

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

FALL 2025
PROGRAM GUIDE



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Book Clubs

FIND YOUR GROUP!

■ Columbus Public Library

IN MY ROMANCE ERA BOOK CLUB (Adults)

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. While we don't read a specific book, we do pick a new subgenre or trope to read each month! Visit the Library that month to get book suggestions!

Thur. September 18 | 11:00am – Sports Romance

Thur. October 16 | 11:00am – Paranormal Romance

Thur. November 20 | 11:00am – Young Adult Romance

Thur. December 18 | 11:00am – Holiday Romance

SELF-HELP BOOK CLUB (Adults)

Join us for a discussion of Brene Brown's *Daring Greatly*. This program aims to lead an insightful discussion and 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. *Presented in partnership with the Pastoral Institute.*

Thur. September 4 | 12:00pm

Thur. November 6 | 12:00pm

Thur. October 2 | 12:00pm

Thur. December 4 | 12:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

FOREVER YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB (Adults)

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: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fyacolumbusga>.

Fri. September 12 | 7:00pm

Fri. November 14 | 7:00pm

Fri. October 10 | 7:00pm

Fri. December 12 | 7:00pm

Midtown Coffee House, 1342 13th Street

THE KENNEDY KOLLECTION BOOK CLUB (Adults)

Join our book club dedicated to celebrating Kennedy Ryan's novels, exploring the beauty and emotional depth of her works. *Fans of The Grip Series, Before I Let Go*, and others are welcome to connect, discuss themes, and share the emotions her storytelling evokes. Participate in monthly discussions focused on love, strength, and the transformative power of second chances.

Wed. September 17 | 6:00pm – *The Kingmaker*

Wed. October 15 | 6:00pm – *The Rebel King*

Wed. November 19 | 6:00pm – *This Could Be Us*

Wed. December 17 | 6:00pm – *Can't Get Enough*

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

PEACH STATE PERPS BOOK CLUB (Adults)

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

Tues. September 23 | 6:00pm – *The Columbus Stocking Strangler* by William Rawlings

Tues. October 28 | 6:00pm – *Blood in the Water: The Untold Story of a Family Tragedy* by Casey Sherman

Tues. November 25 | 6:00pm – *A Serial Killer's Daughter: My Story of Faith, Love, and Overcoming* by Kerri Rawson

Tues. December 23 | 6:00pm – *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

■ Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

NOVEL-TEA BOOK CLUB (Adults)

Enjoy some conversation and sip some flavorful teas while discussing the latest tasty novel!

Thur. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 2:00pm

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

Thur. November 6, 13, 20 | 2:00pm

Thur. December 4, 11, 18 | 2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

■ Mildred L. Terry Public Library

BOOKS-N-BREWS (Adults)

Like books? Like brews? Join us the first Saturday of the month. New members are always welcome! Coffee will be provided.

Sat. September 6 | 2:00pm – *True Story: What Reality TV Says About Us* by Danielle Lindemann

FOL Room

Sat. October 4 | 2:00pm – *Nickle and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich

AKA Room

Sat. November 1 | 2:00pm – *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence* by Michael Pollan

FOL Room

Sat. December 6 | 2:00pm – *In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom* by Yoenmi Park

AKA Room

PAGE TURNERS (Adults)

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

Sat. September 13 | 2:00pm – *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray

Sat. October 11 | 2:00pm – *Just As I Am* by Cicely Tyson

Sat. November 8 | 2:00pm – *The Message* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Sat. December 13 | 2:00pm – Holiday Meet & Greet Time!



■ North Columbus Public Library

BYO BOOK CLUB (*Adults*)

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. September 25 | 5:00pm

Wed. October 16 | 5:00pm

Wed. November 20 | 5:00pm

Wed. December 18 | 5:00pm

Small Conference Room

■ Parks Memorial Public Library

BOOKS AND BANTER

Bring your lunch (and/or cookies for the group) and join your friends for rousing discussions of current best sellers. All are welcome!

Thurs. September 11 | 12:00pm – *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Thurs. November 6 | 12:00pm – *The Russian* by James Patterson

Thurs. December 11 12:00pm – Holiday Party and Book Exchange

■ South Columbus Public Library

SHH...WE'RE READING BOOK CLUB (*Adults*)

Love to read a variety of books? Want to chat with others about the story? This is the club for you! Join our Facebook Book Club group for reminders.

Sat. September 20 | 3:00pm – *A Song for You* by Robin Crawford

Sat. October 18 | 3:00pm – *Changing Faces* by Kimberla Lawson Roby

Sat. November 15 | 3:00pm – *Flawless* by Heather Graham

Sat. December 13 | 3:00pm – *I Curse You with Joy* by Tiffany Haddish

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

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cocktails & comedy

libations & laughs
for your library!

THURSDAY, NOV 13, 2025

**COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00**

TICKETS ON SALE OCTOBER 1 - CVLGA.ORG

**BENEFITTING THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUND
AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY**



FEATURING

KAREN MORGAN

Meet Santa!

**HAVE A
JOLLY GOOD
TIME WITH
OUR JOLLY
GOOD FRIEND
FROM THE
NORTH POLE!**



***Santa will be visiting your
local Library for stories and
a chance to meet everyone
on the nice list!***

COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
December 2 | 10:30am

NORTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
December 4 | 4:00pm
December 11 | 11:00am
(sensory; appointment required)

**PARKS MEMORIAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
December 6 | 2:00pm

MILDRED L. TERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY
December 10 | 11:00am

SOUTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
December 11 | 3:00pm

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
December 12 | 4:00pm

**CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
December 13 | 12:00pm

Cake & Cards

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH IS A PIECE OF CAKE!

*Need a Library Card? Time to renew? Stop by your local Library and treat yourself!
In September, we're serving up new and renewed Library Cards—with a FREE slice of cake!*

CAKE & CARDS SCHEDULE:

SOUTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, September 3 | 10am-8pm

NORTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, September 11 | 10am-8pm

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, September 12 | 10am-5:30pm

CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, September 13 | 10am- 2pm

MILDRED L. TERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

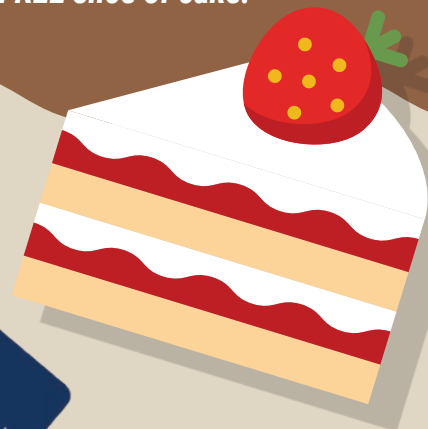
Tuesday, September 16 | 10am-8pm

PARKS MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, September 16 | 10am-6pm

COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friday, September 19 | Noon-1pm



Just show up.

