

# Off the Shelf

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY 2023

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

**Children's FESTIVAL of READING**

**SATURDAY MAY 20**

**WORLD'S FAIR PARK**  
10:00-3:00

Kick off summer at the Library with the return of our beloved **CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF READING** on **SATURDAY, MAY 20**. Come together through music to find your voice, feel the beat, and play in harmony!

Join the Library for arts and crafts, author talks, storytelling, musical performances, and more, all showcasing the fun of reading, literacy, science, and art. Enjoy activities from community vendors, food, toddler play, and much more!



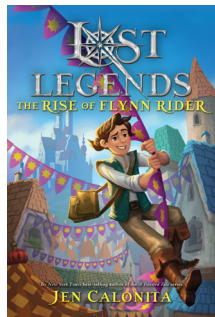
**SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY:**  
POUT POUT FISH,  
LYLE CROCODILE,  
AND PETE THE CAT



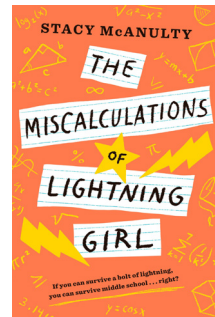
**Frank Morrison**



**Jen Calonita**



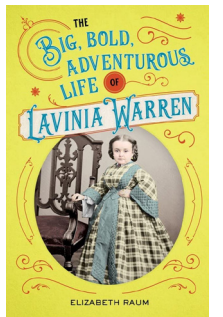
**Stacy McAnulty**



**Oge Mora**



**Elizabeth Raum**



## FEATURED

### Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

Sales benefit Knox County Public Library.

May 12-13	Halls	10-5 PM
May 2	Festival of Reading	10-3 PM
May 26-27	Bearden	10-5 PM

**SAT MAY 13**

### Downtown Walking Tour with Laura Still

**LAWSON MCGHEE** | 10:30-12:00 PM  
Join us to learn about the roots of public and private education in this area. Laura Still, a writer, historian, and storyteller, will lead you through Knoxville while discussing the history of public and private education in the area.

**WED MAY 17**

### Hollywood Comes to East Tennessee

**EAST TN HISTORY CENTER** | 12:00  
When big Hollywood productions have come to Knoxville, locals captured cast and crew at work with their own cameras. Using exclusive McClung Collection and TAMIS materials, this program takes a look behind the scenes of films such as *All the Way Home* (1963), *The Fool Killer* (1965), and *A Walk in the Spring Rain* (1970).

## TECH TALK



### The Hitchhiker's Guide to the AI Galaxy

Self-driving cars. ChatGPT. Cancer detection. Smart speakers. Robots in manufacturing...and even in our homes. AI is seemingly everywhere these days. So, what does the average human need to know about the artificial intelligence that is quickly becoming part of our everyday lives? Join Knoxville Entrepreneur and Lirio Chief Evangelist, Patrick Hunt, for a four-part series on everything from the history and science of AI to ethical issues.

**EAST TN HISTORY CENTER** | 12:00-1:00 PM

May 4	Intro to AI History and Types
May 11	Common AI Uses and Relevant Orgs.
May 18	Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues
May 25	How AI Could Evolve in the Future

## BOOKS CLUBS



### Halls Literary Social Hours

May 2	Halls	1:00 PM
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### Cookbook Club

May 6	Norwood	11:00 AM
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### All Over the Page: Lincoln in the Bardo

May 8	Lawson McGhee	6:30 PM
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### Evening Reads: A Visit from the Goon Squad

May 15	Bearden	6:00 PM
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### Cedar Bluff Book Circle

May 18	Cedar Bluff	1:00 PM
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### Cookbook Club

May 30	Howard Pinkston	3:30 PM
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OUR FULL EVENT CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.



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## CHILDREN & FAMILY



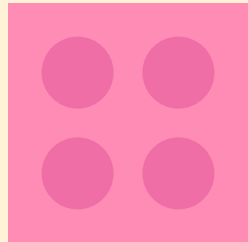
### On the Road with Ask a Librarian

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!

**MAY 10**  
CARTER | 11-1

**MAY 15**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 11-1

**MAY 23**  
NORWOOD | 11-1



### 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.



### Storytimes

We have over 100 storytimes each month, including regular weekly storytimes or special once-a-month programs, like pajama storytimes! Check our online calendar, or your closest branch, for the full schedule.



### Registration

This pencil indicates registration is required. Please call the participating location. Registration may be available online.

### 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

### Mo Willems Family Storytime

**MON MAY 1**  
HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Come join us for a special family storytime featuring books by the author Mo Willems!

### Full STEAM Ahead: Just Add Baking Soda

**TUES MAY 2**  
HALLS | 11:00 AM  
Ages 3-5 | Hands-on activities and opportunities for preschoolers to explore and learn age-appropriate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) principles.

### "May the Fourth" Be with You This Star Wars Day!

To celebrate Star Wars Day, these branches are throwing parties, hosting scavenger hunts, and making crafts!



THURSDAY, MAY 4

Bearden	Star Wars Day Scavenger Hunt	All Day
South Knoxville	Star Wars Party	4-5 PM
Burlington	Star Wars Party	10-8 PM

**THURS MAY 4**  
HALLS | 5:00 PM  
Ages 10-18 | Come join us to create your very own terrarium.

**THURS MAY 4**  
BURLINGTON | 5:30 PM  
Bring the family and come join us for a fun-filled board game night. Our featured game is Star Wars Trivial Pursuit.

**THURS MAY 4**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:30 PM  
Come play bingo and take a chance at winning a book of your choice. All ages welcome and refreshments provided.

