



# COVER TO COVER

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## 'Place, Not Race' author Cashin will discuss book

Huntsville native Sheryll Cashin wrote about the struggles of her family in *The Agitator's Daughter: A Memoir of Four Generations of One Extraordinary African-American Family*. Now the Georgetown University law professor will return to her hometown to talk about her latest book, *Place, Not Race: A New Vision of Opportunity in America*, on Monday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Huntsville Library. Books will be available for sale and signing. Admission is free.



Sheryll Cashin

Cashin was law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and worked in the Clinton White House as an adviser on urban and economic policy. Her book *The Failures of Integration* was an Editors' Choice in the *New York Times Book Review*. She is also a two-time nominee for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for non-fiction (2005 and 2009). Find out more at [sheryllcashin.com](http://sheryllcashin.com).



This architect's rendering offers a vision of what the new South Huntsville Library may look like after it opens on the old Grissom High School site.

## Let's grow a library!

A vibrant library makes the whole community a better place to live, work and play, but when the building's bursting at the seams, its impact shrinks. If you use our facilities in south Huntsville, you know it's time to grow a bigger, stronger library.

A new state-of-the-art library is in the works for south Huntsville. We'll have small group, board room, and reception hall meeting spaces. We'll have art studios, science and technology labs, and building stations to fuel creativity in all ages. We'll be an information hub with in-house laptop loans, a technology bar, and Early Literacy Stations. We'll even have a video and audio recording studio. As in all our library branches, we'll offer educational resources to support the school system.

The City of Huntsville and Madison County have already invested \$2 million each toward the \$8.4 million project, but the support of the community is necessary to make this exciting project a reality. Over the past few months, Madison County Commissioner Phil Riddick, the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library system, and other community leaders have been in the midst of a capital campaign to raise the remaining \$4.4 million in private funds for the project.

To learn more about the features of the South Huntsville Library and how you can help us build it, visit [hmcpl.org/newsouthhuntsville/library/](http://hmcpl.org/newsouthhuntsville/library/).

**THIS IS THE PUBLIC'S LIBRARY.**

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.

# FRIENDS' FOREWORD

## Time to give thanks for our Sustaining Friends

By JAN KELLY

Friends of the Library, Downtown Huntsville

Autumn is at its fullest in November, a time to be thankful for the harvest and to say thank you to a group of people who do much of the sowing for the harvest, and who make huge contributions to the Friends of the Library. Many of you may not even know of our Sustaining Directors. So let's get acquainted!

Sustainers are members who have served on the Friends of the Library Board of Directors. Upon retirement, they may become Sustaining Directors. As such, they may attend board meetings, work in the bookstore, work as sorters or pricers and some serve on committees. The duties they quietly perform are time-consuming and absolutely necessary for the operation of the bookstore.

Sustainers prop up the efforts of Friends of the Library to provide revenue for the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. We salute our sustainers and say THANK YOU! to Mary Ann Anderson, Childs Berry, Sherry Birney, Howard Blood, Virginia Buchanan, Ruth Broussard, Rae Ciliax, Dian Derrick, Sigrun Duerr, Doris Fandre, Ray Hanson, Sally Howard, Dianne Howell, Peggy Jacobs, Betty Lou Jones, Lee Jones, Juliana Larson, Laurel McDaniel, Jo McDonald, Ed Miller, Shirley Miller, Linda Mixon, Lucy Mize, Nancy Munson, Pat Ryan, Warren Schoenknecht, Nina Senn, Liz Stagg, Leon Trotter, Ginger White, and Jane Yeagain. Thank you also to John Martz, who is not a sustainer, but who gives five or six days a week, doing heavy lifting in the bookstore and anything else that needs doing. Without all of these selfless Friends, there could be no bookstore.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Soon the library will be adorned in Christmas raiment! Come and see the Festival of Trees when many charitable organizations decorate their Christmas trees to illustrate their purposes. Look for the Friends of the Library tree, topped with a book-reading snowman. Check out the bookstore for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!

SANTA CLAUS: A PSYCHOGRAPH by Gamaliel Bradford

"The first thing a psychographer must do is to look for material and facts to base his deductions ... as to the development of a character. ... In the case of Santa Claus the facts are deplorably scanty." The original Saint Nicholas "appears (to be) a Bishop of Myra, named Nicholas," who developed an "attitude for giving ... and established himself as a patron of ... sailors, school boys, and even thieves.

"But a much more charming and concrete source of information about the most popular of saints ... is the poem by Clement Moore ...:

'His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;...  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,  
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump – a right jolly old elf;  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.' "

"... why should not old and young alike, hearken for the tinkling bells and the pawing reindeer and echo the merry greeting of the saint, broadcast to the whole world:

'Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!'

## Join the Friends of the Library!

Fill out this membership form, and mail it to Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 443, Huntsville, AL 35804

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch (If you join multiple branches, you must pay a fee per branch): \_\_\_\_\_

New  Renewal

- Senior/Student..... \$15
- Individual ..... \$20
- Family ..... \$25
- Good Friend..... \$50
- Best Friend ..... \$100

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Library.

