

DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Schedule of Programs for Children and Teens

Fall 2018

DeKalb County Public Library
will be closed

Sunday, September 2 and
Monday, September 3 for
Labor Day

Sunday, November 11 and
Monday, November 12
for Veterans Day

Thursday, November 22
for Thanksgiving

Monday, December 24 and
Tuesday, December 25
for Christmas



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Lithonia-Davidson

Sheila Benton

Northlake-Barbara Loar

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A note to childcare centers, preschools and other groups:

While groups can be accommodated at most locations, please take note of the branches that require prior notification. Although some library staff do not require this advance arrangement, it generally allows us to better prepare for your visits.

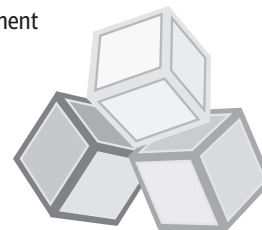


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Information About Our Building Blocks Program

Building Blocks is a program especially designed for newborns to 24-month-olds and their caregivers. It provides an environment in which children and their caregivers can begin to develop language, motor and social skills together. This is accomplished through the use of a variety of materials and activities. In “play with a purpose,” caregivers are encouraged to interact – physically and verbally – with their child as he or she plays with Library-provided, age-appropriate toys. The physical play aids in the development of a child’s ability to move and coordinate his or her movements, the words parents share with their children as they play contribute to the development of infant language skills, and the interaction between children exposes them to social concepts such as sharing and playing together.



“Play with a purpose” is followed by reading time and circle time. In reading time, children and their adults share board books, either reading them aloud or describing the pictures and words they contain. In circle time, a librarian introduces fingerplays, nursery and action rhymes, songs and stories; adults and children are encouraged to read, sing and play along. These activities help develop listening skills and provide models for language acquisition. Fingerplays and action rhymes also help develop fine motor skills, which involve a child’s ability to more precisely use their hands and fingers. The same songs, stories and rhymes are used every week to reflect the fact that infants learn best through repetition.

Locations that have Building Blocks

Brookhaven
Chamblee

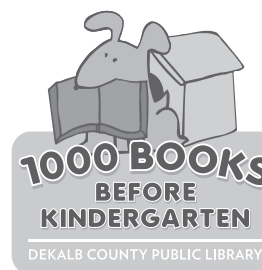
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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages parents and caregivers to provide positive, nurturing early experiences by reading aloud to their children regularly. Visit any DeKalb County Public Library branch to receive the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten participation kit. Each kit includes a reusable book bag, free starter book, reading log, and reading tips and recommendations. You can track progress with the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app for iOS or Android devices. Funding provided by the DeKalb Library Foundation.



Teen Read Week

Teen patrons are invited to Scratch for the Stars from October 8–13 in celebration of Teen Read Week! Teens can visit any DeKalb County Library branch to pick up a special Teen Read Week scratch-off ticket for the chance to win books, free printing, and other prizes. Stop by and see what the stars have in store for you!

HelpNow from Brainfuse

HelpNow provides free homework help and online tutoring for grades 3–12 for math, English, science and social studies. Chat with a tutor from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week.



Brookhaven Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Brookhaven Library.

Babies

Building Blocks



Ages 0 to 24 months

Building Blocks provides an environment where children and caregivers begin to develop language, motor and social skills together. Engagement activities are followed by storytime.

Wednesdays, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

December 5

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

Toddlers

Toddler Time

24 months to 36 months

Music, rhymes, activities, and more to get caregivers and children moving.

Wednesdays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

December 5

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

School Age

Yoga Adventures

Ages 5 to 12

Yoga instructor Brenda Barr will lead children in the practice of gentle movement and breathing exercises. This class will improve motor skills, facilitate relaxation, improve focus, reduce anxiety, and develop skills for self-regulation. Bring your own mats if you have them.

Saturdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

September 22

October 27

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

Tweens and Up

BOOK CLUB Comic and Graphic Novel Book Club

Tweens and up

A book club that centers on comic books and graphic novels. We'll meet to discuss the month's book and anything else we've been reading.

