

HCLS CLASSES PRESENTED AT 2025 ADULT SUMMER READING SHOWCASE

Find these classes and more at <https://howardcounty.librarycalendar.com/>

Adult Battle of the Books

Stay tuned for Howard County's first ever Adult Battle of the Books coming this October. Please check the HCLS website for more updates.

Save the date: Team registration will open on Sunday, Jun 15.

Tool Thursday

Learn about the wide variety of power tools you may borrow from the DIY Education Center every first Thursday. We will discuss and demonstrate applications, safe use, and accessories you may need.

This month's tool: Miter and Table Saw. No registration required.

Thursday, Jun 5 7:00pm - 8:00pm HCLS Elkridge Branch + DIY Center

Open A/V Lab & Creativity Space

Use the design software and equipment in the Audio-Visual Lab for all of your creative projects. Writers, filmmakers, photographers, musicians, and creators of all kinds invited!

June is Music Month! Come work on your beats and melodies. Producers, musicians, and vocalists are invited to use our audio recording booth, instruments, and audio editing software.

All skill and ability levels welcome. Registration required.

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday, Jun 9 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | HCLS Savage Branch |
| Monday, Jun 16 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | HCLS Savage Branch |
| Monday, Jun 23 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | HCLS Savage Branch |

History Relived: 75th Anniversary of the Korean War

The Korean War (25 June 1950 - 27 July 1953) was an armed conflict on the Korean Peninsula fought between North Korea and South Korea and their allies. North Korea was supported by the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union, while South Korea was supported by the United Nations Command (UNC) led by the United States. The conflict was one of the first major proxy wars of the Cold War. Fighting ended in 1953 with an armistice but no peace treaty, leading to the ongoing Korean conflict.

Come join an informal discussion of the events and how it shaped the time then and how it shaped it in the future.

Tuesday, Jun 10 11:00am - 12:00pm HCLS Glenwood Branch

Museum@TheLibrary: Motherhood in Art

Motherhood in Art (not the Hallmark version). All artists have mothers, of course, and many artists are mothers themselves. Docent Laura Provan will show a survey of artworks from the collection of the National Museum of Women in Arts (NMWA) that have something to say about motherhood, in one way or another. We'll look not only at art from the museum's own holdings, but also at works from other institutions that help shed added light on NMWA's pieces.

The talk will be interactive. Laura will offer information about the art, the artists, and the times and places in which they live(d) and work(ed), and open up the conversation to the audience to share thoughts. Questions and comments are welcome!

Please register with an email address to receive an immediate registration confirmation.

Wednesday, Jun 18 1:30pm - 2:30pm HCLS Miller Branch

Songs of Freedom: Journey Along the Underground Railroad

Harriet Tubman's story comes alive through traditional code songs, modern melodies, and authentic narration. Journey along the Underground Railroad with historian Linda Harris as she chronicles her annual charity walks through the lens of local African American history.

Registration is optional. Register if you wish to receive email reminders and updates about this class. All seating is first-come, first-served.

This event takes place offsite at: **Carroll Baldwin Hall 9035 Baltimore Street, Savage, MD 20763.**

Wednesday, Jun 18 7:00pm - 8:00pm [Carroll Baldwin Hall](#)

Good Reads Book Club

Looking for thought-provoking reads and engaging discussions? Join our new literary fiction book club for lively conversations with fellow book lovers in a welcoming atmosphere.

Meetings held every 4th Friday. Registration recommended.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Friday, Jun 27 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | HCLS East Columbia Branch |
| Friday, Jul 25 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | HCLS East Columbia Branch |
| Friday, Aug 22 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | HCLS East Columbia Branch |

Identifying & Foraging Edible Plants

Learn to safely and respectfully forage edible plants, including helpful tips for plant identification.

Weather permitting, practice identifying plants in the “wild” on a walk to the Lakefront and back. The path is wide and smoothly paved, with a steep downward incline in the first half.

Note: This class will not address mushrooms or other fungi.

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Saturday, Jul 19 | 10:00am - 11:45am | HCLS Central Branch |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|

Using Archaeology to Bring Local History to Life

Explore how history, archaeology, and archives can help bring alive the stories and lives of people in the past. Using the collections of the Howard County Historical Society and other regional examples, HCHS Executive Director Ann Bennett will discuss how we can connect the past and the present through the objects of the past.

This event is a partnership between HCLS and the Howard County Historical Society. Registration required.

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Saturday, Aug 16 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | HCLS Miller Branch |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|