

the READER

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DO IT YOURSELF

...@ the Library or @ Home!

By Patricia Ryan, Director, Jefferson County Library Cooperative

Public libraries are changing to meet the fast-paced lifestyles of our users. Library customers want self-service 7 days a week/24 hours a day. Well, you've got it! To check on materials at all 41 library locations in Jefferson County

check out the **Jefferson County Library Cooperative** website at www.jclc.org.

Whether you're preparing a business or struggling with your child's school project, the **Alabama Virtual Library (AVL)** can help. Full-text magazine articles, national newspapers, encyclopedias, health center, business facts and homework aids are all available online. Did you know that Cliff Notes and reference books are also available as online ebooks from home? You can check these out for 24 hours! Click on the netLibrary or AVL icon from the JCLC website for a world of information any time.

What else is new? **Online renewal** and **touch-tone telephone services!** Renew books online or call 226-3790. Not only can you renew items, but you can find out the titles you have checked out, the ones that you have holds on, and a list of outstanding charges on your card.

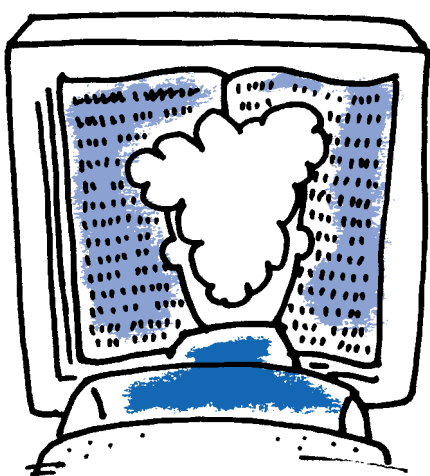
Want to know what's going on at the library? Sign up to receive our quarterly newsletter/calendar of events, *the READER*, via email.

Our email newsletter offers information on events at 41 public libraries countywide.

Afraild you have overdue library materials? It's no secret that unpaid fines and fees for overdue and lost materials are costly to the library and to the public.

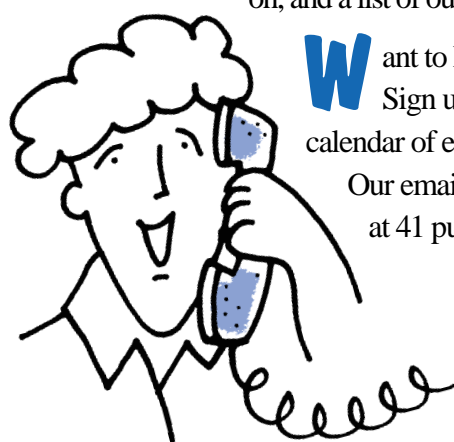
As many as 6,022 items worth \$120,440 are currently overdue countywide. We have two new services that we provide as a courtesy to notify you of overdue materials. You can choose to receive an **overdue notice by email** with the titles of all overdue materials listed. Sign up for email notification at your local library today! In the place of email notification, we will give you a courtesy **telephone call**. The telephone call will take the place of printed notices, but does not include the titles of materials checked out. Past due bills for items 20 days overdue will still be mailed.

Does the classroom computer learning environment make you uneasy? Do you enjoy learning at your own pace? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then "**Self-Paced Training**" at the Regional Library Computer Center is for you. Call the Center, 226-3798, to register for an Internet based training session on any of the following: Access and 2000, the Internet, Excel, Outlook PowerPoint, Windows, and WORD. Come in, put on your headset, and train on the Microsoft Office programs of your choice!



Self-checkout machines at libraries are a big hit! Three libraries in Jefferson County have self-checkout machines: Homewood, Hoover and Emmet O'Neal (Mtn. Brook). At Hoover Library's April grand reopening 165 users checked out 385 items. Children, teenagers and seniors wanted to try it out. In May the self-checkout use increased to 1,462 patrons checking out 2,584 items. The numbers have steadily risen each month as new users discover self-checkout. Billie Page, Hoover Circulation Coordinator says, "The new service offers convenience and independence." The service is also popular at the Homewood Library. Head of Circulation, Virginia Thompson, says "Kids and teens especially like it after school when it gets crowded. They can check out quickly with their key chain card." Try it out for yourself the next time you visit these libraries.

Call or visit your local public library today and see what else is new. You will be pleasantly surprised!



JCLC Jefferson County Library Cooperative
Public Libraries of Birmingham/Jefferson County
Telephone Renewals: 226-3790
Website and Catalog: www.jclc.org

one county one library card





calendar of events

Activities Of The Jefferson County Public Libraries For
August / September / October

ADAMSVILLE

Children

Storytime - Every 2nd & 4th Th, 3 p.m.



AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

Tot Time - Every M, 10:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 10. Storytimes for toddlers including songs, crafts, snacks & fun. Please call 595-9108 to register.

Once Upon a Storytime - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 13. Storytimes for toddlers including stories, songs, & fun for everyone. Daycare groups welcome.

Library Card Sign-Up Month - Sep. 4-28. In honor of Library Card Sign-Up Month, check out two juvenile books & register to win a bag of reading fun!

Just Grams & Me - Sep. 4-8. In honor of National Grandparents day, color a Happy Grandparents Day card & check out a book to share with your favorite Grams. Books are best when shared with someone you love.

M & M Day - Sep. 14, F. Mind Your Manners Day. In honor of National Courtesy Month, visit the Youth Dept. say "Please" & receive a treat. Don't forget a big "Thank You."

Llama Rama - Sep. 18, Tu, 6:30 p.m. "Tatoo" the Llama will visit the Avondale library for a night of family fun. Don't forget your camera. LLAMA RAMA! Please call 595-9108 to register.

Web Weavers - Oct. 8-26. Decorate your own eight-leg arachnid & be a part of the Avondale reading web.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 14-20. Teens go wild & read with their very own library card. "Wild Card" applications will be available along with a really sweet treat.

Teens, this is your week! Grades 6-12 only. **Pooherific Family Fun** - Oct. 16, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Help us celebrate the 75th birthday of that loveable silly old bear, Winnie the Pooh. Please call 595-9108 to register.

Candy Corn Contest - Oct. 22-29. Who knows how many corns are in the bowl? Guess the right amount & you may win a really sweet treat.

The Treats on Us - Oct. 31, W. No tricks, we'll treat! Wear your costume to the library & receive a not-so-scary surprise!



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC Central

Young Adults

Teen Read Week - Oct. 14-20. Sign up to celebrate Teen Read Week by reading to a child on Oct. 16 or Oct. 18. Call for more information at 226-3655.

Children

It's Back - School that is! - Aug. 7-17. Register for your own back to school pack. Just drop by the Youth Department and tell what school you go to and we will put your name in the drawing. Drawing will be held on Aug. 17.

Storytime for All Ages - Sep. 13, Th, 10:30 a.m. For ages 4 and up. Groups welcome.

Family Fun Night - Sep. 17, M, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a night of family fun and excitement! Don't miss out on all the fun!

Friday Fun Frolics - Sep. 28, F, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a cavalcade of stories, songs and fun! All ages.

Pumpkin Patch Kids - Oct. 1-15. Help decorate the Youth Department and put yourself into the Pumpkin Patch. Ask at the desk.

Celebrate National Popcorn Month - Oct. 16-29. Drop by the Youth Department and guess how much popcorn has been popped and win a prize pack from your favorite librarians. Drawing will be Oct. 29.

Storytime for All Ages - Oct. 11, Th, 10:30 a.m. For ages 4 and up. Groups welcome.

