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ALABAMA BOUND!

2003

On April 26, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Birmingham Public Library will be **ALABAMA BOUND!**, marking the fifth anniversary of this unique annual event that celebrates Alabama's own books, authors, and publishers. More than 50 Alabama writers and publishers will gather in the atrium of the downtown Birmingham Public Library to promote their latest publications and talk in person about reading, writing, and publishing. Each year this casual, fun-filled day gives the reading public an opportunity to meet and talk with published authors and to mingle with other readers and book lovers in Alabama's largest public library.

The 2003 edition of **ALABAMA BOUND!** will welcome a number of familiar authors to the stage. Among the authors who will participate this year are Birmingham native and current resident Robert McCammon who has recently published his fifteenth book, *Speaks the Nightbird* (2002). McCammon's best-known novel, *Boy's Life* (1991) won the Bram Stoker Award, the World Fantasy Award for Best Novel, and was a Literary Book Guild selection.

The library is also pleased to host Birmingham radio-station owner and civil rights activist Shelley Stewart and long time Alabama literary personality Wayne Greenhaw. Stewart recently published *The Road South* (2002), a memoir about growing up in Birmingham and succeeding in the music industry. Greenhaw's most recent books are *The Long Journey* (2001) and *My Heart is in the Earth* (2001). Both books, one fiction, the other non-fiction, draw on Greenhaw's experiences in and knowledge of Alabama.

Another guest, Jo Kittinger, has published eight books for children. Kittinger finds subject matter for her books all around her - from nature, art, children, pets, and more. *A Look at Rocks: From Coal to Kimberlite* was included in the list of Best Science Books for Children in 1998 by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Han Nolan, winner of the 1997 National Book Award for Young People's Literature, will talk about writing for young people and her new book *Born Blue*.

Area gardeners will be interested in meeting Jennifer Greer, a certified Master Gardener and accomplished journalist, who is the garden writer for the *Birmingham News*. Reporting on gardening, forestry, and the environment, Greer also writes for *Our House*, *Alabama Magazine*, *Southern Living* and *Oxmoor House*.

She has contributed to books on annuals, perennials, herbs, and vegetables for the *Southern Living Gardening Guides*. These and other works have established Greer as one of the top garden writers in the state.

Throughout the day the invited authors will speak about their work - or read selections aloud - and sign copies of their books. Books will be available for purchase or for checking out. Question-and-answer periods and autograph sessions will provide additional opportunities for the audience and authors to interact. With authors of fiction,

nonfiction and juvenile books in the lineup, **ALABAMA BOUND!** will offer readers opportunities to discover new Alabama authors and to rediscover treasured favorites.

This year - as an added attraction - the program will feature a panel discussion of *The Remembered Gate: Memoirs from Alabama Writers*, a collection of essays published by the University of Alabama Press and edited by Jay Lamar and Jeanie Thompson. Sensing the importance of place to Southern writers, the editors asked various Alabama authors how growing up or living in Alabama helped shape them as writers. The essays explore the significance of religion, race, family, and landscape to nineteen authors who have at one time or another called Alabama home. The editors and some of the authors will reconnect on stage at **ALABAMA BOUND!** to resume the discussion that the book started.

Books, T-shirts, coffee mugs, and other souvenirs will be on sale throughout the day. Light refreshments will be served "under the trees" in the Atrium Café. Representatives from Alabama book and magazine publishers will be on hand to display their products and answer questions about the types of materials they publish.

On the same weekend in neighboring Linn Park, Operation New Birmingham will hold its annual Magic City Art Connection. This popular juried show hosts artists from around the country. Together the Magic City Art Connection and **ALABAMA BOUND!** will make April 26 in downtown Birmingham a day of literary and artistic delight.

by Linda Wilson, Birmingham Public Library



■ Rick Bragg



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ALABAMA BOUND! is free and open to the public. More information, author schedules, and regular updates are available at www.alabamabound.org.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY • SATURDAY, APRIL 26 • 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



calendar of events

Activities of the Jefferson County Public Libraries for
February / March / April

ADAMSVILLE

Children

Storytime - Every 2nd and 4th Tu, 10:30 a.m.



AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Black History Month Celebration - Feb. 14, F, 10 a.m. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute will share a media presentation for the Avondale adult and senior citizens.

Just a View, the Weather and You - Mar. 10, M, 7 p.m. Join James Spann, ABC 33/40, as he describes the various types of weather we have here in Alabama. Families and students welcome.

Poetry Plus - Apr. 11, F, 10 a.m. Poetry party. Write a poem and read it aloud. Poetry presenters include Mary Woods, Kathy Brewis and Lonnie Hannon, III. Everyone is invited.

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 226-4003.

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

Valentine Friends - Feb. 3-10. Help spread some love by designing a special valentine to be given to a patient in the Children's Hospital. We will deliver them for you.

Snacktime - Feb. 10-28. It's National Snack Food Month. Identify the snack foods found in some of our favorite snack food books and register to win a lick-your-lips smack-your-mouth snacktime treat.

The Winner is - Feb. 20, Th, 10:30 a.m. In honor of Black History Month, we will have a storytime featuring Coretta Scott King Award Books. Register your family or group for award winning fun.

Dr. Seuss Family Fun Night - Feb. 25, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Dr. Seuss is on the loose and lurking in the library shelves. Join us as we celebrate Read Across America in Seussville style. Registration required 226-4003.

Youth Art Month - Mar. 3-28. Display your work of art in the Avondale Art Gallery. We'll provide the canvas while you provide the creativity.

Go Extreme This Spring - Mar. 24, M, 10:30 a.m. School is out, but the library is in and we are taking it to the Extreme! Registration required 226-4003.

Kite Night - Mar. 25, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Take flight as we soar through a night of high flying fun. Registration required 226-4003.

Scholastic Book Sale - Apr. 15-21. Avondale Youth Department is hosting a Scholastic half-price booksale. Now is the time to purchase books for special occasions or for "just because" times.

Dig It! - Apr. 22, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Spring is here and it's time to plant those reading seeds. Join Ms. Eve for a night of family fun you'll really dig. Registration required 226-4003.

BESSEMER

Directions to Bessemer Public Library Temporary Location I-59S / I-20W, take the 19th St./18th St. exit in Bessemer. Exit at #112. Keep left at the fork in the ramp, turn left onto 18th St. N, turn right onto US - 11 S (same as 9th Avenue). Go 1.1 miles (through 4 traffic lights). Located immediately past Shoney's turn left before Wendy's The library is located on the right in the shopping mall.

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Feb. 12, Tu, 10-12noon. Join us for a book discussion on *The Blue Bottle Club* by Penelope Stokes.

Adult Book Club - Mar. 7, Th, 6-7:30 p.m. Come give us your thoughts on *Falling Angels* by Tracy Chevalier.

Adult Book Club - Mar. 12, Tu, 10-12noon. If you missed the evening discussion of *Falling Angels* by Tracy Chevalier, stop by for the morning session.

Adult Book Club - Apr. 4, Th, 6-7:30 p.m. Chat with Leslie about Nicholas Evans' *The Horse Whisperer*.

Adult Book Club - Apr. 9, Tu, 10-12noon. Start your morning off right with a discussion of Nicholas Evans' *The Horse Whisperer*.

Children

Storytime - Every W, 9:30 a.m. Families and daycares welcome. Reservations requested.

Storytime - Every 4th M, 10:30 a.m. Families and daycares welcome.

Have-A-Heart - Feb. 3-10. Stop by the children's area and make a special valentine for the kids at Children's Hospital.

