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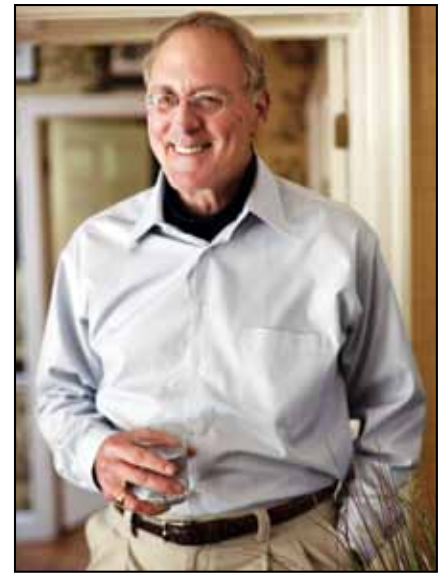
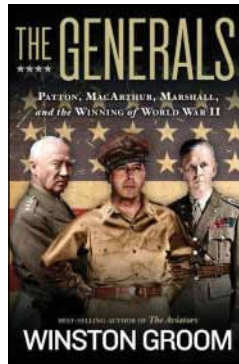
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Long live 'The Generals'

Huntsville Library Foundation hosts author Winston Groom at Vive le Livre

Winston Groom turns military history into books you can't put down – from the Vietnam War in his novel "Forrest Gump" to the Civil War in his nonfiction "Shiloh, 1862." He will talk about his latest work, "The Generals: Patton, MacArthur, Marshall, and the Winning of World War II," when the Huntsville Library Foundation brings him to town for Vive le Livre on Thursday, Nov. 19.

awareness to benefit the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library system. Foundation efforts, including the annual Vive le Livre (Long Live the Book) gala, have put more than \$1.4 million into library coffers.



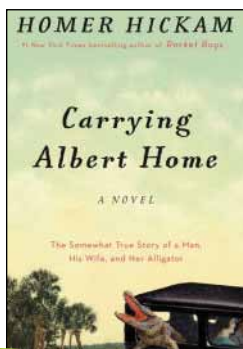
Winston Groom

Vive le Livre will be held at the Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive, in Cummings Research Park. The evening will begin with an author reception at 6 p.m. followed by a seated dinner at 7 and the speaker at 8. Tickets start at \$100 per person for dinner and speaker. The \$125 ticket level also includes the author reception. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit store.hmcpl.org. Reservations are required by Nov. 9.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Groom served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and worked as a newspaper reporter in Washington, D.C. before quitting journalism to write novels full time. His 1986 novel "Forrest Gump" became a huge bestseller after it was the basis of the 1994 Academy Award-winning film starring Tom Hanks. Much of Groom's recent work is historical nonfiction, including "Patriotic Fire: Andrew Jackson and Jean Lafitte at the

Battle of New Orleans" (2006) and "The Aviators: Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh, and the Epic Age of Flight" (2013). He lives in Point Clear, Ala.

For almost 30 years, the Huntsville Library Foundation has raised money and



Homer Hickam's keeping our Conversations going

Homer Hickam has returned to his "Rocket Boys" roots with another acclaimed family memoir, "Carrying Albert Home." He will talk about his work during the second installment of our new Community Conversations author series sponsored by the Huntsville Library Foundation. The event will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016. The location and more details will be announced later at hmcpl.org.

"Carrying Albert Home" tells the story of Hickam's parents before they became his parents. The book is a love story and a road trip filled with humor and an alligator. Chomp!

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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.

FOL FOREWORD

FOL member was sincere friend to everyone

By JAN KELLY

Friends of the Library, Downtown Huntsville

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO CARES. Friends of the Library members fit that description, especially those who are active Friends, volunteering in the Bookstore, serving on the Board, serving on the Bookstore committee, or serving as sustainers. The Bookstore is central to the organization, and it is hard, heavy and sometimes dirty work, especially before, during, and after a 25-Cent Sale. As many as 10,000 books are sold, and many more are transported to and handled in the library auditorium. At these book sales, FOL Friends become friends.

Much of the work is accomplished with love for the Library, love for books, and love for other Friends who care so much to do the work. They witness, firsthand, the genuine goodness and willing spirit of their fellow workers, and they feel gratitude. And they grieve when they lose Friends, as has happened over the years.

