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# calendar of events

Activities of the Jefferson County Public Libraries for  
November / December / January

## ADAMSVILLE

### Children

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



## AVONDALE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Children

**Tot Time** - Every M, 10:30 a.m. Storytime for 2 to 4 year olds with a caregiver. Includes songs, crafts, snacks & fun. Please ask for the holiday schedule. Registration required.

**Once Upon a Storytime** - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. Stories, songs & fun for everyone. Daycare groups welcome. Please ask for the holiday schedule.

**Toga Tales With An Attitude** - Nov. 1, Th, 1 p.m. Come join the nationally known award-winning storyteller Barbara McBride-Smith as she tells ancient myths Texan style. Groups please register in advance by calling 959-9108.

**Turkey Shoot** - Nov. 6-19. Try your luck at shooting the Avondale turkey, a hit just might win you & your family the real frozen thing.  
**BINGO for Books** - Nov. 14, W, 3:30 p.m. In honor of National Children's Book Week, we will play BINGO for books. Bring the whole family for a time of BINGO, books, & a whole lot of fun!

**Fall Family Fun Festival** - Nov. 20, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Fall is in the air & fun abounds among the Avondale shelves. Bring your whole family for a night of Fall fun. Registration required.

**Show of Hands** - Nov. 21, W, 3:30 p.m. Join Ms. Carolyn's sign language club & show us your hands. Children 4th grade & up may register.

**National Cookie Cutter Week** - Dec. 3-8. It's the International Cookie Cutters celebration of cookie baking. Drop by to decorate your paper cookie & add it to the Avondale cookie jar.

**Cookies!** - Dec. 18, Tu, 6:30 p.m. What would the holidays be like without cookies! Bring your favorite cookie & recipe to enter the great cookie bake off. Registration required.

**"Souper" Good Books** - Jan. 7-25. January is National Soup Month! Check out some "souper" good books to feed your hungry mind & register for a "souper" surprise!  
**Snow-thing Special** - Jan. 29, M, 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family for cool stories & warm fun. Hot chocolate & cookies for everyone (mini marshmallows too!). Registration required.

## BESSEMER

### Children

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

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

**Turkey Trot** - Nov. 5-9. Stop by the Children's area create & decorate your own turkey to display for Thanksgiving.

**Celebrate Children's Book Week** - Nov. 12-18. Stop by our new temporary location to see what's new & exciting.

**Holiday Bingo** - Dec. 3, M, 4 p.m. Join us for Bingo Fun & prizes.

**New Year's Craft** - Jan. 7, M, 4 p.m. Start the New Year off with arts & crafts.



## 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.

**The Great Turkey Trot** - Come by the Youth Department and help us decorate for the season by adding your turkey to the flock. Ask at the Youth Desk.

**Barbara McBride, Storyteller** - Nov. 3, Sa, 10 a.m. Join us at the Central Library for a wonderful morning filled with great stories and many surprises from storyteller Barbara McBride. She will share stories with all of us. Do not miss this one!

**Children's Storytime** - Nov. 8, & Jan. 11, Th, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and lots of fun. For ages 3 and up. Daycares welcome.

**Have fun on Mickey's Birthday!** - Nov. 16, Su. Come by the Youth Department to make a bookmark for the Mouse's 73rd.

**Get on Board for Family Fun Night** - Nov. 19, M, 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family for a fun filled storytime about boats, trains, and other things that go.

**Celebrate Family Stories Month** - November is the time for family gatherings. Come by the Youth Department and add your family to our Families Wall of Fame.

**Help Decorate the Youth Department for the Holidays.** December. Ask at the front desk to color and decorate holiday trimmings.

**Family Fun Night** - Jan. 22, M, 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of hot chocolate and stories that will warm your heart.



## EAST ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Children

**Story hour** - Every W & F, 10:30 a.m.

**Turkey crafts** - Nov. 10 & 15, Th, 10:30 a.m.

**Turkey game** - Nov. 20, Tu, 10:30 a.m.

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

**Christmas crafts** - Dec. 5, W, 10:30 a.m.

**Candy cane crafts** - Dec. 13, Th, 1:30 p.m.

**Santa's helper game** - Dec. 18, Tu, 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas fruit give-a-way** - Dec. 21, Sa.

**Christmas video-mania** - Dec. 21, Sa.

**Martin Luther King Jr. crafts** - Jan. 15, Tu, 1:30 p.m.

**Nursery rhyme crafts** - Jan. 22, Tu, 1:30 p.m.



## EASTWOOD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Children

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

## EMMET O'NEAL

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Brown Bag Lunch Series** - Every W, 12:30 in Meeting Room. Drinks and dessert provided

Nov. 7 - People of the West (video) part 1

Nov. 14 - Patty Pendleton, B'ham Zoo (speaker)

Nov. 21 - People of the West (video) part 2

Nov. 28 - Dr. Beth Hamer, American Village (speaker)

Dec. 5 - Alabama Celtic Assoc (dancers and music)

Dec. 12 - B'ham Fencing Club (exhibition)

Dec. 19 - The Last Tsar (video)

Dec. 26 - A Touch of Ireland (video)

Jan. 2 - The Age of Enlightenment (video)

Jan. 9 - Legends of the Isles (video)

Jan. 16 - Francine Hutchinson, Little River Canyon (speaker)

Jan. 23 - Jack Throp, movie animal trainer (speaker)

Jan. 30 - Quest for the Lost Tribes (video)

### Children

**Storytime** - Every Tu, 10:30 & 3:30  
Ages 3 & up

**Toddler Tales** - Every M,  
10:30 a.m. Ages 18-36 months



## 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.

### AN ARTFUL CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 7

**Two to Tango**

Experience the passion of the Tango performed by the "Dancing Doctors", Dr. Roswell Pfister and Dr. Sarah Alvarez. The doctors have performed this dance with "one heart and four legs" throughout Birmingham and the Southeast, and also in Europe and Cuba.

NOVEMBER 14

**Discover the Alys Stephens Center**

They say art imitates life, we say art *inspires* life! Join us for an overview of the ASC's exciting new season and a discussion of the role a performing arts center plays in the community. Through special arrangement with the ASC, anyone presenting a valid library card for the Jefferson County Public Library system will receive a 10% discount off tickets to David Sedaris' hilarious show on November 18.

NOVEMBER 28

**Ukrainian and Spanish Folk Dance**

Eye-catching, colorful costumes enhance the rich pageantry behind Ukrainian and Spanish folk dances. The two cultures come together in this performance by instructors of the Barlow Academy of Dance. Natasha Russo and Wanda Hackett are both active in the Birmingham dance community.

DECEMBER 5

**European Masterpieces**

The Birmingham Museum of Art will show a superb exhibition from February - April 2002 featuring the finest old master and modern European paintings from a world-renowned collection in the National Gallery of Victoria, Australia. Dr. David Moos, Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum, will speak about the overall exhibition and discuss several keynote works in depth.

