

# Off the Shelf

**EVENT CALENDAR** 

AUGUST 2025

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



Join us on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 to 4:00 for the 4th annual History Hootenanny! This year's theme is Sports History as we celebrate the feature exhibition, Home Runs & Home Teams: A History of the National Pastime in Tennessee. It's a fun-filled day where music, history, and sports all come together!

# Featuring:

- Mini talks by local historians
- Screenings from Tennessee Archives of Moving Image & Sound at the Tennessee Theatre
- Downtown walking tours
- Children's activites and storytimes
- Self-guided tours of the Tennessee Theatre
- Shuttles to the Historic House Museums of Knoxville
- A special screening of Clarence Brown's Angels in the Outfield at the Tennessee Theatre!

# Together with:





**Farragut Branch Library** 

Wed. 10:30





# **STORYTIMES**

<b>Lawson McGhee Library</b>				
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		
Carter Branch Library				
Preschool	Tues.	1:30		
Cedar Bluff Branch				
Baby	Tues.	10:30		
Baby	Tues.	11:15		

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**Toddler** 

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**SIGN UP** 

**FOR EMAIL** 

**NEWSLETTER UPDATES** 

**Preschool** 

10:30

11:15

Thurs. 10:30

Toddler	Thurs.	10:30	
Preschool	Mon.	10:30	
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Baby	Fri.	11:00	
Preschool	Fri.	10:15	
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Baby	Fri.	10:30	
Toddler	Wed.	10:30	
Preschool	Wed.	11:00	
Howard Pinkston Branch			
Preschool	Wed.	10:30	
Karns Branc	h Libra	ry	
Toddler	Wed.	10:30	
Preschool	Wed.	11:00	
North Knoxville Branch			
Preschool	Wed.	11:00	

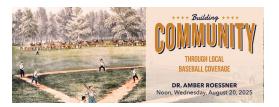
#### **Norwood Branch Library** Wed. 10:00 11:00 **Preschool** Wed. **Powell Branch Library** Wed. 10:30 Baby 10:30 **Preschool** Fri. Thurs. 6:30 **Pajama** First Thurs. of each month **Sequoyah Branch Library Preschool** Thurs. 10:30 **South Knoxville Branch Preschool** Mon. **After School** Tues. 3:30 Wed. 10:30 Preschool



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#### Baseball and the Bomb: The Legacy of the **Oak Ridge Bombers**

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 12:00 PM Katatra Vasquez will share the story of the Oak Ridge Bombers, a Black baseball team, and the issues they faced during some of the most complex decades in American history

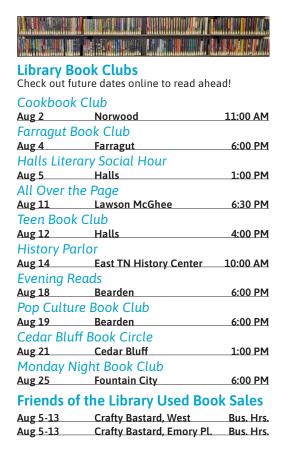


**AUG 20** 

# **Building Community through Local Baseball Coverage**

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 12:00 PM Dr. Roessner will explore the sports coverage of Knoxville baseball clubs from the amateur teams of the late-1860s to the modern pros, such as the Indians, Giants, and Smokies, and how this in turn served as a community-building forum.

# **BOOKS**





#### **Bookmark** Contest

Create a bookmark that captures our fall reading challenge theme, **Life Below Us**. Pick up an entry form at any library location beginning August 1 and return your completed design by August 31.

A winning entry from each age category will as part of our fall library



# **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 a time and location that suits your family.

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# Job Help Mondays

Join us every Monday for job help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from 12:00 to 1:00.

Aug 4 Aug 11 Aug 18 Aug 25



# Tech Help **Tuesdays**

Join us every Tuesday for tech help from a reference librarian at **Lawson McGhee Library** from 12:00 to 1:00.

Aug 5 Aug 12 Aug 19 Aug 26

# 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
<b>Howard Pinkston</b>	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

# CHILDREN & FAMILY —

**Pokémon Scavenger Hunt** ALL MONTH HOWARD PINKSTON | ALL DAY **AUG** 

Explore the library with a self-directed Pokémon-themed scavenger hunt!

**Eye Spy Energy with KUB** FRI **AUG** CEDAR BLUFF | 11:00 AM Ages 4-12 | Learn where energy comes 1

from and how to save it.

#### **Crafternoons**

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

Aug 1	Halls	4:00 PM
Aug 7	South Knox.	3:00 PM
Aug 15	Cedar Bluff	3:30 PM



**Back to School Party AUG** NORWOOD | 2:00 PM 4

Celebrate the end of summer with outdoor songs, stories, and crafts.

MON **Creation Station AUG** BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM Grades K-8 | A low-tech makerspace 4

where kids can make projects that foster innovation & encourage experimentation.

Full STEAM Ahead: **AUG** Over the Moon

HALLS | 11:00 AM Ages 3-5 | Activities and opportunities to explore STEAM (science, technology,

engineering, art, and math) principles. **Farewell to Summer** TUES **AUG** KARNS | 3:00 PM

Celebrate the end of summer break with easy crafts and lawn games.

### **Special Storytimes**

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

Aug 5 Farragut Back to School 4:00 PM

Kit's Club: Birds and Berries THUR **AUG** 

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM Be like the birds and learn about what types of berries our local songbirds like

**Full STEAM Ahead** THUR **AUG** 

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

Family Game Night THUR **AUG** 

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

**Appalachian Legends and Lore:** 

**Bigfoot and Friends** 

KARNS | 2:00 PM

Join us for an exploration of the European, African American, and Native American traditions that make up our folklore and cultural identity in East Tennessee.

