**Letter from the President and CEO**

If you’ve not yet started your Summer Reading Adventures, what are you waiting for? The hot, lazy, humid days of summer are perfect for cooling off in the library and starting your adventures! Every age group has a game (birth to 10), or a raffle (11-18), or a booklet (adults) to make this season of reading rewarding.

To help you get in the spirit, two authors are visiting in July (p. 3). Neil King, Jr. talks about American Ramble, part travelogue and part memoir of his adventure as he walked from Washington, DC to New York, NY. Sarah Adler, author of quirky romantic comedies, discusses her novel, Happy Medium.

In July, we celebrate Independence Day. Here in Maryland, we also celebrate the Freedom to Read Act (p. 7), signed into law this spring by Governor Moore. Libraries have always been, and continue to be, committed to the First Amendment and to providing collections and events that represent differing views.

Summer is also, paradoxically, a season of hunger for families who rely on meals provided at school. In partnership with the school system, Good Harvest, and The Roving Radish, the library offers several sites for daily meals, snacks, and access to healthy foods through August (p. 4).

For teens, HiTech STEAM classes are underway and culminate in the carnival on August 3 (p. 10), at the East Columbia Branch. The HiTech summer program offers hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) classes to boost skills and create cool projects.

As summer winds to a close, we look forward to a brand new school year. For kids entering kindergarten, register for Kindergarten, Here We Come! at all our branches (p. 16). After having fun with stories and songs that help wiggle away the worries, youngsters get to practice walking up the big steps at the library and starting your adventures! Every age group has a game (birth to 10), or a raffle (11-18), or a booklet (adults) to make this season of reading rewarding.

This issue is filled with opportunities for you to connect with the community at the library, from crafting and cooking classes to legal workshops, and even a chance to learn about edible landscaping.

We hope to see you!

Tonya Aikens
President & CEO

**Author Works: Neil King, Jr. & American Ramble**


“Part travelogue, part history, American Ramble is a thoughtful, warm-hearted guide to the country that we’ve inherited and that we’re making.” —Elizabeth Kolbert, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning The Sixth Extinction

American Ramble is a revelatory memoir about a 330-mile walk from Washington, DC to New York City—an unforgettable pilgrimage to the heart of America across some of our oldest common ground. King’s desire to embark on this trek began as a whim and soon became an obsession.

What followed is an extraordinary 26-day journey through historic battlefields and cemeteries, over the Mason-Dixon line, past Quaker and Amish farms, along Valley Forge stream beds, atop a New Jersey trash mound, across New York Harbor, and, finally, to his ultimate destination: the Ramble, where a tangle of pathways converges in Central Park. The journey travels deep into America’s past and present, uncovering forgotten pockets and overlooked people. At a time of mounting disunity, the trip reveals the profound power of our shared ground.

By turns amusing, inspiring, and sublime, American Ramble offers an exquisite account of personal and national renewal—an indelible study of our country as we’ve never seen it before.

Neil King, Jr. is a former national political reporter and editor for The Wall Street Journal. He was deeply involved in the coverage of 9/11 that won The Journal the Pulitzer Prize. He has also written for The New York Times, The Atlantic, and other publications. American Ramble is his first book. He lives in Washington, DC.

You can read a review at [chapterchats.org](http://chapterchats.org).

Thu
Jul 11
7 – 8 pm
Miller

**Author Works: Sarah Adler & Happy Medium**


A clever con woman must convince a skeptical, sexy farmer of his property’s resident real-life ghost if she’s to save them all from a fate worse than death, in this delightful new novel from the author of Mrs. Nash’s Ashes.

Sarah Adler is a USA Today bestselling author of romantic comedies about lovable weirdos finding their happily ever afters. Her debut novel, Mrs. Nash’s Ashes, was a New York Public Library Best Book of 2023. Her second, Happy Medium, is a USA Today bestseller. She received both her BA in History and American Studies and MA in History from American University in Washington, DC, where she focused on 19th and early 20th century U.S. culture.

She lives in Maryland with her husband, daughter, and very mischievous cat.

