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P-Prekindergarten Activity E-Elementary Activity S-Secondary Activity

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<p>1 Friday evening visits to the National Aquarium or the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore are just \$8 during the "Fridays after Five" promo, through March. P, E, S </p>	<p>2 Baltimore County Dept. of Recreation and Parks offers a Boys' Lacrosse Clinic for ages 6-14 at Towson University with TU head coach Tony Seaman. Call 410-887-5319 for more information. E, S </p>
<p>3 Take time on this Super Bowl Sunday to discuss good sportsmanship with your children. Be a gracious opponent, win or lose. P, E, S </p>	<p>4 Black History Month was created in 1976 as a time for the country to reflect on African American heritage and teachings. P, E, S </p>	<p>5 Talk to your children about your favorite styles of art. Show them examples of abstract and realistic artwork. P, E, S </p>	<p>6 Fellisco Keeling, an African American griot or oral historian, shares multicultural tales for all ages at the Randallstown Library, 7 – 8 p.m. P, E, S </p>	<p>7 Chinese New Year 4706 – the year of the rat - begins today. In China, people wear red clothes and give children "lucky money" in red envelopes. P, E, S </p>	<p>8 French author Jules Verne, a pioneer of adventure stories and science fiction, was born in 1828. Share your favorite adventure story. E, S </p>	<p>9 Help your children create valentines for friends and family. Encourage them to use their own photos, drawings, and poems for personal messages. P, E, S </p>
<p>10 Baltimore County Dept. of Recreation and Parks offers a Girls' Lacrosse Clinic for ages 8-18 at the Ravens' Training Facility. Call 410-887-6747 to register. E, S </p>	<p>11 In 1990, South African Black Nationalist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison. Talk with your children about the anti-Apartheid struggle. P, E, S </p>	<p>12 Today is primary election day in Maryland. Discuss your right to vote and why that is important. Bring your child with you to the polls. P, E, S </p>	<p>13 Practice math skills with your children. Have them help create a family budget and teach them the importance of saving money. P, E, S </p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day is a celebration of love that dates back to ancient times. Teach your child to say "I love you" in another language. P, E, S </p>	<p>15 National Gumdrop Day celebrates the popular gelatin-based candy. Enjoy a game of Candyland with your family and share some gumdrops. P, E </p>	<p>16 Popular children's performer Tracey Eldridge offer a musical tour of American history at the Towson Library. 10 – 11 a.m. P, E </p>
<p>17 "Father and Child Story Time" at the Cockeysville Library includes song and a craft for preschoolers and their pops. 2 – 3 p.m. P </p>	<p>18 In 1688, Pennsylvania passed the first formal antislavery resolution. When did Abraham Lincoln sign the Emancipation Proclamation? E, S </p>	<p>19 Astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Poland in 1473. What does an astronomer study? E, S </p>	<p>20 Teens can learn the basics of Microsoft Word at the North Point Library in Dundalk. 7 – 8 p.m. Registration required. Call 410-887-7255. S </p>	<p>21 Street Legal Entertainment's Mark Carey and friends speak about business practices in urban music at the Catonsville Library. 7 – 8 p.m. E, S </p>	<p>22 More than 700 craft artists gather for the largest craft show in the country at the Baltimore Convention Center. Runs through Feb. 24. P, E, S </p>	<p>23 Pam the Kindersinger and Rascal sing and dance for an interactive winter show for families at the Reisterstown Library. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. P, E </p>
<p>24 Visit The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum in Baltimore to learn more about W.E.B Dubois, Harriet Tubman, Colin Powell, and many others. P, E, S </p>	<p>25 How many words can you spell with the letters in <i>February</i>? Create family prizes for your children for every word they spell. P, E, S </p>	<p>26 How many days until the start of spring? Check the temperature and predict what the weather will be one month from today. P, E, S </p>	<p>27 Author John Steinbeck was born in 1902; his Nobel Prize-winning collection of work includes <i>Of Mice and Men</i> and <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>. E, S </p>	<p>28 Teens are invited to explore the world of Japanese animation and comic books at an Anime and Manga Club meeting at the Essex Library. 7 – 8 p.m. S </p>	<p>29 Today is Leap Day, an extra day added every four years to keep the calendar and astronomical years synchronized. When will we have the next Leap Day? E, S </p>	

AREA PLACES OF INTEREST



The National Aquarium in Baltimore is home to more than 10,500 specimens and 560 species. Exhibits are designed to replicate natural environments and avoid the unnatural mixing of species. www.aqua.org

501 East Pratt St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-576-3800

Popular exhibits and attractions at the **Maryland Science Center** include Dinosaur Mysteries, the Kids Room, Your Body: The Inside Story, the IMAX Theater, and the Davis Planetarium. www.mdsci.org

601 Light St.
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-685-5225

The **Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Lacrosse Clinics** are open to boys ages 6-14, girls 8-14, and coaches. Tickets are \$5. Players are required to bring their sticks and mouth guards. www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

105 West Chesapeake, Suite 302
Towson, MD 21204
410-887-3871

American Craft Baltimore Show, the largest juried, indoor craft show in the nation, will include a “Craft4Kids” area and live demonstrations. Jewelry, furniture, clothing, and home décor will be available for purchase. www.craftcouncil.org/baltimore

Baltimore Convention Center
One West Pratt St.
Baltimore, MD 21201
800-836-3470
(Show information)

The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum is dedicated to the study and preservation of African American history. Exhibits include more than 100 wax figures and a full model slave ship depicting the 400-year history of the Atlantic slave trade. www.ngbiwm.com

1601-03 East North Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21213
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