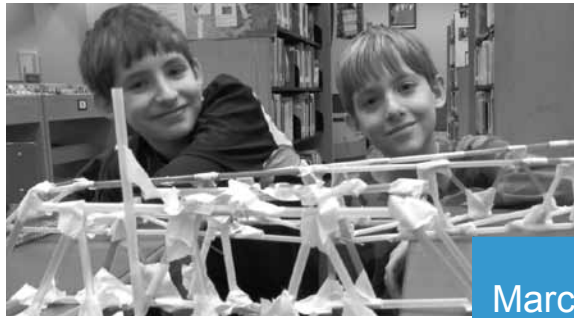




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'Eden Rise' tackles civil rights conflict Acclaimed historian turns his talents to fiction

Hazel Green native Robert J. Norrell has received much acclaim for his historical works. *Up from History: the Life of Booker T. Washington* was met with national praise when it was published in 2009. *Reaping the Whirlwind: The Civil Rights Movement in Tuskegee* won the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 1986.

Now Norrell has turned his talents to fiction. He will talk about his first novel, *Eden Rise*, on Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library, 915 Monroe St. Admission is free. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Norrell's protagonist, Tom McKee, is a white college freshman who becomes embroiled in private and public racial conflicts when he returns to his Alabama Black Belt home in the racially charged summer of 1965.

George Singleton, author of *The Half-Mammals of Dixie*, calls *Eden Rise* "one of the best Civil Rights-era novels I've read since Lewis Nordan's *Wolf Whistle*," and says, "Norrell has summoned the exemplary storytelling

Meet the Author: Robert J. Norrell



Robert J. Norrell

April 14

2 p.m.

Main Library auditorium

voices of both Harper Lee and John Grisham." Allen Wier, author of *Tehano*, cites Norrell's "keen sense of place and the nuances of character" and calls the novel "realistic and haunting."

For details, contact Sophie Young at syoung@hmcpl.org or 256-532-2362.



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Friends' Foreword

The latest news from the Friends of the Library

LOOK WHO'S RATTLING BONES!



Dr. Susan Kirkpatrick Smith, former Huntsville resident and Grissom High School graduate, is associate professor of anthropology at Kennesaw State University. She began research in Greece in the 1990s, studying ancient skeletons from a cemetery at the foot of the Acropolis in Athens. Since 2006 she has returned to Greece each summer to continue her research. She has conducted her own forensic experiments, often using bones from the butcher shop.

On March 24 Dr. Smith will present the final FOL Forum for 2013, **STORIES BONES TELL**, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium. She says that forensic anthropology gets all the glory. From the television show "Bones," to the Jefferson Bass novels about the Body Farm at the University of Tennessee, forensics is where the glamour is! But where do the TV writers and the authors get their information? They turn to archaeologists and anthropologists who have engaged in years of research on skeletons from archaeological digs – research that unfolds life in the distant past and solves crimes in the present. Of interest, Susan is the daughter of Barbara Kirkpatrick, a faithful Friend for many years. (Remember the forums are free; refreshments are served.)

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APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

JOIN Friends of the Library!

Already a Friend? Please renew in April and return your renewal form promptly. Gift family and friends with membership or encourage friends to become Friends.

Want to be a Friend? Use the form found in the last column on the Calendar page of this newsletter OR pick up a membership form at FOL Book Store. FRIENDS keep company with books and book lovers!

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March 9, 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
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Library Literacy Guild gets busy

New group supports reading by donating books to kids through Manna House

Manna House puts food in the stomachs of local underprivileged students. The Library Literacy Guild has teamed up with Manna House to put new books in the children's hands to feed their minds.

The Guild was founded in November 2012 to support the Huntsville Library Foundation. The goal of the Guild is to promote literacy through the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library system.

"Our first project has been to place age-appropriate books and local branch information into backpacks of students receiving food for the weekend," said Amy Gandy, Foundation development director.

"Working through Manna House, we identified seven schools that we will be working through to distribute books and library information. It is our goal to put books in backpacks at least four times this year."

The Guild has raised more than \$10,000 through generous donations of charter members and a grant from Wal-Mart. These funds purchased more than 2,500 books for distribution within our community.

Charter members of the Guild are Susan Anderson, Kathy Chan, Kay Eastin, Amy Gandy, Kim Johnson, Carol Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Sarah Lauren Kattos, Liz Laney, Rosemary Lee, Jean Salter, Cheryl Shultz, Ruchi Singhal, Sangeeta Singhal, Christina Tabereaux, Marcie Wingo, Allen Young, 4Site, Inc., and the Junior League of Huntsville. For more information, contact Amy at agandy@hmcpl.org or 256-532-5954, or Kim at kimjohnson@comcast.net or 256-682-6824.