DECEMBER 12

**A Christmas Memory**

Get into the holiday spirit as Birmingham storyteller and actress Dolores Hydock presents "A Christmas Memory". Truman Capote's poignant reminiscence of his boyhood in rural Alabama is brought to vivid life in this performance.

JANUARY 9

Richard Crew, Vice President and Senior Financial Consultant at Merrill Lynch, will discuss strategies for investing in turbulent times.

JANUARY 16

Eugenia Evans, Director of Public Information & Education for the Birmingham branch of the Arthritis Foundation, will present a discussion on taking control of arthritis pain.

JANUARY 23

Attorney Jim Noles, Author of *Images of America: Alabama Power Company*, will discuss his new book and Alabama Power's role in the industrial history of the State of Alabama.

JANUARY 30

A Hand-in-Paw trainer will discuss animal assisted therapy and their organization's role in educating pet owners in the use of animals to comfort the sick and elderly. One of Hand-in-Paw's specially trained pets will also join us for this exciting program.

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

**Family Storytime** - Every 2nd & 4th Sa, 10:30 a.m. All ages  
**Monday Movie Madness** - Every 2nd & 4th M, 3:30-5 p.m. Grades 2 & up.  
Call 879-0497 for movie details.



# SPECIAL

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 12:00 NOON

Brown Bag Lunch Program

Birmingham Public Library - Central - Arrington Auditorium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Pratt City Branch Library

Please call the Pratt City Library at 798-5071 for additional information.

## JALANI AND THE LOCK



Noted sculptor Lorenzo Pace presents a performance of his book *Jalani and the Lock*, which recounts the true story of his great-great grandfather's passage from Africa to America. Mr. Pace was born in Birmingham and currently resides in New York. He has exhibited his sculptures and installations and presented his performance art both nationally and internationally.

**Chalk Talks** - Nov. 7, W, 3:30 p.m. Grades 2 & up. Illustrator Nathan Glick fascinates with American Indian drawings.

**Family Night with One Heart** - Nov. 13, Tu, 5:30-7 p.m. All ages. Dinner will be served and Sallie and Sam Worley will entertain with bluegrass music and stories.

**Family Night with Santa's Missing Mail** - Dec. 18, Tu, 5:30-7 p.m. All ages. Dinner will be served and puppeteer David Stephens will entertain with his original puppet play.

**Family Night with the Looney Luau** - Jan. 15, Tu, 5:30-7 p.m. All ages. Beat the winter doldrums with a real beach party complete with BBQ and ice cream.



### ENSLEY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

#### Children

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

**Storytime** - Every W, 11:30 a.m.

**National Children's Book Week** - Nov. 13-19, Reading is out of this world.

Check out a book and register to win a prize to be given away on Nov. 19.

**Movie** - Dec. 13, Th, 2 p.m. Arthur's Perfect Christmas. Preschoolers.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.** - Jan. 15, Tu, 2 p.m. Color sheets. Preschoolers.



### 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.

**Thanksgiving Can Food Drive** - Nov. 1-19. Patrons and staff are asked to please donate one or more can goods to the Adult Department can food drive. Donations will be made to a local shelter on November 20, 2001.

**Black Author Christmas Give-A-Way.** Dec. 1-17. Read a fiction or non-fiction book of your choice, by any black author, and register to win a Christmas surprise. Drawings will be held Tu, Dec. 18. Register at the Adult Dept. desk.

#### Young Adults

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

**Poetry** - Nov. 7, W, 4 p.m. Ms. Evelyn Williams Poet/Adolescence Council will perform poetry on Racial/Pride, Peer Relations and Decisions/Choices. Please come and join us in this poetic occasion.

**Christmas Crafts** - Dec. 19, W, 12noon. Please sign up in the Adult Department.

#### Children

**Storytime** - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m., except Dec. 18-Jan. 1. Families, daycares, classes - everyone invited for stories, music, games, films.

**Decorating Day** - Nov. 23, F, 11-1 p.m. Everyone invited to make and hang holiday decorations. Please sign up in advance in the Youth Dept. or call 786-2493.

**Home for the Holidays** - Dec. 18-20, 11-12:30 p.m. Celebrate with crafts, stories, music. All ages invited but please register in advance.

**Hearts in January** - Jan. 21-Feb. 6. Make loving Valentines for the kids at Children's Hospital; add your creativity and love to paper, stickers, and glue provided by the library. Everyone invited to participate.

### GARDENDALE

#### Young Adults

**Sign Language Class** - Every 2nd & 4th W, 3:30 p.m. Play fun games and learn to sign with Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Lou Ellen. Grades 7-12.

**YA Crafts** - Dec. 11, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Drop in after school for crafts and snacks. Grades 7-12.

#### Children

**Toddler Time** - Nov. 2, F, 10 a.m. Brown Bear. Brown Bear What do you see?

**Stories & More with 3's & 4's** - Nov. 2, F, 11 a.m. For ages three to four.

**Afterschool Storytime** - Nov. 6, Tu, 3:30 p.m. It's Peanut Butter Month, so let's get nutty & have some fun! Grades K-5.

**Storytime** - Nov. 7, W, 9 a.m. Be Thankful.

**Family Night** - Nov. 8, Th, 6:30 p.m. Visit Library for more details.

**Ms. Carolyn's Storytime** - Nov. 14, W, 9 a.m. Join Ms. Carolyn for Turkey Tales.

**Toddler Time** - Nov. 16, F, 10 a.m.

**Stories & More with 3's & 4's** - Nov. 16, F, 11 a.m. Learn about the letter T.

**Afterschool Storytime** - Nov. 20, Tu, 3:30 p.m. It's Creative Child Month, how creative can you be?

**Storytime** - Nov. 21, W, 9 a.m. Learn to say Hello in many different ways for World Hello Day.

**Ms. Carolyn's Storytime** - Nov. 28, W, 9 a.m. Stories, songs & fun with Carolyn Tucker.

**Afterschool Storytime** - Dec. 4, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Make a Christmas craft. Grades K-5.

