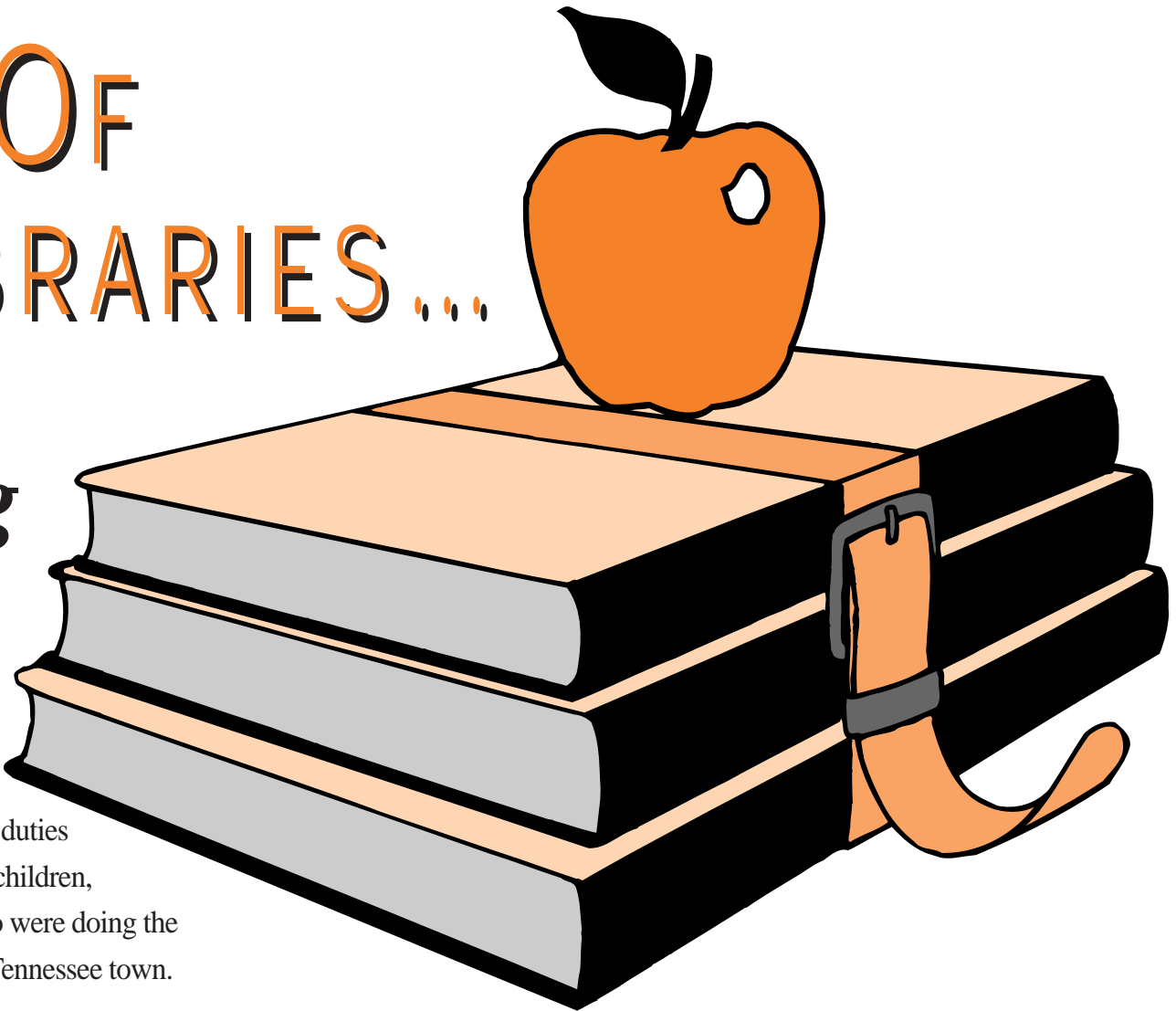


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IN PRAISE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES...

Letter From A Home Schooling Mother



For thirteen years I was a public school educator who utilized materials from many different sources to supplement lessons from the textbooks.

When my second child was born, I changed to full-time duties at home. After making the decision to home school our children, my husband and I quickly sought out other families who were doing the same thing and organized a support group in our small Tennessee town.

Of course the obvious is true in a one-income family - money is often tight and the ability to purchase new curriculum materials is limited. I bought used materials and made many, many trips to the library. Even though the libraries were small, there was a wealth of information we could use to supplement our daily lessons and unit studies.

Our family has relocated several times and many things have changed. However, one thing remains the same - our dependence on public libraries. We use the libraries in the Jefferson County Library Cooperative (JCLC) and have found more than enough opportunities to expand our educational horizons. As our children have grown, so have the variety of resources we are able to use. We take advantage of reference materials, periodicals, educational videotapes, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, and computers. Many of our study units have been designed based solely on library resources.

The needs of our family are much like those of other families educating their children. Learning as a way of life is important to us and we foster that by using the materials available at the libraries. During the hours that public/private school students are in class, there is plenty of "elbow room" at the library for research, Internet use, and leisure time to browse; choosing books and materials to supplement lessons. The Springville Road Library provides a Library Tour, which gives an overview of each department to support groups. The Reference Department in particular has many useful resources available. Instruction is also available for individual students to learn how to use a computer and navigate the library's website.

The computer lab is another wonderful resource for older students. It gives a general overview in the use of many programs and specific instruction on software such as Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word. This free service really enhances students' skills. The JCLC website and its gateway to the Alabama Virtual Library's (AVL) journal articles, encyclopedias, and databases is a never-ending instrument for investigation.

Most families I know use the library from a very early age. They check out books and read to their children on a regular basis. Storytime is a wonderful opportunity for mothers of young children because it provides a small group environment of learning that enriches the family. The children learn to give attention to the storyteller and interact with other children while participating in the story, music, and activities. The pleasurable experiences learned at this young age instill a love of books and learning that last a lifetime.

Learning to navigate through the public library and using the tools it provides gives a student an advantage in conducting research at higher levels. With the use of the Internet and public libraries' resources, it is now possible to build an effective and comprehensive curriculum on a limited budget. Non-fiction books and videotapes are quite valuable in designing whole unit studies using library materials. The free lectures, plays, demonstrations, poetry and book readings, discussions, and civic meetings, such as our neighborhood meeting, all serve to further the reality to our students that the library is more than a repository for books. The public library is the cornerstone of every community.



calendar of events

Activities of the Jefferson County Public Libraries for
August / September / October

ADAMSVILLE

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every Th, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, games, crafts, and other activities. Daycare groups welcome!



AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Tot Time - Every M, 10:30 a.m. A storytime for 2-4 year olds and their caregivers. Includes stories, songs, crafts, snacks, and fun. Registration required. Programs begin September 8.

Time for Tales - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. Preschool storytime. Stories, songs, games, and fun for everyone. Daycare groups welcome. Programs begin September 11.

Don't Leave Home Without It! - September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Receive a really cool treat when you sign up for the card that can take you to places you can only read about.

Down on the Farm Family Fun - Sep. 23, Tu, 6:30 p.m. It's time for the cows to come home and all young farmers to visit the library. Join us for a night of knee-slapping, hand-clapping family fun. Registration required.

Web Weavers - Oct. 8-26. Drop by and decorate your own eight-legged arachnid and be a part of the Avondale Reading Web.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 13-17. In honor of National Teen Read week, drop in for a Young Adult Search and Seek. The answers are in the shelves.

Popcorn and Pages - Oct. 24. October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month and Avondale Youth Department is ready. Check out some really "pop" ular books and receive a really "pop" ular treat.

Eight is Enough - Oct. 28, Tu, 6:30 p.m. What has eight legs and has invaded the library? Join us for a family night that promises to be spinning with stories, songs, and more fun than you count on your toes. Registration required.

Trick or Treat Books are Neat - Oct. 31, F, 4-6 p.m. Stop by the library and receive a Halloween treat. No tricking!

