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Adventurous Conversations with Ilsa J. Bick

The Huntsville Library Foundation's Community Conversations series is set to explore new literary frontiers in science fiction, horror and fantasy.

Our first Conversations event examined social upheaval with Greg Iles and *The Bone Tree*. Then we went on a family road trip with Homer Hickam and *Carrying Albert Home*. On Thursday, May 5, award-winning author Ilsa J. Bick will take us where no Community Conversation has gone before.



Ilsa J. Bick

Yes, SF fans, she's written *Star Trek* titles.

Bick's also the author of the bestselling *Ashes* series of Young Adult apocalyptic thrillers: *Ashes*, *Shadows*, and *Monsters*. She's written two novels in *The Dark Passages* series, *White Space* and *The Dickens Mirror*. In the world of these novels, "characters jump off the page and life falls between the lines." Find out more about her at ilsajbick.com.

Community Conversations: Ilsa J. Bick will be held at 7 p.m. at Madison Public Library, 130 Plaza Blvd. in Madison. Tickets are \$25 per person. Students will be admitted free with ID. For more details and to buy tickets, visit hmcpl.org/IlsaBick.



Summer Reading: We've got game!

Reading is a wonderful way to stretch your mind in any season. For Summer Reading 2016, we're ready to help you exercise your body, too.

Organized around a theme of wellness, fitness and sports, Summer Reading will offer these programs at all 12 branches of HMCPL:

- On Your Mark, Get Set, Read for children, June 6-July 22
- Get in the Game: Read for teens, June 6-July 22
- Exercise Your Mind – Read for adults, May 31-July 31

All summer long we'll have parties, games, special informational programs, and more. You can sign up for Summer Reading at your favorite library branch. Visit hmcpl.org for more details and a full schedule of events at each location.

To celebrate our reading accomplishments, we'll throw a big party for all the HMCPL branches on Saturday, July 23, at Big Spring International Park with more games, prizes, and lots of fun activities.

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

Enjoy book bargains, coffee, friendships

By LIZ STAGG

Friends of the Library, Downtown Huntsville

Who doesn't love a bargain, especially when books are involved? The Friends of the Library will offer two different book sales in June, just in time for summer reading.

The ever popular Friends of the Library 25-Cent Sale will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Downtown Huntsville Library. Ah, but here's a twist: Friends of the Library members can avoid the crowd and enjoy their own preview on Friday, June 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. On both days tables will be piled high with fiction, videos, technical books, cookbooks, and more, each selling for just 25 cents. Remember that items are replenished throughout the day, with proceeds going directly to your library for programs and services.

The second chance to stock up on reading supplies is our half-price Blooming Book Sale on Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This one-day sale, for Friends members only, will be held in the Friends Bookstore inside the front door at the Downtown Huntsville Library. If you aren't a Friends member, you may join at the sale.

Coffee Nook open for business

When the staff of the Downtown Huntsville Library proposed adding a Coffee Nook for patron enjoyment, the Friends of the Library embraced the idea and provided funding. The Coffee Nook is located on the second floor next to the Readers Advisory



FOL volunteers Margaret Vann, left, and Rebecca Brooks check out the new Coffee Nook on the second floor.

desk. Hot, fresh coffee or tea is available for \$1 per cup, payable by cash, check, or credit card. Stop by, sip, browse new titles, and chat with Readers Advisory staff about that next great read.

Friends Membership Drive

The annual Friends membership drive is under way. You may join at any time, with your membership good for a full year. Membership entitles you to excellent benefits, plus you have the satisfaction of supporting any library branch you choose. Annual dues per branch are \$15 for students/senior citizens, \$20 for other individuals, or \$25 for families (immediate family members only). Additional donations are always welcome. You can join in two ways: online at hmcpl.org/FOL or by mailing the membership form available at the library.

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



Gurley Library Challenge is May 7

Get your running shoes ready for the Gurley Library Challenge on Saturday, May 7.

This annual Gurley Public Library fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and offers a 5K race on a certified course starting at 8 a.m. in Gurley. There is also a one-mile Fun Run at 9 a.m.

Registration fees for the 5K are \$12 in advance and \$15 on race day. Fun Run fees are \$5 per individual or \$10 for a family.

Along with raising money to benefit the programs and services of the Gurley Public Library, the race honors the memory of

the late Sharon C. Cissell. She was a strong Gurley Library supporter who came up with the idea for a road race and designed the course. The first race was held in 1999. Sharon remained race director until 2013.

Visit the event website, gurleylibrarychallenge.com, for more information and printable registration forms. You can also keep up with Gurley Library Challenge news on the Facebook page, Gurley Library Challenge 5K Run.

If you have any questions, please contact race director Marie Flynn at gurleylibrarychallenge@gmail.com or 256-776-9677.

Explore creativity at Brickapalooza

Brickapalooza will fill the Downtown Huntsville Library with creativity on Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy elaborate LEGO displays, bingo and trivia games, and ample opportunities to build your own LEGO creations. Duplos and Minecraft will be part of the fun, too.

