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Happy New Year! No matter what your resolutions are (if you have one or two), we invite you to include the library in your plans for success this year.

January is International Creativity Month (p. 6). It’s important for everyone, no matter your age, to exercise your creativity – whether it’s through cooking, STEAM, poetry, or crafting. It really doesn’t matter if you’re “good” at something, as long as you’re having fun and maybe even relieving stress.

We invite you to join one, or many, of the wide range of classes happening across the system (p. 7). You’ll find some listed in this issue that relate to bigger topics, but there’s so much more available! The Classes & Events tab on our website takes you to the monthly calendar, where you can filter by age group, location, and topics that interest you. Classes and events are offered at no cost to our customers.

February brings Black History Month. We are pleased to host Kathryn Finney, experienced entrepreneur and author of *Build the D*mn Thing* (p. 8). A champion of start-ups, Finney encourages people to build their dreams from the ground up, despite a system that seems to work against them. We also welcome the Charm City Dolling Club of Maryland, who share their passion for Black dolls at Miller Branch (p. 9). They kick off a month-long exhibit with a day-long educational and informative event on Saturday, February 11.

You won’t want to miss Evening in the Stacks Goes Pop (p. 3)! Our annual gala fundraiser celebrates all things pop culture on Saturday, February 25. This year, we’re looking to support our new mobile units, both the PopUp Library and the STEAM Machine. These on-the-road library branches serve communities across the county, fostering school readiness with On the Road to Kindergarten and interest in scientific and technical fields for older students. Our goal is to raise $150,000, so buy your tickets today and enjoy a spectacular party that supports a good cause.

We look forward to seeing you!

Tonya Aikens
President & CEO

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You’re Invited!

CELEBRATE POP CULTURE AT EVENING IN THE STACKS

Saturday, February 25
7 - 11 pm
HCLS East Columbia Branch
hclibrary.org/stacks

DJ Kopec | Live! Pop quiz trivia | food stations & bar | more!

tickets on sale now

Borrow Video Games
Howard County Library System now offers video games! We have a small selection of games for XBox One, Nintendo Switch, and PlayStation 4 and 5. Games are rated E, E10+, and T. Here’s what you need to know:

- Almost everyone* can borrow games from the collection.
- Due to limited supply, you can borrow one item at a time.
- You can keep the game for one week and renew it for another week, if no one else is waiting for it.
- You can reserve one game through our catalog at hclibrary.org.
- Overdue fines are $1 per day, with a $10 maximum.
- If you don’t return a game within 28 days after it’s due, we’ll charge you the cost to replace it. So please return your game!

*Games may not be borrowed with these types of library cards: Educators, Homebound, Satellite Collections, DIY, and Temporary Residents.

BRANCH RAFFLES
Jan 17 - Feb 17 Look for raffles at all branches: Community baskets, Evening in the Stacks tickets, and a grand prize of a Nintendo Switch! See page 15 for more information.
Celebrating Lunar New Year

The World Languages Collection
by Mai-Leng Ong, Administrative Branch

Welcome to Howard County Library System’s World Languages Collection!

Howard County is a diverse and multi-ethnic community where the population comes from a myriad of countries across the globe. The vibrant, multiracial population makes our county an exciting place to be. With the growth of these demographics, HCLS began to enlarge its World Languages collection, consisting of print literature and DVDs, to support the reading and viewing needs of all residents.

Presently, the print collection consists of many languages, including Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Russian, Spanish, and several Indian languages such as Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, and Urdu. The World Languages DVD collection consists of languages ranging from Albanian to Zulu. Many of the DVDs have English subtitles so non-speakers of the language can appreciate and enjoy movies and documentaries from countries around the world.

In addition to the physical World Languages DVD collection, we offer streaming video options through the Kanopy and Hoopla platforms. You just need a library card!

We invite you to visit our branches to borrow and enjoy our World Languages print and DVD collections, or visit us at hclibrary.org to access the streaming platforms. Happy reading and viewing!

Lunar New Year: What Animal Are You?

Mon Jan 23 all day Glenwood Family; all ages. Drop In
Celebrate Lunar New Year at the Glenwood Branch! Are you a lion? An ox? A rabbit? Find out what animal matches your birth year, then decorate a paper animal to join others in this self-directed community art project.
howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/event/lunar-new-year-what-animal-are-you-family-all-ages-drop

Dim Sum of Crafts

Mon Jan 23
11 am - 12:30 pm & 2 – 3:30 pm Miller
Ages 4 & up. Allow 30 min. Ho. Co. schools closed.
Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a variety of crafts.

