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**Howard County Library System's Glenwood Branch Reopens on
Saturday, December 4**

ELLCOTT CITY, MD—Howard County Library System's Glenwood Branch will reopen with a ribbon cutting on Saturday, December 4 at 10 am.

- What:** HCLS Glenwood Branch Reopening
Who: Howard County Executive Calvin Ball, State Senator Katie Fry Hester, State Delegate Trent Kittleman, HCLS President & CEO Tonya Aikens, HCLS Board of Trustees Chair Thomas Munns
When: Saturday, December 4, 2021. Ribbon cutting begins at 10 am, followed by an open house until 6 pm
Where: HCLS Glenwood Branch, 2350 State Route 97 in Cooksville, MD

Following a presentation of colors by Girl Scout Troop 830, remarks and ribbon cutting, customers will be invited into the renovated branch for an open house featuring a new makerspace, reimagined teen area, builder's barn for children, games, demos, and more.

Open House schedule:

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| 10:15 am — 3 pm | Passports |
| 10:15 am — 4:30 pm | Games on the patio
Branch tours |
| 10:15 am — 5:30 pm | Gaming
Scavenger hunts for all ages
Hot chocolate bar courtesy of Walker's Tap & Table
Engagement station |
| 10:30 am — 1 pm | Makerspace demos
10:30 am — Laser cutter engraver
11 am — Recording booth
11:30 am — Large format printer
12 pm — Digital memory station
12:30 pm — 3D printers |
| 10:30 am — 2:30 pm | Builder's Barn activities |
| 11 — 11:30 am | All Together Now |
| 11 am — 1 pm | Button making
Art activity |

Background:

Renovation planning for the \$1M project began in November 2020, and construction began in March 2021.

The renovated Branch includes:

- A makerspace, featuring 3D printers, a digital memory station (where customers can convert VHS tapes and DVDs to digital files), large format printer, laser cutter engraver, recording booth, and tinker bins
- Reimagined and collaborative teen area with new seating and gaming station
- A builders' barn in the children's area featuring age-appropriate supplies and activities
- Refreshed and more open children's area with new shelving and relocated information desk
- Two new multi-use studios for classes and community meetings, enabling instructors to teach more classes for all ages and giving the community more space for public meetings.
- New passport office for greater confidentiality
- Renovated vending café area in a new central location, serving as a snack area, collaborative, and social space.
- New customer service desk
- New self-service area, enabling customers to pick up their own holds
- New flooring in the teen, adult, studio, study, café, existing meeting room, and makerspace areas
- Selected artworks from HCLS' art education collection, available for borrowing
- A new outdoor patio with seating

Still to come are interactive learning spaces that encourage young children to learn through play. These new spaces, planned to arrive in early 2022, are specifically designed to teach pre-literacy skills through tactile activities.

Visit <http://hclibrary.org/locations/glenwood-branch/> for the complete timeline, list of current children's classes, and additional information about the branch.

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