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Message from the Executive Director

I am delighted to report that we have seen a steady stream of old and new friends at the libraries since we reopened our doors on March 1, 2021. It has been so exciting for all of us to welcome you back! I am happy to say that we are all adjusting to in person service again and making our entire collection available for your benefit.

One of the things that may have been overlooked during the pandemic was that the Allegany County Library System joined with the Washington County Free Library and the Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County in a single consortium for library materials. The immediate benefit to you is another 225,000 items you can borrow and have delivered to your home library. We also anticipate additional enhancements in the near future for your convenience.

With the school year ending soon, our attention turns to our Summer Reading events and more great reads! This summer we have a full calendar of events and activities to keep you reading, singing, and enjoying the outdoors. This year's theme is Tails and Tales, and we will be holding our Summer Reading Events in local parks again this summer.

In addition to our regular Story Time in the Parks, we will also be hosting Storybook Strolls, visits from our local animals and pets, Pet Portrait Contest, and more!

Check the Summer Reading Calendar for a full list of events, locations, and times.

And don't forget that borrowing a Chromebook and Wi-Fi Hotspot from the library means you can enjoy and attend all our Virtual Story Times and crafting events from a park, lake or even the pool! Stop by your local library for more details.

You may have noticed all the construction equipment and work being done at our LaVale Library. We are renovating and expanding the library so that we can continue to bring you top notch service and be a partner in your family's success story. The project is on schedule and we are planning to cut the ribbon in late summer 2022.

On behalf of the Library Board and Staff, I wish you and your families a fun, restful, and restorative summer filled with Tails and Tales! As part of our safe return to "normal" library services, I am happy to report we are scheduled to start weekend hours in July 2021!

Cover art: Commissioned illustration of Kaine, by Patricia Wilt. He is a dog that is up for adoption at the Allegany County Animal Shelter. See "Pet Portraits" on page 5.



Get Connected: Chromebooks & Hotspots!

Our new program aims to help bridge the digital divide in our community by providing free internet access and Chromebooks to patrons 18 and older.

John Taube, ACLS Executive Director remarked that "we are excited to be loaning Chromebooks and WiFi Hotspots to help our community sign up for vaccines, attend doctor's visits via telemedicine, and look for jobs. All part of the library's mission to improve the lives of the people in our community."

According to Census estimates from 2014–2018, 24.1 percent of households in Allegany County don't have home Internet, or are using dial-up only.

The **Get Connected** program is funded through a partnership with the City of Cumberland and their Community Development Block Grants program, and the Western Maryland Regional Library. Initially, the program will provide 75 hotspots and 90 Chromebooks to patrons across the five branches.



Sierra checks out a Chromebook at the George's Creek Regional Library

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SUMMER WITH YOUR LIBRARY FAMILY EVENTS



The Fly Birds Kick-off: Summer with Your Library!

Wednesday, June 16 at 5 PM at Creekside Park in Westernport. Join us for great music, games, a garden scavenger hunt, and a sweet treat! Hey kids! Enter the free raffle to win tickets to Altoona Curve!



Storybook Stroll

Take a walk along a trail where you can read storybook pages along the way! Shelter volunteers will be there with dogs for you to meet. To help raise money for the Animal Shelter, track your one mile walk with the WoofTrax app. In partnership with the Allegany County Animal Shelter in Cumberland, MD

Take your strolls on Wednesdays at 10 AM

June 23 - Cresaptown Sports Complex

July 7 - Hoffman Park in Frostburg

July 21 - Creekside Park in Westernport

August 4 - Allegany County Animal Shelter



ALLEGANY COUNTY
Animal Shelter

Critter Comforts

Wednesday, July 14 at 5 PM
at the Rocky Gap Mountain View Pavilion

What will you make? Are you ready to meet a reptile?

- Bug Hotel! Decorate a tin can to make a buggy place using bamboo, sticks, and strings.
- Toad Abode!
Decorate a terracotta pot to make a new home for your backyard toad!
- Blooming Pot!
Decorate a terracotta pot and plant a flower!



