

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

SUMMER 2025
PROGRAM GUIDE

The Summer Reading Challenge



MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUG.

**SATURDAY
MAY 17th**

Columbus Public Library
10am-3pm

FREE!



LOOK WHO'S COMING TO COLUMBUS!



Lauren Tarshis

Beloved bestselling creator and author of the *I Survived* series and the *Emma-Jean Lazarus* books.



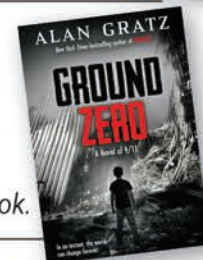
Sherri Duskey Rinker

NYT bestselling author of *Steam Train, Dream Train*, *Silly Wonderful You*, and the *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* series.



Alan Gratz

#1 NYT bestselling author of action-packed, thought-provoking books for young readers including *Heroes*, *Refugee*, *Ground Zero*, and *Ban This Book*.



Yesenia Moises

The hyper-talented creator of *Stella's Stellar Hair* and illustrator for tennis superstar Serena Williams' children's book *The Adventures of Qai Qai*.



FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT:

DJ Solo

Flashback Foto Booth

Face Painters

Mama Koku the Storyteller

FEATURED COSTUMED CHARACTERS:

Curious George

Bingo and Bluey

Paddington Bear

Rainbow Fish

Autographs

Food Vendors

Community Partners



Book Festival

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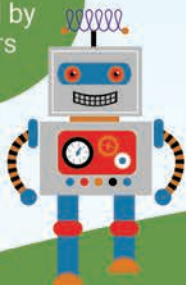
Touch-A-Truck

Festival Bookstore

Entertainers

Craft-O-Mania

Cool Crafts & Fun Inspired by Our Authors



Muscogee County Library Foundation



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SIMPLE STEPS GARDEN!

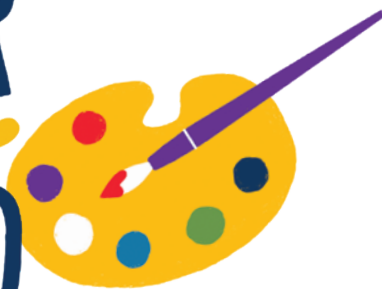
Especially for Infants - Age 5



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

Help us read for **2,000,025**
minutes this Summer!

COLOR OUR WORLD



The Summer Reading Challenge

May 17- July 31



**READ BOOKS!
WIN THINGS!**

It's that simple. COLOR OUR WORLD – the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Summer Reading Challenge – returns **starting May 17**.

To participate, **READ & FILL OUT YOUR READING LOG**. You can keep track of your reading with the individual or family log on the back cover of this guide.

➤ **Kids up to age 11:** read 10 books (or, if you're reading chapter books, read for 5 hours total).

➤ **Adults, teens and older kids:** read for 5 hours total

Bring your completed log to your local branch of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries for a small treasure chest prize and an entry into our Grand Prize Drawing for games, gift cards, tech toys, and more.

And pick up another log! Each new log can earn you another entry for a grand prize drawing!

Families Can Read Together, Too!

We have a special reading log for families that read together... its on page 19! This way you don't have to complete a form for each child. Just read those books together, then bring the family log to you Library. Everyone listed gets an entry prize and one entry into their age group's Grand Prize Drawing!

For complete details,
visit **CVLGA.org**.



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Chattahoochee
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Bring kids of all ages out to a Library branch near you for some free fun this summer!
Groups of 7 or more should reserve a spot with their local Library to guarantee admission.



Shana Banana: Color Me Bananas!

Songs, stories, movement and much, much more await as one of the Southeast's most beloved entertainers Shana Banana visits your Library! We'll learn about colors in music, in wildlife, and in stories with Shana and her Pooch-y puppets. Fun for the whole family!

Columbus Public Library

Mon. June 9 | 10:30am and 12:30pm

North Columbus Public Library

Mon. June 9 | 4:00pm

Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

Tues. June 10 | 10:30am

Marion County Public Library

Tues. June 10 | 1:30pm

Parks Memorial Public Library

Tues. June 10 | 4:30pm

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

Wed. June 11 | 11:00am

South Columbus Public Library

Wed. June 11 | 3:00pm



Didgeridoo Down Under: Artful Adventure to the Land Down Under

Join us to hear colorful sounds from the didgeridoo, learn about fascinating Aboriginal artwork, learn about the amazing creatures of Australia and more. The Didgeridoo team has been educating and entertaining children and families for decades with their energetic fusion of music, culture, art, comedy and movement.

Columbus Public Library

Mon. June 30 | 10:30am and 12:30pm

North Columbus Public Library

Mon. June 30 | 4:00pm

Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

Tues. July 1 | 10:30am

Marion County Public Library

Tues. July 1 | 1:30pm

Parks Memorial Public Library

Tues. July 1 | 4:30pm

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

Wed. July 2 | 11:00am

South Columbus Public Library

Wed. July 2 | 3:00pm

READ, LOG, WIN!

Let's Read 2,000,025 Minutes in 2025

Every minute brings us closer to our community-wide goal of 2,000,025 minutes! Log your reading with the free Beanstack app, earn badges, and get entered for awesome prizes—just for reading!

START TRACKING TODAY!



Beanstack



**Pre-Register for the
Summer Reading
Challenge beginning
May 1st!**

Talk Builds Babies' Brains!



LENA START

brought to you by
Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

**A FREE 8-WEEK PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO 36 MONTHS**

During LENA Start, families use LENA's patented "talk pedometer technology" to measure their child's language environment. Classes also include a parent kit, children's books and other incentives that you'll learn about during sessions.

**Register
today!**

Virtual and in-person programs!
Complete the LENA registration
form and we'll contact you once
new classes are scheduled.



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.

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. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:00am

Thur. June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:00am

Thur. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10:00am

Thur. August 7, 14, 21, 28 | 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. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 3:00pm

Thur. June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 3:00pm

Thur. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 3:00pm

Thur. August 7, 14, 21, 28 | 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. May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00am

Fri. June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Fri. July 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Fri. August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Keep an eye out! There are many things to be found, sneaky or creepy and hidden around. Stop by on your own time and complete at your own speed! A new hunt is posted every Sunday and is available all week.

Sun. May 4 – Star Wars

Sun. May 11 – Bugs

Sun. May 18 – Cat Crazy

Tues. May 27 – Surprise

Sun. June 1 – Pig Palace

Sun. June 8 – Dinosaurs

Sun. June 15 – Juneteenth

Sun. June 22 – Celestial Tidings

Sun. June 29 – Pool Party

Sun. July 6 – Bluey

Sun. July 13 – Totally Rad 90's

Sun. July 20 – At the Beach

Sun. July 27 – Cars

Sun. August 3 – Anne of Green Gables

Sun. August 10 – Cutey Cats

Sun. August 17 – Faeries

Sun. August 24 – Peanuts

Tues. September 2 – Nickelodeon



Self-directed program during Library hours.



Reservations requested for groups of 7 or more Call 706-243-2814.



Appointment required. See program description for more info.



Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute

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. May 5, 12, 19 | 10:00am

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

Mon. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00am Mon. August 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

TAKE AND MAKE: KAWAII CLUB (Ages 0-12)

Do you like cute things with googly eyes? Or adorable miniatures that can fit into the palm of your hand? 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. *Bags will be available the day after any holiday closings.

New bags ready every Tuesday at 10:00am

PONY BEAD PARTY (Ages 5-12)

Use beads to elevate your unique style! Make personalized necklaces and bracelets that complement all of your vibes.

Tues. May 6, 20 | 4:00pm

Tues. July 1, 15, 29 | 4:00pm

Tues. June 3, 17 | 4:00pm

Tues. August 5, 19 | 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. May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am – Creepy Crawlies and Fantastical Fliers

Wed. June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am – Under the Sea

Wed. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am – Color Your World Uniquely

Wed. August 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am – Let's Play: Games Near and Far

KIDS ART STUDIO (Ages 5-12)

Join us and get creative! With each session you can unleash your inner artist by experimenting with different materials and styles.

Tues. May 13, 27 | 4:00pm

Tues. July 8, 22 | 4:00pm

Tues. June 10, 24 | 4:00pm

Tues. August 12, 26 | 4:00pm

DOG MAN AFTERNOON (Families)

Let's kick off summer with a "Supa Awesome" party dedicated to everyone's favorite canine or part canine crime-fighter, Dog Man!

Fri. May 30 | 4:00pm

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Bring the whole family for a night of fun! This summer, we plan to learn about influential artists and use their works to inspire us to create our own versions of their works!

Mon. June 2 | 4:00pm – Claude Monet Water Lilies Finger Painting

Mon. June 16 | 4:00pm – Van Gogh Sunflower Playdough Art

Mon. July 7 | 4:00pm – Frida Kahlo Self Portrait

Mon. July 21 | 4:00pm – Andy Warhol Pop Art

SIDE QUEST: MINI ADVENTURE (Families)

You don't need to buy a flight ticket to explore the world or complete the final quest to gain XP. Each Side Quest introduces a different culture from around the globe and takes you on your own mini adventure!

Fri. June 6 | 4:00pm – Side Quest: Dragon Boats

Join us as we explore the over 2,000-year-old Chinese Dragon Boat Festival!

Fri. July 18 | 4:00pm – Side Quest: Canada Day:

Happy belated Canada Day! Come learn all about our northern neighbor.

DADS & DINOS: A FATHER'S DAY DINOSAUR DIG ADVENTURE (Families)

Do you know what makes Father's Day even better? Dinosaurs! Bring your paleontology passion, a healthy dose of discovery, and maybe your dad! Supplies, dinosaurs, and fun are provided. Fathers are optional, but love for dinosaurs is mandatory.

Fri. June 13 | 4:00pm

COZY READ-A-THON (Families)

Crush your summer reading goals by joining us for a cozy reading time with reading sprints, snacks, brain breaks, and book suggestions for your next read.

Wed. June 25 | 10:00am-7:00pm

KIDCHELLA (Families)

Get ready to dance, create, and celebrate at Kidchella—the ultimate festival for kids and families! Whether grooving to live music or embracing your inner artist with creativity stations and festival-inspired whimsy tents, every moment will surely bring smiles!

Fri. July 11 | 10:00am

★ FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIES ★

SUMMER CINEMA (Families)

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

Wed. June 4 | 2:00pm – *Aladdin* (G, 1992)

Wed. June 11 | 2:00pm – *Peter Pan* (G, 1953)

Wed. June 18 | 2:00pm – *The Little Mermaid Sing Along* (G, 2008)

Wed. June 25 | 2:00pm – *The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea* (G, 2000)

Wed. July 2 | 2:00pm – *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* (PG, 2010)

Wed. July 9 | 2:00pm – *Alice in Wonderland* (G, 1951)

Wed. July 16 | 2:00pm – *Raya and the Last Dragon* (PG, 2021)

Wed. July 23 | 2:00pm – *Beauty and the Beast* (G, 1991)

Wed. July 30 | 2:00pm – *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (PG, 2005)

Auditorium

TEENS

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

TEEN TAKEOVER: GET YOUR GAME ON

Take a break from the screens and come to the Library for some unplugged gaming. Each week, we'll feature a new game to play.

Tues. June 3 | 2:00-4:00pm – The Floor is Lava

Tues. June 10 | 2:00-4:00pm – Paint Chip Poetry

Tues. June 17 | 2:00-4:00pm – Juneteenth Trivia

Tues. June 24 | 2:00-4:00pm – What Do You Meme?

Tues. July 1 | 2:00-4:00pm – Pixelated Movie Poster Trivia

Tues. July 8 | 2:00-4:00pm – Artsy Fartsy

Tues. July 15 | 2:00-4:00pm – Color Brain

Tues. July 22 | 2:00-4:00pm – Hues & Cues

Tues. July 29 | 2:00-4:00pm – Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza

TEEN TAKEOVER: CRAFTERNOONS

Join us every Wednesday afternoon for a fun art or craft project. All supplies provided.

Wed. June 4 | 2:00-4:00pm – Sticker Party

Wed. June 11 | 2:00-4:00pm – Upcycled Book Crafts

Wed. June 18 | 2:00-4:00pm – Photo Collages

Wed. June 25 | 2:00-4:00pm – Shrinky Dink Charms

Wed. July 2 | 2:00-4:00pm – Friendship Bracelets

Wed. July 9 | 2:00-4:00pm – Nailed It! Bad Art Challenge

Wed. July 16 | 2:00-4:00pm – Sticker Party

Wed. July 23 | 2:00-4:00pm – Duct Tape Pencil Pouches

Wed. July 30 | 2:00-4:00pm – Mini Vision Boards

TEEN TAKEOVER: MERRY POP-INS

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

Thur. June 5 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Make a Meme

Thur. June 12 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Book Spine Poetry

Thur. June 19 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Juneteenth Scavenger Hunt

Thur. June 26 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Make a Meme

Thur. July 3 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Summer Fun / Spy

Thur. July 10 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Name Generators

Thur. July 17 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Retro Toy / Spy

Thur. July 24 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Literary Scavenger Hunt

Thur. July 31 | 10:00am-4:00pm – Make a Meme

ADULTS

BE PREPARED ANYWHERE

Learn how to be prepared for common inconveniences and big emergencies with a little planning and the resources available at your Library! In this series, we'll talk about common and uncommon scenarios you can be better prepared for and make mini tin can kits to help us tackle problems... large and small!

Sat. May 3 | 2:00pm – Preparedness on the Daily / Mini first aid kit

Sat. June 14 | 2:00pm – Get Your Home Ready / Mini home emergency kit

Sat. July 26 | 2:00pm – Digital Preparedness / Mini tech emergency kit

Sat. Aug 16 | 2:00pm – Be Prepared to Bug Out / Mini car emergency kit

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

SUMMER MATINEES: CELEBRATING THE CREATORS WHO COLOR OUR WORLD

Join us Sundays at 2pm to enjoy a feature film about the influential creators who *Color Our World*!

