

Cuddle Time: Ages 0-2. This is a fun and unique story time that will teach babies social skills, listening comprehension and the foundations of reading through board books and songs, as well as helping parents learn the basics of encouraging literacy at a young age. A parent or guardian MUST accompany each child.

West – Mondays 9:30 – 9:50 am

La Plata – Thursdays 9:30 – 9:50 am

Movers & Shakers: Ages 1-3. This is a fun and unique story time that will teach toddlers social skills, listening comprehension and the foundations of reading through letters, numbers and vocabulary. A parent or guardian MUST accompany each child.

PD Brown – Tuesdays 10:00 – 10:30 am

Toddler Story Time: Ages 2-3. This story time encourages literacy for a very active crowd - toddlers! Children will listen to books being read, sing songs, do finger plays and listen to flannel board stories. This program is intended as a transition between Cuddle Time and Preschool Story Time and includes a simple craft at each session.

West – Mondays 10:00 – 10:30 am

Preschool Story Time: Ages 2-5. Story Time is a weekly must for kids 2-5 years old. Each program includes book reading, songs & music, crafts and lots of fun!

West – Mondays 10:45 – 11:30 am & 1:30 – 2:15 pm

Potomac – Tuesdays 10:00 – 10:45 am & 11:00 – 11:45 am

PD Brown – Wednesdays 10:00 – 10:45 am & 11:00 – 11:45 am

La Plata – Thursdays 10:00 – 10:45 am & 11:00 – 11:45 am

Saturday Story Time: All ages. Share the excitement and love of reading with your child by joining us at story time. We will read books, sing songs and dance and make a super fun craft to take home.

PD Brown – First Saturday of the Month – 11:00 – 11:45 am and 1:30 – 2:15 pm

West – Third Saturday of the Month - 11:00 – 11:45 am

Evening Story Time: All ages. Couldn't make story time during the day? Join us for our evening story time for preschoolers – we'll read books and make a fun craft.

West – Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month – 6:00 – 6:30 pm

Spanish Class for Little Amigos: Ages 2-5. Children will enjoy bilingual stories (English & Spanish), songs, finger plays and a craft!

West – First Thursday of the Month – 6:00 – 6:30 pm

All dates & themes are subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information call the branch or go to ccplonline.org

Daycare Disclaimer: All daycares must make arrangements with the Children's Librarian three weeks in advance to attend any programs. If you have six or more children, two adults must be present to participate in craft activities.

May Story Times

(We are on hiatus in June.)

La Plata

2 Garrett Ave., La Plata

301-934-9001

5/7: May Flowers

5/14: Things That Go Zoom

5/21: Community Helpers

5/28: Down on the Farm

Potomac

3225 Ruth B. Swann Dr., Indian Head

301-375-7375

5/5: I Love My Mom!

5/12: Beautiful Butterfly

5/19: Sounds All Around

5/26: May Flowers

PD Brown

50 Village St., Waldorf

301-645-2864

5/6: Award Winners

5/13: Turtles

5/22: Water Safety

5/27: Crazy Mixed-Up Day

West

10405 O'Donnell Pl., Waldorf

301-645-1395

5/4: Manners

5/11: Let's Be Safe

5/18: Desert Animals

5/25: Library Closed

Available at All Branches:

One-on-One Computer Tutoring 1 hour session **MUST REGISTER**

Need assistance with the computer? Our staff can schedule a free one-on-one computer tutoring class for beginners with little or no computer experience. Sessions last one hour and we offer a variety of computer tutoring topics.

La Plata By Appointment 301-934-9001

PD Brown By Appointment 301-645-2864

Potomac By Appointment 301-375-7375

West By Appointment 301-645-1395



Check our events calendar online!

