Baltimore County Public Library's newest titles, free events and activities

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Baltimore, MD – Baltimore County Public Library's newest titles, free events for adults and activities of teens and children for the week of November 30 through December 6th.

BCPL'S NEWEST TITLES

Small Victories by Anne Lamott

Lamott's beautiful writing is again on display in her latest essay collection. The theme here is finding joy and faith in difficult situations, and finding time for humor and time for crankiness. Also available in audiobook (both CD and downloadable) and e-book.

Christmas at Twilight by Lori Wilde

There are many issues in this romance featuring a veteran with PTSD and a woman on the run from an abusive partner, but it all builds to a heartwarming conclusion.

David Hockney: 1975-2012 by Christopher S. Sykes

This detailed biography of the influential British artist covers nearly 40 years of his life and role in the art world.

Shark by Will Self

British novelist Self's experimental fiction is not for everyone. His latest puzzle of a novel is set in the '60s and touches on war and peace, acid trips and mental health. Cult fiction in the vein of Irvine Welsh and Thomas Pynchon.

FREE EVENTS FOR ADULTS AT THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Arbutus Branch, 855 Sulphur Spring Road, 410-887-1451: "Friends of the Arbutus Library Meeting," a community group dedicated to preserving the history of southwest Baltimore County, Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.; "Meet the Author: Carine McCandless," in her new book *The Wild Truth* (November 2014), Carine McCandless, the sister of Chris McCandless, who was the subject of Jon Krakauer's *Into the Wild*, talks about what drove her brother to walk into the wilderness of Alaska in 1992, and what that loss has meant in her life, the author discusses her new book, her brother and getting inspiration from truth, sales (cash or check only) and signings of *The Wild Truth* to follow, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Catonsville Branch, 1100 Frederick Road, 410-887-0951: "Jobs Academy: Résumé Help," work with librarians to learn how to write a winning résumé, registration required, Monday, December 1, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Hereford Branch, 16940 York Road, 410-887-1919: "Hereford Book Club," discussing *The Circle* by Dave Eggers, Wednesday, December 3, 1 p.m.

Loch Raven Branch, 1046 Taylor Avenue, 410-887-4444: "Meet the Authors: Lois Zanow and Sally Johnston," the authors discuss their book *Monuments to Heaven: Baltimore's Historic Houses of Worship*, book sales and signings available (cash or check only), Tuesday, December 2, 2 p.m.

North Point Branch, 1716 Merritt Boulevard, 410-887-7255: "Computer Room," use the computer room to work independently in a quiet environment, reservations suggested, walk-ins welcome, space permitting, Sundays 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Thursdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m., and Saturdays 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; "North Point Book Club," book discussion, call for more information, Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.; "Knit and Stitch," led by volunteer Paula Dixon, bring your knitting, crocheting or needlecraft project and learn from each other, all levels of experience welcome, Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Owings Mills Branch, 10302 Grand Central Avenue, 410-887-2092: "First Tuesday Book Club," discussing *The Good House* by Ann Leary, Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.

Perry Hall Branch, 9685 Honeygo Boulevard, 410-887-5195: "Books, Coffee and Conversation," share thoughts and ideas about your favorite books over coffee, Friday, December 5, 10 a.m.

Pikesville Branch, 1301 Reisterstown Road, 410-887-1234: "Stanley Mazaroff," the author of *Henry Walters and Bernard Berenson: Collector and Connoisseur* discusses the formation of the Walters Art Museum collection, Wednesday, December 3, 1 p.m.

Randallstown Branch, 8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770: "Computer Know-How," learn basic computer skills, for ages 13 years old and up, registration required, Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m.

Reisterstown Branch, 21 Cockeys Mill Road, 410-887-1165: "Sunrise Senior Cinema," showings of Hollywood's most classic films, call for titles and ratings, Thursday, December 4, 10 a.m.

