

# Off the Shelf

## EVENT CALENDAR

## APRIL 2023

Events are open to the public but may require registration (👤). | Adults must accompany children. | All materials provided unless otherwise indicated.

### SONNETS AND STANZAS, FREE VERSE AND RHYME— *April is National Poetry Month*

Poetry can bring color to an otherwise ordinary observation. Celebrate and explore poetry at the library this month. Discover new poets through our collection. Subscribe to *The Beat*, our podcast featuring regional poets reading their work. Attend a reading or program. Or, you might challenge yourself to write a daily haiku.

This month at our **All Over the Page** book discussion, poet Maurice Manning will read poems from his book, *Bucolics*, followed by a Q&A session and banjo picking. The program will be recorded live and released as an episode of *The Beat*. Join us in the third floor classroom of Lawson McGhee Library on Monday, April 10 at 6:30 pm to enjoy this special session.



Join Pulitzer Prize-finalist Maurice Manning at this month's **All Over the Page** book discussion for poetry readings, banjo picking, and a live recording of *The Beat* podcast.

Maurice Manning's first book of poems, Lawrence Booth's *Book of Visions* (2001), was selected by W.S. Merwin for the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award. His book, *The Common Man* (2010), was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry.

### The Beat: A Poetry Podcast

In each show, produced by the Library's Alan May and Melissa Brenneman, Alan introduces a new poet, then listeners get to hear poems being read by the author themselves. While David Orr describes the idea some of us have about reading poetry as "solving a calculus problem while being zapped with a cattle prod," Alan's show is painless.



Subscribe to the show in your favorite podcast app or listen at [pods.knoxlib.org](http://pods.knoxlib.org)

### Happy Birthday, Maya!

**APRIL 4**  
SOUTH KNOX | 10-8

Visit our information stations to create your own poetry and learn about Maya Angelou's contributions to American culture and literature.



### Writers Guild Youth Poetry Workshop

**APRIL 15**  
LAWSON MCGHEE | 11-1:30

Join Rhea Carmon for this poetry writing workshop for youth. Students will write poems and can perform their pieces later this spring at an open mic celebration for the next Youth Poet Laureate of Knoxville.



### READ CITY 🎵



Remember! If you complete all three Read City challenges, you're entered to win a grand prize gaming system, iPad, or party with the Mayor! **Find Your Voice ends April 8.** Learn more or join at [www.knoxcountylibrary.org/readcity](http://www.knoxcountylibrary.org/readcity)

**MON APR 3**  
**Family Karaoke Night**  
BURLINGTON | 5:00-7:00 PM  
Warm up those vocal cords! We're challenging you to Find Your Voice. Enjoy karaoke in a family-friendly environment. Perform new favorites or classic songs.

**MON APR 10**  
**Joyful Noise: Egg Maracas** 🎵  
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM  
Grades K-5 | We will make our instruments together while listening and playing along to samples of percussive music.

**TUES APR 11**  
**Music Explorers Club** 🎵  
BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
Join Laura each month for a music-centered story hour that will include stories, games, making music, and crafts.

**APR TUES 11**  
**Making Music: Kalimbas** 🎵  
POWELL | 6:00 PM  
Children and their families will make and decorate kalimbas, or thumb pianos.

**SAT APR 15**  
**Cake Walk** 🎵  
CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00-4:00 PM  
Was your first Read City reading challenge a piece of cake? Celebrate your first milestone with a cake walk—like musical chairs with baked goods! You may win a treat.

**WED APR 26**  
**Symphony Storytimes** 🎵  
NORTH KNOXVILLE | 11:00 AM  
The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra combines children's books with classical selections and sound effects.

### BOOKS & AUTHORS



### Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

Sales benefit Knox County Public Library.

April 14-15	Farragut Branch	10-5
April 22	Sequoyah Branch	10-5
May 12-13	Halls Branch	10-5

**TUES APR 04**  
**Halls Literary Social Hour**  
HALLS | 1:00 PM  
Book lovers, join us to talk about books. Share your favorites and get recommendations from others.

