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**NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK**

April 7-13, 2024



National Library Week Programs

April 7— 13 2024

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

NLW Program: Meet the Librarians

Throughout National Library Week, visit our display to meet the librarians of the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library and add your own library story to be a part of the display!

EL Lowder Regional Branch Library

April 10 2:00 p.m.

Decorate Cupcakes with Denesha Watts

Coliseum National Library Week

April 8-12-- All Day

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Rufus Lewis Regional Branch National Library Week

April 8-12, Rufus Lewis Regional Branch Library will have a Scavenger Hunt for children and adults to find out more about the resources we have available at the library and how to find them. We will also have a competition to guess the number of books in our library with a prize for the closest guess.

Governor's Square National Library Week

Join us for our Patron Appreciation Open House during National Library Week, April 7-13 (We'll be open April 8-12). Come and meet the Librarians and learn what it takes to be one—it's more than just reading books!

Hampstead National Library Week - April 7th to 13th

Spotlight on Favorite Authors: Eric Carle

Special Story Time throughout the week based on books by Eric Carle!

April 8th – Toddler Time: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

April 9th – Montessori PreK: *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*

April 11th - Montessori K: *The Grouchy Ladybug*

**Come Join Us for
National Library Week**

Let's Decorate

Cupcakes

With Mrs.

Denesha Watts

April 10th at 2pm



National Library Week Programs

April 7— 13 2024

Pike Road Branch Library National Library Week Special Event

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Pike Road Branch Library National Library Week Special Event

Book Folding Class with Desiree Rhodes – Friday, April 12 from 9:30 a.m. until noon

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Pintlala Special Event

April 9, 2024 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Chelsea Jones

Reading – Harlem Grown: How one idea transformed a neighborhood by: Tony

Hillery and We are the Gardeners by: Joanna Gaines Life lessons can be learned in the garden. Join us as the garden teaches us about patience, perseverance, and beauty.

Ramer Branch Library

Storytime: Come join us for a story and an activity!

The 11th will be during National Library Week, so we will be utilizing one of our library resources, Bookflix, to read Wild About Books by Judy Sierra and Welcome to the Library by Alyse Sweeney. We will also do several puzzle games which Bookflix includes to go along with the reading.



E.L. Lowder Regional Branch Library

2590 Bell Rd. Montgomery, AL 36117

Story Time & Programs

Every Friday at 10:00 a.m. All of our programs will be held in our meeting room.

April 5, 2024

10:00 AM

It's time for Spring

We will read *Its Spring Dear Dragon* by Margaret Hillert. A boy and his pet dragon enjoy a spring day by playing outside and exploring the season's offerings. We will also read *Nana's Garden* by Larissa Juliana. Explore NANA'S GARDEN, where a young gardener picks red tomatoes, counts daisies, scoops caterpillars, and hugs her nana. We will also have an activity.

April 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Exploring Space

We will read *Future Astronaut* by Lori Alexander. Ground Control to Major Baby: Could you be an astronaut? Does baby have what it takes to become an astronaut? That's an affirmative, Houston! Discover all the incredible ways that prove baby already has what it takes to become an astronaut -- from growing healthy teeth to eating from plastic packs to working in small spaces. Includes lots of fun astronaut facts to help prepare little ones for takeoff! *Future Baby* is an adorable new board book series that takes a playful peek into an assortment of powerful careers and shows little ones how their current skills match up with the job at hand. With *Future Baby*, babies can be anything! We will also read *8 Little Planets* by Lori Alexander. A delightfully fun, fact-filled planetary tale from the creator of the *Baby University* series! Travel around the solar system and celebrate what makes each planet unique! From Neptune to Mercury and all the planets in between, each one is different and each one is happy to be what they are. Old slow Neptune looks a bit behind. Orbiting the Sun takes an awful long time. But the 8th little planet doesn't need to worry. It spins on its axis in a really big hurry! We

April 19, 2023

10:00 AM

Cats

We will read *Big Cat, Little Cat* by Elisha Cooper. Once there was a cat who lived all alone. But what will he do when he finds a fellow, furry friend? We will also read *Chester* by Melanie Watt. Follow the hijinks of Chester the cat as he moves in to a country mouse's home!

April 26, 2023

10:00 AM

Birds

We will read *Once, a Bird* by Rina Singh. Follow a songbird as he searches for a new home in the big city! What will the townspeople think of their newest friend? We will also read *My Spring Robin* by Anne Rockwell. It's the first day of spring, and a young girl is searching for a robin she met last summer. Who else will she meet along the way?



Rufus Lewis Regional Branch Library

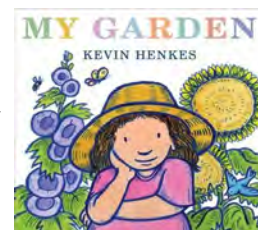
April Programs 2024

***Story Time Every Wednesday* 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.**

Children's Programming

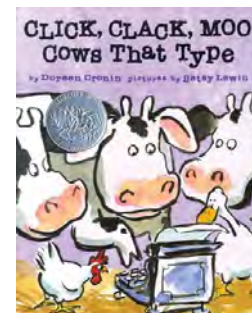
Date: 04/03/2024 Time: 10:00AM & 4:00PM

My Garden by Kevin Henkes. April is National Garden Month and Spring is in full bloom. A girl helps out in her mother's garden, but in the garden of her imagination, there are chocolate rabbits, tomatoes as big as beach balls, flowers that change color, and seashells. Join us for this colorful story and then we will plant seeds to take home and watch them grow.



