

ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Spring 2022 LIBRARY GUIDE



Chalk It Up to Civility

A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



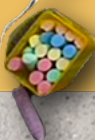
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Message from the Executive Director



Happy New Year and welcome to our Spring 2022 Library Guide! We hope that 2022 brings you and your family good luck, peace and joy! Library staff have already been busy starting to work on and plan the many events, programs and activities to ensure that the library is your partner to help you and your family achieve your 2022 goals.

Our big event for 2022 is the reopening of the LaVale Library in September after an 18 month renovation and expansion project. We can't wait to welcome you back and show you around. We will share more details in our Summer Library Guide.

In February, March, and April, I encourage you to borrow a book or movie from one of our branch displays. Library Staff continue to surprise me with the themes and ideas they come up with for displays (and the many things in our collections relevant to that theme) and I bet they will have something new for you, too!

A new year's day editorial in the Washington Post lauded a new "[golden age of public libraries dawns again](#)." They credit "An abundance of new and newly renovated libraries have opened their doors in the past two years. In addition to being breathtakingly beautiful, many are exemplars of what great community spaces can and should be." Though printed volumes remain their focal point, the best new libraries offer so much more: computer labs, conference rooms of different sizes, studios for recording podcasts and editing videos; event spaces, and hands-on experiences for kids.

I encourage you to visit your local library and find out why "Libraries are the heart of communities." As we work to reopen LaVale Library and offer top notch services around the county, please remember that "Communities that invest in libraries are well prepared for whatever the next chapter brings."

Best regards,

John Taube

Executive Director

Chalk It Up to Civility is coming in April! See page 14. Chalk drawings on the front cover and here are from FrostburgFirst's Sidewalk Chalk Mural Contest drawn during the Frostburg Arts Walks! Look for the 2022 Chalk Mural Contest guidelines for this year's Spring Art Walk in conjunction with the Chalk It Up to Civility! Children and families are welcome. #itsjustcoolerhere #SpringArtsWalk #OurFrostburg #SupportLocalSafely

Midsommar Portrait by Elijah Thane
Horned creature by Kenzie & Sarah



By Parris Ashley

Did you get a new eReader or make a resolution?

The library has the tools for you!

Learn how to download free books, audiobooks, and magazines from the library! Check out NICHE Academy & look for Smart Device Tech Hours!



my.nicheacademy.com/alleganycountylibrary

Smart Device Tech Hours!
is coming in the Spring!

Need help with any New Year's Resolutions?

Exercise more?



Eat healthier?



Get organized?



Learn a new language?
Travel?



Want to save money?

Stream free movies, television, documentaries, and more!



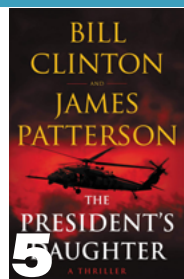
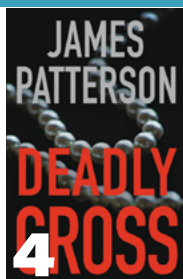
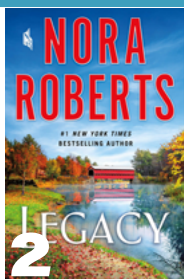
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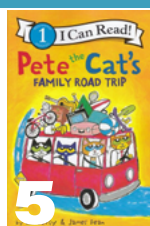
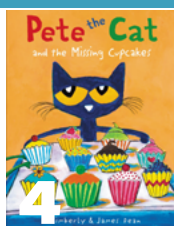
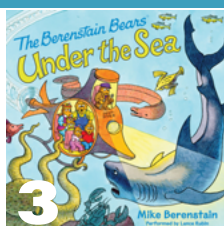
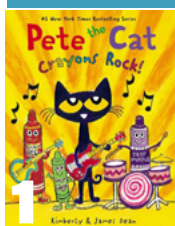


2021 ... A Year in Review @ ACLS!

Top five Adult Books checked out at our library:



Top five Children's Books checked out at our library:



Top ATTENDED PROGRAMS IN 2021 at our library:



Story Time in the Park Series



Coney Christmas



Storybook Holiday



Buzz One Four (Virtual)



Storybook Stroll Series



Flybirds at Summer with your Library Kickoff



Critter Comforts



Pet Portraits

200,216 materials circulated!

