The Huntsville Library Foundation loves to bring great writers to town. The 2013 edition of Vive le Livre is no exception.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Rick Bragg is our guest for the annual fundraiser on Thursday, September 12, at 6 p.m. at the Thurber Arts Center auditorium at Randolph School, 4915 Garth Road. Tickets for Rick’s talk as well as a book-signing and dessert reception start at $75.

The Foundation will also host the return of Jefferson Bass, the writing team of journalist Jon Jefferson and forensic anthropologist Dr. Bill Bass. They’ll talk about their new Body Farm suspense novel, Cut to the Bone, on Friday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library, 915 Monroe St. Admission is $10.

For ticket information, call 256-532-5954 or visit huntsvillelibraryfoundation.org.

We’re taking off in a fresh direction

The September/October 2013 issue of Cover to Cover launches a new design for our newsletter, including a new logo for the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library system.

With a rocket ship taking off from the pages of a book, our logo invites you to create your dreams, explore new worlds, and connect with your community.

Join us in the coming months as we extend our new design into all aspects of HMCPL communications. And let us know what you think about the logo. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HMCPL, or give us a call, 256-532-2361.
“...creative people use what they have at hand, and throw nothing away...weaving bits and pieces of life into the fabric of their stories...I think of my mind as a closet – the junkiest closet in the house.” – Robert Inman’s blog, June 6, 2013

Join us for An Evening with Novelist Robert Inman, when Mr. Inman will present his new novel, The Governor’s Lady, on October 10 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium. Sponsored by HM-CPL, Huntsville Literary Association and Friends of the Library, the conversation will be followed with a book-signing.

Mr. Inman is a native of Elba, Alabama, and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Alabama. He became a journalist covering Alabama politics and served as press secretary for Alabama Gov. Albert Brewer from 1968 to 1970. He worked as a television anchor in Charlotte, N.C., for 20 years before fully devoting his time to writing in 1996. Having breathed small-town, Southern air deeply in his formative years, Mr. Inman’s novels absorbed that balmy flavor to perfection. He came to believe that “politics and sports are great life metaphors.”

He was intrigued by the election of Gov. Lurleen Wallace as a stand-in for her husband, George Wallace, which caused Inman to think about the personal and political relationship of the couple. He saw a story there. In The Governor’s Lady, Cooper Lanier succeeds her husband as governor. She comes to know herself and to realize what the job requires. Through her, Inman’s plot evolves, revealing how politics “brings out the best and the worst in people.”

OTHER NOVELS BY ROBERT INMAN
Home Fires Burning, 1987
Old Dogs and Children, 1991
Dairy Queen Days, 1997
Captain Saturday, 2002

SIX MOVIES WRITTEN FOR TV
Home Fires Burning,
CBS Hallmark Hall of Fame, 1989
A Son’s Promise, ABC, 1990
Cries from the Heart, CBS, 1994
My Son Is Innocent, ABC, 1996
The Summer of Ben Tyler,
CBS Hallmark Hall of Fame, 1997
Family Blessings, CBS, 1999

All of Robert Inman’s movies are shown periodically on cable and satellite channels.

ATTENTION FRIENDS MEMBERS!

The Falling Leaves Book Sale is Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Friends of the Library Bookstore. All books in the store will be 50% off. Join Friends of the Library to be eligible for savings.
LearningQUEST:
Promoting education, South’s music & stories

LearningQUEST, a Huntsville-Madison County Public Library partner, examines the state of our schools on Mondays, September 16, 23, and 30, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium.

The first session looks at what the Alabama Legislature and state school board are doing about our low national rankings. Professionals from the Huntsville, Madison, and Madison County systems will address the second program. The final session explores ways individuals and groups can help.

LearningQUEST and HMCPL present Live at the Library: Wayne Flynt & Kate Campbell on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Main Library.

Live at the Library is a collaborative exchange of songs, stories, and readings between singer-songwriter Kate Campbell and author/historian Dr. J. Wayne Flynt. Campbell’s literate songs weave effortlessly with Flynt’s chosen passages from some of the South’s most noted authors.

For details on LearningQUEST, visit lquest.org.

