

{TOP 10} Family Events for July

Explore these fun summer activities in and around the Baltimore area

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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS

BCPL has plenty of virtual family-friendly events including story times with library staff, "STEM Fridays" filled with projects and science demonstrations and "Paws to Read," where children can read to animals from Pets on Wheels. Don't miss a performance of "The Velveteen Rabbit" and an interactive magic show with magician Mike Rose.

bcpl.info

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JULY 5-AUG. 20

CAMP MSC

The Maryland Science Center invites future scientists to a weeklong educational adventure. Your child can learn to dig for fossils, look through microscopes, train to be an astronaut or create a science experiment. Camp weeks are divided by age groups from ages 4 to 13; one week costs \$450 (nonmembers) and \$425 (members).

mdsci.org



JULY 2-AUG. 1

CHESAPEAKE SHAKESPEARE COMPANY'S "PERICLES" PRODUCTION

Embark on an adventure with the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's (CSC) "The Adventures of Pericles," based on William Shakespeare's "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," at Patapsco Female Institute Historic Park. Tickets start at \$19 and are available online or at the CSC's box office.

chesapeake-shakespeare.com



JULY 4

HOWARD COUNTY FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Howard County's fireworks at Lake Kittamaquundi are back this year. Guests can pack a picnic then lay down a blanket on the grass (after 3 p.m.) and take in the dazzling display. Free parking is available at the Mall in Columbia and by the Columbia Lakefront.

howardcountymd.gov/rap

JULY 3

AMERICAN VISIONARY ART MUSEUM WORKSHOP

Little artists can once again get hands-on experience at the AVAM's in-person, drop-in workshop at the Tall Sculpture Barn. Kids can work with the museum's education staff to create projects inspired by visionary artists. This month's project will be an Earth collage inspired by artist William Hall, whose pencil drawings are on view in the museum's "The Secret Life of Earth" exhibit. \$5 per participant.

avam.org

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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

PICK-YOUR-OWN BERRIES

Berry season is upon us, and the Baltimore area abounds with panoramic pick-your-own (PYO) spots offering plenty of juicy fruits—including blueberries, blackberries and raspberries—to pick throughout the summer. Visit baltimoreschild.com to explore five local PYO farms and orchards.



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WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES AT THE INNER HARBOR

Take the family for an adventure at the Inner Harbor. Paddle around in a canoe or kayak, pretend to be a pirate on one of Living Classroom's electric boats or jump aboard a water taxi. Visit our website baltimoreschild.com to explore four family-friendly waterfront activities.



JULY 10

**PRATTCON 2021:
TALES AND TAILS**

The Enoch Pratt Free Library's seventh annual PrattCon will be going virtual again this year with a range of online workshops, games, author talks, escape rooms, cosplayers, trivia and more.

Special guests include Jerry Craft, author of "New Kid" and "Class Act," and Kazu Kibuishi, author of the "Amulet" series.

prattlibrary.org

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JULY 17

MOONLIGHT 5K PRESENTED BY BROOKS

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Break out the sneakers and spend a summer evening racing through the Harford County Equestrian Center. This family-friendly event includes an in-person race with a stroller-friendly course and a virtual option. Tickets are \$45-\$50 and \$20 for ages 10 and younger.

runsignup.com/Race/MD/BelAir/CCRMoonlight5K



**THROUGHOUT THE
MONTH**

PORT DISCOVERY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

StudioWorkshop (kinetic art, drawing challenges, mobiles): open daily throughout the summer, hours vary
Educator-led programs (robotic art, interactive toys, experiments with ink and paint): select Saturdays throughout the summer

portdiscovery.org

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