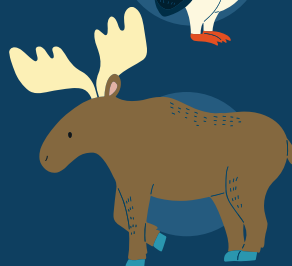
☐ Polar Bear

Cozy up to a story that explores the depth of familial love.



☐ Puffin

Frolic through a whimsical, playful book.



☐ Moose

Brace for impact with characters who come head-to-head in a story of competition.



☐ Snowy Owl

Soar through a book about someone who sees things from a different perspective.



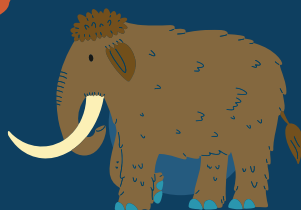
☐ Sea Lion

Wade into a book recommended by fellow readers in your "colony."



☐ Mountain Goat

Scale the pages of an adventure.



Bonus

☐ Mammoth

Read a book where a character overcomes a Mammoth problem.



☐ Narwhal

Join your "pod" and attend a library program.

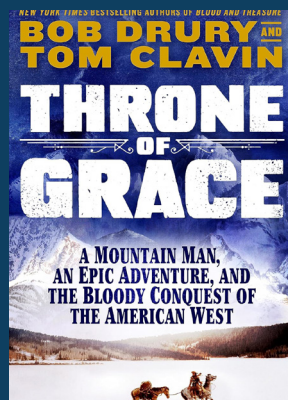
Winter Reading Book Picks

Need Reading Inspiration?

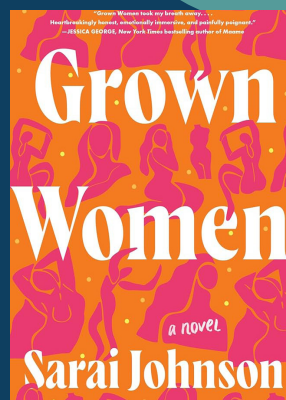
Our librarians have curated book lists for each of our Winter Reading Challenges. Here's a preview of those picks. Scan the code to visit our website for the full list of titles.



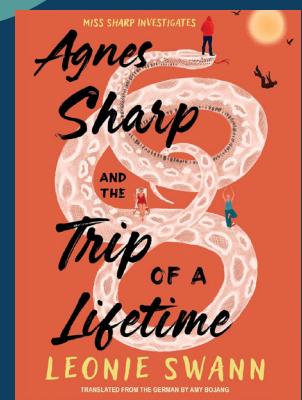
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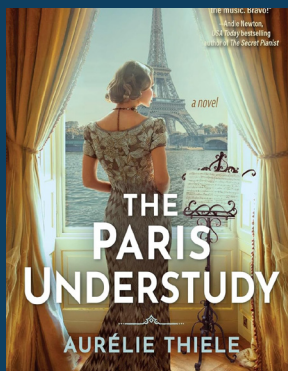
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Polar Bear



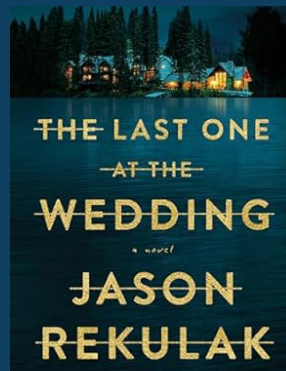
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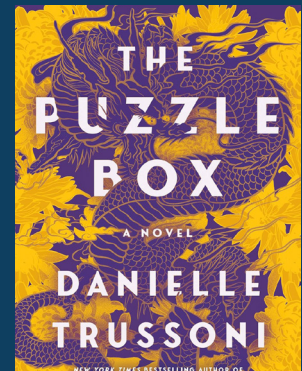
Moose



Snowy Owl



Sea Lion



Mountain Goat



Join Us on Facebook!

Join the CCPL Readers Group on Facebook for more Winter Reading and other bookish fun!

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

Kids' Academy: Toilet Paper Olympics

Ages 6-11

Tue, Feb 4 at 11am | Perryville

Full STEAM Ahead!

