Journey Stories: Our Heritage, Our People -- Places to Visit / Cultural Diversity

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Northampton Slave Quarters and Archaeological Park
10915 Water Port Court, Lake Arbor, MD 20721
301-627-1286; TTY 301-699-2544
This historic site features reconstructed foundations of two slave quarters from the former Northampton Plantation (1673-1860). With the help of descendants, Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission archaeological excavations have recovered artifacts and information about the lives of African American slaves and tenant farmers who lived there from the late 18th through the mid-20th century. Self-guided tours and interpretive signage open daily sunrise to sunset.

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Bowie Train Station Museum
Hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10 am - 4 pm
Plans for a railroad from Baltimore into Southern Maryland began to develop after the Civil War. In 1872, the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad (later integrated into the Pennsylvania Railroad System) opened the Bowie Station. Developer Ben M. Plumb seized that opportunity and developed “Huntington City” around that railroad station. Shops, hotels, and comfortable Victorian houses filled the tree-lined streets of Huntington City, renamed “Bowie” in 1880 to honor Governor Oden Bowie, who was instrumental in bringing the railroad here. The station remained a busy stop until 1989, when it closed to make way for a new station at Bowie State University. The City of Bowie, in recognition of the station’s important role in its history, restored the buildings in the early 1990’s. The Bowie Tower is the home of the National Railroad Historical Society’s Martin O’Rourke Railroad Research Library.

The Bowie Railroad Museum complex and the O’Rourke Library are open to the public according to the hours listed above and for groups of 10 or more by appointment. The station is accessible for people with disabilities. Admission is free, donations are welcomed.

For additional information, please call 301-809-3089.

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College Park Airport - The World's Oldest- Since 1909…
1909 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive
College Park, MD 20740
Phone 301-864-5844; TTY 301-699-2544
Hours of Operation:
Daily, 7 am-10 pm

Welcome to the College Park Airport. College Park Airport (KCGS) was established in 1909 after Wilbur Wright came to the field to train two military officers to fly in the government's first aeroplane. The facility is now the world's oldest continually operated airport, and is the site of many significant aviation firsts. College Park Airport, known as the "Cradle of Aviation," remains an active airport serving the needs of aircraft pilots, and is also a site for history buffs and aviation enthusiasts. The airport was purchased by the Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1973 and operates as one of the gateway airports to Washington, DC and Prince George’s County. For additional information, please call (301) 864-6029.

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Journey Stories: Cultural Diversity

ACCOKEEK BRANCH
Native American Stories
Ages 3-5, Tuesdays, 10:30 am
Ages 3-6, Wednesdays, 7 pm

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BLADENSBURG BRANCH
Fiesta de Colores y Numeros: Special Latino Heritage Month Storytime
Ages 2-5, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 10:15 am
Registration required; please call or visit the branch.

English-Spanish Storytime/Cuentos para Niños En Español y Inglés
Ages 2-5, Wednesdays, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5, 10:15 am; limit to 12

English Conversation Club
Wednesdays, 10 am
Practice speaking English, and meet new friends!

Latino Heritage Month Celebration
Ages 4-12 with caregiver
Saturday, Oct. 13, 2 pm
Join us to celebrate Latino Heritage! Make a craft; help break a piñata; share stories.

Computación Básica en Español: Introducción a la Computación / Introduction to Computers
Saturday, Oct. 27, 9 am
Se requiere inscripción. El cupo es limitado a 10. / Registration required. Limit 10.

Computación Básica en Español: Introducción al Internet / Introduction to the Internet
Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 am
Se requiere inscripción. El cupo es limitado a 10. / Registration required. Limit 10.

Computación Básica en Español: Introducción al Correo Electrónico / Introduction to Email
Saturday, Nov. 24, 9 am
Se requiere inscripción. El cupo es limitado a 10 / Registration required. Limit 10.

Introducción a BYKI: Aprendizaje de Ingles / Introduction to BYKI: Learning English
Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 am
Se requiere inscripción. El cupo es limitado a 10. / Registration required. Limit 10.