Sat
Jul 22
3 – 4 pm
Miller

**“The perfect alchemy of romance, humor and quirky originality.”** —Sophie Cousens, New York Times bestselling author of This Time Next Year and The Good Part

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**HOURLY ONLINE**

East Columbia: 410.313.7700

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Glenwood: 410.313.5597

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Miller: 410.313.1950

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SUMMER MEALS & SNACKS

HCPS Summer Food Sites
bit.ly/hcps-summer-meals

To continue meeting the need to feed hungry children and families and fill the nutritional gap over the summer months, the Howard County Public School System continues its free summer meal program, which includes two library locations.

Lunch served at East Columbia and Elkridge Branches:
Monday - Friday
Jun 24 - Aug 2
12:30 - 2 pm

Library Snacks
Children and teens (ages 18 and under) receive a free snack every afternoon. Sponsored by Good Harvest.

Mon - Fri
Jun 3 - Aug 30
Central
2 - 3 pm
East Columbia
3:30 - 4:30 pm

Roving Radish Mobile Market
bit.ly/rovingradish

Roving Radish introduces a new Mobile Market, featuring affordable, healthy, farm fresh food for everyone. The mobile marketplace visits 12 stops weekly, including Howard County Library System branches. Look for them in our parking lots.

East Columbia
Mondays: 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Elkridge
Wednesdays: 2:30 - 4:30 pm

FARMERS MARKET
Wednesdays
2 - 6 pm
Miller Branch

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Enroll any time and participate in summer reading.

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CELEBRATING AMERICA!

Museum@TheLibrary series
National Gallery of Art: American Stories
For adults. Register at bit.ly/National-Art
American art can tell complex stories about our evolving national identity in the United States. Look closely at American art from the colonial period to the early 20th century, engaging in conversation and exploring diverse perspectives with these works from our collection.
Wed Jul 10 1 - 2 pm online

Highlights of the Washington National Cathedral
The idea of a sacred home for all Americans in the nation's capital is as old as the country itself.
Pierre L'Enfant's original design for the new capital city included a "great church for national purposes," an idea that sat idle until an 1893 congressional charter authorized construction. Work began in 1907, when President Theodore Roosevelt helped lay the foundation stone. Construction ended 83 years after it began, when President George H.W. Bush oversaw the laying of the final stone atop the towers in 1990.

This virtual tour shares highlights of the interior of this magnificent Cathedral to include architecture, stained glass, stone carvings, and much more. The Washington National Cathedral is the site of the Inaugural Prayer Service for incoming U.S. Presidents and has hosted the funerals for Presidents Eisenhower, Reagan, Ford, and George H. W. Bush, along with many other memorial services, including for John McCain and Sandra Day O'Connor.
Wed Aug 7 1 - 2 pm online

World Languages Cafe
For teens and adults. Register at bit.ly/languagescafehcls
Enjoy an engaging evening dedicated to language learning and cultural exploration. Meet people who share your passion for languages and enjoy learning new cultures, enhance your fluency through conversation and listening, pick up practical phrases, and reconnect with the languages of your childhood.
Established by the Columbia Association, the World Languages Cafe is a collaborative project among Howard County Library System, East Columbia 50+ Center, and the Columbia Association.
We are seeking volunteers who are native speakers or who are fluent in a world language to host and facilitate conversation at a table at the World Languages Cafe. If you are interested, please email Diane.Li@hclibrary.org.
Sessions run 7 - 8:45 pm.
2nd Thursdays Miller
4th Tuesdays East Columbia 50+ Ctr