February Craft - Feb. 8, Sa, 10:30 a.m. Boys and girls, ages 4-12, are invited to sign up for the craft-of-the-month.

March Craft - Mar. 8, Sa, 10:30 a.m. Boys and girls, ages 4-12, are invited to sign up for the craft-of-the-month.



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC Central

Children

Tours - Group tours of the Youth Department may be scheduled by calling 226-3655. Please call at least two weeks prior to the date that you wish to tour.



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.
For additional information please call 226-3604.



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.

February 5 - Honoring Thurgood Marshall

Celebrate the 77th annual observance of African-American History and the 26th Anniversary of the United States Postal Service Black Heritage Series. This year's honoree is Justice Thurgood Marshall. Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) is best remembered for being appointed the first African-American Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court. Prepare to learn more about this year's subject and the other 25 honorees of the Black Heritage Series. The program will be both entertaining and informative.

February 12 - African-American Genealogy

How far can you trace your family history? Come and be introduced to African-American genealogy. Ann Gilbert and Josephine Govan will present this fascinating program.

February 19 - Common Bonds

You will be amazed at the commonality that crosses race and time. Jim Baggett of the BPL Archives Dept. will show slides and discuss the Birmingham snapshot photo exhibit on Common Bonds. Plus, learn how to preserve your family photos.

February 26 - Jothan Callins Duo

Be dazzled by the prolific, creative, and one-of-a-kind jazz performers. Listen to the jazz beat with the Jothan Callins Duo as we celebrate the final program during Black History Month.

March 5 - Looking Back at Gee's Bend

To accompany the photo exhibition *Looking Back at Gee's Bend* author and storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham will share her memories of this unique African-American community.

March 12 - Praying and Organizing: Black Women in the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham

As part of the symposium series *Before You Travel On: Reflections on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Birmingham Civil Rights Movement*, historian Tara White will discuss the role of women in Birmingham's freedom struggle.

March 19 - Justice Brought Home: The Sixteenth Street Church Bombing Cases

Decades after the bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church the final two suspects in the case were tried and convicted. Former United States Attorney Doug Jones will discuss his role in reopening and prosecuting the cases.

March 26 - The Black Power Movement in Birmingham

Emory University historian Robert Widell will explore the Black Power Movement in late 1960s and early 1970s Birmingham.

April

"I'm Alabama Bound"

April 9, 16, 23, and 30. Join us for programs that focus on Alabama authors and their works. These will serve as an introduction to the Alabama Bound book fair to be held on Saturday, April 26 at the Central Library.



Homewood Public Library

Brown Bag Film Series, 12:15 p.m.

These programs are held on Wednesdays at 12:15. 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.

Hearts and Hugs - Feb. 1-12. Make a valentine to brighten the day of a child in Children's Hospital! (Supplies provided) We will deliver them before Valentines Day!

Conversation Hearts - Feb. 1-14. Guess how many of those wonderful sweet treats there are and you may win the prize.

Crafting Together - Feb. 4, T, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a fun time making some wonderful crafts. Registration required. Call 226-3655.

Storytime for All Ages - Feb. 13, Th, 10:30 a.m. Groups are welcome.

KISS - Feb. 14, F. Get a kiss from your favorite librarian. It's Valentines Day!

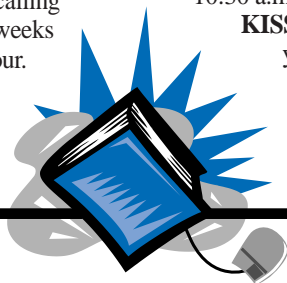
Family Fun Night with Mr. Mac - Feb. 18, T, 6:30 p.m. Check out the great night of stories and songs as we celebrate Black History Month.

Friday Fun Frolics - Feb. 21, F, 10:30 a.m. Music and stories for all.

Crafting Together - Mar. 4, Tu, 10:30 a.m. A fun time for all to enjoy. Registration required. Call 226-3655.

Storytime for All Ages - Mar. 13, Th, 10:30 a.m. Groups are welcome.

Luck of the Irish Shamrock Hunt - Mar. 17. Try your luck at finding one of the hidden shamrocks in the Youth Department! If you're lucky enough to find one, bring it to the desk! A surprise will await you.



M E E T

GORDON KORMAN

April 22 – 6:30 p.m.

Homewood Public Library Auditorium

Come party with Mr. Korman, author of *No More Dead Dogs*, the *Island* trilogy, *The Chicken Doesn't Skate*, *Son of the Mob*, and more.

Find out if it's true that he was in seventh grade when he wrote his first book and if he really believes that the answer to all the world's problems is . . . keep on laughing!

Grades 3 and up.

For additional information call Young Adult Services, 877-8665.

Family Fun Night with Mr. Mac - Mar. 18, Tu, 6:30 p.m. An evening of fun for the entire family. Come and join us!

Friday Fun Frolics - Mar. 21, F, 10:30 a.m. Music and stories for all.

Spring Break Fun - Mar. 25, Tu, 10:30 a.m. Start off your Spring Break by joining us for a rousing good time to begin your week of vacation. Please call 226-3655. Reservations required.

Crafting Together - Apr. 1, Tu, 10:30 a.m. A fun time for all to enjoy. Registration required. Call 226-3655.

National Library Week - Apr. 6-12. Celebrate with us by seeing how many of the book characters you can name in our Guess that Character. There's a prize for the most correct answers.

Storytime for all ages - Apr. 10, Th, 10:30 a.m. Fun for all ages.

Friday Fun Frolics - Apr. 18, F, 10:30 a.m. Everyone's welcome for stories, songs, and fun.

Family Fun Night - Apr. 15, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Fun for the entire family.



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. We want to know which books interest you. For more information, call Ms. Wanda at 836-3341.

Young Adults

Signs of Spring - Mar. 12, W, 4 p.m. Ages 12 and up. Ms. Tonya shares sign language fun, with games and prizes.

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every Th, 10 a.m. Ages 3-6. Stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun.

Valentine Friends - Feb. 3-6, 4 p.m. Make a valentine for a patient at Children's Hospital.

A Celebration of African-American Music - Feb. 7, F, 4 p.m. All ages. Live music at the library!

African-American Poetry Jam - Feb. 19, W, 4 p.m. All ages. Listen to some great poetry and share your own.

African-American Trivia Game - Feb. 21, F, 4 p.m. Test your knowledge of history and win prizes. Ages 7-12.

Take a Look Back - Feb. 28, F, 4 p.m. Explore African-American cultural history through stories.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss - Mar. 4-7, 4 p.m. Help us create a Dr. Seuss mural for the library. Ages 7 and up.

Funny Bunny Puppet Craft - Apr. 11, F, 4 p.m. Ages 7 and up.



EASTWOOD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime - Every F, 10:45 a.m. with Ms. Judy.



ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Addy - Feb. 5, W, 11:45 a.m. An African-American girl who was born into slavery and grew up during Reconstruction. Presenter Ms. Taneisha Young.

African-American Read-In-Chain - Every Tu, 9:30 a.m. during the month of Feb.

Young Adults

Storytime - Every W, 11:45 a.m.

Children

Valentines for Children - Feb. 6, Th, 3:30 p.m. Materials provided. Come by the library and make a special valentine card for a special child.

Storytime - Every Tu, 9:30 a.m.

FAIRFIELD
WALTER J. HANNA

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Sharing Books with Community Daycares - Check out books to daycares for daily story hour.



FIVE POINTS WEST

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

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

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

Diabetes Workshop - Feb. 19, W, 11 a.m. Find out more about this silent killer.