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GREENBELT BRANCH
African American History & Culture Lecture Series
Adults and older children.
Presented by C. R. Gibbs and Associates. C. R. Gibbs lectures, writes, and consults on subjects relating to the African Diaspora.

Collard Greens and Dim Sum: The Chinese in Mississippi
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7 pm

Tangled Web: Race, Urban Renewal, & Gentrification in the Nation's Capital

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 pm

White Slaves in Africa; the Untold Story,**C. R. Gibbs**
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 pm

The Call for Freedom: Blacks & the American Revolution
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7 pm

Ancient Nubia: Kings of the Nile
Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7 pm

Afro-Latinos: The Hidden Legacy
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7 pm

Blurred Vision: Racial Stereotypes in American Film & TV
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 pm

African American History and Culture Series
Saturdays, 2 pm
Adults and older children.
Renowned historian C.R . Gibbs presents audio-visual lectures.

Maryland & the Underground Railroad
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2 pm

Liberty's Clarion: African Americans, Maryland, & the War of 1812
Saturday, Nov. 17, 2 pm

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HYATTSVILLE BRANCH
English-Spanish Storytime/ Cuentos para Niños En Español y Inglés
Ages 3-6, Saturdays, 11 am (except Dec. 29), limit 25; Edades 3-6 anos, Sabados, 11 am (except Diciembre 29), capacidad para 25

English Conversation Club
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

Spanish Conversation Club
Mondays, Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 7:30 pm
Learning to speak Spanish? Join our club and practice speaking Spanish in a friendly atmosphere.

Cantaré in Concert / Cantaré en Concierto
Families welcome
Saturday, October 13 / Sábado, Octubre 13, 12:30 pm
Join us in honoring the traditions and heritages of our Hispanic/Latino neighbors with the music of Cantaré. You will be introduced to beautiful songs and rhythms of Latin America in an exciting interactive performance. Families welcome. / Acompáñenos a celebrar la herencia cultural de nuestra comunidad Latina a través de su música. El grupo musical Cantaré nos llevará por un recorrido de la rica expresión musical Latinoamericana en una presentación para toda la familia.

LARGO-KETTERING BRANCH
This Land is Your Land! Stories about Immigration
*Ages 3-5,*Thursday, Oct. 18, 11:15 am

ABC (Awesome Books and Crafts)

Immigration and You!
Ages 7-10 with caregiver
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 pm

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LAUREL BRANCH
French-English Storytime / L'heure du conte bilingue en français et anglais
Saturdays, 10:30 am / Samedi, 10h30
October 13 / le 13 de octobre
November 10 / le 10 de novembre
December 8 / le 8 de décembre
Please pick up free ticket at the Children's Desk / Les billets sont gratuits et disponibles au bureau des enfants

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OXON HILL BRANCH
English Conversation Club
Saturdays, 10 am
Practice speaking English and make new friends!

English-French Storytimes
Ages 2-7 and their families
Saturdays, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, 10:30 am; limit 23
Enjoy stories and songs in English and French.

iUno, Dos, Tres con Andre?s!
Pre-school and up
Saturday, Oct. 13, 10:30 am
Children will enjoy this interactive program that teaches Spanish language and Latin American culture. Children sing, shake, and sound out rhythms while trying regional Latin dances and practicing Spanish words. Fun for the whole family!

African American Genealogy Online
Saturday, Nov. 17, 10:30 am
Can African Americans trace their ancestry back to the ships that brought their ancestors here? The library staff will give a hands-on workshop of the online resources available to do this kind of research. Registration is required.

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SPAULDINGS BRANCH
English/Spanish Storytime/ Cuentos Ninos en Espanol y Ingles
Ages 4-10
Saturdays Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15, 10:30 am

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SURRATTS-CLINTON BRANCH
Latino Heritage Month: Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres!
Ages 3-9, Saturday, Oct. 6, 11 am
Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres! is an interactive children's program that teaches Spanish language and Latin American culture. Children sing, shake and sound out rhythms while trying regional Latin dances and practicing Spanish words. Participants will dance to La Bamba, discover the colors in Spanish and meet friends of all kinds, including an iguana named Juana!

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