Bright Star Theatre

Friday, July 16 at 10 AM at Hoffman Park in Frostburg and at 3 PM at Canal Place in Cumberland

Sponsored by the Judy Center



Piglet is
waiting to
be adopted!

Pet Portraits

Paint A Pet Day!

Wednesday, July 28 at 5 PM at TBD

Come paint or draw shelter animals!

You can choose to draw shelter animals or photos of pets. Paints, crayons, cardstock, and canvases will be supplied.

- If you paint or draw a shelter animal, your creation will be given to the person who adopts the pet.
- If you paint or draw a photo of a pet, your creation will be given to the pet owner.

Pet owners: Want our artists to do a portrait of your pet? For a generous \$20 donation to the Allegany County Animal Shelter, you will receive a one-of-a-kind portrait of your furry friend! Our Pet Portrait studio is open to artists of all ages and talents, and portraits will be assigned to volunteer artists at random, providing a wealth of unique pieces from professional to more "abstract" portraits from our little artists in training! We appreciate your kind support of the animal shelter, the library, and our local artists and future artists!



TALL TALES CONTEST



Submit a drawing of a creature along with a tall tale related to your drawing. Could be a real animal, a pet, or totally made up! Winners will have their story read on our YouTube and will win Pittsburgh Zoo tickets. Contest is for ages 18 and under & starts on August 1.

ADULT EVENT

Charis Winery

BOOKED FOR THE SUMMER

WHAT	SUMMER ONLY BOOK CLUB
WHERE	CHARIS WINERY & DISTILLERY ONCE A MONTH, SATURDAY 11AM
DATES	TITLES
6/26/21	Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow
7/24/21	The Night Swim by Megan Goldin
8/21/21	Smalltime by Russell Shorto
RSVP:	ALLEGANYCOUNTYLIBRARY.INFO 301-777-1200 EXT 1009



SUMMER VIRTUAL EVENTS



Wellness Wednesdays

A **Kid's Yoga Break** will be posted every Wednesday! The Yoga video posted on the 4th Wednesday of each month is for all ages.

Skype a Scientist

Now's your chance to virtually talk to scientists about their jobs!

- Dr. Theresa Rüger on July 12 at 10 AM
Evolutionary Biology
- Katie VanValin on July 27 at 5 PM
Animal & Food Sciences



MURDER ON A MONDAY

WHAT: true crime theory and discussion group

WHERE: Zoom (link sent to those registered)

WHEN: every other Monday at 7PM

6/21: Charles Manson
7/5: JonBenet Ramsey
7/19: Natalie Wood
8/2: Dyatlov Pass
8/16: Zodiac Killer

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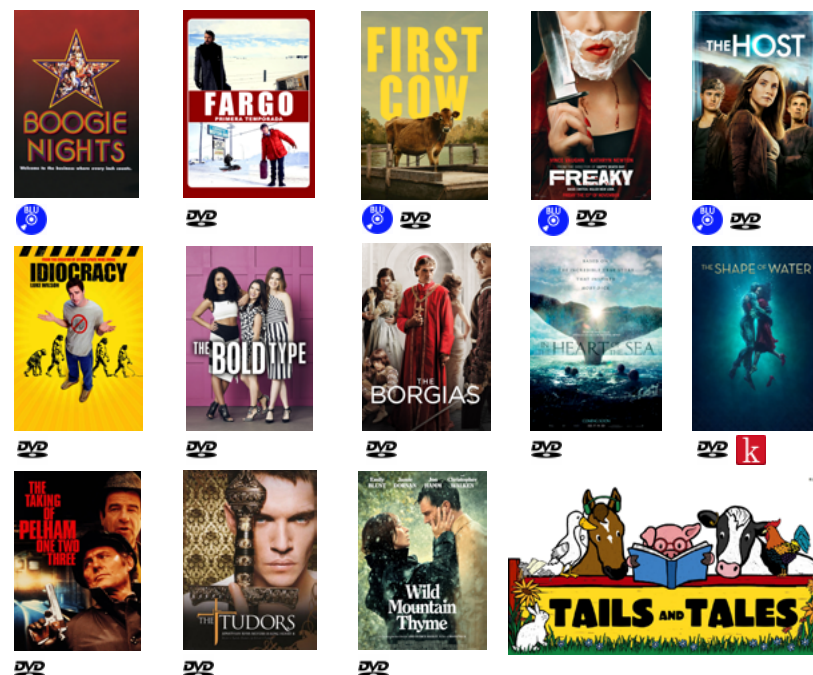
First Lines Friday