Your Freedom to Read
by Brandon Bannister, Central Branch
The Fourth of July holiday commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which proclaimed our intent to form a new nation. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness has always been the fabric of the American dream. Celebrate Independence Day with a parade, spend time with friends and family, enjoy a delicious hot dog or burger from the grill, and sip on an ice-cold snowball. Conclude the night with spectacular fireworks, with all the sparkling colors on display, all in celebration of the many freedoms of our country.
When we fought for and won our independence, our Founding Fathers enshrined important guarantees in the Constitution's Bill of Rights. First among them, the freedom of press, speech, and assembly. On April 25, 2024, Governor Wes Moore signed the Maryland Freedom to Read Act into law. This new law requires all libraries to adopt a collection development policy that complies with State standards to qualify for funding. What does that mean? Libraries cannot exclude materials from their collection or remove them based on partisan or doctrinal disapproval, or because of the origin, background, or views of the person who created the material. The Act also protects library staff by prohibiting governing bodies from retaliating against employees who act in a manner consistent with the State standards, which will be developed by the State Library.
The Freedom to Read Act reaffirms the constitutional principle that library materials, services, and resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all persons the library serves.
Why was this needed? According to the American Library Association, a record 4,240 unique book titles were targeted for censorship in 2023, a 65 percent increase over the 2,571 unique titles targeted in 2022 and a staggering 128 percent increase over 2021 numbers. In Maryland, 148 titles were challenged — making it one of 17 states to exceed 100. Forty-seven percent of the nationally-targeted books were titles representing the voices and lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC individuals.
No individual's interests and beliefs should dictate what the community has access to. Libraries have always been and continue to be committed to the First Amendment and to providing collections and events that represent differing views. We welcome everyone as they explore their interests without judgment or fear of reprisal.
As you celebrate Independence Day and reflect on our freedoms, explore these or other books and resources that continue the conversation about our country, its history, and future.
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An African Slave, written by himself
The Courage to be Free: Florida's Blueprint for America's Revival by Ron Desantis
Road to Brown, a documentary film about the landmark Supreme Court decision, Brown vs. Board of Education, that desegregated schools and allowed minorities the freedom to attend any school of their choice.
Happy 4th of July and happy reading!

READ MORE ABOUT U.S. HISTORY

Road to Brown
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SUMMER READING ADVENTURES FOR TEENS
ages 11 - 18
raffles
EARN TICKETS AND WIN PRIZES!
through August 31

Stop by a library branch to submit a raffle ticket each time you finish one of the listed summer reading adventures.

When you complete 10 adventures, you receive a prize of a multi-colored pen and are entered into the grand prize drawing for $150 gift card to the Mall in Columbia.

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College Information Session
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Thu  Aug 22  7 - 8:30 pm  Elkridge

Stop Motion Movie Making
For ages 15 - 18. Register at bit.ly/StopMotion_HCLS.
Plan and direct your own movie! Work in a group to create a script, make a set, and film a stop motion animation video. Plan to attend both days.
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4th Wednesdays; 7 - 8 pm  Jul 24 & Aug 28  Savage

Adult, Child and Infant CPR and AED Education
For adults & teens. Teens must be accompanied by an adult. Register at bit.ly/HCLS_AED_ED.
Ready to learn how to save a life? Learn the basics of CPR from the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services. This FREE non-certification class covers CPR for adult, child and infant victims, choking relief, and how to use an AED. Get hands-on practice to build life-saving skills and participate in fun activities to challenge your knowledge.
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Glenwood D&D Club
For ages 12+. Registration recommended: bit.ly/GlenwoodDandD_HCLS.
Drop in for a casual Dungeons & Dragons game: Open to all experience levels, beginners welcome. Missed the first meeting? No problem - this club is designed for flexibility.
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HiTech classes return!

Have a summer adventure at your library! Running through August 9, the HiTech summer program offers hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) classes so you can boost your skills, explore your interests, and create cool projects.

Check out these tracks and choose one (or more than one!) that’s right for you.

**STEAM Leadership Academy:** Over two weeks, explore the opportunities and skills for STEAM leadership. Interact with leaders in the field and apply what you learn to hands-on projects. Learn leadership skills that will be useful at school and throughout life.

**Go Green:** Dig deep into the world of horticulture as you explore hydroponics, green gardening, and the construction of living wells.

**Underwater Science and Engineering:** Dive in with the SeaPerch submersibles and marine science classes. SeaPerch is a remotely operated vehicle built by students to accomplish underwater competitions. Learn about the different living organisms, creature, conditions, and aspects of underwater living.