5,233 attendees at Events!

2021 TIMELINE

*Westernport Library 50th Anniversary
Virtual Celebration!*

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Buzz One Four Virtual Presentation

*ACLS Libraries reopened to the public
Chromebooks & W-Fi Hotspots
become available*

MARCH



APRIL

*Celebrated National Library Week
Day of Civility*

*Libraries extended open hours
Kids go Fine Free*

MAY

JUNE

*Summer with Your Library
runs June thru July*
*Story Time in the Park
runs June through August*



*Added Saturday hours at Frostburg and
South Cumberland*

JULY

AUGUST

National Night Out

*Opened POP-UP Libraries
Meeting Room Reservations accepted*

SEPTEMBER

First Story Time in the Park in the Fall

OCTOBER

Four Legged Food for Fines

Choose Civility Home for the Holidays

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

*Storybook Holiday at Frostburg Library
Coney Days at George's Creek Library*

HELLO 2022!

Our Top YouTube Videos Watched:

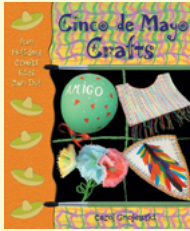
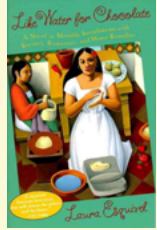
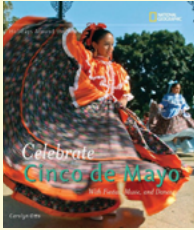
1. Buzz One Four
2. Yoga with Courtney: Anti Desk Yoga
3. Chapter-A-Day: The Westing Game
4. Chapter-A-Day: A Boy Called Bat
5. Just Mercy Book Discussion



More Program Highlights!

**Westernport
50th Anniversary**
Murder on a Monday
Coney Glass
Let's Get Lit

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo!



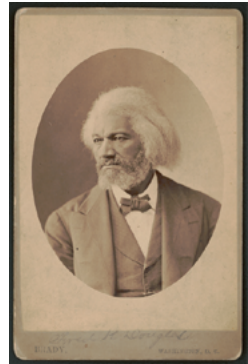
The Lost History of Frederick Douglass in Cumberland & Allegany County

Learn about the history of the visits of Frederick Douglass to Cumberland and Allegany County following the Civil War. Douglassonian historians John Muller and Justin McNeil will detail the visits and share insights into his relationship with Cumberland based Governor Lloyd Lowndes as well as other political and community leaders in Allegany County.

The unknown connections of Douglass and students at Storer College from Frostburg will be shared.

South Cumberland Library

Sat, February 19, 2022 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



GHOSTS & CROOKS & MURDER BOOKS BOOK CLUB

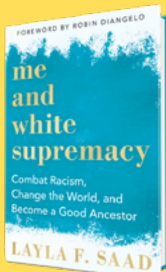


Do you like murder, mystery, and mayhem?

We have a book club for you!
"Ghosts & Crooks & Murder Books"
Book Discussion Group!

Look for the group on Facebook to help vote on future books. For more information call the Westernport Library at 301-359-0455.

me and white supremacy Journaling Group



**Wednesdays at 7 PM
on Zoom
February 9, 16, 23
and March 2**

Me and White Supremacy by Layla F. Saad is a step-by-step guide targeted at white readers to self-reflect in the ways one has participated in white supremacy, especially in unconscious ways.

Join us virtually each week as we journal through some of the prompts together. Discussion and participation is not required, though it is welcomed. This will be a time to reflect, read, write, and provide an opportunity to be united in this anti-racist journey.

Registration is required.

National Library Week is April 3 - 9

All branches of the
Allegany County Library System will hold
Food-for-Fines Day on April 7.

This is our annual day of the year when patrons can reduce their fines by turning in cans or boxes of non-perishable food. Each can or box given will reduce your fine by \$1.00. A maximum of \$15.00 can be reduced off each library patron's card.



The food is given to the Western Maryland Food Bank!

What to watch!