**Storytime** - Dec. 5, W, 9 a.m. O' Christmas Tree.

**Toddler Time** - Dec. 7, F, 10 a.m. Gold ornaments on the tree.

**Stories & More with 3's & 4's** - Dec. 7, F, 11 a.m. Santa Claus is coming to town.

**Ms. Carolyn's Storytime** - Dec. 12, W, 9 a.m. Christmas stories with Carolyn Tucker.

**Afterschool Storytime** - Dec. 18, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Christmas is coming!

**Storytime** - Dec. 19, W, 9 a.m. Christmas is coming!

**Ms. Carolyn's Storytime** - Jan. 9, W, 9 a.m. Winter stories with Carolyn Tucker.

**Afterschool Storytime** - Jan. 15, Tu, 3:30 p.m. Stories & more with Ms. Lou Ellen.

**Storytime** - Jan. 16, W, 9 a.m. National Nothing Day.

**Toddler Time** - Jan. 18, F, 10 a.m. I Love You the Purplest.

**Stories & More with 3's & 4's** - Jan. 18, F, 11 a.m. Words the start with S.

**Ms. Carolyn's Storytime** - Jan. 23, W, 9 a.m. Join Carolyn Tucker for a morning of fun.

**Storytime** - Jan. 30, W, 9 a.m. What shall I wear?

### HOMWOOD

#### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Brown Bag Film Series** - Nov. 7, 14, 28, Dec. 5, 12, Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 12:30 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished by the Friends of the Library.

**Special Christmas Program** - Dec. 6, Th, 7 p.m., Well-known Birmingham actress Delores Hydock performs Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*. Limited seating.

Call 877-8665 for further details.

**Beyond Goosebumps Book 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. Every 1st Th, 7 p.m. at Emmett O'Neal Library in Mountain Brook.

Call Ann Scott at Homewood Public Library, 877-8665 for details/reading suggestions.

**Young Adults**

**Sign Language Fun** - Every 1st & 3rd Th, 4-5 p.m. Carolyn Tucker teaches signing.

**TABs (Teen Advisory Board)** - Monthly meeting to review and order materials, plan and host programs, eat and have fun.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale in Nov. Wrapping party in Dec. Call 877-8665 for times.

**Vulcan Voice** - Giving teens a voice. Online at [www.jclcl.org/vulcanvoice](http://www.jclcl.org/vulcanvoice).

**Children**

**Weekday Storytime** - Every Tu & W, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 1-20, Jan. 7-31, Feb. 1-28. All ages welcome. For larger groups, a call is nice but not necessary.

**Lap Sit** - Dec. 14, Jan. 19, & Feb. 16, F, 10:30 a.m. Ages birth -23 months and their lap partner. Registration begins the first day of each month. No siblings please. Call 877-8666 for more information.

**2's Company** - Dec. 21, Jan. 26, & Feb. 23, F, 10:30 a.m. Ages 24-35 months and their lap partner. Registration begins the first day of each month. No siblings please. Call 877-8666 for more information.

**First Fridays Storytime** - Dec. 7 & Feb. 1, F, 10:30 a.m. All ages welcome. For larger groups, a call is nice but not necessary.

**Pre-Teen Helpers** - Dec. 17, Jan. 21, & Feb. 18, M, 4 p.m. Open to students 3rd-4th grades. For more information call 877-8666.

**Holiday Craft Time** - Dec. 13, Th, 10:30 a.m. Come make a special holiday card and we will mail it for you. Bring a favorite photo to make it special if you wish! All ages welcome. Limited space. Registration begins the first day of the month. Call 877-8666.

**Special Family Holiday Festivities** - Dec. 6, Th, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

### HOOVER

#### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Friends of the Library** - Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month in the library meeting rooms. 10 a.m. Public invited.

**Abundant Blessings: Stories of Pumpkin Pie, Just Desserts and Being Truly Grateful** - Nov. 5, M, 10 a.m. Dolores Hydock, Storyteller/Actress/Writer.

**State of the City** - Jan. 7, M, 10 a.m. by Mayor Barbara McCollum.

**Friends Bookstore** - Hours: Tu, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., W & Th, 12noon-4 p.m.; Su, 2-5 p.m. Great books and magazines at unbelievably low prices.

**Spanish Language Collection** - The Hoover Public Library has a new Spanish language collection of books and videos to serve the growing Hispanic community in Jefferson County.

**Book Discussion Group** - Every 2nd Th, 10-12noon. Theatre Level meeting room. Everyone welcome! For more information, call 444-7820.

**The Scarlet Pimpernel** - Nov. 8, Th, 10 a.m. by Emmuska Orczy

**The Surface of Earth** - Dec. 13, Th, 10 a.m. by Reynolds Price

**To Be Announced** - Jan. 10, Th, 10 a.m. Call for title information

#### Young Adults

(Grades 6-12)

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

**Web Site Design** - Nov. 15, Th, 4:30 p.m. Come help review and update the Young Adult section of the Library's Web Site.

**T-shirt Transfer** - Dec. 20, Th, 4:30 p.m. Join us in the Computer Training Center and design a T-shirt transfer to take home with you.

**Papermaking** - Jan. 17, Th, 4:30 p.m. Learn some basic papermaking techniques and make a card to give to your Valentine!

#### Children

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



### Hoover's Library Theatre

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

#### Beethoven Alive

November 2 & 3,

Friday & Saturday

8:00 p.m.

Through background music, live renditions of Beethoven's works, conversations with the audience, and flashbacks, Stephen Eager creates a powerful and triumphant mosaic of Beethoven's life. Tickets \$15.

#### Holiday Cabaret

December 6-8,

Thursday-Saturday

8:00 p.m.

Laughter and music take center stage as some of Birmingham's best comics and musicians poke fun at Southern holiday traditions. Tickets \$15.



# Southern Voices 2002

**Mark your calendar! February 22, 23 & 24,  
Southern Voices Conference, 10th reunion.**

"The Circle is Unbroken" – A celebration of Southern writing, theater and art featuring more than 50 Southern Voices authors! Pat Conroy, Connie May Fowler, William Cobb, Jill McCorkle, Nanci Kincaid, Robert Morgan, Dori Sanders, Tony Earley, Lewis Nordan, Mike Stewart and many, many others. Also, enjoy the Alabama Troubadours, the greatest hits of singers/songwriters Karren Pell, Tommy Goldsmith and Tom House. Also featuring David Wilcox in concert. Tickets on sale in January. Call The Library Theatre Box Office at 444-7888 for more information.

**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. Groups must register. (All ages.)

**Puppet Shows** - Every 3rd Tu & W, 10:30 a.m. Groups must register. (All ages.)

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

**Children's Book Week** - Nov. 12-18. Fact or fiction? Join us for daily trivia contests about your favorite children's author.

**Holiday Sing-A-Long** - Dec. 11, Tu, 7 p.m. Bring the entire family and join Jim Aycock for holiday songs, fun...and maybe a visit from Santa himself? (All ages.)

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

**Screaming Jesse, the Mime** - Nov. 1, Th, 4:30 p.m. Come join us and use your imagination as Jesse creates stories without using words. (Grades K-5)

**Mrs. Santa and Friends** - Dec. 6, Th, 4:30 p.m. Storyteller, April Moon, presents wonderful holiday stories. (Grades K-5)

**BE-AT YOUR BEST** - Jan. 10, Th, 4:30 p.m. A drum and music extravaganza with over 100 percussions instruments.

**Book Discussion Club** (Grades 4-5) - Nov. 6, Dec. 4, & Jan. 8, Tu, 7 p.m. Children in grades 4-5 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.)

