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It's Full STEAM Ahead @ Your Library!

Due to a generous grant from the *Institute of Museum and Library Services*, the Dawson and Lumpkin County public libraries are excited to announce new *STEAM* (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) programming for the New Year!

You may have seen some of the fun and exciting things we have added to our collection! We've bought a 3D printer, binoculars, telescopes, GPS equipment, lots and lots of LEGOs, microscopes, kaleidoscopes, Makey Makey's, music kits, science books, Apple iPad's, Kindle Fires for kids, an assortment of animal displays (from feathers to scat!), just to name a FEW! We have backpacks you can check out for birding, pond & stream discovery kits and insect collecting. The list just goes on and on!

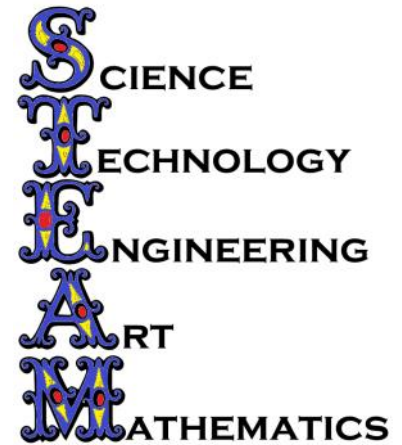
We'll kick things off this month with *Family STEM Days*. Have you ever wanted to see how a 3-D printer works, or are you curious about what your skin looks like under a microscope, or want to figure out how that electrical circuit works? Now's your chance! Visit the **Dawson County public library on Saturday, February 7th from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM** and the **Lumpkin County public library on Saturday, February 21st from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM** to explore all our new STEM materials your library now has to offer. These events are **FREE** and designed for the *whole family*.

We're moving full STEAM ahead with our tweens and teens, too! Beginning in February both Dawson and Lumpkin libraries will be offering monthly, themed STEAM programs beginning with a closer look at our feathered friends – birds – in February. (Please see page 2 for specific date and time information.) These programs are designed to engage patrons in grades K -12, and are free.

So join us at the library in 2015 as we discover new worlds together!

USED BOOK SALE AT THE LUMPKIN COUNTY LIBRARY

The Lumpkin County Library, in partnership with the Friends of Lumpkin Library, will be holding a used book sale on *Saturday, February 14, 2015, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm* in the downstairs book sale room of the library. Come and check out a great selection of fiction and nonfiction books, available for a great price! All proceeds will benefit the Lumpkin County Library. The library is planning to hold a regular monthly book sale the second Saturday of each month, so watch for reminders about dates and time.



Closed for Presidents' Day

The library will be closed on Monday, February 16 to observe Presidents' Day.

- Dawson County Library will re-open Tuesday, February 17th at 11:00 AM.
- Lumpkin County Library will re-open Tuesday, February 17th at 10:30 AM.
- Chestatee Satellite will re-open Thursday, February 19th at 2:00 PM.



New Program Series - STEAM



Full STEAM Ahead Family STEM Day

Dawson County Library

Saturday, February 07, 2015 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, February 21, 2015 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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 scientific, engineering, and math skills. FREE fun for all!

Each month we will be focusing-in on a topic related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math in a fun and hands-on way.

Full STEAM Ahead

Dawson County Library - Tweens

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

4:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library -

Grades K-5

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

February's program will be about fantastic feathered flyers - Birds! Try your hand at binoculars, participate in a "migration", and learn why birds have fascinated humans for ages.

Teen STEAM

Dawson County Library - Teens

Thursday, February 26, 2015

4:00 PM

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!



Thanks to You!

The following have given us 140.5 volunteer hours worth \$ 3,168.28 in January:

Raven Amey • Joyce Ball • Lois Barbee

Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament

Fran Bodman • Jody Carlson

Linda Dobson • Nan Donay • Ann Evans

Gavin Gates • Amy Hood • Don Keeney

Hazel Kilgore • William Knight

Leslie Kupkowski • Andrew Martin

Tommy Miklos • Susan Newell • Beth Paul

Danielle Reddish • Susan Roof

Regina Saponari • Pam Sheffield

Shannon Smith • Eydie Stegall

Erin Taylor • Michael Thomas

Emma Thomaswick • Ronald Thomaswick

The following have given recent donations totaling

\$ 2,608.83:

