

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

WINTER-SPRING 2025
PROGRAM GUIDE

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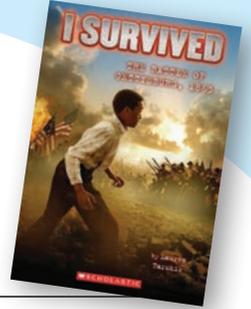
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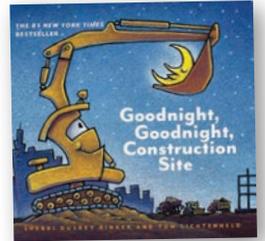
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NYT bestselling author of *Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree* and the *I Survived* series and Scholastic's veteran SVP Editor-in-Chief.



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PLUS... ONE MORE SURPRISE AUTHOR!!



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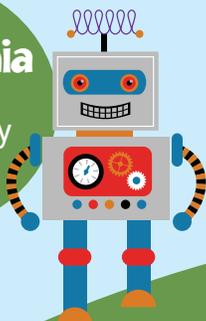


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Craft-O-Mania
Cool Crafts & Fun Inspired by Our Authors



SIMPLE STEPS GARDEN!
Especially for Infants - Age 5

VISIT cvlga.org OR
CALL 706-243-2669 FOR MORE INFORMATION

WINTER READING CHALLENGE



December 20, 2024 - February 28, 2025

The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries have a great way to encourage you to read this holiday season and new year!

Starting December 20 and running through February 28, 2025, readers in the Valley can participate in the 2024-25 Winter Reading Challenge for a chance to win \$100 gift cards and more!

Similar to the Libraries' popular Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Reading Challenge can be completed by any one at any age. The rules are simple:

- For children, read (or be read) 30 books
- For older children (who read chapter books), teens and adults, read for 15 hours

You will be able to track your reading one of two ways:

- Go to our website CVLGA.org and track your progress online with the BEANSTACK Reading Challenge App! You can use your same account from the Summer Reading Challenge.
- Use a printed reading log available at any of our Library branches (or download and print the log from CVLGA.org).

That's it! Once you have hit your goal, stop by your favorite branch of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries (if you filled out a printed log, bring that with you). We'll check your log and you'll be given an entry prize and will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing for a \$25 to \$100 VISA gift card.

Enter your reading online at Beanstack!

SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFO.



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Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

Healthy Minds, Healthy Life with the Pastoral Institute

This winter and spring, the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries are pleased to present a series of programs in partnership with our friends from the Pastoral Institute. Each program is a casual, low-pressure get-together to talk about issues of mental health and mental wellness and is led by a Pastoral Institute Counselor.



Be sure to look for the Pastoral Institute icon to identify the programs at your Library!

Columbus Public Library

3000 Macon Road
Columbus, GA 31906
706-243-2669

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Unless otherwise indicated, all children's programs will be in the Aflac Children's Department. Groups are welcome to book reservations.

TAKE AND MAKE: KAWAII CLUB (Families)

Do you like cute things with googly eyes or adorable miniatures? Stop by and make something KAWAII with our Take and Make bundles. Bundles are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. *Bags will be available the day after any holiday closings. New bags ready every Tuesday at 10:00am

TAKE AND MAKE: ORIGAMI (Families)

Take a mental health break! Fold up something cute and exciting to get your brain back on track. Origami Take and Make bundles are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. New bags ready every Tuesday at 10:00am

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FAMILY (Ages 0-5)

Let's get ready to read! Based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, this storytime helps shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play—your child is on their way!

Thur. January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00am

Thur. February 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Thur. April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A

LEGOs® IN THE LIBRARY (Families)

Build. Create. Engage. Discover. Join us in using your brain to construct LEGO® Brick masterpieces based on a challenge theme. When we learn, we win!

Thur. January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 3:00pm

Thur. February 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:00pm

Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:00pm

Thur. April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 3:00pm

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: RHYTHM AND RHYME (Ages 0-5)

Let's get ready to read! Based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, this storytime helps shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play—your child is on their way!

Fri. January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10:00am

Fri. February 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Fri. March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Fri. April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

HAPPY BIRTHDAY COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY (Families)

Come dressed in your birthday party best and join us as we celebrate 20 years of the Columbus Public Library! Fri. January 3 | 4:00pm

-  Self-directed program during Library hours.
-  Reservations requested for groups of 7 or more Call 706-243-2814.
-  NEA Big Read Program
-  Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Keep an eye out! There are many things to be found, sneaky or creepy and hidden around. Complete at your speed!

Sun. January 5 – Football

Sun. January 12 – Fairytale Mix-Up

Sun. January 19 – Reptiles

Sun. January 26 – Chinese New Year

Sun. February 2 – Cute Cryptids

Sun. February 9 – Fancy Nancy Valentines

Sun. February 16 – Dragons

Sun. February 23 – Who Was: Black History Celebration

Sun. March 2 – Marvel

Sun. March 9 – Mario

Sun. March 16 – Pete the Cat

Sun. March 23 – Berenstain Bears

Sun. March 30 – Teddy Bear Tea

Sun. April 6 – I Love My Sibling(s)

Sun. April 13 – Butterflies

Mon. April 21 – Gemstones

Sun. April 27 – Famous Authors

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: BABIES & TODDLERS (0-36 Months)

Let's get ready to read! Based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, this storytime helps shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play—your child is on their way!

Mon. January 6, 13, 27 | 10:00am

Mon. February 3, 10, 24 | 10:00am

Mon. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10:00am

Mon. April 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

FAMILY FUN NIGHT (Families)

Bring the whole family for a night of fun! Games, trivia, and creativity abound. Each family night brings a little something different.

Mon. January 6 | 4:00pm – New Year Collage Journal

Mon. February 3 | 4:00pm – Movie Night: Disney's Soul (PG)

Mon. March 3 | 4:00pm – DIY Puppet

Mon. April 7 | 4:00pm – Make Your Own Flowers

PONY BEAD PARTY (Ages 5-12)

Use beads to elevate your unique style! At Pony Bead Party, you'll get to make personalized necklaces and bracelets that complement all of your vibes.

Tues. January 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 4, 11, 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:00pm

DISCOVERY HUB (Ages 3-5)

Join us for this dynamic programming series tailored to expose young minds to a world of discovery and wonder.

Wed. January 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am – It's Getting Cold Out Here

Wed. February 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am – Cartoons For Real Life

Wed. March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am – When I Grow Up

Wed. April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am – Out of this World

KIDS CORNER

Kids can come together to play games, socialize, or be creative. Games and activities will be provided, but families are welcome to bring their games to share.

Wed. January 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:00pm

Wed. February 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4:00pm

Wed. March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4:00pm

Wed. April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4:00pm

CULTURE QUEST (Families)

You don't need to buy a planet ticket to explore the world. Each Culture Quest introduces a different culture from around the globe.

Fri. January 10 | 4:00pm – Festival of Dance

Join us as we explore the heritage and culture of India through dance.

Fri. February 7 | 4:00pm – House of Chatahoochee

Get ready for Milan's Fashion Week as we explore clothing design through fabric and paper dolls. Make sure to dress in your most fashion-worthy outfit of the day to show it off on the runway!

Fri. March 14 | 4:00pm – All Things Otaku

Video games, anime, and manga, oh my! Come check out part of Japan's diverse culture and take on a real-life video game level, or create your own manga page.

Aflac Children's Department and Yancey Children's Garden

VALENTINE CARD DECORATING CONTEST (Families)

We are looking for artists to decorate Valentine's cards, and we will have the winning cards printed for people to take home to give away!

Sun. January 12 - Mon. February 10 | All Day

POSTPARTUM GROUP CIRCLE

As a new mother you may be looking for a place to connect and share your experiences. Whether this is your first child or your third, this group of support will give you a chance to process your new experiences and share with others who truly understand the toll this wonderful experience can take on your life. Join us for a chance to learn and share together.

Mon. January 13 | 11:00am

Thur. February 13 | 11:00am

Fri. March 14 | 11:00am

CREATIVE KIDS THEATRE (Ages 5-12)

Act out stories from your favorite fairy tales and books in this impromptu theatre playtime.

Mon. January 13 | 4:00pm

Mon. March 10 | 4:00pm

Mon. February 10 | 4:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

STITCH BY STITCH: YARN, NEEDLES, AND HOOKS CRAFTING CIRCLE (All Ages)

Welcome, all knitters and crocheters to this crafting circle for all skill levels! Come together to learn, share techniques, and work on projects. Whether you're just starting out or looking to share your knowledge, there's a place for you to stitch and connect. Bring your projects and passion. Supplies may be limited.

