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May 2019

May IS Get caught reading Month!!

Summer Reading 2019
June 1-July 12

Things to Do @ the Library

Montgomery City-County Public Library

Visit us online @
www.mccpl.lib.al.us
Storybook Time
for age three through six
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

At Storybook Time, we sing a few songs, read one or two 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:

May 6 – Great news, grown-ups! This Friday, May 10, is National Clean Up Your Room Day! To prepare the kids in your life for this auspicious occasion, we’ll read Pigsty by Mark Teague. It’s the cautionary tale of Wendell Fultz, who lets his room become so messy that pigs find it to be a most welcoming environment.

May 13 – Henrietta the elephant loves quiet. You can imagine her dismay when the bump on her head that she refers to as a “goose egg” turns out to be an actual goose egg! Quiet time is over for Henrietta, but she may learn that having less quiet time isn’t so bad when we read The Goose Egg by Liz Wong.

May 20 – It’s our last Storybook Time before the fuss of our Summer Library Program begins. In today’s story, Rabbit does not like fuss, so he becomes quite vexed when a frog keeps imposing on his “me time.” However, he may just come to learn that sharing his “me time” is more rewarding than being on his own in Too Many Frogs! by Sandy Asher and Keith Graves.

May 27 – No Storybook Time today because the library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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

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

- May 1
- May 8
- May 15
- May 22
- May 29

Book Clubs

Book Maniacs - for children in third grade and up –On Wednesday, May 8 at 4:15 p.m., the Maniacs will discuss Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan.

Publisher’s Summary – Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows—a man his mother claimed was dangerous. Uncle Randolph tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. The Viking myths are true. The gods of Asgard are preparing for war. Trolls, giants and worse monsters are stirring for doomsday. To prevent Ragnarok, Magnus must search the Nine Worlds for a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. When an attack by fire giants forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents, Magnus makes a fatal decision. Sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die.
Bookies – The Pike Road Bookies meet on the third Thursday of each month, except December.
–On Thursday, May 16 at 11:15 a.m., they will discuss The Masterpiece by Fiona Davis.

Publisher's Summary – For the nearly nine million people who live in New York City, Grand Central Terminal is a crown jewel, a masterpiece of design. But for Clara Darden and Virginia Clay, it represents something quite different. For Clara, the terminal is the stepping stone to her future, which she is certain will shine as brightly as the constellations on the main concourse ceiling. It is 1928, and twenty-five-year-old Clara is teaching at the lauded Grand Central School of Art. A talented illustrator, she has dreams of creating cover art for Vogue, but not even the prestige of the school can override the public's disdain for a "woman artist." Brash, fiery, confident, and single-minded--even while juggling the affections of two men, a wealthy would-be poet and a brilliant experimental painter--Clara is determined to achieve every creative success. But she and her bohemian friends have no idea that they'll soon be blindsided by the looming Great Depression, an insatiable monster with the power to destroy the entire art scene. And even poverty and hunger will do little to prepare Clara for the greater tragedy yet to come.

Nearly fifty years later, in 1974, the terminal has declined almost as sharply as Virginia Clay's life. Full of grime and danger, from the smoke-blackened ceiling to the pickpockets and drug dealers who roam the floor, Grand Central is at the center of a fierce lawsuit: Is the once-grand building a landmark to be preserved, or a cancer to be demolished? For Virginia, it is simply her last resort. Recently divorced, she has just accepted a job in the information booth in order to support herself and her college-age daughter, Ruby. But when Virginia stumbles upon an abandoned art school within the terminal and discovers a striking watercolor hidden under the dust, her eyes are opened to the elegance beneath the decay. She embarks on a quest to find the artist of the unsigned masterpiece--an impassioned chase that draws Virginia not only into the battle to save Grand Central but deep into the mystery of Clara Darden, the famed 1920s illustrator who disappeared from history in 1931.

Ramer Branch Library
Wednesday, May 1, 3:00- Legos

Wednesday, May 8, 11:00- “A Dulcimer Concert” by the Montgomery County Dulcimer Society. Enjoy the sounds of this unique instrument!

Wednesday, May 8, 3:00- Legos

Wednesday, May 15, 3:00- Legos

Wednesday, May 22, 11:00- Ramer Readin Right Book Club

Wednesday, May 22, 3:00- Legos

Wednesday, May 29, 3:00- Legos
**Hampstead Branch**

**Toddler Time**

Ages 2 and Under  
Every Monday @ 10:00 a.m.

**May 6:** No Toddler Time  
**May 13:** Let’s say Hello Baby (by Mem Fox) to all the babies.  
**May 20:** The Wide Mouthed Frog (by Keith Faulkner) eats flies, what do you eat?  
**May 27:** Library Closed. No Toddler Time.

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**Story Time**

Ages 3 and Up  
Every Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.