BESSEMER

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Aug. 12, Tu, 10-12noon. Join the discussion of *She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb.

Adult Book Club - Aug. 14, Th, 6-7:30 p.m. Stop by and participate in the discussion of Wally Lamb's *She's Come Undone*.

Adult Book Club - Sep. 9, Tu, 10-12noon. Give the club your views on *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

Adult Book Club - Sep. 11, Th, 6-7:30 p.m. Stop by and tell us what you think about *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

Adult Book Club - Oct. 9, Tu, 10-12noon. Come tell us your views on Ken Grimwood's *Replay*.

Adult Book Club - Oct. 14, Th, 6-7:30 p.m. Stop by and talk with Leslie about *Replay* by Ken Grimwood.

Book Sale - Aug. 1-3. Don't miss the final days of our annual book sale.

Children

National Library Card Sign-Up Month - Sep. 2-30. Sign up for your very own library card and put your name on an apple to become part of our new crop.

Storytime - Every W, 9:30 a.m. Families and daycares welcome. Call 428-7882 for more information. Reservations requested.

Trick or Treat - Oct. 31, F, during regular library hours. Check out a book and receive a Halloween trick or treat.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC Central

Teens

Poetry Slam! - Oct. 21, Tu, 4:30 p.m. Are you a poet? Celebrate Teen Read Week with us by sharing your poetry. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

Children

A Story! A Story! - Sep. 4, 11, and 18, Th, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime. Ages 3-6.

Crazy About Crafts - Sep. 16 and Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m., Tu. Craft programs. Ages 4 and up. Reservations required.

You Say It's Your Birthday? - Sep. 25, Th, 10:30 a.m. Help Ms. Cathy celebrate her birthday with some special stories. Ages 3-6.

Fall Into Storytime - Oct. 2, 9, and 16, Th, 10:30 a.m. Preschool storytime. Ages 3-6.

Boo to You! Storytime - Oct. 30, Th, 10:30 a.m. Halloween stories, tricks, and treats. Ages 3-6.

Trick or Treat - Oct. 31, F. Get a Halloween treat from your favorite librarians! Costumes welcome.



EAST ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Videomania - Every Sa, 1:30 p.m.

Back-to-School Crafts - Aug. 16, Sa, 1:30 p.m.

Nursery-rhyme Crafts - Aug. 20, W, 10:30 a.m.

Puzzle Contest - Aug. 25, Tu, 10:30 a.m.

Fall Crafts - Sep. 10, W, 10:30 a.m.

Halloween Story and Videos - Oct. 25, Sa, 10:30 a.m.

Halloween Crafts - Oct. 28, Sa, 10:30 a.m.



EAST LAKE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Read On! - Every 2nd Tu, 10:30 a.m. Adults are invited to join us in a discussion of their favorite books. For more information, call Ms. Wanda at 836-3341.

Teens

Sign Language Fun - Every 1st W, 4 p.m. Learn to communicate using just your hands with Ms. Tonya.

Teen Read Week - SLAMMIN' @ your library! Look for special activities in the library.

Children

Storytime - Every Th, 10 a.m. Starting Sep. 4. Daycare groups are welcome.

Celebrate Grandparents Day - Sep. 5, F, 4 p.m. In honor of Grandparents Day make a special craft.

Treats on Us! - Oct. 31, F. No tricks, just treats. Stop by for a fun treat.



EASTWOOD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime - Every F, 10:45 a.m.



ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

National Library Card Sign-up-Month - Sep. 2-30, give yourself a lifetime gift of a library card and enjoy magical trips through reading.

Teens

Storytime - Every other W. Call for dates and time.

Pumpkin Contest - Oct. 1-29. Guess my weight and win a surprise.

Children

Storytime - Every other Tu. Daycares welcome. Call for dates and time.

FAIRFIELD WALTER J. HANNA

Children

Storytime - Every 1st and 3rd W, 10:30-11 a.m.



FIVE POINTS WEST

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Computer Class - Twice a month. Call Richard Manoske, instructor, (226-4013) for details.

Gallery Exhibits

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC
LIBRARY - CENTRAL

Gallery

July 1 - August 11
Sumrum-Same Same/Different
New Work By: Doug Balous,
Merrilee Challiss, Chris Lawson,
and Leng Seckon

The impetus for the show was a spring trip to Southeast Asia, where Chris Lawson has spent a portion of each of the last seven years making art in collaboration with a Cambodian artist, Sekon. The exhibition is comprised of both solo and collaborative works, created during and as a result of this journey. The artists traveled together to Cambodia, principally Phnom Penh and the ancient temples at Angkor Wat. The show also features the works, solo and collaborative, of Sekon, who has been recognized as one of Cambodia's most renown living artists. What began by working collaboratively through their involvement with Studio By The Tracks, a non-profit art studio where they work in different capacities, has evolved into a dynamic realm of exchange and artistic collaboration.

August 12 - September 22
Caribbean Maps

An exhibit focusing on the Caribbean area featuring maps from the 16th through the 20th centuries.

September 23 - October 31
The Watercolor Society of Alabama

The Watercolor Society of Alabama will exhibit its juried Member Show.



HOMEWOOD
Gallery

August
Shades Cahaba
Summer Camp Art Show

September
The American
Sewing Guild Exhibit

October
The Weaver's Guild Exhibit



HOOVER
Friends Gallery

August
Bluff Park Preview Show

September
Marilyn Wilson

October
To Be Announced



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAMS

Birmingham Public Library - Central
Homewood Public Library
Emmet O'Neal Public Library (Mountain Brook)

No reservations are needed. Programs are free and open to the public.

Birmingham Public Library - Central

These programs are held Wednesdays at 12noon in the 3rd floor Arrington Auditorium of the Linn-Henley Building. The library provides beverages. For additional information please call 226-3604.

August 6 - 1953 Little League World Series

In August 1953, Birmingham won the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, beating Schenectady, New York, in a narrow 1-0 pitching contest. Celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this event with the team's pitchers Bruce Gordon and Joe Sims as they recall the victory and that championship year.

August 13 - History of Sports in Early Birmingham

Birmingham has always been a city of sports fans. In early Birmingham people could watch athletic events at the fairgrounds, Lakeview Park, or any number of company-sponsored baseball fields. For those more inclined to participate, the old downtown Birmingham Athletic Club offered facilities and potential teammates. With stories and pictures, historian and archivist Marvin Whiting will trace the history of sports in early Birmingham.

August 20 - Birmingham Resorts

Before interstate highways and air travel most people vacationed close to home, whether they wanted to relax for a whole season or just the afternoon.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries Birmingham boasted a variety of local resorts that offered hotels, boat rides, swimming, dancing, and roller coasters. For most local residents these resorts were a short streetcar ride away. Regina Ammon, Archives Dept., BPL, will show slides and explore the history of Lakeview, East Lake, West Lake, and Edgewood.

August 27 - Vulcan Returns Home

This summer Vulcan returns to his home on Red Mountain. In recognition of this milestone, Birmingham Public Library archivist Marvin Whiting will present a slide presentation and lecture on the life and work of Giuseppe Moretti, the sculptor who created the statue that has become a symbol of Birmingham.

September 3 - The Wildlife Center

The Wildlife Center located at Oak Mountain State Park will share a revealing slide show about Alabama's native wildlife and the problems they encounter in our fast developing environment. The Wildlife Center specializes in caring for Alabama's injured and orphaned native wildlife and educating the public about living with wildlife. Check out the Wildlife Center at their website www.awrc.org.

September 10 - Growing and Using Culinary Herbs

Savor the flavor of fresh herbs. Master Gardener Rosemary Johnson will show us how to grow herbs in pots or the garden, and then use them in all kind of dishes from appetizers to desserts.

September 17 - Jefferson County Library Cooperative

Think you know all of the services available at your library? Think again! A representative of the Jefferson County Library Cooperative will discuss all the different free services and materials available at your local library.

