

# Allegheny County Library System

# ALLE UPDATE

## 10th Anniversary Celebration

at George's Creek Regional Library

The **George's Creek Regional Library** will celebrate its **10th Anniversary** on March 5, 2011. The library opened in 2001. Join us for the day-long celebration! Students from FSU will read Dr. Seuss stories during the **Read Across America**, **John DuRant** will perform an old time Troubadour music show courtesy of George's Creek Promotion Council, and historian **Sandy Grandstaff** will give a talk about local history and the historical paraphernalia in the Community Room. **Jay George's** collection of Lonaconing Glass will also be on display .

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**Saturday, March 5**  
**Celebrate**  
**10:00 AM-5:00 PM**



Light refreshments !



## Guest Speaker Gerry LaFemina at Frostburg Branch



The Friends of the Frostburg Community Library invite the public to hear guest speaker Gerry LaFemina, Director of Frostburg State University's Center for Creative Writing, for the presentation *Why Poetry Matters*. The program, part of the Friend's meeting, will take place in the John Bambacus Meeting Room of the Frostburg Branch. Light refreshments will be served.

**Tuesday, April 26 from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**



### Have you seen our NEW WEBSITE?

It's been rejuvenated with Web 2.0 technology to inspire you!

### Get FREE Music at your library!

Discover how FREEGAL MUSIC works with your library card. See page 2.



### National Library Week is April 10-16!

- Poetry Contest
- Photography Contest
- Food For Fines  
-see page 3.
- And the Bookmobile-Writing Contest-see page 11.

**FYI .....**

Please let us know if you have special needs for attending any of our programs.



**FREE!**

**FREEGAL MUSIC**  
FREE DOWNLOADABLE MUSIC FROM THE ALLEGANY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



**How Freegal Music™ Works with Your Library Card:**

Accessing the Sony Music Entertainment Catalog, it offers hundreds of thousands of songs in MP3 format, spanning over 100 genres of music, from more than 50 record labels—all without having to download software or having digital rights management (DRM) issues. There is a limit of 5 downloads per week per library patron. This allows for a large number of patrons to use the service before the library system’s total weekly limit of downloads is reached. Limits reset on Mondays at 12:01 AM EST. You can however save choices in “My Wishlist”, for future downloading. Every song has a sample clip you can listen to before downloading. The service will work with any MP3 player, including iPod, can be loaded into iTunes, and works on both PCs and Macs. *Be sure to check out the browsing areas, especially Artists A to Z (bottom of page) and the genre lists (menu bar). Click on see all genres to view dozens of categories.*

March 9 and April 13 - The Library Board of Trustees will meet at Washington Street Branch at 4:00 PM. The public is invited.

March 21 - Due to an All Staff Meeting all libraries that normally open at 10 AM will open at 10:30 AM.

April 18 - Due to an All Staff Meeting all libraries that normally open at 10 AM will open at 10:30 AM.

**Looking to start the next chapter in your life’s story?**

Check out your library for tools to help you create your own unique story, prepare for a new endeavor full of excitement and adventure, help your kids, expand the horizons of your dreams and discover new worlds....



**Celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011  
Create your own story @ your library**

Libraries are making a difference in the lives of millions of Americans today, more than ever -all for free. They’re places where people are creating new beginnings. (see page 3)

**41st Anniversary of EARTH DAY!**

**APRIL 22** Each American averages over 4.0 pounds of solid trash/day. While about 70% is recyclable, about only 25% is recycled. Contamination causes tons of recycled items to be rejected. Items should not be in plastic bags when you throw them in recycling bins. The plastic bags can not be recycled and just contaminate the bins. Paper and cardboard soiled with grease or food cannot be recycled. Plastic caps are often a different plastic and can contaminate if left on items.

<http://www.earthday.org/>

**March is Women’s History Month**

“Our History is Our Strength” is the theme of Women’s History Month this year, acknowledging that the stories of women’s achievements demonstrate “tenacity, courage, and creativity”, providing needed role models for today. In the past, their stories were “often distorted, disdained, and denied.”

