

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL 2026

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

National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month celebrates poets' integral role in our culture—reminding us that poetry matters. It has become one of the largest literary celebrations in the world, with millions of readers, students, teachers, librarians, booksellers, publishers, families, and—of course—poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives. Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library this April by exploring these literary events and the poetry collection in the library catalog!



MON
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All Over the Page: Jesse Graves, Live Author Event

LAWSON MCGHEE | 6:30 PM

For national poetry month, we are honored to host Poet-in-Residence at ETSU and James Still Award for Writing about the Appalachian South recipient Jesse Graves as our guest facilitator. He will read selections from his fourth collection of poems, *Merciful Days*.

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25

The Local Chapter: Poet Laureate Linda Parsons

BURLINGTON | 2:00 PM

Join Poet Laureate of Knoxville Linda Parsons, for a book talk and signing. Parsons is the poetry editor for Madville Publishing and the copy editor for *Chapter 16*, the literary website of Humanities Tennessee. Her sixth poetry collection is *Valediction: Poems and Prose*.



Want to hear poems the way a poet hears them? Give a listen to *The Beat: A Poetry Podcast*, where poets read some of their favorite poems and give insight into their writing. Visit knoxcountylibrary.org/podcasts to listen today.

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

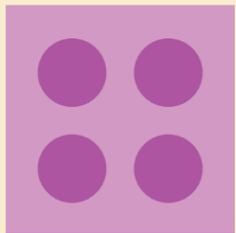
Check out future dates online to read ahead!

<i>2:00 Book Club</i>		
Apr 6	Powell	2:00 PM
<i>Farragut Book Club</i>		
Apr 6	Farragut	6:00 PM
<i>Halls Literary Social Hour</i>		
Apr 7	Halls	1:00 PM
<i>Teen Book Club</i>		
Apr 8	Halls	4:00 PM
<i>All Over the Page Live Author Event</i>		
Apr 13	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
<i>Cedar Bluff Book Circle</i>		
Apr 16	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
<i>Pop Culture Book Club</i>		
Apr 21	Bearden	6:00 PM
<i>Monday Night Book Club</i>		
Apr 27	Fountain City	6:00 PM
<i>Friends of the Library Used Book Sales</i>		
Apr 18	Halls	10-5 PM

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Tech Smart Knox Seniors
April 27-May 1
10:30 AM-1:30 PM
 If you are age 60 or older, live in Knox County, and interested in learning how to use a laptop computer, this week-long tech class is for you! Space is limited so call **865-470-7033** to register for all 5 courses.



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 Thursdays
 Get job help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from **12:00 to 1:00**.
April 2
April 9
April 16
April 23
April 30



Tech Help Tuesdays
 Get tech help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from **12:00 to 1:00**.
April 7
April 14
April 21
April 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

THUR APR 2 **Dino Days: The Bronto Build**
 BEARDEN | 4:00 PM
 Work together to assemble a jumbo sized paper dinosaur fossil puzzle.



April Crafts
 Stop by for a craft that's fun for the whole family!
Create Your Own: Wooden Psyanky eggs
Apr 2 Halls 5:00 PM
Dino-mite Fun! Bookends
Apr 13 Sequoyah 6:00 PM
Laminated Story Bookmarks
Apr 28 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM

THUR APR 2 **Family Game Night**
 BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
 Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

Saturday Stories & Songs
 These programs highlight a variety of talented storytellers, musicians, and performers. Funded by the Aprgaret Dickson Bequest.
Apr 4 Halls Miss Lynn 11:00 AM
Apr 11 Lawson McGhee Jodie Manross 11:00 AM

MON APR 6 **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 APR 7 **Full STEAM Ahead: Repeat the Pattern**
 HALLS | 11:00 AM
 Ages 3-5 | Activities and opportunities to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles.

Special Storytimes
 Join us for these unique storytime events. Look for weekly storytimes on the front page or online.
Apr 9 Burlington Larkspur Reed Trio 11:00 AM
Apr 17 Farragut Once Upon A Story 10:30 AM
Apr 27 Farragut After School Story 4:00 PM

THUR APR 9 **Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers**
 HALLS | 4:00 PM
 Play with building sets and share books on engineering and building.



TUES APR 14 **H2Olympics**
 HALLS | 4:00 PM
 Investigate water's different properties to celebrate the 2026 Winter Olympics!