*Sign up or renew
your Library Card.*

Enjoy a slice of cake.

***Because September at the
Library is just that sweet.***



Learn more at cvlga.org.

Valid photo ID, including proof of address required.

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.

FINISH THE COMIC MONTHLY CHALLENGE (Ages 5-12)

Participants will be given an unfinished comic strip to finish using their creative storytelling abilities and drawing skills. Each month, we will pick a winning comic to display for the public.

September | All month November | All month
October | All month December | All month

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

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 other 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 other Tuesday at 10:00am

BATTLE OF THE BOOKMARKS! (Families)

Pick up your blank bookmark in the Library, design it yourself and turn it back in to be entered in the competition. Winners will have their bookmarks printed for everyone to take!

Tues. September 2 – Tues. September 30

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. September 2, 16, 30 | 4:00pm Tues. November 25 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 14, 28 | 4:00pm Tues. December 9, 23 | 4:00pm

DISCOVERY HUB (Ages 3-5)

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

Wed. September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:00am – Weird, But True: Animals

Wed. October 1, 8*, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am – Community Helpers

Wed. November 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am – What are My Senses?

Wed. December 3, 10, 17 | 11:00am – Roar for Dinosaurs!

**Fire Safety Week*

KIDS' CORNER (Families)

Recess at the Library! Come in for an hour of organized playtime after school.

Wed. September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4:00pm

Wed. October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:00pm

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

Wed. December 3, 10, 17 | 4:00pm



Self-directed program during Library hours.



Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2814.



Appointment required. See program for more info.



Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute



Santa Program

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. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

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

Thur. November 6, 13, 20 | 10:00am

Thur. December 4, 11, 18 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A

LEGOs® IN THE LIBRARY (Families)

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

Thur. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:00pm

Thur. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4:00pm

Thur. November 6, 13, 20 | 4:00pm

Thur. December 4, 11, 18 | 4:00pm

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. September 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:00am

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

Fri. November 7, 14, 21 | 10:00am

Fri. December 5, 12, 19 | 10:00am

SCAVENGER HUNTS (Families)

New scavenger hunts drop every Sunday.

Sun. September 7 – Baseball

Sun. September 14 – Bird Watching

Sun. September 21 – Raining Cats and Dogs

Sun. September 28 – Hispanic Heritage Month

Sun. October 5 – Solar System

Sun. October 12 – Whimsical Wings

Sun. October 19 – Ghost Invasion

Sun. October 26 – Monster Mash

Sun. November 2 – Nickelodeon

Sun. November 9 – Military

Sun. November 16 – Turkeys

Sun. November 23 – How to Catch a Turkey

Sun. November 30 – Hold Your Horses

Sun. December 7 – Hockey

Sun. December 14 – Nutcracker Suite

Sun. December 21 – Winter Family Flicks

Sun. December 28 – New Years

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: BABIES AND 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. September 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:00am

Mon. October 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Mon. November 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:00am

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

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

POSTPARTUM CIRCLE: GROUP DISCUSSION

Whether you're a new parent, a partner, or a caregiver, this is a safe space to share experiences, ask questions, and connect with others who understand the ups and downs of life after birth.

Presented in partnership with the Pastoral Institute.

Mon. September 8 | 11:00am

Thur. October 9 | 11:00am

Fri. November 7 | 11:00am

FAMILY FUN NIGHT (Families)

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

Mon. September 8 | 4:00pm – Family Field Day

Mon. October 13 | 4:00pm – *Halloweentown 2: Kalabar's Revenge* (PG) Auditorium

Mon. November 10 | 4:00pm – Family Tree

Mon. December 8 | 4:00pm – Winter Holidays Around the World

KID'S 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. September 9, 23 | 4:00pm Tues. November 4, 18 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 7, 21 | 4:00pm Tues. December 2, 16, 30 | 4:00pm

FALL BACK INTO GRANNY CORE (Families)

Join us for a themed activity each month designed to help you relax and embrace your inner granny!

Fri. September 12 | 4:00pm – Scrapbooking

Fri. October 10 | 4:00pm – Mosaic Art

Fri. November 14 | 4:00pm – DIY Picture Frames

Fri. December 12 | 4:00pm – Crochet Circle

SIDE QUEST: MINI ADVENTURE (Families)

You don't need to buy a flight ticket to explore the world or gain XP. Each Side Quest introduces a different culture and takes you on a mini-adventure!

Fri. September 26 | 4:00pm – Talking with Your Hands

Join us as we explore and learn about the Deaf community!

Fri. October 17 | 4:00pm – Vinternatsblót

Celebrate the coming winter and explore both the past and modern-day Scandinavian regions.

Fri. November 7 | 4:00pm – Native American Heritage

While there are hundreds of different Native American tribes, join us as we learn about the tribes in our state.

MERCER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TEDDY BEAR CLINIC (Families)

Student doctors from the Mercer University School of Medicine show your children what happens at the doctor's office using our teddy bear friends as patients! To make a potentially scary experience less intimidating, we'll demonstrate how gently we can check heartbeats, blood pressure, and more. You are welcome to bring your own stuffed animals for a checkup!

Sat. October 4 | 10:30am

CREATIVE KIDS' THEATRE (Families)

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

Mon. October 20 | 4:00pm Mon. December 15 | 4:00pm

A VERY TWIHARD HALLOWEEN: TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY! (Families)

This Halloween, we're marking 20 years of the most iconic vampire vs. werewolf saga of the century—Twilight. Join us for A Very Twilight Halloween Trick or Treat throughout the Library. Whether you're in your wolfiest form or dripping in vampire glam, we want to see your best supernatural style—or whatever look makes you sparkle. Costumes encouraged. Immortality optional.

Fri. October 31 | 4:00-6:00pm

PICTURE BOOK MONTH BINGO (Families)

Celebrate National Picture Book Month with us! Let our prompts inspire you to read old and new favorites in this month-long bingo challenge.

Sat. November 1- Sun. November 30

JUICE AND JAMS: CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE (Families)

Get ready to party with Juice and Jams, inspired by our Muscogee County Library Foundation's fundraising event. Dive into our Friends of Libraries' pop-up children's book sale, sip on delicious juices, and jam to some musically inspired activities – we are bringing the Foundation Fun right to you!

Tues. November 4 | 10:00am-12:00pm

SANTA VISITS THE LIBRARY

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus is coming to Storytime! Join us for a magical time as Santa shares festive stories and gifts. Time for pictures and wishes to follow.

