

ANNUAL REPORT

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

FISCAL YEAR: 2022-23



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This is us...Putting People First

YEAR SUMMARY

The Birmingham Public Library (BPL) embraces Mayor Randall L. Woodfin's philosophy, "Putting People First." For us at BPL, the phrase reflects our commitment to providing unparalleled service both in the library and in our community. The theme of this annual report for Fiscal Year 2023 highlights the ways we at BPL are working to achieve this goal. This is Us — Putting People First.

Putting people first requires being responsive to our patrons and the changing world around us. By offering a variety of staff training and development opportunities, we are working to ensure that our staff is prepared to meet the needs of our community from preschoolers and children, students and youth, professionals, and our senior adults.

For our youngest patrons, BPL programs focus on early literacy skills and an introduction to STEM concepts. These ideas are presented through engaging and interactive programs designed to develop lifelong readers. For students, we broaden our impact by taking programs to Birmingham City Schools at key times like the beginning of the school year and during Summer Intercession. For the second year, the Literacy Leaders program has provided free tutoring in reading and math for 2nd and 3rd graders, showing impressive, measurable results.

Adults also benefit from an extensive array of offerings ranging from career development and business training to history and genealogical research. We are excited to have opened our space to multiple exhibitions for the first time in many years. These exhibits, along with author visits and special speakers, have fostered conversation, inspiration, and cultural enrichment.

And finally, our senior patrons are celebrated at BPL. Many branches have become social centers for those seeking friendship, lessons in technology, or creative opportunities. More importantly, our time spent with seniors shows us why we want to put people first: their appreciation, humor, and wisdom make our jobs most gratifying.

The launch of BPL Mobile (bookmobile) expanded our outreach efforts. This "library on wheels" allows Birmingham Public Library to continue putting people first by expanding our high-quality services and programs beyond our physical walls to neighborhoods across Birmingham. We are deepening and growing our community connections through the services provided by BPL Mobile.

Thank you to everyone who has supported BPL during the past year including the BPL Board of Trustees, the Friends Foundation of the Birmingham Public Library, sponsors of A Novel Tasting and Classic Cocktails, our staff, and our faithful patrons. Together we have accomplished great things for BPL and the City of Birmingham.

I am proud of BPL's commitment to putting people first.



Janine M. Langston, *Executive Director*

MISSION

The mission of the Birmingham Public Library is to provide the highest quality experience to our community for lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and enjoyment.

VISION

The Birmingham Public Library will play a vital role in the city by recognizing the potential of our community and transforming lives through community, education, and technology.

CORE VALUES

The Birmingham Public Library is committed to:

- Service
- Employees
- Leadership
- Learning
- Innovation
- Respect
- Diversity
- Integrity



YEAR IN REVIEW



FY 2022-23 YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2022-JUNE 2023



33,874
SERVICE HOURS



61,846
PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

3
C
AT



101,281
LIBRARY CARDS



672,042
COLLECTION SIZE



361
TOTAL CH
6,5
BOOKS



246,800
BPL WEBSITE VISITS



221,02
DIGITAL STREAM
DOWNLOA



203
PUBLIC COMPUTERS

139,9
PATRON LOG I

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* EAST ENSLEY AND INGLENOOK WE



775,349
LIBRARY VISITS

10,568

OUTREACH
ATTENDANCE



1,236

CHECKED OUT

315

BY MAIL

9

MS AND
DS

30

SESSIONS

WERE CLOSED FOR FACILITY ISSUES.
RE OPEN TWO DAYS A WEEK.

CITIZEN SERVICES



359,775
PRINT COPIES



2,851
NOTARIZATIONS



5,739
PASSPORTS



31,617
FAXES

4,404,088

TOTAL MINUTES

All Together Now

SUMMER READING



BPL HOSTED **550**
SUMMER PROGRAMS
THROUGHOUT JUNE
AND JULY 2023!



2023 SUMMER READING
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

16,473

BPL PROVIDED 24 BIRMINGHAM
CITY SCHOOL INTERCESSION
PROGRAMS IN 10 DAYS



4,852

SUMMER READING
REGISTRATIONS

73,034 CIRCULATION
CHECKOUTS

NEW LIBRARY CARDS **969**

WWW.COBPL.ORG



THIS IS US

Putting People First



One way the Birmingham Public Library (BPL) is putting people first is by prioritizing senior adults in our mission to educate, inform, and empower community members.