September 15, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Batman: Year One by Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli

October 17, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

November 14, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Nimona by Noelle Stevenson

December 12, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Spider-Man Vol 1: Miles Morales by Brian Michael Bendis

BOOK CLUB Global Read Aloud Book Club

Ages 13 to 17

Global Read Aloud's mission is ONE BOOK TO CONNECT THE WORLD. Grab a copy of the chosen book at your local DeKalb County Public Library branch and come discuss the title with us.

October 4, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Early Readers: A Boy called Bat by Elena K Arnold

October 24, 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Middle Grade: Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

November 5, 7:00–7:45 p.m.

YA: Love Hate, and other Filters by Samira Ahmed

Family (All Ages)

Batman Day

All Ages

We are celebrating Batman Day! Pick up your Batman activity packet at the circulation desk.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

September 15

Chamblee Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Chamblee Library.

Babies

Building Blocks



Ages 0 to 24 months

Building Blocks provides an environment where children and caregivers begin to develop language, motor and social skills together. Engagement activities are followed by storytime.

Wednesdays, 10:15–11:00 a.m.

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14

Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment. Open to first 25 participants.

Toddlers

Toddler Time

Ages 2 to 3

Music, rhymes, activities, and more to get caregivers and children moving.

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

September 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13

Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment. Registration begins 15 minutes before the program. Open to first 25 participants.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and more!

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

September 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13

Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment. Open to first 25 participants.

School Age

Parachutes and Hula Hoops!

Ages 5 to 12

Parachute and Hula Hoop play.

Saturday, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

September 8

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

Take and Make Crafty Saturdays

Ages 5 to 10

Stop by the Circulation Desk and take a craft kit to make at home, while supplies last. Craft appropriate for ages 5–10 years.

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

September 15

October 20

November 17

Lego Afternoon

Ages 5 to 10

Come build and create with Lego pieces. Lego bricks are provided; please do not bring any from home.

Mondays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

September 17

October 29

December 3

Open to first 15 participants. No registration required.

I Will Speak Today

Ages 5 to 10

“I Will Speak Today” provides aspiring young, school-aged leaders an opportunity to gain confidence and self-esteem by speaking on a variety of topics. Participants should be able to attend all sessions in the series.

This program series is co-sponsored by I Will Speak Today. Visit their website at iwillspaktoday.org for more information. Topics for the series:

September 19: What is your favorite thing to do and why?

October 24: What famous person would you like to meet and why?

November 28: Who is your favorite person in the world and why?

December 19: If you could invent one thing, what would it be and why?

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

BOOK CLUB Book Worms Book Club

Ages 6 to 8

For early chapter book readers. Pick up a copy of this month’s book, then join us for discussion, activities, games, and crafts! Books will be available three weeks before the meeting.

Tuesday, September 25: *Mrs. Cooney is Loony* by Dan Gutman.

Tuesday, October 23: *The Fran that Time Forgot* by Jim Benton

Tuesday, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 9 participants.

Yoga for Kids

Ages 5 to 10

Yoga instructor Brenda Barr will lead children in the practice of gentle movement and breathing exercise. Please bring your own towel or mat.

Saturday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

December 1

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants. Funding provided by DeKalb Library Foundation.

Teens

Achieving Admission with Your College Application Essay

Ages 13 to 17

This program presented by writing coach Wayne South Smith provides guidance on

topic selection, pre-planning, formatting, time management, and grammar for both undergraduate and graduate applicants.

Saturday, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

September 15

Cooking with Chef Carlin

Ages 9 to 17

Join Chef Carlin Breinig as she teaches you how to prepare “Burgers with a Twist.”

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

October 20

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 20 participants. Funding provided by DeKalb Library Foundation.

Family (All Ages)

Alma Mexicana

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Chamblee Library welcomes Alma Mexicana, a group that performs traditional Mexican dances.

Saturday, 3:00–3:45 p.m.

September 22

Open to first 75 participants. No registration required. Funding provided by DeKalb Library Foundation.

Polar Express Movie

Bring a blanket and your family’s favorite snacks! Open to first 40 attendees.

Saturday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

December 15

No registration required.

