

A woman in traditional Native American attire is performing a hula hoop dance. She is wearing a bright blue tunic with colorful geometric patterns and a black belt with a gold buckle. Her skirt is also blue with a large, colorful geometric design and a pink fringe. She is holding a large, colorful hula hoop above her head with her right arm. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a paved area.

Howard County Library System

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MON - THU 10 am - 9 pm  
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**HOLIDAYS + CLOSINGS**  
Veterans Day Nov 11  
Thanksgiving close at 5 pm Nov 23 & 22  
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Letter from the President and CEO

As the year comes to a close, we have a full line-up of opportunities that celebrate and uplift our community.

We honor Native American Heritage Month in November (p. 6), starting with a festival on November 4 featuring a spectacular lineup of dancers and musicians. Author Steven Paul Judd joins the event to talk about his series, The Rez Detectives. The rest of the month contains a wide range of classes and lectures, as well as several book discussion groups discussing titles by Native authors, including the One Maryland One Book title, *There There* by Tommy Orange.

On November 9, our inaugural Bauder Book Talks event (p. 3) features Nic Stone, author of the bestselling book *Dear Martin*. Everyone is welcome to this event, which specifically recruits under-served middle and high school students to attend and hear directly from an author. Endowed by Dr. Lillian Bauder, a community leader and Columbia resident in honor of her late husband Don, Bauder Book Talks is an annual series that champions his causes of civil rights and social justice. Following Stone's talk, all teens are invited to read and discuss her books and similar titles.

An eclectic schedule rounds out the year. An activist for increasing the diversity in the field of classical music, award-winning professional musician Jasmine Pigott combines her tuba with the spoken word to profound effect on November 12. On December 4, Chiara D'Amore from Freetown Farm and Gary Pilarchik of the The Rusted Garden discuss their new book full of gardening wisdom. And on December 2, Wendy Eckel talks about the new, holiday-themed installment in her Rosalie Hart cozy mystery series.

As you start to plan your vacations and travel for 2024, we can help (p. 12)! Not only is the library bursting with travel guides, you also can apply for a passport at our East Columbia and Glenwood Branches. Check out our language learning resources, as well as upcoming classes on photography.

Finally, make sure you save the date, February 24, for A Flower-full Evening in the Stacks! Tickets go on sale in January for this annual fundraiser to benefit early childhood learning.

As always, wishing you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!



Tonya Aikens  
President & CEO



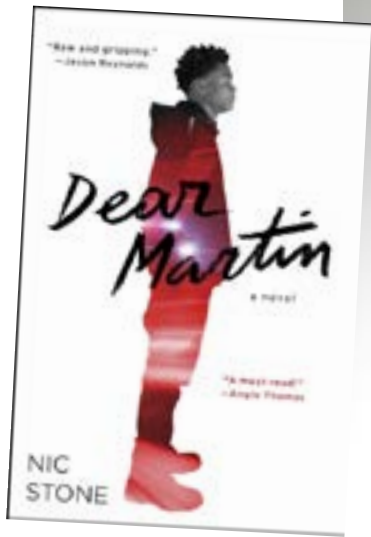
2023 Keepsake  
available in branches,  
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**ACCOMMODATIONS:**  
Appropriate accommodations made at Howard County Library System (HCLS) sponsored events for individuals with special needs, if requested at least one week in advance.

**CONTENT AND ENDORSEMENT:**  
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Please see [hclibrary.org/about-us/photo-video-and-audio-release](https://hclibrary.org/about-us/photo-video-and-audio-release).

# Bauder Book Talk with Nic Stone



Thursday, November 9  
4 - 6 pm  
East Columbia  
For teens.  
Registration required: [bit.ly/NicStone\\_HCLS](https://bit.ly/NicStone_HCLS)

**MEET** famed young adult author Nic Stone as she shares the inspiration behind her critically-acclaimed novel *Dear Martin* and other featured works.

When we hear someone tell their story, we connect to them in a deep and more meaningful way. Stone says that stories link us together; when we listen to the lives and experiences of people who are different from us, we discover our common ground.

She says that sharing our stories is vital to doing the essential, necessary work of racial and social justice.

Books available for purchase and signing.

**Bauder Book Talks** is made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Lillian Bauder, a community leader and Columbia resident. Howard County Library System present this annual endowed author event, for under-served students in grades 6-8 attending public schools in Columbia with high percentages of African American and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) students. Authors and titles selected are high-interest and high-quality on topics of social issues, equity, and related matters. Student participants have the opportunity to hear from and engage the author and receive a copy of the author's book. The event honors the memory of Don Bauder, late husband of Dr. Lillian Bauder and a champion of civil rights and social justice causes.



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– Huffington Post



## Windows and Mirrors Book Club

For teens. Registration preferred, visit [hclibrary.org](https://hclibrary.org) > classes & events.

Read and discuss books with diverse viewpoints that tackle tough issues, such as finding and establishing identity.

Central	ages 11 - 13	
Wednesdays	Dec 27 & Jan 31	6 - 7 pm
East Columbia	ages 11 - 13	
Tuesdays	Dec 19 & Jan 16	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Elkridge	ages 14 - 17	
Mondays	Dec 4 & Jan 8	7 - 8 pm
Glenwood	ages 11 - 13	
Thursdays	Dec 28 & Jan 25	6 - 7 pm
Miller	ages 14 - 17	
Saturdays	Dec 16 & Jan 20	3 - 4 pm
Savage	ages 14 - 17	
Wednesdays	Dec 6 & Jan 3	6 - 7 pm





## Visions: Tuba with Spoken Word

For adults. Register at [bit.ly/TubaJasmine](https://bit.ly/TubaJasmine)

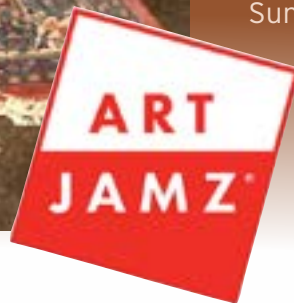
The arts are, at their core, about telling stories. Jasmine Pigott, tuba player, is exploring multiple art forms in her program "Visions," which combines spoken word with composition for solo tuba.