Again, on September 23, we lost another when Laurel McDaniel died. She worked in the Bookstore, priced art books, served on the Bookstore committee, and worked at book sales. After serving eight years on the Board, she became a sustainer, which allows one to take on any of the responsibilities of a Board member except the vote. She continued her work in the Bookstore. When you worked in the Bookstore with Laurel, you came to know that you had met someone genuine in her sincerity and service.

In every respect, Laurel was a lady, soft and gentle. When she lost her ability to speak due to ALS, she was unable to continue



Here's the Bookstore committee when Laurel served: left to right, Pat Ryan, Shirley Miller, Merrie DePierre, Warren Schoenknecht, John Martz, Laurel McDaniel, Lee Jones, and Linda Box.

to volunteer, but her interest never wavered. She began to communicate with family and friends by email. She wanted to be in the loop. Her emails spoke of the gratitude she felt for the lovely things that her friends had done for her. Along with the love, joy and strength which her widely scattered but closely knit family supplied her, there was the solid, loving support she received from her Friends of the Library friends. Then she wrote of her declining health, noting that it was "to be expected." She never described the decline. She seemed not to want pity, and she never complained. In one of her last emails, she simply said, "My cup runneth over. I've truly been blessed."

At this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember our friend, Laurel Carlile McDaniel, her sincerity, her service, her grateful heart, her courage. Let us remember her as someone who cared.

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, larger library for Madison

The Madison Public Library has outgrown its building. When the current library opened almost 20 years ago, it was well suited to serve 22,000 people. Today, the Madison Library serves more than 50,000 people. So, the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library is collaborating with the City of Madison, Turner Construction, Fuqua & Partners Architects, and Holzheimer Bolek + Meehan (HBM) architects to build a new library that incorporates 21st-century library concepts as well as input from the public.



Hall on Sept. 15 to discuss features that are being considered in the New Madison Library. Peter Bolek, a nationally recognized architect who works primarily on libraries, led the discussion, and participants offered their opinions on the proposed features. Keep up with news about the New Madison Library at hmcpl.org/newmadisonlibrary.

To pay for the new facility, the City of Madison has bonded \$8.2 million for a new building in mid-town Madison. HMCPL is starting a capital campaign to raise \$1 million to furnish this state-of-the-art library. We held a town hall meeting at City

City, county unveil Town Center plans



Officials from the City of Huntsville and Madison County unveiled draft plans in October for the redevelopment of the old Grissom High School campus. The conceptual plan was created by 4Site, Inc.

The New Bailey Cove Library will serve as the anchor of this future site and offer progressive services and features such as a cafe, technology bar, Maker Space, and multiple public meeting areas.

In addition to our 35,000-square-foot, high-tech library, plans for "Town Center of South Huntsville" include repurposed athletic fields, a new playground, two gymnasiums, an outdoor amphitheater, a linear park, a fitness trail, and a community theater. For more details on the plans plus library project updates, please visit hmcpl.org/newbaileycovelibrary.



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FRIENDS BOOKSTORE

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

NOVEMBER

Chinese Language Classes for Kids

Mondays & Wednesdays through
Dec. 9 • 3:30 - 4:30pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Program offered in partnership with the Confucius Institute at Alabama A&M University. 256.532.5949.

Dance Your Way Into Fitness

Tuesdays, Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24
• 9am

[Triana Library](#)

Get fit and have fun at our free exercise program. 256.772.9943.

Workout Wednesday

Nov 4, 11, 18 & 25 • 10am

[Oscar Mason Library](#)

Free workout session includes weight training, cardio, aerobics, and more.

**It's Sweet to Read**

Saturday, Nov 7 • 11am - 3pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Enjoy tasty treats at the Showers Center Friends of the Library's annual bake sale fundraiser.

Fall Family Crafting Event

Saturday, Nov 7 • 11am

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

Create pumpkin paintings with oil pastels. Free. All ages welcome.

Make It & Take It

Monday, Nov 9 • 6:30pm

[Madison Library](#)

Cookbook club focuses on Holiday Recipes, including family favorites.

"Nutcracker" Preview

Tuesday, Nov 10 • 4pm

[Eleanor E. Murphy Library](#)

Learn about the traditional holiday ballet and the art of dance from Alabama Youth Ballet. Interactive program is for children of all ages.

