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Family Events for January

Battle winter's chill with these superb seasonal activities in the DMV



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THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

'CORDUROY'

A story about an imperfect teddy bear in search of his missing button, based on the "Corduroy" and "A Pocket for Corduroy" books by Don Freeman, is filled with antics, mischief and clowning with a generous dose of heartwarming human connection. This live performance is well-suited for children ages 3 to 9 and runs weekends Jan. 8 through 23 on the Bethesda stage with a sensory-friendly performance on Jan. 16 and socially distanced performances Jan. 9 and 15. Tickets start at \$28. imaginationstage.org

JAN. 7 & 21
STARGAZE AT THE OBSERVATORY

The night sky is alight with stars and magical things to discover at the Phoebe Waterman Haas Public Observatory. Children of all ages can learn about the moon, planet and stars with the help of expert staff as they gaze through telescopes at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Free; weather permitting. airandspace.si.edu



JAN. 9
DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE

Have you ever wanted to meet a T-Rex? At The Music Center at Strathmore, you can. A host of prehistoric friends will be there to greet you at this live adventure in North Bethesda. Rawr! Tickets start at \$24. strathmore.org



JAN. 6-9

SUPER MAGFEST

Video game enthusiasts can enjoy free play on more than 200 arcade and pinball machines and vintage consoles from the past 30 years, plus tabletop games, simulations, new indie games and many other options at the Music and Gaming Festival. Ages 6-12 receive 50% off current badge price (\$62.50). Ages 5 and younger are free. super.magfest.org



JAN. 13

SNOW SCIENCE

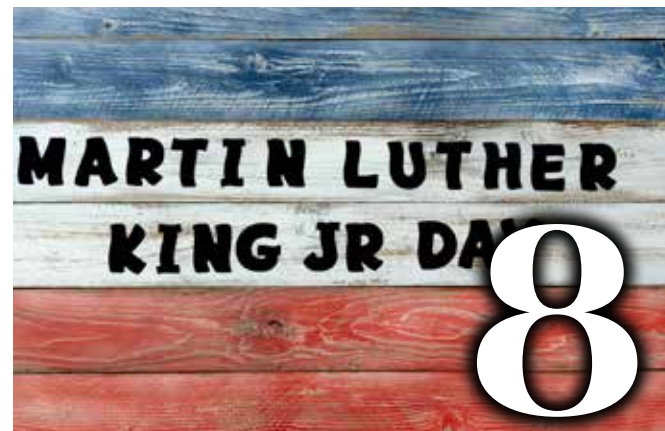
It's snow big deal. Take a day for refining your skills in snowy crafts and experiments at this all-ages event at the Locust Grove Nature Center in Montgomery County, Maryland. A self-guided winter weather watching hike is also included. Families should register by Jan. 11 to schedule a time slot and reserve materials. Admission is \$3; reservations required for children ages 2 and older. montgomeryparks.org



JAN. 14-15

FLIGHTS OF FANCY STORY TIME: 'YOU CAN'T DO THAT, AMELIA'

Did you know the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum was able to collect Amelia Earhart's plane soon after her historic flight across the Atlantic? Join a museum educator over Zoom for a reading from Kimberly Wagner Klier's book about the iconic pilot. Learn about other intriguing objects in the museum's collection, how these items were collected and how you can start a collection. Free with registration. airandspace.si.edu



JAN. 17

GIVE BACK ON MLK DAY

Get together with your family to give back in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. You can spend the holiday helping with eco-friendly projects at the Locust Grove Nature Center in Bethesda. Children ages 5 and older can volunteer, but adults must accompany kids younger than age 14. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the fresh air! Free montgomeryparks.org

JAN. 20 & 27

GROOVE AND GO DANCE TIME

Come and groove with your toddler at the Burke Centre Library for a fun and educational program that will also increase motor development. You can get yourself up and moving for the day with your child at this morning dance session for children ages 3 to 5. Free; registration required. fairfaxcounty.gov



JAN. 15

WILD CHILD HIKE

Head to Black Hill Regional Park in Boyds for a fun run through the woods. Children ages 4 to 13 can scamper like a squirrel, balance like a billy goat and run like a rabbit on and off the trail on this hiking adventure. Make sure they wear shoes and clothes they don't mind getting dirty. All participants must register in advance. Tickets are \$6. montgomeryparks.org



JAN. 21

'ANIMANIACS IN CONCERT'

Enjoy the irreverent, ridiculous (and often educational) musical stylings of the Animaniacs, a cartoon trio portraying the Warner Brothers and sister in the 1990s—and more recently with new episodes on Hulu. Parents will have fun reliving their youth while their children learn new music with Yakko voice actor Rob Paulsen and Emmy-winning composer Randy Rogel, who wrote and created many of the classic cartoon's songs. Tickets start at \$27. animaniacs-live.com

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