Our branches have become primary hubs for seniors seeking social interaction, skill enhancement, and a deeper understanding of the rapidly evolving technological landscape. Our offerings, including exercise classes, craft workshops, computer training, seminars, and health fairs, have gained significant popularity.

By providing essential services to our senior community, we benefit from their life-earned wisdom and humor. Their heartfelt gratitude for our efforts is a testament to the fulfillment of placing seniors at the forefront of our work. This focus on senior care is among the most gratifying elements of our profession.



PUTTING OUR SENIORS FIRST



PUTTING OUR HISTORY FIRST

Local history is alive and well at the Birmingham Public Library! Whether you're researching the history of your home, tracing your genealogy, or are just curious about our city, the library's Southern History Department and the Archives Department have you covered. Our enthusiastic and experienced staff members are dedicated to preserving our history and the items in our care.

Important documents from the Civil Rights Movement, like Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 jail docket and a rare atlas published in 1662, are only two examples of materials housed here for all to enjoy and study. Our archivists and



Historic photo

conservationists work hard to see that the library's collections are safely stored and preserved in a way that ensures their longevity and continued accessibility.

We're also preserving history by providing a wide variety of programs and workshops to educate and entertain. Local historians and authors regularly speak about their work, and the staff offers an ever-changing menu of classes on research techniques and items



of special interest. Popular topics from last year were researching historic newspapers, preserving family photos, and DNA testing in genealogy.

Housed in the historic downtown library, our extraordinary collection of books, microforms, photographs, maps, and more makes us a unique research library and a great destination for anyone interested in history.

PUTTING OUR COMMUNITY FIRST



The Birmingham Public Library reaches outside its walls to find new opportunities, connections, and communities. This is what drives BPL Mobile's mission to bring excellent customer service and amenities out of the library and into the neighborhoods. Since February 2022, BPL Mobile has lived out that mission, bringing library services to patrons across the city. BPL Mobile also grew its community footprint by offering unique programming and outreach opportunities for patrons of all ages. Through outreach, the Birmingham Public Library is changing perceptions of our services and value by deepening and growing our community connections.





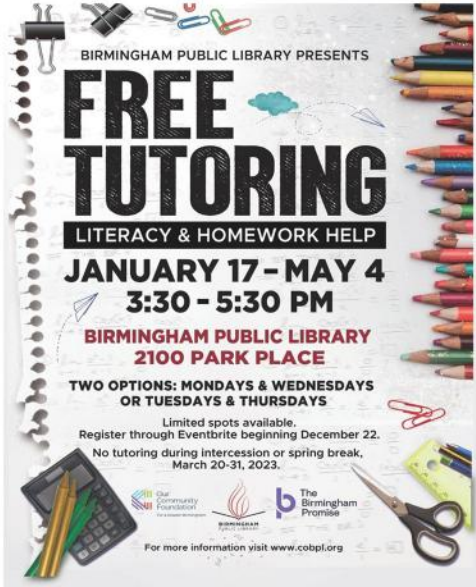
PUTTING OUR YOUTH FIRST

The Birmingham Public Library offered various programs, both in-house and through outreach opportunities, to school-aged students in efforts to put students first. All library locations offered programs, whether weekly, monthly, or special events, for students and their families to develop a love for literacy. We also partnered with several community organizations to share resources and facilitate additional programs geared toward supporting the library's mission.

Not only did we offer programming throughout the year in the library, but we also went to the Birmingham City Schools to work with students in person. On these visits, we provided library cards to groups and teachers and shared book boxes with classrooms. We provided STEM activities to the Birmingham City School aftercare programs several times during the school year.

During the summer, BPL offered a variety of summer reading performances and programs for students at various library locations. In addition, our youth services team provided programs at all Birmingham City Schools during Summer Intercession.





The Literacy Leaders program, funded by the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, offered after-school tutoring sessions and a Summer Enrichment Camp for students in K-3rd grade. The program, available at various library locations, provided literacy and STEM programming to help students maintain or improve in math and reading. The after-school tutoring sessions included one-on-one and small group support. As a result of the program, 70% of the participants improved their math scores by 40% and their reading scores by 55%. The STEM programming, which included environmental science, conservation, technology, and digital content, was supported through a partnership with EdFarm.



Parents want to connect with their community and to share literacy-based experiences with their young children. What better place to find this than their local library?

For many families, preschool events are often their first introduction to the Birmingham Public Library. The year 2023 was filled with planning, programming, and FUN at BPL. Preschoolers enjoyed in-house and ZOOM storytimes, 1-2-3 Play with Me, family nights, summer reading, craft times, and departmental activities like puzzles and coloring sheets. This is how the Birmingham Public Library is putting our youngest patrons first.



