Library Locations

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library
245 High Street
625-4999

E L Lowder Regional Library
2590 Bell Road
244-5717

Rufus A. Lewis Regional Library
3095 Mobile Highway
240-4848

Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library
840 Coliseum Boulevard
271-7005

Governor’s Square Branch Library
2885-B E. South Boulevard
284-7929

Bertha Pleasant Williams Library Rosa L. Parks Avenue Branch
1276 Rosa Parks Avenue
240-4979

Hampstead Branch Library
5251 Hampstead High Street
244-5770

Pike Road Branch Library
9585 Vaughn Road
244-8679

Pintlala Branch Library
255 Federal Road,
Pintlala, AL
281-8069

Ramer Branch Library
5444 State Highway 94,
Ramer, AL
334-562-3364

National Library Week
@
Montgomery City-County Public Library
April 7–13, 2019

Libraries = Strong Communities

Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 7-13, 2019

www.mccpl.lib.al.us
**EL Lowder Regional Library**

**Monday, April 8:**
**Movie Monday All Day**—Families connect with the community by watching movies together.

**Blue Monday**—Dress up in the color blue.

**Tuesday, April 9:**
**Help Me! Computer Class**—Adults connect by seeing what the library has to offer at the Library using our databases.

**Silly Hat Day**—Wear a silly hat and vote on which librarian’s hat is the silliest.

**Wednesday, April 10 @ 4:00-5:00p.m.:**
**Gamer’s Club**—Families spend time playing video and board games as a community at your library.

**Dress up as your favorite game character.** Examples: Princess Toadstool, Tomatohead, etc….

**Thursday, April 11:**
**Lap Sit** from 10AM-11AM  0-2 year olds with their Mother or Father join as a community to meet other 0-2 year olds in our area.

**Make Your Space**—Young Adults learn about Earth Erosion as a community at your library.

**ADEM** (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) will be here to demonstrate how Earth Erosion works.  4:30PM-5:30PM

**Dress up in Earth colors or tones to celebrate Earth Day.**

**Friday, April 12:**
**Story Time** 10AM Children of the community come hear a fairy tale.

**D.E.A.R. Time** (Drop Everything and Read) - beginning at 2PM in Main Area—Librarians or someone else from the community will read their favorite, excerpt from a book, poetry, etc….

**Dress up as your favorite fairy tale character.**

**Saturday, April 13 @ 10 a.m.–12:45p.m.:**
**Friends and Family Chess Club**—Come learn as a community how to play chess.

**Dress up in your favorite College Team colors or shirts.**

**Hampstead Branch Library**

In addition to our regular programs, please stop by and join us for:

**Tuesday, April 9:**
**Craft Buffet**—Stop by any time after 2:30 on Tuesday and make a craft with us, or take home a craft to do at home!

**Thursday, April 11:**
**Family Movie Night**—Catch a family movie with us and enjoy some popcorn with on Thursday, starting at 3:30 p.m.

**All week long:** Recommend a favorite book for our Best Books display this month.

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Melinda Gates is 2019 National Library Week Honorary Chair!

Melinda Gates has dedicated her life to achieving transformational improvements in the health and prosperity of families, communities and societies. Now she will lend her support to advocate for our nation’s libraries as honorary chair of National Library Week. Over the last 20 years, Gates has invested more than $1 billion through her foundation’s Global Libraries initiative to enhance the power of libraries to improve lives. As co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, she sets the direction and priorities of the world’s largest philanthropy. She is also the founder of Pivotal Ventures, an investment and incubation company working to drive social progress for women and families in the United States.

On April 23, Gates will debut “The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World,” a timely and necessary call to action for women’s empowerment. The candid and inspiring book traces Gates’ awakening to the link between women’s empowerment and the health of societies. It introduces us to Gates’ heroes in the movement toward equality, offers startling data and shares some of the moving conversations she’s had with women all over the world. Gates details the tremendous opportunities that exist right now to “turbo-charge” change, and she provides simple and effective methods that each of us can use to make a difference.
What is National Library Week?

