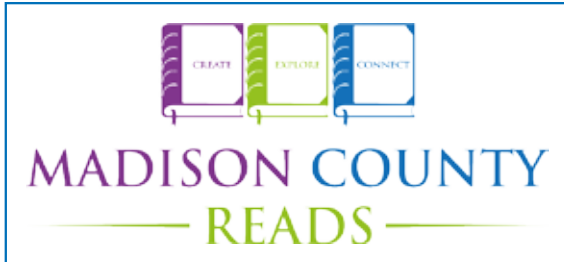




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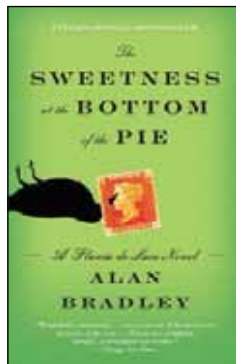


Friends make HMCPL better

Got murder? Flavia de Luce is on the case

A decaying English mansion. A dead man in the cucumber patch. An 11-year-old girl with a passion for poisons and a fondness for old cemeteries. Welcome to the world of Flavia de Luce, aspiring chemist and amateur sleuth.

Get to know the intrepid heroine of Alan Bradley's bestselling series of mystery novels during Madison County Reads, our annual community read program. Throughout the month of March, we'll spotlight the series, but we're focusing on the first book, "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie."



It appeared on the *New York Times* bestsellers list as a Favorite Mystery of 2009.

All 12 HMCPL branches will celebrate Flavia with book club discussions, games, science club experiments, films, crafts and more. Keep up with MCR news at facebook.com/MadisonCountyReads, and find a full schedule of events on our website, hmcpl.org.

Celebrate National Library Week in April by becoming a supporter

Good friends make our lives happier. Good Friends of the Library members help the 12 branches of HMCPL serve you better, whether you're looking for entertainment or information.

April's a great time to join FOL during our annual membership drive. This is also the month when we celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16, sponsored by the American Library Association since 1958. This year's Library Week theme is "Libraries Transform," highlighting the fact that our library transforms lives throughout our community.

Helping to make these transformations possible are our Friends of the Library members. They've given more than 50 years of support to HMCPL. Here are a few ways they've made your library better:

- Bookstores selling gently used fiction, non-fiction, magazines, music, videos.
- Helping to fund summer reading programs and children's story hours.



- Fundraising events for collections, audiovisual equipment, furnishings.
- Library staff scholarships.
- Student awards.
- Volunteer support for staff.
- Adult classes and programs.
- Author forums and lectures.

FOL member Liz Stagg tells more about the benefits of being a Friend of the Library on Page 2 of *Cover to Cover*. That's also where you'll find a membership form, or you can visit hmcpl.org/friends for details.

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.

FOL FOREWORD

You'll always find bargains in our bookstore

By LIZ STAGG

Friends of the Library, Downtown Huntsville

Have you stopped by the Downtown Huntsville Friends of the Library Bookstore lately? Although we sold a lot of books at our February 25-cent sale, store shelves are still bulging with bargains. You will find gently used novels, cookbooks, magazines, DVDs, videos, CDs, and audiobooks at hard-to-resist prices. It is a wonderful place to browse for your next "good read."

Do you need to make room for new items on your own bookshelves? Consider bringing your old treasures to the Friends Bookstore during our operating hours. We can provide a dolly to help unload your items. The bookstore, operated by more than 150 volunteers, generates significant annual income for the library. You will find the store behind the double glass doors inside the Downtown Huntsville Library foyer. It's open every day: Monday through Thursday, noon to 6 p.m.; Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

You won't want to miss the next Hertha Heller Forum presented by Friends of the Library. On Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m. in the Downtown Huntsville Library auditorium, Christel Ludewig McCanless will tell her intriguing story, "Lady Roofer to Librarian: From East Germany to Russia or America?" You will learn how an upside-down stamp delivered a crucial message and how an accordion played a role in her escape through the Communist border. The story of the Ludewig family, before and after they joined fellow German scientists in Huntsville, is part of the rich fabric of our city's history.



