

ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Summer 2022 LIBRARY GUIDE

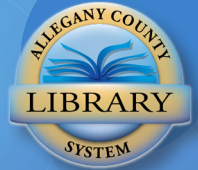
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STAY CONNECTED



Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to our Summer 2022 Library Guide! We have a lot of great things coming up for you and your family soon in the Allegany County Library System.

Starting in June, we kick off another summer of Reading and fun with our Story Time in the Parks. These fun-filled events get us outside and reading at parks around the county. Open up an “Ocean of Possibilities” with events for kids, teens, and adults. Watch out for a whole new series of trivia activities for teens and older children on Discord for even greater participation.



The library will also be celebrating Juneteenth at Canal Place this summer. We are excited to work with our partners to showcase the stories and talents of our entire community.

We are excited to begin moving back into the LaVale Library starting in early July. Moving back will be an exhilarating experience that will involve every department of the library system. It will start with the delivery and installation of the shelving, then the furniture, then the staff and finally all the books and library materials will get shelved.

We will be ready to welcome you and your family back at the Grand Re-Opening Celebration on Friday September 23, 2022 and community celebration on Saturday September 24, 2022.

With the reopening of the LaVale library, the board and staff are happy to offer additional open hours of library service!

Thank you for filling out nearly 800 postcards and letters to share your library stories with the community. I am confident that your efforts made the difference with our elected officials this past year and opened the door to even more possibilities to come!



Best regards,
John Taube
Executive Director

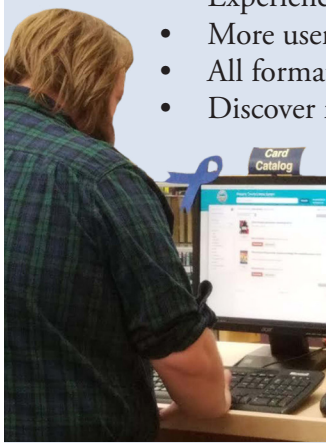


Front cover: Last summer, families enjoyed the Critter Comforts activities at the Rocky Gap. This year the library will have another Critter Comforts event at the Rocky Gap Mountain View pavilion on Wednesday, July 27 at 5 PM. With the summer reading theme of **Oceans of Possibilities** it will be exciting to find out what summer reading activity is in plan for us at the local park!

A Story Book Stroll will take place at the Rocky Gap Amphitheater on Wednesday, June 22 at 10:00 AM.

Coming soon! - NEW Library Catalog!

- Experience a new and improved digital library
- More user friendly and device accessible
- All formats in a single display
- Discover related resources and Read Alikes



EV Charging Stations



Potomac Edison

has installed two electric vehicle fast-charging stations in the Frostburg Library parking lot. These stations are part of Potomac Edison's EV Driven pilot program designed to benefit and support Maryland's goal to reach 300,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025.

These direct-current fast charging stations can provide 80% charge for most electric or hybrid vehicles in less than an hour.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Frostburg Chief of Police Nicholas J. Costello demonstrates charging the department's 2020 Chevrolet Bolt vehicle in at the charging station.

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"Summer with Your Library" promotes reading through fun themes, events, prizes, and activities!

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Family Events

Summer Kick Off Party!

June 15 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Live Music with The Fly Birds at Frostburg's Hoffman Park

Storybook Strolls - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

June 22 - Rocky Gap Amphitheater

July 6 - Allegany County Animal Shelter

July 20 - Cresaptown Sports Complex

August 3 - Hoffman Park in Frostburg



Crafts @ The Library - Tuesdays at 2:00 PM

Registration required

June 21 - Captain Underpants Origami @ Frostburg

June 28 - Plant Pot Hanger (TEENS) @ Washington St.

July 12 - Paper Minecraft Characters @ All branches

July 19 - Coffee Filter Ocean Suncatchers @ Westernport

July 26 - Egg Carton Turtles @ George's Creek

August 2 - Paper Bowl Octopus @ South Cumberland



Wednesdays In the Community

June 29 at 3:00 PM - Paint a Storybook Tile at Mr. Toads

- Enjoy a short storytime and paint a tile! *Registration required.*

July 27 at 5:00 PM - Rocky Gap Critter Experience

Adult Events

June 27 - Paint & Sip at Charis Winery at 2:00 PM

Registration required.

July 11 - Composting 101 at 2:00 PM on
George's Creek Library Lawn

July 18 - Puzzle Swap at Noon at George's Creek

July 25 - DIY Greener Living Cleaning Products
at 2:00 PM at South Cumberland

Charis Winery



Coming this summer - Movie Nights!