Fri. January 31 | 3:00pm

Fri. March 28 | 3:00pm

Fri. February 28 | 3:00pm

Fri. April 25 | 3:00pm

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY (Families)

Drop by the Library to bring back sweet childhood memories and make new ones with your family! Tag us on social media #TYC2tLD.

Sat. February 1 | All Day

DROP-IN DAY AT THE SWEETHEART CAFÉ (Families)

Love is in the air! Drop by anytime on Valentine's Day for lovely crafts, activities, and heartfelt fun. Our atmospheric "café" will be a delight. Bring your own snacks, play at your own pace!

Fri. February 14 | All Day

DRAGON RACERS! A HIGH FLYING OBSTACLE COURSE (Ages 5-12)

In the spirit of *How to Train Your Dragon*, join us for an afternoon of fearsome dragons, exciting aerial maneuvers (performed safely on the ground), and friendly competition in the amazing sport of Dragon Racing! Trained dragons will be provided—but watch out! Even the best-trained dragons have been known to set their fellow racers on fire!

Tues. February 18 | 4:00pm

THROWBACK SPRING BREAK CIMENA (Families)

Join us for a family-friendly movie! Dress up, sing along, bring snacks, and enjoy the show.

Mon. March 31 | 2:00pm – *Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century* (G)

Tues. April 1 | 2:00pm – *The Cheetah Girls* (G)

Wed. April 2 | 2:00pm – *The Thirteenth Year* (G)

Thur. April 3 – 2:00pm – *Johnny Tsunami* (G)

Fri. April 4 | 2:00pm – *Cadet Kelly* (G)

Auditorium

ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY (Families)

We are enchanted to meet you! Join us for the 3rd annual Teddy Bear Tea Party! Gather with your beloved teddy bears to sip tea, enjoy delightful snacks, and immerse yourself in a whimsical garden soiree!

Fri. April 4 | 10:00am

Yancey Children's Garden

TEENS

Unless otherwise indicated, all teen programs will be in the Teen Tank. Teen programs are for ages 12 through 12th grade.

TEEN TAKEOVER: MERRY POP-INS

Pop in for a variety of self-directed activities either on your own or with your friends!

Mon. January 6 - Fri. January 10 | All Day – Celebrate Creativity Month

Mon. February 10 - Fri. February 14 | All Day – Celebrate Black History Month

Mon. March 17 - Fri. March 21 | All Day – Celebrate Youth Art Month

Mon. April 14 - Fri. April 18 | All Day – Celebrate Poetry Month

TEEN TAKEOVER

We provide a space and activity just for the teens. All supplies provided.

Tues. January 14 | 4:30pm – 20th Century Trivia

Tues. January 28 | 4:30pm – Paper Bag Scrapbooks

Tues. February 25 | 4:30pm – Snack Food Taste Test

Tues. March 11 | 4:30pm – Glass Painting

Tues. April 8 | 4:30pm – Paper Flowers

ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE & CUPCAKE WARS: A TEEN TAKEOVER AFTER HOURS EVENT

Join us after hours for a very sweet battle. After a quick demo of decorating skills, we'll reveal our theme, and you'll have 20 minutes to plan and decorate 2 cupcakes. All snacks and supplies provided.

Registration forms can be picked up in the Teen Department starting January 14 and must be returned by January 28. Space is limited to the first 24 teens.

Fri. February 7 | 6:15 - 8:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

TEEN TAKEOVER: LOW-KEY SPRING BREAK

It's Spring Break at your own pace! Stop by for a variety of low-key activities.

Mon. March 31 – Fri. April 4

MUSIC THERAPY: MENTAL WELLNESS PLAYLIST

Music is one of the greatest parts of life and can make each of us feel emotions deeply and very differently. Join us for this interactive session where we will use music as a powerful tool to create a healthy mindset and promote positive vibes.

Tues. March 25 | 4:30pm

ART THERAPY: HARNESS YOUR CREATIVITY TO RELIEVE STRESS

Creating art can help you express your feelings, process your experiences, and relax. Join us as we make art together and explore how to engage your creative side any time you want to add some fun relaxation to your day!

Tues. April 22 | 4:30pm

ADULTS

QUEER CRAFTERNOONS

From stitching to Sudoku, bring your project and join us to enjoy this safe space to listen to stories, be creative, and swap crafty tips! As we craft, we'll discuss media with queer characters, storylines, or creators. While everyone is welcome, this program is designed to be a comfortable space for members of our queer community.

Thur. January 2 | 4:30pm Thur. March 6 | 4:30pm

Thur. February 6 | 4:30pm Thur. April 3 | 4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

CHESS

Join us for an afternoon of playing chess, learning different strategies, and meeting new people. All skill levels welcome.

Tues. January 7 | 4:00-5:30pm Tues. March 4 | 4:00-5:30pm

Tues. February 4 | 4:00-5:30pm Tues. April 1 | 4:00-5:30pm

Synovus Meeting Room B

SMARTPHONE TECH LAB

Got a question about your smartphone? During this open lab hour, staff will do a quick demonstration of a useful smartphone feature and answer questions, both for Android and Apple devices! All learning levels are welcome!

Fri. January 10 | 11:00am – Speech to Text and Other Accessibility Features

Fri. March 14 | 11:00am – Re-arranging Your Apps and Home Screen

Fri. April 11 | 11:00am – Scanning Documents to PDF Using Your Camera

Rothschild Technology Room

NEA BIG READ: MCCOLLERS MATINEES

Join us for a cinematic afternoon featuring films based on Carson McCullers' works!

Sun. January 12 | 2:00pm – *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* (G)

Sun. February 2 | 2:00pm – *The Ballad of the Sad Cafe* (PG-13)

Sun. March 23 | 2:00pm – *The Member of the Wedding* (G)

Auditorium

2ND MONDAY MOVIE CLUB

Join us for a night of Oscar glory as we spotlight the International Feature Film Oscar! We will watch past award nominees and winners as well as one of the nominees for 2025's Oscar Award.

Mon. January 13 | 6:30pm – *Io Capitano* (NR)

Mon. February 10 | 6:30pm – *Perfect Days* (PG)

Mon. March 10 | 6:30pm – *Close* (PG-13)

Mon. April 14 | 6:30pm – TBD (2025 Nominee)

Auditorium

GEORGIA LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED (GLS) TECH DEMO

Are you or a friend/family member experiencing blindness, visual impairment, or a physical impairment that makes handling reading materials difficult? Join us for a demonstration of the technology the Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS) offers to Georgia residents to help with these issues.

Wed. January 15 | 3:00pm

Wed. March 12 | 3:00pm

Wed. February 12 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GAME NIGHT: CALLING ALL WORD NERDS AND GAMERS

We'll play Scrabble, Boggle and do crossword puzzles as well as other assorted board/card games while having friendly discussions.

Thur. January 16 | 5:30-7:30pm (*Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room*)

Thur. February 20 | 5:30-7:30pm (*Synovus Room B*)

Thur. March 20 | 5:30-7:30pm (*Synovus Room B*)

Thur. April 17 | 5:30-7:30pm (*Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room*)

LEVEL UP YOUR TECH SKILLS

During these classes, staff will demonstrate how to use common features and get the most out of the technology you use every day!

Sat. January 18 | 11:00am-12:30pm – Getting the Most Out of Your Google Account

Tues. February 25 | 6:00-7:30pm – Write with Google Docs

Sat. March 22 | 11:00am-12:30pm – Setting Up and Using a Password Manager

Tues. April 22 | 6:00-7:30pm – Using AI to Get Stuff Done

Rothschild Technology Room

COMPUTER BASICS LEARNING LAB

Need help on the computer? Library staff will provide instruction on basic computer skills like using a mouse and keyboard, Microsoft Word, Internet, email, and Library resources.

Tues. January 21 | 11:00am

Tues. March 11 | 11:00am

Tues. February 18 | 11:00am

Tues. April 8 | 11:00am

Rothschild Technology Room

CREATIVE WRITING POWER HOUR

Feel like expressing yourself through the written word? This event caters to aspiring authors at all levels of experience. Share a poem, short story, or graphic novel you've been working on or brainstorm an idea and get constructive feedback.

Wed. January 22 | 5:00pm

Wed. March 26 | 5:00pm

Wed. February 26 | 5:00pm

Wed. April 23 | 5:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

INTRODUCTION TO FINDING GRANTS (for nonprofit organizations)

Come learn how to use Foundation Directory Online (by Candid) to find funding for your non-profit organization! Full database access is available at the Columbus Public Library.