**Book Discussion Club** (Grades 2-3) - Nov. 20, Dec. 4, & Jan. 22, Tu, 7 p.m.

Children in grades 2-3 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 Dec. 17-Jan. 4. Library will be closed Nov. 22 & 23, Dec. 22-25, Dec. 31-Jan. 1, and Jan. 21.*

## HUEYTOWN

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Knitting Classes** - Every M, 10 a.m. Call 491-1443 for more information.

**Dulcimer Classes** - One Saturday each month. Call Mr. or Mrs. Masters for more information at 744-0189.

### Children

**Storytime with Mrs. Carolyn** - Every 1st & 3rd Tu, 11:30 a.m.



## INGLENOOK

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Children

**Storytime with the Springville Road Ladies** - Every F, 9:30 a.m.

**National Family Literacy Day** - Nov. 1, Th. To celebrate this special day, everyone who comes to the library and checks out a book will get a special treat.

**Dress the Inglenook Turkey** - Nov. 5-9. When you visit the library this week, add your own special feather to the Inglenook Library's Thanksgiving gobbler.

**National Children's Book Week** - Nov. 12-18. Each time you check out three books, you can register to win a terrific prize to be given away Nov. 19.

**'Tis the Season** - Nov. 29, Th, 10 a.m. Let's celebrate the coming holiday season with entertainment by Larry Moore. Pre-registration required.

**Holiday Rockin' n' Rollin' with Ms. Kristie** - Dec. 6, Th, 10 a.m. Join us for one of Ms. Kristie's very special holiday storytimes. Registration required.

**Time to Decorate** - Dec. 11-13, 4-5 p.m. Come by each day and make a special ornament to add to the Inglenook Christmas tree.

**Because We Love You** - Jan. 3, Th, Get the New Year off to a great start by coming to the library, checking out a book, and having refreshments with us.

**It's National Book Month** - Jan. 2-29. Every time you check out three books, you may register to win a Book Month prize to be awarded Jan. 31.

**Winter Matinee and Popcorn** - Jan. 10, Th, 4-5 p.m. Stop by this afternoon and watch a movie with us. Popcorn and cokes will be served.

**Remember Martin** - Jan. 14, M. Everyone who checks out books today will get a special bookmark to commemorate Dr. King's birthday.

**Have a Hug** - Jan. 21, M. When you check out 3 books or 3 videos this afternoon, have a hug on us - from the Hershey Co., that is!

## IRONDALE

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**An Evening with Jim Aycock** - Nov. 15, Th, 7 p.m. Music and entertainment for the entire family.

### Children

**Storytime** - Nov. 1 & 15, Dec. 6 & 20, & Jan. 3 & 17, Th, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-5.

**AfterSchool Storytime** - Nov. 6 & Dec. 4, Tu, 4 p.m. 1st-4th grades.

**Time for Twos** - Nov. 13, Dec. 11 & Jan. 8, 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.

## LEEDS / JANE CULBRETH

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Computer Basics** - Every 1st F, 1:30 p.m. Introduction for beginners.

**Decoupage Bowl** - Nov. 6, Tu, 10 a.m. Must call 699-5962 to pre-register for this adult craft session. Limited enrollment.

**Intrepid Birdmen: The Pilots of World War I** - Nov. 8, Th, 7 p.m. Storyteller Dolores Hydock's eye-opening tale hosted by the Friends of the Library. This Veterans Day salute is sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

**Internet Introduction** - Every 2nd W, 1:30 p.m. World Wide Web for beginners.

**Christmas Creations** - Dec. 11, Tu, 10 a.m. Must call 699-5962 to pre-register for this adult craft session. Limited enrollment.

**Prairie Dolls** - Jan. 15, Tu, 10 a.m. Must call 699-5962 to pre-register for this adult craft session. Limited enrollment.

**Word '97** - Jan. 16, 23, & 30, W, 1:30 p.m. Three week word processing course for beginners.

**Meet the Author** - Jan. 24, Th, 7 p.m. Virginia Jackson, author of *Kiss Sweet Little Lillah for Me* reads letters from Confederate soldier Tommy Jackson at this book signing.

### Young Adults

**Teen Time Computer Time!** - Nov. 6, Tu, 4 p.m. Join Leeds' own Computer wiz, Byron Lagrone, as he shares some computer tips!

**Kids' Crafts** - Nov. 15, Th, Dec. 5, W, & Jan. 22, Tu, 3:30 p.m. It's craft time!

**Sign Language Club!** - Every 3rd Tu, 4 p.m. Join our new sign language club! We'll learn some basic sign language and play fun games!

**Game Day!** - Nov. 21, W, & Dec. 21, F, 10 a.m. & Jan. 17, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games!

**Teen Time Christmas Time!** - Dec. 12, W, 4 p.m. Cool Christmas crafts!

**Teen Time Puppet Time!** - Jan. 24, Th, 4 p.m. April Moon's puppet workshop will teach us how to use puppets to tell stories!

### Children

**Homework Helpers** - Every 1st Th, 3:30 p.m. Do you need help with your homework? One-on-one tutoring with area high school students!

**Musical Family Fun Night!** - Nov. 5, M, 6:30 p.m. Let's play Orff style! Dorothy Ward will teach us all about these unique instruments.

**Storytime with Ms. Carolyn** - Nov. 8, Dec. 13, & Jan. 10, Th, 10 a.m. It's storytime!

**Give Thanks!** - Nov. 13, Tu, 10 a.m. Join Miss Melissa as we give thanks for good books! Enjoy stories and songs!

**Kids' Crafts** - Nov. 15, Th, Dec. 5, W, & Jan. 22, Tu, 3:30 p.m. It's craft time!

**Game Day!** - Nov. 21, W, & Dec. 21, F, 10 a.m. & Jan. 17, Th, 3:30 p.m. Let's play games!



## An Interview With BETSEY GREEN Alabama Author

*Tell us a little about your background.*

*I was born in Salt Lake, but my parents moved shortly thereafter to Birmingham where my father went to medical school at UAB. I have always loved to read and to write. Several years ago I started writing short stories about my Mom, who died young, and sent them to my family as Christmas gifts. About three years ago, my aunt told me that if I could find a way to channel the passion I felt for my mother into another form of writing that I might be able to get something published.*

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

*That idea planted itself in my mind and started to grow. When I finally decided to give writing a book a try, my first decision was to find the market I wanted to write in. As a life-long member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, I have strong Christian values. So I decided to try religious fiction. At first I considered writing a non-denominational type book, but realized that I could make a book about Mormon characters more realistic since that's what I am and what I know.*

**What is your book about? What gave you the idea?**

*My book is titled *Hearts in Hiding* and was published in May by Covenant. I created a small town in southern Georgia that closely resembled my father's hometown of Headland. I think many people from other parts of the country have a lot of misconceptions about Southerners. I wanted to show the genteel and refined side of Southern womanhood. I have since submitted another book, named *'Never Look Back'*, which will be released in February or March of next year.*

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CONDUCTED BY LESLIE WEST  
BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Christmas Camp-out!** - Dec. 17, M, 6:30 p.m. Our Reader's Theater Club is taking us on a Christmas Camp-out!

