

March - May 2020 Kids and Teens Events

The St. Mary's County Library is open to everyone! If you have a special need or accommodation, please contact the Library at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Storytimes (January 12 – May 16)

Storytime space is limited. Each storytime will be filled to capacity on a first-come, first served basis. We have increased the number of weekly storytimes to meet the needs of our community.

Baby Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Wednesdays at 10am
- Leonardtown, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
- Lexington Park, Tuesdays at 9:15am

Toddler Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Tuesdays at 10am
- Leonardtown, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15am
- Lexington Park, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am

Wiggle-Giggle Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:45am
- Leonardtown, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:15am
- Lexington Park, Tuesdays at 10:45am; Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11am

Preschool Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Mondays at 3pm

- Leonardtown, Fridays at 3pm
- Lexington Park, Tuesdays at 10am; Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15am

Saturday Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Saturdays at 10:30 am

Pajama Storytime

- Charlotte Hall, Mondays at 6:30pm
- Leonardtown, Mondays at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Sensory Friendly Storytime

- Lexington Park Library, Every other Saturday at 4pm
- Designed for preschool children with autism spectrum disorders and/or sensory challenges. Stories, songs, and activities with lower lights, lower volume, and a no-judgment zone where all can have fun. All ages, caregivers, and siblings welcome. Registration required.

Storytime Out and About

Storytime at Greenwell State Park

- Saturday, March 7 at 10am
- Takes place at Greenwell State Park (25420 Rosedale Manor Ln, Hollywood, MD). Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5. The barn will be open to guests, check out the friendly horses and goats after the program. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch in case you get hungry! Siblings welcome; no registration required. Rain or shine.

Storytime at Patuxent River Naval Air Museum

- Saturday, April 4 at 10:30am
- The entry fee will be waived for all children attending the storytime and offered at a reduced price to all adults. The building will open at 9:30; to fully plan your trip you can visit www.paxmuseum.org for more details.

Storytime at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park

- Saturdays, April 11 and May 9 at 10am
- After storytime, explore the lighthouse and the Potomac Maritime Exhibit. Picnic lunches are welcome. It's a rain or shine event.

Storytime at Historic St. Mary's City

- Saturdays, April 18, May 30, and June 27 at 10am
- Storytime will be held at the State House Bluff. Feel free to bring a blanket to sit on.

Mindful Storytime

- Leonardtown, Wednesdays, May 20 and 27 at 10am
- A storytime that incorporates yoga and mindfulness practices in fun ways. Yoga mats will be provided. Ages toddler - preschool. This is a Choose Civility: Southern Maryland event. Registration required.

Stay and Play (May 18 – June 12)

- Charlotte Hall, Wednesdays, from 10 to 11am
- Leonardtown, Thursdays, from 10 to 11am
- Lexington Park, Thursdays, from 10 to 11am
- During the Storytime break, visit your library for a toddler/preschool playgroup. We'll provide the playthings; you bring the fun! No registration.

Preschool Poppin' Science

- Lexington Park Library, Tuesday, March 10, from 4 to 5pm
- Why does popcorn pop? Explore this question and more with fun hands-on activities about this exciting and irresistible snack food. Ages preschool children. Registration required.

BINGO for Kids

- Charlotte Hall, Saturday, March 21
- 2 to 2:30pm for toddlers through preschool
- 2:45 to 3:15pm for lower to upper elementary
- Kid-friendly Bingo with prizes! Registration required.

Mini Monet

- Lexington Park, Fridays, March 13, April 17, and May 15, from 9:30 to 10:30am
- Leonardtown, Friday, May 8, from 9:30 to 10:30am
- Join us on an art adventure! Explore the world of art through various forms. Please expect and prepare for messy activities. Ages baby – toddler. Registration required.

Goodbye, Old Library! Dance Party

- Leonardtown, Friday, March 27, from 10 to 11am
- Celebrate the construction of the new Leonardtown Library and give thanks to our old building! Write thank you notes to the old building, enjoy refreshments, and dance! Toddler-upper elementary, registration required.

Popcorn S.T.E.A.M.

- Lexington Park, Friday, March 27, from 3 to 4pm

- Come learn about the science behind your favorite salty snack using fun activities and experiments. Ages lower - upper elementary. Registration required.

Build It!

- Charlotte Hall, Thursday, April 9, from 2 to 4pm
- If you can dream it you can build it! Bring your imagination, we'll provide LEGOs and other things to build with. Ages toddler - upper elementary.

Paper Circuits

- Leonardtown, Friday, May 29, from 3 to 4pm
- Learn about how electricity works by creating electrical circuits of your own design. By using a coin battery, copper wiring, and some LED bulbs, you can add lights to so many amazing things! Ages lower - upper elementary, registration required.

Earth Day Celebration

- Charlotte Hall, Wednesday, April 22, from 6 to 7pm
- Celebrate Earth Day with environment-themed crafts and activities, including planting! Prepare to get dirty! Ages upper elementary. Registration required.

Dem Bones, Skeleton Science!

- Leonardtown, Friday, May 22, from 3 to 4pm
- Learn all about the bones in your body, their names, how they fit together and why we need them. Part storytime. Part STEM program. All fun! Ages lower - upper elementary. Registration required.

