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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Program registration begins Friday, November 15. Online registration begins at 8 am online (carylibrary.evanced.info/Signup) or 9 am in person or by phone (847.639.4210, press 3). Please notify us as soon as possible if you need to cancel your registration. Registration is required unless otherwise noted in the program description. If a program is full, be sure to register for the wait-list-- people often cancel and spots open up for programs. You will be contacted as soon as possible if you have been moved to the attendee list.

Photos and videos may be taken during programs for publicity purposes. Notify Library staff if you do not wish to be photographed.

I am a Library user

There are multiple ways to use the Library, including not stepping a foot into the building. What? No, we’re not talking about our digital offerings. Instead, we’ll introduce you to a few patrons who have the Library brought to them.

“I always have a book to read and that is a comfort to me.”
- Helen

Each month, staff bring a selection of new and themed books to present and “talk up” to the residents of Three Oaks Assisted Living. The patrons are then able to checkout the titles they’re interested in right there on-site. Jeanne (pictured) thoroughly enjoys the visits, “Reading is my pastime, and I look forward to their coming.” She has been introduced to authors she wouldn’t have come across otherwise.

Another way we bring the Library outside the building is through our Homebound Delivery service. Helen, a longtime Cary resident and cardholder, needed our Homebound service after she was unable to walk any distance. “Whomever thought of the Homebound Service is a genius! I don’t have to pester family or friends to get me a book.” The service allows for some autonomy at a time in life when that is in shorter supply. She appreciates that staff are “excellent in selecting books and remembering what I’ve read.”

Alice, also a user of our Homebound service, is relieved that she doesn’t have to worry about the weather or an overdue book. Although she misses coming to the Library, she doesn’t “miss the trouble of going up and down the aisles and reaching up and down for books.”

While these are all practical reasons for finding value in these services, what about the intangible? A shared love of reading is one of the best ways to connect with people. As Alice said, “A friendly librarian comes to my door with a smile and books in her hand.” The Library isn’t just about books, it’s about people.

Homebound Delivery

We’ll deliver materials to Cary Area Public Library cardholders who are homebound long-term or temporarily due to age, illness, or physical disability. We can deliver materials that you specifically request or choose items for you based on your preferences. Please contact us by phone (847.639.4210, press 3) or visit us online www.caryarealibrary.org/homebound

FRIENDS OF THE CARY AREA LIBRARY

Upcoming meetings will be held on Thursdays, December 5, January 9, and February 13 at 7 pm in the Library. FOCAL is always looking for new members and membership is free! Fill out the brief form at the Library or apply online caryarealibrary.org/focal

DONATIONS

- We gladly accept gently used book and AV donations during Library hours. Donated items are tax-deductible. Please note, we do not accept encyclopedias, reference sets, yearbooks, textbooks over 5 years old, magazines, VHS and cassette tapes www.caryarealibrary.org/donations

2018-19 YEAR IN REVIEW

125,010 Visitors
13,378 Cardholders
338,928 Items loaned
19,246 Reference transactions
169/4,158 Adult programs/attendance
312/10,627 Teen programs/attendance
12,178 Children’s programs/attendance
15,247 Computer sessions
631 Wi-Fi sessions
631 Meeting Room reservations
1,988 Study Room reservations
630 Passport applications accepted
134 Outreach events attended or conducted
88 Patrons helped via Book an Expert
2,957 People early voted at the Library in 2018-19

ONE WEEK LOAN FOR ALL DVDs

Currently, adult non-fiction DVDs checkout for three weeks unlike all other DVDs in our collection. For consistency and maximum usage, this will change to one week. If there are no pending holds, the DVDs will still auto-renew an additional two times. The change will go into effect by December 1-- watch for signage in the non-fiction DVD section.

If you are interested in sharing how the Library has impacted your life, please let us know: news@caryarealibrary.info.
Multi-age programs

MAKER CLUB
Mondays, Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 17, 6:30-8:30 pm
All ages (age 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult). Led by Ryan Brock, create your own tech-based project and learn about microcontrollers, soldering, wiring, and programming in these hands-on sessions. Participants do not need to attend every session but MUST come to the first session in order to choose a project. Most projects will take multiple sessions. Limited to 20. There will be a fee for some supplies after projects are chosen.

