

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 2026

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



The 20th Children's Festival of Reading is presented by COMCAST

ROARRRR into a story from 10-3 at World's Fair Park on **Saturday, May 16** to celebrate 20 years of the Children's Festival of Reading. Our triceratop-notch lineup of authors and illustrators can't wait to get kids excited to devour great stories! Meet some **prehistoric pals** from East Tennessee Dinosaur Adventure, lounge in the **dino-brary**, and see how at the library anything is foss-ible! The Festival kicks off our **Summer Library Challenge**, so pick up your tracker at the Festival or any Knox County library location beginning May 16 to log your reading and earn prizes all summer long.

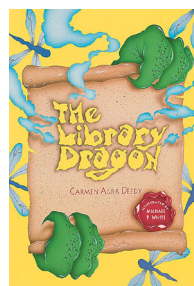
SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY:



Plus Buddy the Jr. Conductor from Dinosaur Train from East Tennessee PBS



author & storyteller
Carmen Agra Deedy



author
Erin Falligant



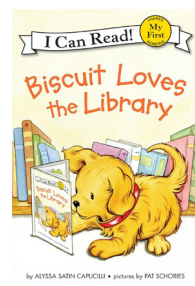
author
Chris Grabenstein



author
Kwame Mbalia



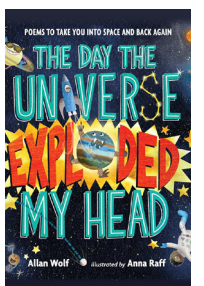
author
Alyssa Satin Capucilli



author-illustrator
Bob Shea



poet & storyteller
Allan Wolf



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!

2:00 Book Club

May 4 Powell 2:00 PM

Halls Literary Social Hour

May 5 Halls 1:00 PM

All Over the Page

May 11 Lawson McGhee 6:30 PM

Teen Book Club

May 13 Halls 4:00 PM

Monday Night Book Club

May 18 Fountain City 6:00 PM

Pop Culture Book Club

May 19 Bearden 6:00 PM

Cedar Bluff Book Circle

May 21 Cedar Bluff 1:00 PM

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

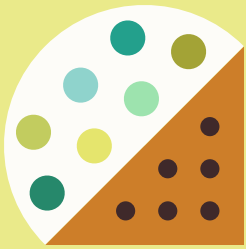
May 1-2 Bearden 10-5 PM

May 16 Children's Festival 10-5 PM

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CHILDREN & FAMILY



Jurassic Summer Library Challenge

The Children's Festival of Reading kicks off our summer reading challenge! Sink your teeth into your favorite books as you log reading and mark off literary activities. From **May 16** to **August 9**, visit any library location to pick up a tracker and get started!



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.



Tech Help Tuesdays

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

May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26



Job Help Thursdays

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

May 7
May 14
May 21
May 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



May Crafts

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

A Gift for Mom

May 2 Cedar Bluff 2:00 PM

Mixed Media Bug "Taxidermy"

May 5 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM

Pop-Up Mother's Day Card

May 7 Halls 5:00 PM

Clay Flower Impressions

May 19 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM



May the Fourth Be With You

"Truly wonderful, the mind of a child is."
— Master Yoda, *Attack of the Clones*

Star Wars Fun Day!

May 4 Farragut 10-5 PM

May the 4th Party

May 4 Burlington 4-6 PM

TUES
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Full STEAM Ahead: Let's Mix Colors

HALLS | 11:00 AM

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

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B-I-N-G-O for Books

BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM

Play BINGO for a chance to win free books provided by Friends of the Library.

THUR
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Dino Days: Dinosaur B-I-N-G-O

BEARDEN | 4:00 PM

Play Dinosaur BINGO to learn about dinosaurs and paleontologists.

THUR
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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.



THUR
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Stuffy Sleepover

POWELL | 6:30 PM

Bring your best stuffed friend to let them spend a night in the library! Drop off on Thursday (5/7) night after a fun storytime and pick up on Saturday (5/9) along with a scrapbook of their fun library adventures!



TUES
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Page Turners: *Kirsten, An American Girl*

HALLS | 4:00 PM

Come discuss your favorite things about the *American Girl* Series and create a yarn doll like Kirsten's.

