

**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.

**Potomac** – Third Wednesday of the Month – 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**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.

**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.

### La Plata

**2 Garrett Ave., La Plata**

**301-934-9001**

7/2: They Say It's Your Birthday

7/9: Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Dog

7/16: Octopus's Garden

7/23: Here Comes the Sun

7/30: Let It Bee

8/6: Good Night

### Potomac

**3225 Ruth B. Swann Dr., Indian Head**

**301-375-7375**

6/30: Happy Birthday, America!

7/7: Superheroes

7/14: Ninjas

7/21: Bubble Party

7/28: My Friends, the Police

8/4: My Friends, the Firefighters

### PD Brown

**50 Village St., Waldorf**

**301-645-2864**

7/1: Animal Heroes

7/8: Only Imagine

7/15: Community Heroes

7/22: You Are a Hero

7/29: Friendship

8/1: Ride the School Bus

### West

**10405 O'Donnell Pl., Waldorf**

**301-645-1395**

6/29: Super Heroes

7/6: Heroes Make Us Feel Better

7/13: The Hero Inside Me

7/20: Animals with Super Powers

7/27: My Community Heroes

8/3: Heroes in My Family

### 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

### Job Source Mobile Career Center

The Mobile Career Center is a self-contained vehicle equipped with state-of-the-art telecommunications equipment capable of being deployed inside or outside of the vehicle. It allows the JobSource to offer a full array of employment, reemployment and employers services on the go. The Mobile Career Center contains a Greeter Workstation, a Resource Area, Employee Workspace and a Confidential Interviewing Space; Computer workstations and one computer server with the ability to accommodate additional people, through the use of wireless laptops that have Internet Access. The Mobile Career Center is ADA accessible with a working wheelchair ramp providing access for those with limited mobility.

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

**Potomac** 2nd Thursday of each month (July 9th, August 13th)

**PD Brown** 3rd Thursday of each month (July 16th, August 20th)

**West** 1st Tuesday of each month (July 7th, August 4th)

### Summer Reading Grand Prizes:

Babies: Pass to MyGym

Kids: Dragon Touch 7" Android Tablets

Teens: Toshiba Laptops

Adults: Gift Cards to Local Restaurants



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



## July & August 2015 Program Events



**Unleash Your Inner Hero with Superhero Summer Reading!**

**La Plata**

**Waldorf West**

**P.D. Brown**

**Potomac**

**Visit us online or at one of our four fantastic branches!**



## CONTEST

Picture This: Books by Their Cover Contest

Can you identify classic books by their cover? We've all been told not to judge a book by its cover, but sometimes the cover art is so distinctive, we remember the design, even if we haven't read the book! Stop by the PD Brown Library in August and try your book cover knowledge by guessing the titles of books based on their cover art alone! One winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Amazon. Contest runs from August 1st to August 31st, 2015 at the PD Brown Library.

## LA PLATA JULY

**2nd Afternoon Kids Club: Big Hero 6** 2:00- 4:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

La Plata kicks off its Afternoon Kids Club series with the film Big Hero 6, the animated hit movie. Hiro and his robot friend Baymax must join together with a team of tech-savvy friends to prevent a mysterious, evil force from taking over San Fransokyo.

**2nd Clark Center Book Discussion** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **AGES 55+**

The Clark Senior Center Book Discussion group meets monthly for discourse on contemporary and classic books. This month's book will be "Murder of King Tut" by James Patterson.

**6th The Juggling Hoffmans** 6:30 - 7:30 PM **AGES 4-11**

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**7th Grace O'Malley: Pirate Queen** 10:30 - 11:30 AM **AGES 6+**

Set sail for adventure with Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen of Ireland. This daring leader commanded an entire fleet of ships in the 1500's. Grace, also called Grania, fought for Irish independence and faced down Queen Elizabeth of England herself with astonishing results. A not-to-be-missed fun workout for brains and bodies alike!