Each piece tells a story, with themes of overcoming adversity, fighting inner-demons in mental health battles, and navigating this world as a Black woman in America.

Jasmine "Jazzie" Pigott is a tuba player, composer, podcaster, and writer based in Baltimore. Believing in the power of representation, she is on a mission to empower the next generation of musicians of color.

Jasmine is a co-founder and member of the Chromatic Brass Collective. She holds degrees from Ithaca College and Michigan State University and is working on her DMA in tuba performance at the Peabody Conservatory.

Sun Nov 12 2 - 3 pm Miller



## Author Works

### Wendy Eckel's *Killer in a Winter Wonderland*

For adults. Register at [bit.ly/AuthorEckel](https://bit.ly/AuthorEckel)

In *Killer in a Winter Wonderland*, the much-anticipated holiday-themed fourth book in the Rosalie Hart cozy mystery series, Wendy Sand Eckel once again brings the fictional town of Cardigan, Maryland to life. With delectable menus, high stakes sleuthing, and the rich atmospheric scenes only the holiday season can provide, *Killer in a Winter Wonderland* is a cornucopia of delicious fare, compelling new and returning characters, and a fast-paced tale that keeps one riveted to the last page.

Eckel studied criminology and earned a Masters in Social Work. Before becoming a writer she worked as a psychotherapist, helping families and adolescents.

Her mystery series has been awarded "Best Cozy" by *Suspense* magazine, and *Mystery at Windswept Farm*, the third book in the series, made the humorous novel bestseller list on Amazon. A trained life coach, Wendy writes the advice column for the Maryland Writers' Association newsletter and enjoys mentoring aspiring authors.

Sat Dec 2 2 - 3 pm Miller



## Author Works

### *Growing an Edible Landscape: How to Transform Your Outdoor Space into a Food Garden*

For adults. Register at [bit.ly/edible\\_landscape\\_hcls](https://bit.ly/edible_landscape_hcls).

Authors Gary Pilarchik of @therustedgarden and Dr. Chiara D'Amore discuss their new collaborative book, *Growing an Edible Landscape: How to Transform Your Outdoor Space into a Food Garden*. Plan for the spring ahead and learn how you can convert your lawn and landscape areas into fruitful edible gardens with this practical guide overflowing with ideas, plans, designs, and know-how.

Gary Pilarchik has been gardening for most of his life. His grandfather taught him about vegetable gardening in first grade, and it ignited a passion that has been with him ever since. Gary started his YouTube channel, The Rusted Garden, in 2011 as a way to enjoy himself and teach others about gardening. He has since grown his following of dedicated subscribers, and started a second channel, My First Vegetable Garden, a few years later to cater to first-time vegetable growers. His belief is that a garden wants to give, vegetables want to grow, and everyone can have a successful garden.

Chiara D'Amore is the Executive Director of the Community Ecology Institute, a non-profit organization working to cultivate communities in which people and nature thrive together. She holds a Ph.D. in Sustainability Education and a Masters in Environmental Science and Engineering and teaches courses related to climate change, civic ecology, experiential education, and research design.

Mon Dec 4 7 - 8:15 pm Elkridge

## 2nd annual 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. Free demonstrations and information also available.

If you would like to share seeds, drop them at one of three locations, from **January 1 - 18**:

- HCLS Miller Branch  
9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City
- HCLS Elkridge Branch  
6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge
- Community Ecology Institute  
8000 Harriet Tubman Ln, Columbia

Saturday, January 20  
2 - 4 pm  
Miller Branch

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# Native American Heritage Month Celebration

Saturday, November 4 | 11 am - 3 pm

Color Burst Park

6000 Merriweather Dr., Columbia

2 pm: Author Steven Paul Judd  
(see next page)



In partnership with Howard Hughes, Columbia Association, Downtown Columbia Partnership, and Nava Be Dine



Performers include:

- Carly Harvey, Tsalagi and Tuscarora: singer
- Brett Walking Eagle, Dakota Sioux: flute player and singer
- Angela Gladue, Cree: hoop dancer
- Shawn IronMaker, Ft. Belkna: singer
- Lance Fisher, Northern Cheyenne: singer
- Chris EagleHawk, Lakota/Pueblo: traditional dancer
- Four members Iroquois-St. Regis Mohawk: smoke dancers
- Misty Nace & Nathan Solorio, Cree: dancers
- Jennifer Night Bird Miller, Cree: jingle dancer



## Meet Steven Paul Judd, author of The Rez Detectives

by Brooke McCauley, Administrative Branch

Steven Paul Judd was a student who loved movies when he decided to apply for a fellowship with ABC Disney. His submission, a speculative script for the television show *My Name is Earl*, secured him the fellowship and the opportunity to fly to Los Angeles to write. This launched his career, which now includes not only screen writing, but also fashion, books, painting, and whatever artistic medium inspires him in the moment. His substantive works often include satire with pop culture themes that lift Native American culture.



Judd, who is of Kiowa and Choctaw heritage, talks about his work at the fifth annual Native American Heritage Month Celebration on Saturday, November 4. Judd says these types of events are important, “because when people think about Native Americans and Native American heritage, they obviously think of the past, but we are also doing things today,” said Judd. “Like, I’m a writer. It’s a perfect opportunity to broaden people’s awareness about Native Americans in the arts.”