MORE FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR

adult

children & teens
In 1967, young Jewish families began moving into a brand new town in Howard County. Like other Columbia “pioneers,” they were especially attracted by the ideals that inspired the town’s founders, such as respect for nature, racial inclusiveness, and interfaith cooperation. These early Jews brought that same idealism and purpose to the task of creating the Howard County Jewish community. Through decades of growth and change, the Columbia spirit continues to shape the community in distinctive ways. The Howard County Jewish History Project Exhibit explores how the Jewish community in the area has grown and evolved from the pre-Columbia days through the present day.

Presented in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Howard County

In January
at the Equity Resource Center at Central Branch

Howard County Seed Share
Sat Jan 21
2 - 4 pm Miller

What can gardeners do in the cold of winter when the ground is frozen? Plan for next spring’s garden and come to the Howard County Seed Share! A seed exchange is a great opportunity to acquire new varieties, save money, and reduce seed waste, while learning and sharing with fellow gardeners.

Growing from Seed: A Winter of Fun
Sat Jan 14 11 am - 12 pm Elkridge
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3UIyG9C.
A Howard County Master Gardener teaches how to plant and care for seeds and seedlings.

Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring
Wed Jan 25 7 - 8 pm Glenwood
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3tDSajO.
Learn about sustainable gardening best practices for spring, including how and when to tackle seasonal gardening tasks.

Presented by Master Gardeners for beginning and casual home gardeners.
by Jean Boone, Central Branch

Are you ready to stir up your creative juices, push your comfort zone, and generate some innovation in your life? Experts agree: creativity is in all of us. It's something you can boost and develop at any age. The ways we encourage creativity in children—with open-ended exploration, unstructured time, stories and story-telling, and playful experiences—are strategies available to all of us.

But where to begin? It may feel risky to commit to an unfamiliar activity and expensive to invest in all the necessary equipment. Don't worry—just look to your library! Not only are our buildings filled with books about everything under the sun (including how to be creative), but HCLS also offers instructors, speakers, experiences, tools, facilities, and spaces that alleviate the cost of trying something new.

You might start by changing your environment. Make your imagination soar by putting a Picasso on your wall or streaming music you've never heard before. At our Central and Glenwood branches, you can borrow new, inspiring art every six weeks, then attend art classes at the Elkridge DIY center to create a personal masterpiece. Borrow a ukulele, then join a jam session of the Savage Ukes or use a recording booth at Glenwood to stretch those creative muscles even further. Once you are inspired by the masters, you may find it easier to produce something yourself.

If your imagination produces more than your home equipment can support, come to HCLS for maker tools and machinery. At Elkridge Branch's DIY Center you might borrow a sewing and embroidery machines and create beautiful textiles. At Glenwood Branch's makerspace, access a 3D printer and laser cutter engraver, or just play around with building toys like LEGOS, K'nex, and planks. If you get inspiration from sharing with others, you can join fellow makers at a Pins and Needle Arts class at Central Branch, where conversation fuels creativity and learning.

Young creators can get inspired at the library, too! Borrow some puppets from the HCLS toy collection to retell familiar stories and produce original tales. Visit the Glenwood Branch Builders Barn, where children enter a material-rich space to explore, discover, and create. Check out the children's and teen's class schedules to find art, engineering, music, and technology offerings to feed every kind of passion.

Happy Creative New Year!

Creative Classes at the Library

Papermaking Lab!
Mon Jan 9       6 - 7:30 pm       Miller
Ages 11-18. Registration suggested, drop-ins allowed if space permits. Register at howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/event/papermaking-lab-2

DECLUTTER then CREATE! Shred, blend, and mix to transform those old notebooks and paper into beautiful new papers! (We'll have recycled paper, too.) Experiment by adding seeds for plantable paper or denim scrap. Come back during the Wednesday Wellness class on January 11 to turn your paper into a gratitude journal.

Get to “Snow” the Laser Cutter Engraver
Wed Jan 11     6 - 8 pm         Glenwood
Any attendee under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian present. Register at bit.ly/3EF9yuP.

Step up your craftiness with the makerspace! Using the laser cutter engraver, create custom snowflakes. Learn the basics of Adobe Illustrator, then send your project to be cut. Absolute beginners welcome; all materials supplied.

