

January – May 2019 Kids and Teens Events

Storytimes (January 13 – May 18)

Baby Storytime:

- Lexington Park, Tuesdays at 9:15 am
- Charlotte Hall, Wednesdays at 11:15 am
- Leonardtown, Thursdays at 9:30 am
- Stories, rhymes, bounces, songs, and playtime for children birth-2 years with their adult caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Toddler Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Tuesdays at 10 am
- Leonardtown, Wednesdays at 10 am and Thursdays at 10 am
- Lexington Park, Thursdays at 9:30 am
- Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 1-3 with their adult caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Wiggle-Giggle Storytime:

- Lexington Park, Tuesdays at 10:45 am
- Charlotte Hall, Wednesdays at 10 am
- Leonardtown, Thursdays at 11 am
- A storytime where sitting is optional, and activities are designed for kids with extra energy. Planned with ages 1-5 in mind; all ages welcome with their adult caregivers.

Preschool Storytime:

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

- Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities for children ages 3-5, with their adult caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Saturday Storytime:

- Charlotte Hall, Saturdays at 10:30 am
- Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities planned with ages 1-5 in mind; all ages welcome with their adult caregivers.

Winter Stay and Play (December 16 – January 12)

- Lexington Park, Thursdays December 20, December 27, January 3 and January 10, 10 – 11 am
- Charlotte Hall, Wednesdays December 19, December 26, January 2 and January 9, 10 – 11 am
- Leonardtown, Thursday December 27, 10 – 11 am
- During the Storytime break, visit your library for a toddler/preschool playgroup. We'll provide the playthings; you bring the fun! No registration.

Spring Stay and Play (May 19 – June 15)

- Lexington Park, Thursdays, 10 – 11 am
- Charlotte Hall, Wednesdays, 10 – 11 am
- Leonardtown, Thursday May 30, 10 – 11 am
- During the Storytime break, visit your library for a toddler/preschool playgroup. We'll provide the playthings; you bring the fun! No registration.

Storytime at Greenwell State Park

- Greenwell State Park, Saturday, April 6 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.

Storytime at Historic St. Mary's City

- Historic St. Mary's City, State House Bluff, Saturdays, April 13, May 11 and June 8 at 10 am
- Storytime at Historic St. Mary's City - at the State House Bluff! There will be stories, activities, songs, and more intended for children ages 1-5 with their adult caregivers. Feel free to bring a blanket to sit on. Siblings welcome; no registration.

Mindful Storytime

- Leonardtown Library, Fridays January 4, February 1 and March 1 at 10 a.m.
- Did you know that studies have shown that children practicing mindfulness may increase their ability to focus, pay attention, self-regulate, and achieve greater happiness at an early age? This storytime incorporates yoga and mindfulness practices in fun ways. Designed for ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Registration required. This is a Choose Civility: Southern Maryland event.

Itsy Bitsy Storytime

- Leonardtown Library, Fridays March 29, April 26 and May 31 at 10 am
- A storytime designed for a smaller group, but still filled with lots of fun. If your little one finds our regular storytimes a little too overwhelming, then this may be more their style. Recommended for ages 2-5 with their caregivers. Registration required.

Paws to Read

- Lexington Park, Saturday, January 26, 2 - 4 pm
- Leonardtown, Saturday, March 9, 2 – 4 pm
- Charlotte Hall, Thursday, April 11, 5 – 7 pm
- For beginning readers, or any student who needs a confidence boost. Join "Pets on Wheels" to practice reading out loud to a therapy dog for 15 minute sessions. Registration required. Readers should bring a book, or arrive at least 20 minutes early for help to choose a book.

American Sign Language for New and Expecting Parents

- Leonardtown Library, Saturday, March 30, 10 – 11 am
- The benefits of communicating with your infant using American Sign Language are tremendous. Join us for an hour of learning basic ASL to communicate with your new baby! Designed for new and expecting parents, but babies and young toddlers are welcome as well. Childcare providers and family members are also welcome. Registration required.

Kindness Rocks!

- Charlotte Hall Library, Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Paint your very own Kindness Rocks and spread some joy! All supplies provided. All ages, registration required. A Choose Civility: Southern Maryland event.

Groovy Day

- Charlotte Hall Library, Monday, April 15, 2 – 3:30 pm
- Enjoy peace, love, arts, and crafts, as we make far out creations while listening to music of the 1960's. All supplies provided. Ages 6-12, registration required. (We will be tie-dying youth medium and youth large t-shirts. You are welcome to bring other items to tie-dye.)

Pirates and Princesses Party

- Lexington Park Library, Tuesday, April 16, 2 pm
- Avast me hearties! It's a family program inspired by knights, ladies, and the high seas. There will be a variety of games and activities for fair maidens, brave squires, and fearless sea captains of all ages. Costumes encouraged! No registration.

Accessible STEAM Family Fun

- Charlotte Hall Library, Spring 2019 (check www.stmalib.org for date and time.)
- Presented by The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and FutureMakers
- In this increasingly technological world, science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) skills are key to every child's success. Play and learn with accessible STEAM activities. Open to all families with children ages 5-10 (with or without special needs). Registration required.