BASIC ROBOTICS
Monday, January 13, 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages 9-adult. Intro to LEGO MindStorms robots. Learn about the hardware and program interface. This class is a prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. Limited to 16.

BUILD-A-ROBOT
Friday, Jan. 17 and Monday, Feb. 17, 1:30-4 pm
Ages 9-adult. Work with a partner to build a LEGO EV3 robot and then download the program to activate it. Adults not required, but this is a great chance for you to share a STEM activity with your child. Register for each class. Limited to 16.

ROBOTICS WORKSHOPS
Mondays, Jan. 27, Feb. 10 & 24, 6:30-8:30 pm
Ages 9-adult. Learn or improve your programming skills with the LEGO Mindstorms modules and apply those skills to various challenges. You must have attended the Basics Robotics class. A Build-A-Robot session does not qualify. Register for each class. Limited to 18.

HANDS ON

Winter Reading
January 2-February 29
Sign-up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge beginning January 2. We will be debuting a new system called Beanstack, where you will be tracking minutes spent reading instead of books completed. We’ll set the goal, you reach for it! We’re in the business of encouraging people to read, at their own pace, whether they finish a book or not.

You’ll earn digital badges as you go and tickets to allocate into the grand prize drawing(s) of your choice. So, as in the past, the more you participate the more chances you have to win a grand prize.

We recommend downloading the Beanstack app to track your reading since it offers such convenient features (see the sidebar at right), but you may also log your reading online through our website or on a paper log if you are not ready to take the digital leap.

Reading transports you to somewhere, anywhere else. A new location, a made-up location, a different era, in a different form. The possibilities are endless.

Crafters! Empty your closets and craft rooms to get rid of the clutter. Donate clean, usable, and good quality supplies from your projects: fabric, sewing/embroidery thread and notions, beads, felting items, rubber stamps, scrapbooking items, craft kits, craft instruction books, patterns, stencils, yarn and knitting needles, etc.

Drop-off:
Thursday, January 30, 10 am-7 pm
Friday, January 31, 10 am-3 pm
Craft items will not be accepted on the Swap Date, February 1.

Swap:
Saturday, February 1, 10 am-3 pm
Everyone is welcome to explore the variety of craft supplies and take home items of your choice. Any leftover items will be donated to local charities.

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January 2-February 29

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Reading is MAGIC

Our favorite features include:
• One-time sign-up: once you’ve signed up, you’re set for this program and any future program you want to participate in (stay tuned for other reading challenges!)
• The app offers a built-in timer to track your reading and see your real-time stats
• Easily enter the book you’re reading by scanning its ISBN barcode
• Write reviews of the books you read
• Parents can register their child(ren) and then log everyone’s reading (parents and each child) with just a couple of clicks
• For children, the system will prompt you each year to age up/grade up their status

Download the “Beanstack Tracker” app from the Apple App Store or Google Play so you’re ready to go January 2!
NEW RESOURCE: AtoZ FOOD AMERICA

Find recipes from all 50 states, six regions, and each of the 33 major US ethnic groups all in one place, with your CAPL card. This new resource also has historic cookbooks dating back to the 1700s, the Bartenders’ Guide to Traditional Cocktails, and a video library of food prep how-tos, and over 3200 original TV food commercials dating back to the 1940s. AtoZ Food America has something to educate and entertain everyone! | www.caryareallibrary.org/resources/databases
**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**GREAT DECISIONS**
First Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm
Exchange ideas about foreign policy issues in this discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Participants must buy a briefing book and read a chapter prior to each meeting. This eight-month series begins in February, but you can join the group at any time. Monthly descriptions available in our online calendar. Briefing book: $15; no refunds.

Jan. 2: Foreign Policy Roundtable (FPR) - Gary will select topics in advance, provide links to reading materials, and lead discussion on topics not covered in GD.
Feb. 6: Climate Change & the Global Order - Gary will select topics in advance, provide links to reading materials, and lead discussion on topics not covered in GD.
Feb. 27: How To Walk Away by Alain de Botton

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION**
Books are available each month at the Service Center.

**BOOKS ON TAP: A 20s-30s BOOK CLUB**
Tuesdays, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18
7-8:30 pm | Meets at Cary Ale House
Eat, drink, and talk shop about books with others in their 20s and 30s. Want to join or find out the current title? Contact Becky: roberhauser@caryarealibrary.info.

