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MON - THU 10 am - 9 pm
FRI & SAT 10 am - 6 pm
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Summer hours begin June 11.

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Memorial Day May 28 & 29
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Letter from the President and CEO

The future belongs to everyone: you, me, children, teens, adults, seniors, small business owners, entrepreneurs, long-time residents, new residents, teachers, first responders... everyone.

In March, we were thrilled to join Governor Wes Moore, County Executive Calvin Ball, County Council Chair Christiana Rigby, and others to announce plans for a new Lakefront Library in downtown Columbia for everyone. I firmly believe the best public spaces should be for community, and the opportunity to move the new central library to the lakefront allows those best public spaces to benefit and be enjoyed by all.

Libraries are vital educational and civic spaces where people come together to learn, connect, share, and celebrate who they are and what they aspire to become. This new library has been in the Downtown Columbia Master Plan for years and as time has passed, ideas for it have grown. We're dreaming big about delivering the best educational opportunities for all, and we invite you to join us on this journey to create a welcoming and inviting space for everyone. View renderings, read frequently asked questions, and more on our website.

The future belongs to everyone. Summer reading begins June 1 with Booker, our new mascot! Booker is a saw-whet owl, native to Maryland, who brings his wisdom and enthusiasm to the library. Thank you for helping us name him via social media. Booker invites everyone - the young and young at heart - to participate in Summer Reading Adventures. Register for the game that's right for you (ages 0-5, 6-10, and teens), and have fun all summer long reading and doing activities. Teens and tweens can enter raffles to win prizes. Adults can pick up a nifty booklet, read a variety of books, and complete challenges (and maybe win a prize)!

The future belongs to everyone. In May, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a wide range of classes for all ages, from adding Asian flavors to your cooking to a Hawai'ian luau for littles. And in June, we celebrate Pride Month with a wide array of materials and classes, including an author event with Tonee Moll.

No matter who you are, the future belongs to you. We look forward to seeing you in our branches and out in the community this summer. The future is bright.

Tonya Aikens
President & CEO



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Appropriate accommodations made at Howard County Library System (HCLS) sponsored events for individuals with special needs, if requested at least one week in advance.

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The Future Belongs to Everyone!



Scan QR Code for latest information.



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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1

The new Lakefront Library will be built on the most important and valuable undeveloped site in Howard County. The lakefront is the community's heartbeat and gathering place. Placing the new Library there provides more public space and is a tangible representation of commitment to and investment in County residents and visitors. Thomas Heatherwick's design of the Lakefront Library will complement the dynamic architecture of iconic architect Frank Gehry.

2

A new, larger Central Library Branch has been a part of the Downtown Columbia Plan since it was unanimously adopted by the County Council in 2010. The current branch is undersized not only for current residents but also for the anticipated population growth called for in the Plan. A minor renovation of the building in 2016 addressed structural, end-of-life, interim fixes, and transformed staff space into public space.

3

The Lakefront Library design includes a parking structure with approximately 500 parking spaces, more than double than what are on the site today and the first truly public parking lot/garage at the Lakefront (current parking is owned by Whole Foods).

4

This investment in public education for all comes from a variety of sources, including private donors, the State of Maryland, grants, General Obligation (GO) Bonds, and Tax Increment Financing (TIF). (TIF revenue generated by the area's development is intended for the creation of public spaces, transit improvements, parks, and parking.) This funding mix requires less County funding than when the library was planned for the Merriweather District.

- The Library building: \$94M
- Site work and public parking: \$38.5M
- Library Park and transportation improvements: \$10.3M

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Learn more about the project at hclibrary.org/about-us/downtown-columbia-branch and voice your support through written testimony or at County Council hearings.



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SUMMER READING ADVENTURES

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURES
AS YOU **READ, EXPLORE, AND**
EXPERIMENT THIS SUMMER.

Summer Reading is Fun That is Good For You!

Dear Families,

I'm writing on behalf of many wonderful opportunities that will be occurring this summer with our A+ partner - the Howard County Public Library System (HCLS). I hope that all of our students will take advantage of the terrific - and free - educational opportunities included in the Howard County Library System Summer Reading program.

Pick up a gameboard at an HCLS library branch or print one at hclibrary.org/summer

Summer Reading Helps Students Achieve

Reading is a critical part of a student's journey and continuing to improve reading skills over the summer will help prevent the well-known "summer slide" in academic achievement. It's also a time when students can choose books by authors or in genres they prefer. According to the Brookings Institution, numerous studies show that summer reading programs may also increase reading test scores.

Created in Partnership

HCLS staff consulted with our curricular department in the design of the elementary school game. It's rich in literacy, touches on several subject areas, and encourages students to explore and deepen their interests. The game for middle and high school students rewards more flexible independent reading and library engagement and is suitable for students of those age groups.

Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) and HCLS staff collaborate on summer reading lists available at hcpss.org/academics/library-media, in library branches, and at hclibrary.org/summer. Library staff can provide additional suggestions that match anyone's interests and reading level.

Summer Reading Matches Your Student's Interests

Reading is not just good for you, it's fun! HCLS Summer Reading participants are able to participate in free HCLS classes, which include STEAM, art, and more. With a wide range of books in different formats, and hundreds of free enriching classes over the summer, summer reading at the Library can match your student's interests. There's an adventure for everyone!