Date: 04/10/2024 Time: 10:00AM & 4:00PM

Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin- Help us celebrate National Farm Animal Day by reading about Farmer Brown and his quirky farm animals! Farmer Brown has a problem. His cows like to type. All day long he hears...Click, clack, MOO. Click, clack, MOO. Clickety, clack, MOO! But Farmer Brown's problems REALLY begin when his cows start leaving him notes....Doreen Cronin's understated text and Betsy Lewin's expressive illustrations make the most of this hilarious situation. Come join the fun as a bunch of literate cows turn Farmer Brown's farm upside down.



Date: 04/17/2024 Time: 10:00AM & 4:00PM

Love is Kind by Laura Sassi.- Love Is Kind is a heartwarming story about Little Owl who hopes to buy his grammy a heart-shaped box of chocolates for her birthday. On his quest for the chocolates, he's thwarted at every turn, but ends up discovering the real meaning of love as described in 1 Corinthians 13. Told in simple prose by bestselling author Laura Sassi, this heartfelt and humorous picture book is a sweet reminder that real love isn't found in a box - even one filled with chocolates.



Date: 04/24/2024 Time: 10:00AM & 4:00PM

Mae Among The Stars by Roda Ahmed- When Little Mae was a child, she dreamed of dancing in space. She imagined herself surrounded by billions of stars, floating, gliding, and discovering. She wanted to be an astronaut. Her mom told her, "If you believe it, and work hard for it, anything is possible." Little Mae's curiosity, intelligence, and determination, matched with her parents' encouraging words, paved the way for her success at NASA as the first African American woman to travel in space.



Date: 04/12/2024 Time: 3:30-4:30PM

Stem Fridays! CALLING ALL FUTURE SCIENTISTS, TECH GURUS, AND DREAMERS! Do you love science and experimenting? Does the idea of making and building your own creations excite you? If so, then join us for Stem Fridays at the Rufus Lewis Regional Branch Library! Patrons 8-12 years old will conduct experiments, build gadgets, and most importantly.....make SLIME! We look forward to seeing you!



All Ages Programming

Date: 04/26/2024 Time: 3:30PM

Movie Day! Help us celebrate Arbor Day by watching the classic, family friendly story about love, friendship, protecting our environment, and fairies! The magical inhabitants of a rainforest fight to save their home, which is threatened by logging and a polluting force of destruction called Hexxus. Fighting against time, our heroes rush to save and protect the magical forest that they love.



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INSPIRED PROGRAM FOR PATRONS
8-12 YEARS OLD



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REGIONAL BRANCH
LIBRARY

DATE: 2ND FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

TIME: 3:30PM-4:30PM

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Bertha Williams Branch Library Programming for April 2024

Children Programming Storytime

Story Time with Miss Nichelle – 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month

April 2nd, 2024 11:00 AM - Planting Stories by Anika Aldamuy Denise

When she came to America in 1921, Pura carried the cuentos folklóricos of her Puerto Rican homeland. Finding a new home at the New York Public Library as a bilingual assistant, she turned her popular stories into libros and spread story seeds across the land.

April 16th, 2024 11:00 AM- Roar Like a Dandelion by Ruth Krauss

Roar Like a Dandelion is an ABC book with action phrases that begin with letters of the alphabet. Some of the phrases are cute or silly e.g. Butt like a billy goat, Kick away the snow and make spring come, Jump like a raindrop, Roar like a dandelion.....

Family Movie Night : 1st Tuesday of Every Month 4:30pm 4/9/24

Bring the family as we watch new movies or classics you want to see repeatedly
- Light Refreshments provided to ensure a great movie-watching experience!

1k Books Before Kindergarten: Continuous

All children who have not yet begun kindergarten are invited to participate and aim to read 1000 books before beginning their schooling. For every 50 books read they will receive a small prize, with larger prizes at registration, 250, 500, 750, and 1k read. Complete the program to take part in our graduation ceremony where your child will receive a selection of books perfect for helping their love of reading grow! Contact us at (334) 625-4979 to find out more!

Adult Programming

Technology Power Hour: Monday, April 1st 4:00 pm

First Monday of Every Month

Is there something you have always wanted to know about your phone, laptop, or tablet? Can't seem to

figure out how to make an email account or log into

Facebook? We'll help you find the answers as we dive into all of your biggest tech questions!

“Read it? Watched it?” 3rd Tuesday Every Month 4:30pm

–Intended for Adult Patrons

Read a book but have not seen the film adaptation?

Watched a film and never knew it was a book first?

Come explore the world of literary film adaptations.

Light Refreshments provided to ensure a great movie-watching experience!

Meditation Time:

Friday, April 12th @10:15am

Friday, April 26th @10:15am

Meditation Time returns! Could you use a break? Need a

moment to breathe and relax? Stop by any of our Meditation Time sessions for a chance to do just that!

We'll have some guided meditation to help you reset and refocus your thoughts so you can enjoy the rest of your day!

APRIL 26TH @4PM

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Adult Book Tasting



Expand your reading palate at our cafe themed Adult Book Tasting. A fun way to discover new books and different genres. Registration is required.

Light refreshments will be served.



