

# Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023

Events are open to the public but may require registration. | Adults must accompany children. | All materials provided unless otherwise indicated.

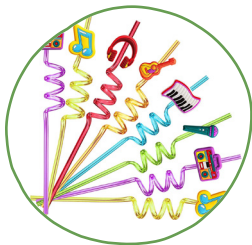


## Let's Get Ready for "LET'S PLAY!"

We're in the final stretch of Mayor Jacobs's "All Together Now" Read City challenge. "Let's Play!" is the last leg of our 2023 quest to read one million hours as a community. So far, we explored our own talents in the "Find your Voice" challenge from January - April. In May, we read "Zoey and Sassafras, Dragons and Marshmallows" by Asia Citro together. This past summer, we explored rhythm and tempo in the "Feel the Beat" challenge. Now it's time to bring it all together with "Let's Play!"

There are so many ways to play at the Library. Join us for programs, read along with us, or check out our music collection. You can pre-register in Beanstack or pick up a reading log at your favorite library location. To participate and earn prize, read and log at least 36 hours.

Plus, check out our noteworthy prizes!



**TOTS** Musical twisty straw (Choose one)



**KIDS & TEENS (6+)** Building block instrument (Choose one)



**ADULTS** Roll-up blanket (Perfect for outdoor programs!)

## STORYTIMES

### Lawson McGhee Library

Baby	Thurs.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### Bearden Branch Library

Baby	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:15
Preschool	Tues.	10:15

### Burlington Branch Library

Preschool	Tues.	10:30
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### Carter Branch Library

Preschool	Tues.	1:30
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### Cedar Bluff Branch

Baby	Tues.	10:30
Baby	Tues.	11:15
Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	11:15
Preschool	Thurs.	10:30

### Farragut Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:30
Toddler	Thurs.	10:30
Preschool	Mon.	10:30
Ready, set, K!	Tues.	10:30

### Fountain City Branch

Baby	Fri.	11:00
Preschool	Fri.	10:15

### Halls Branch Library

Baby	Fri.	10:30
Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### Howard Pinkston Branch

Preschool	Wed.	10:30
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### Karns Branch Library

Toddler	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### North Knoxville Branch

Preschool	Wed.	11:00
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### Norwood Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:00
Preschool	Wed.	11:00

### Powell Branch Library

Baby	Wed.	10:30
Preschool	Fri.	10:30

### Pajama First Thurs. of each month

### Sequoyah Branch Library

Preschool	Thurs.	10:30
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### South Knoxville Branch

Preschool	Wed.	10:30
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## SPOOKY EVENTS



### Plotting Pumpkins Decorating Contest

Turn a pumpkin into a hero or villain from a story you've loved! We'll display your creation at the library and the public will vote on their favorites in four categories: Preschool, Ages 5-10, Ages 11-17, and Adult.

Voting ends Tuesday, October 31. Winners will be announced Wednesday, November 1. Pumpkins not retrieved by Saturday, November 4 will be discarded.

#### Rules:

- Bring your pumpkin to a participating library branch on **Saturday, October 21** between 10:00 and 5:30 and fill out an entry form. (Later submissions are allowed but will have less voting time).
- One pumpkin entry per person or per group.
- Pumpkins should be inspired by a story (book, movie, show, video game, etc.).
- Pumpkins may be painted, stickered, dressed, etc., but please **do not puncture them**.
- Decorations must be appropriate for all ages.
- If a pumpkin begins to deteriorate before the end of the contest or display period, library staff may discard it at their discretion.

#### Participating Locations:

Bearden, Farragut, Fountain City, Halls, Howard Pinkston, Karns, South Knoxville



### Spooky Scary Halloween Events!

Celebrate Halloween at the library with costumes, stories, trick-or-treating and fun activities!

Oct. 28	Cedar Bluff	Library Trick-or-Treat	2:00 PM
Oct. 30	Bearden	Halloween Storytime	6:00 PM
Oct. 31	Farragut	Halloween Fun Day	10-5 PM
Oct. 31	Karns	Great Pumpkin Party	2:00 PM
Oct. 31	South Knox.	Boo Bash	4:00 PM

## BOOKS

### Library Book Clubs

Farragut Book Club: "Hill Women"

Oct 2	Farragut	6:00 PM
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Halls Literary Social Hour

Oct 3	Halls	1:00 PM
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All Over the Page:

"A Haunted History of Knoxville"

Oct 9	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
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Evening Reads: "Horse"

Oct 16	Bearden	6:00 PM
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Pop Culture Book Club

Oct 17	Bearden	6:00 PM
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Cedar Bluff Book Circle

Oct 19	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
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Cookbook Club

Oct 28	Norwood	11:00 AM
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### Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Oct 20-21	Farragut	10-5 PM
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### On the Road with Ask a Librarian

Looking for help navigating the library's website or catalog? Have a new tablet or device and want to take advantage of our free electronic resources? Reference Librarians are here to help!