**ADULT AREA WRITERS GROUP**
Second Saturday each month, 12-3 pm
Looking for a community to nurture your writing? Join CAWG.

**Turning Pages Together**
Thursdays, 7-8 pm
Jan. 23: Once Upon a River by Dan Abraham
Feb. 27: How To Walk Away by Alain de Botton

**How to Make a Watercolor Portrait**
Grades 6-12. Participants will learn how to make a watercolor portrait.
Thursday, January 2, 4:30-6 pm

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**FILM DISCUSSION**
Third Mondays, every other month
7-8:30 pm | "Note that the group will now be meeting the third Monday of every other month. Watch the film on your own before our discussion. We watch classic to current films that may have violence, language, sexual content, and/or subtitles.
January 20: Heathers
February 10: 9 to 5

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**The Institute**
by Stephen King
Back at it again, King introduces you to a terrifying place where children with special abilities are kept, never to escape.

**The Water Dancer**
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
A blend of historical fiction and magical realism from writer Coates, about a young slave’s struggle for freedom and family.

**Hooked on Books**
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
Jan. 22: Once Upon a River
Feb. 26: Pachinko

**TEEN GROUPS**

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**
Tuesday, December 3, 7-8 pm
Grades 6-8. We will have one last group meeting before the battle. Attend to do practice questions and talk about the books.

**The Testaments**
by Margaret Atwood
Sequel to her 1985 classic. The Handmaid’s Tale. Atwood further explores the world of Gilead and its implications.

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by Stephen King
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**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**
Tuesdays, December 10, 7-8:30 pm
February 11, 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Suggest new programs and materials and meet other teens interested in the Library. Feel free to bring a friend and come join our meetings. We will not have a meeting in January due to Battle of the Books. High schoolers who want to volunteer for B.O.B. are welcome! For our February meeting we will be playing BINGO with the residents of Three Oaks Assisted Living. Please meet promptly at 6:30 at Three Oaks Assisted Living to help out!

**TEEN GAMING**

**DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS**
Saturday, December 21, January 18, February 22, 1-4 pm
Grades 6-12. Experienced players welcome, rules will be taught to beginners. Pre-generated characters and all supplies provided, just bring your imagination! Cooperative play emphasized, so come and help your group succeed! Limited to 6.

**MAGIC THE GATHERING**
Friday, January 3, 2-4:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Come play Magic the Gathering! Both experienced and new players are welcome. You can bring your own cards or use one of our starter decks. Library staff and volunteers will be available to teach rules to beginners.

**TEEN GAMING**

**MAKE IT**

**DIY MASON JAR SNOW GLOBES**
Friday, December 27, 1-3 pm
Grades 6-12. Create a custom winter wonderland! We will design our own figurines (like a deer, snowman, or wolf) out of Sculpey. Then we’ll create a winter scene for them using miniature pine trees and a mason jar. We’ll fill our mason jars with water and glitter and let it snow!

**TINY POLAR BEAR PLUSH**
Thursday, January 2, 4-6:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Participants will learn simple sewing skills while cutting out their own patterns and sewing together the parts of a small polar bear stuffed animal in this hands-on class.

**MIXED MEDIA ANIMAL PORTRAITS**
Saturday, February 15, 1-3 pm
Grades 6-12. Guests will create their own animal portraits by adding a sweater, hat, or glasses to a photo of their animal and print it on fabric.
Youth & family programs  BIRTH-Grade 5

SCIENCE TIME ▼

I SPY SCIENCE
Tuesday, December 3, 5-6 pm
Grades 1-3. We’ll be testing many of your favorite candies for density and their meltability properties!

WIRED FOR SCIENCE
Tuesday, February 4, 5-6 pm
Grades 4-5. We’ll design and build a paper clip chain, and then test to see which designs hold the most weight!

SCIENCE PATROL
Saturdays, 10:30 -11:30 am
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Here’s a fun way to experience science with your child. Register for each class.
December 28: See our designs from the Kaleidoscope that we’ve made. January 25: We’ll complete a Sid the Science Kid experiment.

MAKE IT ▼

LEGO CLUB
Sundays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 2-3:30 pm
Grades K-2. Enjoy building with your friends! We’ll make a model hand from straws.
February 22: We’ll complete a Sid the Science Kid experiment.

