

# Chinese New Year celebrations at the libraries



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Lion dancers delight a packed audience at the Chinese New Year celebration on Feb. 10 at Kensington Park Library. The Li-Ming Chinese Academy sponsored the event, which included shadow puppetry, folk dances, Chinese yo-yo demonstrations and Chinese art.

Chinese New Year falls on the first new moon of the year so that means last Sunday was the official start of the Year of the Pig. Area libraries are celebrating with several fun and informative events over the next few weeks. Chinese music, dance and art are all on display at the free events that offer a glimpse into the age-old culture of China.

To request a sign language, cued speech, oral interpreter or other accommodations at these events, contact the library hosting the event.

Chevy Chase Library, the Tai Yim Kung Fu School performs a lion dance. The library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. The show is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County. Call 240-773-9590 for information.

## Potomac Library

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, the Potomac Library hosts performances, demonstrations and exhibits by the Washington Kuang Chi Chinese School. The

10101 Glenolden Drive. Call 240-777-0690 for information.

## Fairland Library

At 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Fairland Library, the Mei-Hwa Chinese School will present dance, music, Chinese calligraphy, hands-on arts and crafts, paper-cutting, martial arts and a lion dance. The library is located at 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Bur-



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Cherie Wang, of Germantown, performs a traditional dance evoking the beauty of a peacock at the Chinese New Year celebration. She attends the Li-Ming Chinese Academy, which offers weekly classes on Chinese culture and the arts.

tonsville. Call 240-773-9460 for more information.

## Olney Library

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, the Olney Library celebrates the Year of the Pig with the Chinese Youth Club as they perform the lion dance. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County. The library is located at 3500 Olney-Lay-

tonsville Road Call 301-570-1232.

## Wheaton Library

At 11 a.m. on March 3, there will be a family program with a lion dance, songs, Chinese calligraphy, featuring the Mei-Hwa Chinese School. The program will be followed by Chinese paper-cutting activities. The library is at 11701 Georgia Ave. Call 240-777-0678.

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