For the Whole Family

As saying goes: "Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate." Adults can participate in summer reading too, with a great reading journal you can pick up at the Library. Read three books this summer and win a tote bag. May your whole family enjoy the adventure of reading all summer long!

Celebrating Success

We hope you finish the game and submit a finisher's form. You can even opt to share your student's success with their school. We look forward to congratulating them when they return in the fall!

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D
Superintendent, Howard County Public School System

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

Visit hclibrary.org > classes & events, and use the filters to narrow your search.

GET STARTED

For all ages! Find the summer reading adventure that's right for you and your family. Separate gameboards available for ages 0 - 5, 6 - 10, teens, and adults.

READ & DO ACTIVITIES

Each time you read or do an activity, you complete a step toward finishing the game. Reading includes print books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines – whatever you like!

Find additional activities, book lists, classes, events, and more at hclibrary.org/summer.

WIN A PRIZE

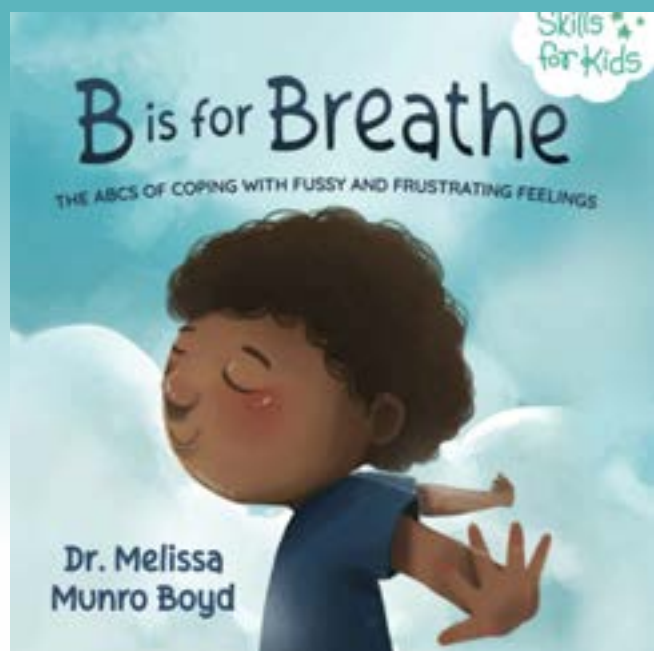
When you complete your adventures (reading and activities), complete a finisher's form available at any HCLS location or online. Pick up a prize* in person August 1 - 31.

*while supplies last



bookmark contest: May 31 - July 31

- We want to see what you can imagine! Draw anything that you love and want to share, that uses the given space in interesting ways, and maybe brings a smile to someone's face. There are no required themes.
- Entry forms available in branches and online. All children in grades K - 12 who live or attend school (or homeschool) in Howard County may enter in one of five age categories: Kindergarten & Grade 1, Grades 2 & 3, Grades 4 & 5, Grades 6 - 8, and Grades 9 - 12. Winning bookmarks available at all library branches in the fall.



Meet the Author: Dr. Melissa Monroe Boyd

Families. 90 min. Ticket required. Tickets available at the children's desk 15 minutes before the class.

More information: bit.ly/meetdrmelissaboyd

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, children's author Dr. Melissa Munro Boyd reads two of her picture books, *B is for Breathe* and *Creating Calm*. Boyd discusses how to use literature to help children identify and express their emotions. She shares relaxation techniques, including deep breathing and guided imagery.

Books available for purchase.

Wed May 31 6:30 - 7 pm Miller

Set off on a Summer Reading Adventure

by Jean Boone, Central Branch

Reading is always an adventure, right? A good book can make you an explorer of a different place, time, perspective, or personality. And you know where to find all kinds of books and knowledgeable "tour guides:" our six library branches.

But the 2023 Summer Reading Adventure will take you beyond books and beyond buildings with exciting experiences for children and families. Besides reading together, you can build the foundations for literacy and support the skills of young readers with a wide range of activities – whether you're outside observing nature or inside creating and experimenting. We're here to feed your adventurous spirit!

If you go to Savage Branch, you can explore the outdoor Storywalk, soaking up the beautiful words and images of Eve Bunting's *Flower Garden* and Eric Carle's *Where is the Sun?* as you stroll. Nature adventures happen weekly at Central Branch, weather permitting, with Wednesday morning classes on the patio – maybe you'll even observe an itty bitty spider when you sing its song!



Wander through the Enchanted Garden at Miller Branch to find the two new resident foxes and learn their names, while observing the different kinds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables that are growing. But watch out for the mandrakes – the Herbology Lab on May 6 may leave a few behind!

To add some sports and engineering into your adventure, help create a giant miniature golf course at Glenwood Branch. You can learn all about the Cardboard Challenge at an information

session on June 28, get a starter kit of supplies, then put your engineering and creative talents to the test as you build your one-of-a-kind mini-golf hole at home. Everyone brings their creations back to the library in July, then plays a community golf game for the record books!

