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

January 11 – January 17

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

**Arbutus Library**, 1581 Sulphur Spring Road, call 410-887-1451: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13; “Pajama Story Time,” stories and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult (wear your jammies), 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 13; “Intro to the Internet,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk for age 13 years and up, registration required, 9 a.m., Thursday, January 15.

**Catonsville Library**, 1100 Frederick Road, call 887-0951: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 15; “Let Us Teach You Chess,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk for teens, in preparation for a February 28 chess match, 2 p.m., Saturday, January 17; “Baby Boosters,” stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13; “Open Mic Night,” share your poetry, rap, music or other talents, 7 p.m., Monday, January 12; “What’s Your Creative Identity?,” creating and sharing poetry, including a performance by the spoken-word poetry group The 5<sup>th</sup> L, registration required, 7 p.m., Thursday, January 15.

**Cockeysville Library**, 9833 Greenside Drive, call 410-887-7750: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 15; “Baby Boosters,” stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14 and 9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 17; “Toddler Time,” stories, music and movement activities for ages 18-35 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 12; “Intro to the Internet,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk for age 13 years and up, registration required, 9 a.m., Monday, January 12; “Story Time with Spirit the Dog,” stories for ages 2-5 years with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 15.

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**Essex Library**, 1110 Eastern Boulevard, call 410-887-0295: "Tutoring," free homework help in all academic subjects, except foreign language, for teens ages 11-17 years, registration required, 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, January 13; "Friday Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 11 a.m., Friday, January 16; "Baby Boosters," stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 14 and Saturday, January 17; "Holiday Happenings," music, ventriloquism and audience participation with award-winner Pam the Kindersinger, for all ages (under age 6 with an adult), 2 p.m., Saturday, January 17.

**Hereford Library**, 16940 York Road, call 410-887-1919: "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 15; "Urban Pirates," songs, stories and treasure for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 15.

**Lansdowne Library**, 500 Third Avenue, call 410-887-5602: "Fun Food Fest!," making and sharing great-tasting foods, for teens, 3 p.m., Tuesday, January 13; "Discovery Club," exploring new ideas and building leadership skills, a Campfire USA program, for grades 6-8, registration required, 3 p.m., Wednesday, January 14; "Teen Gaming," playing "Dance Dance Revolution," "Guitar Hero" and other Xbox 360 games, for teens, registration required, 3 p.m., Thursday, January 15; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 1 p.m., Saturday, January 17; "Baby Boosters," stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, 1 p.m., Monday, January 12; "Pajama Story Time in Spanish/English," stories and songs in both Spanish and English, for ages 2-5 years with an adult (wear your jammies), 7 p.m., Monday, January 12.

**North Point Library**, 1716 Merritt Boulevard, call 410-887-7255: "Tutoring," free homework help in all academic subjects, for teens ages 11-17 years, registration required, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Sunday, January 11, 6-9 p.m., Monday, January 12 and Thursday, January 15; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14; "Intro to the Internet," a hands-on, demonstration-talk for age 13 years and up, registration required, 2 p.m., Thursday, January 15; "Rufus," puppetry by Blue Sky Puppet Theater, for school ages, 2 p.m., Saturday, January 17.

**Parkville Library**, 9509 Harford Road, call 410-887-5353: "Baby Boosters," stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15.

**Pikesville Library**, 1301 Reisterstown Road, call 410-887-1234: "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 16; "Baby Boosters," stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 14 and Saturday, January 17; "Pajama Story Time," songs, fingerplays and stories for ages 2-5 years with an adult (wear your jammies), 7 p.m., Wednesday, January 14.

**Randallstown Library**, 8604 Liberty Road, call 410-887-0770: "Video Games for Teens," playing "Rock Band," "Guitar Hero" and other Wii and Xbox 360 games, for teens ages 11-17 years, 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday, January 13; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14; "4 Youth, by Youth," learning about community outreach, getting ready for college and entrepreneurship (student service learning hours available), for teens ages 11-17 years, 3-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14; "Let Us Teach You Chess," a hands-on, demonstration-talk for teens ages 11-17 years, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 15; "Intro to Microsoft Word," a hands-on, demonstration-talk by Verizon Helping Hands, registration required, for age 13 years and up, 9 a.m., Saturday, January 17; "Sleight-of-Hand," learning tricks of the trade, including performance tips, history and references sources (free props to take home), registration required, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 13; "Urban Pirates," songs, stories and treasure for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14.

**Reisterstown Library**, 21 Cockeys Mill Road, call 410-887-1165: "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 11 a.m., Monday, January 12 and 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 16; "Baby Boosters," stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 17.

**Rosedale Library**, 6105 Kenwood Avenue, call 410-887-0512: “Baby Boosters,” stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 9:30 a.m., Monday, January 12; “Toddler Time” (**Registration Required**) stories, music and movement activities for ages 2-3 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13; “4 Youth, by Youth,” learning about community outreach, getting ready for college and entrepreneurship (student service learning hours available), 3-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 13; “Video Games for Teens,” playing “Rock Band,” “Guitar Hero” and other Wii and Xbox 360 games, for teens, registration required, 3 p.m., Wednesday, January 14; “Tutoring,” free homework help in all academic subjects, except foreign language, for teens ages 11-17 years, registration required, 3-6 p.m., Thursday, January 15; “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 16; “Computer Know-How at Your Library,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk for age 13 years and up, registration required, 9 a.m., Monday, January 12; “Intro to the Internet,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk for age 13 years and up, registration required, 9 a.m., Saturday, January 17; “Karma Dogs,” opportunities for shy readers to share stories with a nonjudgmental, furry friend from the H.E.A.R.T.S. program, for the family (under age 6 with an adult), 11 a.m., Saturday, January 17.

**Towson Library**, 320 York Road, call 410-887-6166: “Friday Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 16; “Intro to the Internet, Part II,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk for age 13 years and up, registration required, 9:15 a.m., Saturday, January 17; “Spice It Up,” wintry songs with Deborah “Spice” Kleinmann on the guitar, for all ages (under age 6 with an adult), 2 p.m., Saturday, January 17; “Karma Dogs,” opportunities for reluctant readers to share stories with a friendly, nonjudgmental, furry friend from the H.E.A.R.T.S. program, for school ages, 11 a.m., Saturday, January 17.

**White Marsh Library**, 8133 Sandpiper Circle, call 410-887-5097: “Baby Boosters,” stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 15; “Australia Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13.

**Woodlawn Library**, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, call 410-887-1336: “Tutoring,” free homework help in all academic subjects, except foreign language, for teens ages 11-17 years, registration required, 3-6 p.m., Monday, January 12; “Chess Tournament Preparation,” a hands-on, demonstration-talk and practice sessions in preparation for a tournament Saturday, January 31, for teens ages 11-17 years, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15; “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 16; “Baby Boosters,” stories, music, movement and rhymes for ages 0-23 months with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 17; “Babysitting Training Course,” earning American Red Cross certification while learning first aid, diapering and feeding techniques, for teens ages 11-17 years (bring a bag lunch), registration required, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, January 17.