



**HOWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM**
Public Education for All

2019 - 2020

A⁺ PARTNERSHIP CLASSES & EVENTS

for elementary & secondary students



2019 HCLS Battle of the Books

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working together so every child can succeed

A+ Partners in Education is a county-wide initiative launched in 2002 by Howard County Library System (HCLS) and the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS).

Our collective vision is to provide Howard County students with their greatest opportunity to achieve academic success.

Visit **hclibrary.org** for a comprehensive look at the events, opportunities, and benefits of the A+ Partnership.

A+ EDUCATOR CARD

This card gives special borrowing privileges for educators to borrow materials used in preparing lessons or in assisting students with assignments. All preschool, K-12 public, private school educators, and post-secondary faculty members who teach in Howard County, as well as Howard County homeschool parents and guardians, are eligible for this card.

- Borrow up to 30 items each visit
- Keep materials as long as six weeks
- Receive a 10-day grace period on late materials

A+ STUDENT ACCOUNT

The A+ Student Account provides access to all of HCLS' eContent to HCPSS students from school, home, or any place students do homework or research.

WHAT MAKES THE A+ PARTNERSHIP UNIQUE?

- Every HCPSS school is assigned an HCLS branch and liaison.
- Each student receives an A+ Student Account through school registration.
- Kindergarten field trips to HCLS are part of HCPSS' curriculum.
- HCLS instructors teach classes in library branches and school classrooms.

DESIGNATED A⁺ BRANCHES

For questions or to schedule a class, please call or email the appropriate person listed below.

HCLS CENTRAL BRANCH 410.313.7800

Elementary schools

Gigi Ippolito gigi.ippolito@hclibrary.org

Bryant Woods Cedar Lane School

Clarksville Clemens Crossing

Fulton Longfellow

Pointers Run Running Brook

Swansfield

Middle & High schools

Maggie Smith margaret.smith@hclibrary.org

Atholton HS Cedar Lane School

Clarksville MS Harpers Choice MS

Homewood School Lime Kiln MS

River Hill HS

HCLS EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH

410.313.7700

Elementary schools

Chris Mancini christine.mancini@hclibrary.org

Atholton Cradlerock

Guilford Jeffers Hill

Phelps Luck Stevens Forest

Talbott Springs Thunder Hill

Middle & High schools

Carmen Jessop carmen.jessop@hclibrary.org

Geneka Young geneka.young@hclibrary.org

Lake Elkhorn MS Applications & Research Lab

Homewood School Oakland Mills MS & HS

Wilde Lake MS & HS

HCLS ELKRIDGE BRANCH 410.313.5077

Elementary schools

Carol Lundell carol.lundell@hclibrary.org

Bellows Spring Deep Run

Ducketts Lane Elkridge

Hanover Hills Ilchester

Rockburn

Middle & High schools

Deborah Bosilovich deborah.bosilovich@hclibrary.org

Bonnie Branch MS Elkridge Landing MS

Howard HS Long Reach HS

Mayfield Woods MS Thomas Viaduct MS

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HCLS GLENWOOD BRANCH 410.313.5577

Elementary schools

Becky Rowe rebecca.rowe@hclibrary.org

Bushy Park Dayton Oaks

Lisbon Triadelphia Ridge

West Friendship

Middle & High schools

Lori Conforti lori.conforti@hclibrary.org

Folly Quarter MS Glenelg HS

Glenwood MS Marriotts Ridge HS

Mount View MS

HCLS MILLER BRANCH 410.313.1950

Elementary schools

Stacey Freedman stacey.freedman@hclibrary.org

Centennial Lane Hollifield Station

Manor Woods Northfield

St. John's Lane Veterans

Waterloo Waverly

Worthington

Middle & High schools

Courtney Gardinier courtney.gardinier@hclibrary.org

Burleigh Manor MS Centennial HS

Dunloggin MS Ellicott Mills MS

Mt. Hebron HS Patapsco MS

HCLS SAVAGE BRANCH 410.313.0760

Elementary schools

Amber Wilson amber.wilson@hclibrary.org

Bollman Bridge Forest Ridge

Gorman Crossing Hammond

Laurel Woods

Middle & High schools

Sarah Cooke sarah.cooke@hclibrary.org

Hammond MS & HS Murray Hill MS

Patuxent Valley MS Reservoir HS

HCLS INSTRUCTORS COME TO YOU!

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

available October - April

BOOK CLUB SUPPORT Grades 6+

HCLS instructors provide up to eight copies of books for your book club, or facilitate the discussion with your students. Students demonstrate the ability to identify and explain an author's use of literary devices, such as plot, setting, and characterization, as they determine the critical or central ideas of a text. Length, text selections, and content determined by need.

BOOKS GALORE* Grades 3 - 5

Give your students a shot of reading inspiration with tempting talks on the latest and greatest fiction and nonfiction titles, including narrative nonfiction. 30 min.

HISTORY DAY PROJECT PREPARATION

Grades 6+

Students identify resources to formulate historical questions; access historical data including primary source material, secondary source material, and graphic organizers; and learn to identify the author or source of an historical document or narrative. Includes introduction to HCLS online research tools. 45 min.

