

# ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Summer 2023 LIBRARY GUIDE

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WITH YOUR  
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**STAY CONNECTED**



## Message from the Executive Director

Welcome to our Summer 2023 Library Guide! We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our many summer events and get-togethers. Our first summer reading event is on Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 4 p.m. at Hoffman Park in Frostburg. This kickoff party starts our summer series of fun, reading, eating snow cones, singing, dancing, Mario Kart tournaments, drawing, turtle watching, crafting, plant swapping, and visiting the county fair to read to your favorite farm animals!



Whether you visit us at a Story Time in the Park, or stop in at a library, or put up a yard sign, everyone gets a prize this summer! We are grateful to our many local sponsors who make all these activities possible across the county.

Be sure to be on the lookout for the *ACLS Express*. We debuted our new outreach and events van during National Library Week in April and we will be taking it to all our summer events. We plan to use the *ACLS Express* to bring library services to areas where it's harder to get to a local library. Let us know what you would like to see on the *ACLS Express*.

Let me close this article by saying thank you! The library and our staff strive to be your partner in making Allegany County a great place to live. Whether it's donating over 1200 pounds of non-perishable food to the Western Maryland Food Bank on Food for Fines Day or learning to knit at "Gosh Yarn It!", or making *Meals in a Mug*, you are what makes Allegany County great!!

Thank you,  
**John Taube**  
Executive Director



## "Our Library," what's that about?

Libraries have long been a hub for community learning and growth, and now we are taking it a step further by embracing a new branding of, "Our Library". The goal of this branding is to inspire a sense of community ownership and engagement in the community's libraries.

By promoting the idea of "Our Library," ACLS hopes to encourage community members to take an active role in shaping the library's direction and future. This can involve providing feedback, participating in library events, or even volunteering at the library.

The essence of "Our Library" is to create a space where everyone feels welcome and involved. This branding reflects a shift in the library's role from being simply a repository of books to being a dynamic community center that provides resources and support for a wide range of needs.

The library's new branding is a call to action for the community to take ownership of their library and to work together to create a vibrant and inclusive space for all. Whether you're a regular library user or have never set foot in a library before, now is the time to get involved and make a difference in your community through "Our Library".

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# SUMMER WITH YOUR LIBRARY 2023



JUNE 12 TO AUGUST 5

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

## FAMILY EVENTS

- June 14 at 4:00 PM - Kick-off at Hoffman Park:  
Live music, Kona Ice, and ticket giveaways
- June 21 at 3:00 PM - Book Flower Craft at Frostburg
- June 24 at 12:00 PM - Plant Swap at Frostburg
- June 28 at 5:00 PM - Pet Portraits at LaVale Library with Allegany County Animal Shelter
- July 13 at 3:00 PM - Who’s Got A Button? Craft at George’s Creek Library
- July 17 at 6:00 PM - Open Mic Night at LaVale
- July 19 at 3:00 PM - Read to Farm Animals at the Allegany County Fairgrounds
- July 26 at 5:00 PM - Rocky Gap Reptile Experience



### Storybook Strolls - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

- June 21 - Allegany County Animal Shelter
- July 19 - Creekside Park in Westernport
- August 2 - Hoffman Park in Frostburg

## KIDS EVENTS

\*registration required

- July 1 at 12:00 PM - Super Mario Kart Tournament at South Cumberland (For ages 8 -21)\*
- July 6 at 5:00 PM - Basics Bike Clinic at WheelzUp (For Kids 7+) Register and pick up a ticket to attend \*



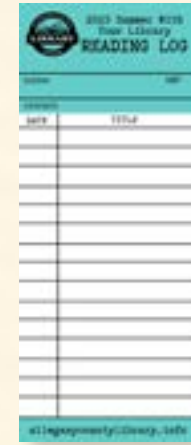
Check in with our Facebook page and website for updates on program dates and times

## HOW DO I WIN A PRIZE?

Visit our library, complete a reading log, register for a library yard sign or attend a summer event!