When asked about the inspiration for his bestselling *Rez Detectives* series, Judd says he did it for his childhood self, who saw little representation of Native culture in books. “I would have loved to have something like this when I was a kid! I loved comic books,” he said. The book was co-authored with his friend Tzili Jacob.

Things have changed considerably since 2011 when he first hit the Hollywood scene, Judd says. “There wasn’t a lot of indigenous representation in the (television) industry. Now you see a lot more,” said Judd. “There’s *Reservation Dogs*, *Rutherford Falls*, and of course, *Dark Wind*, which I write on.”

When he’s not creating, Judd pursues his passion of securing Indigenous treaty rights in his spare time. “It’s a pet project,” he said. “No one is going to right the wrongs of the past for moral reasons...you have to prove things legally.”

“Dig it if you can,” a catch phrase used by Judd, is the title of an award-winning documentary on his life created by filmmaker Kyle Bell. Catch it on Vimeo.

More opportunities to celebrate NAHM on page 8.

### Wonder Why Wednesday?

Ages 8-12. Ticketed. Free tickets available at desk 15 minutes before class.

Join us for hands-on learning experience creating Native American quill art.

Wed Nov 1 7 - 7:45 pm East Columbia

### Talking in Code: Native American Code Talkers in WWI & WWII

For adults and teens. Register at [bit.ly/3PXhv44](https://bit.ly/3PXhv44)

Learn about the history of Native American Code Talkers from both World Wars from Jennifer Wilcox, director of education for the National Cryptologic Museum.

Sat Nov 4 2 - 3 pm Savage

### Native Expulsion & Manifest Destiny

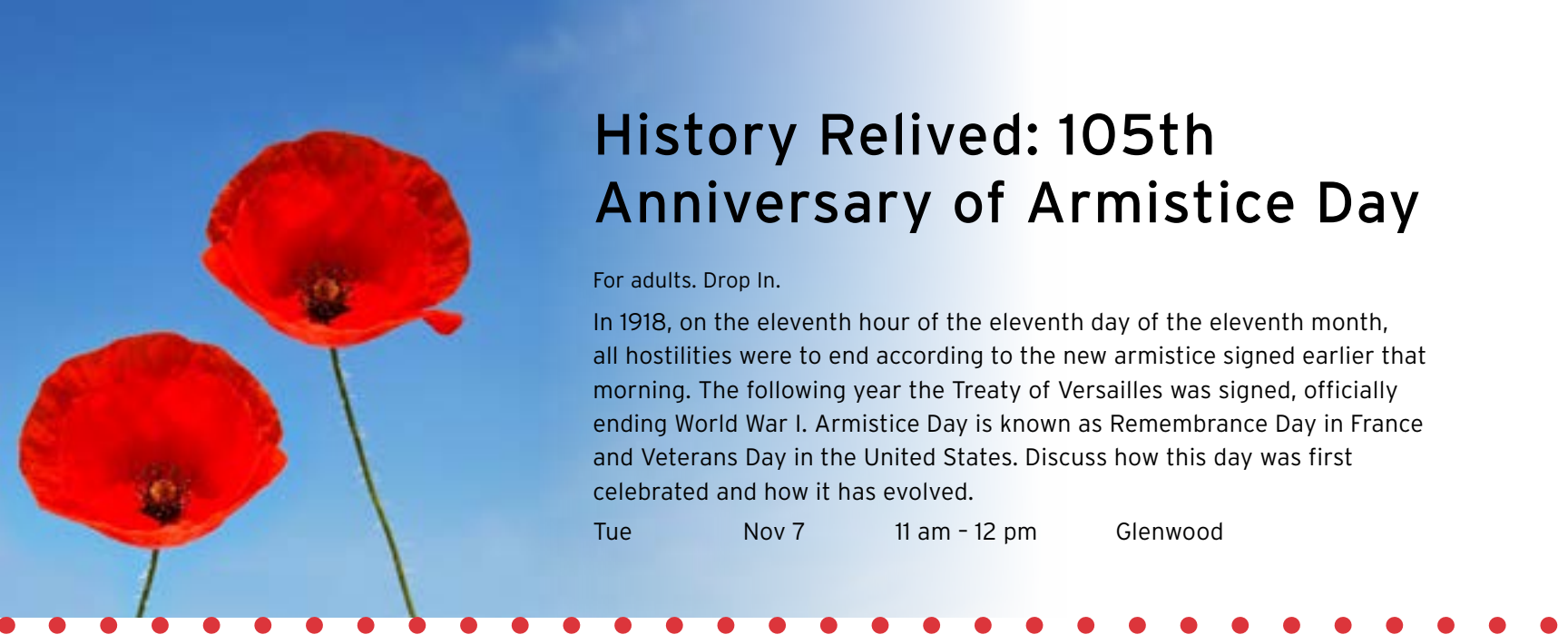
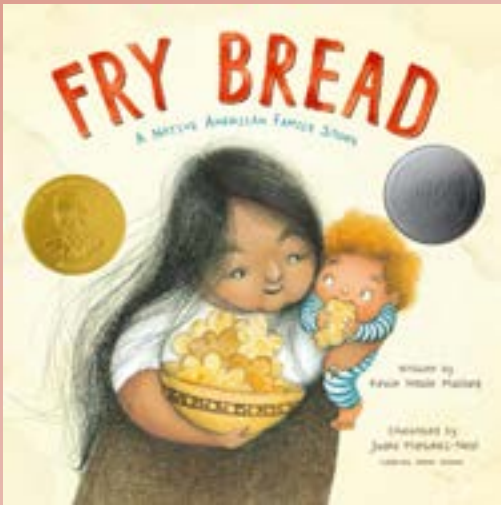
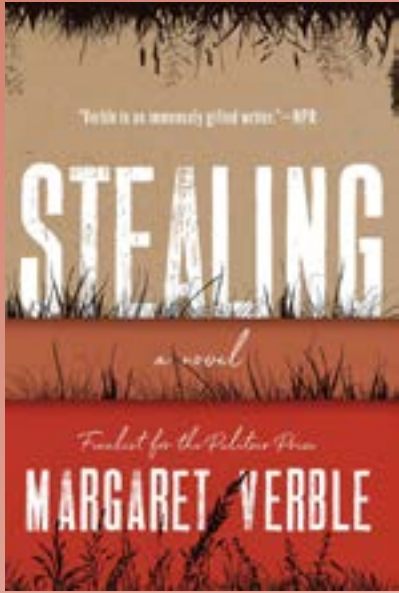
For adults. Register at [bit.ly/NativeExpulsion](https://bit.ly/NativeExpulsion)