Sat. January 25 | 11:00am

Sat. March 29 | 11:00am

Tues. February 18 | 4:00pm

Mon. April 21 | 4:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GET JOB READY!

Learn about Library resources that can help you choose a career, build your job skills, and create a resume!

Mon. February 3 | 6:00pm – Find Your Dream Job with YouScience, Job & Career Accelerator, & More!

Wed. March 5 | 6:00pm – Build Your Skills with Skillshare & Learning Express Library!

Tues. April 15 | 6:00pm – Write the Perfect Resume with BrainFuse!

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

HISTORY CRAFT HOUR

Listen to a short history presentation and enjoy a related craft. Though crafts are designed for adults, all ages are welcome!

Wed. February 5 | 4:00pm – Celebrate Black History with Annie Easley and Other Space Pioneers

Wed. March 5 | 4:00pm – Louis Pasteur and Germ Theory / Felt Embroidered Germ Coasters

Wed. April 2 | 4:00pm – Charles M. Schultz and the Comic Strip / Wood Slice Paintings

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GROW FOOD ANYWHERE

In this series, we'll talk tips for supplementing your food stores with things you can grow in any size home and set you up with a take home kit to get started! Supplies are limited.

Sat. February 8 | 2:00-3:30pm – Indoor Container Gardening / Mini Herb Garden

Sat. March 1 | 2:00-3:30pm – Regrowing from Veggie Scraps / Grow Green Onions

Sat. April 12 | 10:30am-12noon – Growing Mushrooms Indoors / Mini-Mushroom Grow Bag

Synovus Meet Room A

NEA BIG READ: FOUND FAMILY HEIRLOOM SHOWCASE

Bring your small family heirlooms and a tidbit of history about them to Adult Services staff on the 2nd floor, and we will display them in our Genealogy and Local History Room during March! Provision of contact information and vetting of items by staff are required.

Mon. February 24 – Fri. February 28

2nd Floor Genealogy and Local History Room

NEA BIG READ: VIEWING OF DESCENDANT (2022)

This documentary tells the story of the Clotilda, a ship that transported over 100 enslaved people to Alabama in 1860. The film explores the impact of the event on generations of descendants.

Fri. February 28 | 3:00pm

Auditorium

NEA BIG READ: DISCOVER COLUMBUS

Are you new to Columbus, or do you just want to know more about where you live? Join us to discover Columbus! We'll discuss great local eateries, the bustling arts scene, and annual city activities to explore.

Sat. March 8 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

KNOW-IT-ALL WOMEN'S HISTORY NIGHT

Think you know it all when it comes to Women's History? Prove it! Join us for a night of trivia fun!

Tues. March 11 | 6:30pm

Synovus Meeting Room A

MARCH MADNESS: BATTLE FOR THE BRACKET

Join us as we discuss all things related to this year's March Madness. In addition to learning about the history of the tournament and its biggest stars, we'll do some trivia, show support for our favorite teams, and fill out brackets... with the winner receiving a special prize!

Tues. March 18 | 4:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Winter Wellness Series

UNDERSTANDING SEASONAL DEPRESSION

Winter can be a time of increased depression caused by the decrease in light and cold temps. Come learn practical techniques to combat the "Winter blues."

Mon. January 6 | 12noon

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

NEURODIVERSITY: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Come learn about how neurodiverse brains are uniquely "wired" to process information, and why environments designed for the neurotypical brain can be challenging. Discover coping strategies for those difficult times and learn when to seek specialized support so you can embrace neurodiversity as a strength in your daily life.

Mon. February 3 | 12noon

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

MANAGING ANXIETY 101

Everyone has anxiety. Sometimes anxiety can make it hard to do things. This session will give you coping skills to recognize and manage when you are feeling anxious. Learn practical skills for calming yourself when anxiety tries to take over.

Mon. March 3 | 12noon

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF DISTRESS

With all that happens around us every day, we might be numb to recognizing signs of distress in ourselves or others. This session will help you understand common causes of distress, how to reduce exposure when possible, and healthy ways to respond and cope.

Mon. April 7 | 12noon

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

EARTH GUARDIANS: UNITE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Join us for an innovative panel-style Q&A with the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers! The Chattahoochee Riverkeepers help empower individuals and communities to take meaningful action toward environmental sustainability. Through a combination of education, hands-on projects, and community engagement, this initiative aims to inspire participants to become active stewards of the planet.

Sat. April 5 | 2:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

CAMPING 101

Join us to learn the basics about camping! We'll talk about proper clothing, what gear to bring, safety tips, and share recommendations for great camping sites around Georgia.

Tues. April 8 | 6:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

EMPOWERHER FINANCE: BLACK WOMEN INVEST WITH JASMINE NELSON

Join us during International Black Women's History Month for an empowering investment information session designed specifically for Black women seeking to enhance their financial literacy and investment knowledge. This supportive space will explore the basics of investing, build confidence, and connect with like-minded individuals on a similar journey toward financial independence.

Sat. April 12 | 2:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

BOOK CLUBS

SHAOLIN LITERARY SOCIETY

Are you ready for a Wu-Tang Winter? Welcome to the Shaolin Literary Society, where the worlds of literature and hip-hop collide! This vibrant book club celebrates the profound influence of the Wu-Tang Clan on culture, creativity, and consciousness. Join us for a dive into a curated selection of books that resonates with the themes of their music while exploring such topics as identity, social justice, and artistic expression.

Wed. January 8 | 6:00pm – *The Wu-Tang Manual* by The RZA and Chris Norris

Wed. February 12 | 6:00pm – *From the Streets of Shaolin: The Wu-Tang Saga* by S.H. Fernando, Jr.

Wed. March 12 | 6:00pm – *From Staircase to Stage: The Story of Raekwon and the Wu-Tang Clan* by Raekwon and Anthony Bozza

Wed. April 9 | 6:00pm – *Raw: My Journey into the Wu-Tang* by Lamont U-God Hawkins

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

PEACH STATE PERPS

We'll discuss a different book each month related to crime in Georgia.

Thur. January 9 | 6:00pm – *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper* by Hallie Rubenhold

Thur. February 13 | 6:00pm – *When a Killer Calls: A Haunting Story of Murder, Criminal Profiling, and Justice in a Small Town* by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker

Thur. March 13 | 6:00pm – *The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town* by John Grisham

Thur. April 10 | 6:00pm – *A Devil Went Down to Georgia: Race, Power, Privilege and the Murder of Lita McClinton* by Deb Miller Landau

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

FOREVER YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

Forever Young Adult Book Club is for readers who are a little less Y and a bit more A, but who still enjoy a good YA book. Find out what we are reading next and get event reminders by connecting with us on Facebook: facebook.com/groups/fyacolumbusga.

Fri. January 10 | 7:00pm

Fri. February 14 | 7:00pm

Fri. March 14 | 7:00pm

Fri. April 11 | 7:00pm

Midtown Coffee House, 1342 13th Street

PRESIDENTIAL PICKS BOOK CLUB

We'll discuss a different book each month featuring a U.S. President and/or the First Family.

Wed. January 15 | 6:00pm – *The Lincoln Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill America's 16th President -and Why it Failed* by Brad Meltzer

Wed. February 19 | 6:00pm – *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama

Wed. March 19 | 6:00pm – *The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty* by Susan Page

Wed. April 16 | 6:00pm – *Lion in the White House: A Life of Theodore Roosevelt* by Aida D Donald

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

NEA BIG READ BOOK CLUB

Join us as we dive into the NEA Big Read and related books and authors!

Mon. January 27 | 6:30pm – *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones

Mon. February 24 | 6:30pm – *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* by James Agee and Walker Evans

Mon. March 17 | 6:30pm – *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Genealogy & Local History

GENEALOGY LEVEL 0.5: BEGINNER'S GUIDE

Are you interested in researching your genealogy, but aren't sure where to start? Join us for an introduction to basic genealogy records, learn about the Library's genealogy resources, and take a short tour of the Genealogy and Local History Room.

Thur. January 9 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. February 13 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. March 13 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. April 10 | 3:00-4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY LEVEL 1: PLANNING A RESEARCH PROJECT

Have you become familiar with basic genealogy records and resources but are struggling to find your research flow? We'll show you basic research planning and organizational methods to stay on track!

