

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

Some events may require registration. Check with your branch or online. | Adults must accompany children. | Materials provided unless otherwise noted.

Knox County Public Library & Read City USA

STOMP,
roar,
DINOSAUR

epic dino encounter JAN 24
10:00 until 2:00 at Bridgewater Place

Calling all dino enthusiasts! Join us in kicking off the Read City challenge on **January 24** at **Bridgewater Place** (205 Bridgewater Rd.) from **10:00 to 2:00**! Examine fossils, exhibits, and dino skeleton replicas in the **Traveling Dinos Museum**. Meet Vela the velociraptor; come face-to-face with Mighty Al, a full-size allosaurus replica skull; measure your hand against a gigantic allosaurus footprint; and hold some of the coolest fossils ever! Of course, our prehistoric adventure wouldn't be complete without head paleontologist, **Mayor Jacobs**. Be sure to head home with your time travel passport to the Read City USA challenge, **Stomp Back in Time**!

STOMP Back in Time Jan. 24–Mar. 8

- Pick up a Prehistoric Passport to play
- Collect stickers and a finisher prize

ROAR into a Story May 16–Aug. 9

- Pick up a Jurassic gameboard to play
- Earn treasure box and finisher prizes

DINOSAUR Fossils Galore Oct. 12–Nov. 22

- Complete the scavengersaurus hunt
- Dig up a finisher prize

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
First Thurs. of each month		

Sequoyah Branch Library

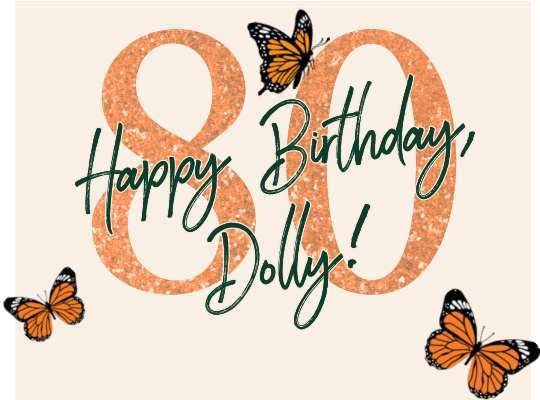
Preschool	Thurs.	10:30
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South Knoxville Branch

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



DOLLY'S BIRTHDAY



You're Invited:

Celebrate Dolly Parton's 80th birthday with cupcakes, crafts, & songs taking place at regular weekly library storytimes across the county!

Preschool Storytime		
Jan 14	Norwood	11:00 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 20	Bearden	10:15 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 20	Burlington	10:30 AM
Ready, Set, K Storytime		
Jan 20	Farragut	10:00 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 20	Carter	1:30 PM
Toddler Storytime		
Jan 21	Lawson McGhee	10:00 AM
Toddler Storytime		
Jan 21	Halls	10:30 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 21	Lawson McGhee	11:00 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 21	Halls	11:00 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 22	Sequoyah	10:30 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 23	Fountain City	10:15 AM
Preschool Storytime		
Jan 23	Powell	10:30 AM
Baby Bookworms		
Jan 23	Fountain City	11:00 AM

BOOKS



Library Book Clubs

Check out future dates online to read ahead!

Halls Literary Social Hour

Jan 6	Halls	1:00 PM
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History Parlor

Jan 8	East TN History Center	10:00 AM
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All Over the Page

Jan 12	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
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Teen Book Club

Jan 13	Halls	4:00 PM
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Cedar Bluff Book Circle

Jan 15	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
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Pop Culture Book Club

Jan 20	Bearden	6:00 PM
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Monday Night Book Club

Jan 26	Fountain City	6:00 PM
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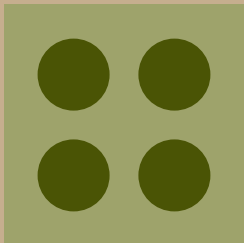
Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

Jan 13-20	Hi-Wire Brewing	Bus. Hrs.
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BONE WARS Dino Bracket

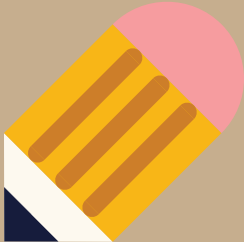
Submit any prehistoric animal for a chance to be part of the championship for dino dominance! The bracket, with your top picks, will be revealed and voting will begin at the **Children's Festival of Reading** on Saturday, May 16, 2026.



LEGO® and Building Clubs

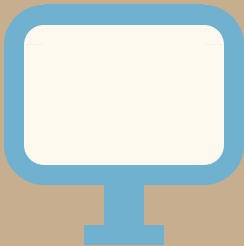
Look for building clubs at 9 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Cedar Bluff, Farragut, Halls, Howard Pinkston, Karns, Norwood, and Powell). Search our online calendar for times and locations.

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Job Help Mondays

Get job help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from 12:00 to 1:00.
January 5
January 12
January 26



Tech Help Tuesdays

Get tech help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from 12:00 to 1:00.
January 6
January 13
January 20
January 27

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	688-2454
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

MON
JAN
5

Creation Station

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM
Grades K-8 | A low-tech makerspace to foster creativity, encourage experimentation, and empower a new generation of makers.