**May 7:** No Story Time  
**May 14:** Get active with We’re Going On a Bear Hunt (by Micheal Rosen) and have a good time with A Bear Sat On My Porch Today by Jane Yolen.  
Activity: Make a Bear  
**May 21:** When you need a real hero to save the day, it’s Chickens to the Rescue by John Himmelman.  
Activity: Chicken Craft  
**May 28:** Today it’s all about one silly pigeon. We’ll read The Pigeon Needs a Bath and The Pigeon Wants a Puppy by Mo Willems.  
Activity: Pigeon Craft

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**STEAM’ed**

Thursday, May 23 @ 3:30 p.m.  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
1st grade and Up  
Dive into chemistry with these mind blowing chemical reactions including elephant’s toothpaste.
Children’s Programs
Storytime
Mondays and Tuesdays (except holidays)
Time: 10:00 a.m.

All storytimes will include song and dance so we can keep our bodies as active as our minds!

May 6 and 7
Unicorn Thinks He’s Pretty Great (Shea), but Goat isn’t convinced. Extraordinary Jane (Harrison) comes from an extraordinary family and can’t find her special talent.

May 13 and 14
A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea (Black) even if you don’t agree. I Know a Wee Piggy (Norman), he didn’t go to the parade, but he did go to the fair.

May 20 and 21
Should I Share My Ice Cream? (Willems). It’s a very important question. The Mine-o-saur (Bardharn-Quallen) doesn’t want to share anything, but he does want friends.

May 28
In The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli, a crocodile accidentally swallows a watermelon seed. What happens next? We’ll also read The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and follow his very hungry adventures.

All Ages
Mid-Afternoon Movie

Friday, May 17 @ 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a mid-afternoon movie after work or school. Bring snacks, suggest titles for future viewings, talk with friends or make new ones. Movies will be PG-13 rating or lower, but parents are responsible for researching movie before allowing children to view. Call to ask what movie we’re showing or to suggest a title.

Adult Program

Genealogy Sessions
By Appointment Only

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. Contact 334-240-4979 or acampbell@mccpl.lib.al.us
Rosa Parks Page Turners Book Club
Wednesday, May 8 @ 11:00am

Title: *Everybody Rise* by Stephanie Clifford

**Description:** Everyone yearns to belong, to be part of the "in crowd," but how far are you willing to go to be accepted? In the case of bright, funny and socially ambitious Evelyn Beegan, the answer is much too far...At 26, Evelyn is determined to carve her own path in life and free herself from the influence of her social-climbing mother, who propelled her through prep school and onto New York's glamorous Upper East Side. Evelyn has long felt like an outsider to her privileged peers, but when she gets a job at a social network aimed at the elite, she's forced to embrace them. Recruiting new members for the site, Evelyn steps into a promised land of Adirondack camps, Newport cottages and Southampton clubs thick with socialites and Wall Streeters. Despite herself, Evelyn finds the lure of belonging intoxicating, and starts trying to pass as old money herself. When her father, a crusading class-action lawyer, is indicted for bribery, Evelyn must contend with her own family's downfall as she keeps up appearances in her new life, grasping with increasing desperation as the ground underneath her begins to give way. ~dustjacket

Novel Colors
Wednesday, May 29 @ 6:30pm

**LOCATION: Books-a-Million in Eastchase**

Really want to join a book club but don't really like to read? Come join us at Books-a-million as we talk and color. Read the book, or don't! Browse with a new friend. Just want to color and enjoy our company? You're welcome! Bring your own supplies or use some of ours. Coloring sheets provided.

Title: *Mr. Miracle*, vol. 1-12 (2017)

Writer/Artist: Tom King/Mitch Gerads

Description: Scott Free is the greatest escape artist who ever lived. So great, he escaped Granny Goodness' gruesome orphanage and the dangers of Apokolips to travel across galaxies and set up a new life on Earth with his wife, Big Barda. Using the stage alter ego of Mister Miracle, he has made quite a career for himself showing off his acrobatic escape techniques. He even caught the attention of the Justice League, who has counted him among its ranks. You might say Scott Free has everything--so why isn't it enough? Mister Miracle has mastered every illusion, achieved every stunt, pulled off every trick--except one. He has never escaped death. Is it even possible? Our hero is going to have to kill himself if he wants to find out ~Hoopla Digital
May 1 @ 12:00 Kindergarten  
**BOOK:** “A Present for Mama Bear” by: Bonnie Staenberg  
**Synopsis:** Edgar Bear is looking for the perfect birthday gift for his mama. Picking flowers, painting a picture, and baking a cake become a big mess -- but Mama Bear loves him just the same.  
**ACTIVITY:** Students will decorate bears out of construction paper

May 7 @ 12:15 4th Grade  
**BOOK:** “Pies from Nowhere” by: Dee Romito  
**Synopsis:** Georgia Gilmore was a cook at the National Lunch Company in Montgomery, Alabama. When the bus boycotts broke out in Montgomery after Rosa Parks was arrested, Georgia knew just what to do. She organized a group of women who cooked and baked to fund-raise for gas and cars to help sustain the boycott. Called the Club from Nowhere, Georgia was the only person who knew who baked and bought the food, and she said the money came from "nowhere" to anyone who asked. When Martin Luther King Jr. was arrested for his role in the boycott, Georgia testified on his behalf, and her home became a meeting place for civil rights leaders. This picture book highlights a hidden figure of the civil rights movement who fueled the bus boycotts and demonstrated that one person can make a real change in her community and beyond. It also includes one of her delicious recipes for kids to try with the help of their parents!  
**ACTIVITY:** Students will make Mother’s Day crafts