Clarkston Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Clarkston Library.

Babies

Growing Healthy Babies

Ages 0 to 5

Are you expecting or have you recently given birth? Learn what foods are best for your baby, breastfeeding techniques and get your questions answered by board-certified lactation specialists.

Lunch provided. Classes are Wednesdays after Storytime. For details, contact Lidia at 404.687.7123 or lyquinones@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

September 5, 19

October 10, 24

Growing Healthy Babies is a partnership between the DeKalb County Office of Youth Services and DeKalb County Public Library.

Toddlers

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2 to 3

Stories, fingerplays, rhymes and songs, especially targeted for the developmental needs of two-year-olds.

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

Open to first 25 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

School Age

Read to Honey Duke and Mocha Java!

Ages 4 to 7

Early readers can practice their reading skills by reading to Honey Duke or Mocha Java from the Pet Partners Therapy program.

Thursdays, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

September 20

October 18

November 15

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 4 participants.

Teens

Clarkston Library Teen Anime Club

Ages 13 to 17

Enjoy watching and discussing anime and manga? Be an otaku and join the Clarkston Library Anime Club.

Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

September 25

October 23

Open to first 25 participants.

Hear Us: Teen Voices Across DeKalb Teen Zine

Ages 13 to 17

Collaborate with other teens to create a teen zine using art, creative writing and photography to express your teen voices. Apply today. Pick up and return a completed application to your local DeKalb County Public Library by September 15, 2018. Selected teens must provide a photo release and commit to attending all meetings to publish the zine.

October 13: Photography with Arthur Ratliff

October 20: Art with Ellen Gadberry

October 27: Creative Writing with Lisa Ezzard

November 3: Editing and Getting Print Ready with Jerri Wilson

Saturdays, 1:00–3:30 p.m.

Open to first 15 participants. Project funded exclusively by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation 2018–2019 Mini-Grant.

Covington Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Covington Library.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytimes for Daycares

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs and more! Visits to daycare facilities are possible. Time slots are available from 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Advance appointments are required. Contact Amy Witcher at witchera@dekalblibrary.org for appointments or by calling or visiting branch.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 21, 28

December 5, 12, 19, 26

Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

School Age

Books and Coloring

Ages 5 to 12

Discover new or forgotten books! We will listen to various audiobooks and/or read aloud while we relax and color. Materials provided.

Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Music and Craft

Ages 5 to 12

Listen to music while working on a fun craft.

Mondays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 10

October 8
December 10

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Pirate Party

Ages 5 to 12

“International Talk Like a Pirate Day” is September 19th. Let’s celebrate through stories, games, a craft and special snacks.

Saturday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

September 15

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 16 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

BOOK CLUB Eager Readers Book Club

Ages 4 to 8

Let’s explore books for beginning readers. Join us for discussion, activities and light snacks.

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.–Noon

September 29

October 27

November 24

December 22

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 8 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Bingo and Oreos

Ages 5 to 12

October is Cookie Month. Join us as we play Bingo and have an Oreo cookie flavors taste test competition.

Saturday, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

October 13

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 16 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Calligraphy and Cards

Ages 7 to 14

Let’s discover and practice calligraphy writing. Since December is also “Write A Friend” month, we will make handmade cards for friends and family!

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–Noon

December 8

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Family (All Ages)

Budget Bites

Ages 7 and over

Hands-on baking and cooking of budget friendly recipes. Participants will get to eat their creations. Bring printouts of your favorite holiday recipe to exchange. Please indicate any food allergies at sign up.

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–Noon

November 10

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 8 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Decatur Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Decatur Library.

Babies

Musical Mother Goose

Ages 12 to 24 months

Nursery rhymes, songs, short books, and fingerplays. Siblings welcome.

Mondays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

September 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 19, 26

December 3, 10

Please sign up at the Youth Services Desk on the morning of the program. In some cases, latecomers cannot be accommodated. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment. Open to first 25 participants.

Books and Babies

Ages 0 to 12 months

Nursery rhymes, songs, short books, and fingerplays that target the developmental needs of infants and crawlers. Siblings welcome.