Tues. December 2 | 10:30-11:30am

COZY HOLIDAY MYSTERY (Families)

A mystery is afoot! Our Snowman's hat and scarf have vanished overnight, and he needs YOUR help to find them! Young detectives must unite on an adventure throughout the Library to decipher hidden clues and recover the lost items.

Fri. December 5 | 4:00pm

BEST YEAR EVER! A BARBIE THEMED NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION (Families)

Come on, Barbies and Kens– let's go party! We'll dance, eat snacks, and drop confetti at noon to usher in our best year yet. You only need to bring your fabulous self because you are "Ken-ough"

Tues. December 30 | 11:00am-12:30pm

TEENS

Unless otherwise indicated, all teen programs will be in the Teen Department. Teen programs are for youth aged 12 years old through 12th grade.

TEEN TAKEOVER: GET YOUR GAME ON

Come to the Library for a variety of fun and games.

Tues. September 2 | 4:30pm – Teens vs. Librarians: Board & Card Games

Tues. September 23 | 4:30pm – D&D Board & Card Games

Tues. October 21 | 4:30pm – *Werewolf*

Tues. November 25 | 4:30pm – *Stranger Things* Trivia

Tues. December 16 | 4:30pm – Teens vs. Librarians: Video Games

TEEN TAKEOVER: SNACK TASTE TEST

Which snacks are the best? Join us to decide. All supplies provided.

Fri. September 5 | 4:30pm – Roll for Flavor

Fri. October 3 | 4:30pm – Bite-Sized Snacks

Fri. November 7 | 4:30pm – Sweet vs. Sour

Fri. December 5 | 4:30pm – Pizza Flavored

TEEN MOVIE MONDAYS: ROLL FOR VIEWING

What movie are we showing? We're letting our Movie Decider Dice decide. Join us each week to roll a combination for viewing. All movies will be rated G, PG, or PG-13.

Mon. September 8, 15, 22 | 4:30pm

TEEN TAKEOVER: ANIME CLUB

Obsessed with manga and anime? Whether we're discussing current show or favorite manga series, playing Japanese games, making fandom inspired art or crafts, or sampling snacks, it is sure to be a good time.

Tues. September 9 | 4:30pm

Tues. October 7 | 4:30pm

Tues. November 4 | 4:30pm

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: ROLL FOR INSPIRATION

All skill levels welcome for this dice inspired art challenge. Roll the dice for a unique (and possibly silly) art prompt. All supplies provided.

Tues. September 16 | 4:30pm

TEEN MOVIE MONDAYS: THE TWILIGHT SAGA

Join us weekly for an installment of The Twilight Saga as we prepare for our A Very Twihard Halloween celebration! Light snacks provided.

Mon. September 29 | 4:30pm – *Twilight* (PG-13)

Mon. October 6 | 4:30pm – *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* (PG-13)

Mon. October 13 | 4:30pm – *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse* (PG-13)

Mon. October 20 | 4:30pm – *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1* (PG-13)

Mon. October 27 | 4:30pm – *The Twilight Saga Breaking Dawn Part 2* (PG-13)

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: JUNK JOURNALS

Create your own unique journal from upcycled items and things you may consider "junk". All supplies provided.

Tues. September 30 | 4:30pm

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: UPCYCLED WOVEN PAPER BAG BASKETS

Basketry is just one art form practiced by the Quileute tribe featured in the *Twilight* series. Explore more facts about the Quileute while making your own upcycled woven paper bag basket. All supplies provided.

Tues. October 14 | 4:30pm

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: DIY BOOK NOOKS

Create tiny dioramas to adorn your personal bookshelves. All supplies provided.

Tues. October 28 | 4:30pm

TEEN TAKEOVER: A VERY TWIHARD HALLOWEEN

This Halloween, we're marking 20 years of the most iconic vampire vs. werewolf saga of the century—*Twilight*. Drop in after school for a fang-tastic party filled with crafts, games, snacks, and activities. Whether you're in your wolfiest form or dripping in vampire glam, we want to see your best supernatural style—or whatever look makes you sparkle. Costumes encouraged. Immortality optional.

Fri. October 31 | 4:00pm

TEEN MOVIE MONDAYS: NO GOOD NOVEMBER

Join us for movies highlighting the backstories of famous villains. Light snacks provided.

Mon. November 3 | 4:30pm – *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes* (PG-13)

Mon. November 10 | 4:30pm – *Maleficent* (PG)

Mon. November 17 | 4:30pm – *Cruella* (PG-13)

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: LO-FI FIBER ARTS

Whether you just want to explore a new hobby or you have several projects under your belt, come relax and try your hand at knitting or crocheting. All supplies provided.

Tues. November 18 | 4:30pm

TEEN TAKEOVER: WICKED (PG) SING-ALONG

All voices welcome at our *Wicked* sing-along to celebrate the premiere of *Wicked: For Good*.

Thur. November 20 | 4:30pm

Auditorium

TEEN MOVIE MONDAYS: GAME TO SCREEN

Join us for movies based on popular video games. Light snacks provided.

Mon. December 1 | 4:30pm – *Five Nights at Freddy's* (PG-13)

Mon. December 8 | 4:30pm – *Pokémon Detective Pikachu* (PG)

Mon. December 15 | 4:30pm – *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (PG)

TEEN TAKEOVER: FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S ESCAPE ROOM

Will you and your team of intrepid true crime podcasters survive to tell the tale of the murder at Freddy FazBear's Pizza? Join with friends or other quick-witted strangers to solve the mystery. Please call 706-243-2811 or stop by the Columbus Public Library Teen Department from Monday, November 3 to Friday, November 21 to register for your spot. There will be 4 time slots available per night. Groups may not exceed 5 teens. Singles or smaller groups are encouraged to sign up and will be combined for a group of 5!

Tues. December 2 | 5:00–7:00pm Thur. December 4 | 5:00–7:00pm

Wed. December 3 | 5:00–7:00pm

TEEN CRAFTERNOON: MINI SCRAPBOOK ALBUMS

Make a mini scrapbook perfect for showcasing your memories. All supplies provided.

Tues. December 9 | 4:30pm

ADULTS

LEVEL UP YOUR TECH 0.5: COMPUTER BASICS

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. September 2 | 11:00am

Tues. November 4 | 11:00am

Tues. October 7 | 11:00am

Tues. December 2 | 11:00am

Rothschild Technology Room

CHESS

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

Tues. September 2 | 4:00-5:30pm

Tues. October 7 | 4:00-5:30pm

Synovus Meeting Room B

Tues. November 4 | 4:00-5:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Tues. December 2 | 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. September 3 | 4:00pm – The Vikings / Rune Painted Treasure Chests

Wed. October 1 | 4:00pm – Seances / Ghost Tea Light Covers

Wed. November 5 | 4:00pm – The Mayflower / Corn Husk Dolls

Wed. December 3 | 4:00pm – Harriet Tubman / Punched Metal Star Ornaments

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GALAVANT WITH GLS

The Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS) provides free talking books and other accessible reading materials for all Georgians. Come to this series of fun and fellowship to learn about GLS services and make some new friends. All activities are designed to be inclusive for all customers!

