

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

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

santa Visits

- Wednesday, December 4 | 11:30–12:30
HALLS BRANCH LIBRARY
- Thursday, December 5 | 11:00–12:30
CEDAR BLUFF BRANCH LIBRARY
- Thursday, December 5 | 4:00–5:00
CORRYTON BRANCH LIBRARY
- Monday, December 9 | 2:00–3:00
NORWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
- Tuesday, December 10 | 11:00–12:00
BURLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY
- Wednesday, December 11 | 11:00–12:00
HOWARD PINKSTON BRANCH LIBRARY
- Thursday, December 12 | 11:00–12:30
FARRAGUT BRANCH LIBRARY
- Tuesday, December 17 | 11:00–12:00
BEARDEN BRANCH LIBRARY
- Wednesday, December 18 | 10:30–11:30
LAWSON MCGHEE CHILDREN'S ROOM
- Wednesday, December 18 | 3:30–4:30
POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY
- Thursday, December 19 | 11:00–12:00
SEQUOYAH BRANCH LIBRARY
- Thursday, December 19 | 4:00–5:00
SOUTH KNOXVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY
- Friday, December 20 | 10:15–11:15
FOUNTAIN CITY BRANCH LIBRARY

KNOX COUNTY TENNESSEE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

IMAGINATION LIBRARY —

20 Years!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County, 2005–2025

In 2025 we're celebrating a special Imagination Library milestone in Knox County—twenty years! Did you graduate from Imagination Library of Knox County in its early years, 2005–2009?

Please share your story with us!

Scan the code or submit your story at www.knoxcountylibrary.org/il.

STORYTIMES

Lawson McGhee Library			Farragut Branch Library			Norwood Branch Library		
Baby	Thurs.	10:30	Baby	Wed.	10:30	Baby	Wed.	10:00
Toddler	Wed.	10:00	Toddler	Thurs.	10:30	Preschool	Wed.	11:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00	Preschool	Mon.	10:30	Powell Branch Library		
Bearden Branch Library			Ready, Set, K!	Tues.	10:30	Baby	Wed.	10:30
Baby	Fri.	10:30	Fountain City Branch			Preschool	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:15	Baby	Fri.	11:00	Pajama	Thurs.	6:30
Preschool	Tues.	10:15	Preschool	Fri.	10:15	<i>First Thurs. of each month</i>		
Burlington Branch Library			Halls Branch Library			Sequoyah Branch Library		
Preschool	Tues.	10:30	Baby	Fri.	10:30	Preschool	Thurs.	10:30
Carter Branch Library			Toddler	Wed.	10:30	South Knoxville Branch		
Preschool	Tues.	1:30	Preschool	Wed.	11:00	Preschool	Mon.	10:30
Cedar Bluff Branch			Howard Pinkston Branch			After School	Tues.	3:30
Baby	Tues.	10:30	Preschool	Wed.	10:30	Preschool	Wed.	10:30
Baby	Tues.	11:15	Karns Branch Library					
Toddler	Wed.	10:30	Toddler	Wed.	10:30			
Toddler	Wed.	11:15	Preschool	Wed.	11:00			
Preschool	Thurs.	10:30	North Knoxville Branch					
			Preschool	Wed.	11:00			

BOOKS

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

Farragut Book Club
Dec 2 Farragut 6:00 PM

Halls Literary Social Hour
Dec 3 Halls 1:00 PM

After-Hours Book Club
Dec 5 Halls 6:00 PM

History Parlor
Dec 9 East TN History Center 9:30 AM

All Over the Page
Dec 9 Lawson McGhee 6:30 PM

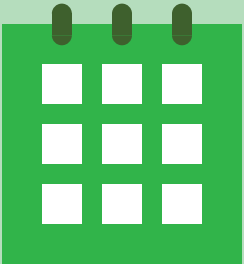
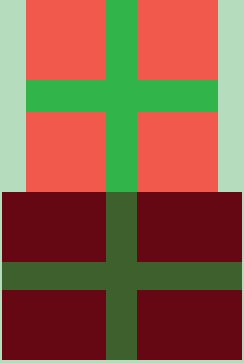
Cookbook Club
Dec 14 Norwood 11:00 AM

Pop Culture Book Club
Dec 17 Norwood 6:00 PM

Cedar Bluff Book Circle
Dec 19 Cedar Bluff 1:00 PM

Monday Night Book Club
Dec 30 Fountain City 6:00 PM

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales
Dec 6-7 Bearden 10–5 PM



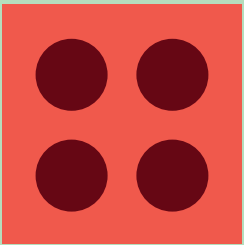
Library Closings

The holiday season is upon us! Keep an eye out for the days that library locations are closed this month:

Christmas
December 24-25

New Year's Eve
December 31
Closing early at 5:30

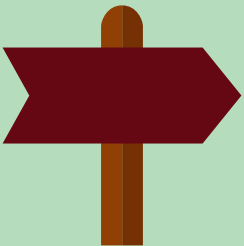
New Year's Day
January 1



LEGO® Clubs

Look for building clubs at 7 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Cedar Bluff, 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

Special Storytimes

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

Dec 5	Burlington	Symphony	10:30 AM
Dec 12	Burlington	Polar Express	5:30 PM
Dec 13	Farragut	Once Upon...	10:30 AM
Dec 16	Farragut	After School	4:00 PM
Dec 17	Karns	Winter PJ Stories	6:00 PM
Dec 19	Bearden	Jolly Storytime	4:00 PM

TUES
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Full STEAM Ahead: Sink or Float

HALLS | 11:00 AM

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



Holiday Crafts

It's the holiday season, and hand-made crafts are the best present that a little one can give! Stop by these events to create a fun craft for the holidays.

