

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

FALL 2024
PROGRAM GUIDE

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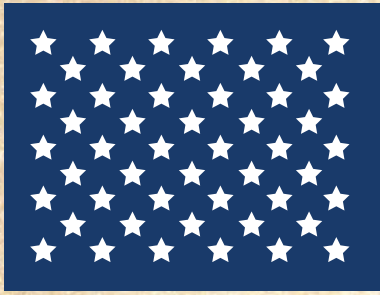
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The Constitution and Me



A program series investigating how our nation's founding document continues to guide our lives.



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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. September 7 | 2:00pm – *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein

Iron Bank Coffee Company, 6 11th Street

CELEBRATING THE CONSTITUTION FILM SERIES (Adults)

It's a cinematic night of rights! We will be watching award-winning features and documentaries that take a creative approach to history!

Mon. September 9 | 6:30pm – *What the Constitution Means to Me* (NR)

Mon. September 16 | 6:30pm – *Lincoln* (PG-13)

Mon. September 23 | 6:30pm – *Iron-Jawed Angels* (NR)

Mon. September 30 | 6:30pm – *Willie Velasquez: Your Voice is Your Vote* (G)

Columbus Public Library, Auditorium

CONSTITUTION MOVIE NIGHT: MY NAME IS PAULI MURPHY (Adults)

In honor of Constitution Month we'll explore the legacy of Pauli Murray, a non-binary lawyer, advocate, poet, and priest who contributed to both the Civil Rights and gender equality movements. Refreshments will be provided!

Tues. September 10 | 6:00pm – *My Name is Pauli Murray* (PG-13)

Mildred L. Terry Public Library, AKA Room

CONSTITUTION WEEK: DO I HAVE THE RIGHT? (Ages 12-18)

Do I have a right? Sure! You've got many, and they're found in the amendments, or additions, to the U.S. Constitution. Test your knowledge of constitutional rights with fun trivia provided by iCivics.

Wed. September 11 | 4:00pm

South Columbus Public Library, Teen Department

PRESIDENTIAL PICKS BOOK CLUB (Adults)

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

Wed. September 11 | 6:00pm –

James Madison, A Biography by Ralph Ketchum

Columbus Public Library, Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

THE YEAR OF LIVING CONSTITUTIONALLY: A CONSTITUTION MONTH BOOK CLUB (Reservation Required) (Adults)

Celebrate Constitution Month with us! Registration includes a free copy of *The Year of Living Constitutionally* by AJ Jacobs (while supplies last). At this special book club meeting, we will discuss what we have learned and how the book has impacted our habits. Light refreshments provided.

Thur. September 12 | 5:00pm

North Columbus Public Library, Large Conference Room

SCAVENGER HUNTS (Families and Children)

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

Sun. September 15 – School House Rock

Columbus Public Library, Aflac Children's Department

LOCAL HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: PRIMUS KING EXPANDS THE GEORGIA VOTE (Adults)

Join us for a presentation on Primus King's endeavors to expand voting rights in Georgia by fighting to dismantle the barriers that stood in the way of Black Georgians' right to cast ballots in state and local elections.

Tues. September 17 | 3:00pm

Columbus Public Library, Auditorium



TEEN TAKEOVER: MERRY POP-INS

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

Tues. September 17 | 4:30pm – *National Treasure* (PG) Movie & Scavenger Hunt

Columbus Public Library, Teen Department

ALL-ACCESS MOVIES (Adults)

A movie series for adults with differing abilities. Each month, we'll show a different movie with closed captioning and descriptive audio. September's selection, *Selma*, is a part of "The Constitution and Me" program series.

Thur. September 19 | 11:00am – *Selma* (PG-13)

North Columbus Public Library, Large Conference Room

HISTORIAN STAN DEATON: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Join us for an entertaining lecture with Dr. Stan Deaton, Senior Historian of the Georgia Historical Society and the Emmy-winning host and writer of GPB's "Today in Georgia History." Dr. Deaton will explore the U.S. Constitution in detail and how its inclusions (and omissions) impacts our nation to this day.

Thur. September 19 | 6:30pm

Columbus Public Library, Auditorium

KNOW-IT-ALL CONSTITUTION NIGHT (Adults)

Think you know it all when it comes to the Constitution? Prove it! Join us for a night of trivia fun!

Tues. September 24 | 6:00pm

Columbus Public Library, Synovus Meeting Room A

CONSTITUTION CONNECTIONS (Ages 12 and under)

Learn about the United States Constitution through interactive games, crafts, and a Library scavenger hunt!

Thur. September 26 | 4:00pm

North Columbus Public Library, Large Conference Room



Sharing stories that move us and make us

This project is supported by Georgia Humanities, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, through funding from the Georgia General Assembly.

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SOUTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Grand Reopening Celebration!



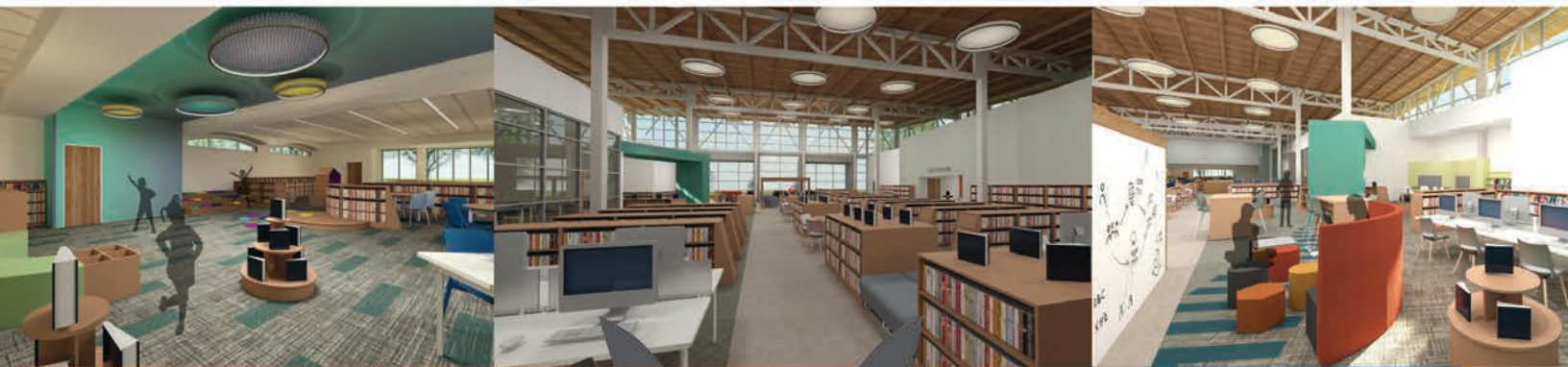
Come celebrate an unforgettable day of free family fun for the entire community at your new South Columbus Public Library

OCTOBER 19 | 10am-2pm

2034 S. Lumpkin Road • Columbus, GA 31903



**Chattahoochee
Valley Libraries**



Doors Open at 10:00am
Ribbon Cutting at 10:30am

Visit cvlga.org/grandreopening
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JOIN US!



