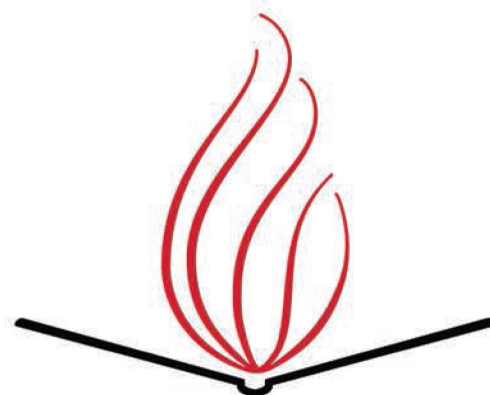


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# **BIRMINGHAM**

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In the Birmingham Public Library's 126 year history, 2012 might be described as transformative. On the heels of severe budget and staff cuts implemented over the past three years, BPL worked to renew attention and support for the library's basic programming while planning for substantial special projects to be realized in the coming years.

In August, BPL launched a media campaign with the help of Big Communications and Six Branding and Design to remind Birmingham citizens about the library's meaning to the community. The campaign introduced a new, contemporary logo; placed high quality spots and advertisements featuring Olympian Vionetta Flowers on local television and in print media; and increased the library's presence on social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, and Instagram. One of the most delightful surprises of 2012 came with BPL staff winning the Alabama's Brightest Company Trivia Contest—at both the local and the state levels. The combined knowledge of our team of librarians garnered a total of \$20,000 in prize money for the media campaign and an abundant sense of pride among employees and the public.

Simultaneously, BPL introduced a grass roots campaign to encourage community residents to advocate on behalf of the library before Birmingham's City Council, appealing to our local officials to reverse the severe budget cuts of the last two years. Councilmen and women heard library supporters' persuasive voices and not only halted further cuts to our materials budget, but raised the budget slightly over last year.

While protecting the library's fundamental services—books, magazines, DVDs, and other resources—BPL began a multi-year project to renovate the Central Library's East Building and Linn Henley Research Library. A conceptual design completed in 2010 illustrates great possibilities for re-envisioned spaces, upgraded systems, and more accessible facilities that reflect how city residents use their public library in the 21st century. The

renovation will provide more spaces for programming, dedicated areas for children and teens, and larger storage and reading areas for special collections. The City of Birmingham has agreed to support this important project by allocating \$460,000 to develop the design, which should be complete near the end of 2013.

Behind these strategic initiatives are BPL's governing and support boards: a governing Board of Trustees; the Friends of BPL that work on advocacy and volunteerism; BPL's Foundation Board which is the library's philanthropic arm; and a brand new BPL Young Professionals group that brings the talent of 40 of Birmingham's emerging leaders to the library. With each of these boards focusing on different aspects of BPL's programs and services, the library becomes a stronger organization that touches each part of the city and county.

All of these ambitious and visible initiatives mean very little without the programs and services that are implemented in our 19 locations every day: computer classes, lectures and storytelling, free Wi-Fi, after school activities, reading initiatives, special performances, and the hundreds of programs listed in the appendices in this report.

The work of our 302 staff members is our greatest resource, resulting in the creative programming that serves individuals of all ages in the neighborhoods where they live and work. Whether through large initiatives or daily programming, BPL's work is transformative on an individual and community level.

Please, find attached to this report a comprehensive list of our grants, awards, and special projects for this past year, which complement and enhance the library's most basic function—to provide access to information through books, magazines, newspapers, databases, DVDs, CDs, the Internet and more to meet the needs of citizens of Birmingham.

## 2012 BY THE NUMBERS

### Hours Open to the Public:

44,125

### Number of People Visiting our Libraries:

1,798,940

### Number of Items Checked Out:

1,217,148

### Number of items (resources) used in the library:

1,316,016

### Number of Items in BPL Collection (Archives and Manuscripts not included.):

816,848

### Active BPL Library Card Holders:

165,351

### New Library Cards Issued:

12,189

### Public use of Meeting Rooms:

2,876

### Number of Public Computers:

292

### Number of Uses of the Public PCs:

545,763

### Total Minutes Public PCs used:

21,048,556

### Reference Transactions:

556,556

### Programs and Events for the Public:

2,328

### Number of Program and Event Attendees:

59,784

### Participation in BPL's Summer Reading Programs

Number of Children: 4,565

Number of Teens: 1,250

Number of Adults: 1,066

Total Participants: 6,881

Number of Programs Offered: 446

Attendance at Programs: 16,016

### New Services and Programs

- Freegal, a free music download service provided to residents of the City of Birmingham
- BPL Architecture and Design Collection in the Archives Department
- Pinterest and Instagram were added to BPL social media

### Total Square Footage of BPL Libraries:

380,643

### Personnel

Full time professional librarian positions  
(One part time): 62.5

Full time staff positions (All, including librarians): 170

Part Time Staff positions: 132

Total positions: 302 Total FTE: 230.5

**Staff Reclassified:** Neighborhood Branch Heads were made the same grade as Community Branch Heads. 6 positions were affected and will result in a salary cap that is 15% higher.