Ages 1 1/2-4

Wed, Feb 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30am | Perryville

Preschool Science: Candy Science

Ages 3-5

Wed, Feb 5 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Tween Academy: Circuit Cards

Ages 9-14

Thu, Feb 6 at 12:30pm | North East

ABC...Come Play with Me

Families with children ages birth-5

Sat, Feb 8 at 11am | North East

LEGO® Challenge

Ages 6-11

Mon, Feb 10 at 2pm | Rising Sun

PAWS for Reading

Ages 4-11

Tue, Feb 11 at 6:30pm | North East

Wed, Feb 19 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Wed, Feb 26 at 6:30pm | Perryville

Kids' Academy: Kitchen Chemistry

Ages 6-11

Wed, Feb 12 at 1pm | Elkton

Toilet Paper Olympics

Ages 6-11

Wed, Feb 12 at 3pm | Perryville

Easy Reader Book Club

Ages 5-7

Wed, Feb 12 at 3:30pm | North East

LEGO® Challenge: Marble Mazes

Ages 6-11

Wed, Feb 12 at 3:30pm | Cecilton

Play & Learn

Families with children ages birth-2

Fri, Feb 14 & 28 at 10am | North East

Acts of Kindness

Ages 6-11

Wed, Feb 19 at 3:30pm | Elkton



Kids Can Cook:

Chocolate Mousse and Fruit

Ages 8-11

Wed, Feb 19 at 3:30pm | North East

Tween Academy:

Circuits—The Next Level

Ages 9-14

Mon, Feb 24 at 1pm | Elkton

Tween Crochet Class

Grades 4-8

Tue, Feb 25 at 4:30pm | Chesapeake City



Starlight StoryTime

Families with children ages 3-5

Tue, Feb 25 at 6:30pm | North East



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.



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Teen Lounge

Grades 6-12

Mon, Feb 3 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Tue, Feb 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 3pm | Perryville

Tue, Feb 25 at 3pm | North East

Candle Making Workshop

Grades 6-12

Mon, Feb 3 at 4pm | Cecilton

Tween Academy: Circuit Cards

Ages 9-14

Thu, Feb 6 at 12:30pm | North East

Manga & Anime Club

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 6 at 3pm | Perryville

Thu, Feb 20 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Teen Tech: Scratch Pong Video Game

Grades 6-12

Tue, Feb 11 at 3:15pm | North East

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

Grades 6-12

Tue, Feb 11 at 3:30 & 4:30pm | Elkton

Valentine's Wreaths

Grades 6-12

Tue, Feb 11 at 4:30pm | Rising Sun

Teen Academy: Musical Science

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 13 at 1pm | Perryville

Game On!

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 13 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Wildlife Adventures: Animals People

Love to Love

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 13 at 3:30pm | Perryville

Journalism 101: Art of the Interview

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 20 at 3:30pm | Perryville

PAWS for People After School DeStress Event

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 20 at 3:30pm | North East

Tween Academy:

Circuits—The Next Level

Ages 9-14

Mon, Feb 24 at 1pm | Elkton

Art Lab: Expressionist Art

Grades 6-12

Tue, Feb 25 at 3:30pm | Elkton

Tween Crochet Class

Grades 4-8

Tue, Feb 25 at 4:30pm | Chesapeake City

Impulse Improv

Grades 6-12

Thu, Feb 27 at 3:15pm | North East

Fanfiction Basics Workshop

Grades 6-12

Wed, Feb 27 at 4:30pm | Rising Sun





Meet & Greet **Mystery** Authors

Saturday,
March 8
10am-1pm

**North East
Branch Library**

Featured Authors:

**Maryellen Winkler
Crystal Heidel
Maya Corrigan
Judy L. Murray
Frances Oakes
Michael Bradley
Patrick B. Simpson
Stephen Spotswood
Amy Schisler**

**Authors will have
books for sale**

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

Maintaining and Improving Your Garden Year after Year

Tue, Feb 4 at 6:30pm | North East

Creating Book Sculptures

Wed, Feb 5 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

Black Wall Street

Thu, Feb 6 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Intro to LinkedIn

Mon, Feb 10 at 1pm | Perryville



Cooking the Books: Heart Health

Wed, Feb 12 at 6:30pm | North East

Intro to Email

Tue, Feb 18 at 1pm | North East

A Gardener's Toolbox

Wed, Feb 19 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

Dungeons & Dragons: At the Library

Tue, Feb 25 at 5:30pm | North East

I've Been Working on the (Perryville) Railroad

Tue, Feb 25 at 6:30pm | Perryville

JOIN US FOR A BOOK DISCUSSION!



Portrait of a Thief
Tue, Feb 4 at 11am
Elkton

Book Lovers
Tue, Feb 11 at 1pm
Chesapeake City

Finlay Donovan is Killing It
Tue, Feb 11 at 6:30pm
Perryville

Leave Me
Tue, Feb 18 at 1pm
Perryville

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store
Mon, Feb 24 at 1pm
Rising Sun

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Voices of Change: An Evening with Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Wed, Mar 5 at 6:30pm | Rising Sun

Drop-In Tech Help

Mon, Mar 10 at 1pm | Perryville

Intro to Hoopla and Libby

Thu, Mar 13 at 1pm | North East

Great Wave of Immigration

Thu, Mar 13 at 6:30pm | Elkton

Garden Senses Series: Gardening for Pollinators with Color

Tue, Mar 18 at 6:30pm | North East

The Forgotten Women of Classical Music

Wed, Mar 19 at 6:30pm | Perryville

MARCH-MAY

Longwood Community Read

Coming soon! An annual partnership with Longwood Gardens, with a focus on nature and reading.

