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DAHLONEGA WOMAN'S CLUB MAKES DONATION TO THE LUMPKIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Leah Ratzel, President of the Dahlonega Woman's Club, is shown presenting a check for \$ 3,100.00 to Tracey Thomaswick, Branch Manager of the Lumpkin County Library. Each year, the DWC has donated the proceeds of the annual scarecrow event to the Lumpkin County Library. This year, the library will use the donated funds to purchase much-needed audiobooks and DVDs for the children's collection. In addition, the funds will be used to add to the library's online eBook selection for all ages.



Pictured in the photograph are, from left to right: Laura LaTourette, Chair of the Scarecrow Stomp, Tracey Thomaswick, Branch Manager of the Lumpkin County Library, Vicki Condrey, Vice President of the Dahlonega Woman's Club, and Leah Ratzel, President of the Dahlonega Woman's Club.

Food for Fines at Chestatee Regional Library System

From November 2nd-November 30th, Lumpkin County Library and Dawson County Library will accept 2 cans or boxes of non-perishable food for each one dollar of fines. Please note that fines can only be removed from items owned by, checked out from, and returned to Dawson and Lumpkin County Libraries. The food will then be distributed to local food pantries. This is an opportunity to clear up your library fines and make someone's holiday season better at the same time! For more information please call the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690 or the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668.



November is National Novel Writing Month

Ever thought about writing a novel? November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Local author Trisha Slay (www.trishaslay.com) will be hosting NaNoWriMo write-in events from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM every Friday evening in November at the Lumpkin County Library Community Room. NaNoWriMo is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. On November 1, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59 PM on November 30. For more information, free novel planning materials and free sign up, go to <http://nanowrimo.org>. Aspiring authors under 18 can join the Young Writers Program at <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org>. Any author who would like to work on a manuscript in an upbeat, collaborative environment is welcome to attend these write in sessions.

EARLY LEARNING FAMILY NIGHT

Mark your calendars and join us at the **Dawson County Public Library** the evening of Thursday, January 14th at 6 – 7:30PM for Early Learning Family Night! The Dawson County Public Library, Family Connection, and Wee Books are hosting an evening for families with children ages birth through Pre-K. Learn fun, hands on activities you can take home that will help prepare your child for reading and Kindergarten. Enjoy FREE dinner and child care (older siblings are welcome to join, as well). Every family participating will also receive a free picture book to enjoy, as well as one book per child from the Bookermobile. Spaces are limited, and reservations are required. To reserve your family's spot, please call the library at 706-344-3690 ex. 27.

Important Dates to Remember in November

- ◆ **Sunday, November 1st:** Daylight Saving Times ends. Be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour.
- ◆ The Chestatee Regional Library System will be closed **Wednesday, November 11** to observe Veterans' Day.
 - Dawson County Library* will re-open Thursday, November 12 at 10 AM.
 - Lumpkin County Library* will re-open Thursday, November 12 at 11:30 AM.
 - Chestatee Satellite* will re-open Thursday, November 12 at 2 PM.
- ◆ The Chestatee Regional Library System will be closed **Thursday, November 26—Saturday, November 28** to observe Thanksgiving Day.
 - Dawson County Library* will re-open Monday, November 30 at 10 AM.
 - Lumpkin County Library* will re-open Monday, November 30 at 10:30 AM.
 - Chestatee Satellite* will re-open Monday, November 30 at 10 AM.

Thanks to You!

The following have given us 88.5 volunteer hours worth \$ 2,058.51 in October:

Joyce Ball • Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament
 Jody Carlson • Linda Dobson • Nan Donay • Ann Evans
 Tracy Farris • Amy Hood • Don Keeney • Hunter Ketels
 Hazel Kilgore • Leslie Kupkowski • Marybeth Mitchell
 Susan Newell • Beth Paul • Michelle Pollard
 Betty Powell • Susan Roof • Pam Sheffield
 Michael Thomas • Trelle Wade

The following have given recent donations totaling \$ 3,630.00:

Dahlonge Women's Club
 Cheryl Hunt-Eskew
 National Storytelling Network

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



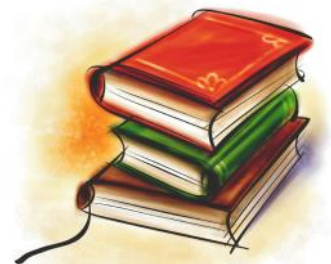
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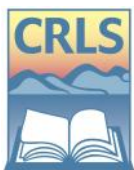
Lumpkin County Library
Saturday, November 7th, 2015 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

In partnership with the Friends of Lumpkin Library, there will be a book sale in the downstairs book room of the Lumpkin County Library. What a value! Hardcover books are only \$1 each, paperbacks are just \$0.50 each.

Mark your calendars – Rare books are returning at the December 5th book sale. Do you have someone who is just impossible to shop for during the holidays? Surprise them with a rare book! We will feature a collection of scarce, nifty, and downright interesting old books at the December sale. Books will be priced as marked.

