

# Off the Shelf

## EVENT CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2025

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



First, we stepped into the lab and explored the scientists among us. Then, we took to the sky above us and let our imagination soar. Scientists don't stop at the surface, so now it's time to dig in and let our curiosity take root while we explore **Life Below Us!**

As we settle into the cozy fall season, it's time to embrace your inner bookworm or get your hands dirty with fun outdoorsy activities. In the final Read City challenge of 2025, you can choose to burrow into an exciting read, flourish outside and learn about the natural world with hands-on experiences, or a mix of both! It's up to you how you want to learn about the life below us.

Step into any library location from **October 13 to November 23** and pick up a gameboard to start exploring. After every 5 activities completed, return to the library and pick up a fun prize, with a special **bonus prize** when you finish 25 activities! We can't wait for our awesome bookworms to dig deep and explore all the library has to offer with us this fall!

### 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	
Carter Branch Library			
Preschool	Tues.	1:30	
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	
Karns Branch Library			
Toddler	Wed.	10:30	
Preschool	Wed.	11:00	
North Knoxville Branch			
Preschool	Wed.	11:00	

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	
South Knoxville Branch			
Preschool	Mon.	10:30	
After School	Tues.	3:30	
Preschool	Wed.	10:30	



### BOOKTOBER



**Plotting Pumpkins Decorating Contest**  
Turn a pumpkin into a hero or villain from a story you love! We'll display your creation at the library and the public will vote in four categories: Preschool, Ages 5-10, Ages 11-17, and Adult.

- Rules:**
- Bring your pumpkin to a participating library branch on **Friday, October 24** during operating hours and fill out an entry form. (Later submissions are allowed but will have less voting time).
  - One pumpkin entry per person or per group.
  - Pumpkins should be inspired by a story (book, movie, show, video game, etc.).
  - Pumpkins may be painted, stickered, dressed, etc., but please **do not puncture them**.
  - Decorations must be appropriate for all ages.
  - If a pumpkin begins to deteriorate before the end of the contest or display period, library staff may discard it at their discretion.

**Participating Locations:**  
Carter, Farragut, Fountain City, Halls, Karns, Norwood, and South Knoxville

**Voting ends Friday, October 31. Winners will be announced Monday, November 3. Pumpkins not retrieved by Friday, November 7 will be discarded.**



**Potions and Parties**  
Celebrate October with spells, scares, and stories to share! Costumes encouraged.

**Oct 25 Cedar Bluff Library Trick-or-Treat 2:00 PM**  
**Oct 27 Burlington Harry Potter Party 5:00 PM**  
**Oct 30 South Knox. Boo Bash 3:00 PM**  
**Oct 30 Bearden Spooktacular Stories 5:00 PM**  
**Oct 31 Farragut Halloween Fun Day 10-4 PM**

### BOOKS



**Library Book Clubs**  
Check out future dates online to read ahead!

**Cookbook Club**  
**Oct 4 Norwood 11:00 AM**

**Farragut Book Club**  
**Oct 6 Farragut 6:00 PM**

**Halls Literary Social Hour**  
**Oct 7 Halls 1:00 PM**

**History Parlor**  
**Oct 9 East TN History Center 10:00 AM**

**All Over the Page**  
**Oct 13 Lawson McGhee 6:30 PM**

**Teen Book Club**  
**Oct 14 Halls 4:00 PM**

**Cedar Bluff Book Circle**  
**Oct 16 Cedar Bluff 1:00 PM**

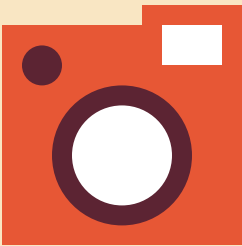
**Evening Reads**  
**Oct 20 Bearden 6:00 PM**

**Pop Culture Book Club**  
**Oct 21 Bearden 6:00 PM**

**Monday Night Book Club**  
**Oct 27 Fountain City 6:00 PM**

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sales**  
**Oct 25 Halls 10-5 PM**





### Imagination Library Photo Contest!

We're looking for your cutest photos of your little ones enjoying Imagination Library books! Email photos to [imaglib@knoxlib.org](mailto:imaglib@knoxlib.org) by **Oct. 17**. The winning entry will receive a **\$50 Target Gift Card!** Check out our online calendar for submission details.



### LEGO® and Building Clubs

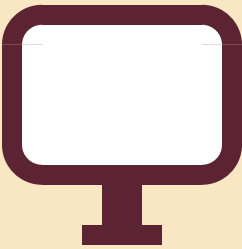
Look for building clubs at 9 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Cedar Bluff, Farragut, Halls, Howard Pinkston, Karns, Norwood, and Powell). Search our online calendar for times and locations.

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### Job Help Mondays

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



### Tech Help Tuesdays

Get tech help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from 12:00 to 1:00.  
Oct 7  
Oct 14  
Oct 21  
Oct 28

### 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

### Special Storytimes

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

Oct 2	Carter	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM
Oct 11	Karns	Appalachian Lore	2:00 PM
Oct 16	Sequoyah	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM
Oct 17	Farragut	Once Upon A Story	10:30 AM
Oct 27	Farragut	After School Stories	4:00 PM

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### Kit's Club: Signs of Fall

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM  
Grades PreK-8 | Look at the color of the leaves and create your own artwork with Seven Islands State Birding Park rangers!