11:00-1:00

OCTOBER 4  
FARRAGUT

OCTOBER 18  
SOUTH KNOXVILLE

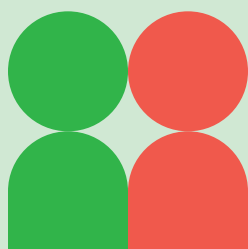
OCTOBER 25  
BURLINGTON



### LEGO® Clubs

Look for building clubs at 5 library locations! (Bearden, Burlington, Howard Pinkston, Halls, and Karns). Search our online calendar for a time and location that suits your family.

LEGOs are provided by the library and cannot be taken home. LEGO and Mega Bloks do not sponsor, authorize or endorse these events.



### Meeting Rooms

Looking for a public meeting space for your community group or civic organization? Reserve a room today. First come, first served. Find under 'services' on our website or call your location.



### Storybook Trails

Visit our Storybook Trails at West View Park, Collier Preserve (next to Powell Branch Library), and Ijams Nature Center. Stories rotate seasonally.

### Directory

(865) area code

- Lawson McGhee 215-8750
- Bearden 588-8813
- Burlington 525-5431
- Carter 933-5438
- Cedar Bluff 470-7033
- Corryton 688-1501
- Farragut 777-1750
- Fountain City 689-2681
- Halls 922-2552
- Howard Pinkston 573-0436
- Karns 470-8663
- Mascot 933-2620
- Murphy 521-7812
- North Knoxville 525-7036
- Norwood 688-2454
- Powell 947-6210
- Sequoyah 525-1541
- South Knoxville 573-1772

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## CHILDREN & FAMILY

**OCT** **Monster Mash Haiku Bash**  
KARNS | ALL MONTH  
A month long scavenger hunt that can be solved with haiku poetry!

### Special Storytimes

Join us for these unique storytime events. Look for weekly storytimes on the front page or online.

- Oct. 6 Farragut Once Upon A... 10:30 AM
- Oct. 12 Powell Symphony Orchestra 11:00 AM
- Oct. 12 South Knox. All Together Now 4:00 PM
- Oct. 14 Norwood Saturday Autumn 11:00 AM
- Oct. 16 Farragut After School Stories 4:00 PM
- Oct. 26 South Knox. All Together Now 4:00 PM

### Crafternoons

Ages 3+ | A safe place for kids to gather, work on social and motor skills, and just have fun.

- Oct. 6 Halls 4:00 PM
- Oct. 20 Cedar Bluff 3:30 PM

### Saturday Stories & Songs

These programs highlight a variety of talented storytellers, musicians, and performers. The program is held at a different library location each week.

- Oct. 7 Cedar Bluff Knox Kindermusik 11:00 AM
- Oct. 14 Fountain City Erin Archer 11:00 AM
- Oct. 21 Norwood Sean McCollough 11:00 AM
- Oct. 28 Howard Pink. Symphony Orchestra 11:00 AM

**MON** **OCT** **2** **Tape Off Spiderweb Paintings**  
HOWARD PINKSTON | 3:00 PM  
Ages 5-11 | Create spooky seasonal decorations with paint and washi tape!

**TUES** **OCT** **3** **Full STEAM Ahead: Motion Commotion**  
HALLS | 11:00 AM  
Ages 3-5 | Activities and opportunities to explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles.

**TUES** **OCT** **3** **Making Music: Trumpets**  
POWELL | 6:30 PM  
Learn how to make trumpets! In this hands-on activity, we'll be working with both kids and caregivers. Each child will take their crafted trumpet home.

## ADULTS

**MON** **OCT** **2** **You CAN Craft: Easy Crafts for Adults**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Participate in approachable, easy crafts geared toward adults that want to express their artistic side.

**THUR** **OCT** **5** **Beginner's Cross Stitch**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
This program is aimed for beginners to learn cross-stitch basics. Each month we will stitch a different design.

**THUR** **OCT** **5** **Scrabble and Snacks**  
FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM  
Spell your way into a triple-word score with other word lovers and enjoy a new snack mix!

**SAT** **OCT** **7** **Mastering Hot and Cold Composting**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:30 PM  
Learn how to best transform kitchen, garden, and yard waste into nutrient-rich humus, while keeping vital soil nutrients out of landfills!

**MON** **OCT** **9** **Pressed-Flower Lanterns**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
Bring your creativity and imagination to a fun evening of building your own "pressed-flower" lantern.

**TUES** **OCT** **10** **Mastering Medicare: Turning 65**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM  
Gain in-depth knowledge of Medicare options including when to enroll, the differences between Medicare supplement and Medicare advantage plans, prescription drug coverage, & more.

**TUES** **OCT** **10** **Thrilling Tales- Short Story Read-Alouds For Dark Months**  
KARNS | 6:30 PM  
Staff and patrons will take turns reading around the room a new, thrilling short story. This month is *Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving.

**THUR** **OCT** **5** **Family Game Night**  
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM  
Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board and video game night.

**MON** **OCT** **9** **Museum Mondays - Toys Now and Then**  
HALLS | 3:00 PM  
Grades 2-5 | The Oak Ridge Children's Museum will show toys over time, focusing on the Appalachian region.