PUTTING OUR LIBRARY FIRST

The Birmingham Public Library strives each year to improve its collections, research database offerings, and public programs that assist patrons with their entrepreneurial goals.

BPL added over 500 circulating books, DVDs, and audiobooks on business-related subjects, from computer programming to finances and investing, to studying for exams. BPL also maintains subscriptions to business research databases that patrons can access both in the library and remotely with a library card. We have added databases that provide full text access to the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*.

BPL's business programs reach patrons in a dynamic way, providing stimulating in-person learning opportunities. We offer opportunities to attend small business advice sessions with SCORE and the U.S. Small Business Administration, to chat with UAB representatives about college preparation and student financial aid, and to network at job preparation workshops offered by community workforce development leaders. The Birmingham Public Library serves the community's businesses and entrepreneurs by providing resources and services that help them achieve their goals.



SCORE
SIMPLE STEPS TO STARTING YOUR BUSINESS

A monthly program designed to provide guidance to those who want to start their own business. Program presenters will be veteran mentors from the local chapter of SCORE. SCORE is a national nonprofit association consisting of volunteers with business skills and experience who want to share their knowledge with prospective entrepreneurs and small business owners. For over 50 years, SCORE mentors have helped millions of Americans start and grow their own businesses. Attendees will also be introduced to resources available at the Birmingham Public Library that will help them write a business plan, perform market research, evaluate competitors, identify customers, and more.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12-1 PM
Birmingham Public Library, 2100 Park Place
Research Building, 4th Floor, Arrington Auditorium

March 28, 2023 • April 25, 2023 • May 23, 2023 • June 27, 2023
July 25, 2023 • August 22, 2023 • September 19, 2023 • October 24, 2023

For further information about the program or about other resources available at the Birmingham Public Library relating to small business development, please contact Jim Murry in the Business, Science and Technology Department at jm.murry@bpl.org or by phoning 205-226-3640.

SCORE



THE BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE TRIO
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER AT UAB PRESENT

**CITYWIDE
RESOURCE & CAREER FAIR**

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 • 10 AM - 2 PM
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY • 2100 PARK PLACE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
OVER 30 LOCAL BUSINESSES WILL BE ON HAND TO RECRUIT NEW EMPLOYEES!

INFORMATION & RESOURCES
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL ADDRESS TOPICS SUCH AS...

- Domestic Violence
- Education Opportunities
- Environment
- Financial Literacy
- Food & Housing Assistance
- Health Insurance
- Legal Assistance
- Mental Health
- Re-Entry Programs
- Services for Children
- Services for Older Adults
- Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery
- Veterans Services
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Voter Registration
- Workforce Development

FREE!
FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS
• ARTS & CRAFTS • DOOR PRIZES • GIVEAWAYS



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
PANEL DISCUSSION
SPIDER MARTIN:
SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 | 1PM
 BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
 2100 PARK PLACE

Join us for a discussion on Bloody Sunday and the Selma to Montgomery voting rights march. University of Alabama historian Stacy Morgan will be in conversation with Brown Chapel AME Church Historian and Bloody Sunday foot soldier and student activist Joyce O'Neal.

Joyce O'Neal Stacy Morgan



This program is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.cbpl.org.

As Birmingham began celebrating the 60th commemoration of the 1963 Civil Rights Campaign, BPL featured an exhibition of works by celebrated photographer James "Spider" Martin. *Spider Martin — Selma to Montgomery March* featured Martin's photographs of the historic 1965 voting rights protest. Birmingham-based curator Paul Barrett selected the photographs on loan from ArtsRevive of Selma, Alabama.

A panel discussion about Bloody Sunday, the first violently suppressed march attempt, and the subsequent successful march led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. complemented the exhibition. Panelists included University of Alabama historian Stacy Morgan in conversation with Joyce O'Neal and Thelma Dianne Harris, who both witnessed the protest marches as teenagers.

The exhibition was sponsored by the Alabama Visual Arts Network, while the panel discussion was made possible by a grant awarded to the Friends Foundation of BPL by the Alabama Humanities Alliance.

In May BPL hosted *The March Quilts: A Celebration of Arts and Activism*, an exhibition of fifteen quilts crafted by the local Bib & Tucker Sew-Op. The featured quilts commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery marches. Open sewing session participants created 1,400 quilt squares for those quilts over nine years.