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In person or call 334-625-4979

Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library

Coliseum Library's April Family Events

April 8-12-- All Day

Literary Scavenger Hunt

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April 9-- All Day

Poetry @ Coliseum

April is National Poetry Month! Do you like poetry? Do you want to create your own poetry? Come to Coliseum on April 9 to create some blackout poetry.

April 24 --5:00 pm -6:30pm

Family Art Night hosted by HeARTS Unite Community Organization

Acrylic Art with Curbie Toles

Continuous

Puzzles

We have an adult and children puzzles available. Come help put our community puzzles together.

Coliseum Library's April Adult Events

April 9-11:00 am

Adult Coloring Club

Come join of our coloring club. Adult level coloring sheets and color pencils will be provided. Studies have shown this can be a great stress reducer! Come relax with us!

April 25--3:00 pm

Curious Genre Book Club

Join us for our book discussion. Give us a call about our upcoming book.

Coliseum Library's April Children Events

April 4—10:30 AM

Storytime: What's a better way to celebrate International Carrot Day than by reading books about the animal who loves them the most, rabbits? Today we'll read Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming, and Too Many Carrots by Katy Hudson, followed by a craft.
Lego League at 3:00 PM

April 11—10:30 AM

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Lego League at 3:00 PM

April 18—10:30 AM

Storytime: April is National Frog Month! We'll be reading Ribbit! By Rodrigo Folgueira. Afterwards, there will be a paper bag frog craft!

Lego League at 3:00 PM

April 25 – 10:30 AM

Storytime: Today is World Penguin Day! Come join us for Penguin Problems by Jory John, followed by a penguin craft!

Lego League at 3:00 PM

Coliseum Library's April Young Adult Events

April 25 – 3:00 PM

Virtual Reading- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Join us in a virtual program on our Facebook page where we'll be reading the first chapter of a science fiction or fantasy Juvenile or Young Adult novel every third Friday of the month. We encourage discussion in the comments.

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Governor's Square Library

April 2024

Storytime – Join us at Governor's Square every Tuesday at 10am for Storytime, songs, and crafts!

Shark Bait! Ohhh HaHa! -- April 2

Book: Smiley Shark: Far away in the deep rolling ocean lived Smiley Shark. Smiley Shark longed to dip and dive, jiggle and jive, dart and dash with a splish and a splash with all the other fish; but whenever he smiled at them they swam away. But when all of the other fish are trapped in a fisherman's net, it ends up to Smiley Shark to find a way to free the man--and he saves the day with his big, toothy.

We are scheduled to have at least one special guest at this Story Time. The Blue Angels will be in Montgomery and we will have Navy Personnel visiting with us!

Story: RAIN! -- April 9

One rainy day in the city, an eager little boy exclaims, "Rain!" Across town a grumpy man grumbles, "Rain." In this endearing picture book, a rainy-day cityscape comes to life in vibrant, cut-paper-style artwork. The boy in his green frog hat splashes in puddles--"Hoppy, hoppy, hoppy!"--while the old man curses the "dang puddles." Can the boy's natural exuberance.

Story: Let's Take a Walk around the Park -- April 16

In a park in New York City lives a lonely little dog. He remembers when he used to get taken for walks, fed dinner every night, and told he was a good dog. Now, he's all alone and must fend for himself. But everything changes one day when he sees a lady reading in the park and decides to follow her--all the way to a place where he might become a star!

Story: Tulip and Lupin forever -- April 23

Tulip the watering fairy and her best friend Lupin, a honey-making dog-bee, cultivate their fields and make delicious honey. When Lupin grows old and dies, Tulip is bereft. After a long journey, and the help of a river, the sea, and a friendly tortoise, Tulip is finally ready to start living again. When she returns home, a puppy-bee is waiting for her; eager for his turn in the field.

Let's Reach for the Star's with Stella -- April 30

It's the day of the Big Star Little Gala, and Stella's hair just isn't acting right! What's a girl to do?

Simple! Just hop on her hover board, visit each of her fabulous aunties across the solar system, and find the perfect hairdo along the way.

LEGO Lovers Unite!

Governors Square's LEGO Club meets every Friday afternoon 4PM-5PM. Join us, the only thing that limits you will be your imagination!

Calling All Princesses

Princesses are invited to drop by Governors Square during National Princess Week, April 21-27. Wear your tiara and get a surprise!

Earth Day

In recognition of Earth Day, April 22, come plant a sunflower.

Adult Programs

Color Stress Away!

Stress slowing you down? Remember when you were small and your teacher gave everyone coloring sheets and all was right in your world? Come to Governors Square Branch Library and Color Your Stress away! Join us every Wednesday at 4PM. For middle school to adults.

At-Your-Desk Yoga

Ages High School and Adult; come and work out the kinks sitting at your desk all day. Monday afternoons 330PM.

By Appointment Only:

Adults and Older Teens Only

One-on-One Job Search

One-on-One Library Tour/Research

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Coloring FRIDAY-EVE

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We have made it one day closer to the weekend. This event is open to all family and friends of the library.

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All- Day Event

Governor's Square Library



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Hampstead Library Programs

Toddler Rhyme Time

Mondays 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Space is limited!

Registration Required

National Library Week: April 7th to 13th

April 1

Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn and Rosalind Beardshaw.

After Lola reads a book of garden poems, she wants to plant some flowers.

April 8

NLW - Author Spotlight: Eric Carle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

A newly hatched caterpillar eats his way through all kinds of food

April 15

There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Frog! by Lucille Colandro

Spring is in the air, and everyone's favorite old lady is ready to celebrate!