<http://www.nwhp.org/resourcecenter/biographycenter.php>

The Frostburg Adult Book Club celebrated with a Book Club Holiday Lunch at The Main Street Hanger in Frostburg.



Allegany County Library System is a member of the Allegany Arts Council located at 9 N. Centre Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.

# National Library Week



Using this year's National Library Week theme:

**Create your own story @ your library,**

during the month of April, record part of your story in poems or photos: explore & capture your dreams, show where you've been and where you're going.

**Submit a photo on our Flickr page telling your story.**

Great images cast the photographer as storyteller. Whether it's fact or fiction, photography and the tradition of storytelling walk hand in hand. ACLS would like you to share your story with us!

To enter, visit

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/createyourstory/>.

Participants must have a Flickr account to enter. The deadline for photo submissions to Flickr is April 30th, 2011. Entries must agree to the library's Photo Consent Form.

**Drop us a note to share your favorite library story with us!**

## Enter ACLS's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Contest

Submit your original poems at any library branch, on or before Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 5PM.

### Divisions:

- Children up to and including 8 years of age,
- Children 9-12,
- Teens ages 13-17,
- Adults from 18 to 118.

On each entry, include your name, address, and phone number, plus your age. A prize will be awarded for each division, and winning poems may be published in an upcoming issue of the Alle Update newsletter.

## Adult Book Discussion Groups

### **Frostburg on 3rd Thursday at 2:00 PM**

March - TBA. Please call 301-687-0790.  
April 21 - TBA. Please call 301-687-0790.

### **LaVale on 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM**

March 22 - *Widower's Tale* by Julie Glass  
April 26 - *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

### **South Cumberland Book Club for Adults and Older Teens on 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM**

March 24 - *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson  
April 28 - *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B. Ross

### **South Cumberland Twisted Jane Book Club once a month on Saturdays**

March 26 at 1:00 PM - *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.  
We will also watch the 2007 BBC adaption of *Persuasion*.  
April 23 at 2:00 PM - *Captain Wentworth's Diary* by Amanda Grange.

### **Washington Street on 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM**

March 9 - *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave  
April 13 - *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson

### **Westernport Demented Book Club at 3:30 PM**

March 24 - TBA. Please call 301-359-0455.  
April 13 - TBA. Please call 301-359-0455.



## FOOD-FOR-FINES DAY

All branches of the Allegany County Library System will hold Food-for-Fines Day on Thursday, April 14. This is our annual day of the year when patrons can reduce their fines by turning in cans or boxes of non-perishable food. Each can or box given will reduce your fine by \$1.00. A maximum of \$10.00 can be reduced off each library patron's card. The food is given to the Western Maryland Food Bank!

From Amanda Bena-  
*So you want to be a librarian?* Thinking about library school? As a recent graduate from the Masters Program in Library and Information Science at Clarion University, the most important thing that I can tell you is that it's not about the books, it's about the people. Not many people realize that librarianship is a service-driven profession. Libraries and librarians are all about providing people with the services and information that they want and need most, so without people, few libraries would exist. Library science programs simply give you the foundation and skills that are key in being able to provide quality services to patrons.

## Want to know more about computers?

Free classes are held at the Library Computer Training Labs located in Frostburg, Washington Street, and South Cumberland

▶ **Introduction to the Computer:** This class will cover the basics, including an overview of the parts of a computer, desktop, navigation, and much more. Designed for the novice user.

*Frostburg Branch-Monday, March 7, 2011 at 11:00 am*

▶ **Introduction to the Computer-Laptops:** This class will cover the basics, including an overview of the parts of a computer, desktop, navigation, and much more.

Designed for the novice user. *Washington Street Branch-Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 11:00 am*

▶ **Introduction to the Internet:** This class is designed for people with no prior experience using the Internet. Learn about browsers, search engines, and hyperlinks. We will perform simple searches on a search engine, and enter Website addresses for direct access to sites.