**9th Afternoon Kids Club: Math Fun!** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

Math is fun - join us to see! We will be making a giant tetrahedron, learning some number tricks, playing math games, and making name designs using clock arithmetic.

**9th La Plata Book Discussion** 7:00 - 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's book for discussion is "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky.

**11th Superhero Visit** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **AGES 4+**

It's Superhero Time! Join these amazing Superheroes to ask questions about their awesome talents, get photos and learn about how Superheroes learn to do the right thing - from standing up to bullies, to listening to Superhero moms and dads.

**16th Afternoon Kids Club: Fossil Hunt** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11** *Register*

Travel back in time 10-20 million years to when dolphins, sting rays and sharks swam in the warm shallow waters that over time became the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about the changes in the sea and how these ancient creatures became fossils we can find today. Find and identify fossils and keep what you find!

**20th The Bubble Lady** 10:30 - 11:30 AM **AGES 4-11**

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**21th E-Reader Drop-in** 5:15 - 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.

**23rd Afternoon Kids Club: Night Shift - MD Zoo** 1:30 - 2:30 PM **AGES 4-11**

When the sun sets, "night shift" animals come on duty! Learn about special senses that allow these animals to navigate in the dark. Test your own nocturnal sensory skills and meet Zoo creatures of the night when they make a day trip to your site.

**24th Movie Night: Guardians of the Galaxy** 6:30 - 8:45 PM **AGES 12+**

Grab a friend and join us for a relaxing showing of Guardians of the Galaxy! This screening is the second in our monthly movie night series!

**30th Afternoon Kids Club: ScienceTellers** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

In this original collection of slightly twisted tales, all the teachers at school are suspected to have superpowers! Join us on a hilarious new adventure where, just like in science, things aren't always quite what they seem. We will launch things through the air, send them plummeting toward the ground, and even make things transform and disappear right before your eyes!

**31th Ukulele Jam!** 3:00 - 4:30 PM **AGES 18+** *Register*

Join us for a ukulele jam at the library! Show us your uke and we'll show you ours! Bring your ukulele, come and strum, listen or sing along.

## LA PLATA AUGUST

**6th Afternoon Kids Club: My Reptile Guys** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

My Reptile Guys bring 12 amazing reptiles to the library for you to see! Check out the snakes, tortoises, lizards and bearded dragon. Learn about reptiles, their habitats and meet the animals in person. After the presentation, children will be welcome to touch, hold and be photographed with the animals.

**6th Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth: A History of Sugar & Dessert** 6:30 - 7:30 PM **AGES 18+** *Register*

Learn about the history of sugar cane and how it has changed over the years in Western culture. From its introduction to Medieval England to the Victorian days, sugar has had many incarnations. It was first used as a medicine and a spice, 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 and confections!

**6th Clark Center Book Discussion** 11:00 - 12:00 PM **AGES 55+**

The Clark Senior Center Book Discussion group meets monthly for discourse on contemporary and classic books. This time we'll be discussing "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham.

**7th Minecraft for Kids** 6:00 - 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.

**13th La Plata Book Discussion** 7:00 - 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. In August we'll read "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris.

**18th E-Reader Drop-in** 5:15 - 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.

**20th Hop on the Bus** 10:00- 11:30 AM **AGES 3-5**

The new school year is nearly here! Join us for a great opportunity for young children to get over their school jitters by hopping on the bus. We'll read a school bus story, and then board a school bus for a ride to a local elementary school. Kids will be able to talk to the bus driver and learn what they will do on their first day of school!

**21st Ukulele Jam!** 3:00 - 4:30 PM **AGES 18+** *Register*

Join us for a ukulele jam at the library! Show us your uke and we'll show you ours! Bring your ukulele, come and strum, listen or sing along.

**27th Resume Basics** 6:30 - 7:30 PM **AGES 18+**

Join us for a refresher course on resume basics! We will discuss the different types of resumes and what information you should include in your resume. We will also explore print and online resume and job seeking resources.