HOMEWORK & PROJECT HELP* Grades 4-5

Students and parents introduced to online tools to become more savvy users, including accessing HCLS' online research tools, searching the catalog, and using Online Homework Assistance and LearningExpress. PTAs, homeschool organizations, or teachers may request HCLS instructors address how to choose credible web sites and access science fair resources. 45 min.

* denotes classes also appropriate for PTA or homeschool organization events.

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RAISING READERS:

MORE THAN JUST READING THE WORDS Grades 9+

HCLS children's instructors teach secondary students how to motivate emerging readers through the use of books and teaching tools. Students also learn about HCLS resources for children and educators. Learn how to engage a young audience from professionals who do it every day. 50 min.

RECOMMENDED READS Grades 6+

Students develop positive reading attitudes and cultivate a personal interest in a variety of genres, as HCLS instructors promote the subject area of your choice, including some narrative nonfiction. Length determined by need. Suggest a theme, or ask us to feature a topic.

RELIABLE RESEARCH Grades 6+

Students become familiar with methods for conducting reliable research as they develop skills to evaluate the quality and authority of sources and determine the most appropriate resources to meet an identified need. Includes an introduction to HCLS' online research tools. May be tailored to a specific class assignment. 45 min.

STORIES GALORE* Grades Pre-K-3

Students learn that reading is fun as HCLS instructors read new tales and old favorites. Teachers may request a particular theme. 30 - 65 min.

TELL ME A TALE Grades 2 & 3

Students identify and discuss characteristics of both traditional and fractured fairy tales (grade 2) or tall tales (grade 3), through stories and activities. 45-60 min.

HOW TO INVITE HCLS TO YOUR CLASSES, MEETINGS & EVENTS

ALL HCLS CLASSES ARE **FREE** AND:

- Promote Howard County Library System (HCLS) materials and eContent that support HCPSS' curriculum .
- Introduce and familiarize teachers, students, and parents with HCLS' online research and homework help tools to benefit students in their assignments and projects.
- Provide topics of interest to parents of elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Strengthen the connection between and among school, parents, students, and HCLS.

Please **call or email** with the following information or complete the form at hclibrary.org. After the A+ class, complete an online evaluation form. See p. 2 - 3 for your assigned A+ liaison and HCLS branch.

Provide the following:

1. Title of A+ class
2. School name
3. Grade and number of students
4. Preferred dates (three choices)
5. Preferred times
6. Your name and title
7. Phone number and email address
8. Any special considerations or requests

THINGS TO KNOW

- Available Mondays - Thursdays, October - April. May and June reserved for summer reading promotions.
- Request all classes at least three weeks in advance.
- A teacher must be present for the purpose of classroom management.
- Please inform HCLS instructors two weeks in advance if classes need to be adapted for the needs of English Language Learners (ELL) and/or special education students and groups.
- Classes intended for one pod or classroom group.

STUDENT CONTESTS

Visit hclibrary.org or
call a branch for details.

BUMBLEBEE

Grades 1 - 3

BumbleBees prepare **first, second, and third graders** for the Howard County Library System Spelling Bee through classroom and/or school spelling bees. Students build vocabularies, learn spelling tips, and gain confidence in front of an audience. HCLS provides suggested guidelines, lists of suggested words, and book lists. Winning students from each grade recognized, but do not compete, at the HCLS Spelling Bee.

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RUBE GOLDBERG CHALLENGE

Grades 4 - 5

Teams of **fourth and fifth grade students** incorporate at least three simple machines into a more complicated contraption that will accomplish a task. Submissions include video of the machine accomplishing this task and written documentation of how the machine was developed.

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HCLS SPELLING BEE

Grades 4 - 8

Students in **grades 4 through 8** learn standard English spelling, increase vocabulary, and recognize the meaning, form, and function of words as they compete in classroom and school bees. Winners of school bees advance to the HCLS Spelling Bee in March 2020. The winner of the regional bee competes in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The HCLS Spelling Bee is organized under the rules of the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Sponsored by BB&T, Friends & Foundation of HCLS, Howard County Public School System, and the Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust

Details, as well as all intent to participate and registration forms, available at hclibrary.org.

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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Grade 5

This fun, innovative academic competition for **fifth grade students** improves reading comprehension, builds vocabulary, and teaches teamwork. Teams of five contestants answer questions about a selection of pre-assigned books.

Presented by Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust

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SHERLOCK HOLMES ESSAY CONTEST

Grade 7

Seventh grade students increase their understanding of the literary forms of mystery and suspense as they read and respond to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Adventure of the Speckled Band."

In partnership with Watson's Tin Box and Howard County Public School System

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ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PTA

Visit hclibrary.org or
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FAMILY EVENT VISITS Grades Pre-K-5.

HCLS instructors visit schools to promote homework and research tools. Families.

The A+ Partners in EducationSM initiative between Howard County Library System and the Howard County Public School System is designed to promote scholarship, eliminate student achievement gaps, and expand academic opportunities for students.



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