Rosedale Branch, 6105 Kenwood Avenue, 410-887-0512: "Computer Know-How," learn basic computer skills, for ages 13 years old and up, registration required, Thursday, December 4, 9 a.m.; "Health Talks for Seniors: Diabetes," understand what diabetes is, how you can prevent it and ways the disease can be treated, Friday, December 5, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.; "Learning Parties," make learning fun while exploring ways to improve your young child's learning skills through play, get tips and take home activities to help your child be ready for kindergarten, learn about routines, responsibilities and rules, for birth to 5 years old with an adult, registration required, Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Towson Branch, 320 York Road, 410-887-6166: "Smart Choice Health Insurance Literacy," a two-hour, interactive workshop where you will learn what to consider when purchasing health insurance through a series of exercises using a predefined character profile, registration required, Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

White Marsh Branch, 8133 Sandpiper Circle, 410-887-5097: "Small Business Counseling," meet with an advisor for advice on running a small business, registration required, Wednesday, December 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; "White Marsh Book

Club," discussing *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande, Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.; "Smart Choice Health Insurance Literacy," a two-hour, interactive workshop where you will learn what to consider when purchasing health insurance through a series of exercises using a predefined character profile, registration required, Thursday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

Woodlawn Branch, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336: "Save Energy, Save Money in Your Home," Climate Change Maryland shows you how to save energy, protect the environment, reduce the amount of pollutants in the air and keep money in your pocket, learn how to participate in EmPOWER Maryland programs, take advantage of discounted energy efficient lighting and appliances and how to get a Quick Home Energy Checkup, Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS AT THE BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Baltimore County Public Library offers the following free activities for children and teens.

Arbutus Branch, 855 Sulphur Spring Road, 410-887-1451: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Tuesdays at 11 a.m.; "Baby, It's Cold Outside," keep warm with stories, songs and a craft, please donate a toy to benefit needy children in your community, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursday, December 4, 11 a.m.

Catonsville Branch, 1100 Frederick Road, 410-887-0951: "Pajama Story Time," put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; "Teen Tuesday," explore technology, science and art, for ages 11-17 years old, Tuesdays from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; "Toddler Story Time," stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by a play time, for ages 2-3 years old with an adult, registration required, Thursdays at 11 a.m.; "Throwback Thursdays," throwback movies, games and other activities after school, call for titles and ratings, for ages 11-17 years old, Thursdays from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.; "Improv Basics," learn the basics of improve, including solid scene work and fun characters and different types of formats, structures and games, for teens, Thursday, December 4, 3:30 p.m.

Cockeysville Branch, 9833 Greenside Drive, 410-887-7750: "Story Time with Mr. Bob," stories, songs and activities based on a special theme, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Monday, December 1, 10:30 a.m.; "Pajama Story Time," put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; "Teen Writers Club," work with a professional writer, meet authors and experts in the publishing field, high school writers of all genres are welcome, for ages 14-18 years old, registration required, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; "Movie Time," take the express train to the North Pole and donate a toy to benefit needy children in your community, call for title and rating, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Hereford Branch, 16940 York Road, 410-887-1919: "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Lansdowne Branch, 500 Third Avenue, 410-887-5602: "Teen Time," after-school games, crafts, movies and more, for ages 11-17 years old, Mondays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.; "Pajama Story Time," put on your PJs and bring your

bedtime pal for stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Mondays at 7 p.m.; "Teen Gaming," playing *Rock Band*, *Guitar Hero* and other Wii and Xbox 360 games, for teens ages 11-17, Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.; "Knitting with Miss Jessica," learn to knit or practice your skills, bring your own knitting needles and yarn, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Loch Raven Branch, 1046 Taylor Avenue, 410-887-4444: "Icicle Ball," Pam the Kindersinger celebrates winter through music, humor, fun, ventriloquism and audience participation, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.; "Pajama Story Time," put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 11 a.m.

