

Creativity on display at Main

Artists and artisans from Madison County's craft guilds will present demonstrations and works from their members during a Craft Expo on Saturday, January 11, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 915 Monroe St. We'll have live music, cupcakes by Happy Cake, and items for purchase.

Meet members of the Huntsville Herb Society, the Heritage



Quilters of Huntsville, the Alabama Gourd Society, the Huntsville Bead Society, the Embroiderer's Guild, and more. See demonstrations of soap-making, cheese-making, basket-weaving, and lotion-making.



Contact Sophie Young at 256-532-2362 or syoung@hmcpl.org for details.

Cultural icons made big marks

You can learn more about renowned African-Americans who have had a strong influence not only on black culture but on American culture and society in general as we celebrate Black History Month. We will present a biographical and art series each Monday in February at 2 p.m. at the Bessie K. Russell Library, 3011-C Sparkman Drive.

We begin on February 3 with Bob Marley, a Jamaican singer-songwriter who achieved international fame through a series of crossover reggae albums.

"History Makers: Courage and Faith" on

February 10 will include civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton, poet Nikki Giovanni and best-selling author Terry McMillan.

Boxing legend Muhammad Ali is the focus of the February 17 program. We'll explore hip-hop and rap music on February 24.

For more information, contact BKR Branch Manager Adrienne M. Bone at abone@hmcpl.org or 256-859-9050.



Terry McMillan



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Happy New Year to all!

By JAN KELLY
Friends of the Library

Liz Stagg and Margaret Vann, past and present FOL presidents, are good friends, and both have been stellar Friends of the Library members for many years. The picture at the right demonstrates the smiles and the spirit with which they approach their volunteerism.

Liz is outgoing president and came to the job with many goals for herself and for the organization when many changes had occurred that created huge challenges. She was undaunted and led the Friends to accomplish most of them.

Liz was supported by the vice president, Ann Baker, who, with Liz, affixed themselves to each committee and led with gusto. Secretary Cynthia Fix and treasurer Bill Rankins were equally diligent, and they all made 2013 a very good year.

Margaret now takes over as president with John Jeter as vice president. Cynthia and Bill return as secretary and treasurer, respectively, and all offer plenty of experience and an admirable work ethic.

Thank you to all of these good people for the quality of their ideas and the energy they have committed to them.



Liz Stagg, left, and Margaret Vann shelve books in the Friends of the Library Bookstore.

The Friends of the Library presents The 2014 Hertha Heller Forums

January 26 – Friends look forward to joining with the Huntsville Literary Association in presenting POETS' CHOICE READINGS. This annual event features twenty accomplished poets of the HLA Poetry Workshop, reading their best poems of 2013. Poetry lovers will want to hear the expressive, imaginative, and original work of these skilled poets. They provide a chapbook for each attendee and set a welcoming beginning for the FOL 2014 Forum series.

February 23 – Lowell Zoller will present RESTLESS ALABAMA, explaining the geological history and formation of what is now Alabama. He will give special attention to the limestone understructure, earthquakes and sinkholes. Mr. Zoller retired from Marshall Space Flight Center after 35 years. At retirement he was Associate Director of Science & Engineering, having managed development and production projects. His avocations are geology and paleontology, and he is president of the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society.



Lowell Zoller

All Forums will be held in the Main Library auditorium at 2 p.m. They are free, and the public is invited.

Friends' Foreword



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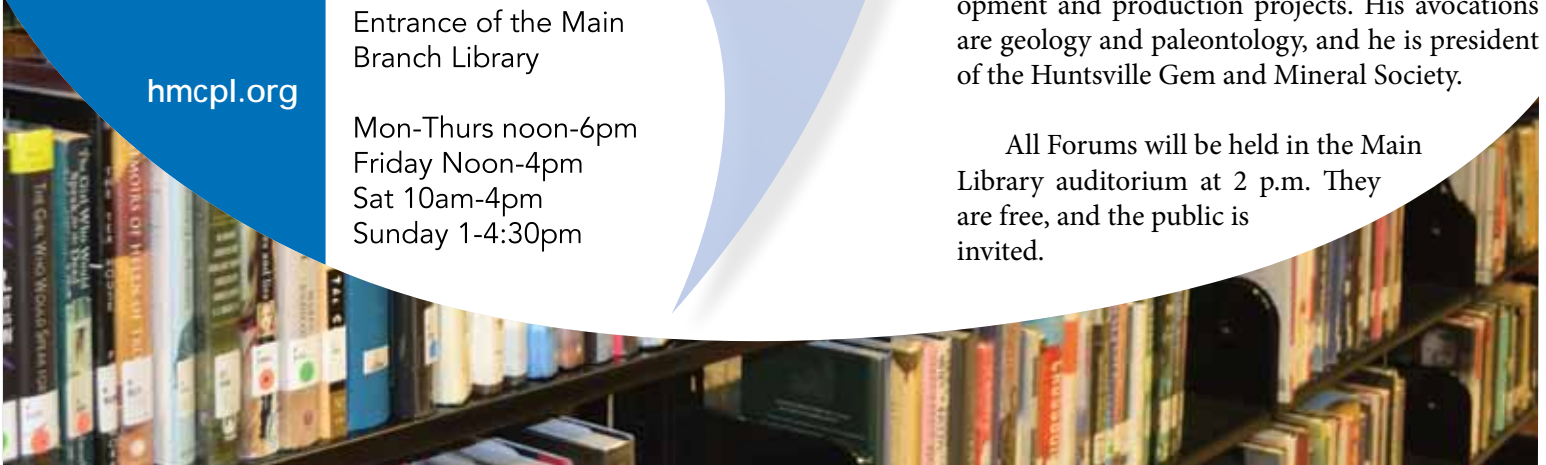
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Our mission is to enrich the educational, recreational, and cultural life of our community through materials, information, and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning.

