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Storyteller Adam Booth

Nationally renowned musician and storyteller, Adam Booth will perform stories and songs of his native Appalachia at the *Dawson County Public Library on Saturday, April 18th at 11 AM*. Adam is an award-winning performer who has studied music with old-time traditional Appalachian musicians. He will share his expertise on the dulcimer during his performance, as well as weave stories. Adam has appeared in major conferences and festivals across the country – including being featured as a Teller-in-Residence at the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tennessee. His presentations include a unique blend of story, education, and traditional music. This FREE program is recommended for adults and teens and is sponsored by the Friends of the Dawson County Public Library.



Preservation Week Begins April 27th

Preservation Week Kick Off

Dawson County Library

Monday, April 27, 2015 All Day

Preservation @ your Library: Pass it On! gives us and you an opportunity to inspire action to preserve collections—in libraries, archives, and museums, of course, but especially the items held and loved by individuals, families, and communities. We will kick the week off by letting patrons bring in photos, letters, journals, etc. for them to be digitized and put on a flash drive (provided by the patron.) Patrons will also have the opportunity to donate to the library anything they have digitized. Our Information Specialist will be available all day for this digitization project. If you have any questions, please contact Colby Hunter at 706-344-3690 ex. 26 or chunter@chestateelibrary.org.



Moonshine: A History of Dawsonville

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 6:00 PM

Lifetime resident of Dawson County and local historian, Mike Miller, will be here to talk about how running moonshine through the foothills of the North Georgia Mountains was a way of life—and one that gave birth to NASCAR racing. Mike Miller is a frequent speaker on history of the county as well as a published writer of several different works. Miller is a retired Director of Technology of the Dawson County School System and currently is the Director of Organizational Membership for American Digital Corporation in Alpharetta, Georgia. This program is free and open to the public.



Preservation: Pass It On

Dawson County Library

Thursday, April 30, 2015 6:00 PM

We have family treasures; birth certificates, diplomas, and school papers that record our activities over the years. In order to preserve these gems for future generation to enjoy and use, we need to take action to properly store and protect them. To celebrate Preservation Week, Alix Bentrud, Preservation Services Librarian at LYRASIS, will be here to talk about storage and handling of these paper based historic items as well as the preservation needs of the treasures we are creating today.





Spotlight on Services

ONLINE GENEALOGY DATABASES

So you've decided to dig into your family history! Genealogy is a rewarding pastime, one that can bring a real sense of accomplishment and understanding to you and your family. Whether you are new to this addicting hobby, or whether you are looking for that elusive clue to fill in an empty branch on your family tree, Chestatee Regional Library System can help you fulfill either goal from the comfort of your own home. CRLS offers several online databases that you may access free of charge simply by having a valid PINES library card from either Lumpkin or Dawson County Libraries. Listed below are brief summaries of the online databases that you may access from home or anywhere you have an internet connection.

Fold3 by Ancestry.com provides convenient on-line access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who have served our country. Original records help you discover and share stories about forgotten soldiers and the families that supported them. You can combine records found on the site with what you have in your own albums and shoeboxes to create an online memorial for someone who served.

World Vital Records is one of the largest and most resourceful providers of digitized and searchable historical records anywhere! You can access records from the U.S., U.K., Europe and the rest of the world. Along with standard key collections such as the complete U.S. and U.K. census records and an enhanced Social Security Death Index, you will also find rare and exclusive collections, such as birth, marriage and death records and immigration records from Germany and other European countries. There are many historical photos and more than 1.5 billion family tree profiles.

Heritage Quest Online offers a collection of genealogical and historical sources - with coverage dating back to the 1700s - that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place's past. It offers primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids.

Georgia Archives, through the University System of Georgia, provides access to some of Georgia's most important historical documents, from 1733 to the present. Content includes virtual access to historic Georgia manuscripts, photographs, maps, and government records housed in the state archives. In fact, several photographs from the CRLS genealogy collection have been digitized and added to the Georgia Archives.

Family Search. Family search is operated by the largest genealogy organization in the world. (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). This free online database offers access to records from all over the world, allowing users to narrow their searches to a specific country or state. Family Search maintains a collection of records, resources, and services designed to help people learn more about their family history.

Thanks to You!

The following have given us 156.75
volunteer hours worth \$ 3,534.71 in March:

Raven Amey • Joyce Ball
Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament
Fran Bodman • Jody Carlson
Linda Dobson • Nan Dona
Ann Evans • Amy Hood
Don Keeney • Blake Ketels
Hunter Ketels • Hazel Kilgore
William Knight • Leslie Kupkoswski
Susan Newell • Beth Paul
Michelle Pollard • Danielle Reddish
Barbara Reynolds • Susan Roof
Pam Sheffield • Jimmy Shepard
Eydie Stegall • Michael Thomas

The following have given recent
donations totaling \$ 953.65:

Banister Funeral Home • Gratitude Group
Betty Powell • Dawson County Women's Club

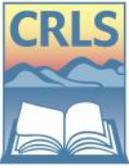
If you have made a donation or volunteered during March and your name is not listed, please accept our apology, and call us so we can correct our records.