Fri. September 5 | 3:30pm – Braille Games: Learn the Braille Alphabet the Fun Way!

Fri. October 3 | 3:30pm – Disability Visibility Trivia Night

Tues. November 18 | 3:30pm – Word Nerds Crossover Night!

Fri. December 5 | 3:30pm – Christmas Bingo and (Hot) Cocoa

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

OCCASION CREATIONS: CUSTOM CARD MAKING

Occasion Creations: Custom Card Making is a program that enables you to design personalized cards for various events like birthdays, weddings, and holidays. It provides templates, customizable designs, and user-friendly features, making it easy to create unique cards that express your style and sentiments. Share heartfelt messages with ease, one card at a time.

Sat. September 6 | 10:30am

Sat. October 18 | 10:30am

Sat. November 15 | 10:30am

Sat. December 20 | 10:30am

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

1st SUNDAY MATINEES – CELEBRATING SEASONAL FLICKS

Join us on the 1st Sunday each month at 2pm to enjoy a seasonal feature film!

Sun. September 7 | 2:00pm – *The Public* (2018; PG-13)

Sun. October 5 | 2:00pm – *Little Shop of Horrors* (1986; PG-13)

Sun. November 2 | 2:00pm – *Knives Out* (2019; PG-13)

Sun. December 7 | 2:00pm – *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992; G)

Auditorium

FALL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS (Ages 18+)

Join us for an insightful program dedicated to learning about and understanding different areas of mental health. 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. *Presented in partnership with the Pastoral Institute.*

Mon. September 8 | 12:00pm – Stress Management: Finding Healthy Rhythms in the Busy Seasons

Mon. October 6 | 12:00pm – Neurodiversity: Understanding Limits and Discovering Strengths

Mon. November 3 | 12:00pm – Boundaries in Relationships: Successful Holidays with the Family

Mon. December 1 | 12:00pm – Grief and Loneliness in the Holiday Season

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

2ND MONDAY MOVIE CLUB

Join us for 2nd Monday Movie Club this Fall as we bring to you films exploring the beauty of coming of age and becoming who you were meant to be!

Mon. September 8 | 6:30pm – *Moonlight* (2016, R)

Mon. October 13 | 6:30pm – *Pride* (2014, R)

Mon. November 10 | 6:30pm – *Elizabeth* (1998, R)

Mon. December 8 | 6:30pm – *The Holdovers* (2023, R)

Auditorium

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. September 9 | 3:30-5:30pm

Tues. October 14 | 3:30-5:30pm

Tues. November 18 | 3:30-5:30pm

Tues. December 9 | 3:30-5:30pm

Auditorium

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. September 10 | 5:00pm

Wed. October 8 | 5:00pm

Wed. November 12 | 5:00pm

Wed. December 10 | 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. September 13 | 11:00am

Mon. October 6 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 3 | 4:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: BUTTERFLY RELEASE

The 2025 Celebration of Life Butterfly Release is a special event that recognizes, honors, and remembers those who have battled cancer and those who served as their caregivers. Presented by the West Central Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Sat. September 13 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Auditorium and Yancey Children's Garden

MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

A global film contest where YOU help pick the winner! The internationally-acclaimed short film festival returns to the Columbus Public Library, and you the audience helps decide who wins Best Picture and Best Performance.

Sat. September 27 | 2:00pm

Mon. September 29 | 6:30pm

Auditorium

FIRST THREADS

Discover the joy of sewing in this beginner-friendly class designed for those with little to no sewing experience. Over the course of three sessions, you'll master essential skills that will give you the confidence to tackle your own projects at home.

Wed. September 24 | 3:00pm

Wed. October 29 | 3:00pm

Wed. November 26 | 3:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room B

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. September 30 | 4:30pm

Tues. November 25 | 4:30pm

Tues. October 28 | 4:30pm

Tues. December 30 | 4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

TWILIGHT: AN INTERACTIVE MOVIE EXPERIENCE

Say it. Out loud. Say it!...Really, because this isn't your typical movie showing! Join us for a dazzling viewing of the movie that started the timeless rivalry- Team Edward or Team Jacob? This is not a quiet movie experience; come ready to participate along with the movie in progress. Viewers will follow prompts and enjoy themed goodies. Iconic Twihard garb encouraged but not required!

Sat. October 4 | 3:00pm

Auditorium

READ 'N ROT

Kick off Banned Books Week by joining us for a session of reading and rotting away in a comfy space. Bring your own book or choose from a curated selection. A variety of books, including challenged titles, and light refreshments will be available.

Sun. October 5 | 2:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

START SMART: YOUR FIRST STEP INTO INVESTING

Ready to take control of your financial future but not sure where to start? Start Smart: Your First Step into Investing is a beginner-friendly session designed to demystify the world of investing. This event will provide a supportive space to explore the fundamentals of investing, build confidence, and connect with like-minded individuals on a similar journey toward financial independence.

Sat. October 18 | 2:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

CRAFTS AT THE CINEMA

Bring your current craft (suitable for working on in theater-style seating) and enjoy a classic flick.

Sat. October 25 | 3:00pm – *Beetlejuice* (1988, PG)

Sat. November 8 | 3:00pm – *Pride and Prejudice* (2005, PG)

Auditorium

Author Events

AUTHOR AND POET PADRAIG ROONEY

Irish author and poet Padraig Rooney will discuss his new biography *Rebel Angel*. It tells the story of Annemarie Schwarzenbach, the famed (some might say infamous) writer and photographer whose work challenged the Nazi regime and whose list of paramours included Columbus' Carson McCullers.

Tues. October 21 | 6:00pm

Auditorium

AUTHOR EVENT: KAREN SPEARS ZACHARIAS AND E.J. WADE

Author Karen Spears Zacharias and poet E.J. Wade join forces to discuss their new memoir *The Devil's Pulpit & Other Mostly True Scottish Misadventures*. Don't miss this rollicking evening of tales from these two gifted authors. Copies of their work will be for sale.

Tues. October 28 | 6:00-8:00pm

Auditorium

PATCHWORK PALS

Join us for a relaxed and creative gathering where sewists of all skill levels come together in a supportive social environment. Bring whatever you're currently working on – whether it's a quilt, garment, home décor item, mending project, or craft – and enjoy the company of fellow sewing enthusiasts. Some sewing machines will be provided but customers are welcome to bring their own.