May 8 @ 1:30 1st Grade  
**BOOK:** “Pete the Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie” by: Kimberly and James Dean  
**Synopsis:** Pete is learning a new dance—the Cool Cat Boogie! When he hears a groovy beat, he’s full of happy in his feet. But when Grumpy Toad tells him, “Pete, you dance all wrong!” Pete is determined to become a better dancer. With the help of his friends and some wise words from Owl, Pete learns that he’s his grooviest when he’s being himself. Includes step-by-step dance moves so readers can dance along with Pete!  
**ACTIVITY:** Students will make Mother’s Day crafts

May 9 @ 9:30 3rd Grade  
**BOOK:** “Momma Loves her Little Son” by: John Carter Cash  
**Synopsis:** Momma loves her little son, there’s nothing more so true... From the farthest shores to the deepest oceans, a mother’s love for her child is without bounds. Little ones will be swept away on a magical adventure over mountains and sky scrapers and through forests and streams in this tender and joyful celebration of the enduring bond between mother and child.  
**ACTIVITY:** Students will make Mother’s Day crafts
May 9 @ 1:30 2nd Grade

**BOOK:** “Betcha!” by: Stuart J. Murphy

**Synopsis:** What do cars, toys, people, and jelly beans have in common? They can all be estimated. Two friends try out their estimating skills and find out that estimating can have real rewards—especially when there’s a contest to enter!

**ACTIVITY:** Students will make Mother’s Day crafts

May 14 @ 11:10 Pre-K

**BOOK:** “Things that are Most in the World” by: Judi Barrett

**Synopsis:** The reader who wants to know what are the quietest, silliest, smelliest, wiggliest things in the world finds imaginative answers to these and other questions about superlatives.

**ACTIVITY:** Students will play a game

May 14 @ 1:30 5th Grade

**BOOK:** “Alabama: My Home Sweet Home!” by: Charles Ghigna

**Synopsis:** The state of Alabama is celebrating 200 years in the nation! Bear cub guide, Camellia, is ready to help you discover what makes Alabama so special! Encounter the famous faces of Helen Keller, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr., just to name a few! Visit cities that represent Alabama with pride, like Huntsville and Dothan. And remember events in history that helped change our nation; such as the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, Jesse Owens winning a gold medal, and Rosa Parks riding in the front of a bus. From the Native Americans in Moundville to the Alabama and Auburn rivalry, this book is packed full of people, places and events that made Alabama into the state it is today.

**ACTIVITY:** Students will get some handouts about our state and play a game

May 15 @ 12:00 Kindergarten

**BOOK:** “Hansel and Gretel” by: Nadia Higgins

**Synopsis:** When two kids get lost in the woods, they get caught by an evil witch. How will they escape? Sing along to this Fairy Tale Tune in Hansel and Gretel: A Favorite Story in Rhythm and Rhyme.

**ACTIVITY:** Students will do a Song and dance
Governor’s Square Library

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m.

May 7: National Teacher Day
Children will sing teacher songs, then enjoy hearing Ms. Anita read Tessa the Teacher and Arthur’s Teacher Trouble, followed by a craft.

May 14: Cuddly Cats Day
Children will learn some songs about cats, then listen to the stories The Dancing Cat and Dewey: the Library Cat. Then they will do a coloring page activity.

May 21: World Bee Day
The children will enjoy dancing to bee songs. Then they will hear the stories Bizzy Mizz Lizzy and Bugs at the Beach, followed by a craft.

May 28: Super Summer!
Children will love singing songs about summer. Then Ms. Anita will read the stories Mouse Loves Summer and Hot Day on Abbott Avenue, and the children will do a coloring activity.

Book Bunch Book Club
Friday, May 8 @ 2:00 p.m.

Book Bunch will be reading Behold this Dreamer, in memory of the Alabama author Charlotte Miller, who was among the fatalities in the Lee County tornado. The book is the first of a Trilogy written by Ms. Miller. Book Jacket Summary: Janson Sanders, part Cherokee, part poor-but-proud white, is intent on revenging his father’s death and taking back the land stolen from him by a wealthy planter. Parentless and alone, Janson sets out, hopping a train with only a few biscuits and some cold pieces of chicken to his name. Thus begins a journey across the South to earn enough money to return home and reclaim his birthright. He eventually settles on rich landowner William Whitley’s land, working along-side the poverty-stricken sharecroppers during the day and bootlegging illegal Liquor at night, hoarding what little money he earns toward the redemption of his own land. Along the way, he falls in love — despite himself — with Whitley’s daughter.

Separated by class and culture, the two young lovers struggle with their own differences while trying to keep their relationship secret from her temperamental, overbearing, and dangerous father. Set against the backdrop of rural life in the South during the twenties, Behold This Dreamer is a story of hope and heartbreak, in which Janson Sanders is pulled one way by his love of the land and another way by the love of a woman.