Preschool Explorers

Dem Bones: Skeleton Science

- Leonardtown Library, Friday, February 15, 3 - 4 pm
- 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! Designed with ages 4-6 in mind.
- Registration required.

Magnets: Stick With It!

- Lexington Park Library, Tuesday, February 13, 4:30 – 5:30 pm
- What makes magnets stick? Explore the science of magnetism with cool hands-on activities perfect for preschoolers. Designed with ages 3-6 in mind.

- Registration required.

School-age Explorers

Sweet Structures

- Leonardtown Library, Monday, April 15, 2 – 3 pm
- Build skyscrapers, bridges, and domes out of sweet treats! With grapes, marshmallows, and rice crispy treats you can build the most amazing feats of engineering you can imagine.
- Registration required. Designed with ages 6 – 12 in mind.

Blast Off! Exploring Propulsion

- Lexington Park Library, Friday, March 1, 3 - 4 pm
- How do rockets and jets blast off into the air? Learn about thrust and propulsion as we explore fun activities and experiments that really take off!
- Registration required. Designed with ages 6 – 12 in mind.

Mini Monet

- Lexington Park Library, Fridays February 15, March 29 and April 26 3, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- Have an art adventure! Explore the world of art through various forms. Please expect and prepare for messy activities. Ages 6 months - 4 years old.
- Registration required.

Teen and Tween Events

Chillax at the Lex

- Lexington Park Library, Thursdays, 4 – 5 p.m.

- There's something going on for tweens and early teens so come in to: Try It! & Game It! Open to ages 8 – 13. Walk-ins welcome.
- Try It!
 - Treasure Hunter: January 24
 - Valentine Cards: February 7
 - Sew What?: March 7
 - Stress Balls: April 4
 - Mother's Day Gift Making: May 2
- Game It! on the 2nd Thursday each month
 - Activities vary including PC games, board games, Wii, and craft projects. Hang out, bring your friends! Walk ins Welcome.

Teen Night

- Lexington Park Library, Third Thursdays, 5 – 7 pm
- Walk-ins welcome unless registration noted below. Ages 12 - 18.
 - Glow in the Park: January 17
 - It's dark outside - perfect time to come in to get your glow on! Create glow-in-the-dark crafts and play glowing games.
 - Minute To Do It: February 21
 - Do you have what it takes to complete each challenge in under a minute?
 - Cinderella Society: March 21
 - Get prom ready at this formal wear giveaway.
 - Escape Room: April 18
 - Are you clever enough to find your way out?
 - Registration required
 - The Great Library Race: May 16
 - See if your skills can get you to the finish line first!

TAG! You're It!

- Lexington Park Library, 3rd Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm

- Teen Action Group meeting. Take a leadership role in creating and assist with library events. Earn volunteer hours too! Walk-ins welcome.

PosiTeens

- Lexington Park Library, Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm
- Meet our trained teen conflict coaches who offer positivity, activities, friendship, and fun! Join us to build community, volunteer, make some new friends, and spread positivity. Walk-ins are encouraged.

T.A.P.S (Teen Advisory and Planning Society)

- Leonardtown Library, Tuesdays January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30 and May 28, 5 – 6:30 pm
- Have a say in what happens at your Library. Meet with other teens, and take a leadership role in planning exciting Library events. Snacks and service hours provided.
- Walk-ins welcome. Ages 13-18.

Game Night for Teens Living with Autism

- Leonardtown Library, Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Games of all sizes, from card games and jigsaw puzzles to a giant version of memory! Designed for teens living on the spectrum. There will be scheduled breaks, an area to chill out, and fidgets readily available. Caregivers welcome, but not required to stay. Registration required. Contact Elizabeth Davis at edavis@stmalib.org for questions.

Pizza and Picasso

- Charlotte Hall Library, Thursday, February 21, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

- Eat pizza while making a magic photo cube. All materials provided. Join the craftiness!
- Ages 10-12. Registration required.

De-Stress Yoga

- Charlotte Hall Library, Thursday, May 16, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Yoga class 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 and bring a mat or towel. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Capture the Flag: Ethical Hacking Cybersecurity Competition

- Lexington Park Library, Saturday, April 13
- MAGIC's Capture the Flag is for entry-level high school and college age participants. No experience needed and it's free! Work in teams of 2-4 through a series of cybersecurity puzzles set up in a "jeopardy" style format. Coaches will be on site to help. Registration opens Wednesday, March 6 and is required.

All Ages Special Events

#ResolveToRead Winter Reading Challenge

- Join us and #ResolveToRead in the new year! From January 1 - 31, 2019 log books to be entered to win Amazon giftcards and help us reach our goal of 1,000 Books read in January!
- For more information, visit www.stmalib.org/events/resolve-to-read

Gayle Danley, Black History Month Event

- Lexington Park Library, Saturday, February 2, 2 - 4p.m.
- All Ages!
- In celebration of Black History Month, St. Mary's County Library is excited to host Gayle Danley, a championship poet and grief writer who has won both national and international poetry slam titles. Danley has a passion for teaching through slam poetry, and has been named the Maryland Library Association's Poet of the Year for 2018, the Young Audiences of Maryland Artist of the Year, and Young Audiences National Artist of the Year. In partnership with the St. Mary's County Branch NAACP #7025, the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions and the Minority Outreach Coalition