Sat. November 29 | 3:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room B

PLANNER SUPPLY SETUP & SWAP

Getting your planner ready for 2026? Bring your planner and we'll have supplies and tools for you to get it all ready for the new year. We'll also have a planner/journal supply swap. Feel free to bring any new or gently used materials and tools, and exchange them for fun new supplies just in time for the new year!

Mon. December 1 | 5:00-7:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Inspired by the 10-year anniversary of the fan-favorite *ACOTAR* (ikykyk), we're hosting an afternoon of starry celebration. Enjoy photo ops, activities, and themed treats. Family-friendly.

Sat. December 6 | 2:00-5:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

2025 WRAPPED (BOOK EDITION)

We're celebrating the year in books by looking back on our favorite (and not-so-favorite) reads of 2025. Chat with others about what you loved and loathed, explore a selection of curated titles, and enjoy activities and light refreshments.

Sun. December 28 | 2:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A+B

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. September 4 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. October 2 | 3:00-4:30pm

Thur. November 6 | 3:00-4:30pm

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

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY LEVEL 1.0: 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. September 11 | 3:00-4:30pm

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

Thur. December 11 | 3:00-4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY LEVEL 2.0: 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. Each month, we invite you to bring special items and participate in a short workshop to learn how to scan, photograph, and save them!

Thur. September 18 | 3:00-4:30pm – *Bring your photos to learn how to scan and save them!*

Thur. October 16 | 3:00-4:30pm – *Bring your newspaper articles to learn how to scan and save them!*

Thur. November 20 | 3:00-4:30pm – *Bring your family recipes cards to learn how to scan and save them!*

Thur. December 18 | 3:00-4:30pm – *Bring your small textiles and heirlooms to learn how to photograph them!*

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY LEVEL 3.0

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

Thur. September 25 | 3:00-4:30pm – *Peach State Settlers: Learn to research your Georgia ancestors using county-specific genealogy books and online tools.*

Thur. October 23 | 3:00-4:30pm – *Pretzel Pilgrims: Learn to research your German ancestry using passenger lists and other helpful resources.*

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

GENEALOGY COFFEE SHOP

Bring your notes or laptops (don't forget passwords!) and work on your current genealogy project in a collaborative environment. Attendees are invited to share breakthroughs and bounce ideas off each other while enjoying coffee and light snacks.

Thur. October 30 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

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



Self-directed program during Library hours.



Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2782.



Appointment required. See program description for more info.



Santa Program

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 706-243-2782 to set up a 30-minute One-on-One sight words practice session.

Thur. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 3:00-5:00pm

Thur. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 3:00-5:00pm

Thur. November 6, 13, 20 | 3:00-5:00pm

Thur. December 4, 11 | 3:00-5:00pm

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 even a round of chess or checkers.

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

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

Tues. November 4, 18, 25 | 4:30pm

Tues. December 2, 9, 16 | 4:30pm

Claudia Muller Family Area

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME (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!

Wed. September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:00am

Wed. October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00am

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

Wed. December 3, 10, 17 | 11:00am

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Grandparents and grandkids are invited to come and spend precious time together and create a lovely memory.

Sat. September 6 | 4:00pm

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! We'll share culture, stories, and crafts in support of this year's theme: "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future."

Sat. September 27 | 2:00-4:00pm

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK STORYTIME (Ages 0-5)

Come and join us for an unforgettable event where children can meet real firefighters, explore a fire truck up close, and learn all about fire safety. We'll start with engaging stories about firefighters and fire safety, followed by a hands-on experience with the fire truck.

Wed. October 8 | 11:00am

MERCER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

Student doctors from the Mercer University School of Medicine show your children what happens at the doctor's office using our teddy bear friends as patients! To make a potentially scary experience less intimidating, we'll demonstrate how gently we can check heartbeats, blood pressure, and more. You are welcome to bring your own stuffed animals for a checkup!

Sat. October 18 | 10:30am

Claudya Muller Family Area

CROCHET-A-THON (Ages 12+)

Join fellow crochet enthusiasts for an afternoon dedicated to the craft. Drop in to meet new friends, learn new skills, work on an existing project, and enjoy snacks. Stay and crochet!

Sat. October 25 | 12:00-5:00pm

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. October 25 | 3:00pm

FOL Room

BOOK CHARACTER DAY: A LIBRARY TRADITION

Join us for some fun times with games and a costume contest! Pick a favorite book, use it to show off your character, and let the judging begin.

Tues. October 28 | 6:00pm

CROCHETED HOLIDAY ORNAMENT (Ages 12+)

Crochet a special holiday ornament. All materials are provided. Crochet experience is desired but not necessary to attend. Space and supplies are limited; to register for a spot, please call 706-243-2782.

Sat. November 8 | 4:00pm

UPCYCLING & GIVING THANKS

We will upcycle and decorate holiday cards for our community helpers and share how grateful we are for them!

Tues. November 25 | 6:00pm

SANTA VISITS THE LIBRARY

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus is coming to Storytime! Join us for a magical time as Santa shares festive stories and gifts. Time for pictures and wishes to follow.

Wed. December 10 | 11:00am

Claudya Muller Family Area

HOLIDAY SING-OFF

Join us for the annual "12 Days of Christmas" Sing-Off! Wear your ugly sweater and show up to sing in what has become a festive community holiday tradition.

Thur. December 18 | 4:30pm

Claudya Muller Family Area

TEENS

PAPER COMES TO LIFE: CREATIVE WRITING 101 WITH A PROFESSIONAL

In partnership with Fountain City Poetry, learn the art of poetry and creative writing from professionals. Come express yourself and enjoy some tasty treats.

Tues. September 9 | 6:00pm

SCREAMS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Candy corn, popcorn, popping sounds, screams, and a big screen. Will you dare step into the night and watch a scary movie? Come cast a spell—or a vote—for a movie of your choice!

Tues. October 14 | 6:00pm

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WINTER ONE-SHOT (Ages 10-18)

This beginner-friendly one-shot campaign for preteens and teens is perfect for a winter adventure! Characters, dice, and the story will be provided. Space is limited; to register for a spot, call 706-243-2782.

Tues. December 2 | 6:00pm

GIFT PAINTING WORKSHOP

Paint a gift for someone special in your life. Bring your own item or choose from our selection. Paint and holiday snacks will be provided.

Tues. December 9 | 6:00pm

ADULTS

TECHNOLOGY TUTORING

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

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

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

Thur. | 10:30am or 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. September 13, 27 | 4:00pm

Sat. October 11 | 4:00pm

Sat. November 22 | 4:00pm

Sat. December 13 | 4:00pm

PRESERVING MEMORIES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS

Pictures tell a forgotten story. Learn more about the significance of family photos and how to preserve them. Bring your own family photographs to share.