Teen Events

Sound Clip Trivia at 2:00 PM on Discord

June 23 - Top Hits of the 2010's

July 7 - Movie Magic

July 21 - TikTok Trends

August 4 - Meme Mayhem

Teens can test their knowledge of songs, shows, and movies based on a short sound clip played.

Winners get \$10 Amazon gift cards.



June 28 at 2:00 PM - **Plant Pot Hanger** at Washington Street

August 1 at Noon - **Bob Ross Painting** at the South Cumberland Library: Supplies provided.

Follow instructions & leave with a work of art!

Registration required.



HOW DO I WIN A PRIZE?

Visit the libraries, play bingo, register for a library yard sign, or attend a summer event!

Visit our libraries! Adults and Teens pick up a tote bag (while supplies last). Fill out an entry ticket and place it into the FISH BOWL to enter our raffle. With each visit, be sure to enter this weekly drawing.

The fish bowls are emptied & entries are restarted. Every week the entries will also be entered into our grand prize sweepstakes.

Play Bingo!

Get a reading bingo board at any library. Adults and teens can pick up a free tote bag with your bingo board (while supplies last). Kids can return a bingo board to choose a free book!

All returned bingo boards will be entered into the sweepstakes drawing for our grand prizes. You may submit more than one bingo board, but additional bingo boards need to be complete to be eligible for extra sweepstakes entries.



"Summer with Your Library" is made possible by help provided by the amazing sponsors! Please support them!

Hey, Library Lovers!

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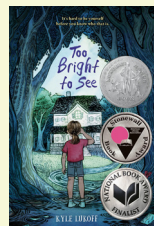
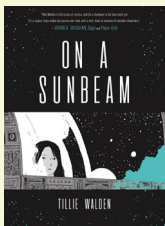
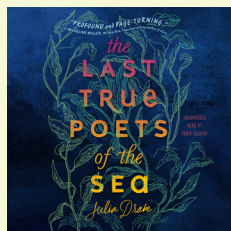
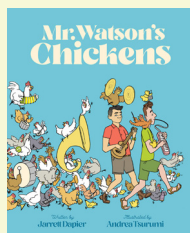
Get a yard sign for a chance at exclusive prizes this summer!

Let the community know your support of the Allegany County Library System with one of our new yard signs! Sign up between May 23-July 2 for your chance to win prizes like:

- Gift cards to Mr. Toads, ForeAxes, White Oaks Bowling
- Kayak Rentals
- Tickets to the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium

Sign up by giving us a call, visiting our website, or using the QR code

Suggestions for Pride Month



FIND YOUR NEXT GREAT READ WITH ACLS VIRTUAL DISPLAYS!



SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW WITH YOUR
SMART-PHONE CAMERA TO BE LINKED
DIRECTLY TO VIRTUAL DISPLAYS LIKE
THE ONE ABOVE!



Large Print!	Picture Books!
Fiction!	DVDs!
Non- Fiction!	Young Adult!

There's always something happening
at the library!

Visit www.alleganycountylibrary.info/calendars
to view the library event and
community meeting calendars.

Retirement Budgeting Class with Jesse Ketterman

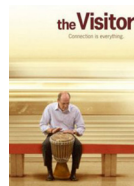
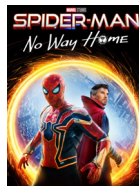
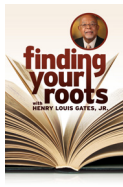


Wednesday, July 20
from 4:30 - 5:30 PM
at South
Cumberland Library

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EXTENSION

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

What to watch!





Meet Amber Shipley

Service Specialist at South Cumberland Library

Favorite genre to read: Horror

Number of books read in 2021: 11

What was your favorite read of 2021?

The Girl With all the Gifts by Mike Carey

What are you currently using as a bookmark?

A postcard.

Have you ever started a book and not finished? All the time! Reading is for stimulation and learning, it shouldn't feel like a chore.

Do you read more than one book at a time? Absolutely! I read different books depending on my mood.

What projects are you currently working on at the library?

I've been creating virtual displays on our website for patrons to browse and find their next favorite book! Check it out on page 7 - ACLS Virtual Displays.

What is your favorite thing about working at the library?

I enjoy meeting and helping our patrons find resources our library has to offer (and all the free books!).