## SELECTED PROGRAMS, CLASSES, AND EVENTS PRESENTED IN 2012

The programs listed below are in addition to the regular story times, family events, and afterschool activities provided by all BPL locations. All branches have weekly or biweekly storytimes. Most locations plan special events and programs in addition to those listed below, and in the summer months, the average number of programs rises to two or three a week. Thousands of children and adults benefit from the many educational and entertaining programs presented at BPL locations including zumba classes, chair yoga, health and fitness information programs, gardening, trunk or treat, Easter egg hunts, etc.

**Archives staff** reached a milestone by pulling more than 1,105,022 files for researchers in the last decade from 2002 to 2012.

**MLK Lecture** – Writing African American History for Youth  
Larry Dane Brimner, *Birmingham Sunday*  
Jo Kittenger, *Rosa's Bus*  
Evelyn Coleman, *Freedom Train* and *White Socks Only*  
(multiple branches)

**The Art of Science** – System wide afterschool programs funded by the Kresge Foundation in partnership with the Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham and presented by Elinor and Winfred Burks.

**Brown Bag Lunch Programs** – Central Library and in some cases other locations.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scavenger Hunt** – All locations.

**Author Cynthia Levinson** signed and spoke about *We've Got a Job*.

**Adaptations: Read the Book, See the Movie, and Talk About It** – a series presented at Avondale Library throughout the year.

**1, 2, 3 Play With Me/ Family Place Library** – presented two 5-week programs held at Springville Road,

Avondale, Smithfield, Central, North Birmingham and Five Points West — this is a weekly program that offers opportunities for children to play with developmentally appropriate toys in a play group atmosphere and for parents to meet and question community experts in the areas of child development, speech and language, nutrition, play, movement and music.

**Bards & Brews** – poetry slam and beer tasting presented at Central, Avondale, and for the first time the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

**Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War** – Reading and discussion series presented at Central Library in the spring and funded by the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

**Special Programs Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Word Up! – “The Art of Spoken Words Series”:**

M. Avodela Heath, well known slam poetry champion  
Kevin Young, poet and winner of best poetry book 2011  
Irene Latham, local poet and author  
Eliz Hughey, poet and winner of the Iowa Poetry Prize

**Mamie “Peanut” Johnson**, one of three women to play in the Negro Leagues, visited BPL and shared her story with Birmingham school children and the Birmingham City Council.

**“Voices from the Storm”** encouraged victims of area tornadoes to write poetry about their experience, and BPL published them online – a printed document is in the works.





**Historic House Research Workshop** – presented by a partnership of BPL, the Jefferson County Historical Commission and the Birmingham Historical Society.

**Researching your Family Roots** – “Family History Resources on the Internet” presented by Frazine Taylor.

**“Getting the Most Out of the Census: Finding Ancestry Clues in Census Records: 1790-1940”** presented by Frazine Taylor.

**Genealogy Instruction Series:**  
(Southern History Department Staff):

40 is the New 30: Using the 1940 Census

Bring out Your Dead: Cemeteries in Genealogical Research

Getting the Good Dirt: Land Record in Genealogical Research

It’s a Big Web out There: Sites and Strategies for Internet Genealogy

Staff has produced a wide range of **online video tutorials** on resources at the library. These are available on YouTube.

**Adult Summer Reading Club**

**BCAP after school programs** on genealogy and family history for 240 students by the Southern History Department staff.

“The Golden Record” dance performance at three libraries presented by **Birmingham’s Sanspointe Dance Company**.

**“Score Big” with the Cotchery Foundation** – Reading program including “Club 89” Teen Tailgate party at the Central Library in June.

**Rachel Swarns** speaks about her book *American Tapestry: The Story of the Black, White, and Multiracial Ancestors of Michelle Obama*.

**Poetry workshops for teens**

**Student Enrichment** – Math at West End twice a week with volunteer tutors Willa McNeal and Tamara Wilson.

**Poetry workshop series for adults**

**Real Life Poets**

**School supply giveaway with Rotoract** at Avondale, Wylam, and Southside branches.

**“Both Sides of the Lens” exhibition** opening lecture by Dr. Dsyché Williams-Forson and gallery talk by Andrew Nelson and members of the Shackelford family.