DVD



DVD



DVD



DVD



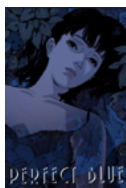
Blu-ray



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Blu-ray DVD



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Blu-ray





Meet Tuere I. Williams

Service Specialist at Washington Street Library

Favorite genre to read: Gothic, Memoirs, True Crime and Cook Books

Number of books read in 2021: 15

What was your favorite read of 2021? And I Do Not Forgive You Stories & Other Revenges by Amber Sparks.

Have you ever started a book and not finished? Absolutely and I don't feel guilty about it. Sometimes you're just not into it or simply don't like a book.

Do you read more than one book at a time? Sometimes, but I try not to.

What are you currently using as a bookmark? An actual bookmark that I purchased at Main Street Books in Frostburg.

What is your favorite thing about working at the library?

So many different kinds of people and the interactions are just as different as they are.

Homeschool Social Hour

South Cumberland Library 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Connect with other home-schooling families in our area!

Social hour will be held every 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Masks are required to be worn by anyone over the age of 2 in the building at all times. Registration is not required.



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Use one Borrow to access one or multiple courses – whatever you choose. Each course is broken into multiple easy-to-watch video lessons so you can choose how much you want to learn at a time from a wide range of topics, from Art to Zoology. With The Great Courses, there's never any homework, tests, or pressure – just in-depth instruction from some of the world's greatest professors.

Partner Spotlight!

Alice Darr Arts Scholarship Contest

Allegany County Public School students in grades 9-12 are invited to submit art works which represent local African American History. Works may include visual arts, poetry or prose, video/film/original music, dance or theater performance. Performances need to be recorded and submitted via youtube link.

Students must also submit a 250-500 word essay describing the event, place, individual, or family depicted in their work as well as the significance to local history.

The essay should include the sources of their research: links to articles as well as names and dates for interviews are acceptable. Over \$1,000 in scholarship money will be awarded! Due date: February 11, 2022

To enter, please send essays and photographs of artwork (performances need to be recorded and submitted via youtube link) to: sarah.welsh@acpsmd.org

Be sure to include your name, grade, and school. Entries will be judged by a panel of Allegany Arts Council and NAACP Branch #7007 members.

Winners will be announced at the Voice of Freedom Awards: February 26, 2022 at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club and recognized at an Allegany County Public School's Board of Education meeting.



Book suggestions for teens



Story Time in the Branches

* Suitable for families with kids of all ages

* Masks are required for those over the age of two

* Take home a free craft!

Frostburg Library and
George's Creek Library
on Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M.

February 15, 22;

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;

April 5, 12, 19, 26;

South Cumberland
on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M.

February 16, 23;

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;

April 6, 13, 20, 27

Washington Street Library and
Westernport Library
on Thursdays at 11:00 A.M.

February 17, 24;

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31;

April 7, 14, 21, 28

Schedule subject to change

BOOKFLIX®

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Maryland WIC

Better Nutrition Brighter Future

WIC Program visits scheduled!

WIC staff members will be present, serving 1-2 families at a time, every 15-30 minutes during the time requested. To schedule an appointment, please contact WIC at: 301-759-5020. Select dates at the George's Creek Library and the Westernport Library from 11 AM to 4 PM.

1. GO TO www.alleganycountylibrary.info
2. CLICK on Online Resources
3. CLICK on BookFlix

Have you heard about our new **Explorer Backpacks!** They include books, a compass, binoculars, pop-up bug terrarium, magnifying glass, and a bug net, all contained in a clear backpack! You can find them at the South Cumberland Library. Search "explorer backpack" in the library catalog so you can put a hold on a backpack! Keep these in mind for when the weather warms in the Spring, when the insects wake up!