Choose Civility News



During the Chalk It Up to Civility community collaboration at the Downtown Cumberland Mall and at Canal Place, Renee Mason presented Dr. Elesha Ruminksi and City Councilman Eugene Frazier with Choose Civility medallions.

Dr. Ruminksi is recognized for her hard work, creative ideas, and continued support for the Choose Civility: Allegany County. Councilman Frazier read his poem during the ceremony.

Both Councilman Frazier and Dr. Ruminksi have been a part of the local initiative since its inception in 2017. During the month of April, Chalk It Up to Civility participants used sidewalk chalk to create messages and works of art that expressed shared positive values. The goal was to help people to reflect upon our everyday lives and to ignite a sense of solidarity in our neighborhoods and streets.

Local artist, Lita Havens, drew this chalk illustration in front of the Bargain Basement Thrift Store.

Chalk It Up
to Civility

Search
#chalkituptocivility
online to view more
chalk art.



Your place to talk and hang out

ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO



DISCORD

JOIN OUR TEEN SERVER

Connect with other teens in the area to join in on community game nights, trivia, movie and graphic novel clubs, endless meme sharing and more! You decide what events you want to have each month.



For teens ages 13-18

Gaming in the Library



PLAY NINTENDO SWITCH

AT FROSTBURG LIBRARY

Just ask a librarian at the desk!

GAMES

Game covers shown include: Minecraft, Breath of the Wild, Super Mario Odyssey, The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, Harvest Moon: One World, Nightmares II, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, and others.

Did you know? Our library has video games, available on several consoles!

MEET AMBER SHIPLEY and CHOOSE CIVILITY NEWS

Story Time in the Park at 10 AM

Suitable for families with kids of all ages

Take home a free craft!

6/14 Constitution Park Amphitheater

6/16 George's Creek Library Lawn

6/21 Cresaptown Sports Complex

6/23 Glendening Park Lion's Pavilion

6/28 Holly Field in LaVale

6/30 Canal Place in Cumberland

7/5 Creekside Park in Westernport

7/7 Constitution Park Amphitheater

7/12 George's Creek Library Lawn

7/14 Cresaptown Sports Complex

7/19 Glendening Park Lion's Pavilion

7/21 Holly Field in LaVale

7/26 Canal Place in Cumberland

7/28 Creekside Park in Westernport

8/2 Constitution Park Amphitheater

8/4 George's Creek Library Lawn

Schedule subject to change



Come see the
Western Maryland Food
Bank at some of our
Story Time in the Parks!

Grab some food boxes and help the little ones learn about nutrition and food selection!

**Look for us
at the following,
upcoming events:**

May 28 - Delfest:

Saturday Morning Kid Zone

June 11 - Ali Gahn Shrine

Community Fest

June 18 - Juneteenth

August 2 - National Night Out

September 10 and 11 -

Heritage Days



To pay homage to the connection between observing February as Black History Month and the celebration of Emancipation on Juneteenth, the Library's February Make & Take project was in the form of a paper story quilt. Each panel of the quilt incorporates iconography important to the historical narrative of captivity and freedom. The King family are pictured with their completed quilt.

Raising A Reader Participants Learn about the Library

Staff from our library are attending the end-of-year celebrations of the Raising a Reader program at 14 elementary schools throughout May. A record of over 900 students participated in the Raising a Reader program this year, which helps develop lifelong readers by building home literacy routines. This May, these students are celebrating the end of this year's program and are learning how to continue reading and practicing literacy routines with books from the local public libraries. Dr. Cheri Helmstetter, who coordinates the Raising a Reader program in Allegany County Public

Schools, says, "The goal of the celebrations at the end of the year is to promote the continuation of sharing books through the local library since the program is ending with the school year."



Book suggestions for children



Cozy Reader's Book Group

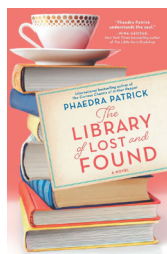
SATURDAYS
at 1:30 PM



June 11



July 9



August 13



September 10

For more information, contact the South Cumberland Library at 301-724-1607.



Ghosts, Crooks, and Murder Books

Wednesdays @ 5:00 PM at Westernport Library

Check the Library Event Calendar or the

Ghosts, Crooks, and Murder Books Facebook page for dates or call 301-359-0455 for more information

Jaycees Professional Development Book Club

meets at 6:30 PM. For location and more information, check the Western Maryland Jaycees Facebook page.