**28th Movie Night: The Hunger Games** 6:30 - 9:00 PM **AGES 12+**

Grab a friend and join us for a relaxing showing of The Hunger Games! This screening is the third in our monthly movie night series!

## POTOMAC JULY

**1st Homeschool STEAM 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 (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activity for education and entertainment. This month's theme will be Art!

**2nd Homeschool STEAM Club** 2:00 - 3:00 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 (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activity for education and entertainment. This month's theme will be Art!

**6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Story Book Yoga** 10:30 - 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 course of reading the story.

**6th The Juggling Hoffmans** 4:00 - 5:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

Step into the hilarity as we set out to tackle gravity, trajectory, and a variety of science concepts with comic results. For this year's Summer Reading Program theme we take a playful look at our hero, Sir Isaac Newton, the father of physics. We explore what his 3 Laws of Motion have to do with flying props, spinning things, and object manipulation. Everyone will be amazed by the tricks and amused by the antics in a smile-a-long, laugh-a-long, interactive good time.

**7th Afternoon Kids Club: Clara Barton** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6+**

Proper ladies of her time were supposed to be quiet, get married, have children, and stay home. Miss Barton would have none of that! She defied society's conventions and risked her life in order to help others. Audience members portray Yankees and Rebels, "nay-sayers" and believers, in order to discover why Americans fought each other in the Civil War and what that meant on a personal level.

**8th Around the World Geography Club** 10:00 - 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. In June we will study Spain.

**9th Super Baby Academy** 10:00 - 11:00 AM **AGES 0-2**

It's Superhero Training for Babies! Join us for physical and mental challenges suitable for babies from birth to 18 months. Each baby who participates will receive a Super Baby Academy certificate. Babies are welcome to come dressed as superheroes!

**9th Super Toddler Academy** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **AGES 1-3**

It's Superhero Training for Toddlers! Join us for physical and mental challenges suitable for babies from 18 - 36 months. Each baby who participates will receive a Super Baby Academy certificate. Babies are welcome to come dressed as superheroes!

**11th Book to Film** 2:00 - 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. This month we will discuss "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan.

**14th Afternoon Kids Club: Math Fun!** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

Math is fun - join us to see! We will be making a giant tetrahedron, learning some number tricks, playing math games, and making name designs using clock arithmetic.

**16th Superhero Party!** 10:00 - 11:30 AM **AGES 2-5** *Register*

Come dressed in your best superhero outfit and join us for a very special story time with books and crafts and games. After hearing some Superhero stories, kids will participate in Superhero Olympics, solving problems and showing their superhero strength. Finally, finish the morning by crafting your own superhero cape to take home for your heroic adventures through the summer.

**21st Afternoon Kids Club: Dragons & Dreams** 2:00 - 4:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

In a faraway world with castles, kings, dragon keepers, ice sorceresses, and a powerful item known as the Horn of Fire, two villagers must take a daring journey to release the dragons and save the entire kingdom! Join us as we learn about the science of fire and ice through the tale of "Dragons & Dreams." Wouldn't dragon's breath be an amazing sight to see?! Well, get ready to see it ... feel it ... smell it ... maybe even taste it! This story features interactive science experiments with dry ice, flash paper, fog, smoke-filled bubbles, exploding bottles and much more!

**21st Writers of Color Book Club** 6:30 - 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. This month's selection will be "Jam on the Vine: A Novel" by LaShonda K. Barnett.

**22nd CSI in the Library** 2:00 – 4:00 PM **AGES 12-18** *Register*

Using gel electrophoresis participants will create their own DNA fingerprint. This event is entirely hands on and you'll get to use some pretty cool scientific equipment! You will measure volumes of liquid using micropipettes, cut DNA using restriction enzymes, and solve a fictitious crime scene using the data you collect. Join us to try this modern-day superhero technique!