STEAM Team
Tuesdays: Jan 17 – Feb 21
6:30 - 7:15 pm       Miller
Ages 6-10. Ticket required. Tickets available at the children's desk 15 minutes before class.

Work together in small groups investigating hands on STEAM activities.
Artapalooza!
Wed  Jan 18  2 - 4 pm  Miller
Ages 11-18. Registration preferred, drop-ins allowed if space permits. Register at howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/event/artapalooza
Spend your early dismissal day creating! Let your creativity soar in an open studio art space. We provide the supplies, you bring the imagination.

Goal Setting With Vision Boards
Wed  Jan 18  1 - 3 pm  Savage
Ages 11-18. Drop-in.
Registration preferred: howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/event/goal-setting-vision-boards
Start 2023 off right with some personal goal setting. We discuss and share different areas we’d like to improve in as well as areas that we are doing well in, then create vision boards.

Introduction to 3D Printing using Makerbot
Sat   Jan 21  3 - 4:30 pm  Glenwood
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3E8hPpK.
Learn how to use 3D printing software to create designs for fabrication on the Makerbot Method X 3D printer. This session also discusses options for locating existing designs or creating original ones, how to import, setup and start up a 3D printing project. All levels of experience welcome.

Ingenious Inventions!
Wed  Jan 25  7 - 7:45 pm  Miller
Ages 6-10. Ticket required. Tickets available at the children's desk 15 minutes before class.
Don't let history be a mystery - learn about some inventions. Includes stories, activities, and a craft.

Slime Cafe
Mon   Jan 23  3:30 - 4:15 pm  Central
Ages 6-10. Registration required.
Read a yucky story and learn how to combine different ingredients with a basic slime recipe to create your own unique slimes. Materials provided (unscented shampoo, corn starch, and food coloring). Dress for mess.

Stress Free STEAM
Thu   Feb 2   7 - 8 pm  Miller
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3GxJmUa.
Feeling stressed? Relieve some of that tension and join us for Stress Free STEAM for Adults. Activities vary each month. All abilities welcome. Materials provided.

Art in the Afternoon: Creative Clay
Wed   Feb 8    2 - 3:30 pm  Elkridge
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3Ef96ij.
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of sculpting and learn simple techniques for working with Air-Dry Clay.

Poets Corner
Sat   Feb 25   2 - 2:45 pm  Central
Ages 8-10. Ticket required. Tickets available 15 minutes prior to class.
There’s a poem in your head just shouting to come out! Discover the tools poets use to create verses that sparkle and shine. Read, write and have fun sharing poetry.

to register for classes:
- Visit hclibrary.org
- Click on the "classes & events" tab
- Type the name of the class into the search bar, or use the filters to find one of these classes or many others offered at all HCLS locations.
Author Works: Kathryn Finney & Build the D*mn Thing

Thu Jan 19 6:30 - 7:30 pm online
Registration and more information at bit.ly/hclsfinney

Turn your passion into profit! If you have ever dreamed about starting a business, you need to know about Kathryn Finney. She encourages you to not wait for the system to let you in. Her new book, *Build the D*mn Thing*, is the essential guide to knowing, breaking, remaking, and building your own rules of entrepreneurship.

She explains how to build a business from the ground up, from developing a business plan to finding investors, growing a team, and refining a product.

In partnership with Columbia Inspired magazine and The 3rd, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, co-created, community of Women of Color entrepreneurs.

Finney, an investor and startup champion, is the founder and managing general partner of Genius Guild, a Chicago-based venture fund that invests in scalable businesses led by Black founders using innovation to build and promote healthy communities. *Build The D*mn Thing: How to Start a Successful Business if You're Not a Rich White Guy made the Wall Street Journal bestsellers list in its first week of release.

Career Success Month: Legal Support & More

Career Success Month (Jan 17 - Feb 17) provides guidance from experts on a wide spectrum of business and job advancement topics as well as help in navigating everyday life while pursuing career goals.

Classes include:
- Documentation to Form a Business
- Expungement
- Understanding Social Security
- Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- Trademarks

Find more classes and events in this series at bit.ly/careersuccessmonth.

