

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2025

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

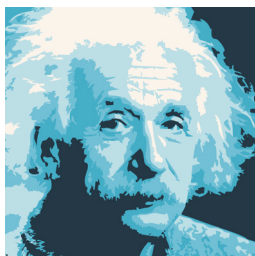


Let's get curious!

Join a new reading challenge with wonderful prizes!

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, in the **Read City USA 'Curious Minds' Challenge**, led by Mayor Jacobs, complete fascinating activities on your gameboard: ask questions, make discoveries, and examine the world around you and how it works.

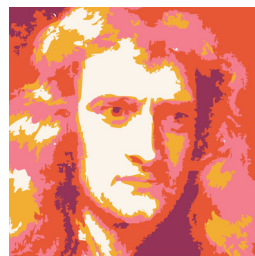
Return to the library every five activities completed to claim a prize. Pick up a gameboard at the **Library Laboratory** on Feb. 1 or at any library location **Feb. 1 - Mar. 16** to join in the fun and get inquisitive! Optional: Track your progress digitally through the Beanstack app or online at www.knoxlib.beanstack.com.



ALBERT EINSTEIN
(1879–1955)



MARIE CURIE
(1867–1934)



ISAAC NEWTON
(1643–1727)

Learn more about these featured 'Scientists Among Us' by checking out the book lists located on each of their profiles at www.knoxcountylibrary.org/read-city.

LIBRARY LAB

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!

Overbooked: Romance Books		
Feb 1	Halls	3:00 PM
Farragut Book Club		
Feb 3	Farragut	6:00 PM
Halls Literary Social Hour		
Feb 4	Halls	1:00 PM
SoKno Silent Book Club		
Feb 7	South Knoxville	3:00 PM
History Parlor		
Feb 10	East TN History Center	9:30 AM
All Over the Page		
Feb 10	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
Cookbook Club		
Feb 15	Norwood	11:00 AM
Evening Reads		
Feb 18	Bearden	6:00 PM
Cedar Bluff Book Circle		
Feb 20	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
Monday Night Book Club		
Feb 24	Fountain City	6:00 PM
Pop Culture Book Club		
Feb 25	Bearden	6:00 PM
Friends of the Library Used Book Sales		
Feb 1	Fountain City	10-5 PM
Feb 15	South Knoxville	10-5 PM

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CHILDREN & FAMILY

Saturday Stories & Songs

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

Feb 1	Howard Pinkston	Jodie Manross	11:00 AM
Feb 8	Powell	Dancing Spider	11:00 AM



FEB 3-8 **Valentines for the Community**
NORWOOD | ALL DAY
Stop by to make Valentine's Day cards to be given out to patrons the following week of February 10th.

MON FEB 3 **Museum Mondays: CMOR – Code a Sandcastle**
HALLS | 3:00 PM
Grades K-2 | The Children's Museum of Oak Ridge presents How to Code a Sandcastle.

TUES FEB 4 **Full STEAM Ahead: Build an Igloo for a Yeti**
HALLS | 11:00 AM
Ages 3-5 | Activities and opportunities to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles.

February Crafts

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

Cotton Ball Snowmen			
Feb 4	Howard Pinkston		4:30 PM
Valentine's Day Garland			
Feb 6	Halls		5:00 PM
No-Sew Heart Pillow			
Feb 10	Sequoyah		6:00 PM
Random Acts of Kindness - Warm Fuzzies			
Feb 18	Halls		5:00 PM
Painted Salt Snowflakes			
Feb 18	Howard Pinkston		6:00 PM

Crafternoons

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

Feb 6	South Knoxville	4:00 PM
Feb 7	Halls	4:00 PM
Feb 21	Cedar Bluff	3:30 PM

THUR FEB 6 **Family Game Night**
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

TUES FEB 11 **STEAM: How Does the Heart Function?**
CARTER | 6:00 PM
Grades K-8 | Create a working model of a heart and use a stethoscope to discover how a heart functions.



WED FEB 12 **Early Release Day Fun: Bingo**
LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
Let's play a few rounds of Bingo! Winners will receive books provided by the Friends of the Knox County Public Library.

WED FEB 12 **Full STEAM Ahead**
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM
Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math by participating in fun and engaging science programming.



WED FEB 12 **Winter Carnival at Cedar Bluff**
CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM
Enjoy festive crafts, warm refreshments, and catchy winter tunes as we celebrate the magic of the season.