THUR
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14

Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers

HALLS | 4:00 PM

Play with building sets and share books on engineering and building.

Crafternoons

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

May 15 Cedar Bluff 3:30 PM

MON
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18

Curiosity Club: Knox Co. Water Rescue Team

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM

Ages 5-11 | Learn all about how the Knox County Water Rescue Team uses equipment for swift-water, topwater, and underwater dive rescue.

TUES
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Floodplain Modeling

HALLS | 4:00 PM

Learn how rivers change when water goes up and down with models of riverbeds!

TUES
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Family Game Night

POWELL | 5:00 PM

Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

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Middle School Crafternoon: Tiny Art

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM

Ages 11-14 | Where teens can craft, chat, and chill together.



TUES
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26

AMSE presents: Fun with Fossils

HALLS | 3:00 PM

Grades 3-8 | Learn about fossils and historical geology and make a fossil mold.

TUES
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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.



THUR
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Dino Show-n-Tell

NORWOOD | 2:00 PM

Ages 6-12 | Share a few fun facts about your favorite dino with other dino-lovers!

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Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM

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ADULTS



FRI
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The Silver Screen: *The Pride of the Yankees* (1942)

BURLINGTON | 10:00 AM

Join us on the first Friday of the month for a classic movie from the Silver Screen!

MON
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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.

TUES
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Bearden Crochet Club

BEARDEN | 6:00 PM

Come socialize and enjoy the cozy atmosphere in this mixed-skill crochet club for hobbyists.

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McClung Branches Out

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM

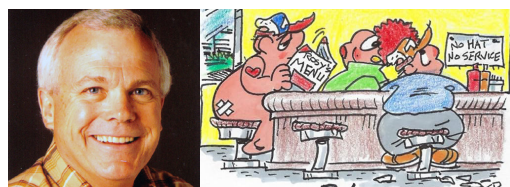
Can't make it downtown? The McClung Historical Collection is coming to a branch location near you!

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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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The Local Chapter: Sam Venable

BURLINGTON | 1:00 PM

Join local author, Sam Venable, for a book talk and meet-n-greet.

May Teen & Adult Crafts

Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!

Lap Craft Club | Adult Program

May 4 Farragut 6:00 PM

DIY Fabric Garlands

May 11 Cedar Bluff 6:00 PM

Mini Masterpieces

May 11 Sequoyah 6:00 PM

Crafting Bee (bring your own crafts)

May 20 Burlington 3:00 PM

Teen Craft Club

May 28 Powell 2:00 PM

TUES
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Mastering Medicare: Turning 65

CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM

Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.

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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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Social Security Disability 101

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM

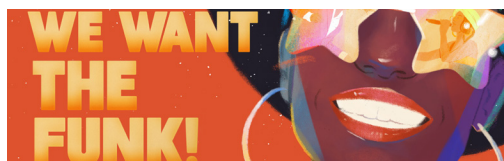
Learn useful and accurate information about how the Social Security Disability benefit system works.

Ask a Master Gardener

Have gardening questions? Come by and Ask a Master Gardener!

May 16 Norwood 10:00 AM

May 30 Burlington 1:00 PM



SUN
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Daytime Docs Film Series - *We Want the Funk!* (2025)

LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM

Journey through funk's history, exploring the symbiotic relationship between funk's explosion and the political and racial dynamics of 1970s inner-city America.

MON
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The Paper Workshop

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM

Join us for an hour of casual paper crafting. Bring your own supplies.

THUR
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Norwood Cross Stitch Guild

NORWOOD | 6:00 PM

Ages 13+ | Work on larger projects with intermediate and advanced stitchers.

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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!

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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.



TUES
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Brush Hour

KARNS | 6:30 PM

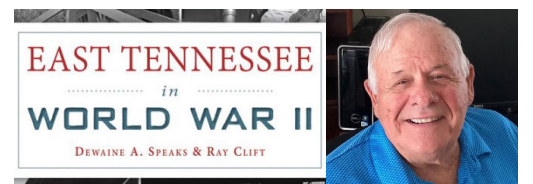
Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting class for teens and adults.

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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!



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Local Author: Dewaine Speaks

POWELL | 2:00 PM

Join local author, Dewaine Speaks, for a book talk and meet-n-greet.