Grow your reading skills or simply enjoy a good story with our

CHAPTER A DAY

You can currently binge readalong with the following books on our YouTube channel:

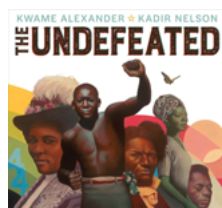
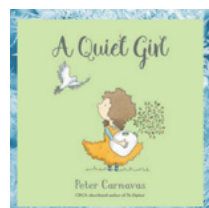
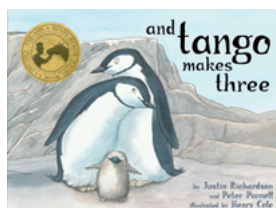
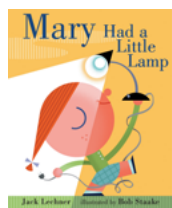
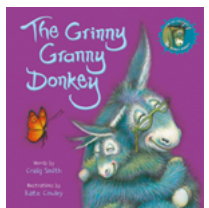
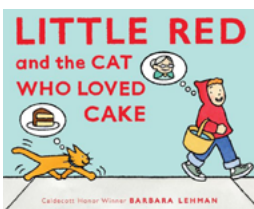



 youtube.com/alleganycountylibrary



Explorer Backpacks provided by the Western Maryland Regional Library

Book suggestions for children

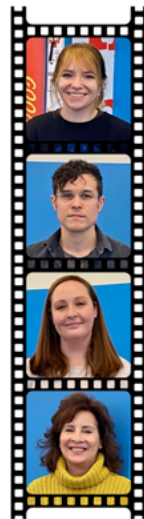


LET'S GET LIT!

A video and podcast series where our staff give surefire recommendations, available to watch or listen to at your convenience!

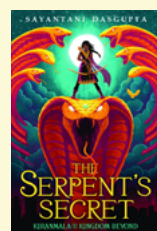
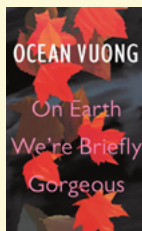
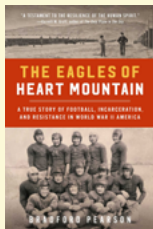
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Look for videos & podcasts posted on the above list! While you are at it, check out our guests as we expand our themes & genres!

MAY is Asian/Pacific Heritage Month!



Cozy Reader's Book Group

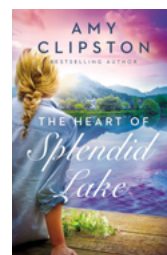
SATURDAYS
at 1:30 PM



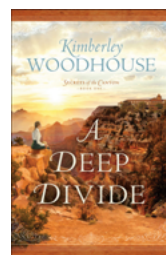
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March 12



April 9

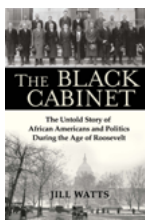
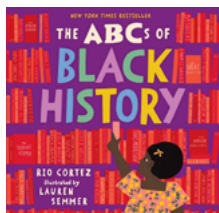


May 14

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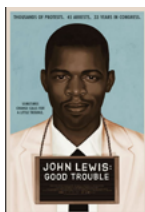
BLACK HISTORY MONTH book suggestions!

BOOK and MOVIE SUGGESTIONS!



A Blade so Black by L.L. McKinney – An Alice in Wonderland retelling where our main character has to go to Wonderland to fight monsters, while navigating the fear of violence against her in the real world. – Ali

The Black Church: This is Our Story, This is Our Song – An informative documentary focusing on the deep history of the Black Church by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (of Finding Your Roots), a Keyser, WV native. – Caitlin



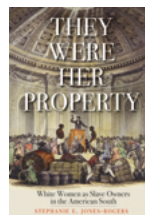
All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson – A young adult memoir that weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys. – Ali

The Fifth Season by N.K. Jemisin – A fantasy trilogy taking place on a planet that experiences a "fifth season" of catastrophic climate change every few hundred years. Follows a woman searching for her kidnapped daughter" – Sierra

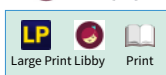
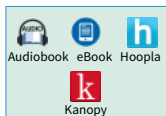
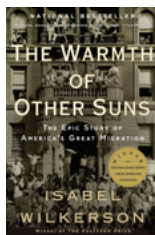


John Lewis: Good Trouble on DVD – Informative. I learned more about the life of John Lewis and I particularly appreciated the interviews with him. – Maureen

Get a Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert – Because we celebrate Black joy stories too and this is one of the best romances we've ever read. Witty and fun and heartwarming! – Ali & Caitlin



My Remarkable Journey by Katherine Johnson– Memoir of the Hidden Figures, NASA human computer from West Virginia. – Maureen



Day of Civility & Chalk It Up To Civility

Partnering with several local entities such as the Allegany Arts Council, Cumberland Downtown Development Commission and Frostburg First, Choose Civility: Allegany is planning a fun, interactive way to celebrate each other and the community during this year's **Day of Civility** events that happens in April.

