Due to the continued renovations and upgrades, Juliette Hampton Morgan Library will be CLOSED beginning February 5, 2018 until further notice. We encourage you to use one of the other nine (9) library locations during that time!
At Storybook Time, we sing a few songs, read two or more picture books and make a craft. We will read the same books at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Here is what we have planned for this month:

**January 1** – There will be no Storybook Times today because the library will be closed for New Year’s Day.

**January 8** – There is a new bird at the zoo and he will not stop singing when the other animals want to sleep! Whatever can they do to silence the foul fowl in *The Baby Beebee Bird* by Diane Redfield Massie and Steven Kellogg?

**January 15** – There will be no Storybook Times today because the library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**January 22** – Six little wombats are on walkabout, but a hungry dingo selects them for his afternoon snack. How many little wombats will remain by the end of *Wombat Walkabout* by Carol Diggory Shields and Sophie Blackall? Spoiler alert: all six, because we don’t want to traumatize your children during Storybook Time.

**January 29** – The Baby Beebee Bird kicked off our new year of Storybook Time with song and we’ll close out the month with even more when we read *Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs* and *Groovy Joe: Dance Party Countdown* by Eric Litwin and Tom Lichtenheld.

At Toddler Time, we sing songs, recite nursery rhymes and read one story each week. The dates will be:

- January 3
- January 10
- January 17
- January 24
- January 31

**Friends of the Pike Road Branch Library Speaker Series**
On Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m., the Friends of the Pike Road Branch Library present native daughter and author Gin Phillips discussing *Fierce Kingdom*, her new novel

**Book Clubs**

**Book Maniaks - for children in third grade and up** – On Wednesday, January 10 at 4:15 p.m., the Maniaks will discuss *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle.

**Publisher’s Summary** – Meg Murry, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O’Keefe become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.
Bookies – The Pike Road Bookies meet on the third Thursday of each month, except December. – On Thursday, January 18 at 9:15 a.m., they will discuss Fierce Kingdom by Gin Phillips.

Publisher’s Summary – The zoo is nearly empty as Joan and her four-year-old son soak up the last few moments of playtime. They are happy, and the day has been close to perfect. But what Joan sees as she hustles her son toward the exit gate minutes before closing time sends her sprinting back into the zoo, her child in her arms. And for the next three hours—the entire scope of the novel—she keeps on running. Joan’s intimate knowledge of her son and of the zoo itself—the hidden pathways and under-renovation exhibits, the best spots on the carousel and overstocked snack machines—is all that keeps them a step ahead of danger. A masterful thrill ride and an exploration of motherhood itself—from its tender moments of grace to its savage power—Fierce Kingdom asks where the boundary is between our animal instinct to survive and our human duty to protect one another. For whom should a mother risk her life?

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Bertha Pleasant Williams Library
Rosa Parks Avenue Branch

Children’s Programs

Storytime
Mondays AND Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m.
All storytimes will include song and dance so we can keep our bodies as active as our minds!

January 2
Bear Snores On (Wilson) this winter, except for when his friends wake him up for a short party. What About Bear (Bloom) asks Duck when he meets a new friend who isn’t good at including old friends.

January 8 and 9
Move Over Rover (Beaumont) we need to make room so we can Wiggle (Cronin).

January 16
Ms. Amy is on vacation so the Tree Lady will present a special program.

January 22 and 23
What happens when There’s a Tiger in My Soup (Sheth)? Well it all depends on how active your imagination is! Don’t get left behind in the good times, just say Wait for Me, Little Tiger (Sykes).

January 29 and 30
What happens if you eat a Dog Biscuit (Cooper)? What if you turned into a dog? Good thing there’s a Blue Chicken (Freedman) ready to clean up the mess.
Bertha Pleasant Williams Library (Cont’d)

Adult Programs

Crochet and Craft
First and Third Friday
January 5 and 19 @ 10:00am

Description: Want to learn how to crochet? Have a project you’re working on that you want to show off, need help with? Come to the library and learn or teach a handcraft (knitting, sewing, crochet, cross-stitch, macrame, origami, chainmail, whatever). Crafters of all ages and genders are welcome. Bring supplies and we’ll build the expertise together.

**Scrabble Time
First Tuesday
January 2 @ 2:00pm

Description: Come over to Bertha Williams Library and play Scrabble with us. We have plenty of dictionaries for you to brush up on your vocabulary and the Jumble in the Montgomery Advertiser is helpful too! See how sharp your Scrabble skills are against the librarians or just play for fun!