**Annual youth storyteller visit – Dave Holland**, performances at BPL branches.

**“Barber of Birmingham”** – 14 screenings of the Academy Award nominated documentary with foot soldiers of the movement leading discussions for all ages (a “50 Years Forward” program).

**Eat, Drink, Read Write:**

Storytelling/crafts at Pepper Place Market with Katie Elkins and DISCO

“The World in a Skillet” by Paul and Angela Knipple in partnership with Birmingham Foodie Book Club

Food storytelling in partnership with DISCO

## **Eat, Drink, Read Write: continued**

Bards and Brews with a food theme

“Bring your own ingredients” cooking class by Tamar Adler, author and local chef at European Kitchen



**Monthly adult poetry workshops** conducted by John Paul Taylor of Real Life Poets.

Book signing with one of the authors of *The Color of Christ*, **Edward J. Blum**.

**Computer classes** at Central and across the system.

**Quilting group** meets monthly at Inglenook Branch.

West End Branch Library celebrated its **100th Anniversary**.

Wylam's organized and presented monthly **Spelling Bees**.

Springville Road's presented a **Gardening Series** and planted raised beds with teen volunteers.

“The Life You Save: How to Keep a Journal you Won't Throw Away” a seminar presented by author **Phyllis Theroux**.

Author **Paul Tough** lectures and signs *How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity and the Hidden Power of Character*.

## **Halloween Events**

Ghouls Ball

Birmingham Noir: a nighttime walking tour of notorious Downtown Birmingham led by Jim Baggett

“Trunk or Treat” events

**Family creative arts nights in partnership with Birmingham Education Foundation, Parents University, and Real Life Poets** – series of free workshops at Five Points West, North Avondale, North Birmingham, and Powderly.

**Table for runners in Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** – distributing freeze pops and signing participants up for the BPL e-newsletter.

**Anti-bullying forums** at four branches in October in partnership with the David Matthews Center for Civic Life.

**Fashion Friday with Alexis Barton** of [www.samechicdifferentday.com](http://www.samechicdifferentday.com) fashion blog.

**City of Birmingham Annual Christmas Parade**

**Birmingham news and Al.com presented a tech seminar** for readers in the RLCC.

**From Page to Stage Series** – This is a children drama workshop presented in partnership with Junior League and Birmingham Children's Theater at several BPL branches.

**Holiday Events were presented across the library system.** These included Christmas cooking with Chef E at 7 locations, an open house and tablescape contest at Springville Road, musical events such as a Gospel concert with Katrina Pigler at North Birmingham, East Ensley, and Ensley, and much more.

**Computer classes on social media for staff and the public.**

**“Telling Your Story Through Community Partnerships: A Panel Discussion.”** Presented by Renee Blalock and Angela Fisher Hall at the 23rd Annual SLIS Alumni Day, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, November 2012.

**Annual publications produced by library staff:**

Seasons Readings 2012

African American Booklist 2012

Weekly eNewsletter

BPL Web Site was redesigned as part of the logo roll out.

## SELECTED TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Almost all staff meetings include aspects of training and cover such topics as library policies and library services and resources conducted by library staff. The following is a sampling of training done by non-library staff presenters.

Staff Day 2012 at Boutwell Auditorium (Full Day Schedule) with speakers including Damita Hill, Jefferson State Community College addressing “Stress Management in the Workplace.”

Workshop on planning for renovation of the Central Library by Alex Lamis for the Library Board, the Friends Board, the Foundation Board, and administrative staff on April 14 from 9-1 at the Avondale Library.

Regular training at the bimonthly Joint Branch and Department Heads Meeting including Peggy Polk, City Personnel Director on the BPL Grievance Policy and Honest Evaluations and the Importance of Documentation. Other topics include the Americans with Disabilities Act and laws regarding discrimination and personnel matters by a representative of the EEOC among others.

PLA Virtual Conference, March 15-16 for the BPL staff.

## MAJOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS IN 2012

Inglenook renovation began with conceptual drawings from Architect Creig Hoskins.

Parquet floor replaced with laminate flooring at Smithfield.

North Avondale received newly paved parking lot.

Installed speed breakers on parking lots at Avondale and Springville Road.

Replaced 3 AC units which were vandalized at Woodlawn.

Pratt City rebuilding program began with a redesign by Herrington Architects. The construction is being carried out by Monumental Contracting Service.

Major painting at Central Library – entry hallway and several offices.

Central’s fire alarm system received upgrades.

Replaced condensing unit on one air handler in Linn Henley.

North Birmingham roof and HVAC replacement was completed.

