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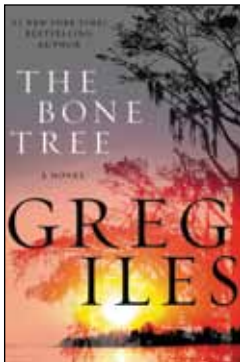
Let's talk!

Community Conversations series brings Greg Iles back with 'The Bone Tree'

There's a lot to talk about in Mississippi writer Greg Iles' latest novel, *The Bone Tree* – racial injustice, corruption, and family ties. The Huntsville Library Foundation promises an evening of lively conversation when Iles returns to town on Thursday, Sept. 3, for Community Conversations, the Foundation's new author series.



Greg Iles



The event will be held at Chan Auditorium on the University of Alabama in Huntsville campus. The program will begin at 7 p.m. with a reception and book-signing to follow.

Admission is \$25 for the general public and free for students with valid student ID. All proceeds benefit the Huntsville Library Foundation. Tickets are available in advance at store.hmcp.org. If any tickets remain, they will be sold at the door.

NerdCon 2015



Ellie Collins



Jen Wang



Simon Fraser

Bigger, longer, nerdier

Rocket City NerdCon 2015 on Oct. 23-25 will feature three special guests: a Los Angeles graphic novelist, a New York-based comics artist, and a vampire. Well, she's not really a vampire – but she did play one on TV.

Actress and author Ellie Collins is a Huntsville native who played a DayWalker vampire in *The Originals* on The CW. She's also the author of the supernatural series *Empire Valley*. Jen Wang of L.A. created the graphic novels *Koko Be Good* and *In Real Life* with Cory Doctorow. Simon Fraser has been drawing comics in the U.K. and the U.S. for more than 20 years. He is best known for his work in the British sci-fi weekly *2000AD*.

Expanding from two days to three, NerdCon 2015 will fill the Downtown Huntsville Library with even more games, vendors, and costume-clad revelers than last year. Tickets are available at store.hmcp.org and at your local library branch. Keep up with NerdCon news at www.facebook.com/rcnerdcon.

Vive le Livre: Winston Groom

Hear the "Forrest Gump" author discuss his new history book, "The Generals," at the Huntsville Library Foundation event on Nov. 19.

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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 honors library aides in our local schools

By JAN KELLY

Friends of the Library, Downtown Huntsville

The Friends of the Library presented Junior Service Awards for 2014-2015 to library aides on their respective Awards Days. Their names are engraved on a nameplate added to a library plaque, which hangs in each school library.

These aides were chosen by their school librarians to receive the awards: Lydia Hyde, Academy for Academics & Arts; Christina Stone, Lillian Richardson, Central Elementary; Aislin Patterson, Chaffee Elementary; Tiana Ramos, Grissom High; Daniel Phillips, Horizon Elementary; Rachel Breece, James Clemens High; Savannah Hand, Madison County High; Kaden Burgess, Madison Cross Roads School; Grace Lee, Anna Calhoon, Mountain Gap Elementary; Bailee Meeks, Izzy Askew, T'Mya Freeman, Mount Carmel Elementary; Olivia Rachauskas, Rainbow Elementary; Caleb Beard, Grace Brines, Sparkman Middle School; Kaehler Roth, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Samantha Berbrier, Weatherly Heights Elementary; Emma Boyd, West Madison Elementary School.

The Helping Hands of Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library Board is happy to provide funds for a new Next Chapter Book Club for the Downtown Huntsville Library. A Next Chapter Book Club is a community literacy program which offers rewarding and convivial activity for people with intellectual disabilities (ID). The national headquarters for Nisonger Center Book Clubs (NCBC) is at Ohio State University. NCBC promotes literacy and social connection that encourages

friendship and lifelong learning for those with ID. It is built on the principles important to progress in the ID community: self-determination, community inclusion, and self-advocacy.

Clubs meet in groups of 10, reading six books per year. Enough books are provided for each member to have a copy of each book. At their meetings they take turns reading aloud. Some read independently, others require assistance. There are book discussions and questions about the reading.

Teresa Allison of the Madison Library is the NCBC representative in our system, trained to administer NCBC chapters and to train others. Madison has three chapters, and Teresa is assisting the Downtown Huntsville Library in establishing our first.



Falling Leaves Book Sale

Check your FOL membership status so you can participate in the annual Falling Leaves Book Sale on Oct. 17. Members will save 50 percent off all items in the Friends' Bookstore from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. If you're not a member, you can join at the sale.

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.