**23rd Night Shift - MD Zoo** 10:30 - 11:30 AM **AGES 4-11**

When the sun sets, "night shift" animals come on duty! Learn about special senses that allow these animals to navigate in the dark. Test your own nocturnal sensory skills and meet Zoo creatures of the night when they make a day trip to your site.

**25th Legos: Firetrucks** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **AGES 6-11** *Register*

Bricks4Kidz will introduce kids to construction with Legos. Our theme for this program will be fire trucks. Children will hear a story and then use Legos to build a fire truck.

**27th Afternoon Kids Club: Fire Fighting Superheroes** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

Our local Fire Fighters are amazing superheroes! They protect us from fire, rescue us when we're trapped in a car and save our pets when they're stranded in a tree. Come meet local Fire Fighters and enjoy stories about fire fighter heroes, their Dalmatian pets and the best ways to prevent fire.

**28th [Afternoon Kids Club: The Bubble Lady](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

It's the magic of bubbles! Join us for some bubble fun where you'll see these impressive bubbles: giant bubbles (up to 5 feet in diameter), long bubbles (up to 18 feet long) and smoke bubbles (made with dry ice and hot water). Audience members are invited to hold smoke bubbles and blow giant bubbles to the ceiling. The finale includes putting audience members inside a giant bubble.

**28th [Teen Advisory Board](#)** 6:30 - 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.

**30th [Life-Sized Games](#)** 6:00 - 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 Candy Land, Angry Bids, Clue, Checkers, Chess and more! Join us and Scrabble made life-size!

### **[POTOMAC August](#)**

**1st [Uno, Dos, Tres con Andrés](#)** 10:00 - 11:00 AM **AGES 4-11**

Andrés Salguero, one of the most exciting new voices on the family music scene, is going to make you bailar y aprender! A native of Colombia, performances are infused with south of the border sensibilities. Join him for a fun, engaging performance with instruments galore and plenty of singing and dancing!

**1st [Ask the Computer Lady](#)** 2:00 - 4:00 PM **ALL AGES**

Stop in to Ask the Computer Lady! Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis. The Computer Lady will help with questions about your e-device, personalizing your laptop, installing software and apps on your device and other basic IT help.

**3rd, 10th, 17th [Story Book Yoga](#)** 10:30 - 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 course of reading the story.

**4th [Afternoon Kids Club: Our Local Superheroes](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

We see our local superheroes every day, not knowing when their next heroic act will be. Join us to meet some of our local heroes - fire fighters, police officers and more!

**5th [Homeschool STEAM Club](#)** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **AGES 5-9 [Register](#)**

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**5th [Health Cents Cooking](#)** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **AGES 18+**

The Healthy Cents program is designed to help participants save money while purchasing healthy food. Healthy Cents workshops focus on making healthy and affordable food choices, reducing food expenses, developing a food spending plan, planning a meal, and saving money on healthy food shopping.

**6th [Homeschool STEAM Club](#)** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM **AGES 5-9 [Register](#)**

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**8th [Book to Film](#)** 2:00 - 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. This time we'll be discussing "Les Misérables" by Victor Hugo.