Lori Wiecek and Victor Moon - Apr. 23, W, 11 a.m. Dance instructor and musician, will present and perform their own form of talent. Ms. Wiecek will present a session on dance instruction and Mr. Moon will perform sweet tunes on his harmonica. Come and join in the fun! Call the Adult Department in advance to register (226-4015).

Young Adults

(HAWK) - Feb. 12, W, 4 p.m. J. D. Jackson. An inspirational speaker and teacher shares his wisdom and knowledge. Everyone is invited.

Children

Bay Project - Every M-Th, 3:30 p.m. A free after school program for ages 7 to 12 years.

Pre-School Storytime - Every 2nd and 4th, Th, 10 a.m.

Black History Quiz - Feb. 3-7. Pick up a Black History Questionnaire at the Youth Department desk, answer all questions correctly and win a prize.

Movies - Feb. 3, 6, 17, 20, and 24 - 5 p.m. Join us for Happily Ever After movies. Fairytales from an African-American perspective.

African-American Tales - Feb. 10, M, 6 p.m. Join Ms. Cas for a family hour filled with sharing of stories and songs.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday - Mar. 3, M, 5 p.m.

It's Dr. Seuss' birthday help us celebrate by sharing your favorite Dr. Seuss book.

St. Patrick's Day Quiz - Mar. 10-14.

Pick up a quiz sheet from the Youth Department, answer the questions correctly and win a prize.

Spring Break - Mar. 24-27, 11 a.m.

Join us for movies, games, and crafts. Call 226-4017 to register.

FULTONDALE

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

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

Adult Book Club - Every 2nd Tu, 6 p.m.

GARDENDALE
MARTHA MOORE

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Valentine Craft - Feb. 10, M, 11 a.m. Make a valentine craft for yourself or your honey. \$2 per person, please register.

Adult Spring Craft - Mar. 10, M, 11 a.m. Make a springtime craft to chase away those winter blues. \$2 per person, please register.

Brown Bag Lunch - Apr. 14, M, 11 a.m. A video, *Do Your Family Tree*, we will show you and your family how to research your family history.

Young Adults

Movie Matinee - Every 2nd and 4th Th, 3:30 p.m. Movies and popcorn for grades 6-12.

Teen Council Meeting - Feb. 27, Th, 3:30 p.m. Make plans to volunteer this summer at the library.

Children

Toddler Time - Feb. 1, F, 10 a.m. This little piggy went to the library.

Afterschool Storytime - Feb. 4, Tu, 3:30 p.m.

P.J. Storytime - Feb. 11, Tu, 6:30 p.m.

Storytime - Feb. 5, W, 9:30 a.m.

Storytime - Feb. 12, W, 9:30 a.m. Ms. Lou Ellen sweetens our day with stories.

Toddler Time - Feb. 14, F, 10 a.m. Funny Valentine.

Afterschool Storytime - Feb. 18, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Bring a friend to storytime.

Storytime - Feb. 19, W, 9:30 a.m.

How to be a Good Friend.

Storytime - Feb. 26, W, 9:30 a.m.

Join Ms. Lou Ellen for a special birthday salute to Dr. Seuss.

Afterschool Storytime - Mar. 4, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Show off your artistic ability for Youth Art Month.

Storytime - Mar. 5, W, 9:30 a.m. It's not easy being green.

Toddler Time - Mar. 7, F, 10 a.m. Musical Notes.

Storytime - Mar. 12, W, 9:30 a.m.

Toddler Time - Mar. 14, F, 10 a.m. All about Verde.

Afterschool Storytime - Mar. 18, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Irish Tales.

Storytime - Mar. 19, W, 9:30 a.m.

Storytime - Mar. 26, W, 9:30 a.m.

Hop into Spring with Ms. Lou Ellen

Afterschool Storytime - Apr. 1, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Fooled You.

Storytime - Apr. 2, W, 9:30 a.m. Zoo Animals.

Toddler Time - Apr. 4, F, 10 a.m.

Storytime - Apr. 9, W, 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Lou Ellen delights us with stories and songs.

Gallery Exhibits

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL

Gallery

February 1 - April 9

Looking Back at Gee's Bend: The Photographs of John Reese
After touring the United States for six years, one of the Birmingham Public Library's most successful exhibitions has come home. Focusing on an isolated African-American community, the exhibition highlights a way of life that is rapidly disappearing.

April 10 - May 12

Works by Studio By The Tracks
Studio By The Tracks is a non-profit art studio that provides opportunities for self-expression to troubled children and to adults with autism or mental illness.



HOMEWOOD

February 1 - 28

To Be Announced

March 1 - 29

Photo Exhibit by Students of Homewood High School

April 1 - 30

Pencil drawings from local artist Rick Romano



HOOVER

Friends Gallery

February 1 - 28

Armor Keller

March 1 - 29

Armor Keller

April 1 - 30

Lynn McCain

Afterschool Storytime - Apr. 15, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Hopping down the bunny trail.

Storytime - Apr. 16, W, 9:30 a.m. Easter's on it's way.

Toddler Time - Apr. 18, F, 10 a.m.

The Growing Room Tea Party - Apr. 22, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Join us for our fourth annual tea party for children. For more details visit our library. Register by Apr. 18.

Storytime - Apr. 23, W, 9:30 a.m. Join Ms. Lou Ellen for storytime adventures.

Storytime - Apr. 30, W, 9:30 a.m. Sometimes it looked like spilt milk.

GRAYSVILLE

Children

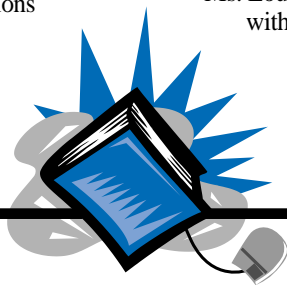
Storytime - Every 2nd and 4th M, 9 a.m.


HOMEWOOD

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

What's Hot in YA Books - Mar. 6, Th, 7 p.m. Dr. Joan Atkinson (University of Alabama) will lead this discussion for librarians, teachers, parents, and teens. Room 110, Lower Level.

Brown Bag Film Series - Every W, Feb.-Apr., 12:15 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Beverage and dessert furnished by Friends of the Library.





Hoover's Library Theatre

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

Zoe Speaks - In Concert

February, 22, Saturday, 8 p.m.
February 23, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

From old-time gospel to
guitar-thumping contemporary
acoustic tunes, this duo creates
its own style of music.

Their concerts leave you feeling
you've spent an enjoyable
evening with good friends.

"Like an Appalachian breeze
blowing by... these two voices
were obviously meant to sing
together." "The best elements

of traditional Appalachian music,
including purity, intensity,
integrity, and vivid imagery."

This production is part of the
Southern Voices
2003 Conference.
Tickets \$15

"Papa"

A Tribute to Ernest Hemingway

March 14, Friday, 8 p.m.

March 15, Saturday, 8 p.m.

An intimate look at the
triumphs and tragedies of
Ernest Hemingway's life...

from the battlefields of
World War I to the Spanish Civil
War to his safaris in Africa.

Veteran actor Jordan Rhodes
captures the essence of this
vulnerable, deeply troubled man
struggling with his inner demons.
"The man, the myth, the legend."

Tickets \$15

Tomas' Kubinek

April 11, Friday, 8 p.m.

April 12, Saturday, 8 p.m.

This exuberant one-man show
has left adults across the world
laughing until they cried.
Watch Tomas' fly high above the
stage - flapping for dear life -
on giant canvas wings.

See him perform a backward
somersault while drinking
a glass of water.

"A comic genius...brilliant and
absolutely hilarious."

"Certified lunatic and
master of the impossible."