Sat. November 1 | 10:30am






FRIENDSGIVING: "FIND FRIENDS"

Find new friends this 'Friendsgiving'! Come meet new people in an interactive setting filled with games and holiday goodies. Take our friendship quiz and find your seat at the table.

Tues. November 18 | 6:00pm

North Columbus Public Library

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

-  Self-directed program during Library hours.
-  Reservations requested. Call 706-748-2855
-  Appointment required. See program description for more info.
-  Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute
-  Santa Program

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FUN FRIDAYS! (Ages 6-12)

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

Fri. September 5, 12, 19, 26 | 2:00pm – Fairies & Folklore

Fri. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 2:00pm – Magic, Mischievous, & Mayhem!

Fri. November 7, 14, 21 | 2:00pm – History Hunters

Fri. December 5, 12, 19 | 2:00pm – Wacky Winter

Children's Department

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: BABIES & TODDLERS (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. September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00am

Tues. October 7, 21, 28 | 10:00am

Tues. November 4, 18 | 10:00am

Tues. December 2, 9, 16 | 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. September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am

Tues. October 7, 21, 28 | 11:00am

Tues. November 4, 18 | 11:00am

Tues. December 2, 9, 16 | 11:00am

Children's Department

GRANDPARENTS' DAY TEA PARTY (All Ages)

Join us in celebrating grandparents everywhere! The North Columbus Public Library will host a special tea party, followed by crafts and activities for the whole family. Dress your best for this special event! Registration requested. Call 706-748-2855 to reserve your spot.

Sat. September 6 | 11:00am

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL—MEET THE MASCOTS!

(Ages 3-5)

Meet special visitors at preschool storytime! Torch and Scorch from Columbus River Dragons and Fuzzy from Columbus Clingstones will make make reading together even more fun!

Tues. September 9 | 11:00am – Torch and Scorch

Tues. October 7 | 11:00am – Fuzzy

Children's Department

EDIBLE ENGINEERING (Ages 6-11)

Kids put architecture and engineering skills to work and learn how to build structures using edible building materials!

Thur. September 18 | 3:00pm – Edible Mars Rovers

Thur. October 16 | 3:00pm – Catapulting Candy Corn

Thur. November 20 | 3:00pm – Edible Erosion

STORYTIME CAMPOUT & STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

(Ages 11 & Under)

Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend and join us for an indoor storytime campout! We'll read stories, sing songs, build a tent, and then tuck your stuffie in for a sleepover at the Library. Come back the next day to pick them up and receive a special photo of their overnight adventures!

Thur. October 2 | 4:00pm

Children's Department

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. October 14 | 10:00am

Children's Department

STORYTIME COSTUME PARADE (Ages 5 & Under)

Little ones are invited to dress in costume and join the cutest storytime parade in town...right inside the Library!

Tue. October 28 | 11:00am

Children's Department

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE FOR KIDS (Ages 6-11)

Learn and practice simple ASL in a kid-friendly way.

Sat. November 8 | 11:00am

FRENCH 101 FOR KIDS (Ages 6-11)

Learn and practice simple French in a kid-friendly way.

Sat. November 15 | 11:00am

LETTERS TO SANTA (Ages 11 & Under)

Did you know that the North Columbus Public Library has a special connection with the North Pole? If you drop off your letter to Santa in our magic mailbox between November 24 and December 12, Mr. Claus will send back a personalized reply! (Don't forget to include your name, age, and telephone number). Reply mail will be available for pick-up December 16-20.

Mon. November 24 – Fri. December 12

Children's Department

BOOKS AND COOKIES WITH SANTA (Ages 11 & Under)

Santa's back in town, and he's stopping by the library to spread some Christmas cheer! Come listen to him read a story, and then meet us in the Large Conference Room for cookie decorating!

Thur. December 4 | 4:00pm

SENSORY FRIENDLY SANTA (Ages 11 & Under)

Make an appointment to visit Santa in a sensory-friendly environment. This program is designed for children on the autism spectrum or with other sensory needs.

Thur. December 11 | 10:30AM

NORTH POLE HOLIDAY KIDS' CRAFTS (Ages 11 & Under)

Help spread some holiday cheer at this special craft event! Make ornaments, holiday cards, and other handmade crafts to take home or give as gifts! All materials and gift-wrap supplies will be provided.

Sat. December 13 | 3:00pm

TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER: CRAFTS

Express yourself through a new craft project each month. All materials and light snacks provided.

Thur. September 18 | 6:00pm

Thur. November 13 | 6:00pm

Thur. October 16 | 6:00pm

TABLETOP GAMES FOR TEENS

Try D&D or other tabletop games with other teens. Enjoy snacks, games, and a safe space to be yourself.

Thur. September 25 | 6:00pm

Thur. October 30 | 6:00pm

Thur. November 20 | 6:00pm

Thur. December 18 | 6:00pm

ANIME CLUB

Each month will bring a new anime or manga-inspired activity. Debate which characters are best or worst, cook up some Fruits Basket rice balls, or create Ghibli crafts.

Sat. September 27 | 3:00pm – Character Tier Ranking

Sat. October 25 | 3:00pm – Cooking with Anime

Sat. November 22 | 3:00pm – Anime Makerspace

Sat. December 20 | 3:00pm – End of Year Party

PAINT-N-SIP FOR TEENS

Follow along to make a painting while you enjoy a yummy beverage. It's the perfect activity to kick off a sleepover during fall break!

Sat. October 11 | 3:00pm

ADULTS

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. September 2 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 7 | 4:00pm

Tues. November 4 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 2 | 4:00pm

DOWNTON ABBEY TEA AND TRIVIA

Get ready for the newest *Downton Abbey* movie with afternoon tea and trivia! Light refreshments provided. Fancy dress encouraged.

Sat. September 6 | 3:00pm

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. September 9 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 14 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 9 | 4:00pm

VOTER RIGHTS RESTORATION

Learn about restoration of voting rights for those on probation or parole. Led by representatives from New Life Second Chance Outreach.

Sat. September 13 | 3:00pm

HEALTHY HABITS

Learn practical self-care strategies for creating healthy habits.

Presented in partnership with the Pastoral Institute.

Mon. September 15 | 11:00am – Managing Anxiety 101

Mon. October 13 | 11:00am – Creating Healthy Habits: Self-Care & More

Mon. November 17 | 11:00am – Creating & Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

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. September 16 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 21 | 4:00pm

Tues. November 18 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 16 | 4:00pm

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Learn to talk like a pirate with Mango! Also enjoy our fun Pirate scavenger hunt.

Fri. September 19 | 11:00am

HOUSEPLANT HOSPITAL

Bring in your houseplants (or plant photos) to get help from green-thumb gurus and Master Gardeners. Also visit the seed library!

