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# Off the Shelf

## EVENT CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2025

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



Tuesday, December 2 | 11:00–12:00  
BURLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 2 | 6:00–7:00  
HOWARD PINKSTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Friday, December 5 | 3:30–5:00  
FARRAGUT BRANCH LIBRARY

Monday, December 8 | 6:00–7:00  
NORWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 9 | 6:00–7:00  
CARTER BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, December 11 | 6:00–7:30  
CEDAR BLUFF BRANCH LIBRARY

Friday, December 12 | 4:00–5:00  
CORYTON BRANCH LIBRARY

Monday, December 15 | 6:00–7:00  
SEQUOYAH BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, December 16 | 6:00–7:00  
FOUNTAIN CITY BRANCH LIBRARY

Wednesday, December 17 | 10:30–11:30  
LAWSON MCGHEE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Thursday, December 18 | 6:00–7:00  
SOUTH KNOXVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, December 19 | 4:00–5:00  
HALLS BRANCH LIBRARY

Monday, December 22 | 6:30–7:30  
POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY

Monday, December 23 | 5:30–6:30  
KARNS BRANCH LIBRARY



### LIBRARY WRAPPED

No need to shake the box or tear the paper, take a peek at the most checked out titles of 2025 so far!





**Most Checked Out Juvenile Book**

*Dog Man Unleashed*  
by Dav Pilkey



**Most Checked Out Juvenile eBook**

*Dog Man Fetch-22*  
by Dav Pilkey



**Most Checked Out Adult Book**

*The Women*  
by Kristin Hannah



**Most Checked Out Adult eBook**

*The Let Them Theory*  
by Mel Robbins

### Most Checked Out Genres

Mysteries	29,029	checkouts
Graphic Novels	22,869	checkouts
Romance	13,611	checkouts
Biography	11,249	checkouts
Inspirational	11,062	checkouts
Fantasy	6,897	checkouts

### 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



### BOOKS



#### Library Book Clubs

Check out future dates online to read ahead!

##### Farragut Book Club

Dec 1	Farragut	6:00 PM
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##### Halls Literary Social Hour

Dec 2	Halls	1:00 PM
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##### All Over the Page

Dec 8	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
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##### Teen Book Club

Dec 9	Halls	4:00 PM
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##### History Parlor

Dec 11	East TN History Center	10:00 AM
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##### Cookbook Club

Dec 13	Norwood	11:00 AM
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##### Pop Culture Book Club

Dec 16	Bearden	6:00 PM
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##### Cedar Bluff Book Circle

Dec 18	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
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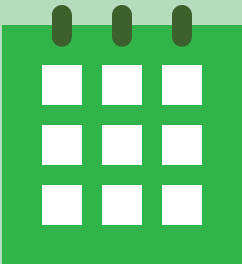
##### Monday Night Book Club

Dec 29	Fountain City	6:00 PM
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##### Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

Dec 5-6	Bearden	10-5 PM
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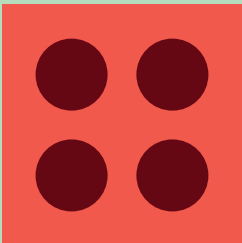
### Library Closings

The holiday season is upon us! Keep an eye out for the upcoming days that library locations will be closed:

**Christmas**  
December 24-25

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

**New Year's Day**  
January 1



### 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.

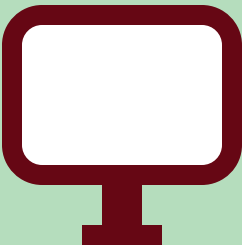
LEGOs® are provided by the library and cannot be taken home. LEGO® and MEGA BLOKS do not sponsor, authorize or endorse these events.



### Job Help Mondays

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

**Dec 1**  
**Dec 8**  
**Dec 15**



### Tech Help Tuesdays

Get tech help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from 12:00 to 1:00.

**Dec 2**  
**Dec 9**  
**Dec 16**

### 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

**MON**  
**DEC**  
**1**

### 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.

**TUES**  
**DEC**  
**2**

### Full STEAM Ahead: Jingle Bell Hush

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



### December Crafts

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

#### Ornament Make and Take

**Dec 2** **Carter** **4:00 PM**

#### Feltin' Around the Christmas Tree

**Dec 6** **Cedar Bluff** **2:00 PM**

#### STEAM: Computer Binary Code Ornaments

**Dec 16** **Carter** **4:30 PM**

#### Holiday Ornaments

**Dec 16** **Howard Pinkston** **6:00 PM**

#### Holiday Ornaments for Bird Lovers

**Dec 18** **Burlington** **11:00 AM**

#### Create Your Own: Seasonal Door Mats

**Dec 16** **Halls** **5:30 PM**

#### Holiday Craft Day

**Dec 22** **Bearden** **All Day**



**TUES**  
**DEC**  
**2**

### STEAM: Hour of Code

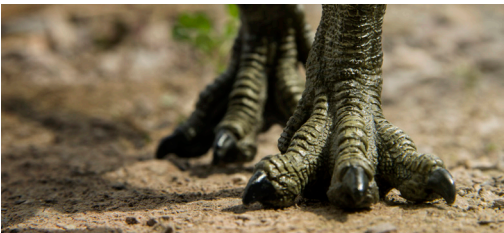
POWELL | 6:00 PM  
Ages 8-13 | Work to complete the free Code Monkey Hour of Code challenge: Coding Adventure!



