

# Chestatee Highlighter

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## Georgia libraries boost resources, services and hours to serve growing number of patrons



Once again proving their future is for expansion not extinction, public libraries in Fiscal Year 2015 continued to add patrons, resources, services and — for the first time in seven years, hours — to meet the needs of residents across the state.

"In a time when some people asked if libraries are still relevant, we were pleased to see that more than 200,000 people signed up for library cards this year," said State Librarian Julie Walker. "That's an impressive 5 percent increase in cardholders, pushing our total past 4.36 million."

Nearly 43 percent of all Georgians now hold a valid, and active, library card.

"More and more people of all ages are finding that their community libraries are evolving to match the technology of the times, continuing to offer reliable information, educational support at every level, innovative and entertaining programming and much more," Walker said.

Indeed, attendance at library programs spiked nearly 25 percent in FY2015, to 2,335,886. That eclipses the 20 percent increase in the number of programs offered.

Overall, Georgia's libraries once again welcomed nearly 30 million visitors last year.

"In addition to welcoming their traditional walk-in patrons, libraries have begun offering so many resources that can be accessed remotely from home or office," Walker pointed out. "These virtual library visits are becoming an increasingly popular alternative for those who are unable, for whatever reason, to visit in person."

The newest addition to GALILEO, Mango Languages, is proving to be a big winner for those accessing the suite on site and remotely through Georgia's public libraries. According to Wendy Cornelisen, assistant state librarian for library innovation and collaboration, residents took more than 15,000 of Mango's online courses in just the first three months.

The soaring nationwide popularity of e-book readers, including Kindle and Nook, is especially true in Georgia, Cornelisen noted.

"As various types of resources grow in popularity," she said, "libraries must continue to stretch their budget dollars to give patrons what they want. It is essential that libraries continuously reinvent themselves for changing times and provide access to content in all forms. Library administrators are making stronger efforts to track the number of downloadable resources and e-books that they are providing, so we have a clearer picture than ever this year of their importance.

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## Friends Gives Dawson County Library \$4000

During a special meeting on December 3, Friends of the Dawson County Library presented the library a check for \$4000 to be used for the purchase of new books in 2016.

Jim Murray, President of Friends, said, "This is the largest gift our organization has ever presented to the library. It was made possible by an increase in memberships over 2015, the success of our Great Dawson County Scavenger Hunt in June, and volunteers staffing the library's parking lot for the use of Moonshine Festival patrons." The gift was presented to Tina Jordan, Assistant Director of the Dawson County Library, Tracy Walker, Youth Services Coordinator, and Booker, the library dog.

After receiving the gift, Tina commented, "Due to the extraordinary need this budget year for funds to purchase books, this generous donation of \$4000 from the Friends of the Library is greatly appreciated". Tracy added, "Dawson is such an economically diverse county, and – with great thanks to the Friends of the Library - the Dawson County Public Library will be able to provide a wide variety of materials and free programming for families and children of all ages throughout the year."

Friends of the Dawson County Library is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. For information on how you might become involved, please call the library at 706-344-3690 or visit [www.dawsonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.dawsonlibraryfriends.org).



Photo caption: Jim Murray presents check to Tina Jordan, with Booker looking on. Others, from left to right, are Annette Fraumann, Tracy walker, Jim Hughes and Beth Paul

## Thanks to You!

The following have given us 90.5 volunteer hours worth \$ 2,105.03, in January:

Joyce Ball • Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament • Jody Carlson • Rose Dimattio • Linda Dobson • Nan Donay • Ann Evans • Don Keeney • Hazel Kilgore • Leslie Kupkowski • Maybeth Mitchell • Cara Mulkey • Susan Newell • Michelle Pollard • Susan Roof • Pam Sheffield • Michael Thomas

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

## Story Time Continues

### Movers and Shakers

*Lumpkin County Library - Ages 2-5*

Wednesday, February 3, 10, & 17, 2016 1:00 AM-12:00 PM

*Dawson County Library - Ages 4-5*

Thursday, February 4, 11, & 18, 2016 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*

Wednesday, February 3, 10, & 17 2016 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.



### TEENS AND TWEENS

#### Full STEAM Ahead

*Dawson County Library*

Tuesday, February 09, 2016 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 welcome the University of North Georgia Appalachian Studies Center to make seed bombs! Grades K-5

### Discovery Club

*Lumpkin County Library*

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 4:00 PM

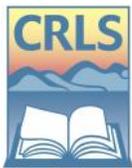
Every 3rd Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new topic! This month we have guest presenters from the University of North Georgia teaching us how to add beauty to the world with "Seed Bombs!" Open to grades 6th-12th.