Presidential Visits: From James Monroe to Barack Obama

Thursday, Nov 12 • 7pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Thomas Hutchens of Special Collections will share newspaper clippings and photos of visiting presidents, vice presidents, first ladies and presidential candidates. 256.532.5989.

Studio Arts @ Bailey Cove: Speed Crafting

Saturday, Nov 14 • 2 - 4pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

This fundraiser for Bailey Cove Friends of the Library includes four craft kits, class instruction, refreshments, and door prizes for a \$15 donation. Registration required.

Sock & Mitten Tree

Monday, Nov 16 - Friday, Dec 18

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

Patrons may bring new bought or handmade mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, or socks to decorate the library's tree. Library staff will take these items to local service agencies for distribution to adults and children.

Art in Your Library**Atrium, Downtown Huntsville:**

Works by Brooke Albrecht, including "Tomatoes" at right, on display through November and December.

Auditorium, Downtown Huntsville:

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

Suzanne Collins Week

Tuesday & Thursday, Nov 17 & 19
• 5:30pm

Saturday, Nov 21 • 2pm

[Madison Library](#)

Celebrate the movie "Mockingjay, Part 2" with cupcake decorating on Tuesday, T-shirt decorating on Thursday, and an interactive movie program on Saturday. 256.461.0046.

How to Do Things: Holiday Yo-Yo Ornaments

Tuesday, Nov 17 • 6:30 - 8:30pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Make a holiday tree ornament from fabric yo-yos. Fee of \$3 due at registration. asprogramming@hmcpl.org, 256.532.2362.

Meet the Author: Steve Flowers

Wednesday, Nov 18 • Noon - 2pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Political commentator Steve Flowers will discuss his new book, "Of Goats and Governors." Books will be available for sale and signing. asprogramming@hmcpl.org, 256.532.2362.

Fall Into Crafts

Saturday, Nov 21 • Noon - 1:45pm

[Triana Library](#)

Some crafts are edible; some are not. Open to all ages. 256.772.9943, [triana@hmcpl.org](mailto: triana@hmcpl.org).



DECEMBER

Festival of Trees Festival of Wreaths

Throughout December
[Downtown Huntsville Library & Madison Library](#)

Local nonprofit groups will decorate trees at the Downtown Huntsville Library, 256.532.2362, and wreaths at the Madison Library, 256.461.0046.

Workout Wednesday

Dec 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 10am

[Oscar Mason Library](#)

Free workout session includes weight training, cardio, aerobics, and more. 256.535.2249.

Holiday Open House

Friday, Dec 4 • 3pm

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

The whole family can enjoy favorite holiday stories and refreshments.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec 5 • Time TBA

[Triana Library](#)

Enjoy a continental breakfast, get your picture made with Santa Claus, and make holiday crafts. Presented by Triana Friends of the Library. 256.772.9943.

Russell Readers Book Club Holiday Party

Wednesday, Dec 9 • 11am

[Bessie K. Russell Library](#)

Share your favorite books of the year. Refreshments will be served. 256.859.9050.

Family Painting: Holiday Edition

Saturday, Dec 12 • 2pm

[Madison Library](#)

Class is appropriate for all ages; parents are encouraged to paint with their children. Registration required; contact mallen@hmcpl.org.



Studio Arts @ Bailey Cove: Creative Gift Wrapping

Saturday, Dec 12 • 2 - 4pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

Bring your presents to wrap as we learn gift-wrapping techniques. Sponsored in part by Bailey Cove Friends of the Library. Free. No registration.

Christmas Concert

Saturday, Dec 12 • 7 - 9pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

U.S. Army Four Star Jazz Orchestra and Rocket City Jazz Orchestra will perform holiday favorites. Refreshments will be served. Free admission.

Make It & Take It

Monday, Dec 14 • 6:30pm

[Madison Library](#)

Our cookbook club will focus on crockpot cooking. 256.461.0046.

Holiday Party & Puppet Show

Tuesday, Dec 15 • 4 - 6pm

[Eleanor E. Murphy Library](#)

Fun for the whole family with crafts, refreshments and entertainment.

Christmas Party

Tuesday, Dec 15 • 6 - 7pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Children of all ages can enjoy fun, games, food, and more.

Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec 17 • 4pm

[Showers Center Library](#)

Carl Parker Jr. will play Christmas music for all ages. 256.851.7492.