Sun. May 4 | 2:00pm – *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* (R)

Sun. May 11 | 2:00pm – *Tick, Tick... Boom!* (PG-13)

Sun. June 1 | 2:00pm – *Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain* (R)

Sun. June 8 | 2:00pm – *Yellow Rose* (PG-13)

Sun. June 15 | 2:00pm – *Straight Outta Compton* (R)

Sun. June 22 | 2:00pm – *Bohemian Rhapsody* (PG-13)

Sun. June 29 | 2:00pm – *Big Eyes* (PG-13)

Sun. July 6 | 2:00pm – *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* (R)

Sun. July 13 | 2:00pm – *Julie & Julia* (PG-13)

Sun. July 20 | 2:00pm – *Won't You Be My Neighbor* (PG-13)

Sun. July 27 | 2:00pm – *Summer of Soul* (PG-13)

Auditorium

SUMMER WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Join us for an insightful program dedicated to learning about and understanding different areas of mental health. In partnership with the Pastoral Institute, this program aims to educate and highlight self-care habits or give participants time in a safe space with a Licensed mental health professional. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Mon. May 5 | 12:00pm – Beyond Winter Blues: Managing Depression Year-Round

Mon. June 2 | 12:00pm – Mindful Moments: Practical Self-Care Strategies for Stress Relief

Mon. July 7 | 12:00pm – Navigating Moderate to High Anxiety

Mon. August 4 | 12:00pm – Raising Resilient Kids: The Power of Consistency

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GET JOB READY!

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

Mon. May 5 | 6:00pm **Wed. July 30 | 6:00pm**

Tues. June 17 | 6:00pm **Sat. Aug 23 | 11:00am**

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

CHESS

Join us for an afternoon of playing chess, learning new strategies, and meeting new people. Players of all skill levels are welcome to participate.

Tues. May 6 | 4:00-5:30pm **Tues. July 1 | 4:00-5:30pm**

Tues. June 3 | 4:00-5:30pm **Tues. August 5 | 4:00-5:30pm**

Synovus Meeting Room B

HISTORY CRAFT HOUR

Listen to a short history presentation and spark your creativity with a related craft. New topics and crafts every month. Though crafts are designed for adults, all ages are welcome!

Wed. May 7 | 4:00pm – The History of Paleontology / Dinosaur Sand Art

Wed. June 4 | 4:00pm – Njinga of Angola / Cowrie Bead Keychains

Wed. July 2 | 4:00pm – Elzada Clover & Lois Jotter / Pom-Pom Cacti

Wed. August 6 | 4:00pm – Catherine of Braganza / Decorate Your Own Tea Cake

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

ADVENTURE COOKS

Come and enjoy a discussion of a different regional, ethnic, or national cooking style. Bring a dish in that day's style to share with at least 10 other attendees as we sample delicious foods of the world. We will meet the second Friday of each month at lunchtime!

Fri. May 9 | 12:00pm – Mediterranean

Fri. June 13 | 12:00pm – Gullah Geechee

Fri. July 11 | 12:00pm – Italian

Fri. August 8 | 12:00pm – German

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. May 10 | 11:00am

Mon. June 23 | 4:00pm

Sat. July 12 | 11:00am

Mon. August 25 | 4:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

2ND MONDAY MOVIE CLUB

Mon. May 12 | 6:30pm – Frida Kahlo, *Frida* (R)

Mon. June 9 | 6:30pm – Jean-Michel Basquiat, *Boom for Real: The Late Teenage Years of Jean-Michel Basquiat* (NR)

Mon. July 14 | 6:30pm – Banksy, *Exit Through the Gift Shop* (R)

Mon. August 11 | 6:30pm – Vincent Van Gogh, *At Eternity's Gate* (PG-13)

Auditorium

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. May 13 | 11:00am

Tues. July 8 | 11:00am

Tues. June 10 | 11:00am

Tues. August 12 | 11:00am

Rothschild Technology Room

WORD NERDS AND GAMER GEEKS

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

Tues. May 13 | 3:30-5:30pm

Tues. July 8 | 3:30-5:30pm

Tues. June 10 | 3:30-5:30pm

Tues. August 12 | 3:30-5:30pm

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 already use every day!

Tues. May 20 | 6:00-7:30pm – Smartphone Photography

Synovus Room B

Tues. June 24 | 6:00-7:30pm – Creating and Sharing Google Calendars

Tues. Aug 19 | 6:00-7:30pm – Email Inbox Clear-out

Rothschild Technology Room

COLORFUL STEEPS AND STORIES

Colorful Steeps and Stories invites you to immerse yourself in a vibrant world of colorful teas and stories. Bring your favorite book or find something you like in the Library; colorful teas will be provided. Get ready to sip, relax, and discover the perfect blend of tea and tales, where every cup tells a story, and every story adds a new layer to your tea experience.

Sat. May 24 | 3:00pm

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.

Tues. May 27 | 4:30pm

Tues. July 29 | 4:30pm

Tues. June 24 | 4:30pm

Tues. August 26 | 4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting 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 from fellow writers and Library staff.

Wed. May 28 | 5:00pm

Wed. July 23 | 5:00pm

Wed. June 25 | 5:00pm

Wed. August 27 | 5:00pm

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. May 1 | 3:00pm-4:30pm

Thur. June 5 | 3:00pm-4:30pm

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

Thur. August 7 | 3:00pm-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. May 8 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. June 12 | 3:00-4:30pm

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

Thur. August 14 | 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. June 19 | 3:00-4:30pm

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

Thur. August 21 | 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!

Thur. May 22 | 3:00-4:30pm – Veterans in the Family: Learn to use Fold3 to research military service in your family history. This will be hands-on computer searching with assistance from a librarian.

Thur. June 26 | 3:00-4:30pm – Deep Roots II: Follows 2024's Juneteenth program by giving examples of success in tracing Black family history to slavery in Columbus and nearby counties.

Thur. July 24 | 3:00-4:30pm – Native Knowledge: Learn about the potential difficulties when researching Native American Genealogy.

Thur. August 28 | 3:00-4:30pm – Pillars of our Families: Women's Equality Day was on August 26, but we're celebrating all week! Check out our display in Genealogy and join us for tips about researching the women in our family history.

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

ART THERAPY: ART ON THE LAWN

Art on the Lawn brings creativity and therapy together in a sunny outdoor setting in the summer. This artistic session, in partnership with the Pastoral Institute, will explore stress relief through creativity and will take place on the green space of the Library. Participants will be provided with a canvas, easel, and watercolors to create a masterpiece, all while enjoying the fresh air and vibrant surroundings.

Sat. June 14 | 10:00am

Front Lawn by the Trees (Inclement Weather Location, Synovus Meeting Room A)

GEORGIA LIBRARY SERVICES—BINGO AND BROWNIES

Join us as we play Bingo, have yummy treats, and discuss Library services for the blind and print-disabled! We'll share information about library services that will help, focusing on the Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS). Snacks and comfy vibes will be provided!

Wed. June 18 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

DUELING READING SPRINT: SOCIAL MEDIA STARS VS. INTROVERTED READERS

We're bringing together readers with two distinct styles: the outgoing social media streamers and the reflective introverted readers. Drop in anytime during the program to contribute to your team and our Summer Reading goal of 2,000,025 minutes logged by Library readers. Reading sprints will be timed in 45-minute increments, with 15-minute breaks in-between. Snacks and comfy vibes will be provided!