Rosa Parks Page Turners Book Club
Second Wednesday
January 10 @ 11:00am
Title: The Invention of Wings
Author: Sue Monk Kidd

Description: Hetty “Handful” Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke’s daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd’s sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah’s eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other’s destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love. As the stories build to a riveting climax, Handful will endure loss and sorrow, finding courage and a sense of self in the process. Sarah will experience crushed hopes, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism before leaving Charleston to find her place alongside her fearless younger sister, Angelina, as one of the early pioneers in the abolition and women’s rights movements. Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful’s cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better. ~Dust Jacket

Novel Colors
Last Wednesday
January 24 @ 6:30pm
LOCATION: Cafe Louisa- 503 Cloverdale Rd

Really want to join a book club but don’t really like to read? Come join us at Cafe Louisa as we talk and color. Read the book, or don’t! We alternate between fiction and nonfiction/biography as well as discuss other books we read during the month or in the past that are related. Additional titles on the theme will be available, so bring your library card! Just want to color and enjoy our company? You’re welcome! Bring your own supplies or use some of ours. Coloring sheets provided.
Title: What Alice Forgot  
Author: Lianne Moriarty

Description: Alice Love is twenty-nine, crazy about her husband, and pregnant with her first child. So imagine Alice's surprise when she comes to on the floor of a gym (a gym! She HATES the gym) and is whisked off to the hospital where she discovers the honeymoon is truly over—she's getting divorced, she has three kids, and she's actually 39 years old. Alice must reconstruct the events of a lost decade, and find out whether it's possible to reconstruct her life at the same time. She has to figure out why her sister hardly talks to her, and how is it that she's become one of those super skinny moms with really expensive clothes. Ultimately, Alice must discover whether forgetting is a blessing or a curse, and whether it's possible to start over... ~Dust jacket

Genealogy Sessions  
Fridays (except holidays) @ 10:30-11:15 a.m. AND 2:30-3:15 p.m.

*Pre-registration IS required.*

Sign up for a one on one genealogy session with librarian Amy Campbell. She’ll show you beginning tips and tricks for tracing your ancestry. If you’ve already been working on your tree, find ways to digitize your information to keep better track during your research. Email, Call, or come in to set up your 45 minute session. acampbell@mccpl.lib.al.us; 334-240-4979

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Governor’s Square Branch Library  
Preschool Storytime  
Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m.

January 2: Beautiful Birds Day  
Children will delight in the stories *Duck, Duck Goose* and *The Little Red Hen: An Old Story*, then make a craft.

January 9: Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Ms. Anita will read *Young Martin’s Promise* and *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Count and Celebrate*. After the stories, the children will do a coloring sheet activity.

January 16: Create with Blocks Day  
After Mrs. Anita reads a story about houses, the children will build houses and castles with blocks, and share a story about their creations.

January 23: Penguins Day  
Ms. Anita will read the penguin stories *A Sweater For Duncan* and *Up and Down*. Then the children will imitate penguins, by doing the “Penguin Waddle” activity and a coloring page.

January 30: Fairytale  
The children will be enchanted by the stories *The Golden Goose* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, then do a coloring page.
Governor’s Square (continued)

Book Bunch Meeting
January 10, 2018

Book Bunch will meet Wednesday January 10th at 2:00 p.m. They will discuss the novel *Winter Garden*, by Kristen Hannah.

**Book Jacket Summary:** From the author of the acclaimed national bestseller *Firefly Lane* comes a haunting, heartbreakingly beautiful novel about the complex and intricate bonds between a mother and her daughters, and the enduring link between the past and the present. Meredith and Nina Whitson are as different as sisters can be. One stayed at home to raise her children and manage the family business: the other followed a dream and traveled the world to become a famous photojournalist. But when their beloved father falls ill, these two estranged sisters find themselves together again, alongside their disapproving mother, Anya, who even now offers no comfort to her daughters. On his deathbed, their father extracts a promise: Anya will tell her daughters a story; it is one she began years ago and never finished. This time she will tell it all the way to the end. The tale their mother tells them is unlike anything they’ve heard before - a captivating, mysterious love story that spans more than sixty years and moves from frozen, war-torn Leningrad to modern-day Alaska. Nina’s obsession to uncover the truth will send them all on an unexpected journey into their mother’s past, where they will discover a secret so shocking, it shakes the foundation of their family and changes who they believe they are.

On January 17, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. Governors' Square Library will host a Financial Seminar, presented by Heather McCullers, from Regions Bank. The Seminar topics will be "Protecting Yourself From Identity Theft" and "Tips and Tools for Helping Seniors Avoid Financial Exploitation." Come join us to learn some very valuable information.

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**Hampstead Branch Library**
Storytimes
Tuesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

**January 9th:** We will read Snowy Day By Keats about Peter’s snow day in the city and Waiting for Winter by Sebastian Meschenmoser about some animals waiting for their first snow. We will make a winter themed craft.

**January 16th:** We will read Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson about a bear who just won’t wake up and No by Claudia Rueda about a bear cub that doesn’t want to go to sleep. We will make a craft about how animals spend the winter.

**January 23th:** We will read Click, Clack, Moo by Doreen Cronin which is about some cows, one typewriter, and a fed up farmer followed by a a story about some very helpful chickens in Chickens to the Rescue by Jack Himmelman. We will make some super animals.

**January 30th:** We will read If you give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Numeroff and learn what not to feed a moose and finish off with the story of Ernest the Moose Who Doesn’t Fit by Catherine Rayner. We will make a moose to take home.