*Frostburg Branch-Monday, March 14, 2011 at 11:00 am*

*Washington Street Branch-Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 11:00 am*

▶ **Managing Documents/Files:** How do you keep your documents organized on your PC? Come learn some simple steps to find your files and documents easier!

*Frostburg Branch-Monday, April 4, 2011 at 11:00 am*

*Washington Street Branch-Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 11:00 am*

▶ **Saving Your Work:** Confused about floppy disks, saving to the hard drive, or burning CDs?

This class will discuss the pros and cons of each type of data storage, best practices and tips, and will teach participants how to do it all.

*Frostburg Branch-Monday, April 11, 2011 at 11:00 am*

*Washington Street Branch-Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 11:00 am*

▶ **Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007:** This is an introduction to using word processing software. Learn how to change font and font size, toolbars and more.

This class is geared towards the novice user.

*Frostburg Branch-Monday, April 18, 2011 at 11:00 am*

*Washington Street Branch-Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 11:00 am*

▶ **Microsoft Word Intermediate:** Participants in this class should have completed *Introduction to Microsoft Word*, or have equivalent skills. The Intermediate class will cover copying and pasting, using templates, saving files, and in depth exploration of toolbars.

*Frostburg Branch-Monday, April 25, 2011 at 11:00 am*

*Washington Street Branch-Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 11:00 am*

**Pre-Registration is required for all classes!**

### Computer Classes at South Cumberland Branch on Tuesdays at 10 :00 AM

#### Introduction to the Computer: The Basics

Part I-March 8, 2011  
Part II-March 15, 2011  
Part III-March 22, 2011  
Part IV-March 29, 2011



#### Introduction to the Internet: The Basics

Part I-April 5, 2011  
Part II-April 12, 2011  
Part III-April 19, 2011  
Part IV-April 26, 2011

Join us for two 4-part series of introductory classes. The month of March will feature the series *Introduction to the Computer*. The classes last approximately one hour and will introduce users to the basic functions, operations, and software of a computer. Each class will focus on a different area of the basics. The month of April will feature the series *Introduction to the Internet*. The classes last approximately one hour and will introduce users to basic browsing, searching, and useful websites. All classes are limited to 5 people per class. Students will be using laptops provided by the library. Reserve your seat today.

**Frostburg: 301-687-0790**

**Washington Street: 301-777-1200**

**South Cumberland: 301-724-1607**

There's a new video on "Using Word 2007 for Making a Resume": [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8HQs\\_TbJoQ&](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8HQs_TbJoQ&)

## Kids Library Activities

**Sat., March 5, 2011**



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**NEA's Read Across America** -a great way to honor master storyteller Dr. Seuss! Mark your calendars! On March 5th our libraries will join with NEA members to bring you this one-day event that celebrates reading for Dr. Seuss's birthday. Watch for details at your local library.

**Cat-n-Hat Readings**  
11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

### Read Across America

**A Celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday !**

*Free books and lots of stuffed "Cat in the Hats" to give away!*

[www.catinthehat.org/history.htm](http://www.catinthehat.org/history.htm)

### Read Your Way to the BIG TOP!

**Read 3 books and have a chance for free tickets to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.**

- NOW- Pick up a Reading Log
- February & March-Read, Read, Read
- March 18-Last day to enter
- After March 18-Drawing for winners
- April 1, 2011- Library Night at the Circus in Baltimore, Maryland



### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

**Join us for St. Patrick's Day festivities!**

- March 15-George's Creek Toddler Time at 11 AM
- March 16-LaVale Story Time at 10:00 AM
- March 16-LaVale Toddler Time at 11:30 AM
- March 16-George's Creek Story Time at 6:30 PM
- March 17-South Cumberland Story Time at 10 AM
- March 17-Frostburg Evening Story Time at 6:30 PM



