

Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2023



UP FOR DISCUSSION: WILLIAM FAULKNER'S INTRUDER IN THE DUST

Published in 1948, William Faulkner's *Intruder in the Dust* is still considered to be a bold and unflinching statement on racism. The novel focuses on an African American farmer, Lucas Beauchamp, who is accused of murdering a Caucasian man. Join Dr. Thomas Haddox, UT Professor of English, in a discussion of this American classic.

Feb. 21 Cedar Bluff Branch 6:30 PM
Feb. 26 Lawson McGhee Library 2:00 PM
Feb. 28 Fountain City Branch 6:30 PM



Knoxville's own Clarence Brown directed a film version of *Intruder in the Dust* in 1949. Explore Brown's film legacy at the Clarence Brown Film Festival this summer.

William Faulkner is considered one of the most significant American authors of all time. Born in New Albany, Mississippi in 1897, he lived in Oxford most of his life. His novels and short stories are set in the fictitious Yoknapatawpha County and span the century before and after the American Civil War. Most of his fiction depicts the decay and collapse of a society that refused to recognize or reckon with the consequences of its racism. "The past is never dead. It's not even past," he wrote. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1949.

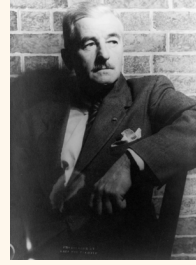


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Dr. Haddox Known as one of the favorite professors in UTK's English Department, Dr. Haddox has earned many awards, but the Best Faculty Mentor is a sure indication that you will enjoy a free discussion of Faulkner's seminal novel, *Intruder in the Dust*. Dr. Haddox's research focuses primarily on 20th century literature with strong emphases on the relationship between religion and southern lit. Dr. Haddox's education spanned from Tulane (BA) to the University of Kent in England as the British Marshall Scholar to Vanderbilt. (PhD)



ALL TOGETHER NOW



Mayor Jacobs has challenged our community to go platinum in 2023 by reading one million hours on the Read City USA "All Together Now" Tour. Our first gig of 2023 is the Find Your Voice challenge. January–April, special programs will focus on music, kindness, belonging, and self-expression.

You can join us not just by logging your reading time, but also by attending library programs! For any library program you attend, log another hour on the tour. Find out more or join at www.knoxcountylibrary.org/readcity

Symphony Storytimes

Musical Story Time brings stories to life through live music and narration. This program combines children's books with classical selections, sound effects, and hands-on learning for toddlers, preschoolers, and young students.

Feb. 3 10:15–11:15 Fountain City Branch
Feb. 4 11:00–12:00 Lawson McGhee Library
Feb. 7 10:30–11:30 Sequoyah Branch
Feb. 25 11:00–12:00 Farragut Branch



BOOKS & AUTHORS



MONDAY FEB 06 Farragut Book Club FARRAGUT | 6:00 PM
Left on Tenth by Delia Ephron | Come for the snacks, stay for the book discussion!

TUESDAY FEB 07 Halls Literary Social Hour HALLS | 1:00 PM
Come discuss what you are reading and make recommendations to others.

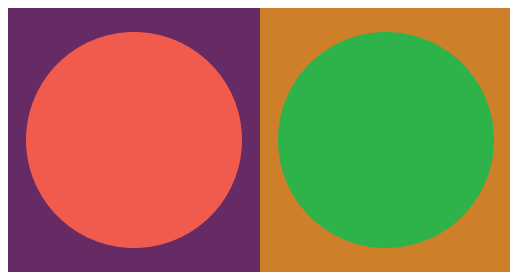
MONDAY FEB 13 All Over the Page LAWSON MCGHEE | 6:30 PM
Between Two Kingdoms by Jaouad Suleika | Facilitated by Beth Miller.

THURSDAY FEB 16 Cedar Bluff Book Circle CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00 PM
Come discuss what you are reading and make recommendations to others.

MONDAY FEB 27 Evening Reads BEARDEN | 6:00 PM
The Prophets by Robert Jones, Jr. | Join us as we wind down our day and discuss our recent reads.

TUESDAY FEB 28 Book It! HOWARD PINKSTON | 6:00 PM
Join us for an informal discussion of books you love. Snacks provided.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



THURSDAY FEB 09 Red Light, Green Light SOUTH KNOXVILLE | ALL DAY
Children | This month, we recognize traffic light inventor Garrett Morgan. Join us and create your own paper traffic light.

WEDNESDAY FEB 15 Joyful Noise: African Thumb Piano NORWOOD | 2:00 PM
Children & Teens | We will make African thumb pianos together while listening to samples of traditional African music.

THURSDAY FEB 16 Black History Month SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 12:00 PM
Everyone | Join us for our Black History Month celebration.