Library Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am—5:00 pm



May & June 2015

Program Events

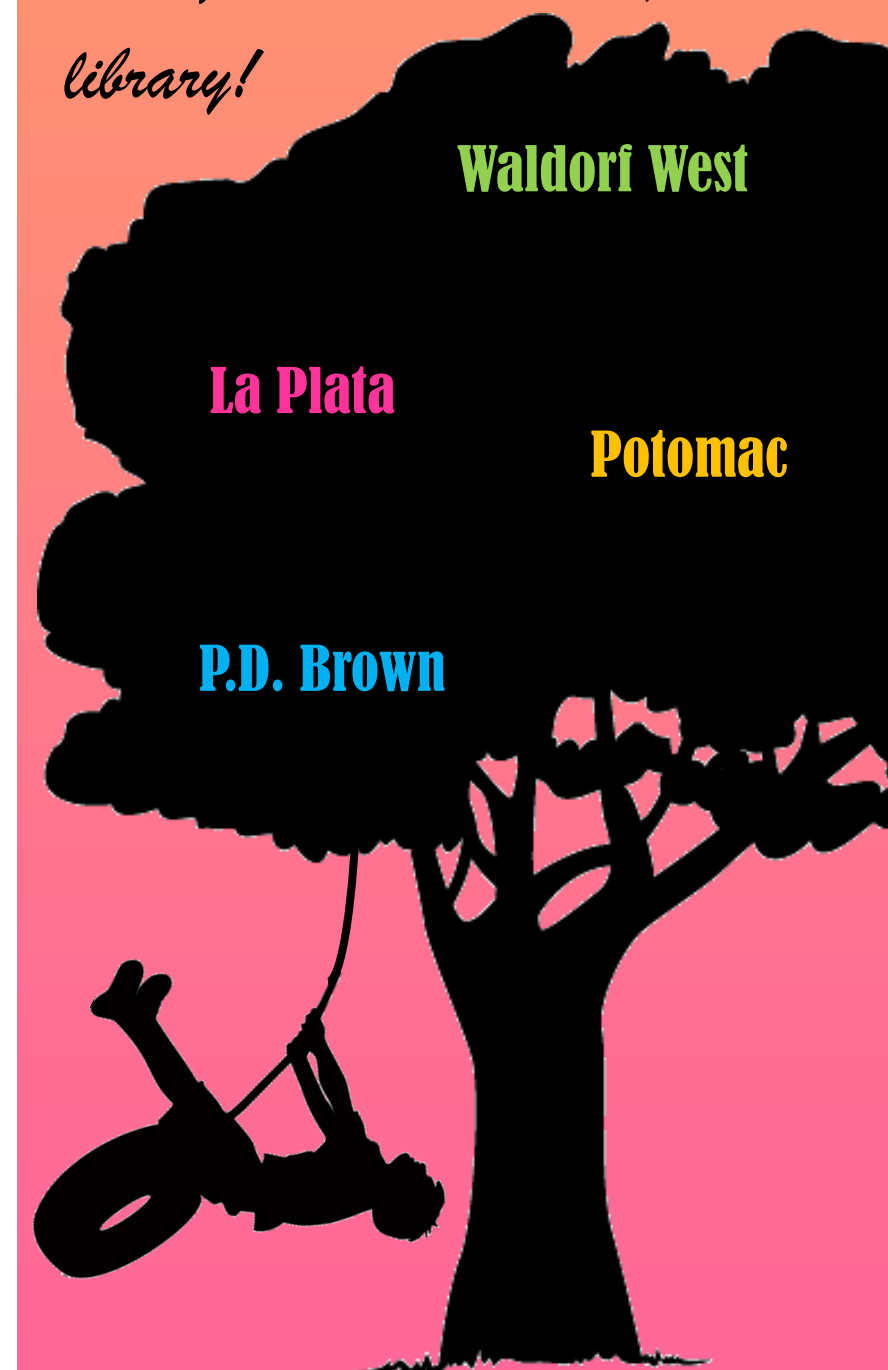
Swing into summer at your library!

Waldorf West

La Plata

Potomac

P.D. Brown



Visit us online or at one of our four branches.

LA PLATA

MAY

2nd [Elder Law Program](#) 10:00 am – 1:00 pm **AGES 55+**

Are you ready to prepare your Power of Attorney or Advance Directive but you don't know where to start? Join the Maryland Young Lawyers' Pro Bono attorneys for one-on-one consultations on creating a Power of Attorney or a living will. Attorneys will help customers create a basic P.O.A.s and Advance Directives and will provide information about legal services for elder law. Sessions with attorneys are available on a first come, first served basis.

2nd [Paws to Read](#) 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Read to a furry, non-judgmental friend who is a great listener! Improve reading skills and confidence and have lots of fun. All dogs are certified by the Humane Society as therapy dogs.

4th [My Mom Rocks!](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Are you looking for a great way to show Mom how great she is this Mother's Day? Tell her you think she rocks with art project that turns ordinary river rocks into works of art!

7th [Child Safety Seat Inspections](#) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm – **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Register for a one-on-one inspection with a certified car safety seat technician. Each appointment is for 30 minutes and will provide a consultation with the technician so you can learn how to safely install a car seat in your vehicle. Attendees MUST bring their car instruction manual and must indicate whether their car seat is rear-facing or forward-facing.