If you're looking for an adventure in art, head to East Columbia Branch on Wednesday evenings where 6-9 year olds and their adults can learn about great artists from Kahlo to Kandinsky, then create masterpieces. Makers of all ages find fun at Elkridge Branch, where families can work their way through STEM exploration stations, preschoolers can participate in weekly STEAM activities, and teens can create a stop motion movie with LEGO™ blocks. And when the adventure winds down in August, stay tuned for the STEAM Carnival at Miller Branch - an opportunity to share your experiences, projects, and inspiration.

Come to your libraries - adventure awaits!

Summer Adventures Celebrations

Enjoy one or all of these celebrations, which spotlight their communities and encourage summer reading achievements!

Sat	Jun 10	10 am - 5 pm	Elkridge Branch
Wed	Jun 28	5 - 8 pm	Central Branch
Wed	Jul 12	3 - 7 pm	Glenwood Branch
Sat	Jul 15	11 am - 2 pm	Savage Branch
Fri	Aug 4	11 am - 2 pm	East Columbia Branch
Thu	Aug 17	6 - 8 pm	Miller Branch

Beats and Jazz Rhythms

Ages 6-9. Ticketed. Tickets available at the children's desk 15 minutes before the class. bit.ly/beatsandjazzrhythms

Listen, move and groove to stories, music, beats and rhythms. Discover scatting, singing, and freestyling to jazz beats!

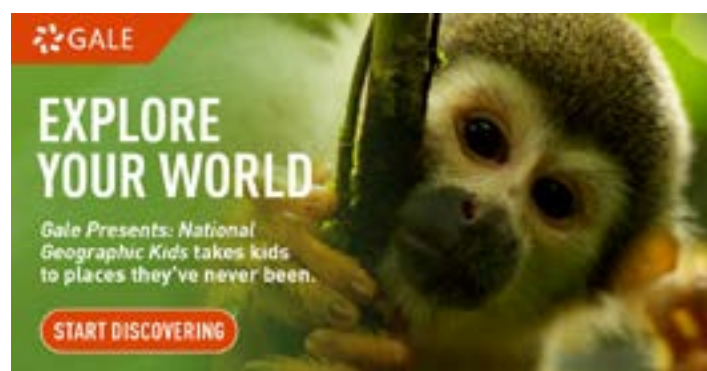
Thu Jun 8 6:30 - 7:15 pm Elkridge

Summer of STEAM: Camp Elkridge

Ages 6-10. Ticketed. Tickets available at the children's desk 15 minutes before the class. bit.ly/summerofSTEAM

Create, discover, and explore with activities to help you earn a Summer Reading completion prize.

Tuesdays; beginning Jun 13
2 - 2:45 pm Elkridge



SUMMER READING ADVENTURES

For ages 11 - 18, June 1 - August 31

JOIN THE QUEST! Earn treasure* as you travel through books, stream music or movies, and have fun with experiments and games. Your local library contains everything you need to succeed. Visit online and in person with your ideas, questions, and enthusiasm.

Earn a raffle ticket by doing one of these:

1. Borrow at least three items,
2. Read for one hour,
3. Attend a class in person or online (find listings at hclibrary.org/summer), OR
4. Complete a ReadSquared mission at hcls.readsquared.com

For every Adventure you complete, you earn a chance to enter our monthly branch raffles. When you achieve six Adventures, you win a finisher's prize!

Already earned 6? Continue to earn one raffle ticket for each adventure you complete.

*while supplies last



RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:

Dre Beats headphones,
Amazon gift cards, and more!

HITECH: SAVE THE DATES!

Middle and high school students. Weekly classes June 26 - August 4. Sign up to receive email updates at hclibrary.org/new-a-main/hitech

Explore a subject of interest in a small class setting with hands-on style teaching. Classes include Robotics, Python, Photography, Animation, and Engineering – to name a few! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 5** for the STEAM Carnival to show off all the cool projects created during the summer.

HiTech summer classes are the perfect mix of theory and hands-on learning. Focus on a STEAM field of interest and explore potential future STEAM options along the way.



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Summer Reading Adventures for Adults

by Emily Bell, Central Branch

If you thought that all the Summer Reading fun at the library was just for kids, think again! We have Summer Reading Adventures for everyone.

Kick off your summer reading journey with the online Adult Summer Reading Showcase on Tuesday June 6 at 7 pm. Join our instructors online as we share our top picks for summer reads. With genre-spanning recommendations, from thrillers to nonfiction and everything in between, you're bound to learn about some new books and authors of interest. You may find a few titles to add to your TBR (to-be-read) list!

Starting June 1, visit any library branch to pick up a Reading Journal and participate in our adult Reading Challenge. Each journal contains 13 challenge prompts, intended to guide you through a year of reading. Prompts include Read a Book with a Maryland Connection and Ask a Howard County Library System Instructor for a Recommendation.

Not sure what book to read for a certain prompt? A list of suggested titles chosen by our staff is provided for each theme. Alongside each challenge, you can use the provided space for reflections, notes, and drawing. These challenges offer an opportunity to read outside of your comfort zone, discover new authors, and explore different genres.

To complete your Summer Reading Adventure, finish any three challenges or read three books of your choosing. Between August 1 - 31, visit any HCLS branch to complete a finisher's card. Finishers are then entered into our end-of-summer prize drawings and receive a limited-edition prize while supplies last.