**Paper Cuts**
Thursday, January 25 @ 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Come by for some paper crafting focusing on Origami. If you’re already skilled, some show off your creations.
Pintlala Branch Library
STORY TIME

Happy Birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King
Mrs. Sandra Berry, Librarian

January 2 @ 11:15 Pre-K
BOOK: “It’s Raining, It’s Pouring” by: Kin Eagle
Synopsis ---- Kids will giggle, guffaw, and gasp with glee as they pore through the pages of this charming story. This favorite nursery rhyme has been transformed into a riotous picture book. Colorful and exuberant watercolors make six witty new verses dance with sunny humor. Sure to become a favorite of young and old alike.
ACTIVITY: Students will learn a dance today

January 9 @ 11:15 Pre-K
BOOK: “Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: with Mrs. Park’s Class” by: Alma Flor Ada
Synopsis ---- The students in Mrs. Park’s class prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and plan to create a mural in his honor. As they reflect on the values he taught, the students come up with terrific idea for their Martin Luther King Day celebration.
ACTIVITY: Students will make Book Marks

January 10 @ 1:45 1st Grade
BOOK: “Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: with Mrs. Park’s Class” by: Alma Flor Ada
Synopsis ---- The students in Mrs. Park’s class prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and plan to create a mural in his honor. As they reflect on the values he taught, the students come up with terrific idea for their Martin Luther King Day celebration.
ACTIVITY: Students will make Book Marks

January 11 @ 2:00 2nd Grade
BOOK: “Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: with Mrs. Park’s Class” by: Alma Flor Ada
Synopsis ---- The students in Mrs. Park’s class prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and plan to create a mural in his honor. As they reflect on the values he taught, the students come up with terrific idea for their Martin Luther King Day celebration.
ACTIVITY: Students will make Book Marks

January 16 @ 11:15 Pre-K
BOOK: “Snowballs” by: Lois Ehlert
Synopsis ---- Snowballs is a simple story depicting what one person does to fill their landscape with snow people—a snow dad, mom, boy, girl, baby, family cat, and even "our dog Spot." And when the snow melts...well, that's just part of the story.
ACTIVITY: The Students will make snowmen from an assortment of craft items

January 23 @ 11:15 Pre-K
BOOK: “Night-Night Alabama by: Katherine Sully
Synopsis ---- It's bedtime in Alabama! Say goodnight to all your favorite locations, including: Birmingham Zoo Bryant-Denny Stadium Alabama State Capitol Jordan-Hare Stadium Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery Peach Water Tower USS Alabama Sand Island Lighthouse Edmund Pettus Bridge Fantasy Island Toys Middle Bay Lighthouse Splash Adventure Alabama Museum of Natural History Spring Park
ACTIVITY: The students will sing and dance
January 24 @ 12:00 1st Grade  
**BOOK:** “The Jacket I wear in the Snow” by: Shirley Neitzel  
**Synopsis:** Rhyme follows rhyme as layer after layer of winter clothing ("bunchy and hot, wrinkled a lot, stiff in the knee, and too big for me!") is first put on and then taken off to the relief of the child bundled inside. Clever rebuses and jaunty illustrations make *The Jacket I Wear in the Snow* especially fun for prereaders and new readers.  
**ACTIVITY:** Book discussion questions

January 30 @ 11:15 Pre-K  
**BOOK:** “Huff and Puff’s Snowy Day” by: Jean Warren  
**Synopsis:** When two clouds see the children below crying for winter, they fill their pockets with snow from the Arctic and present the children with a white gift. Book Includes songs to sing and handicraft activities.  
**ACTIVITY:** Students will make a cup of hot chocolate

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**Rufus A. Lewis Regional Library**  
**Storytimes**  
Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.

**January 3**  
*Pete The Cat: Snow Daze* by James Dean  
After a heavy snowfall cancels school, Pete enjoys his day off, but when one snow day turns into many, he realizes that you can have too much of a good thing.  
Activity: Snow Craft

**January 10**  
*Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle  
Flannel Board Story  
A little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep and wakes up a butterfly.  
Activity: Caterpillar Coloring Sheet

**January 17**  
*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudsen  
A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.  
Activity: Lion Craft

**January 24**  
*Chewy Louie* by Howie Schneider  
A family may have to get rid of their new pet, a cute puppy that eats everything in sight, including toys, bowls, and porches.  
Activity: Dog Coloring Sheet
January 31

*I Took My Frog To The Library* by Eric Kimmel  
A young girl brings her pets to the library--with predictably disastrous results.  
Activity: Frog Craft

**Young Adult Programming**

Mondays in January (8, 15, 22, 29) @ 5:00 pm Young Adult Book Club. Meet afterschool to discuss your latest read, the movie you saw over the weekend, or that awesome track you discovered last week.

Homework Assistance (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) @ 6:00 pm You’ve got homework to do, might as well get out of the house and go to the library to do it! We’ve got awesome resources to help you get done with your homework done!