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Friends Bookstore
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Mon-Thurs noon-6pm
Friday Noon-4pm
Sat 10am-4pm
Sunday 1-4:30pm



Put your money on the right path

Are you ready to rev up your finances in 2014? HMCPL can improve your money savvy and investing know-how through our Mind Your Money program for beginning investors.

We're holding Mind Your Money Lunch & Learn sessions at the Main Branch on March 27 and April 3, 10, and 24 from noon to 1 p.m. The four-part series will be repeated in Madison later in the spring. Topics include savings plans, investment options, and assessing and managing risks.

We're also giving library cardholders access to Morningstar® Investment Research Center, which offers real-time access to comprehensive data and independent analysis on thousands of investments, spanning mutual funds, stocks, exchange-traded funds, and closed-end funds.

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For more information or to sign up, contact library Deputy Director Sue Royer at sroyer@hmcpl.org or 256-532-5952.

For financial tips, visit hmcpl.org/mym and [facebook.com/mindyourmoneyhmcpl](https://www.facebook.com/mindyourmoneyhmcpl).

LearningQUEST: Stimulate your mind

LearningQUEST, a partner with the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, has a full schedule of forums, courses, trips, and more planned for the winter/spring term. Find out the details at Rally Day on Tuesday, January 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive. Go to the St. Clair Avenue entrance just across the street from the Main Library.

While most of LearningQUEST's courses are for registered participants only, several programs at the Main Library are open to the public. Here's a sample: "Shakespeare's Language" with University of Alabama in Huntsville English professor Dr. Jeffrey N. Nelson on Monday, January 27, at 10 a.m.; a discussion of the life of Benjamin Franklin by Joe Berry on Thursday, January 30, at 10:30 a.m.; and "A Southern Literature Renaissance" with Evie Spearman of the Huntsville Literary Association on Tuesday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. For more information on LearningQUEST, visit lquest.org.



Join the Friends of the Library!

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As a member, I would like to volunteer in the bookstore.

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest
Now through Jan 13 • 7pm
Triana Library
Ages 12-18. Details at 256-772-3677.

Hollywood Science Fiction Films of the '70s
Jan 6, 13, 27 & Feb 3 • 6pm
Main Library
Jan. 6, "Colossus: The Forbin Project" (1970); Jan. 13, "The Andromeda Strain" (1971); Jan. 27, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977); Feb. 3, "Alien: (1979).

"Rainy Street Stories: Reflections on Secret Wars, Espionage and Terrorism"
Jan 13 • 6:30pm
Madison Library
Retired intelligence officer John William Davis discusses his book.

How to Do Things: Needle Felting
Jan 14 • 6:30 - 8pm
Main Library
Learn how to make a butterfly pin cushion with Huntsville Fiber Guild member Crystal Kitchens. Register in advance, \$3 fee, 256-532-2362.

Studio Night @ Bailey Cove: Valentines
Jan 16 • 6pm
Bailey Cove Library
Supplies and beverages provided. Register at 256-881-0257.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast
Jan 18 • 9am
Triana Library
The public is invited. 256-772-3677.

Bailey Cove Friends of the Library Book Sale
Jan 25 - 26 • Daily hours
Bailey Cove Library
Shop for bargains on books and other items.

Hertha Heller Forum: Poets' Choice Readings
Jan 26 • 2 - 4pm
Main Library
Members of the Huntsville Literary Association's Poetry Writing Workshop begin the 2014 series. Presented by Friends of the Library. Free.

Chinese New Year Celebration
Jan 27 • 3:30pm
Main Library
Children's program with Huntsville Chinese Village includes music, dancing, and games.

Holiday Family Craft
Jan 27 • 4pm
Eleanor E. Murphy Library
Make a fun craft project for the Chinese New Year. Suitable for all ages.

Health Forum: Chronic Cough
Jan 28 • 11am - Noon
Main Library
Dr. Jason T. Smith from Huntsville Hospital Lung Center discusses diagnosis and treatment.