**'Tis the Season!** - Dec. 20, Th, 10 a.m. Let's be jolly with some great holiday stories and songs!

**The World Is A Rainbow!** - Jan. 2, W, 10 a.m. Colors, colors, colors! Enjoy a colorful storytime with Miss Melissa.

**Pajama Party!** - Jan. 14, M, 6:30 p.m. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear, pillows, and slippers! Let's cuddle up for some bedtime stories and enjoy a bedtime snack!



## 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, stories & more. Call 592-2082 for more information.

**Storytime for Tots** - Every Tu, 9-9:30 a.m. Join us for books, stories, games, songs & more. Families & daycares welcome. All storytimes will end on Tu, Dec. 4.





## 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 the next issue of **The Reader**.

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

**Celebrate Children's Books** - Nov. 13, Tu, 3:30-4:30 p.m. In honor of Children's Book Week, Nov. 11-17, join us as we BINGO FOR BOOKS! Here is your chance to win a book by one of your favorite authors.

**Celebrate Native American History Month** - Nov. 1-21. Come in & add your very own feather to the North Avondale Indian Chief's headdress.

**Turkey Shoot** - Nov. 6-19. Try your luck at shooting the North Avondale Turkey. A hit just might win you the real thing.

**Tree Trimming Time** - Dec. 3-20. Spread some holiday cheer by creating an ornament to hang on the North Avondale Christmas Tree.

**Deck the Halls with a Holiday Craft** - Dec. 12, W, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Join us for a cool & crazy day of holiday craft making.

**Celebrate National Book Month** - Jan. 2-30. Checkout 3 books & register to win a National Book Month Surprise.

**Tongue Twister Time** - Jan. 7, M, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers... Can you say it? If you can, you just might win a sweet & gooey tongue-twisting treat.



## NORTH BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Adult Book Club** - Every 4th Su, 4-6 p.m. Call the Adult Dept. for details.

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

**GED Classes** - Every Tu & Th, 10-4 p.m.

**Kwanzaa Program** - Dec. 31, M, 4-5:30 p.m. Drumming Circle. Come and try your skills at playing African Drums.

A circle session will be led by a master drummer. Play or listen. Everyone is welcome. Drums will be provided. Sister Yamini Malika, Facilitator, Birmingham Kwanzaa & Heritage, Inc.

### Young Adults

**Red Cross Babysitting** - Nov. 3, Sa, 9-4 p.m. Become a certified babysitter. Ages 11-15. Must register. Fee required. Call department for more details.

**Reader's Theatre** - Dec. 12, W, 4-5 p.m. Sign up to have a fun time with books and drama. No rehearsal required. There's even a part for you.

**Chat-n-Snack** - Jan. 23, W, 4-5 p.m. Social issues getting you down, let's talk about it. Hosted by the Birmingham Police Department. Call library for further details.

### Children

**Pre-teen Crochet Class** - Every Sa, 12-2 p.m. Ms. Juliette Watts, Instructor.

**Storytime with Ms. Margaret** - Every Th, 10 a.m. Join Margaret for stories, songs and fun. Due to the holidays, please consult the departmental calendar for specific program dates. Daycares welcome.

**Family Fun Night** - Nov. 13, Dec. 11 & Jan. 8, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Bring the whole family for a fun filled time of stories and songs. Registration required.

**Barbara McBride-Smith** - Nov. 1, 9 a.m. She is a comedian, historian and storyteller all into one. School groups are welcomed. Registration required.

**Turkey & Dressing** - Nov. 1-21. In honor of Mr. Turkey, come and add a feather to the giant turkey bulletin board.

**Celebrate National Children's Book Week** - Nov. 12-18. Checkout (5) children's books and register to win a Children's Book Week surprise.

**Tree Trimming** - Dec. 1-15. Come and decorate your very own Christmas ornament to add to the Youth Department's tree.

**Holiday Fun** - Dec. 1, Sa, 10:30-12noon. Holiday movies, crafts and refreshments.



## POWDERLY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Pre-School Story Hour** - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m.

**Computer Class** - Every Th, 10:30 a.m.

### Children

**Pre-School Story Hour** - Every Tu, 10:30 a.m. Pre-school and Daycare groups are encouraged to join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun.

**Celebrate National Children's Book Week** - Nov. 12-18. Theme: "Get Carried Away". Carry away books for this week and register to win a prize.

**National Game and Puzzle Week** - Nov. 18-24. Join us each day at 4 p.m. for games and puzzles.

**Girl Scouts** - Every other Th, 3:30 p.m. Call the library for details.

**Win A "Christmas Reward"** - Register for our Christmas Reward Reading Contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes awarded. Call the library for details. Contest ends Dec. 18.

**Christmas Tree Lighting** - Dec. 1, Sa, 10 a.m. Donate your favorite ornament to be placed on our tree.

**Remember Dr. Martin L. King** - Jan. 14-18. Check out books and enjoy movies during the week to commemorate Dr. King's Birthday.



## PRATT CITY

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Central Pratt Community Meetings** - Every 4th Tu, 6-7 p.m. Johnny Howze, President

**CHARPS - COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORS AS RESEARCH PARTNERS**, will meet every 3rd Mon, 6-8 p.m. A program of the UAB Deep South Network for Cancer Control.

Save this date!

# ALABAMA BOUND

Celebrating Alabama Authors and Publishers

## Birmingham Public Library

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Central Library - 2100 Park Place

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

**I-COM Ministries** - Nov. 24 & Dec. 22, Sa, 10-1 p.m.

**VITA-FREE Income Tax Service** - Every Sa, Jan. 26-April 13, call library for time.

**Thanksgiving Basket** - Nov. 1-20. Please donate non-perishable items.

**Kwanzaa Celebration** - Dec. 27th, 2-4 p.m. African Drum Circle, open to the public. Come try your skills at playing the African drums.

Each drumming circle lead by a master drummer. Play or listen, drums will be provided. Speaker Malika Yamini,

### Children

**Storytime** - Every W, 10-10:45 a.m. with Ms. Margaret

**Teddy Bear Pajama Party** - Nov. 2, F, 6-8 p.m. Wear your flannel pajamas and bring your favorite teddy bear. There will be a surprise guest to tell you a story. Refreshments will be served.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Pajama Party** - Nov. 30, F, 6-8 p.m. Come and sing some Christmas carols. There will be a special surprise and an exciting storytime. Refreshments will be served.