We need volunteers! Do you want to be a part of the action? We would love to have you! Assistance is needed to run the book sales one Saturday per month, and to help keep the sale room organized. Interested? Please leave your name and phone number/email address with library staff members at the circulation desk, and a Friends of the Library member will contact you.





November Happenings

BOOKS

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 12:00 PM

The 641 Cookbook Club is a fun group of people who like to share recipes and get ideas from cookbooks in the library. There is a special display in the library featuring the cookbook for each month. Members of the group are asked to stop by the library and choose a recipe to make for the next meeting. Members are asked to check out the 641 section of the library (Dewey decimal number for cookbooks) and see if there is a cookbook that they would like to recommend for a meeting. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month for lunch. This month the group will be making recipes from Autumn with Family & Friends. Come hungry!

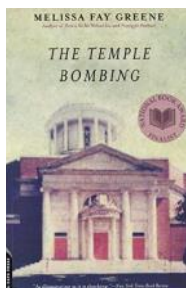


Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, November 18, 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 meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:00PM. The book for November is The Temple Bombing by Melissa Fay Green. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

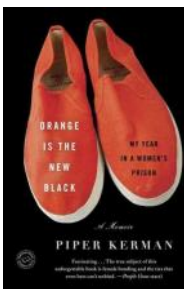


Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, November 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! November's selection is Orange is the New Black by Piper Kerman.

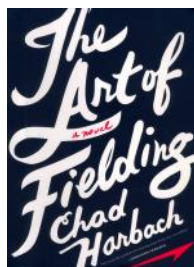


Page Turners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, November 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 Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach.



ADULT

"Just Words" Scrabble Club

Lumpkin County Library

**Tuesday, November 10 & 24, 2015
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for our new Scrabble Club. All materials will be provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome! Come have F-U-N!



Colorama Adult Coloring Program

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

**Wednesdays, November 4, 18, & 25,
2015 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

You are invited to the Adult Coloring Program @ Your Library. Drop in and be creative, de-stress, and color! All materials are provided. Ages 18 and up.



CHILDREN

Full STEAM Ahead

Lumpkin County Library

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

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. Join us this month to learn about animals. Open to students: K-5th grade.



Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

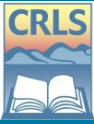
Saturday, November 7, 2015 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 5:45 - 6:45 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.





NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, November 3, 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.



Google Drive Class

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Did you know that in addition to email, Google offers much more? Google Drive is an additional feature that allows you to create, save and email documents from any computer or device that has internet access. This class will teach the basics of using Google Drive. Pre-requisite: participants must have a Google (Gmail) account. Registration required, with a class size limited to 5. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.



Pinterest for Beginners

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Interested in learning about Pinterest? This class will provide an overview of what Pinterest is, how to set up a Pinterest account, and how to use Pinterest. This is an introductory class and you don't need a Pinterest account to attend. But if you have an account, please bring your username and password. Laptops will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Class size limited to 4. Registration is required. Please call 706-344-3690 to sign up.



FAMILY

Theater Thursday

Lumpkin County Library

**Thursday, November 12, 2015
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Grab the family for free movie fun at the library. We will be playing Disney's Tangled, a lively retelling of Rapunzel. Free popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks too!



Pajama Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, November 19, 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. November's theme: Turkeys! All ages welcome!



Scrabble Rousers

Dawson County Library

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Do you have a way with words? Come join the Scrabble Rousers for a fun game of Scrabble. The program is FREE and the winner gets a prize!



GENEALOGY

Ancestry Library Edition Basics (Part 1)

Lumpkin County Library

**Thursday, November 19,
2015 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

This class is the first of two parts! An introduction to using Ancestry Library Edition (ALE), this database can be accessed from any of the library's public computers. If you've ever been interested in using Ancestry but didn't know where to start, this class is for you! Prerequisite: participants should have basic mouse and keyboard skills. Class size is limited to 5. Please call 706-864-3668 to register for the class. Please call 706-344-3690 to sign up.



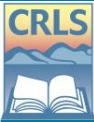
Genealogy Resources Class

Lumpkin County Library

**Thursday, November 5, 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.





NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Learning how to use Fold3 and World Vital Records Dawson County Library

Thursday, November 12, 2015 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This class will focus on two excellent genealogical resources available to library patrons: Fold 3 and World Vital Records.

Students will learn how to navigate within the websites for its maximum potential. Laptops will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Class size is limited to 6. Registration is required.



The Family Tree Genealogy Club Dawson County Library

Thursday, November 19, 2015
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Are you a professional genealogist or a beginner researcher? No matter which one, this club is for you. The club will get together to talk about tips they can offer to other researchers, genealogy brick walls they haven't been able to overcome, and you get to network with other genealogists. What could be more awesome than that? The club will meet the third Thursday of every month. For this club meeting, Dianne Bean Barfield will be here to show us how to search for colonial ancestors using manuscripts, land, church, and probate records. If you have any questions please contact Colby at 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or chunter@chestateelibrary.org



TEENS

Discovery Club Lumpkin County Library

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

Every 3rd Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new topic! This month, we'll be learning about animals and tracking. Open to grades 6th - 12th.