Family Fun Night - Oct. 15, M, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a night of family fun with stories, songs and some great fun!

Friday Fun Frolics - Oct. 19, F, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a morning of stories, songs and fun! All ages.

The Treats on Us! - Oct. 31, W. No tricks, please! Come by the Youth Department for a great Halloween treat!



EASTWOOD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

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



EAST ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Ensley Area Presidents - Every other Th, 5 p.m.

Jackson-Olin Class of 1970 - Every 2nd Sa, 5 p.m.

Jackson-Olin Class of 1976 - Every 1st Sa, 2 p.m.

Western-Olin/Jackson-Olin Class Reunion - Every 4th M, 6 p.m.

Delta Sigma Theta Academy - Contact library for day & time.

Gospelship Planning Committee - Every 2nd Sa, 2 p.m.

Rev. Thomas Gilmore's Religious Education Class - Every Th, 9 a.m.

ADEM/EPA/Village Creek Preservation Society - Every 3rd M, 12:30 p.m.

Children

Back to School Party - Aug. 7, Tu, 1 p.m.

Arthur crafts - Aug. 10, F, 1:30 p.m.

Fall crafts - Sep. 15, Sa, 10:30 a.m.

Video-mania - Every Sa, 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose crafts - Sep. 11, Tu, 1:30 p.m.

Crossword puzzle contest - Sep. 29, Sa, 10:30 a.m.

Halloween mask creations - Oct. 24, W, 1:30 p.m.

Halloween crafts - Oct. 27, Sa, 10:30 a.m.

Trick or Treat - Oct. 31, W, 1:30 p.m.



EAST LAKE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

East Lake Neighborhood Meeting - Every 1st Tu, 7 p.m.

Brown Springs Neighborhood Meeting - Every 3rd Th, 7 p.m.

Internet Beginner Instruction - Weekday mornings, available upon request.

Read On - Every 2nd Tu, 10 a.m. An adult book discussion group.

Share a book you've read or just listen to others share their titles.

Young Adults

Word Blaster - Every W, after school.

Teen Read Week - Watch for information in October.

Jack-O-Lantern - Oct. The closest guess to the Jack-O-Lanterns' weight wins the jar of sunflower seeds.

Children

Storytime - Every Th, 10 a.m. Join us for stories and songs. Individuals and schools welcome.

Candy Corn - Oct. Guess how many Candy Corn are in the jar and you'll take it home. One guess per day.

Trick or Treat at the Library - Oct. 31, W. We'll have scary stories 5-6 p.m.



BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAMS At Birmingham Public Library-Central

These programs are held at 12:00 noon in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Linn-Henley Building. The library provides beverages.

August Programs presented by the Social Sciences Department. Guest speakers from local museums will talk about their museum: it's history, collections and services and programs.

AUGUST 1

Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum
AUGUST 8 - Southern Museum of Flight

AUGUST 15

Alabama Jaxx Hall of Fame

AUGUST 22 - American Village

AUGUST 29 - Sloss Furnace

September Programs presented by the Business Science & Technology Department

SEPTEMBER 5

Dr. Vernon Pegram, Professor of Pulmonary & Critical Care and Co-Director of the Sleep Disorders Center at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, will discuss sleep and wake disorders. Dr. Pegram will examine current trends in the treatment of sleep disorders.

SEPTEMBER 12

David Ramp, Business Counselor, UAB Small Business Development Center, will present an overview of starting and operating a small business. Mr. Ramp will also discuss the sources and services provided by the UAB Small Business Development Center.

SEPTEMBER 19

Please join us to hear Sue Adams from the Jefferson County Master Gardener Association talk about hummingbirds. Ms. Adams will show a video highlighting the habits of the quick and beautiful birds, and discuss how to entice them into your backyard.

SEPTEMBER 26

Trev Brown, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - Birmingham Branch, will discuss Federal Reserve branch operations with special attention devoted to the Birmingham Branch.

October programs presented by the Southern History and Government Documents Departments

OCTOBER 3

Cyber Roots with Jim Pate: Ancestor Searching on the Internet
Jim Pate, Reference Librarian in the Southern History Department, will present a program on genealogical research using the Internet. He will demonstrate some sites and talk about the type of information that can be found on them.

OCTOBER 10

Writing Grant Proposals
Learn how to write grant proposals that succeed. A speaker from the Nonprofit Resource Center will give tips, helpful information, and "how-to" advice.

OCTOBER 17

Starting Your Own Business
So, how DO you start up your own business? A representative from the Small Business Administration will share information on financing, legal matters, and other concerns.

OCTOBER 24

Herbal Medicine
*Join us for a discussion by Dr. James A. Duke, botanist and former researcher for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He is the author of several works on herbal medicine such as *The Green Pharmacy*. *This program is not confirmed.

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Happenings

No reservations are needed. Programs are free and open to the public. For additional information call 226-3604.

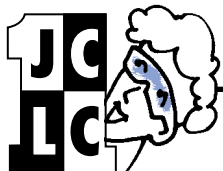
LORRAINE JOHNSON- COLEMAN

Family Storytelling Event featuring NPR Morning Edition commentator and best-selling author of *Just Plain Folks*. Lorraine Johnson-Coleman celebrates the richness and diversity of Southern culture.

Thursday, October 25, 2001
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Arrington Auditorium,
Linn-Henley Building
Birmingham Public Library
2100 Park Place

Book signing and Reception to follow storytelling session.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 226-3604.



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Birmingham Public Library

P R E S E N T S

Barbara McBride-Smith

THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 1
North Birmingham Branch Library – 9 a.m.
Avondale Branch Library – 1 p.m.

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 2
Wylam Branch Library – 9 a.m.
Five Points West Branch Library – 1 p.m.
Southside Branch Library – 4 p.m.

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 3
Birmingham Public Library Central – 10 a.m.
Springville Road Branch Library – 1 p.m.



Barbara McBride-Smith performances are a blend of entertainment, education and humor. She is a comedian, historian and storyteller all rolled into one. Author of several books and tapes, McBride-Smith was recently selected for a NSN storytelling Circle of Excellence Award. Call the library for additional information.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

EMMET O'NEAL

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Brown Bag Lunch Series - Every W, 12:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy interesting programming and movies. Drinks and dessert provided. Please call 879-0459 for program schedule.

Children

No Programming in August

Storytime - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Ages 3 & up.

Family Storytime - Every 2nd & 4th Sa, 10:30 a.m. All ages welcome.

Toddler Tails - Every M, 10:30 a.m. Ages 24-36 months.

Monday Movie Madness - Every 2nd & 4th M, 3:30-5 p.m. Grades 2 and up. Call for movie schedule.

Mother Goose - Sep. 19, W, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Ages 2 & up. Mother Goose will entertain with rhymes and stories.

Harry Potter Night - Oct. 23, Tu, 5-7 p.m. Grades 2 & up. Join us for a Hogwarts feast! Come dressed as your favorite character and win the prize! Magical entertainment! You must register to attend. Call 879-0497

Halloween Extravaganza - Oct. 31, W, 4:30-6 p.m. Drop by the library for supper and stories before trick-or-treating.



ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

National Library Sign-up-Month - Sep. 1-30. Give yourself a lifetime gift of a library card and enjoy many magical trips through "READING"

Young Adults

Storytime - Every W, 11:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 12.

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

Children

Storytime - Every Tu, 9:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 11.



FIVE POINTS WEST

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Ensley Highland Neighborhood - Every 2nd M, 7 p.m.

Central Park Neighborhood - Every 1st M, 10 a.m.