7th [Clark Senior Center Book Discussion](#) 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **AGES 55+**

The Clark Senior Center Book Discussion group meets monthly for discourse on contemporary and classic books. In May we'll read *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway.

7th [Seuss-a-Thon!](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 4-9**

Gather 'round Seuss fans – we're having a Seuss-a-thon with lots of Seuss stories and some Seuss-y craft fun! Our guest presenters for this fantastic evening story time are from the Southern MD Reading Council, and each child who attends will receive a free book to take home and keep.

14th [La Plata Book Discussion](#) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 18+**

The La Plata Book Discussion group meets monthly to discuss topics, characters and themes from the chosen book of the month. Our selection for May will be *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch.

19th [E-Reader Drop-in](#) 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm **AGES 12+**

Bring your own device and learn how to download free library eBooks using Overdrive. Attendees will learn how to request titles, access them on their device and will explore the Maryland Digital eLibrary Consortium.

21st [Tie Dye Workshop](#) 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Go retro this summer with a tie dye creation of your own making! Learn how to tie dye and create a new look for an old t-shirt. All participants must bring a t-shirt with them to dye.

29th [Ukulele Jam!](#) 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm **ALL AGES REGISTER**

Show us your uke and we'll show you ours! Bring your ukulele, come and strum or just listen to us jam. Special guests include local musicians Nicki Graso and Matt Silkworth. Join us for some ukulele playing fun.

30th [Saturday STEM Club: Castles & Catapults](#) 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Head back to the Middle Ages with three great experiments: Build a mighty structure & test its strength! Build a catapult and see how high you can launch a ping pong ball! Make a balloon scream!

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3rd [Local Garden Pests & Diseases: How to Treat & Prevent Them](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Are pests invading your garden and destroying all your hard work? Do your previously flourishing flowers seem to be suffering from disease? Charles County Master Gardeners will present an overview on how to prevent pests and diseases from getting the better of you and your garden.

4th [Clark Senior Center Book Discussion](#) 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **AGES 55+**

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5th [Minecraft for Kids](#) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Players will work as a group to build and solve puzzles in the virtual world of Minecraft. Using an in-house server, players communicate verbally and in chat to interact through the game and create collaboratively. Registration is limited.

10th [Game Night & Old Tech Show and Tell](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Experience the glory days of our technical past with a show-and-tell and discussion of old-school technology and gadgets. Bring in your favorite retro device for all to see. Finish the evening by remembering simpler times in playing fun board games. Bring your favorite board game to share, if you want - no electronic games allowed!

11th [La Plata Book Discussion](#) 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 18+**

The La Plata Book Discussion group meets monthly to discuss topics, characters and themes from the chosen book of the month. This month we'll read *Silver Star* by Jeanette Walls.

16th [E-Reader Drop-in](#) 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm **AGES 12+**

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16th [The Horror Genre: Why We Like to Be Scared](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 18+**

Why do people pay to be scared? Focusing on two of Maryland's most famous productions of horror--the mid-nineteenth century short stories of Edgar Allan Poe, and the 1990s film, the Blair Witch Project, this lecture by Robert Kachur explores the horror genre, which has often reflected authors' anxieties about sexuality, the mind, scientific discoveries, unjust laws, and other concerns.

18th [Frozen Tea Party](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 4-9 REGISTER**

Cool off from the heat of the summer at our Frozen Tea Party! Do you want to build a snowman, enjoy fun games and sing along with your favorite songs from the Disney hit *Frozen*? Come dressed as Arendelle royalty or a loveable rogue like Kristoff!

18th [Trivia Night](#) 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Are you looking for a good night of trivia and laughs? Join us for our inaugural Trivia Night, where we'll take the British pub quiz out of the Public House and bring it to the Public Library! Participants will forms teams and answer trivia questions without technological help.

24th [LGBT Book Discussion](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 16-25**

Join us for a friendly and insightful discussion of LGBT fiction. Our selections will feature LGBT characters and we will discuss how the stories are developed for the LGBT community. This bi-monthly discussion provides a welcoming environment for everyone, regardless of orientation. Our first selection will be *Ash* by Malinda Lo.

29th [EmPOWER Rangers](#) 10:00 am – 11:30 am **AGES 6-11**

Learn about energy, where it comes from, how we use it and more. Help the Maryland Department of Energy create the background stories for their EmPOWER Rangers: Plantasia (Biofuels), Cole (Coal), Vesuvius (Geothermal), Aqua Marine (Hydro), Methaniel (Natural Gas), Dr. Fission (Nuclear), Solar Flair (Solar) and Zephyra (Wind). Last year kids helped name the EmPOWER Rangers, this year we need your help to tell the EmPOWER Ranger's background stories.