Wednesdays in January (3, 10, 17, 24, 31) @ 5:00 pm Teens Write Club: The First Rule of Write Club: Tell everyone about Write Club… If you write, this is the club for you. Whether your words turn into Poems, short stories, novels, or just essays for class… this club is for teens to gather and get their ideas on the page.

Thursdays in January (4, 11, 18, 25) @ 4 pm Afternoon Anime  
Description: Thanks to the folks at CrunchyRoll.com we will be watching some great anime episodes this week.

Fridays in January (5, 12, 19, 26) @ 4 pm Friday Film  
Description: Join us for a great movie! Every Friday we will be watch a feature film. This month’s showings will be: Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets, The Lego Ninjago Movie, Despicable Me 3 and My Little Pony: The Movie!

**Rufus A. Lewis Adult Programming**

*After 5 Book Club*  
**Monday, January 8 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**Title: The First Husband**  
Summary: Annie Adams thinks she has it all. Her boyfriend, Nick, is on the verge of becoming a successful film director, her travel column is nationally syndicated, and they’ve got a great dog. Until, out of nowhere, Nick announces that he’s reconnected with a woman from his past and he’s moving out. Still reeling, Annie meets Griffin, a down-to-earth chef who seems to be everything she didn’t know she wanted. Three months later, they’re married, living in a small Massachusetts town, and then Nick returns, wanting a second chance.  
~Editor

**Computer Class**  
**Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 11:00 A.M.**  
Description: All levels of experience are welcome in this low stress, community approach to computer literacy.  
Instructors: Library Staff
Rufus A. Lewis Regional Library (continued)

Scrapbooking @ 12 Noon
Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25
Mrs. Alberta Riley, Retired Educator, Presenter
Description: Learn the techniques of telling stories of your memories through the art of scrapbooking using words, paper, glue, photos, etc. Attendees are encouraged to provide material for this program. Please contact staff @ (334)240-4848 for a list of recommended materials.

Yoga @ The Library 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 9, 23
Mrs. Susan Enzweiler, Registered Yoga Teacher, Instructor
Description: This course is an introduction to the ancient practice of Yoga. Through a series of gentle Yoga Poses, participants will experience a sense of well-being and relaxation. Comfortable, form-fitting, but stretchy clothing is recommended. Participants of all levels of health, mobility, and flexibility are encouraged to attend as Yoga Poses can be adapted for comfort.

Fraud Watch
Tuesday, January 16 @ 10:00 A.M.
Description: Please come and have questions answered regarding fraud and measures to take when protecting your identity.
Presenter: Robert Negro, Retired Federal Criminal Investigator, Drug Enforcement Administration

Coliseum Blvd Branch Library
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Story Time
Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m.

January 4  I am growing fast!
Stella and Roy, by Ashley Wolff
Even though Stella’s bike is much faster than Roy’s, he manages to win their race around the park because she keeps stopping to enjoy its natural beauty.
Oh My Baby Bear, by Audry Wood
Baby Bear discovers that he is now old enough to dress himself, feed himself, and give himself a bath, but perhaps the most wonderful of all he will never be too big for a goodnight kiss.
Craft – Bear craft

January 11  Let’s find just the right home!
Blue Rabbit and Friends, by Christopher Wormell
In his search for just the right home, Blue Rabbit helps a bear, a goose, and a dog find a perfect place to live.
Jake Stays Awake, by Michael Wright
When Jake can’t sleep, the whole family is awake.
Craft – Blue Rabbit craft
January 18  Let’s learn to help each other!
The Firefighters, by Sue Whiting
Mrs. Iverson and her students learn what being a firefighter is like.
A Different Little Doggy, by Heather Whittaker
A little doggy shares that even though he is different, he is still the same as everyone else.
Craft – Dog craft

January 25  It’s great to have friends!
Bear Wants More, by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman
When Spring comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and is treated to great food by his friends.
Bear’s Loose Tooth, by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman
When Bear discovers he has a loose tooth, his friends try to help make it fall out.
Craft – Bear craft

Parent Pre-school Activity Center
The table changes twice a month, we will have a new activity to enhance the five senses and further develop your child’s thought processes. This is an activity where parent and child explore together.

“Free” Extracurricular Activities for Your Kids

Homework Assistance
Tuesdays @ 5:00 – 5:45 pm
January 9, 16, 23, and 30
Our tutors offer assistance in Math, English, and Reading. Students in grades 1 – 12 are invited. Please bring your own materials and homework, or the lesson you will need assistance with. Registration is required of students, and adults who are interested in tutoring are invited to assist, with pre-registration required.

Color Coders
Tuesday, January 2 @ 4:00 – 5:00 pm
All Ages
Join us as we color age appropriate coloring sheets using colored pencils. A variety of sheets will be available for you to choose from. This is a great stress reducer, so come and melt away your stress!

Being Creative with Legos
Tuesday, January 9 and 23 @ 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Come join the fun and creativity in our Lego League.