**Tech Foundations and Robotics:** Learn and practice coding in Python, Java, CSS, Arduino, and other languages. Practice your programming skills as you make a humanoid robot move, customize a Ten80 race car, implement Generative AI to make a robotic arm play a game, or work on LEGO Mind Storms.

**Engineering Your Way:** Project-based engineering classes not only teach engineering principles but also create fun things people can use. Classes include civil engineering, aerospace engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, which work toward building carnival games or vacuum-formed objects. Practice the basics with mousetrap cars, and compete in Rube Goldberg competitions.

**Artistic Impressions:** Use paints, computers, laser cutting, 3D printing, and other mediums to explore your artistic side. New this year: interior design and architecture class.

**Mathematically Speaking:** “Short take” math classes introduce math concepts or help you refresh concepts from the past school year. Classes include games of probability and chance, computational thinking, algebra 1 & 2, geometry, and SAT math.

**Scientific Perspectives:** Geek out in this science track featuring physics, chemistry, biology, genetics, or nanomedicine. Build a weather balloon or conduct messy experiments.

Sounds like fun? Here’s what you need to know:

- HiTech classes run through August 9.
- Individual classes can run for one to three weeks. Monday - Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.
- Sign up begins three weeks prior to the first day of class at bit.ly/hitech-2024 (scan the QR code).
- Classes are held at our East Columbia, Elkridge, and Savage branches.
- Ages 11 - 18

**Come one, Come all!**

For families. Play games and interactives, like pinball and skeeball, built by HiTech students. Participate in a Paint-and-Sip or Build-and-Sip, ride a miniature train, and watch the car race, robotics challenges, and win prizes.

Stop by booths from local businesses and vendors, and don’t miss the petting zoo! Food and beverages available to purchase from local food trucks.

**HiTech STEAM Carnival**

- Sat 10 am - 2 pm East Columbia

### STEAM READING

- **nonfiction**
- **children & teen**

### Junk Drawer Engineering

- **25 Challenges for Kids**
- **Diy Drones: Monsters**

### HiTech STEAM Carnival

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Summer Reading Adventures: Finish Strong!

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Eclectic Evenings meets online on second Tuesdays and discusses Yellowface by R.F. Kuang in July and The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan in August.

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Community Plant Swap
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Calling all plant lovers and the plant-curious! Join our first live plant swap, and learn how to propagate common houseplants and how to set your plants up for success.
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Intro to Smartphone Photography
For adults. Register at bit.ly/smart_photo
Interested in learning more about your smartphone camera? Explore features like recording video, adding filters to pictures, and using the timer. Review basic tips for taking good selfies, selecting backgrounds, and using optimal lighting. For Android and iPhone.
Mon Jul 15 11 am - 12 pm Glenwood

Social Media for Small Business
For adults. Details at bit.ly/hcls_socialbiz
Looking for ways to get your small business more connected online? Learn about the ways that different social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X) can work to support your goals.
Mon Jul 15 7 - 8 pm Savage

BINGO! Social
For adults. Register at bit.ly/bingo_HCLS
B-I-N-G-O! Get sociable and win prizes while you compete and converse with other bingo fans.
Thu Jul 18 2 - 4 pm Central
Thu Aug 22 2 - 4 pm Savage

by Sahana Callahan, Savage Branch

Muggy, humid, and afternoons that are way too hot can steal away motivation to be productive, go outside, or even move. And at the same time, it’s all too easy to find ways that life can get in the way for adults. There are responsibilities at home and work, vacations to plan and pack for, and more time sitting in traffic than we’d like.

But summer is in full swing! The days are long, and we deserve to have some time to relax with a good book. Summer Reading is all about finding the time to treat yourself to an immersive story and while we might start strong, it can be a challenge to finish - let the library help you fill out your Summer Reading Journal this year, and win some awesome prizes.