Listen to the first few lines of a book recommended by a staff member. Posted on YouTube & Facebook on Fridays.



Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Free Comic Book Day on August 14, 2021! Get your free comics that day at the local shop, Calling All Heroes, at 50 Stately Street, Wiley Ford, WV. Questions? Call 301-697-1909

Staff favorites to binge on!





Meet Maureen Caupp

Service Specialist at the Frostburg Library

Favorite genre to read: Historical fiction, history, and nature related nonfiction

Number of books read in 2020: 70

Have you ever started a book and not finished? I occasionally start but don't finish books, but it is rare. I have been lucky to really enjoy my selections lately.

Do you read more than one book at a time? Yes, I often read several books at a time. Usually at least three. I have different ones for different places.

What was your top five reads favorite read of 2020? (I couldn't pick just one)

- *The Women with Silver Wings* by Katherine Sharp Landdeck
- *Haben: The Deafblind Women who Conquered Harvard Law* by Haben Girma
- *Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia-to-Zion Journey Through Every National Park* by Conor Knighton
- *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi
- *The Seamstress of Ourfa* by Victoria Harwood Butler-Sloss.

What are you currently using as a bookmark? A green scrap of paper left over from Kathy Murphy's last Cricut project.

What is your favorite thing about working at the library? Reader's Advisory. I love sharing my passion for books and reading with patrons and coworkers!

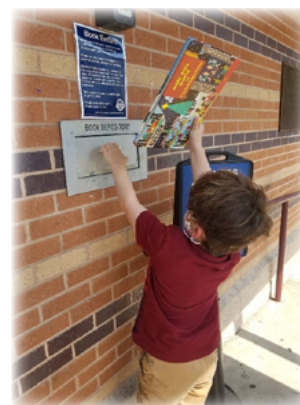


What is your go to reading drink?

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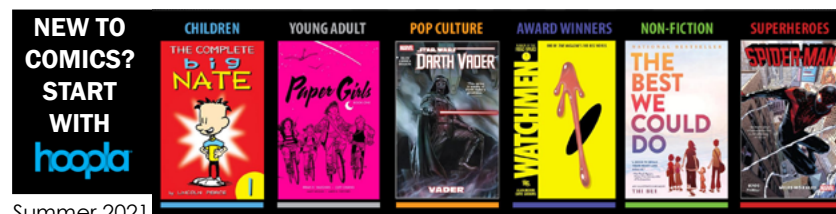


Kids are Fine Free



As of March 8, 2021, minors are fine free at the Allegany County Library System. Library users ages 17 and under will no longer be charged late fees on overdue items. The mission of the library system is to provide information and services to enrich the lives of the people in Allegany County. Fines, especially for children, are a barrier to accessing information. An analysis by the Maryland State Library Resource Center and other libraries shows that charging fines to library patrons affects lower-income users disproportionately and punishes children who might have limited control over returning books on time and limited means to repay those fines.

Removing this barrier is possible thanks to legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly earlier this year, the Building Lifelong Library Learners Act. This bill will provide libraries funding in order to maintain their budget without taking a loss of income that came from collecting fines from minors' accounts. In addition to not charging overdue fines to minors, existing account balances for patrons 17 and under will be reset to \$0 by June 30 of this year. In the Allegany County Library System, there are 15,216 patrons 17 and under with fines. Of those, 56 percent have not used their library card in the past four years. We look forward to welcoming these young patrons back and increasing access to all the wonderful library services and collections!