### October Crafts

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

#### Create Your Own: Fall Pumpkins

Oct 2	Halls	5:00 PM
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#### Felt Ghost Family Portraits

Oct 7	Howard Pinkston	6:00 PM
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#### Creepy Cookies

Oct 9	Cedar Bluff	11:30 AM
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#### Creepy Craft Time: Haunted Holiday Atlas

Oct 13	Halls	4:30 PM
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#### Creepy Craft Time: Poison Garden Collage

Oct 20	Halls	4:30 PM
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#### Paint a Pet Rock

Oct 20	Powell	5:30 PM
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#### Spooky Tealight Villages

Oct 21	Howard Pinkston	6:00 PM
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#### Creepy Craft Time: Phantom Friendship Bracelets

Oct 27	Halls	4:30 PM
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### Crafternoons

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

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

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### Family Game Night

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

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### Creation Station

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

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### Water Filters

HALLS | 4:00 PM  
Learn how water filters work and create your own water filter system!

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### Bingo for Books

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
Participants will play bingo for a chance to win free books provided by Friends of the Library.

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### Bearden STEM Club

BEARDEN | 3:30 PM  
Grades 1-5 | Learn about Science, Tech., Engineering, & Math through design, construction, & experimentation!

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### Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers

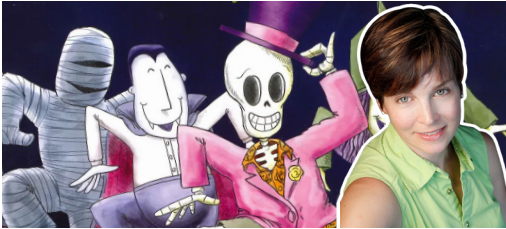
HALLS | 4:00 PM  
Play with building sets and share books on engineering and building.



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### Full STEAM Ahead: Spooky Science

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



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### Storytime Saturdays with the Author: Charlotte Gunnufson

LAWSON MCGHEE | 11:00 AM  
This month, join us for a special storytime with Charlotte Gunnufson, who loves writing stories for kids and is the author of *Hard Hat Hank* and the *Sky-High Solution*, *Prince and Pirate*, and *Halloween Hustle*. Books will be available for purchase.

### Saturday Stories & Songs

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

Oct 18	Bearden	Miss Lynn	11:00 AM
Oct 25	North Knox	Symphony Orchestra	11:00 AM

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### Curiosity Club: Adventures in Astronomy

BURLINGTON | 6:00 PM  
Ages 5-11 | Learn about telescopes (types and usage), stars and constellations, moon phases with the Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society.

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### Family Game Night

POWELL | 5:00 PM  
Bring family and friends for a fun-filled evening of board and card games.

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### Maker Space Book Club: The Wild Robot

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!

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### Curious by Nature: Going Batty

HALLS | 4:00 PM  
Grades 1-5 | Enjoy books, activities, and sustainable crafts about nature topics.

## ADULTS

### October Adult Crafts

Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!

#### Bedazzling Books!

Oct 2	Norwood	6:00 PM
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#### Spooky Silhouettes

Oct 6	Cedar Bluff	6:00 PM
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#### Terra Cotta Trinket Dish

Oct 13	Sequoyah	6:00 PM
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#### Anxiety Crafters Presents: Hobbit Houses

Oct 18	Karns	2:00 PM
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#### Book Stack Craft

Oct 20	Cedar Bluff	6:00 PM
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### Beginners Spanish

CEDAR BLUFF

Ages 12+ | Learn basic Spanish through fun, interactive lessons at the library.

Oct 6	1:00 PM
Oct 13	1:00 PM
Oct 20	1:00 PM
Oct 27	1:00 PM

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### You CAN Craft: Easy Crafts for Adults

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

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### Paper Art

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

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### Poetry Talk with Knoxville Poet Laureate

HALLS | 1:00 PM  
Join Linda Parsons, Knoxville's Poet Laureate, for an afternoon of poetry and conversation.



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### Ghost Hunting 101

CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM  
Learn about ghost hunting with local paranormal investigators Jason Scott and David Reagan.



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### Daytime Docs Film Series - The Truffle Hunters (2020)

LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM  
Join this group of aging men as they hunt for the rare white Alba truffle, guided by a secret training passed down through generations, as well as by the noses of their cherished dogs.



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### Fountain City Music Festival

FOUNTAIN CITY | 5:30 PM  
Come enjoy a wide variety of songs at the 13th Annual Fountain City Music Festival, starring the Knoxville Songwriters Association.

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### Ready, Set, Crochet

BEARDEN | 6:00 PM  
Ages 13+ | Join other beginners and learn how to start your first project.

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### Scrabble and Snacks

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

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### Norwood Cross Stitch Guild

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

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### Workshop: Historical Newspapers Online

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 10:00 AM  
Learn strategies for searching online newspapers to discover more of your family history.

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### Ask a Master Gardener

NORWOOD | 10:00 AM  
Have gardening questions? Come by and Ask a Master Gardener!

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### The Chronicles of Yarnia!

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

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### The Local Chapter: Kristen Combs

BURLINGTON | 2:00 PM  
Join Kristen Combs for a book talk, meet-n-greet, and book signing.

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### Workshop: Researching the History of Your House

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 6:00 PM  
Learn how to research the history of your house such as the land, building/ house, and people associated with the property.

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### The Local Chapter: Michelle Shocklee

BURLINGTON | 1:00 PM  
Join Michelle Shocklee for a book talk, meet-n-greet, and book signing.

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### New Plays

LAWSON MCGHEE | 1:00 PM  
Stop by to hear new play readings from the Tennessee Stage Company.

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### Brush Hour

KARNS | 6:30 PM  
Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

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### All About Birds: Spooky Birds

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM  
Ages 14+ | Join Seven Islands State Birding Park for spooky bird fun.

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### Social Security Disability 101

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