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## Best-seller Kimberla Roby returns 'Perfect Marriage' facade hides imperfect reality

The Sister 2 Sister Brother 2 Brother Book Club welcomes best-selling author Kimberla Lawson Roby to the main Huntsville-Madison County Public Library on Saturday, January 12, at 2 p.m. The program will be held in the auditorium at 915 Monroe St.

Kimberla will talk about her latest novel, "Perfect Marriage," which goes on sale January 8. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing. The book-signing and reception will follow her presentation.

Here's a plot description from Kimberla's website, kimroby.com:

"Denise and Derrek Shaw are the perfect American couple. Happily married for 15 years, they have a wonderful daughter, successful careers, and a beautiful house. They also have a shocking secret: a dangerous addiction to drugs. Denise and Derrek attend Narcotics Anonymous meetings, but with Denise's job becoming more stressful, it is the drugs that allow her to get through her long days. Then Derrek, who has been clean for weeks, relapses

### Meet the Author: Kimberla Lawson Roby



Kimberla Lawson Roby

**January 12**

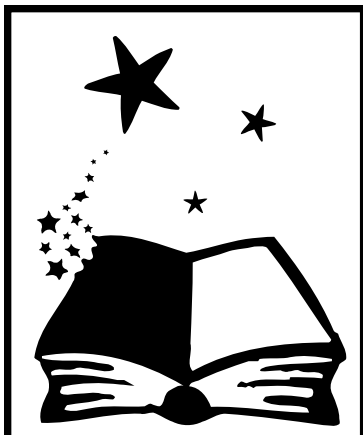
2 p.m.

Main Library auditorium

when there is a family tragedy."

"Perfect Marriage" sounds like a book you can't put down.

Tickets at \$10 each are available at the Main Library and the Showers Center Public Library, 4600 Blue Spring Road. Call 256-851-7492 for more information.



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## Friends' Foreword

The latest news from the Friends of the Library

*Marcus Aurelius once wrote, "Time is a sort of river of passing events and strong is its current."*

Before we speak of new events, let us speak of gratitude to those who have sailed us into a safe harbor. We salute the FOL officers who have guided us through the waters of 2012 and have kept the boat steady: Sally Howard, president; Liz Stagg, vice president; Jeff Seward, secretary; Bill Rankin, treasurer. Thank you to those who keep the heart of the bookstore beating: our faithful customers and donors, our tireless and painstaking bookstore committee, the many reliable volunteers who work in the bookstore, and our board members.

Friends of the Library begins its fifty-fourth year with a rotation of officers and board members. At the helm in 2013: Liz Stagg as president; Ann Baker, vice president; Cynthia Fix, secretary; Bill Rankin, treasurer. Members rotating from the board to sustaining member status are Mary Ann Anderson, Laurel McDaniel, Warren Schoenknecht. Members joining the board are Merrie DePierre, Anna Sherwood, Margaret Vann.

*The waters of 2013 are charted.*

First, the Hertha Heller Forums!

**January 27**, The Huntsville Literary Association's Poetry Workshop presents **Poets' Choice Readings**. This is an annual, buoyant and festive tradition of the Friends and the Literati, when twenty apt, ingenious poets share their favorite poems of the past year, as well as a chapbook for each attendee.

**February 24**, Lynne Berry, executive director of the Community Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County, will present **"Charitable Giving with Impact and Tax Advantage."** Community foundations exist in all major U.S. cities to serve all nonprofits. Huntsville's Foundation was established in 2008. Its goals are to increase giving by educating donors about the tax benefits of giving, to

provide tax-advantaged avenues for giving, to increase the donor pool, to provide efficient management of resources, and to provide opportunities for partnerships and networking. This is sure to be a timely presentation.

**March 24**, Susan K. Smith, associate professor of anthropology, Kennesaw State University, will present **"Stories Bones Tell."** Look for more on this titillating topic in the next issue of COVER TO COVER.