**Christmas Party** - Dec. 19, W, 12-5 p.m. Come celebrate this wonderful season, with refreshments and music.

**Celebrate Dr. King's Birthday** - Jan. 21, M, 4-5:30 p.m. Remembering a great man.



## SLOSSFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Acipco-Finley Citizens Participation Association Group** - Every 2nd Tu, 5 p.m.

**After School Girl Scouts** - 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 Dance** - Every W & F 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Debra Blackmon

**After School Art & Crafts** - Every 2nd & 4th F, 3:30 p.m.

**After School Story Times, With Mrs. Carolyn Tucker** - every 1st W & 1st & 3rd M, 3:30 p.m.

**Daily Movies** - 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Fallfest Art & Crafts** - Nov. 9, F, 3-5 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Work Sheets** - Nov. 12-21, 3:30 p.m.

**Winter Works Sheets** - Dec. 3-10, 3:30 p.m.

**Happy Birthday Dr. M. L. King, Jr.** - King Birthday Celebration Week, Jan. 14-19.

# IF YOU LIKE...

## THE HORSE WHISPERER

### YOU'LL ALSO LIKE...

**A Crack in Forever**  
by Jeannie Brewer

**In the Presence of Horses**  
by Barbara Dimmick

**Firebird**  
by Janice Graham

**The Snow Falcon**  
by Stuart Harrison

**The Honk & Holler Opening Soon**  
by Billie Letts

**The Falconer**  
by Elaine McCarthy

**Dancing at the Harvest Moon**  
by K.C. McKinnon

**Your Oasis on Flame Lake**  
by Lorna Landvik

**Loving Chloe**  
by Jo-Anne Mapson

**The Lazarus Child**  
by Robert Mawson

**A Dry Spell**  
by Susie Moloney

**Message From Forever, Mutant Message Down Under**  
by Marlo Morgan

**Reservation Road**  
by John Burnham Schwartz

**Message In A Bottle, The Notebook**  
by Nicholas Sparks

**Four Letters of Love**  
by Niall Williams

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Bessemer Public Library



## Gallery Exhibits

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC  
LIBRARY CENTRAL

Gallery

**November 4 - December 30  
DOWNTOWN DISCOVERY-  
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS  
OF CITY CENTER  
SURPRISES.**

Photographs, drawings and mixed media by students of all ages.

The exhibit accompanies the release of the third edition of the Downtown Discovery Tour, guided and self-guided explorations of the Birmingham City Center.

Exhibit by Birmingham Historical Society and the Birmingham Public Library with the support of the Alabama Historical Commission, Alabama Power Company Foundation, Birmingham Realty Company, The City of Birmingham and The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham.

Reception is free and open to the public from 3-5 p.m. on Nov. 4 in the Library Gallery.

**January 2 – March 10  
Photographs by  
Dewitt A. Dillenbeck**

These collections of images are black and white photographs of landscapes, people and things, whose traits are emphasized by various materials and techniques unique to photography.



### HOMWOOD

All exhibits are open during regular library hours.

**December 1-28  
Seasonal Exhibit**

This exhibit will feature special holiday greetings from our staff and community.

**January 3-30  
Paintings From Travels**

An exhibit from artist and Homewood resident Leo Wright.

**February 3-28  
A Photo Exhibit in  
Black & White**

An exhibit of the works of the AP photograph students from Homewood High School.



### HOOVER

**Friends Gallery**

**November  
Soon-Bok Sellers**

**December  
Karen Williams**

**January  
To Be Announced**

For more information about these exhibits call 877-8664.



### SMITHFIELD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

#### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Adult Book Club** - Call library for details!

**Thanksgiving Basket** - For the month of November please donate a nonperishable food item to the Thanksgiving Basket that will be located on the information desk. This basket will be donated to help families in need during the Holiday Season.

**Birmingham Black Barons** - The Historical Birmingham Black Barons Exhibit will be featured during the month of November.

#### Young Adults

**Dragon Ball ZZZZZZ DAY** - Nov. 12, M, 5 p.m. Drawing contest, Games, Internet searches. Registration is required!

#### Children

**Terrific Toddler Tales** - Every W & Th, 10 a.m. A storytime designed for little ones, ages K-3. Registration is required.

**Improve Your Child's Math, Reading, Science And English Through Dance Educational Arts** - Dance Theory, Dance Technique, etc...will be taught. Registration is required. Space is limited! Please call Library for details.

**Where's The Fire!** - Nov. 5, 4 p.m. A salute to National Fire Month, presented by The Red Cross. Registration is required. Door Prizes will be given out!

**Home Alone?** Dec. 3, 10 a.m. A panel discussion on how to handle situations while home alone during the Christmas Break. Please come share on the panel. All ages are welcome.

**Deck The Halls** - Dec. 1, 4 p.m. Please join us for our annual holiday tree lighting ceremony.

**Children's Book Day** - Nov. Create your own book adventure on your favorite topic. There will be a contest held for the best book adventure. Call library for more details.

**African Drumming Session** - Dec. 29, Sa, 12noon. If you ever wanted to play African Drums attend this drumming session African style in a celebration of Kwanzaa. Everyone can play and drums will be provided. This session is sponsored by the Birmingham Kwanzaa Heritage.

**Scrubby Bear** - Jan. 8, Tu, 10 a.m. Did you wash your hands? Scrubby Bear shares the importance of hygiene and washing your hands. Presented by the Red Cross. Daycares and Schools are welcome! Please register.

**A MAN OF HONOR** - Jan. 17, Th, 4 p.m. Come share as we pay homage to a legendary man (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) through poetry, literary works, music, drama. Refreshments will be served.

**Barbara McBride-Smith** - Nov. 2, F, 4-5 p.m. All Ages. Refreshments will be served.

**Children**

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



### SOUTHSIDE

Birmingham Public Library Branch

#### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Children**

#### Children

**Children**

**Children**

## David Sedaris

ALYS STEPHENS CENTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2001 – 8:00 P.M.

Since the hilarious recounting of his strange-but-true experiences as a Macy's Christmas elf on NPR's *Morning Edition*, David Sedaris has taken center stage as the master of satire and chronicler of the absurd. Now one of NPR's most popular commentators and the best-selling author of *Naked*, *Barrel Fever*, and *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, Sedaris shares his insights with "a satirical brazenness that holds up to Twain and Nathanael West" (*New Yorker*). If you enjoyed last season's performance by Spalding Gray, you'll love this show!

**10% OFF**  
Present your JCLC (Jefferson County Library Cooperative) library card and receive 10% off the purchase of your ticket for this performance. You must show your library card at the Alys Stephens Center ticket office when purchasing your ticket.