The Tinkering Table
Tuesday, January 16 @ 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Come join us as we help develop your creative abilities. Once a month, on the third Tuesday of the month, we will have an activity that will enhance the arts or encourage your engineering skills by providing math and science projects. This program is geared specifically for boys and girls fourth grade and up.
*Today we will paint wooden cars. They will remain at the library, then after our Tinkering Table in February, you may take them home.

*Watch for upcoming information pertaining to our Spring Break activities utilizing the STEAM approach to excellence.
Adult Programs

Genealogical Research – Ancestry Library Edition
Each Thursday from 10:00 – 12:00, you can register for an appointment with our volunteer. She will guide you in how to get started with Ancestry or your next steps. You must pre-register to assure our volunteer will be available to assist.
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Computer Class for Seniors
Tuesday, January 9, 16, and 23 @ 10:00 am
This month we will be concentrating on using the Internet.

Coliseum Adult Program
Wednesday, January 17 @ 10:00 am
Today we welcome Confucius Institute from Troy Montgomery as they introduce Chinese Ancient Costumes. There will be some clothing on display.

Coliseum Adult Book Clubs

Southern Charms Book Club
Thursday, January 11 @ 3:00 pm
Today we will be discussing “A Wallflower Christmas”, by Lisa Kleypas. This is a story of four young ladies in London who band together to find true love. Then, we will receive our book for February titled, “One Perfect Lie”, by Lisa Scottoline. This is an emotional thriller and a suburban crime story that will have readers riveted up to the shocking end, with killer twists and characters you won’t soon forget. (Lisa Scottoline)

Eastbrook Mystery Book Club
Thursday, January 25 @ 3:00 pm
Today we will discuss “The Memory Collector” by Meg Gardiner. This is a story of a Forensic psychiatrist who performs psychological autopsy on the dead. She considers herself a deadshrinker. However, this time there is a live patient that needs her help.
Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

Storytime
Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.
Story Times are each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium

January 4
No Storytime
Happy New Years

January 11
Pigeon Presents!
We will read Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems. No matter how hard he pleads and begs, the pigeon is not supposed to drive the bus while the driver is away but pigeon tries every trick a young child knows to get you to say, "Yes". We will also read Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog! by Mo Willems. Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog Pigeon has found. We will have a craft.

January 18
Movie Day
We will watch the movie Frozen. Anna sets off on an epic journey teaming up with up with rugged mountain man Krisoff and loyal reindeer Sven. Anna is in search to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter.

January 25
Ready For Fun?
We will read Tanka Tanka Skunk by Steve Webb stamp your feet to the Skunk
Meet Tanka and his friend, Skunk whose names sound like drums when said together. We will also read Is Everyone Ready For Fun? by Jan Thomas. Chicken has some visitors who plans are to da a little jumping, dancing and wiggling on the sofa! Is everyone ready for more fun?

Cover to Cover Book Club

NOTE: Will not meet again until after the completion of the Morgan Library Renovations.
January 4
*How Gator Says Good-bye!* by: Abigail Samoun
Gator says good-bye in many different languages. In France he says, “Au revoir.” Then in India he says, “Alvida.” What are some other ways to say good-bye?
*Jack and Jill* by: Child’s Play
Jack and Jill go up the hill and Jill comes tumbling down. (sign language book throughout the entire month)

January 11
*Straight to the Pole* by: Kevin O’Malley
A child is trying to get to the flag pole and dramatizing how far and how hard it is to get through the snow. Do you really struggle that much when walking in snow?

January 18
*It is Time for...* by: Rebecca Bondor
What do you in the morning at 8:00AM? Most people have gotten up, gotten dressed, and have eaten breakfast. At different times throughout this book you will see people doing different things.

January 25
*Snow On Snow On Snow* by: Cheryl Chapman
A little boy wakes up one winter day and goes outside. He is looking for his Wolf. Have you seen him?

January 5
*Is Everyone Ready For Fun?* By: Jan Thomas
Three cows sitting on chicken’s couch decide to have some fun by jumping on the couch. Chicken gets upset and says no jumping. What else do the cows do on chicken’s couch that upsets him?
*If You Give a Pig a Party* by: Laura Numeroff
If you decide to give a pig a party then she will begin asking for balloons and other items to decorate. When the party is over and you hand her some balloons she will want another party.
Activity: New Years Dragon
January 12
*The First Day of Winter* by: Denise Fleming
The first day of winter my best friend gave to me “a red cap with a gold snap.” On the tenth day of winter the snowman becomes complete.

*The Mitten* retold by: Jim Aylesworth
The little boy loved to play outside. His grandmother knits him some gloves to keep him warm. He looses one of his mittens and is very sad. Meanwhile, the animals are trying to keep warm in that one mitten, but end up breaking it.

Activity: Mitten

January 19
*If You Take a Mouse to the Movies* by: Laura Numeroff
If you take a mouse to the movies, then he is going to want some popcorn. Then you give him the popcorn he’ll want to string to make a popcorn garland. What else does the mouse want?