**TUES** **OCT** **10** **Handprint Ghost Ornaments**  
HOWARD PINKSTON | 6:00 PM  
Ages 5 - 10 | Get into the spooky spirit with keepsake hand-print ornaments for a parent or loved one!

**THUR** **OCT** **12** **Bird Watching For Book Lovers: Eerie Avians**  
KARNS | 3:30 PM  
A park ranger from Seven Islands State Birding Park will present about vultures, crows, and owls.

**THUR** **OCT** **12** **Music Explorers Club**  
BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
Join a music story hour with stories, games, music, and crafts.



**THUR** **OCT** **12** **Fall Luminaries**  
HALLS | 5:00 PM  
Ages 7+ | Come celebrate fall by creating your own fall luminary.

**MON** **OCT** **16** **Art Meets Nature: Lanterns and Leaves**  
SEQUOYAH | 6:00 PM  
Craft a decorative lantern with fall leaves and create artful leaf rubbings.

**TUES** **OCT** **17** **STEAM: Learn About Lightning**  
POWELL | 6:00 PM  
Grades K-8 | Learn about lightning - how it's formed, how it behaves, and how we study it! Participants will also design and make their own "lightning bottles."

**THUR** **OCT** **12** **Beaded Jewelry Making**  
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM  
Ages 14+ | Learn new techniques of making beaded bracelets or necklaces that you can wear home!

**SAT** **OCT** **14** **Community Art Supply Swap**  
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM  
Bring your unwanted new and gently used art supplies for a community supply swap!

**SUN** **OCT** **15** **True Crime Knoxville: Downtown Walking Tour**  
LAWSON MCGHEE | 2:00 PM  
Join us downtown for a stroll for stories of those more infamous than famous: cops, robbers, spies, vigilantes, and more.

**TUES** **OCT** **17** **Halloween Horror Flicks: Even Cheesier**  
KARNS | 6:30 PM  
Discuss the cheesiest 70's and 80's horror we can find with film trivia to follow!

**THUR** **OCT** **19** **Norwood Cross Stitch Guild**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Intermediate and advanced stitchers can work together on larger on-going projects. Feel free to bring your own work.

**SAT** **OCT** **21** **Ask a Master Gardener**  
NORWOOD | 11:30 AM  
Stop by and speak with a Knox County Master Gardener!

**SAT** **OCT** **21** **Night Marauder: A Local Murder Mystery**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 2:00 PM  
Listen to the story of the Night Marauder and a presentation of Dr. Locklin-Sofer's research into this almost forgotten local unsolved mystery.

**TUES** **OCT** **24** **Brush Hour: Pish Posh It's a Bosch!**  
KARNS | 6:00 PM  
The no skills necessary painting class. This month's theme is Dutch master Hieronymus Bosch.



**THUR** **OCT** **19** **The Puzzle Hour**  
BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM  
Join our puzzle club! Whether you are 3 or 103, we have a variety of puzzles for every age and skill level.

**THUR** **OCT** **26** **Watercolor Kids**  
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM  
Ages 6-12 | Young artists explore a new watercolor technique.

**FRI** **OCT** **27** **Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party**  
BEARDEN | 1:00 PM  
Ages 8-12 | Celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer* with a DIY Greg Heffley Halloween costume craft!

**MON** **OCT** **30** **Boo! It's a Goosebumps Party!**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Ages 8+ | Join us for a Goosebumps tale, make ghosts disappear, and create a spooky-themed craft to take home!



**TUES** **OCT** **31** **Slime Science - Halloween Spider Slime**  
HALLS | 3:00 PM  
Come join us for Slime Science. We will be making Halloween Spider Slime that you can take home!

## TEENS



**SAT** **OCT** **7** **Teen Advisory Board Meeting**  
BEARDEN | 12:00 PM  
Ages 14-18 | Meet new people to have fun and hang out with while advising us on future library programs, services, and events. Plus, your time counts as volunteer work!

**MON** **OCT** **9** **Teen DIY: Macrame Ghost**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Ages 12-18 | Come and make a simple macrame ghost!

**MON** **OCT** **16** **Spooky Teen Book Club**  
HALLS | 4:00 PM  
Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite spooky reads.

## HISTORY CENTER

**SAT** **OCT** **7** **WORKSHOP: Genealogy and Maps- Where They Intersect**  
EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 1:00 PM  
Participants will learn about maps use in researching their family history.

**TUES** **OCT** **10** **ZOOM: Now In Session- School Records**  
ONLINE ZOOM MEETING | 7:00 PM  
Join a panel of specialists over Zoom who care for and work with school records.

**FRI** **OCT** **13** **TOUR: Introduction to the East Tennessee History Center**  
EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 2:00 PM  
Learn all about the East Tennessee History Center.

**THUR** **OCT** **19** **WORKSHOP: Searching Historic Newspapers Online**  
EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 1:00 PM  
Discover techniques for searching digitized newspapers online.

**TUES** **OCT** **24** **PROGRAM: ETHC Potpourri**  
EAST TN HIST. CENTER | 12:00 PM  
Hear all about ETHC's team member's stories of research into interesting topics.