# CONNECT

## Deck our halls for the holidays

We're presenting our annual Festival of Trees at the Downtown Huntsville Library and the Festival of Wreaths at the Madison Library again this year, and your group is invited to help us decorate.

You can view the displays throughout December, but you must to sign up in November to participate. Call Chris Daniels at 256-532-5993 for Downtown Huntsville trees. For Madison wreaths, contact the Friends of the Madison Public Library at 256-461-0046 or email [madisonfriendsofthelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:madisonfriendsofthelibrary@gmail.com).



## Create your quilt

Learn how to create your own hand-stitched heirloom during Quilting 101 at the Elizabeth Carpenter Library of New Hope during November and December.

Local quiltmaker Linda Solmon will teach classes on Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the library, 5496 Main St.

Here's the class schedule:

November 14 – Cutting the Pieces

November 21 – Sewing the Pieces  
Together

December 5 – Quilting the Block

December 12 – Hemming the Block

December 19 – Finishing

There is no charge for the class, but a few small supplies will be required. You can get a supply list at the Carpenter Library circulation desk. For details, call 256-723-2995 or email [newhope@hmcpl.org](mailto:newhope@hmcpl.org).

## Explore history on a digital path

Discover a digital path to historic research on November 8 when Chuck Sherrill, Tennessee state archivist, presents "Collecting the Past: A Report from Tennessee's State Librarian and Archivist" from 10 a.m. to noon at the Downtown Huntsville Library. Admission is free.

Sherrill's talk will include digitization of Tennessee newspapers with some general information about newspaper databases online and their relative value; the Civil War Online, focusing on the "Looking Back" project of visiting each county to digitize family memorabilia, and the Tennessee Supreme Court case files project.

Contact Richard White, Special Collections manager, at 256-532-2360 for details.



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Entrance of the  
Downtown Huntsville Library  
256.532.5986

Mon - Thu: Noon - 6pm

Fri: Noon - 4pm

Sat: 10am - 4pm

Sun: 1 - 4:30pm

### VISIT US

Bailey Cove

Bessie K. Russell

Downtown Huntsville

Eleanor E. Murphy

Elizabeth Carpenter  
of New Hope

Gurley

Madison

Monrovia

Oscar Mason

Showers Center

Tillman D. Hill

Triana



# CALENDAR: NOVEMBER

## It's Sweet 2 Read

Saturday, Nov 1 • 11am - 3pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Find delicious cakes like the one at the right during the dessert fundraiser for the Showers Center Library.



## NaNoWriMo Write-In

Monday, Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24 •  
6 - 8:45pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Bring your writing tools and join other National Novel Writing Month participants to write your novel.

## Great Beginnings Book Club

Tuesday, Nov 4 • 4pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Middle-schoolers will discuss "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins.

## Drop In & Download

Wednesday, Nov 5, 12, 19 & 26  
• 10:30am - 12:30pm

[Eleanor E. Murphy Library](#)

Bring your e-reader devices and learn how to check out and download ebooks, audiobooks, movies and music from HMCPL. 256-881-5620.

## Garden Rangers

Thursday, Nov 6 • 4 - 5pm

[Madison Library](#)

Children will learn how to plant a winter garden. 256-461-0046.

## Teen Writing Group

Thursday, Nov 6 • 5pm

[Madison Library](#)

Aspiring writers can bring their work to share with their peers. 256-461-0046.

## Patron Appreciation Day

Friday, Nov 7 • 10am - 5pm

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

Join us for games, food, and fellowship. 256-859-9050.

## Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Friday-Saturday, Nov 7 - 15

[Tillman Hill Library, Hazel Green](#)

Most items cost just 25 cents. 256-828-9529.

## Fall Painting Class

Saturday, Nov 8 • 11am

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

Family-friendly event. Sign up at 256-859-9050.

## Write Right Lunch & Learn

Monday, Nov 10 • Noon - 1pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Poet and teacher Bonnie Roberts shares writing tips in "Write as Badly as Possible, or I'll Give You an 'F'." 256-532-5975.

## Knitting Between the Lines:

"A Discovery of Witches"

Thursday, Nov 13 • Noon - 1pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

Bring your knitting or crocheting and discuss Deborah Harkness's novel.

## Art in Your Library

### Atrium, Downtown Huntsville:

Works by Judith Fields through November. Photography by Julia Gary in December and January.

### Auditorium, Downtown Huntsville:

Works by Huntsville Art League artists on view during public events.

## Murder at Main Mystery Book Club

Thursday, Nov 20 • 5:30pm

[Location to be announced](#)

The group will discuss the novels of Colin Cotterill. 256-532-5984.

## Night at the Ballet

Thursday, Nov 20 • 6pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Special preview of Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker."

## The Book Report

Thursday, Nov 20 • 7 - 8pm

[Yellowhammer Brewery,  
2406 Clinton Ave.](#)

Talk about whatever you're reading, no pressure. 256-881-5620.

## Coffee, Cake and Conversation Book Club

Friday, Nov 21 • 6pm

[Triana Library](#)

Book discussion with author Michael Guillebeau. 256-772-9943.