**THURS MAY 4**  
POWELL | 6:30 PM  
Ages 3-8 | The whole family—including your favorite stuffed animal friend—can join us at the library for a fun and cozy evening of stories and songs while you lounge in your pajamas.

### Crafternoons

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

May 5	Halls	4:00 PM
May 19	Cedar Bluff	3:30 PM
May 19	Halls	4:00 PM

**MON MAY 8**  
SEQUOYAH | 6:00 PM  
Let's explore symmetry and patterns by making stamp art with vegetables! We also will offer a selection of books about printmaking and block printing.

## ADULTS

**MON MAY 1**  
FARRAGUT | 6:00-7:30 PM  
Join us for a night doing any craft you can do on your lap! Snacks will be provided. Bring your own supplies.

**MON MAY 1**  
NORWOOD | 6:30 PM  
Participate in approachable, easy crafts geared toward adults that want to express their artistic side.



**SAT MAY 6**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 1:30 PM  
Join Master Gardener Marian Phillips to learn some interesting facts and characteristics of hummingbirds.

**TUES MAY 9**  
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.

**MON MAY 8**  
HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Ages 8-15 | Come join us at Clay Creations! This month we will be making miniature clay castles.

**MON MAY 8**  
FARRAGUT | 3:30 PM  
Ages 4-8 | We'll read a few books about a beloved and heroic pig named Mercy Watson! We'll enjoy a snack and a craft.

**TUES MAY 9**  
HOWARD PINKSTON | 3:30 PM  
Ages 4-11 | Join us for an hour of crafting as we make a handprint flower bouquet that you can give to your loved one for Mother's Day. Snacks will be provided.

**TUES MAY 9**  
POWELL | 6:00 PM  
We will learn about the importance of providing plants that are beneficial to pollinators. We will study the structure of sunflowers and learn how to grow them. Participants will be given sunflower seeds to plant in their own yards!

**THURS MAY 11**  
BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM  
Join our new puzzle club! Whether you are 3 or 103, we have a variety of puzzles for every age and skill level.

**THURS MAY 11**  
BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
Join a music story hour with stories, games, music, and crafts. Feel the Beat as we make our own drums and learn to beat-box with Nick Barajas.

**SAT MAY 13**  
NORWOOD | 2:00-5:00 PM  
Enjoy Renaissance Period games and refreshments outside! The Tennessee Stage Company will present Shakespeare featuring *The Taming of the Shrew* at 3. Costumes are optional!

**TUES MAY 16**  
BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
We will read traditional folktales from Central African countries and then we will decorate paper masks in the styles of Central Africa.

**TUES MAY 16**  
POWELL | 6:00 PM  
This program will teach children how to make and decorate spin drums. Kids, along with caregivers, will also be able to decorate their new musical instruments!

### Genealogy Workshops

Guest speakers will give insight into how documents relate to genealogy and history.

EAST TN HISTORY CENTER

May 9	Evaluating Historical Sources	6-8 PM
May 20	Exploring Tennessee Maps	1-3 PM

**WED MAY 10**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
Learn the basics of starting and maintaining your own successful container garden.

**THURS MAY 11**  
BURLINGTON | 5:30-7:30 PM  
Ages 14+ | Learn new techniques of making beaded jewelry! In May, the class will use the tubular peyote stitch.

**MON MAY 15**  
CEDAR BLUFF | 6:00 PM  
Make your own coconut oil, shea butter and vitamin E lip balm, as well as add your own colors and scents.

**THURS MAY 18**  
NORWOOD | 6:00 PM  
Beginners are welcome! Each month we will stitch a different design.



**THURS MAY 18**  
HALLS | 6:00 PM  
Ages 8-15 | Come join us for a night of creative Tape Off Painting.

**WED MAY 24**  
NORWOOD | 2:00 PM  
We will make our instruments together while listening to and playing along with samples of music.

**THURS MAY 25**  
KARNS | 11:00 AM  
Ms. Susan will read a story, lead a craft, and share popsicles while we chalk the library's sidewalk to celebrate the end of the school year.

**THURS MAY 25**  
BEARDEN | 3:30 PM  
Ages 6-12 | Young artists explore a new watercolor technique. They will also focus on a different theme, looking at examples in nature and children's literature.

**THURS MAY 25**  
BURLINGTON | 5:00 PM  
Enjoy family-friendly karaoke. Perform new favorites or classic songs for your family and neighbors.



**THURS MAY 25**  
POWELL | 6:00 PM  
Bring your stuffed animal to 'tuck in' at the library! Enjoy a storytime and craft together. After kids leave, staff will take photos of stuffies, creating a photobook for kids to pick up the following day (10:30-5:00).

**TUES MAY 30**  
HALLS | 3:00 PM  
Join us for for Slime Science, where we will be making Puffy Slime that you can take home!

**TUES MAY 30**  
FARRAGUT | 6:30-8:00 PM  
Presented by the Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society. This program will discuss various astronomy topics, as well as highlights of the Apollo and Artemis missions. Observation time outdoors will be included if weather conditions allow.

## TEENS



**SAT MAY 6**  
BEARDEN | 12:00-2:00 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 MAY 8**  
BEARDEN | 4:00 PM  
Make your own macrame! This craft will teach you how to make your own tri-color Boho rainbow keychain using yarn and macrame techniques.

**WED MAY 17**  
HALLS | 4:00 PM  
Come join us for an hour of talking about your favorite spooky reads. There is no required reading. Come ready to talk about your favorite spooky juvenile and teen books and get reading recommendations from others.