Sat. June 21 | 2:00–5:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

UGA ATHLETICS IN YOUR TOWN *(All Ages)*

Celebrate some DAWG History with Jason Hasty, University of Georgia Athletics History Specialist. He'll share stories and artifacts from the UGA Athletic Association Archives, part of the Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia.

Wed. June 26 | 11:00am-4:00pm

W.C. Bradley Reading Room

SUMMER DESSERT BAKE-OFF

Do you have a favorite summer dessert recipe that is so good it just needs to be shared? Bake your favorite summer dessert and bring it to the Library! We will sample all the desserts, vote for our favorites, and the winner will take home a prize! Please bring enough for at least 10 folks to sample.

Sat. June 28 | 12:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room B

BLOOKET® SHOWDOWN: TRIVIA WITH A TWIST

Blooket® Showdown: Trivia with a Twist brings a fresh, fun spin to your usual game night. Using the interactive Blooket® platform, this program challenges participants to test their knowledge across a variety of topics—from history and pop culture to current events and beyond. With a mix of strategy, speed, and trivia, Blooket® Showdown adds a competitive edge to learning in a relaxed, social environment.

Sat. July 26 | 12:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

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 where to go, what to eat, and what to do all over town.

Sat. August 2 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

BOOK CLUBS

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. May 9 | 7:00pm

Fri. July 11 | 7:00pm

Fri. June 13 | 7:00pm

Fri. August 8 | 7:00pm

Midtown Coffee House, 1342 13th Street

PEACH STATE PERPS

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

Wed. May 14 | 5:00pm – *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep

Rothschild Technology Room

Wed. June 11 | 5:00pm – *American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land* by Monica Hesse

Wed. July 9 | 5:00pm – *A Devil Went Down to Georgia: Race, Power, Privilege, and the Murder of Lita McClinton* by Deb Miller Landau

Wed. August 13 | 5:00pm – *Gator Country: Deception, Danger, and Alligators in the Everglades* by Rebecca Renner

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

SUSPENDING REALITY

Do you enjoy a good spine-chilling, reality-suspending, and possibly dimension-traveling good time? Please join us each third Monday of the month as we discuss a book that suspends reality.

Mon. May 19 | 5:00pm – *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka

Mon. June 16 | 5:00pm – *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

Mon. July 21 | 5:00pm – *Interview with the Vampire* by Anne Rice

Mon. August 18 | 5:00pm – *Summer Sons* by Lee Mandelo

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

THE SOUND OF SCANDAL

The sound of scandal book club blends the chilling world of true crime with the fascinating lives of music artists. Each month, we dive into a gripping true crime story—focusing on cases involving musicians or the darker side of fame. From high-profile murders to unsolved disappearances, we explore how crime has intertwined with the lives of those behind the music.

Wed. May 21 | 6:00pm – *Soulless: The Case Against R. Kelly* by Jim DeRogatis

Wed. June 18 | 6:00pm – *Complex Presents Dummy Boy: Tekashi 6ix9ine and The Nine Trey Gangsta Bloods* by Shawn Setaro

Wed. July 16 | 6:00pm – *Compton Street Legend: Notorious Keffe D's Street-Level Accounts of Tupac and Biggie Murders, Death Row Origins, Suge Knight, Puffy Combs, and Crooked Cops* by Duane 'Keffe D' Davis

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

IN MY ROMANCE ERA BOOK CLUB

Connect with romance and romantasy readers in our new book club! Planned with busy caregivers in mind, you can discuss books you are reading while your little one gets to play close by.

Thur. May 29 | 11:00am **Thur. July 31 | 11:00am**

Thur. June 26 | 11:00am **Thur. August 28 | 11:00am**

Aflac Children's Department

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

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



Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2782.



Appointment required.

See program description for more info.

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

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 even a round of chess.

Tues. May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4:30pm

Tues. June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4:30pm

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

Tues. August 5, 12, 19, 26 | 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—your child is on their way!

Wed. May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am

Wed. June 4, 11*, 18, 25 | 11:00am

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

Wed. August 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am

* Special performance by Shana Banana

** Special performance by Didgeridoo Down Under

SIMPLE STEPS: PLAY (Ages 0-5)

Our open playtime sessions offer the perfect opportunity for babies to develop crucial motor skills, ignite their imaginations, and foster social interactions with other tiny adventurers.

Mondays in June and July, drop by between 10am and 12pm

COLOR YOUR WORLD: SUMMER CRAFT SERIES

This summer, let your creativity shine! Each session will offer a hands-on project designed to inspire your creativity and help you bring a burst of color to your world. Don't forget to wear your favorite color and bring your creativity.

Tues. June 3 | 11:00am – Art Journal

Tues. June 17 | 11:00am – Kaleidoscope

Tues. July 1 | 11:00am – Sand Art

Tues. July 15 | 11:00am – Sponge Art

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Join us for a joyous Juneteenth celebration with history and fun for all ages!

Tues. June 17 | 6:00pm

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. June 21 | 3:00pm Sat. August 30 | 3:00pm

Sat. July 19 | 3:00pm

FOL Room

SWEET SUMMER CELEBRATION: ICE CREAM PARTY

Celebrate your Summer Reading Challenge accomplishments with an ice cream party and fun activities at this family-friendly event.

Tues. July 29 | 6:00pm

★ FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIES ★

SUMMER CINEMA

This summer, join us for a fun-filled movie adventure every other Friday at the Library! We will be screening a different family-friendly movie at each matinee. Come to the Mildred L. Terry Public Library to cast your vote on which movie you want to watch.

Fri. June 13 | 2:00pm Fri. July 11 | 2:00pm

Fri. June 27 | 2:00pm Fri. July 25 | 2:00pm

TEENS

A WICKED MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for the showing of the movie *Wicked*. Immerse yourself in the lives of Elphaba and Glinda as you follow along on this colorful journey and unlikely friendship. Don't forget to pick up your movie ticket and concessions when you arrive.

Tues. May 27 | 5:00pm

THE CANVAS AND CLAY BREAKOUT ADVENTURE

The art supplies needed to finish the exhibit are locked away, and the clues to the combination are hidden throughout this huge museum. There is only one hour before the show starts—can you help us find the art supplies before it's too late?

Tues. June 10 | 6:00pm

GROOVE & GLOW PAINT PARTY

Paint to the beat and turn your tote bag into a walking masterpiece that glows just as brightly as you. All supplies provided.

Tues. July 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!

Mon. | 10:30am, 11:00am, or 4:00pm

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

Thur. | 10:30am and 11:00am

FOL Room

GET HOOKED! CROCHET CLUB

Adults of all experience levels are welcome to this non-judgmental group of crochet enthusiasts who enjoy teaching as much as creating and sharing projects with the community.

Sat. May 10, 24 | 4:00-5:30pm Sat. July 12, 26 | 4:00-5:30pm

Sat. June 14, 28 | 4:00-5:30pm Sat. August 9, 23 | 4:00-5:30pm

"FIND FRIENDS": DIP AND PAINT SUMMER SOCIAL

"Create" colorful memories this summer with a few new friends. You can dip your paintbrush and your food. All supplies provided.