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

STEP INTO THE STORY PARTY

Fri. September 6 | 11:00am

Columbus Public Library

Let's get reading! Join us for a special storytime followed by some fun where we will make stories come to life. Dress up in your favorite character costume and step into the story.

PICK UP A **FREE** READING LOG / STICKER BOOK TO HELP YOU STAY ON TRACK.
While supplies last



NEED HOMEWORK HELP?



Connect with a live tutor!

Daily from 2pm-11pm for grades K-12

FREE with your Library card



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 3 | 11:00am

NORTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 5 | 4:00pm

PARKS MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 10 | 4:00pm

MILDRED L. TERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 11 | 10:00am

NORTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 12 | 4:00pm

(Sensory Storytime. Reservations Required)

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 13 | 4:00pm

CUSSETA-CHATTAHOOCHEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 14 | 12:00pm

SOUTH COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 17 | 3:00pm

a night of libations & laughs for the library

cocktails & comedy

11.14.2024



FEATURING COMEDIAN ANDREW STANLEY

BENEFITTING THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

TICKETS AVAILABLE 10.01.24

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.

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

SCAVENGER HUNTS

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

Tues. September 3 – Barbie™

Sun. September 8 – GRAND hunt (Grandparents' Day)

Sun. September 15 – School House Rock 

Sun. September 22 – Sonic

Sun. September 20 – Middle Earth (Celebrating Hobbit Day)

Sun. September 29 – Old McDonald

Sun. October 6 – Pirate's Life

Sun. October 13 – Monster Mash

Sun. October 20 – Spooky Season

Sun. October 27 – Ghost Invasion

Sun. November 3 – Fine Art

Sun. November 10 – Juice and Jams

Sun. November 17 – It's a Bird? It's a Plane? (Flying Things)

Sun. November 24 – Bunch of Turkeys!

Sun. December 1 – All Things Winter

Sun. December 8 – Hold Your Horses

Sun. December 15 – Winter Waldo

Sun. December 22 – Gingerbread House

Sun. December 29 – Nutcracker Suite

TAKE AND MAKE: ORIGAMI

Take a mental health break! Fold up something cute and exciting to get your brain back on track. Origami Take and Make bundles are limited to a first-come, first-served basis.

New bags ready every other Tuesday at 10:00am

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. September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am – Back to the Basics

Wed. October 2, 9*, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00am – All Around Our Community

Wed. November 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11:00am – Fizz, Pop, Plop; Wacky Science

Wed. December 4, 11, 18 | 11:00am – Let's Build!

**Join us for a special visit from community guests for National Fire Prevention Week.*

-  Self-directed program during Library hours.
-  Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2814.
-  Appointment required.
-  Constitution Series Program

KIDS' CORNER

Kids can come together to play games, socialize, or be creative.

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

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

Wed. November 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4:00pm

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

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FAMILY (Ages 0-5)

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, Play – your child is on their way!

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

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

Thur. November 7*, 14, 21 | 10:00am

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

**Join us on November 7th for a special storytime to help support our Muscogee County Library Foundation.*

LEGOs® IN THE LIBRARY

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

Thur. September 5, 19 | 4:00pm

Thur. October 3, 17 | 4:00pm

Thur. November 7, 21 | 4:00pm

Thur. December 5, 19 | 4:00pm

BATTLE OF THE BOOKMARKS!

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!

Fri. September 6 – Mon. September 30

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, Play – your child is on their way!

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

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

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

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

Synovus Meeting Room A + B

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN READING PROGRAM: STEP INTO THE STORY PARTY

Let's get reading! Join us for a special storytime followed by some fun where we will make stories come to life. Dress up in your favorite character costume and step into the story!

Fri. September 6 | 11:00am

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: BABIES AND TODDLERS (0-36

Months) 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, Play – your child is on their way!

Mon. September 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:00am

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

Mon. November 4, 18, 25 | 10:00am

Mon. December 2, 9, 16, 30 | 10:00am

Synovus Meeting Room A +B

PONY BEAD PARTY (Ages 5-12)

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

Mon. September 9, 23 | 4:00pm

Mon. October 7, 21 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 4, 18 | 4:00pm

Mon. December 2, 16, 30 | 4:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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

Thur. September 12 | 4:00pm – Grandparents Celebration

Thur. October 10 | 4:00pm – Movie Night: *Halloweentown* (G)

Thur. November 14 | 4:00pm – Travel Around the World

Thur. December 12 | 4:00pm – Bingo

KID'S ART STUDIO (Ages 5-12)

Join us and get creative! Each session allows you to unleash your inner artist by experimenting with different materials and styles.

Mon. September 16, 30 | 4:00pm

Mon. October 14, 28 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 25 | 4:00pm

Mon. December 9 | 4:00pm

EDGAR ALLAN POE-DOWN: A GOTHIC-INSPIRED HALLOWEEN DANCE AND TRICK OR TREAT PARTY

Hark! Thou art summoned to a ghastly gala of frightful delights! On this All Hallows' Eve, betwixt ancient tomes and whispered secrets, our hallowed halls shall resonate with eerie melodies and open their groaning portals to spectacles too terrifying for the mortal eye. Should thy heart be brave, venture here. Adorn thyself in garb most grotesque or splendid, for verily, the spirits favor the well-attired. Join us and celebrate the season with a touch of the immortal Poe's chilling embrace.

