

December 2019 – February 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
 - *Starting January 22

Sensory Friendly Storytime

- Lexington Park Library, Every other Saturday starting January 18 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 at Greenwell State Park

- Greenwell State Park, Saturday, December 7 at 10 am
- 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.

Stay and Play (December 16-January 10)

- 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.

Do You Want to Build a Snow Globe?

- Charlotte Hall Library, Wednesday, December 18 from 6:30 – 7:30pm
- Fun, festive evening making shrinky dink ornaments, and re-using glass jars to build snow globes. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Happy Noon Year

- Charlotte Hall, Leonardtown, Lexington Park
- Tuesday, December 31 from 11:30am to 12:30pm
- All the fun of a New Year's party for our young friends with early bed times! Ring in a happy NOON year with songs, crafts, and activities, and an exciting countdown. Registration required.

Paws to Read

- Charlotte Hall, Saturday, January 11 from 2:15 to 4:15pm
- Lexington Park, Friday, February 21 from 2 to 4 pm
- For beginning readers or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading aloud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

LEGO Block Party

- Charlotte Hall Library, Friday, January 17 from 3 to 4:30pm
- We supply the bricks, you bring the imagination! Come and build something amazing with LEGO and Duplo.

Mini Monet

- Lexington Park, Friday, January 17, 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. Registration required.

Snow Much Fun!

- Charlotte Hall, Saturday, January 18, from 2 to 3 pm
- Enjoy the magic of winter with snow themed crafts and activities! Registration required.

Icefest

- Lexington Park, Thursday, January 23, from 5:30 to 6:30pm
- For the first time in a long time, we are letting it go! Join us for frosty and fun activities to celebrate our favorite ice princesses and talking snowman. Registration required.

Groundhog Day

- Charlotte Hall, Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30 to 7:30pm
- Celebrate the legacy of Punxsutawney Phil with groundhog crafts and activities! Registration required.

Harry Potter Book Night

- Lexington Park Library, Thursday, February 6 from 5:30 to 7:30pm
- It's International Harry Potter Book Night! Come celebrate the Triwizard Tournament with magical activities for wizards, witches,

and muggles of all ages! Costumes encouraged. Registration required.

Crafternoon (for Library Lovers)

- Charlotte Hall, Friday, February 21 from 3 to 4:30pm
- It's Library Lovers month! Make Library- and love-themed crafts in our favorite place (the Library)! Supplies provided.

Southern Maryland Math Circle

- Lexington Park, 2nd Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon
- Fun, fascinating math activities for middle- & high-school students (and their families!) with St. Mary's College of Maryland. Snacks provided. No registration required.

Teen and Tween Events

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

- Lexington Park, Thursday, January 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! Ages 13-18.

TAPS (Teen Advisory & Planning Society)

- Leonardtown, Tuesday, January 7 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! Ages 12 – 18.

Hogwarts Escape Room

- Charlotte Hall Library, Thursday, February 6 at 4:30, 5:15, and 6pm
- Are you ready? Detention in Professor Vector's office, time to escape! Players use clues, solve puzzles and break the spell to escape detention. Can you beat the clock? Wear your robe and bring your wand. Registration required! Ages 12-18.

Gift Maker Lab

- Lexington Park, Thursday, December 12
- 5 – 6 pm for ages 13 – 18
- 6 – 7 pm for ages 8 – 12
- It's the season of giving, so this is your chance to make something special for someone special. We have all the materials and instructions, you can just come in and make gifts to take with you. Choose from jewelry, home decor, keepsakes, or spa boutique. No experience needed and no registration required.

Glow in the Park

- Lexington Park, Thursday, January 9
- 5 – 6 pm for ages 13 – 18
- 6 – 7 pm for ages 8 – 12
- It's dark outside so get your glow on! Come in to make GLOW IN THE DARK SLIME and play glow in the dark games. All materials provided, no experience needed, and no registration required.

In celebration of Black History Month, Lexington Park Library Presents: Into the Great Unknown: African American Adventurers & Explorers

- Lexington Park, Saturday, February 22 at 2pm

- Leadership, courage, and adventure take center stage in this inspiring original presentation by Discovery Theater. From Matthew Henson, co-discoverer of the North Pole, to astronaut Mae Jemison, meet a century's worth of bold men and women who challenged the Western frontier, the highest of mountains, and the vastness of outer space—and triumphed. Recommended for ages 5+. No registration required. This program is co-sponsored by the St. Mary's County Branch of the NAACP.

Winter Reading Challenge

- January 1 – 31
- Help us meet our community goal of 2,000 books read in January! From January 1 - 31 log books on Beanstack to be entered to win an Amazon Gift Card! For more information, visit <https://www.stmalib.org/events/winter-reading>