September 24 - Flying High in Alabama

How much do you know about Alabama's contribution to aviation history? Come explore our rich heritage in aviation as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Southern aviation. Dr. Donald Dodd of the Southern Museum of Flight will lead us on this incredible journey.

October 1 - Music by the Alabama School of Fine Arts

Join us for a musical treat as the Alabama School of Fine Arts Choir, Chamber Choir, and Chamber Players perform orchestral and chamber music from the late Renaissance through the 20th century, light classics, and familiar selections from Broadway to ballet.

October 8 - Holiday Decorating

Don't have much storage space and on a limited budget too? Let Master Gardener Rosemary Johnson show you how to make an inexpensive wreath, broom, and basket for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and beyond. She'll create a Christmas mailbox topper on the cheap!

October 15 - Home Makeovers

Tired of looking at four drab walls? Join us for a demonstration of how and what faux finishes to apply to create a whole new look. A representative from Home Depot will share the techniques to use and materials that are needed.

October 22 - Piano Extravaganza

Join us for a very appetizing sampling of classical and popular music performed on the piano by Dr. Anthony Pattin, Professor of Music at the University of Montevallo. Dr. Pattin has performed solo recitals at New York City's Carnegie Hall and other venues around the country. He has also performed with symphonies including the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

October 29 - Charles Ghigna

Charles Ghigna (a.k.a. Father Goose) is a poet, children's author, and nationally syndicated feature writer. The author of more than thirty books, Ghigna has received the SEBA Notable Book Award, the Helen Keller Literary Award, and the Alabama Library Association Book Award for Juvenile Literature in 2000. His poems have appeared in *Harper's*, *McCall's*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, and many other magazines and anthologies. Ghigna's latest book, *Halloween Night*, is delightful!

Homewood Public Library

Brown Bag Film Series, 12:15 p.m. Call 877-8665 for program details. These programs will be held on Wednesday, August 13 and every Wednesday in September and October. Bring a sack lunch. Beverage and dessert furnished by Friends of the Library.

Emmet O'Neal Public Library (Mountain Brook)

The Brown Bag Lunch Series is held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Beverage and dessert provided by library. Call 879-0459 for program details.

August 6 - Speaker Donald Wood, Birmingham Museum of Art

August 13 - The Lonely Planet: Nepal (video)

August 20 - The Story of English: Vol. 2: The Mother Tongue (video)

August 27 - The Living Sea (video)

September 3 - Mongolia (video)

September 10 - Alabama Author Marvin Rogers will speak about his book *The Bermuda Indenture*.

September 17 - The Story of English: Vol. 3: A Muse of Fire

September 24 - Scotland: Beauty and Majesty

October 1 - Islam: Empire of Faith, Vol. 1 (video)

October 8 - Islam: Empire of Faith, Vol. 2 (video)

October 15 - Speaker from the Birmingham Police Department Evidence Technicians

October 22 - Bioterror (video)

October 29 - Origins: Battle for the Planet (video)

Adult Book Club - Call Reference Department 226-4016 for details.

Senior Adult Day - Aug. 27, W, 11 a.m. Come join the fun and excitement! There will be door prizes, Book Bingo, and lunch served for everyone. Entertainment to be announced.

Cancer Awareness Program - Oct. 22, W, 11 a.m. A representative from the American Cancer Society, Catherine Hahn, will present a workshop on breast cancer and prostate cancer. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn all about cancer awareness.

Teens

Back-to-School Rally - Sep. 3, W, 4 p.m. You are invited to join in the back-to-school rally, with fun and entertainment.

Movies - Every W, beginning at 4 p.m.

Halloween Craft - Make your own spooky mask. Please sign up in the Adult Department or call Ms. Venedia at 226-4015.

Children

CAP - Safe Places After School Program - Check with your librarian for additional information.

Movie Madness - Sep. 3, W, 3:30 p.m.

Ask the librarian what's showing.

Roald Dahl's Birthday Party - Sep. 10, W, 3:30 p.m. Join us for special treats and activities.

Movie Madness - Sep. 17, W, 3:30 p.m.

Ask the librarian what's showing.

Book Feast - Sep. 24, W, 3:30 p.m.

Peanuts - Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m. Charles Schulz and his characters will be remembered today.

Movie Madness - Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m.

Ask the librarian what's showing.

Book Bingo - Oct. 15, W, 3:30 p.m.

Wear your lucky hat today to play.

Wildest hat wins a prize.

Movie Madness - Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m.

Ask the librarian what's showing.

Quiz Bowl - Oct. 29, W, 3:30 p.m.

Bring your smarts to win prizes.

Halloween Party - Oct. 31, 3:30 p.m.

Come as spooky as you can.

FULTONDALE

Children

Storytime - Every W, 10:30 a.m.

GARDENDALE MARTHA MOORE

Teens

Library Card Sign-up Month - Lost your card, or need to trade your old one in? Get a key chain when you sign up for a card in September.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 19-25. SLAMMIN' @ your library. Celebrate the popularity of poetry with teen readers. Submit your original poem. Visit library for more details. **Sign Language Class** - Visit library for details.

Ghostly Tales and Urban Legends - Oct. 30, Th, 3:30 p.m. Spine-tingling stories to keep you looking over your shoulder. Grades 6th and up.

Children

September Library Card Sign-Up Month - Get a key chain when you sign up for a card in September.

Storytime - Every W, 9:30 a.m. Join Ms. Lou Ellen and Ms. Kristie for great stories, songs, and fun!

Toddler Time - Every 1st and 3rd F, 10 a.m. Toddlers age three and under with caregivers enjoy learning about a new color, number, and Spanish word every month.

Afterschool Storytime - Every 1st and 3rd Tu, 3:30 p.m. beginning Sep. Ms. Lou Ellen and the gang bring you stories, activities, and snacks.



Hoover's Library Theatre

For more information call
The Library Theatre Box Office
at 444-7888.

Leon Redbone in Concert

September 12-13, 8 p.m.
With a voice as "deep as the
Pacific and as smooth as butter,"
Leon Redbone takes his
audience back to Tin Pan Alley
and the Ragtime tunes of the
'20s and '30s. An alumnus of
Saturday Night Live who is
known for his white straw boater
and shades, Redbone has sold
more than a half a million albums.
"Music's most mysterious
entertainer..."
Tickets \$15

Ed Metzger as Albert Einstein: The Practical Bohemian

Oct. 17-18, 8 p.m.
Meet Einstein the man -
the original absent-minded
professor, troubled father, ardent
pacifist, womanizer, philosopher,
and humorist. Actor Ed Metzger,
whose credits include *Dog Day
Afternoon*, *Car Wash*, *Hill Street
Blues*, *ER* and *St. Elsewhere*,
creates a powerful and very
human portrait of Einstein the
man, not the monument.
"Brilliant, funny, touching..."
Tickets \$15

HOMEWOOD

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Brown Bag Film Series - Aug. 13, W, and
every W, Sep.-Oct., 12:15 p.m. Bring a sack
lunch. Beverage and dessert furnished by
Friends of the Library.

Mystery Dinner Theater - Oct. 24 and 25,
6:30 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal and a
delightfully mysterious play. Call the Adult
Services Department at 877-8665 for details
and ticket information. Tickets sell out
quickly, so call today!

Teens

Teen Read Week - Oct. 19-25. Fill out our
teen survey and turn it in to get a prize.
Grand prize will be drawn on Oct. 25!
TABs (Teen Advisory Board) - Sep. 22 and
Oct. 20, M, 7-8 p.m. Help select materials,
plan programs, and more. Call 877-8665 for
more information.

Children

Regular Storytimes - Every Tu and W,
Sep. 2-Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. Join us for lots
of stories, songs, and fun! All ages are
welcome.

Baby and Me - Sep. 12 and Oct. 10, F,
10:30 a.m. Special storytime for birth -
35 mos. Registration required.
Call 877-8666 for more details.