Explore westward expansion and its impact upon Native communities. Even though the phrase ‘manifest destiny’ was not used in print until 1845, the spirit of American expansionism that it referred to was apparent long before the 1840s. Americans had been talking about pushing westward as if it was their manifest destiny ever since folks in Jamestown in the 1600s had started eyeing the land that Natives were settled on.

University of Maryland historian Richard Bell begins by tracking the story of Native expulsion and westward expansion from the Revolution era up through the 1850s, paying particular attention in the second half to the ways in which the West and Westward Expansion came to be romanticized in the American imagination.

Mon Nov 13 7 - 8 pm online





# History Relived: 105th Anniversary of Armistice Day

For adults. Drop In.

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, all hostilities were to end according to the new armistice signed earlier that morning. The following year the Treaty of Versailles was signed, officially ending World War I. Armistice Day is known as Remembrance Day in France and Veterans Day in the United States. Discuss how this day was first celebrated and how it has evolved.

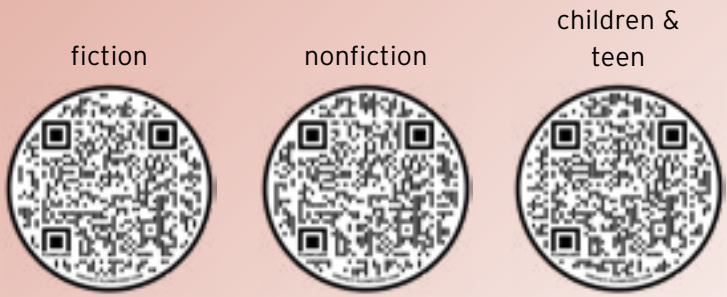
Tue	Nov 7	11 am - 12 pm	Glenwood
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**One Maryland One Book Discussion:**  
***There There* by Tommy Orange**  
For adults. Register at [bit.ly/therethereCEN](https://bit.ly/therethereCEN)

Discuss *There There* by Tommy Orange, a finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize.

Wed	Nov 1	7 - 8 pm	Central
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## FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Other HCLS Book Discussion Groups with NAHM selections:

**Nonfiction**  
*We Refuse to Forget: A True Story of Black Creeks, American Identity, and Power* by Caleb Gayle

Wed	Nov 15	7 - 8:30 pm	Savage
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**Between the Lines**  
*Living Nations, Living Words* by Joy Harjo

Fri	Nov 17	5 - 6 pm	
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Meets at Brewing Good Coffee Company in Savage Mill

**Nonfiction Addiction**  
*Heart Berries* by Terese Marie Mailhot

Thu	Nov 16	7 - 8 pm	East Columbia & online
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**Reads of Acceptance**  
*The Summer of Bitter and Sweet* by Jen Ferguson

Thu	Nov 30	7 - 8 pm	online
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**Walking with East Columbia Branch and 50+ Center**  
For adults. Learn more and register at [bit.ly/walk\\_eco](https://bit.ly/walk_eco)

Walking is a great way to get some activity into your routine. Let's get up and walk together. Come and walk around the library. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. During inclement weather, we walk inside.

Mondays	9:30 - 10:30 am	East Columbia
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**Stress-Free STEAM for Adults: Pressed Leaf Bookmark**  
For adults. Register at [bit.ly/stress\\_free\\_steam](https://bit.ly/stress_free_steam)

As the leaves fall around us, we investigate their structure and function in our ecosystem before creating a pressed leaf bookmark. All craft abilities welcome. Materials provided.

Thu	Nov 2	7 - 8 pm	Miller
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**Knitting Workshop with Sam Barsky**  
For adults. Register at [bit.ly/barskyCEN](https://bit.ly/barskyCEN)

Following a brief overview of his knitting career and experiences as a designer and world traveler, Sam Barsky introduces participants to a variety of knitting techniques he uses to create his charming sweater designs. Experienced knitters receive instructional handouts and gain hands-on experience with advanced knitting and design techniques. Register to receive a supplies list before the workshop.

Mon	Nov 13	2 - 4 pm	Central
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**Craft Works: Gratitude Journal**  
For adults. Register for your preferred session at [bit.ly/hclscraftworks](https://bit.ly/hclscraftworks)

Learn about different art media and explore new techniques. In November: Create a gratitude journal.

Thu	Nov 16	2 - 3:30 pm	Central
Tue	Nov 21	7 - 8:30 pm	Central

**Resume Workshop**  
For adults. Register at [bit.ly/res\\_workshop\\_sav](https://bit.ly/res_workshop_sav)

Do you need a new (or first!) resume? This workshop offers hands on assistance in locating resume templates, filling out your resume, and even having your resume edited through HCLS resources.

