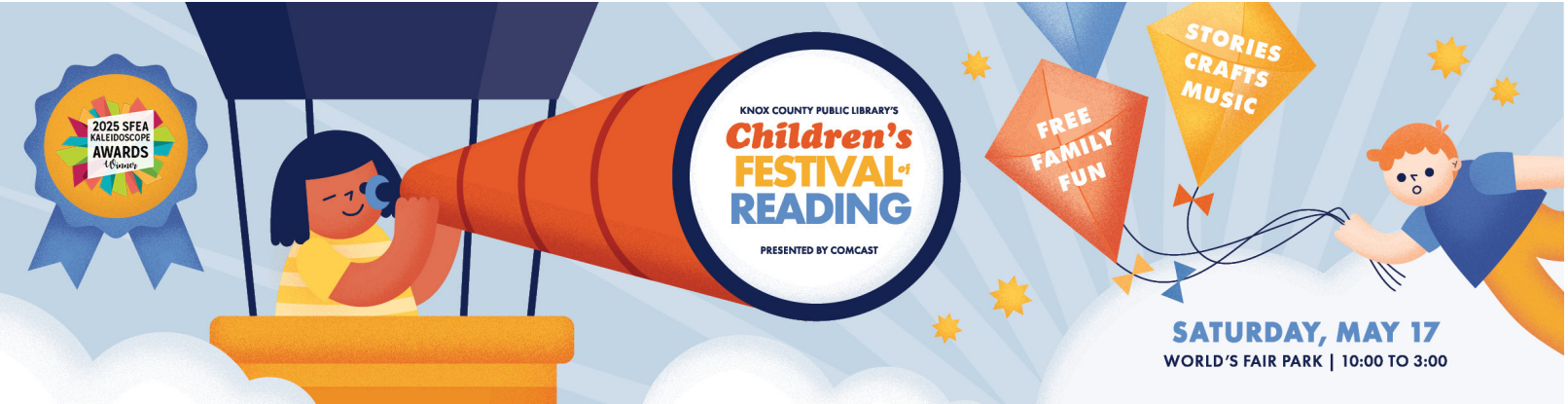


Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 2025

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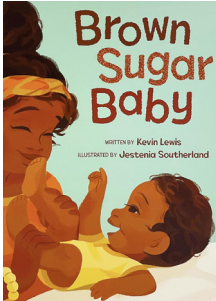
The 19th Children's Festival of Reading is presented by  COMCAST

Join us for a breezy day in World's Fair Park on **SATURDAY, MAY 17** celebrating books, authors, and the literary arts. Snap a sunny selfie with a character, sing along in the music tent, watch the sun-believable experiments in the Science and Discovery tent, unwind with a yarn in the Storytelling Tent, splash and play in Toddler Town, and so much more as we **TAKE TO THE SKIES WITH SUMMER READING!**

SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY:



Kevin Lewis



Kate Messner



Jennifer Nielsen



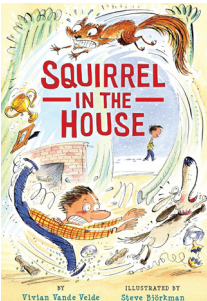
Aisha Saeed



Elliott Smith



Vivian Vande Velde



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!

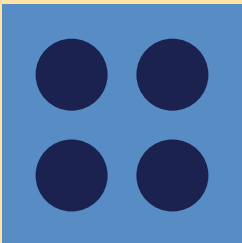
Halls Literary Social Hour		
May 6	Halls	1:00 PM
History Parlor		
May 8	East TN History Center	10:00 AM
Cookbook Club		
May 10	Norwood	11:00 AM
Overbooked: Historical Fiction		
May 10	Halls	3:00 PM
All Over the Page		
May 12	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
Cedar Bluff Book Circle		
May 15	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
Monday Night Book Club		
May 19	Fountain City	6:00 PM
Evening Reads		
May 19	Bearden	6:00 PM
Pop Culture Book Club		
May 20	Bearden	6:00 PM
Friends of the Library Used Book Sales		
May 2 & 3	Bearden	10-5 PM
May 17	Festival of Reading	10-3 PM
May 31	Halls	10-5 PM



Sky Above Us Summer Library Challenge

The Children’s Festival of Reading kicks off our summer reading challenge! Let your mind soar as you log reading and mark off literary activities. Beginning **May 17**, at any library location to get started! Participants earn stellar prizes every five activities they complete.

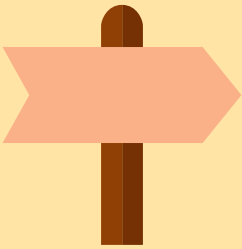
Optional: Join the challenge in Beanstack to track on your device.



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.

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.

