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

February 5 – February 11

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

Arbutus Branch, 855 Sulphur Spring Road, 410-887-1451: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7; “Teen Gaming,” playing Wii and Xbox 360 games including *Rock Band 2*, *Mario Kart* and *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*, crafting activities available during gaming, for teens ages 11-17, 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 7; “4 Youth, by Youth,” giving back to your community, getting ready for college and learning about entrepreneurship, for teens ages 11-17, 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Celebrate Black History,” discovering interesting facts about famous African Americans while going on a scavenger hunt around the branch, for teens ages 11-17, February 6-February 11.

Catonsville Branch, 1100 Frederick Road, 410-887-0951: “Teen Gaming,” playing Wii and Xbox games including *Rock Band 2*, *Mario Kart* and *Wii Sports*, for teens ages 11-17, 3 p.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9; “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7.

Cockeysville Branch, 9833 Greenside Drive, 410-887-7750: "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 7 and Wednesday, February 8; "Pajama Story Time," bedtime stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 7 p.m., Monday, February 6; "Story Time with Mr. Bob," joining Mr. Bob as he tells stories and sings songs about a special theme, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 6; "Teen Anime Club," watching anime, meeting with other otaku, showing off your trivia smarts and enjoying light snacks, for teens ages 11-14; 2 p.m., Saturday, February 11; "Teen Zone: Unplugged," showcasing your best talent at our open mic night, for teens ages 11-17; 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 7; "Valentine Story Time," enjoying stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 8; "Teen Writers' Club," honing your writing skills by working with professional writers from the Maryland Writers' Association, for teens ages 11-17, registration required, 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 8.

Essex Branch, 1110 Eastern Boulevard, 410-887-0295: "Friday Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 11 a.m., Friday, February 10; "Saturday Preschool Story Time," enjoying stories, activities and songs together, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 11 a.m., Saturday, February 11; "Valentine's Story Time," stories, songs and a Valentine's Day craft, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 11 a.m., Friday, February 10.

Hereford Branch, 16940 York Road, 410-887-1919: "Baby Boosters Story Time," simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9.

Lansdowne Branch, 500 Third Avenue, 410-887-5602: "Pajama Story Time," bedtime stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 7 p.m., Monday, February 6; "Fun Food Fest," learning easy ways to make great tasting foods and trying them out with friends, for teens ages 11-17, 2:30 p.m., Thursday, February 9; "Teen Gaming," trying your skills at *Rock Band*, *Guitar Hero* and other Wii and Xbox 360 games, for teens ages 11-17, 2:30 p.m., Thursday, February 9; "Preschool Story Time," stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 1 p.m., Saturday, February 11; "Paws to Read," reading for confidence with Holly, the dog from Pets on Wheels, for school age children, 2 p.m., Saturday, February 11; "Winter Teens,"

snacks, games, talk and fun, for teens ages 11-17, 3 p.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Valentine Story Time,” listening to stories and making a Valentine for someone special, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 1 p.m., Saturday, February 11.

North Point Branch, 1716 Merritt Boulevard, 410-887-7255: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Computer Room,” using the computer room to work independently in a quiet environment, reservations are suggested, walk-ins are welcome, space permitting, 4-7 p.m. Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9; “Karma Dogs,” reading for confidence with a Karma Dog from the HEARTS Program, for school age children – children under 8 with an adult, 11 a.m., Saturday, February 11; “Be My Valentine Story Time,” stories and songs about Valentine’s Day, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8.

Parkville Branch, 9509 Harford Road, 410-887-5353: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9.

Perry Hall Branch, 9685 Honeygo Boulevard, 410-887-5195: “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7; “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Toddler Story Time,” an interactive program of short stories, music and movement activities, for ages 2-3 years with an adult, registration required, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9; “Pajama Story Time,” an evening of songs, finger plays and stories, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 7 p.m., Thursday, February 9; “Introduction to the Internet,” learning basic Internet skills, for age 13 and up, registration required, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9.

Pikesville Branch, 1301 Reisterstown Road, 410-887-1234: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 10; “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Toddler Story Time,” short stories, music and movement activities, for ages 2-3 years with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9; “Family Game Night,” family fun for all,

with a wide variety of board games to choose from, for family – children under 8 with an adult, 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 7; “Let It Snow,” snow time stories and crafts, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, ASL interpreter present, 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 10.

Randallstown Branch, 8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Introduction to the Internet,” learning basic Internet skills, for age 13 and up, registration required, 9 a.m., Saturday, February 11.

Reisterstown Branch, 21 Cockeyes Mill Road, 410-887-1165: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9.

Rosedale Branch, 6105 Kenwood Avenue, 410-887-0512: “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 6; “Toddler Story Time,” short stories, music and movement activities, for ages 2-3 years with an adult, registration required, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7; “Video Gaming for Teens,” playing *Rock Band*, *Guitar Hero* and other fun Wii and Xbox 360 games, for teens ages 11-17, registration required, 3 p.m., Thursday, February 9; “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 10; “Introduction to the Internet,” learning basic Internet skills, for age 13 and up, registration required, 9 a.m., Thursday, February 9; “Pajama Story Time,” bedtime stories and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 8; “Zumbatomic Dance Fitness for Kids,” high-energy kids’ fitness program, packed with specially choreographed, kid-friendly routines set to rockin’ music, sneakers advised, for school age children – 4-12 years old/children 4-7 with an adult, 2 p.m., Saturday, February 11.

Sollers Point Branch, 323 Sollers Point Road, 410-887-8972: “Preschool Story Time,” enjoying stories, activities and songs together, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7.

Towson Branch, 320 York Road, 410-887-6166: “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required,

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7 and Wednesday, February 8; “Friday Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 10.

White Marsh Branch, 8133 Sandpiper Circle, 410-887-5097: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7; “Baby Boosters Story Time,” simple stories, music, movement and rhymes, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, registration required, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9.

Woodlawn Branch, 1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336: “Preschool Story Time,” stories, activities and songs, for ages 2-5 years with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 10; “Fiestas and Siestas,” simple stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish, for ages 0-23 months with an adult, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 11; “LEGO Fun,” creating with LEGO blocks, all supplies provided, for school age children – 6-12 years old, children 6-7 with an adult, registration required, 2 p.m., Saturday, February 11; “Black History Month Film Series,” celebrating Black History Month in film featuring classic and modern African-American cinema, this week’s feature is *The Help*, for teens, 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 8.

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