That zany old lady is back--and with a serious case of spring fever! This time she's swallowing items to make the most of the season...with a beautiful garden!

April 22

Pete the Cat: Five Little Ducks by James Dean

Five little ducks went out to play, with one cool cat leading the way.

April 29

Should I Share My Ice Cream? By Mo Willems

Gerald has a big decision to make. But will he make it in time?



A colorful poster for 'Hampstead Branch Library Toddler Rhyme Time'. The top half is orange with white text: 'HAMPSTEAD BRANCH LIBRARY TODDLER RHYME TIME'. Below is a blue background with a rainbow. A young child with blonde hair is jumping joyfully. In front of the child are various toys: a teddy bear, a stacking ring tower, a toy car, and a toy train. A starburst graphic on the right says 'MONDAY'S 10AM & 11AM'. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTRATION REQUIRED EVERY WEEK' and provides the address '5251 HAMPSTEAD HIGH STREET SUITE 107 MONTGOMERY, AL 36116' and phone number '(334) 625-4885'.





HAMPSTEAD BRANCH LIBRARY

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Special Event – The Friends of the Pike Road Branch Library Speaker Series presents Meredith Lyons, author of Ghost Tamer – Thursday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

Meredith Lyons, author of the new paranormal thriller Ghost Tamer, will discuss her personal journey and how it led to her first novel. The Pike Road Bookies club will discuss Ghost Tamer at 9:15 a.m. on the same day. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Pike Road Branch Library.

Storybook Time – for age three and up – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

At Storybook Time, we sing a few songs, read one or two picture books and offer a take-home craft. Here is what we have planned for this month:

- April 2 – Ms. Stacie will be our guest reader today. Join her as she starts our day with a song!
- April 9 – It's National Library Week! We'll celebrate with stories set in libraries including I Took My Frog to the Library by Eric A. Kimmel.
- April 16 – We're going quackers for the rest of the month with stories about ducks and ducklings. First up is a tale about three duckling siblings who are lost in the woods. The littlest one is too scared to carry on until his oldest brother teaches him about “One Step” in Little One Step by Simon James.
- April 23 – All ducklings know how to swim, right? Unfortunately, that isn't true of the star of today's book. That's why it's called Swim, Swim, Sink by Jenn Harney. Will he figure out a way to keep up with his mama and his siblings? Some creative problem solving may be in order.
- April 30 – Who ordered a truck full of ducks?! We'll help a delivery driver complete his appointed rounds when we read Truck Full of Ducks by Ross Burach.

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April 2024 Programs

Toddler Time – for age one through three – Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m.

Toddler Time allows our youngest patrons to forge their first connections with a library and provides a space for caregivers to connect with each other. Join us as we bounce, sing and read a short story and then hang around to get to know everyone. Registration is required to attend Toddler Time via this link: [Toddler Time Families: Toddler Time at Pike Road Library \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com/signup/toddler-time-at-pike-road-library)

April 3

April 17

April 10

April 24



Medicare 101 Workshop – Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m.

Confused about Medicare and all the various options? Curious how Medicare covers your healthcare costs? The answers might surprise you! Come to a free educational event to learn about:

Medicare Parts A and B

Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C)

Medicare Supplement Plans

Enrollment Timelines and Deadlines

Bookies Book Club – Thursday, April 18 at 9:15 a.m.

The Pike Road Bookies meet on the third Thursday of each month, except December. On Thursday, April 18th at 9:15 a.m., they will discuss *Ghost Tamer* by Meredith Lyons.

Publisher's Summary – **Death is one thing, it's what you do afterward that matters.**

Aspiring comedian Raely is the sole survivor of a disastrous train wreck. While faced with the intense grief of losing her best friend, she realizes that someone is following her--and has been following her all her life. Trouble is, no one else can see him. For a ghostly tag-along, Casper's not so bad. He might even be the partner Raely needs to fight the evil spirit hell-bent on destroying her.

Raely and her friend must learn why this demonic spirit is haunting Raely and how she can stop him before he destroys her life--and her soul. Which, much to her chagrin, means she needs the help of a psychic (although she's sure they are all charlatans) and must rid herself of the pesky ghost hunter who's interested in exploiting her new abilities.

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Pintlala Branch Library's
April Story Time-- 2024
Mrs. Sandra Berry, Librarian III

April 3

2:00 pm

Book: This Is a Moose

Synopsis: Director Billy Waddler is trying to film a documentary about moose, but the moose in question has no intention of spending his life in the woods and his animal friends, who have dreams of their own, help him prove his point.

Activity: Moose craft

April 9

11:15 am

Book: Elephant has Hiccups

Synopsis: None of the other animals can sleep because Elephant has the hiccups.

Activity: Elephant craft

April 11

12:00 pm

Book: The Barenstain Bears' Really BIG Pet Show

Synopsis: There's going to be a pet show at the Bear Town Festival this year. The Bear family makes sure all their pets -- Little Lady, Gracie, Swish, and their new bird, Keats -- look and feel their best for the big day.

Activity: Paper Bag Pets

April 15

10:00 & 10:45 am

Book: On Grandma's Roof

Synopsis: A little girl describes the fun she has on laundry day on Grandma's roof.

Activity: Word Search

April 16

12:30 pm

Book: Engelbert Joins The Circus

Synopsis: After traveling from the jungle to America to visit his cousin in the circus, Engelbert accidentally ends up in the spotlight and steals the show..