Anne Amerson • Reg & Ellen Barlament

William Burt • Richard & Marilyn Butler

Nichole Curney • Kathy Finley

Golden Stitches Quilters Guild

The Gratitude Group

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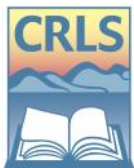
Walton & Jackie Peabody

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Terry Studebaker • Anon Westmoreland

Joyce White • Ann & Al Wimpy

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



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February Happenings

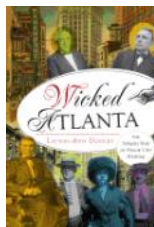
ADULT

Wicked Atlanta: The Sordid Side of Peach City History

Dawson County Library

Saturday, February 21, 2015 11:00 AM

Laurel-Ann Dooley, author of *Wicked Atlanta: The Sordid Side of Peach City History* will be here to take the audience on a journey through the underworld of Atlanta's past filled with kidnapping, bribery, wives hiring hit men and all sorts of other criminal debauchery. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Prominent Pioneer Families and Notable Confederate Officers of Forsyth County, Ga. 1832-1865

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 6:00-7:00 PM

Don Shadburn, a local historian and author, will be here to highlight a number of prominent pioneers and pioneer families of Forsyth County. Some emphasis will also be given to several notable Confederate Officers who served in the CSA from Forsyth County, as well as references to early records of the county that are essential for historical and genealogical research on the county's early history and pioneer families.



CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, February 07, 2015 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Saturday, February 21, 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 706-864-3668 in Lumpkin.

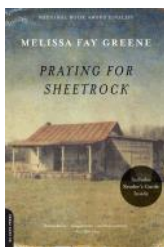
BOOKS

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 2:00 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 2:00PM. The book for February is Praying for Sheetrock: A Work of Nonfiction by Melissa Fay Greene. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!



Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, February 12, 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 Dressmaker by Kate Alcott. The Pageturners will not be meeting at the library, they will be meeting at a member's house. If you wish to get information and directions, contact Stacey at 706-344-3690 x21 or via e-mail sleonhardt@chestateelibrary.org.



Happy Bookers

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, February 19, 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! February's selection is The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, February 03, 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.

Introduction to the Internet

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, February 04, 2015 9:30 - 10:30 AM

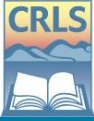
This class teaches a basic knowledge of the internet. Learn the parts of the Explorer window and how to navigate search engines (such as Google). Registration required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up. Class size is limited to 4.

Google Drive & Docs Class

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

In this class, students will learn how to create, edit and save documents, presentations, and spreadsheets using Google Drive and Google Docs. Participants should have a Google (Gmail) account and have basic computer and typing skills. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up. Class size is limited to 4.



FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

FAMILY

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a special evening storytime that will include a few stories, a craft, and snacks!



Pajama Storytime

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, February 19, 2015 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Put on your PJ's, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for family fun! Stories, crafts, and snacks!



GENEALOGY

Genealogy Workshop

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, February 21, 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.



STORY TIME

Movers & Shakers Storytime

Lumpkin County Library - Ages 2-5

Wednesdays, February 4 & 11, 2015 11:00 AM

Dawson County Library - Ages 4-5

Thursdays, February 5 & 12, 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.

Totally Toddlers

Dawson County Library

Wednesdays, February 4 & 11, 2015 11:00 AM

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 fingerplays. 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.

TWEENS & TEENS

Lego Club

Lumpkin County Library - Grades K-5th and 6th-12th

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Dawson County Library - Tweens

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:30 PM

Join us for two rooms of LEGO building fun!

We provide the LEGO's and you provide the talent.



Book Scavenger Hunt and Pizza

Dawson County Library - Teen

Wednesday, February 11, 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

Discovery Club

Lumpkin County Library - Grades 6-12

Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Every 3rd Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new science-y topic! Grades 6th - 8th. In honor of the Great Backyard Bird Count, February's topic will be "Birds 101".

Happy Valentine's Day

Coming in Next Month...

Read Across America Day

Dawson County Library

Monday, March 02, 2015 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Iconic Stone Mountain—From Early Beginnings to Stone Mountain Park Today

Dawson County Library

Saturday, March 07, 2015 11:00 AM

Lizzie Borden: The Cutting Edge

Dawson County Library

Saturday, March 28, 2015 7:00 PM

Evidence: Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Evidence

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 6:00 PM