BIB & TUCKER
 SEW-OP
THE MARCH QUILTS:
 A CELEBRATION OF ARTS AND ACTIVISM



MAY 6 - JULY 8, 2023
 OPENING RECEPTION: MAY 6, 1-3 PM
 CLOSING RECEPTION: JULY 8, 1-3 PM
 1ST FLOOR GALLERY
 BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
 2100 PARK PLACE

Started by Bib & Tucker Sew-Op in 2015, The March Quilts is a social justice quilting program that engages communities through sewing and conversation. To date, fifteen quilts have been created from over 1,400 quilt squares, which were made by participants of open sewing sessions. In 2023, The March Quilts collection will celebrate its ninth year. To learn more about this program visit bibandtuckersewop.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.COBPL.ORG

PUTTING OUR EXHIBITS FIRST

PUTTING OUR STAFF FIRST



Putting people first requires being responsive to our patrons and the changing world around us. An important part of that response is staff training. Most scheduled library meetings include updates on various databases or customer service techniques. Our staff also has access to regular training from the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. These classes cover accountability, professionalism, time management and other managerial topics.





Over the last year, we focused our training efforts on timely issues facing our staff, patrons, and the community. Some of the classes offered to our staff covered the use of Narcan for patrons experiencing an overdose, current notary rules and regulations, and security tips to ensure personal safety.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

SEAN OF THE SOUTH

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH SEAN DIETRICH


SEAN OF THE SOUTH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 | 6:30 PM
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY | 2100 PARK PLACE

Author Sean Dietrich, a.k.a. Sean of the South, will discuss and sign copies of his new book, *You Are My Sunshine*. Books will be available for purchase.

Sean Dietrich is a columnist, novelist, and podcast host, known for his commentary on life in the American South. His work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *Southern Living*, *Garden and Gun*, *The Tallahassee Democrat*, *Good Girls*, *South Magazine*, *Alabama Living*, the *Birmingham News*, *Thom Alagadine*, and *The Mobile Press Register*. He has authored thirteen books, and is the creator of the "Sean of the South" Podcast.

This program is free and open to the public. Seats are limited. Reserve your spot today at bit.ly/EveningWithSeanDietrich. For more information visit www.cobpl.org.



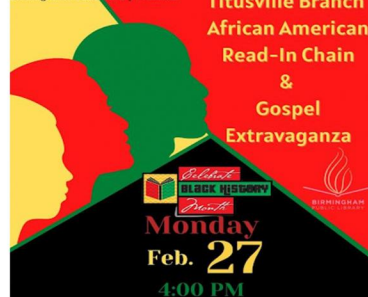

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN CHAIN

Birmingham Public Library Presents

Titusville Branch African American Read-In Chain & Gospel Extravaganza

Black History Month
Monday
Feb. 27
4:00 PM

This February, all Americans have an opportunity to reflect on the rich history and enduring achievements of Black Americans during Black History Month. The Library will host Miles Gospel Choir with the addition of African American Authors from the community of Titusville Library.




VICTOR LUCKERSON

ILYEF PRESENTS
AUTHOR EVENT
JUNE 22
6 PM

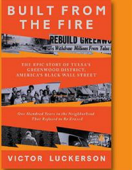
VICTOR LUCKERSON

AT THE BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY-CENTRAL BRANCH

BUILT FROM THE FIRE
REBUILD BIRMINGHAM

AS DISCUSSION PARTNER WITH ASHLEY M. JONES

MORE INFO: [BIT.LY/TYBXBPL](http://bit.ly/tybxbpl)




LOCAL AUTHORS EXPO

Local Authors EXPO

HOW TO MARKET YOUR SELF-PUBLISHED BOOK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

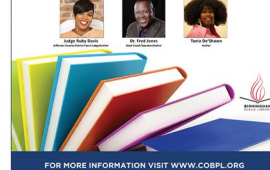
Birmingham Public Library, 2100 Park Place
1st Floor, Grand Reading Room

The Local Authors Expo showcases Alabama authors, including many from the Birmingham area. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Featuring Speakers:

- Tracy R. Smith
- Dr. Johnnie Williams
- Wendy R. Taylor

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.COBL.ORG




BE GENTLE WITH BLACK GIRLS

Birmingham Public Library presents

be GENTLE with BLACK gIRLS

How to Use a Mirror - Discussing Body Image and Black Childhood

Friday, November 18, 2022 | 6-8 p.m.
North Birmingham Branch Library
2501 31st Avenue N, Birmingham, AL 35207

Tania DeShawn's new book of poetry, for girls with black girls, addresses socialization bias, black femininity, body image, and the fragility of black girlhood. Hear a live reading from her debut book of poetry followed by a discussion about body image and its impact on black girlhood with her partner, Shikah Jay Lee, a pre-licensed professional and NCC certified counselor. This program is free and open to the public. Discussion may touch on matters not intended for children. Young adults and older are welcome. There will be a book signing and selling afterwards. Tickets will be for sale too.