Chilton Library On-Line @ Your Library



April has been designated as car care month. Why not take some time and make sure that your automobiles are in great running shape and ready for summer? CRLS makes this easier than ever by providing free access to Chilton's car manuals on-line! All you need is a valid PINES library card from either Dawson or Lumpkin County library to be able to access this resource through our website anywhere you have an internet connection! Standard features include step-by-step instructions, troubleshooting and diagnostic information, and much more.

No more lugging a five-pound book out to the garage and trying to hold it with one hand while you tighten a spark plug with the other. Now it as easy as going to www.chestateelibrary.org armed with just your library card!



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April Happenings

BOOKS

Page Turners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, April 09, 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 Midwives by Chris Bohjalian.

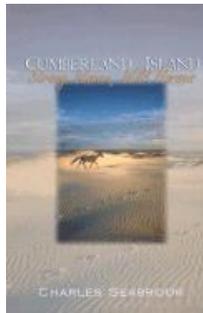


Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, April 15, 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 2:00PM. The book for April is Cumberland Island: Strong Women, Wild Horses by Charles Seabrook. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

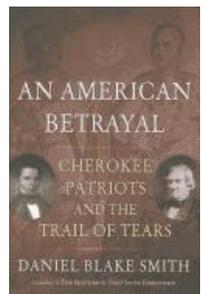


Happy Bookers

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, April 16, 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! April's selection is American Betrayal by Daniel Blake Smith.



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Email Basics Class

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, April 01, 2015 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Students will be given the chance to create an email account. This class will cover email basics such as sending and receiving emails, writing drafts, deleting messages, and attaching files. Students that sign up for the class should already have basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up. Class size is limited to 4.



Online Library Resources Class

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Join us for a session that will explore online resources offered by the Chestatee Regional Library System. You'll discover that your library is not just a place to check out books or use a computer. There are many resources you can access with your library card at the library AND from the comfort of your own home. Registration is 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, April 22, 2015 1:30 - PM 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.



GENEALOGY

Learning About the Georgia Archives

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 07, 2015 6:00 PM

Kenneth H. Thomas Jr., Genealogy Columnist for the Atlanta Journal Constitution, will be here to share his knowledge on the Georgia Archives. Attendees will find out what is at the Georgia Archives and why you need to visit to do research. Please join us for this one hour presentation.



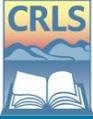
Blank or Prize: What You Need to Know About Georgia's Land Lotteries

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 6:00 PM

Linda Woodward Geinger, certified genealogist, will be here to show us how Georgia was unique in the method of distributing her lands via land lotteries from 1850 through 1833. She will also explain how surviving records may help you distinguish between two men with the same name or help you determine family relationships. At the very least the records may provide clues of residence that help compensate for loss of early federal census records in Georgia. This program is FREE and open to the public.





APRIL HAPPENINGS

Genealogy Workshop *Lumpkin County Library* **Saturday, April 18, 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.



Genealogy Resources Class *Lumpkin County Library* **Thursday, April 23, 2015 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

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.



FAMILY

Pajama Storytime *Lumpkin County Library* **Thursday, April 16, 2015 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** *Dawson County Library* **Tuesday, April 28, 2015 6:00 PM - 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!



CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs *Lumpkin County Library* **Saturday, April 04, 2015 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** *Dawson County Library* **Saturday, April 18, 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 706-864-3668 in Lumpkin County or 706-344-3690 in Dawson County.



Full STEAM Ahead—Grades K-5th *Dawson County Library* **Tuesday, April 07, 2015 4:00 PM** *Lumpkin County Library* **Tuesday, April 28, 2015**

4:00 PM 5:00 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 math and the world around us!



TWEENS & TEENS

Book Scavenger Hunt and Pizza *Dawson County Library* **Thursday, April 02, 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.



Lego Club *Lumpkin County Library - Grades K-5th and 6th-12th* **Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Dawson County Library - Tweens
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 3:30 PM
Join us for two rooms of LEGO building fun! We provide the LEGO's and you provide the talent! April's theme: Spring.



Teen STEAM—Grades 6th- 12th *Dawson County Library* **Thursday, April 16, 2015 4:00 PM**

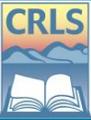
It's Teen STEAM! Explore the wonderful worlds of science, technology, engineering, art, and math every month! Join us this month when we have fun with numbers and math!