**11th [Preschool Lego Club](#)** 10:00 - 11:00 AM **AGES 3-5 [Register](#)**

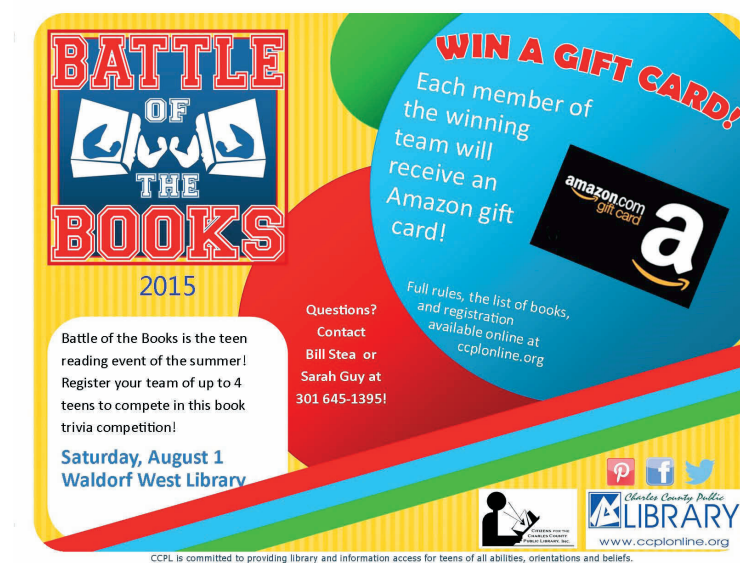
Preschoolers will discuss an "everyday object" like a fish and build a LEGO duplo model of the object of the day (based on a letter of the day) by replicating the object shown on a full color model plan. Preschoolers will practice the following early learning skills: letter recognition, patterning, colors, counting, fine motor skills, position and ordering." Books related to the object of the day will be displayed for check out.

**12th [Around the World Geography Club](#)** 10:00 - 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 study Chile!

**13th [Superhero Academy](#)** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **AGES 4-9 [Register](#)**

Reveal your inner superhero! Complete physical and mental challenges in our Superhero Academy to earn your Official Superhero Certificate. All participants are welcome to dress as superheroes.



**15th [Paper Roller Coaster Challenge](#)** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **AGES 12-18 [Register](#)**

Design and build a paper roller coaster for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Work individually or in a team to build a roller coaster out of construction paper and other common art supplies.

**18th [Preschool Lego Club](#)** 10:00 - 11:00 AM **AGES 3-5 [Register](#)**

Preschoolers will discuss an "everyday object" like a fish and build a LEGO duplo model of the object of the day (based on a letter of the day) by replicating the object shown on a full color model plan. Preschoolers will practice the following early learning skills: letter recognition, patterning, colors, counting, fine motor skills, position and ordering." Books related to the object of the day will be displayed for check out.

**22nd [Minecraft Madness!](#)** 2:00 - 3:30 PM **AGES 6-11 [Register](#)**

Minecraft in real life!? Is it possible!? We've taken activities from Minecraft and brought them to the Potomac Library. Try these real life Minecraft challenges: bow and arrow target practice, slime knockdown, creeper toss, pixel art, Minecraft mask making, sword crafting and more!

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### **[PD BROWN July](#)**

**1st [Afternoon Kids Club: Big Hero 6](#)** 1:30 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

PD Brown kicks off its Afternoon Kids Club series with the film Big Hero 6, the animated hit movie. Through Hiro and Baymax's adventures we learn that there's a super hero in all of us.

**2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th [Jazzy Yarns Crochet & Knitting Class](#)** 6:00-7:30 PM **AGES 18+**

Learn the basics as well or develop your skills in crocheting or knitting. Please bring your own supplies. For beginners, please bring a skein of yarn and a "J" crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles.

**8th [Afternoon Kids Club: Balloon Twisting](#)** 1:30 - 2:30 PM **AGES 6-11**

Learn from Ms. Vera how to make super heroes by twisting balloons. This promises to be an afternoon of squeaky, twisty fun!

**8th [Taking Tea: Teatime Across the Centuries](#)** 6:30 - 7:30 PM **AGES 18+ [Register](#)**

Learn about the history of the tea drink and the tradition of taking tea as an afternoon snack or evening meal. Learn about the differences between high tea, low tea, and afternoon tea. The similarities and differences between various popular tea types will be discussed in addition to an exploration of the history of classic tea treats such as the English muffin, crumpet, scone, and clotted cream. The presentation will be followed by the opportunity to taste hot tea, scones, 19th century Lady Newport teacakes, and lavender shortbread.