Tania DeShawn, Author
Shikah Jay Lee, Co-Facilitator





THE LOCAL PEN

R. JORDAN DAVIS PRESENTS

THE LOCAL PEN

FEATURING AMBER UNDERWOOD
AUTHOR OF HUPOMONE

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2100 PARK PLACE - BHM, AL 35203
AUGUST 20, 2022
12PM-2PM

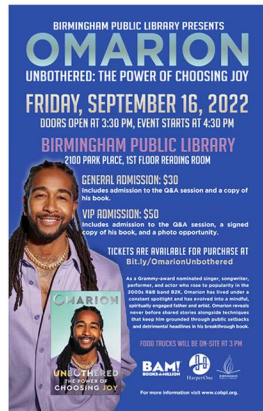



CHAIN



Jefferson County District 2 Commissioner Sheila Tyson announced the commission giving grant money totaling \$55,700 to support eight Birmingham libraries.

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A CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR




WEEK OF WHEELS



SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

ACT PREP WORKSHOP



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022 | 9 AM - 4:30 PM
SPRINGVILLE ROAD LIBRARY
1224 SPRINGVILLE ROAD

COST: \$30 INCLUDES A CALCULATOR AND LUNCH
TICKETS: [HTTPS://ACTBPL2022.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://actbpl2022.eventbrite.com)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 205.226.4083
 OR VISIT WWW.COBLP-ORG

WHY WE CAN'T WAIT: ALZHEIMER'S IMPACT ON THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 | 1-2 P.M.
1ST FLOOR, GRAND COMMONS
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2100 PARK PLACE

Representatives from the John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine will provide an overview of current research regarding Alzheimer's disease in the African-American community. Attendees will also learn how they can be involved in further studies aimed at providing a better understanding of the causes of Alzheimer's and ways to prevent it.

Please scan the QR code to learn how you can take part in these research studies.



SPEAKER:
 Dr. Caryn Blair De Franco, PhD, PH&M-AC
 University of Miami







NORTH BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY PRESENTS

FAMILY NIGHT

ADJUST YOUR CROWN: KINGS AND QUEENS IN TRAINING


27 APRIL, 2023 6PM-8PM
2501 31st AVE N

A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP YOUTH DEFINE THEIR INNER ROYALTY




BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS





Henrietta Lacks, an African-American tobacco farmer from Virginia, is known for having her cancerous cell tissue cultured by doctors during a biopsy without her knowledge or permission. Following her death on October 4, 1951, those cells would become very important in scientific and medical testing. Questions and concerns regarding Lacks' privacy and consent remain a topic of ethical debate to this day.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2100 PARK PLACE | GRAND READING ROOM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 6-8 PM
 A screening of the movie *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, starring Oprah Winfrey.


TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 6-8 PM
 Dr. Gregory Pence will discuss the ethical issues relating to Henrietta Lacks' story.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

BEGIN THE DAY

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL LECTURE




CIVIL RIGHTS NOW: BIRMINGHAM MOVEMENTS OF COMMUNITY RESISTANCE


SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 | 3 PM
FIVE POINTS WEST REGIONAL BRANCH LIBRARY
4812 AVENUE W

A panel discussion presented in Cooperation with the Birmingham chapter of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Baggett at 205-226-3631 or jim.baggett@cobpl.org



LET'S TALK ABOUT MEDICARE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS





To learn more about your options and eligibility for Medicare, please join us online on the first Thursday of each month for the program, Let's Talk About Medicare: Questions and Answers. The program presenter is a local licensed insurance advisor, Albert McWilliams, Sr. Mr. McWilliams has been working as an insurance advisor in Birmingham since 2001. He has been a licensed ACA (Affordable Care Act) advisor since 2013.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12-1PM
 tune in on Facebook Live:
www.facebook.com/birminghampubliclibrary

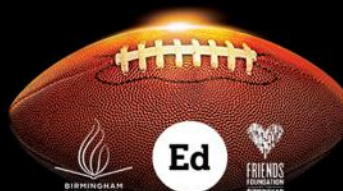
JANUARY 5, 2023	MAY 4, 2023	SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
FEBRUARY 2, 2023	JUNE 1, 2023	OCTOBER 5, 2023
MARCH 2, 2023	JULY 6, 2023	NOVEMBER 2, 2023
APRIL 6, 2023	AUGUST 3, 2023	DECEMBER 7, 2023