North Point Branch, 1716 Merritt Boulevard, 410-887-7255: "Computer Room," use the computer room to work independently in a quiet environment, reservations suggested, walk-ins welcome, space permitting, a valid BCPL library card is required, for ages 13 years old and up, Sundays 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Thursdays 4 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; "Teen Writers Club," a monthly discussion with practice exercises in a participant-designed workshop setting that fosters support, for teens, Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 11 a.m.; "Knit and Stitch," led by volunteer Paula Dixon, bring your knitting, crocheting or needlecraft project and learn from each other, all levels of experience welcome, for ages 13 years old and up, Thursdays at 6 p.m.; "LEGO Fun," create with LEGO blocks, for ages 6-12 years old – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Owings Mills Branch, 10302 Grand Central Avenue, 410-887-2092: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; "Spanish Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs in Spanish, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 10 a.m.; "Spanish Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities in Spanish, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 11 a.m.; "Family Fun at the Movies," enjoy a family-friendly movie, call for title and rating, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Parkville-Carney Branch, 9509 Harford Road, 410-887-5353: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Perry Hall Branch, 9685 Honeygo Boulevard, 410-887-5195: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; "Toddler Story Time," stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by a play time, for ages 2-3 years old with an adult, registration required, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Pikesville Branch, 1301 Reisterstown Road, 410-887-1234: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; "Pajama Story Time," put on your PJs and bring your bedtime pal for stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for

ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 10 a.m.; "Toddler Story Time," stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by a play time, for ages 2-3 years old, registration required, Fridays at 11 a.m.

Randallstown Branch, 8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770: "LEGO Fun," create with LEGO blocks, for ages 6-12 years old – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Monday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 11 a.m.; "Computer Know-How," learn basic computer skills, for ages 13 years old and up, registration required, Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m.

Reisterstown Branch, 21 Cockeys Mill Road, 410-887-1165: "LEGO Fun," create with LEGO blocks, for ages 6-12 years old – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Rosedale Branch, 6105 Kenwood Avenue, 410-887-0512: "Makerspace Mondays," explore technology, science and art, for ages 6-10 years old – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Mondays from 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; "Makerspace Mondays for Teens," explore technology, science and art, for teens, registration required, Mondays from 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; "Fit and Fun Club," fitness activities, healthy lifestyle discussion and more, for ages 11-17 years old, registration required, Wednesday, December 3, 3:30 p.m.; "Computer Know-How," learn basic computer skills, for ages 13 years old and up, registration required, Thursday, December 4, 9 a.m.; "Video Gaming for Teens," play Wii, Xbox 360 and PlayStation games, for teens, registration required, Thursdays at 3 p.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; "Toddler Story Time," stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by a play time, for ages 2-3 years old with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; "Minecraft Explorers," an immersive, community-building experience for young ones, learn the Minecraft Code, build your character and cooperatively solve design challenges with all the members of the workshop team, for ages 6-8 years old – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Sollers Point Branch, 323 Sollers Point Road, 410-887-2485: "LEGO Fun," create with LEGO blocks, for ages 6-12 years old – children under 8 with an adult, Mondays from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; "Xbox Video Gaming for Teens," play *Just Dance 4*, *Madden NFL* and other Xbox and Xbox Kinect games, Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; "Wii for Teens," play *Super Mario Bros.*, *Just Dance* and other Wii games, Thursdays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; "Wii for Kids," play *Super Mario Bros.*, *Just Dance* and other Wii games, for ages 5-11 years old – children under 8 with an adult, Fridays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m

Towson Branch, 320 York Road, 410-887-6166: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; "Toddler Story Time," stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by a playtime, for ages 2-3 years old with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.; "Therapy Pets Unlimited," read with a lovable dog from Therapy Pets Unlimited, contact the branch to register, for school ages – children under 8 with an adult, Saturday, December 6, 10: a.m.-11:30 a.m.; "Build a Gingerbread House," build a gingerbread house of your own and listen to stories, supplies provided, please donate a toy to benefit needy children in your community, for ages 6-12 years old – children under 8 with an adult, registration required, Saturday, December 6, 2

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White Marsh Branch, 8133 Sandpiper Circle, 410-887-5097: "Toddler Story Time," stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by a playtime, for ages 2-3 years old with an adult, registration required, Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; "All Aboard Movie Time," enjoy cocoa, cookies and a craft as you view the film adaptation of Chris Van Allsburg's magical holiday tale, call for title and rating, please donate a toy to benefit needy children in your community, for all ages – children under 8 with an adult, Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Woodlawn Branch, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336: "Baby Story Time," stories, rhymes, bounces and songs, followed by a play time, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; "Preschool Story Time," stories, songs and activities, for ages 2-5 years old with an adult, Fridays at 11 a.m.