

June 2025 Newsletter

Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2025



Watkins Mill HS Media Center - June 2025 Newsletter

	Don't miss the Special Events in June: • Pride Month & LGBTQIA+ Voices Resource Center • LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Calendar • Juneteenth • Caribbean American Heritage Month • Caribbean American Heritage Month list from Diverse Book Finder • Afro-LatinX Titles from Social Justice Books • Afro-LatinX Stories from Colorín Colorado (WETA)
	Check out our collection of resources for Summer 2025, including: • jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities: • Summer Reading Programs • MCPS Summer School • MCPS Internship Program
	Summer Reading Programs • Montgomery County Public Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge offers kids and teens a chance to fill their summer with great books and fun activities. Students can earn many prizes including free books, and the Grand Prize is a Lenovo Gaming Laptop! • SORA "Sweet Reads" offers free access to ebooks and audiobooks for MCPS students from May 12 - August 25
	Elevate and celebrate the stories of LGBTQ+ people. Visit the Common Sense Media Website for LGBTQ+ Stories for the Whole Family: https://www.common sense media.org/celebrate-lgbtq-pride
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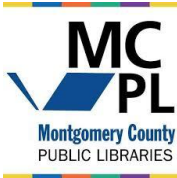
May 2025 Newsletter

	Don't miss the Special Events in May: • AAPI Heritage Month • Gaithersburg Book Festival - May 17 • Rock the Block at Watkins Mill HS - May 17 • Jewish American Heritage Month • Mental Health Awareness Month
	Check out our list of Contests and Job/Volunteer Opportunities, including: • High School Essay Contest - win up to \$1000 cash! • Ocean Awareness Art Contest - win up to \$1000 cash! • MCPS Summer Internships - info meeting May 14 • Gaithersburg Book Festival - volunteers needed • Tutoring at Gaithersburg Library - April & May; earn SSL hours • Volunteer at Gaithersburg Library - earn SSL hours this summer
	Privacy & Security Checkup Choice Board - earn up to 10 SSL hours Do the activities on the board and receive 1 SSL hour for each activity completed. Once you complete your activities, come to the MC and collect your SSL form.
	Check out our collection of resources for Summer 2025, including: • jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities: • MCPL Summer Reading Program • MCPS Summer School • MCPS Internship Program • And more
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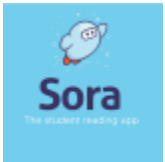
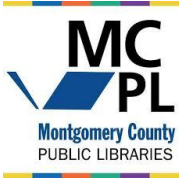
April 2025 Newsletter

	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in April, including: • Arab American Heritage Month • National Poetry Month • Autism Awareness Month • Financial Literacy Month • Earth Day April 22
	Stay up to date with Contests and other opportunities, including: • RespectFest - March 30 - April 6, earn SSL hours • Youth Climate Summit - April 5 • Game Changer Conference/Essay Contest - April 5 • Tutoring at Gaithersburg Library - April & May options • Gaithersburg Book Festival - volunteers needed for May 17
	New ebook and audiobook titles are now available through SORA! • Click here to learn how to sign into SORA • Click here for video tutorial • Click here for titles that are “available now”, with no holds or wait times
	<i>Earn 5 SSL Hours by watching the Digital Citizenship video!</i> Above the Noise: How Apps Use Design Tricks To Hook You Ever find yourself losing track of time while you’re on your phone? Well, that’s not by accident. Our favorite apps are intentionally designed to keep us on them as long as possible so tech companies can gather data from us about what we like and engage with. But what design tricks are these app companies using, and what is the impact on us? Link to video
	Did you know Montgomery County Public Libraries has amazing resources for high school students? • Click here for Teen Resources, including practice tests for SAT and ACT, book clubs, chess clubs and more • Check out 100+ online resources, including BrainFuse for live online tutoring and homework help • Click here to register for a free library card
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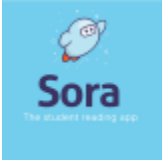
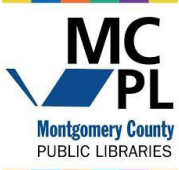
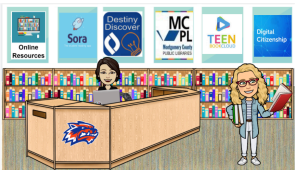
March 2025 Newsletter

	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in March, including: • Women's History Month • National Deaf History Month • Ramadan (2/28-3/29), Holi (3/14), Nowruz (3/20)
	Stay up to date with Contests and other opportunities, including: • Military Women's Memorial poster contest • Keeping it Safe video contest: earn SSL hours and a chance to win cash prizes up to \$1000 • RespectFest 2025: earn SSL hours and prizes
	New ebook and audiobook titles are now available through SORA! • Click here to learn how to sign into SORA • Click here for video tutorial • Click here for titles that are "available now", with no holds or wait times
	Earn 5 SSL Hours by watching a 4 minute video! <u>Oversharing: Think Before You Post</u> Come see Ms. Mitton for your SSL Hours.
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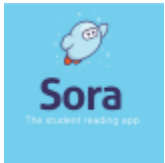
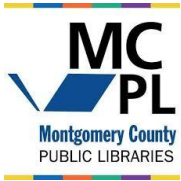
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February 2025 Newsletter