**Craft Night** is at the Westernport Branch on Monday, March 28 at 6:00 PM. We will be making **Easter Crafts**. On Monday, April 25 at 6:00 PM we will be making **Spring Crafts!**

### Easter Celebration



- Join us Easter for stories & crafts!
- April 19-Washington St. Story Time at 10:00 AM
  - April 19-Washington St. Toddler Time at 11:30 AM
  - April 19-George's Creek Toddler Time at 11:00 AM
  - April 20-LaVale Story Time at 10:00 AM
  - Easter Egg Hunt!*
  - April 20-LaVale Toddler Time at 11:30 AM
  - Easter Egg Hunt!*
  - April 20-George's Creek Story Time at 6:30 PM
  - April 21-South Cumberland Story Time at 10 AM
  - April 21-Frostburg **SPECIAL PARTY** at 6:30 PM



**2011 John Newbery Medal** (children's literature):

- **Moon over Manifest** by Clare Vanderpool
- Honor Books:**
- **Turtle in Paradise** by Jennifer L. Holm
  - **Heart of a Samurai** by Margi Preus
  - **Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night** by Joyce Kilmer, illustrated by Rick Allen
  - **One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia



**Read Out Loud** is held on Mondays at 6:30 PM at the Westernport Branch. Kids in grades K-3 pick their own books to read out loud.  
March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18, 25



**Babies & Books** is at the LaVale Branch. Children ages 0 to 18 months attending with a parent or adult caregiver are welcome. Activities may include nursery rhymes, finger plays, stories, and other experiences designed to stimulate and entertain. **Babies & Books meets every Thursday at 11:00 AM: March 3, 10, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21, and 28.** *We will not meet on March 17.*

Continues thru summer.

**Toddler Time**

Continues thru Summer

Frostburg	George's Cr.	LaVale	Washington St.	Westernport
10:30 AM Wednesdays	11:00 AM Tuesdays	11:30 AM Wednesdays	11:30 AM Tuesdays	10:30 AM Thursdays
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr. 20 & 27	Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26	Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27	Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26	Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28

Toddler Time is for children 18 to 36 months attending with a parent or adult caregiver.

Activities may include games, finger plays, rhymes, stories, and other experiences designed to stimulate and entertain.

*The age for the Frostburg & George's Creek Toddler Times is 6 months to 36 months.*



**Evening Story Time**

Evening Story Time is a half hour program open to all children. These programs are designed for the convenience of families who are busy in the daytime hours, but still want to foster good reading habits for their families.

Frostburg	George's Creek	Westernport
6:30 PM Thursdays	6:30 PM Wednesdays	6:30 PM- Mondays READ OUT LOUD
Mar. 3 & 17 Apr. 7 & 27	Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27	Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25



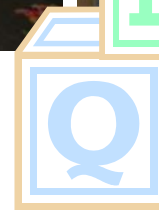
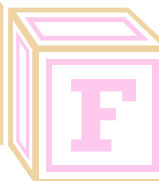
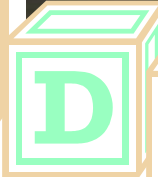
**2011 Randolph Caldecott Medal**  
(American children's picture book):

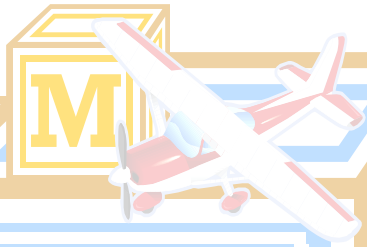
● *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* illustrated by Erin E. Stead and written by Philip C. Stead

**Honor Books:**

● *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* illustrated by Bryan Collier and written by Laban Carrick Hill