Tuesdays, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

September 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11

Open to first 25 participants. In some cases latecomers cannot be accommodated. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Toddlers

Toddler Time and Nursery Rhymes

Ages 24 to 36 months

Stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, and songs. Siblings welcome.

Mondays, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

September 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 19, 26
December 3, 10

Please sign up at the Youth Services Desk on the morning of the program. In some cases, latecomers cannot be accommodated. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment. Open to first 25 participants.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs and more! Siblings welcome. In some cases, latecomers cannot be accommodated.

Tuesdays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

September 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4, 11

Open to first 24 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call the branch for an appointment.

School Age

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Teams

Ages 10 to 17

Calling all interested readers and competitors for the DeKalb County Public Library Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Teams! Come join us for this important meeting where we will form teams, review practice schedule options, and discuss other preparations for the competition in January!

Wednesday, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

September 5

Funding provided by the DeKalb Public Library Foundation.

BOOK CLUB Eager Readers Book Club

Ages 5 to 6

A book club for beginning readers ages 5 to 6. Join us for discussion, activities, and snacks!

Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 11
October 9
November 13

Open to first 12 participants. Please call or visit the Youth Services Desk to register.

Bits and Bots

Ages 8 to 12

Join us as we experiment with robotics and electronics using Ozobots, Dot and Dash robots, Little Bits, and more! Ages 8 to 12.

Fridays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 14
October 12
November 9

Open to the first 8 participants. Please call or visit the Youth Services Desk to sign up. Funding provided by the Decatur Craft Beer Festival Grant and the DeKalb Library Foundation.

BOOK CLUB Graphic Novel Book Club

Ages 8 to 12

Curious about graphic novels or already a fan? Read and learn about graphic novels at this special addition book club.

Saturdays, 3:15–4:15 p.m.

September 15
November 10

Sign up at the Youth Services Desk and receive a copy of the book. Open to the first 10 participants. Please call or visit branch to register.

BOOK CLUB Book Buddies Book Club

Ages 7 to 8

A book club for early chapter book readers. Join us for discussion, activities, and snacks!

Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 18
October 16
November 20

Open to the first 15 participants. Please call or visit the Youth Services Desk to sign up.

BOOK CLUB Book Bunch Book Club

Ages 9 to 11

Read the month's selected book and come talk about it over snacks. Copies are available at the previous month's meeting when the title for the following month is announced.

Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 25
October 30
November 27

Open to first 15 participants.

BOOK CLUB Book Club Holiday Party

Ages 5 to 16

Whether you're an Eager Reader, Book Buddy, Book Bunch, Books Plus or Graphic Novel Book Club member, it's time to celebrate! Join us as we bring all of our Decatur Book Club members together for a holiday celebration.

Tuesday, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

December 4

Handmade Gift Workshop

Ages 5 to 17

Visit our workshop to create and wrap up some homemade holiday surprises for family and friends!

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–Noon

December 8

Open to first 20 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call the branch for a possible appointment.

Teens

BOOK CLUB Book Plus Book Club

Ages 12 to 16

Read this month's selected book and come to the library to talk about it over snacks. Copies are available at the previous month's meeting when the title for the following month is announced.

Tuesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

September 4

October 2

November 6

Open to first 15 participants.

Make it with Morgan

Ages 13 to 17

What kind of maker are you? Come find out! Spend an hour learning and trying different means of making things.

Wednesday, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

December 5

Open to first 15 participants. Please call or visit branch to register.

Children All Ages

Thankful for Books!

Ages 0 to 17

Help us decorate the bulletin board in the Children's area. The theme will be "Favorite Books".

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–Noon

November 3

Family (All Ages)

Crochet Club

10 and over

Come crochet with us! Supplies available for the first 8 new crocheters. Repeat attendees do not need to register; just remember to bring your hook.

Wednesdays, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

September 19

October 17

Adults welcome. Open to first 8 participants.

Wednesday WOW! Family Fun Night

Join us for a night of family fun! We will read a story, play games, and make a project related to a different theme each month.

Wednesdays, 6:00–6:45 p.m.

September 26

October 24

November 28

Doraville Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Doraville Library.