Thur. October 31 | 4:00-7:00pm

PICTURE BOOK BINGO

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

November 1-30 – Garden Bird Hunt

JUICE AND JAMS: A MINI-FOUNDATION EVENT

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! Join us for an unforgettable experience where stories flourish, melodies resonate, and the love for reading thrives!

Thur. November 7 | 10:00am-12:00pm

I'M THANKFUL FOR ... CRAFTS!

It's time to get creative and celebrate the fall season with some themed crafts!

Fri. November 22 | 4:00 pm

SANTA VISIT

Come have a holly good time with our jolly good friend from the North Pole!

Tues. December 3 | 11:00am

A COZY HOLIDAY MYSTERY

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 6 | 4:00pm

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. December 14 | 10:30am

NOON YEAR'S EVE: A CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YEAR

Happy Noon Year! At the stroke of noon, celebrate the new year at the Library! Activities, games, and even a special "drop" from our Rotunda balcony. It's time for a brand-new chapter, don't miss out!

Fri. December 27 | 11:00am-12:30pm

Aflac Children's Department and Rotunda

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

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

Tues. September 3 | 4:30pm – Personalized Pencil Pouch

Tues. October 1 | 4:30pm – Creepy Craftober

Tues. December 10 | 4:30pm – Holiday Trivia

TEEN TAKEOVER: MERRY POP-INS

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Movie & Scavenger Hunt 

Tues. October 15 | 4:30pm – Spooky Reads Scavenger Hunt

Tues. November 26 | 4:30pm – DIY Holiday Stickers and Buttons

TEEN TAKEOVER: EDGAR ALLAN POE-DOWN

Hark! Join us on this All Hallows' Eve for a frightfully good time inspired by the one and only Edgar Allan Poe.

Thur. October 31 | 4:30pm

TEEN TAKEOVER: MOCKTAILS & MANGA (A Mini Foundation Event)

Join us for some manga themed activities and mocktails! Inspired by our Muscogee County Library Foundation's signature fundraising event.

Tues. November 12 | 4:30pm

ADULTS

BOARD GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

Meet up with other board game enthusiasts for an afternoon of fun. Choose from the wide selection of board games in our collection, or feel free to bring your own!

Saturdays | 12:00-3:00pm

Second Floor Fiction Section

FALL TAKE AND MAKES

Want to create on your own? Stop by the Adult Services Reference desk and grab one of our Fall Take and Makes! We will have themed bags for each month complete with all the supplies and instructions needed to make your craft. Bundles are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. New bags are ready on the first of each month.

Tues. September 3 – Pinecone Felt Animals

Tues. October 1 – Spooky Simmer Pots

Fri. November 1 – Seasonal Spice Blend and Recipes

Sun. December 1 – Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Ornaments

Adult Services Desk, Second Floor

CHESS

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

Tues. September 3 | 4:00-5:30pm

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

Synovus Meeting Room B

Tues. October 1 | 4:00-5:30pm

Tues. December 3 | 4:00-5:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

HISTORY CRAFT HOUR

Listen to a short history presentation and spark your creativity with a related craft. Designed for adults, but all ages welcome!

Wed. September 4 | 4:00pm – Freddie Mercury / Clothespin Wreath

Wed. October 2 | 4:00pm – The Manene Festival / Batik Watercolor Paintings

Wed. November 6 | 4:00pm – Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade / Balloon Animal Floats

Wed. December 4 | 4:00pm – Louis Braille / Braille Paper Christmas Ornaments

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

QUEER CRAFTERNOONS

Bring your project and enjoy this safe space to listen to stories, be creative, and swap crafty tips! As we craft, we'll listen to music or audiobook clips with queer characters, storylines, or creators. While everyone is welcome, this program is designed to be a comfortable space for members of our queer community.

Thur. September 5 | 4:30pm

Thur. November 7 | 4:30pm

Thur. October 3 | 4:30pm

Thur. December 5 | 4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

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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. September 10 | 11:00am

Tues. October 8 | 11:00am

Tues. November 12 | 11:00am

Rothschild Technology Room

CHAIR PUMP EXERCISE

Join us each month for an energizing time of beginner to moderate exercises that can be modified for intensity needs. Led by a certified trainer, we will enjoy fun movement routines, music, and laughter all from the comfort of a chair.

Wed. September 11 | 12:00pm

Wed. November 13 | 12:00pm

Wed. October 9 | 12:00pm

Wed. December 11 | 12:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room B

SMARTPHONE TECH LAB

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

Fri. September 13 | 4:00pm – Setting Up and Using Focus Modes

Fri. October 11 | 4:00pm – Setting Chore Reminders

Fri. November 8 | 4:00pm – Turning Off Unwanted Notifications

Fri. December 13 | 4:00pm – Changing Display Settings

Rothschild Technology Room

TWISTED TALES AND TEA

Celebrate Friday the 13th with an hour of dark fiction and equally dark tea.

Fri. September 13 | 5:00pm

Fri. December 13 | 5:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

LOCAL HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: PRIMUS KING EXPANDS THE VOTE

Learn about Primus King's fight to dismantle the barriers that stood in the way of Black Georgians' right to vote in elections.

Tues. September 17 | 3:00pm

Auditorium

WORD NERDS

We'll play Scrabble, Boggle and solve crossword puzzles while having friendly discussions.

Thur. September 19 | 5:30-7:30pm

Thur. October 17 | 5:30-7:30pm (*Synovus Meeting Room B*)

Thur. November 21 | 5:30-7:30pm

Thur. December 19 | 5:30-7:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

HISTORIAN STAN DEATON: THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Join Dr. Stan Deaton, Senior Historian of the Georgia Historical Society and the Emmy-winning host and writer of Georgia Public Broadcasting's "Today in Georgia History" to explore the U.S. Constitution in detail and how its inclusions (and omissions) impacts our nation to this day.

Thur. September 19 | 6:30pm

Auditorium

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 21 | 11:00am

Tues. October 22 | 4:00pm

Sat. November 23 | 11:00am

Tues. December 17 | 4:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

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Think you know it all when it comes to the Constitution? Prove it! Join us for a night of trivia fun!

Tues. September 24 | 6:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A

CREATIVE WRITING POWER HOUR

This event caters to aspiring authors of all levels. 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 staff.

