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Summer Learning at BPL



Summer Learning Finale Celebrations

The Springville Road Regional Branch Library hosted a Wakanda superheroes *Black Panther* party to celebrate a successful series of 2018 Birmingham Public Library Summer Learning activities held there in June and July. Meanwhile, the Inglenook Branch Library held a Summer Learning celebration party and the Avondale Regional Branch Library held Rockin' at the Library Adult Summer Reading Finale featuring music from George Griffin and the Firebirds on July 30. [Read More](#)

Local Authors Expo Coming Up on August 11



Local Authors Expo – Meet Avery Hurt

Birmingham's Avery Elizabeth Hurt began a passion for writing books and magazine articles for adults several years ago. Whenever she encountered a totally new topic, she would go first to the children's section of the library to learn the basics. She was impressed with what she found there, and pretty soon developed the urge to write for children. [Read More](#)

BPL Perspectives



Elinor and Winfield Burks at the Wakanda Wheel

Elinor and Winfield Burks Shine Spotlight on Math and Science at Five Points West Regional Branch Library

Elinor and Winfield Burks have a passion for educating young people about the importance of math and science. Their Science for Kids Ministry has partnered with Kwanzaa Year Round and the Birmingham Public Library for 18 years to offer the Annual Math & Science Day, held July 28 at the Five Points West Regional Branch Library. [Read More](#)

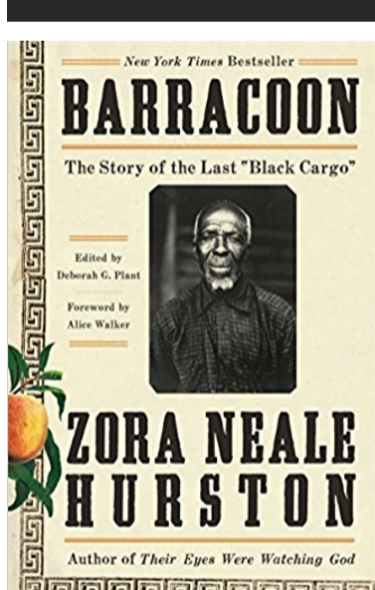
BPL Faces



Meet Shea Robison, Fiction Department, Central Library

Shea Robison has bachelor's degrees in cytotechnology and molecular biology, and a PhD from The University of Alabama at Birmingham in pathophysiology. But for the past 11 years she has used her wealth of knowledge from the classroom to fuel her passion for helping patrons of the Birmingham Public Library. [Read More](#)

What We're Reading at BPL



Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston Reviewed by Mary Anne Ellis, Southern History Department, Central Library

Fans of author Zora Neale Hurston are generally most familiar with her famous novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God* or with her autobiography *Dust Tracks on a Road*. But another work by Hurston has just been published, even though it was originally written in the 1920s. This was when Hurston traveled to Plateau, Alabama—also known as Africatown—to interview Cudjo Lewis, the last known survivor to have crossed the ocean in the slave ship *Clotilda*. Like many of his unfortunate brothers and sisters during the nineteenth century, Lewis was abducted from his homeland and faced the harrowing Middle Passage across the Atlantic until he arrived in Alabama and was sold as a slave. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Bards & Brews Open Mic Poetry Event at Hop City Beer & Wine
August 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Grow with Google Workshops
August 6, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Central Library

Hiroya Tsukamoto Guitar Concert
August 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Central Library

Local Authors Expo and Book Fair
August 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Central Library

Display and Discussion of Underground Railroad Quilts
August 14, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Central Library

Primetime Family Reading Time
August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Five Points West Regional Branch Library

Beyond the Basics of Genealogy – So Many DNA Relatives!
August 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library



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