Planning for Central Library renovations begun through allocation of \$460,000 from the City of Birmingham.

## EXHIBITIONS

### **Fourth Floor Gallery, Central Library**

“African American History Makers” Quilts by Aisha Lummba 1/3-2/24

“Simpler Times: The Paintings of Maurice Cook” 2/28-4/13

“Four Decades: Photography from the University of Montevallo” (faculty and students) 4/17-5/25

“Eudora Welty: Exposures and Reflections” 6/5-7/20 (History Museum of Mobile)

“Both Sides of the Lens: Photographs by the Shackelford Family, Fayette County, Alabama 1910-1935” 7/23-9/14 organized by BPL Archives staff and scholar Andrew Nelson of the University of Maryland featuring 40 photographs from the library’s collection and supported by a grant from Alabama Humanities Foundation. Reception and Lecture by Dr. Psyche Williams-Forsen (also of the University of Maryland) and a Gallery Talk by Andrew Nelson and Annie Shackelford. The exhibit has traveled to two museums beyond BPL (Fayette Art Museum and Troy University, Dothan) and is on view in February and March at the History Museum of Mobile. Following its de-installation from those venues, it will travel to the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery; the Columbus-Lowndes County Public Library in Columbus, Mississippi; and the University of Maryland, College Park (tentative). Our goal is to continue to travel the exhibit throughout the region and beyond.

Members Showcase, Water Color Society of Alabama 9/23-10/23

“Arthur Shores’ Scrapbook: The Life and Times of Birmingham’s Civil Rights Lawyer and Civic Leader, 1939-1975” Birmingham Historical Society, 11/4-12/28, extended to 1/31/13

### **Five Points West Regional Library Exhibitions**

Artwork by Students at Lawson State Community College (each February)

Common Bonds: Birmingham Snapshot Photography, 1900-1950



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THAT HELPED BPL TO DO MORE

6 Branding and Design	Birmingham Children’s Theater	Internal Revenue Service (Tax forms in Libraries)
AARP Tax Prep Assistance (AL) – Avondale	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	Jason’s Deli
African American Genealogical Study Group	Birmingham Education Foundation	Jefferson County Health Department
Alabama Department of Revenue (Tax Forms)	Birmingham Foodie Book Club	Jefferson County Historical Commission
AL.com	Birmingham Genealogical Society	Junior League of Birmingham
Alabama Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists	Birmingham Historical Society	League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham
Alabama Genealogical Society	Birmingham Holocaust Education Center	LINKS, Incorporated (Birmingham and Magic City Chapters)
Alabama Health Info-Net	Birmingham Metro NAACP	The Literacy Council
Alabama Holocaust Education Committee	Birmingham Museum of Art	McWane Science Center
Alabama Public Television (PBS Kids – Raising Readers Corner)	Birmingham Originals	Mix Bakery and Café
Alabama School of Fine Arts	Birmingham Pledge Foundation	Mayor’s Office Division of Youth Services
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame	Chick-Fil-A	Rally’s
Alabama Symphony	The Children’s Literacy Guild	Reach Out and Read Alabama
Alys Stephens Center, UAB	Church of the Highlands	Reading with Ringling Brothers
American Graduate	Cotchery Foundation	Real Life Poets (John Paul Taylor)
Association for the Improvement of Minorities IRS	Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham	The Rotoract Club of Birmingham
Avondale Brewing Company	The David Matthews Center for Civic Life at Montevallo University	Sloss Furnaces – Cultural Programs
Back Forty Beer Company	DaVita, Inc.-Health programs	Southern Women’s Show
Barnes and Nobles Booksellers	DISCO (Desert Island Supply Company)	St. Vincent’s ealth Systems (Programs on Healthy Living)
BCAP (Birmingham Cultural Alliance Partnership – Since 2000)	Elinor and Winfred Burks	Stand Up for Kids
Bell’s Brewery	Encyclopedia of Alabama	Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
Better Basics	European Kitchen of Alabama	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance – Five Points West
BIG Communication	Family Violence Center	Vulcan Park and Museum
Birmingham City Schools	Federation of Genealogical Societies	Whole Foods Market
Birmingham Botanical Gardens	Friends of Rickwood Field	
	Highland Brewing Company	
	Impact Alabama – Save 1st Initiative at Smithfield, West End, and Woodlawn	

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND GIFTS

BPL named a Star Library for 2012 by Library Journal.

BPL named Community Education Organization of the year by NAACP of Metro Birmingham.

BPL named a top ten library in the US for children by Livability.com.