**11th [Waldorf Book Discussion](#)** 9:30 - 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. This month's selection will be "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass" by Lewis Carroll.

**11th [Superhero Visit](#)** 1:00 - 2:00 PM **AGES 4+**

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**14th [Celebrate National Ice Cream Month](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 55+**

July is National Ice Cream Month! Let's celebrate and learn things you might not know about ice cream. Take our Ice Cream Quiz, join our trivia contest and have a little ice cream, too! It'll be a fun-filled "all about ice cream" time! We'll also have prizes for our trivia and quiz winners, too!

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**22nd [Afternoon Kids Club: Critter Costumes - MD Zoo](#)** 1:00 - 2:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

Wear feathers like a bird, fur like a mammal, or scales like a reptile! Wild and wonderful animal fashions give clues for classifying critters. Children play dress-up and use their powers of observation to explore distinctions between vertebrate animals.

**23rd [Fossil Hunt](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11 [Register](#)**

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**29th [Afternoon Kids Club: Etiquette](#)** 2:00 - 4:00 PM **AGES 11-13 [Register](#)**

This etiquette program, designed for kids 11 - 13 years old, teaches the must-know skills of self-presentation, communication, making a good impression, walking, shaking hands, personal introductions and email/ phone/ texting/ social media etiquette. Seating is limited.

### **[PD BROWN August](#)**

**1st [Waldorf Book Discussion](#)** 9:30 - 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. In August we'll discuss "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James.

**5th [Hop on the Bus](#)** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM **AGES 3-5**

The new school year is nearly here! Join us for a great opportunity for young children to get over their school jitters by hopping on the bus. We'll read a school bus story, and then board a school bus for a ride to a local elementary school. Kids will be able to talk to the bus driver and learn what they will do on their first day of school!

**6th, 13th, 20th, 27th [Jazzy Yarns Crochet & Knitting Class](#)** 6:00 - 7:30 PM **AGES 18+**

Learn the basics as well or develop your skills in crocheting or knitting. Please bring your own supplies. For beginners, please bring a skein of yarn and a "J" crochet hook or size 8 or 9 knitting needles.

**12th [Health Cents Cooking](#)** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **AGES 18+**

The Healthy Cents program is designed to help participants save money while purchasing healthy food. Healthy Cents workshops focus on making healthy and affordable food choices, reducing food expenses, developing a food spending plan, planning a meal, and saving money on healthy food shopping.

**19th [Hospice: An Overview](#)** 6:30 - 7:30 PM **AGES 18+**

Charles County Hospice will present and information session on hospice services. Topics include: what is hospice, myths and truths of hospice care, grieving counseling services, costs and more.

**25th [Teen Advisory Board](#)** 6:30 - 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.

### **[WEST July](#)**

**1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th [Crochet & Knitting Club](#)** 6:00 - 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 [Afternoon Kids Club: My Reptile Guys](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

My Reptile Guys bring 12 amazing reptiles to the library for you to see! Check out the snakes, tortoises, lizards and bearded dragon. Learn about reptiles, their habitats and meet the animals in person. After the presentation, children will be welcome to touch, hold and be photographed with the animals.

**6th, 20th [Spanish Conversational Club](#)** 6:00 - 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!



**7th [Anime Club](#)** 6:00 - 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.

**8th, 15th, 22nd [Tutoría de Computadoras en Español](#)** 2:00 - 3:30 PM **AÑOS 12+**

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.

**8th [Meet the Finches](#)** 5:30 - 7:00 PM **AGES 6+**

These Finch Robots aren't just cute - they're robots that teach the basics of computer programming. Learn a few basic Java commands and you'll have your Finch traveling, flashing lights and more! Join us to Meet the Finches!

**9th [Lego Robotics](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11** ***Register***

The 4-H Kidz for Change Robotics Club will introduce kids to robotics. Children will hear a story and then use Legos to build a robot that corresponds with the theme of the book. After construction, children will learn how to program their robot to move, make sounds and more using a laptop.