**MON APR 10**  
**Farragut Book Club**  
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM  
*The Mothers* by Brit Bennett | Come for the snacks, stay for the book discussion!

**MON APR 17**  
**Evening Reads**  
BEARDEN | 6:00 PM  
*Lark Ascending* by Silas House | A club perfect for busy adults trying to catch up on the best in literature and unable to attend daytime book discussions.

**MON APR 17**  
**Cookbook Club**  
NORWOOD | 11:00 AM  
Have a favorite recipe? Come and share it with other patrons! Light snack provided.

**THURS APR 20**  
**Cedar Bluff Book Circle**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM  
A book club for people to discuss what they are reading and to make recommendations to fellow readers.

**THURS APR 27**  
**Cookbook Club**  
HOWARD PINKSTON | 3:30 PM  
Come share recipes, favorite cookbooks, and ideas for the kitchen. A vegetarian snack will be provided. Families welcome.

### SAVE THE DATES!



### The Hitchhiker's Guide to the AI Galaxy

Self-driving cars. ChatGPT. Cancer detection. Smart speakers. Robots in manufacturing...and even in our homes. AI is seemingly everywhere these days. So, what does the average human need to know about the artificial intelligence that is quickly becoming part of our everyday lives? Join Knoxville Entrepreneur and Lirio Chief Evangelist, Patrick Hunt, for a four-part series on everything from the history and science of AI to ethical issues.

**Thursdays in May at noon at the East Tennessee History Center**



### Children's Festival of Reading

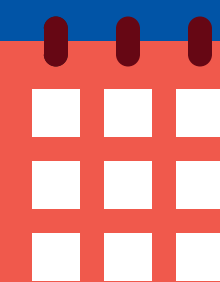
Join the library and dozens of community organizations to celebrate reading! Enjoy author and illustrator performances, storytelling, arts and crafts, science shows, food, music, and more. This year's authors and illustrators include **Elizabeth Raum, Frank Morrison, Jen Calonita, Oge Mora, and Stacy McAnulty**. Learn more about the artists and this year's festival at [www.knoxcountylibrary.org](http://www.knoxcountylibrary.org).



**Saturday, May 20, 10-3 at World's Fair Park**

### Tax Preparation

The filing deadline for most is April 18. Some library locations have the 1040 instructions, 1040 forms, and 1040SR forms. Call your nearest library location to check.



OUR FULL EVENT CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.





### On the Road with Ask a Librarian

Looking for help navigating the library's website or catalog? Have a new tablet or device and want to take advantage of our free electronic resources? Reference Librarians are here to help!

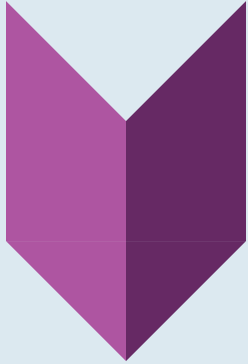
- APRIL 6** FOUNTAIN CITY | 11-1
- APRIL 11** MURPHY | 11:00-1:00
- APRIL 25** MASCOT | 3:00-5:00



### LEGO® Clubs

Look for building clubs at 5 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Howard Pinkston, Halls, and Karns). 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.



### Storytimes

We have over 100 storytimes each month, including regular weekly storytimes or special once-a-month programs, like pajama storytimes! Check our online calendar, or your closest branch, for the full schedule.



### Registration

This pencil indicates registration is required. Please call the participating location. Registration may be available online.

### 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



**MON APR 3** **Painting with Forks**  
HOWARD PINKSTON | 3:30 PM  
Ages 4-11 | Join us for an afternoon of sunny creativity, no matter the weather!

**THURS APR 6** **Family Game Night**  
BURLINGTON | 5:30-7:30 PM  
Choose from board games, card games, PS4, and Wii games, or bring a favorite from home. Each month we teach a new game. April: Mancala!