Teen STEAM Dawson County Library

Thursday, November 19, 2015 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Explore the wonderful worlds of science,



technology, engineering, art, and math every month! Join us this month and learn about animals!

Lego Club Lumpkin County Library Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:00 PM - 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. November's Theme: "Animals."



Full STEAM Ahead Dawson County Library Monday, November 16, 2015 4:00 PM

Full STEAM ahead! Explore the wonderful worlds of science, technology, engineering, art, and



Coming in December...

Art Exploration Dawson County Library

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Looking for a fun, artistic opportunity? Look no further! The library will be hosting monthly art programs for beginner adults to explore their artistic spirit. Every month students will work with a different art media. The masterpiece is up to you. Supplies are included and the entire program is FREE!!

Theater Thursday Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, December 10, 2015 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Grab the family for free movie fun at the library. We will be playing The Polar Express. Free popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks too!

Gingerbread House Workshop - Ages 3-17

Sign up begins on December 1st.

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Lumpkin County Library

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 12:30 - 1:30 PM, & 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Dawson County Library

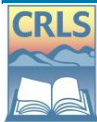
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM & 2:30 PM

Deck your gingerbread halls with gumdrops, peppermints, chocolate kisses and more! Space is limited. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk. \$5 donation requested.

Holiday Storytime Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, December 17, 2015 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Holiday Storytime! You are welcome to wear your PJ's and bring your teddy bear to this special evening holiday 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!



AS THE PAGES TURN

Have you ever wondered exactly what goes on behind the scenes at the library? Of course, staff members are here to check in and check out library materials, but you might be surprised at some of the other services, programs, and tasks we perform. We thought it might be fun to share some of the things that we have done over the last three months in this new feature: “As the Pages Turn”.

LUMPKIN COUNTY LIBRARY:

From July 2015 – September 2015

- We had 24,059 library visits and answered 1789 reference questions from patrons.
- 2015 Vacation Reading Program wrapped up with 331 children, 85 teens, and 197 adults signing up this summer.
- Trained new volunteers to help shelve and perform other library-related tasks.
- Procured books for fourteen local book clubs.
- Selected and ensured delivery of library books to three homebound patrons.
- Participated in the Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition Spelling Bee.
- Created a “Curious George” scarecrow as part of the Dahlonega Women’s Club Scarecrow Decorating event.
- Posted library events and news on the library Facebook and on “Say What You Want Dahlonega”.
- Offered free adult classes: Computer classes, eBook Q & A, beginning genealogy classes, introduction to Ancestry online, and many more.
- Offered free adult programs including Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group, new “Just Words” Scrabble Club”, and are getting ready for the new Colorama adult coloring program.
- Offered programs to children and teens including LEGO club, Discovery Club, Full STEAM ahead programs, storytimes, and family movie times.
- Provided a library tour to the residents of the Rainbow House so that the girls could become familiar with library resources.
- Partnered with the University of North Georgia/Center for Appalachian Studies to present “Seed Keepers and Their Stories”—highlighting the Heirloom seed program at UNG.
- Attended open houses at Lumpkin County Schools.
- Partnered with the Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition to obtain books for the library jail collection.

DAWSON COUNTY LIBRARY:

From July 2015-September 2015

- Over 600 people attended the Lifelong Learning programs at the Dawson Library.
- The “Book-A-Librarian” program continues to be popular. Information Specialist, Colby Hunter provided over 40 hours of one-on-one assistance with our patrons.
- The Dawson County library staff answered approximately 2,641 reference questions and had over 18,101 visitors to the library.
- Held our annual book sale on May 1st and 2nd. The library raised over \$500 from the sale.
- We held 8 Georgia history programs during this quarter.
- Exam proctoring was provided for distance learning students, with over 42 exams. The proctoring process resulted in \$630 in revenue for the library.
- CRLS received another STEAM grant through GPLS in the amount of \$10,000. The grant now includes the arts which the library will add supplies for programs that also nurture the arts.
- Library patrons now have MANGO languages access through GALILEO. This is a free service for Georgia Library card holders to learn a second language on their computer from home or in the library.
- The Adopt-A-Shelf program currently has 16 volunteers signed up.
- The Dawson County Friends of the Library provided staffing in the library parking lot for the Moonshine Festival to raise funds for the library.
- CRLS libraries are partnering with the Appalachian Studies center at NGU to offer a new heirloom seed dispenser at each library. There will be a kick-off program on October 17th from 10am-12pm. This will be an ongoing program at the library.

This is a just a short list of all that library staff do to help make the libraries a great and wonderful place for YOU!!