Thur. January 16 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. February 20 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. March 20 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. April 17 | 3:00-4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY LEVEL 2: PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Learn preservation strategies for your old photos and documents. We'll also go over how to use the Library's archival scanner to save items digitally.

Thur. January 30 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. February 27 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. March 27 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. April 24 | 3:00-4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY LEVEL 3.0

Learn more about special Genealogy and Local History resources, research techniques, and more!

Tues. January 28 | 3:00-4:30pm – History in the Attic

Tues. February 25 | 3:00-4:30pm – Celebrate Black History with Genealogy Research

Tues. March 25 | 3:00-4:30pm – The Luck of the Genealogist: Researching Scots-Irish Family Origins

Tues. April 29 | 3:00-4:30pm – Finding Your Ancestors' Military Records

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

640 Veterans Parkway
Columbus, GA 31901
706-243-2782

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs will be in the AKA Room.
For information about our programs or to reserve your spot, please
call 706-243-2782 or email us at mlt@cvlga.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SIGHT WORDS SUPPORT

Is your student (K-3) struggling to learn high frequency words? Call to set up a 30-minute One-on-One sight words practice session.

Thursdays | 3:30-5:30pm

Claudia Muller Family Area

HAPPY 72ND BIRTHDAY MILDRED L. TERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visitors are invited to commemorate the anniversary of the Mildred L. Terry Public Library by sharing their favorite memories.

Throughout January

Claudia Muller Family Area

GET ON BOARD WITH BOARD GAMES: CHESS & MORE

Join us every Tuesday evening for a night of fun. Choose a game of your choice: a deck of cards, a board game, or a round of chess.

Tues. January 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4:30pm

Tues. February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:30pm

Tues. March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:30pm

Tues. April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:30pm

Claudia Muller Family Area

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME (Ages 0-5)

Let's get ready to read! This storytime, based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, helps shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore. Sing, Talk, Read, Write, Play – and your child is on their way!

Wed. January 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am

Wed. February 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am

Wed. March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am

Wed. April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am

UNO, DOS, TRES CRAFT! (Ages 4-8)

Uno, Dos, Tres Craft introduces Spanish to children in a hands-on form. Through crafts and stories, concepts such as numbers, colors, animals, and family are used to explore a new culture.

Sat. January 18 | 3:00pm

Sat. March 15 | 3:00pm

Sat. February 15 | 3:00pm

Sat. April 19 | 3:00pm

FOL Room

HARRY POTTER NIGHT

The Hogwarts Express now boards quarterly from Platform 9 ¾ to a Hogwarts satellite campus—the Mildred L. Terry Public Library! Costumes and Muggles are welcome!

Tues. April 1 | 6:00pm

 Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2782.

 Appointment required. See program description for more info.

 NEA Big Read Program

 Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute

TEENS

ART THERAPY: HARNESS YOUR CREATIVITY TO RELIEVE STRESS

Join us as we make art together and explore how to engage your creative side any time you want to have fun and relax during your day! (Supplies provided) Both teens and adults are welcome.

Tues. February 11 | 6:00pm

RHYTHM AND RESILIENCE

Gain knowledge and get down as we explore the lives and legacies of iconic music pioneers. Wear your best attire and get ready to reenact some of their most famous works.

Tues. April 8 | 6:00pm

ADULTS

TECHNOLOGY TUTORING

Looking to improve your technology skills, or better understand your devices? Call 706-243-2782 to set up a 30-minute One-on-One!

Mondays | 10:30am, 11:00am, or 4:00pm

Wednesdays | 3:00pm and 3:30pm | Open Lab 4:00-5:00pm

Thursdays | 10:30am and 11:00am

FOL Room

GET HOOKED! CROCHET CLUB

All abilities are welcome to this group of crochet enthusiasts who enjoy teaching as much as creating and sharing projects.

Sat. January 11, 25 | 4:00pm

Sat. March 8, 22 | 4:00pm

Sat. February 8, 22 | 4:00pm

Sat. April 12, 26 | 4:00pm

NEA BIG READ: MA RAINEY'S COLUMBUS ROOTS

Learn more about the legacy of Columbus' own Mother of the Blues, Ma Rainey, from the Gertrude "Ma" Rainey House and Blues Museum. This program will also provide a walking tour of her home.

Sat. February 22 | 10:30am

BOOK CLUBS

BOOKS -N- BREWS

Like books? Like brews? This adult book club is the perfect "mix" for a lazy Saturday afternoon! New members are always welcome!

Sat. January 4 | 2:00pm – *After the Miracle: The Political Crusades of Helen Keller* by Max Wallace

Sat. February 1 | 2:00pm – *The Mind's Eye* by Oliver Sacks

Sat. March 1 | 2:00pm – NEA BIG READ: *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones 

Sat. April 5 | 2:00pm – *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach

Iron Bank Coffee Company 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 6 11th Street

PAGE TURNERS

Join us for a lively book discussion of popular titles.

Sat. January 11 | 2:00pm – *We've Got Issues: How You Can Stand Strong for America's Soul and Sanity* by Phillip C. McGraw Ph.D.

Sat. February 8 | 2:00pm – NEA BIG READ: *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner 

Sat. March 8 | 2:00pm – *The Women: A Novel* by Kristin Hannah

Sat. April 12 | 2:00pm – We'll celebrate National Poetry Month by sharing some of our personal, favorite readings.

NEA BIG READ COLUMBUS: *Where We Live*



Chattahoochee
Valley Libraries

presented by the *Chattahoochee Valley Libraries*
in partnership with *Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians*



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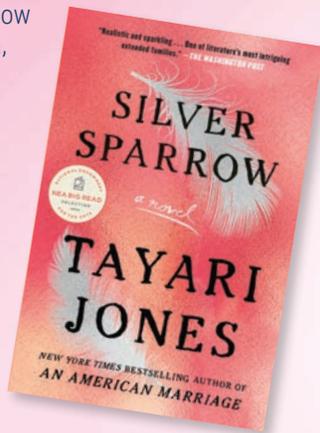
WHERE WE LIVE. IT PROPELS OUR BELIEFS. IT SHAPES OUR LIVES. IT FRAMES OUR OUTLOOK.

And in literature and the arts – especially the works from where we live, the American South – it is the pre-eminent theme that connects writers, artists, and audiences from across the very wide spectrum of our experiences, our demography, and our world view.

This winter, the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries and the Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians at Columbus State University join forces to celebrate the timelessness of *Where We Live* as seen in some of our country's greatest literary works from today and yesterday.

THIS YEAR'S NEA BIG READ BOOK: *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones

National Endowment for the Arts creative writing fellow Tayari Jones was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, where her third novel, *Silver Sparrow*, is set during the 1980s. It tells the story of two teenage girls who are sisters but only one knows it, as their father has kept one family public, the other a secret. "Jones explores the rivalry and connection of siblings, the meaning of beauty, the perils of young womanhood, the complexities of romantic relationships and the contemporary African-American experience." It is "impossible to put down until you find out how these sisters will discover their own versions of family" (*Los Angeles Times*).



Opening Event:

WUNDERKIND: CARSON MCCULLERS

We are pleased to present the Southeastern Premiere of this new documentary by famed German director Claudia Müller. In this illuminating portrait, we examine how Columbus, GA served as an inspiration and foundation for McCullers' novels whose heroes and heroines were those otherwise overlooked by society (and other artists). After the screening, director Müller is expected to join us remotely from Germany to answer audience questions.

Sun. February 2 | 2:00pm

Patrick Theatre at Columbus Museum
1251 Wynnton Rd.



photo by Tyson Alan Horne

THIS YEAR'S NEA BIG READ AUTHOR: Tayari Jones

New York Times best-selling author Tayari Jones has written four novels, most recently *An American Marriage*. Published in 2018, *An American Marriage* is an Oprah's Book Club Selection and was awarded the Women's Prize for Fiction (formerly known as the Orange Prize), Aspen Words Prize and an NAACP Image Award. It has been published in two dozen countries. Jones, a 2021 Guggenheim Fellow, is a graduate of Spelman College, University of Iowa, and Arizona State University. She is an Andrew D. White Professor-at-Large at Cornell University and the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Creative Writing at Emory University.

Keynote Event:

AUTHOR TAYARI JONES

"It's among Tayari's many gifts that she can touch us soul to soul with her words." (Oprah Winfrey). An unforgettable evening awaits. Tayari Jones, the author of this year's NEA BIG READ COLUMBUS novel *Silver Sparrow* joins us for a dose of her intellect, inspiration and compassion. She will be available for autographs following the presentation.