Wed. September 25 | 5:00pm

Wed. October 23 | 5:00pm

Wed. November 27 | 5:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

LEVEL UP YOUR TECH SKILLS

Staff will demonstrate how to use common features and get the most out of the technology you already use every day!

Fri. September 27 | 4:00-5:30pm – Write with Google Docs

Fri. October 25 | 4:00-5:30pm – Securing Your Digital Data

Fri. November 22 | 4:00-5:30pm – Email Inbox Clear-out

Rothschild Technology Room

ROOKIE RESEARCH HOUR

Program is designed to help new researchers, both academic and personal, start their research project using Library resources.

Mon. October 7 | 6:00pm

Mon. December 2 | 6:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

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 28 | 2:00pm

Thurs. October 3 | 6:00pm

Auditorium

INTERACTIVE MOVIE

Arrr you ready for a nostalgic undersea adventure? Join us for a bubbly viewing of this classic cartoon movie that's entertained viewers of all ages for 20 years! This is not a quiet movie experience; come ready to participate along with the movie in progress. Viewers will use props and respond to cues to immerse themselves in the world of Bikini Bottom's favorite fry cook!

Sat. October 12 | 3:00pm – *The Spongebob Squarepants Movie* (PG)

Auditorium

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS SINISTER ONE-SHOT

We'll provide the characters, dice, and campaign, you bring the adventurous spirit! This spooky one-shot is just the thing to get you into the haunted holiday mood! Some familiarity with Dungeons and Dragons is recommended for the best gaming experience. Gameplay is intended for adult players.

Sun. October 13 | 2:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A

2ND MONDAY MOVIE CLUB

Join us for a cinematic night in! We will be watching award-winning historical feature films that took a creative approach to history!

Mon. October 14 | 6:30pm – *Shirley* (R)

Mon. November 4 | 6:30pm – *American Fiction* (R)

Mon. December 9 | 6:30pm – *The Man Who Invented Christmas* (PG)

Auditorium

NOVEL NOTIONS: A FREE AUTHOR ENCOUNTER

Join us as author Lynda Cohen Loigman shares her new novel, *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern*, and the process of writing historical fiction. This event is free and open to the public. Copies of her work will be for sale. Sponsored by The Muscogee County Library Foundation

Thur. October 17 | 6:00pm

Auditorium

DESSERT BAKE-OFF

Do you have a favorite dessert recipe that you want to share? Bake your favorite 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.

Wed. October 30 | 5:00pm

Synovus Meeting Room A

GETTING STARTED WORKSHOP: BUILDING A BUSINESS PLAN

Join us for a workshop with StartUP Columbus where you will learn to create a comprehensive business plan with ease. Participants will learn how to navigate the CO.STARTERS Canvas Business Tool and gain a unique understanding of the intricacies involved in developing a startup.

Wed. November 6 | 6:00pm

Auditorium

KITCHEN SUPPLY SWAP

Do you have any kitchen gadgets, utensils, or tools sitting in the cabinet waiting to be used? Bring your new or gently used kitchen tools, gadgets, or utensils, and exchange them for fun new supplies right in time for the holidays!

Sat. November 16 | 11:00am - 1:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

LIBRARY RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: YOUSCIENCE®

Learn how YouScience® can help you identify your aptitudes, validate your skills, and find the right educational and/or career pathway!

Mon. November 18 | 6:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

SMALL BUSINESS PANEL

Are you an entrepreneur looking for local resources to empower your business? We are partnering with StartUP Columbus to host a Q&A panel to highlight the most useful resources for Columbus business owners!

Wed. December 4 | 6:00pm

Auditorium

INTERACTIVE MOVIE

"What are you doing in my swamp?!" Join us to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the addition of *Shrek* to the National Film Registry, curated by the Library of Congress! Viewers will use props and respond to cues to immerse themselves in this enchanting fairy tale.

Sat. December 14 | 3:00pm – *Shrek* (PG)

Auditorium

BOOK CLUBS

PRESIDENTIAL PICKS BOOK CLUB

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

Wed. September 11 | 6:00pm –

James Madison, A Biography by Ralph Ketchum 

Wed. October 9 | 6:00pm – *King Richard: Nixon and Watergate, An American Tragedy* by Michael Dobbs

Wed. November 13 | 6:00pm – *Hoover, An Extraordinary Life in Extraordinary Times* by Kenneth Whyte

Wed. December 11 | 6:00pm – *Betty Ford: First Lady, Women's Advocate, Survivor, Trailblazer* by Lisa McCubbin

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

PEACH STATE PERPS

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

Thur. September 12 | 6:00pm – *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

Thur. October 10 | 6:00pm – *True Story* by Michael Finkel

Thur. November 7 | 6:00pm – *The Stranger Beside Me* by Ann Rule

Thur. December 12 | 6:00pm – *Midnight Assassin* by Skip Hollandsworth

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

FOREVER YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

Forever Young Adult Book Club is for readers who are a little less Y and a bit more A, but who still enjoy a good YA book. Find out what we are reading next on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fyacolumbusga>.

Fri. September 13 | 7:00pm

Fri. October 11 | 7:00pm

Fri. November 8 | 7:00pm

Fri. December 13 | 7:00pm

Midtown Coffee House, 1342 13th Street

Y'ALL MEANS ALL BOOK CLUB

This monthly book club will discuss books across all genres that feature authors, characters, and stories that reflect the diversity of the LGBTQ+ experience.

Wed. September 18 | 5:00pm – *Board to Death* by C.J. Cooper

Wed. October 16 | 5:00pm – *In the Dream House* by Carmen Maria Machado

Wed. November 20 | 5:00pm – *This Town Sleeps* by Dennis E. Staples

Wed. December 18 | 5:00pm – *Kiss Her Once for Me* by Allison Cochran

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Genealogy & Local History

COMMUNITY & LOCAL HISTORY

Share your photos and documents with the Library! We are seeking locally impactful stories to help us fill our local history collection with community memories. To make an appointment with staff to discuss potential contributions, call the Adult Services Department at 706-243-2681.

By appointment with Adult Services staff.

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 12 | 3:00pm-4:30pm

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

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

Betty Van Cleave 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. September 19 | 3:00pm

Thur. October 17 | 3:00pm

Thur. December 19 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave 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. September 26 | 3:00-4:30pm

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

Thur. December 26 | 3:00-4:30pm

Betty Van Cleave Room

HISTORY IN THE ATTIC

Find helpful genealogical information saved by your family.