30th [Teen Advisory Board \(TAB\)](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Anyone between 12 and 18 years old is welcome to attend the meetings. We will discuss teen issues in the library and determine how to improve the teen library experience. Voting is restricted to members.

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2nd [Ask the Computer Lady](#) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 12+**

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6th [Homeschool S.T.E.A.M. Club](#) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 5-9 REGISTER**

Early elementary aged children are welcome to join us for monthly fun, learning and socializing at our S.T.E.A.M. Club. Each session we will have a STEAM activity for education and entertainment. This month we will do a music project.

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9th [Chicks for Lit](#) 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Chicks for Lit is a book club for women (and those who love to read books by and about women!). The club explores a variety of genres but places a special emphasis on women's fiction. In May we'll read *The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton.

9th [Book Art](#) 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Book lovers unite! Recycle and repurpose pages from old books with this unique art project! We will use pages from old books to create silhouette art. Great for giving as a gift or keep your project for yourself.

13th [Around the World Geography Club](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 0-5**

Each month we will learn about a different country, reading both non-fiction and picture books, singing songs and doing crafts. In May we'll study Russia.

16th [Herb Gardening How To](#) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

The Charles County Master Gardeners will provide information about what herbs grow well in our zone, growth habits of certain species for pot planting or general garden landscaping and successfully incorporating herbs into your garden plan. ***Each participant must bring a 5" flower pot*** and will receive potting soil and an herb to plant and take home with them.

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27th [Indian Head Senior Ctr Book Discussion](#) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 55+**

The Indian Head Senior Center Book Club meets monthly for a rousing discussion on books of various genres. In May we'll discuss *The Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon.

28th [Life-Sized Games](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **ALL AGES**

In this monthly series we play a different life-sized version of a popular board or computer game. Previous life-sized games include Battleship, Candy Land, Angry Birds, Clue and more! In May we'll play Jenga!

30th [Geocache Bash](#) 11:00 am – 3:00 pm **ALL AGES**

Have you ever wondered what geocaching is and how to do it? Are you a pro at geocaching and looking for a new challenge? Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Join in the fun and learn the basics of geocaching as you hunt for hidden stashes at the Potomac Library and the adjacent Ruth B. Swann Memorial Park. We will have difficult challenges for experienced geocachers, easy tasks for children 11 and under, a family challenge and more. ***Attendees must bring a GPS unit that displays coordinates.***

JUNE

2nd [Preschool Fun: Karaoke!](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 0-5**

While story time is on break, we invite parents to bring their preschoolers to Potomac for special events. This week we'll have preschool karaoke!

3rd [Homeschool S.T.E.A.M. Club](#) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 5-9 REGISTER**

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9th [Preschool Fun: Show & Tell!](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 0-5**

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10th [Around the World Geography Club](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 0-5**

Each month we will learn about a different country, reading both non-fiction and picture books, singing songs, playing games and doing crafts. This month we'll learn about Nigeria.

13th [Book to Film Discussion](#) 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm **AGES 18+**

The Book to Film Discussion Series (June-August) is a unique opportunity for book lovers and film critics to get together to discuss how the same story is translated differently depending on the medium used. Our June discussion will be on *White Oleander* by Janet Fitch.

16th [Preschool Fun: Bird Watching!](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 0-5**

While story time is on break, we invite parents to bring their preschoolers to Potomac for special events. This week we'll make binoculars and search for birds hiding around the library!

17th [Crafternoon: Father's Day Crafts](#) 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **ALL AGES**

Father's Day is just around the corner! Show Dad you care with a handmade card or paper craft you can give Dad on his big day.

18th [Glow-in-the-Dark Story Time](#) 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **AGES 4-9 REGISTER**

Lots of fun is in store for this special glow-in-the-dark story time—we will read stories about the dark, sing songs, do some dancing and create a glowing craft. The room will be darkened but will not be completely dark.

20th [Play Dough Pizzeria](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 4-9 REGISTER**

Kids will learn basic money and fraction skills by making made-to-order play dough pizzas! Each child will have the opportunity to make a pizza for their "customer," count play money, divide the pizza and more.

23th [Preschool Fun: Wordless Books!](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 0-5**

While story time is on break, we invite parents to bring their preschoolers to Potomac for special events. Our last Preschool Fun day will give children the opportunity to read wordless picture books.