**13th [Afternoon Kids Club: Math Fun!](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

Math is fun - join us to see! We will be making a giant tetrahedron, learning some number tricks, playing math games, and making name designs using clock arithmetic.

**13th [The Juggling Hoffmans](#)** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **AGES 4-11**

Step into the hilarity as we set out to tackle gravity, trajectory, and a variety of science concepts with comic results. For this year's Summer Reading Program theme we take a playful look at our hero, Sir Isaac Newton, the father of physics. We explore what his 3 Laws of Motion have to do with flying props, spinning things, and object manipulation. Everyone will be amazed by the tricks and amused by the antics in a smile-a-long, laugh-a-long, interactive good time.

**15th [Health Cents - Cooking Affordably](#)** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **AGES 18+**

The Healthy Cents program is designed to help participants save money while purchasing healthy food. Healthy Cents workshops focus on making healthy and affordable food choices, reducing food expenses, developing a food spending plan, planning a meal, and saving money on healthy food shopping.

**16th [Fossil Hunt](#)** 10:00 - 11:00 AM **AGES 6-11** ***Register***

Travel back in time 10-20 million years to when dolphins, sting rays and sharks swam in the warm shallow waters that over time became the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about the changes in the sea and how these ancient creatures became fossils we can find today. Find and identify fossils and keep what you find!

**16th [Hands-On Grant Writing Workshop](#)** 1:00 - 4:00 PM **AGES 18+** ***Register***

Do you know how to navigate the common grant application? Do you want to participate in small group exercises for grant proposals? Can you use tips on how to respond to grant proposals? Join us for this in-depth workshop for individuals who understand the grant process and now have been tasked with the writing of a grant application. The workshop will be presented by Sandra Pruitt, Executive Director of People for Change Coalition.

**16th [Comic Book Club](#)** 6:00 - 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!

**17th [Group Computer Class](#)** 9:30 - 11:30 AM **AGES 18+** ***Register***

Learn how to transfer photos from your electronic devices and how to edit them in a comfortable, informal group setting. This week we will learn about the basics of digital photography.

**17th [Teen Retro Gaming Night](#)** 6:00 - 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.

**18th [Life's Journeys Writers Club](#)** - Our session this month is canceled so that members can attend the Artist's Reception.

**18th [Meet the Artists: Artists' Reception](#)** 2:00 - 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 up the creative atmosphere!

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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.

**22nd [CSI in the Library](#)** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **AGES 12-18** ***Register***

Using gel electrophoresis participants will create their own DNA fingerprint. This event is entirely hands on and you'll get to use some pretty cool scientific equipment! You will measure volumes of liquid using micropipettes, cut DNA using restriction enzymes, and solve a fictitious crime scene using the data you collect. Join us to try this modern-day superhero technique!

**22nd [Critter Costumes - MD Zoo](#)** 10:30 - 11:30 AM **AGES 4-11**

Wear feathers like a bird, fur like a mammal, or scales like a reptile! Wild and wonderful animal fashions give clues for classifying critters. Children play dress-up and use their powers of observation to explore distinctions between vertebrate animals.

**22nd [Family Craft Night](#)** 6:00 - 7:00 PM **ALL AGES**

Spend time with your family while creating a fun, simple craft project. Each month we will have supplies for an arty, fun craft. All supplies will be provided, just bring your family and your creativity. This month we will make piper clear ninjas!

**23rd [Vintage Letters](#)** 2:00 - 3:30 PM **AGES 16+** ***Register***

Have you ever wanted to write a letter using an actual nib pen and ink? Come and pretend your in the 1800's, writing a letter to your sweetheart or sending news home to your family. Learn how to age your paper to make it look older, the technique to writing with a nib pen and inkwell and how to seal your letter with wax.

