

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

Events are open to the public but may require registration. | Adults must accompany children. | All materials provided unless otherwise indicated.

20 YEARS OF IMAGINATION LIBRARY





BOOKS
BIRTHDAY CAKE
& DREAMING BIG

presented by **verizon**

Celebrate 20 years of Knox County Imagination Library! 2005-2025

Sunday, January 19
Tennessee Theatre | Free event!

1:00 to 3:00 - Cupcakes & crafts
Parade begins at 1:30 followed by a dance party and big screen storytime
Dress as your favorite Imagination Library character!
Meet Ladybug Girl and Corduroy.

2:30 - Medley of Dolly songs
by the Holston Middle School Show Choir

3:00 - Trivia (with prizes!) + Movie
'9 to 5' movie begins after 3:30

Complete schedule at
www.knoxcountylibrary.org

Dolly will NOT be present at this event, though her light shines through Imagination Library every day!

Thank you to the partners making this event possible:



READ CITY



Read City USA -and- Knox County Public Library

library laboratory

HANDS-ON FUN
Investigate a planetarium, operate a robotic arm, excavate for fossils, and more!
FREE EVENT

Saturday, February 1
BRIDGEWATER | 10:00-2:00

Drop in for hands-on fun, demonstrations, crafts, snacks, and a guest appearance by **Mayor Jacobs** to launch the 2025 Read City USA challenge.

Made possible by a grant from the Jane L. Pettway Foundation

This event will kick off our 2025 Read City challenge, **Curious Minds**. Pick up your game at the lab or any library location beginning Feb. 1.

STORYTIMES

Lawson McGhee Library

Baby	Thurs.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

Bearden Branch Library

Baby	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:15
Preschool	Tues.	10:15

Burlington Branch Library

Preschool	Tues.	10:30
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Carter Branch Library

Preschool	Tues.	1:30
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Cedar Bluff Branch

Baby	Tues.	10:30
Baby	Tues.	11:15
Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	11:15
Preschool	Thurs.	10:30

Farragut Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:30
Toddler	Thurs.	10:30
Preschool	Mon.	10:30
Ready, Set, K!	Tues.	10:30

Fountain City Branch

Baby	Fri.	11:00
Preschool	Fri.	10:15

Halls Branch Library

Baby	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

Howard Pinkston Branch

Preschool	Wed.	10:30
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Karns Branch Library

Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

North Knoxville Branch

Preschool	Wed.	11:00
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Norwood Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

Powell Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Fri.	10:30
Pajama	Thurs.	6:30
<i>First Thurs. of each month</i>		

Sequoyah Branch Library

Preschool	Thurs.	10:30
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South Knoxville Branch

Preschool	Mon.	10:30
After School	Tues.	3:30
Preschool	Wed.	10:30



BOOKS



Library Book Clubs

Check out future dates online to read ahead!

After-Hours Book Club		
Jan 2	Halls	6:00 PM
Cookbook Club		
Jan 4	Norwood	11:00 AM
Halls Literary Social Hour		
Jan 7	Halls	1:00 PM
History Parlor		
Jan 13	East TN History Center	9:30 AM
All Over the Page		
Jan 13	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
Pop Culture Book Club		
Jan 14	Bearden	6:00 PM
Cedar Bluff Book Circle		
Jan 16	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
Monday Night Book Club		
Jan 27	Fountain City	6:00 PM

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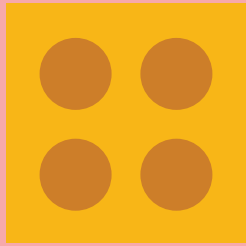
Curious Minds

A library is a lot like a lab—it's a place you can go to wonder and investigate. That makes you a scientist! This year, with Read City USA, choose activities to complete where you can wonder, investigate, or share your knowledge to work toward prizes.

Return to the library every 5 activities completed to claim your prize. Come join us in the Library Laboratory and become a scientist, just like Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, and Isaac Newton!

Pick up a gameboard at the lab or at any library location Feb. 1 - Mar. 16 to join in the fun and get inquisitive!

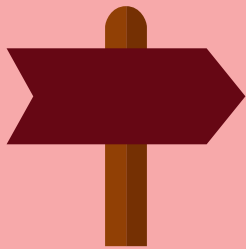
Led by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, READ CITY USA is a collaborative initiative of Knox County Government, Knox County Public Library, Knox County Schools, and other community organizations to help all children learn to read early and well, thereby reaching their full potential in school and in life.



LEGO® and Building Clubs

Look for building clubs at 8 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Cedar Bluff, Farragut, Halls, Howard Pinkston, Karns, and Powell). Search our online calendar for a time and location that suits your family.

LEGOs® are provided by the library and cannot be taken home. LEGO® and MEGA BLOKS do not sponsor, authorize or endorse these events.



Storybook Trails

Visit Storybook Trails at West View Park, Collier Preserve (next to Powell Branch Library), Ijams Nature Center, Beverly Park, and Angora Frog Farms.

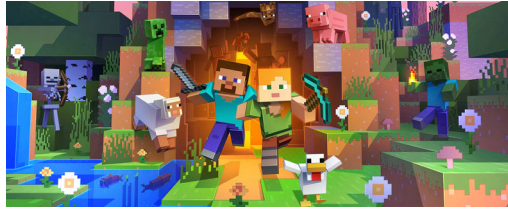
Directory

(865) area code

- Lawson McGhee 215-8750
- Bearden 588-8813
- Burlington 525-5431
- Carter 933-5438
- Cedar Bluff 470-7033
- Corryton 688-1501
- Farragut 777-1750
- Fountain City 689-2681
- Halls 922-2552
- Howard Pinkston 573-0436
- Karns 470-8663
- Mascot 933-2620
- Murphy 521-7812
- North Knoxville 525-7036
- Norwood 688-2454
- Powell 947-6210
- Sequoyah 525-1541
- South Knoxville 573-1772

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CHILDREN & FAMILY



Minecraft Scavenger Hunt
HOWARD PINKSTON | ALL DAY
Explore the library with a self-directed Minecraft-themed scavenger hunt!