Pick up a Reading Log. Complete the log to be eligible for extra drawings in the grand prize sweepstakes. You may submit more than one reading log. Kids receive a free book upon return of a reading log!



Fill out an entry ticket and place it into the FISH BOWL to enter our raffle for prizes including \$5 giftcards to local businesses.



### Grand Prizes include:

- Axe Throwing for 4 people at Fore Axes
- Electric Bike Rentals at Wheelzup Adventures
- Escape Room for 5 people
- Ride Passes at Allegany County Fair
- Ice Cream & Train Ride tickets at Western MD Railroad
- Murder Mystery Dinner Excursion at Western MD Railroad
- Paddleboard rentals
- \$50 Country Club Cinemas gift card
- \$50 Arkham Games gift card
- \$50 White Oaks Lanes gift card



Scan the QR Code to see our library calendar



“Summer with Your Library” is made possible by help provided by the amazing sponsors which are listed on the back of the event schedule.

## Fiber Arts at Our Library



**Let's Get Crafty!**

*Craftsy*

**Check out our brand new Craftsy DVDs to watch along and learn a new hobby**



What are Craftsy DVDs? Developed for those of us who enjoy hobbies like baking, knitting, drawing and more, these are video lessons to show people how to get started in crafting and teach new techniques to try, and there are lessons for beginners and more experienced crafters.



**Maker's Loft**

**Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, 5:30PM at LaVale Library**

Calling all craft enthusiasts! Join us for our Maker's Loft, a program where you can bring any project you're currently working on. Whether it's knitting, crocheting, sewing, painting, scrapbooking, or any other craft you're passionate about, we encourage you to bring it along and let your imagination run wild.

301-729-0855





**LIBRARY OF THINGS**





**L A V A L E L I B R A R Y**

The Library of Things offers a wide range of tools, equipment, and other items to borrow, promoting sustainability and resource sharing. Here are 5 ways to make the most of this community resource at the LaVale Library:

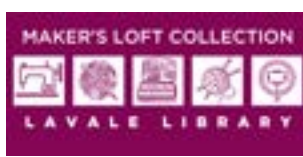
 **DIY projects:** Need a power drill or a stud finder for a weekend project? The Library of Things has you covered. Borrow the tools you need without having to invest in expensive equipment.

 **Outdoor activities:** Planning a bicycling trip on the canal but your tires are flat? Borrow the bicycle repair kit and enjoy the great outdoors without breaking the bank.

 **Special events:** Hosting a party or a wedding? Borrow the unique shape baking pans or cake decorating kit and save on one-time use items.

 **Learning new skills:** Want to learn how to practice a new hobby or become a content creator? Borrow equipment from our Maker's Loft Collection, such as a sewing machine or ring light studio kit and develop your skills.

**Sustainable living:** Reduce your environmental impact by borrowing instead of buying. Renting items also reduces waste and promotes resource sharing in the community.

 **Our Library of Things and Maker's Loft offers endless possibilities for borrowing and sharing items, making it a valuable resource for anyone looking to save money, reduce waste, and learn new skills.**





**Meet Jess Shipley**

**Service Leader at the Washington Street Library**

**Favorite genre to read:** Sci-Fi and Horror

**Number of books read in 2023:** Only 3 so far! I have been very busy in my new position.

**What was your favorite read of 2023?** “If This Book Exists, You’re in the Wrong Universe” by Jason Pargin. A very fun horror-comedy, but not for kids!

**Have you ever started a book and not finished?** All the time! There are too many books in the world to settle for lackluster reads that aren’t your style.

**Do you read more than one book at a time?** Never ever. When I read, I am usually too addicted to one book to put it down for another.

**What are you currently using as a bookmark?** My wife made an amazing laminated bookmark from a Cumberland bookstore’s stamped paper bag. It is one of my prized possessions.