Activity: Paper cup Elephant

April 23

11:15 am

Book: Picnic With Piggins

Synopsis: A picnic in the country develops a mystery which turns out to be a birthday surprise.

Activity: Picnic craft

April 25

12:00 pm

Book: Turtle's Penguin Day

Synopsis: After hearing a bedtime story about penguins, Turtle dresses as a penguin for school and soon the entire class is having a penguin day.

Activity: Coloring page

Ramer Branch Library

Ramer Library's April Adult Programs

Mondays and Wednesdays--10:00 am-12:00 pm*

Seniors Computer Class

Join us to learn to use the computer and the Internet and feel free to bring any related personal queries.

Tuesday 30th--10:00 am*

Ramer Adult Book Club

Join the book club at the library!

Ramer Library's April Children Programs

Weekly—2:00 PM*

Ramer Teen Club – Drop by the library and hang out with fellow teens. Activities will vary (e.g. volunteer opportunities, book club, watch party, etc.).

Thursdays—1:00 pm*

Storytime: Come join us for a story and a craft/coloring activity.

- The 11th will be during National Library Week, so we will be utilizing one of our library resources, Bookflix, to read Wild About Books by Judy Sierra and Welcome to the Library by Alyse Sweeney. We will also do several puzzle games which Bookflix includes to go along with the reading.
- The 18th will be National Animal Cracker Day. We will be reading The Gingerbread Girl Goes Animal Crackers by Lisa Ernst with a coloring activity after.
- The 25th will be a Movie Day: Sit in and watch a movie with us!

Thursdays after Storytime—2:00 pm*

Lego League: Free play with Legos!

Ramer Library's April Family Programs

Continuous*

Puzzles, etc.

We plan to have puzzles available for the community to enjoy! Feel free to donate puzzles!

***Programs are subject to change.**

Check <https://www.facebook.com/RamerBranchLibrary> for any updates!

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

April 2024

Children's Department Story Times

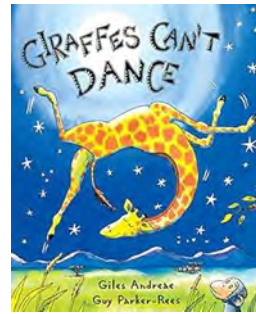
Thursdays 10: 30 a.m.

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreas

April 4th, 2024 – National Poetry Month

Come celebrate National Poetry Month with us as we read “Giraffes Can't Dance” by Giles Andreas. Gerald is a giraffe who simply can't dance. Try as he may, his long, spindly legs buckle whenever he starts to boogie. Every year he dreads going to the Great Jungle Dance - until one night when he finds his own special music.

Craft: Giraffe mask.

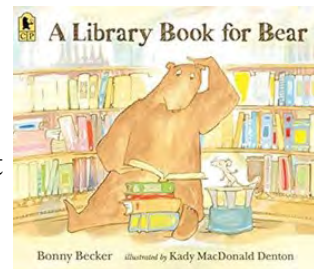


A Library Book for Bear by Bonny Becker

April 11th, 2024 – National Library Week

Join us as we celebrate National Library Week and read “A Library Book for Bear” by Bonny Becker. Bear does not want to go to the library. He is quite sure he already has all the books he will ever need. Yet the relentlessly cheery Mouse, small and gray and bright-eyed, thinks different. When Bear reluctantly agrees to go with his friend to the big library, neither rocket ships nor wooden canoes are enough for Bear's picky tastes. How will Mouse ever find the perfect book for Bear?

Craft: Bear craft and coloring bookmarks.

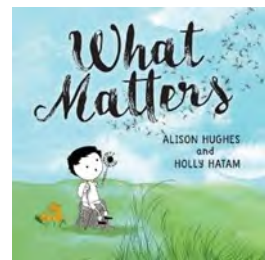


What Matters by Alison Hughes and Holly Hatam

April 18th, 2024 – Earth Day

Join us at the library as we recognize Earth Day by reading “What Matters” by Alison Hughes and Holly Hatam. What happens when one small boy picks up one small piece of litter? He doesn't know it, but his tiny act has big consequences. From the miniscule to the universal, What Matters sensitively explores nature's connections and traces the ripple effects of one child's good deed to show how we can all make a big difference.

Craft: Flower Craft

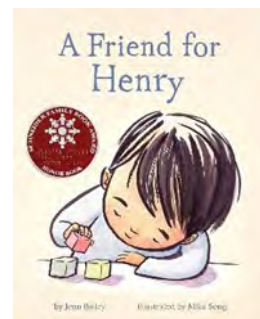


A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey

April 25th, 2024 – World Autism Awareness Month

Come join us as we raise awareness for World Autism Awareness Month by reading “A Friend for Henry” by Jenn Bailey. In Classroom Six, second left down the hall, Henry has been on the lookout for a friend. A friend who shares. A friend who listens. Maybe even a friend who likes things to stay the same and all in order, as Henry does. But on a day full of too close and too loud, when nothing seems to go right, will Henry ever find a friend—or will a friend find him? With insight and warmth, this heartfelt story from the perspective of a boy on the autism spectrum celebrates the everyday magic of friendship.

Craft: Making a fish activity.



Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

April 2024

Children's Department

Blackout Poetry Art – April 11th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m (Ages 7-13)

Come celebrate National Poetry Month in the Children's department at Morgan Memorial Library by making your own blackout poetry art! Blackout poetry is when you take you an existing work and blackout words to make your own original art piece!

Library Theater – April 16th, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. (Ages 0-13)

Join us for our new monthly movie night in the Children's department, beginning with an animated movie to celebrate National Anime day! This month's movie is Kiki's Delivery Service. A young witch, on her mandatory year of independent life, finds fitting into a new community difficult while she supports herself by running an air courier service.



Magnetic Poetry – April 23rd, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. (Ages 7-13)

We will be celebrating National Poetry Month in the Children's department by holding a magnetic poetry event where you can come make your own poetry using a random assortment of words. Express your creativity!

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Blackout Poetry

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Morgan Memorial Library
Children's Department



Ages 7–13



LIBRARY THEATER

APRIL 16 | 3:30 PM
JULIETTE HAMPTON MORGAN
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Join us each month
for a new movie!

This month's movie: Kiki's
Delivery Service

Movie Rating: G

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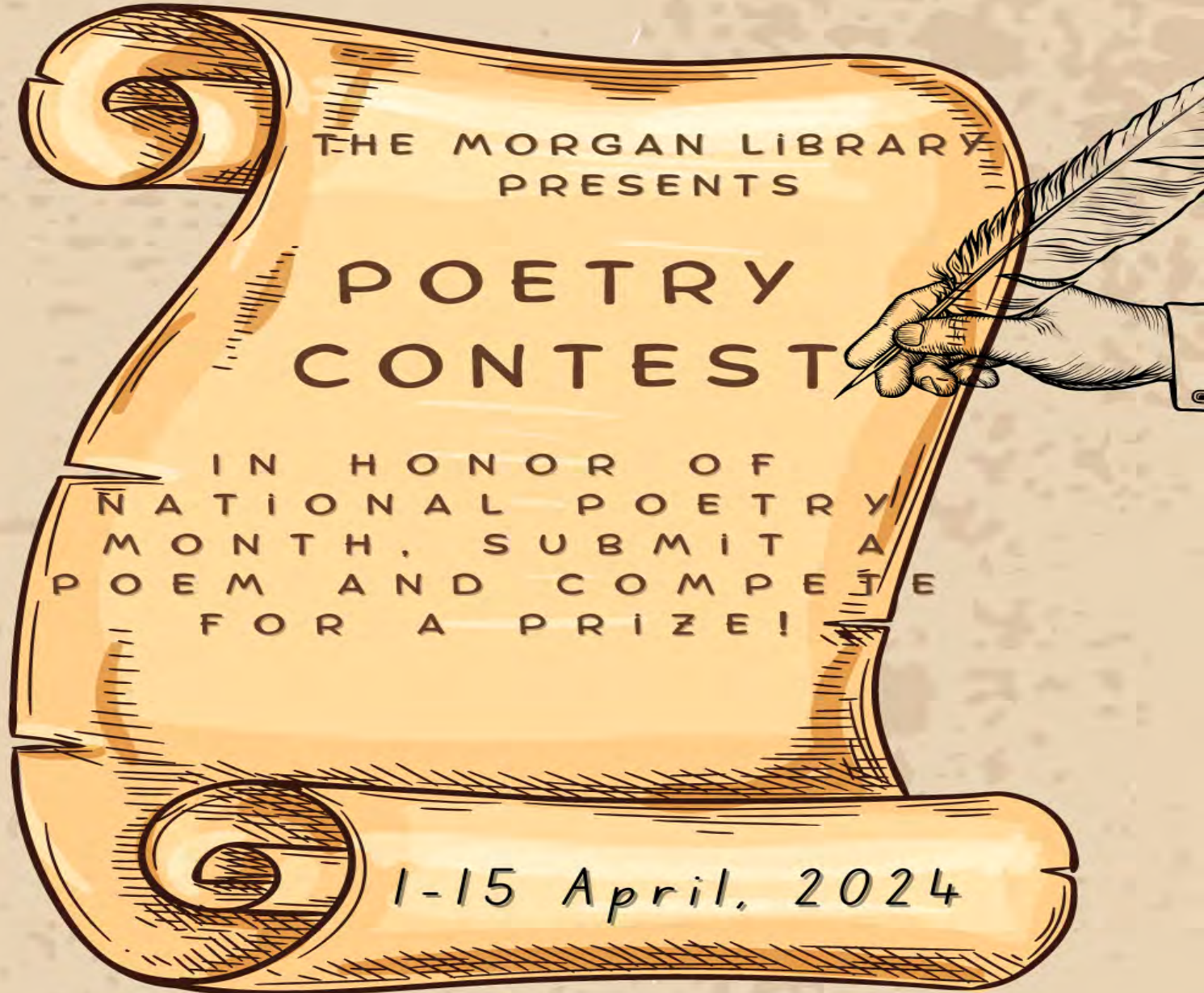
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MEET THE POET – BE THE POET!

POETRY EVENT HERE AT THE LIBRARY



Anthony Watkins grew up around Montgomery, and the downtown public library was his home away from home. This is his first return to Montgomery, sharing his work that is so heavily marked by his years in this very building.

He is a widely published poet, publisher of a series of literary and arts journals since 1995, including *Scene*, *Arts of the Treasure Coast*, *Abundance*, *A Harvest of Life, Literature & the Arts*, and most recently *Better Than Starbucks*.