Mon. September 22 | 11:00am

Mon. October 20 | 11:00am

Mon. November 10 | 11:00am

Mon. December 15 | 11:00am

Large Conference Room

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. September 23 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 28 | 4:00pm

PET PORTRAITS

Create a portrait of your furry friend! Don't have a pet? "Adopt" a pet photo to paint. Please call 706-748-2855 to reserve.

Sat. October 4 | 4:00pm

UPCYCLE CRAFTS

Create beautiful pieces out of old books or other upcycled materials.

Sat. October 18 | 3:00pm

FANTASY FEST

An evening of crafts, games, snacks and all things Fantasy! Cosplay encouraged.

Thur. October 23 | 6:00pm

WRITER'S BLOCK PARTY

November is all about writers! Enjoy games to help get your creative juices flowing. This is a space for peer critique and pathway-to-publication advice.

Mon. November 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4:00pm

MOCKTAILS AND MASTERPIECES

Enjoy making a mocktail and painting a masterpiece as our instructor guides you. Bring a friend or make it a date night! All materials and light refreshments provided.

Thur. November 6 | 6:00pm

ALL AGES

CHESS

Play chess, learn new strategies, and meet people. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Thur. September 4 | 6:00pm

Thur. October 2 | 6:00pm

Thur. December 4 | 6:00pm

Holds Area

WALKING GROUP

Take a walk around the Britt David Park trail in the safety of a group. Chat about your recent reads or just enjoy the company of other community members.

Wed. September 8 | 11:00am

Wed. October 6 | 11:00am

Wed. November 3 | 11:00am

Wed. December 8 | 11:00am

PLANT AND SEED SWAP

Learn about our seed library and swap plants, seeds or cuttings with others. UGA Extension Services volunteer Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

Sat. September 20 | 3:00pm

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Celebrate your ancestors with snacks, games, and crafts themed to this special holiday!

Sat. November 1 | 3:00pm

LIVE MUSIC MONDAYS

Whether you're studying, reading, or just relaxing, enjoy thirty minutes of acoustic holiday music in the Library.

Mon. December 1, 8, 15 | 4:00pm

Holds Area

COOKIES AND KARAOKE

Sample sweets and serenade strangers! Make your favorite cookies and bring them to the Library to share. Please bring enough for at least 10. Not a baker? No problem! All are welcome at this family-friendly event.

Fri. December 19 | 4:00pm

South Columbus Public Library

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



Self-directed program during Library hours.



Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2814.



Appointment required. See program description for more info.



Presented in partnership with Pastoral Institute



Santa Program

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TAKE AND MAKE: COLOR-YOUR-OWN

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. Sing, Talk, Read, Write, Play – your child is on their way!

Thur. September 4 | 10:00am

Thur. November 6 | 10:00am

Thur. October 2 | 10:00am

Thur. December 4 | 10:00am

Dr. Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

STORIES ON STAGE: IN THE GARDEN WITH RIKKI TIKKI TAVI

Enjoy scenes from *In the Garden With Rikki Tikki Tavi* by Columbus State University's Department of Theatre & Dance. Meet and greet the actors after the performance and take home a jungle-themed craft.

Tues. September 9 | 3:00pm

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 – and your child is on their way!

Thur. September 11, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Thur. November 13, 20 | 10:00am

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

Thur. December 18 | 10:00am

Dr. Sharon Williams Self Storytime Area

BUBBLE PARTY

Celebrate the change of the seasons as you chase, blow, and pop bubbles during this freestyle family program. Featuring a foam maker, bubble machine, and music (pop music, of course). Weather-permitting.

Tues. September 23 | 3:00-4:00pm

Children's Department Outside Area

CRAFTY KIDS (Ages 6-11)

Hands-on time with cool tools and colorful materials to create masterpieces you'll be proud to show off!

Tues. October 7 | 3:00pm – Cardboard Creations with The Columbus Museum

Tues. November 18 | 3:00pm – Criss Cross Yarn Critters 

Tues. December 2 | 3:00pm – A Dough-able Snowman

Children's Department

STORYBOOK ART STUDIO WITH THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM (Ages 2-5)

Creative fun for the little artist following Simple Steps Storytime. Explore a new art technique inspired by storytime's featured book and art from The Columbus Museum collection.

Thur. October 9 | 11:00am

Children's Department

REPTILES AWARENESS DAY WITH OXBOW MEADOWS

Get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles. Join us for a live animal presentation from our neighbors at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center followed by a scavenger hunt around the Children's Department.

Tues. October 21 | 4:00pm

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

EDIBLE ENGINEERING (Ages 6-11)

Turn snack time into STEM time! Use your brain and reward your belly after you solve our STEM challenge using yummy treats.

Tues. November 4 | 3:00pm

Children's Department

MERCER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

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Sat. November 15 | 10:30am

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

SANTA VISIT

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus is coming to Storytime! Join us for a magical time as Santa shares festive stories and gifts. Time for pictures and wishes to follow.

Thur. December 11 | 3:00pm

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER MOVIE MONDAYS

Mondays are mayhem! Liven it up with a film from your Library's collection.

Mon. September 8 | 4:00pm

Mon. October 6 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 3 | 4:00pm

Mon. December 15 | 4:00pm

Gloria Battle Studio

TEEN TAKEOVER: DRONE DAY

Get behind the wheels and gimbals of a drone and take off around our virtual track for an afternoon of fun and high-flying entertainment. No outside drones allowed.

Tues. September 16 | 4:30pm

Gloria Battle Studio

TEEN TAKEOVER: ANIME CLUB

Obsessed with manga and anime? Whether we're discussing current show or favorite manga series, playing Japanese games, making fandom inspired art or crafts, or sampling snacks, it is sure to be a good time.

Tues. September 30 | 4:30pm

Tues. October 14 | 4:30pm

Tues. December 16 | 4:30pm

Gloria Battle Studio

TEEN TAKEOVER

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

Tues. October 28 | 4:30pm – Horror Game

Tues. November 18 | 4:30pm – Thankful Theatre Games

Gloria Battle Studio

Tues. December 9 | 4:30pm – Escape Room

Pete Robinson Meeting Room

ADULTS

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. September 3 | 6:30pm

Wed. October 1 | 6:30pm

Wed. November 12 | 6:30pm

Wed. December 10 | 6:30pm

Pete Robinson Meeting 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. September 15 | 10:30am

Mon. November 17 | 10:30am

Mon. December 8 | 10:30am 

Gloria Battle Studio

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

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

Thur. September 25 | 11:00am

Thur. October 23 | 11:00am

Thur. November 20 | 11:00am

Thur. December 18 | 11:00am

Yancey Family Foundation Study Room



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

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: 9:30am-5:30pm

Thursday & Saturday: 9:30am-1:30pm

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)

Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

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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. September 4, 18 | 11:00am Thur. November 6, 20 | 11:00am
Thur. October 2, 16 | 11:00am Thur. December 4, 18 | 11:00am

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FAMILY (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!