SATURDAY FEB 25 Black History Month Storytime Celebration NORWOOD | 11:00 AM
Pre-K–5 | Join us Saturday morning for special stories, songs, games, and crafts.



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TUESDAY FEB 5 & 12 Music on the Mezzanine: Life in the Key of Blues
LAWSON MCGHEE LIBRARY | 2–4
Join world-renowned jazz pianist Eric Reed for the final sessions of this lecture/performance series. Made possible by an Arts Build Communities grant from Arts & Culture Alliance and Tennessee Arts Commission.

THURSDAY FEB 09 Music Exploration Club BEARDEN | 4:00 PM
Kids, join us each month for a music-centered story hour that will include guest musicians, making music, and crafts.

TUESDAY FEB 14 & 28 Making Music POWELL BRANCH | 6:00 PM
Registration required. | Come learn how to create your own musical instrument! Call (865) 947-6210 to register.




THURSDAY FEB 16 Bijou Imagination Series Acoustic Rooster's Barnyard Boogie BIJOU THEATRE | 6:00 PM
A musical adaptation of author Kwame Alexander's beloved children's book. Tickets at knoxbijou.org

SCAN THE CODE BELOW WITH YOUR DEVICE TO VIEW OUR ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR.



TEENS

SATURDAY
FEB 04 **Teen Advisory Board Meeting**
BEARDEN | 12:00 PM
We need students to advise us on selecting and planning library programs, services and events.

SATURDAY
FEB 11 **Y.A. and In Love Party** 
FARRAGUT | 12:00 PM
Join the Sneak Peak Book Review Club for a YA book trivia night! Learn more about the Sneak Peak Book Review Club, meet other reviewers, and learn how you can join.



TUESDAY
FEB 14 **Adulting: You Can Do It! Time Management & Self Care**
KARNS | 5:00 PM
Join a round-table discussion about basic life skills with other young adults. This month, learn how to prioritize, orient, and maximize your time! We will also cover self care. Is it a scam or a mindset? Snacks will be provided. **Registration is required. Please sign up online or call the branch.**



MONDAY
FEB 27 **Bad Art Night**
HALLS | 6:00 PM
Experiment with different mediums and canvases. Art supplies provided. Leave your talent at the door and have fun.

CHILDREN & FAMILY



All Together Now: Valentines for the Community 
NORWOOD | FEBRUARY 4-10 
Stop by to make and receive Valentine's Day cards. Cards will be given out to patrons visiting the library during the week of February 11.

LEGO® & Mega Bloks® Clubs
Your creativity & determination + bricks = building awesomeness! Space is limited. Call the participating branch library to register.

LEGO and Mega Bloks do not sponsor, authorize or endorse these events.

BEARDEN BRANCH LIBRARY | (865) 588-8813
Feb. 7 3:30-4:30 Grades K-5 (LEGO)

BURLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY | (865)525-5431

Feb. 13 5:00-6:00 Grades K-5 (LEGO)

HALLS BRANCH LIBRARY | (865) 922-2552

Feb. 14 11:00-12:00 Pre-K (Mega Bloks)

Feb. 25 3:00-4:00 Grades 1-5 (LEGO)

HOWARD PINKSTON BRANCH | (865) 573-0436

Feb. 23 3:30-4:30 Ages 5-11 (LEGO)


KARNS BRANCH LIBRARY | (865) 470-8663

Feb. 7 1:00-2:00 Pre-K (Mega Bloks)

Feb. 11 2:00-3:00 Grade 1-5 (LEGO)

STEAM Team

Registration Required | Grades K-8 will have fun learning science principles through hands-on activities. Call branch library to register.

POWELL BRANCH | (865) 947-6210 
Getting to the Heart of the Heart

February 7 5:00-7:00 PM Grades K-8

February 16 5:00-7:00 PM Grades K-8

February 21 5:00-7:00 PM Grades K-8

Crafternoons

HALLS BRANCH | (865) 922-2552

Feb. 3 4:00-5:00 PM Ages 3 & up

Feb. 17 4:00-5:00 PM Ages 3 & up

CEDAR BLUFF BRANCH | (865) 470-7033

Feb. 17 3:30-5:00 PM All Ages

ADULTS

Recipes to Take Home
Bored with your food? Need some help invigorating your menu planning? Drop-in all month to take home recipes in a variety of categories and learn about the library's wonderful cookbook collection.

Howard Pinkston Meal Prep
Fountain City Food to Go

On the Road with Ask a Librarian
Whether you have a specific question or a general one, our Reference Librarians are available through chat or phone call and at branches below.

Feb. 6 1:00-3:00 Burlington Branch

Feb. 16 4:00-6:00 Karns Branch

Feb. 28 11:00-1:00 South Knoxville Branch

New Play Festival Readings
LAWSON MCGHEE | VARIOUS TIMES

As part of the 28th annual New Play Festival, actors from Tennessee Stage Company will give first public readings of three plays coming fresh from their playwrights' pens.


