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## **Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary**

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**Huntsville, Ala.** —In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed, establishing the United States as a nation. Now, 250 years later, communities across the country are commemorating this historic milestone, and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library is joining the celebration with a variety of special programs and events for all ages.

“HMCPL staff are looking forward to commemorating America’s 250th anniversary with our community,” said Connie Chow, Executive Director of HMCPL. “We have planned a variety of programs for all ages that highlight our rich local and national history with educational programming, interactive book discussions and watch parties, as well as opportunities to be creative and celebrate together.”

Library staff across the system have worked to create engaging opportunities that celebrate American history while also serving the interests of patrons throughout Madison County.

“We’ve loved creating programs and opportunities for our patrons to enjoy,” said Tracie Collier, Adult Programming Librarian for the Downtown Huntsville Public Library. “We’ve worked hard to make sure there is something for everyone, and I’m truly excited about what we have been able to come up with.”

Adult patrons can look forward to a variety of America 250-themed events throughout the year. The Monrovia Public Library will host an Adults and Crafts evening where participants can create a [beaded flag pin](#). Readers can also participate in [We the Readers](#), a year-long book club exploring the history of American literature and influential U.S. authors.

The Downtown Huntsville Public Library will host a watch party series for [The American Revolution](#) documentary by Ken Burns, covering United States history from the 1750s through the 1780s. In addition, Special Collections will present [Unearth A Story: Discover Your Patriot Ancestors](#), a genealogy-focused program designed to help patrons trace their family history back to the Revolutionary era.

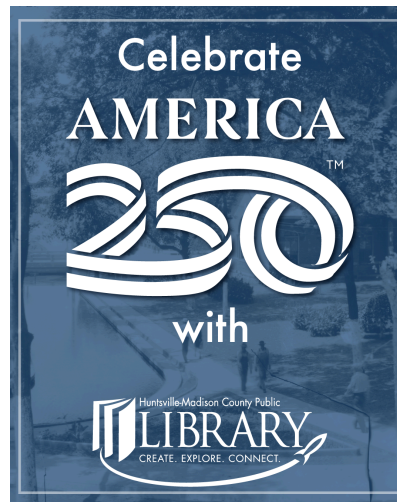
Children and families will also find a wide range of America 250 events across all library branches. The Downtown Huntsville Public Library will host a [Fourth of July Storytime](#) encouraging children to dress in red, white, and blue and create their own patriotic songs. Additional craft

programs, including [Unearth A Craft: Fireworks](#), will provide hands-on opportunities for children to express their creativity while learning about American history and traditions. North Huntsville Public Library will present [Celebrating America](#), featuring crafts, games, face painting, and ice cream.

One of the year's featured events will be [Rocket City Celebrates America 250](#), a free patriotic concert featuring the 151st Alabama Army National Guard Band. Hosted by HMCPL, NSDAR, Wicks Family Field, and Alabama Society DAR, the event will also include local history displays, concessions, and an appearance by the Library Bookmobile.

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library invites the community to join in celebrating America's 250th anniversary through education, creativity, music, and shared experiences throughout the year.

For more information, visit [hmcpl.org](http://hmcpl.org) or contact your local HMCPL branch.



### ***About HMCPL***

This is the public's library. Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is a nonprofit 10-branch system that serves all of Madison County, Ala. For 200 years, the library has been dedicated to enriching the educational, recreational and cultural lives of communities in Madison County through materials, information and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning.

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