Chalk It Up
to Civility

A COMMUNITY
EXPERIENCE



Chalk It Up to Civility participants are encouraged to use sidewalk chalk to create messages and works of art to express shared positive values. Whether creating or stopping to view an image, the goal is to help people to reflect upon our everyday lives and to ignite a sense of solidarity in our neighborhoods and streets. To share your work and encourage others to participate, please use the hashtag #chalkitupAllegany on social media posts relating to the event.

April 7 - Day of Civility & Chalk It Up at our Libraries

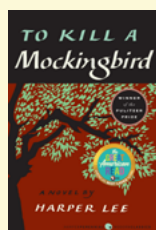
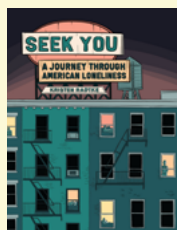
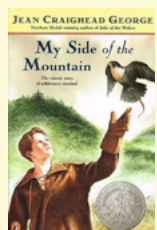
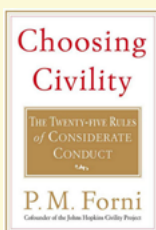
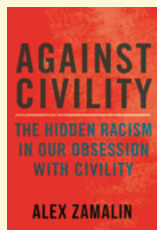
April 16 - Arts Council/ Downtown Cumberland Chalk Event

April 30- Frostburg Arts Walk

More events to be announced

Look for the upcoming **Social Media Leadership dialog**, a Leadership Studies residency event, hosted by the Frostburg State University Communication Leadership Lab. Topics may include social media leadership, literacy and civility.

Books suggestions for Choose Civility



DONATION DO'S AND DONT'S

The library strives to provide the best quality and most up-to-date materials as possible. With this in mind, the library can typically accept donations of material in good condition that have been published in the past 2-3 years. Any materials that cannot be added to our collection will be made available for free to the public. We've compiled a list of library donation do's and don'ts for when considering to donate books, audio, or video items to the library.

Do's:

- Go through all the books. Sometimes, when we go through those donations, we find things like photo albums, yearbooks, handwritten recipe cards, things you may want to keep.
- Call and ask before you donate. Some branches may not be taking donations at this time.
- Support your library in other ways. Books are just part of the services our libraries offer. Things like Chromebook & Wi-Fi Hotspot checkouts, Story Time programs, public computer use are all essential services to our community. Consider a monetary donation to help in other areas of library service.

Don'ts:

- Don't donate material:
 - with pages highlighted or underlined
 - emitting odor
 - that is discolored, or yellowed with age
 - with incomplete or missing parts
 - Like Textbooks, test prep, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest, magazines, or newspapers.
- Don't leave donations in a public space, outside, or in/near the book drop

Building Wealth & Budgeting Class with Jesse Ketterman



April 20 from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
at South Cumberland Library

UNIVERSITY OF
MARYLAND
EXTENSION

Get the guidance and basic knowledge to develop a plan to budget, save, invest, and grow your wealth. Go online or call 301-724-1607 to reserve your seat.

Please recycle 

Hours Open

Monday – Thursday:

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Saturday Hours at
Frostburg and South
Cumberland from**

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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.

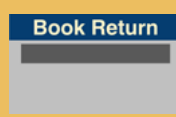
Enhanced Safety Measures



Masks required
at all times



Practice social
distancing



All returns go to
the book drop

Learn more at

www.alleganycountylibrary.info/coronavirus

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Meetings are open to the public.

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.:

March 8 at Westernport Library

April 12 at South Cumberland Library

May 10 at George's Creek Library

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All the library branches will be closed on
Monday, February 21, Presidents Day
Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

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