Fall Festival Family Time - Oct. 30, Th,
6:30-7:30 p.m. Bring the entire family for
this evening of fun!

Trick or Treat - Oct. 31, F, 4-6 p.m.
If you're all dressed up with no place to go,
drop by the Children's Department for a
special 'treat'.

HOOVER

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Book Discussion Group - Every 2nd Th,
10 a.m. and every 2nd Tu, 6:30 p.m. Join us
in the Theatre Level Conference Room to
discuss a favorite book. Everyone welcome!
For more information, call 444-7820.

Nobody's Fool by Richard Russo -
Aug. 12, Tu, 6:30 p.m.

About Schmidt by Louis Begley - Aug. 14,
Th, 10 a.m.

The Secret History by Donna Tartt -
Sep. 9, Tu, 6:30 p.m.

The Sunday Wife by Cassandra King -
Sep. 11, Th, 10 a.m.

Atonement by Ian McEwan - Oct. 9, Th,
10 a.m.

City of Light by Lauren Belfer - Oct. 14,
Tu, 6:30 p.m.

Join the Major Leagues @ your library -
Pick up a copy of the *Join the Major
Leagues Playbook* or visit

www.hoover.lib.al.us to find out how you
can win tickets to the World Series! Entries
must be postmarked by Sep. 12, 2003.
Call 444-7820 for more information.

Monday at the Movies - Aug. 25, M, 2 p.m.
and 6:30 p.m., Sep. 22, M, 2 p.m. and
6:30 p.m. and Oct. 27, M, 2 p.m. and
6:30 p.m. Come watch a feature film on
the library theatre's big screen! Call the
library for movie title. Admission is free.
Refreshments provided.

**Grant Development: Where is the
Money? How Do We Get It?** - Sep. 17, W,
9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sep. 18, Th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Learn how to identify funding sources and
present programs to prospective grantors.
Presented by the Nonprofit Resource
Center of Alabama. Reservations required.
Call 444-7816.

**Starting and Managing a Nonprofit
Organization** - Sep. 26, F, 8:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m. Learn the basics of creating a
nonprofit organization— applying for tax
exemption, setting up a volunteer board,
fundraising and more. Reservations required.
Call 444-7816.

Teens

SLAMMIN' @ your library - Oct. 19-25.
Celebrate Teen Read Week by entering our
Name the Poet Contest or World Series
Trivia Contest. Contestants may win movies
passes or music gift certificates.
Sign up at the library or online @
www.hoover.lib.al.us/ya.

Poetry Contest - Oct. 1-25. Submit an
original poem to the Teen Desk before
Oct. 25 for a chance to win a bookstore gift
certificate. Winning entries will be
submitted on the Hoover Library web page!
Entry forms are available at the Teen Desk or
online @ www.hoover.lib.al.us/ya.

Children

Mother Goose Storytime - Every M,
9:30 and 11 a.m. A special storytime and
snack for 1-year-olds and a caregiver.
Reservations required.

Together with Twos - Every Tu, 9:30 and
11 a.m. A special storytime and craft for
2-year-olds and a caregiver. Reservations
required.

Tiny Tot Tales - Every W, 10 and 11 a.m.
A short, action-packed, fun-filled storytime
for very young children.

Storytime Live - Every W, 1:30 p.m. and
every Th, 10:30 a.m. A dynamic storytime
for kids age 3-up. Groups must register.

PJ Storytime - Every Tu, 7 p.m. Wear your
PJs to the library for a bedtime story and
snack.

Get Carded! - Sep. 25, Th, 7 p.m. Celebrate
library card sign-up month! Show us your
library card and join the best party in town.
Music, food, and lots of fun!

Celebrate Fire Prevention Month - Oct. 11,
Sa, 10 a.m. Learn more about fire safety
from the Hoover Fire Department, and
then join us for a slice of pizza in honor
of National Pizza month.



NEED UP-TO-DATE CONSUMER HEALTH / MEDICAL INFORMATION? CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

Over 600 new health/medical books have recently been added to
libraries countywide as a result of a \$12,500 grant from the Institute of
Museum and Library Services. If you have access to a computer, online
health/medical information can also be found at www.healthinfonet.org.

Ask your local librarian for assistance. Popular books include:

All You Need to Know about Back Pain

All You Need to Know about Joint Surgery

Childhood Cancer

Complete Guide to Prescription and Nonprescription Drugs 2003

High Blood Pressure

The Johns Hopkins Consumer Guide to Medical Tests

Lasik: A Guide to Laser Vision Correction

The Portable Pediatrician

Straight Talk about Your Mental Health

Inside Story on AIDS

IRONDALE

Children

Storytime - Every 1st and 3rd Th, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-5.

LEEDS JANE CULBRETH

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Computer Basics - Every 1st Th, 6:30 p.m.
Technology tools and tips taught to
beginners.

History of the Kimono - Aug. 14, Th,
7 p.m. Elegant Oriental attire presented by
kimono collector Michelle Renee Slagle,
sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Fall Wreath - Aug. 21, Th, 10 a.m.
Create a colorful autumn arrangement.
Call 699-5962 to preregister for this free
adult craft session with limited enrollment.

Internet Introduction - Every 3rd Th,
6:30 p.m. Learn World Wide Web search
techniques.

Book Sale - Sep. 5-6, F, Sa, 9:30 a.m.-
4:30 p.m. Buy great bargains at the book sale
sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Early Bird Christmas Design - Sep. 11, Th,
10:30 a.m. Make a handcrafted ornament
before the holiday rush. Call 699-5962 to
preregister for this free adult craft session
with limited enrollment.

Word Processing - Sep. 22, 29, and Oct. 6,
M, 6:30 p.m. Acquire computer skills at this
introductory three-week course for
beginners.

Online Genealogy - Sep. 24, W, 2 p.m.
Explore your roots on the World Wide Web.

Writing Your Own Story - Sep. 25, Th,
6:30 p.m. Leeds author Betty Carter
demonstrates how to put your life on paper.

Witching Herbs - Oct. 9, Th, 7 p.m. Explore
herbal lore with ethnobotanist Verna Gates at
this presentation sponsored by the Friends of
the Library.

Spooky Shirt - Oct. 23, Th, 10 a.m.
Bring a clean white shirt to decorate in the
latest creepy style. Call 699-5962 to
preregister for this free adult craft session
with limited enrollment.

Teens

Sailing Music - Aug. 4, M, 6 p.m. Winding
down the summer sailing with Jim Aycock.



INGLENOOK

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Get Wet - Aug. 14, Th, 3:30-5 p.m.
Time for one last hour to get soaked
before school starts. We still have the
water pistols and hose. You still have
your bathing suit!

Back-to-School Pack - Aug. 18-22.
Drop by our circulation desk, tell Ms.
Darnita which school you attend, and
register to win a brand new pack to start
your school year (limit: one
registration/child/day).

**Storytime with the Springville Road
Storytellers** - Every F, 9:30 a.m.
Beginning Sep. 5, regular storytime
will resume.

All Month Long - Sep. 2-30. During the
month of September, it's National Library
Card Sign-Up Month. Get a free
replacement card, check out three books,
and enter the drawing for a special prize
to be given away at the end of the month
(limit: one entry/patron/day).

Picture It - Sep. 16, Tu, 4-5 p.m.

Bring us your favorite pictures that will fit
on a scrapbook page, and we'll help you
start pages for an album like Ms. Bernee's.

Fall for a Movie - Sep. 26, F, 4-5 p.m.

Join us for drinks, popcorn, and movies!

Creepy, Crafty - Oct. 16, Th, 10 a.m.
and 4-5 p.m. Join Ms. Darnita to make a
Halloween craft. Preregistration required
for the morning craft.

If You're a Teen, Celebrate! - Oct. 20-24.
During Teen Read Week at Inglenook,
check out a book and register to win
a prize (one entry/teen/day).

Winner announced Oct. 27.