This family-friendly event will showcase models built by members of the Tennessee Valley LEGO® Club, a group of adult LEGO enthusiasts, and local First LEGO League robotics teams. Tickets are \$5. Children age 3 and younger will be admitted free. For more information, visit hmcpl.org.



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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

Spring Book Sale

Friday - Saturday, May 6 - 7 •
9am - 5pm

Eleanor E. Murphy Library

Friends of the Library offers great deals on bestsellers, non-fiction, large-print, paperbacks, and more. 256.881.5620.

Wacky Writing Game Night

Friday, May 6 • 6pm

Monrovia Library

Teens age 12-18 explore their imaginative writing side. 256.489.3392, mfarley@hmcpl.org.

Tuesdays with TED

Tuesday, May 10 • Noon - 1pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Hosted by UAH. Topic to be determined. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Stop Write There: Toya L. Poplar

Tuesday, May 10 • 6 - 7:30pm

Tillman D. Hill Library, Hazel Green

Book-signing event by local author of interactive journal. 256.828.9529.

Marian Moore Lewis:**Southern Sanctuary**

Thursday, May 12 • 6:30pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

The author of "Southern Sanctuary: A Naturalist's Walk Through the Seasons" will introduce her Atrium exhibit and talk about the Goldsmith-Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary.

Artrageous: Bleach Pen DIY

Saturday, May 14 • 2pm

Madison Library

Bring an item of clothing to decorate with a bleach pen. acampbell@hmcpl.org.

Medicare Overview

Monday, May 16 • 9:30am

Downtown Huntsville Library

Don Durham talks about the different parts of Medicare, how it works, and what it does and doesn't cover.

Author Event: Amanda Steedley

Monday, May 16 • 4pm

Madison Library

Meet Chopper the Dog and his human, Amanda Steedley, author of several books about Chopper. Program includes storytime, refreshments and craft. Free. 256.461.0046.

Books in Review

Monday, May 16 • 6pm

Madison Library

Talk about what you're reading. Then hear three book reviews from group members. All ages, all genres. acampbell@hmcpl.org.

Cupcakes & Coloring

Wednesday, May 18 • 6:30pm

Sugar Belle Bakery, 515 Jordan Lane

Adults, it's time to treat yourself. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Your Grandparents Shopped Here!

Thursday, May 19 • 7pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Thomas Hutchens of the Special Collections department presents a history of Huntsville businesses.

Meet the Author:

Rheta Grimsley Johnson

Friday, May 20 • 3pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

The popular syndicated columnist will talk about her new book, "The Dogs Buried Over the Bridge: A Memoir in Dog Years." 256.532.2362.

Public Radio 101

Friday, May 27 • Noon

Downtown Huntsville Library

Monthly, 30-minute workshop with WLRH. Free. Sign up at asprogramming@hmcpl.org, 256.532.2362.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Tuesday, May 31 • 10am - 1pm

New Hope City Park

Play games, eat lunch, and sign up for Summer Reading at the Elizabeth Carpenter Library. Call 256.723.2995 for reservations.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Tuesday, May 31 • 4pm

Eleanor E. Murphy Library

Enjoy refreshments, a scavenger hunt, and a craft, and sign up for Summer Reading. 256.881.5620.

**Downtown Movies presents "The Hollywood South"**

Mondays • 6pm **Downtown Huntsville Library** Free admission.

- May 2, "To Kill a Mockingbird," Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, Robert Duvall, Brock Peters (1962)
- May 9, "Deliverance," Jon Voight, Burt Reynolds (1972)
- May 16, "Sling Blade," Billy Bob Thornton, Lucas Black, Dwight Yoakam (1996)
- May 23, "Beasts of the Southern Wild," Quvenzhané Wallis (2012)



JUNE

Wild Wednesdays

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 2:30pm
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Students in grades 3-5 can enjoy a fun STEAM-related activity. New program each week.

Kick-off Event for Summer Reading

Thursday, June 2 • 2pm
[Monrovia Library](#)
 Children in grades K-6 can enjoy hands-on fun as we start our program with a game-related theme.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Friday, June 3 • 11am
[Tillman D. Hill Library, Hazel Green](#)
 Enjoy games and refreshments, and sign up for Summer Reading.

Celebrate Summer Movie Matinee

Fridays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 • 1pm
[Triana Library](#)
 Call the library at 256.772.9943 for information.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Friday, June 3 • 1 - 3pm
[Oscar Mason Library](#)
 Outdoor carnival offers games, snacks, and a great opportunity to sign up for Summer Reading.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!!!

Friday, June 3 • 1 - 4pm
[Bailey Cove Library](#)
 Bailey Cove's Summer Reading kick-off party offers fun activities, crafts, and more. Pick up information about Summer Reading events for all ages.

Read Around the Block

Saturday, June 4 • 8 - 11am
[Madison Library](#)
 Summer Reading kick-off party includes fun runs, relay races, big trucks, birthday cake and a chance to meet exotic live animals.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Monday, June 6 • 2:30pm
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Children can play games, make crafts, enjoy snacks, and sign up for Summer Reading.