Holiday Ornaments

Dec. 3	Howard Pinkston	4:00 PM
Dec. 17	Halls	5:00 PM

Christmas Dinosaurs

Dec. 17	Howard Pinkston	6:00 PM
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Drip Painting Ornaments

Dec. 19	Halls	5:00 PM
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Crafternoons

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

Dec 5	South Knox.	4:00 PM
Dec 6	Halls	4:00 PM
Dec 12	South Knox.	4:00 PM
Dec 20	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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Reading Wreaths Drop-Off

SOUTH KNOXVILLE | ALL DAY

Drop off your unique holiday wreath inspired by your favorite story. Voting ends the 21st. Categories: Preschool, Ages 5-10, 11-17, and Adult
Rules: One entry per person/group, all entries should be inspired by a story of any kind, & all entries must be appropriate for all ages.

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Crafty Saturday

FOUNTAIN CITY | 11:00 AM

Join us for tons of fun making a craft based on a popular children's book.

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Museum Mondays: ETHC presents History Huzzah!

HALLS | 3:00 PM

Grades 4-12 | Learn about Tennessee's role in the Revolutionary War with a fun activity.

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To the Moon and Beyond

SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 6:00 PM

Ages 5-17 | Learn about astronomy and explore space with a telescope with the Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society.



THUR
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Holly Jolly Day!

FARRAGUT | 10:00-5:00

Jingle all the way to the library to play some fun holiday games, earn prizes, and pick up some take-home crafts!

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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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Storytime Saturdays with the Author: Lucy Branam

LAWSON MCGHEE | 11:00 AM

This month, join us for a special storytime with Lucy Branam, up-and-coming author of the *Roof Octopus* and *Monday*. Books will be available for purchase.



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Kit's Club: Wildlife is Everywhere

HALLS | 10:30 AM

Join a park ranger from Seven Islands State Park as we learn all about wildlife.

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The Puzzle Hour

BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM

Have fun solving puzzles of all skill levels.



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Polar Express Party

BEARDEN | 2:30 PM

Celebrate the season with activities and games around Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express*. Come for the fun and the Hot! Hot! Hot Chocolate!

ADULTS

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Barred Owls Habitat Art Show

BURLINGTON | 6:00 PM

The Barred Owls urban animal habitat education group will hold an art show December 2-7. Stop by the reception to view original art works of various media that illustrate "The Nature Around Us".

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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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Reference Resources: Jobseeking 101

CEDAR BLUFF | 5:30 PM

Learn about job posting sites, scams to avoid, and get resume and interview tips.



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Gift Wrapping Party

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM

Ages 13+ | Enjoy holiday tunes and refreshments while wrapping holiday gifts for your loved ones.

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Mastering Medicare: Turning 65

CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM

Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.



THUR
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12

Reference Resources: Databases & Apps

FOUNTAIN CITY | 5:30 PM

Join us for a presentation on free library databases and apps!

THUR
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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!



THUR
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Recycled Christmas Card Ornaments

BEARDEN | 6:00 PM

Ages 13+ | Upcycle vintage Christmas cards to create festive ornaments!



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Daytime Docs Film Series - *Iris* (2015)

LAWSON MCGHEE | 1:30 PM

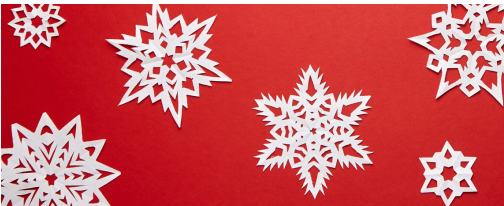
Take a look into the life of fashion icon Iris Apfel, who held fast to her middle-class Queens values and work ethic.

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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.



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Paper Art

BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM

Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.



THUR
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Norwood Cross Stitch Guild

NORWOOD | 6:00 PM

Intermediate and advanced stitchers work together on larger on-going projects. You are encouraged to bring your own project.

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Paper Art

BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM

Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.



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The Chronicles of Yarnia!

CEDAR BLUFF | 12:00 PM

Ages 13+ | Knit, crochet, and create with fellow yarn enthusiasts, share ideas, and check out provided craft books.

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Brush Hour: Ink Fireworks

KARNS | 4:00 PM

Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults. Ring in the new year with firework inspired art.

TEENS



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Teen Book Club

HALLS | 5:00 PM

Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite reads.