Crafternoons
 Ages 3+ | Develop social and motor skills while having fun with arts and crafts onsite or at home.
Apr 17 Cedar Bluff 3:30 PM

FRI APR 17 **Middle School Crafternoon: Beaded Suncatchers**
 BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM
 Ages 11-14 | Where tweens craft, chat, and chill. This month, we will be making Beaded Suncatchers!

KSO Musical Storytime
 Join the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra to combine books and music at these special storytimes.
Apr 21 Bearden 11:00 AM
Apr 22 Howard Pinkston 11:00 AM
Apr 23 Fountain City 11:00 AM



TUES APR 21 **Page Turners: Dog Man**
 HALLS | 4:00 PM
 Come discuss your favorite things about the Dog Man Series and create similar characters to the books.

TUES APR 24 **Family Game Night**
 POWELL | 5:00 PM
 Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

MON APR 27 **Curiosity Club: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle**
 BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM
 Ages 5-11 | Celebrate Earth Day and learn the three R's (Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling) with Keep Knoxville Beautiful.

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ADULTS

SAT APR 4 **WORKSHOP: Beginning Genealogy**
 EAST TN HISTORY CENTER | 1:00 PM
 Learn where to start when it comes to researching your family history.

Learn Spanish at Cedar Bluff
 CEDAR BLUFF
 Ages 12+ | Practice your foreign language skills!
Apr 6 Beginners Spanish 12:15 PM
Apr 6 Next Level Spanish 1:00 PM



MON APR 6 **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 FEB 9 **Paper Art**
 BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
 Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.

SAT APR 11 **The Chronicles of Yarnia!**
 CEDAR BLUFF | 12:15 PM
 Ages 13+ | Knit, crochet, and create with fellow yarn enthusiasts.



April Teen & Adult Crafts
 Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!
Play With Clay
Apr 13 Cedar Bluff 6:00 PM
Crafty Creations: Bling Your Own Book
Apr 16 Halls 4:00 PM
Afternoon Craft
Apr 25 Powell 2:00 PM

TUES APR 14 **Mastering Medicare: Turning 65**
 CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM
 Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.

McClung Branches Out
 Can't make it downtown? The McClung Historical Collection is coming to a branch location near you!
Apr 15 Bearden 2:00 PM
Apr 29 Farragut 2:00 PM

THUR APR 16 **Norwood Cross Stitch Guild**
 NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
 Ages 13+ | Work on larger projects with intermediate and advanced stitchers.

THUR APR 16 **Scrabble and Snacks**
 FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
 Spell your way into a triple-word score and enjoy a new snack mix!



THUR APR 16 **Social Security Disability 101**
 CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM
 Learn useful and accurate information about how the Social Security Disability benefit system works.



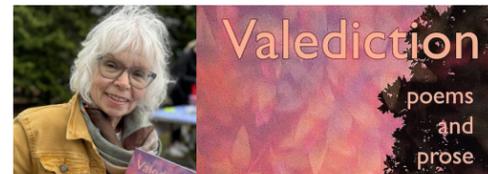
Ask a Master Gardener
 Have gardening questions? Come by and Ask a Master Gardener!
Apr 18 Norwood 10:00 AM
Apr 25 Burlington 10:00 AM



SAT APR 18 **Master Gardeners: Starting Spunky Sprouts**
 CEDAR BLUFF | 11:00 AM
 Learn how to grow plants all the way from seed to maturity!



SUN APR 19 **Daytime Docs Film Series - The Gullspång Miracle (2023)**
 LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
 This film explores the role of fate, as a divine sign leads two sisters to rent an apartment in the small Swedish town of Gullspång, where they find the seller has eerie similarities to their deceased sister.



SAT APR 25 **The Local Chapter: Linda Parsons**
 BURLINGTON | 2:00 PM
 Join local Knoxville Poet Laureate Linda Parsons for a book talk and meet-n-greet.

SAT APR 25 **Cedar Bluff Craft Swap**
 CEDAR BLUFF | 3:00 PM
 Come swap your craft supplies at the library! **Donate from April 1-17** and receive early entry to the swap from 2-3 PM. Event is open to the public to grab items at 3 PM.

SAT APR 25 **Tea Time & Table Games**
 BEARDEN | 2:00 PM
 Come have a cozy afternoon of tea and tabletop gaming with your friends or make new friends.

MON APR 27 **The Paper Workshop**
 CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
 Join us for an hour of casual paper crafting. Bring your own supplies.

TUES APR 28 **Brush Hour**
 KARNs | 6:30 PM
 Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

WED APR 29 **Library for All**
 BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM
 Teens and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers are invited for an hour of fun-filled activities and seeing friends!