**What projects are you currently working on at the library?** I am working on bringing more programs to the Washington Street Library and building as many connections to the community as possible.

**What is your favorite thing about working at the library?** Helping people and connecting with your community are amazing ways to make a living. The expression on new patrons’ faces when I tell them, “No, this doesn’t cost anything.” makes my day every time!

**HEALTH AND FITNESS**

Our library is a treasure trove of resources for those looking to live a healthy lifestyle. From cookbooks and exercise guides to mental health resources and more, our library has a wealth of information available to help individuals achieve their health goals.



One way our library helps is by providing access to cookbooks that feature healthy recipes. We have a collection of cookbooks that focus on nutritious meals. Check out these books to try new healthy recipes at home.



Additionally, we offer access to exercise guides, videos, magazine articles and music that can help you create a workout routine that fits your needs and lifestyle. You can borrow DVDs or access hoopla, Kanopy, and Libby to learn about new exercises and routines. Plus, there’s always a fitness activity on our library event calendar!



With a wealth of resources available, our library can help individuals achieve their health goals and make positive changes to your overall well-being.



Available FREE with your ACLS Library Card!

**Language-learning centered around you.**



Start the conversation.



## Story Time in the Park

Suitable for families with kids of all ages!  
Take home a free craft!

- 6/13 Constitution Park Amphitheater
- 6/15 George's Creek Library Lawn
- 6/20 Cresaptown Sports Complex
- 6/22 Glendening Park Lion's Pavilion
- 6/27 Canal Place in Cumberland
- 6/29 Creekside Park in Westernport
- 7/6 LaVale Library
- 7/11 Constitution Park Amphitheater
- 7/13 George's Creek Library Lawn
- 7/18 Cresaptown Sports Complex
- 7/20 Glendening Park Lion's Pavilion
- 7/25 Canal Place in Cumberland
- 7/27 Creekside Park in Westernport
- 8/1 LaVale Library
- 8/3 Constitution Park Amphitheater

Schedule subject to change

## Food Bank

### SUMMER MARKET

Hey Kids! Now's your chance to shop for the food you want and the food you love! The Western Maryland Food Bank helps guide kids in choosing foods that are right for them during some of our Story Time in the Park events.



## JOIN US FOR SOME GAMING AND FUN

## Books that read out loud!



A great read-along collection speaks to everyone.

Come into the library and borrow one today.

Wonderbook



## ACLS TEEN NEWSLETTER

To see new events and programs at our libraries look for our Teen Newsletter



## Cozy Reader's Book Group

SATURDAYS  
at 1:30 PM



June 10



July 8



August 12



September 9

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



Ghosts, Crooks, and Murder Books  
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



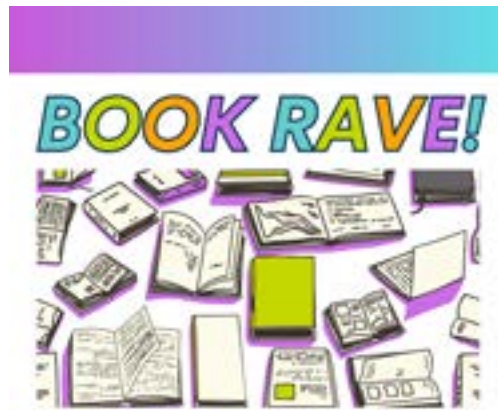
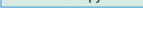
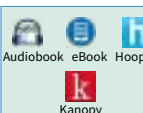
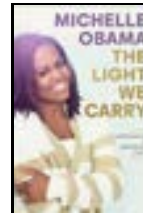
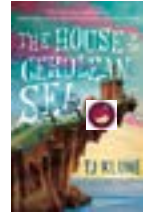
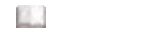
Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club  
at South Cumberland Library  
Join us on the third Monday of the month from  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



Books on the Bricks  
2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM at The Book Center in Cumberland  
June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12  
For more information, call 301-722-2284 or visit their website  
[www.thebookcenteronline.com](http://www.thebookcenteronline.com)



## See what BOOKS staff are suggesting!

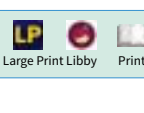


Every 1st Tuesday at Frostburg  
Every 3rd Tuesday at LaVale  
Every 4th Tuesday at Washington St

5:30 PM

Join us with this new twist to book club! No required reading. bring a list of titles to share that you've loved (or hated) lately and leave with recommendations from others!