24th [Indian Head Senior Ctr Book Discussion](#) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 55+**

The Indian Head Senior Center Book Club meets monthly for a rousing discussion on books of various genres. This time we'll discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

24th [Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth: A History of Sugar & Dessert](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Learn about the history of sugar cane and how it has changed over the years in Western culture. It was first used as a medicine, then used in courtly dining as part of an after dinner ritual known as the Void. Sugar was also used to create masterful sculptures and was the focal point of the Tudor banquet. After the presentation, you will be able to sample an assortment of historic sweets & confections!

25th [Life-Sized Games](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **ALL AGES**

In this monthly series we play a different life-sized version of a popular board or computer game. Previous life-sized games include Battleship, Candy Land, Angry Birds, Clue and more! In June we'll make Hi Ho Cherry-O life-sized.

30th [Afternoon Kids Club: Charged Up! Electricity](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 6-11**

Use a balloon to test the effects of static electricity on a variety of objects around you. Do tissue paper, cardboard, empty soda cans, plastic bags, fabric, pipe cleaners and other common materials generate static electricity? Join us to find out!

[PD BROWN MEMORIAL](#)

MAY

2nd [Waldorf Book Discussion](#) 9:30 am – 10:30 am **AGES 18+**

This monthly-meeting book club for adults is designed for those interested in reading and discussing contemporary and classic literature. The April selection will be *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe.

5th [Jali-D](#) 4:30 pm—5:30 pm **AGES 6-11**

Never before have children looked at math and reading in such a hip way. This rhythmic and lyrically engaging music performance demonstrates the power of music as an educational tool, and inspires both students to view learning in an exciting new way. Jali-D raps about math, reading, science, video games, the brain, and emphasizes the value of achievement. Students have an opportunity to display their math and reading prowess in call-and-response exercises.

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th [Jazzy Yarns Crochet & Knitting Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12+**

Join us to learn the basics of crocheting and knitting or create a unique project! Participants should bring their own supplies—beginners should bring a skein of yarn, a “J” crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles.

13th [Songs & Music Bingo](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 55+ REGISTER**

It's a classic game of Bingo with a musical twist! Instead of the usual Bingo numbers in each square, participants will see song titles and artist names on their bingo sheet. We will play clips of songs and participants will mark their bingo card if they have the corresponding artist or song on their sheet. The first to get Bingo gets a prize! We will also have music trivia throughout the game for bonus prizes.

JUNE

1st – 30th [Guess the Book in the Jar Contest](#) Open Hours **ALL AGES**

After a long life on the library book shelves, we are retiring one of our classics. A classic book has been cut up, line by line, and placed in a glass jar for all to see! Stop in to the PD Brown Memorial Library and have a look at the Book in the Jar! Guess the book's title and author - one entry per person. We will hold a drawing from the correct entries and the winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th [Jazzy Yarns Crochet & Knitting Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12+**

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6th [Waldorf Book Discussion](#) 9:30 am – 10:30 am **AGES 18+**

This monthly-meeting book club for adults is designed for those interested in reading and discussing contemporary and classic literature. The June selection will be *Shoeless Joe* by W.P. Kinsella.

18th [Summer Safety Outdoors](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 4-10**

School is out! Before you begin your summer fun, learn how to be safe outdoors! This fun and entertaining program is presented by the Charles County Humane Society. Topics will include facts about ticks, bee stings, snakes, spiders and poison ivy.

27th [Saturday STEM Club: Spin, Pop, Boom!](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 6-11**

Our June Saturday STEM Club will have a special presentation from Mad Science of Washington! Join us for Spin, Pop, Boom and be amazed by the gravity defying skills of the presenters of Mad Science. Foaming cups and steaming chemical reactions will introduce children to a world of exciting chemistry.

[WEST](#)

MAY

1st [Chess Club](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 7-18**

Chess only takes a few minutes to learn, but a lifetime to master. Participants will play chess for the full hour, learning as they go. We will also try strategies from YouTube or worksheets to develop skills.

1st [Teen Retro Gaming Night & YouTube Café](#) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 12-18**

Celebrate the end of the week at our teen-only after hours café. Play legacy video games (NES, Sega Genesis, PSI, Game Cube & more) or hang out with friends and share YouTube favorites. Sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board.

2nd [Pizza! Pizza! Pizza! A Counting Story Time!](#) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 3-8**

Yum - it's pizza time! Listen to a story about pizza and practice your counting skills as we craft our own pizzas from paper and other fun materials!

2nd [Meet the Artists: Artists' Reception](#) 2:00 pm—4:00 pm **ALL AGES**

Come and meet the artists whose work hangs in the Waldorf West Gallery! Get a chance to talk with the creator of your favorite piece, enjoy some light refreshments and soak in the creative atmosphere!