Join Friends of the Library in April

The annual Friends of the Library membership drive happens in April. Be sure to respond when your brochure arrives. Here are 10 good reasons to join Friends of the Library:

1. Fund scholarships for deserving library staff.
2. Shop a day early at 25-cent sales.
3. Receive *Cover to Cover* in the mail every other month.
4. Award student library helpers for their service in schools.
5. Receive a 50-percent discount twice yearly in the Downtown Bookstore.
6. Support any of our 12 branches.
7. Receive advance notice of Friends' events.
8. Support special library events and speakers.
9. Receive a tax deduction.
10. Feel great about supporting the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, our community gem!

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): _____

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

New Renewal

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

Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Library.

CREATE

New plan for North Huntsville



The City of Huntsville is growing, and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library has to keep up with that growth. That's why the city and the library system have big plans for the small Bessie K. Russell Branch Library at 3011-C Sparkman Drive. The library is set to move into the former Berachah Academy building when its current occupant, the Huntsville Police Academy Public Safety Training Center, moves out. But before the library gets a new home, the building has to be renovated.

As part of the BIG Picture planning process for the New North Huntsville Library, the public was invited to a planning meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. at Berachah gymnasium to help shape a vision for the future of the library and the rest of the Berachah campus. City of Huntsville planners and library personnel sought input from community members to start

developing a master plan for the site. Participants were asked to rate a wide variety of features for the library and the larger site.

Here are some of the options that were most popular with participants:

- Artwork inside and outside the library
- Study rooms
- Meeting rooms
- Garden
- Performance space
- Café
- Public computers and computer training lab
- Interactive learning elements

This meeting was the first step in the planning process, and the public will have more opportunities to express their hopes for their new library. For more information, visit huntsvillelibraryfoundation.org or bigpicturehuntsville.com/event/berachah/.

Business Center has tax information

If you're doing your taxes yourself, the Information & Business Center at the Downtown Huntsville Library may have the forms you need to file. We currently have the following forms available: Federal, irs.gov – Form 1040 and instructions, Form 1040A and instructions, and Form 1040

EZ and instructions; Alabama state – Form 40s (available in limited quantities at the Reference desk) and Form 40NR for non-residents. For more information and to make sure we have the forms you need, please call 256-532-5975 before coming to the library or visit guides.hmcpl.org/taxpayer.



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Fri: Noon - 4pm
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Bailey Cove

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Downtown Huntsville

Eleanor E. Murphy

Elizabeth Carpenter
of New Hope

Gurley

Madison

Monrovia

Oscar Mason

Showers Center

Tillman D. Hill

Triana

MARCH

Mind Your Money:**Smart investing@your library**

Thursdays, March 3 & 10 •

11:30am - 12:30pm

Downtown Huntsville LibraryTwo-part advanced course on personal finances and investing. Free. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.**Huntsville Ghost Stories**

Monday, March 7 • 6pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Brian Bess of Special Collections presents this Madison County Reads program.

Tuesdays with TED

Tuesday, March 8 • Noon - 1pm

Downtown Huntsville LibraryDr. Andrew Cling leads discussion on "The Paradox of Choice." Free. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.**Board Game Night**

Tuesday, March 8 • 5:30pm

Monrovia LibraryAdults and teens age 13 and up take on the King of Tokyo/King of New York board game challenge. Free. 256.489.3392, kcarroll@hmcpl.org.**Life-Size Clue**

Wednesday, March 9 • 9am

Elizabeth Carpenter Library,**New Hope**

Play a life-size version of the murder mystery game in this Madison County Reads program. 256.723.2995.

Spring Puppet Shows

Wednesday & Thursday, March 9

& 10 • 9:15am & 10:30am

Bailey Cove Library

Fun storytime includes children's picture books, music, rhymes, a craft and lots of puppets. Free. 256.881.0257.

Movie: "Harriet the Spy"

Thursday, March 10 • 4pm

Showers Center Library

Madison County Reads program for kids. Free. 256.851.7492.

Maple Hill Cemetery Tour

Saturday, March 12 • 2 & 3:30pm

**Meet at Maple Hill main office,
203 Maple Hill Drive**

Learn about the history of notables buried in Maple Hill Cemetery from Jacquelyn Proctor Reeves and Robert Reeves. Presented by the library's Special Collections department.

Artrageous: Ombre Penny Art

Saturday, March 12 • 3pm

Madison Library

Celebrate Madison County Reads with ombre penny art.