Tues. July 22 | 6:00pm

4TH ANNUAL LOC JUBILEE

Long for luscious 'locs' but 'dread' the journey? Join us for a Loc Celebration to learn about starting and maintaining your locs and natural hair.

Sat. August 16 | 3:00pm

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. May 3 | 2:00pm – *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz* by Erik Larson

Sat. June 7 | 2:00pm – *The DallerGut Dream Department Store* by Miye Lee

Sat. July 5 | 2:00pm – *Hyperbole and a Half: Unfortunate Situations, Flawed Coping Mechanisms, Mayhem, and Other Things That Happened* by Allie Brosh

Sat. August 2 | 2:00pm – *Year of No Garbage: Recycling Lies, Plastic Problems, and One Woman's Trashy Journey to Zero Waste* by Eve O. Schaub
Call the branch at 706-243-2782 for this month's location.

PAGE TURNERS

Join us the 2nd Saturday of each month for a lively book discussion of popular titles. New members are always welcome!

Sat. May 10 | 2:00pm – *James Earl Jones: Voices and Silences* by James Earl Jones

Sat. June 14 | 2:00pm – *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict

Sat. July 12 | 2:00pm – *You Are Your Best Thing: Vulnerability, Shame, Resilience, and the Black Experience* by Tarana Burke

Sat. August 9 | 2:00pm – *What a Plant Knows: A Field Guide to the Senses* by Daniel Chamovitz

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North Columbus Public Library

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Columbus, GA 31909
706-748-2855

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SIMPLE STEPS: PLAY (Ages 0-5)

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

Tues. May 6, 13, 20 | 10:00am

Tues. August 12, 19, 26 | 10:00am

Children's Department

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. May 27 | 10:00am

Tues. June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:00am

Tues. July 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:00am

Children's Department

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!

Tues. May 27 | 11:00am

Tues. June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:00am

Tues. July 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am

Children's Department

CREATIVE KIDS (Ages 6-11)

An art studio just for kids! We'll experiment with a new medium or technique every week. All materials provided. Dress for mess.

Thur. May 29 | 3:00pm – Alma Thomas*

Thur. June 5 | 3:00pm – Cardboard Costumes

Thur. June 12 | 3:00pm – Make Your Own Comic Book

Thur. June 26 | 3:00pm – Squeegee Art

Thur. July 10 | 3:00pm – Green Screen

Thur. July 17 | 3:00pm – Yarn Hanging

Thur. July 24 | 3:00pm – Edible Art

** A special Columbus Museum program.*

SENSORY STUDIO (Ages 6-11)

An art program for kids with sensory sensitivities. Learn new art techniques in an autism-friendly environment. Space is limited.

Sat. May 31 | 3:00pm – Self-Portraits

Sat. June 28 | 3:00pm – Yarn Art

Sat. July 26 | 3:00pm – Edible Art



Self-directed program during Library hours.



Reservations requested. Call 706-748-2855.



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"COLOR OUR WORLD" FAMILY STORIES (Ages 6-11)

Celebrate our Summer Reading Program with a storytime and other fun activities. Psst... parents: These special storytimes are designed to help practice and maintain literacy skills while school is not in session, but they'll just feel like fun to your young ones.

Tues. June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 12:00pm

Tues. July 8, 15, 22, 29 | 12:00pm

Children's Department

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS (Ages 6-11)

A book club for those who love *Dog Man*, *Pokémon*, *Baby-Sitters Club*, and other graphic novels! There is no assigned reading. Talk about what you've read, sample new series, and play some fan-friendly games.

Wed. June 4 | 4:00pm

Wed. July 9 | 4:00pm

FINGER PAINT FRIDAY (Ages 1-5)

Hands-on, creative fun for the littlest artists. Enjoy age-appropriate activities to build creative skills. Dress for mess.

Fri. June 13 | 3:00pm

ART AT THE PARK (Ages 6-11)

An art adventure inspired by the nature at Britt David Park. We'll meet in the Library's Large Conference Room for an artistic event, come rain or shine. All materials provided. Dress for mess.

Fri. July 18 | 11:00am

Children's Department

KIDS' SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY (Ages 6-11)

Celebrate the end of summer reading with games, crafts, and treats!

Thur. July 31 | 3:00pm

★ FAMILY FRIENDLY MOVIES ★

SUMMER CINEMA

Bring a blanket or towel and join us for a family-friendly movie! Light snacks are provided, but you can also bring your own. Groups are welcome, but please call 706-748-2855 to guarantee space.

Mon. June 2 | 10:00am – *Wicked* (PG)

Mon. June 16 | 10:00am – *Moana 2* (PG)

Mon. June 30 | 10:00am – *Wild Robot* (PG)

Mon. July 14 | 10:00am – *Dog Man* (PG)

Mon. July 28 | 10:00am – *Mufasa* (PG)

TEENS

CREATIVI-TEEN

An art studio just for teens. Experiment with a new medium or technique every week. All materials provided.

Thur. May 29 | 6:00pm – Edible Art

Thur. June 5 | 6:00pm – DIY Tote Bags

Thur. June 12 | 6:00pm – Edible Art

Thur. June 26 | 6:00pm – Mini Portraits

Thur. July 3 | 6:00pm – 'Zines

Thur. July 10 | 6:00pm – Cozy Coloring

Thur. July 17 | 6:00pm – Printmaking

Thur. July 24 | 6:00pm – Planning

ONE MORE CHAPTER: TEEN BOOK CLUB

Calling all book-troverts! This book club has no assigned reading. Simply share your recent faves and mehs in a relaxed, informal discussion. It's a great way to add to your TBR list!

Mon. June 2 | 4:00pm

Mon. June 23 | 4:00pm

Mon. July 14 | 4:00pm

D&D AFTER HOURS

Join a D&D campaign that will extend into the evening hours! This teens-only event is open to players of all skill levels, from beginner to DM. Dinner provided. **Space is limited.**

Sat. June 21 | 4:00-8:00pm

INNER BEAST CHALLENGES FOR TEENS

Take on fun challenges for chocolate bar prizes. Can you balance slime on your nose the longest or decode a message the fastest? Friendly competitions will test all sorts of skills!

Sat. July 12 | 3:00pm

HP BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the Boy Who Lived! Celebrate with a magical craft and cake!

Thur. July 31 | 6:00pm

AFTER-HOURS HARRY POTTER ESCAPE ROOM

Take over the Library as you use charms, potions, and other magical means to make your way through this escape room. **Space is limited.**

Sat. August 2 | 6:00pm


ADULTS

MINDFUL MONDAYS

This program aims to educate and highlight self-care habits. A licensed mental health professional will be available May 19 and July 21 to lead the session.