Adventure awaits and we hope you'll embark on your Summer Reading journey with HCLS!

Visit hclibrary.org/summer for more details on Summer Reading Adventures for all ages.

ADULT READING Challenge



Adult Summer Reading Showcase

Adults. Register at bit.ly/asrs2023

Venture into adult summer reading guided by an adventurous crew of HCLS Instructors. Explore the Adult Summer Reading 2023 list, discover how to participate, and learn about upcoming events.

Tue Jun 6 7 pm online

History Helpers: Preserving Our History in a Digital Transcription Meet-Up

For adults. Register at bit.ly/historyhelpers23

Make Smithsonian collection historical documents and biodiversity data more accessible by transcribing them while in a group setting. We provide the space and training. Bring a laptop or use one of ours.

Thursdays, 10:30 am May 11 & Jun 8 Central

History Relived: Women in Space

For adults. Register at bit.ly/womenspace23

On June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year-old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space, beginning a six-day mission aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*. Join an informal discussion about space exploration and the women involved in it.

Tue Jun 6 11 am - 12 pm Glenwood

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

Visit hclibrary.org > classes & events, and use the filters to narrow your search.



staff spotlight: Kimberly Johanson

Title and branch:

Adult Instructor & Research Specialist at the Glenwood Branch + Makerspace

How long have you been with HCLS?

Since 2019 - I started part-time as an instructor at the Elkridge + DIY Center, and moved over to Glenwood to help with opening and setting up the makerspace.

What excites you the most about your work and/or HCLS as a whole?

I have always been a maker, crafter, and creator. Every day, I am amazed that I get to do this for my job! I have a very eclectic resume of past work/volunteer experiences, but all those mismatched experiences really converge in the makerspace. For years, whenever I saw something at a store that caught my eye, my first thought was, "How can I make that?" When I learned about all the tools available at the DIY Center and now the equipment available at the makerspace, the creative possibilities grew exponentially!

How are you involved in the community?

I volunteer as a communications and service specialist for the Savage Mill Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We have coordinated food distribution for local food banks, helped furnish several apartments for refugees new to the country, partnered with Linda's Legacy over the holidays, and organized many other service projects. The newest initiative is JustServe.org - this is a hub where non-profits can list opportunities/

events that need volunteers, and where the community can search for projects that need volunteers.

What's an unusual fact about you?

As a teenager, I spent a summer as a character actor at Walt Disney World. I am "mouse height." During that summer, I was friends with Mickey, Minnie, Pinocchio, Piglet, Pooh, Sleepy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Bashful, Timon, and the White Rabbit.

Favorite sport and/or sports team?

I went to the University of Florida. So, my answer has to be, "Go Gators!"

Favorite movie or show?

My favorite show of all-time is *Gilmore Girls*. At any given time, whether I am working on a project or doing chores, it is the soundtrack in the background of my life. I love it when I drop a Gilmore-ism into everyday conversation and someone picks up the quote - it is like we're part of the same secret club. One where the motto is "Life's short. Talk fast."

Favorite time of year?

Growing up a Florida gal, I still feel like everything's magical when it snows. I love taking macro photos of snowflakes whenever I get the chance, and some of my favorite memories with my boys (ages 14 and 7) are playing in the snow, then cuddling together with some hot cocoa.

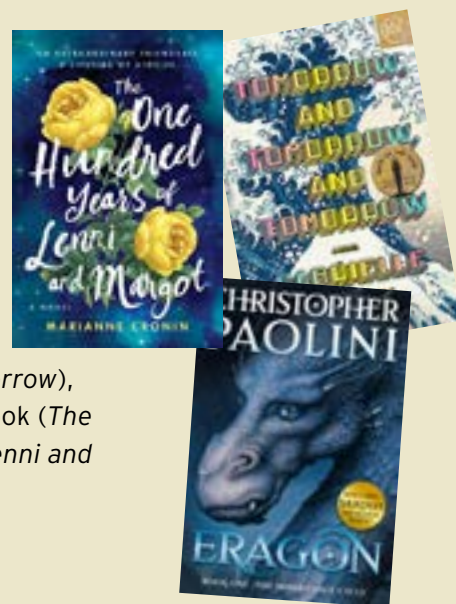
Favorite smell?

I recently had this conversation with a friend, but could only narrow it down to five. It was a great exercise in mindfulness - to let all other senses fade away and concentrate on just the smells that triggered happiness. My five are (in no particular order):

- Caramel
- Bookstores
- Johnson's Baby Lotion (pink bottle)
- The ocean (mixture of sunscreen and salt spray)
- Movie theater popcorn

Do you read more than one book at a time?

I live in two worlds. One is a world of books. At any given time, I am probably reading at least three: one audiobook through Libby (*Eragon*), one e-book (*Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*), and at least one print book (*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*).