Sat	Nov 18	2 - 3 pm	Savage
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**Films for Humans**  
For adults. Learn more and register at [bit.ly/filmsforhumans](https://bit.ly/filmsforhumans)

Watch films about humans, since all great stories involve great characters, then we'll discuss them with our fellow humans. November's film is *La Bamba*.

Thu	Nov 30	6 - 8:30 pm	Elkridge
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**Dia de las Velitas / Little Candles Day**  
Ages 5-10 with adult. 45 minutes. Ticket required.

Make paper lanterns to celebrate "Little Candles Day," a Colombian holiday that takes place annually on December 7. The tradition consists of lighting candles and lanterns.

Thu	Dec 7	5 - 5:45 pm	Elkridge
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**Make & Trade Eras Tour-Inspired Friendship Bracelets**  
For ages 10+ and adults. Drop In.

Were you permanently waitlisted for Taylor Swift Eras Tour tickets? Don't worry, you can make and trade Swift-inspired friendship bracelets at our drop-in workshop! Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Tue	Dec 12	6 - 8 pm	Elkridge
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## Staff Spotlight: Geneka "Coach" Young

**Title and branch:**

East Columbia, Teen Instructor & Research Specialist

**How long have you been with HCLS?**

5 years

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

The opportunity to connect, enrich, and hopefully leave an impact on the next generation

**Are you involved in the community?**

Yes, I'm a part of a collective called the HASS Crew. We produce social events and enrichment programs for underprivileged communities. We also help small businesses create brand experiences.

**What's an unusual fact about you?**

I enjoy being behind the scenes. I prefer to just curate and let the results speak for itself. I'm shocked that I'm even doing this right now because I hate attention. But I'm proud of the work Carmen Jessop and I are doing here and appreciate the opportunity to spotlight it.

**Favorite movie or show?**

It's a tie between *The Last Dragon* and *The Warriors*.

**Do you have pets? What kind?**

Yes, I have a pitbull mastiff named Apollo but he also occasionally answers to, "Nooo, Apollo." He's a heart stealer.

**Favorite type of music?**

Currently Afrobeat. It doesn't matter if it's a happy or sad song. It's something about the beat that's like a shot of dopamine for the soul.

**Favorite time of year?**

The fall because I love layering clothes.

**What inspires/motivates you?**

My grandmother and mom. They both were community leaders and worked with youth. They are the main reason why I do what I do now.

**If you could be a superhero, who would you be?**

Batman. I know he isn't technically a superhero. But I think that's what makes him the best and most relatable. He's flawed and underestimated but the smartest and most prepared for battle at the table.

## American Education Week: Celebrate Our Schools

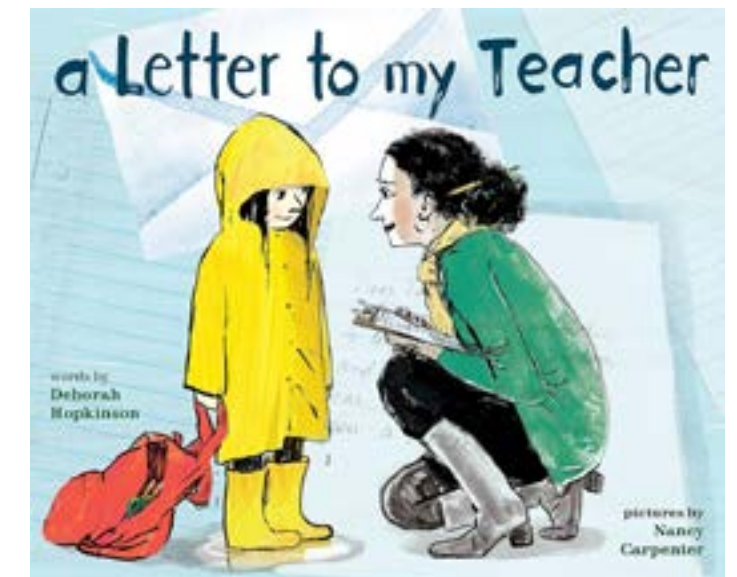
by Jean Boone, Central Branch

A thousand hours. That's roughly how much time children spend in school each year. But how many people, from the bus drivers, to the teachers and staff, to the cafeteria workers, and the crossing guards, touch their lives and make education possible throughout those 1,000+ hours? **American Education Week, November 13-17**, celebrates our nation's commitment to free, public education for every child and recognizes the myriad individuals who bring that commitment to life with their skill, dedication, and kindness.

It takes a unified effort involving educators, students, families, and communities to deliver on the promise of high quality education. Join in!

American Education Week often includes opportunities to visit your students' classrooms, one step in becoming engaged. Check with your neighborhood schools to find out what they have planned in 2023. The library offers another pathway of connection to public education. We're a link in the education community, connecting students, parents, and teachers with resources they need to succeed, especially through the A+ Partnership.

Did you know that teachers can receive special borrowing privileges with an Educator card? And that every HCPSS

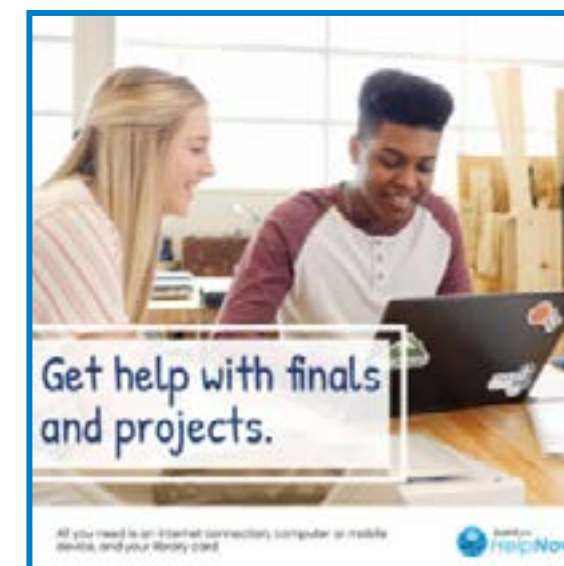


student has a virtual HCLS account to access our books, databases, online research tools, and resources from home, 24/7? Did you know that in the hours your child's teacher is not available for help, you can access Brainfuse live online tutors through the HCLS website for support in math, English, science, writing, and more?