Holiday Festivus

Thursday, Dec 17 • 5:30pm

[Madison Library](#)

Celebrate the holidays with songs, dances and more. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

"Star Wars" Day

Saturday, Dec 19 • 9am - 5pm

[Madison Library](#)

Celebrate the new "Star Wars" movie. 256.461.0046.

An Evening to Remember

Saturday, Dec 19 • 6pm

[Triana Library](#)

Enjoy an evening of dinner and music. 256.772.9943.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays with TED returns

Select Tuesdays • Noon - 1pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Tuesdays with TED is taking a holiday break until January when our series returns in partnership with the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

English Teatime

Saturday, Jan 23, 2016 • 4 - 6pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Celebrate the culture of "Downton Abbey" during a festive English tea presented by Monrovia Friends of the Library. Deadline for ticket purchase is Jan 11. Details at 256.489.3392.

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

CONNECT

Coloring your world



Craft fairs offer holiday gift selection

Looking for unusual items for folks on your holiday gift-giving list? Local artists, artisans and crafters will offer handmade items for your shopping pleasure at two November events.

The Eleanor E. Murphy Library will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library, 7910 Charlotte Drive. There will be handmade cards by Janice Robinson; paper crafts and upholstered crates by Mally Hatch; knitted items by Val MacMurdy; watercolors, cards, and tote bags by Anjuli Farrales; jewelry by Abby Dunham, and more. For details, contact Annie Phillips, Murphy Branch manager, at 256-881-5620 or aphillips@hmcpl.org.

The Downtown Huntsville Library will present a Holiday Arts and Crafts Expo on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 915 Monroe St. Among the items featured will be greeting cards, prints and tote bags from Art by Anjuli; paintings, prints and other holiday gifts by Katherine Calvert; tatted jewelry by Sandie McCombs; farm-life watercolors by Dawn Rosengren; works by members of the North Alabama Woodcarvers Association; jewelry by Patricia Jones; bowties by Emily Morgan, and mixed-media fiber art and accessories by Liza Q. Wirtz. If you have any questions, please send an email to asprogramming@hmcpl.org.



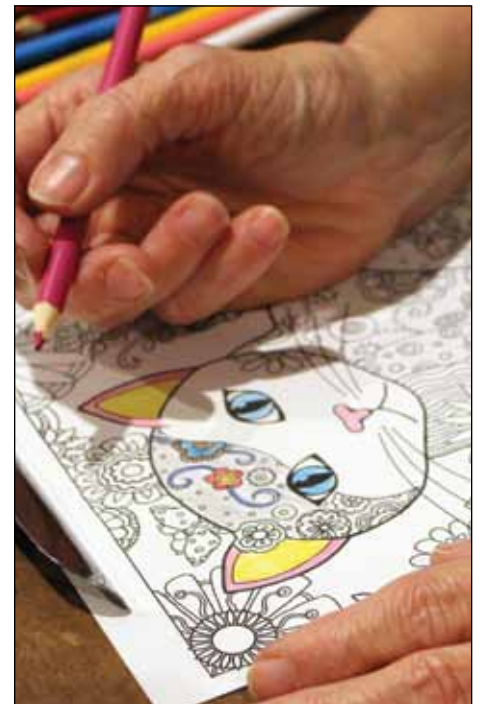
Participants in the Wind Down Wednesdays: Adult Coloring program show off their work at the first meeting on Oct. 21 at A Cup of Everything.

Think coloring is just for kids? Sitting down to color a picture can be as effective as meditation in reducing stress. Your library can provide a new, fun way to bring calm to your hectic world. HMCPL's Downtown Huntsville and Madison branches now have adult coloring programs.

Join Meredith Kasenow, adult programming coordinator at Downtown Huntsville, for Wind Down Wednesdays: Adult Coloring, on the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at A Cup of Everything, 103 Northside Square. The next two programs happen on Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

Relax, socialize and engage in art therapy with materials provided by the library. Participation is free; beverages and food are available for purchase. For more information, contact Meredith at 256-532-2362 or asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Adults can take a break from the holiday rush and Color to Chill at the Madison Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. Coloring and zentangles will be offered in the library's Adult Fiction section along with



appropriate music and herbal tea. All supplies will be provided.

For more information, contact Amanda Campbell, who's in charge of adult programs at Madison, at acampbell@hmcpl.org.

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