**MON APR 3** **Magic Mini-Fish Tank** 📌  
HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Ages 8-14. | Join us to create your own ecosystem for your new ocean creature.

**THURS APR 13** **The Puzzle Hour**  
BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM  
Ages 3-103, we have puzzles for every age and skill level. For a challenge, we also have Scramble Squares.

### Crafternoons

A safe place for kids to gather, work on social and motor skills, and just have fun.

April 14	Halls Branch	4:00
April 21	Cedar Bluff Branch	3:30
April 28	Halls Branch	4:00

**TUES APR 18** **Happy Kids Craft Club** 📌  
FARRAGUT | 4:00 PM  
Ages 8-12 | Join Ms. Merry for beginning simple summer jewelry making!

## ADULTS



**ALL MONTH APR** **Cyanotype Flag Exhibit**  
BURLINGTON  
Blueprints are one of the simplest and most eco-friendly of all the photographic processes. View Lab Club's beautiful flags before they head back to Brazil!

**SAT APR 1** **Master Gardeners: Up to your Neck in Winter Weeds!**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:30 PM  
Master Gardeners walk you through strategies to deal with pesky winter weeds.

**MON APR 3** **You CAN Craft Easy Crafts for Adults**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Crafting is proven to be good for you, regardless of the finished product. The benefit is in the journey!

**THURS APR 6** **Scrabble & Snacks**  
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM  
Spell your way to a triple-word score with other word lovers! Before we play, we'll put together our very own snack mix—you never know what you're going to get.

**TUES APR 11** **Mastering Medicare** 📌  
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM  
Gain an in-depth knowledge of Medicare options including when to enroll, the differences between Medicare supplement and Medicare advantage plans, and more.

**WED APR 12** **Sustainable Summer Gardening Workshop** 📌  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
Join CAC Beardsley Community Farm's Sarah Heizenroth to learn sustainable practices for a healthy landscape and healthy produce.

**THURS APR 13** **Beaded Jewelry Making** 📌  
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM  
Ages 14+ | Susan Bernard will demonstrate how to make a flat peyote stitch bracelet.



**TUES APR 18** **World of Folktales: Nepal**  
BEARDEN | 5:00 PM  
Listen to traditional Nepalese folktales, then write or draw your wishes and hopes on linked fabric squares to make your own Nepalese flags.

**TUES APR 18** **Board Game Night**  
HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Bring the family and come join us for a fun board game night at the Halls Branch!

**THURS APR 27** **To the Moon and Beyond Adventures in Astronomy**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30-8:00  
Presented by the Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society, discuss telescopes, stars and constellations, moon phases, and highlights of the Apollo and Artemis missions. K-12 and their families.

**THURS APR 27** **Watercolor Kids**  
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM  
Jessica leads young artists (ages 6-12) through a new watercolor technique, looking at examples in nature and children's literature.

**SAT APR 29** **Library Boot Camp**  
CARTER | 11:00-1:00 PM  
Explores the basics of using the library for elementary age and older students. Scouts BSA Reading Merit Badge Requirements 1a-e and 2a-b will be covered.

**SAT APR 15** **Walking Tour: When Knoxville Throws a Party** 📌  
LAWSON MCGHEE | 10:30 AM  
From dogwoods blooming to opera singers singing, Knoxville loves to host festivals. Join Laura Still to learn where our exuberant town got its sparkle. Knox County Public Library card required.

**MON APR 17** **Get Your Hands Dirty**  
KARNS | 4:00 PM  
Dirt is good for the soul! Join us to discuss the role of plants in our daily lives, and how we can grow our own food at home—from seeds on the windowsill to growing veggies from grocery store castoffs.