Tues. October 8 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

COLUMBUS PULITZER: HOW OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER WON THE 1926 PULITZER

Enjoy a presentation and discussion on how our Columbus Enquirer-Sun won its first Pulitzer Prize.

Tues. December 10 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS' MILITARY RECORDS

Learn how to find military records from different time periods and wars. This includes using Fold3, a site by Ancestry.com that you can access with your Library card.

Tues. November 12 | 3:00pm

Betty Van Cleave Meeting Room

Mildred L. Terry Public Library

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

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 @ YOUR LIBRARY

Is your student (K-3) struggling to learn high frequency words? Set up a 30-minute One-on-One sight words practice session Thursdays between 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

AKA Room

UNPLUG...FOR CHESS' SAKE

Chess imitates life. Watch the moves you make! Learn winning strategies for chess & for life, from encouraging community mentors.

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

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

Tues. November 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4:30pm

Tues. December 3, 10, 17 | 4:30pm

Claudia Muller Family Area

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME:

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

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

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

Tues. November 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4:30pm

Wed. November 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:00am

Tues. November 19 | 6:00pm

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

AKA Room

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

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 4, 11, 18, 25 | 11:00am

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

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

Wed. December 4, 11, 18 | 11:00am

AKA Room

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Whether you're a new player or a Dungeon Master, everyone is welcome to join the campaign! Always seeking experienced Dungeon Masters willing to lead a campaign!

Tues. September 17 | 6:00pm

Tues. October 15 | 6:00pm

Tues. November 19 | 6:00pm

Tues. December 17 | 6:00pm

AKA Room

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROGRAM

We'll have tables from different countries with samples of food, stories, and crafts in support of this year's theme: "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together."

Sat. September 28 | 2:00-4:00pm

AKA Room

A PINKALICIOUS PARADE: NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Wear pink attire to come and have a "ball"! We will create something special for the parade and enjoy stories and refreshments.

Sat. October 5 | 11:00am

AKA Room

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Bring your kids to meet real firefighters, explore a fire truck up close and learn 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 9 | 10:00am

AKA Room

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 19 | 10:30am

AKA Room / Claudia Muller Family Area



Reservations requested. Call 706-243-2782.



Appointment required. See program description for more info.



Constitution Series Program

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

Uno, Dos, Tres Craft introduces Spanish to children through crafts and stories, concepts such as numbers, colors, animals, and family are used to explore a new culture.

Sat. October 26 | 3:00pm

Sat. November 23 | 3:00pm

FOL Room

NEIGHBORHOOD FUN NIGHT: BOOK CHARACTER EDITION

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

Tues. October 29 | 6:00pm

AKA Room

HARRY POTTER NIGHT

The Hogwarts Express now boards quarterly from Platform 9¾ to a Hogwarts satellite campus – Mildred L. Terry Public Library! Costumes and Muggles are welcome!

Tues. December 3 | 6:00pm

AKA Room

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa Claus is coming to storytime! Join us for a magical time as Santa shares festive stories and gifts.

Wed. December 11 | 10:00am

AKA Room

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS FOR ALL

Your annual 12 Days of Christmas "sing-off-tune" is back! Close your year out joyfully, with this festive tradition and share your family traditions with all! Ugly sweaters encouraged. SING OFF starts at 5:15pm.

Thur. December 19 | 4:30pm

Claudia Muller Family Area

HAPPY NOON YEAR!

Let's ring in the New Year with a toast at noon!

Mon. December 30 | 11:45am

Claudia Muller Family Area

TEENS

LET'S TRADE

Meet professionals from different hands-on career paths and learn what it takes to skillfully master a trade.

Tues. October 8 | 6:00pm

AKA Room

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING 101

Build the tastiest home of your dreams. Then let our judges decide which piece of sweet real estate has the best design.

Tues. Dec 10 | 6:00pm

AKA Room

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 session.

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

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

Wed. | 4:00pm and 5:00pm – Open Lab (reservations not required)

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

FOL Room

CONSTITUTION MOVIE NIGHT: MY NAME IS PAULI MURPHY

In honor of Constitution Month we'll explore the legacy of Pauli Murray, a non-binary lawyer, advocate, poet, and priest who contributed to both the Civil Rights and gender equality movements. Refreshments will be provided!

Tues. September 10 | 6:00pm

AKA 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 14, 28 | 4:00pm

Sat. November 9 | 4:00pm

Sat. October 12, 26 | 4:00pm

Sat. December 14 | 4:00pm

FOL Room

FRIENDSGIVING: FIND FRIENDS

Find new friends this "Friendsgiving." Come in and meet new people in an interactive setting full of games and holiday pastries.

Tues. November 12 | 6:00pm

AKA Room

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. September 7 | 2:00pm – *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein 

Sat. October 5 | 2:00pm – *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* by Annette Gordon-Reed

Sat. November 2 | 2:00pm – *The Backwash of War: An Extraordinary American Nurse in World War I* by Ellen N. La Motte

Sat. December 7 | 2:00pm – *The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health—and a Vision for Change* by Annie Leonard

Iron Bank Coffee Company, 6 11th Street

PAGE TURNERS

Join us for a lively book discussion of popular titles.

Sat. September 14 | 1:00pm – *Nature Prejudice* by Gordon D. Allport

Sat. October 12 | 1:00pm – *Led by Faith: Rising from the Ashes of the Rwandan Genocide* by Immaculée Ilibagiza

Sat. November 9 | 1:00pm – *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie

Sat. December 14 | 1:00pm – *Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson

AKA Room

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, Play – your child is on their way!

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

Tues. November 5, 12, 19 | 11:00am

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

Children's Department

FUN FRIDAYS! (Ages 5-12)

Kick off your weekends with activities like scavenger hunts, crafts, and challenges at the Library! Each week will have a special theme.