*Popcorn* by: Frank Asch
Bear is throwing a Halloween Party while his parents are gone from the house. All of his friends show up and they all have popcorn. They decide to make all the popcorn. What do you think happens?

Activity: Popcorn

January 26
*Pete the Cat Snow Daze* by: James Dean
Pete wakes up to find that school is closed due to the snow. The first and second snow days Pete is cool with, but by the third one he is ready to go back to school.

*The Snowy Day* by: Ezra Jack Keats
Peter wakes up one winter morning and it has snowed outside. He gets dressed in his snowsuit and goes exploring. He makes crunching sounds with his feet. What do you like to do in the snow?

Activity: snow

Other Happenings at Lowder Regional Library in January

January is National Thyroid Awareness Month and Lowder Regional Library is pleased to have Dr. Bruce S. Trippe present a lecture on Monday evening, January 22, 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Dr. Bruce S. Trippe is not only in private practice here in Montgomery, he is also a national lecturer on the topics of endocrinology and metabolism. He was one of the first lecturers on insulin resistance syndrome (Syndrome X) and is a consultant to major hospitals in South East Alabama. He has been in practice for over 35 years and is a clinical researcher in diabetes, metabolic weight loss, growth hormone deficiency syndrome, and thyroid cancer. If you have any questions about your thyroid join us for Dr. Trippe’s lecture.

The Ladies of High Tea will move to the Fourth Thursday of the Month at 3PM in January — Join us Thursday, January 25th to discuss *Sweet Tea Revenge* by Laura Childs.

Theodosia Browning’s dear friend Delaine Dish has asked her to be a bridesmaid for her wedding. But when the big day arrives, everything seems to be going wrong. First, a massive storm is brewing over Charleston. A bad omen? Second, Delaine’s sister is late for the ceremony. And finally, the groom not only has cold feet—his whole body is cold. A murderer has crashed the wedding.
The Ladies of High Tea (continued)

As Theodosia comforts a devastated Delaine, she needs to sort out the suspects on the groom’s side from the suspects on the bride’s side. One thing soon becomes apparent—revenge won’t be the only dish served cold at this wedding. And if Theodosia doesn’t watch her step, a cold-blooded killer may have a rude reception in store for her…

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In February 2018 the Ladies will read Chocolate Covered Murder by Leslie Meier. Join us on Thursday, February 22nd, 2018!

It's frigid in snow-covered Tinker's Cove, and Lucy is fighting the winter blues—and her widening waistline. No one in their right mind would vacation in Maine this time of year, but to boost the economy, the town is launching a travel promotion for Valentine's Day. As a reporter for the Pennysaver, Lucy is assigned a puff piece on upscale Chanticleer's Chocolates, and its deliciously handsome owner, Trey Meacham. Soon Lucy discovers there's another tantalizing tart behind the counter. Sultry store manager Tamzin Graves is only too eager to serve her male customers. Leaving a throng of jealous women in her wake, it's almost no surprise when Tamzin turns up dead, her body covered in chocolate. . .Could a bitter ex-wife be behind the crimes? Or a candy shop competitor? There's no sugar-coating the truth, and as Lucy closes in on the culprit, she may find herself locked in the clutches of a half-baked killer. . .  ~~Amazon.com~~

Due to availability please note that schedules and selections are subject to change without notice.

On January 4th the Young Classic Book Club will meet from 4PM to 5PM to discuss The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson. The Young Classic Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 4PM to 5PM.

Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief.

~~Amazon.com~~

On Thursday, February 1, 2018 the Young Classic Book Club will discuss Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

This beloved story of a pioneer girl and her family begins in 1871 in a log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Laura lives in the little house with her pa, her ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and their dog, Jack. Pioneer life is sometimes hard for the family, but it is also exciting as they make their own homemade toys and treats, do the spring planting, bring in the harvest, and visit town. And every night Laura and her family are safe and warm in their little house, with the happy sound of Pa’s fiddle to send them off to sleep. Based on the real-life adventures of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Little House in the Big Woods is the first book in the award-winning Little House series, which has captivated generations of readers with its depiction of life on the American frontier.~~Amazon.com~~

Note: Selections are taken from Required Reading Lists and please note that schedules and selections are subject to change without prior notice.
Lowder’s Friends and Family Chess Club meets every Saturday 10AM to 1245PM (All children must be picked up by our 1PM closing time). If you have ever wanted to learn how to play chess or if you have been looking for a place to play join us each Saturday. All ages and levels are welcome! There is no need to pre-register, just show up on Saturday. If Chess Club is canceled we will post a sign on the Meeting Room door.

Gamer’s Club is moving to the second Wednesday afternoon of the month. You must pre-register to play 3:15PM to 4:15PM. Parents must stay in the Main Area during play time. Join us Wednesday, January 10th, 2018!

Lowder Lego League is also moving to the third Wednesday afternoon of the month 3:15PM-4:15PM. Participants under the age of 8 must have an adult present with them while they play. Participants older than 8 must have an adult with them as well, but adult may wait in the Main Area of the library. Registration is also required and complete rules are available at the Circulation Desk. Come and sign up for Wednesday, January 17th, 2018!