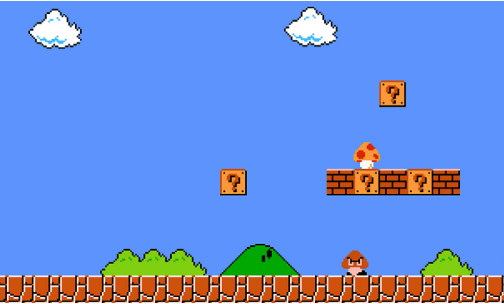
Directory

(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



ALL MONTH MAY
Mario Party Scavenger Hunt
HOWARD PINKSTON | ALL DAY
Explore the library with a self-directed Mario-themed scavenger hunt!

Special Storytimes

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

May 1 Howard Pinkston Knox Symphony **11:00 AM**
May 29 Sequoyah KAT Bus Storytime **10:30 AM**

THUR MAY 1
Family Game Night
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.



May Crafts

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

DIY Mother’s Day Card
May 9 Halls **4:00 PM**
Clay Flower Impressions
May 13 Howard Pinkston **6:00 PM**
Washi Tape Abstract Painting
May 27 Howard Pinkston **6:00 PM**



Crafternoons

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

May 2 Halls **4:00 PM**
May 16 Cedar Bluff **3:30 PM**

TUES MAY 6
Full STEAM Ahead: Engineering Centers
HALLS | 11:00 AM

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



THUR MAY 8
Bearden STEM Club
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM
Grades 1-5 | Learn about Science, Tech., Engineering, & Math through design, construction, & experimentation!

THUR MAY 8
Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers
HALLS | 4:00 PM
Play with building sets and share books on engineering and building.



TUES MAY 13
B-I-N-G-O for Books
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
Play BINGO for a chance to win free books provided by Friends of the Library!

MON MAY 19
Museum Mondays: AMSE presents Spaced Out
HALLS | 3:00 PM
Grades 3-8 | Discover how the earth, sun, and moon cause day and night, years, tides, and eclipses.



TUES MAY 20
STEAM: Help Pollinators & Help Our World
CARTER | 6:00 PM

Grades K-8 | Learn what pollinators are, how important they are to us, and what we can do to help them.

MON MAY 22
Full STEAM Ahead
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM
Grades K-5 | Explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles in a fun and engaging way.



SAT MAY 24
Puzzle and Board Game Swap
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM
Swap new and gently used puzzles, board games, and card games with other enthusiasts.



TUES MAY 27
Hello Summer Party
KARNS | 3:00 PM
Say hello to summer with a sidewalk chalk and popsicle celebration.

ADULTS



THUR MAY 1
Watercolors for Beginners
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
Learn basic techniques and tools for creating watercolor artwork.

MON MAY 5
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 MAY 5
Lap Craft Club
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Join us for an hour of casual crafting. Bring your own supplies. Books displayed and snacks provided.

Job Help Mondays

Join us every Monday for job help! Searching for a job can be stressful. Need help with your resume? Not sure where to look for work? Curious about a career change? Meet with a reference librarian for help! Bring your questions and relevant job information.

May 5 Lawson McGhee **12-1**
May 12 Lawson McGhee **12-1**
May 19 Lawson McGhee **12-1**

Tech Help Tuesdays

Join us every Tuesday for one-on-one tech help! Whether you need help setting up an email account, navigating programs like Word or Excel, or troubleshooting the Libby app, we’re here to assist you with your basic computer needs.

May 6 Lawson McGhee **12-1**
May 13 Lawson McGhee **12-1**
May 20 Lawson McGhee **12-1**
May 27 Lawson McGhee **12-1**

THUR MAY 8
Paper Art
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.

THUR MAY 8
The Hobby Corner
HALLS | 6:00 PM
Bring your portable craft project and supplies and come craft with us!

FRI MAY 9
Paper Art
BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM
Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.

SAT MAY 10
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.



May Adult Crafts
Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!
Macrame Plant Hanger
May 12 Sequoyah **6:00 PM**
Books to Journals
May 12 Cedar Bluff **6:00 PM**
Anxiety Weaving: Mini Baskets
May 17 Howard Pinkston **2:00 PM**

TUES MAY 13
Mastering Medicare: Turning 65
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM
Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.

THUR MAY 15
Norwood Cross Stitch Guild
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Ages 13+ | Intermediate and advanced stitchers can work together on larger on-going projects.

SAT MAY 17
Ask a Master Gardener
NORWOOD | 10:00 AM
Have gardening questions? Come by and Ask a Master Gardener!

SAT MAY 17
Downtown Walking Tour: Knoxville Goes to the Movies!
EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 10:30 AM
Join Laura Still for stories of Knoxville’s love affair with moving pictures.



SUN MAY 18
Daytime Docs Film Series - Made in England: The Films of Powell and Pressburger (2024)
LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM
Filmmaker Martin Scorsese reflects on the influence of two titans in British cinema, Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.

THUR MAY 22
Scrabble and Snacks
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Spell your way into a triple-word score and enjoy a new snack mix!

TUES MAY 27
Brush Hour
KARNS | 6:30 PM
Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

THUR MAY 29
Social Security Disability 101
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM
Learn useful and accurate information about how the Social Security Disability benefit system works.

TEENS



TUES MAY 13
Teen Book Club
HALLS | 4:00 PM
Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite reads.