Fri. September 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00am Fri. November 7, 14, 21 | 11:00am
Fri. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 11:00am Fri. December 5, 12, 19 | 11:00am

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. September 6 | 11:00am Sat. November 1 | 11:00am
Sat. October 4 | 11:00am Sat. December 6 | 11:00am

Multipurpose Room

PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY

Join us to prepare for Halloween with mini pumpkin painting, games, and snacks!

Thur. October 30 | 4:30pm

Multipurpose Room

SANTA VISIT

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus is coming to Storytime! Join us for a magical time as Santa shares festive stories and gifts. Time for pictures and wishes to follow.

Sat. December 13 | 12:00pm

TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER (Ages 12-18)

Teens decide what they want - play games? watch a movie? make a craft? Whatcha gonna do? It's up to you!

Tues. September 9, 23 | 4:00pm Tues. November 25 | 4:00pm
Tues. October 14, 28 | 4:00pm Tues. December 9, 23 | 4:00pm

Makerspace Room

ADULTS

ADULT CRAFT TIME

Enjoy some conversation while beading, painting, decorating, and more!

Thur. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 3:00pm Thur. November 6, 13, 20 | 3:00pm
Thur. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 3:00pm Thur. December 4, 11, 18 | 3:00pm

Multipurpose Room

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890 Wall Street
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Unless otherwise indicated, all programs will be in the Conference Room.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

A DAY AT THE MOVIES

View a family friendly movie and munch on snacks!

Sat. September 6 | 2:00pm

CREATIVE KIDS (Ages 6-11)

Express your creativity by designing a Sand in a Bottle creation that is uniquely your own! All supplies provided.

Sat. October 4 | 2:00pm

SANTA VISIT

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Tues. December 10 | 12:00-4:00pm

TEENS

BRACELET BUILDING

Bring your ideas, we'll have the supplies to make some poppin' wrist bangles for yourself or a friend.

Sat. September 13 | 2:00pm

CREATE YOUR OWN SAND ART

Express your creativity by designing a unique sand art creation that's all your own! All supplies will be provided.

Sat. November 15 | 2:00pm

ADULTS

CHAIR YOGA

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

Tues. September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am

Thur. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am

Tues. October 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:00am

Thur. October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am

Tues. November 4, 18, 25 | 11:00am

Thur. November 6, 13, 20 | 11:00am

DECORATE A POT & PLANT A PENCIL

Decorate a flowerpot and plant a pencil embedded with seeds.

Tues. September 16 | 10:00am

DREAM CATCHERS

Create pleasant dreams and wake up in better spirits.

Tues. October 21 | 10:00am

THANKSGIVING BINGO!

Compete in a Bingo playoff and win puzzles as prizes.

Tues. November 18 | 10:00am

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TABLETOP CRAFTS

Stop by and get creative this season with a new theme each month! Supplies and instructions provided.
Daily during regular hours

FAMILY FILM FRIDAYS

Join us for a family-friendly movie (rated G or PG) and some yummy popcorn in the conference room! Call ahead at 229-649-6385 for movie titles.

Fri. September 5 | 4:00pm

Fri. October 3 | 4:00pm

Fri. November 7 | 4:00pm

Fri. December 5 | 4:00pm

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. September 10, 24 | 10:30am

Wed. October 8, 22 | 10:30am

Wed. November 5, 19 | 10:30am

Wed. December 3, 17 | 10:30am

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Sat. September 20 | 10:30-11:30am

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

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Fri. December 12 | 4:00pm

TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER TUESDAYS

Pop in for a variety of crafts and activities especially for teens! Supplies provided.

Tues. September 9 | 4:00pm – Friendship Bracelets

Tues. October 14 | 4:00pm – Mystery Solvers

Tues. November 18 | 4:00pm – Edible Engineering

Tues. December 16 | 4:00pm – Ornament Painting



Self-directed program during Library hours.

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Santa

ADULTS

ADULT CRAFTERNOONS

Join us each month to complete a themed craft especially for adults! Supplies provided.

Fri. September 19 | 4:00pm – Paint & Pass

Fri. October 17 | 4:00pm – “Do Your Worst” Bad Art Night

Fri. November 14 | 4:00pm – Seasonal Simmer Pot Kits

Fri. December 19 | 4:00pm – Magazine Holiday Trees

MANAGING STRESS & ANXIETY IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Stressed out this season? Our friends from the Pastoral Institute will be here to share strategies to manage the stress and anxiety that often come during the holiday season.

Fri. October 24 | 2:00pm

Genealogy

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 and learn about the Library's genealogy resources.

Wed. September 17 | 4:00pm

GENEALOGY LEVEL 1.0: 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!

Wed. October 15 | 4:00pm

GENEALOGY LEVEL 2.0: PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Learn preservation strategies for your old photos and documents.

Wed. November 12 | 4:00pm

GENEALOGY LEVEL 3.0: DEEP ROOTS

Learn more about special genealogy and local history resources and research techniques, including tips on tracing black family history.

Wed. December 10 | 4:00pm

ALL AGES

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



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TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

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South Columbus Public Library	Nov 15 10:30am

Manhattan Short Film Festival

A global film contest where YOU help pick the winner! The internationally-acclaimed short film festival returns to the Columbus Public Library, and you the audience helps decide who wins Best Picture and Best Performance.

Sat. September 27

Mon. September 29

Auditorium

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All Branch Locations

Manhattan SHORT Film Festival

Sat. September 20 | 2:00pm

Mon. September 22 | 6:30pm

Columbus Public Library Auditorium

Columbus Artists' Guild Members' Exhibition

Sat. September 27 | 10:00am-

Fri. October 31 | 6:00pm

Columbus Public Library Auditorium

Author and Poet Padraig Rooney

Tues. October 21 | 6:00pm

Irish author and poet Padraig Rooney will present his book about Annemarie Schwarzenbach, the famed (some might say infamous) writer and photographer whose work challenged the Nazi regime and whose list of paramours included Columbus' Carson McCullers.

Columbus Public Library Auditorium

Author Event: Karen Spears Zacharias & E.J. Wade

Tues. October 28 | 6:00pm

Author Karen Spears Zacharias and poet E.J. Wade join forces to discuss their new memoir *The Devil's Pulpit & Other Mostly True Scottish Misadventures*. Don't miss this rollicking evening of tales from these two gifted authors. Copies of their work will be for sale.

Columbus Public Library Auditorium

Cocktails & Comedy

Thurs. November 13 | 6:00pm

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Call 706.243.2705 for ticket information.



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