For more information, email jim.murray@cobpl.org or call 205.226.3640.
www.cobpl.org

CLASSIC Cocktails

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



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FRIENDS FOUNDATION

A Magic City Classic Kickoff Party

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022
5:30-9 P.M. | \$40 PER PERSON

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2100 PARK PLACE

NUCOR STEEL IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE

A NOVEL TASTING

A Benefit for the Birmingham Public Library

Thursday, April 6, 2023 | 6:00-8:30 P.M.
Birmingham Public Library, 2100 Park Place



12 MONTHS TO BECOME YOUR OWN CEO

Interested in starting your own business?

Take the next step to realizing your entrepreneurial dreams by attending this series of classes taught by local Birmingham attorney, Neena Speer. The classes are free and everyone is welcome to attend, no matter where you are on the path to becoming your own CEO.

Registration is required for each of the classes. To register, please visit the Birmingham Public Library's online event calendar at www.cobpl.org/calendar and click on the class date. For more information about the series, as well as other small business resources available at BPL, please contact Jim Murray of the Central Library's Business, Science, and Technology Department by email at jim.murray@cobpl.org or by phone 205-226-3640.

DATES: Last Monday of Each Month
June 2022-May 2023
(except for first Monday in December)

TIME: 4:30-5:30 PM

LOCATION: Central Library
Linn-Henley Research Building
4th Floor, Arrington Auditorium

Registration is required for each of the classes.
www.cobpl.org/calendar



JUNE 27

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 101

JULY 25

LAUNCH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

AUGUST 29

REBIRTH THAT BUSINESS IDEA

SEPTEMBER 26

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF MENTORING

OCTOBER 31

DO WHAT SCARES YOU

NOVEMBER 28

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

DECEMBER 5

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE PROJECTS

JANUARY 30

STOP MAKING RESOLUTIONS... JUST DO IT

FEBRUARY 27

EVERYTHING BLACK

MARCH 27

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS CEO

APRIL 24

GET YOUR MONEY RIGHT

MAY 29

GRADUATE YOUR BUSINESS TOOL

Make Your Own Black History T-Shirt!

February 28th, 2023 @ 3:30 p.m.

East Ensley Library

Come in from 3:30 to 4:30 to make a Black History T-shirt that you can wear for Black History Month!



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

Creative Arts Sessions with InToto Arts

Hosted by Woodlawn Branch Library

Session 1
Sun Print Cards + Creative Movement
Friday, June 2, 10-11am

Session 2
Quilt Block Sewing + Creative Movement
Friday, June 16, 10-11am

Session 3
Styrofoam Printing + Creative Movement
Friday, July 14, 10-11am

Free to Attend!
All Are Welcome!

INTOTO CREATIVE ARTS

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Woodlawn Branch Library
5709 1st Ave. N.
205-995-200

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

BY HANDS NOW KNOWN

MARGARET BURNHAM AUTHOR TALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 | 2-3:30 PM
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH | 1530 6TH AVENUE NORTH

Join us as Margaret Burnham discusses her book *By Hands Now Known: Jim Crow's Legal Executioners*. Drawing on extensive research into more than 1,000 cases of racial violence that occurred between 1920 and 1960, Burnham explores how the legal system and law enforcement encouraged and committed these acts of violence, and how these legal executions continue today.

Margaret A. Burnham is a professor at the Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts and founder of the Civil Rights Restorative Justice Project.

BY HANDS NOW KNOWN
JIM CROW'S LEGAL EXECUTIONERS
MARGARET A. BURNHAM

Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Thank You Books. This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Baggett 205-226-3631, jim.baggett@cobpl.org or visit www.cobpl.org.

THANK YOU BOOKS

SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

SPLC Civil Rights Memorial Center

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

BARDS AND BREWS OPEN MIC

Tribute to Voice Porter

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023 - 6:30-8 P.M.
THE GREENHOUSE - 602 18TH STREET ENSLEY

MUST BE 18+ TO ENTER. 21+ TO DRINK. PLEASE BRING I.D.
FREE TO ATTEND AND PERFORM.



FEATURED POET:
JAHMAN HILL



FLOURISH ALABAMA

BARDS & BREWS IS SPONSORED BY THE ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS.
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.COBPL.ORG

MEET LOCAL AUTHORS!