Discovery Club *Lumpkin County Library* **Tuesday, April 21, 2015 4:00 PM 5:00 PM**

Every 3rd Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new science-y topic! Grades 6th - 12th.





APRIL HAPPENINGS CONTINUED...

Story Time Continues

Movers & Shakers Storytime
Lumpkin County Library -
Ages 2 to 5, Wednesdays, April
1, 8, 15 & 22, 2015, 11:00 AM -
12:00 PM

Dawson County Library - Ages
4 to 5, Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16
& 23, 2015, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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, April 1, 8, 15 & 22,
2015

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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.



Shred Day

Thursday, April 23, 2015
Dawson County Library - 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Lumpkin County Library - 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
On Thursday, April 23, 2015, Chestatee Regional Library System will be offering a secure way to destroy confidential records. American Security Shredding will be bringing an On-site Shred Truck to shred personal documents free of charge. The event will be hosted at Dawson and Lumpkin County Library and is open to the public. Participants are invited to bring up to five boxes of confidential documents to shred. People can watch their materials being shredded on the truck's video display monitor. There is no need to remove paper clips, folders, notebooks, etc. The shredder schedule is as follows: Dawson County Library 10 AM-12PM Lumpkin County Library 1PM-3PM. For additional information call the Dawson Library at 706-344-3690 or the Lumpkin Library at 706-864-3668.

Used Book Sale

Lumpkin County Library
Saturday, April 11, 2015 11:00
AM—1:00 PM

In partnership with the Friends of Lumpkin Library, there will be a used book sale in the downstairs book sale room of the Lumpkin County Library. Come and shop for great books and great values!



Coming in May...

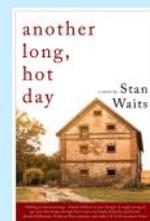
Kentucky Derby Party
Dawson County Library
Saturday, May 02, 2015 2:00 PM

You are cordially invited to our Kentucky Derby Party. Come eat appetizers, drink sweet tea, and merrily bet on your favorites while wearing your derby attire. Please RSVP 706-344-3690 chunter@chestateelibrary.org.



Another Long, Hot Day
Dawson County Library
Saturday, May 09, 2015 11:00 AM

Join us as author, Stan Waits talks about his new book, Another Long, Hot Day. Following their parents' violent deaths, Charlie and his three brothers are cast into the sometimes-brutal world of orphanage life. Against the backdrop of the racial injustice of Georgia in the 1960s, two old men--one white and one black--help Charlie discover his self-worth. Through hunting trips, hard work, and conversation, these two men guide Charlie through the emotional minefield between devastating loss and long-lasting peace.



Touch-A-Truck
Lumpkin County Library
Saturday, May 16, 2015 11:00 AM -
12:30 PM

Visit the library to get an up close view of trucks and other interesting vehicles. We are expecting a fire truck, garbage truck, semi-trailer truck, police car, and many more!



Wicked Atlanta: The Sordid Side of Peach City History—Dawson County Library
Saturday, May 16, 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. This event is sponsored by the Dawson County Friends of the Library. Light refreshments will be served.



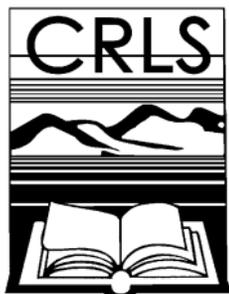
Teen Volunteers Needed!

Hey, teens! Are you looking for a way to fight boredom this summer and help your community at the same time? Need some volunteer hours for a service organization or to put on that college resume? If so, then the Chestatee Regional Library System is hoping that you will volunteer to help with our Vacation Reading Program this summer. We need volunteers from the end of May until the end of July to help on program days and at least one other day a week.



If you volunteer, you would be manning the registration table, signing kids up for the program, and recording reading time for participating children. You would help with prizes and help shelve books in the children's area, too. You will receive a free T-shirt, and we will provide you with a letter that certifies you were an official volunteer!

If you think that this opportunity is too good to pass up, then stop by the library to pick up an application packet. Once we have received your completed application, we will contact you to set up an interview date and time. If selected, we will then set up training and get ready to roll into Summer Reading. The deadline for applications is April 30. Please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 or the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690 with any questions.



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Teen Volunteer Form—Summer VRP 2015

Location (Please circle): Dawson County Lumpkin County

Last Name

First

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Work/Cell Phone

Email

Birthdate

What day(s) of the week are you available to volunteer?

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

What time(s) during these days are able to volunteer?

How often can you volunteer?

Do you have any physical limitations? If yes, please explain.

Why would you like to volunteer at the library?

Thank you for your interest in volunteering!

Signature: _____ Date: _____