The FORUMS are free, held in the Main Library Auditorium at two o'clock, and the public is invited.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE 2013 25-CENT BOOK SALES  
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*Jan Kelly*  
Friends of the Library

## Friends Bookstore

Entrance of the Main Branch Library  
Phone: 256.532.5986

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Noon-6 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday

Noon-4 p.m.

Sunday

1-4:30 p.m.

# Celebrate Black History Month:

Civil rights pioneer U.S. Rep. John Lewis will speak at the Main Library

A famed civil rights pioneer kicks off the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's celebration of February as Black History Month. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., (pictured at right) will share his perspective of the civil rights movement on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library.



Music will be a big part of the month-long commemoration. We'll start early with the Martin Luther King Musical Celebration on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Main Library Atrium. Performers include the Aspire String Quartet, First Missionary Baptist Church Choir, and Sandy Kinslow. More African-American musicians will be featured each Thursday night throughout Black History Month – Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 – also at 6 p.m. in the Atrium.

Searching for your African-American ancestors? Resident genealogy expert Richard White will explain how to find them, using the library's genealogy resources and technology each Thursday in February: Feb. 7 and 28 at 10 a.m., Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Main Library's Heritage Room. Help the HMCPL Archives build our African-American historical photograph collection and preserve your own memories at the same time during public scan days on Saturdays, Feb. 9 and 23, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Archives department of the Main Library.

The Main Library will host a panel discussion on the significance of local educator William Hooper Councill and Councill High School in local and national African-American history on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium. Dr. Michael Smith will discuss Huntsville's historically African-American business district, before and after desegregation, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

The Elizabeth Carpenter Public Library in New Hope will hold a Black History Month program on the famous Gee's Bend quilts on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. The program is for adults and will focus on the history of the Gee's Bend quilting community and quilting as a craft. Quilt samples will be on display.

The library has more Black History Month activities planned for all ages. For details, visit our website, <http://hmcpl.org>.

## Enhance your job skills with MOS certification

Set yourself apart from the competition in today's job market. Prove your computer skills to prospective employers with Microsoft Office Specialist certification in Microsoft Word 2010, Excel 2010, PowerPoint 2010, OneNote 2010, Access 2010 and SharePoint 2010.

Generous grants from Alabama state Rep. Phil Williams and the Daniel Foundation of Alabama have allowed the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library to purchase up to 100 certification exams and offer exams to qualified patrons free of charge. If you're looking for a job, this certification can help you land one. If you're already employed, this knowledge can increase your productivity and value to your employer.

Ty Fauscett, general manager of NETWORKx of Huntsville, was the first person to pass an MOS exam at the library. Fauscett, whose company provides Internet technology support to local small businesses, was certified as an expert in Microsoft Word. Now he can offer better support skills to his customers.

For Brandon Dauphinais, a data modeler for Calibre, passing the MOS exam meant more money in his paycheck. His secret to success? "I studied like crazy, and I use it every day."

Idasia Sellers, a student at Virginia College, came to the library on the recommendation of her teacher. Passing the test is one more step on her path to a degree in administrative office management. She plans to keep studying hard and take more MOS exams.

To qualify for the exam, call 256-532-2356 to make an appointment for a free practice test and a short interview/survey. Passing this test is required to show that you have the basic skills to take a certification exam. For details about Microsoft Office Specialist certifications, visit <http://guides.hmcpl.org/MOS>. Find a schedule of library computer classes and more information about the Computer Training Center at <http://hmcpl.org/computers/training>.

# January

## Calendar of Events

# February

## Art in Your Library

### ATRIUM GALLERY

Jackie Wilson's "R-tistic Sprays" exhibit continues through January. Works by Alabama A&M students commemorate Black History Month in February.

### MAIN AUDITORIUM

Works by Huntsville Art League artists are on view during public events in the auditorium of the Main Library during January and February.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

From concerts to author events, you can stay in the know with [hmcpl.org](http://hmcpl.org).

### Small Business Lunch & Learn: "Bartering"

January 7, noon  
Main Library

Speaker is Susan Voiers, director at Valley Business Network.