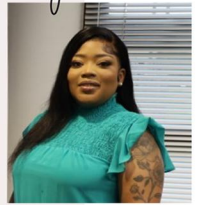
Meet Danielle Tuwano!

- American businesswoman, screenwriter, and investor
- Author of *Lights, Camera, #LevelUp and Good Girl*
- Founder and CEO of One2Ten Films and Premier Publishing Group



Meet Shatoria Peavy!

- Founder and Executive Director of Mommy's Lounge Inspires
- Author of *Mommy's Lounge Inspires presents 21 Days of Insight and Journaling*
- Motivational speaker and mentor for single mothers



SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023, 1 - 4 PM
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2100 PARK PLACE

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY & FLOURISH PRESENT

THE GOOD SOIL YOUTH OPEN MIC

\$1,000 WILL BE AWARDED

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
6-8 PM**

**BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2100 PARK PLACE
GRAND READING ROOM**

PARTICIPANTS CAN SING, RAP, RECITE POETRY—
ANY FORM OF SPOKEN WORD ARTS!

SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.COBPL.ORG




WYLAM BRANCH PRESENTS
Dynamic Education

with "The Science Lady"

Come and see "The Science Lady" engage the audience with exploration of the states of matter!

When: Monday, June 12, 2023
Where: Wylam Branch Meeting Room
Time: 10:00 a.m.






Birmingham Public Library presents

Afternoons with Harper Lee

An Author Talk by Wayne Flynt

Sunday, February 26, 2023 | 2-3 pm
Avondale Branch Library | 509 40th Street S

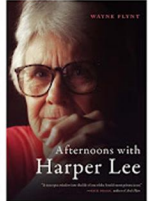

Imagine spending leisurely afternoons with the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, swapping stories and sharing insights. For more than a decade, historian Wayne Flynt did just that while visiting his friend Harper Lee. From those visits comes this book, part memoir, part biography, and offering a unique window into the life and mind of one of America's best-loved writers.

Dr. Wayne Flynt is University Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at Auburn University. He is the author of several award-winning books including *Alabama in the Fourteenth Century* and *Poor but Proud: Alabama's Poor Whites*.

Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Thank You Books. This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Baggett (205.226.3631, jim.baggett@cobpl.org).

THANK YOU BOOKS

For more information visit www.cobpl.org.

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

WITH RORY STUART AND GLENN WILSON
THURSDAY, APRIL 27 | 1 P.M.

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC AND FOOD TRUCKS!




BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

ALL TOGETHER NOW

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF
SATURDAY, MAY 13 * 10 AM-1 PM
AVONDALE PARK, 4101 5TH AVE S



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE FLOURISH ALABAMA PRESENT

THE GOOD SOIL YOUTH OPEN MIC

\$1,000 WILL BE AWARDED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 6-8 PM
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2100 PARK PLACE





Birmingham Public Library Presents:

REPTILE HANGOUT

Join us as we learn more about snakes and how to care for them as pets

Featuring Hippy, the adult ball python!

**Thursday, June 15, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

For more information, call: 205-706-8918

**At Inglenook Branch Library
4100 40th Ave. N**

Note: This program includes live reptiles




BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE BIRMINGHAM AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY GROUP PRESENT

JUNETEENTH

AMERICA'S SECOND INDEPENDENCE DAY



SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023, 1 PM
 BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2100 PARK PLACE
 ARRINGTON AUDITORIUM

Dr. Howard Robinson of Alabama State University will explore the people, places, and events that mark the origins and development of Juneteenth as a local coastal Texas celebration, and the efforts that transformed the Galveston, Texas celebration into Juneteenth, a national holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

"Juneteenth" is a presentation of the Alabama Historical Association Speaker's Bureau. For more information, visit AlabamaHistory.net. This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Baggett, jim.baggett@cobpl.org or 205-226-3631.

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

WINTER MUSIC SERIES

Don JOYBOY SUGAR PLUMS

19TH JAN BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY 2100 PARK PLACE **6:30^{PM}**

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.COBPL.ORG

Five Points West Library's

Senior Valentine's Day Dinner & a Movie



You are cordially invited to:

Five Points West Library's Senior Valentine's Day: Dinner & a Movie

14 February 2023 | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

4812 Avenue W, Birmingham, AL 35208

Come and enjoy the 1973 classic romantic drama, *A Warm December*, starring Sidney Poitier and Jamaican actress Ester Anderson.

Library staff will serve participants dinner and dessert from Uncle Sam's Barbecue, popcorn, snacks, and all your movie-going favorites.