We are pleased to have special guest Randall Williams, editor, New South Books, who will talk about the author, Charlotte Miller, followed by the book discussion.
May 1
*Mrs. Chicken And The Hungry Crocodile* by Won-Ldy Paye
When a crocodile captures Mrs. Chicken and takes her to an island to fatten her up, clever Mrs. Chicken claims that she can prove they are sisters and that, therefore, the crocodile shouldn't eat her.
Activity: Coloring Sheet

May 8
*Llama Llama, Home With Mama* by Anna Dewdney
Lama Llama's mother takes good care of him when he has to stay home from school because he is sick, but when Mama Llama begins to feel sick, too, Llama Llama knows how to take care of her.
Activity: Mother’s Day Craft

May 15
*Curious George And The Puppies* by Margaret Rey
Curious George goes to the animal shelter where he accidentally lets all the dogs out of their cages and creates quite a ruckus.
Activity: Curious George Craft

May 22
*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.
Activity: Coloring Sheet

May 29
*The Three Ninja Pigs* by Corey Schwartz
In this twist on "The Three Little Pigs," Pig One and Pig Two neglect their martial arts training at the new ninja school and are no match for the wolf, but their sister's dedication to her training saves the day.
Activity: Pig Craft
Zany Zip Lines  
**May 2 @ 4pm**  
Description: Learn about the science behind zip lines and create your own zip line carrier.

DIY Clay Necklaces  
**May 9 @ 4pm**  
Description: Learn how to sculpt charms out of air dry clay, paint them, and then set them into a necklace.

Galaxy Jars  
**May 16 @ 4pm**  
Description: Create your very own galaxy in a jar using cotton balls, paint and glitter. You’ll love this beautiful but easy craft.

Space Lander Challenge  
**May 23 @ 4pm**  
Description: Just as engineers had to develop solutions for landing different vehicle types on the moon, participants will follow in the engineering design process to design and build a shock-absorbing system out of paper, straws, and mini-marshmallows to protect their two “astronauts.”

Bad Art Night  
**May 30 @ 4pm**  
Description: Want to create art but fear it’ll be bad? No worries! That’s the whole point of this program! Throw away the rules and lovingly craft your disaster piece however you want out of whatever you want.

**Rufus A. Lewis Adult Programs**

**Computer Class**  
Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Instructors: Library Staff  
All levels of experience are welcome in this low stress, community approach to computer literacy.

**Scrapbooking**  
Thursday, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 12 Noon  
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.  
Presenter: Mrs. Alberta Riley, Retired Educator
Saturday Morning Chess @ the Library
Saturday, May 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Description: Learn to play Chess. All ages and levels of players are welcome.
Presenter: Friends and Family Chess Club

After 5 Book Club Book Discussion
Monday, May 6 @ 6 p.m.
Locked In Temptation by Brenda Jackson
Description: Jackson again straddles the fine line of romance and suspense with skill.
~Editor

MyPlate & Dietary Guidelines for Americans
Tuesday, May 14, @ 10:00 a.m.
Description: Goal is to educate families and individuals on the American Dietary Guidelines and MyPlate to increase their knowledge and skills in food selection, food preparation, and food safety/storage for improved general health.
Presenter: Mrs. Shonda Wright, Urban Snap-Ed Educator, Alabama Cooperative Extension

Yoga @ the Library
Tuesday, May 14, 28 @ 6:00 p.m.
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.
Presenter: Mrs. Susan Enzweiler, Registered Yoga Teacher, Instructor

Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library
www.facebook.com/ColiseumBranchLibrary

Story Time
Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m.

May 2  Always be your best!
Lucy Takes a Holiday, by Salvatore Murdocca
Synopsis: Lucy the dog gets tired of her family and decides to take a well-deserved vacation trip to Dogwood Island.
Good Job, Oliver, by Laurel Molk
Synopsis: Oliver Bunny sets out to prove to the big bunnies that he can win the annual strawberry contest.
Craft – Dog craft
May 9  Mother’s Day is near!
*Happy Mother’s Day*, by Steven Kroll
Synopsis: One day when Mom returns home she is greeted by surprise by each of her children and her husband.
*A Present for Mom*, by Vivian French
Synopsis: Stanley has trouble deciding what to give his mother for Mother’s Day.
Craft – Mother’s Day craft

May 16  You make friends by being nice!
*Mmm, Cookies*, by Robert Munsch
Synopsis: After Christopher plays a trick on his mom and dad by serving them cookies made of clay, they engage his teacher in a way to get back at him.
*The Monster’s Monster*, by Patrick McDonnell
Synopsis: Grouch, Grump, and little Gloom ‘n Doom spend much of their time arguing over who is the biggest and baddest.
Craft – Monster craft

May 23  Good things often come in small packages!
*Andrew’s Loose Tooth*, by Robert Munsch
Synopsis: Andrew’s tooth is loose and no one can help him remove it, not even the Tooth Fairy.
*The Lion’s Share*, by Matthew McEligott
Synopsis: Ant is honored to receive an invitation to Lion’s annual dinner party, but is shocked when the other guests behave rudely and then accuse her of thinking only of herself.
Craft – Lion craft

May 30  Come to the Morgan Memorial Library – Everyone is invited!
245 High Street @ 10:00 – 12:00
Summer Reading Kickoff: “Didgerido Down Under”
Synopsis: A performer brings his Australian music, education, motivation, and entertainment. This event is free.

