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2018 Summer Learning Grand Prize Winners



Clockwise: Summer Learning grand prize winners at Five Points West Regional Branch Library, Wylam Branch Library, North Birmingham Regional Branch Library, and at East Ensley Branch Library with City of Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin

2018 Summer Learning is over at the Birmingham Public Library, and children, teen, and adult participants at each of the 19 BPL locations were eligible for grand prize drawings thanks to a generous donation from the [Friends Foundation of the Birmingham Public Library](#). The more participants read and recorded their reading time in Beanstack, the greater their chances to win. Prizes included a Samsung Galaxy tablet, Bluetooth speakers, Bluetooth speakers, and gift cards. Congratulations to BPL's Summer Learning winners! **2018 Summer Learning was made possible by a generous donation from the Alabama Power Foundation.**

BPL to Host Livestream of 2018 National Student Poets Ceremony

2018 National Student Poets
The nation's highest honor for youth poets presenting original work.

Appointment Ceremony Livestream Event!

Join us from 4:00-5:00 pm ET on Thursday, August 30, 2018 to see the nation's best young poets appointed to their year of service live at the Library of Congress!

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A Birmingham student is among five teens from across the country chosen from among thousands of award-winning poets to serve as National Student Poets, the nation's highest honor for youth poets presenting original work. Daniel Blokh, a senior at Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham, will participate in a pinning ceremony taking place live at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, August 30, between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. (CST). **Educators, students, writers, fellow poets, and others in the community are invited to view the live webcast from the Central Library/Arrington Auditorium.** [Read More](#)

Program Spotlights



Inglenook Branch Library Spotlights Minority Mental Health Month
July's An Expression of Appreciation for Women of the Inglenook Community, a quarterly program held at the Inglenook Branch Library, focused on Minority Mental Health Month with the theme "The Battle of the Mind." Licensed Professional Counselor Sonya Wilson of PeaceLovHarmony Counseling spoke to women about about the importance of mental health. [Read More](#)



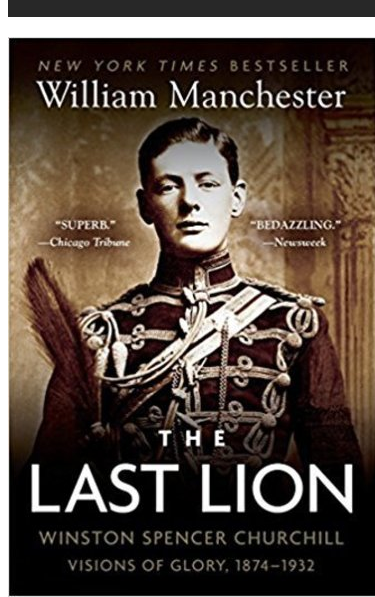
Powderly Branch Library Hosts Author Visit and Book Signing with Vincetta Denise Williams
On August 16 the Powderly Branch Library hosted a book signing and talk by Birmingham native Vincetta Denise Williams, author of the new children's book, *Black Like Me*. Williams now lives in Katy, Texas, where she is an educator and holds a master's degree in education. She has written two previous adult works, *My Name is Eve* and *I Was Deceived and Spirit of Loneliness*. Williams said in her books she desires to leave her stamp on future generations to assist them with the challenges they will face. Keep your eyes out for her forthcoming book, *Don't Bully Me*.

BPL Perspectives



Joan Black, Crochet Instructor, Has Been Teaching the Art of Crochet at West End Library for Eight Years
Joan Black was taught the art of crocheting by her family when she was in the fourth grade. Black, 76, has now built a loyal following sharing her gift with others who take advantage of a free weekly crochet class she has hosted every Tuesday for eight years at the West End Branch Library. [Read More](#)

What We're Reading at BPL



The Last Lion by Willam Manchester
Reviewed by David Blake, Fiction Department, Central Library

Counted by *Time* magazine as one of the one hundred great books of the twentieth century, *The Last Lion: Visions of Glory* is perhaps the most surprising book in William Manchester's three-volume biography on Winston Churchill. Churchill's youth and early political career are often overshadowed by his years of greatness before, during, and after World War II, but Churchill was always interesting. He had to be. He lived like a pasha and wanted to direct the fate of the British Empire, and, although he came from one of the most prominent, aristocratic families in England, he had no money. He became a prolific writer, one of the most prolific and best-paid writers of his time. He was world-famous long before he became the prime minister we revere. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

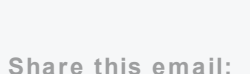
- Prime Time Family Reading Time**
August 28; September 4, 11, 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Five Points West Regional Branch Library
- Bards & Brews Open Mic Poetry Event at Iron City**
September 7, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- Beyond the Basics of Genealogy – Dear Cousin: Corresponding with Your DNA Relatives**
October 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- Church Records and Histories for the Genealogist**
October 28, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- Closures**
- Labor Day**
All Birmingham Public Library locations closed September 2 & 3
- Staff Day**
All Birmingham Public Library locations closed October 18
- Magic City Classic**
Smithfield Branch Library closing at 1:00 p.m. October 26: closed all day October 27



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