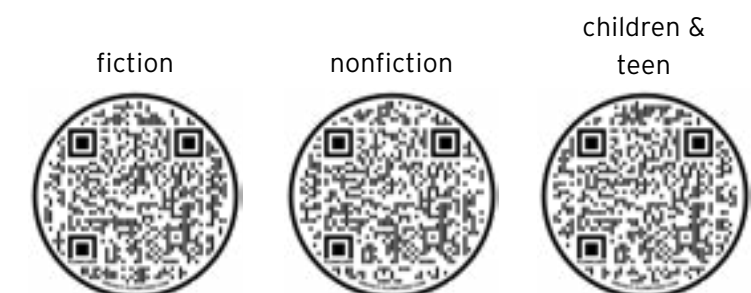
Even if you don't go through the door of a school this year during American Education Week, you can always open a window into that world with a book from the library. Inspiring stories of great learning abound: check out the picture book *A Letter to My Teacher* by Deborah Hopkinson; middle grade novel *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea, or adult fiction *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines, or find many other options by scanning the QR codes below.

[Homework getting ever more difficult?](#)

[Online tutoring available with Brainfuse!](#)



### MORE FOR EDUCATION WEEK



## COMING SOON: TeenLive!

Events and activities for middle and high school students happen at different library branches. Bring your energy and enthusiasm to a space designed by and for you to have fun with friends and dream big!

**save the dates:**

Fri	Jan 17	1 - 4 pm	Elkridge
Sat	Jan 27	3 - 5 pm	Central





# Ready to See the World

by Sahana Callahan, Savage Branch

The library's always been the home of adventure, with new unknowns to explore with every turn of a page. You know that visiting the library can leave you with a wealth of knowledge about a new place in every book you carry.

But sometimes, reading about another far-off place or watching a movie set in a distant land isn't enough. Sometimes, you're looking for a more immersive experience, and your imagination just isn't cutting it - it's time for the real deal. Planning trips can be exhausting, though, and finding where and how to start can be the hardest part.

Let us help plan your trip - between travel guides, our passport centers, and ways to brush up on your language skills, the library can get you ready for your next big trip. You've dreamed about it, book in hand, so let us help you get there.

Wander down the travel aisle at any of our six branches, and starting with the 914s, you'll find inspiration for all sorts of far-off places to begin your journey, whether that be on the

other side of the world, or just the other side of the country. Once you've discovered your destination, and you've decided it's time to go, our East Columbia and Glenwood branches will accept your passport application and help you through the whole process. You can even brush the dust off of your current passport and obtain forms to renew at the library (We recommend that you drop it in the mail to save money).

In the meantime, as your passport is processed, use our language resources, Mango and Rosetta Stone Online for the adults in the family, as well as Little Pim and Muzzy Online for our younger friends! And, you can practice your newfound language skills in the community at East Columbia and Miller Branches at our monthly World Language Cafes (see next page), working with native language speakers and other language learners.

To avoid missing us while you're gone, make sure to pick up a Flat Booker from your closest branch too, and take pictures to show us once you return, so we can share in the adventure too.



## Passport Services at the Library

**EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH**  
Monday - Thursday  
10 am - 7 pm

Saturday  
10 am - 4 pm

**GLENWOOD BRANCH**  
Monday - Thursday  
1 pm - 7 pm

Saturday  
10 am - 3 pm

**WHO MAY APPLY?**  
Any U.S. citizen, including children and infants.

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**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**  
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## Intro to Smartphone Photography

For adults. Register at [bit.ly/smart\\_photo\\_sav](http://bit.ly/smart_photo_sav)

Looking forward to visiting friends and family this holiday season? Learn about smartphone photography so you can capture those memories and save them for later! We'll go over the basic functions of smartphone cameras, including taking selfies, pictures, and videos, as well as some tips and tricks for editing your images and sharing and storing them once they're made. Bring your smartphone with you if you would like to be able to practice during class.

Tue Nov 14 2 - 3 pm Savage

## World Languages Café

For adults.

Meet to practice a world language with fellow community members, facilitated by a native or fluent speaker of that language.

At East Columbia: register at [bit.ly/wlc\\_eco](http://bit.ly/wlc_eco)

Tue Nov 28 7 - 8:45 pm

At Miller: register at [bit.ly/wlc\\_mil](http://bit.ly/wlc_mil)

Second Thursdays 7 - 8:45 pm

## Photography

For adults and teens ages 14+. Register at [bit.ly/photo72](http://bit.ly/photo72)

Learn how the digital single lens reflex camera is engineered to utilize part of the electromagnetic spectrum we call visible light. Obtain hands-on experience using a DSLR camera and learn numerous picture-taking techniques. Taught by a HiTech instructor. Registration is not required, and walk-ins are welcome.

Sat Dec 2 11 am - 12:30 pm Glenwood

## HiLights

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Follow our blog at [chapterchats.org](http://chapterchats.org) for reviews and library news, like this one from the summer for *Sorry, Bro* by Taleen Voskuni:

I always find it fun to read books set in familiar places.