### SPRINGVILLE ROAD

Birmingham Public Library Branch

#### Children

**All Ages Storytime** - Every W, 10:30 a.m. Join us for songs, stories, & fun! Everyone is welcome.

**Time for 2's** - Nov. 19, Dec. 10, & Jan. 28, 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.

**Be a Thankful Turkey** - Nov. 1-30. What are you thankful for? Stop by anytime in November, & let us know by adding a feather to our giant turkey.

**Spud-tacular Family Fun!** - Nov. 10, Sa, 10:30 a.m. & Nov. 27, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Choose one of these times to bring the gang for a special potato storytime & craft. Fun for the entire family!

**Family Celebration with Santa & the Mrs.** - Dec. 3, M, 6:30 p.m. & Dec. 8, Sa, 10:30 a.m. 'Tis the season for a party! Bring all the elves to the library during either of these times for some jolly entertainment.

**Afternoon Handtalk** - Dec. 10 & Jan. 14, M, 4 p.m. In a special session for older kids, Ms. Carolyn entertains with a program infused with sign language.

**Holiday Break** - Dec. 17-Jan. 4. All programs will be suspended for the holidays.

**Family Foot Frolic** - Jan. 12, Sa, 10:30 a.m. & Jan. 29, Tu, 6:30 p.m. Hoof it to the library for tootsie time! The whole clan is invited to join us for a special storytime & activity.

**Valentines Craft** - Jan. 28-Feb. 10. Stop by the children's department at any time & make a special valentine for the patients at Children's Hospital.

#### Children

**Children**

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

**Library Scavenger Hunt** - Use your library skills and complete a list of questions and win an exciting prize. Forms will be distributed Monday, November 19. Drawing will be November 21.

**Holiday Open House** - Nov. 29, Th, 10-11:30 a.m. Come see what's new at your Library. Coffee and pastries served.

**Holiday Craft** - Dec. 10, M, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Materials provided. Holiday snack served.

**Quick Net @ Titusville Library** - Jan. 24, Th, 10-11 a.m. Get a quick lesson on how to surf the Internet. Registration required. Limited space available.

### 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, beginning Aug. 31, 3:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

**Crafts** - Nov. 12, Dec. 10, & Jan. 14, M, 3:30 p.m. Materials provided.

**Games Day** - Nov. 19, Dec. 17, M, & Jan. 22, Tu, 3:30 p.m. More than Chess!

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





Contributed By **Leslie West**  
Adult Services, Bessemer Public Library

As *The Crow Flies* by Jeffrey Archer. The compelling saga of a peddler who rises to become Britain's most triumphant businessman.

*Beach Music* by Pat Conroy. One of the best books I've ever listened to. Employs locations in South Carolina & Italy, and a wonderful southern cast of characters. I didn't want it to end!

*The Cat Who Series* by Lilian Jackson Braun. Delightful mystery series starring two sleuthing cats. The Recorded Books versions are a must for the narration of George Guidell.

*Time and Again & From Time to Time* by Jack Finney. Finney's classic time travel saga.

*Why Me, Why This, Why Now* by Robin Norwood. An excellent guide to answering Life's toughest questions.

*I Built The Titanic* by William Barnes. Fascinating; the actual past-life regression tapes of a man claiming to be Thomas Andrews, builder of the Titanic.

*In The House of the Riddle Mother* by Clarissa Pinkola Estes. Excellent tapes on dream analysis. Estes is superb.

#### Children

**Storytime** - Every Th, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime. All are welcome, however, especially for ages 6 and younger.

**Children's Story Hour** - Every 3rd W, 10 a.m. Storytime and crafts for children who are home schooled. Stories and crafts will be geared for children ages 7-11. Reservations requested.

**American Girl's Club** - Every 4th M, 6:30 p.m. Each month we will highlight a girl and the time period that she lived. Felicity, Samantha and Kit will be highlighted the next three months. Call Ms. Jennifer for more details and for reservations.

**Children's Book Week** - Nov. 13-16. Each afternoon at 3:30 p.m. a special guest will read a book in the Children's Department. Come celebrate Children's Book Week with us.

**Trussville Christmas Parade** - Dec. 1, Sa. The Children's Department will decorate a float for the parade. Those who would like to ride on the float, ride a bike or walk along behind the float, come help us prepare and decorate. We will begin making decorations on Tu, Nov. 27.

**Pajama Party and Storytime** - Jan. 7, M, 7 p.m. Join Ms. Jennifer in your pajamas for stories and songs especially to get you ready for sleep. Milk and cookies will be served to those who are dressed in their P.J.'s. All ages are invited.

#### 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 yrs.

**PJ Storytime** - Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28, M, 7 p.m.

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

**Special Christmas Program** - To be announced. For information, call 978-0158.

#### WARRIOR

##### Children

**Regular 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. Beginning Sep. Every 1st & 3rd Tu, 10 a.m. Community Center.



#### WEST END

Birmingham Public Library Branch

##### Programs/Exhibits/Meetings

**Canned Food Drive** - Kick off for the drive starts Nov. 1. All canned goods need to be brought to the library. Distribution will be from the Urban Ministry located in the Arlington West End Community.

##### Children

**Storytime** - Every Tu, 3 p.m.

**Decorate The Christmas Tree** - Dec. 6, Th, 3 p.m. Come decorate the Christmas tree.

**Christmas Craft** - Dec. 13 Th. Join the fun with Ms. Anita and make a gift for someone special. Call Library for time.



#### WOODLAWN

Birmingham Public Library Branch

##### Children

**Storytime** - Every Tu, 10 a.m. Families, daycares, and classes invited.



#### WYLAM

Birmingham Public Library Branch

##### Children

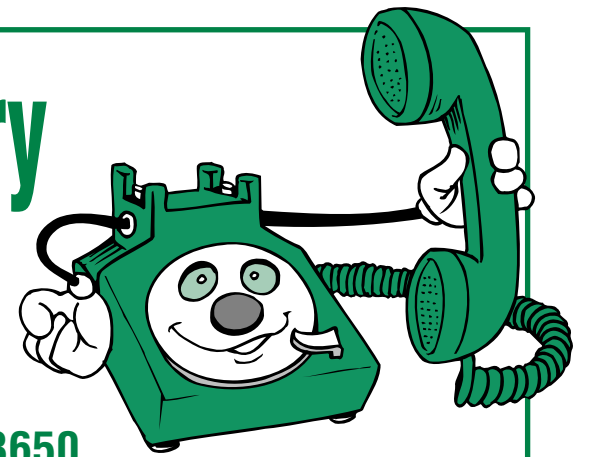
**Storytime** - Every W, 12:30 p.m.