Presented by Maryland Public Libraries

Wiki Edit-a-Thon: A Celebration of Black Authors and Artists

Thu Feb 9 5:30 - 8:30 pm online
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3ge9zfX

Edit Wikipedia pages of Black authors and artists whose works are found in our library collection. The evening is dedicated to collaborating on research, writing, and editing relevant Wikipedia pages. Participants check pages and cite sources as they work.
Black History Month
by Brandon Bannister, Central Branch

February calls us, as a society, to reflect and honor the contributions of Black Americans who made our country. The late, great Carter G. Woodson is considered the father of Black History Month. Woodson is the second African American to earn a Ph.D., after Edward Alexander Bouchet earned one in physics from Yale in 1876. The fight for equality, justice, and humanity for African Americans has always been a topic of discussion. In the past century, Blacks have had to overcome Jim Crow laws. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 and Supreme Court cases to desegregate schools helped to change American culture. Thurgood Marshall and a team of NAACP attorneys fought against the "separate but equal" doctrine in Brown vs Board of Education. Signed by Lyndon B. Johnson, the Voting Rights Act strengthened the right to vote that had been granted to Black men with the 15th Amendment. All women had to wait for the 19th Amendment to grant suffrage.

To celebrate Black History, consider a visit to the Equity Resource Center at HCLS Central Branch, which has a great selection of books, movies, and audio materials that showcase many groups. Some classic titles that celebrate Black culture and contributions include James Baldwin's If Beale Street Could Talk and The Autobiography of Malcolm X. Consider watching films, such as Selma, that tell the story of Civil Rights leaders and a collective group of individuals, who fought for the right to vote.

Black History Month is a time of reflection, healing, and celebration. In February, take the opportunity to learn about Black culture and history through classes, books, and films.

MORE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As We See Ourselves: An Appreciation and Celebration of Black Doll Art
Sat Feb 11 10 am - 6 pm Miller
For all ages.

In honor of Black History Month, the Charm City Dolling Club of Maryland celebrates its 25th Anniversary with As We See Ourselves, an exhibit in appreciation of Black dolls. The exhibit on display during February at Miller Branch includes dolls made from a wide array of media such as wood, polymer clay, cloth, porcelain, vinyl, and gourds.

The exhibit kicks off with an all-day educational and informative event that celebrates the history of dolls, Black dolls, and the people who love them. Charm City Dolling Club of Maryland collectors, a member of the United Federation of Doll Clubs (UFDC), available to guide and answer questions.

Speakers include:
- Keynote Speaker: Janice Curtis Greene, storyteller, American Griot, and Artist in Residence at the Reginald Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture
- Deborah Butler Johnson, collector and recognized authority on Black dolls
- Barbara Stone, past president of the UFDC
- Goldie Wilson, doll artist, historian, and author
# BRAVE VOICES

## New Racial Equity Events

This new year, we invite you to learn, grow, and be a force for racial equity and inclusive community! Be inspired by movies, discussions, and local leaders.

For trainings with News Lens coming in January, scan the QR Code for sessions and registration.

### New Lens for Howard County

Participate in a broad-stroke review of structural racism and bias and a series of reflective activities to answer the question, “What can I do?” Get involved and make a meaningful difference through everyday activism.

### Hospitality as Everyday Activism: A Facilitators' Training

With a focus on racial healing, discover how to create opportunities for people to experience personal and community growth through table talks, book clubs, and other similar gatherings.

### Art Wars! Black History Month Edition

Tue  Feb 7       6:30 - 8 pm  Miller
Ages 11-18. Registration required, drop-in if space permits.

Create artwork in 40 mins! Learn a little about prominent African-American artists, then use that inspiration. Enter the Art War contest for a chance to win a prize, or just create and enjoy! Materials provided.

### Black History of Howard County

Sat  Feb 11      1 - 2:30 pm  Savage
Ages 14-18 and adults. Register at [howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/event/black-history-howard-county](howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/event/black-history-howard-county)

Learn about the history of African Americans in Howard County and the town of Savage, as collected in *History of Blacks in Howard County, Maryland: Oral History, Schooling, and Contemporary Issues*. Hear about particular players in local history and learn why Howard County is the way it is today, with historical and personal perspective from Deborah Costley, local historian and genealogist. Share any experiences brought up as part of our Brave Voices, Brave Choices project.

### African Experience Tour

Wed  Feb 15
4:30 - 5:30 pm & 7 - 8 pm  Miller
Ages 8-11, 60 min. Ticket required. Tickets available at the children's desk 15 minutes before class.

Learn about the diversity of African culture through hands-on exploration of artwork, videos, and discussion, facilitated by Doris Ligon, director and co-founder of the African Art Museum of Maryland.