Preschoolers

Pre-School Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Wednesdays are so much fun at the library. We read our favorite stories, play games and make an awesome craft.

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 21, 28

Teens

Saturday Teen Zone

Art in the Afternoon

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting. All supplies are furnished. Refreshments will be served.

September 15: Random art day. Pick a craft and make it.

October 27: Design your own Henna tattoo.

November 17: Create "one of a kind" ornaments.

Saturdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Family (All Ages)

Family Storytime

At our evening storytime we read books, play games and make really cool crafts.

Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20, 27

Dunwoody Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Dunwoody Library

Babies

Mobile Mother Goose

12 to 24 months

Stories, fingerplays, and action rhymes that meet the developmental needs of children 12–24 months. Please sign in upon arrival.

Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 26

December 3, 10, 17

Open to first 25 pairs. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Books and Babies

0 to 12 months

Nursery rhymes, songs, stories and fingerplays that target the developmental needs of infants and crawlers up to 12 months old.

Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–Noon

September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 26

December 3, 10, 17

Open to first 25 pairs. Please sign in upon arrival. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Toddlers

Tales for Twos

For 2 year olds

Stories, fingerplays, rhymes, songs, and more, especially targeted to the developmental needs to

2-year-olds. Please sign in upon arrival.

Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

September 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 27

December 4, 11, 18

Open to first 25 pairs. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories and activities for our little readers! Please sign in upon arrival.

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.–Noon

September 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 27

December 4, 11, 18

Open to first 25 pairs. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

School Age

Lego Afternoon

Ages 5 to 12

Come build and create with Lego pieces. Lego bricks are provided; please do not bring any from home.

Wednesdays, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

September 5

November 7

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of five or more, please call branch for appointment.

Diwali Candleholder Craft

Ages 5 to 12

Diwali is the Festival of Lights. Make your own candleholder that you can use to light up your home!

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of five or more, please call branch for appointment.

Saturday, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

November 3

Thanksgiving Turkey Craft

Ages 5 to 12

Make a Thanksgiving turkey from a toilet paper roll, then use it to decorate your place at your family's Thanksgiving dinner!

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Saturday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

November 17

Snowflake Craft

Ages 5 to 12

Combine paper, beads, and glitter to make sparkly snowflakes!

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of five or more, please call branch for appointment.

Saturday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

December 15

Teens

Banned Book in a Jar

Ages 13 to 17

Guess the title of a deconstructed book that will be located on a special Banned Book Week display in the YA section. Teens may guess as often as they like during Banned Book Week (September 24–29, 2018). All correct guesses will be entered in a drawing for three YA books.

September 24–29, during library hours

Collage Bookmark Make and Take

Ages 13 to 17

Pick up a kit to make your own collage bookmark! There will be several designs to choose from. Craft kits will be available for pick up at a special display in the YA area during Teen Read Week (October 8–13, 2018). While supplies last.

October 8–13, during library hours

Family (All Ages)

Take and Make Crafty Saturdays

Stop by the Circulation Desk and pick up a craft kit to make at home! While supplies last.

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

September 22

October 20

Pajama Storytime

Family, All Ages

Join us for bedtime stories and sleepytime songs. Wear your pjs and bring stuffed friends too!

Wednesday, 6:00–6:30 p.m.

December 19

Open to first 25 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Embry Hills Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Embry Hills Library.

Preschoolers

Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and more!

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

December 5, 12, 19

Family (All Ages)

Popcorn and a Movie

Saturdays, September 15: *Storks*. Junior, top delivery stork, is about to be promoted when he accidentally activates the Baby Making Machine.

Saturdays, November 10: *Charlotte's Web*. Wilbur and his friends are full of fun and adventure.

Saturdays, December 8: *Polar Express*. On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express.

while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

Saturdays, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Flat Shoals Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Flat Shoals Library.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and more!

Tuesdays, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

September 4, 18

October 2, 16

November 13, 27

December 11

For groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

School Age

Thanksgiving Thank You Cards

Ages 5 to 12

Create a special thank you card dedicated to someone for whom you are grateful!

Thursday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

November 15

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants.