Bailey Cove Friends of the Library

Monday, March 14 • 6:30pm

Bailey Cove Library

Regular monthly meeting features Police Capt. Dewayne McCarver, South Precinct. 256.881.0257.

DIY Laundry Chemistry

Tuesday, March 15 • 6pm

Tillman D. Hill Library, Hazel Green

Madison County Reads program with adult book club. 256.828.9529.

Slime Science

Wednesday, March 16 • 12:30pm

Triana Library

Madison County Reads program for kids explores the science of slime. Free. 256.772.9943.

Cupcakes & Coloring

Wednesday, March 16 • 6:30pm

**Sugar Belle Bakery, 515 Jordan
Lane**Adult coloring meets cupcakes. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.**Mystery Family Bash**

Friday, March 18 • 6 - 8pm

Bailey Cove Library

Madison County Reads after-hours program for the whole family. Free. 256.881.0257.

Putt-Putt in Your Library

March 21 - 26 • Regular hours

Downtown Huntsville LibraryAll ages can enjoy a nine-hole miniature golf course on all three floors. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.**Financial Literacy**

Tuesday, March 22 • 6pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Family Services Center's Loretta Moore offers free monthly class.

Public Radio 101

Friday, March 25 • Noon

Downtown Huntsville LibraryMonthly, 30-minute workshop covers basic topics such as rules and ethics, program clocks, field recording and production techniques. Light refreshments will be served. Free. Sign up at asprogramming@hmcpl.org, 256.532.2362.**Mystery Family Bash**

Friday, March 25 • 6 - 8pm

Madison Library

Madison County Reads after-hours program for the whole family. Free.

Anime Afternoon

Saturday, March 26 • 2pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Watch anime designed for the older enthusiast. 256.532.2362.

Studio Arts: Book Cover Painting

Saturday, March 26 • 2 - 4pm

Bailey Cove Library

Madison County Reads event. Registration required, 256.881.0257.

APRIL

Building Extravaganza

Saturday, April 2 • 1pm

Monrovia Library

Tennessee Valley LEGO Club hosts program for kids age 10 and up. Limited to 25. \$2 per person.

Hertha Heller Forum: "Lady Roofer to Librarian: From East Germany to Russia or America?"

Sunday, April 3 • 2pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Friends of the Library presents Christel Ludewig McCanless telling her immigration story. Free. 256.532.5986.

Celebrate National Library Week

Monday, April 11 • 3:30 - 6pm

Bailey Cove Library

Friends of the Library hosts an open house reception with refreshments. FOL meeting follows at 6:30.

Tuesdays with TED

Tuesday, April 12 • Noon - 1pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Topic to be determined. Free.

How to Do Things:

Make a Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt Block

Tuesday, April 12 • 6:30pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Learn the English paper piecing method to create this simple patchwork quilt. Perfect for beginners. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Friends of the Library Meet & Greet Luncheon

Wednesday, April 20 • Noon - 2pm

Bessie K. Russell Library

Learn more about our Friends of the Library support organization and what BKR has to offer.

Cupcakes & Coloring

Wednesday, April 20 • 6:30pm

Sugar Belle Bakery, 515 Jordan Lane

Adult coloring meets cupcakes.

The Book Report

Thursday, April 21 • 7 - 8pm

Yellowhammer Brewery, 2406 Clinton Ave.

Talk about whatever you're reading, no pressure. 256.881.5620.

MasterPeeps Theatre Contest

Saturday & Sunday, April 23 & 24 • Regular library hours

Downtown Huntsville Library

Create a literary-themed diorama using Peeps. Entries due 5 p.m., April 22. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Bessie K. Russell Yard Sale

Saturday, April 23 • 7am - 1pm

Bessie K. Russell Library

Find bargains in clothing, books, toys, home goods and more, and help fund BKR's programs. Donations and assistance welcome.

Studio Arts: Paint a Spring Reading Tree

Saturday, April 23 • 2 - 4pm

Bailey Cove Library

Artist and Branch Manager Patsy Ducote teaches the free class, limited to 30 participants. Call 256.881.0257 to sign up. Program sponsored in part by Bailey Cove Friends of the Library.