Feb. 18 1:00 PM Cuba Libre


Feb. 18 3:00 PM Laws of the Universe

Feb. 19 2:00 PM A Lovely Day to Kill Your Spouse

SATURDAY
FEB 04 **Knox County Master Gardeners: Dormant Pruning**

CEDAR BLUFF | 1:30 PM
Join Master Gardeners Marsha Lehman and Bretynn Race to learn which plants are best pruned in late winter and early spring, as well as the best way to prune the most common shrubs.

WEDNESDAY
FEB 08 **Recycled Book Page Roses** 
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM
Is your valentine a bookworm? Surprise them with a rose bouquet made from recycled book pages!

THURSDAY
FEB 09 **Beaded Jewelry Making** 
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM
Registration is required. Ages 14 & Up | Make heart bracelets using memory wire.

THURSDAY
FEB 09 **Watercolor Affirmations**
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Teens & Adults | Learn basic watercolor technique while creating their own watercolor affirmation art.

TUESDAY
FEB 14 **Mastering Medicare Turning 65**
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:00-2:30 PM
Registration is required. | Dennis Cunningham shares knowledge of Medicare options. Call (865) 470-7033 for more information and to register.

WEDNESDAY
FEB 15 **Make and Take Elderberry Syrup**
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM
Registration is required. | Participants will learn about elderberries and how to make syrup with them. Call (865) 470-7033 to register.

THURSDAY
FEB 16 **Monthly Cross-Stitch**
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM
Registration Required. | Teens & Adults Come stitch a new design with us. Call (865) 688-2454 to register.

TUESDAY
FEB 28 **Winter Water Colors**
KARNS | 6:30 PM
Registration Required. | We will then experiment with water color paints. Tea and cookies will be served.

Special Storytimes
Join us for these once-a-month storytimes. Look for 30+ regular weekly storytimes online.

POWELL BRANCH LIBRARY
Feb. 2 6:30-7:30 Pajamarama Storytime

FARRAGUT BRANCH LIBRARY

Feb. 17 10:30-11:30 Once Upon a Storytime

Feb. 27 6:00-7:00 Family Pajama Stortime



THURSDAY
FEB 02 **Groundhog Day: The Science Behind Shadows**
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM
Ages 3-5 | We will reveal Punxsutawney Phil's prediction and learn more about the science behind shadows.


THURSDAY
FEB 02 **Groundhog Day**
SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 4:00 PM
Celebrate Groundhog Day with activities, crafts, and stories!

THURSDAY
FEB 02 **Family Game Night**
BURLINGTON | 5:30-7:30 PM
Come one, come all for our monthly game night! We've got board and video games.

TUESDAY
FEB 07 **Full STEAM Ahead: Slime Science**
HALLS | 11:00 AM
Registration is required. | Ages 3-5 Hands-on experiments and opportunities for little ones to learn STEAM principles.

TUESDAY
FEB 07 **Happy Craft Club**
FARRAGUT | 4:00 PM
Registration is required. | Ages 5-11 Explore your creative side with brushes and paint! Call (865) 777-1750.

TUESDAY
FEB 07 **Valentine Make and Take** 
CARTER | 6:00 PM
Valentine or not, come by for a fun evening of Valentine crafts and fellowship. We'll supply the materials, you supply the laughter.

MONDAY
FEB 13 **Clay Sweets & Treats** 
HALLS | 6:00 PM
Registration is required. | Children & Teens Come create clay sweets and treats for your sweetie this Valentine's Day. Call (865) 922-2552 to register.

THURSDAY
FEB 16 **The Puzzle Hour**
BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM
Love puzzles? Then join our new puzzle club at the library!

THURSDAY
FEB 16 **World of Folktales: Italy**
BEARDEN | 6:00 PM
We are off to Venice, Italy! Participants will examine traditional Venetian carnival masks and craft their own.

THURSDAY
FEB 23 **Watercolor Kids**
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM
Ages 6-12 | Young artists will be guided through different watercolor techniques.

THURSDAY
FEB 23 **Bird Feeder Craft**
SOUTH KNOXVILLE | 4:00 PM
Join us for a fun, eco friendly craft. Repurposed water bottles make beautiful bird feeders!

THURSDAY
FEB 23 **Recycled Robots**
HALLS | 6:00 PM
Registration is required. | Children, bring your imagination and create your very own robot using recycled materials.

TUESDAY
FEB 28 **Make Your Own: Book Journal**
HALLS | 4:00 PM
Come join us and create your own book journal. All materials provided.



TUESDAY
FEB 28 **To the Moon and Beyond**
KARNS | 6:30 PM
Presented by the Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society, we will cover telescopes, stars and constellations, moon phases, and details to observe, as well as highlights of the Apollo moon missions and the Artemis missions.