

# Family Activity Calendar – July 2023

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## Program Descriptions

### Vacation Bible School

VBS Welty Church of the Brethren, 13465 Greensburg Rd., Smithsburg, MD, July 17 - 19 (3 evenings), 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM, for ages: Completed K - 5th grade. Theme: "Pets Unleashed" where kids discover Jesus cares "fur" them through Bible Adventures, Projects-With-a-Purpose, Pet Playground Games and Music & More! Free. Register at: <https://vbspro.events/p/weltycob> or call 301-824-3941.

PETS Unleashed Vacation Bible School will be held July 19 & 20 at Hagerstown Church of the Nazarene. VBS is for kids entering Kindergarten through entering 6th Grade. Dinner will be served to kids attending VBS at 5:15 PM. The church is located at 141 N. Edgewood Drive in Hagerstown, MD. Call the church: 301-797-4524 or visit our website: [hagerstownnaz.org](http://hagerstownnaz.org) with any questions. The registration link for VBS is: Pets VBS at Hagerstown Church of Nazarene :: VBS Pro :: Group Publishing.

Grace UMC and John Wesley UMC "Family Festival" - Thursday nights in July, July 6, 13, 20, & 27. 5-7 pm, Dinner at 5 Two 35-40 min periods where kids are split between Activity/Games and Arts Expression. The program will welcome children pre-school thru 8th grade and will also serve those parents and older siblings who attend. At Grace on July 6 & 20 and at John Wesley on July 13 & 27. Schedule and map here: <https://harccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/UMC-Church-Festival-July-2023.jpg>

VBS Beaver Creek Area 3 church program, Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren,, Monday-Friday from 6-8PM on July 10-14. Read more about the program and registration at: <https://www.beavercreekcob.org/worship-education/children/vbs>

### Other

Otterbein UMC Otter Arts Camp 2023 , 108 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740 301-739-9386 \* [office@otterumc.org](mailto:office@otterumc.org)

Registration Fee for each camp is \$30.00 per child. Contact office for Registration form and permission slip

For details see <https://otterumc.org/otterartscamps>

Or download a flyer here: <https://harccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-Otter-Arts-Camps.pdf>

Mixed Media Fine Arts: July 10 - July 14, 9am-2pm, For students entering grades 2-8

Baking Arts: July 24 - 28, 9am-2pm , For students entering grades 3-8

Interactive Writing/Storytelling: July 31 - Aug 4, 9am - 2pm, For students entering grades 4-7

### Programs in the County

The Community Book Warehouse, located at 24 N Walnut Street, 2nd Floor, has books for children ages birth - 8. Individuals may take up to five (5) books each month. Children are welcome to come with their parent/caregiver to select books. Agencies/organizations working with vulnerable children and families may take as many books as needed to serve those families. When: TBA

Washington County Free Library – check website for branch hours: <https://www.washcolibrary.org/locations>

- **Summer Reading Club:** Oceans of Possibilities: All ages: June 1 – August 31 <https://www.washcolibrary.org/src>
- **Special Performances for SRC:** <https://harccoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-Performance-Schedules.docx>

**Activities at the Fletcher Branch** (check the calendar at <https://wcf.librarymarket.com/events/month/2022/06> for registration and attendance details and for activities at other branches) -

- **Infant Story Time:** Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 and 11:15 - 11:45
- **Toddler Story Time:** Mondays, 10:15-10:45 and 11:15 - 11:45
- **Preschool Story Time:** – Fridays, 11:30 -12:00
- **Family Story Night** Thurs. Eve. 6:30 – 7:00 pm
- **Summer Reading Club Special Programs at Fletcher Branch**
  - **Authentic Community Theatre (All Ages), Thursday, July 13th at 2:00 PM**
  - **Puppet Show and Bookmobile Stop presented by children's library staff. (All Ages), Friday, July 28th at 11:30 AM**
- **Special programs:** check <https://wcf.librarymarket.com/events/month/2022/06>

Discovery Station: Currently open Thursday - Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

<https://discoverystation.org/summer-camp/>

Plan your summer with **Washington County Parks and Recreation!** From pool passes to pavilion rentals, to summer camps, the Parks & Recreation has an activity for everyone. Check out the possibilities and register for summer camps at

<https://www.washco-md.net/recreation-fitness/>

Playground Summer Camp at Pangborn Park: Sponsored by the City of Hagerstown, the YMCA will be managing summer camps at Pangborn Park at a cost of \$25 a week for children 6 - 12 years of age. Activities include STEAM, sports, games, arts and crafts, and water activities. Camps are offered for 7 weeks starting June 19. No camp week of July 4. Learn more at:

<https://ymcahagerstown.org/summer-camp-2023>

This calendar is compiled by the Hagerstown Area Religious Council in collaboration with other area organizations. If you have changes or additions, please contact [harcnewsflash@gmail.com](mailto:harcnewsflash@gmail.com) or [director@harccoalition.org](mailto:director@harccoalition.org). Thank you!