Fri. February 21 | 6:30pm

Riverside Theatre at Columbus State
University's Riverpark Campus
6 W. 10th St.

Artist Presentation:

WHERE I LIVE: ARTIST BO BARTLETT

Columbus native Bo Bartlett has earned an international reputation for his large-scale realist work depicting the heart and soul of America and the South. Join us in the eponymous gallery he helped co-found to see how our city and our region is manifest through his creativity and vision.

Tues. February 25 | 6:30pm

*Bo Bartlett Center at Columbus State University's Riverpark Campus
921 Front Avenue*

Where We Live in Southern Literature:

TIME AND PLACE: TAYARI JONES, CARSON MCCULLERS AND THE LITERATURE OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH

Current McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians Director and Columbus State University Professor Nick Norwood joins with his predecessor at the McCullers Center, Professor Courtney George, for this entertaining discussion of our NEA Big Read book *Silver Sparrow* and how its specificity about locale and era draws directly from some of the great works of American Literature, including that of Columbus' Carson McCullers.

Tues. February 11 | 6:30pm

Auditorium, Columbus Public Library

Exhibition:

A SOUTHERN ASSIGNMENT: THE LASTING IMPACT OF LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS MEN

In 1936, writer James Agee and photographer Walker Evans accepted an assignment from the Farm Services Bureau to photograph migrant farm workers in the South. From that beginning came one of the most influential and controversial social documentaries of the twentieth century, the photo collection/story collection known as *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. In this exhibit, Evan's famous photographs and Agee's complex and poetic reporting of the poverty-stricken Alabama families they visited will be seen in the context of how the book has shaped (or better or for worse) the collective view of life in the American South.

January 28 – February 26 | During Library Hours

W.C. Bradley Reading Room, Columbus Public Library

GALLERY TALK: EVANS, AGEE, AND A NEW FORM OF SOCIAL DOCUMENTARY

Columbus State University Associate Professor of Photography Rylan Steele (whose own work regularly invoke themes such as *Where We Live* prominently) leads this discussion about how Walker Evans and James Agee exploited their respective crafts to create the overwhelming moods of sorrow, anger and pity in *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*.

Thur. February 6 | 6:30pm

W.C. Bradley Reading Room, Columbus Public Library

CELEBRATE COLUMBUS: OUR TOWN'S CULTURAL ARTS HISTORY

This exhibit created by Historic Columbus, honors the rich cultural arts history of our region present since the mid-1800s. The timeline display not only covers the various performance venues (such as Temperance Hall and the Springer Opera House) but also the many nationally-known artists and creators who called our town home.

Through April 30

Reading Hall, Columbus Public Library

McCullers Literary Festival

Each year the Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians offers the Marguerite and Lamar Smith Fellowship for Writers, a unique opportunity for authors and composers to spend up to three months living in the house where Carson grew up. This all-expenses paid fellowship allows them uninterrupted time to work on their next novel or composition. In honor of this year's NEA Big Read, we are happy to welcome back five of those Fellowship Recipients to read or perform selections and to comment on how the concept of WHERE WE LIVE can be found in their work.

SAMUEL KÓLÁWOLÉ AND MELISSA PRITCHARD

Samuel Kóláwolé (2019 Fellowship) will read from his new novel *The Road to the Salt Sea*, a searing portrait of the global migration crisis. He will be joined by Columbus resident Melissa Pritchard (2016 Fellowship) who will share from her widely acclaimed novel about Florence Nightingale *Flight of the White Swan*. A cocktail reception and group book signing will take place after the presentation.

Fri. February 21 | 4:30pm

*Riverside Theatre at Columbus State University's Riverpark Campus
6 W. 10th St.*

CONCERT: AIMEE BOBRUK

2018 Fellowship recipient Aimee Bobruk will perform selections from her album *Malybanchia* which draws its inspiration from the Mississippi River and the themes of Carson McCullers.

Fri. February 21 | 8:30pm

*Bo Bartlett Center at Columbus State University's Riverpark Campus
921 Front Avenue*

PANEL WITH TAYARI JONES AND FELLOWSHIP AUTHORS

Our NEA Big Read author Tayari Jones will join the five Smith Fellowship author/composers in a discussion about the hows and whys of writing and creating new work.

Sat. February 22 | 10:00am

*Riverside Theatre at Columbus State University's Riverpark Campus
6 W. 10th St.*

LAUREN ALIZA GREEN AND SNOWDEN WRIGHT

Award winning poet and *Forbes*' "30 Under 30" honoree Lauren Aliza Green (2021 Fellowship) will read from her recently published novel *The World After Alice*, the gorgeous and gripping story of two families brought together by devastating tragedy and unexpected love. Joining her will be Snowden Wright (2022 Fellowship) who will share tales from his latest novel, the edgy and hilarious Southern noir thriller *The Queen City Detective Agency*.

Sat. February 22 | 10:00am

*Riverside Theatre at Columbus State University's Riverpark Campus
6 W. 10th St.*

NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT for the ARTS
 BIG READ

Managed by Arts Midwest

arts.gov/neabigread

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment
for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.



In addition to these special events, check out your Library's other NEA Big Read programs in this guide. Just look for the feather icon!

North Columbus Public Library

5689 Armour Road
Columbus, GA 31909
706-748-2855

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs will be in the Large Conference Room.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: BABIES & TODDLERS (Ages 0-24 months)

Let's get ready to read! Based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, this storytime helps shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play – your child is on their way!

Tues. January 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Tues. February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Tues. March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Tues. April 8, 15, 22 | 10:00am

Children's Department

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

Let's start getting ready for kindergarten! In this storytime we'll develop literacy skills by reading books aloud, reciting rhymes together, playing games, singing songs and more!

Tues. January 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am Tues. March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am

Tues. February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am Tues. April 8, 15, 22 | 11:00am

Children's Department

MINDFULNESS ART FOR KIDS (Ages 6-12)

Kids will make works of art while practicing mindfulness techniques such as focused breathing, visualization, and sensory exploration in a calm, relaxed environment. Dress for mess.

Sat. January 11 | 11:00am

FUN FRIDAYS! (Ages 5-12)

Kick off your weekends with activities like scavenger hunts, crafts, and challenges at the Library! Each week will have a special theme. Stop by on your own time and play at your speed.

Fri. January 17 | 2:00pm – Winter

Fri. January 24 | 2:00pm – Bluey

Fri. January 31 | 2:00pm – Video Games

Fri. February 7 | 2:00pm – Sports Heroes in Black History

Fri. February 21 | 2:00pm – STEM Heroes in Black History

Fri. February 28 | 2:00pm – Art Heroes in Black History

Fri. March 7 | 2:00pm – Sports Heroes in Women's History

Fri. March 14 | 2:00pm – STEM Heroes Women's History

Fri. March 21 | 2:00pm – Art Heroes in Women's History

Fri. March 28 | 2:00pm – Fun with Women's History Heroes

Fri. April 11 | 2:00pm – Spring

Fri. April 18 | 2:00pm – Spies

Children's Department

-  Self-directed program during Library hours.
-  Reservations requested. Call 706-748-2855.
-  NEA Big Read Program
-  Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY (Families)

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day with a special interactive storytime.

Sat. February 1 | 11:00am

Children's Department

NEA BIG READ: FAMILY KEPSAKE SHOW AND TELL (Families)

Do you have a family heirloom, photograph, or keepsake that has a special story behind it? Bring it to the Library and tell us all about it! Join us for an afternoon of family history crafts and activities, and learn about how to access Library genealogy resources.

Sat. February 8 | 11:00am

Children's Department

KIDS' WEIRD TALENT SHOW

Whether you can make a perfect bird call, bend a funny way, or lick your elbow, this is your time to shine! Each child will have 2 minutes to show their unique skills. If you can't think of a special talent, don't worry! We'll prove all of us are a little weird, in the best ways.

Sat. February 22 | 3:00pm

READ ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION

Crafts and games to celebrate your favorite books and book characters!

Sat. March 8 | 11:00am

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN (Ages 6-11)

Bring your aprons and learn how to mix, measure, and follow recipes! Learn about nutrition and how to make healthy and delicious snacks at home. Dress for mess!

Sat. March 22 | 11:00am

KID DETECTIVES (Ages 9+)

This spring break, kids can put their sleuthing skills to the test with a tabletop mystery. Can you solve the clues to find out who stole the class pet? Call 706-748-2855 to reserve a time. Families/ Accompanying adults welcome..