Rick Bragg returns to Huntsville for Vive le Livre

A popular Alabama author will headline the 2013 edition of Vive le Livre, the Huntsville Library Foundation's popular annual fundraiser. Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg is the guest speaker for the event, which will be held on Thursday, September 12.

Rick is the author of three best-selling memoirs about his family and the working class people of the Appalachian foothills: *All Over But the Shoutin'*, *Ava's Man* and *The Prince of Frogtown*. A native of Calhoun County, he worked at several newspapers before joining *The New York Times* in 1994. He currently teaches journalism at the University of Alabama and is working on a biography of Jerry Lee Lewis. He lives in Tuscaloosa with his wife and stepson.

Good food, fun, information set to boost Monrovia

The Friends of the Library group at the Monrovia Public Library has planned three fundraising events that offer good food, a fun way to exercise, and valuable information that could save your life.

Dine at Texas Roadhouse, 121 Jeff Road, on Tuesday, March 5, between 4 and 10 p.m., and 10 percent of the cost of your meal will be donated to the library. Stop by the library to pick up the flyer you must present.

National Weather Service representatives will share weather preparedness information at the Monrovia Library on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. FOL will give away an "Everything About Weather" basket that includes a weather radio, flashlight, rain jacket and dozens more weather-related items. Tickets to win the basket are on sale now for \$1 each at the Monrovia Circulation desk. All money raised goes to the Monrovia Library Building Fund to help build a children's addition to the library.

Friends members are planning the inaugural Monrovia Library Walk-A-Thon for early May in Phillips Park, located next to the Monrovia Library. You'll be able to help the library meet its growth goals as you pursue your health goals.

For details on these events, contact Cindy Hewitt at 256-489-3392 or chewitt@hmcpl.org.

March

Calendar of Events

April

Art in Your Library

ATRIUM GALLERY

Works by students in the Alabama A&M University Art department through March; Panoply posters from The Arts Council in April and May.

MAIN AUDITORIUM

Pastels by Huntsville Art League artist Harriet Dobbins are on view during public events in the auditorium of the Main Library during March and April.

SPECIAL EVENTS

From concerts to author events, you can stay in the know with hmcpl.org.

Small Business Lunch & Learn: Smart Landscaping

March 4, noon
Main Library

Diane Hansen, Master Gardeners of North Alabama, will discuss how to use the Internet to find good info.

How to Do Things: AL.com for Seniors

March 12, 10-11 a.m.
Main Library

Learn how to get free local news online. Bring your own laptop, smartphone or tablet if you have one.

How to Do Things: Introduction to Weaving Bands on the Inkle Loom

March 12, 6:30-8 p.m.
Main Library

Crystal Kitchens of Huntsville Fiber Guild leads class for ages 14 and up. Registration required, 256-532-2362.

How to Do Things: Filing Your Taxes

March 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.
Main Library

Tax adviser Tom DeLong discusses changes in the tax code, IRAs, declaring dependents and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Interesting programs, lectures and events are always going on.

Seminar: Understanding Diabetes

March 21, 2 p.m.

Bessie K. Russell Library

Nutritionist Victor Owens discusses risk factors, signs and symptoms.

Studio Night: Recycled Book Arts

March 21, 6 p.m.

Bailey Cove Library

There will be at least three different crafts to make and take. Sign up in advance at 256-881-0257.

Introduction to Braiding Rugs

March 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Madison Library

Learn how to prepare fabric strips, braid the strips and lace the braids into round and oval rugs. Fee is \$5. Sign up at 256-461-0046.

Hertha Heller Forum:

“Stories Bones Tell: From Forensics to the Greek Islands”

March 24, 2 p.m.

Main Library

Dr. Susan K. Smith, associate professor of anthropology at Kennesaw State University, talks about her research and forensic experiments.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Brush up your skills in our Computer Training Center.

Health Forum: Colorectal Cancer

March 26, 11 a.m. to noon

Main Library

Amy George of Clearview Cancer Institute talks about symptoms, treatment and prevention.

How to Do Things: Bollywood Dancing

March 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

Main Library

Richa Singh shows how to dance like a Mumbai film star. Details at 256-532-2362.

Laptop Learners Computer Classes: Skype

April 1, 10 a.m.

Eleanor E. Murphy Library

Sign up at 256-881-5620.

Small Business Lunch & Learn: Using WordPress

April 1, noon

Main Library

Justin Givens of Image in a Box discusses how to use WordPress, one of the most powerful website platforms, to take control of your website needs.

Professional Training Resources

The Reference department hosts monthly professional development workshops for entrepreneurs, nonprofits and writers. Admission is free, and no registration is required. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided. For more details, contact Tina O'Driscoll, 256-532-5972 or todriscoll@hmcpl.org, or visit hmcpl.org/reference.

Write Right Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, March 12, noon to 1 p.m.