**Happy Birthday Howard** TUES **AUG Pinkston Branch Library 12** 

HOWARD PINKSTON | 12:00 PM It's our birthday! Browse pictures of Howard Pinkston Branch library over the last 25 years.



**STEAM: Comets and** TUES AUG **Meteor Showers** 

meteor shower.

**12** CARTER | 6:00 PM Grades K-8 | Learn about comets and meteors and how to watch the Perseid

THUR AUG

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**Bearden STEM Club** 

BEARDEN | 3:30 PM Grades 1-5 | Learn about Science, Tech.,

Engineering, & Math through design, construction, & experimentation!

**Construction Junction:** THUR **AUG Building for Young Engineers** 

14 HALLS | 4:00 PM

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

SAT **Bugs in the Branch AUG** 

CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM Learn about bugs with local entomologist **16** Nick Oldham.

**Back to School Bingo for Books** MON **AUG** 

BURLINGTON | 6:00 PM 18 Participants will play bingo for a chance to win free books provided by Friends of

**After School Magic Show** TUES

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the Library.

19 Abracadabra! Michael Messing is back with his crowd-pleasing blend of magic and humor.

**Family Game Night** TUES

AUG POWELL | 5:00 PM

19 Bring family and friends for a fun-filled evening of board and card games.

### **August Crafts**

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

Colorful Disco Ball Painting Aug 19 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM **Create Your Own: Sea Turtles** Aug 21 Halls 4:30 PM

**Curiosity Club: Nature Crafts** Aug 25 Burlington 4:00 PM

Maker Space Book Club: SAT AUG **The 13 Story Treehouse** KARNS | 2:00 PM

23 Each month we will create a STEAM project inspired by a book. Didn't read it in

time? No worries, come by and create! **Curious by Nature: Bloom!** THUR

**AUG** HALLS | 4:00 PM Grades 1-5 | Enjoy book sharing, 28

#### educational activities, and sustainable crafts about nature topics.

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# **ADULTS** -The Chronicles of Yarnia! SAT

**AUG** CEDAR BLUFF | 12:00 PM 2 Ages 13+ | Knit, crochet, and create with fellow yarn enthusiasts, share ideas, and check out provided craft books.

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TUES

**WORKSHOP: Intermediate Genealogy** 

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 1:00 PM Explore techniques for genealogical research with a focus on primary sources. Participants should bring some completed family research to the session.



**DIY Henna Temporary Tattoos AUG** POWELL | 2:00 PM

> Ages 13+ | Learn about the history of henna body art, practice making designs, and learn how to make and use henna.

You CAN Craft: MON **AUG Easy Crafts for Adults** NORWOOD | 6:00 PM 4

Make easy crafts geared toward adults that want to express their artistic side.

TUES **Mastering Medicare: AUG Turning 65 12** CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM Gain in-depth knowledge of your

Medicare options.

**Book Tasting** THUR **AUG** 

SOUTH KNOXVILLE | ALL DAY Ages 16+ | Visit our Pop-Up literary café, 14 sampling different genres of books to help you decide what to read next!

Paper Art BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM

THUR

**AUG** Ages 14+ | Make crafts like quilling, 14 jewelry-making, book folding, baskets.

**Beginners Cross-Stitch** THUR AUG NORWOOD | 6:00 PM

Ages 13+ | Learn cross-stitch basics, Each month we will stitch a different design.

Ask a Master Gardener SAT **AUG** NORWOOD | 10:00 AM

Have gardening questions? Come by and 16 Ask a Master Gardener!

# **MAN ON WIRE**



**Daytime Docs Film Series -**AUG Man on Wire (2008) **17** 

on August 7, 1974.

LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM Explore "the artistic crime of the century", where the daring French artist Philippe Petit walked across a high-wire between the two towers of the World Trade Center

**WORKSHOP:** MON AUG **Organizing Your Genealogy** 18 EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 6:00 PM

Learn how to efficiently organize your physical and digital resources to make your genealogy journey easier.

**Handmade Pages** MON AUG CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM

Learn the basics of handmade paper using 18 simple tools and recycled materials.

**Collage Party** TUES AUG KARNS | 6:30 PM

> It's hot outside, but these collages are cool. Let's cut, paste, and explore our creativity.

**Trivia Night** THUR **AUG** 

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SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 3:00 PM Ages 15+ | What is your bookish IQ? Four rounds of questions test what you know about the material in your library.

**Scrabble and Snacks** THUR AUG FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM

Spell your way into a triple-word score and enjoy a new snack mix!

**Norwood Cross Stitch Guild** THUR **AUG** NORWOOD | 6:00 PM

21 Ages 13+ | Intermediate and advanced stitchers can work together on larger ongoing projects.

Social Security Disability 101 THUR AUG CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM Learn useful and accurate information 21

benefit system works.



about how the Social Security Disability

**Bingo for Books** AUG POWELL | 10:00 AM

Want to beat the heat at the library? Play **23** Bingo for a chance to win free books provided by the Friends of the Library.



**Brush Hour** TUES AUG KARNS | 6:30 PM

Ages 13+ | A no skills necessary painting 26 class for teens and adults.

**All About Birds:** THUR AUG **Birdwatching 101** 

28 BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM Join a park ranger from Seven Islands State Birding Park as we learn all about birdwatching!

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