Parent Pre-School Activity Center
This table changes once a month. We will have a new activity to enhance the five senses and further develop your child’s thought processes. This table has activities where parent and child explore together.

“Free” Extracurricular Activities for Your Kids

**Color Coders**
Tuesday, May 7 @ 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Join us as we color age appropriate coloring sheets using colored pencils. A variety of sheets will be available for you to choose from. Coloring is a great stress reducer, so come and melt away your stress! All ages are invited to color.
Homework Assistance

Tuesday, May 7 and 14 @ 5:00 – 5:45 pm

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 lessons 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.

Being Creative with Legos

Tuesday, May 14 and 28 @ 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Come join the fun and creativity in our Lego League.

Registration is required.

Tinkering Table

Tuesday, May 21 @ 4:00 – 5:00 pm

We will do an experiment in Physics concentrating on momentum, a product of force times mass.

Summer Reading Kickoff at the Morgan Memorial Library

245 High Street

Thursday, May 30 @ 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Join us at the Morgan Memorial Library as we begin our Summer Reading Program by celebrating Didgeridoo Down Under. A performer will be providing Australian music, education, motivation, and entertainment! This program is geared toward elementary aged students and is free. Come join the fun!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Register now for this powerful program geared toward boosting your infant’s brain power. Simply read to your child, birth through kindergarten, every day with the goal of having read 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten. You will keep track of each book read, and your child will receive a reward after every 100 books read. Find out more about this new program at the Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library.

Adult Programs

Tech Appointments

Call 271-7005 to reserve an appointment.

Sessions will be one-on-one by appointment only for a maximum of one hour. The type of training will depend on your needs. Tell us what you want to learn! Training includes basic computer skills, some Microsoft Office programs, email, eBooks, help with the mouse, or any of our digital catalogs.
**Coliseum Branch Library (Continued)**

**Crochet Class**

**Thursday, May 2 and 16 @ 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Come learn how to crochet, and share what you have been making.

**Coliseum Adult Program**

**Wednesday, May 15 @ 10:00 a.m.**

“Discovering Alabama” Series

Impact Crater – Come learn about Wetumpka’s impact crater and how it affected our area.

**Coliseum Adult Book Clubs**

**Southern Charms Book Club**

**Thursday, May 9 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Today we will be discussing *The Great Alone*, by Kristin Hannah. This is a story of a former POW and his family who have decided to move to Alaska. Here they find themselves in a home covered in snow and having 18 hours of nighttime which causes the POW’s fragile state to deteriorate, and his family begins to fracture. His family is now on their own. Then, we will receive our book for June titled, *Carnegie’s Maid*, by Marie Benedict. This is a story of a poor farmer’s daughter who luckily became the lady’s maid to Mrs. Carnegie and eventually someone who even Andrew Carnegie became to rely on.

**Curious Genre Book Club**

**Thursday, May 23 @ 3:00 p.m.**

*The Woman in the Window*, by A. J. Finn

Anna Fox lives alone – a recluse in her New York City home, unable to venture outside. She spends her day drinking wine (maybe too much), watching old movies, recalling happier times…and spying on her neighbors. What is real? What is imagined? Who is in danger? Who is in control? In this diabolically gripping thriller, no one…and nothing…is what it seems. [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40389527-the-woman-in-the-window?from_search=true](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40389527-the-woman-in-the-window?from_search=true)
May 2: Children’s Book Week
*We Are Growing* by: Laurie Keller
The grass in this book is growing and turning out to be different things. One is curly, another is a weed and one cannot decide what he is yet. Then all the sudden they hear a noise. What do you think is happening?

*Freight Train* by: Donald Crews
Trains have different colors for their cars. A steam engine is usually black. Do you know your colors? (This will be our signing book for the month.)

May 9: Celebrations of Mothers
*My Mommy* by: Neville Astley and Mark Baker
Peppa Pig has written a book all about her Mummy Pig. Her mother works at home but has to work outside as well. The best thing about her Mummy is that she always has time to jump in the muddy puddles with George and Peppa. What is something fun that you and your Mother do together?

May 16: Transportation Week
*Trains* by: Byron Barton
The different types of trains have different types of jobs. There main job is to stay on the track. Have you ever ridden on a train?

May 23: How I Feel Sometimes
*Sometimes I Like to Curl up in a Ball* by: Vicki Churchill
The creature in this story is small and feels safe when he/she curls up in a ball. Sometimes he/she feels like just walking around till it falls down. Do you ever just feel like making funny faces?

May 30: Gardening
*The Secret Garden* by: Jennifer Adams
“Crocuses burst into purple.” Come learn your colors through the flowers in this book. What is your favorite color and flower?

May 3: Children’s Book Week
*The Wonky Donkey* by: Craig Smith
“I was walking down the road and I saw a donkey who only had three legs.” This wonky donkey likes to listen to Country Music. What else is interesting about this Wonky Donkey?