● *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein





## Farms

### Transportation

#### Frostburg Story Time

Tues., March 8  
at 11 AM

#### Frostburg Toddler Time

Wed., March 9  
at 10:30 AM

#### South Cumberland Story

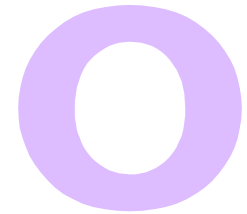
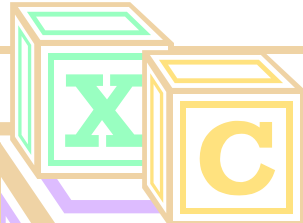
Time- Thursday, March 10  
at 10:00 AM

#### George's Creek- Toddler Time

Tues., April 5 at 11 AM

#### Evening Story Time

Wed., April 6 at 6:30 PM



### Spring is in the Air!

#### Westernport Story Time

Tues., March 15-6:30 PM

#### Westernport Toddler Time

Thurs., March 17-10:30 AM

#### Frostburg Story Time

Tues., April 19 at 11 AM



### Bears & Bears!

#### at Westernport

#### Story Time

Tues., April 5  
at 6:30 PM

#### Toddler Time

Thurs., April 7  
at 10:30 AM



### Mother Goose

at George's Creek

#### Toddler Time on

Tues., April 26

at 11 AM and Evening

Story Time on Wed.,

April 27 at 6:30 PM

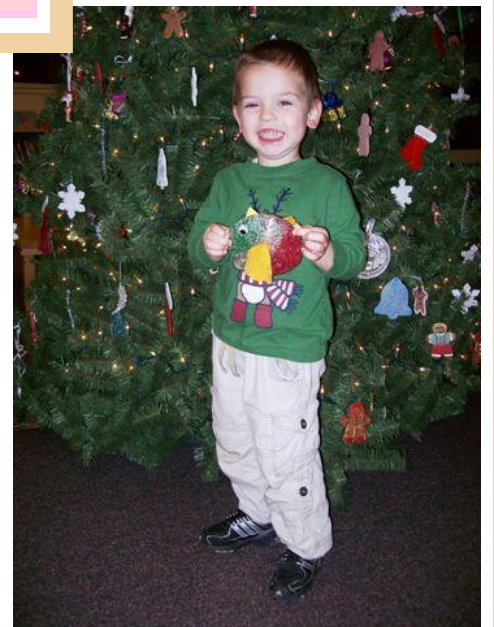
### Story Time

Children \* aged 3-5 are encouraged to attend this program of stories and activities.

*\*Story Time at South Cumberland & George's Creek-*

*In order to accommodate toddlers, children aged 2-5 yrs are welcome.*

<b>Frostburg</b>	<b>George's Cr.</b>	<b>LaVale</b>
11:00 AM	6:30 PM	10:00 AM
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23	Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27	Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27
<b>South Cumberland</b>	<b>Washington St.</b>	<b>Westernport</b>
10:00 AM	10:00 AM	6:30 PM
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>
Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28	Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26	Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26



Chris made a bird for his Christmas Tree during the George's Creek Story Time.

## Teen & Tween Activities



### Teen Tech Week 2011 is March 6-12!

"Mix & Mash," this year's theme, encourages creative expression by combining writing, storytelling, movies, music, and more. Whether it's with a laptop, social-networking tool, camera, flash drive, smart phone, or printer—mix and mash technology and creativity to celebrate Teen Tech Week.

### NEW Gaming Technology at the Westernport Branch!

**KINECT@ YOUR LIBRARY!** Join us on Monday, March 7 from 5:00 to 7:45 PM. During our Gaming Night we will explore the new XBOX360 Kinect & new games.



### "Can you Animoto?"

A TEEN TECH WEEK EVENT

Teens ages 13 thru 17 are invited to learn how to use the free software from Animoto to create their own movies. This is a beginners course and all necessary tools will be provided by the Library. This class is first come, first served; so come early to make sure you have a seat! Plus, refreshments will be served! Come to the **Washington Street Branch** on Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

**The Chapter Club** is held on Saturdays at Noon at the Westernport Branch. Kids grades 4 and up are welcome to join us for reading together and discussions. We will be reading titles from the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. Join us on March 12 & March 26 and April 9 & April 30.