"Writing and Publishing Non-Fiction"

Jennifer Garlen, author of *Beyond Casablanca: 100 Classic Movies Worth Watching*, will share tips and experiences about writing for a variety of non-fiction projects, including freelance work, books for traditional publishers, and self-published books. She will talk about the ways in which each kind of non-fiction writing differs and what writers can expect from each process.

Nonprofit Lunch & Learn

Thursday, March 21, noon to 1:30 p.m.

"The Economic Impact of the Arts"

Allison Dillon-Jauken, executive director of The Arts Council, will present an overview of the Huntsville-Madison County arts community and discuss economic impact data collected from a recent research study.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendars so you won't miss any of the fun.

Laptop Learners Computer Classes: Excel 1

April 8, 10 a.m.

Eleanor E. Murphy Library
Sign up at 256-881-5620.

Write Right Lunch & Learn:

Journaling

April 9, noon

Main Library

Angela Walker explores the types of journals, writing techniques and benefits of journaling.

How to Do Things: Introduction to Spinning on a Drop Spindle

April 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

Main Library

Melissa Lehman of Huntsville Fiber Guild shows how to spin yarn. Supplies provided. No experience required. Details at 256-532-2362.

Studio Night: Painting with Sherlock!

April 18, 6 p.m.

Bailey Cove Library

Design and make your own Sherlock Holmes-inspired painting. Supplies provided. No fee; donations appreciated. Sign up at 256-881-0257.

FRIENDS EVENTS

Upcoming events for the Friends network.

Health Forum: Parkinson's Disease

April 23, 11 a.m. to noon

Main Library

Kandess Anderson, CRNP, discusses symptoms, treatment and research.

Nutritious Meals on a Budget

April 25, 2 p.m.

Bessie K. Russell Library

Nutritionist Victor Owens tells how to shop smart.

Weave a Melon/Egg Basket

April 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Madison Library

Learn how to handle reed, make a god's eye and shape a ribbed basket. Fee is \$14. Sign up at 256-461-0046.

HMCPL Puppet Troupe

April 27, time TBA

Panoply, Big Spring Park

Don't miss your chance to see our summer reading promotional show, *Dig Into Reading: Dinosaur Extravaganza!*

25 CENT BOOK SALE
March 9, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Main Library Auditorium

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Out on a branch: Showers Center Library

Storytelling times and learning games add fun to afternoon homework sessions

Showers Center Public Library manager Lillie Cawthron (pictured at right) and fellow librarian Debra Humphrey are experts at reading stories to young listeners. But sometimes one of those little listeners has so much energy that he's asked to read the story to the group. Whether reading or listening, the kids are learning, and they're having fun.

Located in the Richard Showers Recreation Center, 4600 Blue Spring Road, the library is a popular gathering place for all ages in the community. Stop by any afternoon after school, and you'll see kids working on their homework, reading, or playing games that challenge their minds and promote cooperation. Stop by anytime, and you're likely to see adults at the computers, perhaps working on their résumés or applying for a job.

Upcoming events at the Showers Library include a Crane Book Sale the week of March 5-12 during regular library hours. Crane Books will set up shop in the library and offer patrons a good way to build their personal libraries.

The Showers Friends of the Library group is only a couple of years old, but its members are active and enthusiastic about promoting their library. The Friends will sponsor the third annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, starting at 8 a.m. on the Showers Center grounds. It's a good way to get some exercise while helping the library to share its love with the community. The exercise will be particularly beneficial in light of another popular ongoing Showers Friends fundraiser: Krispy Kreme doughnut coupons. For more details, contact Lillie at lcawthron@hmcpl.org or 256-851-7492.



Community Read 2013: Sherlock Holmes

It's been more than a hundred years since Sir Arthur Conan Doyle introduced master detective Sherlock Holmes to an eager reading world. As the recent Robert Downey Jr. movies, the British TV series "Sherlock" and the American series "Elementary" show, Holmes is more popular than ever.

HMCPL jumps on the Holmes bandwagon with Community Read 2013: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. Join us throughout the month of April as we reconnect with Conan Doyle's original hero through a series of lectures, movies, games and craft programs for all ages. Find a full schedule of events at hmcpl.org.

Women usually play minor roles in Holmes' world – with one major exception, Irene Adler in "A Scandal in Bohemia." Lee Shackleford, assistant professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and author of the play *Holmes & Watson*, will focus on "Uncovering Irene Adler," on Saturday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the Main Library. Shackleford is a writer for stage, screen, and radio with more than 150 produced scripts to his credit.

Local novelist Stephanie Osborn will talk about her *Displaced Detective* series, a time-travel take on Holmes, on Saturday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at the Bailey Cove Public Library. On Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m. at the Main Library, she will discuss the research that went into her novels, everything from the cutting-edge science of M theory to what the well-dressed Victorian gentleman wore.

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