Fri. September 6 | 2:00pm – Coding

Fri. September 13 | 2:00pm – SEC Football Spirit

Fri. September 20 | 2:00pm – Sparkly STEAM

Fri. September 27 | 2:00pm – Dragons

Fri. October 4 | 2:00pm – Mad Science

Fri. October 11 | 2:00pm – Harry Potter

Fri. October 18 | 2:00pm – Creepy Crawlers

Fri. October 25 | 2:00pm – Halloween

Fri. November 8 | 2:00pm – Dino-venber

Fri. November 15 | 2:00pm – Fairytales

Fri. November 22 | 2:00pm – Engineering Challenges

Fri. December 6 | 2:00pm – Frozen

Fri. December 20 | 2:00pm – Board Games and Puzzles

Children's Department

North Columbus Public Library

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



Self-directed program during Library hours.



Appointment required. See program description for more info.



Constitution Series Program

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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, Play – your child is on their way!

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

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

Tues. November 5, 12, 19 | 10:00am

Tues. December 3, 10, 17 | 10:00am

Children's Department

GRANDPARENTS DAY TEA PARTY

Join us for a grandparents' tea party, followed by crafts and activities for the whole family. Dress your best for this special event!

Sat. September 7 | 11:00am

Children's Department

EDIBLE ENGINEERING (Ages 6-12)

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

Thur. September 19 | 3:00pm – Edible Slime

Thur. October 17 | 3:00pm – Marshmallow Catapults

Thur. November 14 | 3:00pm – Glow in the Dark Jello

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. September 21 | 10:30am

Children's Department

CONSTITUTION CONNECTIONS (Ages 12 & Under)

Learn about the United States Constitution through interactive games, crafts, and a Library scavenger hunt!

Thur. September 26 | 4:00pm

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE LIBRARY

Calling all costumed kiddos! Stop by the Library for trick-or-treating and make a special Halloween surprise!

Thur. October 31 | 4:00pm

Children's Department

LETTERS TO SANTA (Ages 12 & Under)

Drop off your letter to Santa in our magic mailbox between November 25 and December 13, and get 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 25 – Fri. December 13

Children's Department

BOOKS & COOKIES WITH SANTA (Ages 12 & Under)

Come listen to Santa read a story, and then meet us in the Large Conference Room for cookie decorating!

Thur. December 5 | 4:00pm

SENSORY-FRIENDLY SANTA VISIT (Ages 12 & Under)

Make an appointment to visit Santa in a sensory-friendly environment.

Thur. December 12 | 4:00pm

NORTH POLE HOLIDAY KIDS' CRAFTS (Ages 12 & Under)

Make ornaments, holiday cards, and other handmade crafts to have or give as gifts! All materials and gift-wrap station will be provided.

Fri. December 13 | 2:00pm

TEENS

ANIME CLUB

We'll discuss current shows, play Japanese games and trivia and eat some snacks.

Fri. September 20 | 4:00pm

TIK TOK ART

You've seen the videos, now try the art techniques featured on Tik Tok! We provide all the supplies to try to recreate a trend.

Thur. October 10 | 6:00pm

TRADING CARD GAME MEET-UP

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

Sat. October 12 | 3:00pm

MINI CRAFTS

Create mini crafts from everyday items. All materials provided.

Thur. November 7 | 6:00pm

FORTNITE v FORTNIGHT FORT NIGHT

Which is better, the game Fortnite or Taylor Swift's album *Fortnight*?

This event will pit gamers vs. Swifties in trivia, fort building, and other challenges. Reservations and permission slips required by December 16.

Sat. December 21 | 6:15pm

ADULTS

CRAFT & SWAP: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

Bring your own project from home or do one provided by Library staff (while supplies last)! This monthly program encourages creativity and conversation, as attendees are invited to bring craft supplies to swap. Each attendee is limited to one box or bag. Leftover supplies will be donated to the Library or local charities.

Tues. September 3 | 4:00pm

Tues. November 5 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 1 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 3 | 4:00pm

LANGUAGE LAB: FRENCH 101

Interested in learning a new language? Join other beginners to learn and practice simple French! On se voit là-bas!

Wed. September 4, 11, 18 | 11:00am

WALKING FOR FITNESS

Looking for a way to get active? Walk in the safety of a small group. Meet in the Library lobby and we'll make a loop around Britt David Park's walking trail. Water provided.

Mon. September 9 | 11:00am

Mon. October 7 | 11:00am

Mon. November 4 | 11:00am

Mon. December 9 | 11:00am

Library Lobby

COFFEE & COLORING: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

De-stress and unwind with this surprisingly relaxing activity with coffee or tea. All materials provided, or bring your own if you like.

Tues. September 10 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 8 | 4:00pm

Tues. November 12 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 10 | 4:00pm

THE YEAR OF LIVING CONSTITUTIONALLY: A CONSTITUTION MONTH BOOK CLUB

Registration includes a free copy of *The Year of Living Constitutionally* by AJ Jacobs (while supplies last). At this special book club meeting, we will discuss what we have learned and how the book has impacted our habits. Light refreshments provided.

Thur. September 12 | 5:00pm

IEP INFO LAB

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

Sat. September 14 | 3:00pm

MIND THE MEND

Learn the basics of mending clothes and textiles. All skill levels welcome. Mending supplies and materials will be provided. Bring your own (clean) clothes or textiles to repair.

Mon. September 16 | 4:00pm – Replace Buttons

Mon. October 14 | 4:00pm – Patch and Repair Holes

Mon. November 18 | 4:00pm – Visible Mending

Mon. December 16 | 4:00pm – Fix Hems

BRITISH TEA-V: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

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

Tues. September 17 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 15 | 4:00pm

Tues. November 19 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 17 | 4:00pm

ALL-ACCESS MOVIES

A movie series for adults with differing abilities. Each month, we'll show a different movie with closed captioning and descriptive audio. September's selection, *Selma*, is a part of "The Constitution and Me" program series.

Thur. September 19 | 11:00am – *Selma* (PG-13) 📺

Thur. October 17 | 11:00am – *Ghostbusters Afterlife* (PG-13)

Thur. November 21 | 11:00am – *Knives Out* (PG-13)

HOOKS & NEEDLES: CRAFTY CROCHET

Spin yarns and stitch together new friendships while creating master-pieces of the fiber arts. All are welcome, from beginners to pros.