1 2 3 4 5



with DR. KELLY CLARK,
Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
& Belonging Officer

My 5 Things

- 1 **The DIY Collection at Elkridge.** I long ago donated my own sewing machine to a thrift shop. Now I can borrow a machine for a weekend project and take the machine back, no need for storage! There are hundreds of other items to choose from.
 - 2 **The warm welcome from the staff.** They always go the extra mile to help make my library adventures a success.
 - 3 **The media collection in the Equity Resource Center.** The music and film selection make learning about different cultures that much richer
 - 4 **Classes and events.** There are so many opportunities to choose from, I almost can't decide!
 - 5 **Online language learning tools** like Mango and Rosetta Stone. I'm going to be ready for my dream trip to Rome!
- Visit us in person or at hclibrary.org/5-things to find out about these 5 Things and all the other wonderful resources available to you.

How To Choose a Mover You Can Trust

For adults. Register at bit.ly/trustmove

Moving can be a stressful endeavor. The Howard County Office of Consumer Protection and the Maryland Motor Trucking Association present an interactive webinar on how to choose a moving company, how to negotiate a contract and the laws that apply, and most importantly, the pitfalls and scams that should be avoided.

Tue May 2 7 - 8 pm online

Getty Museum series: Molten Color - Glass in the Getty Collection

For adults. Register at bit.ly/GettyMoltenGlass

A little sand, a little heat, and you have one of the most interesting materials – glass! Examine the Getty's glass collection, which dates from the ancient world to the 19th century. No matter how it was used, clear and colored glass has a story to tell. Docent Lee Rubinstein has been leading students through the Getty since 2012.

Wed May 10 1 - 2 pm online

Community Puzzle & Game Swap

Drop-in, no registration required. Participants under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Swap gently used puzzles and board games with fellow puzzling and gaming enthusiasts. Share your favorite tips and tricks as you select puzzles or games that are new to you. Learn about the library eResources you can use for free while puzzling.

Sun Jun 6 1:30 - 3 pm Central

eReader Lab

For adults. register at bit.ly/ereaderlab1

Want to learn how to use the library's e-book resources? We can help you learn how to use Libby, Cloud Library, and Hoopla. Bring your device.

Tue Jun 6 11 am - 12 pm Miller

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

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10 JUNE

Celebrating Juneteenth

by Brandon Bannister, Central Branch

What greater place to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday than with the library? Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") is the day in which federal troops traveled to Galveston, Texas in 1865 to free all enslaved people. Even though this happened two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, we honor Juneteenth as the day that slavery officially ended everywhere in the U.S.

Since 2021, Juneteenth marks the federal holiday when we celebrate Black freedom and liberation. However, we still have a ways to go toward true equity, with continued violence toward Black people by law enforcement, discrimination in job and housing opportunities, and the lingering consequences of slavery. In addition, many school districts have now decided to pull Black authors and titles from their curriculum due to the fear of critical race theory. If you have a HCLS library card, you have the opportunity to acquire knowledge which can facilitate change.

At Central Branch, visit our Equity Resource Center which offers inspirational books, DVDs, and audio materials for all ages. One informative book to read is *The Kaepernick Effect: Taking a Knee, Changing the World*, which explains how former NFL quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, risked his career and became an activist for Black social justice. Another great read is the *1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones that provides an historical analysis on the first people of African descent who arrived in the U.S.

Juneteenth by R.J. Bailey gives children a great understanding of why Juneteenth is significant. *Ways to Welcome* is another wonderful children's book, illustrating how creating a friendly and welcoming environment can have a lasting impact on a child's life.



At the end of the day, Juneteenth is also an opportunity for the country to heal and reflect. Can America cure our racial divide? Or do we just continue to live our lives, business as usual? Please consider these ideas and thoughts as you enjoy and celebrate this Juneteenth holiday.

UNDERSTANDING Critical Race Theory

- For adults. Register at bit.ly/understandCRT
- In the past year or so, everyone has begun talking about Critical Race Theory, a set of premises developed by legal scholars decades ago to interpret America's institutions in the context of race and civil rights.
- What exactly is CRT? It can be hard to know.
- There's no manifesto or mission statement, which has made Critical Race Theory a bit of a moving target.
- This talk has three quite different goals. The first objective is to locate the origins of CRT, establish its core premises, describe the recent controversy, and interrogate the stakes of it all. The second objective is to show CRT in action – to narrate the histories of voting rights and of crime and punishment in the United States through the lens of Critical Race Theory. The third is to introduce participants to a list of practices that CRT scholars believe all of us can adopt to mitigate the worst legacies of slavery in our current world.
- About the presenter:
 - Richard Bell is Professor of History at the University of Maryland and author of the book *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and their Astonishing Odyssey Home* which was a finalist for the George Washington Prize and the Harriet Tubman Prize. He is an Andrew Carnegie Fellow (2021-2023) and his work has also been supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
 - Dr. Bell serves as a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a trustee of the Maryland Center for History and Culture, an elected member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and as a board member of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System Foundation.

Thu Jun 27 7 - 8:30 pm Miller

FOR MORE ABOUT JUNETEENTH

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children & teens



Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month

by Sahana Callahan, Savage Branch

This Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrate the incredible diversity and cultural influence of folks under the AAPI umbrella. AAPI culture has become more prominent recently, though it has been an integral part of our community and our county. Going from K-Pop to Bollywood, from Vietnamese cuisine, Thai food, and Chinese staples, from things like ukuleles and tattooing that hail from the Pacific Islands, there are traces of and homages to AAPI influence across society. Our library system has a World Language Collection, and while the specific materials may differ between branches, we have DVDs, books, and other materials in a wide variety of languages, including Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Hindi, Korean, Japanese, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese, to name a few.

