

Chestatee Highlighter

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Annual Giving Campaign Results

Many thanks go out to everyone who contributed to our 2014 Annual Giving Campaign. Even during these turbulent economic times, many folks stepped in and helped support the efforts of Lumpkin and Dawson County Libraries, sending in \$6,046. Your generosity and support is sincerely appreciated.

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Word Chasers

Food for Fines Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in November's canned food drive. The Lumpkin County Library collected over 540 items which will go to The Community Helping Place and the Dawson County Library collected over 160 items which will go to Ric-Rac.



Spotlight on Services

ONLINE LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Did you know when you have a valid PINES library card you can access your library card account from any internet connection? When you register for a new library card, you are given a temporary PIN number by our library staff. Use this temporary PIN number to go online and set up a permanent password. Once you have your online account set up, you can search the PINES catalog (including the newly designed catalog for kids), renew your books, place items on hold, check your fines, and check the status of the books you have checked out. You can also create a reading list for books that you want to read in the future. There is a listing of all PINES libraries throughout the state, just in case you will be traveling and don't want to be without a library!

In addition to performing library-related tasks through your online account, your online password can also be used to access several free services that the library offers through our homepage at www.chestateelibrary.org. These free services include audiobook and eBook downloads, hundreds of free classes, and free access to databases such as the *Chilton's Manual, Fold 3* (a genealogy database), and *GALILEO* among others.

If you have a library card but have not yet set up your online account, or you have forgotten your PIN number, call the library. We'll be glad to reset your PIN number so that you can take full advantage of the benefits of having an online library account. Please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 or the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690 for more information.

Winter Story Times

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Dawson County Library - Ages 4 to 5

Thursdays at 11:00 AM

January 8th thru February 12th

Lumpkin County Library - Ages 2 to 5

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

January 7th thru February 11th

The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, finger plays, and crafts in addition to the stories. No pre-registration is required, but groups larger than five are requested to call at least two days in advance.

TOTALLY TODDLERS

Dawson County Library - Ages 2 to 3

Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

January 7th thru February 11th

TOTALLY TODDLERS is designed for children ages 2 to 3. The program is shorter than Movers and Shakers Story Time and offers age appropriate books, songs, and finger plays. Children in this age range tend to have a shorter attention span, so several short activities are used between each book in order to hold the child's interest.

A Year of Chocolate Could Be Yours from the Friends of Lumpkin County Library



Imagine giving your sweetheart a pound of chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day and then following that up, *every month for a year*, with a pound of chocolate sweets from Dahlonge's world-famous Fudge Factory.

A whole year of chocolate to give or just enjoy goes to the winner of the **Friends of the Lumpkin County Library Year of Chocolate raffle February 3**. With a target of matching a \$1,000 grant from the Modern Woodmen of America, and the generous support of The Fudge Factory, Friends plan to raise funds to enhance Lumpkin County Library's popular children's section.

The *Year of Chocolate Raffle* drawing will take place during the Dahlonge-Lumpkin Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, February 3, at the Spirits Pub in downtown Dahlonge. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing.

A single ticket is \$5 and four tickets are \$10. Tickets are on sale at *The Fudge Factory*, the **Lumpkin County Library** or from the *Friends' Board of Directors* (Diane Bates, Pat Laboa, Larry Mannis, Bonnie Morris, Sue Neil, Bill O'Leksy, Nan Peters, Eddie Wayne, and Pat Wozny).

Money from the Year of Chocolate fundraiser will go toward updating the 30 year-old children's area in the Lumpkin County library. The Friends plan to add new shelving and other items needed to make the children's section more functional and much safer. In 2014 the Friends successfully raised funds to restore the library's Public Meeting Room with new furniture and equipment.

The Friends' Annual Meeting is 6 p.m., January 8, 2015, in the Lumpkin Library's Public Meeting Room.

Thanks to You!

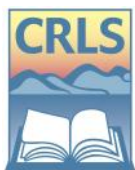
The following have given us 93.75 volunteer hours worth \$2,114.07 in December:

**Joyce Ball • Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament • Fran Bodman
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Linda Dobson • Nan Donay • Rebecca Fulton • Amy Hood
Don Keeney • Hazel Kilgore • William Knight • Leslie Kupkowski
Susan Newell • Barbara Reynolds • Susan Roof • Pam Sheffield
Jayne Steele • Michael Thomas • Emma Thomaswick
Ronald Thomaswick • Michael Tucker • Kayla Wyatt**

The following have given recent donations totaling \$2,902.69:

**Patricia Bauer & James Snow • The Community Foundation
Dawson County Friends of the Library • The Gratitude Group
Becky & Tom Robinson**

If you have made a donation or volunteered during December and your name is not listed, please accept our apology, and call us so we can correct our records.



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January Happenings

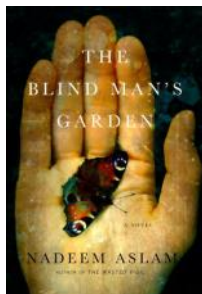
BOOKS

Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, January 08, 2015 1:00 PM

The Page Turners book discussion groups rotate discussing fiction, non-fiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! Please ask a staff member if you would like to reserve a copy of this month's book. The group will be discussing The Blind Man's Garden by Nadeem Aslam.