Five Points West Community - Every 4th Th, 7 p.m.

Computer Classes - Richard Manoske, instructor. Call 780-8151 for details.

Adult Book Club - Please call the Reference Department (786-5292) to sign up.

Senior Adult Day - Aug. 22, W, 11 a.m. The Flat Three Jazz Trio will perform jazz numbers and informational talks between the music. Come join in the fun and enjoy some smooth jazz. Lunch will be served. Pre-registration is required. Call the Adult Department (780-8152) to register.

Adult Program - Oct. 24, W, 11 a.m. The Seasoned Readers will perform a comedic reading entitled: "The Cow Jumped Over the What?" This comedy reading is sure to entertain. Come join the fun. Call the Adult Department (780-8152) to register. Light refreshment will be served.

Young Adults

Movies - Every other W, 3:30 p.m. starting Aug. 29. Popcorn will be provided.

Auto Maintenance - Please contact Ms. Wallace in the Adult Department (780-8152) for more information.

Community Resources - Communicable Diseases. Please contact Ms. Wallace in the Adult Department (780-8152) for more information.

Children

Storytime - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 11. Families, daycares, classes. Everyone invited for stories, music, games, & films.

Book Trivia Contests - Sep. 3-14. Pick up and fill out contest forms! Winners (and prizes) will be announced Sep. 18.

Winnie the Pooh Birthday Celebration - Oct. 16, Tu, 6:30 p.m. He'll be 75 this year and still has a great time! Please sign your family up to attend by dropping by the Youth Dept. or calling 786-2493. Space is limited!

Halloween Costume Design and

Coloring Contest - Oct. 1-28. All ages invited to participate-make up your ideal costume and maybe win a prize. Winners announced Oct. 30.

GARDENDALE

Young Adults

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. 15-19. Stop by the library after school for games and activities, or for some quiet reading time. This year's theme is "Make Reading A Hobbit."

Ghostly Tales & Urban Legends - Oct. 30, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Spine tingling stories to keep you looking over your shoulder. Bring a flashlight. Grades 6 & up.

Children

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

Storytime - Every W, 9 a.m.

Join Ms. Lou Ellen and Ms. Carolyn for great stories, songs and fun!

Toddler Time - Every 1st & 3rd F, 10 a.m. Toddlers age three and under and their adults, enjoy learning about a new color, number and letter every month.

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

Family Night - Sep. 20 & Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. Visit library for more details.

HOMWOOD

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

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

Join us on Oct. 10 when the Seasoned Performers will present The Elixir.

Mystery Dinner Theater - Oct. 27, Sa, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal and a play. Call Adult Services Department at 877-8665 for details.

Beyond Goosebumps Books

Discussion Group - Adults, do you know what the young people in your life are reading? You are invited to read and discuss books written for young adults. Call Ann Scott at 877-8665 for monthly meeting times.

TRIANGLE OF LEARNING

QUALITY TV AS A LEARNING TOOL

HOMWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
AUGUST 7 – 10:30 A.M.

Presented by Suzanne Martina of Alabama Public Television.

This program is designed for an adult and child team.

Door prizes will be given away. It is free.

Registration is required and it open to the first 35 to register.

Registration begins July 17, 2001.

CALL 877-8664 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Hoover's Library Theatre

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

Alabama Operaworks

September 6-8
Thursday-Saturday
8:00 p.m.

Three one-act operas including
The Apothecary, *Bon Appetite* and
Hello Out There span operatic
literature from the classical period
to the contemporary.
Tickets \$20.00

Nickel Creek

September 28 & 29
Friday & Saturday
8:00 p.m.

Critically acclaimed as an up-and-
coming band with a sound based
in blue grass and modern folk.
Tickets \$15

Young Adults

TABs (Teen Advisory Board) - Monthly meetings to review and order materials, plan and host programs, eat and have fun. Call 877-8665 for times.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 14-20.

"Make Reading a Hobbit". Vote for your favorite book.

Vulcan Voice - Give teens a voice. Online at www.jclc.org/vulcanvoice/

Children

Weekday Storytime - Every Tu & W, 10:30 a.m. Sep. & Oct.

Lapsit Storytime - Sep. 21 & Oct. 19, F, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Ages birth-23 months and their lap-partner. Registration begins the first day of each month. No siblings please.

2's Company - Sep. 28, & Oct. 26, F, 10:30 a.m. Ages 24-35 months and their lap-partner. Registration begins the first day of each month.

Storytime Matinees - Sep. 24, & Oct. 29, M, 4 p.m. Come by and enjoy an afterschool storytime.

Family Storytime - Sep. 27, & Oct. 25, Th, 7 p.m. Enjoy two fun family storytimes with a fall flavor.

Trick-or-Treat - Oct. 31, W, 10-8 p.m. Come by and see if you get a trick or treat from us!

HOOVER

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Self Check Out - Be sure to try the new self-checkout machine, it is a big hit with the Hoover Public Library patrons. This new service offers convenience and independence and is user friendly for patrons of all ages!

Computer Classes - Free computer-related classes in our new training facility. Please call the library's Technology Hub for schedules and more information at 444-7747.

Friends of Hoover Library - Every 1st M, 10 a.m. Public invited.

Counterintelligence: Women

Recruitments - Sep. 10, M, 10 a.m. Jack Owens retired F.B.I. agent.

Nutrition Trends / Myths - Oct. 1, M, 10 a.m. Beth Kitchin M.S., R.D., UAB Nutritionist.

Annual Silent Auction / Luncheon - Oct. 26, F, 10:30 a.m. Fashion show and bake sale. Fellowship Hall, Green Valley Baptist Church.

Friends Book Store - Hours of operation - Tu, 10-6 p.m., W & Th, 12 noon-4 p.m., Su, 2-5 p.m. Reasonably priced books and magazines.

Book Discussion Group - Aug. 9, Th, 10-12noon. Discussion on *The Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer Bradley in the theatre level meeting rooms.

Book Discussion Group - Sep. 13, Th, 10-12noon. Discussion of *The Beans of Egypt, Maine* by Carolyn Chute in the theatre level meeting rooms.

Book Discussion Group - Oct. 11, Th, 10-2 p.m. Discussion of *Master and Commander* by Patrick O'Brian in the theatre level meeting rooms.

Theatre

(See box at left for information)

Young Adults

HABIT, The Hoover Advisory Board of Interactive Teens - Monthly meetings. Grades 6-12 may join. Applications for membership are available at the Young Adult desk or at the meetings.

The Noise Guy - Sep. 20, Th, 4:30 p.m. The Noise Guy will entertain with his phenomenal sound effects.

Book Talk - Oct. 18, Th, 4:30 p.m. Come share your favorite book or most recent read with the other teens in HABIT.

Children

No programs in Aug. We will resume regular programs Sept. 4.

Mother Goose - Every 1st & 3rd M, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Reservations required. (Lapsit storytime for children 12-24 months and their caregiver.)

Together With Twos - Every 2nd & 4th M, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Reservations required. (Lapsit storytime for children 25-36 months and their caregiver.)

Storytime Live for 3's, 4's & 5's - Every W, 1:30 p.m. (Drop-off storytime for independent 3, 4 & 5 year olds.)

Family Storytime - Every Tu & W, 10:30 a.m. (All ages.)

PJ Storytime - Every 2nd Tu, 7 p.m. Wear your pajamas and join us for stories and snacks. (All ages.)

Fall Family Special-The Noise Guy! - Sep. 20, Th, 1:30 p.m. Splatt! Zip! Zing! The Noise Guy is a sound effect storyteller, who will tell stories using the most amazing vocal sound effects.