It's delightful to recognize

street names and to have

memories evoked by local

scents and flavors. The

cover of *Sorry, Bro* seemingly

promised me these with its

Golden Gate Bridge set against

a golden sunset (be still, my

born-and-raised Californian

heart!), a frame of pomegranate-laden vines, and a

description hinting at the revelations uncovered by its

Armenian protagonist, Nareh. My family lived overseas

in the Caucasus region for several years, and its mention

tripped a longing for the culture and people we fell in

love with there. I was sold. (by Lenae, Aug 25)



## ADULT READING Challenge



## A year of reading continues!

Continue to challenge your reading selections this year. Track in your booklet or at [hclibrary.org/readsquared](http://hclibrary.org/readsquared).



# Romare Bearden:

## ARTIST, ACTIVIST, VETERAN



Carolina Blues by Romare Bearden

by Emily Bell, Central Branch

### A closer look at the prolific artist whose influence extends beyond the art world.

Artist Romare Bearden was born in North Carolina in 1911 and moved to Harlem a few years later as part of the Great Migration, which saw approximately 6 million African Americans leave the southern United States for industrialized areas with less hostility and prejudice. Bearden's mother Bessye was a prominent civic activist, and their Harlem home hosted notable cultural figures like Duke Ellington and Langston Hughes. This intersection of activism and artistry would prove influential to Bearden and his life's work, but not before a quick detour into America's favorite pastime. While attending college in Boston, Bearden became a baseball star. He pitched for his school's team and the Boston Tigers, part of the all-black Negro Baseball League.



via beardenfoundation.org

He was offered a spot on Philadelphia Athletics, a Major League team, on the condition that he passed for white. Bearden rejected the offer and returned to New York, uncomfortable with hiding his identity. After graduating college, Bearden became a case worker for the New York Department of Social Services. He would continue in this line of work on and off to support his artistic passions, which he pursued most nights and weekends. He also spent a few years as a political cartoonist for the *Baltimore Afro-American*, a weekly newspaper (available at [hclibrary.org](http://hclibrary.org) > research). During this time he joined the Harlem Artists Guild, a collective of Black artists that aimed to encourage young artists and foster an appreciation for art, while creating awareness of the issues faced by the community. Most of Bearden's art during this period consisted of abstract paintings. Between 1942 and 1945 Bearden was in Europe, serving in the all-Black 372nd Infantry Regiment of the US Army. Bearden returned to Europe in 1950, utilizing the GI Bill to study literature and philosophy and tour museums. After returning from his studies Europe, painting felt stale to Bearden. He found inspiration in the Civil Rights Movement and mass media. He began creating collages, utilizing magazine clippings to create socially-conscious works of art. This artistic shift was well received, with his collages becoming his most iconic works. Prior to his death in 1988, Bearden created approximately 2,000 works of art across many mediums. While he is most remembered for his collages, his impact extends far beyond the art world. Framed reproductions of his works "Carolina Blues" and "Jamming at the Savoy" are available to borrow from the Central Branch's Art Education Collection.

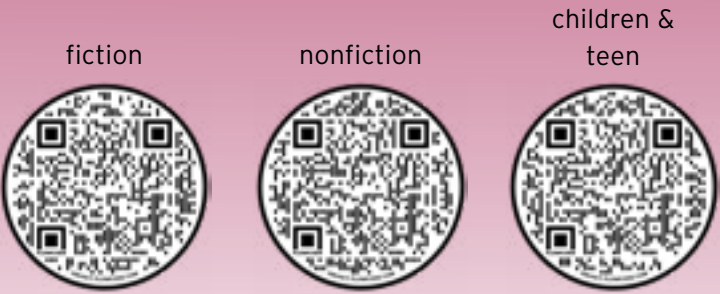


### Colors of Courage: A Guided Painting Class for Veterans

For veterans. Register at [bit.ly/VeteransPaint](https://bit.ly/VeteransPaint). Looking for a unique way to express yourself and connect with fellow veterans? Consider this veteran-focused guided painting class that offers a chance to connect with other veterans in a supportive and nurturing environment. Enjoy the opportunity to socialize and bond with other veterans, fostering a sense of camaraderie and support.

Wed Nov 8 6:30 - 8:30 pm Elkridge

### FOR VETERANS DAY



## My 5 Things



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- 1 **Chromebooks & Hotspots** - a collection of Chromebooks and/or Wi-Fi hotspots that customers can borrow to work from anywhere.
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- 4 **DIY Collection** - a collection of experimental and creative hands-on learning tools
- 5 **Video Games** - a collection of video games that includes Xbox, Nintendo Switch and PlayStation games that can be borrowed



# Seasons Greetings from HCLS!

by Brandon Bannister, Central Library

While you are preparing for the holiday season, consider all of the wonderful resources that the library offers. The holiday traditions can bring joy, peace and happiness (if also maybe a little stress), for example, planning your holiday meal or exploring home decorations. We can point you towards books on the shelves and magazines on your electronic device, all of which offer many ideas.

Would you like to learn more about the seven principles of Kwanzaa and/or Hanukkah? You can browse through our catalog for great books, DVDs, and online resources. For some Christmas fun, don't forget these movies: *Home Alone*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *A Miracle on 34th Street* to get you in the holiday spirit.

No matter what holiday you are celebrating with your religion, culture, or nationality, spending time with family is one of the most precious commodities to cherish. If you are looking to complete your Christmas shopping and want to find the best available products, your library card gives you full access to the Consumer Reports online database at [hclibrary.org](http://hclibrary.org) > research.

Maybe you are preparing to make new year's resolutions for health, wealth, or a better self? Start with our health collection on exercise, nutrition, and modern medicine. If you want to improve your finances for the new year, we have great books on personal finances, business ownership, and you can explore our small business and investment databases online.