Treat Me, Don't Trick Me - Oct. 31, F,
1-6 p.m. Stop by the library, check out a
book, and get your treat.



BE-AT Your Best - Aug. 6, W, 10 a.m.
Enjoy our drum and music extravaganza with Mark Seymour. Leeds Community Arts Center.

Books Ahoy! Return to Port - Aug. 7, Th. Final day to record books!

Back to School Blast - Aug. 13, W, 3:30 p.m. Join the McWane Center as they show amazing animals.

Sign Language Club - Aug. 19, Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Learn sign language and play fun games.

Game Day - Aug. 21, Th, Sep. 23, Tu, Oct. 23, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games.

Movie Madness - Aug. 27, W, Sep. 30, Tu, Oct. 16, Th, 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a fun flick.

Children

Sailing Music - Aug. 4, M, 6 p.m. Winding down the summer sailing with Jim Aycock.

BE-AT Your Best - Aug. 6, W, 10 a.m.
Enjoy our drum and music extravaganza with Mark Seymour. Leeds Community Arts Center.

Books Ahoy! Return to Port - Aug. 7, Th. Final day to record books!

Back to School Blast - Aug. 13, W, 3:30 p.m. Join the McWane Center as they show amazing animals.

Sign Language Club - Aug. 19, Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Learn sign language and play fun games. Grade 4 and older only.

Game Day - Aug. 21, Th, Sep. 23, Tu, Oct. 23, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games.

Movie Madness - Aug. 27, W, Sep. 30, Tu, Oct. 16, Th, 3:30 p.m. Watch a fun flick.

Home School Library Tour - Aug. 28, Th, 10 a.m. Bring your home school group in for a tour of the library.

Tot Time! - Sep. 9, Oct. 14, Tu, 10 a.m.
Enjoy a storytime for toddlers and caregivers.

It's Storytime - Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Th, 10 a.m.
Fun stories and songs with our guest storyteller.

Fairy Tale Frenzy - Sep. 15, M, 6:30 p.m.
Family Fun Night salutes our favorite fairy tales.

Down on the Farm - Sep. 18, Th, 10 a.m.
Join Ms. Melissa as she shares farm stories and songs for National Farm Month.

Kids' Crafts - Sep. 25, Th, Oct. 22, W, 3:30 p.m. Let's get crafty.

The Great Cookie Caper - Oct. 13, M, 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night celebrates National Cookie Month with cookie stories, cookie songs, and COOKIES!

Trick or Treat, Books Are Neat - Oct. 29, W, 10 a.m. Enjoy Halloween stories and songs with Ms. Melissa.

Halloween Treats - Oct. 31, F. Drop by the library today for your Halloween treat!

MIDFIELD

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Storytime - Sep. 2, Tu, 12:30-1 p.m.

Teen Drama Club - Sep. 8, M, 4-5 p.m.

Storytime - Sep. 16, Tu, 10:30-11 a.m.

Storytime - Oct. 7, Tu, 12:30-1 p.m.

Storytime - Oct. 21, Tu, 10:30-11 a.m.

Halloween Costume Contest - Oct. 31, F, 4-4:30 p.m. For ages: infants to 12 years.

MOUNTAIN BROOK EMMET O'NEAL

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Brown Bag Lunch Series - Every W, 12:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert provided.

Aug. 6 - Speaker Donald Wood, Birmingham Museum of Art.

Aug. 13 - Video - The Lonely Planet: Nepal

Aug. 20 - Video - The Story of English: Vol. 2: The Mother Tongue

Aug. 27 - Video - The Living Sea

Sep. 3 - Video - Mongolia

Sep. 10 - Alabama Author Marvin Rogers will speak about his book *The Bermuda Indenture*.

Sep. 17 - The Story of English: Vol. 3: A Muse of Fire

Sep. 24 - Scotland- Beauty and Majesty

Oct. 1 - Video - Islam: Empire of Faith, Vol. 1

Oct. 8 - Video - Islam: Empire of Faith, Vol. 2

Oct. 15 - Speaker from the Birmingham Police Department Evidence Technicians

Oct. 22 - Video - Bioterror

Oct. 29 - Video - Origins: Battle for the Planet

Children

No programming in August. Regular programs start back Sep. 1.

Toddler Tales - Every M, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Lap-sit storytime for ages 24-36 months. Registration required and caregiver must attend. Call 879-0497.

Together Time - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m. Storytime for all ages.

The Story Club - Every Tu, 3:30 p.m. Drop-off storytime for ages 3 and up.

Mother Goose Storytime - Every W, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Lap-sit storytime for ages 12 to 23 months. Caregiver must attend and registration is required. Call 879-0497.

Mom and Me Play Day - Every Th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Special play equipment set up in the story room. Great for small play groups. Toddler to 4 years.

Family Storytime - Every 2nd and 4th Sa, 10:30 a.m. beginning Sep.13. All ages.

Family Night - Singer Dave Potts for supper and songs. Sep. 9, Tu, 5:30 p.m. Supper, program begins at 6 p.m. All ages.

A Series of Unfortunate Events at the Library - Sep. 17, W, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 2-6. Love the books by Lemony Snicket? Come as your favorite character and have a disappointing time.

Family Night - Oct. 14, Tu, 5:30 p.m. Supper, program begins at 6 p.m. Cowboy and trick-roper Bruce Brannen will bring his horse and show off his rope tricks, then MC a special rodeo with the kids as participants! This program will be outside, so bring chairs. All ages.

Pumpkin Painting Contest - Oct. 22-28, all ages. Bring your decorated pumpkin to the library. Everyone is a winner.

Halloween Spooktacular - Oct. 29, W, 2-5 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Mask making, spooky snack, stories, and the Laughing Tree. Must register beginning Oct. 19. Call 879-0497 for a 30-minute time slot.



NORTH AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Teens

Pretty as a Picture - Sep. 8, M, 10 a.m.
This month focuses on providing education on caring for your skin. Ms. Yolanda will provide general information on routine care for great-looking skin.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 12-17. Check out a great book and register to win a prize.

Children

Storytime Fun - Beginning Sep. 8, every M, 1-1:30 p.m. and Tu, 9-9:30 a.m. Join us for special age specific storytimes full of laughter, surprises, stories, and more.

Back-to-School Kool Aid Bash - Aug. 27, W, 1:30 p.m. Come join us and find out fun facts about the invention of Kool Aid.

Celebrate Good Manners Month - Sep. 1-30. In celebration of good manners month children are encouraged to come in and show their good manners by saying, Please, Thank you, and May I. As a reward each child will receive a sweet treat and bookmark.

Library Card Sign Up-Month! - Sep. 2-30. Sign up for a library card this month and receive a special treat!

Fortune Cookie Day - Sep. 10, W, 1:30 p.m. Come join us and learn fun facts about the birth of the fortune cookie. Each child will be given a delicious fortune cookie.

National Dental Hygiene Month - Oct. 13, M, 9:30 a.m. Join Ms. Tammy as she covers important dental hygiene facts.

National Popcorn Poppin' Month - Oct. 16, Th, 1:30 p.m. Celebrate the wholesome, economical, natural food value of popcorn, America's native snack.

Monster Reading Lock In! - Oct. 31, F, 5-7:30 p.m. Join your North Avondale librarians for this spooky Halloreading night of fun, food, and ghost tales! Preregistration is required. For more information call 592-2082.



NORTH BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Every 4th Su, 4-6 p.m. Liz Pickens, Coordinator. Please call the Adult Department at 226-4027 to sign-up.

Columbus Day - Oct. 13, M. Discover great books to read in the Adult Department. Check out 3 adult books or audio books and enter your name in a drawing for a prize.

Children

No programs in August. Regular programming will start back in Sep.

Family Fun Night - Every 2nd Tu, 6:30 p.m. Join us for special programs dedicated to family fun! Registration required.

Library Card Sign-Up Month - In honor of library card sign-up month, check out 3 juvenile books and register to win a bag of reading fun.

