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Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

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



SEEDS of IMAGINATION

LEGACY OF READERS LUNCHEON

SILENT AUCTION
WITH RIVER VIEW

LIVE MUSIC &
ENTERTAINMENT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

CHEROKEE COUNTRY CLUB, 11:15-1:00

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF KNOX COUNTY - IN TRUE DOLLY STYLE!

Join fellow early literacy champions for an afternoon overlooking the Tennessee River as we honor two decades with over 4 million books mailed to children under five. This milestone deserves a celebration as bold and joyful Dolly-inspired celebration!

Come for delicious fare and fun entertainment in the grand Cherokee Country Club ballroom, Dolly trivia to test your knowledge, and a silent auction featuring unique experiences and local products. Our program honors Ann Staup of Direct Mail Services for her incredible dedication to Imagination Library locally and nationally. Let's raise a glass (and a bid paddle!) to 20 years of imagination, inspiration, and impact.

SUPPORT THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF KNOX COUNTY BY PURCHASING A TICKET OR BY DONATING AT [KNOXCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG/SEEDS](https://www.knoxcountylibrary.org/seeds).

JUST \$20 PROVIDES BOOKS FOR ONE CHILD FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR!



ANN STAUP

OUR 2025 HONOREE

Thirty-eight years ago, Mike and Ann Staup set out to build something special, a commercial mail facility rooted in East Tennessee and grounded in dedication, service, and heart.

In 1996, they embraced a bold opportunity: to partner with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and help deliver books to every child under five in Sevier County. What began as a local commitment has since grown into a national mission.

Today, nearly three decades later, Ann and her remarkable team at Direct mail Services process over three million books each month, helping inspire the love of reading in children across the entire United States with nearly 300 million books being processed through their facility since 1996.

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



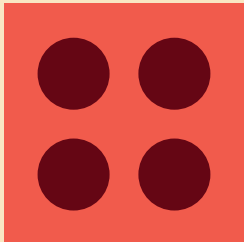
Library Book Clubs

Check out future dates online to read ahead!		
<i>All Over the Page</i>		
Sept 8	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
<i>Halls Literary Social Hour</i>		
Sept 9	Halls	1:00 PM
<i>Teen Book Club</i>		
Sept 9	Halls	4:00 PM
<i>History Parlor</i>		
Sept 11	East TN History Center	10:00 AM
<i>Cookbook Club</i>		
Sept 13	Norwood	11:00 AM
<i>Evening Reads</i>		
Sept 15	Bearden	6:00 PM
<i>Pop Culture Book Club</i>		
Sept 16	Bearden	6:00 PM
<i>Cedar Bluff Book Circle</i>		
Sept 18	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
<i>Monday Night Book Club</i>		
Sept 29	Fountain City	6:00 PM
<i>Friends of the Library Used Book Sales</i>		
Sept 6	Powell	10-5 PM
Sept 26-27	Farragut	10-5 PM



Read City Explorer Pass

This fall, use your library card to reserve a pass (may require adult ticket purchase) for shows from **Clarence Brown Theatre, Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, Knoxville Opera, and Knoxville Children’s Theatre**. Passes become available six weeks in advance of the show. Details available online at knoxcountylibrary.org.



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.

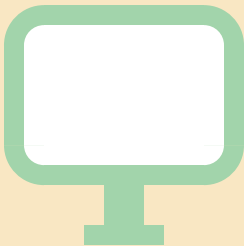
LEGOs® are provided by the library and cannot be taken home. LEGO® and MEGA BLOKS do not sponsor, authorize or endorse these events.



Job Help Mondays

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

Sept 8
Sept 15
Sept 22
Sept 29



Tech Help Tuesdays

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

Sept 2
Sept 9
Sept 16
Sept 23
Sept 30

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
SEPT

Maxwell Edmonds Art Exhibit

BURLINGTON

Artwork by artist Maxwell Edmonds will be on display all month.

TUES
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2

Full STEAM Ahead: Light Up Science

HALLS | 11:00 AM

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

THUR
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4

Kit’s Club: Butterflies

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM

Grades PreK-8 | Join Seven Islands State Birding Park Staff in exploring the fascinating life cycle of butterflies.

Crafternoons

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

Sept 4	South Knox.	3:00 PM
Sept 5	Halls	4:00 PM
Sept 19	Cedar Bluff	3:30 PM

THUR
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4

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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4

Stuffy Sleepover

POWELL | 6:30 PM

Put on your favorite jammies and bring your best stuffed friend to let them spend a night in the library! Drop off on Thursday (9/4) night after a fun storytime and pick up on Saturday (9/6) along with a scrapbook of their fun library adventures!

MON
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8

Wetland Wonders

SEQUOYAH | 6:00 PM

Learn about the benefits of wetlands as a few fun wetland ambassadors join to help explain their unique homes.