BPL was winner of Birmingham's Brightest Company Charitable Trivia Competition and Alabama's Brightest Company State Trivia Competition, garnering winnings of \$20,000. The competition was sponsored by Impact Alabama and Protective Life.

Legends of the Iron Bowl Pratt City 5K Commemoration of the April 27, 2011 Tornado in Pratt City – event raised \$4,000 for BPL's Pratt City Branch Library.

Friends of the Birmingham Public Library gave funds totaling more than \$35,000 for the BPL Volunteer Luncheon, Beyond the Budget Grants, Brown Bag Programs, the Logo Rollout – Big Communications, Staff Day, Eat Drink Read Write, and journaling program with Phyllis Theroux.

Gwendolyn B. Guster Welch, BPL Library Board president, was presented with the United For Libraries National Citation Award for Distinguished Service as a Library Trustee.

Library Director Renee Blalock was named one of Birmingham's 10 Smart Women in a fundraiser for the Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham.

North Avondale librarian, Sandra Ross Forrest, was named one of Birmingham's Top 40 Women of Influence.

State Representative Patricia Todd gave the library \$10,000.

State Representative John Rogers gave the West End Branch \$4,000.

PALS (Vestavia Hills Public Library Support Group) donated \$500 in support of BPL's collections.

The Eastwood Neighborhood Association gave Eastwood Branch \$1,500.

The Crestline Neighborhood Association gave Eastwood Branch \$3,000.

The Smithfield Neighborhood Association gave Smithfield Branch \$1,000.

The Glen Iris Neighborhood Association gave Southside Branch \$500.

The South Roebuck Neighborhood Association gave Springville Road Branch \$750.

## GRANTS

Alabama Power Company gave \$5,000 for Summer Reading.

Kresge (Foundation), Arts in Birmingham – Cultural Alliance provided \$10,000 for after school programming for children.

Alabama State Council of the Arts awarded \$1,000 for Bards & Brews and \$1,000 for Word Up!

“Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War”, ALA and NEA, Alabama Humanities Foundation. (Books and discussion materials)

Alabama Humanities Foundation, “Both Sides of the Lens: Photographs by the Shackelford Family, Fayette County, AL (1910-1935)”– \$9,700.

Establishment of BPL Architecture and Design Collection through grant from Philip Morris – \$30,000.

Through the \$15,000 LSTA grant for FY2013 which started in 2012, BPL has been able to digitize more civil rights material, including our Martin Luther King, Jr. Scrapbooks and our George Wallace Scrapbooks; FBI reports on the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Bombing, the Freedom Riders and the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights; jail and court dockets recording arrests of civil rights demonstrators; and documents relating to the 'Letter from Birmingham Jail.'

Junior League in support of Family Place Libraries and 1,2,3, Play With Me – \$3,125.

Joseph S. Bruno Foundation gave \$32,000 for children’s furnishings for the Pratt City Branch Library.

The Daniel Foundation of Alabama gave \$50,000 for furnishings for the Pratt City Branch Library.

Pete M. Hanna Charitable Foundation – \$500 in support of summer reading at Wylam Branch Library.

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*Why Vote*. R. T. Daniels Entertainment, 2012.

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"Both Sides of the Lens: Photographs of the Shackelford Family, Fayette County, Alabama, 1900-1935" at Birmingham Public Library and Fayette Art Museum, 2012.

"Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and The March on Washington, 1963." National Museum of African American History and Culture for exhibition at the National Museum of American History (Smithsonian), December 2012 to September 2013.

"Jazz Families" at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (New York), May 2012.

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### Avondale Library

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Birmingham, AL 35222  
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### Inglenook Library

4100 40th Tce N  
Birmingham, AL 35217  
(205) 849-8739

### Titusville Library

#2 6th Ave SW  
Birmingham, AL 35211  
(205) 322-1140

### Central Library

2100 Park Place  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205) 226-3600

### North Avondale Library

501 43rd St N  
Birmingham, AL 35222  
(205) 592-2082

### West End Library

1348 Tuscaloosa Ave SW  
Birmingham, AL 35211  
(205) 226-4089

### East Ensley Library

900 14th St, Ensley  
Birmingham, AL 35218  
(205) 787-1928

### North Birmingham Library

2501 31st Ave, N  
Birmingham, AL 35207  
(205) 226-4025

### Woodlawn Library

5709 1st Ave N  
Birmingham, AL 35212  
(205) 595-2001

### East Lake Library

#5 Oporto-Madrid Blvd  
Birmingham, AL 35206  
(205) 836-3341

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3301 Jefferson Ave SW  
Birmingham, AL 35221  
(205) 925-6178

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4300 7th Ave, Wylam  
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Birmingham, AL 35210  
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#1 8th Ave W  
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