CONNECT

Cool pups carry library cards

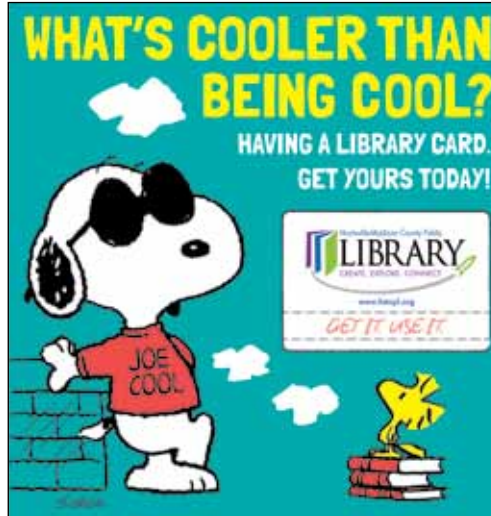
That world-famous beagle Snoopy, aka Joe Cool, knows the library is the coolest place around. That's why he's helping the American Library Association this September as the Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month.

HMCPL will be in local schools during September to sign up kindergarteners for their very own library card and start them on a lifelong path of learning.

We're celebrating at the Downtown Huntsville Library with a hunt for our own official canine champion. To participate in our Library Top Dog Photo Contest, send one photo of your dog (just one entry per family, please) to asprogramming@hmcpl.org any time during the month. Our panel of guest judges will select one winner.

We're also highlighting some of the benefits you receive by having a library card.

The Information and Business Center will offer weekly tours of the Downtown



Huntsville Library. The Center also will hold an Educators' Open House on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. That program will feature an introduction to the library's online resources, including a demonstration of the Alabama Virtual Library.

For more details about Library Card Sign-up Month, visit our website, hmcpl.org.

Get in character for annual Teen Ball

Celebrate cosplay – portraying a fictional character through costume and play – at our 7th annual Teen Masquerade Ball. The event happens on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Downtown Huntsville Library. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and they are available now at store.hmcpl.org. Admission price at the door is \$15.

With cosplay as our theme, of course we'll have a costume contest. Express your creativity by dressing up as your favorite book, movie, comic, or cult classic character. Costumes must be in good taste.

Questions concerning the Masquerade Ball should be directed to Mandy Pinyan, 256-532-2364 or mpinyan@hmcpl.org.



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Entrance of the
Downtown Huntsville Library
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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

SEPTEMBER

Lunch and Love Romance Book Club

Tuesday, Sept 1 • 11am

Monrovia Library

Author Andrea Laurence will join the group for a discussion of her novel "Facing the Music." 256.489.3392.

Workout Wednesday

Sept 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 10am

Oscar Mason Library

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

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. Class size limited to 20. Sign up in Youth Services, 256.532.5949.

Stein & Dine

Thursday, Sept 3 • 4:30 - 7:30pm

Davidson Center for Space

**Exploration at the
U.S. Space & Rocket Center**

It's Madison Friends of the Library Night at the weekly German Biergarten. A portion of food sales will be donated to the Madison Library, 256.461.0046.

BBC Night @ Bailey Cove

Thursday, Sept 3 • 6pm

Bailey Cove Library

We'll discuss favorite BBC mysteries.

Tuesdays with TED

Sept 8 & 22 • Noon - 1pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

Sept 8 topic is Monica Lewinsky's "The Price of Shame." Sept 22 is "Bad Feminist" with guest facilitator Dr. Molly Johnson of UAH. Free. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Young Adult Book Club

Saturday, Sept 12 • 1pm

Tillman Hill Library, Hazel Green

Read "The Wild Girls" and discuss it at the first meeting of this new club.

Make It and Take It

Monday, Sept 14 • 6:30pm

Madison Library

Our cookbook club focuses on bento with "Everyday Bento" by Wendy Copley. 256.461.0046.

Booked for Lunch Book Club

Wednesday, Sept 15 • Noon

Monrovia Library

Discuss "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. 256.489.3392.

The Book Report

Thursday, Sept 17 • 7 - 8pm

**Yellowhammer Brewery,
2406 Clinton Ave.**

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

Arts and Crafts

Saturday, Sept 19 • Noon

Triana Library

Explore your creative side.

Teen Writing Club

Monday, Sept 21 • 4pm

Elizabeth Carpenter Library, New Hope

Young Adult author Amanda "A.G." Porter hosts group for grades 9-12.

Paint Night

Tuesday, Sept 22 • 5:30pm

Tillman Hill Library, Hazel Green

Paint a fall scene. \$5 registration fee. Ages 8 and older. 256.828.9529.

Cooking with the Librarian

Thursday, Sept 24 • 4:30pm

Triana Library

Expand your knowledge with edible science experiments.

Social Security Express

Friday, Sept 25 • 9:30 - 11:30am

Downtown Huntsville Library

A representative from the Social Security Administration will talk about retirement, Medicare enrollment, spouse benefits, children's benefits, and more. 256.532.2356.

Meet the Author: Jerry Armor

Saturday, Sept 26 • 1 - 3pm

Downtown Huntsville Library

His book, "A Home for Wayward Boys," tells the inspiring story of the Alabama Boys' Industrial School. asprogramming@hmcpl.org.

Studio Arts @ Bailey Cove:**Paint an Autumn Reading Tree**

Saturday, Sept 26 • 2 - 4pm

Bailey Cove Library

All experience levels are welcome. Ages 14 to adult. Free class limited to 30 people. Registration required. 256.881.0257.