Halloween Hoopla - Oct. 30, Tu, 10-12noon & Oct. 31, W, 10-12noon. Wear your costume and join us for treats, games and fun. (All Ages)

Elementary After-School Specials - Every 1st Th, 4:30 p.m. Reservations not required.

Make a Silly Sock Puppet - Sep. 6, Th, 4:30 p.m. Come join us and use your imagination to create a silly sock puppet to take home. (Grades K-5)

Wallop Weather - Oct. 4, Th, 4:30 p.m. Mad Science will present cool weather experiments. (Grades K-5)

Book Discussion Club (Gr. 3-5) - Sep. 4, Tu, & Oct. 2, W, 7 p.m. Children in grades 3-5 and their caregiver meet to discuss a new book each month. Reservations required, space limited. (Book selections available one month prior to discussion. Call 444-7830 for reservations and book selection.)

Note: Check our What's Happening Line at 444-7838 for weekly storytime themes. For questions or reservations, call 444-7830. No regular programs July 28-Sept. 3. Library will be closed Sept. 3.

HUEYTOWN

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Free knitting classes - Beginning this fall, call 491-1443 to reserve a place.

Children

Storytime - Every Tu, 11:30 a.m.



INGLENOOK

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Ingleenook Neighborhood Association - Every 2nd Tu, 5:30 p.m.

Children

Storytime with Ms. Tina - Every F, 9:30 a.m.

Splash It - Aug. 9, Th, 3:30-5 p.m. Join us for a last splash, get wet, and have some fun before you go back to school. Remember the water pistols?

Popcorn and a Movie - Aug. 16, Th, 4-5 p.m. Come watch a movie and have some popcorn with us.

Magic and Moore - Aug. 21, Tu, 10 a.m. He's back! Larry will entertain you with his magic, jokes, and stories.

Pre-registration required.

Sculpt It - Aug. 30, Th, 10 a.m. We've done it before, but we've been asked to do it again. Come make a salt sculpture. We'll provide materials. You provide creativity. Pre-registration required.

Rockin' and Rollin' with Ms. Kristie - Sep. 11, Tu, 10 a.m. If you like movin', you'll love Ms. Kristie. She'll tell you stories while you move n' groove.

Pre-registration required.

Craft Time - Sep. 20, Th, 4-5 p.m. Come make a fall craft with us this afternoon. Materials provided.

Celebrate Peanuts (the comic strip, that is) - Oct. 2, Tu, 4-5 p.m.

Celebrate the day that "Peanuts" first appeared in the comics by coloring a "Peanuts" sheet. Best job of coloring wins a prize.

Jewelry with a Ghoulish Touch - Oct. 18, Th, 4-5 p.m. This craft is "For Girls Only". Stop by after school and make your very own Halloween jewelry.

Halloween Craft with Ms. Darnita - Oct. 25, Th, 10 a.m. It's ghosts and goblins time. Ms. Darnita will help you make a craft that is absolutely spooky! Registration required.

Trick or Treat Afternoon - Oct. 31, W, 1-6 p.m. Come visit us, check out a book, and get a treat-no tricks!

IRONDALE

Children

Last day for Reading Certificates - Aug. 10, F, 9:30-5 p.m. Don't forget to come in to get your Certificate for being a WILD reader this summer.

Storytime - Sep. 6 & 20, Th, & Sep. 12, W, Oct. 4 & 18, Th, & Oct. 10, W, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5.

Afterschool Storytime - Sep. 4 & Oct. 2, Tu, 4 p.m. 1st-4th grades.

Time for Twos - Sep. 11 & Oct. 9, Tu, 10:30 a.m. Two-year-olds accompanied by an adult are invited for one-half hour of stories, fingerplays, crafts and light refreshments. Advance registration is required.



An Interview With MIKE STEWART Alabama Author

Tell us a little about your background.

I grew up in Monroe County, which, for some reason, seems to produce about half the writers that come out of Alabama. After attending Auburn — and after working in journalism — I received my law degree from Cumberland School of Law. I practiced law here in Birmingham for several years, finally becoming general counsel of a healthcare company. Five or six years ago, I quit my job to write my first novel.

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

*I didn't write seriously until a few months before I quit my job to complete my first novel, **Sins of the Brother**. But I've wanted to be a writer since I was thirteen years old. I "broke into the ranks" of published novelists by working at it. I worked many long days finishing my novel, making it as good as I possibly could, and then working just as hard to find an agent and a publisher.*

Will you continue this series, or do you see yourself branching out into different genres, or a different set of characters?

*I will absolutely continue the series. So far, Tom McInnes, Joey, Kelly, and Louie Blue have appeared in three novels: **Sins of the Brother**, **Dog Island**, and **A Clean Kill**. The second, **Dog Island**, was published by Putnam in January of this year, and **A Clean Kill** will be published in January of 2002. Readers seem to like the characters. I may, however, try my hand at a stand-alone novel or another series at some point.*

What books have you read recently that you would recommend?

*I highly recommend **Purple Cane Road** by James Lee Burke. I also recently read Stephen King's book, **On Writing**, and the new translation by Seamus Heaney of **Beowulf**.*

THIS INTERVIEW WAS
CONDUCTED BY LESLIE WEST

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Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Computer Basics - Every 1st Th, 5:30 p.m. Introduction for beginners.

Friends of the Library - Aug. 9, Th, 7 p.m.

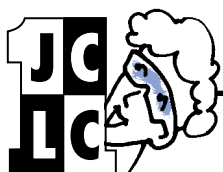
Tatting for Beginners - Aug. 14, 21 & 28, Tu, 2 p.m. Must call 699-5962 to pre-register. Limited enrollment.

Internet Introduction - Aug. 15, Sep. 19, & Oct. 17, W, 2:30 p.m. World Wide Web for beginners.

Word Processing - Aug. 16, 23 & 30, Th, 7 p.m. Word '97 introductory 3 week course.

Autumn Candleholders - Sep. 11, Tu, 10 a.m. Must call 699-5962 to pre-register for this adult craft session. Limited enrollment.

Book Sale Preview Party - Sep. 13, Th, 7 p.m. Exclusive for Friends of the Library members. Call 699-5962 for additional information.



Book Sale - Sep. 14-15, F & Sa, 9:30-5 p.m. Great bargains for all ages!

Online Genealogy - Sep. 27, Th, 6:30 p.m. Learn about your family tree on Ancestor Appreciation Day.

Books To Die For: The Mysteries of Anne George - Oct. 11, Th, 7 p.m. Scholar Pam Kingsbury discusses the *Southern Sisters* series at this *Speaker in the House* program sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation. This salute to Mystery Series Week hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Halloween Wreath - Oct. 16, Tu, 10 a.m. Must call 699-5962 to pre-register for this adult craft session. Limited enrollment.

Word '97 - Oct. 18, 25 & Nov. 1, Th, 5:30 p.m. Three-week course for beginners.

Young Adults

Back to School Fashion Show - Aug. 23, Th, 4 p.m. Let the Leeds CATO show you what's in style just in time to head back to school.

Game Day! - Aug. 29, W, Sep. 11, Tu, & Oct. 18, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games!

Library Card Sign Up Month - Sep. 1-30. Sign up for a library card this month and receive a special treat!

Ice Cream Crazy! - Sep. 26, W, 4 p.m. Let's celebrate Ice Cream Month!

Teen Time Sign Time - Oct. 16, Tu, 4 p.m. Join our new sign language club! We'll learn some basic sign language and play fun games! (Meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month!)