How to Do Things: African Drumming
Jan 28 • 6:30 - 8pm
Main Library
Learn about African hand percussion from djembe player Simba Foluke'. Drums will be provided. Register in advance, \$3 fee, 256-532-2362.

Art in Your Library

Atrium Gallery: See works in a variety of media by talented local artists in the Atrium of the Main Library.

Main Auditorium: Works by Huntsville Art League artists are on view during public events in the Main Library auditorium.



Lunch and Love Romance Book Club: "Heartbreaker"

Feb 4 • 11am
 Monrovia Library
 Skype session with best-selling author Julie Garwood. 256-489-3392.

Health Screenings

Feb 10 • 9:30am - Noon
 Main Library
 Free screenings from Huntsville Hospital's Mobile Medical Unit.

Health Matters @ Madison

Feb 10 • 6:30pm
 Madison Library
 Huntsville Hospital's Brenda Styles will discuss cardiovascular health.

Tween Afternoon: Anti-Valentine's Day

Feb 13 • 4pm
 Bailey Cove Library
 Celebrate everything Valentine's Day is not with games, crafts, and snacks.

Teen Fandom Fest

Feb 13 • 5pm
 Madison Library
 Anime Club returns in a new and improved format focusing on anime and British TV series. 256-461-0046.

Black History Jazz Art Lesson

Feb 15 • 11am
 Bessie K. Russell Library
 Registration is required, 256-859-9050.

Studio Night @ Bailey Cove: "The Reading Tree"

Feb 20 • 6pm
 Bailey Cove Library
 Supplies and beverages provided. Register at 256-881-0257.

Spanish/English Conversation Circle

Feb 20 • 6:30pm
 Monrovia Library
 Practice your second language with native speakers. 256-489-3392.

Children's LEGO Workshop

Feb 21 • 3:30pm
 Main Library
 Members of the Tennessee Valley LEGO club will teach children how to make spectacular LEGO creations to keep. Limit of 24 participants. Sign up in the Youth Services Department or by calling 256-532-5949.

Hertha Heller Forum: "Restless Alabama"

Feb 23 • 2 - 4pm
 Main Library
 Lowell Zoller discusses geological history and the formation of Alabama. Presented by Friends of the Library. Free.

How to Do Things: Painting in Watercolor

Feb 25 • 6:30 - 8pm
 Main Library
 Artist Cynthia Massey Parsons discusses watercolor fundamentals. Register in advance, \$3 fee, 256-532-2362.

Teen Tinkers

Feb 27 • 5pm
 Madison Library
 This steampunk-style crafting hour will include clockwork crafts and various Victorian ventures. No fee. Register at 256-461-0046.

Find more events at hmcpl.org.

Looking Ahead: Hertha Heller Forum

Mar 23 • 2 - 4pm
 Main Library
 Max Rosenthal, one of the former managers of the Hubble Space Telescope, will discuss "The Amazing Hubble Telescope." Free.





Connect to technology at Main Computer Training Center offers range of classes

You have a new computer, but you can barely turn it on. Or maybe you're a veteran user, but you want to take your skills to a higher level.

Our Computer Training Center staff at the Main Library downtown can help you achieve your high-tech goals in 2014. We offer a wide range of computer classes, everything from basic PC skills to how to find free information on the library website. We can even demystify Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Some of our computer services can put you on the road to greater professional success. We offer a limited number of Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams in Microsoft Word 2010, Excel 2010, PowerPoint 2010, Access 2010, and Outlook 2010, thanks to generous grants from Alabama state Rep. Phil Williams and the Daniel Foundation of Alabama. If you're looking for a job, this certification can help you land one. If you're already employed, this knowledge can increase your productivity and value to your employer. Exams are available to Madison County residents only.

To qualify for the exam, call 256-532-2356 to make an appointment for a free practice test and a short interview/survey. Passing this test is required to show that you have the basic skills to take a certification exam. For details about MOS certifications, visit guides.hmcpl.org/MOS. Find a schedule of classes and more information about the Computer Training Center at hmcpl.org/computers/training.



The Computer Training Center is located on the second floor of the Main Library downtown.

New writing groups focus on teens

We don't just promote good books at the library. We also promote good writing.

The South Huntsville Teen Writers Group meets at the Bailey Cove Library twice a month: first Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and second Saturdays at 11 a.m. from January through April. Space is limited. Contact Julia Hendon, 256-881-0257, jhendon@hmcpl.org,

hmcpl.org, at Bailey Cove Library, or Haley Whaley, 256-881-5620, hwhaley@hmcpl.org, at Eleanor E. Murphy Library to sign up.

The Teen Writing Group at the Madison Library will meet on Thursday, January 9, and Thursday, February 6, at 5 p.m. Contact Rebecca Doom, rdoom@hmcpl.org, 256-461-0046.

In Honor:



Nancy and David Billings by Larry and Susan Crabtree
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In Memory:

- Eugenia "Genie" D. Adams by Warren, Janine, Madelinn and Olivia Alwine
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