### Films for Change: Shared Legacies

Thu  Jan 12  Miller
5 pm: film  7 pm: discussion
Registration required: [bit.ly/hcislegacies](bit.ly/hcislegacies)

For the first film, *Shared Legacies* examines past collaboration between African American and Jewish communities and whether the legacy can continue. Panelists discuss how these communities can move forward with a shared agenda, from friction to relationship and shared action in Howard County.

This series of documentaries is about racial equity, each followed by panels featuring local leaders and organizations. Sponsored by The Horizon Foundation.

In partnership with the African American Community Roundtable, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Howard County, The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, and the Howard County NAACP

We have additional speakers, book clubs and other opportunities to engage on equity issues. This spring includes discussions with the author of the *Inequity Within* report. Learn more and register at [hclibrary.org/brave-voice-brave-choices > click on Brave Events](hclibrary.org/brave-voice-brave-choices > click on Brave Events).
Intro to Brainfuse
Wed Jan 19 1 - 3 pm Savage
Middle and high school students, as well as parents
Register at hclibrary.org/event/intro-brainfuse-our-free-online-homework-help-resource
With Brainfuse, you can receive free tutoring in math, reading, science, social studies, English/language arts, and help with writing from teachers with this online service. English and Spanish speaking tutors available seven days a week from 2 pm until 11:55 pm.

Budgeting 101: Making My Money Behave
Wed Jan 25 6 - 7 pm Elkridge
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3Eh51gN
Learn the importance of tracking expenses, assessing financial health, and making spending adjustments.

Ley de propietario - inquilino: conoce tus derechos y responsabilidades
Mon Feb 13 6 - 7 pm Central
bit.ly/3UWKyF7
En Espanol. Una voluntaria de la Oficina de Proteccion al Consumidor del condado de Howard, brindara un taller informativo sobre los derechos y responsabilidades del inquilino.

Nonfiction Addiction
Thu Feb 16 7 - 8 pm East Columbia
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3tBaQAX
Explore the genre of nonfiction and join our discussions.

Optimizing Your Citizenship Experience
Thu Feb 23 7 - 8:30 pm Central
For adults. Register at bit.ly/3T0jJxu
Immigration attorney Tedeisha Rowe, principal attorney and owner of the American Immigration Center, discusses the steps to citizenship, the challenges individuals might face, and ways to deal with these issues.

Classes Available 24/7 Online
HCLS' YouTube channel features on demand content covering book recommendations, resume and career building, DIY and makerspace projects, health and wellness, art tutorials, author events, and STEAM related children's classes. The channel also features connection with community leaders and change makers throughout Howard County and Maryland. Watch as your local librarians take on virtual learning. Subscribe to the channel, youtube.com/howardcountylibrary, to stay informed.

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)
staff spotlight: Monae Rivers

Title and branch:
My name is Monae Rivers, and I work as a Children's Instructor and Research Specialist at East Columbia Branch.

How long have you been with HCLS?
I have worked for Howard County Library System for four years, and I cannot wait to make it five in February 2023!

What excites you the most about your work and/or HCLS as a whole?
The most exciting part of being able to work at the library system are the opportunities I can introduce to the community. I love building relationships with everyone, especially the children and teens. Every day I come in, I am greeted with a smile and story from at least one child or teen who I work with.

How are you involved in the community?
I involve myself in the community through the systemwide events we offer here at HCLS, like Battle of the Books. I try to work as many events as I can or, at least, I make an effort to attend and be part of the community.

What's an unusual fact about you?
The most unusual fact about me is that, despite my petite form, I took boxing with my siblings for years at the Laurel Boys and Girls Club.

What is your favorite movie or show?
It changes on an almost daily basis; however, I can say with confidence that one hidden gem on Netflix that will always stay high on my list is Klaus.

What was your first job?
My first official job was at my church. I worked as a babysitter at Grace Community Church on Tuesday mornings.

What is your favorite type of music?
My favorite type of music is K-Pop or Korean Pop. However, currently, I am venturing out and am not as well versed in the most recent songs of that genre.

What's your favorite time of year?
For me, it will always be Fall. The magic and beauty of the changing leaves and the comfortable weather brings a warmth to my soul that I cannot find elsewhere. Not to mention the delicious pumpkin spice lattes.

Do you read more than one book at a time?
As a librarian, I am not ashamed to admit that I read multiple series at a time, as well as being in the middle of multiple books at a time. It is both a blessing and a curse.

Do you speak other languages?
While I'm not fluent, I took French in school for four years. Je parle un peu de français, mais je ne parle pas très bien.