Holiday Ornaments

Ages 5 to 12

Make decorative hand ornaments with your special touch for the holiday season.

Saturday, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

December 8

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants.

Tweens

BOOK CLUB Tween Book Club

Ages 10 to 12

Visit the Circulation Desk and check out your copy of our next book club book! Books are available for check out after the previous month's book club. Enjoy discussion, activities and snacks when we meet!

Saturdays, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

September 15

October 27

November 10

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment. Open to first 10 participants.

Teens

Teen Read Week 2018

Create a t-shirt with the 2018 theme: It's Written in the Stars: READ! Basic white t-shirts and markers will be provided. Teens can design their t-shirt based on the theme or on a book they've read

Monday, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

October 8

Family (All Ages)

Family Fun Movie

Join us for a fun, family friendly movie!

September 29: *The Jungle Book*. Rated PG. 2016

October 13: *Kubo and the Two Strings*. Rated PG. 2016

Saturdays, 1:00–2:45 p.m.

Gresham Library

Preschoolers

Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and more!

Wednesdays, Noon–12:30 p.m.

October 10, 17

November 28

December 5, 19

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

School Age

Let's Get Crafty

Ages 5 to 12

Come join us and make some cool crafts. Supplies will be provided.

Saturdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

September 29

October 27

December 8

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

Teens

Teen Movies

Ages 13 to 17

Come watch a great movie and enjoy snacks on us!

Saturday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

November 24

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 35 participants.

Family (All Ages)

Family Game Day

Join us for an afternoon of playing board games.

Saturday, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

September 15

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 20 participants.

Hairston Crossing Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Hairston Crossing Library.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, fingerplays, rhymes, songs and more!

Mondays, 11:30 a.m.–Noon

September 10, 24

October 8, 22

November 5

Open to the first 20 participants. Groups of 5 or more please call library branch.

School Age

Fall Craft

Ages 5 to 12

Make an owl turkey ornament. Open to the first 12 participants.

Tuesday, 2:00–2:30 p.m.

November 6

Holiday Wreath

Ages 5 to 12

Make a Holiday Sweet Treat Wreath. Open to the first 12 participants.

Tuesday, 4:00–4:30 p.m.

December 11

Teens

Teen Movie

Avengers: Infinity War. Rated PG-13.

Saturday, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

October 20

Open to the first 50 participants.

Family (All Ages)

Family Holiday Movie: *The Star*

Family, All Ages

Bring snacks and enjoy the movie. Rated PG.

Tuesday, 6:00–7:45 p.m.

December 18

Open to the first 50 participants.

Lithonia-Davidson Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Lithonia-Davidson Library.

Preschoolers

Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs and more.

Tuesdays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

September 11, 25

October 9, 23

November 6, 27

School Age

Timeless Terrariums

Learn how and create your own terrarium.

Tuesday, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

September 18

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants. Funding provided by the DeKalb Library Foundation.

Pumpkin Fun Day

Ages 5 to 12

Join us for a pumpkin science activity, a craft and treats.

Tuesday, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

October 16

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar

to register. Open to first 12 participants. Funding provided by the DeKalb Library Foundation.

Gobble! Gobble!

Turkey stories, a turkey craft and turkey treats.

Tuesday, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

November 13

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

Teens

Teen Time

Ages 13 to 17

Teen Time is for homework, reading, board games, crafts or just talking.

Mondays, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

September 10, 24

October 8, 22

November 5, 26

Funding provided by the DeKalb Library Foundation.

Family (All Ages)

Popcorn and a Movie

Family, All Ages

Sherlock Gnomes. Rated PG. Garden gnomes Gnomeo and Juliet recruit detective Sherlock Gnomes to investigate the mysterious disappearance of other garden ornaments.

Monday, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

December 17

Open to first 25 participants.

Northlake-Barbara Loar Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Northlake-Barbara Loar Library.

Babies

Building Blocks



Ages 0 to 24 months

Building Blocks provides an environment where children and caregivers begin to develop language, motor and social skills together. Engagement activities are followed by storytime.

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20, 27

Preschoolers

Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, songs and more!