**Storyteller Visit** - Nov. 2, F, 9 a.m. Join us for a visit from storyteller Barbara McBride-Smith.

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.**



## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### BIRMINGHAM/JEFFERSON COUNTY

Adamsville.....674-3399 <a href="http://adamsville.lib.al.us">http://adamsville.lib.al.us</a>	Emmet O'Neal (Mtn. Brook)..879-0459 <a href="http://www.eolib.org">http://www.eolib.org</a>
Bessemer.....428-7882 <a href="http://bessemer.lib.al.us">http://bessemer.lib.al.us</a>	Fultondale.....849-6335 <a href="http://www.fultondale.lib.al.us">http://www.fultondale.lib.al.us</a>
Birmingham (Central).....226-3600 <a href="http://www.bham.lib.al.us">http://www.bham.lib.al.us</a>	Gardendale/Martha Moore.....631-6639 <a href="http://gardendale.lib.al.us">http://gardendale.lib.al.us</a>
*Avondale.....595-5821	Graysville.....674-3040 <a href="http://graysville.lib.al.us">http://graysville.lib.al.us</a>
*East Ensley.....787-1928	Homewood.....877-8661 <a href="http://www.homewood.lib.al.us">http://www.homewood.lib.al.us</a>
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# WORDS TO DRIVE BY

By Leslie West  
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The average American has a 22-minute commute to work, if there are no wrecks, no traffic jams, no construction, or it isn't raining. That sounds wonderful to me.

I live in Trussville; I work in Bessemer. This is a 45-minute commute one way for me and I drive fast!

I love my job, but this drive was wearing on me. Radio programming has too many commercials. I tired of my CD's after a while. Then one of my patrons suggested that I try listening to a book on tape.

She was extremely enthusiastic about it, and her enthusiasm was contagious. So I checked out Bessemer's audio-book collection.

I found we had an unabridged copy of Recorded Books version of *The Horse Whisperer* by Nicolas Evans. This book had been highly recommended to me, so I decided to give it a try. Am I ever glad I did! I loved it! I was as enthralled listening to this story, driving in my car down the highway, as I had been sitting in my Mother's lap, being read to as a child. The time passed all too quickly. I began to think of my commute everyday as my "Reading Time." Before this, my reading time had been confined to my hour lunch break. Like almost everyone else I know, I really don't have the luxury of reading at home. So my commute everyday was suddenly something I began to look forward to. It changed my whole outlook about being in the car. It no longer seemed like a waste of time.

Before I knew it, I was hooked. I now have a tape player in my bathroom and in my kitchen. I listen to my books while I get ready in the mornings, and while I am cooking. I guess you could say I am now a "hardcore" audio-book fan.

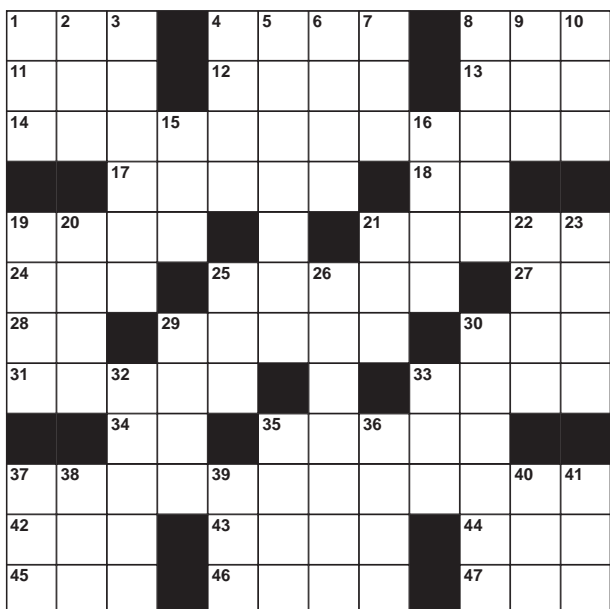
Many of my patrons are in jobs where they play audio books all day instead of listening to the radio as they work. Since my library (Bessemer Public) has one of the largest audio collections in the county, I get patrons from everywhere who "need something new to listen to."

For the unschooled, there are two types of audio books: Abridged and unabridged. Unabridged books are the complete work from start to finish. The abridged book is a "Reader's Digest" version; the original work is pared down to fit onto less tapes (frequently secondary stories are edited out and the major plot line is highlighted).

Audio books are big business. Major publishers are releasing the audio versions of new titles along with hardbacks these days. I highly recommend you give your next book a listen. Are there any long car trips in your future? Sick of listening to the radio, day in and day out? Audio books can change your whole attitude about being in a car or being chained to a task that requires your body but not your mind. Happy listening! (For my recommendations on some excellent audio picks, see Staff Recommendation in this issue)

## LIBRARY LEGACY

By JIM PATE, BPL SOUTHERN HISTORY DEPARTMENT



19. Western leg protector or the dude who wears it.
21. Circles of light not greetings.
24. Sicken not strong drink.
25. Proper arrangement or command.
27. Parisian article or cartoon Pepe's "middle name".
28. John Tolkein's other initials or Union Pacific (abbr).
29. Hen or stratum.
30. Spelt out average grade not observe.
31. Produced or parented.
33. Unit of printed knowledge or match pack.
34. Cry of pain or circumflex sound.
35. Shade or pigment.
37. Basic or supporting.
42. Mistake not hesitation vocalization.
43. Unhidden or ajar.
44. Ovine female not one-eighty.
45. Midweek day (abbr) or join.
46. Trial or exam.
47. Mr. Skelton or Mr. Buttons.

9. Entreat or solicit.
10. Have by purchase not running.
15. Point or gratuity.
16. Lachrymal secretion not building level.
19. Engine part or starchy food.
20. Employ not above.
21. Female or belonging to same.
22. Buttery sub not random mixture.
23. Attempt or search.
25. Cereal grain not should.
26. Specifies not keys just above 440.
29. Grass patch or sod.
30. Get complete control or street meeting.
32. Pepo fruit or noggin.
33. Scary shout or "Mockingbird" character.
35. Wrap or land point.
36. Cotton fiber not loaned.
37. Sparse or not many.
38. Metal bearing matrix not paddle.
39. URL divider or tiny solid circle.
40. Enthralment or dread.
41. Conducted or guided.

Clue for unchecked letters in 5D and 26D: International organization or "not" suffix.

### ACROSS

1. Ocean or injure.
4. Ancient poet not look in a store.
8. Deuce not excessively.
11. Poetic form not exclaimed.
12. Retained or fulfilled.
13. Altercation or garden arrangement.
14. Prolongation or resumption.
17. Hues not teepees.
18. Novelist Doctorow (abbr) not model Macpherson.

### DOWN

1. Native American shoe not ridicule.
2. Fuss or Annie in "Oklahoma".
3. Temporary auto or apartment.
4. Dermis or shirtless hoopster.
5. Ten tens or part of a legion.
6. Master work or Berke Breathed character.
7. Educational organization (abbr) or maybe "first part".
8. Warble or vibrate.

ANSWERS  
TO LAST ISSUE'S  
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