

# SPARK!

## PLACES of INNOVATION

Come visit the exhibition!  
May 17, 2025 - June 29, 2025



#RURALPLACES  
Rural innovation —  
all it takes is a spark!

### Time Travelers: Portrait Edition



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Sat, May 31 | 2 PM | La Plata Branch

Kids & seniors team up for an afternoon of conversation & portrait drawing! Share stories, discover what's changed, & capture the moment in art. Participants can swap portraits or display them at the library.

*Recommended for ages 6–11 & 65+ | Registration required*



**Screen It & Dream It**  
Pathways to Invention:  
Documentary Screening &  
Activities

#### Screen It & Dream It: Pathways to Invention

Sat, June 14 | 2 PM @ Waldorf West Branch

Get inspired by the documentary Pathways to Invention, then dive into fun games & activities celebrating creativity & problem-solving.

*All ages welcome | No registration required*



#### Balloon-Powered Car Challenge: Design, Build, Race!

Tues, June 17 | 2 PM @ Potomac Branch

Design, build, & race your own balloon-powered car using simple materials & big imagination! Test your creation in a friendly race to the finish line.

*Recommended for ages 6–11 | Registration required*



#### LEGO Spike Essentials Building Session

Wed, June 18 | 2 PM @ Potomac Branch

Join us for an afternoon of LEGO building & STEM! Build & program LEGO creations using Spike Essentials in this hands-on STEM session.

*Recommended for ages 6+ | Registration required*



#### Introduction to 3D Printing

Wed, June 25 | 2 PM @ Waldorf West Branch

Learn 3D design basics using Tinkercad! Create a custom keychain or button to be 3D printed for later pick-up.

*Recommended for ages 13-18 | Registration required*

**STORY TIMES**  
AT YOUR LIBRARY!  
Stories, Songs, Playtime, & Fun!

**MORNING STORY TIMES**

<b>MON, MAY 19</b> WALDORF WEST BRANCH	<b>TUES, MAY 20</b> POTOMAC BRANCH
<b>WED, MAY 21</b> PD BROWN BRANCH	<b>THU, MAY 22</b> LA PLATA BRANCH

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 2-5 | NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Interplay Learning  
**SKILLMILL**  
Demonstration Days

ONLINE, ON-DEMAND SKILLED  
TRADES TRAINING COURSES

TRAIN TO BE JOB-READY  
IN WEEKS, NOT YEARS

SAT, MAY 17 | 3 PM @ POTOMAC BRANCH  
TUES, MAY 20 | 2:30 PM @ LA PLATA BRANCH  
FRI, MAY 23 | 2 PM @ WALDORF WEST BRANCH  
TUES, JUNE 3 | 5:30 PM @ PD BROWN BRANCH  
TUES, JUNE 17 | 2:30PM @ LA PLATA BRANCH  
SAT, JUNE 21 | 3 PM @ POTOMAC BRANCH  
FRI, JUNE 27 | 2 PM @ WALDORF WEST BRANCH

SCAN TO  
LEARN MORE  
& REGISTER!



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### About the Exhibit:

Spark! Places of Innovation is a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program celebrating creativity & invention in rural America. Discover how small-town innovators tackle challenges, create new opportunities, & shape their communities. Featuring stories from over 30 towns nationwide, Spark! highlights the unique ways places inspire innovation—whether technical, artistic, social, or cultural.

*Learn more at [museumonmainstreet.org](https://museumonmainstreet.org).*

**Exhibit Dates & Hours:**

May 17 – June 29

**Mon-Thu:** 10 AM-6 PM **Fri:** 10 AM-1:30 PM **Sat:** 10 AM-2 PM

**Closed:** Sundays, 5/24, 5/26, & 6/19

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