Mon. May 19 | 11:00am – Art Therapy with The Pastoral Institute 

Mon. June 23 | 11:00am – Fingerprint for Adults

Mon. July 21 | 11:00am – Music Therapy with The Pastoral Institute 

Mon. August 18 | 11:00am – Yoga Basics

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. May 20 | 4:00pm Tues. July 22 | 4:00pm

Tues. June 17 | 4:00pm Tues. August 19 | 4:00pm

AUDIOBOOK TASTING

Bring your lunch, relax, and sample an audiobook. Library staff will teach you how to navigate free Library audiobook apps on your own device.

Wed. May 21 | 12:00pm – Hoopla

Wed. June 18 | 12:00pm – Libby

Wed. July 16 | 12:00pm – Palace Project

BYO BOOK CLUB

A book club for busy people! We have no assigned reading. Share your reviews of what you've read, and get recommendations from others. Light refreshments provided.

Wed. May 22 | 5:00pm Wed. July 17 | 5:00pm

Wed. June 19 | 5:00pm Wed. August 21 | 5:00pm

COLOR OURSELVES

This series is all about ink... as in, tattoos. Experts will share information about body art, including cultural insights and practical advice. We will even try our hands at DIY (temporary!) tattoos.

Sat. May 24 | 3:00pm – Q&A with Experts

Sat. June 7 | 3:00pm – Culture and History of Body Art

Sat. June 21 | 3:00pm – DIY Tattoos

BRITISH TEA-V: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Enjoy a cuppa while you chat with other British TV fans. Participants can discuss shows, share recommendations, and watch telly! Tea & light refreshments provided.

Tues. May 27 | 4:00pm Tues. August 26 | 4:00pm

Tues. June 24 | 4:00pm

KNIT-WITS: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Watch a puzzling program or play trivia while you knit / crochet. This monthly program combines creativity and mental agility. Open to all skill levels, including those who want to learn. Bring a project from home or start one with provided supplies.

Tues. June 3 | 4:00pm

Tues. August 5 | 4:00pm

Tues. July 8 | 4:00pm

COMPUTER CLASSES

Learn new skills each week in a relaxed, informal session. Need additional, personalized help? We also offer 1:1 appointments. Call 706-748-2855 for more information.

Thur. June 5 | 12:00pm – eReading Basics

Thur. June 12 | 12:00pm – Resumes with Brainfuse

Thur. June 26 | 12:00pm – Canva

GAMES AT THE LIBRARY: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Take a break and have fun with other adults at the Library. Bring a game to share or enjoy one of the card and board games provided.

Tues. June 10 | 4:00pm

Tues. August 12 | 4:00pm

Tues. July 15 | 4:00pm

PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION

Celebrate Pride Month and create a colorful unity bracelet.

Fri. June 13 | 11:00am

IEP INFO LAB

An expert from Project Ability/ Exceptional Advocacy Services will host a Q&A about the Individualized Education Program process and education opportunities for children with disabilities.

Fri. July 11 | 3:00pm

KNOW YOUR COLORS: COLOR ANALYSIS WITH COLUMBUS TECH

Cosmetology students from Columbus Technical College will offer color analysis to determine which shades/hues compliment you the most.

Sat. July 19 | 4:00pm

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP PARTY FOR ADULTS

Celebrate your summer reading success with snacks and games!

Tues. July 29 | 4:00pm

CRAZY CAT PEOPLE PARTY

A fun space for creative feline lovers to bring out the "cat" in CrAFTs. A prize will be given to the best cat sweater.

Sat. August 2 | 4:00pm

ALL AGES

BEANSTACK BINGO KICKOFF – AN INTRO TO SUMMER READING

Storytimes, crafts, or Bingo games will be offered every hour throughout the day. Enjoy the fun and learn more about how to manage the whole family's Summer Reading with the Beanstack app!

Tues. May 27 | 10:00am-4:00pm

READ-A-THON

Maintain your Summer Reading with our read-a-thons! Our challenge is to have our readers cumulatively finish 20 hours of reading in one day! We'll provide a comfy space, light refreshments, and plenty of books to choose from. Enjoy the literary leisure!

Fri. May 30 | All Day

Fri. June 20 | All Day

POKÉTHON

Make themed crafts and meet other Pokémon enthusiasts! Test your knowledge with trivia, trade cards, battle, and more. Themed attire is encouraged.

Fri. June 6 | 3:00pm

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. June 14 | 3:00pm

JUNETEENTH PARTY

Happy Juneteenth! Celebrate freedom for all with crafts and treats at North Columbus Public Library!

Thur. June 19 | 3:00pm

LANGUAGE LAB: ASL

Learn ASL basics, and practice signing with others.

Thur. July 3 | 12:00pm

Thur. July 10 | 12:00pm

LANGUAGE LAB: ESOL

Is English your second language? Practice your conversation skills with others in this safe space. Also learn common idioms. All are welcome!

Thur. July 17 | 12:00pm

Thur. July 24 | 12:00pm

South Columbus Public Library

 Self-directed program during Library hours.

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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—your child is on their way! We have an infant crawl play area for younger children.

Thur. May 1 | 10:00am

Thur. June 5 | 10:00am

Thur. July 10 | 10:00am

Dr. Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FAMILY (Ages 0-5)

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

Thur. May 8, 22 | 10:00am

Thur. June 12 | 10:00am

Thur. July 17, 24 | 10:00am

Dr. Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

"COLOR OUR WORLD" FAMILY STORIES (Ages 4-11)

Spend the afternoon exploring your artistic side. Let's have fun and make something colorful! Come dressed for an art mess: paint, chalk, glue, etc. A different project will be featured each session.

Tues. May 20 | 3:00pm

Tues. July 1 | 3:00pm

Tues. July 22 | 3:00pm

Children's Department

MUSEUM SLEUTHS (Ages 8-13)

This interactive learning program includes games & activities which incorporate the Columbus Museum's rich collection of art and history. Join us as we learn to be detectives and find clues to some of our museum's biggest mysteries. Attendees are encouraged to come all three days for the full experience.

Tues. June 3 | 3:00pm

Wed. June 4 | 3:00pm

Thur. June 5 | 3:00pm

Children's Department

THE WORLDS IN YOUR BACKYARD (Families)

From colorful birds to fluttering butterflies to beneficial bugs join us to learn about wildlife habitats in your own backyard. An interactive learning program presented by Muscogee County UGA Extension Nature & Agriculture agent Erycka Brock Kim.

Tues. June 17 | 3:00pm

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

STITCH DAY (Families)

The colorful world of Lilo & Stitch and their Hawaiian & Intergalactic homes will be transported to South Columbus Public Library. Ohana Means Family! Bring the family to participate in these self-directed activities to celebrate Experiment 626!

Thur. June 26 | All day

Children's Department

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. May 6 | 4:00pm

Tues. June 10 | 4:00pm

Tues. July 8 | 4:00pm

Sullivan Family Teen Area

TEEN TAKEOVER

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

Tues. May 27 | 4:00pm

Tues. June 24 | 4:00pm

Tues. July 29 | 4:00pm

Gloria Battle Studio

ADULTS

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. May 13 | 10:30am

Tues. June 10 | 10:30am

Tues. July 8 | 10:30am

Aflac Computer Lab

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. May 21 | 6:30pm

Wed. June 18 | 6:30pm

Wed. July 23 | 6:30pm

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

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. May 22 | 11:00am

Thur. June 12 | 11:00am

Thur. July 17 | 11:00am

Yancey Family Foundation 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. June 16 | 10:30am

Mon. July 14 | 10:30am

Gloria Battle Studio

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. May 28 | 6:00pm – *The Wild Side* by Fern Michaels

Wed. June 25 | 6:00pm – *Mama* by Terry McMillan

Wed. July 30 | 6:00pm – *The Teacher* by Freida McFallen

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

ALL AGES

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Celebrate Juneteenth with our informative and interactive event featuring the documentary screening of "Juneteenth: Exploring Freedom's Stories" from Annenberg Classroom and activity stations throughout the Library.