*The Wall in the Middle of the Book* by: Jon Agee
There is a wall in the middle of the book and it is there to protect one side from the other side of the book. Water starts filling up the left side of the book and an Ogre has to rescue someone on that side. Do you think this Ogre is a friendly Ogre or a mean one?

Activity: Share your favorite Book with us
May 10: Celebration of Mothers
*Through Your Eyes* by: Ainsley Earhardt
The mother in the story had a beautiful baby girl and wrote a list of all the things that she wanted to do with her child. Once the little girl begins to grow up the mother slows down and realizes that she just needs to allow things to happen and to forget about the list. Have you ever had plans and then had to just throw them out the door?

*Momma Loves Her Little Son* by: John Carter Cash
“Momma love is real as the wind, and bright as the rainbow.” Your mom loves you very much and you ask me how I know. Look at everything that she does for you.

Activity: Mother’s Day Tea and craft

May 17: Transportation Week
*Pete the Cat’s Train Day* by: James Dean
Pete the Cat is going to visit his Grandmother with his mother and brother. They ride on a train and Pete explores the train with the Conductor. Have you ever ridden on a train?

*Tootle* by: Tennant Redbank
Old Bill teaches all trains that it is important to stay on the tracks. Toot is a train who loves to go fast. One day Toot is challenged by a horse to race. Should Toot race the horse?

Activity: Train Art

May 24: Being Away from Someone
*Far Apart, Close in Heart* by: Becky Birtha
Sometimes when parents break rules/laws they end up having to go to jail. Sometimes children feel angry at the parents, because once they get out they make promises that they do not keep. Sometimes the parents break another law and end up back in jail. Have you ever felt far apart from someone close to you?

*Away* by: Emil Sher
Skip is going to camp in two weeks and dreads going away. He and his mother leave notes to each other arguing about his leaving. Skip says that his friends need him. Have you ever felt sad about leaving for a few days or longer?

Activity: Drawing a picture or writing a letter to someone special

May 31: Gardening
*My Garden* by: Kevin Henkes
The little girl helps her mother in the garden by chasing away the bunnies and watering all the plants. She dreams of what her garden would be like if she had a garden. She says that there would be no weeds to pull. Could you imagine a garden with very little work?

*Peppa Pig and the Vegetable Garden* by: Candlewick Entertainment
Peppa Pig and George are at Grandpa Pig and Granny Pig’s house helping Grandpa Pig plant seeds in his garden. Later they eat the food that they harvest from the garden. George refuses to eat the vegetables. How do you think they trick George into eating his vegetables?

Activity: Plant some flowers and watch them grow each week. You will get to take them home in July.
Other Happenings at EL Lowder Regional Library in May

Join us the 2nd Thursday of the month from 4:30PM to 5:30PM in the Meeting Room to discover and create. **Make "Your" Space is a S.T.E.A.M.** program for Young Adults. We will be focusing on making things and learning how it works through science, technology, engineering, art, and math. People of all ages are invited to participate or observe; however, children under 14 must have an adult present to assist them with their projects. **On Thursday, May 9** at 4:30PM we will be doing a Garden in a Glove. Join us and plant some seeds.

**Super Saturday Story Time** for this month will be **May 4th.** Spring Stories will be the theme for May.

The **Ladies of High Tea** meets the Fourth Thursday of the Month at 3PM. In May, the Ladies will discuss **Mother’s Day Murder: a Lucy Stone Mystery** by Leslie Meier. Join us at **3PM on Thursday, May 23.**

Summary: Two of her four kids may be out of the nest, but Lucy Stone knows only too well that mothering is a lifetime commitment. At least she gets to kick back and enjoy a fancy Mother’s Day brunch with her brood—that is, before the festivities are interrupted by a nasty scene courtesy of Barbara Hume and Tina Nowak. Opposites in every way, the only thing these mean moms have in common is the need to best each other at every turn, using their teenage daughters as pawns in elaborate games of one-upsmanship. Even after witnessing the women’s claw sharpening rituals, Lucy never expects to see actual blood spilled—until Tina is shot dead on the public tennis court. Now Lucy is determined to unravel the close-knit knot of suspects. But when the threads threaten to entangle one of her own, Lucy will come face-to-face with a killer who has a thing or two to learn about motherly love. . . ～～Amazon.com～～

In June, **Wedding Cake Murder: A Hannah Swenson Mystery** by Joanne Fluke will be discussed. Join us at 3PM on Thursday, June 27.

**Summary:** Everyone in Lake Eden, Minnesota, may have had their doubts, but at long last, Hannah Swensen is getting married! Hannah is thrilled to be marrying Ross Barton, her college crush. And her excitement only grows when she learns he’ll be able to join her on her trip to New York City for the Food Channel’s dessert chef contest. They get a taste of the Big Apple before Hannah wins the Hometown Challenge and the producers bring all the contestants to Lake Eden to tape the remainder of the show. It’s nerve-wracking enough being judged by Alain Duquesne, a celebrity chef with a nasty reputation. But it’s even more chilling to find him stabbed to death in the Lake Eden Inn’s walk-in cooler—before he’s even had a chance to taste Hannah’s Butterscotch Sugar Cookies! Now Hannah has not only lost her advantage, she’ll have to solve a mystery with more layers than a five-tiered wedding cake… ～～Amazon.com～～

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

The **Young Classic Book Club** will meet from 4PM to 5PM on the third Thursday of the month. **On Thursday, May 16 at 4PM** the Young Classic Book Club will discuss **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte.