Toddler Tales - Every Th, 10 a.m. Beginning Sep. 11. Includes stories, crafts, and fun, fun, fun. Daycare groups are welcome. Please call 226-4026 to register.

National Grandparents' Day - Sep. 3-5. Drop in and make a card in honor of your special grandparents. Don't forget to check out a book, take it home, curl up in a chair and read it together.

Candy Corn Contest - Oct. 13-24. Guess the right number and win a sweet treat.

Fire Safety - Oct. 14, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Firefighter Lt. Johnson from the City of Birmingham will be here to teach us how to tuck, duck and roll. Fire safety, firefighter, and fire truck books are available for checkout. Please call to register.

Teen Read Week - Look for special activities in the library.

The Treats on Us! - No tricks, just treats. Come by the Youth Department for a spooky treat.



POWDERLY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Preschool Storyhour - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m.

Back-To-School Movie Fun - Aug. 26, Tu, 4 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month - Sep. 2-30. Check out books and win a prize.

Patterned Bingo - Sep. 10, W, 4 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Halloween Party - Oct. 31, F, 4-5 p.m. Costume and a 2-book check out are the requirements.

REGIONAL LIBRARY COMPUTER CENTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
CLASSES

All Classes Are Free
Call 226-3799 for details

Birmingham Public Library
3rd Floor
Linn-Henley Building

BASIC PC - "HOW DO YOU TURN THIS DARN THING ON?"

Tu, Aug. 5.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Aug. 19.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 2.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 23.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Th, Oct. 9.....10 a.m.-12noon

BASIC PC - "HOW DO YOU TURN THIS DARN THING ON?" (Seniors Only)

Th, Aug. 7.....9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Th, Sep. 4.....9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 2.....9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BASIC INTERNET - INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Th, Aug. 7.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Aug. 26.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Th, Sep. 4.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 30.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Th, Oct. 9.....2-4 p.m.

BASIC INTERNET - INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET (Seniors Only)

Th, Aug. 14.....9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Th, Sep. 11.....9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 7.....9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FREE E-MAIL ON THE WEB

Tu, Aug. 12.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 9.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 14.....2-4 p.m.

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER BASICS

Th, Aug. 28.....10 a.m.-12noon
Th, Sep. 25.....10 a.m.-12noon
Th, Oct. 30.....10 a.m.-12noon

POWERPOINT

Tu, Aug. 5.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tu, Aug. 26.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 23.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 21.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 28.....2-4 p.m.

SPREADSHEETS - AN INTRODUCTION USING MICROSOFT EXCEL

Tu, Aug. 12.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Th, Aug. 28.....2-4 p.m.
Th, Sep. 25.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 28.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Th, Oct. 30.....2-4 p.m.

SURFING THE NET

Th, Aug. 21.....10 a.m.-12noon
Th, Sep. 18.....10 a.m.-12noon
Th, Oct. 16.....10 a.m.-12noon

SURFING THE NET FOR YOUR ROOTS

Tu, Sep. 2.....5:30-7:30 p.m.

MICROSOFT WORD (WORD 101)

Tu, Aug. 19.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 9.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 16.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 7.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 21.....2-4 p.m.

MORE MICROSOFT WORD (WORD 102)

Th, Aug. 21.....2-4 p.m.
Th, Sep. 16.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Sep. 18.....2-4 p.m.
Tu, Oct. 14.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
Th, Oct. 23.....2-4 p.m.

Preregistration is required for all classes. Space is limited. Registration will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you register for a class and cannot attend, please call the Center as soon as possible.

IF YOU LIKE...

SUE GRAFTON

YOU'LL ALSO LIKE...

An Anniversary to Die
by Valerie Wolzien

Blue Death
by Lillian O'Donnell

The Bootlegger's Daughter
by Margaret Maron

Closely Akin to Murder
by Joan Hess

The Falcon at the Portal
by Elizabeth Peters

Firestorm
by Nevada Barr

Flashpoint
by Linda Barnes

Guardian Angel
by Sara Paretsky

Hard Evidence
by Barbara D'Amato

House of Blues
by Julie Smith

Love Nor Money
by Linda Grant

Missing Susan
by Sharyn McCrumb

The Motive on Record
by Dell Shannon

One for the Money
by Janet Evanovich

Prelude to Death
by Sharon Zukowski

A Safe Place to Die
by Janice Law

Shell Game
by Carol O'Connell

Sudden Exposure
by Susan Dunlap

Sunset Express
by Robert Crais

A Walk Through the Fire
by Marcia Muller

Where the Bodies are Buried
by Janet Dawson

Wild Kat
by Karen Kijewski

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PRATT CITY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

WWW Anniversary - Aug. 1, 1990. The creation of what became the World Wide Web came into existence. Celebrate, cruise the Internet and travel through its many sights around the world.

National Library Card Sign-Up Month - Sep. 2-30. Trade in your old library card for a new keychain card FREE.

10th Anniversary Appreciation Month - Sep. 2-30. Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of our new building, with a special dedication of our newly renovated meeting room, Sep. 12, F, 4-6 p.m.

Staff Training Day - Oct. 30, Th. We will open at 1 p.m.

Teens

Teen Read Week - Oct. 12-18. The goal of Teen Read Week is to encourage teens to read for the fun of it. Come and check out our new teen selections. For more info visit Web: www.ala.org/teenread.

Children

Storytime - Every W, 10 a.m. starting in Sep.

National Back-to-School Month - Aug. 1-31, free pencils and bookmarks for all our students. You must check out books!

National Popcorn Month - Oct. 1-31. To celebrate the wholesome, economical, natural food value of popcorn, America's native snack. Come by anytime on any day in Oct. and just check out some books and get a bag of freshly popped popcorn.

Pumpkin Contest - Guess how much the pumpkin weighs, and you will win a surprise. Drawing Oct. 29, W, 5 p.m.

Halloween Treats - Oct. 31, F, 4-5:30 p.m. Prizes to the best costumes. Refreshments will be served.



SLOSSFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime - Every Th and F, 12:30 p.m.

Arts and Crafts - Every 1st and 3rd F, 4 p.m. with Ms. Charlethia and Ms. Malika.

Movie Mania Daily - 3:30 p.m.

Oatmeal Cookies Day - Aug. 29, F, 3:30 p.m.

Fall Hat - Sep. 10, W, 3:30 p.m.

Autumnfest Activities - Sep. 23, Tu, 3:30 p.m.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 12-18.

Pumpkin Activities - Oct. 22, W, 4 p.m.

Trick or Treats - Oct. 31, F, 3 p.m.



SMITHFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Call library for details.

Teens

Emancipation Dream Day - Aug. 28, Th, To be announced. One of the three Emancipation Days of Respect that highlights the three key principles of the American Civil Rights Renaissance of the 1960s. Featuring Ms. Gwendolyn Gamble, a 1963 Foot Soldier of the Civil Rights Movement.

9/11 A Day of Remembrance - Sep. 11, Th, To be announced. Birmingham Firefighters share the impact of 9/11.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 12-18. Teens will share their favorite book or poem.

Children

Storytime - Every W, 10 a.m. Let your imagination run wild with stories by Ms. Cas. **Hey, Hey, Hey It's Fat Albert** - Sep. 9, Tu, 4 p.m. "Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids" TV Premiere Anniversary. Enjoy an evening of Fat Albert trivia, movies, stories, and fun.

You Scream, I Scream, We all Scream for Ice Cream! - Sep. 22, M, 4 p.m. Celebrate the ice cream cone's 100th birthday. Please call the library for further information.

The Halloween Trail - Oct. 31, F, 4 p.m. Spooky tales, treats, and prizes.



SOUTHSIDE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every F, 9:30-10 a.m.