Happy Bookers

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, January 15, 2015 1:30 PM

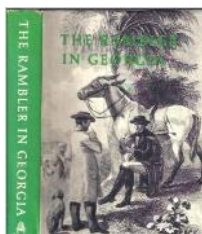
The Happy Bookers book discussion group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the library. The group rotates discussing fiction, nonfiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! For the January meeting, participants will be sharing their favorite book(s).

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Do you love reading books about Georgia History??? Then you will love to join this book club. The book club will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM. The book for January is The Rambler in Georgia by Mills Lane. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 06, 2015 All Day

Did someone buy you a Kindle Fire for a gift and you have no idea where to begin how to use it? Did you just buy your first iPad and have no idea to turn it on? Well look no further. Colby Hunter will be on call all day to answer any questions you have about your device. Registration is required. To register, call 706-344-3690.



Computer Basics Class

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, January 07, 2015 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

This computer class will focus on the basic parts of the computer, the ability to navigate through the Windows system and troubleshooting. No prior knowledge needed. Registration required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up. Class size is limited to 4.

E-Book/Zinio Q&A Sessions

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:30 - 5:30 PM

Do you need help downloading library e-books and/or digital magazines (Zinio) onto your Kindle, iPhone, Nook, or other device?

Schedule an individual 30-minute session with the Information

Specialist and get all your questions answered! Bring your device and we'll get you started. Registration is required, so call 706-864-3668 to sign up.



Google Chrome Class

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

This class will introduce the library's new Google Chromebox and Chromebook computers. Students will learn how they are different from Windows computers and will learn tasks such as printing, saving, taking screenshots, and typing documents. Pre-requisite: student must already have a Google (gmail) account. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up. Class size is limited to 4.



GENEALOGY

Genealogy Resources Class

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, January 10, 2015 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Have you just started genealogy research? Come see what resources are available at your library. A brief tour will be given of the genealogy room as well as an explanation of the different databases to which the library subscribes. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

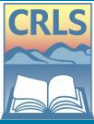


Genealogy Workshop

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, January 17, 2015 11:00 AM

Interested in learning how to use the web to trace your family roots? Volunteer William Knight will be on hand to share his knowledge and teach you how to use and access different databases available on the web. Whether you are a beginner or just looking for a new search tool, this class can help you. Registration is required. Call 706-864-3668.



JANUARY HAPPENINGS

FAMILY

Pajama Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, January 15, 2015 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 6:00 - 7:00 PM

You are welcome to wear your PJ's and bring your teddy bear to this special evening-edition of Storytime. We'll share a couple of stories and maybe a rhyme or two, and create a fun craft to take home. All ages welcome!



Totally Toddlers

Dawson County Library

Wednesdays, January 07, 14, 21, & 28, 2015 11:00 AM

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CHILDREN

Movers & Shakers Storytime

Dawson County Library - Ages 4 to 5

Thursdays, January 08, 15, 22, & 29, 2015 11:00 AM

Lumpkin County Library - Ages 2 to 5

Wednesdays, January 07 14, 21, & 28, 2015 11:00 AM

The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, fingerplays, and crafts in addition to the stories. No pre-registration is required, but groups larger than five are requested to call at least two days in advance.



TEENS & TWEENS

Book Scavenger Hunt and Pizza

Dawson County Library

Thursday, January 08, 2015 3:30 PM

This is your mission - should you choose to accept it! Race through the library, solve quirky, fun questions about books, and when your done - enjoy FREE pizza! A prize book will go to the winning person or team! Grades 6-12



Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, January 03, 2015 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Saturday, January 17, 2015 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Reading to dogs helps children build self-confidence in a comfortable, accepting environment. This is an opportunity for your child to practice his or her reading skills for fifteen minutes, working one-on-one with a therapy dog and his or her trainer. Register at the circulation desk or call 706-344-3690 in Dawson or call 706-864-3668 in Lumpkin.



Lego Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Join us for two rooms of LEGO building fun! We provide the LEGO's and you provide the talent! Grades K-5th and 6th-12th January's theme: Winter



Discovery Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Every 3rd Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new topic! Grades 6th - 8th. January's topic will be construction challenges.



Coming in Next Month...

Full STEAM Ahead for Tweens & Teen STEAM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:00 PM—*Tweens*

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:00 PM—*Teens*

Full STEAM ahead! Explore the wonderful worlds of science, technology, engineering, art, and math every month! Join us this month and learn all about our feathered friends - birds!

Full STEAM Ahead Family STEM Day

Lumpkin County Library - Family

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Ever want to see how a 3-D printer works? Curious about what your skin looks like under a microscope? Or How does that electrical circuit work? Stop by your local library and explore all of the neat gadgets that are available for you to try out. Explore your inner scientist, engineer, or math skills. FREE fun for all!

