



BPLinks

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Program Spotlights



L-R: Director of outreach at Urban Avenues Keiah Shauku leads a group discussion at the August 28 Prime Time Family Reading Time; attendees enjoy a light meal before the program

Prime Time Family Reading Time at Five Points West Regional Branch Library

Five Points West Regional Branch Library has kicked off the 2018 summer and fall season of Prime Time Family Reading Time, a six-week program that encourages parents and their children to celebrate the joy of reading together. Each 90-minute session includes storytellers reading up to three books followed by a discussion. [Read More](#)



Central Library Hosting Free Google Workshops in September

Maurice Harley (pictured), Birmingham Public Library's education training coordinator, is sharing knowledge with patrons that he gained by attending an all-day series of Grow With Google workshops held August 6 at the Central Library. Over the next three weeks, Harley will lead several free Google workshops in the Central Library's Regional Library Computer Center. [Read More](#)

Program Highlights



2018 National Student Poets Pinning Ceremony at Central Library

Creative Writing students of the Alabama School of Fine Arts (ASFA) in Birmingham attended a livestreaming at the Central Library of the 2018 National Student Poets Pinning Ceremony in which ASFA senior Daniel Blokh was one of five student poets honored. [Read More](#)



L-R: Brian "Voice Porter" Hawkins emcees the August Bards & Brews; poets perform on the patio at Hop City Beer & Wine

Bards & Brews at Hop City Beer & Wine

One of downtown Birmingham's most popular nightspots, Hop City Beer & Wine in the Lakeview entertainment district, hosted the Birmingham Public Library's Bards and Brews on August 3. Open mic poetry performances were enjoyed al fresco with food and free beer samples from Hop City.



2018 Happy Healthy Kids Fair at the Riverchase Galleria

Birmingham Public Library Youth Services staff Bessie Miller (left) and Cheryl Burgess greeted over 70 families and shared information about our library programs and services at the 2018 Happy Healthy Kids Fair, held August 25 at the Riverchase Galleria.

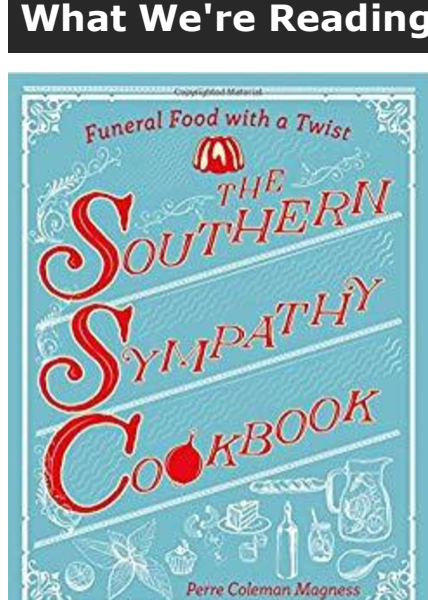
BPL Faces



Tina Samuel of Titusville Library to Represent BPL at National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in New Mexico

Kudos to Tina Samuel (middle) of the Titusville Branch Library. She has been selected to represent the Birmingham Public Library at the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, to be held September 26-30, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. [Read More](#)

What We're Reading at BPL



The Southern Sympathy Cookbook: Funeral Food with a Twist by Perre Coleman Magness Reviewed by Mary Ann Ellis, Southern History Department, Central Library

Here in the South we believe wholeheartedly that "Food is Love" and there is no occasion more likely to spur an outpouring of love—and food—than a funeral. At times of loss our neighbours who have been brought up in the tradition of funeral food will knock at our doors with cakes and casseroles and platters and sheet pans; as a friend told me right after I lost my mother, "I brought you a lasagna, because this is the South and that's what we do." *The Southern Sympathy Cookbook* pays tribute to this tradition with a wonderful collection of recipes that will have readers nodding and smiling in recognition, along with a few others that may raise eyebrows. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Prime Time Family Reading Time
September 4, 11, 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Five Points West Regional Branch Library

Painting at UAB Exhibit/Opening Reception
Exhibit: September 7-October 25, 2018/opening reception: September 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Central Library

Bards & Brews Open Mic Poetry Event at Iron City
September 7, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Old Photographs: Solving the Mysteries
October 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Central Library

Teen Writing Workshop with Chandra Sparks Splond
October 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m., West End Branch Library

Beyond the Basics of Genealogy – Dear Cousin: Corresponding with Your DNA Relatives
October 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library

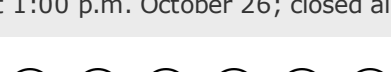
Church Records and Histories for the Genealogist
October 28, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library

Closures

Labor Day
All Birmingham Public Library locations closed September 2 & 3

Staff Day
All Birmingham Public Library locations closed October 18

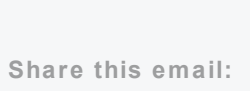
Magic City Classic
Smithfield Branch Library closing at 1:00 p.m. October 26; closed all day October 27



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