Summer 2021

Story Time in the Park



Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 AM
Suitable for families and all ages



6/15 Constitution Park Amphitheater
6/17 Holly Field in LaVale
6/22 Glendening Park in Frostburg
6/24 Canal Place in Cumberland
6/29 Iron Furnace Park in Lonaconing
7/1 Cresaptown Sports Complex
7/6 Constitution Park Amphitheater
7/8 Creekside Park in Westernport
7/13 Holly Field in LaVale
7/15 Glendening Park in Frostburg
7/20 Canal Place in Cumberland
7/22 Iron Furnace Park in Lonaconing
7/27 Cresaptown Sports Complex
7/29 Constitution Amphitheater
8/3 Creekside Park in Westernport
8/5 Holly Field in LaVale



Schedule subject to change and
weather permitting

Community Helpers

Wednesday, June 30 at 10 AM at Canal Place –
Our local community helpers will read stories!



Chapter a Day

Read-a-long with Miss Kate!

- New book each month.
- Videos are posted on Facebook and YouTube.
- Perfect for elementary readers to read along and for anyone that wants to listen to a great story!



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Craft @ Home!

A new craft video will be posted every Thursday
on our YouTube through Summer Reading.

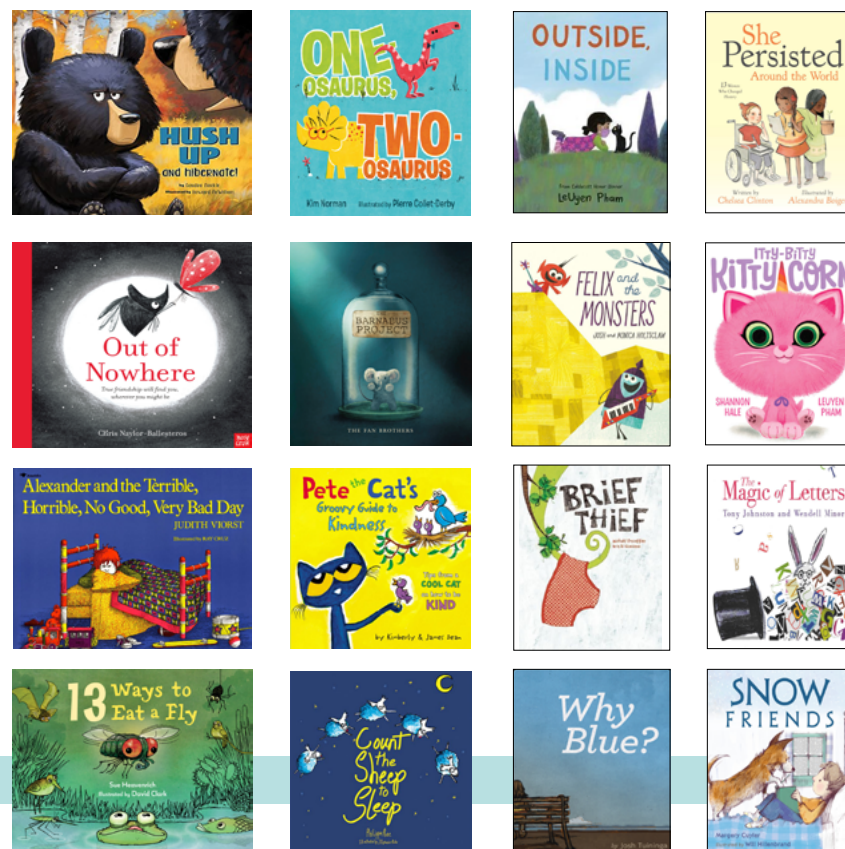
If you need the supplies,
give us a call and let us
know which branch you
want your supplies sent
to so you can take and
make at home! Supplies
available until Sept.

www.youtube.com/alleganycountylibrary

Did you miss a Story Time? Watch Story Times on-demand
plus browse our virtual Story Time bookcase with titles read
and recommended by your favorite Story Time librarians!
Visit www.alleganycountylibrary.info/storytime