### Bailey Cove Friends of the Library Book Sale

January 12-13, regular library hours  
Bailey Cove Library

Most items will be just 25 cents with best-sellers only \$1. Selection includes hardback and paperback fiction, nonfiction, children's, and audiobooks.

### Meet the Author: T.K. Thorne

January 13, 2 p.m.  
Main Library

The Huntsville Literary Association hosts the author of the prize-winning novel *Noah's Wife*.

### Skype the Author: Linda Lafferty

January 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Main Library

This video conference lets readers meet the author of *The Bloodletter's Daughter: A Novel of Old Bohemia*.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Interesting programs, lectures and events are always going on.

### E-Books @ Your Library

For Kindle: January 16, 2 p.m.

For Nook, February 13, 2 p.m.

Eleanor E. Murphy Library

Learn how to download e-books from the library onto your e-reader. The Overdrive, Axis 360, and Freading e-book sites will be discussed. Sign up by calling 256-881-5620.

### Nonprofit Webinar:

"The Economic Impact of the Arts"

January 17, noon

Main Library

Allison Dillon-Jauken, executive director of The Arts Council, will present an overview of the Huntsville-Madison County arts community and discuss economic impact data collected from a recent research study.

### Studio Night: Valentines

January 17, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bailey Cove Library

Explore the history of Valentine cards and learn how to make your own. Supplies and beverages will be provided. Registration is required: 256-881-0257.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Brush up your skills in our Computer Training Center.

### Meet the Author: Edward Pattillo

January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Main Library

*Carolina Planters on the Alabama Frontier: The Spencer-Robeson-McKenzie Family Papers* chronicles an American family in the 18th and 19th centuries.

### Meet the Author:

Linda Winstead Jones

January 23, noon

Main Library

Cupid's Cafe Romance Book Club hosts best-selling author Linda Winstead Jones. Her new book, *Running Wild*, was co-written with Linda Howard. \$5 includes pizza lunch. Reservations are required: 256-532-5950, [dmetrick@hmcpl.org](mailto:dmetrick@hmcpl.org).

### "Love Your Library"

January 26, 2-4 p.m.

Main Library

This free festival of love includes music, giveaways and demonstrations by chocolatiers, florists, paper craft artists and gift-basket designers. Romance writers will read essays, meet readers and sell and sign books. Registration is not required.

# Professional Training Resources

The Reference department hosts monthly professional development workshops for entrepreneurs, nonprofits and writers. Admission is free, and no registration is required. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided. For more details, contact Mary Moore, 256-532-5972 or mmoore@hmcpl.org, or visit hmcpl.org/reference.

## Write Right Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, January 8, noon to 1 p.m.

### “Goodreads”

Goodreads.com is the largest social network for readers and book recommendations. Ann Lee Phillips, collection development specialist at the main Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, will demonstrate Goodreads and illustrate ways authors use it to connect with their readers.

## Nonprofit Lunch & Learn

Thursday, February 21, noon to 1 p.m.

### “Online Newsletters”

Despite the proliferation of social networking platforms, studies show most Americans prefer to use email. Sophie Young, adult program coordinator at the Main Library, will demonstrate ways you can use MailChimp’s free email newsletter service to communicate effectively and efficiently with your customers.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendars so you won’t miss any of the fun.

### Hertha Heller Forum: Poet’s Choice Readings with Huntsville Literary Association

January 27, 2 p.m.

Main Library

Local poets share their favorite poems of the past year.

### Meet the Author: Irene Latham

February 3, 2 p.m.

Main Library

This Birmingham writer is author of the children’s novels *Leaving Gee’s Bend* and *Don’t Feed the Boy*.

### Make Your Own Cards

February 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

Madison Library

Each person will receive materials to make two cards for various occasions. This class is free and open to ages 18 and older. Reservations are required: 256-461-0046, rhooper@hmcpl.org.

### Harvey Cotten: Get Ready for Spring

February 10, 2 p.m.