Mon. March 31 - Sat. April 5 | By Appointment Only

Small Conference Room

KID + GROWNUP PORTRAIT PAIRS (Ages 6-11)

Grownups and kids will paint each other's portraits! Nobody will be allowed to peek before the final reveal. Whether your art inspires rave reviews or belly laughs, we're sure it will be priceless.

Sat. April 19 | 3:00pm

TEENS

ANIME CLUB

Obsessed with anime? Join us! We'll eat ramen and spend an hour immersed in fandom. Each month brings a new adventure. We'll discuss current shows, play Japanese games, practice drawing, or sample snacks from the other side of the world.

Thur. January 9 | 6:00pm

Thur. March 6 | 6:00pm

Thur. February 6 | 6:00pm

Thur. April 10 | 6:00pm

SELF-CARE AFTER HOURS

Join us at this New Year Teen Take Over to learn about self-care and why it is important. The pressure that you feel at work and at school can just be too much sometimes. This experience will teach you how to create and customize your own self-care routine, including practical coping skills for better overall mental health.

Fri. January 17 | 6:00pm

GRANNYCORE FOR TEENS

Elevate your life with a brand new, mindful hobby. Each month will feature a new take-home craft that you create yourself.

Thur. January 23 | 6:00pm – String Art

Thur. February 20 | 6:00pm – Found Object Art

Thur. March 27 | 6:00pm – Yarn Wall Art

D&D FOR TEENS

Whether you're a seasoned player or just want to see what all the fuss is about, play Dungeons and Dragons at the Library! Pick a pre-made character and join in a mini quest.

Thur. February 15 | 4:00pm

ANTI-VALENTINE'S PARTY

Forget the mushy hearts, but not the chocolate. We're having an anti-Valentine's party, complete with games, snacks, and crafts! Dress to impress ...absolutely nobody.

Fri. February 14 | 4:00pm

TIK TOK BOOKS + ART

You've seen the videos, now try books featured on Tik Tok! Share your own reviews and get recommendations from others. We will also try a viral art technique. Feel free to film and post your attempts.

Thur. April 24 | 6:00pm

ADULTS

WALKING FOR FITNESS

Looking for a way to get active? Walk in the safety of a small group. Meet in the Library lobby at 11:00am before making a loop around Britt David Park's walking trail. Water provided.

Mon. January 6 | 11:00am

Mon. March 3 | 11:00am

Mon. February 3 | 11:00am

Mon. April 7 | 11:00am

Magazine Area

NEEDLE CRAFTS: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Bring a project from home or start one here. This monthly program encourages creativity and conversation, as attendees are invited to learn or improve their knitting, crochet, and other fiber art skills.

Tues. January 7 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 4 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 4 | 4:00pm

PLAN YOUR GARDEN FOR POLLINATORS

Now is the time to plan your beautiful spring garden. Learn which plants will work best for you and your yard in order to create a perfect pollinator playground.

Sat. January 11 | 3:00PM

COFFEE & COLORING: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

De-stress and unwind with this surprisingly relaxing activity. Enjoy coffee or tea provided and color to your heart's content! All materials provided, but you may bring your own if you like.

Tues. January 14 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 11 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 11 | 4:00pm

Tues. April 8 | 4:00pm

BRITISH TEA-V: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Enjoy a cuppa while you chat with other British TV fans. Participants can discuss shows, share recommendations, watch clips, or even watch a full episode! Tea & light refreshments provided.

Tues. January 21 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 18 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 18 | 4:00pm

Tues. April 15 | 4:00pm

BYO BOOK CLUB – "WHERE WE LIVE"

Join us for this special BYO Book Club event where we preview our NEA Big Read selection – Tayari Jones' *Silver Sparrow* – along with other Southern Literature that explores the theme of "Where We Live."

Wed. January 27 | 4:00pm

Large Conference Room

GAMES AT THE LIBRARY: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Take a break and have fun! Staff will provide card and board games for some friendly competition. Feel free to bring your own games to share! Light refreshments provided.

Tues. January 28 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. April 29 | 4:00pm

NEA BIG READ: MEET THE MAKERS

Each month, a local artist will speak about how they have been inspired by our community, or what influence they hope to make with their work. Whether you've seen their art or are just curious to learn more about what makes our community so unique, you can meet local artists face-to-face. Call us at 706-748-2855 or visit cvlga.org/neabigread2025 to discover our makers!

Thur. January 30 | 11:00am

Thur. March 20 | 11:00am

Thur. February 27 | 11:00am

D&D FOR ADULTS

Whether you're a seasoned player or just want to see what all the fuss is about, play Dungeons and Dragons at the library! Pick a pre-made character and join in a mini quest..

Sat. February 8 | 3:00pm

Sat. April 12 | 3:00pm

Sat. March 15 | 3:00pm

BRIGHTNESS IN BLACK: STORYCORPS LISTENING PARTY

StoryCorps's Brightness in Black has collected stories from the black community across the country, inviting people "to share... personal stories of aspirations, connection, triumph, resilience, and gratitude."

Mon. February 10 | 11:00am

Mon. February 24 | 11:00am

Wed. February 19 | 11:00am

PAINT YOUR PARTNER

Pair up with another person and paint each other's portraits! Partners won't be allowed to peek before the final reveal. Whether you're an expert painter or hilariously terrible, you're sure to create a lasting memory. Don't have a partner? Don't worry! We've got you covered. Reservations required. Adults only, please.

Thur. February 13 | 6:00pm

START SOMETHING NEW: BEEKEEPING 101

Learn how to start your beekeeping journey from an expert.

Sat. February 15 | 11:00am

COFFEE AND BUTTERBEER CAFE

Sip on coffee or butterbeer and enjoy an hour of Harry Potter-themed fun!

Fri. March 14 | 11:00am

NEA BIG READ WRAP-UP BOOK CLUB: AN NEA BIG READ PROGRAM

Celebrate your season of learning at this special Book Club. Discuss books you read during the NEA Big Read, and fill up your TBR list with read-alike recommendations. Light refreshments provided.

Mon. March 21 | 4:00pm

NATURAL EGG DYING

Adults get to dye Easter eggs too! See what beautiful colors you can create from natural sources like onion skins and cabbage.

Mon. April 14 | 11:00am

ALL AGES

CHESSE AT THE LIBRARY

Every Thursday, spend your evening playing chess, learning new strategies, and meeting new people. Players of all skill levels are welcome to participate. Coffee or tea provided.

Thur. January 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:00pm

Thur. February 6, 20, 27 | 6:00pm

Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:00pm

Thur. April 10, 17, 24 | 6:00pm

Magazine Area

CROCHET AT THE LIBRARY

The atmosphere is just right for spending time with your latest crochet project at the Library. Crafters of all skill levels are welcome. Coffee or tea provided.

Thur. January 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:00pm

Thur. February 6, 20, 27 | 6:00pm

Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:00pm

Thur. April 10, 17, 24 | 6:00pm

Large Conference Room

GET IT OFF YOUR CHESS-T

This program is a drop-in chess program for players of all levels and ages, and there just so happens to be a representative from Pastoral Institute here, too. Sometimes understanding how, why, or when to choose counseling services can be harder to understand than queens and pawns. Use this low-stakes opportunity to talk through your concerns with a counselor... or just play chess.

Fri. January 24 | 4:00pm

TRADING CARD GAME MEETUPS

Meet fellow gamers, trade cards, and challenge new rivals. Whether you're into Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokémon, Magic, or all of the above, this is the place for you!

Sat. January 25 | 11:00am

Sat. March 29 | 11:00am

Sat. February 22 | 11:00am

Sat. April 26 | 11:00am

PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Learn about our seed library and swap plants, seeds or cuttings with others. Meet fellow plant enthusiasts and find the perfect new plant for your home! UGA Extension Services volunteer Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

Sat. April 5 | 3:00pm

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Learn how to take care of our beautiful planet, including putting your groceries to work through re-planting and composting! A guest from UGA Extension Services will share a special presentation.

Tues. April 22 | 11:00am

South Columbus Public Library

2034 S. Lumpkin Road
Columbus, GA 31903
706-683-8805



Self-directed program during Library hours.

Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute

NEA Big Read Program

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All programs will be in the Children's Room.

TAKE AND MAKE: COLOR-YOUR-OWN (Families)

Participate in our weekly coloring activities here, there, or anywhere. Try out our rotation of coloring supplies in the Library or use your favorite supplies at home. First-come, first-served

Every Friday | 10:00am

Children's Department

SIMPLE STEPS: PLAY (Ages 2-5)

Let's get ready to read! This playtime program, based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, helps shape growing minds with sensory play galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, Play – and your child is on their way!