Come be a part of DEACT! And just what is DEACT? Drop Everything And Color Time! All ages are invited to come and spend the hour coloring in the Main Area the second Thursday of the month. Monthly we will have a different theme. Join us Thursday, January 11th, 2018 from 4PM-5PM. January is National Mail Order Gardening Month so we will be coloring gardening pages.

Homework Help at Lowder is every Wednesday, 6PM-7:30PM—unless school is out. Everyone must fill out a new registration each year and they may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. Textbooks, worksheets, and assignments must be brought to every session in order for students to receive assistance. We are also taking applications at the Circulation Desk for Homework Helpers at this time.

We are pleased to announce a new Lap Sit Time! It is for ages 0 to 1 year every Thursday 10am to 1015m for a Librarian led Lap Sit time and then from 1015am to 1030am the parent will read board books to their children. There is no craft associated with this program.

Our regular Preschool Story Time is Fridays at 1015am. All ages are welcome but please remember that programming is geared towards ages 3 to 5. The usual program is to read a couple of books interspaced with songs and movement ending with a craft activity.

Join us Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm for a new program – Study Break! We would like to invite everyone, from elementary to college age to drop by and take a study break by playing a board game, putting together a puzzle, coloring a picture, or even filling a page with doodles!

We are excited to announce that we are going to be offering Help Me! Computer Classes for senior adults the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 930am to 1030am. In January we will have classes Tuesday, January 9th and Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. Please remember that pre-registration is required no later than 24 hours in advance of the class.

Please note that schedules and selections are subject to change and cancellation without notice due to situations beyond our control; however, the Lowder Staff makes every effort possible to adhere to posted planned programming.
2018 Voices in Black History Competition
Montgomery City-County Public Library

- Individual contestant must research and write his or her own presentation. Contestants will then present the speech as the person they have chosen to become.
- Speech must be between 3 to 5 minutes in length for Elementary Level and 4 to 7 minutes in length for the Middle School/Junior High and High School levels. Penalty for presentations shorter or longer than time allowed
- Contestant must present speech in costume as the person that he or she has chosen. Speeches given about the person will be disqualified. Participants reading speech from paper or electronic device will be disqualified.
- Speeches must be original. Speeches must be written by the participant in participant’s own words. Participant can not simply memorize a known work by their chosen person.
- Open to students in Grades 3-12
- Visuals and props may be used but are not required. Power Point is not permitted.
- A Bibliography /Works Cited Page containing sources consulted should be turned in with each participant’s Registration Form. Bibliographies must be turned in at the same time as the registration form. Points will be deducted for no Bibliography
- All Registration forms with completed Bibliography/Works Cited Page MUST be turned in no later than 530PM, Friday, January 26, 2018. ALL FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE SAME TIME. All late entries and all incomplete entries will be disqualified
- Completed entries only can be emailed to mchristie@mccpl.lib.al.us
- MCCPL is not responsible for any lost or undelivered entries
- Once entry is turned in participant may not change person listed on Registration Form.
- Must agree to be videoed and to be photographed
- Entries may be turned in to ANY MCCPL location
- Only the top three contestants in the three levels will be awarded prizes:
  - Grades 3-5
  - Grades 6-8
  - Grades 9-12
- All awards will be presented at the Final event
- Contestants may only win in each level once.
- Students may not be prompted or coached from the audience during their presentation or they are disqualified.

Speeches will be scored based on proficiency in the following categories:

- Organization
- Content: Depth and Accuracy
- Personal Appearance/Costume
- Language Use: Grammar, Diction, Voice
- Eye Contact
- Interaction with Audience
- Research Effort
- Creativity
- Presentation Length (3-5 minutes or 4-7 minutes)
- Bibliography

CONTESTANTS SHOULD REPORT NO LATER THAN 5PM AT REGIONALS AND FINALS!

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Elementary Regional
Grades 3-5
Tuesday
February 6, 2018 at 6PM
Rufus A. Lewis Regional Library

FINALS
Wednesday February 21, 2017 at 6PM
Awards and refreshments to follow
City Hall
2018 Voices in Black History Speech Competition
Montgomery City-County Public Library

Name: __________________________________________________________________________________

Only one person may enter per entry form

Grade: _______     Library:  ___________________________   School:  ______________________________

Historical Figure: _________________________________________________________________________

Once entry is turned in Historical Figure may not be changed

Permission to Videotape and/or Photograph:

I ____________________________________ am 18 years or older, and I am the parent or legal guardian of

(Name, Please Print)

_____________________________________, who is __________ years old on this date.

(Name, Please Print)

(Current Age)

I have read and agree to the rules of the Montgomery City-County Public Library’s Voices in Black History
Speech Competition.  I understand that failure to follow the rules will result in disqualification and forfeiture
of any prizes.  I further understand that the City of Montgomery may photograph and/or videotape the events or
activities in which I am (and/or my child is) participating.  I give my permission for the City to use photographs
and/or videotape of me (and/or my child) for the purpose of promoting the City of Montgomery and its
services/programs, not limited to, but including, the Montgomery City-County Public Library.  I hereby give my
permission with the following understanding: No compensation of any kind will be paid to me (or my child) at
this time or in the future for the use of my (or my child’s) likeness.