Main event: Masquerade ball

Calling all heroes and villains – actually teens in middle and high school. Come to the Main Library on Saturday, October 26, from 8 p.m. to midnight for the fifth annual Masquerade Ball, a celebration of Cosplay. The party promises an epic evening of food (NO alcohol), music, and dancing.

Express your creativity by dressing up as one of your favorite fictional characters. Costumes must be appropriate for a public gathering. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Tickets at $10 per person are available at all library locations. Admission at the door is $15 per person. For details, contact Mandy Pinyan at 256-532-5962 or mpinyan@hmcpl.org.

Join the Friends of the Library!

Use the membership form below and mail to Friends of the Library
P.O. Box 443, Huntsville, AL 35804

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Address: ______________________________________________________________

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☐ Senior / Student ........ $15  ☐ As a member, I would like to volunteer in the bookstore.
☐ Individual..................... $20
☐ Family ....................... $25
☐ Good Friend ............. $50
☐ Best Friend .......... $100

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Please make checks payable to Friends of the Library
End of Summer Celebration
Sept 5 • 6pm
Main Library
Hear Army 4-Star Jazz Orchestra
and Rocket City Jazz Orchestra.

Health Screenings
Sept 9 • 9:30am - Noon
Main Library
Free screenings from Huntsville
Hospital’s Mobile Medical Unit.

How to Do Things:
Make a Navajo Knot Mug Rug
Sept 10 • 6:30 - 8pm
Main Library
Make a rag rug from a worn pair of
jeans using only your fingers.

Crochet a Jewelry Pendant with
Wire
Sept 12 • 10 am
Eleanor E. Murphy Library
Learn to crochet a fall leaf pendant.
For ages 14 and older.

Author Chat Book Club
Sept 12 • 6 - 7pm
Pizzelle’s Confections,
Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole
John Sims Jeter discusses his novel
...and the angels sang.

Murphy Writers’ Group
Sept 14 & 28 • 3pm
Eleanor E. Murphy Library
Peer to peer writing group for all
genres. Ages 14 and older.

Meet the Worry Woos
Sept 15 • 2 - 4pm
Main Library
Hear selections from Lee Lyric
Theatre’s new musical based on Andi

Health Forum: Assisted Living
Sept 17 • 11am - Noon
Main Library
Alicia Thomas, Top of Alabama
Regional Council of Governments,
gives an overview.

Booked for Lunch on Tuesdays
Sept 17 • 11am
Community center meeting
room next to Monrovia Library
Bring a lunch and discuss The Dress-
maker by Kate Alcott.

Spanish/English Conversation
Circle
Sept 19 • 6:30pm
Monrovia Library
Practice your second language with
other English and Spanish speakers.

Discover the Writer in You
Sept 21 • 2pm
Main Library
Celebrate the release of the Murphy
Writers’ Group’s first anthology. The
book includes works by group mem-
ers as well as participants in this
summer’s Teen Authors’ Workshop.

Children’s Fall Craft Day
Sept 28 • 10am - 4pm
Bailey Cove Library
Fun fall crafts will be in the meeting
room all day.

The Science of Consequences
Sept 30 • 11am - Noon
Main Library
Biopsychologist Dr. Susan Schneider
discusses her new book, The Science
of Consequences: How They Affect
Genes, Change the Brain, and Impact
Our World.

Art in Your Library
Atrium Gallery: See works in a variety of media by talented local
artists in the Atrium of the Main Library.
Main Auditorium: Works by Huntsville Art League artists are on
view during public events in the Main Library auditorium.
Meet the Feminist Chorus
Oct 6 • 2 - 3pm
Main Library
Songs of peace and freedom from this a capella group.

Small Business Lunch & Learn
Oct 7 • Noon
Main Library
An advanced presentation on Word-Press for small businesses.

Library Fright Night
Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 • 6pm
Main Library

Murphy Writers’ Group
Oct 12 & 26 • 3pm
Eleanor E. Murphy Library
Huntsville Times reporter Kay Campbell speaks to Oct. 26 meeting.

Health Screenings
Oct 14 • 9:30am - Noon
Main Library
Free screenings from Huntsville Hospital’s Mobile Medical Unit.

Teen Night @ Monrovia
Oct 14 • 6:30pm
Monrovia Library
Enjoy fun, games, and food!