Tickets \$15

HOMEWOOD - Continued

Young Adults

Valentines for Children's Hospital - Feb. 4,
Tu, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Join us to make special
valentines.

College 101 - Mar. 1, Sa, 9:30 a.m.-2:30
p.m. High school juniors/seniors, come to
hear fabulous tips for college: fashion, food,
finance, fun, frats, sororities. Call 877-8665
for details.

Author Gordon Korman - Apr. 22, Tu,
6:30 p.m. Meet and laugh with author of
Shipwreck, *No More Dead Dogs*, and *Son of
the Mob*. Grades 3 and up.

April Poetry Celebration - Stop by for
guidelines to enter the Poetry Contest to be
judged by local poet, Matthew Layne.

TABs (Teen Advisory Board) - Monthly
meetings to review and order materials, plan
and host programs, eat and have fun. Make
your voice heard! Call 877-8665 for details.

Children

Valentines for Children's Hospital - Feb. 3-7,
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Drop by the Children's Depart-
ment to make a valentine for a sick child.

Storytime - Every Tu and W, Feb. 4-Apr. 30,
10:30 a.m. Fun for all ages!

Baby and Me - Feb. 14, Mar. 14, and Apr.
11, F, 10:30 a.m. A special storytime for
children ages 1-35 months and their parents.
Registration required, limit of 10 children.

Family Storytime - Feb. 20, Mar. 20, and
Apr. 17, Th, 6:00 p.m. Bring the entire
family to the library for stories, songs, and
lots of fun.

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.

Chocolat by Joanne Harris - Feb. 11, Tu,
6:30 p.m.

Clover by Dori Sanders - Feb. 13, Tu,
10 a.m.

The Corrections by Jonathan Franzen -
Mar. 11, Tu, 6:30 p.m. and Mar. 13, Th,
10 a.m.

Chang and Eng by Darin Strauss - Apr. 8,
Tu, 6:30 p.m.

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd -
Apr. 10, Th, 10 a.m.

Resume and Interview Techniques -
Apr. 8, Tu, 7 p.m. Join business consultant
Ruth Beaumont Cook to learn resume
techniques and interview tips. Call 444-7816
for more information.

Monday at the Movies - Mar. 24 and
Apr. 28, M, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Watch a
feature movie on the Library Theatre's big
screen! Admission is free. Call the library
for movie title.

Young Adults

**HABIT - The Hoover Advisory Board of
Interactive Teens** - Join HABIT at one of
their monthly meetings. Applications for
membership are available at the Young
Adults desk or at the meetings. Everyone
welcome!

Book and Movie Share Sessions - Feb. 20,
Mar. 20, and Apr. 17, Th, 5 p.m.
Recently read a great book or seen a great
movie? Come share in the theatre level
meeting rooms! Snacks provided.

Spring Break Web Class - Mar. 27, Th,
3 p.m. Learn to create your own web page
from the library's webmaster! Reservations
required. Call 444-7826 by Mar. 1.

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, craft and snack
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 special storytime
especially for kids age 3 and up.

P.J. Storytime - Every 2nd and 4th Tu,
7 p.m. Wear your PJs to the library for a
special bedtime story and snack!

Children's Book Club - Every 1st Tu,
7 p.m. Join us to discuss a favorite children's
book each month! Reservations required.

Movie Madness - Every 2nd Th,
7 p.m. Join us for a feature film
and popcorn!

Meet Kaya - Feb. 18, Tu, 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the newest addition to the
American Girls series.

Blues Clues Pajama Party - Mar. 18, Tu,
7 p.m. Wear your PJs and meet Blue!

Dewey Decimal Festival - Mar. 25-27. Cele-
brate a different Dewey number each day!

Science Spectacular - Mar. 25, Tu, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate the 500's with a dazzling science
show presented by Mad Science.

Arts Galore - Mar. 25, Tu, 2 p.m. Create a
special piece of art in honor of the 700's.

Historyfest - Mar. 26, W, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy
games, snacks, and tons of fun from the 900's.

Tall Tales with Bill Lepp - Mar. 27, Th,
10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Celebrate the 300s by
joining us for a family storytelling concert
featuring this Appalachian storyteller!

The Bunny Hop - Apr. 15, Tu, 7 p.m.
Join us for this special Sock Hop!

HUEYTOWN

Adults

Free Dulcimer Classes - Every 4th Th, 6 p.m.
Knitting Class - Every M, 10 a.m.

Children

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



INGLENOOK

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytellers Are Coming - Every F,
9:30 a.m. Come share a story with Ms. Kristy
or Ms. Nicole.

Show Us You Love Us - For library lovers,
each time you check out 3 items (one entry/
patron/day limit), each day this month, you
may enter our Library Lovers' Month drawing
for prizes to be awarded Feb. 12 and Feb. 26.

Have-a-Heart - Feb. 5-6, 4-5 p.m. Add your
special creative touch in making a valentine
card to send to a child at Children's Hospital.

For Your Valentine - Feb. 11, Tu, 4-5 p.m.
Design your own card to give to that special
person on Friday.

Who's Your Favorite? - Between Feb. 1 -
Feb. 19, Let us know who your favorite
African-American is, and we'll add his/her
picture to our Black History Month board.

National Craft Month - Mar. 11, Tu, 4-5 p.m.
Back by popular demand, we'll continue
celebrating craft month by creating your own,
one-of-a-kind, salt sculpture.

Rock the Board at The Nook - Mar. 12-14.
Put your name on a shamrock to decorate the
St. Patrick's Board at Inglenook.

Celebrate Your Library - Apr. 7-10. This
week, celebrate with us by checking out
books during National Library Week. Each
day that you check out three or more books,
you'll get a special treat.

Easter Guess - Apr. 14-17. Each day that
you check out at least three items, guess how
many goodies are in the jar on the circulation
desk. Closest to the correct answer wins
what's in the Easter jar.

Spring for a Movie - Apr. 24, Th, 4-5 p.m.
Join us for popcorn, drinks and a movie!

IRONDALE

Children

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

Valentines for Children's Hospital -
Jan. 22-Feb. 5. Come by the library
to make a special valentine to be sent to
Children's Hospital.



National African-American Read-In Chain

The African-American
Read-In Chain will be
celebrated at all Birmingham
Public Libraries during the
month of February.
Please check the calendar
listing under each library
location for the dates of their
programs in this issue
of **The Reader**.

**READ-IN,
REACH-OUT,
READ-ON**

LEEDS JANE CULBRETH

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Romantic Glass Etching - Feb. 4, Tu,
10 a.m. Etch a romantic design in a glass
vase or candleholder just in time for
Valentine's Day. Limited enrollment, call
699-5962 to preregister for this free adult
craft session.

Computer Basics - Every 2nd W, 1:30 p.m.
Technology tools and tips taught to
beginners.

Current Collectibles - Feb. 13, Th, 7 p.m.
Brenda Cusker of the Whistlestop Treasure
Shoppe identifies potential treasures at this
program sponsored by the Friends of the
Library.

Internet Introduction - Every 3rd Tu,
1:30 p.m. Learn World Wide Web search
techniques.

Sea Shells - Mar. 4, Tu, 10 a.m. Decoupage
a sea shell and make a belt buckle or scarf
slide to accessorize your wardrobe. Limited
enrollment, call 699-5962 to preregister for
this free adult craft session.

Road to Freedom - Mar. 6, Th, 7 p.m.
A Civil Rights Journey captures the unrest of
an era when Dr. Sonny Hereford, III and Frye
Gaillard combine archival videotape with
contemporary insight at this presentation
sponsored by the Auburn University Center
for the Arts and Humanities.