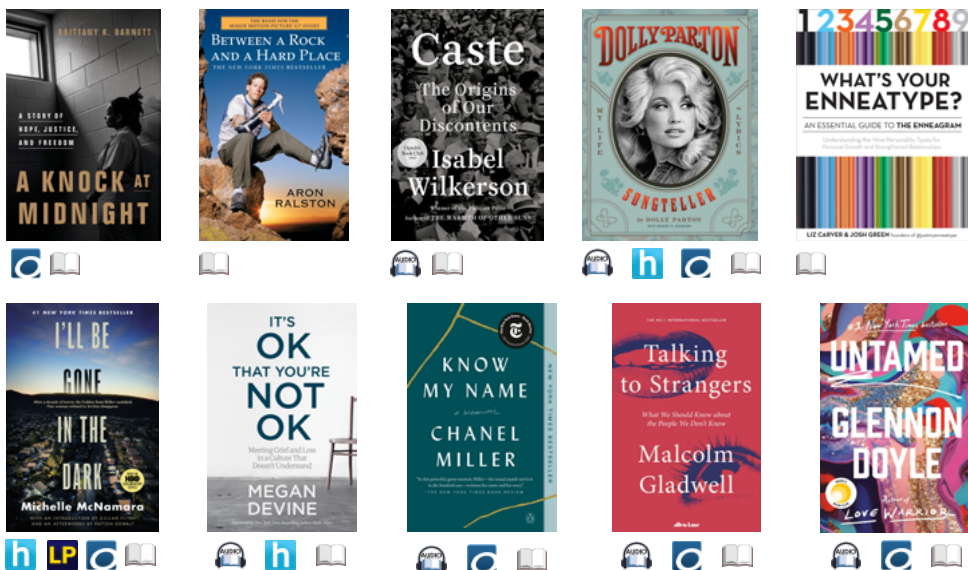
Book suggestions for children



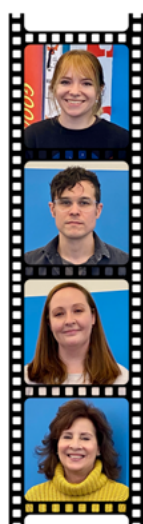


Access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <https://westmd.kanopy.com/>. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including documentaries, rare titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films!