**23rd [Film Club](#)** 6:00 - 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.

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**30th [Physics of Superheroes](#)** 2:00 - 4:00 PM **AGES 12+**

Can Superman really life a mountain? Can Batman really hoist himself up a building with a grappling hook? Learn the truth about the physics of comic books vs. the real world in this STEM-based program for teens and adults.

**30th [Superhero Movie Jeopardy!](#)** 6:30 - 7:30 PM **AGES 12+** ***Register***

If you are a comic book buff, or if you aren't but you love superhero movies, then this is the game for you! Teens compete in teams to answer trivia questions about their favorite superhero films like The Avengers, Batman, The X-Men and more!

**[WEST August](#)**

**1st [A Taste of Maryland](#)** 10:00 - 11:00 AM **AGES 18+** ***Register***

Learn about the history of Maryland's most iconic food traditions and food businesses such as Maryland Beaten Biscuits, crab cakes, coddies, McCormick Spices and Old Bay to some less well-known fare including white potato pie and peach fluff. This presentation is based on research presenter Joyce White has been doing in her role as curator for the state of Maryland permanent exhibit for the Southern Food and Beverage Museum in New Orleans, LA. The presentation will be followed by the opportunity to taste an assortment of sweet and savory Maryland fare.

**1st [Battle of the Books](#)** 1:00 - 4:30 PM **AGES 12-18** ***Register***

Our 3rd annual Battle of the Books has arrived. Teens will form teams of up to 4 people and read a selection of 12 books, then they will compete to see whose knowledge of the books is best. It's a literary trivia extravaganza!

**3rd [Afternoon Kids Club: Science Unscripted](#)** 2:00 - 3:00 PM **AGES 6-11**

Maryland Science Center will present the best of science: create your own science show by selecting experiments from our topic cards, try lots of different types of demonstrations including liquid nitrogen, combustion reactions and biochemistry.

**3rd [Toastmasters Kids](#)** 3:15 - 4:30 PM **AGES 6-11**

Toastmasters, the organization that thousands of adults worldwide rely on for speech writing and presenting support is looking for kids who want to learn about public speaking! Join us to see how you'd do a speech of 60 seconds on a topic chosen immediately before your speaking time. Fun and laughs are guaranteed!

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**5th [Create Your Own Superhero Collector Card!](#)** 2:00 - 4:00 PM **ALL AGES**

Participants will have their picture take (costumes optional, but encouraged!) and provide us with their superhero facts. When they return to the library a week later, they will be provided with their very own collector card! Cards will be posted on our website and will decorate the Children's area at Waldorf West.

**6th [Create an Elemental Superhero](#)** 2:00 - 4:00 PM **AGES 12-18**

Iron Man is only the beginning! Teens can explore the periodic table and create superheroes based on an element of their choice, using the properties of that element. This STEM-based program will provide free periodic tables and information on each element to help them research their hero.

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Join CCPL in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the momentous day the Voting Rights Act was signed into law. We will commemorate this historic event by viewing the award-winning movie Selma and holding a brief discussion afterwards. Attendees will get a chance to check out items about some of the pivotal characters in the film.

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Are you a fan of slash, shipping or fandom as a whole? Do you read or write fanfic? Join us for an hour of discussion of fanfiction - bring your own work to share or come to read others' work. Bring either your own work or a oneshot of your current favorite fanfic - family-friendly content only, please!

**22nd [Be a Hero Job Fair](#)** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM **ALL AGES**

Kids and teens are invited to meet modern day heroes from many different career paths and learn how they can get involved with those careers. This is a free event with no registration required.

**22nd [Taiko Drumming Demonstration](#)** 2:30 - 3:30 PM **ALL AGES**

Taiko Drumming, an ancient Japanese form of rhythm produced on large drums was originally used in war to create noise to frighten the enemy. Now taiko drumming is more lyrical and physical, with emphasis on dance, movement and pleasing sounds. Join us for a demonstration of taiko drumming.

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