Main Library

Learn about new plants and things you need to do to prepare your soil. Call 256-532-2362 for details.

## FRIENDS EVENTS

Upcoming events for the Friends network.

### Write Right Lunch & Learn: “The YA Market”

February 12, noon

Main Library

Beck McDowell, author of *This is Not a Drill*, discusses writing for teens.

### Huntsville Revisited

February 21, 3 p.m.

Showers Center Library

Archivist and photojournalist

William Hampton will show pictures and share the history of old Huntsville and Madison County.

### Hertha Heller Forum: “Charitable Giving and Impact, with Tax Advantage”

February 24, 2 p.m.

Main Library

Lynne Berry, executive director, Community Foundation, offers tips.

### 2013 HERTHA HELLER FORUMS

#### Looking ahead:

March 24: “Stories Bones Tell: From Forensics to the Greek Islands” by Susan K. Smith, associate professor at Kennesaw State University

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# Out on a branch: Monrovia Library

Spanish/English Conversation Circle aims to break down language barriers

*Celebramos* is Spanish for “we celebrate.” Manager Cindy Hewitt and her staff at the Monrovia Public Library have much *celebrar* (to celebrate) – not the least of which is the library’s new Spanish/English Conversation Circle.

“There is a large Latino community here, and they don’t always realize the resources we have if they don’t speak our language well,” Cindy (pictured at right) said. “We have children come in here who speak English well, but their parents don’t. We want to cross that barrier. We’re trying to build community connections; this is a community library.”

The Spanish/English Conversation Circle, which meets at the library on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., aims to help Spanish speakers improve their English and English speakers improve their Spanish. During a focus on cultural celebrations a week before Thanksgiving, native Spanish speakers discussed ways their language differs from country to country. Corn on the cob, for example, is *elote* in Mexico but *la mazorca* in Colombia. The native English speakers learned much. Everyone laughed much as they talked about their favorite holidays and festive foods.

The Monrovia Library, housed in the Woody Anderson Learning Center at 254 Allen Drake Drive, has lots of other regular events on its calendar: Lunch and Love Romance Book Club, first Tuesdays at 11 a.m.; Teen Night with crafts, games, food and fun, second Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; Preschool Story Time, every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.; Home School Story Time, second Tuesdays at 1 p.m.; Tuesday Night Book Club, third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. There are also movie nights and craft nights. For more information about the activities at Monrovia, call 256-489-3392 or send email to [monrovia@hmcpl.org](mailto:monrovia@hmcpl.org).



## Learn more about LearningQUEST at Rally Day 2013

Looking for new opportunities to expand your mind and grow your circle of friends? Check out LearningQUEST on Rally Day, Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, just across the street from the main Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Learn about upcoming programs; pick up a catalog for the winter/spring term, and register for courses.

LearningQUEST is an HMCPL partner, offering an environment for inquiring minds; stimulating forums, courses and single presentations in a variety of academic disciplines; interactive discussions; affordable and centrally located programs and enrichment activities, planned trips and fellowship in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Most programs are held at the Main Library. Visit the website <http://lquest.org/> to find out more about LearningQUEST’s programs for January-June 2013. The number to call for more information is 256-532-2342.

## Archives contributes to Abolitionist Map of America

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Archives is partnering with the PBS series *American Experience* on the Abolitionist Map of America, an interactive website that explores events, characters and locations connected to the anti-slavery movement. The map is an extension of the three-part series *The Abolitionists*, set to air Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15 and 22, on PBS.

Library Archivist Susanna Leberman added information about James G. Birney to the map. In the early 1800s, Birney was a local landowner and slaveholder who was elected mayor of Huntsville, but he was strongly encouraged to leave town after becoming an abolitionist. He moved north in 1832 and became a leading figure in the anti-slavery movement. In modern times, his descendants returned to Huntsville; he is the great-great-grandfather of Huntsville Board of Education member Topper Birney. View the Abolitionist Map of America at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/interactive-map/abolitionists-map/>.

## In Memory:

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