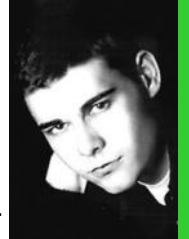
The **South Cumberland Library's Teen After School Program** meets on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the South Cumberland Library Community Room. This program offers all teens and tweens a safe and positive place to be after school. Join us for video games, crafts, computer access, snacks, and more.

**"The Knitting Ladies"** will be teaching knitting at South Cumberland Library After School Program every Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.



**South Cumberland Library's Teen Book Talk** will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 PM and Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 PM. This group discusses recent book releases, upcoming bestsellers, what books are popular with teens; and teens can offer suggestions to the library regarding what books to purchase. Kids grades 6-12 are invited.

Local writer and artist **Michael Hilditch** shares his love of comic books and superheroes by teaching Art lessons during our South Cumberland Library After School Program. Contact Joni Reed at 301-724-1607 for times and dates.



With a generous donation from the **South Cumberland Library Trust**, our After School Program was able to host a **"Christmas Craft for Mom"** workshop. Kids who participated made a homemade Christmas ornament for Mom and wrapped it up with packets of hot chocolate, candy, and a card.

**2011 Michael L. Printz Award Books:**  
*Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi  
**Honor Books:** *Stolen* by Lucy Christopher, *Please Ignore Vera Dietz* by A.S. King, *Revolver* by Marcus Sedgwick, and *Nothing* by Janne Teller



**South Cumberland Library's After School kids** will be chasing away a gloomy Monday by making **Hot Chocolate and S'mores** on Monday, March 14. *Come join us!*

Don't miss the **Comic Book Exchange** happening during our South Cumberland After School Program on Monday, April 11 at 4:00 PM! Bring any comic books you've already read and exchange them with someone else's!



**Scrapbooking for Kids** is held on Thursdays at 6:00 PM at the George's Creek Branch in Lonaconing. Kids 10 and up are welcome to come to design and journal their scrapbooks in a fun and social environment! Call 301-463-2629 for information. March 17, 24 & 31 and April 21 & 28.

# What's New?

## Catalog NoveList Select Users

will now have an added tool for finding the titles of books in series and similar & recommended books, with notes so users will understand why the titles are being suggested. Notice this service working when you search an item in our catalog. After typing in your title, wait a couple of seconds and then scroll down.

*We think you are going to like it!*



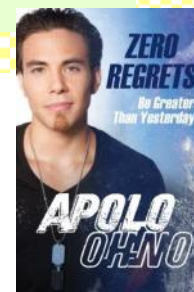
## Read Biographies for Inspiration!

**Zero Regrets: Be Greater Than Yesterday** by Apolo Ohno, the most decorated American Winter Olympic athlete of all time.

**Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home** by Rhoda Janzen -Sometimes women go through a lot before trying something different! Quick and witty!

**The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skoort -Truth is far more unsettling than fiction in this look into the unimaginable life of cells taken from Henrietta's body.

For ages 9-12 **Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"** -The story of bombed-out Berlin and a man who befriended its children with tons of candy, during the 1948 Airlift.



The Federal Government is consolidating their online resources for small businesses in one place

<http://www.sba.gov/>

Is a home-based business in your future?

Under the "Starting and Managing a Business" tab is a "Small Business Start-Up Assessment", a short start-up assessment exercise that scores visitor's responses, provides an assessment, and gives suggested next steps, using the Small Business Administration resources

Can't say enough about the value of The Testing and Educational Reference Center's (one of our Online Databases)

### The Career Key™

career assessment capabilities for helping you choose a career path.

Consider your personality & learn about Holland's vocational types: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, or Conventional, for making better choices.

Answer a brief series of multiple-choice questions to determine job categories, industries, and specific occupations most suitable for you.

With hundreds of careers possible, see what work environment, required skills/education, and salary are a possible fit for you.