Children

Back to School Crafts! - Aug. 13, M, 1 p.m. Fun crafts before you head back to school!

Children's Safety and Fingerprinting Day - Aug. 18, Sa, 10-2 p.m. Be on the safe side! Drop by anytime from 10-2 and let the Missing Children Help Center give you some safety tips and fingerprint your child.

Game Day! - Aug. 29, W, Sep. 11, Tu, & Oct. 18, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games!

Library Card Sign Up Month - Sep. 1-30. Sign up for a library card this month and receive a special treat!

Storytime with Ms. Carolyn - Sep. 13, & Oct. 11, Th, 10 a.m. It's storytime!

Fire & Ice! - Sep. 17, M, 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night goes science crazy with Mad Science!

How Much Is That Doggie In The Window? - Sep. 25, Tu, 10 a.m. Let's celebrate National Dog Month! Enjoy dog stories, songs, and jokes with Miss Melissa!

Kids' Crafts - Sep. 20, Th, 3:30 p.m. It's craft time!

Dinosaur Rock! - Oct. 15, M, 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night goes back in time to search out dinosaurs! Enjoy dinosaur stories, songs, and a craft!

Trick or Treat! - Oct. 25, Th, 10 a.m. Silly Halloween stories with Miss Melissa!

Crafty Halloween Fun! - Oct. 31, W, 3:30 p.m. Let's make fun Halloween crafts!

MIDFIELD

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Library Card Sign-Up Month Kickoff - Sep. 1, Sa. The library staff extends a warm welcome to all patrons to come have refreshments in honor of National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Young Adults

Teen Advisory Board - Every 2nd Sa. Teens, would you like to voice your opinion about books you would like to see at the library? Do you have suggestions

about programs we could offer, or are you interested in volunteering to help in some capacity? If so, come to our Teen Advisory Board meeting. Call Jeff at 923-1027 for details or to sign up.

Back to School Bash - Aug. 18, Sa, 11:30-1 p.m. Students grades 3 and up are invited to attend our party with music, pizza, and drinks for all! Advance registration requested. Call Jeff at 923-1027.

New Member Party - Sep. 29, Sa, 11:30-1 p.m. Any child in grade K-12 who received a new library card this month is invited to our pizza party! Your ticket to get in is your library card. Advance registration requested.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 14-20.

Teen Read-In - Oct. 20, Sa. Come in any time the library is open today and pick a corner to settle in with a good book. Make sure you stay to enjoy the great refreshments we'll have! Grades 8 and up.

Children

National Friendship Day - Aug. 1, W. Stop by the library today to make a card for your best friend and add them to our "Wall of Friends" for everyone to see! Supplies furnished.

National Book Lover's Day - Aug. 9, Th. Come into the library today and check out three books, and you'll receive a treat! There's a catch though: You have to tell us why you love books!

Back to School Bash - Aug. 18, Sa, 11:30-1 p.m. Students grades 3 and up are invited to attend our party with music, pizza, and drinks for all! Advance registration requested.

New Member Party - Sep. 29, Sa, 11:30-1 p.m. Any child in grade K-12 who received a new library card this month is invited to our pizza party! Your ticket to get in is your library card. Advance registration requested.

National Candy Corn Day - Oct. 30, Tu. Stop by any time today and get a handful of yummy candy corn!

Costume Contest / Trick-or-Treat! - Oct. 31, W, 4-5 p.m. Kids, come in wearing your costume before you go out hunting for candy. If you have the best one, you could win a prize!

NOTE: Unless noted age restrictions apply, the children's events also apply to young adults.



NORTH AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

North Avondale Neighborhood Association - Every 3rd Th, 7-8 p.m.

Seekers of Truth Forum - Every Tu, 10 a.m. Join us as we discuss topics ranging from political issues to biblical facts.

Children

Storytime for Tots - Every M, beginning Sep. 10, 9:30-10 a.m. Join us for books, stories, games, songs, & more. Families & daycares welcome.

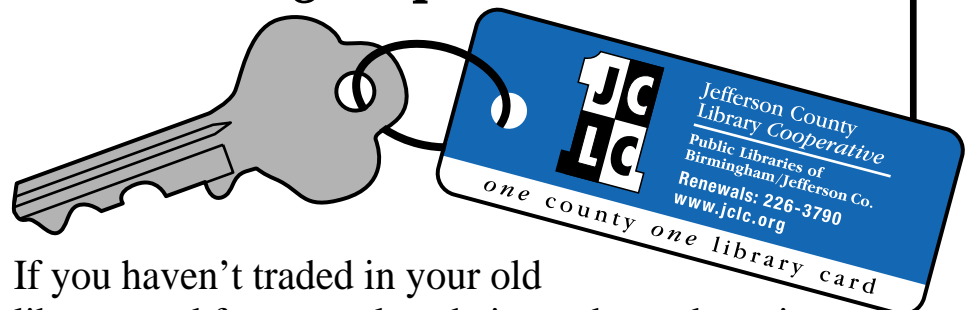
Storytime Fun - Every Tu, 1-1:30 p.m. beginning Sep. 11. Join us for special age specific storytimes full of laughter, surprises, & more. Call 592-2082 for more information.

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month - Sep. 3-28. Sign up for your very own library card! Check out three books & register to win a special prize.

National Grandparents Day - Sep. 5, W, 3-4:30 p.m. In honor of National Grandparents Day, visit the library & make a card in honor of your special grandparents.

SEPTEMBER SWAP

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!



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.

North Avondale Pumpkin Patch - Oct. 1-31. Come in & decorate your very own pumpkin to display on our Halloween bulletin board. Don't forget to write the title of your favorite book on your decorated pumpkin.

The Treat's On Us! - Oct. 31, W, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Drop by the library & receive a munch & crunch sweet treat. No tricks, just lots of treating.



NORTH BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Adult Book Club - Every 4th Su, 4-6 p.m. Call the Adult Department at 254-6454 for details.

Crochet Class - Every M, 10-12noon & Sa, 2-4 p.m. Ms. Calmese, Instructor.

GED Classes - Resuming in the fall. Call 254-6454 for more information.

Young Adults

Back to School Survival Pack - Aug. 1-15. Checkout 2 or more books in the Youth Department and register to win a pack full of goodies to start the school year off.

After School Fun Craft - Sep. 19, W, 4 p.m. Stop by and use your imagination to decorate your very own picture frame or door hanger.

Make Reading a Hobbit-Scavenger Hunt - Oct. 14-19. It's Teen Read Week so let's see how many answers you can find, clues will be given. Become eligible to win a prize.

Children

Toddler Tales - Every Th, 10 a.m. beginning Sep. 13. Stories, songs and fun. Daycares welcome.

Library Card Sign-Up Month - Sep. 1-30. Sign up for a library card and receive a key chain for your keychain card.

Family Fun Night - Sep. 11 & Oct. 9, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family for a fun filled time of stories and songs.

Candy Corn Contest - Oct. 22-29. Guess the right amount and win a sweet treat.

Ghoulish Treats - Oct. 31, W. Stop by the library and receive a treat!



POWDERLY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Jones Valley Neighborhood Association - Every 4th F, 6 p.m.

Southwest Non-Profit Meeting - Every 4th Sa, 9 a.m.

Southwest Community Meeting - Every 4th Sa, 10 a.m.

Children

Pre-School Storytime - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m.

Back To School Bash - Aug. 24, F, 4 p.m.

Library Card Sign Up Month - Sep. 1-30.

After School Bingo - Sep. 14, F, 4 p.m.

