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**Harford County Public Library Branches to Serve as “Cooling Centers” August 11 – 13; Heat Index Expected to Reach 105 Degrees**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (Aug. 11, 2016) - With the heat index expected to reach 105 degrees for the next several days, the Harford County Department of Emergency Services, in cooperation with Harford County Public Library and the Harford County Health Department, will offer “Cooling Centers” at all library branches during normal business hours on Thursday, August 11, through Saturday, August 13, 2016.

On Thursdays, Harford libraries are open from 1 – 8 p.m. at all branches except for Bel Air and Darlington. Bel Air operates on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Darlington operates on Thursdays from 3 – 8 p.m.

On Fridays, Harford libraries are open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at all branches except for Darlington, which is open from 1 - 5 p.m. Saturday hours are 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at all branches except for Darlington. Darlington operates on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The branch locations of Harford County Public Library are as follows:

- Aberdeen – 21 Franklin Street, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001
- Abingdon – 2510 Tollgate Road Abingdon, Maryland 21009
- Bel Air – 100 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland 21014

- Darlington – 1134 Main Street, Darlington, Maryland 21034
- Edgewood – 629 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, Maryland 21040
- Fallston – 1461 Fallston Road, Fallston, Maryland 21047
- Havre de Grace – 120 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
- Jarrettsville – 3722 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville, Maryland 21084
- Joppa – 655 Towne Center Drive, Joppa, Maryland 21085
- Norrisville – 5310 Norrisville Road, White Hall, Maryland 21161
- Whiteford – 2407 Whiteford Road, Whiteford, Maryland 21160

For updated information, please go to [www.hcplonline.org](http://www.hcplonline.org) or the Harford County Public Library Facebook page.

According to the Harford County Health Department, heat illness takes many forms, including heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after exercising in the heat), heat cramps, heat exhaustion or the most serious, heat stroke. Heat stroke is an advanced form of heat stress that occurs when the body is overwhelmed by heat and unable to control its temperature. A person with a body temperature above 104 degrees is likely suffering from heat stroke and may have symptoms of confusion, combativeness, strong rapid pulse, lack of sweating, dry flushed skin, faintness, staggering, possible delirium or coma. Individuals with any of these symptoms, especially older adults, should receive immediate medical attention.

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