I grew up listening to Bollywood, and watching Bollywood movies that we would bring home from the library. Having the World Language Collection as a staple within the library has always been incredibly significant to me. It's a tangible connection to my culture. I try to always recommend folks looking for new and different movies give Bollywood a try, and the expanse of our World Language selection makes that possible.

This spring we have a wealth of classes to highlight AAPI authors, traditions, art, food, and culture. We'll learn the basic steps of Bollywood dance at Miller Branch with Rock On With Bollywood. We'll jam out at Savage Branch using

ukuleles (that can be requested and borrowed!) with Savage Ukes. We'll create origami flowers and learn about the history of kusudama, participate in Anime Clubs to talk about our favorite anime and manga, and read books like *Interior Chinatown* together (Reading Human Rights) so that we can discuss in community.

We would love to see you at the branches,

attending any of our events. Find more events at bit.ly/hclsaaapi.



Community Conversation: Asian American Advocacy for Equity

Join us for an interactive event of video clips and conversation that cover Asian American advocacy past, present, and future, nationally and in Howard County.

Tue May 9 6:30 - 8 pm Miller



Library staff members are learning new languages, intending to remove language barriers and welcome all community members. This learning cohort celebrates completing a course in Beginning Korean. Other staff members are learning Spanish.



TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

Visit hclibrary.org > classes & events, and use the filters to narrow your search.

Rock On with Bollywood

For adults; must be 18+. Register at bit.ly/hclsbollywood23

Rock on to Bollywood music as Bollywood dancer Jaya Mathur demonstrates and teaches the basic steps of Bollywood dancing.

Thu May 4 7 - 8 pm Miller

Asian Cuisine Made Easy!

For adults. Register at bit.ly/hclsasiancuisine

Thu Huynh, a registered dietitian nutritionist with the Health Living Team at Giant Food, presents seven top tips on how to incorporate Asian cuisine and lifestyle into your life.

Wed May 3 7 - 8 pm online

Nonfiction Addiction

For adults. Register at bit.ly/econfa11

Explore the genre of nonfiction. In May: *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui.

Thu May 18 7 - 8 pm East Columbia



Glenwood Goes to Hawaii

Ages 0-5. Ticketed; free tickets available 15 mins before class starts.

Shake off winter blues and go Hawaiian as we catch a wave. Enjoy tropical music, games, and stories under palm trees on beach blankets. Tropical attire encouraged.

Fri May 19 10:30 - 11:15 am Glenwood

High Tide in Hawaii: A Magic Tree House Special

Ages 6-10. Ticketed; free tickets available 15 mins before class starts.

Join Jack & Annie in the Magic Tree House as they escape high tide in Hawaii. Enjoy games, music, and a craft under palm trees and sunny skies. Tropical attire encouraged. Catch a wave!

Fri May 19 2 - 3 pm Glenwood

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National Museum of Asian Art

All ages. Register at bit.ly/nmaaelk

Investigate scenes and objects of daily life in works of art across Asia to discover what people in the past valued and how they celebrated through food and rituals. Through the objects you examine, compare daily life in the past to today.

Fri May 19 2 - 3 pm Elkridge

Global Neighbors - Republic of Korea

All ages. Learn more at bit.ly/globalneighbor23

Experience the culture and contributions of one of the largest demographics in our community. Enjoy a presentation and celebration showcasing traditional Korean music, Taekwondo, Korean Fan Dance, K-Pop dance demonstration, and Korean origami and calligraphy. Celebrate the diversity of our community!

Sun May 21 2 - 4 pm Miller

Craft Pop-up Shop: AAPI Heritage Month Edition

Ages 4 and up. Allow 15 minutes. Drop in.

Pop in and make a craft inspired by AAPI Heritage Month.

Tue May 23 5:30 - 7 pm Miller

Recipe Exchange: Asians Chefs and Asian American Cuisine

For adults. Register at bit.ly/recipepay23

Learn about Asian chefs and the history of Asian American cuisine. Meet other foodies to learn new recipes or share some your favorites.

Wed May 24 7 - 8 pm Savage



Fresh & Healthy

Walking with East Columbia Branch and 50+ Center

For adults. Register at bit.ly/walkingwithECO

Walking is a great way to get some activity into your routine. Walk around the East Columbia Branch. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle.

Mon May 1 9:30 - 10:30 am East Columbia

Eating Healthy on a Budget

For adults. Register at bit.ly/healthyeating23

Learn how to stretch your dollars to provide nutritious and delicious meals for you and your family, while staying on budget. Melanie Berdyck, Giant Food Nutritionist, offers with tips for meal-planning as well as affordable recipes.

Wed May 3 7 - 8 pm Elkridge

Detoxification Myths and Methods

For adults. Register at bit.ly/detoxmythmethod

Detoxification has a variety of meanings. Products and diets are promoted to cleanse common and uncommon toxins, but are they necessary and when is the best time to use them? Nutrition Specialist Courtney Carpenter shares a range of methods and products and the history behind some well-known strategies used for detoxification.