Movie-Fun - Oct. 12, F, 4 p.m.

Halloween Party - Oct. 31, W, 4 p.m.

Call the library for details



PRATT CITY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Interested In Buying A Home-Attend the Home Buyers Seminar - Aug. 4, Sa, 9:15-12:15 p.m. Presented by Jim Gillespie, Realty South.

Home Buyers Seminar - Aug. 11, Sep. 8, & Oct. 13, Sa, 11-1 p.m. Presented by Deborah Lumpkin, Escott-Payne Realty.

Top Ladies of Distinction - Every 3rd Sa, 10-12noon.

UAB Cancer Research Project Maintenance Meeting - Aug. 20, Sep. 17, & Oct. 15, M, 6-7:30 p.m.

I-COM Ministries-Geraldine Smith - Aug. 25, Sa, 10-1 p.m.

National Library Card Sign-Up Month - Sep. 1-30. Trade your old card in for a new one. Receive a special bookmark when you check out at least two books.

Young Adults

Media Fair / Career Day - Aug. 2, Th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Meet local television and radio personalities.

Greek Speaks - Oct. 6, Sa, 1-3 p.m. Come see the Greeks speak and step. Come and get some info on some of the most popular Greek organizations in the USA.

Children

Storytime - Every W, 10-10:45 a.m. beginning Sep. 12.

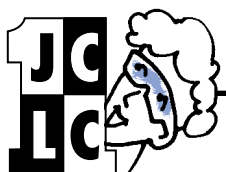
Fire Safety - Sep. 12, W. Get out with Scout-Fire Safety. Call library for details.

National Popcorn Poppin' Month - Oct. 1-30, Afterschool. Come on out to the Popcorn capital of Pratt City and enjoy the best treat in town.

Create-a-Card - Oct. 17, all day.

Create a festive Halloween card to share with sick children at children's Hospital. Materials will be provided.

Halloween Party - Oct. 31, W, 3:30 p.m. Costume is required as well as a 2 book check-out minimum.



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JOHN GRISHAM STYLE LEGAL THRILLERS

YOU'LL ALSO LIKE...

- Double Jeopardy**
by William Bernhardt
- Angel of Death**
by Jay Brandon
- The Sibyl in Her Grave**
by Sarah Caudwell
- The Judgement**
by William Coughlin
- Hung Jury**
by Rankin Davis
- Cold Hit**
by Linda Fairstein
- Grand Jury**
by Phillip Friedman
- The Letter of the Law**
by Tim Green
- Final Argument**
by Clifford Irving
- The Mercy Rule**
by Paul Lescroart
- Mortal Sin**
by Paul Levine
- Wild Justice**
by Phillip Margolin
- The Bootlegger's Daughter**
by Margaret Marson
- The Attorney**
by Steve Martini
- Law and Ardor**
by Ralph McInerney
- Rumpole's Last Case**
by John Mortimer
- Move To Strike**
by Perri O'Shaughnessy
- Suspicion of Violence**
by Barbara Parker
- Protect and Defend**
by Richard North Patterson
- Buried Evidence**
by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg
- McNally's Folly**
by Lawrence Sanders
- Moment of Truth**
by Lisa Scottoline
- Sins of the Brother & Dog Island**
by Mike Stewart
- Blind Judgment**
by Grif Stockley
- True Justice**
by Robert K. Tanenbaum
- Muscle Memory**
by William Tapply
- Personal Injuries**
by Scott Turow
- Undue Influence**
by Shelby Yastrow
- Sworn To Defend**
by Carolyn Wheat

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SLOSSFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

- Acipco-Finley Citizens Participation Association Group** - Every 2nd Tu, 5 p.m.
- Girl Scouting At the Library Is Fun** - Every 2nd & 4th W, 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Anita Nevitt.
- Phillips High School Class of 1977** - Every 1st Th, 6:30 p.m.
- High Steppers Learn to Step** - Every W & F, 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Blackmon.
- Keyboard Classes** - Every Sa, 9:30 a.m.
- Storytime** - Every Th & F, 12noon.
- After School Movies** - Every Tu & Th 3:30-4 p.m.
- Sidewalk Art & Craft** - Sep. 8, F, 12-1 p.m.
- Video Game Day** - Sep.12-13, W & Th, 3-4 p.m.
- Puppets Craft** - Sep. 20, Th, 3:30 p.m.
- Songfest Contest** - Sep. 28, F, 4-5 p.m.
- Dinosaurs** - Oct. 3, W, 3 p.m.
- Pumpkin Day** - Oct. 11, Th, 3 p.m.
- Popcorn Poppin'** - Oct. 19, F, 3 p.m.
- Farm Animals Day** - Oct. 26, F, 3 p.m.
- Halloween Eve** - Oct. 31, W, 3 p.m.



SMITHFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

- American Assoc. of Retired Person** - Every 2nd W, 12noon.
- College Hill Voters League** - Every 4th M, 6:30 p.m.
- Wanna Get Fit** - Every F, 10:30-12noon. Registration is required L.J'S Dance Fitness Health and Nutritional Program
- How To Conquer The Math Monster** - Every Sa. 10-12noon. Are your Math grades Kind-of-Shaky. Well, come visit with Mr. Bob Freidman and he will give some great assistance

Young Adults

- The World Of Mime Will Be Presented By David The Mime** - Sep. 3, M, 4:30 p.m. If you are inquisitive about communicating without words, check out this program. Let your imagination soar.
- Sign, Sign ,Sign** - Aug. 27, M, 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning sign language? Please join us as we learn the basic skills of sign language. Instructed by David Gaines. Registration is required.

Children

- Back To School Safety Tips** - Aug. 2, Th, 4 p.m. Having problems at school? Not sure how to handle them , this is the program just for you. Presented by a Birmingham Police Officer. Don't miss out on it.
- Tot Time** - Every W & Th, 10 a.m. Storytime for toddlers including, songs, crafts, snacks and fun.
- Just Grams and Me** - Sep. 6, Th, 4 p.m. In honor of Grandparents Day, make a special bookmark for your Grams. Check out a book take it home, curl up in a chair and read it together.
- Los cuentos en de Es panol** - Sep. 12, W, 4 p.m. Spanish stories told by Mrs. Yolanda Valentin. For those who are young at heart with a Latin twist. Registration is required.
- Spooky Tales** - Oct. 31,W, 4 p.m. Choose your favorite spooky book and come dressed in your favorite character. Join the circle of friends while reading, telling stories and making Halloween masks.



SOUTHSIDE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

- Five Points South Neighborhood Association** - Every 4th M, 7 p.m.

Children

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



SPRINGVILLE ROAD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Children

- SeptemberFest Poster Contest** - Aug. 1, W, 10-1 p.m. Come in anytime between 10 & 1 to enter our 1st annual poster contest! We will provide the materials; you bring the imagination. Prizes for every age group (toddler to Grade 6).
- System Wide Children's Book Sale** - Aug. 24-26. There will be new & used books & materials for every age child & adult to purchase. Don't miss this annual event!
- An Apple a Day...** - Sep. 4-30. Celebrate the month of Johnny Appleseed! We have everything you'll need to garnish your own apple & hang it in our tree!
- All Ages Storytime** - Every W, 10:30 a.m., beginning Sep. 5. Join us for songs, stories, & fun! Everyone is welcome.
- Back to School Family Fun** - Sep. 8, Sa, 10:30 a.m. & Sep. 24, M, 6:30 p.m. Choose one of these times to bring the gang and get back into the swing of things with a special storytime & craft. Fun for the entire family!
- Time for 2's** - Sep. 10 & Oct. 8, M, 10:30 a.m. Story fun & craft specially chosen for the enjoyment of 2 year olds. Every toddler needs an adult to share the fun. Please register for this program.
- SeptemberFest** - Sep. 22, Sa, 10-4 p.m. Don't miss this new version of an old classic. We'll have games, food, crafts, raffles, and more!
- Jack-o-lantern Jamboree** - Oct. 3-31. Be spooky, silly, & spectacular! Help us decorate the children's department with pumpkins.
- Spooky Tales & Creepy Crafts** - Oct. 13, Sa, 10:30 a.m. & Oct. 22, M, 6:30 p.m. Bring the family to this seasonal storytime & activity. For extra fun wear your Halloween costume!
- Happy Halloween!** - Oct. 31, W. No tricks, we'll treat! Come by the library anytime that day (Wear your costume if you want to) & get a not-so-scary surprise!