The titles shown here are books and movies that the library staff are recommending!





**City of Cumberland's National Night Out**



The City of Cumberland's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Somerville Ave., between First and Fourth Streets. The national community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships to make communities safer and more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities.

Parents and their children have the opportunity to see various emergency response vehicles, learn about a wide variety of safety topics and partake in numerous interactive family-friendly activities.

Visit our library table, pick up some free reads, and paint some Kindness Rocks at our Choose Civility table!



**ACLS Celebrates and Offers Information**

As the world slowly emerges from a pandemic that kept people isolated for months, local communities are celebrating important events that bring them together. Two of these local events are Cumberland Pride Festival and Juneteenth.



Pride Month, celebrated in June, is a time to honor and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community's struggles and triumphs throughout history. Many of our libraries are displaying literature and resources that highlight LGBTQ+ topics.

These events and resources provide an opportunity for community members to come together, learn, and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>, is a day that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. We invite you to visit the library and check out the many historical documents, resources, and displays to learn about and celebrate the invaluable impact of Black Americans through their remarkable contributions.



The Allegany County Library System is happy to celebrate both Pride Month and Juneteenth, as we seek to provide access to a wide variety of materials that recognize and celebrate the differences in our backgrounds, abilities, experiences, characteristics, identity, and thoughts that make each person unique and enrich our community. Resources about both subjects are highlighted in different ways throughout the month. The Allegany County Library System is a defender of intellectual freedom, access to information, and civic engagement. Individuals, parents and legal guardians are encouraged to define what material and activities are consistent with their personal and family beliefs; only they can apply those values for themselves and their children.

**Allegany Arts Council's Plein Air Painting for Kids**



### **Frostburg Library**

65 E. Main Street  
Frostburg, MD 21532  
301 – 687 – 0790  
Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm  
Wed. thru Sat., 10 am-5 pm  
Closed Sun.

### **George's Creek Library**

76 Main Street  
Lonaconing, MD 21539  
301 – 463 – 2629  
Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm  
Wed. & Thurs., 10 am-5 pm  
Closed Fri. - Sun.

### **LaVale Library**

815 National Highway  
LaVale, MD 21502  
301 – 729 – 0855  
Mon. thru Thurs., 10 am-8 pm  
Fri. & Sat., 10 am-5 pm  
Closed Sun.

### **South Cumberland Library**

100 Seymour Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301 – 724 – 1607  
Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm  
Wed. thru Sat., 10 am-5 pm  
Closed Sun.

### **Washington Street Library**

31 Washington Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301 – 777 – 1200  
Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm  
Wed. & Thurs., 10 am-5 pm  
Closed Fri. - Sun.

### **Westernport Library**

66 Main Street  
Westernport, MD 21562  
301 – 359 – 0455  
Mon., Tues., 1 pm-8 pm  
Wed. & Thurs., 10 am-5 pm  
Closed Fri. - Sun.

## **Support Your Library**



Make a  
monetary donation



Join a  
friends group



Join the  
conversation

[alleganycountylibrary.info/support-us/](http://alleganycountylibrary.info/support-us/)

## **Library Board of Trustees**

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Meetings are open to the public.  
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.:  
June 13 at Frostburg Library  
August 8 at LaVale Library

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All the library branches will be closed on  
Monday, June 19 for Juneteenth  
Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day

**“Our Library, Our Story”**