Thursday Evening Concerts
Oct 17 • 6pm
Main Library
Hear popular Celtic folk band Slipjig.

Spanish/English Conversation Circle
Oct 17 • 6:30pm
Monrovia Library
Practice your second language.

Murphy Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale
Oct 18 - 19 • 9am - 5pm
Eleanor E. Murphy Library
Prices start at 10 cents on books, audiobooks, movies and music.

Falling Leaves Book Sale
Oct 19 • 10am - 4pm
Friends of the Library Bookstore at entrance to Main Library
All books in the store will be 50% off. Join Friends of the Library to be eligible for savings.

Health Forum: Depression
Oct 22 • 11am - Noon
Main Library
Occupational therapist Imogene Tilson discusses depression and treatment options.

Author Video Chat
Oct 27 • 2 - 4pm
Main Library

Halloween Party
Oct 29 • 6 - 7pm
Monrovia Library
Fun, games and food crafts for kids of all ages.

Looking Ahead: It’s Sweet 2 Read
Nov 2 • 11am
Main Library
Dessert fundraiser hosted by the Showers Center Friends of the Library. Details at 256-851-7492 or lcawthon@hmcpl.org.
Out on a Branch: Bessie K. Russell
Cozy, busy library serves its loyal community well

Some might call it small, crowded even. But branch manager Adrienne Bone views the Bessie K. Russell Library as cozy. Whatever you call it, it’s always busy and always welcoming.

“There’s a community feel here,” she said. “There are regulars who have been coming here since it opened in 1975.”

The library is located at 3011-C Sparkman Drive, next door to Berachah Gym, but it started out in the Kmart parking lot on North Memorial Parkway. The gym is a good neighbor for the small library; Adrienne has been able to use the facility for larger children’s programs, including a visit from Alabama Youth Ballet.

BKR has only five public computers, but the branch recently ranked fourth in the HMCPL system for computer use. Much of that use comes from people looking for a job.

Adrienne recalls one gentleman whom she helped with an online job application and an email resume. “He was so grateful,” she said. “He came back and told me he got the job. I wish I had more time to offer more help like that.”

BKR offers basic computer classes for its patrons as well as two book clubs, Russell Readers on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. and Lovers of Lit on fourth Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. Both groups read a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction.

This summer Adrienne and her staff started a new tutoring program, the Literacy and Math Project, for children in third grade and younger. They hope to continue and expand the program.

For details on events and services at BKR, call 256-859-9050 or visit hmcpl.org/russell.

Shelf space just for you

Care to help us keep our books in order – plus our CDs, DVDs, etc? We’re launching a new volunteer program, Adopt-a-Shelf, aimed at keeping our materials in top display shape for our patrons.

All you have to do is agree to commit an hour or two a week. The duties are simple: Read the shelves to make sure the items are in the correct order. Put misplaced items in their proper places. Line up the items evenly at the front edge of the shelf.

After you’ve completed your first six-month adoption session, we’ll proudly display a framed placard on your case with your name boldly highlighted.

Contact Marianne Lenox, Staff Training and Volunteer Coordinator, at 256-532-2352 or mlenox@hmcpl.org, for more information.

Rummage sale benefit at Gurley

The Friends of Gurley Library will hold a “Rummage and Raffle” fundraiser on September 20-21 at the library, 225 Walker St., Gurley.

The fun starts with Early Bird shopping on Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. Doors open on Saturday at 7 a.m. There will be a raffle drawing at noon on Saturday.

For more details, contact Alisa Watson or Tina Wright, 256-776-2102, or visit hmcpl.org/gurley.
Bob Adams by Tom, Annelle, Amy and Josie Craig
Susan Adkins by AEGis Technologies Group
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Kaleb Maxwell Jordan by Brenda and Danny Jordan
Martha McLain Lewallen by Annelle and Josie Craig
Royce Mitchell by Topper and Sherry Birney
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Thomas Franklin Morring by Michael and Roschel Holland Stearns
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Thomas Franklin Morring by Tennessee Valley Chapter Alabama Society Sons of the American Revolution
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Mozel B. Roper by AGC Electronics
Mae Sams by Peggy Guerin
Louise Sanford by Mahlon-Turner Family
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