Word Processing - Mar. 7, 14, and 21, F,
1:30 p.m. Acquire computer skills at this
introductory 3-week *Word '97* course for
beginners.

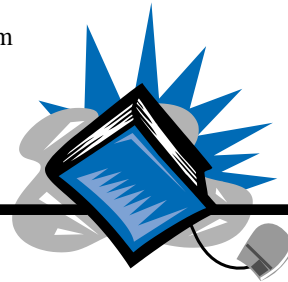
Stained Glass - Apr. 8, Tu, 10 a.m. Create
a stained glass picture suitable for framing.
Limited enrollment, call 699-5962 to
preregister for this free adult craft session.

Arthurian Legend - Apr. 10, Th, 7 p.m.
Storyteller Dolores Hydock dramatically
updates *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.
Pan Harmonium, a trio playing medieval
music, will accompany this swashbuckling
presentation sponsored by the Alabama
Humanities Foundation and the Friends of
the Library.

Young Adults

Valentines for Children's Hospital - Feb. 6,
Th, 3:30 p.m. Help us make get well
valentines for the kids in Children's Hospital.
Game Day - Feb. 12, W, Mar. 6, Apr. 17, Th,
3:30 p.m. Let's play games.

Sign Language Club - Feb. 18, Mar. 18,
Apr. 15, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Learn basic sign
language and play fun games.



SPRING INTO Reading

STAFF PIX

Contributed By

Regina Ammon

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In *Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting by in America*, essayist Barbara Ehrenreich assumes the identity of a recently divorced, down-and-out woman in search of a living. Her goal is to make ends meet on the six or seven dollars an hour paid to most unskilled laborers in America, but she is barely able to pay the rent no matter how many hours she puts in as a waitress, a maid, or a Wal-Martian.

Ever wonder why the same year Americans landed on the moon, Pacific islanders were still using stone tools? In *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, Jared Diamond explains his theories on the uneven distribution of technology across the continents.

The Cairo Trilogy

by Naguib Mahfouz traces the life of a Muslim family in Cairo during the early decades of the twentieth century. Mahfouz tells a good story and offers insight to Middle Eastern culture.

Movie Monday - Feb. 24, Apr. 28, M, 3:30 p.m. Lights, camera, action!

Crafts - Mar. 12, W, Apr. 22, Tu, 3:30 p.m. It's craft time.

Spring Break Flick - Mar. 24, M, 10 a.m. Popcorn and a movie. What could be better?

Spring Break Magic - Mar. 27, Th, 10 a.m. Magic mania with Larry Moore!

Children

It's Storytime - Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, Th, 9:30 a.m. Enjoy great stories and songs.

Sign Language Club - Feb. 18, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Learn basic sign language and play fun games. (4th grade and older only).

Valentines for Children's Hospital - Feb. 6, Th, 3:30 p.m. Help us make get well valentines for the kids in Children's Hospital.

Picture Scavenger Hunt - Feb. 10, M, 6:30 p.m. Say cheese! Search the library high and low, find the clues, click and go.

Tot Time - Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, Tu, 10 a.m. Enjoy a toddler storytime.

Game Day - Feb. 12, W, Mar. 6, Apr. 17, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games.

Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink! - Feb. 13, Th, 10 a.m. Special Valentine's Day stories and songs with Ms. Melissa.

Movie Monday - Feb. 24, Apr. 28, M, 3:30 p.m. Lights, camera, action!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss - Mar. 3, M, 6:30 p.m. Don't miss our Read Across America Day birthday party for Dr. Seuss with a special appearance by the Cat in the Hat.

Kids' Crafts - Mar. 12, W, Apr. 22, Tu, 3:30 p.m. It's craft time.

Music Mania - Mar. 20, Th, 10 a.m. Duba, duba, duba... it's Music Month. Great music stories and songs with Ms. Melissa.

Spring Break Flick - Mar. 24, M, 10 a.m. Popcorn and a movie. What could be better?

Spring Break Magic - Mar. 27, Th, 10 a.m. Magic mania with Larry Moore!

Sensational Stories with Ms. Apr. - Apr. 14, M, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy puppets and animated tales with Ms. April.

Knock, Knock, Who's There? - Apr. 29, Tu, 10 a.m. Ms. Melissa will have you laughing out loud with silly stories and jokes celebrating National Humor Month.

MIDFIELD

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Storytimes - Every 1st Tu, 12:30 a.m., 3rd Tu, 10 a.m.

Valentines - Feb 12th and 13th 3:30 - 5 p.m. Come by the Library and make a valentine for someone special.

New Teen Actors Group Meeting - Call 923-1027 for more information.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day - March 17, get your something green at the Library, 3:30-5 p.m. Write an Irish song or poem and you might win a prize.

Teen Actors and Storytellers Meeting - Call 923-1027 for times and information.

Celebrate National Library Week All Week - Apr. 6-11.

Kick-off Open House at the Library - Featuring teen actors and storytellers. Sun., Apr. 6, 2-4 p.m.

Middle School Poster Contest - Judged on Apr. 7. Posters displayed in the library and at schools.

MOUNTAIN BROOK EMMET O'NEAL

Children

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. Caregivers must stay with child.

The Story Club - Every Tu, 3:30 p.m. A drop-off storytime for independent children, ages 3 and up.

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

Family Storytime with Mr. Mac - Every 2nd and 4th Sa, 10:30 a.m. All ages welcome.

Mom and Me Play Day - Every Th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. A morning with special play equipment set up for our preschoolers and caregivers.

Family Night - Feb. 4, Tu, 5:30-7 p.m. Puppeteer Bob Parsons brings Goldilocks and the Three Bears. All ages welcome.

Fairy Tale Feast dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Valentines for Children's Hospital - Feb. 3-7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Craft supplies will be set up in the children's department.

Storyteller and Recording Artist, Willie Claffin - Feb. 26, W, 3:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. Willie and his friend, Maynard the Moose, will delight all with their fractured fairy tales.

Family Night - Mar., 11, Tu, 5:30-7 p.m. Magical March with magician Chris Frings.

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. No reservation required. All ages welcome.

Pig Out On Books Spring Break Camp - Mar. 24-27, 2-4 p.m. Crafts, games, stories and activities. Sign up for M and Tu or W and Th. Space is limited. 1st grade and up. Call 879-0497.

Family Night - Apr. 8, Tu, 5:30-7 p.m. Skin and Bones animal and clown act.

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. No reservations required. All ages welcome.

Button, Button, Who Has Corduroy's Button? - Apr. 23, W, 3:30 p.m. Help Corduroy the bear find his lost button!

Costumed character play. Ages 3 and up.



NORTH AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime Fun - Every M, 1-1:30 p.m. Join us for special age specific storytimes full of laughter, surprises and more. Call 592-2082 for more information.

Storytime For All Ages - Every Tu, 9-9:30 a.m. Join us for books, stories, games, songs and more. Families and daycares welcome.

Be My Valentine - Feb. 3-7. Drop by and make special valentines for patients at Children's Hospital.

Birmingham Civil Rights Movement - Feb. 3, M, 9-9:45 a.m. Mr. Gregory Wilson from the Civil Rights Institute will give a presentation on the Civil Rights Movement (1954-1966).

Storytime With Addy - Feb. 17, M, 1-1:30 p.m. Join us for a special storytime with the American girl Addy.

Celebrate National Women's History Month - Mar. 1-29. Join us as we play a game of Women's History Trivia. Two lucky winners will win a special surprise.