Tuesday Evening Concerts @ The Library

Monday, April 25 • 6pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

We're kicking off the 2016 season of Tuesday Evening Concerts one day early with Cameron Sutphin, a classic folk musician. Free.

Financial Literacy

Tuesday, April 26 • 6pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Family Services Center's Laretta Moore offers free monthly class.

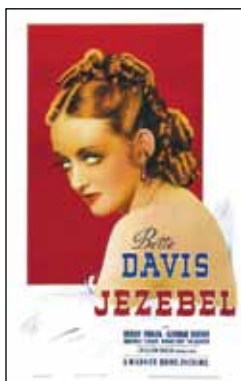
Supernova Science Club

Thursday, April 28 • 4pm

Eleanor E. Murphy Library

Hands-on science projects and experiments for children ages 5-11. You must sign up to participate.

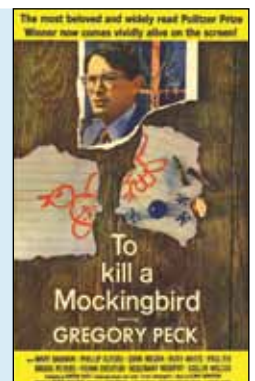
These are just a sampling of the programming treats at our 12 branches. Find more events on our website: hmcpl.org.



Downtown Movies presents "The Hollywood South"

Mondays • 6pm [Downtown Huntsville Library](http://DowntownHuntsvilleLibrary.org) Free admission.

April 18, "Jezebel," Bette Davis, Henry Fonda (1938)
 April 25, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman (1958)
 May 2, "To Kill a Mockingbird," Gregory Peck, Brock Peters (1962)
 May 9, "Deliverance," Jon Voight, Burt Reynolds (1972)
 May 16, "Sling Blade," Billy Bob Thornton, Dwight Yoakam (1996)
 May 23, "Beasts of the Southern Wild," Quvenzhané Wallis (2012)



CONNECT

Crazy about quilts



Get moving at Showers

Enjoy a morning of good exercise and boost the programs and services of the Showers Center Library on Saturday, April 9. That's when the Showers Center Friends of the Library will hold the annual Walk-A-Thon fundraiser starting at 8 a.m. on the grounds of the Richard Showers Center, 4600 Blue Spring Road. Find out more details at 256-851-7492.



The popular "Quilts Then and Now" show will bring hundreds of antique and modern quilts to New Hope on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the third year that the show has been presented as a fundraiser by the Friends of the Elizabeth Carpenter Public Library.

Quilts will be displayed at the library, the New Hope United Methodist Church and two new locations to be determined.

Bed turning displays of notable quilts will be presented at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Vendors will sell their wares, and lunch will be available for purchase.

Buy your tickets (\$5 per person) at the library, 5496 Main St. Quilts will be for sale this year, and there will be a drawing for a quilt (\$1 per chance). For details, call 256-723-2995 or "Like" the quilt show's Facebook page, Quilts Then and Now: New Hope's Annual Quilt Show.

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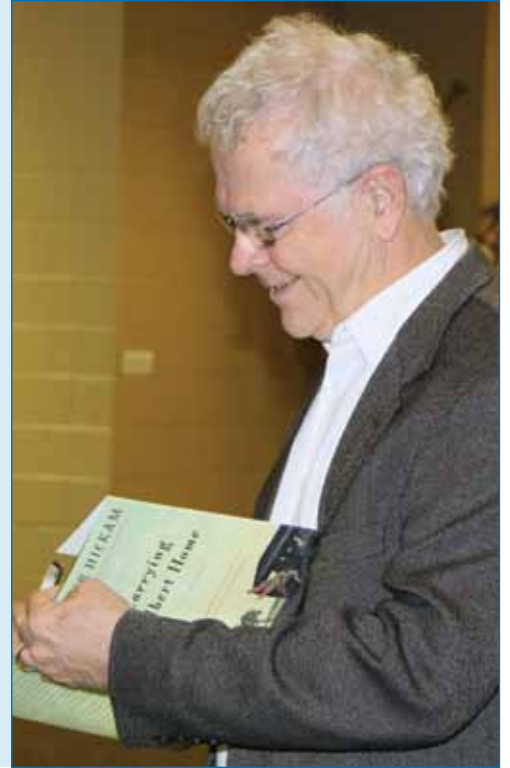
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