Family Fun Afternoon

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 • 2:30pm
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Join us all summer long for a different activity each week, including LEGO builds, movies and games.

Artists' Market

Tuesday, June 7 • 5:30pm
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Enjoy live music in the Atrium and shop from our local artists.

Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Wednesday, June 8 • 1:30pm
[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)
 Celebrate summer with free play events, including indoor and outdoor activities.

Animal Tales

Friday, June 10 • 11am
[Tillman D. Hill Library, Hazel Green](#)
 Meet and learn about exotic animals at this Summer Reading event.

Artrageous: Mod Podge Mania

Saturday, June 11 • 2pm
[Madison Library](#)
 Whether it's a candle, jar, coaster, or compact, we'll cover it in book pages. All supplies provided.

On Your Mark, Get Set:

Health & Literacy Soccer Camp
 Monday - Friday, June 13 - 24
[Triana Library](#)
 For more information and registration, call 256.772.9943 or send email to triana@hmcpl.org.

Tuesdays with TED

Tuesday, June 14 • Noon - 1pm
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Hosted by UAH. Topic to be determined. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Cupcakes & Coloring

Wednesday, June 15 • 6:30pm
[Sugar Belle Bakery, 515 Jordan Lane](#)
 Relaxing program for adults.

Yoga at Three Caves

Saturday, June 18 • 10am
[Three Caves, 901 Kennamer Drive](#)
 Enjoy a beginner-friendly, gentle yoga class in the historic Three Caves area. Bring your mat and a towel. 256.532.2352.

Books in Review

Monday, June 20 • 6pm
[Madison Library](#)
 Talk about what you're reading. Then hear three book reviews from group members. All ages, all genres.

Jane Austen's Ballroom for Beginners

Monday, June 20 • 6:30pm
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Learn ballroom dancing that originated in the mid-17th century from members of the Huntsville English Country Dance, and enjoy live music by The Fine Companions. Free. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Public Radio 101

Friday, June 24 • Noon
[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)
 Monthly, 30-minute workshop with VLRH. Free. Sign up at asprogramming@hmcpl.org, 256.532.2362.

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

CONNECT

Exploring our universe at the library

May is Space Month at the Downtown Huntsville Library. Join us for screenings of space-themed movies, and then we'll discuss their science with experts.

We'll also have space-themed displays in the Special Collections department on the third floor, and we'll highlight books about space on the first and second floors.

Here are some of the out-of-this-world programs we've scheduled to broaden your horizons:

- May 4, 6 p.m. – Dr. Tyson Littenberg of the University of Alabama in Huntsville will discuss “Gravitational Waves: The Holy Grail of Astronomy” and his part in the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO).
- May 7, 1 p.m. – Watch the film *Contact*, based on the novel by Carl Sagan. Then Littenberg will discuss wormholes and the good and bad science in the film.
- May 11, 6 p.m. – Q&A session with Stephanie Osborn, local author and former NASA team member. She'll talk about her life with NASA, her writing, and how reality and fiction collided in her novel *Burnout*.
- May 14, 1 p.m. – Watch the film *Apollo 13*. Then Osborn will lead the discussion.
- May 18, 6 p.m. – Learn more about meteor showers from Bill Cook of the Marshall Space Flight Center.
- May 21, 1 p.m. – Watch *The Martian*. Then Barbara Cohen of the Marshall Space Flight Center and a member of the Journey to Mars team will lead the discussion.
- May 28 – Watch the Oscar-winning film *Gravity* by Alfonso Cuarón.

For more details, visit hmcpl.org or contact Suzanne Flynn at 256-532-2362 or asprogramming@hmcpl.org.



Sweet summer sounds

If you've ever been to a concert at the Downtown Huntsville Library, you know the Atrium is a wonderful performance venue. You can hear the music on all three floors. If you've missed out on the fun so far, here are nine good reasons to put Tuesday Evening Concerts @ The Library on your 2016 summer schedule:

- May 10 – Microwave Dave, blues guitar favorites by a Huntsville legend, pictured above
- May 24 – Harris Douglas Experiment, avant-garde guitar and bass
- June 7 – Moondust Big Band (Dancing with the Library Stars I), great big band music and round one of our swing dancing contest
- June 21 – Rocket City Jazz Orchestra (Dancing with the Li-

brary Stars II), more big band music and swing dancing round two

- July 5 – Shriner's Swing Band, classic swing tunes
- July 19 – Barbershop Harmony Society, a variety of barbershop performances for the summer
- Aug. 2 – Huntsville's In the Mood, more big band music favorites
- Aug. 16 – Huntsville Spiritual Chorale, dedicated to the preservation and performance of the Negro spiritual
- Aug. 30 – Ivy Joe Milan & Jim Cavender, performing the best of '50s and '60s R&B

The music starts at 6 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact concert organizer David Lilly at 256-532-5969 or visit hmcpl.org.

Find out more about the great things your library has to offer at the **Greene Street Market**. We'll be there every other Thursday night: May 5, 19; June 2, 16, 30; July 14, 28; Aug. 11, 25.

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