Thur. June 19 | 3:00pm

Marion County Public Library

123 East 5th Avenue

Buena Vista, GA 31803

229-649-6385



Self-directed program during Library hours.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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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 (Ages 0-5)

Let's get ready to read! Shape growing minds with rhymes, games, songs, and stories galore! Sing, Talk, Read, Write, Play – your child is on their way!

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Wed. June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:30am

Wed. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:30am

Wed. August 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:30am

★ FAMILY FILM FRIDAYS ★

Join us for a family-friendly movie and popcorn in the conference room!

Fri. May 9 | 2:00pm – *Ratatouille* (G)

Fri. May 23 | 2:00pm – *The Little Mermaid* (2003, PG)

Fri. June 6 | 2:00pm – *Cars* (G)

Fri. June 20 | 2:00pm – *Hidden Figures* (PG)*

Fri. July 11 | 2:00pm – *My Neighbor Totoro* (G)

Fri. July 25 | 2:00pm – *Inside Out* (PG)

Fri. August 8 | 2:00pm – *Babe* (G)

Fri. August 22 | 2:00pm – *Encanto* (PG)

**Part of the Juneteenth Celebration*

TEENS

MUSEUM SLEUTHS SATURDAYS WITH COMU

Enjoy The Columbus Museum's rich collection while practicing your detective skills! COMU will bring art and artifacts for us to search for clues to some of the museum's biggest mysteries.

Sat. June 14, 28 | 12noon

Sat. July 12, 26 | 12noon

ALL AGES

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Come learn about a variety of ways to stay happy, healthy, safe, and well this summer!

Wed. May 14 | 3:00pm – Dementia

Awareness with Area Agency on Aging Dementia Care Specialist Robbie Monfort

Wed. June 11 | 3:00pm – Healthy Summer Snacking with UGA Extension 4-H Agent Cara Freeman

Wed. July 16 | 11:00am – Fire Safety with Smokey Bear and Georgia Forestry Commission

Wed. August 13 | 3:00pm – Art Therapy: Stress Relief Through Creativity with the Pastoral Institute

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Bring the whole family to celebrate Juneteenth at the library with activities, crafts, refreshments, and a movie! We will be watching *Hidden Figures* (PG) at 2:00pm.

Fri. June 20 | 1:00-5:00pm



Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS *(All Ages)*

Meet and learn with other homeschoolers! Hands-on activities, stories, experiments, and sharing.

Thur. May 1, 15 | 11:00am

Thur. June 12 | 11:00am

Thur. July 10 | 11:00am

Thur. August 8, 22 | 11:00am

TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY

Dress up in your fanciest tea party attire, and come celebrate with your child and their favorite stuffed animal. Tea, snacks, crafts, games, and more!

Sat. May 3 | 12:00pm

★ "COLOR OUR WORLD" ★ FAMILY MOVIES

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

Fri. May 30 | 11:00am

Fri. June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am

Fri. July 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am

MOVIE DAY *(All Ages)*

Come celebrate Summer Reading and watch movie with family and friends!

Mon. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am

Mon. July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: BABIES

(Ages 0-18 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. June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:00am

Tues. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am



TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER

Teens decide what they want to do- Come play games, watch a movie, make a craft, or do an activity? It's up to them!

Tues. May 14, 28 | 4:00pm

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

Tues. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4:00pm

Makerspace Room

TEEN GAME DAY

Come play chess or other board games with other teens.

Fri. June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2:00pm

Fri. July 11, 18, 25 | 2:00pm

Makerspace Room

ADULTS

ADULT CRAFT TIME

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

Thur. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 3:00pm

Thur. June 5, 12, 26 | 3:00pm

Thur. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 3:00pm

Thur. Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 3:00pm

Multipurpose Room

BOOK CLUBS

NOVEL-TEA BOOK CLUB

What are you reading? Come discuss your latest reading adventure: the latest tasty novel!

Thur. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 2:00pm

Thur. June 5, 12, 26 | 2:00pm

Thur. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 2:00pm

Thur. Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

ALL AGES

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

A day commemorating when the last enslaved people in the U.S. were finally informed, they were free. Come and celebrate this historic day with crafts, games, and related foods.

Thur. June 19 | 2:00pm

END OF SUMMER PARTY

Join us food, games, and fun!.

Fri. July 25 | 11:00am-12:30pm



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
706-989-3700
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 McDonald's off US-80)

Parks Memorial Public Library

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BUILD YOUR OWN BIRDHOUSE (Ages 6-11)

Create, decorate and paint your own personal bird house. Supplies will be provided.

Sat. July 12 | 2:00pm

Conference Room

A DAY AT THE MOVIES

View a family-friendly movie and munch on snacks!

Sat. August 9 | 2:00pm

Conference Room

ADULTS

CHAIR YOGA

Get in shape ... Gently! Come by for a session of chair yoga. No experience necessary.

Tues. June 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:00am Thur. June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am

Tues. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am Thur. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 11:00am

Tues. August 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am Thur. August 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am

BOARD GAMES

Checkers, Monopoly, Chess, Scrabble, take your pick.

Tues. June 17 | 10:00am

CANVAS PAINTING

Paint the scenery provided on canvas. Are you an artist in disguise? Let's put brush to canvas and find out! Supplies provided.

Tues. July 22 | 10:00am

ROCK PAINTING

Create your own rock personality. Supplies provided.

Tues. Aug 19 | 10:00am

Thinking Money For Kids

FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

Learning about money can be fun! In this series of programs, children, young 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. June 7 | 2:00pm

MAKING MOOO-LAH (All Ages and Families)

In this collaborative simulation, players work together to see if they can run a financially successful farm.

Tues. June 14 | 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. July 19 | 2:00pm

CURRENCY CONGA (Ages 5-12 and Families)

At the flick of a spinner, players vie for space on a vinyl mat as they attempt to touch the correct coins and bills—and improve their currency recognition.

Sat. August 16 | 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10th Annual Columbus Children's Book Festival

May 17

Columbus Public Library

The Summer Reading Challenge

May 17 - July 31

*All Branch Locations or
online with Beanstack*

Kidchella

July 11

*Aflac Children's Department,
Columbus Public Library*

Friends of Libraries BIG BOOK SALE

July 25 - 27

*Synovus Meeting Rooms,
Columbus Public Library*

Last Day to Submit Your Summer Reading Logs for the Grand Prize Drawing

July 31

*All Branch Locations or
online with Beanstack*

Tools 4 School Back to School Giveaway

August 1 • Time TBD

Cocktails and Comedy

November 13 • 6:00pm

Call 706-243-2705 for ticket information.