## Adult Painting Class

Monday, Nov 24 • 2 - 4pm

[Madison Library](#)

Express your creative side. \$3 supply fee. Sign up at 256-461-0046.

## Popcorn and a Movie

Saturday, Nov 29 • 6pm

[Triana Library](#)

Join us for a newly released G/PG movie for all ages. 256-772-9943.



# & DECEMBER 2014

## Great Beginnings Book Club

Tuesday, Dec 2 • 4pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Middle-schoolers will discuss "Divergent" by Veronica Roth.

## Garden Rangers

Thursday, Dec 4 • 4 - 5pm

[Madison Library](#)

Children will learn how to build a bird feeder. 256-461-0046.

## Holiday Crafting for Adults

Saturday, Dec 6 • 11am

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

Make cinnamon stick candles. All supplies provided. Sign up at 256-859-9050.

## How to Do Things: Sensational Seasonal Cards

Tuesday, Dec 9 • 6:30 - 8pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Marsha Hosner, StampinUp! demonstrator, leads this make-and-take class. Choose two seasonal cards to make. \$3 fee required at registration. Sign up by Nov. 14. Ages 12 and up. 256-532-5967.

## Knitting Between the Lines: "Santa Cruise"

Thursday, Dec 11 • Noon - 1pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

Bring your knitting or crocheting and discuss Mary Higgins Clark's novel. 256-532-881-0257.



## Christmas Concert: U.S. Army Four-Star Jazz Orchestra & Rocket City Jazz Orchestra

Saturday, Dec 13 • 7 - 9pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Enjoy listening and dancing to festive jazz tunes. Refreshments will be served. Free. 256-532-5975.

## Holiday Puppet Show

Monday, Dec 15 • 10:30am

Tuesday, Dec 16 • 10:30am, 4pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Festivities feature sing-alongs and The Gingerbread Man. 256-532-5982.

## Booked for Lunch on Tuesdays

Tuesday, Dec 16 • 11am

[Monrovia Library](#)

Bring a brown-bag lunch and talk about "The Christmas Shoes" by Donna VanLiere. 256-489-3392.

## Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec 16 • 6 - 7pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Stories, crafts, games and more for children of all ages. 256-489-3392.

## Rocket City Modern Quilt Guild

A exhibit of quilts by guild members is on view in the Atrium of the Downtown Huntsville Library. Quilts marked with a price are for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the library. Visit [rocketcitymodernquiltguild.weebly.com/](http://rocketcitymodernquiltguild.weebly.com/) for details.



## Monrovia Masterminds Science Club

Thursday, Dec 18 • 4pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Kids in grades 2-5 explore the world of science. 256-489-3392.

## Murder at Main Mystery Book Club

Thursday, Dec 18 • 5:30pm

[Location to be announced](#)

The group will discuss the novels of Raymond Chandler. 256-532-5984.

## The Book Report

Thursday, Dec 18 • 7 - 8pm

[Yellowhammer Brewery, 2406 Clinton Ave.](#)

Talk about whatever you're reading, no pressure. 256-881-5620.

## Coffee, Cake and Conversation Book Club

Friday, Dec 19 • 6pm

[Triana Library](#)

Merry Christmas, Alex Cross! 256-772-9943.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

[2015 HERTHA HELLER FORUMS](#)

## HLA Poetry Writing Workshop:

[Poets' Choice Readings](#)

Sunday, Jan 25 • 2pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

## Bill Emerson: "Black U.S. Army Units 1907-1909"

Sunday, Feb 22 • 2pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

## Alan Brown: "School Spirits: Alabama Ghost Stories"

Sunday, March 22 • 2pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

**Find more events on our website: [hmcpl.org](http://hmcpl.org).**

# EXPLORE

## Many thanks to Vive le Livre supporters

The Huntsville Library Foundation thanks all of our sponsors and guests for making Vive le Livre 2014, featuring best-selling author Joshilyn Jackson, a great success. Jennifer Swoboda and Lindsay Rice served as co-chairs for the annual Foundation fundraiser, which was held on September 25 in the Thurber Arts Center at Randolph School.

These are our Vive supporters at the top five donation levels:  
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Joshilyn Jackson signs her novel "Someone Else's Love Story" for Huntsville Library Foundation Chairman Kevin Gray.

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## Mother Mary shares hugs, more

Ask Oscar Mason librarians Yuki Lewis and Shaquilla Willie what they're most thankful for during this season of giving thanks, and they'll mention their dedicated volunteers. One of those volunteers who has an extra-special way with children is Mary Elbert Grey, affectionately called Mother Mary by librarians and patrons alike.

"I just love to serve," Mother Mary says one afternoon while giving out cupcakes, math instructions, and bits of wisdom to students in the library's after-school program.

When a young girl gets a math problem right and says, "Oh, it's easy," Mother Mary tells the girl that math is easy for her now because she's worked hard. She urges the girl to value the efforts she's made to learn.

Mother Mary's a published poet – she received a National Poetry Association Award in 1982 – so a library's the perfect place for her to spend time. She also volunteers with the local chapter of the NAACP and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



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