	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in February, including: • Black History Month • CTE Month (Career & Technical Education Programs)
	Stay up to date with Contests and other opportunities: • Choose Respect video contest - earn 10 SSL hrs/ \$1000 • Keeping it Safe video contest - 1st place wins \$1000 • Anti-racist film festival contest - win \$300 • The struggle for Black Freedom webinar - earn 2 SSL hours • MoComCon art and essay contest • Gaithersburg Book Festival poetry contest • SummerRise Program - application deadline Feb 18
	Make Screen Time Safe and Positive-Entertainment and tech have the potential to spark meaningful conversations. And tech planners are a great way for kids to have a shared understanding of how your family makes the most out of entertainment and tech time. Use these planners to inspire conversations about tech use as a family. Tech Planner English Tech Planner Spanish CSM Website
	New - magazines are now available through SORA! • 400+ titles including World Soccer, Wired, Food Network, Newsweek, National Geographic, Entrepreneur and more • Always available, no hold or wait times • Click here to learn how to sign into SORA
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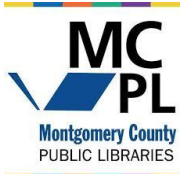
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	Would you like to change your password to something you can easily remember? Click here for instructions
	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in January, including: • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Week of Service • Lunar New Year And don't miss the contests and other opportunities
	Seniors! Looking for scholarship \$\$\$ for college? Visit Scholarships.com
	What is AI? What is artificial intelligence (AI)? How does it work, and is it different from generative AI? We'll break it down while you consider the benefits and drawbacks of this evolving technology. Video Intro to AI (earn 5 SSL hours by watching video and completing short form)
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	Need a book for a research project or IA paper? Want us to purchase a book for the Media Center? Have a favorite book to suggest ? Complete the Book Request Form !!
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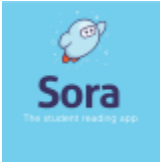
December 2024 Newsletter

	Would you like to change your password to something you can easily remember? Click here for instructions
	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in December, including: • Learn a Foreign Language Month • Universal Human Rights Month • Winter Holidays • Computer Science Education Week/ Hour of Code
	Stay up to date with Contests and other opportunities: • CSPAN Student Cam video contest - 1st place wins \$5000 • Choose Respect Video Contest - 1 place wins \$1000 • NYPL Freedom to Read Contest - 1st place wins \$500 • Vision Zero Youth Ambassadors - earn up to 35 SSL hours
	What is AI? Video <i>What is artificial intelligence (AI)? How does it work, and is it different from generative AI? We'll break it down while you consider the benefits and drawbacks of this evolving technology.</i>
	Did you know Montgomery County Public Libraries also has amazing resources for you? • Click here to register for a free library card • Online services available 24/7 • eResources, eBooks, audiobooks, movies and more
Monthly Project	What to make a reindeer? Come by the MC at lunch! 
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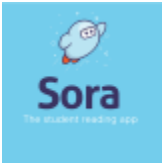
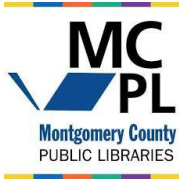
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November 2024 Newsletter

	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in November, including: • Native American Heritage Month • Day of the Dead/ Día de los Muertos - November 1-2 • Election Day - November 5 • Remembrance and Reconciliation Month • National Veterans and Military Families Month
	Stay up to date with Contests and other opportunities including: • CSPAN Student Cam video contest - 1st place wins \$5000! • Medal of Honor - Young Hero Award, Youth Service Award • Speak up Save a Life Video Contest - 1st place \$4000! • Students Teaching Students Video Series - earn 10 SSL hrs
	Have you taken time to view the student page on the MCPS website? Find Homework help and more! https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/ MCPS Student Resources-Homework Help! You can access this and all online databases through CLEVER
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	Kashew will be visiting on Tuesday, November 12, during STEP (Lunch) in the Media Center. Come get your hugs!
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	Check out our resources for the Upcoming Events in October, including: • Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15 - Oct 15) • Digital Citizenship Week (October 14-18) • Cybersecurity Awareness Month • LGBTQ+ History Month
	Stay up to date with Contests and other opportunities including: • Voting/Elections - you can earn up to \$750 or 75 SSL hours • Girls with Impact Business Academy - register by Oct 4 • Speak up Save a Life Video Contest - 1st prize \$1000! • Students Teaching Students Video Series - earn 10 SSL hrs
MCPS Student Resources-Homework Help! 	Have you taken time to view the student page on the MCPS website? Find Homework help and more! https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/ MCPS Student Resources-Homework Help!
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Welcome to a new school year!

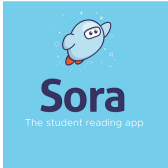
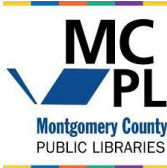
Be sure to visit the [WMHS Website](#) and go to the [Library tab](#) to explore our amazing collection of books and resources!

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- Media Assistant: Ms. Walden
- Media Services Technician: Mr. Harris
- ITSS: Mr. Vance (see Mr. Vance if you need a Chromebook or have computer issues) Located by main office

Click on the links below for some of our most popular online resources, and please reach out if you have any questions. Wishing you a great start to the new year!

 CANVAS Be sure to join the Media Center Canvas course!	 ONLINE RESOURCES	<u>Servicios de Suscripción en Línea Comprados Centralmente</u>
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Media Center Hours: 7:30-2:45 daily (you must have a pass from the classroom teacher to visit during the school day).

The MC is open in the morning from 7:30-7:40 and after school from 2:30-2:45.

We can assist you with checking out books, printing,
or anything else you might need!