

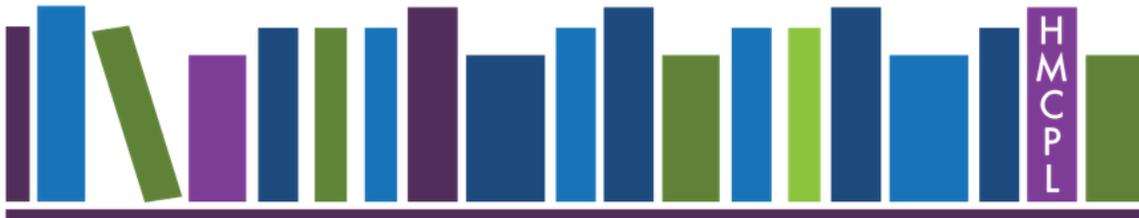


HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY  
LIBRARY FOUNDATION

# The OPEN BOOK

Focusing on Donor Impact & Updates  
March 2026 Newsletter





# THANK YOU

for supporting this year's  
**Love Your Library** campaign!

We appreciate everyone who has given to support children's books and materials across all 10 branches of the HMCPL. Your generosity is helping ensure that our youngest patrons have access to the resources they need.

If you haven't made a gift and would like to, there is still time to participate. The demand for children's books is ongoing, and keeping our shelves full and up to date requires support year-round.



# Love Your Library

January 17, 2026

Librarians are the heart and soul of a library and that's what makes the Gurley library the best.

Thank you for making everyone feel at home.  
Thank you for making everyone feel special.

Kathleen

We love reading Library love letters from patrons! We're proud to celebrate the amazing ways HMCPL staff make a difference in the community every single day.

# Program Spotlight



**Blast Music is your destination to discover local music available in the Rocket City and North Alabama.**

Launched in September 2021, Blast Music is HMCPL's streaming music platform for artists across North Alabama! Blast offers a diverse range of musical genres from musicians across the region, including Muscle Shoals, Huntsville, and Sand Mountain.

Music lovers can stream tunes from anywhere with an internet connection, no library card or sign-in required. Participating artists retain all rights to their music.





**Currently, Blast features 278 albums and 246 unique artists, and it continues to grow each year during September's Huntsville Music Month submission round.**

Blast is funded by the Marguerite Cartwright Hawthorne Endowment, which is for the express purpose of purchasing music resources for the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Because of this generous gift and with support from the Huntsville Music Office, Blast is able to pay each artist a \$300 honorarium and help contribute to the local music economy.

For more information or to start listening, visit the Blast Music website:

<https://blast.hmcpl.org/>

# Upcoming HMCLF Author Events

## Tonight! An Evening with Joshilyn Jackson

Join us at the South Huntsville Public Library on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6 p.m. for a discussion and book signing, in celebration of Joshilyn Jackson's new thriller, *Missing Sister*.



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AN EVENING *with*  
NEW YORK TIMES & USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR  
JOSHILYN JACKSON

*Missing Sister*  
A Novel  
REVENGE...  
IT'S ALL RELATIVE.  
JOSHILYN JACKSON

SOUTH HUNTSVILLE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MARCH 3 | 6:00 P.M.

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### About Joshilyn Jackson

*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling novelist Joshilyn Jackson's books have been translated into a dozen languages and have received numerous honors. She lives in upstate New York with her family and a motley crew of black and white animals.

[Buy Tickets](#)

# Upcoming HMCLF Author Events

## An Evening with Tayari Jones

We're thrilled to welcome Tayari Jones to the North Huntsville Public Library this October to celebrate her new novel, *Kin*. Because *Kin* has been released, we're opening event tickets now so you can secure your seat and start reading right away.

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### About Tayari Jones

Tayari Jones is the author of four novels, most recently *An American Marriage*, which was an Oprah's Book Club selection and also appeared on Barack Obama's summer reading list and his year-end roundup. It won the Women's Prize for Fiction, the Aspen Words Literary Prize, and an NAACP Image Award. Jones is the C.H. Candler Professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University and lives in Atlanta.

[Buy Tickets](#)



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# A city cannot be great without a great library.

The 10 branches of the HMCPL serve as vibrant community hubs where technology, information, and culture are within everyone's reach.

**We challenge donors to help inspire lifelong learning through financial gifts that support the HMCPL.**

**For more details on ways to give or to make a donation, visit <https://hmcpl.org/foundation/waystogive>.**

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