FACES OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham Houses - The Variety of Styles in the Magic City

Birmingham Houses-The Variety of Styles in the Magic City opens November 1, 2003 in the Birmingham Public Library Gallery. More than 50 illustrations will give a quick and comprehensive look at Birmingham homes from shotguns to bungalows, four-squares to grand Italianates, cottages to Tudor castles. The exhibit will help identify styles, engage the viewer with seldom-explained facts, and tell an important part of Birmingham's past and present. The exhibition hangs through December 31, 2003. The opening reception will be held November 2 at 3 p.m. sponsored by the Birmingham Historical Society and the Birmingham Public Library.

In conjunction with the Birmingham Historical Society exhibition *Birmingham Houses-The Variety of Styles in the Magic City*, the Birmingham Public Library will offer a series of talks in November on the history and development of Birmingham's architecture.

Faces of Birmingham: The Evolution of Our City's Skyline

A century ago downtown Birmingham looked very different from today with rows of ornate Victorian buildings standing only a few stories tall. The development of steel construction and the electric elevator allowed builders to construct skyscrapers that towered over and finally replaced many of the old buildings. Archivist and historian Marvin Whiting will show slides and explore the changes in the architectural face of Birmingham.

Birmingham Public Library, Wednesday, November 5, 12noon

Every House Has a History

Whether you live in a modest bungalow or a century-old mansion, you will find resources at the Birmingham Public Library to help you learn more about your house and the people who have lived there. Archivist Jim Baggett will help you begin your search by discussing sources and methods for piecing together the unique history of your home.

Birmingham Public Library, Wednesday, November 12, 12noon

Springville Road Regional Library, Thursday, November 13, 10 a.m.

North Birmingham Regional Library, Monday, November 17, 12noon

Avondale Regional Library, Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Five Points West Regional Library, Wednesday, November 19, 11 a.m.



SPRINGVILLE ROAD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Grub Down - Every Tu, 4 p.m. Feeding time at the library means fun. You can watch the library's pets eat, and if you're brave, you can even pet some of the critters.

Watch those fingers!

All Ages Storytime - Every W, 10:30 a.m., beginning Sep. 3. Join us for songs, stories, and fun. Everyone is welcome.

Afternoon Handtalk - Every 2nd M, 4 p.m., beginning Sep. 8. In a special session for older kids, Ms. Niki entertains with a program infused with sign language.

Tic-Tac-Twos - Every 3rd M, 10:30 a.m., beginning Sep. 15. Story fun and crafts specially chosen for the enjoyment of 2-year-olds. Every toddler needs an adult to share the fun.

Family Fall Fiesta - Sep. 22, M, 6:30 p.m. What a way to start the season! Bring your kids down to the library for stories and fun. **Septemberfest** - Sep. 27, Sa, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This annual event features an array of crafts, wares, and delicious goodies. Funds help pay for children's programs. Come out and support your library!

Candy Corn Contest - Oct. 1-31. Guess how many delicious treats we've packed into a jar and enter to win them all. The drawing will be held on Oct. 31.

Scarecrow Convention - Oct. 1-31.

Color your own scarecrow to decorate our pumpkin patch!

Spooky Stories and Creepy Crafts - Oct. 27, M, 6:30 p.m. Slink on down to the library for fun stories and crafts just in time for you-know-what. The entire family is welcome.

Happy Halloween - Oct. 31, F. No tricks, we'll treat! Come by the library anytime that day and get a not-so-scary surprise. Costumes, disguises, and wacky wear are encouraged.



TITUSVILLE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m., beginning Sep. 9.

TRUSSVILLE

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Book Club - Every last Tu, 11 a.m. Contact Adult Services Department for more information.

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 4. Registration is necessary if group is larger than five children.

Home School Hour - Every Th, 2 p.m. Advanced registration is required. Home schoolers in grades 3-5 are welcome to come and read with Ms. Jennifer. We will be reading poetry, plays, and short stories. We will also complete worksheets that relate to our reading subject.

Home School Adult Discussion Brunch - Aug. 16, Sa, 10:30 a.m. If you are currently involved in home schooling, or thinking about it, come join us for refreshments and discussion. Please, adults only. Reservations can be made by calling the Children's Department before Aug. 14.

Donuts and Discussion - Every 3rd W, 3:30 p.m. Join other 3rd and 4th graders as we discuss a different book each month. Don't worry about your afternoon snack, because there will be plenty of donuts.

American Girls Club Reception - Sep. 21, Su, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Former club members, current members, and those who are interested in joining for the first time are invited to join us for a reception honoring Kit, Felicity, Josefina, Molly, Samantha, Kaya, Addy, and Kirsten. Plans for the new year will also be shared.



An Interview With BEVERLY BARTON Alabama Author

When did you start writing seriously and how did you break into the ranks of published novelist?

Taking the advice of a published Alabama romance writer, I joined Romance Writers of America. I worked tirelessly to perfect my writing skills. In the end, it took a God-given talent for writing combined with skill, determination, and luck to make that first sale in 1989 to Silhouette Books. In the past 14 years, I've written 50 books.

What is your current book about? What gave you this idea?

Grace Under Fire is the 17th book in my on-going series for Silhouette, *The Protectors*. The idea came together one night while I was sitting around with three other writers. I tossed out a few ideas of my own and each of the other writers added something. Some ideas worked and others didn't. But a few weeks later, I put together a skeleton plot and then wrote a synopsis. Once approved by my editors, the truly hard work began - writing the book.

What are you currently working on?

I just completed what will become my 50th published novel, *Downright Dangerous*. This is the 18th story in my series, and is scheduled for release in February 2004.

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Using the Library and its Resources - Sep. 15, M, 6:30 p.m. How do you find a book? How do you use the computers in the library? These and other questions will be answered during this hour. This event is especially for grade 2 and up.

Show Me Your Library Card Party - Sep. 26, F, 4:30 p.m. Do you have a library card? If so, then this is your invitation to a Pizza Party! All children grades 1-4 come and share a favorite book with everyone. If you do not have a card, get one before the party. Advance reservations are required.

Scare Your Socks Off Storytime - Oct. 30, Th, 3:30 p.m. All children grade 2 and above are invited to come and listen to Ms. Jennifer as she shares some stories that may possibly scare your socks off. This is not for the preschool child.

VESTAVIA HILLS RICHARD M. SCRUSHY

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every Th, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 and up starting back in Sep.
Toddler Time - 18 months-3 yrs - Every Tu, 11 a.m. and W, 10:30 a.m.
PJ Storytime - Every 2nd and 4th Tu, 7 p.m. starting in Sep.

WARRIOR EVELYN THORNTON

Children

Storytime - Every 2nd M, 9 a.m. Warrior Community Center.



WEST END

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Credit Smart Workshop - Sep. 22, M, 6-7:30 p.m. Learn how to improve your credit rating in preparation for home ownership. Sponsored by Fannie Mae Foundation and the Birmingham Urban League. Taught by Beverly Gaither, Housing Counselor, Birmingham Urban League. Snacks, drinks, and coffee will be provided. To register, please call the Birmingham Urban League 326-0162 or the West End Library 226-4089. Limited to 25 participants.

Children

Back-to-School Safety Tips - Aug. 7, Th, 3:30 p.m. Helpful information you can use to make going back to school a wonderful experience. Presented by a Birmingham police officer.
National Library Card Sign-up Month - Sep. 2-30. Sign up for your very own library card, and check out what the library has to offer while you're here!
Kids Crafts - Sep. 11, Th, 3:30 p.m. Join Ms. Anita and add a new craft to your collection.
Halloween Treats - Oct. 30, Th, 3:30 p.m.
Storytime - Sep. 9, 22, 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please contact the library at 226-4089 for storytimes in Oct.



WOODLAWN

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime - Every Tu, 10 a.m.



WYLAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Free Blood Pressure Screening - Every 1st W, 1-4 p.m.

Teens

Teen Read Week - Oct. 20-24. Check with your librarian for details.

Children

Storytime - Contact librarian for schedule. Storytime resumes first week in Sep.

For your convenience, directional maps to public libraries in Birmingham/Jefferson County are available at all public libraries in the county.