Special Storytimes

Join us for these unique storytime events. Look for weekly storytimes on the front page or online.

Jan 2	Norwood	Snowflakes & Stories	2:00 PM
Jan 5	Sequoyah	Symphony	11:00 AM
Jan 17	Farragut	Once Upon...	10:30 AM
Jan 21	Karns	Winter PJ Stories	6:00 PM
Jan 27	Farragut	After School	4:00 PM

Family Game Night

BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

Crafternoons

Ages 3+ | A safe place for kids to gather, work on social and motor skills, and just have fun.

Jan 3	Halls	4:00 PM
Jan 17	Cedar Bluff	3:30 PM



Saturday Stories & Songs

These programs highlight a variety of talented storytellers, musicians, and performers. Funded by the Margaret Dickson Bequest.

Jan 4	Sequoyah	Knox Kindermusik	11:00 AM
Jan 11	Norwood	Hominy Mamas	11:00 AM
Jan 18	Fountain City	Jodie Manross	11:00 AM
Jan 25	Halls	Sean McCollough	11:00 AM

ADULTS

New Year Resolution: Read More

Ages 15+ | Want to read more in the New Year? Stop by for reading list organization tips and tricks!

Jan 3	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 10	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 17	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 24	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 31	South Knoxville	10:30 AM

You CAN Craft: Easy Crafts for Adults

NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Make easy crafts geared toward adults that want to express their artistic side.

Lap Craft Club

FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Work on your crafting projects with likeminded crafty individuals.



New Year Calendar Collage
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
Take part in a fun collage program and welcome in the new year by creating a calendar for 2025.

Mommy Storytime

Ages 18+ | A story time for grown-ups! Hear stories and talk about books you've read while doing crafts.

Jan 9	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 16	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 23	South Knoxville	10:30 AM
Jan 30	South Knoxville	10:30 AM

Paper Art

BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.

The Stitching Station

HALLS | 6:00 PM
Bring any soft lap craft (knitting, crochet, embroidery, etc.) and come stitch with us!

Full STEAM Ahead: Let's Mix Colors

HALLS | 11:00 AM
Ages 3-5 | Activities and opportunities to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles.



Watercolor Snowflake Art
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM
Create a wintery watercolor snowflake!

Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers

HALLS | 4:00 PM
Play with building sets and share books on engineering and building.

Tiny Masterpieces

HOWARD PINKSTON | 6:00 PM
Ages 6+ | Paint, draw, or sketch your creation on a tiny canvas.

Winter Wonderland Snow Globe

HALLS | 5:00 PM
Create your own blizzard snow globe!



Puzzle and Board Game Swap

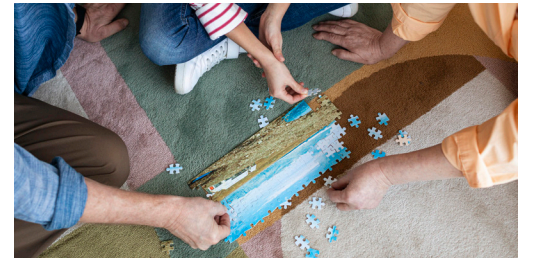
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM
Swap new and gently used puzzles, board games, and card games with other enthusiasts.



Kit's Club: Seed Needs
HALLS | 10:30 AM
Join a park ranger from Seven Islands State Park as we learn all about where seeds come from, and all the ways they help.



Book Spine Poetry
HALLS | 5:00 PM
Test your word chops by creating poetry out of book spines.



The 3rd Annual Puzzle Race

CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM
Teams of 2 or 3 will race each other to complete a 300-piece jigsaw puzzle in honor of international puzzle day.

Museum Mondays: KMA presents Create a Collage!

HALLS | 3:00 PM

Paper Art
BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM
Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.

The Chronicles of Yarnia!
CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Knit, crochet, and create with fellow yarn enthusiasts, share ideas, and check out provided craft books.



Daytime Docs Film Series - Monrovia, Indiana (2018)
LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
This film explores a small town in rural, mid-America and illustrates how small-town values are formed and lived along with conflicting stereotypes.

Reference Resources: Databases & Apps
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Join us for a presentation on free library databases and apps!

Book Folding
SEQUOYAH | 5:30 PM
Ages 13+ | Create a 3D folded book decoration!

Mastering Medicare: Turning 65
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM
Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.

Norwood Cross Stitch Guild
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Intermediate and advanced stitchers can work together on larger on-going projects.

Scrabble and Snacks
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Spell your way into a triple-word score and enjoy a new snack mix!

Reference Resources: Jobseeking 101
BEARDEN | 5:30 PM
Learn about job posting sites, scams to avoid, and get resume and interview tips.

Social Security Disability 101
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM
Learn useful and accurate information about how the Social Security Disability benefit system works.

To the Moon, and Back Again
LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
We will explore the history of the Apollo program, examine why it is important for us to return to the Moon, and how the Artemis program will help us send future human missions to Mars.

Brush Hour
KARNs | 4:00 PM
Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

Scrapbooking Club
HALLS | 6:00 PM
Come for a relaxed scrapbooking session! Bring your own scrapbook, other supplies provided.

TEENS



Teen Book Club
HALLS | 5:00 PM
Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite reads.