Wed May 10 7 - 8:30pm Central

Flower and Vegetable Container Gardening

For adults. register at bit.ly/vegsav23

Create a thriving container garden by selecting the right pots for the right places. Gain ideas for planting annual and perennial flowers and popular vegetables in multiple ways. Learn how to plant flowers and vegetables together for mutual benefit.

Sat May 13 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Savage

Cookbook Corner

For adults. Register at bit.ly/cbcorner8

Explore various culinary cuisines/chefs of the world. This month's cuisine is Jewish American Cuisine. Pick up any Jewish/Kosher cookbook at the library, cook some recipes, and enjoy a culinary discussion.

Wed May 17 7 - 8 pm East Columbia

Vermicomposting 101

For adults. Register at bit.ly/vermicomposting101

You want to have worms! Master Gardeners explain how worms, in an indoor bin, help reduce waste while transforming your kitchen scraps into a rich soil addition for your garden and container plants.

Sat May 20 11 am - 12:30 pm Elkridge

Ride the Rail Trails in Maryland

For adults. Register at bit.ly/RailsTrailsMD

Discover the right rail trail for you as we learn about local options for biking trails for all skill levels.

Thu May 18 6:30 - 7:30 pm Glenwood

Fight Stress Before It Gets to You

For adults. Register at bit.ly/fightstresshcls

In our modern lives, our bodies and minds are subject to many stresses. When we support our bodies before we are challenged, we can prevent certain negative health impacts. Nutrition Specialist Courtney Carpenter focuses on diet and lifestyle choices, including supplements.

Thu Jun 1 7 - 8:30 pm Central

Addressing Menopause Naturally

For adults. Register at bit.ly/mpnjc23

Menopause can be a challenging time in a woman's life. Nutrition Specialist Courtney Carpenter discusses menopause, including recent developments in our understanding of hormones. In addition, learn how fine tuning one's diet and taking advantage of both foods and natural products can make this transition more manageable.

Thu Jun 8 7 - 8:30 pm Central

Edible Landscaping with the Community Ecology Institute (CEI)

For adults. Register at bit.ly/ediblelandscape23

Are you interested in incorporating edible plants into your existing landscape, but don't know where to start? Discover plants that you can easily add to a large or small landscape or containers. Gain a better understanding of edible plants and the knowledge to get you started. Feel free to bring photos to the Q & A with staff from the CEI Nourishing Gardens program.

Visit the Freetown Farm display during June in the Miller Branch lobby.

In partnership with the Community Ecology Institute

Sat Jun 10 10:30 am - 12 pm Miller

Fry, Fry Baby: Air Fryer Tips and Tricks

For adults. Register at bit.ly/fryfrybaby

Learn how to boost your produce intake, reduce your saturated fat intake, and keep your taste buds happy. Presented by Melanie Berdyck, Giant Food Nutritionist.

Thu Jun 22 2 - 3 pm Elkridge

For more classes at the library:

- Visit hclibrary.org
- Click on the "classes & events" tab
- Use the filters on the left to select
 - age range
 - branch
 - program type (e.g., book clubs, DIY, homework club, gardening, makerspace, STEAM)



FARMERS MARKETS

Opening in May, you can shop for locally grown herbs and flowers, fresh produce, meats, and other food and drink. Howard County Economic Development Authority manages Farmers Markets throughout the week, including:

Wednesdays, 2 -6 pm Miller



Full of Pride

by Jessica Seipel, Savage Branch

Happy Pride, y'all! Since 1970s first Pride march in New York City on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, LGBTQ+ community members and allies have turned an incident of brutality and discrimination into an annual celebration that honors the past and works toward a more inclusive and equitable future. Whether you fit somewhere under the LGBTQ+ umbrella or are a supportive ally, we've got you!

When you aren't sure where to start, you can begin with the Rainbow Reads booklists for adults, teens, and kids that are curated by our instructors to make sure everyone is represented. You're bound to find a title or two that makes you feel seen or opens a window on a different life experience, building empathy and understanding.

Now that you've read some new titles, the best way to cement your thoughts is to talk about them with some like-minded souls. Although all our book discussion groups are inclusive and new attendees are always welcome, Central Branch has a perfect fit for LGBTQ+ adults and allies with Reads of Acceptance. Join this group to talk about titles of interest in a safe space for social support, personal growth, and intergenerational learning.

If self-direction is more your jam, the Equity Resource Center housed at Central Branch is a great place for you to spend some time browsing our large collection of titles on LGBTQ+ topics, race, religion, and more. Safely explore the many treasures in this collection and hang out to read - without having to spend a dime. Even if you don't visit the ERC, library branches are a safe space to chill, read, work on schoolwork, use a computer, or meet up with friends - all are welcome here!

Sometimes we'd all rather celebrate Pride from the comfort of home, and you don't have to leave the house if you have a library card in hand. Overdrive (and its app Libby) provides access to e-books, e-audiobooks, and magazines including *Out*, *The Advocate*, *Gay Times*, and *Translating International*. The Netflix of libraries, Kanopy offers streaming movies like Oscar-winner *Moonlight* (2016), Filipino horror-comedy *Remington and the Curse of the Zombadings* (2013), or the uplifting coming-of-age drama *Hearts Beat Loud* (2018).