4th, 18th [Conversational Spanish Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12+**

Do you need to practice your conversational Spanish, get more comfortable with speaking Spanish aloud or supplement what you learned in Spanish class? Just bring yourself and your willingness to talk to others en español!

5th [Minecraft for Teens](#) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 12-18 REGISTER**

Players will work as a group to build and solve puzzles in the virtual world of Minecraft. Using an in-house server, players communicate verbally and in chat to interact through the game and create collaboratively. Registration is limited.

5th [Children's Book Week: Meet the Author and Illustrator](#) 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 6-11**

Celebrate Children's Book Week with local author/ illustrator team Rod & Leanne Hannah. Rod (the author), a British New Zealander, teams with this wife Leanne (the illustrator), a native Marylander, to create the story of Hickory Hippo. Rod & Leanne will share Hickory's adventures from Hickory Hippo and the Snow Mystery.

5th [Anime Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Spend time with your Otaku brothers and sisters on the first Tuesday of each month at West. Bring your manga to share, enjoy Pocky, watch anime and perfect your manga drawings.

6th [Homeschool Book Club](#) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 9-12**

Join us for our Homeschool Book Club featuring a well-known book and the movie adaptation. Each month, we read a book and compare it to the film adaptation, discussing how the film's direction changed or maintained the author's story. This month we will read, watch and discuss *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl.

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th [Crochet & Knitting Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12+**

Join us for an evening of hooks and needles. Beginners need to know how to single crochet or how to knit stitch. All participants must bring their own supplies.

6th [Protecting Your Property Rights](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 18+**

Your residence is one of the most important investments you will ever make. Learn how to protect your property's rights with title insurance and how rights of way and easements affect the use of your property. Learn about adverse possession and how to make sure no one can stake a claim on your land.

9th [Bound for Freedom's Light: The Story of the U.S. Colored Troops in the Civil War](#) 11:00 am – 1:00 pm **AGES 12+**

Noted historian and scholar C.R. Gibbs presents this fascinating overview of the recruitment, training, exploits and obstacles faced and overcome by the legendary United States Colored Troops. The emphasis will be on the U.S. Colored Troops' role in the American Civil War.

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12th [Writing Club for Tweens](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 9-12**

Calling all young writers! Hone your writing skills through fun activities that encourage creative thinking. Writers will be able to share their work (on a voluntary basis) for review and critique by the group.

13th [Introduction to Finding Grants](#) 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Are you new to the field of grantseeking? Discover what funders are looking for in nonprofits seeking grants and how to find potential funders in this newly revised class. You will learn the 10 most important things you need to know about finding grants. Bring your laptop or tablet and join us following the presentation for a hands-on 30 minute session on how to use Foundation Center's Foundation Directory Online!

13th, 27th [Tutoría de Computadoras en Español](#) 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **AÑOS 18+**

Aprenda como usar la computadora! Le enseñaremos lo básico, como navegar el internet, abrir sú cuenta de email, enviar fotos y documentos. Las clases son gratis y no necesita registrarse en Waldorf West. También ofrecemos esta clase 1:1 en la biblioteca de La Plata por cita, marque el 301-934-9001.

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14th [Film Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18 REGISTER**

Teens learn, hands-on, the basics of filmmaking. Each session, they will collaborate to write, direct, shoot, edit and star in the own film. Each film will have a World Premiere Event at the Waldorf West Library.

15th [Group Computer Class](#) 9:30 am – 11:30 am **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Once per month, we open host a small group computer class for you to learn computer basics in a friendly, judgement-free place. Join us for Internet Basics in May.

15th [Chess Club](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 7-18**

It only takes a few minutes to learn, but a lifetime to master. Participants will play chess for the full hour, learning as they go. We will also try strategies from YouTube or worksheets to develop skills.

16th [Project Connect: Giving Back to Our Veterans and Their Families](#) 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm **ALL AGES**

Celebrate Armed Forces Day with representatives from county, state and federal Veteran's groups. We will have information on veteran housing, loans, education and other services. Women will be welcome to enjoy pampering with makeovers, massage therapy and de-stressing workshops. There will be lots of activities for children and dozens of resources for veterans and their families!

19th [Writing Club for Teens](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Calling all young writers! Hone your writing skills through fun activities that encourage creative thinking. Writers will be able to share their work (on a voluntary basis) for review and critique by the group.

21st [SBA Small Business Resource Day](#) 9:30 am – 12:30 pm **AGES 18+**

The Small Business Administration's Baltimore District is holding an open house to showcase programs and services that can help with the development and growth of your small business. This free event will feature representatives from federal, state and local government organizations who will provide you with timely information and assistance.