Dog Man Party

- Lexington Park, Saturday, May 2, 10 to 11am
- Celebrate our favorite half dog, half police officer with crafts and games inspired by the bestselling graphic novel series! Ages lower - upper elementary. Registration required.

Wonderland Tea Party

- Charlotte Hall, Saturday, May 2, from 2 to 3:30pm
- Don't be late for this very important date! Join us for a party inspired by "Alice In Wonderland!" Ages upper elementary - tween. Registration required.

Light and Shadows

- Leonardtown, Friday, May 15, from 3 to 4pm
- Shadows are so mysterious! Learn all about how shadows work, why different things have different shadows, and take home an outline of your own shadow. Ages lower - upper elementary, registration required.

Happy Mother's Day

- Leonardtown, Monday, May 11, from 10 to 11am
- Read books, sing songs, and make crafts all about the special moms in our lives. Daddies, granddads, aunties, uncles, and any other family member are also invited to attend! Ages toddler - preschool. Registration required.

Teddy Bear Picnic

- Charlotte Hall, Monday, April 27, from 10:30 to 11:30am
- Bring your teddy bear to the Library to do fun crafts and activities together! Leave Teddy here for a fun filled adventure! Ages toddler - preschool. Registration required.

Tea Rex Party

- Lexington Park, Monday, April 6, from 2 to 3pm
- Get ready to stick out your pinkies AND stomp through the Library! Join us for a not-so-dainty celebration filled with games and activities inspired by prehistoric lizards and prim tea party fun.

Star Wars Crafternoon

- Leonardtown, Monday, May 4, from 10 to 11am
- Charlotte Hall, Saturday, May 9, from 2 to 4pm
- Crafts from a galaxy far, far away! Ages toddler-upper elementary.

Paws to Read

- Leonardtown, Saturday, March 7, from 2 to 4pm
- Charlotte Hall, Thursday, April 2, from 5 to 7pm
- Lexington Park, Friday, April 10, from 2 to 4pm
- For beginning readers or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading aloud to a therapy dog for a 15-minute session. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help choosing a book. Registration required.

Teen and Tween Events

TAG! You're It! (Teen Action Group)

- Lexington Park, Thursdays, March 26 & April 30, from 5 to 6 pm
- We need you! Calling all teens to take action at your Library. Our meetings let us plan teen and tween programs, create Library displays, and try out new tech, games, or crafts. Snacks provided, no experience needed, drop-ins welcome! For teens.

TAPS (Teen Advisory & Planning Society)

- Leonardtown, Tuesdays, March 10 & May 5, from 5 to 6:30pm
- The Teen Advisory and Planning Society (TAPS) is for teens interested in making a difference in the community. Take a leadership role in the community and Library, and socialize with other teens. Help plan teen programs, and share opinions on book recommendations and teen related issues! Snacks and service hours provided! For teens.

Nintendo Switch Launch Party

- Charlotte Hall, Thursday, March 12, from 5 to 7:30pm
- We're breaking out our new Nintendo Switch, so come party with us. Also featuring the Oculus Rift S, some classic table games, and pizza and snacks of course. For teens and tweens.

Yoga for Teens

- Charlotte Hall, Thursday, April 16, from 6 to 7pm
- This yoga class is designed for teens. Explore ways to reduce stress, increase flexibility, build strength and improve balance in a welcoming environment. No experience necessary. Wear comfy clothes. Mats will be provided. Registration required.

Canvas Bag Painting

- Charlotte Hall, Thursday, May 21, from 5:30 to 7:30pm
- Totes crafty! Customize your own library tote using the Cricut Maker and some paint. Then, fill it up with some FREE YA ARC's (advanced reader copies). Registration required.

3D Print Design

- Lexington Park, Thursday, April 9
- 5 to 6pm for teens

- 6 to 7pm for tweens
- Learn how to make your own 3D print designs with TinkerCAD, a free online 3D design software program. We'll cover the basics of TinkerCAD along with how to send a design to the library website for printing. No prior experience is needed but space is limited and registration is required.

Study Break

- Lexington Park, Thursday, May 21
- 5 to 6pm for teens
- 6 to 7pm for tweens
- Hang out with us to play physical and virtual games. We'll have the Oculus Rift glasses, 3D pens, and board games! Snacks provided. No experience and no registration required.

Make It and Take It

- Leonardtown, Monday, May 11, from 3:30 to 4:30pm
- Pop in to the teen area to enjoy a creative activity; then take your masterpiece home. What will it be? You'll have to come by to see! It's always something different; always something fun. For teens.

Gut-Busting Game Night

- Leonardtown, Tuesday, May 19, from 5:30 to 6:30pm
- Chill out, enjoy tasty snacks, and play a different side-splitting game with friends each month. For teens.

Southern Maryland Math Circle

- Lexington Park, 2nd Saturdays, from 10am to 12noon
- The Southern Maryland Math Circle provides fun, fascinating math activities to middle- and high-school students (and their families!) Run by the faculty at St. Mary's College of Maryland,

this monthly gathering is sure to inspire a love of mathematical exploration to everyone who comes. Snacks will be provided. No registration required.

Cinderella Society

- Lexington Park, Saturday, March 21, from 1 to 3pm
- Find your unique look! Stop by our formal wear give away event to get ready for prom. Dresses in all styles and sizes along with seamstresses for onsite alterations. We also have hairstyling and nail tips, accessories and men's wear. No registration required.