MON
JAN
5

Fossils of the Future

HALLS | 4:00 PM
Learn about how fossils form and how materials today will be fossilized.

Special Storytimes

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

Jan 6	Burlington	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM
Jan 8	Halls	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM
Jan 9	Farragut	Once Upon A Story	10:30 AM
Jan 15	Bearden	Bilingual Storytime	3:30 PM
Jan 26	Farragut	After School Story	4:00 PM
Jan 27	Bearden	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM
Jan 29	Cedar Bluff	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM

TUES
JAN
6

Full STEAM Ahead: Slushie Science

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

THUR
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8

Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers

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

Crafternoons

Ages 3+ | Develop social and motor skills while having fun with arts and crafts onsite or at home.

Jan 9	Halls	4:00 PM
Jan 16	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 10	Fountain City	Spider Yoga	11:00 AM
Jan 17	Bearden	Jodie Manross	11:00 AM
Jan 24	Halls	Miss Lynn	11:00 AM
Jan 31	Lawson McGhee	Jodie Manross	11:00 AM

TUES
JAN
13

Bingo for Books

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
All Ages | Play bingo to win free books provided by Friends of the Library!

FRI
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16

Middle School Crafternoon: Rubber Band Bracelets

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM
Ages 11+ | Where tweens can gather to craft, chat, and chill.

SAT
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17

Puzzle and Board Game Swap

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



January Crafts

Stop by for a craft that's fun for the whole family!

STEAM: Snowflake Mobiles			
Jan 20	Carter	4:30 PM	
Create Your Own: Winter Woodland Fairies			
Jan 29	Halls	4:00 PM	

THUR
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22

Meet the Award Winners!

POWELL | 1:00 PM
Learn more about book awards such as the Caldecott and Geisel winners.



MON
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26

Curiosity Club: Origami

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM
Ages 5-11 | The Asian Culture Center of TN will introduce children to origami, the Japanese art of paper folding.

TUES
JAN
27

Family Game Night

POWELL | 5:00 PM
Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.



WED
JAN
28

Winter Carnival at Cedar Bluff

CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM
Join us for holiday fun with winter themed games and crafts.



SAT
JAN
31

Maker Space Book Club: Geronimo Stilton

KARNS | 2:00 PM
Each month we will create a STEAM project inspired by a book. Didn't read it in time? No worries, come by and create!

Some events may require registration. Check with your branch or online. | Teens welcome at most adult events. | Materials provided unless otherwise noted.

ADULTS



FRI
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The Silver Screen: Dial M for Murder (1954)

BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM
Join us on the first Friday of the month for a classic movie from the Silver Screen!

SAT
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3

WORKSHOP: Beginning Genealogy

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 1:00 PM
Learn how to start your genealogical research journey.

MON
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5

Lap Craft Club

FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Join us for an hour of casual crafting. Bring your own supplies. Books displayed and snacks provided.

WED
JAN
7

Everyday English

CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM
Are you learning or improving your spoken English? Come practice your casual conversation skills with us! All skill levels are encouraged to attend.

WED
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THUR
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8

Paper Art

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

THUR
JAN
8

Beginners Cross-Stitch

NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Work on larger projects with intermediate and advanced stitchers.

SAT
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10

Writers Workshop: Crafting Comedy

LAWSON MCGHEE | 1:00 PM
Join writer, actor, and artist Steve Sherman for a focused two-session workshop designed for burgeoning playwrights.

SAT
17



January Teen & Adult Crafts

Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!

Crafty Collagers: Alice in Wonderland 3D Collage			
Jan 10	Karns	2:00 PM	
Bedazzling Books!			
Jan 12	Sequoyah	6:00 PM	
Crafty Creations: Bling Your Own Book			
Jan 27	Halls	4:00 PM	

TUES
JAN
13

Mastering Medicare: Turning 65

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

THUR
JAN
15

Scrabble and Snacks

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

THUR
JAN
15

Norwood Cross Stitch Guild

NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Work on larger projects with intermediate and advanced stitchers.

SAT
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17

The Chronicles of Yarnia!

CEDAR BLUFF | 12:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Knit, crochet, and create with fellow yarn enthusiasts.



SAT
JAN
17

The Local Chapter: Stanford Johnson

BURLINGTON | 2:00 PM
Join local author of *Our Little Secret*, Stanford Johnson, for a book talk and meet-n-greet.

SUN
JAN
25

Daytime Docs Film Series - Umberto Eco: A Library of the World (2022)

LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
Gain insight into the mind of a vastly prolific and original thinker on a tour of famed Italian author Umberto Eco's private library of more than 50,000 volumes, guided by the author himself.

MON
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26

Beginner Spanish

CEDAR BLUFF | 12:15 PM
Learn basic Spanish through fun, interactive lessons at the library.

MON
JAN
26

Next Level Spanish

CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM
Perfect for those who've taken Basic Spanish.

MON
JAN
26

The Paper Workshop

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
Join us for an hour of casual paper crafting. Bring your own supplies.

TUES
JAN
27

Brush Hour

KARNS | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

TUES
JAN
27

Bearden Crochet Club

BEARDEN | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Join other crocheters mixed-skill crochet club.

THUR
JAN
29

Social Security Disability 101

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