**THURS APR 20** **Monthly Cross-Stitch** 📌  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Beginners welcome! Each month we will stitch a different design. Ages 13+

## HISTORY CENTER

**TUES APR 11** **Genealogy Workshop: Historic Newspapers** 📌  
EAST TN HISTORY CENTER | 6-8  
Participants will discover techniques for searching digitized newspapers online, focusing on Tennessee newspapers.

**WED APR 26** **Sam Goes Everywhere, Films Anything!**  
EAST TN HISTORY CENTER | 12:00  
Sam Orleans opened Knoxville's first motion picture production studio in 1946. Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection Manager Eric Dawson will offer an overview of Orleans's life and career, illustrated by clips from films shot in Knoxville, Maryville, and Oak Ridge.

**SAT APR 29** **Genealogy Workshop: Applying to First Families of Tennessee** 📌  
EAST TN HISTORY CENTER | 1-3  
Membership in First Families of Tennessee is tied to proof of descent from an ancestor who was in what is now Tennessee by 1796. This workshop will explore strategies for proving early residences, documenting generations, and connecting to established lines.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

**ALL MONTH APR** **Botanical Scavenger Hunt**  
KARNS BRANCH LIBRARY  
Do you know what kinds of plants, flowers, and trees we have here? Stop by for a self-guided scavenger hunt.

**SAT APR 1** **Marshmallow Masterpieces**  
HALLS BRANCH LIBRARY  
Create a shoebox-sized diorama using those deliciously sweet, marshmallow Peeps® as your main characters! Bring in for display on April 1. Full rules online.

**TUES APR 4** **Full STEAM Ahead Peep Science**  
HALLS | 11:00 AM  
Ages 3-5 | Hands-on activities and opportunities for preschoolers to explore and learn STEAM principles with Peeps®!



**WED APR 5** **Freshen up That Flower Pot** 📌  
BEARDEN | 3:30  
Join us for flowerpot painting. Leave with a painted flowerpot and plant cutting.

**WED APR 5** **Guerrilla Gardening: Seed Bombs** 📌  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
Make a seed bomb to add whimsy to your yard using provided wildflower seeds and soil.

**THURS APR 6** **Container Garden for Vegetables** 📌  
HALLS | 5:00-7:00 PM  
Ages 8-18 | It's easy and fun to grow from seed. You don't need a large garden!

**TUES APR 11** **Kite Making**  
CARTER | 6:00 PM  
Come fly a kite! Creativity will soar as participants design their own kites.

**THURS APR 13** **Super Sunshiny Spring Craft**  
KARNS | 11:00 AM  
Welcome, spring! Join us for a sunshiny spring craft program to celebrate.

**APR THURS 13 TUES 18 TUES 25** **The Not-So-Secret Life of Bees** 📌  
POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY | 6:00 PM  
Learn about the bees that typically inhabit Tennessee, their importance in pollination, and how we can help bees in our own yards. Then design and create your own mason bee home!

**TUES APR 18** **Earth Day Party**  
SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 4:00 PM  
Learn about the earth—plant a seed, color a craft, listen to stories, & have a snack.

## TEENS

**SAT APR 1** **Teen Advisory Board**  
BEARDEN | 12:00-2:00 PM  
Ages 14-18 | Read, think, create, and hang out with Knox County Public Library's Teen Advisory Board. We need students to advise us on selecting and planning library programs, services, and events. Your service counts as volunteer work!

**MON APR 3** **Art Meets Nature: Dried Flower Lanterns** 📌  
SEQUOYAH | 6:00 PM  
Let's usher in spring and make a glowing dried flower lantern.

**MON APR 24** **Bad Art Night - Animals** 📌  
HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Come and create a "disaster-piece". Welcome to what will be an absolutely awful art night. Experiment with different mediums and canvases. Leave your talent at the door and have fun.

**TUES APR 25** **Paint the Night: Exploring the Artists** 📌  
KARNS | 6:00 PM  
Try your own hand at creating works of art that embody the style and spirit of different painters. No experience necessary. Refreshments served.