Thur. January 9 | 10:00am

Thur. February 6 | 10:00am

Thur. March 6 | 10:00am

Thur. April 3 | 10:00am

Dr. Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FAMILY (Ages 0-5)

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Thur. January 16, 23, 30 | 10:00am

Thur. February 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Thur. March 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Thur. April 10, 17, 24 | 10:00am

Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

PONY BEAD PARTY (Ages 5-11)

Use beads to elevate your unique style! At our Pony Bead Party, you'll get to make personalized necklaces and bracelets that complement all of your vibes.

Tues. January 14 | 3:00pm

Tues. February 11 | 3:00pm

Tues. March 11 | 3:00pm

Tues. April 8 | 3:00pm

Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

BRAIN TWISTERS TRIVIA (Ages 7-11)

Do you have what it takes to answer questions from basic to bizarre? It isn't just about being fast, you also use strategies to compete with the other players as you swap, steal, and cheat to get the most points! Play on our devices (limited number) or join with your own.

Tues. January 28 | 3:00pm

Tues. February 25 | 3:00pm

Tues. April 22 | 3:00pm

Children's Computers

BUBBLE PARTY (Families)

Spring is in the air and so are the bubbles! Come blow, chase, and pop as many bubbles as you can! We will make bubble wands, create giant bubbles, and try bubble tricks as we fill the spring sky with beautiful bubbles!

Tues. March 25 | 3:00pm

Children's Department Outdoor Area

A.M. CRAFTING: ART THERAPY

Crafting is fun and relaxing. Come spend time creating something with your hands and relieve stress at the same time. This art therapy activity will allow you to use your creativity and explore how art and crafting can help you feel good when you need a boost.

Mon. April 14 | 10:30am

MINDFUL MOVEMENT

Join us as we combine play with mindfulness and movement practices (yoga, stretching, dance) to help develop body awareness, emotional regulation, and stress management skills.

Mon. April 14 | 4:00pm

TEENS

TABLETOP TUESDAY

Are you ready to get off the computers! Join us for pen & paper game exploration. Various games will be available for self-directed play.

Tues. January 14 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 11 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 11 | 4:00pm

Tues. April 15 | 4:00pm

Sullivan Family Teen Area

TEEN TAKEOVER

Come play games, watch a movie, make a craft, or do some fun activities with other teens.

Wed. January 29 | 4:00pm

Wed. February 26 | 4:00pm – Honoring Black History Month

Wed. March 26 | 4:00pm – Honoring Women's History Month

Wed. April 30 | 4:00pm – Celebrating National Poetry Month

Gloria Battle Studio

WHAT'S FUNNIER THAN 24?

IYKYK. Join us for a New Year's celebration featuring crafts, a scavenger hunt, and yummy treats.

Wed. January 22 | 4:00pm

Gloria Battle Studio

CREATING HEALTHY HABITS

Creating healthy habits can be hard. This session can help you create goals and discipline by considering and creating healthy habits to achieve a goal, create better interactions with friends, or just feel more confident.

Wed. April 30 | 4:00pm

ADULTS

WELLNESS ON WHEELS WITH VALLEY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, INC.

Take charge of your health! The Valley Healthcare System's Mobile Medical Unit will be available on the 1st Thursday of each month, starting January 2nd. Visit trusted providers for health checks, screenings, immunizations, and a wide range of healthcare resources. Convenient, accessible care is coming to your Library at no cost to you—don't miss it!

Thur. January 2 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Thur. February 6 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Thur. March 6 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Thur. April 3 | 11:00am-1:00pm

SCPL Parking Lot

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Enjoy a cup of coffee and sit down in a group gathering to discuss the topics of the day, in a relaxing environment.

Thur. January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Thur. February 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Thur. April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Yancey Study Room

A.M. CRAFTING

Join us for a morning of crafting. Whether you're attempting something new or enjoying a favorite craft, you're sure to have a good time! All supplies provided.

Mon. January 13 | 10:30am

Mon. February 10 | 10:30am

Mon. March 10 | 10:30am

Gloria Battle Studio

GAYMER NIGHT

Lock into fun and join us for all things Gayming. From board games to video games, we will explore queer-inspired games and characters. While everyone is welcome, this program is designed to be a comfortable space for members of our queer community.

Wed. January 15 | 6:30pm

Wed. February 12 | 6:30pm

Wed. March 12 | 6:30pm

Wed. April 16 | 6:30pm

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

BOOK CLUBS

SHH...WE'RE READING BOOK CLUB

Love to read a variety of books? Want to chat with others about the story? This club is for you! Follow us on Facebook for reminders.

Wed. Jan 22 | 6:30pm – NEA BIG READ: *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones 

Wed. February 19 | 6:30pm – *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston 

Wed. March 19 | 6:30pm – NEA BIG READ: *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* by James Agee 

Wed. April 30 | 6:30pm – *God Don't Like Ugly* by May Monroe 
Pete Robinson Meeting Room

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262 Broad Street
Cusseta, GA 31805
706-989-3700

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

Let's get ready to read! Based on our Simple Steps to Early Literacy, this storytime helps shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, and Play – your child is on their way.

Fri. January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10:00am

Fri. February 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Fri. March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Fri. April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Children's Room

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS (All Ages)

Storytimes, movies, arts & crafts, and Makerspaces. Designed for our homeschool families (but all are welcome!).

Thur. January 9, 23 | 11:00am

Thur. February 6, 20 | 11:00am

Thur. March 6, 20 | 11:00am

Thur. April 3, 17 | 11:00am

Multipurpose Room

CREATIVE KIDS STORYTIME: FAMILY (Ages 5-11)

Storytime, arts & crafts, movies, and STEAM program for families with older children.

Mon. January 13 | 4:00pm

Mon. February 10 | 4:00pm

Mon. March 10 | 4:00pm

Mon. April 14 | 4:00pm

Children's Room

CINEMA SATURDAY (All Ages)

Join us for a family friendly movie! Popcorn and drink provided. Check with the Front Desk for this month's title.

Sat. January 18 | 12:00Noon

Sat. February 15 | 12:00Noon

Sat. March 22 | 12:00Noon

Sat. April 19 | 12:00Noon

Multipurpose Room

STEAMPUNKS: STORIES & SCIENCE (Ages 5-11)

This storytime focuses on an element of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with hands-on learning experiences for children of all ages.

Mon. January 27 | 4:00pm

Mon. February 24 | 4:00pm

Mon. March 24 | 4:00pm

Mon. April 28 | 4:00pm

Discovery Zone

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families. Your local Library is an ideal place for children to play, discover, make friends, and have fun. This the perfect time to discover some Library magic.

Sat. February 1 | 10:00am

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

All ages welcome! Games, Crafts, and LOVELY Snacks!

Fri. February 14 | 12Noon

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Come celebrate all things Irish; food, crafts, and games.

Mon. March 17 | 2:00pm

TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER

What do YOU want to do? Movies? Crafts and DIY? Gaming? LEGO®s? Community projects? Something seasonal? You help us decide! All materials provided.

Tues. January 14, 28 | 4:00pm

Tues. February 11, 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. March 11, 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. April 15, 29 | 4:00pm

Discovery Zone

ADULTS

ADULT CRAFT TIME

Adults, come to enjoy crafting, coloring, and conversation..

Tues. January 6, 13, 27 | 5:00pm

Tues. February 3, 10, 21 | 5:00pm

Tues. March 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5:00pm

Tues. April 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5:00pm

Multipurpose Room

BOOK CLUBS

NOVEL-TEA BOOK CLUB

What are you reading? Come discuss your latest reading adventure with other readers.

Thur. January 9, 16, 23, 30 | 2:00pm

Thur. February 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2:00pm

Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2:00pm

Thur. April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

Marion County Public Library

123 East 5th Avenue
Buena Vista, GA 31803
229-649-6385

 Self-directed program during Library hours.
 Reservations requested. Call 706-748-2855.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All programs will be in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

TABLETOP CRAFTS

Stop by and get creative this spring with a new theme each month! Supplies and instructions provided.

Daily during regular hours.

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL (Ages 0-5)

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Wed. January 15 | 10:30am

Wed. February 12 | 10:30am

Wed. March 12 | 10:30am

Wed. April 16 | 10:30am

TEENS

CRAFTERNOON: FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY

Celebrate Pal-entine's Day by creating and trading friendship bracelets with your best pals! Supplies and refreshments will be provided.