Special Storytimes

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

Feb 13	Powell	Symphony	11:00 AM
Feb 14	Farragut	Once Upon...	10:30 AM
Feb 24	Farragut	After School	4:00 PM



THUR FEB 13 **Bearden STEM Club**
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM
Grades 1-5 | Learn about Science, Tech., Engineering, & Math through design, construction, & experimentation!

THUR FEB 13 **Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers**
HALLS | 4:00 PM
Play with building sets and share books on engineering and building.



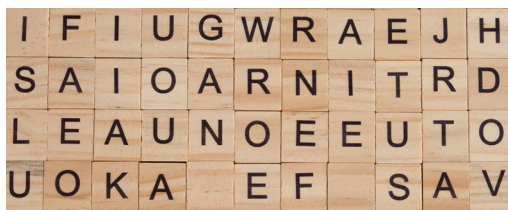
SAT FEB 15 **Storytime Saturdays with the Author: Wesley Bennett**
LAWSON MCGHEE | 11:00 AM
This month, join us for a special storytime with Wesley Bennett, author of the love letter to his hometown, *Kitty of Knoxville*. Books will be available for purchase.

ADULTS

MON FEB 3 **You CAN Craft: Easy Crafts for Adults**
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Make easy crafts geared toward adults that want to express their artistic side.

MON FEB 5 **Reference Resources: Databases & Apps**
CEDAR BLUFF | 5:30 PM
Join us for a presentation on free library databases and apps!

SAT FEB 8 **The Do's and Don'ts of Paranormal Investigating**
CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM
Jason Scott and David Reagan will share stories and their Do's and Don'ts of Paranormal Investigation.



MON FEB 10 **Scrabble Tile Book Craft**
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
Turn your favorite book covers to Scrabble tile charms for necklaces or pins.

TUES FEB 11 **Mastering Medicare: Turning 65**
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM
Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.

THUR FEB 13 **Mommy Storytime**
SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 11:00 AM
Ages 18+ | A story time for grown-ups! Hear stories and talk about books you've read while doing crafts.

THUR FEB 13 **Reference Resources: Jobseeking 101**
FOUNTAIN CITY | 5:30 PM
Learn about job posting sites, scams to avoid, and get resume and interview tips.

THUR FEB 13 **Paper Art**
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.



THUR FEB 13 **The Stitching Station**
HALLS | 6:00 PM
Bring any soft lap craft (knitting, crochet, embroidery, etc.) and come stitch with us!

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

SAT FEB 15 **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.



SUN FEB 16 **Daytime Docs Film Series - The League (2023)**
LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
This film explores The Negro League as an economic and social pillar of Black communities and a stage for some of the greatest athletes to ever play the game, while also examining the unintended consequences of integration.

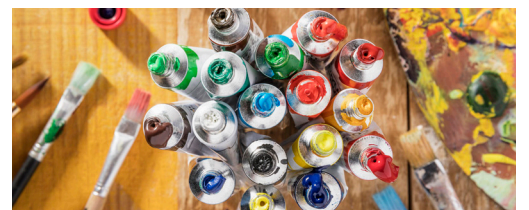
THUR FEB 20 **Tropes and Trivia**
SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 4:00 PM
Ages 15+ | What's your bookish IQ? Test what you know about the material in your library.

THUR FEB 20 **Scrabble and Snacks**
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Spell your way into a triple-word score and enjoy a new snack mix!



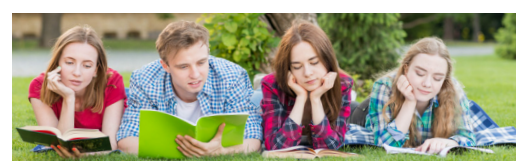
THUR FEB 20 **Norwood Cross Stitch Guild**
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Intermediate and advanced stitchers can work together on larger on-going projects.

THUR FEB 20 **Social Security Disability 101**
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM
Learn useful and accurate information about how the Social Security Disability benefit system works.

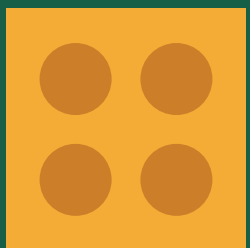


TUES FEB 25 **Brush Hour**
KARNS | 4:00 PM
Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

TEENS



TUES FEB 11 **Teen Book Club**
HALLS | 5:00 PM
Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite reads.



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.

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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