Enjoy the holiday season and the New Year with HCLS.

# Holiday To-Do List #1: LAUGH

by Cherise Tasker, Central Branch

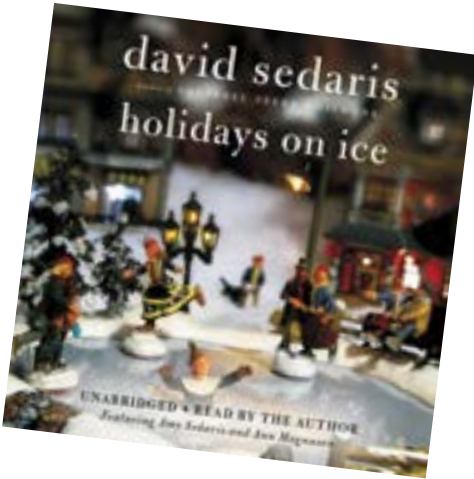
Goals for the holidays must include laughing out loud. Serious humor bursts the stress bubble, making shopping go quicker, cooking smoother, and socializing more relaxed. Also, it never hurts to take some solid jabs at consumerism.

First stop, Jean Shepherd's classic, *A Christmas Story*. This gem can be found as a book, audiobook, movie, and musical soundtrack at HCLS. Sheperd gained fame as a radio announcer who included comedy stories in his show. *A Christmas Story* is his autobiographical tale of nine-year-old Ralphie who wishes for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. He is stymied by the adults in his life who respond, "You'll shoot your eye out." Along the way, Ralphie's dad wins an unusual prize in a puzzle contest, a provocative lamp shaped like a leg in a fishnet stocking. There's an unforgettable scene where Ralphie's friend, Flick, takes on the dare of whether his tongue will stick to a frozen flagpole. Spoiler alert: it does.

Need a good laugh and can't spare much time to read? Go for just one short story, "Christmas Means Giving" by David Sedaris. In fact, if there's no time to read it, or even if there is, listen to Sedaris' own charming presentation of this tale of woeful holiday excess. Sedaris reimagines loving thy neighbor and the joy of giving. Who can resist a Christmas card that includes a friend's stock portfolio? To keep the

merriment going, listen to "SantaLand Diaries" as well, picturing the man behind the voice as an elf at Macy's, assisting in the mayhem that is getting photos taken with Santa in midtown Manhattan. Both essays can be found in *Holidays on Ice*, available as hard copy, e-book, e-audiobook, digital audio, and CD. "Christmas Means Giving" is also in Sedaris's *The Best of Me* collection that includes many of the writer's best works and is available as hard copy, e-book, e-audiobook, and CD.

"My personal Festivus would include both latkes and Christmas cookies," affirms Hannah Hart in *My Drunk Kitchen Holidays!: How to Savor and Celebrate the Year*. The intoxicated and intoxicating chef wants to be sure everyone can make a "decent" latke with her "Love the Way You Latke" recipe that includes the important step of removing all extra moisture from the potatoes and onions before cooking. Hart is okay with skipping the holidays but doesn't want anyone missing out on unique, delicious food and drink. Because Hart wants readers to take care of themselves, the cookbook even has a face mask recipe. For more year-round joy, explore her "MyHarto" YouTube channel. Remember, everything's more festive served in a wine glass, especially mashed potatoes. Cheers!



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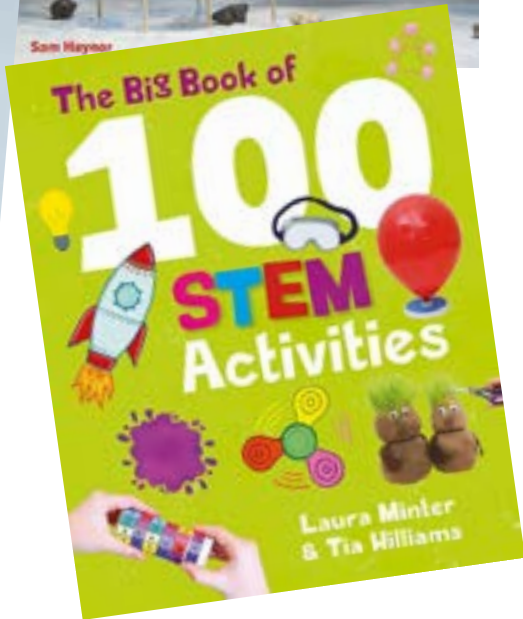
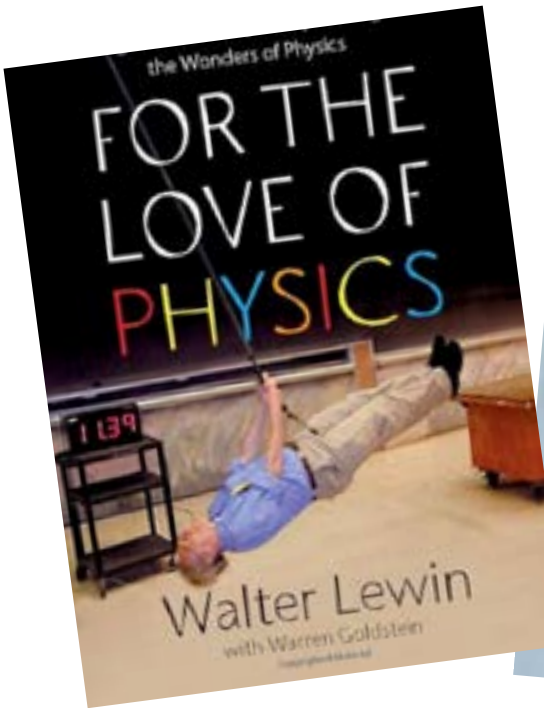
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