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

Works by Peter Lucker on display through September and October.

Auditorium, Downtown Huntsville:

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



OCTOBER

BBC Night @ Bailey Cove

Thursday, Oct 1 • 6pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

We'll focus on ghost stories.

Countdown to Rocket City NerdCon:

Doctor Who Day

Saturday, Oct 3 • 9:30am -
4:30pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

Get set for NerdCon with episodes of Doctors 9, 10, 11, and 12. We'll also have crafts, snacks, and games.

Huntsville Feminist Chorus

Sunday, Oct 4 • 2 - 3pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Free concert by a cappella group singing songs that empower women.

Putt-Putt in the Library

Tuesday-Thursday, Oct 6 - 8

[Tillman Hill Library, Hazel Green](#)

Play Putt-Putt during library hours.

Meet the Author: Frye Gaillard

Tuesday, Oct 6 • 6 - 8pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

He will discuss "Journey to the Wilderness: War, Memory, and a Southern Family's Civil War Letters."

Workout Wednesday

Oct 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 10am

[Oscar Mason Library](#)

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



Countdown to Rocket City NerdCon:

MAD Scientist Day

Saturday, Oct 10 • 10am - 5pm

[Madison Library](#)

Get pumped up for NerdCon with a day of science experiments. We'll have activities for all ages.

Make It and Take It

Monday, Oct 12 • 6:30pm

[Madison Library](#)

Our cookbook club will plan food for game days and tailgating parties. 256.461.0046.

Teen Night: Crazy Story Night

Monday, Oct 12 • 6:30pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

A night of fun and games for ages 12-18. 256.489.3392.

Joys of Writing

Tuesday, Oct 13 • 6 - 7:30pm

[Tillman Hill Library, Hazel Green](#)

A publisher and two writers will talk about how and why they wrote their books. 256.828.9529.

How to Do Things: Smudge Sticks

Tuesday, Oct 13 • 6:30 - 8:30pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

An Herb Society member will lead the workshop. Burning smudge sticks is an old tradition, believed to cleanse a home or any other space. Fee is \$2.50. asprogramming@hmcpl.org, 256.532.2362.

Stretch yourself with Gentle Yoga

Enjoy Gentle Yoga classes every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. and every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Downtown Huntsville Library, 915 Monroe St. Admission is free, and no registration is required. The class is great for beginners.

Monrovia Masterminds Science Club

Thursday, Oct 15 • 4pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Students in grades 2-5 enjoy hands-on experiments. Heat is the topic.

Falling Leaves Book Sale

Saturday, Oct 17 • 10am - 4pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Join Friends of the Library and save 50 percent off everything in the Friends Bookstore.

Countdown to Rocket City NerdCon:

Table Top Gaming

Saturday, Oct 17 • Noon - 4pm

[Monrovia Library](#)

Family-friendly day with interactive board games. Bring your smart-phones or tablets. 256.489.3392.

Studio Arts @ Bailey Cove:

Pumpkinology and Maskmaking

Saturday, Oct 17 • 2 - 4pm

[Bailey Cove Library](#)

All experience levels are welcome. Ages 14 to adult. Free class limited to 30 people. Registration required. 256.881.0257.

Sitting Up With the Dead

Friday, Oct 23 • 6 - 11pm

[Downtown Huntsville Library](#)

Learn about advanced genealogical research in the Special Collections department. 256.532.2360.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

Find more events on our website:
hmcpl.org.

EXPLORE

Find a Box. Get a book!



Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle announces the Downtown Book Box program as Shelly Haskins of *The Huntsville Times*, far left, and Library Director Laurel Best look on.

When the boxes were blue, you could drop in your quarters and buy that day's edition of *The Huntsville Times*. Now they're painted with birds, butterflies, and aliens – even a likeness of Wernher von Braun. They're still filled with good reading material, but you don't have to pay to read.

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library in partnership with Downtown Huntsville Inc. and The Arts Council presents Downtown Book Boxes, located in six spots in downtown Huntsville.

Local artists transformed the boxes, and Friends of the Library is supplying the books. Readers may borrow a book and return it or leave another book in its place. Find out more at hmcp.org.



Lots of treats, but no tricks

From books to movies to music to computers, we have treats for all ages all the time at all 12 branches of your Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. But during October, we add something sweeter.

Trick-or-treating, games, and stories are just a taste of the fun we're planning for the Halloween season, so get your costumes ready. Here's a small sampling of our treats:

Bring your own pumpkin to the Tillman Hill Library in Hazel Green for the "Decorate a Pumpkin Like Your Favorite Story Character" contest on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m. It's open to all ages.

Enjoy a scavenger hunt for all ages during the Not-So-Scary Halloween Bash at the Bessie K. Russell Library on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 3 p.m.

Come to the Downtown Huntsville Library on Friday, Oct. 30, for a full day of trick-or-treating. Youth Services will present a Spooktacular Puppet Show at 4 p.m.

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