### Career Tools



#### Test Prep

- [NCLEX](#)—your gateway to a career in nursing.
- [ASVAB](#) prep—prepare for the military.
- [PRAXIS](#)—Your gateway to a career in teaching.
- [Civil Service and licensure exams](#).-including the Postal, Firefighter, and Police Officer exams.
- [Air Force Officer Qualifying Test prep \(AFOOT\)](#)
- [Military Flight Aptitude prep](#)
- [Officer Candidate prep](#)

#### Other

- [Virtual Career Library](#)
- [Online Resume Builder](#)
- [Research careers](#)
- [Career colleges search](#)



## Spotlight on Library Superheros: Agency Directors

There are many agencies in our communities that meet us halfway to keep us connected with their resources. It's really important for us to be able to make sense of all that is available, to be able to help people when a serious need arises.

### Finding the Help, to Help Others As Well As Yourself

▶ The **State Library Resource Center** recently posted a guide for those in the correctional system who are transitioning back into society: "**Transitions: A Flight Plan for Re-Entry Success**". There is a wealth of information here that could possibly help others in our communities: on not becoming homeless, finding food, federal bonding, a tax credit for private companies, and more....

<http://www.prattlibrary.org/locations/ssh/index.aspx?id=59990&mark=transitions>

▶ **MD Adult Literacy, Basic Skills, and Diploma (GED/External) Programs Orientations** which include an informational session, explaining Adult Basic Education Classes and Diploma Options and an assessment of the individual's basic skills, will be held March 14 & 28 and April 11. Sessions typically last 2 ½ hours. Day & evening classes are available. Registration required: call 301-687-8025 or email [ged@acps.k12.md.us](mailto:ged@acps.k12.md.us)

▶ **The Family Junction**- "*When parents are confident and happy in their role as a parent, then their children are confident and happy as well.*" We provide resources parents can use to strengthen their relationships with their children. Call 301-777-2858 or [www.thefamilyjunction.org](http://www.thefamilyjunction.org)



### Family Law Self Help Center

Come to the Frostburg Branch from 4:30-6:30PM for FREE help in filing Family Law Cases. Mondays: March 21 and April 18.



LIVE  
LIBRARIANS



Author Maude McDaniel discusses her book, *Spite the Devil* with participants of the Frostburg Adult Book Discussion Group.

### Welcome Cathy Michael the new custodian at the Washington Street Branch.

**2011 Coretta Scott King** (African American Author for children/young adults) Book Award

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* (for Illustrator) illustrated by Bryan Collier

**2011 Schneider Family Book Award** (artistic expression of the disability experience)

*The Pirate of Kindergarten* by George Ella Lyon, illustrated by Lynne Avril (for ages 0-10)

*After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick (for ages 11-13)

*Five Flavors of Dumb* by Antony John (for ages 13-18)

**2011 Pura Belpré Award** (Latino whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience)

*The Dreamer* by Pam Muñoz Ryan;

*Grandma's Gift* (for Illustrator) illustrated and written by Eric Velasquez



# Bookmobile Schedule



## Tuesday

- 9:15-10:15am Lighthouse Christian Preschool
- 10:30-10:45am Willow Creek Adult Daycare
- 11:00am-Noon Friends Aware
- 1:00-2:00pm Bel Air Elementary School
- 2:15-3:00pm Hannah Plaza (Food Lion, Cresaptown)

## Wednesday

- 10:00-10:30am Belle Grove
- 10:45-Noon Green Ridge Camp
- 1:00-2:00pm Flintstone Elementary School
- 2:15-2:45pm Flintstone Post Office

## Thursday

- 9:00-10:30am Humpty Dumpty
- 11:00-11:30am Smiling Faces Daycare
- 11:45-12:15pm St. Luke's Learning Center
- 1:00-2:00pm Lighthouse Christian Academy

## Friday

- 9:30-10:00am Gateway Townhouses
- 10:30-11:30am Frostburg Heights Apartments
- 11:35-12:05pm Mt. Ridge



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