THUR
SEPT
11

Bearden STEM Club

BEARDEN | 3:30 PM

Grades 1-5 | Learn about Science, Tech., Engineering, & Math through design, construction, & experimentation!

THUR
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11

Construction Junction: Building for Young Engineers

HALLS | 4:00 PM

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

Special Storytimes

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

Sept 12	Farragut	Once Upon a...	10:30 AM
Sept 13	Karns	Cherokee Folklore	2:00 PM
Sept 22	Farragut	After School Hour	4:00 PM
Sept 24	Bearden	Bilingual Stories	10:15 AM
Sept 25	South Knox	9-25 Dolly Day	3:00 PM

MON
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15

Museum Mondays: ETHS presents Discovery Boxes

HALLS | 3:00 PM

Explore boxes of artifacts to learn about the people who lived in the frontier era.

TUES
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16

Pollinator Positives

BEARDEN | 4:30 PM

Learn about bugs with local entomologist Nick Oldham.

WED
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17

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.

September Crafts

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

Look Through My Window Collage Art

Sept 9 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM

Create Your Own: Nautical Banner

Sept 18 Halls 4:30 PM

Fall Clay Shapes

Sept 30 Howard Pinkston 6:00 PM



TUES
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23

Positive Pollinators

SOUTH KNOX. | 3:00 PM

Learn about bugs with local entomologist Nick Oldham.

TUES
SEPT
23

Family Game Night

POWELL | 5:00 PM

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

TUES
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23

STEAM: DNA Day

CARTER | 6:00 PM

Grades K-8 | Learn basic information about DNA, perform a DNA experiment, and make a DNA craft to take home.

THUR
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25

Curious by Nature: Creep and Crawl

HALLS | 4:00 PM

Grades 1-5 | Enjoy books, activities, and sustainable crafts about nature topics.



SAT
SEPT
27

Storytime Saturdays with the Author: Jessica Young

LAWSON MCGHEE | 11:00 AM

This month, join us for a special storytime with Jessica Young, award-winning author of many children’s picture books, including her new book, *Today at School: with Yesterday and Tomorrow*. Books will be available for purchase.

SAT
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27

Maker Space Book Club: Dog Man

KARNS | 2:00 PM

Each month we will create a STEAM project inspired by a book. Didn’t read it in time? No worries, come by and create!

MON
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29

Curiosity Club: Pollinator Pals

BURLINGTON | 4:00 PM

Ages 5-11 | Learn about the importance of pollinators from entomologist Nick Oldham.

ADULTS

Beginners Spanish

CEDAR BLUFF

Ages 12+ | Learn basic Spanish through fun, interactive lessons at the library.

Sept 8	1:00 PM
Sept 15	1:00 PM
Sept 22	1:00 PM
Sept 29	1:00 PM



MON
SEPT
8

Lap Craft Club

FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM

Join us for an hour of casual crafting. Bring your own supplies. Books displayed and snacks provided.



MON
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8

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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9

Mastering Medicare: Turning 65

CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM

Gain in-depth knowledge of your Medicare options.

THUR
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11

Paper Art

BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM

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

May Adult Crafts

Make a craft and meet other like-minded people!

DIY Painted Doormats

Sept 15 Cedar Bluff 6:00 PM

Gourd-geous Birdhouses

Sept 22 Cedar Bluff 6:00 PM



THUR
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18

All About Birds: Birds of Tennessee

BURLINGTON | 11:00 AM

Ages 14+ | Join a park ranger from Seven Islands State Birding Park as we learn about native birds from Tennessee.

THUR
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18

Scrabble and Snacks

FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM

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

THUR
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18

Norwood Cross Stitch Guild

NORWOOD | 6:00 PM

Ages 13+ | Intermediate and advanced stitchers can work together on larger on-going projects.



THUR
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18

Social Security Disability 101

CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM

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

SAT
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20

The Local Chapter: Lin and J.L. Stepp

BURLINGTON | 1:00 PM

Join local co-authors, Lin and J.L. Stepp for a book talk, followed by a meet-n-greet and book signing.



SUN
SEPT
21

Daytime Docs Film Series - Some Kind of Heaven (2020)

LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM

Witness life inside the palm-tree-lined streets of America’s largest retirement community in Florida, referred to as the “Disneyland for Retirees.”

TUES
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23

Workshop: McClung 101

EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 6:00 PM

Learn strategies both in the print and online collections to make the most of your time in the McClung Collection. Followed by a guided tour.

SAT
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27

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.

TUES
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30

Ready, Set, Crochet

BEARDEN | 5:30 PM

Ages 13+ | Join other true beginners in this intro to crochet workshop where you will learn about basic crochet stitches, how to read patterns, and start your first project.

TUES
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30

Brush Hour

KARNS | 6:30 PM

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