Spring Break Cartoon Crazy's - Mar. 26, W, 2-3:30 p.m. Join us for a wacky afternoon of wild and crazy cartoons, treats, and more.

Jamming Jellybeans - Apr. 1-18. Guess how many Jellybeans are in the jar and win a sweet gooey and really chewy surprise.

Poetry Contest - Apr. is poetry month. Try your skills at composing a work of art with words. Best poet will win a prize.

April Showers Reading Giveaway - Apr. 14-20. In honor of National Library Week, check out 3 books and register to win a nice surprise.



NORTH BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Every last Su, 4-6 p.m. Liz Pickens, Coordinator.

Love to Read Drawing - Feb. 10-14. Check out three adult books or audio books and enter a drawing for a chance to win a prize.

Arts and Crafts Trade-off Program - Apr. 5, Sa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us for our annual Arts and Crafts Trade-off Program. Exchange of talents and techniques. Light refreshments will be served.

Young Adults

Teen Book Club - Feb. 12, Mar. 12, and Apr. 4, W, 4 p.m. Call the department for the book of the month.

Spring Break - Check with the department for schedule of events, 226-4028.

Children

Storytime - Every Th, 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and fun for everyone. Daycare groups welcome.

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

Be My Valentine - Feb. 1-7. Drop by and make special valentines for patients at Children's Hospital.

Celebrate National Women's History Month - Mar. 1-31. Join us as we play a game of Women's History Trivia.

Spring Break Extreme Fun - Check with the Youth department for a week of fun and exciting activities. Please call 226-4026 for information.

National Library Week - Apr. 6-12. In honor of National Library Week,

check out 3 books and register to win a prize.



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Birmingham Public Library
3rd Floor
Linn-Henley Building

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

Tu, Feb. 42-4 p.m.

Tu, Feb. 185:30-7:30 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 42-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 12-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 85:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Th, Feb. 69:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Th, Mar. 69:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Th, Apr. 39:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BASIC INTERNET - INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Th, Feb. 62-4 p.m.

Tu, Feb. 255:30-7:30 p.m.

Th, Mar. 62-4 p.m.

Th, Apr. 32-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 155:30-7:30 p.m.

BASIC INTERNET - INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET (Seniors Only)

Th, Feb. 139:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Th, Mar. 139:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Th, Apr. 109:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

FREE E-MAIL ON THE WEB

Tu, Feb. 112-4 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 112-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 82-4 p.m.

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER BASICS

Th, Feb. 132-4 p.m.

Th, Mar. 2710 a.m.-12 p.m.

Th, Apr. 102-4 p.m.

POWERPOINT

Tu, Feb. 45:30-7:30 p.m.

Tu, Feb. 252-4 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 252-4 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 255:30-7:30 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 222-4 p.m.

SPREADSHEETS - AN INTRODUCTION USING MICROSOFT EXCEL

Tu, Feb. 115:30-7:30 p.m.

Th, Feb. 272-4 p.m.

Th, Mar. 272-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 15:30-7:30 p.m.

Th, Apr. 242-4 p.m.

SURFING THE NET

Th, Feb. 2010 a.m.-12 p.m.

Th, Mar. 2010 a.m.-12 p.m.

Th, Apr. 1710 a.m.-12 p.m.

SURFING THE NET FOR YOUR ROOTS

Tu, Mar. 45:30-7:30 p.m.

WORD 97 (WORD 101)

Tu, Feb. 182-4 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 115:30-7:30 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 182-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 152-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 225:30-7:30 p.m.

WORD 97 (WORD 102)

Th, Feb. 202-4 p.m.

Tu, Mar. 185:30-7:30 p.m.

Th, Mar. 202-4 p.m.

Th, Apr. 172-4 p.m.

Tu, Apr. 295:30-7:30 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.



LIBRARY CHAMPION AWARD WINNERS



The Jefferson County Public Library Association honored and presented Library Champion awards to community volunteers and professionals for service to libraries at the annual December Holiday luncheon. Left to right: Amy Baird, TY Inc., (BPL nominated), Helen Cockrell, volunteer, (Homewood Library nominated), Paul Jennings, Architect - City of Birmingham, (BPL nominated), and Kimberly Stanford, Chick-fil-A, (BPL nominated).



POWDERLY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Pre-school Storytime - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m. Pre-school and daycare groups are encouraged to join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun.
Celebrate Black History Month With Us Theme: The Souls Of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections
Let's Make Valentines - Tu, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m. Come out and make a valentine card for someone special.
Black History Art Contest - Entries taken until Tu, Feb. 11. Prizes will be awarded
Black History Poetry Contest - All participants must register enter by W, Feb 26, 4 p.m.
Movie Fun - Th, Mar. 13, 4 p.m.



PRATT CITY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Electronic Filing for Income Tax - Call library for dates and time.
American Sign Language for Youth - This 8-session course is designed to introduce the language used by millions of Americans who are deaf. Classes will meet on Tu, 4-5 p.m., Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, Apr. 1, 8, 15. Register by telephone, call Jefferson State Community College, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development (205)-856-7701 or 7710, Fax (205) 856-8572 or e-mail to Workforcedev@jeffstateonline.com.

Children

Valentine's Day Crafts - Feb. 1-12. Make cards for children at the Children's Hospital. Supplies available at the library.
Storytime - Every W, 10-10:45 a.m.
Spring Break Movie-Mania - Mar. 24-28. Movies and popcorn 12noon-4 p.m.
Jelly Bean Contest - Guess how many jelly beans are in the jar and win a fabulous prize. Apr. 1-17, winner announced on Good Friday.
Easter Basket Contest - Mar. 24-Apr. 17. When you check out books you become eligible to put your name in the box to win a beautiful Easter basket. Winner to be announced Apr. 17 at 4 p.m.
National Library Week - Apr. 6-12. Visit your library, check out your favorite books, videos, cassettes or CD's.



SLOSSFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Storytime - Every Th and F, 12-1 p.m.
Afterschool Storytime - Every 1st and 3rd F, 3:30 p.m.
Afterschool Crafts with BAY - M-F, 3-5 p.m.
Daily Movies - M-F, 3:30-5 p.m.
In Observance of Black History Month - Movies will be M-F, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Valentine Treats - Feb. 14, F, 3:30 p.m.
President's Day Activities - Feb. 17, M, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Easter Egg Treats - Apr. 17, Th, 3:30 p.m.



SMITHFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Call Library for details!
Electronic Filing For Income Tax - Every Sa from Feb. 1 - Apr. 15. Volunteers are at it again to provide electronic filing for your 2002 Income Tax Returns. This is a free service. No registration is required.
Celebrating African-American History through Arts - For further information call 324-8428.

Young Adults

Math Tutoring - Every Sa, 10 a.m.-12noon. Please call library for details

Children

Hearts and Hugs - Feb. 3, 4 p.m. Roses are red and violets are blue, come to the library and make a valentine card for a child that would like to hear from you. All cards created will be sent to Children's Hospital.
Tot Time Commemorates Black History - Every W and Th 10 a.m. Join our regional storytellers as we recognize the achievements and contributions by African Americans through stories, songs, and dance.
National Library Week - Apr. 6-12. Special story hour saluting this annual week. Check out a book by your favorite author.
Jelly Bean Contest - Apr. 8-12. Can you guess how many jelly beans do you think are in the jar? Take a guess and try to win a prize. Winner will be announced Apr. 15. In order to participate, you must check out at least five books before you register.



SOUTHSIDE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every F, 9:30-10 a.m.
Valentine Program - Feb. 11, Tu, 4 p.m. Ages 6-10. Advance registration required.