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ALL ABOUT ART ▼

MERRY, MERRY
Tuesday, December 10, 4-30-5:30 pm
Grades 1-5. Let’s do a Christmas picture on canvas to hang up for the holidays! Students will choose between a Christmas tree or a reindeer to draw and color with oil pastels and paint. Could be messy, dress accordingly. Limited to 16.

AURORA BOREALIS LANDSCAPES
Tuesday, January 14, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades 3-5. After discussing what the Aurora Borealis is, students will draw a wintery landscape with a colorful night sky using oil pastels, chalk and paint. Could be messy, dress accordingly. Limited to 16.

WINTER FOX
Tuesday, January 28, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades 3-5. Join us each month as we discuss a book from a different genre. We’ll follow up with a group activity. Feel free to bring a snack while we discuss the book.
December 17: Warriors: Into the Wild by Erin Hunter (fantasy/series)
January 21: The BFG by Roald Dahl (adventure)
February 8: Silhouette Image Coloring- we’ll color with oil paint to make bright images.

BOOK BUSTERS
Tuesday, December 7, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades K-2. After reading the book The Secret Life of the Red Fox by Laurence Pringle and learning some interesting facts about foxes, students will create a picture of a fox.
Limited to 16.

GOOEY JELLYFISH
Tuesday, February 1, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades 3-5. After reading the non-fiction book Gooeey Jellyfish students will use paint, chalk, and oil pastels to create their underwater jellyfish picture. Limited to 16.

INKY THE OCTOPUS
Tuesday, February 18, 4:30-5:30 pm
Grades K-2. We will read about the escape of Inky the Octopus and then draw and paint a colorful eight legged octopus! Limited to 16.

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BALLOON CREATION STATION
Monday, January 20, 3:30-4:30 pm
Ages 8 & up. This is a total participation workshop that teaches kids the “tools” that balloon twisters use to create amazing balloon sculptures, with a cool advanced balloon sculpture created right in front of them! Then, every child gets to make a variety of balloon sculptures that they then get to keep!

STORYTOWN IMPROV
Monday, February 17, 10:30-11:15 am
Ages 3-10. From superheroes to undersea adventures, princesses to dinosaurs, Storytown takes you on an interactive, fully improvised adventure! We use your suggestions and ideas to create a different story every time. When the possibilities are endless, no two stories are ever the same. We’ll see you in Storytown!

FOR FUN ▼

MINECRAFT MANIA
Thursday, January 2, 10:30 am-12 pm
Grades 3-5. Using Minecraft’s Creative Mode, players will have the opportunity to build objects related to a theme and participate in Minecraft challenges, games & activities.

FAMILY STORYTIMES
For children birth to age 6 with an adult. Stimulate your child’s senses through books, rhymes, music and movement. Pickup free tickets at the Service Center.

STORYTIMES & EARLY LITERACY ▼

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Families can enjoy storytime at the Library and our puppet shows at the Performing Arts Center while learning how to build and develop reading and language skills for young children through books, rhymes, music, and movement.

STAY, PLAY, AND LEARN
Mondays & Tuesdays, 11-12 pm
Ages 4 and under with an adult. Join us with your child after storytime in the Flex Zone for early literacy activities. Each week the focus will be on one of the practices of early literacy—playing, talking, writing, and reading. Stay, Play, and Learn meets on Mondays and Tuesdays when there is a storytime.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Diane McNulty

HOURS
Monday-Thursday: 9 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday: 9 am-5 pm
Sunday: 1-5 pm

CLOSINGS
December 6       Closed 9-1, Open 1-5
December 24      Christmas Eve
December 25      Christmas Day
December 31      New Year's Eve
January 1        New Year's Day
February 7       Closed 9-1, Open 1-5

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SAVE THE DATE
Kidtastic “Cabin Fever” Children’s Book Sale
February 15, 9 am-1 pm
Books only, for ages infant-teen • 25¢ each

FIND US AROUND TOWN
Merry Cary
Saturday, December 8, 1-3:30 pm
Downtown Cary

COMMUNITY CORNER
The 2020 Census is coming next spring and we want to make sure everyone is counted. A correct count results in adequate government representation, funding for roads, public safety strategies, and much more for our area.

Emphasis will be on completing the Census online, so if you need access to the internet or direction getting onto the website, we’ll be here to help. Make sure you’re counted!