In early April, National Library Week recognizes the enormous value we receive from our libraries every day. Not only do libraries provide us with books to read, but they are valuable tools and resources. They are continually changing to meet the demands of today’s technology and ever-expanding volumes of knowledge. Libraries and those who coordinate the effort to keep them up to date have been challenged to provide a wide range of media, and they have met the need.

HISTORY

The American Library Association in conjunction with the Advertising Council founded the first National Library Week in 1958. To find out more, visit the American Library Association website.

Celebrations during National Library Week include:

**Monday, April 8:** State of America’s Libraries Report released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2018.

**Tuesday, April 9:** National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. #nlwd19

**Wednesday, April 10:** National Bookmobile Day, a day to recognize the contributions of our nation’s bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make high-quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities. #BookmobileDay2019

**Thursday, April 11:** Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to speak up for libraries and share your library story. #MyLibraryMyStory

Ways to Celebrate

1. Visit your library
2. Show your support for libraries on social media

**Coliseum Library**

**Monday, April 8** – We will begin taking canned food items for Food for Fines.

**Tuesday, April 9** – Today we will be building with **Legos** from 3:30-4:30 pm and we will our building theme will be 21st Century Libraries. A first and second prize will be awarded to the two best designs.

**Wednesday, April 10** – Today we welcome **Barbara Wesley Hill**, author of **Altered Places** at 10:00 am.

**Thursday, April 11** – Story Time at 10:00 am for all preschoolers, then the **Southern Charms Book Club** will meet at 3:00 pm to discuss **The Lilac Girls**, by Martha Kelly.

**Friday, April 12** – We will be reading in area schools to Kindergarten classes.

**Pike Road Library**

**Monday, April 8** – Happy National Library Week! It’s the annual event that allows us usually reserved librarians to toot our own horns for a few days. Our theme this year is “Libraries = Strong Communities.” Miss Wonderly, the librarian in today’s story, unites her community at a tea for all of the storybook characters that live nearby. We’ll see what happens when the legendary Big Bad Wolf is invited to the party in **Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf** by Judy Sierra and J. Otto Seibold.
**Pintlala Library**

Monday, April 8  
2nd Grade @ 1:30 p.m.  
Storytime  
BOOK: “Bats at the Library” by Brian Lies  
Another inky evening’s here—the air is cool and calm and clear. *Can it be true? Oh, can it be? Yes!—Bat Night at the library!*  
ACTIVITY: Students will play a Library game

**Rufus A. Lewis Library**

**Children**  
Wednesday, April 10 @10:00 a.m.  
Rufus A. Lewis Library Scavenger Hunt  
Find all the pictures on the sheet and return it for a small prize from the Treasure Chest!

**Young Adult Programs**  
Thursday, April 11 @ 4pm  
Community Service and Servant Leadership  
Ann Cooper and Zachary Beasley from the River Region United Way will talk to young adults about ways they can work to build strong communities through volunteering and servant leadership. Come learn about more about community service, how to get involved, and why it matters.

**Morgan Memorial Library**

**Reference Department**  
Please join us in the Montgomery Room on Tuesday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m. as we celebrate by highlighting the many books by Alabama and Alabama-related authors in the Montgomery Room’s collection. How many Alabama authors can you name?

**Bertha P. Williams Library**

**Adults**  
Strong Families = Strong Communities  
Wednesday, April 10 @10:00am  
Join us as Mona Davis from the Gift of Life Foundation talks about all the services they provide for new families from pregnancy to toddler. She will be focused on co-parenting, but will discuss other techniques for building Strong Families.

**Children**  
Tuesday, April 9 @ 10:00am  
The Fire Department is a strong part of our community. Join us as they tell us how they protect our community and how we can protect ourselves from fire.

**All Month, All Ages**  
We believe our community is strong, tell us why you think so by leaving a note on our bulletin board. We’ll post some of our favorites on Facebook.

**Governor’s Square Library**

Tuesday, April 9: Community Helper: The Librarian  
Special guest presenter, Joyce Brown, retired Librarian, Montgomery Public Schools, will read stories about the library and talk about all librarians do. Then the children will make a craft.

Wednesday, April 10 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Book Bunch Book Club  
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