TITUSVILLE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

- South Titusville Neighborhood Meeting** - Every 2nd Tu, 6 p.m., Edward Ramsey, President.
- North Titusville Neighborhood Meeting** - Every 3rd Sa, 11 a.m., Edward Speights, President
- Positive Parenting** - Every W, 10:30 a.m.

Children

- Storytime** - Every Tu, 10 a.m. beginning Sep. 11.
- ASAEP-After School Empowerment Program** - Every Tu. Sponsored by Girls Incorporated. Call the Library for details.

- Grandparents Day Craft** - Sep. 6, Th. Come and make a special craft for your grandparents.
- Back to School Kick-Off** - Sep. 11, Tu. Call library for time.
- Friday Flick and Popcorn** - Sep. 21, F. Call library for time.
- Fall Harvest Fun** - Oct. 31, W. Come on in and join the fun. Call library for time.

TRUSSVILLE

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

- Friends of the Library** - Every 3rd Tu, 7 p.m. Join the friends and help support the library. Anytime is great!
- Reading Club** - Every last Tu, 6 p.m. Share the joy of reading. Discover new favorites.
- East Jefferson Quilter's Association** - Every 4th Th, 9 a.m. Start a new project. Find new stitchin' friends.
- Pecan Sale** - Place order in October by calling 655-2022. Pecans available in mid November. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Proceeds go to the library.

Young Adults

- Chess Club** - Every Th, 3:30 p.m. beginning Aug. 30. All skill levels welcome. Join the Chess Challenge Pyramid.
- Crafts** - Sep. 10 & Oct. 8, M, 3:30 p.m. Materials provided.
- Games Day** - Sep. 17 & Oct. 15, M, 3:30 p.m. Mystery game. Domino Challenge.

Gallery Exhibits

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC
LIBRARY CENTRAL

Gallery

September 16 –
October 31, 2001

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



HOMEWOOD

August

Camp Create Exhibit.

During regular library hours.
This exhibit is from the
participants of Homewood Public
Library's Young Adult Camp
Create Art Camp.

September

**75 Years of Homewood History;
A photo exhibit.**

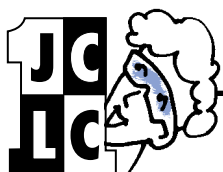
During regular library hours.
A collection of photos, news
clips, and objects from
Homewood's past.

October

Spinning & Weaving Exhibit.

During regular library hours.
Work from the members of the
Birmingham chapter of the
Handweavers Guild of America.

For more informatioin about
these exhibits call 877-8664.



FALL INTO READING

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Contributed By **Dennis Nichols**
Head of Adult Services at Homewood Public Library

Out of the Night That Covers Me by Pat Cunningham Devoto.
In the 1950s, John Gallatin McMillan III boards a train that will take him to a new life in the heart of the Alabama Black Belt. At the same time, America is moving toward the social upheaval of the civil rights movement. John fights for his survival and comes to identify with the plight of the poor blacks he comes into contact with.

Sins of the Brother and Dog Island by Mike Stewart.
This series introduced us to Mobile based attorney named Tom McInnes. In Sins of the Brother, Tom investigates the murder of his younger brother. In Dog Island, Tom gets involved in a case revolving around a runaway teen girl and a former FSU/Dallas Cowboys football player.

Coming Home by Robert Inman.
Inman's subtitle is "Life, Love and All Things Southern." He writes of growing up in small-town Elba. He writes of his grandmother and his boyhood pal, "Booger" Winston, and other small-town characters. Wonderful warm story.

Reader's Theater - Sep. 12, W, 3:30 p.m.
Dramatic fun with stories. No memorization required. Snack provided.

Children

Storytime - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. beginning Sep. 6. Children of all ages are invited, however most stories will be for ages 7 and younger. NOTE: Check at the library for added or changed events.

Reading with Ms. Jennifer - Every Th, 2 p.m. This program is especially for children grades 2-4 who are home schooled.

American Girl's Club - Every 4th M, 6:30 p.m. The first meeting on Sep. 24 will be a tea for girls and their parents. Ms. Jennifer will share information about the club and the schedule for the year. Reservations are requested.

Halloween - Oct. 31, W. Visit Ms. Jennifer, and receive a treat.

Children's Book Week - Nov. 13-16, 3:30 p.m. A special guest reads each day. Join us!

VESTAVIA HILLS

Children

Preschool Storytime - Every Th, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3+.

Toddler Time - Every Tu & W, 10:30 a.m. 18 months-3 years.

PJ Storytime - Every 2nd & 4th M, 7 p.m.

Chapter Book Storytime - Every Th, 4 p.m.

Special Storyteller - Aug. 14, Tu, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m., Aug. 23, Th, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 11, Tu, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m., Sept. 27, Th, 10:30 a.m., Oct. 9, Tu, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m., Oct. 25, Th, 10:30 a.m.

Halloween Party - Oct. 29, M, 6:30 p.m. Special Guest. Wear your Halloween costumes.

WALTER J. HANNA

Children

Tutoring - Every Tu, 4-5 p.m. Mrs. White
Summer Camp and Park Children - Reading, Videos and Using Computers.

The Rangers - Every Th, 1-3 p.m.

Story Hour - Every 1st & 3rd W, beginning in Sep. Storytime with Carolyn Tucker. Call library for time.

WARRIOR

Children

Storytime - Sep. 11, Tu, 9 a.m. Warrior School; Sep. 17, M, 9 a.m. Community Center; Sep. 19, W, 1 p.m. Bryan School; Oct. 11, Th, 9 a.m. Warrior School; Oct. 17, W, 9 a.m. Community Center; & Oct. 19, F, 1 p.m. Bryan School.

Toddler Storytime - Aug. 7, Tu, 2 p.m. Community Center; Aug. 31, F, 10 a.m.; Every 1st & 3rd Tu, Sep. & Oct. 10 a.m. Community Center.



WEST END

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Crocheting With Ms. Smith - Aug. 2, Th, 1:30 p.m. Supplies will be provided.

Young Adults

Movies For Teens - Aug. 17, F, 4 p.m.

Children

Halloween Treats - Oct. 31, W, 3:30 p.m.



WOODLAWN

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Woodlawn Neighborhood Association - Every Last Th, 6 p.m.

Children

Storytime - Every Tu, 10 a.m. beginning Sep. 4.



WYLAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

Wylam Neighborhood Association Meeting - Every 1st Tu, 6 p.m.

Young Adults

Teen Read Week - Oct. 15-19.