**Summary:** A classic coming of age story, “Jane Eyre” is the tale of its title character, a poor orphaned girl who comes to live with her aunt at Gateshead Hall. While there she endures great emotional and physical abuse at the hands of her aunt and cousins. Jane subsequently ships off to Lowood, a Christian boarding school for poor and orphaned girls. The conditions at the school are quite brutal. The students are subjected to cold lodgings, poor food, inadequate clothing, and the harsh rule of the administrator, Mr. Brocklehurst. The maltreatment of the students is eventually discovered and after some changes life becomes more bearable. She eventually finishes her coursework and spends a period of time as a teacher at the school. After leaving Lowood she gains a position as a governess at Thornfield Hall working for Edward Rochester, a man whom she will eventually fall in love with. “Jane Eyre” is the story of one woman’s struggle to overcome adversity. The novel was revolutionary in its day for its examination of the internal conflict of its protagonist and for the way in which it addressed the themes of class, sexuality, and religion in the mid-19th century. ～～Amazon.com～～
Thursday, June 20 at 4PM the Young Classic Book Club will discuss *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien.

**Summary:** A great modern classic and the prelude to *The Lord of the Rings*. Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum. “A glorious account of a magnificent adventure, filled with suspense and seasoned with a quiet humor that is irresistible . . . All those, young or old, who love a fine adventurous tale, beautifully told, will take *The Hobbit* to their hearts.” – New York Times Book Review

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 (May 4, 11, 18, 25) 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.

On the third Saturday of each month, this month it will be **Saturday, May 18th**, from 930AM to 1230PM we will be offering a **Scholarship Seminar** for students in Grades 8-12. Eighth grade is not too young to be thinking about how to pay for college. Everyone should bring a folder to hold their handouts and be prepared to take notes. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well.

**Gamer’s Club** is the second Wednesday afternoon of the month from 4PM-5PM. You must pre-register 24 hours in advance to play. Parents must stay in the Main Area during play time. Join us **Wednesday, May 8 at 4PM**.

**Lowder Lego League** is the third Wednesday afternoon of the month from 4PM-5PM. 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, May 15th**!

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 first Wednesday of the month. We will have a different theme every month—May’s will be flowers. Join us **Wednesday, May 1 from 4PM-5PM**.

Join us for Lap Sit Time! It is for ages 0 to 2 years old every Thursday 10AM to 11AM for a Librarian led Lap Sit time. From 10AM – 10:15AM the Librarians will read board books, nursery rhymes, and teach baby sign language. From 10:15AM – 11AM the parent/caregiver may choose to stay, play and read to their child/children. There is no craft associated with this program.

Our regular Preschool Story Time starts at 10AM on Friday mornings. 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 or activity.
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Join us the fourth Wednesday of every month from 4PM to 5PM for **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’ll be looking for you on **Wednesday, May 22**!

**We will not be offering Help Me! Computer Classes for Senior Adults during the month of May**; however, in June we will cover MCCPL’s Cloud Library App. Please remember that you must pre-register at least 24 hours in advance of **Tuesday, June 25**.

Are you about to go on Medicare? Are you already on Medicare? Are you confused about Medicare? You don’t have to be, join us for **Medicare 101** presented by Healthcare Resource Center on Wednesday afternoon, **May 1 from 1PM to 2PM** in the Meeting Room.

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**Home Work Assistance @ the Library**

**Through May 16**

**Monday**

**Rufus Lewis Regional Library**

6:00-7:30

**Tuesday**

**Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library**

5:00-6:00

**Tuesday**

**Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library**

6:00-7:30

**Wednesday**

**EL Lowder Regional Library**

6:00-7:30

**Thursday**

**Governors Square Library**

4:00-5:45
May 2nd
Moon & Stars
We will read *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin. Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble? We will also read *Mousetronaut* by Mark Kelly and illustrated by C. F. Payne. Mousetronaut tells the story of a small mouse that wants nothing more than to travel to outer space. We will have a craft.

May 9th
Movie Day
We will watch *Disney The Jungle Book*. The Jungle Book is a story telling the trials and tribulations that young Mowgli goes through as he learns his place in the world, among animals who look very different from him and act very different from how he acts as well.

May 16th
Ducks
We will read *Duck Soup* by Jackie Urbanovic. Maxwell Duck is trying to invent a soup that everyone will remember him for, but when he goes out to look for the missing ingredient and his friends show up, they think he has fallen into the soup! We will also read *Duck Tents* by Lynne Berry. While on a camping trip, five little ducks pitch tents, go fishing, toast marshmallows around a campfire, and face frightening night noises. We will have a craft.