Mon. September 23 | 4:00pm

Mon. October 28 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 25 | 4:00pm

Mon. December 30 | 4:00pm

TIME OUT FOR ADULTS: AN ADULT AFTERNOON

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

Tues. September 24 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 22 | 4:00pm

D&D AT THE LIBRARY: ADULT VERSION 🎲

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

Sat. September 28 | 3:00pm

Sat. November 16 | 3:00pm

JAMES PATTERSON COSTUME PARADE 👤

Join the annual tradition of making a paper costume for a James Patterson author photo! Test your creativity and possibly check out a few of these "treats" before you go.

October 1 - 31

LANGUAGE LAB: SPANISH 101

Interested in learning a new language? Join other beginners to learn and practice simple Spanish! Nos veremos allí.

Wed. October 2, 9, 16 | 11:00am

HAPPY ACCIDENTS PAINTING HOUR 🎨

"There are no mistakes, just happy accidents." - Bob Ross.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of painting soothing landscapes. All materials provided. Reserve a spot by October 14th.

Sat. November 2 | 4:00pm

LANGUAGE LAB: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 101

Join other beginners to learn and practice ASL!

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

BOOK CLUBS

BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB: 2024 WRAP-UP

Review your year reading, and start your TBR list for 2025! This special book club has no assigned reading; simply share what you have read this year in a relaxed, informal discussion. Light refreshments provided.

Thur. December 19 | 5:00pm

ALL AGES

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. September 21 | 3:00pm

CRAFT 4 A CAUSE: THE SWEETEST DAY

October 19 is celebrated as "The Sweetest Day". Spread some sweetness by making a craft for a deserving community group. Sweet treats provided!

Sat. October 19 | 3:00pm

DÍA de los MUERTOS CELEBRATION

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

Fri. November 1 | 4:00pm

NA.NO.WRI.MO

Columbus's #1 NaNoWriMo Writing Lab is back for the 6th year! Learn more about National Novel Writing Month, participate in writing activities, and join critique sessions.

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

LIVE MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

Whether you're studying, reading, or just relaxing, enjoy 30 minutes of acoustic holiday music in the Library. It's a vibe.

Mon. December 9, 16 | 4:00pm

COOKIES AND KARAOKE

Enjoy a holiday treat and do some karaoke caroling! We'll cheer you on no matter your skill level! It's all merry at this program.

Sat. December 14 | 3:00pm

South Columbus Public Library

 Constitution Series Program

TEMPORARY LOCATION:

Our Lady of Lourdes
1973 Torch Hill Road,
Columbus, GA 31903

PERMANENT LOCATION:

2034 S. Lumpkin Road
Columbus, GA 31903

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be in the Children's Room.

TAKE AND MAKE: MYSTERY BAGS

Take home a creativity kit to make something awesome! Everyone will get the same supplies, but you make your own creation! Parents, snap and share your pics with us! Bundles are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Available every Friday at 10:00am at the Children's Desk

KIDS EXPLORE! (Ages 5-12)

Join us for an afternoon of storybook inspiration and creative expression.

Tues. September 17 | 3:00pm – *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds (International Dot Day)

Tues. October 15 | 3:00pm – *Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler

Tues. October 22 | 3:00pm – *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson

Tues. November 5 | 3:00pm – *Food Truck Fest!* by Alexandra Penfold

Tues. November 19 | 3:00pm – *Balloons Over Broadway* by Melissa Sweet

Tues. December 3 | 3:00pm – *Alma's Art* by Rhoda Ahmed

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME: FAMILY (Ages 0-5)

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. October 17, 31 | 10:00am

Thur. November 7, 14 | 10:00am

Thur. December 5, 12 | 10:00am

SIMPLE STEPS: PLAY (Ages 0-5)

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

Thur. September 12 | 10:00am

Thur. October 24 | 10:00am

Thur. November 21 | 10:00am

Thur. December 19 | 10:00am

CREEPY, CRAWLY CREATURES

Learn about the cold-blooded creatures that make you s-s-shiver with a presentation from Oxbow Meadows. Explore the Library during a spine-tingling scavenger hunt and play along with our not-too-terrifying trivia!

Tues. October 29 | 3:00pm

Meeting Room

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. November 16 | 10:30am

SANTA VISIT

Come have a holly good time with our jolly good friend from the North Pole!

Tues. December 17 | 3:00pm

TEENS

All programs will be in the Teen Department.

TEEN TAKEOVER

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

Wed. September 25 | 4:00pm

Wed. October 9, 23, | 4:00pm

Wed. November 13 | 4:00pm

Wed. December 4 | 4:00pm

CONSTITUTION WEEK: DO I HAVE THE RIGHT?

Do I have a right? You've got many, and they're in the amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Test your knowledge of constitutional rights with fun trivia provided by icivics.

Wed. September 11 | 4:00pm

TEEN FINANCE ACADEMY

This program is designed to empower young minds with essential financial skills in a fun and interactive way.

Wed. October 16 | 4:00pm

PLANT-BASED PALATE: A VEGAN TASTE ADVENTURE

Journey into the world of plant-based cuisine ahead of Thanksgiving. Explore creative alternatives and learn the benefits of incorporating vegan food into your diet.

Wed. November 20 | 4:00pm

GO FLY A KITE!

Our welcoming maker space provides an ideal environment for exploration and experimentation. We'll craft our own DIY kits to take home and try out on a windy day.

Wed. December 11 | 4:00pm

ADULTS

CRAFTERNOON

Join us for an afternoon 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. October 7 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 18 | 4:00pm

Mon. December 2 | 4:00pm

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 12, 26 | 11:00am

Thur. October 10, 24 | 11:00am

Thur. November 7, 21 | 11:00am

Thur. December 5, 19 | 11:00am

Small Meeting Room

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 25 | 6:30pm

Wed. October 23 | 6:30pm

Wed. November 20 | 6:30pm

Wed. December 18 | 6:30pm

Meeting Room

BOOK CLUBS

SHH...WE'RE READING BOOK CLUB (Formerly Dessert & Drama Book Club)

Each month we will focus on a book by an African American author. Love to read a variety of books? Want to chat with others about the story? This is the club for you! Follow us on Facebook for reminders.

Wed. September 18 | 6:30pm – *Worthy* by Jada Pinkett Smith

Wed. October 16 | 6:30pm – *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell

Wed. November 13 | 6:30pm – *Hello Friends!: Stories of Dating, Destiny and Day Jobs* by Dulce' Sloan

Wed. December 11 | 6:30pm – *One Christmas Wish* by Brenda Jackson

Meeting Room

Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

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

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SIMPLE STEPS STORYTIME:

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

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, Play – your child is on their way.