FALL INTO READING STAFF PICKS

Contributed by Maya Jones

West End Branch, Birmingham Public Library

Joust by Mercedes Lackey

The countries of Alta and Tia are at war. No one remembers why the war started, but everybody knows that the country with the most Jousters (dragon riders) will win. Recommended reading for all teens and adults who enjoy reading about dragons.

The Silmarillion by J.R.R. Tolkien

In this book, Tolkien establishes the creation of Middle Earth and describes the creation of the elves and men. *The Silmarillion* fills in the historical gaps in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*.

Unfinished Tales by J.R.R. Tolkien

This compilation of stories chronicles the lives of Galadriel and Celeborn, the history of the Kings of Numenor (Aragorn's family), and the origin of the Wizards.

Dragon and Thief by Timothy Zahn

Jack is a thief on the run for a crime he didn't commit. Draycos is a dragon without a host. When Draycos' current host dies, he has to find another host or he will be dead in six hours. Draycos meets Jack and the two become a symbiotic team with Draycos helping Jack find out who framed him and Jack helping Draycos' people find a new home.

The Boys of Summer 1953

Photos and Memories of a Championship Year

In August 2003 the Birmingham Public Library will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the year Birmingham won the Little League World Series. Photographs and memorabilia from the collection of Bruce Gordon, the archives of the Little League Museum, and the collection of Birmingham Public Library will be on display in the Central Library during the month. On August 6 Gordon and his pitching partner Joe Sims will speak at a noon program in the Linn-Henley auditorium about the extraordinary 1953 season that made them Little League champions.



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

Your Public Library Card

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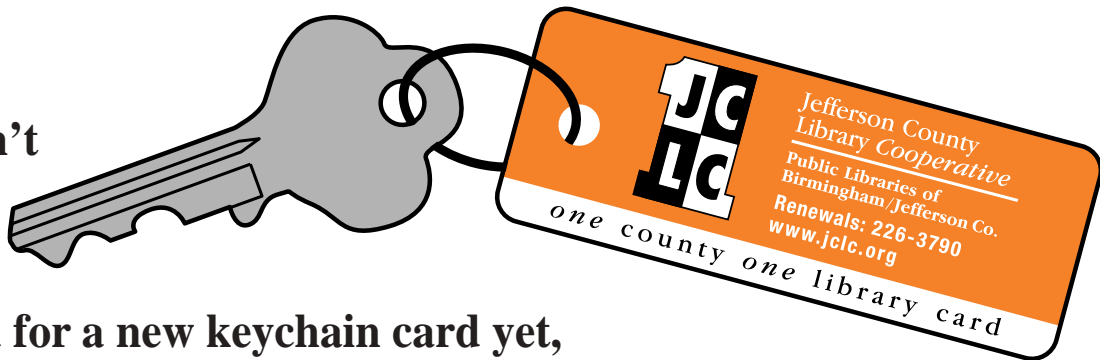
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Here's how . . .

1. Go to your local public library
2. Bring your parent, guardian, learner's permit or driver's license
3. Bring proof of permanent residence
4. Sign up . . . it's . . . **Free!**

And . . .

If you haven't traded in your old library card for a new keychain card yet, do so in September. **FREE!** We'll waive the usual \$2.00 fee.

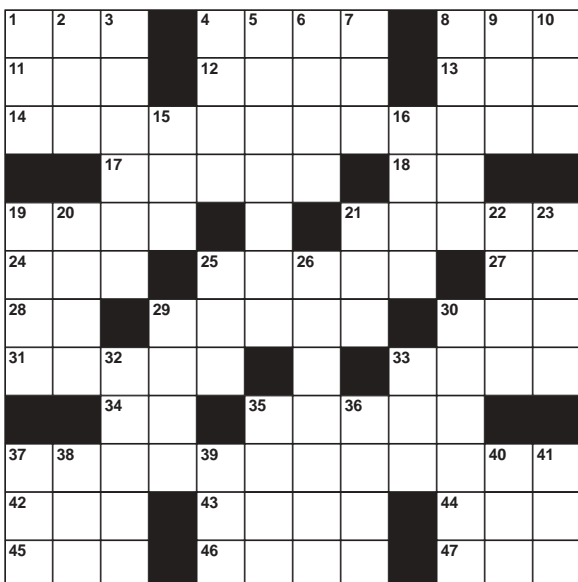


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 - Bessemer428-7882
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 - *Woodlawn595-2001
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 - Botanical Gardens Library414-3920
www.bbgardens.org
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<http://fairfield.lib.al.us>
 - Fultondale849-6335
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 - Gardendale/Martha Moore631-6639
<http://gardendale.lib.al.us>
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<http://graysville.lib.al.us>
 - Homewood877-8661
www.homewood.lib.al.us
 - Hoover444-7800
www.hoover.lib.al.us
 - Hueytown491-1443
<http://hueytown.com/htnlib.htm>
 - Irondale951-1415
www.irondalelibrary.com
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www.leedsalabama.com/library.htm
 - Midfield923-1027
<http://midfield.lib.al.us>
 - Mountain Brook/Emmet O'Neal ...445-1101
www.eolib.org
 - Pleasant Grove744-1731
<http://pleasantgrove.lib.al.us>
 - Tarrant849-2825
<http://tarrant.lib.al.us>
 - Trussville655-2022
www.trussvillelibrary.com
 - Vestavia Hills/
Richard M. Scrushy978-0155
<http://vestavia.lib.al.us>
 - Warrior/Evelyn Thornton647-3006
<http://warrior.lib.al.us>
- Jefferson County Library Cooperative
www.jclc.org

EDUCATING READERS

by Jim Pate, Southern History, Birmingham Public Library



25. Chestwear or gives legal right.
27. Man's title not "avoided the lady".
28. Like or high marks.
29. Talks roughly or files.
30. Brain matter or actress Zadora.
31. Subject or heading.
33. Eagle's nest not breezy.
34. Elevated or happy.
35. Plumber's tool or copperhead.
37. School tools or what's needed for 14A.
42. Circle section not Noah's craft.
43. Give charity or Senator Liddy.
44. One Gabor or spacewalk (abbr).
45. Team shout not uncooked.
46. Amount to pay not verse form.
47. Exercise count or agent.
- Clue for unchecked letters in 5D and 26D: Fifty-one in old Rome or Manhattan's bigger brother (abbr).
16. Charged particles not golf clubs.
19. Music meter or triumph over.
20. Again or additionally.
21. Thing exists or belonging to Addams' cousin.
22. Middle eastern ruler not "a simply".
23. Food platter not three card.
25. Cleaning machine or recreational trip (abbr).
26. Note catcher or thread twister.
29. Rends or saws.
30. Eye or small frog.
32. Fruit beverage or Judy's pal.
33. Alias (abbr) or canine organization (abbr).
35. Wintry precipitation or television interference.
36. Copied or mimed.
37. Usual score or part of 14A (abbr).
38. Time frame or pitcher's stat (abbr).
39. Activity or Shakespeare's "much" about "nothing".
40. Night before not overhang.
41. Strike or talk informally.

ACROSS

1. Rhea or cassowary cousin.
4. Kimono sashes not complies.
8. Bent not bread.
11. Lots and lots not cask.
12. Sandy hill or sci-fi classic.
13. Shade or tint.
14. Class writings or makeups.
17. Major artery not "the first should".
18. Heraldic gold not metallic source.
19. Headquarters not lowest voice.
21. Entryway or narrow passage.
24. Fraternal member or big deer.

DOWN

1. And so on not "consumed third".
2. Bovine murmur not half Hawaiian garment.
3. Reveal or expose.
4. Fragrance or aroma.
5. Hurries or old fashion appurtenances.
6. Occipital protuberances not one of.
7. Put in place or group that goes together.
8. Spiral not spin.
9. Score in an inning or flow.
10. Of course or absolutely.
15. Poet not Teletubby.

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S WORD FIND