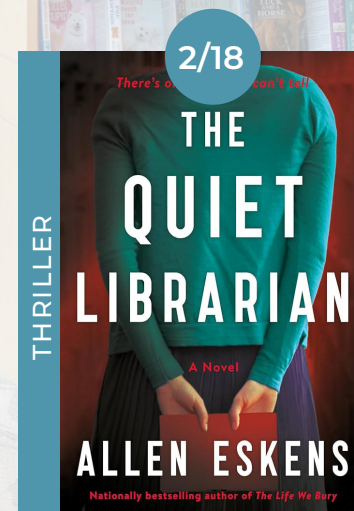
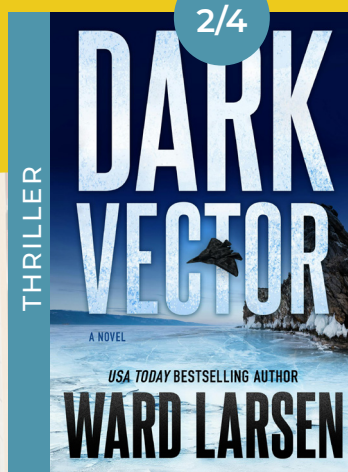
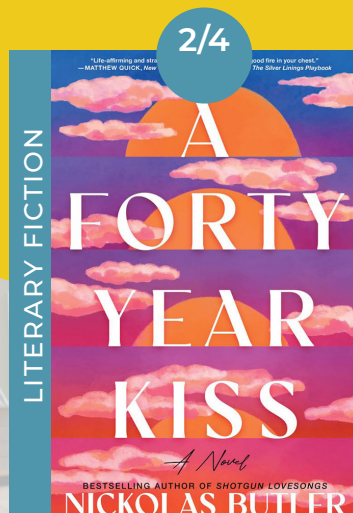


LONGWOOD
GARDENS



Cecil County Public
LIBRARY

New & Upcoming Releases



Put these books on hold now! Use our online catalog or visit any library branch.



The Spring Issue of our Book Buzz newsletter is now available!

This special newsletter has all of the buzzworthy new and upcoming book releases.

Pick up the Book Buzz at any branch or online.

FEBRUARY IS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MEET MICHELLE COLES, AUTHOR OF *BLACK WAS THE INK*

You are invited to attend or stream Calvert Library's event with Michelle Coles, the author of the award-winning book, *Black Was the Ink*.

Through the help of a ghostly ancestor, sixteen-year-old Malcolm time-travels through Reconstruction-era America to find his place in modern-day Black progress. Perfect for fans of Jason Reynolds and Nic Stone, this is a coming-of-age story and an exploration of an era that defined modern America.

**Thursday, February 27
at 6pm**

This event will be streamed online on Calvert Library's YouTube channel. Stream at home or watch the event with us at the Elkton or North East Branch Library.



BLACK WALL STREET

Local historian Syl Woolford will discuss an often-overlooked historical event: the rise and fall of Black Wall Street.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 6:30PM
ELKTON BRANCH LIBRARY**

Come To Know Me Better. The Life of
**FREDERIC DOUGLASS:
ADVOCATE FOR EQUALITY**
Remembered by

**ON DISPLAY AT THE
NORTH EAST BRANCH LIBRARY
THROUGH FEBRUARY**

This special exhibit explores Douglass's impact and his life through his own words and in photographs and documents.



Seen Around the Library



LEGO Challenge, Perryville



Library Game Night, Perryville



Preschool Science, North East

Kids' Academy, North East



Spooky Ice Cream, Rising Sun



Join us for an event! They 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.



Friends Foundation

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONTHLY DONATIONS - THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING!

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.



Scan this code to learn more about how you can donate.

Save the Date!

Books, Bourbon, & BBQ

Our special annual after-hours event, will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2025.**

Join us for bourbon tasting, lite BBQ fare, and more. All to benefit the Library's Literacy Programs

Sponsorships Available.



Contact us to learn how you can get involved!



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Hours & Locations

Cecilton

☎ (410) 275-1091

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: 10am-6pm

Thu: 1pm-6pm

Fri: 10am-5pm

Sat: Closed

Chesapeake City

☎ (410) 996-1134

Mon: Closed

Tue: 10am-6pm

Wed: Closed

Thu: 10am-6pm

Fri: Closed

Sat: 10am-5pm

Elkton

☎ (410) 996-5600

Mon: 12pm-6pm

Tue: 10am-6pm

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

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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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on February 17 for Presidents' Day.