SPRINGVILLE ROAD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

All Ages Storytime - Every W, 10:30 a.m. Join us for songs, stories, and fun. Everyone is welcome.
Afternoon Handtalk - Every 2nd M, 4 p.m. In a special session for older kids, Ms. Nikki entertains with a program infused with sign language.
Tic-Tac-Twos - Every 3rd M, 10:30 a.m. Story fun and craft especially chosen for the enjoyment of 2-year-olds. Every toddler needs an adult to share the fun.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES BIRMINGHAM/JEFFERSON COUNTY

Adamsville	674-3399
http://adamsville.lib.al.us	
Bessemer	428-7882
http://bessemer.lib.al.us	
Birmingham (Central)	226-3600
www.bplonline.org	
*Avondale	226-4000
*East Ensley	787-1928
*East Lake	836-3341
*Eastwood	591-4944
*Ensley	785-2625
*Five Points West	226-4013
*Inglenook	849-8739
*Literacy Branch/McCoy Center for Community Service	322-6371
*North Avondale	592-2082
*North Birmingham	226-4025
*Powderly	925-6178
*Pratt City	798-5071
*Slossfield	322-1222
*Smithfield	324-8428
*Southside	933-7776
*Springville Road	226-4081
*Titusville	322-1140
*West End	226-4089
*Woodlawn	595-2001
*Wylam	785-0349
*Accessible through www.bplonline.org	
Birmingham Civil Rights Institute/ Archives Division	328-9696
www.bcri.bham.al.us	
Botanical Gardens Library	414-3920
www.bbgardens.org	
Fairfield/Walter J. Hanna	783-6007
*Western Hills Mall branch	923-1150
http://fairfield.lib.al.us	
Fultondale	849-6335
www.fultondale.lib.al.us	
Gardendale/Martha Moore	631-6639
http://gardendale.lib.al.us	
Graysville	674-3040
http://graysville.lib.al.us	
Homewood	877-8661
www.homewood.lib.al.us	
Hoover	444-7800
www.hoover.lib.al.us	
Hueytown	491-1443
http://hueytown.com/htnlib.htm	
Irondale	951-1415
www.irondalelibrary.com	
Leeds/Jane Culbreth	699-5962
www.leedsalabama.com/library.htm	
Midfield	923-1027
http://midfield.lib.al.us	
Mountain Brook/Emmet O'Neal	879-0459
www.eolib.org	
Pleasant Grove	744-1731
http://pleasantgrove.lib.al.us	
Tarrant	849-2825
http://tarrant.lib.al.us	
Trussville	655-2022
www.trussvillelibrary.com	
Vestavia Hills/ Richard M. Scrushy	978-0155
http://vestavia.lib.al.us	
Warrior/Evelyn Thornton	647-3006
http://warrior.lib.al.us	
Jefferson County Library Cooperative www.jclc.org	

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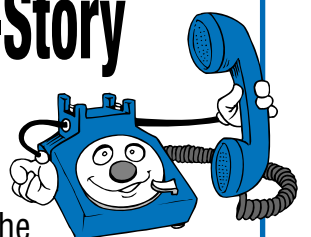
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Valentines for Children's Hospital - Jan. 27-Feb. 9. Stop by the Children's Department at any time and make a special valentine for the patients at Children's Hospital.
Sweethearts of the Library - Feb. 11, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Be our valentine! Celebrate the sweetest of days by bringing your family to the library for stories and crafts.
Springtime Family Fun - Mar. 18, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Spring into family fun at the library! The whole clan is invited to join us for a seasonal storytime and activity.
AEA Boredom Buster - Mar. 26, W, 10:30 a.m. Looking for some excitement on your well-deserved vacation? Travel down to the library for a guaranteed good time. All ages are welcome.
Rainy Day Family Night - April 22, Tu, 6:30 p.m. April showers bring family hours at the library. Come in from the rain and dry yourselves off while we entertain all ages with stories, songs, and fun.

TRUSSVILLE

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Hummingbird Lecture - Mar. 4, Tu, 7 p.m. Lecture and slide presentation on the interesting world of hummingbirds by Bob and Martha Sargent.
Art Exhibit - Mar. 23, Su, 2 p.m. Exhibit and reception featuring the work of John W. Ledford.

Young Adults

Chess - Every Th, 3:30 p.m. Chess Challenge Pyramid. New line-up. See Ms. Grace for rules.
Teen Crafted - Every 1st M, 3:30 p.m. Make-it-yourself craft. Suggestions accepted.
Daily Craft - Daily. Learn to knit or crochet. Size 7 knitting needles or size G crochet hook. Worsted weight acrylic yarn.
Book Smart - Every 2nd M, 3:30 p.m. Reading or book related activity for Young Adults. See Ms. Grace for details.
Game Time - Every 3rd M, 3:30 p.m. Variety of games provided.
Wildflowers - Mar. 18, Tu, 7 p.m. Lecture and slide presentation by master gardeners.

Children

Storytime - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. Groups of five or more, please call for reservations.

American Girl's Club Meeting - Every M, 6:30 p.m. This club is for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade. Reservations are required. Call Ms. Jennifer at 655-2022, or come by the library to make a reservation. When reservations are full, you may call the day of the program to see if there have been any cancellations.
Celebrate the Birthday of Laura Ingalls Wilder - Feb. 3, M, 6:30 p.m. Come join Ms. Jennifer for our 4th annual birthday party for one of the best loved and most read authors. Please dress in clothes appropriate for the era in which Laura lived, if you choose.
Donuts and Discussion - Every 2nd W, 3:30 p.m. Third and fourth graders are invited to come to this fun book discussion. Don't worry about missing your snack for the day, because donuts will be served. Reservations are required for this event.
Easter Bunny Visits the Children's Department - Apr. 17, Th, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Easter Bunny will share stories and play games. Children can have their pictures made with Easter Bunny, so don't forget your cameras.
City of Trussville Easter Egg Hunt - Apr. 12, Sa. Tentative date. Call the library for more information.

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RICHARD M. SCRUSHY**

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every Th, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 and up. Questions about story hour? Call 978-0158.
Storytime One-On-One - 2nd and 4th Th, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3 and up. Stories, songs, and crafts.
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.
Junior Friends - Every 2nd and 4th Th, 4 p.m. Grades 3 and up.

**WARRIOR
EVELYN THORTON**

Children

Storytime - Every 3rd M, 9 a.m. Warrior Community Center.



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Birmingham Public Library Branch

Young Adults

Sign Language Class - Have you always wanted to learn sign language? Learn basic sign language with Ms. Maya every Th, in Mar. at 3:30 p.m. Children and adults are welcome.

Children

Valentine's Day Craft - Enjoy making crafts for friends and family with Ms. Anita Feb. 6, Th. 3:30 p.m.
Dial-A-Story - Discover new and old favorites by dialing a story. A good story is just a touch away. Call 226-3650
Storytime - Every Tu, 3:30 p.m. in Mar.



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.
African-American History Month - Feb. is African-American History Month. Call your librarian for information on programs and events.

Children

Storytime - Every W, 12:30 p.m.
Happy Valentine's Day! - Feb. 14, F, 4 p.m. Celebrate at the library with valentine treats.
Dr. Seuss Day - Mar. 3, M. Come and celebrate on Mar. 3 by checking out a Dr. Seuss book. Don't forget to eat green eggs and ham!

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

IF YOU LIKE...

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YOU'LL ALSO LIKE...