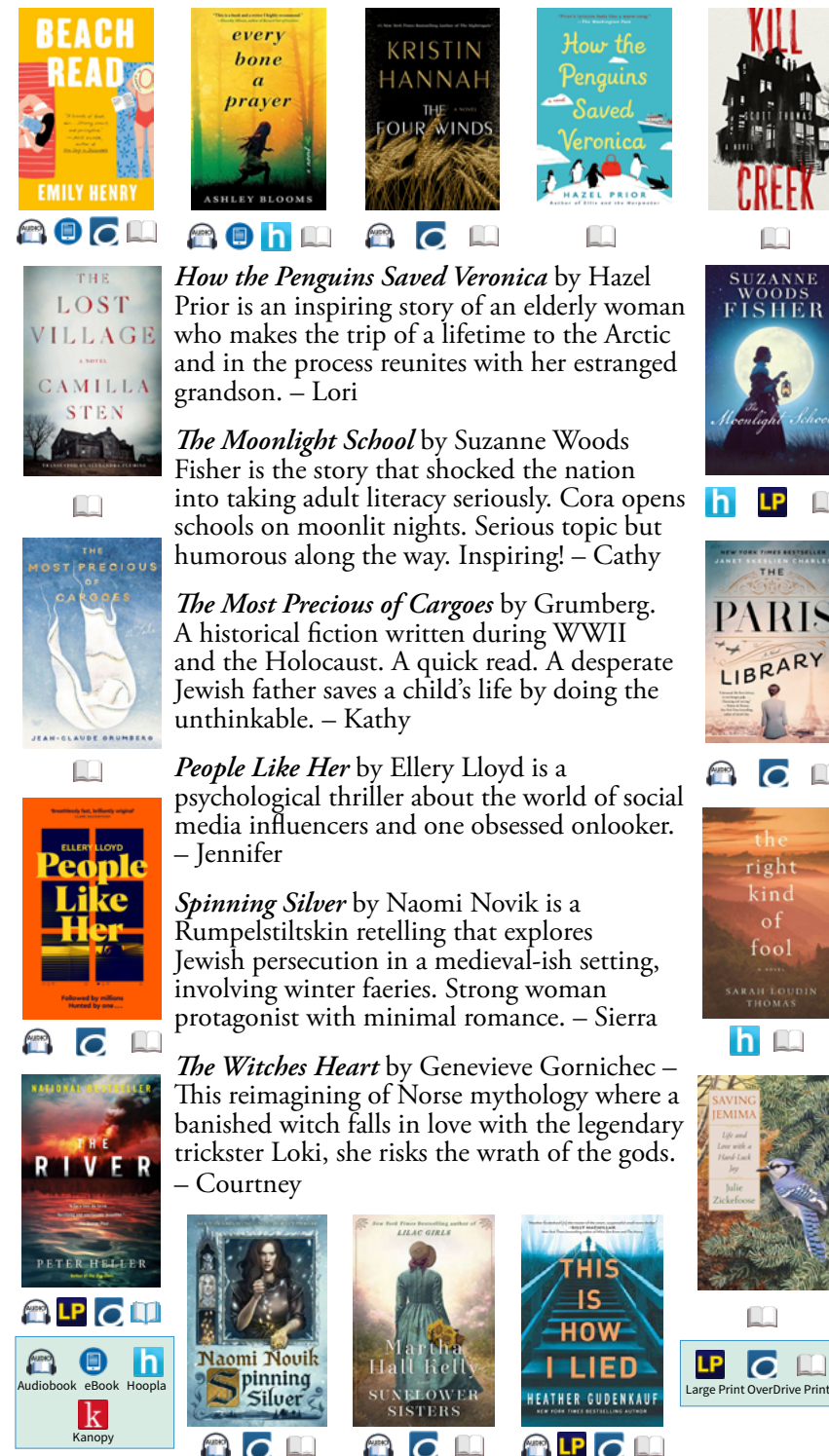
See what NON-FICTION books library staff are reading!



Videos and podcasts are posted every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Look for special guests as we expand our themes & genres!



See what FICTION library staff are reading!



How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior is an inspiring story of an elderly woman who makes the trip of a lifetime to the Arctic and in the process reunites with her estranged grandson. – Lori

The Moonlight School by Suzanne Woods Fisher is the story that shocked the nation into taking adult literacy seriously. Cora opens schools on moonlit nights. Serious topic but humorous along the way. Inspiring! – Cathy

The Most Precious of Cargoes by Grumberg. A historical fiction written during WWII and the Holocaust. A quick read. A desperate Jewish father saves a child's life by doing the unthinkable. – Kathy

People Like Her by Ellery Lloyd is a psychological thriller about the world of social media influencers and one obsessed onlooker. – Jennifer

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik is a Rumpelstiltskin retelling that explores Jewish persecution in a medieval-ish setting, involving winter faeries. Strong woman protagonist with minimal romance. – Sierra

The Witches Heart by Genevieve Gornichec – This reimagining of Norse mythology where a banished witch falls in love with the legendary trickster Loki, she risks the wrath of the gods. – Courtney

In the News: Day of Civility!



Proclamation for Day of Civility – Mayor Ray Morris read the City of Cumberland proclamation during a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, April 6. Allison Layton, City Service representative, presents the Proclamation to John Taube and Renee Mason.

As part of the “National Library Week” celebration, we partnered with the Western Maryland Food Bank to offer **Food for Fines Day**. On the Day of Civility on April 8, our libraries accepted non-perishable food donations in exchange for library fines. The Western Maryland Food Bank collected 421 pounds!