As well as Howard County Pride which takes place in October, look for us at the HCPSS Rainbow Conference on May 6 to hear more about our resources and browse selected titles!

If you are interested in celebrating Pride with something a bit more low-key than a march that still gets you out of the house, check out upcoming library classes and events.



Films with Humans: *Moonlight*

For adults. Register at bit.ly/FWHMoonlight

Watch a film about humans, since all great stories involve great characters, followed by a discussion with fellow humans. The movie is available on DVD and via Kanopy. Watch the movie at the library on June 29 or view it in advance.

Thu Jun 29 6 - 8:30 pm Elkridge



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Pride Month Crafternoon

For adults. Register at bit.ly/pridecraft23

Celebrate Pride Month and all things colorful by joining us for an afternoon of crafting. Choose to do one or all of the three Pride related crafts while listening to some upbeat affirming music. Get ready with the Pride Party 2023 Playlist: bit.ly/42uzRhs!

Thu Jun 1 3 - 5 pm Miller

Films that Connect Us

For adults. Register at bit.ly/connecteco18

How do films shape and connect us? Join our film discussion. Please watch the film prior to the discussion date. The film for June is *And Then We Danced* (available on Kanopy.)

Mon Jun 5 4 - 5 pm online

Pride Button Making

Ages 11-18 and adults. Register at bit.ly/pridebuttonsav

Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride month by creating your own rainbow or pronoun buttons to wear or share. In this class, you learn about the different types of pride flags, learn about pronouns, and make a rainbow or pronoun button.

Sat Jun 17 1 - 2:30 pm Savage

Stick to Being You - Creating Pride Stickers with the Cricut

Teens and adults. Register at bit.ly/pridestickers23

Celebrate Pride Month at the Glenwood Branch + Makerspace and learn how to create custom stickers with the Cricut maker.

Wed Jun 21 6 - 8 pm Glenwood

Rainbow Pride

Ages 8-11. Ticketed.

Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride month with related reads, activities, and a rainbow craft!

Wed Jun 14 2 - 2:45 pm Central
Thu Jun 15 2 - 2:45 pm Elkridge
Wed Jun 21 2 - 2:45 pm Savage

Craft Pop-Up Shop: Rainbow Pride Edition

Ages 4 and up. Allow 15 minutes. Drop in.

Pop-in and make a rainbow craft!

Mon Jun 12 3 - 4:30 pm Miller



Author Works: Tonee Moll

For adults. Register at bit.ly/mollhcls

Tonee Moll reads from and discusses their award-winning book of poetry, *You Cannot Save Here*, this work is queer, it's punk, and it uses cultural allusion to address how we live our lives when it feels like the world is ending.

Sat Jun 17 3 - 4 pm Savage



Get Involved Fair



connect with our community

Howard County Library System wants to help you connect with your community! Discover service and advocacy opportunities, with a special focus on organizations advancing equity.

The **Get Involved Fair** is part of Books In Bloom 2023, "Building Community Through Empathy and Understanding." Books in Bloom is a free, annual celebration of the joy of books and reading, an interactive day of family fun and meaningful dialogue.

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Get Involved Community Forum

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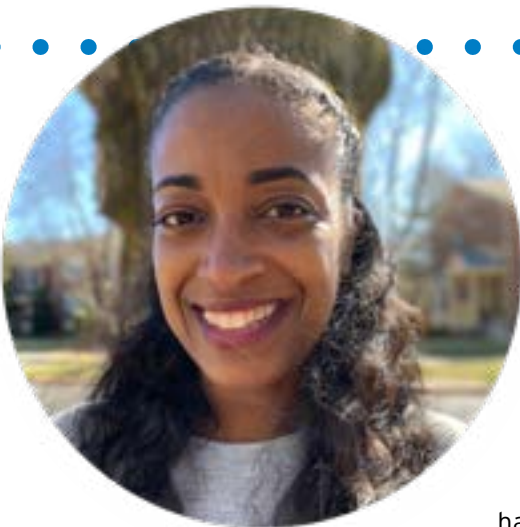
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Summer is filled with warm weather and relaxing times...and reading is one of our favorite summer activities! The Summer Reading program at HCLS keeps my family motivated to read all summer long. I love how the program has something to offer every family member! We especially love the many

prizes available to help motivate our readers. One of my many goals when I became a parent was to share my love of books with my children. There is just something special about getting a book from the library; it takes you to another place. Reading builds comprehension skills and vocabulary as well as awakens ideas in children. As a parent of children ranging from 5 to 15 years of age, I try to give each child a clear and fun path to reading. My husband and I both enjoy reading ourselves and model that for our children to show its importance in our home life. The HCLS Summer Reading Program creates a space for everyone, truly leaving no one behind. I enjoy this program every year!

~ Heather Shafer, Friends & Foundation of HCLS Board Member



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Meet Booker

Borrow Booker and take him with you this summer! Small paper versions of our new mascot are available to borrow from any branch to travel with you on your summer adventures: from your backyard to the local swimming pool to grand vacations. Snap a photo of Booker (and you) having fun, and tag the library on social media.