Signature:  ____________________________________________________________  Date:  _____________

Address:  ___________________________________________ City, Zip: _____________________________

Phone: _________________________________ E-mail: __________________________________________

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Contestant # ______________  Grade Level:  3-5   6-8   9-12  Bibliography Score: _____
Montgomery City-County Public Library

Vietnamese Figure Research:
In the Biography section search under the individual’s LAST name

Databases:
- Biography
- Gale Biography In Context
- Encyclopedia of Alabama
- Multicultural
- Oxford African American Studies Center
- Alabama Virtual Library
- Alabama Mosaic Encyclopedias: Digital or on-shelf Reference

Costume Ideas:
Browse Dewey numbers 646.47 and 792.026 in the nonfiction section.

Public Speaking:
J 808.5 RYAN Extraordinary Oral Presentations by Margaret Ryan
808.51 SMITH The Everything Public Speaking Book: Delivering a Winning Presentation Every Time! by Scott S. Smith
808.5102 CHIVERS A Student’s Guide to Presentations: Making Your Presentation Count by Barbara Chivers

Bibliography (also called Works Cited Page):
REF 808.2 MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers by Joseph Gibaldi
REF 808.02 The MLA Style Manual by Walter S. Achtert
REF 808.066 Concise Rules of APA Style by the American Psychological Association
REF 808.027 The Chicago Manual of Style
REF 808.02A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Thesis, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers by Kate Turabian

OWL: Purdue Online Writing Lab. Purdue University.
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/585/2/

Research & Documentation Online. Diana Hacker and Barabara Fister. Gustavus

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Montgomery City-County Public Library

Open to Children Grades 3-12
Three Levels: Grades 3-5; Grades 6-8; Grades 9-12
Contestants must present/perform speech as a Historical Figure on a timely basis
(Grades 3-5) 3-5 minutes
(Grades 6-12) 4-7 minutes

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Storytimes at a Glance

Peke Road Library
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Bertha Pleasant Williams Library
Mondays & Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Ramer Library
Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Times Vary

Pintlala Library
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: Times Vary

Governor’s Square Library
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Hampstead Library
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Rufus A. Lewis Library
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Coliseum Library
Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

EL Lowder Library
Thursday at 10 a.m. & Fridays at 10:15 a.m.
Book Clubs at a Glance

Pike Road Library Book Maniaks
Pike Road Bookies Book Club
  2nd Wednesday at 4 p.m.
  3rd Thursday at 11 a.m.

Rosa Parks Page Turners Book Club
Noval Colors (at Café Louisa)
(Bertha Pleasant Williams Library)
  2nd Wednesday at 11 a.m.
  Last Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Ramer Readin’ Right Book Club
  4th Wednesday @ 11 a.m.

Governor’s Square Book Bunch Book Club
  2nd Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Rufus A. Lewis After 5 Book Club
Rufus A. Lewis Young Adult Book Club
  1st Monday at 6 p.m.
  Mondays at 5 p.m.

Coliseum Library Southern Charms Book Club
Eastbrook Mystery Book Club
  2nd Thursday at 3 p.m.
  3rd Thursday at 3 p.m.

Extraordinary Lunch Bunch Book Club
Cover to Cover Book Club
(Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library)
  4th Monday at 12 p.m.
  4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies of High Tea
Young Classic Book Club
(EL Lowder Library)
  4th Thursday at 3 p.m.
  1st Thursday at 4 p.m.
Adult Computer Classes for the Month of January 2018
Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

January 2 – Internet for Beginners
Hands-on class about the characteristics of the Internet, navigation and simple searching, and use of search engines.

January 9 – Word I (MS Office 2010)
Learn how to edit, save and print documents. Learn how to create simple documents (letters, flyers, and memos).

January 16 – PowerPoint I (MS Office 2010)
Students will learn to use different slide layouts, transitions, animations and photos to create their first slide show.

January 23 – Excel I (MS Office 2010)
Students will learn how to create a simple budget with borders, formulas, and charts.

Saturday Class
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

January 20 – PowerPoint I (MS Office 2010)
Students will learn to use different slide layouts, transitions, and animations to create a basic slide show.

Children’s Computer Classes for the Month of January 2018
1st – 4th Grades: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
5th – 8th Grades: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

January 6 – Excel I (MS Office 2010)
Students will learn how to create a simple budget with borders, clip art, simple formulas and charts.

Home Work Assistance 2017-2018
Monday, Rufus Lewis Regional Library 6:00-7:30
Tuesday, Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library 5:00-5:45
Tuesday, Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library 6:00-7:30
Wednesday, EL Lowder Regional Library 6:00-7:30
Thursday, Governors Square Library 4:00-5:30