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

Saturday Stories

Ages 3 to 5

Storytime on a weekend. Come hear stories and have fun.

Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

September 8, 22

October 20

November 3, 17

School Age

BOOK CLUB Book Buddies Book Club

Ages 6 to 8

We'll discuss Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne. Join us for discussions, snacks and fun activities.

Registration and copies of book 1 begins August 16, 2018.

Registration and copies of book 2 begins September 19, 2018.

Registration and copies of book 3 begins October 24th.

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

September 19

October 24

November 14

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants.

Twins

BOOK CLUB Book Bunch Book Club

Ages 9 to 11

Read the month's selected book and come talk about it over snacks. Copies to check out are available at the previous month's meeting when the title for the following month is announced.

The September book and registration starts August 15.

The October book and registration starts September 5.

The November book and registration starts October 3.

Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

September 5

October 3

November 7

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 12 participants.

Murder Mystery Night

Ages 10 to 17

Participants will act as detectives, analyzing clues to solve a murder mystery. Pizza dinner will be provided to all participants.

Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October 18

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

Escape Room

Ages 10 to 17

Join us for a brand new Escape Room challenge, a physical adventure game in which participants use clues and solve puzzles to escape a room within a set time limit.

Thursday, November 8: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, November 8: 7:15-8:00 p.m.

Registration required. Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

Teens

Manga Club

Ages 11 to 17

First meeting of the Northlake Manga Club! We will discuss *Naruto Vol. 1* by Masashi Kishimoto. Copies of each month's selection will be available at the checkout desk.

Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 10

Registration required. Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

Murder Mystery Night

Ages 10 to 17

Participants will act as detectives, analyzing clues to solve a murder mystery. Pizza dinner will be provided to all participants.

Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October 18

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 15 participants.

Redan-Trotti Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Redan-Trotti Library.

Babies

Building Blocks



0 to 24 months

Building Blocks provides an environment for young children to develop language, motor and social skills. Engagement activities are followed by storytime. An adult must accompany each child.

Mondays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 19, 26

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Preschoolers

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, songs and more!

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-Noon

September 5, 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

November 7, 14, 28

Open to first 25 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Noon Year's Eve

Ages 3 to 8

Can't stay awake until midnight? Ring in the "Noon Year" early with stories, crafts, and of course, a countdown!

Monday, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

December 31

Open to first 25 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

School Age

BOOK CLUB Read Aloud Book Club

Ages 6 to 8

Listen along as the book club narrator reads from the current selection. We'll discuss the book as we go. Missed the last meeting? We'll have a quick recap at the start of each session. All reading levels welcome. No pre-reading required!

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 29

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Ages 5 to 10

Beginning readers can practice their skills by reading aloud to a trained therapy dog from Pet Partners therapy animal program.

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

September 18

October 16

November 6

Open to first 6 participants. Please call or visit branch to register.

Monster Bookmark Craft

Ages 5 to 12

Drop in and create a friendly (or scary!) monster to hold your place in your book.

Open to first 30 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Friday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

October 5

Tabletop Game Day

Ages 7 and up!

Bring your favorite game, or play one of ours. We will have a variety of card and word games, including UNO, Scrabble SLAM!, and Bananagrams.

Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

November 6

Open to first 30 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Holiday Movie:

The Polar Express

Family, All Ages

Enjoy the holiday classic, *The Polar Express*. Rated G. 2004. Based on the book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg.

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

December 1

Tweens

Origami Peace Cranes

Ages 11 to 17

Learn to fold origami peace cranes to celebrate the International Day of Peace.

Friday, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

September 21

Open to first 15 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Teens

Teen Read Week Movie: *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*

Ages 13 to 17

It's Teen Read Week, and the theme is "It's Written in the Stars: READ." Watch the movie *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, then check out our selection of Star Wars books. Rated PG-13. 2017.

Monday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

October 8

Children All Ages

Friendship Bracelets

Ages 8 to 17

Learn to make friendship bracelets from embroidery floss.

Saturday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

September 8

Open to first 8 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Paper Bag Star Craft

Ages 5 to 17

Make and decorate a decorative star out of paper lunch sacks.

Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

December 4

Open to first 12 participants. Groups of 5 or more, please call branch for appointment.

Family (All Ages)

Halloween Movie: Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

Family, All ages

Enjoy the family Halloween classic, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Rated PG. 1993.

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

October 30

Holiday Movie: *The Polar Express*

Family, All Ages

Enjoy the holiday classic, *The Polar Express* (2004). Rated G. Based on the book *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg.

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

December 1

Salem-Panola Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Salem-Panola Library.

Babies

Building Blocks



Ages 0 to 24 months

Building Blocks provides an environment where children and caregivers begin to develop language, motor and social skills together. Engagement activities are followed by storytime.

Wednesdays, 10:00–10:45 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19

October 3, 10, 17

November 7

Preschoolers

Preschool Story Hour

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, fingerplays, rhymes, songs and more!

Wednesdays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19

October 3, 10, 17

November 7

Preschool Holiday Story Hour

Ages 3 to 5

Holiday stories, fingerplays, rhymes, songs and more!

Wednesdays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

November 14

December 5

Teens

Book to Movie

Ages 13 to 17

View the film adaptation of a Young Adult title. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, Rated PG-13.

Tuesday, 5:00–6:30 p.m.

September 4

Scott Candler Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Scott Candler Library.

Toddlers

Toddler Time

Ages 2 to 3

Music, rhymes, activities, and more to get caregivers and children moving.

Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

September 10, 17, 24

October 8, 22, 29

November 5, 19, 26

December 3

School Age

Crazy about Legos

Ages 5 to 12

Let's see your imagination at work! We'll provide all the Lego pieces.

Tuesday and Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

September 6

October 9

November 1

December 6

Disney Karaoke

Ages 5 to 12

Sing your favorite Disney songs!

Saturday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

September 29

Afternoon Craft Series

Ages 5 to 12

Wednesday, October 24: Paper Mosaic Jack O'Lantern. We're celebrating fall by making paper mosaic jack o'lanterns.

Wednesday, October 31: Holiday Craft & Treat. Enjoy a treat while making a holiday craft!

Thursday, November 8: Leafy Autumn Wreath.

The leaves are falling, fitting for making a leafy Autumn wreath.

Wednesday, November 21: Kids Punch and Paint. Kids, come paint a selected picture and enjoy punch.

Thursday, December 13: Popsicle Stick Snowflakes. Get in the cold weather mood by making popsicle stick snowflakes.

Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.
and Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Family (All Ages)

Movie: *The Polar Express*

Family, All Ages

Climb aboard “The Polar Express” while enjoying hot chocolate! When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. Rated G.

Wednesday, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

December 19

Stonecrest Library

Funding provided in part by the Friends of the Stonecrest Library.

Preschoolers

Family Storytime

Ages 3 to 5

Stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:00 p.m.

September 12, 26

October 10, 24

November 14, 28

December 12

Kindergarten, Here I Come!

Ages 4 to 6

Talking, singing, reading, writing and playing all suited to the needs of preschoolers as they prepare to enter kindergarten and for reading. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Wednesdays, 6:00–6:45 p.m.

September 19

October 17

December 19

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 5 participants.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Ages 3 to 5

“What I love most about tea parties is that you can have one anytime! There are just three important things to remember: Be fancy! Have fun. And you’re invited!” Fancy Nancy

Saturday, 3:00–3:45 p.m.

September 22

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

School Age

Read to Rover

Ages 5 to 12

Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog.

Saturdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

September 1

October 6

November 3

December 1

Homeschool Laboratory

Ages 6 to 9

Learn about new library resources, books, games and create crafts.

Wednesdays, 2:00–2:45 p.m.

September 19

October 17

Memory Box

Ages 5 to 12

Decorate a memory box for your photographs, memorabilia and other mementos.

Saturday, Noon–12:30 p.m.

September 22

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

National Homemade Cookie Day

Ages 5 to 12

If you are looking for an excuse to bake some homemade cookies, look no further. Join us as we make a surprise no-bake treat.

Monday, 4:00–4:30 p.m.

October 1

Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 10 participants.