Registration is required and space is limited.

To register, please go to Eventbrite or visit the Five Points West Library's Adult Department.



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

FREE - TO - SHOP MOBILE STORE

Free clothes, shoes, medicines, and personal items
 3rd Wednesdays of the month

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Smithfield Branch
 #1 8th Avenue West
 Birmingham, AL 35204
 (205) 324-8428



FERRILL AFRICAN WEAR

65 AND BETTER AFRICAN FASHION SHOW

A Black history celebration to give honor to our elders and showcase beautiful fashions from Nigeria, West Africa

Light Nigerian hors d'oeuvres will be served

Guests are encouraged to wear African attire

All Models 65 and Better

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023
SHOW BEGINS AT 6 PM
NORTH BIRMINGHAM LIBRARY

2501 31ST AVE N
 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35207



June 26, 2023

ALABAMA BALLET @POWDERLY

Birmingham Public Library and Jefferson County Alumnae Chapter/
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. present

Preserving

Your Family Papers and Photographs



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 • 10-11AM
 BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY • 2100 PARK PLACE
 ARRINGTON AUDITORIUM, 4TH FLOOR

There are many basic and inexpensive things you can do to ensure that your family letters, scrapbooks, and photographs are preserved for the future. This talk introduces the fundamentals of home archiving. Participants are encouraged to bring items from their family papers for discussion and advice.



This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jim Baggett at 205-226-3631, jim.baggett@cobpl.org, or historian@dsjca.org



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

STEM PROGRAMS

Engineer BHM

- 9/29: Snap Circuits; 3rd grade & up
- 10/13: Robots; 3rd grade & up
- 11/14: Arduino; 6th grade & up
- 12/12: Soldering; 6th grade & up

Tinker Tales Storytime

- 9/21
- 10/26
- 11/16

Storytimes with books encouraging beginning STEM concepts, such as measuring, patterns, and shapes.

Tinker Tales with Expanded Activities

- 10/12
- 11/2

Continued STEM storytimes with activities to support learning beginning STEM skills covered in the storytimes.

PROGRAMS ARE 9:30 - 11:00 AM. 15 PERSON LIMIT PER PROGRAM
 Use our calendar to register online at www.cobpl.org

FREE TO ATTEND. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AT THE PROGRAM.

ALL PROGRAMS LOCATED AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY - DOWNTOWN, YOUTH DEPT., 2ND FLOOR



CONTACT: PHONE - 205-226-3635
 EMAIL: CENYOUTH@COBPL.ORG

EARTH MONTH COMMUNITY SEEDLING EXCHANGE



Saturday, April 1, 2023
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Southside Branch
 Birmingham Public Library
 1814 11th Avenue South



BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Avondale Library

509 South 40th Street
Birmingham, AL 35222
205.226.4000

Central Library

2100 Park Place
Birmingham, AL 35203
205.226.3600

East Ensley Library

900 14th Street, Ensley
Birmingham, AL 35218
205.787.1928

East Lake Library

#5 Oporto-Madrid Blvd
Birmingham, AL 35206
205.836.3341

Closed For Facility Issues

Ensley Library

1201 25th Street, Ensley
Birmingham, AL 35218
205.785.2625

Closed For Facility Issues

Five Points West Library

4812 Avenue W
Birmingham, AL 35208
205.226.4013

Inglenook Library

4100 40th Terrace N
Birmingham, AL 35217
205.849.8739

North Avondale Library

501 43rd Street N
Birmingham, AL 35222
205.592.2082

North Birmingham Library

2501 31st Avenue N
Birmingham, AL 35207
205.226.4025

Powderly Library

3301 Jefferson Avenue SW
Birmingham, AL 35221
205.925.6178

Pratt City Library

509 Dugan Avenue
Birmingham, AL 35214
205.791.4997

Smithfield Library

#1 8th Avenue W
Birmingham, AL 35204
205.324.8428

Southside Library

1814 11th Avenue S
Birmingham, AL 35205
205.933.7776

Springville Road Library

1224 Old Springville Road
Birmingham, AL 35203
205.226.4081

Titusville Library

#2 6th Avenue SW
Birmingham, AL 35211
205.322.1140

West End Library

1348 Tuscaloosa Avenue SW
Birmingham, AL 35211
205.226.4089

Woodlawn Library

5709 1st Avenue N
Birmingham, AL 35212
205.595.2001

Wylam Library

4300 7th Avenue, Wylam
Birmingham, AL 35224
205.785.0349



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