June 30 - Improve Your Conversations by Patrick King

August 18 - The Journey, a poem by Mary Oliver



BOOKS ON THE BRICKS

Books on the Bricks

Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM at The Book Center in Cumberland

June 14, July 12, August 9

For more information, call 301-722-2284 or visit their website www.thebookcenteronline.com



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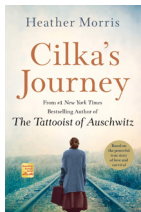
A video and podcast series where our staff give surefire recommendations, available to watch or listen to at your convenience!

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



See what BOOKS staff are suggesting!

BOOK GROUPS & BOOK SUGGESTIONS!



Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris – This historical fiction of the Tattooist of Auschwitz is set in a Russian work camp near he Arctic Circle. - Regina

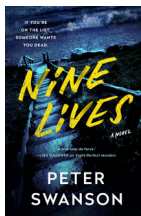
The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn - Unforgettable WWII tale of a quiet librarian who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. - Liz

Gone to the Woods by Gary Paulsen, who is a writer of Juvenile Adventure books. He survived a very turbulent childhood all of which made him the writer he is today. - Regina



The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani. Three generations of Tuscan artisans with one remarkable secret. - Liz

Into the Drowning Deep by Mira Grant - This adventurous horror story had me gripped to find out what would happen not only to the characters but also the monsters. – Ali

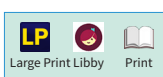
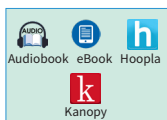


The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste - Full of adventure and thrills of Caribbean folklore. - Ali

Riviera House by Natasha Lester is also an historical fiction. Based on artwork stolen by Nazis, set in dual timelines, where some artwork is recovered and others are not. - Regina



The Unhoneymooners by Christina Lauren - I love a fake dating trope and this one delivers on chemistry and silly shenanigans while on a destination vacation. – Ali & Caitlin



Everything You Wanted to Know about the LaVale Library



LAVALE LIBRARY G R A N D R E - O P E N I N G

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on
Friday, September 23
Community Celebration on
Saturday, September 24

SAVE THE DATE

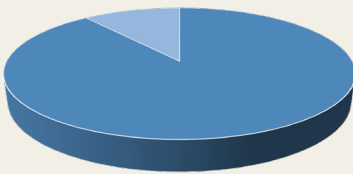


815 National Highway
LaVale, MD 21502
301-729-0855

Why Are We So Excited?

- The Community Living Room/Reading Room
- The two large meeting rooms that can be combined to accommodate 100 person events
- The large outdoor patio has space for: reading, events, story time, performances, etc.
- The loading dock and receiving room will help make the cataloging process more efficient to get books and materials into your hands quicker!

Where does the money come from to fund this renovation?



Total cost \$4.8 million:
\$4,320,000 Maryland State Library Capital
Grants Program
\$480,000 Allegany County Government
(Non-Operational Funds)

Most of the money for the LaVale Library renovation comes from The Maryland Public Library Capital Grants Program, which means only about 10% of the costs come from the Allegany County Government. As it is capital funding, none is available to use for the library's operating expenses like staff salaries or utilities (because we won't have it again next year).

Why is construction taking so long?

The project is actually on schedule. There was a delay in receiving steel due to the supply chain delays for the additions to the building, but work shifted to renovations of the existing structure until the steel arrived.

Construction is scheduled to be complete by mid-summer and the ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 23.



I've heard the term, "flagship" library, what does that mean?



The LaVale Library will be the largest in the Allegany County Library System, including the largest meeting rooms, the largest collection, and the largest staff. However, this does not mean that the resources available to those that visit the LaVale Library will be any different than those at any of the other libraries. You can expect the same great service as you have always received at all of our locations.

Will any of the other libraries close?

No, Allegany County Library System expects to secure the funding to maintain the current number of hours at all the library locations as well as reopen the LaVale Library with extended hours. But, you can expect the hours of operation to change based on community feedback during the budget presentation process to include evening hours.

Want to see renovation photos?

Visit our website or Facebook page:
www.alleganycountylibrary.info/lavale-library
www.facebook.com/LaValeLibrary

Hours will change in July

Please visit our website or call for our current hours.

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

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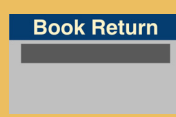
Enhanced Safety Measures



Masks strongly encouraged



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.:
June 14 at South Cumberland Library
August 9 at TBD

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All the library branches will be closed on
Monday, June 20 for Juneteenth
Monday, July 4 for Independence Day

“Enhanced safety, exceptional service”