21st [SBA Small Business Workshop](#) 1:00 pm—2:30 pm **AGES 18+**

In this workshop, the Small Business Administration will provide detailed information on how to grow your business.

21st [Minecraft for Teens](#) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 12-18 REGISTER**

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21st [Comic Book Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Teens discuss the comic book universe, play trivia games, trade comics and star in our very own comic book series. Bring your old comics for our monthly comic book swap!

21st [Writers of Color Book Club](#) 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Writers of Color Book Club is a bi-monthly book discussion group that welcomes members who enjoy reading books by writers of African descent. The group explores a variety of genres, and contemporary and classic titles, with candor and objectivity. The selection for May will be *Til You Hear From Me* by Pearl Cleage.

22nd [Microsoft Office Basics](#) 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

us for a small group computer class focusing on the Microsoft Office Suite. This session is for those who know the basics and want more instruction in Microsoft Word. Attendees must understand the basics of Word before registering for this class.

26th [Teen Advisory Board \(TAB\)](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Anyone between 12 and 18 years old is welcome to attend the meetings. We will discuss teen issues in the library and determine how to improve the teen library experience. Voting is restricted to members.

28th [Film Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Teens learn, hands-on, the basics of filmmaking. Each session, they will collaborate to write, direct, shoot, edit and star in the own film. Each film will have a World Premiere Event at the Waldorf West Library.

29th [Chess Club](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 7-18**

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30th [Homeschool Resource Fair](#) 9:30 am – 1:00 pm **ALL AGES**

Are you considering homeschooling your child? Speak directly with people who can help answer your homeschool questions. Learn how to arrange for homeschooling, how to choose or create curriculum, about local homeschool organizations and much more!

30th [Life Journeys Writers Club](#) 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Calling all adult writers - fiction or non-fiction! Do you want to develop your writing skills and improve the quality of your work? Join our writer's club in exploring the world of authorship. Develop your own artistic voice!

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2nd [Anime Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18**

Spend time with your Otaku brothers and sisters on the first Tuesday of each month at West. Bring your manga to share, enjoy Pocky, watch anime and perfect your manga drawings.

3rd [Homeschool Book Club](#) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 9-12**

Join us for our Homeschool Book Club featuring a well-known book and the movie adaptation. Each month, we read a book and compare it to the film adaptation, discussing how the film's direction changed or maintained the author's story. Our selection for this month is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th [Tutoría de Computadoras en Español](#) 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **AÑOS 18+**

Aprenda como usar la computadora! Le enseñaremos lo básico, como navegar el internet, abrir sú cuenta de email, enviar fotos y documentos. Las clases son gratis y no necesita registrarse en Waldorf West. También ofrecemos esta clase 1:1 en la biblioteca de La Plata por cita, marque el 301-934-9001.

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th [Crochet & Knitting Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12+**

Join us for an evening of hooks and needles. Beginners need to know how to single crochet or how to knit stitch. All participants must bring their own supplies.

3rd [Mostly Americana: The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **ALL AGES**

Join us for *Mostly Americana*, a program of popular, classical and patriotic music performed by the Flute Choir of Southern Maryland. The Choir will feature American composers and themes with music suitable for all ages. Enjoy an hour of relaxing live music!

5th [Microsoft Office Basics](#) 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 18+ REGISTER**

Join us for a small group computer class focusing on the Microsoft Office Suite. This session we will learn about Excel spreadsheets.

6th [Paws to Read](#) 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Read to a furry, non-judgmental friend who is a great listener! Improve reading skills and confidence and have lots of fun. All dogs are certified by the Humane Society as therapy dogs.

8th, 15th, 22nd [Story Book Yoga](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 4-9 REGISTER**

Story Book Yoga brings together two fun activities for young children: reading and yoga! Join us for a great stretch workout and enjoy listening to several animal-themed stories. Children will learn basic animal-themed yoga poses and will switch poses as new animals are discovered during the reading of the story.

8th, 22nd [Conversational Spanish Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12+**

Do you need to practice your conversational Spanish, get more comfortable with speaking Spanish aloud or supplement what you learned in Spanish class? Just bring yourself and your willingness to talk to others en español!

9th [Writing Club for Tweens](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 9-12**

Calling all young writers! Hone your writing skills through fun activities that encourage creative thinking. Writers will be able to share their work (on a voluntary basis) for review and critique by the group.