### Teen STEAM

*Dawson County Library*

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 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 welcome the University of North Georgia Appalachian Studies Center to make seed bombs! Grades 6-12



## February Happenings

### BOOKS

#### **Nu2U Friends of the Library Book Sale**

##### ***Lumpkin County Library***

**Saturday, February 6, 2016 10:30 AM-1:30 PM**

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

#### **Author Book Signing**

##### ***Lumpkin County Library***

**Saturday, February 20, 2016 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Local author Judy Thomas will be holding a book signing of her newly published book, Nancy and the Magic Mirror. This is a story about a young girl who falls into a mirror and has a lot of adventures with the characters she meets. Come to the library to meet Judy and purchase a signed copy of her book!

#### **Georgia History Book Club**

##### ***Dawson County Library***

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:00 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 2:00P M. The book for February is An American Betrayal: Cherokee Patriots and the Trail of Tears by Daniel Blake Smith. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

#### **Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group**

##### ***Lumpkin County Library***

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 1:30 PM**

The Happy Bookers book discussion group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the library. The group rotates discussing fiction, non-fiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! February's selection will be Me Before You by JoJo Moye.

#### **Pageturners**

##### ***Dawson County Library***

**Thursday, February 11, 2016 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 Buffalo Soldier by Chris Bohjalian.

#### **641 Cookbook Club**

##### ***Dawson County Library***

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016 12:00PM**

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 Real Simple Meals Made Easy.

### ADULT

#### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

##### ***Lumpkin County Library***

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 12:00 PM-5:00 PM**

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Lumpkin County Library. You may register to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (Enter sponsor code: LUMPKIN), or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are also welcome. If you are going to donate, please eat iron rich foods, drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids, and get a good night's rest before donating blood.

#### **Art Exploration**

##### ***Dawson County Library***

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 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!! Registration required.

#### **Colorama Adult Coloring Program**

##### ***Lumpkin County Library***

**Wednesday, February 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2016 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

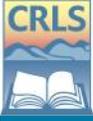
You are invited to the Adult Coloring Program at the Lumpkin County Library. Drop in and be creative, de-stress, and color! All materials are provided. Ages 18 and up.

#### **Just Words Scrabble Club**

##### ***Lumpkin County Library***

**Tuesday, February 9 & 23, 2016 1:00-2:00 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! provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome! Come have F-U-N!



## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

### CHILDREN

#### Lego Club

*Dawson County Library*

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 4:00 PM**

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016 4:00 PM**

You bring the imagination and we bring the LEGOS! Every month has a different theme. Join us for LEGO fun. All ages welcome!

#### Reading to Dogs

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Saturday, February 6, 2016 1:00 PM-2:00 PM**

*Dawson County Library*

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016 5:45PM-6:45PM**

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.

#### Full STEAM Ahead

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016 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. This month we have guest presenters from the University of North Georgia teaching us how to add beauty to the world with "Seed Bombs!" Open to students: K-5th grade.

### COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

#### Gadget Overload

*Dawson County Library*

**Tuesday, February 2, 2016 All Day**

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Thursday, February 25, 2016 1:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Do you have a new Kindle Fire or iPad but don't know where to start? Do you want to learn how to download eBooks? Look no further! The Information Specialist will be available to answer any questions you have about your device. Registration is required. To sign up, please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 or the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690.

#### Online Classes Through Your Library

*Dawson County Library*

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016 2:00PM-3:00PM**

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9:30 AM-10:30 AM**

Learn how to use the online class websites, Universal Classroom and Learning Express. Students will be shown how to create an account, how to sign-up for a class, and how to navigate your student account. Class is limit to 4. Registration is required. Please call 706-344-3690 ext. 26 to sign-up in Dawson County or call 706-864-3668 in Lumpkin County.

#### Pinterest for Beginners

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 9:30 AM-10:30 AM**

This class will provide an overview of Pinterest, how to set up an account, and how to use it. This is an introductory class and you don't need a Pinterest account to attend. If you already have a Pinterest 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 706-864-3668 to sign up.

### FAMILY

#### Pajama Storytime

*Dawson County Library*

**Tuesday, February 09, 2016 6:00 PM**

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 6:00 PM**

Put on your snuggliest PJ's, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for storytime fun. We'll share stories, make crafts, and enjoy a snack. Fun for the whole family!

#### Theater Thursday

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Thursday, February 11, 2016 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Grab the family for free movie fun at the library! We will be playing Disney/Pixar's delightful movie *Inside Out*. Free popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks too!

### GENEALOGY

#### Family Tree Genealogy Club

*Dawson County Library*

**Thursday, February 18, 2016 11:00 AM-12:00 AM**

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. If you have any questions please contact Colby at 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or chunter@chestateelibrary.org

#### Finding Your Roots Online

*Lumpkin County Library*

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Get an introduction to online resources for genealogical research provided by the Lumpkin County Library. Class size is limited to 5. Prerequisite: basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

#### Using Digitized Newspapers for Genealogy Research

*Dawson County Library*

**Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

From the Dawson County newspaper archives, learn which newspapers are available at the library and how to use them for genealogical research. Class is limit to 4. Registration is required. Please call 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or email chunter@chestateelibrary.org to sign-up.