**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**4**

### Kit's Nature Club: What Animals do in the Winter

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM  
What do animals that don't migrate do during the winter? Let's find out with Seven Islands State Birding Park rangers!



**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**4**

### Dinosaur Water Footprint

HALLS | 4:00 PM  
Learn about water footprints as we compare dinosaurs to modern animals!

**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**4**

### Family Game Night

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

**FRI**  
**DEC**  
**5**

### 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!

### Special Storytimes

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

**Dec 5** **Farragut** **Once Upon A Story** **10:30 AM**

**Dec 9** **Norwood** **Symphony Orchestra** **11:00 AM**

**Dec 11** **Burlington** **Merry Grinch-mas!** **5:30 PM**

**Dec 15** **Farragut** **After School Story** **4:00 PM**

## ADULTS



### December Teen & Adult Crafts

Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!

#### Deck the Pages: Christmas Junk Journals

**Dec 1** **Cedar Bluff** **6:00 PM**

#### Spinning Holiday Magic: Ukrainian Ornaments

**Dec 3** **Bearden** **4:00 PM**

#### Bedazzling Books!

**Dec 4** **Norwood** **6:00 PM**

#### Crafty Collagers: Elf and Fairy Doors

**Dec 15** **Karns** **2:00 PM**

#### Cozy Christmas Cookie Decorating

**Dec 15** **Cedar Bluff** **6:00 PM**

**FRI**  
**DEC**  
**5**

### The Silver Screen: The Bishop's Wife

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

**SAT**  
**DEC**  
**6**

### Tennessee Stage Company presents: New Play readings

LAWSON MCGHEE | 1:00 PM  
Stop by to hear a new play reading of *Landscape, with Color* by Jeanette Brown.



**SAT**  
**DEC**  
**6**

### The Local Chapter: Brenda Prater Sellers

BURLINGTON | 2:00 PM  
Join local author of *You Slept There?*, Brenda Prater Sellers for a book talk and meet-n-greet.

**TUES**  
**DEC**  
**9**

### Mastering Medicare: Turning 65

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

**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**11**

### Paper Art

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



**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**11**

### Travel without Limits: Learn From an Expert

BEARDEN | 5:30 PM  
Learn to plan your trip like a pro from certified travel agent, Krista Cutro.

**MON**  
**DEC**  
**15**

### You CAN Craft: Easy Crafts for Adults

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



**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**18**

### Scrabble and Snacks

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

### Crafternoons

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

**Dec 5** **Halls** **4:00 PM**  
**Dec 19** **Cedar Bluff** **3:30 PM**

**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**11**

### Bearden STEM Club

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



**MON**  
**DEC**  
**15**

### Curiosity Club: Homemade Holiday Cards

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM  
Ages 5-11 | Make your own holiday cards to share with friends and family this the holiday season.



**MON**  
**DEC**  
**15**

### Holiday Traditions Trivia

HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Get into the holiday spirit and flex your knowledge with Holiday Traditions Trivia!

**TUES**  
**DEC**  
**16**

### Family Game Night

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

**MON**  
**DEC**  
**29**

### Bingo for Books

BURLINGTON | 6:00 PM  
Play bingo for a chance to win free books provided by Friends of the Library!

**THUR**  
**DEC**  
**18**

### Norwood Cross Stitch Guild

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

**FRI**  
**DEC**  
**19**

### Middle School Crafternoon: Swirled Ornaments

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM  
Ages 11+ | Where tweens craft, chat, and chill. This month, we'll be making swirled paint ornaments to celebrate the holiday season!

**SAT**  
**DEC**  
**20**

### The Chronicles of Yarnia!

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



**SUN**  
**DEC**  
**21**

### Daytime Docs Film Series - Brian Wilson: Long Promised Road (2021)

LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM  
Explore the life and career of the singer, songwriter, and co-founder of The Beach Boys on a drive through Los Angeles with his longtime friend and *Rolling Stone* editor, Jason Fine.



**TUES**  
**DEC**  
**23**

### Brush Hour Special Edition: Die Hard Christmas Illusion Ornaments

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