Fri. February 14 | 4:00pm

CREATE YOUR OWN MENTAL WELLNESS SURVIVAL KIT

What goes in a survival kit? A combination of items with a specific purpose to help you survive a situation. When you think about how you get through your day, how can you build a mental health survival kit to you keep your mind calm and capable of handling difficult things life might bring your way? Your survival kit might include art supplies and a journal while mine might have a great playlist and a puzzle game. Let's have fun and explore how to build a personal mental wellness survival kit together!

Fri. January 24 | 4:30pm

TEEN TAKEOVER: MYSTERY SOLVERS

Do you have what it takes to solve a murder mystery? Bring your friends and work together to find the killer!

Fri. April 11 | 4:00pm

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

POLLINATOR PALOOZA (All Ages)

Welcome spring with us as we launch our seed Library, paint flowerpots, enjoy themed crafts, and learn about pollinators with UGA Extension 4-H Agent Cara Freeman! Supplies provided.

Fri. March 28 | 3:30pm

ADULTS

BOARD GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

Beat the board-om every Saturday! Bring your friends and take advantage of our collection of games, including chess, dominoes, word games, card games, jigsaw puzzles, and more.

Saturdays | 10:00am-2:00pm

DIGITAL DISCOVERIES: INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE LIBRARY RESOURCES

Our resident GALILEO Ambassador John will demonstrate how to use a variety of online Library resources and databases.

Wed. January 29 | 4:30pm – Occupational Outlook Handbook

Wed. February 26 | 4:30pm – All About Birds (Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

Wed. March 26 | 4:30pm – New Georgia Encyclopedia

Wed. April 30 | 4:30pm – Consumer Health Complete

FLOWER DESIGN 101: FLOWER ARRANGING BASICS

Curious how to arrange cut flowers? Not sure where to start? Let's learn together with Garden Club of GA Magnolia District Director Kay Hagler. Supplies provided.

Mon. April 7 | 4:30pm

VISIT US!

Columbus Public Library

3000 Macon Rd., 31906
706-243-2669 or 800-652-0782

Monday-Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday & Saturday: 10am-6pm

Sunday: 1:30pm-6pm

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

640 Veterans Pkwy., 31901
706-243-2782

Monday: 10am-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-8pm

Wednesday-Saturday: 10am-6pm

Sunday: Closed

North Columbus Public Library

5689 Armour Rd., 31909
706-748-2855

Monday-Wednesday: 10am-6pm

Thursday: 10am-8pm

Friday & Saturday: 10am-6pm

Sunday: Closed

South Columbus Public Library

2034 S. Lumpkin Rd., 31903
706-683-8805

Monday & Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Wednesday: 10am-8pm

Thursday-Saturday: 10am-6pm

Sunday: Closed

Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

262 Broad St., Cusseta, GA 31805
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Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

10am-1pm; 1:30pm-6pm

Friday: 10am-1pm; 1:30pm-4pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Wednesday and Sunday: Closed

Marion County Public Library

123 East 5th Ave., Buena Vista, GA 31803
229-649-6385

Monday-Wednesday & Friday:

10am-12:30pm; 1pm-5:30pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Thursday & Sunday: Closed

Parks Memorial Public Library

890 Wall St., Richland, GA 31825
229-887-2103

Monday-Wednesday: 10am-6pm

Thursday: 10am-2pm

Saturday: 1pm-5pm

Friday and Sunday: Closed

Double Churches 24-Hour Library

1241 Double Churches Rd., 31904
(Next To Double Churches Elementary)

Midland 24-Hour Library

6600 Flat Rock Road, 31820
(Behind McDonalds off US-80)

Parks Memorial Public Library

890 Wall Street
Richland, GA 31825
229-887-2103

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BUILDING LANTERNS (Ages 0-5)

Stop by to create some beautiful Jar lanterns. Supplies provided.
Tues. February 4 | 10:00am

CANDY CREATION (Ages 0-5)

Yum Yum! We'll create some yummy goodies for you to enjoy and share.
Tues. March 4 | 10:00am
Conference Room

ADULTS

CANDLE MAKING

Design, create and name your personal candles.
Tues. January 21 | 10:00am

CANVAS PAINTING

Are you an artist in disguise? Let's put brush to canvas and find out! Supplies provided.
Tues. February 20 | 10:00am

ROCK PAINTING

Create your own rock personality. Supplies provided.
Tues. March 18 | 10:00am

CHAIR YOGA

Get in shape ... Gently! Come by for a session of chair yoga. No experience necessary.
Tues. January 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am
Thur. January 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am
Tues. February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am
Thur. February 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am
Tues. March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am
Thur. March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am

Thinking Money For Kids

FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

Money can be fun! In this series of programs, children, teens and families can explore various games that look at savings, budgets, sharing resources and more – important topics for everyone to learn! Come in for a program or to check out one of our dedicated tablets with digital games about money.

PIGGY BANK THEATRE (Ages 0-5)

In this twist on the classic storytime, audience members learn how three young characters turn their childhood interests into successful careers, making financial choices along the way.
Tues January 7 | 10:00am

MAKING MOOO-LAH (Ages 5-12 and Families)

In this collaborative simulation, players work together to see if they can run a financially successful farm.
Sat. January 18 | 2:00pm

PET CENTS (Ages 8-11 and Families)

Players adopt a pet – and take on the financial responsibilities of pet ownership – as they visit various stations around the room.
Sat. February 15 | 2:00pm

PENNY PINCHERS PARTY (Ages 5-12 and Families)

Kids become party planners, creating Planning Boards for their clients while staying on budget.
Sat. March 15 | 2:00pm

Thinking Money for Kids is an initiative of the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS

AVAILABLE AT **ALL** BRANCHES



All branches of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries offer ONE-ON-ONE training sessions to help you with technology and software questions, résumé and job search assistance, reading and family literacy and more. These 30-45 minute sessions are available by **reservation only** and can be secured by contacting your favorite branch of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries.

Reservations are requested at least 48 hours in advance and may be subject to limitations based on staff availability. Please limit to two sessions per month, per person.

NOVEL NOTIONS | A Free Author Encounter



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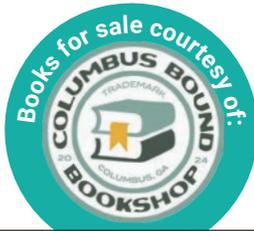
Fiona Davis

Author of
The Stolen Queen,
The Lions of Fifth Avenue,
and *The Magnolia Palace*



January 23rd
11:00am

Columbus Public Library Auditorium
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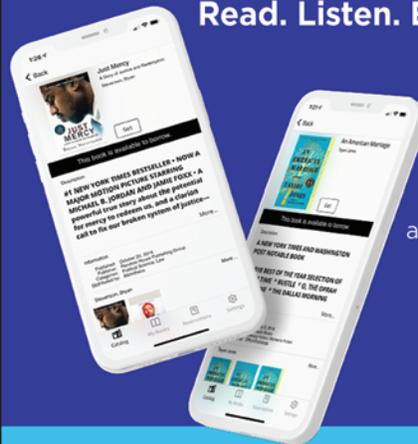


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Columbus Public Library
Tues. & Thurs. 10am-1pm
January 28-April 15
No session March 21

Mildred L. Terry Public Library
Mon. 10am-1pm
January 27-April 14
No session February 17

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NEA Big Read: *The Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones

Mid-January – Mid-March

Various Locations

Novel Notions | A Free Author Encounter featuring bestselling author Fiona Davis

January 23 | 11am

Columbus Public Library

Take Your Child to the Library Day

February 1

All Branch Locations

TaxAide

January 27 - April 15

By Appointment Only

*Columbus Public Library &
Mildred L. Terry Public Library*

Spring Book Sale

March 21 & 22 | 10am-5pm

March 23 | 1:30pm-5pm

Columbus Public Library

11th Annual Columbus Children's Book Festival

May 17

Columbus Public Library

Summer Reading Challenge

May 17 - July 31

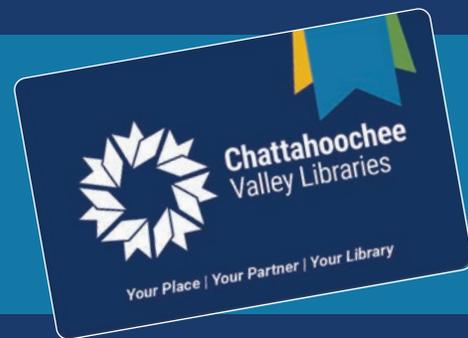
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