What is a book you've read that changed how you think about a topic or your life?
I read a book called You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson that was on the 2021 Black Eyed Susan Nominee list. It gave me a more open perspective to the world we live in and the life of someone who is a minority, in the LGBTQIA+ community.

How would your colleagues describe you?
When I started working at the Central Branch, coworkers would always tell me that I lit up the room or that I was the "sunshine" of the branch. Now that I work at East Columbia, my coworkers describe me as bubbly and hardworking.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I have always wanted to travel the world, and every state, every country, every town. The place I have wanted to visit since childhood was Tokyo, Japan. As I have grown, I have come to be more interested in the daily lives of the cultures and places I find interesting and would like to visit non-tourist places within Japan, South Korea, or Vietnam.

What culture(s) are you most curious about?
I am very intrigued by Asian culture as it is different from what I am accustomed to. It is beautiful and interesting. Many of us grow up thinking Asian is Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. This is, however, not entirely accurate and I am interested in the broad spectrum of Asian cultures, including Vietnamese, Indian, and Filipina.
Ideas for the New Year

by Sahana Callahan, Savage Branch

Try new recipes, new techniques, and new cookbooks in the New Year!

The New Year brings new resolutions, fresh starts, and the perfect time to try new things. This year, while you are still getting into a brand new routine, here are a few cookbooks to use as inspiration.

*Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals*, for example, is great for folks who are trying to keep things simple, but aren't willing to sacrifice on flavor. Melissa Clark makes sure most, if not all, are ready within the hour. For those who are into the chemistry of cooking, J. Kenji López-Alt has come out with one of the most comprehensive texts on using woks in your kitchen. The lessons in *The Wok: Recipes and Techniques* extend beyond just the wok, with tips and tricks for knife skills and how to brighten up any dinner.

For those who have decided to take up home-made bread-making and baking as their resolutions this year, *The Best of Artisan Bread in Five Minutes a Day: Favorite Recipes from Bread In 5* keeps things both exciting and reasonable in the midst of everyone's busy lives. This book has been touted as the "only one a baker needs", and it's still the best place to start for novices looking to get their foot in the door.

While last year was big for board-style meals and decoration (with charcuterie, butter boards, and hummus boards trending on social media), America's Test Kitchen provided a perfect introduction and inspiration for making boards at home. *Boards: Stylish Spreads for Casual Gatherings* is incredible inspiration for grazing tables and an easy way to feed guests when hosting, while keeping the actual work of preparing food to a minimum.

In the spirit of including new recipes in your repertoire, we invite you to join us on February 22 at the Savage Branch for the first of our Recipe Exchanges! We discuss our favorites, learn and borrow from others in the community, then look specifically at the evolution of African American cuisine and soul food.

**Cookbook Corner**

Wed Jan 18 7 - 8 pm East Columbia
For adults. Register at [bit.ly/3GoEl0h](http://bit.ly/3GoEl0h)
Explore various culinary cuisines/chefs of the world. A new cuisine/chef every month.

**Recipe Exchange: Black Chefs and African American Cuisine**

Wed Feb 22 7 - 8 pm Savage
For adults.
Do you want to learn more about Black chefs and the history of African American cuisine to find out where your favorite soul food dish found its origins? Indulge your culinary curiosity at the first of our recipe exchanges.
TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:
Visit hclibrary.org > classes & events, and use the filters to narrow your search.

My 5 Things

1. The DIY Collection at Elkridge where you can check out everything you may need for your home project from a drill to a sewing machine.

2. The A/V Lab at Savage Branch with recording equipment, photography equipment, musical instruments, and lots of great software.

3. The toy collection, where you can borrow materials that inspire creativity, social learning, critical thinking, and more through play.

4. Language learning, from our language cafes and ESL classes to online tools like Mango Languages and Rosetta Stone - all for free.

5. The PopUp Library and the STEAM Machine, bringing the library to you wherever you are and ensuring that transportation doesn't keep anyone from accessing all our great resources.

Visit us in person or at hclibrary.org to find out about these 5 Things and all the other wonderful resources available to you.
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Thank you!

Branch RAFFLES
Jan 17 - Feb 17

Grand Prize: Nintendo Switch

Each branch also has:

- Community baskets
- Two tickets to Evening in the Stacks Goes Pop! (see p. 3)

Tickets on sale online and in branches!

Support the Friends!
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Need a library card? You can get an online account immediately under the "How Do I?" box > select "Get a Library Card."