Since 2013, a community teaching assistant at the University of Pennsylvania's Modern and Contemporary American Poetry.

Having written and published poetry from an early age, Anthony is a fierce advocate for the everyday aspect of poetry. He believes poetry is for everyone. He organizes free poetry readings and discussions in public libraries, as well as schools, book stores and prisons. This program has previously presented in several counties in Florida.

Everyone in the community with an interest in poetry is invited to come talk about poetry, perhaps share their work. These discussions include his story and experiences publishing poetry as well as some of his poems.

Reviews of his recent collections:

Reading this collection is like finding an album of old photographs. Each one tells a story, often without context, yet they are clearly part of a bigger picture, whole lives well lived. This is poetry utterly without pretense, filled with soul and veined with wry humour. I believe that poems should be worn and dusty, have miles on them, maybe a little barbed wire. I believe that poems should be real. Like these.

-Steve Denehan, author *Miles of Sky Above Us, Miles of Earth Below*, Cajun Mutt 2019

This remarkable group of poems reveals a nation, a world, and a life where everything teeters on edge and every object and thought swerves between lanes careening toward the end of the Great Highway. Watkins stares poverty, doom and death in the face, sometimes in fear, sometimes with courage, but he rarely flinches. This is American poetry in the best possible sense, gritty, real and almost impossibly tragic.

-John Sevigny, photographer, author, *El Muerto Pare el Santo* 2010

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YA Department Club & Events

March 2024

After School Club Offerings!

Daily- Quiet Hour 2:30pm-3:30pm- Homework/Tutoring

3:35pm-5:00pm- CLUBS

YA Magic- (Friday, March 1, 15, 29): 3:30 p.m. - The Gathering Learn-to-Play - Local teens can come by during our Magic: The Gathering Learn-to-Play event. Become a Planeswalker in the world of Magic: The Gathering and battle against other mages in an effort to defend the planes—or destroy them—using your library of cards for combat. Summon monsters, cast spells, enchant your foes, and learn what makes Magic: The Gathering so fun! Players will get to keep their cards and build out a fully playable deck over the course of the Learn to Play meet ups.

YA Pathfinder Society (Friday, March 8, 22) 2:30p.m. - Local teens can come in to learn about the tabletop Role-Playing Game, Pathfinder Second Edition. Become a member of the Pathfinder Society and adventure through mysterious fantasy worlds with other teens in the area. Create characters, stories, and enjoy some hijinks along the way. Dice and character sheets are available to use at the library, so all you need to bring is your imagination! Pre-made characters will be available for play for players who just want to jump into the action.

Anime/Manga Club - Weekly - Wednesdays March (6, 13, 20,27) : 3:30 p.m.

Teen patrons will be able to stop by the YA department to discuss anime and manga, new and old, with other fans of the genre. Episode discussions will include newer series like Jujutsu Kaisen, My Hero Academia, and Demon Slayer alongside classic anime series like Cowboy Bebop, Detective Conan, and Yu Yu Hakusho. Visitors will be able to explore the ever-growing list of anime recommendations made by others, make recommendations of their own, and enjoy anime and manga as a unique and interesting medium. This will be a weekly event.

Teen Talk - Weekly - Tuesdays March (5, 12, 19, 26): 3:30 p.m.

The Teen Talk Crew will continue meeting up to plan, record, and post new Teen Talk programs on a weekly basis. Patrons can expect a wide variety of fun, sometimes serious, sometimes silly, and always entertaining videos to come from this program. The goals of this program are to aid patrons in practicing their film acting, editing, and recording skills.

Karaoke Club - Weekly - Mondays March (04, 11, 18, 25): 3:30 p.m.

Patrons can feel the rhythm with our new Karaoke Club! Stop by to practice your singing voice and experience the thrill of public performance. Patrons can bring their own cell phones and use the Karafun app to select the songs they would like to sing. The goal of this club is to help patrons with public performance and vocal training.

Youth Writing Workshop (Saturday, March 23) 11:00 a.m. - Teens can join in a writing workshop, helmed by Mike Breen, in which we would discuss popular writing techniques, review each others' works, and develop our writing skills. Poetry, essays, short stories, and long-form writing are all welcome. We will meet on the fourth Saturday of every month, so mark your calendars and come ready to write!

YA "Flavor of the Month" Book Club - Once a month March 29: 4:00 p.m.

Take a moment to become enraptured in a new style of writing, something unique and different from what is the norm. The "Flavor of the Month" Book Club aims to get teens reading different genres and styles of literature throughout the year. Once a month we will meet up to discuss the book(s) we read that month and decide the genre of literature for the next month. The goal of this club is to help teens broaden their horizons and try new things while still focusing on reading skills.

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Adult Programs

For more information, contact:

Ashley Richardson, William Byrne, Robert Tobias, William McCorkle, Patrick Hustler
Reference Librarians at 334-625- 4982

National Poetry Month Contest

Dates: April 1st – 15th, 2024

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Reference Department

In honor of National Poetry Month, submit a poem and compete for a prize!

Submissions will be accepted April 1st – 15th with awards announced on April 19th. All submissions will be posted in the reference department. For more information, email reference@mccpl.lib.al.us or call 334-625-4982

The Open Book Club

Date: Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Online via ZOOM

A no pressure book discussion group – join us to talk about what you're reading this month and get suggestions for what to read next from other book lovers! Registration required for Zoom attendance – for questions or registration call Thomson McCorkle at (334)625-4982 or email reference@mccpl.lib.al.us.