Eat. Learn. Council.: A Day of Civility – virtual community dialogue. As part of Western Maryland Food Council’s three-day conference dedicated to growing a health food system in a pandemic world, this session was guided by ACM’s Democracy Commitment Committee and Frostburg State University’s Communication Leadership Lab. Available on the Choose Civility Playlist soon at bit.ly/ChooseCivilityAlleganyYouTube

In the **Developmental Disabilities Program at Archway Station** the participants for Day of Civility made cards, treat bags, and cookie trays for Police Officers, Firefighters, and 911 Dispatchers in the Cumberland area.

Should Government Provide Healthcare for all Citizens?, a virtual Better (Braver) Angels college debate, was organized by students in the FSU’s Debate Team and LEAD 401 Citizen Leadership class. ACM’s Democracy Commitment Committee and FSU’s Communication Leadership Lab co-sponsored the event, guided by Choose Civility principals. The debate can be seen at bit.ly/DoCBraverAngelsDebate.



Communication Leadership in 2021: Walking the Civility Talk – Listen to this podcast in which local citizen explore ways to support civil discourse even in the presence of interpersonal conflict, competing “common sense,” or ideological differences. See the “Day of Civility Podcast” posted on YouTube by Dr. John Lombardi at bit.ly/DoCPodcast.

Western Maryland Watercolor Society Donates Local Books to our Library



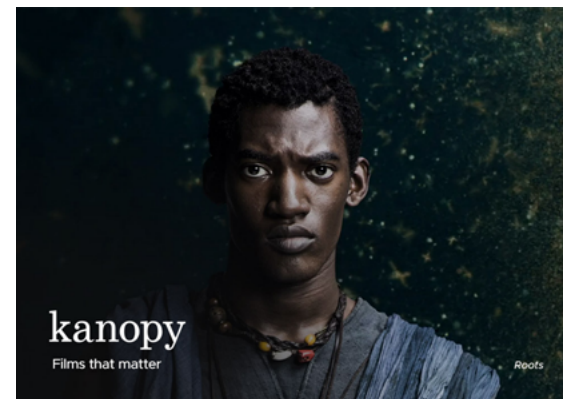
On the Day of Civility, the Society funded books created by local author, Nayano Taylor-Newman and local illustrator, Marcy Brack. Five books of each of the following were gifted to the library. *The Unboring History of the National Road; The Unboring History of the B & O Railroad; The Unboring History of the Lady, the Army, and the Fort; and The Unboring History of School*

Renee Mason, Marcy Brack, Dr. Nayano Taylor-Newman

Friends of the Library: Spotlight on Friends of the WSL



A Slice of Literary Pie is a new video series brought to you by the Friends of the Washington Street Library. The series will introduce you to the variety of literary options available to you through your local library. Enjoy the selections made by some of the avid readers in our community, many of whom you may recognize! Videos will be posted each month to the Friends of the Washington Street Library Facebook page.



Join one of our Friends of the Library groups to become actively involved in supporting the library through fundraising activities, event planning and hosting, and improvement projects. Friends groups are also advocates for library services and promote greater awareness of library support throughout the community.

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Friends of the LaVale Library

OverDrive

The digital library is always open.

OPEN 24 HOURS

Read on Libby.
The one-tap reading app from our library.

Hours Open

Monday – Thursday:
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Locations:

Frostburg

65 E. Main Street
Frostburg, MD 21532
301 – 687 – 0790

George's Creek

76 Main Street
Lonaconing, MD 21539
301 – 463 – 2629

South Cumberland

100 Seymour Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
301 – 724 – 1607

Washington Street

31 Washington Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
301 – 777 – 1200

Westernport

66 Main Street
Westernport, MD 21562
301 – 359 – 0455

***The LaVale Library
is closed for renovation.***

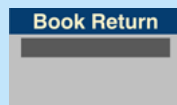
Enhanced Safety Measures



Masks required
at all times



Practice social
distancing



All returns go to
the book drop

Learn more at

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4:00 p.m. meetings are open to the public.
June 8 and August 10

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All the library branches will be closed on
Monday, July 5 in recognition of
Independence Day

“Enhanced safety, exceptional service”