First things first, use the recommendations in your Summer Reading Journal to inspire you with selections. Come in and ask your favorite branch staff what they’ve been reading, and what stories they’ve fallen in love with over the course of the summer. Peruse some of the amazing displays around the branches and see if there are any covers that catch your fancy. Go ahead and judge a book by its cover!

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If you find that sitting down to read feels impossible with the endless lists of tasks that can sometimes consume us, give audiobooks a try! Download the Libby app on your phone or tablet, or borrow our audiobooks on CD, to take a good book with you.

Here are just a few book clubs that are going on all summer, too, that might be great for book-spiration.
Get Crafty at the Library!

by Emily Bell, Central Branch

Searching for a cool and creative way to beat the heat this summer? Look no further than your local library, because summer fun at the library isn’t limited to kids and teens! At most of our branches, we offer art and craft-related series classes. These classes are an opportunity to practice different crafty techniques and create something that you can take home, all in a supportive and welcoming environment. Each branch offers a unique spin.

At HCLS Miller Branch, Mindful Making emphasizes the meditative aspects of creativity. Adult Instructor Holly creates a relaxing and low-pressure class environment with cozy lighting and relaxing instrumental music. She purposefully selects activities that incorporate simple steps and repetition, to allow you to de-compress while engaging in creative practice.

At HCLS Glenwood Branch, Adult Instructor Kimberly makes use of the branch’s makerspace and its tools. Her classes offer a hands-on opportunity to learn about and use different DIY and crafting tools, like the laser cutter/engraver or the Cricut, and are a great introduction to the makerspace’s offerings. Kimberly remarks that attendees often return to the makerspace after her classes, ready to put their newfound knowledge to work.

At HCLS Central Branch, my colleagues, Roslyn and Mikki, and I offer Craft Works twice a month. Each month, we feature a different project. Our strive to create a welcoming environment. Each month, learn about different art media and explore new techniques.

Random Crafts of Kindness

For adults. Register at bit.ly/rcok

Learn to create something new, spend some relaxing time making art and crafting with your neighbors, and share your creations with other community members in random acts of kindness. All supplies provided.

Water Color Bookmarks: Create watercolor bookmarks for National Watercolor Month.

Sat Jul 13 3 - 4 pm Savage

Cyanotypes: Take advantage of the harsh sun of August by making Cyanotype art and applying them to office supplies.

Sat Aug 10 3 - 4 pm Savage

Craft Works

For adults. Register at bit.ly/craftworks_central

Let your creativity shine in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Each month, learn about different art media and explore new techniques.

July: Pressed Flower Sun-catcher

Tue Jul 23 7 - 8:30 pm Central
Thu Jul 25 2 - 3:30 pm Central

August: Resin Bookmarks

Tue Aug 20 7 - 8:30 pm Central
Thu Aug 22 2 - 3:30 pm Central

Mindful Making: Cyanotype Prints

Slow down with us at Mindful Making, where we focus on process over product and discover the meditative benefits of simple acts of creation. In August, we create cyanotype sun prints. All materials provided.

Thu Aug 1 7 - 8 pm Miller

Sewing Skills: How to Repair Clothing

For adults. Register at bit.ly/diy_repair

Learn the basics of clothing repair to extend the lifetime of your clothing, including how to restitch a seam, repair hems, and patch tears. Some prior experience with using a sewing machine recommended.

Wed Aug 14 7 - 8:30 pm Elkridge

Recipe Exchange: Vegan Delights

For adults. Details at bit.ly/rec_exchange

Attention, foodies! Do you find yourself looking for new creative ways to spice up your cooking repertoire? In August, we talk about vegan food, the ways to introduce more plant-based, delicious food in your diet, and expand your culinary horizons by trying something new.

Sat Aug 17 1 - 2 pm Savage

CRAFTING & COOKING

Cookbook Corner

For adults. Register at bit.ly/eo_cookbookcorner

Explore various culinary cuisines/chefs of the world. A new cuisine/chef every month. Pick up any cookbook on the monthly topic at the library, cook some recipes, and come have a culinary discussion.