May 23rd
Mother’s Day
We will read *What Not to Give Your Mom on Mother's Day* by Martha Seif Simpson and illustrated by Jana Christy. A little boy offers advice on what NOT to give your mom on Mother's Day, unless she's an animal. For example, don't give her a rotting log unless she's a salamander, or a bunch of flies unless she's a spider! What would Mom like best? We will also read *The Night Before Mother’s Day* by Natasha Wing and illustrated by Amy Wummer. It's the night before Mother's Day, and Dad and the kids are determined to show Mom just how much they love her. They whip up a cake from scratch, and offer a special coupon for a day at the spa, right in their own kitchen! We will have a craft.

Summer Reading Kick-Off/
Didgeridoo Down Under
May 30 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Didgeridoo Space Adventure is a high-energy, Australia-themed show that combines music, culture, puppetry, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation. The didgeridoo has been played by Aboriginal Australians for at least 1,500 years, and is known for its otherworldly sound. But DDU is more than music. It’s interactive, educational, motivational and super fun for all ages. The 2019 show will include visually stunning SPACE posters, INTERGALACTIC storytelling, and other CELESTIAL surprises!
Morgan Young Adult Programs

Thursday, May 2nd @ 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Anime/Manga Club Meeting
The Anime & Manga Club will meet once again after school for fun, friends, and all things anime!

Tuesday, May 14th @ 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragons Club Meeting
The Dungeons & Dragons Club will meet in the auditorium one last time before summer for a conclusion of fun and creative adventures.

Thursday, May 16th @ 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Anime/Manga Club Meeting
The Anime & Manga Club will meet in the auditorium one last time before school ends and summer begins. A special summer movie will be shown for all anime fans!

Thursday, May 23rd @ 2:30 p.m.
Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament
Ahh...The last day of school: Friends, Fun and....FIGHT!! Join the YA Department for a Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Tournament. From Link to Meta Knight to Sonic to Bayonetta, come and see who is the ultimate fighter! Prizes will be given to all participants.

Cover to Cover Book Club
Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

“When I’m Tempted” by Kim Cash Tate
**Summary:** There's always a way of escape. Living Hope Church has seen its pastor get married and a nucleus of friends and family overcome adversity as they endeavor to grow as believers in Christ. But a trouble-free life isn’t promised. The road gets bumpy once again . . Join Cyd, Lance, Jillian, Jordyn, Tommy, and others as they discover that no one is immune to temptation. But will they learn the truth of God’s promise—that there’s always a way of escape? ~ Review by Amazon.com

Back to School Boot Camp 2019

**Juliette Hampton Morgan Library**

- **July 1-3 & 5:** Grades 9-12
- **July 8-12:** Grades 6-8
- **July 15-19:** Grades 3-5
- **July 22-26:** Grades K-2

June 1-July 12
Computer Lab Classes for the month of May
Juliette Hampton Morgan Library

Tuesday Adult Classes

Tuesday adult classes are held on the first, second, and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m.

May 7 – MS Word 2016 (Part 1)
Learn to create, format, and edit documents.

May 14 – MS Word 2016 (Part 2)
Learn various editing features that allow you to effectively revise documents. Explore ways to quickly copy and move text.

May 21 – MS Word 2016 (Part 3)
Introduction of how to create and work with images, graphics, shapes, text boxes, WordArt, and lists in Microsoft Word.

May 28 – MS Word 2016 (Part 4)
Make your document stand out! Learn how to change the style and effect of text. Learn about styles, headers, footers, page numbers, and tables.

Saturday Children's Classes

First Saturday of every month
1st-4th Grade 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
5th-8th Grade 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

May 4 – MS Word 2016
Participants will learn about the parts of the Word window and learn how to cut, copy, and paste text.

Saturday Adult Classes

Saturday adult classes are held on the third Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

May 11 – MS Word 2016 (Parts I & II)
Participants will learn about the parts of the Word window and practice formatting and editing text. Participants will also learn how to Cut, Copy, and Paste text, as well as how to save a Word document. There will also be a section on setting tabs, margins, and columns.
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STEPPING AWAY THE POUNDS LINE DANCING
EVERY 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY
Brewbaker Community Center
4450 Brewbaker Drive
(Off Bell Road)
6-8 PM
(Through May 2019)

Summer Reading Kickoff
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
JULIETTE HAMPTON MORGAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
245 HIGH STREET - AUDITORIUM
* FREE *

May 1st—May 31st
Summer Reading Program Registration
“Alabama has a Universe of Stories”
Register children 0-18 years old at your MCCPL library.

June 1st—July 12th
Summer Reading Programs
“Alabama has a Universe of Stories”
Visit your local MCCPL library to experience
“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading programs.

May 1st—July 23rd
Montgomery Biscuits Game Fundraiser
Sit your local MCCPL or visit our website at mccplibrary.us to purchase a July 30th game ticket for $11. Every ticket sold will provide $3 to children’s programs. Children registered for the Summer Reading will have a chance for a free ticket.

May 30th from 10am-12pm
Summer Reading Kickoff
Didgeridoo Down Under will be at the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library on 245 High St. to present educational and motivational entertainment with Australian music. Free for families of all ages.

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Dinner on Dexter
An evening in support of the Montgomery City-County Public Library
Thursday 6 o’clock PM
May 16th
Historic Dexter Avenue
Cocktail Attire
For tickets and more information, please visit www.dinnerondexter.com
Call 334-625-4300

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