Jazz Artists of the 20th Century... And Beyond...

Date: Sunday, April 7th, 2024

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Adult Fiction Section

Join us in a new Jazz appreciation group at the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library. Subsequent meetings to listen to and talk all things Jazz will be held on the first Saturday of every month in the adult fiction section. For questions, contact Thomson McCorkle at (334)625-4982 or email reference@mccpl.lib.al.us



Anime Club

Date: Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Global Classroom

Join us on an exploration of the many worlds of anime. Intended for ages 16 and up. For questions, contact Patrick Hutsler at (334)625-4982 or email reference@mccpl.lib.al.us

Local Poet Visit: Anthony Watkins

Date: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Montgomery Room

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The Morgan Library
Presents

Classics Cut: A Dramatic Reading of Fahrenheit 451

Online Presentation from the
Juliette Hampton Morgan Library
245 High Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

Friday, April 26th, 2024

SEND READING REQUESTS TO
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Scribbler's Society

Date: Friday, April 12th, 2024

Time: 4:30 P.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Montgomery Room

A Writers Club for All Who Pen!

Join us on the second Friday of each month for a new creative writing club at the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library.

Registration requested, register at: <https://www.jotform.com/form/232985241577163>

For questions or registration call William Byrne or Robert Tobias at (334)625-4982 or email reference@mccpl.lib.al.us

Lo-Fi Coloring

Date: Saturdays April 13th and 27th, 2024

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library
Montgomery Room

Join us for some relaxing music and color your stress away. For questions, contact Patrick Hutsler at (334)625-4982 or email reference@mccpl.lib.al.us

Quiet Storm Outreach

Date: Sundays, April 14th and 28th, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library
Collaboration Center

Representatives can assist with finding emergency relief, homeless advocacy, survivor support, LifeLine connections, cellphone and tablet access, hygiene necessities, shelter assistance, and more.



Word of Mouth

Date: Sunday, April 14th, 2024

Time: 2:30 P.M.

Location: Posted on Youtube and Facebook

Word of Mouth is an adult story time that focuses on short fiction.

One or two stories are read every session for your enjoyment. New stories are posted every second Sunday at 2:30pm, but you may enjoy previous stories on our Youtube playlists. If you have story requests, or would like to request a live reading for your group or event, please contact the Reference Department at 334-625-4982.



Lo-fi Color time

Join us here at the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library for some relaxing Lo-fi beats, and some adult coloring sheets.



Where: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library:
Montgomery Room

When: 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

Time: 9:00 - 11:00



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Block A Month Quilting Club

Date: Friday, April 19th, 2024

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Global Classroom

Are you a quilting newbie or want to learn the art of quilting? Join the Block A Month Quilt Club! Each month we will create a new quilt block. Bring your own fabric, cutting tools, and notions. Pattern and instruction provided.

For more information, contact Ashley Richardson at 334-625-4982 or arichardson@mccpl.lib.al.us

Classics Cut

Date: Friday, April 26th, 2024

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Posted on YouTube and Facebook

Tune in and turn on to the Morgan Library's Facebook page every month to hear Classics Cut, a dramatic reading by the seriously demented of classic literature that still has relevance today; listen if you dare to tales of derring-do performed by local librarians whose talents lie to thrill, shock, and entice you in and leave you wanting more! Don't delay; slam on your social media on April 26th to be regaled by the weird works chosen by you and us as worth a good read!

Scrabble Club

Date: Sunday, February 25th, 2024

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Adult Reference Section
Want to play Scrabble but can't find an opponent? Want to build your skill level with

other beginners? Come play at the library! On the last Sunday of every month from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. in the Reference Section.

For more information, contact Ashley Richardson at 334-625-4982 or arichardson@mccpl.lib.al.us

Technology Lab

Weekly Programs

Location: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Technology Lab

For more information, contact:

Courtney Baker Librarian II at 334-625- 4994

Google Class

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Monday 11:00 a.m.. – 11:50 a.m.

Objective: Introduce and Google and Gmail, capabilities.

Microsoft Office

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Monday 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Objective: Develop efficiency in common uses cases for word programming.

Learn Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Resume building

Computer Basics

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Objective: The course is designed to aim at imparting a basic level comprehension towards computer usage. This course will allow one to create a working a knowledge to continue to build upon.

Outlook

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Thursday 11:00 a.m.– 11:50 a.m.

Objective: Develop skills and capabilities of your work email.

Back 2 Business

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Objective: This workshop introduces entrepreneurs to the world of business, engaging with experienced businesses. Learn about business from insiders in your local area. Learn to create and market your business, exchange information, and create connections.

(Instructor: Mr. Baker)

Money: Rules of the Financial Game

Every First Tuesday 5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Objective: Hosted by Fredrick Pellum III Mccpl offers a free course on financial planning, learn how you can maximize your opportunities from a licensed professional.

Get Social: Facebook Edition

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Thursday, April 12th & 19th 3:00 p.m.. – 3:50 p.m.

Objective: The course is designed to impart a basic level comprehension towards popular social media platforms. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest.

Typing Club

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Every 3rd Friday 5:00 p.m.. –5:50 p.m.

Objective: Gradually improve learners typing ability.

1on1 Learning

Class Duration: 50 minutes

Set up personal learning sessions on any of our courses.



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