The Animal Wife by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas

Children of the Ice by Charlotte Prentiss

The Children of First Man by James Alexander Thom

Daughter of the Red Deer by Joan Wolf

Dawn Land by Joseph Bruchac

The First Americans Series by William Sarabande

The Gift of Stones by Jim Grace

Horses at the Gate by Mary Mackey

Keepers of the Misty Time by Patricia Rowe

Let the Drum Speak by Linda Lay Shuler

Mother Earth, Father Sky by Sue Harrison

No Enemy But Time by Michael Bishop

People of the Earth by W. Michael Gear & Kathleen Gear

Pillar of the Sky by Cecelia Holland

Reindeer Moon by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas

She Who Remembers by Linda Lay Shuler

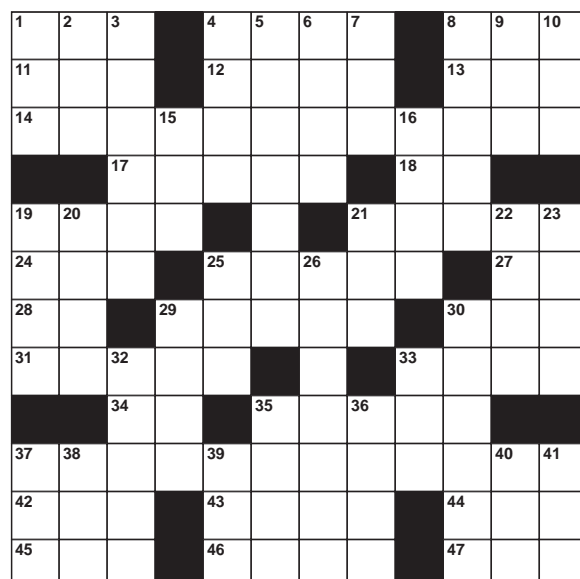
The Stone Arrow by Richard Herley

The Year the Horses Came by Mary Mackey

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BOUND TOGETHER

by Jim Pate, Southern History, BPL



A C R O S S

- Cricket leap or bunny bounce.
- Napoleon ere Elba not first victim.
- Spread grain or female bear.
- Corn fruit or wheat head.
- Squirrel fur not fall festival.
- ___ Beta Kappa not giant's second call.
- Careful conservation or salvation.
- Light satirical comedy not Persian language.
- Electricity for home (abbr) or land area (abbr).
- In debt not urn poem.
- New or just picked.
- Gift average not young salmon.

- Runs in place not pastoral poems.
- Continent west of Asia (abbr) or "good" prefix.
- Added note (abbr) or what needs minding with q's.
- Kermit's color or environmentalist.
- Males or chess pieces.
- Seaside or give support.
- Porcine sound or piggie palaver.
- Lower right compass point (abbr) or Young Adult author Hinton.
- Subatomic particles not loblollies.
- Britannica or Jiminy Cricket song.
- Big reptile or long scarf.
- Proceeded or repaired.
- Glazed or frigid.

- Shiver sound or comment on 44A conditions.
- Substance or Red Sox state (abbr).
- Teen star Sandra or Scottish river.

Clue for unchecked letters in 5D and 26D: Undulating molding or maybe poet Nash's nickname.

D O W N

- With it or march call.
- Paddle not poetic higher.
- Like better than or choose.
- Declare positively or medium (abbr).

- Numerical product label or maybe "tavern rules".
- In person or thrive.
- Time frame not archery projectile.
- Clove or cinnamon.
- Sound of astonishment or eureka.
- Victory not actor Keenan.
- Mournful or downcast.
- Sailors or coal residues.
- Foes (abbr) or belonging to Alabama rattlesnake town.
- Cleanse or "no harm no foul".
- Bog not fish propeller.
- Observed not part of play.
- Glob or large portion.
- Rage or Dublin country (abbr).
- Thousands of soldiers or multitudes.
- Dull color or elder.
- Accomplished wrongly or transgressed.
- Movie award or grouchy Muppet.
- Initial number not prevailed.
- Court statement or supplication.
- Chooses or decides.
- Recede or decline.
- Negative indicator or Oslo land (abbr).
- Mountain basin not hair tool.
- Illegally shoot in hockey or cooler.
- Affirmation not needle hole.

**ANSWERS TO
LAST ISSUE'S
PUZZLE**



LEARN COMPUTER SKILLS @ YOUR OWN PACE!

Are you uneasy in a classroom learning environment? Do you feel as if you are always behind in a computer class? Do you need to learn at your own pace? Are you seeking proficiency in one of the Microsoft Office programs? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then "Self-Paced Computer Training" at any library in Jefferson County is for you! Just call your local library and let them know that you would like to come in and use these learning tools. Pre-tests and post-tests are available for each program on these Internet-based training sessions. Once a program is completed, you may request a certificate of completion for that program. What are you waiting on? Call your local library, or the Regional Library Computer Center (226-3799) for more information, and make plans to increase your computer knowledge and skills!

GEE'S BEND COMES HOME

by Jim Baggett, Archives, Birmingham Public Library



After touring the United States for six years, one of the Birmingham Public Library's most successful exhibitions has come home. *Looking Back at Gee's Bend: The Photographs of John Reese* traveled to Chicago's DuSable Museum of African-American History and to museums in seven other states. Focusing on an isolated African-American community, the exhibition highlights a way of life that is rapidly disappearing.

Situated within a deep bend of the Alabama River in Wilcox County, Gee's Bend remained unchanged and relatively free of outside influence for decades. Hoping to document this community's history and way of life the Birmingham Public Library, in 1980, commissioned Alabama writer Kathryn Tucker Windham and photographer John Reese to interview and photograph residents of the Bend. In 1994, the library produced *Looking Back at Gee's Bend* using photos selected by Reese.



As the *Gee's Bend* exhibit returns to Birmingham, the world is turning its attention to Gee's Bend, Alabama. The community has been the subject of television documentaries and the setting for a novel. Seventy quilts made by the women of Gee's Bend, quilts celebrated as a "great American art form," are now on display at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art.

Looking Back at Gee's Bend will be on display in the Birmingham Public Library's Central Library Gallery from February 1 to March 31.



Haven Kimmel

Southern Voices

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In its eleventh year, Southern Voices is a three-day conference exploring the characteristics of Southern culture as reflected in our contemporary arts. Sponsored by Hoover Public Library, the conference brings together a chorus of artistic voices – writers, editors, musicians, performers, and public figures – to create a full and open dialogue on the relevance of our regional past to Southern art and culture today.

Southern Voices 2003 features a variety of voices. The conference opens on Friday, February 21, with An Evening with Roger Rosenblatt in The Library Theatre. Mr. Rosenblatt is a noted journalist, essayist for *Time* magazine, commentator for *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, and the author of *Where We Stand: 30 Reasons for Loving Our Country*, which has been called "a love letter that should be in every American home" by Tom Brokaw and *Rules for Aging*, labeled as "funny, brilliant, wise, and indispensable advice." A book signing and reception follows Mr. Rosenblatt's presentation.



Roger Rosenblatt

Saturday's Author Conference is scheduled for February 22, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. It highlights authors William Bernhardt, Mary Ward Brown, Haven Kimmel, Catherine Landis, Silas House, Robert McCammon, Ron Rash, and Jeanne Ray. The day also includes a barbecue lunch, book sales and signings.

Musical group Zoe Speaks performs on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. The Appalachian duo creates its own style of music, from old-time gospel to guitar-thumping contemporary acoustic tunes. Southern Voices artist Armor Keller will be honored at a reception in the Friends' Gallery on the lower level of the Hoover Public Library on Thursday, February 20. The exhibit of her noted acrylics and collage will run from February 12 – April 1.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 4. For conference information, visit www.southernvoices.info. For tickets, call 205/444-7888.