11th [7 Steps to Create Your Marketing Plan](#) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Ready to STOP wasting time and money on half-baked marketing efforts? Ready to START setting clear, proactive and measurable goals that lead directly to success? Then join us for an information-packed workshop on how to create a marketing plan that channels your energy and puts more money in your pocket!

11th [E-Reader Drop-in](#) 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **AGES 12+**

Bring your own device and learn how to download free library eBooks using Overdrive. Attendees will learn how to request titles, access them on their device and will explore the Maryland Digital eLibrary Consortium.

11th [Film Club](#) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 12-18 REGISTER**

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12th [Teen Retro Gaming Night & YouTube Café](#) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **AGES 12-18**

Celebrate the end of the week at our teen-only after hours café. Play legacy video games (NES, Sega Genesis, PSI, Game Cube & more) or hang out with friends and share YouTube favorites. Sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board.

13th [Llama Llama Red Pajama Story Time](#) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 4-9**

Do you love *Llama Llama Red Pajama*? This is the story time for you! We will read Anna Dewdney's *Llama Llama Red Pajama* and then make fun Llama crafts. Wear your favorite, coziest pajamas if you want!

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18th [Employment Boot Camp](#) 10:00 am—12:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Exercise and tighten up your skills in resume preparation, job fair readiness, dressing for success and interviewing. Come get employment fit and even get information about upcoming local job fairs, recruitments and openings from an insider.

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20th [C4 Comic Con](#) 9:30 am – 1:00 pm **ALL AGES**

Join us for our official Summer Reading kick-off with CCPL's very own Comic Con! C4, the Charles County Comic Con will be a day packed with awesome superhero adventures: get free comic books, trade your old books, Skype with professional comic book artists, debate who would win in a battle of superhero v. superhero, try your hand at comic book Jeopardy, learn about creating your own comic book heroes and much more!

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22nd [Space Travel: Mad Science](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Learn what it takes to be a true globetrotter! Race a balloon rocket and design your own car engine as your learn about thrust. See the principles of propulsion at work in a reach rocket launch. Build your very own Shuttle Copter™ to fly to the skies!

23rd [Check the Rhyme: A Rhyming Workshop for Young Minds](#) 10:00 am – 11:00 am **AGES 12-18**

Learn how to utilize rhyme in your poetry without sacrificing the poem's flow or using a rhyme scheme that is too basic. Workshop participants will explore different types of rhyme that can open up possibilities in a poem's direction and is highly pleasing to the ear. Poet Olu Butterfly Woods provides teens with instruction laced with rhyme games, hip hop examples, and rhyme dictionaries to jumpstart the young writer's transformation into a BEAST at rhyming.

24th [Minecraft for Kids](#) 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

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24th [Holy Guacamole!](#) 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 6+ REGISTER**

See why fresh is better - both for price and for health! Boston's The Gourmet Pizza's chefs will present this tasty class on how to make your own fresh guacamole from scratch. See the process of preparing this yummy dish and learn how to make it yourself at home. Participants will make their own guacamole to take home with them!

24th [Minecraft for Teens](#) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AGES 12-18 REGISTER**

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25th [Project WILD!](#) 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **AGES 6-11 REGISTER**

Join us for a fantastic presentation on Nature's Superheroes! What animal can fly as fast as Superman? Can silk from a spider stop a train like Spiderman? What animal has super strength like the Hulk? Learn about nature's real superheroes - the ones in your back yard and throughout Maryland!

25th [Adult Comic Book Club](#) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm **AGES 18+**

It's time for adults to gather 'round and discuss their favorite comic books. Join us for a fun conversation about your favorite comic books and graphic novels, your favorite heroes and villains and the best comic stories.

27th [LGBTQ Resource Fair and Day of Understanding](#) 11:00 am – 4:00 pm **AGES 18+**

Celebrate National LGBT Pride Month and learn about the resources available to the LGBT community, their families and their allies. Dr. Desirée Melton, professor of philosophy, will speak about the intersection of race, sexual orientation and gender identity. Be Steadwell, queer pop musician, will perform. Representatives from Equality Maryland, GLBT Community Center of Baltimore and Central Maryland, Center for Black Equity, The Latino GLBT History Project, NAACP of Charles County, the Health Department and more!

29th [EmPOWER Rangers](#) 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **AGES 6-11**

Learn about energy, where it comes from, how we use it and more! Help the Maryland Department of Energy create the background stories for their EmPOWER Rangers: Plantasia (Biofuels), Cole (Coal), Vesuvius (Geothermal), Aqua Marine (Hydro), Methaniel (Natural Gas), Dr. Fission (Nuclear), Solar Flair (Solar) and Zephyra (Wind).