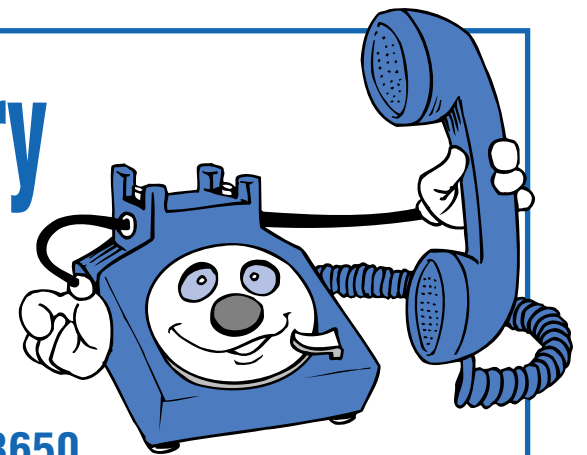
Children

Storytime - Every W, 12:30 p.m. No storytime in Aug.

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

Dial-A-Story

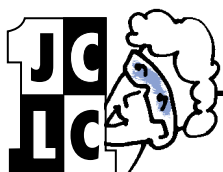
Need a quick, pick me up? Check out the **Dial-a-Story** for a wonderful new story each week. **Call 226-3650.**



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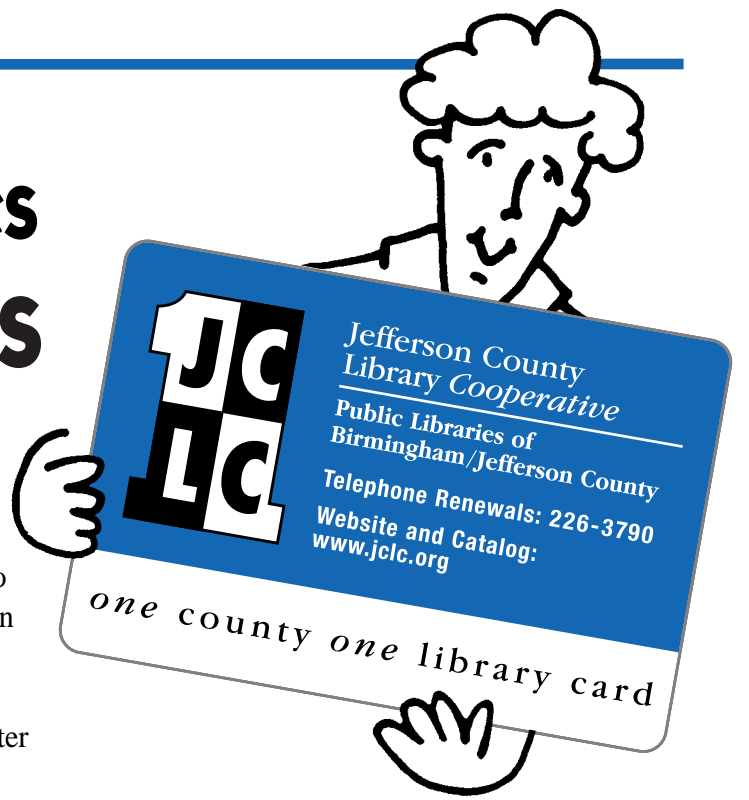
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BY DENNIS NICHOLS, HOMEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY



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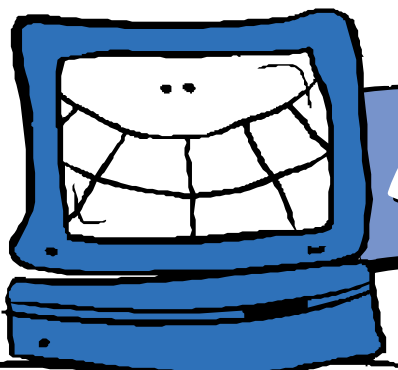
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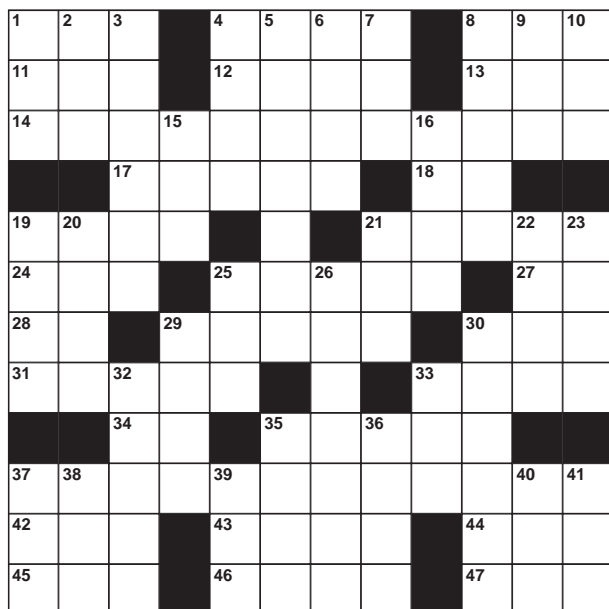
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A Virtual Certainty

by Jim Pate



- 18. Baum's imaginary land or small weight (abbr).
- 19. Tip top or zenith.
- 21. Bump on back of head not Delhi dweller.
- 24. Scoundrel or high-tech design (abbr).
- 25. Reposes or musical symbols.
- 27. Accomplish or hair style.
- 28. Printer's space not enveloped by.
- 29. Portions or actors roles.
- 30. Mr. Costello not stead.
- 31. Make restitution or requite.
- 33. Become worthy of or gain interest.
- 34. Outer space being (abbr) or Latin and.
- 35. Ben's ice cream partner or Tom's nemesis.
- 37. Practical applications or stock segment.
- 42. Eggs or macrogametes.
- 43. Barely sufficed not screamed.
- 44. Negative adverb not lumber imperfection.
- 45. Decimal base or sawbuck.
- 46. Marries or melds.
- 47. Bearded antelope not fresh.

- 8. Laugh-In's Ruth not sounding like a bee.
- 9. Before not boot the baseball.
- 10. Conclusion or terminal.
- 15. Roman peace not camping bags.
- 16. Charged particles not golf clubs.
- 19. Maple genus or maybe hole-in-one golfer.
- 20. Glass section not hurt.
- 21. Possessed by a thing or the item exists (contr).
- 22. Redolence or scent.
- 23. Subject part of speech or person-place-thing.
- 25. Sunbeam or manta.
- 26. Hardened not "took illegally".
- 29. Lane or walk.
- 30. Positioning or producing eggs.
- 32. Southern nut or hickory variety.
- 33. Energy unity not desire.
- 35. Prank or one-liner.
- 36. Complement of cones in eye or engine parts.
- 37. Little one or get sum.
- 38. Day before not overhang.
- 39. Just created not comprehended.
- 40. Long time not Bond's creator.
- 41. "Fifth Beatle" Sutcliffe not cook meat and veggies.

Clue for unchecked letters in 5D and 26D: That is (abbr) or diminutive ending.

ACROSS

- 1. Morse morsel not Leonardo's middle moniker.
- 4. Survey or make digital image.
- 8. Spelling contest or hive dweller.
- 11. Keats' specialty not due.
- 12. Nimbus or light ring.
- 13. A place where 11A was not make wage.
- 14. Digitized or made available electronically.
- 17. Flat finish not Marshall Dillon.

DOWN

- 1. Who Bugs asked not quay?
- 2. Fuss or bother.
- 3. Counterpart to hawed or basted.
- 4. Closed or fasten.
- 5. More slyly spiteful or maybe more like Morris.
- 6. Away from the weather not McBeal.
- 7. Negative pronoun or higher direction (abbr).

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