July: Greek Cuisine
Wed Jul 17 7 - 8 pm East Columbia

August: Chef Paula Deen
Wed Aug 21 7 - 8 pm East Columbia

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Law Information at the Library

by Cherise Tasker, Central Branch

Feeling overwhelmed by legal questions? HCLS staff, classes, books, and research tools have the answers.

The Legal Assistance category under the Research tab on hclibrary.org provides a good place to start. The Gale Legal Forms site offers free templates for document needs including divorce, wills, real estate, landlord/tenant, power of attorney, bankruptcy, name change, and incorporation. The database’s legal dictionary and FAQs supports form selection and completion. The People’s Law Library of Maryland is a self-help legal information website, www.peoples-law.org. The Maryland legal community manages the content for accuracy and accessibility to the layperson.

All HCLS branches offer Nolo books for checkout. A reputable series, Nolo publications address everyday legal matters comprehensively. Topics encompass wills, real estate, family issues, starting a business, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, special needs trusts, federal law, and more. Both Central and Miller Branches have the full set of Michie’s The Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland in their non-circulating Research collections. For a more extensive collection including access to online databases, the Circuit Court for Howard County Law Library and Legal Resource Center in Ellicott City is open to the public. Both the Civil Law Center and Family Law Assistance Program offer pro bono assistance. Consult www.mdcourts.gov/circuit/howard/lawlibrary for details.

The free Family Law Assistance Program is offered two evenings a month by appointment at the East Columbia 50+ Center. To schedule, call the Law Librarian at 410.313.2135 or email sandy.brewer@mdcourts.gov.

The Classes & Events tab provides the most current information on upcoming learning opportunities.

Mortgage Late, Don’t Wait! Meet HUD Housing Counselors

For adults. Register at bit.ly/Mortgage-Late.

Limited space. Registration required. Please register by July 6.

Is your mortgage late and you don’t know what to do? Are you falling behind or have you already received a Notice of Intent to Foreclose?

Maryland Department of Labor shares information on the help available to Maryland homeowners, how to work with your mortgage service provider, the do's and don’ts as a borrower, and your rights.

HUD certified housing counselors offer one-on-one sessions about the steps you can take to avoid foreclosure. Other options may be discussed, such as reinstatement, loss mitigation/working with your Lender, redemption, bankruptcy options, reverse mortgage, and litigation.

Presented by the Office of Financial Regulation, Maryland Department of Labor.

Sat Jul 13 10:30 am - 12:30 pm East Columbia

Staff Spotlight: William Coard

Title and branch: Senior Customer Service Specialist, Glenwood Branch

How long have you been with HCLS?

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

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How are you involved in the community?

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What’s an unusual fact about you?

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Kindergarten, Here We Come!

For children entering kindergarten in the fall.
45 – 60 mins. Visit hclibrary.org for class details and registration.

Children entering kindergarten in the fall have fun with stories and activities. Includes practice boarding a real school bus!

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CENTRAL BRANCH
Registration begins July 19 for all sessions.
Wed Aug 7 3 & 6:30 pm
Thu Aug 8 11 am & 3 pm
Sat Aug 10 2 pm

EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH
Registration begins August 7 for all sessions.
Wed Aug 21 4 & 7 pm
Fri Aug 23 3 pm
Sat Aug 24 11:30 am

ELKRIDGE BRANCH
Registration begins July 29 for all sessions.
Mon Aug 5 4 & 7 pm
Tue Aug 6 11 am & 2 pm
Sat Aug 10 2 pm
Sabado Agosto 17 2 pm Español

GLENWOOD BRANCH
Registration begins July 13 for all sessions.
Sat Jul 27 2 pm
Mon Jul 29 11 am
Tue Jul 30 2 & 7 pm

MILLER BRANCH
Registration begins July 29 for all sessions.
Mon Aug 5 11 am & 2 pm
Tue Aug 6 2 & 6:30 pm
Wed Aug 7 6:30 pm
Thu Aug 8 10:15 & 11:30 am

SAVAGE BRANCH
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Mon Jul 29 10:15 am
Wed Jul 31 2 & 6:30 pm
Sat Aug 3 11:45 am

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