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

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

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

Fri. December 6, 13, 20 | 10:00am

Children's Room

CINEMA SATURDAY (All Ages)

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

Sat. September 7 | 11:00am

Sat. October 5 | 11:00am

Sat. November 2 | 11:00am

Sat. December 21 | 11:00am

Multipurpose Room

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS (All Ages)

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

Thur. September 12, 26 | 11:00am

Thur. October 10, 24 | 11:00am

Thur. November 7, 21 | 11:00am

Thur. December 19 | 11:00am

Multipurpose Room

CREATIVE KIDS STORYTIME (Ages 5-12)

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

Mon. September 16 | 4:00pm

Mon. October 14 | 4:00pm

Mon. December 16 | 4:00pm

Multipurpose Room

STEAMPUNKS: STORIES & SCIENCE (Ages 0-12)

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

Mon. September 30 | 4:00pm

Mon. October 28 | 4:00pm

Mon. November 25 | 4:00pm

Discovery Zone

PUMPKIN PARTY

Come celebrate this special date with us and experience all things pumpkin with crafts, snacks, and games!

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

Multipurpose Room

COOKIES AND COCOA WITH SANTA!

Come and visit the Jolly ol' Elf himself. Children will be treated to special holiday crafts, treats, and give Santa their wish list.

Sat. December 14 | 12:00pm- 2:00pm

Multipurpose Room

TEENS

TEEN TAKEOVER (Ages 11-18)

What do YOU want to do? We'll try a new activity based on what you suggest. Movies? Crafts and DIY? Gaming? LEGO®s? Community projects? Something seasonal? You help us decide! All materials provided.

Tues. September 10, 24 | 4:00pm

Tues. October 8, 22 | 4:00pm

Tues. November 5, 19 | 4:00pm

Tues. December 10 | 4:00pm

Discovery Zone

ADULTS

ADULT CRAFT TIME

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

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

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

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

Thur. November 7, 14, 21 | 3:00pm

Thur. December 5, 12, 19 | 3:00pm

Multipurpose Room

BOOK CLUBS

NOVEL-TEA BOOK CLUB

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

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

Thur. September 5, 12, 19, 26 | 2:00pm

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

Thur. November 7, 14, 21 | 2:00pm

Thur. December 5, 12, 19 | 2:00pm

Multipurpose 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

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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)

Marion County Public Library

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

 Self-directed program during Library hours.

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Wed. October 16 | 10:30am Wed. December 11 | 10:30am

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Come and meet Santa Claus with us! Enjoy a storytime and pictures with Santa, gifts, crafts, and seasonal treats.

Fri. December 13 | 4:00pm

TEENS

TEEN CINEMA CLUB

We will be meeting to watch and discuss books that became films. All movies selected will be rated PG-13 or lower. Call ahead at 229-649-6385 for movie titles.

Fri. September 13 | 4:30pm Fri. October 25 | 4:30pm
Fri. September 27 | 4:30pm Fri. November 15 | 4:30pm
Fri. October 11 | 4:30pm

ALL AGES

TABLE TOP CRAFTS

Stop by any time during regular Library hours to make a themed craft for yourself or one for a community friend. All donated completed crafts will be collected for community distribution. Each month is a new theme.

September 3-30 November 1-30
October 1-30 December 2-30

COSPLAY SEMINAR

Want an afternoon filled with fun and creativity? Join us as experienced cosplayer Allison Brantley (AllieCat Cosplay) shows how to create impressive and unique costumes by hand! No skill level is required and materials will be provided.

Sat. October 5 | 12:00pm

3D ORNAMENT PRINTING

Stop by any time during regular Library hours to create beautiful and unique 3D ornaments or keepsakes to bring your tree to life. The 3D printer will be available for a limited time. Assistance will be provided.

Mon. November 18- December 6

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

CREATIVE KIDS (Ages 4-8)

Make shadow fans using different animal figures. Once held in front of flashlight, you can create your own story of the animal depicted.

Tues. September 10 | 3:00pm

CRAFTS: PAINT THE PIG

Express your creativity as you paint your own personalized piggy bank.

Tues. October 8 | 3:00pm

A DAY AT THE MOVIES

We'll screen one of the latest family-friendly films for you. Be sure to check at the Service Desk for the title.

Tues. November 5
9:00am & 3:00pm

SANTA VISITS THE LIBRARY!

Come have a holly good time with our jolly good friend from the North Pole!

Tues. December 10 | 4:00pm

TEENS

All programs will be in the Meeting Room.

BRACELET BUILDING

Just ask Taylor, bracelets are IT! Bring your ideas, we'll have the supplies to make some poppin' wrist bangles for yourself or a friend.

Tues. September 17 | 3:00pm

SCAVENGER HUNT

Ready to sleuth? Use clues to find hidden messages to discover Library resources.

Tues. October 15 | 3:00pm

BOARD GAMES

We'll have a variety of board games out...or you can bring your own!

Tues. November 12 | 3:00pm

ADULTS

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words? Find out how well you do at searching for words.

Tues. September 24 | 3:00pm

CRAFTS

Create the pot of your dreams... paint your own personal flower pot.

Tues. October 22 | 3:00pm

BOARD GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

I challenge you! Participate in a friendly board game competition! We provide the games.

Tues. November 19 | 3:00pm

CHAIR YOGA

Get in shape ... Gently!
Tues. September 3, 10, 17, 24
11:00am

Thur. September 5, 12, 19, 26
11:00am

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

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Library Card Sign Up Month

September 1-30
All Branch Locations

Columbus Artists' Guild Members' Exhibition

September 28-October 25
WC Bradley Reading Room
Columbus Public Library

Manhattan SHORT Film Festival

Sat. September 28 | 2:00pm
Thurs. October 3 | 6:00pm
Columbus Public Library Auditorium

Novel Notions: A Free Author Encounter

October 17 | 6:00pm

Join us as author Lynda Cohen Loigman shares her new novel, *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern*, and the process of writing historical fiction. Free and open to the public. Copies of her work will be for sale. Sponsored by Muscogee County Library Foundation
Columbus Public Library Auditorium

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November 14
Columbus Public Library
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