Columbus Public Library



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Children and Family Reading Log

**COLOR
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The Summer Reading Challenge

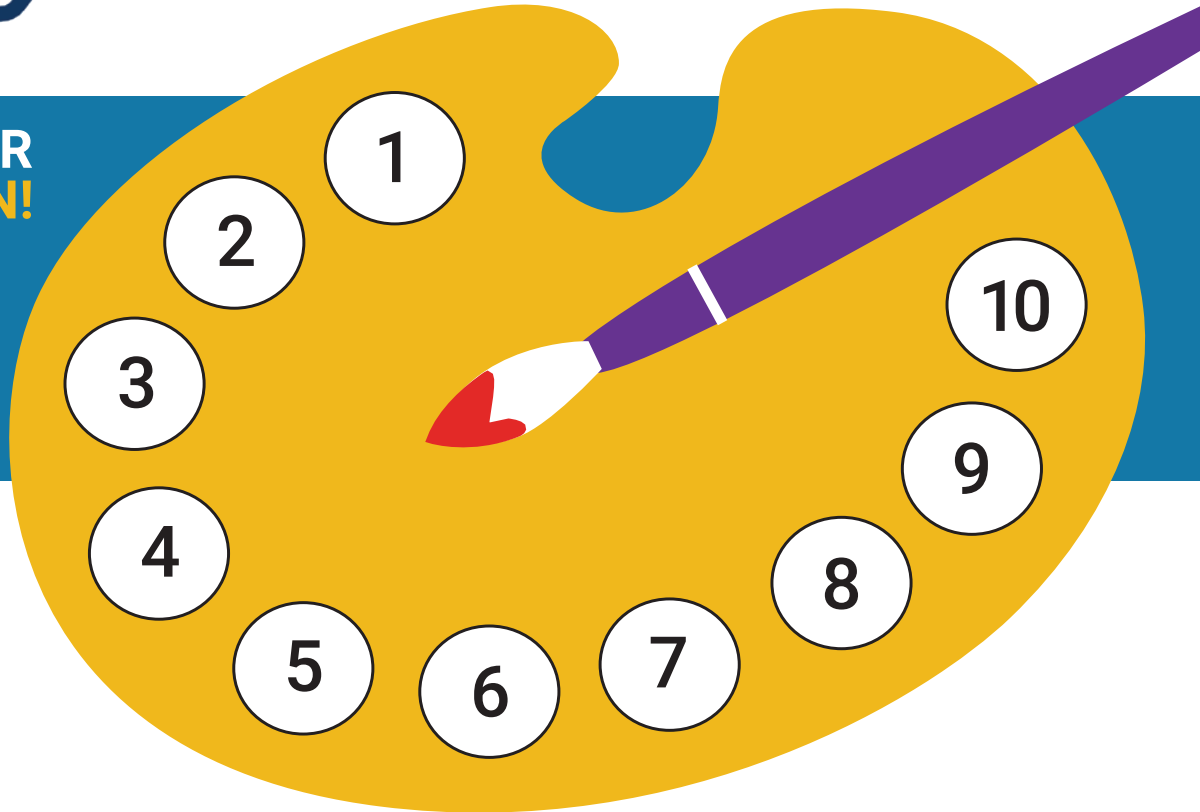
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COLOR IN YOUR WORLD TO WIN!

Just fill in one circle on the paint
palette for every book you read, then
bring this completed log to your
favorite Chattahoochee Valley
Library branch. You'll receive a
small entry reward and be entered
into our Grand Prize Drawing!



**Chattahoochee
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LIST CHILD READER NAMES

AGE

SCHOOL NEXT YEAR



Enter
your
reading
online at
Beanstack!



PARENT / GUARDIAN READER INFO

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Zip Code _____

Favorite book(s) you read _____

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For complete rules visit cvlga.org/SummerReadingRules

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Teens, Adults, and Older Children Reading Log

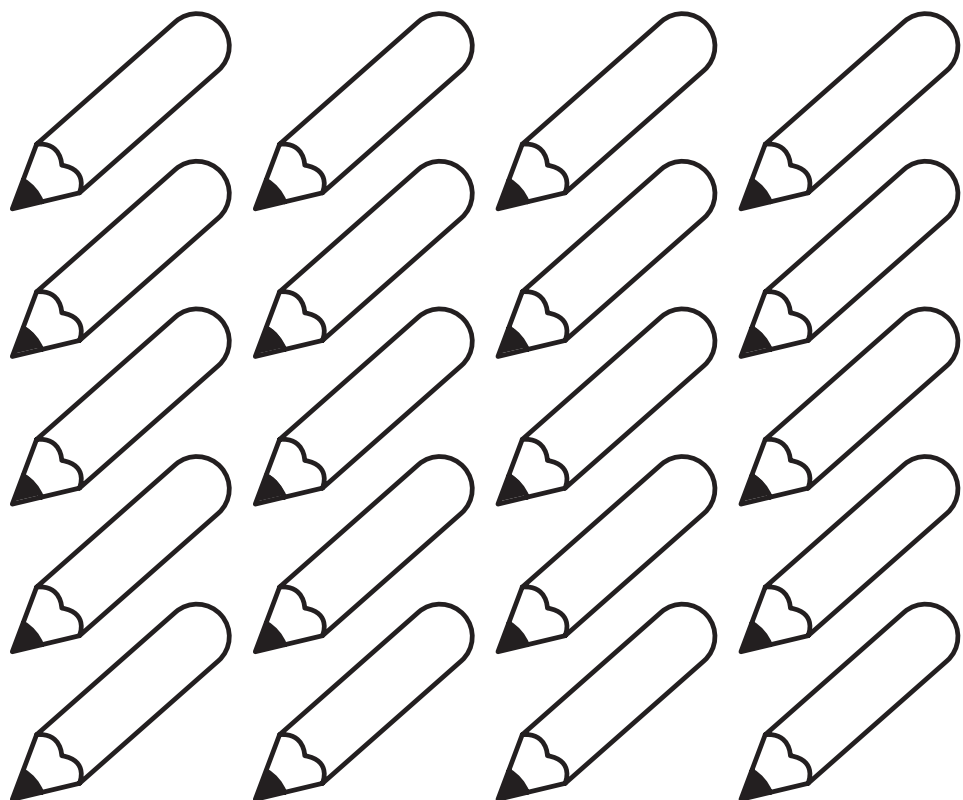


The Summer Reading Challenge

MAY 17 - JULY 31, 2025

COLOR YOUR WORLD WITH READING THIS SUMMER!

Just fill in one colored pencil for every 15 minutes you read. Once you reach 5 hours, bring this log to your favorite Chattahoochee Valley Libraries branch for a small gift and an entry into our grand prize drawing. Keep reading (and coloring) all summer for more entries!



READER INFO

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Zip Code _____
Age: ☐ Adult ☐ Teen ☐ Child reading chapter books Child Age _____
School attending next year (if applicable) _____
Favorite book(s) you read _____

Enter your reading
online at Beanstack!



For complete rules visit
cvlga.org/SummerReadingRules



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