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A Fond Farewell...

It is with mixed emotions that I write this message for the Chestatee Highlighter. As of April 1, 2016 I will retire after 35 years working in a public library. I began my library career in 1981, working as a Circulation Assistant at the public library in Dodge City, Kansas. I loved working at the library and with much encouragement, went on to finish my Bachelor's degree in Business Management, and then my Masters in Library Science.

I came to work for the Chestatee Library System as Associate Director in August of 1997. Lyn Hopper was the Director at that time and it was an honor to work with her. Through the years I have worked with so many wonderful people, both employees and board members. There have certainly been ups and downs, the worst being the drastic budget cuts we began to experience in 2008. Hopefully things are looking up and the budget will one day soon be back to the level it was eight years ago.

Public Libraries are a huge asset to any community. They provide opportunities to everyone; the freedom to read, learn, and expand horizons. As a child, my grandmothers read to me daily. Once I was old enough, we took weekly trips to the library to browse the stacks and find that perfect book to read the next week. I have never forgotten those trips and that is one of my most cherished childhood memories.

So, although I am somewhat sad at leaving this wonderful place to work, I also look forward to my future. I plan on traveling a good deal in our 5th wheel camper, being more active as a CASA volunteer, working on my family history, and rediscovering all of my many hobbies.

The new Director, Leslie Clark, will be here March 1 and we will work together to make this transition as smooth as possible. I want to leave you with one thought in mind. Please, support your public library! It is your gateway, now and forever to a world beyond.



Come Join Us to Celebrate Claudia's Retirement!

Saturday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m.

at the

Bowen Center for the Arts

334 Highway 9 North, Dawsonville, GA 30534

There is ample parking in the middle school parking lot next door.
No RSVP necessary!

STORYTIMES

Totally Toddlers

Dawson County Library

Wed., March 16, 23, 30, 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.

Movers and Shakers

Dawson County Library

Thursdays, March 17, 24, 31, 2016 11:00 AM

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, 2016 11:00 AM

Movers and Shakers is intended for children ages 4 to 5. We hope this will be a fun and exciting experience for you and your child. No pre-registration is required, but groups larger than five are requested to call at least two days in advance. The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, finger plays, and crafts in addition to stories.

FAMILY

Pajama Storytime

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 08, 2016 6:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 17, 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!



Lego Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 09, 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!



Art Exploration Junior

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 4:00 PM

Join us for a monthly art adventure! We provide the materials, you provide the creativity! FREE for grades K-5.

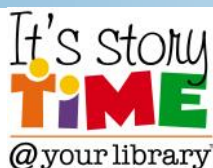


Theater Thursday

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Grab the family for free movie fun at the library! We will be playing Disney/Pixar's futuristic movie "Wall-E". Free popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks too!



PREVIEW OF THE DAHLONEGA LITERARY FESTIVAL AT THE LUMPKIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Currently at the Lumpkin County Library, you can find a display of books that have been written by authors who will be attending the Dahlonega Literary Festival on March 12 and 13th. Many of the authors donated copies of their books, which have been cataloged and placed in the library's collection. Some of the authors attending already had books on the library shelves, such as Joshilyn Jackson, Jackie Cooper, and Cherie Priest. The books on display are available for checkout. Stop by the library for a sneak peak at some of the authors' works.

For more information about the display, please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668. For more information about the Literary Festival, or for a complete listing of activities and attending authors, please visit:

www.literaryfestival.org.



Thanks to You!

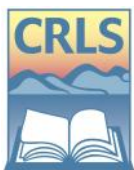
The following have given us 34 volunteer hours worth \$ 757.03, in February:

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

The following have given recent donations totaling \$ 535.00.00:

Chestatee Book Group • Paige and Steven Ferrell • The Gratitude Group • Gregory and Linda Gilbert Douglas and Melanie Knauff • Christopher Rhone

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.



March Happenings

BOOKS

Nu2U Friends of the Library Book Sale

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, March 05, 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. This month, we are featuring a special on non-fiction political and current affairs titles: Buy two, get one free. Additionally, we will have a selection of rare, old, and simply nifty books priced \$15 and under. Come and shop for great books and great values and help support the Friends of the Lumpkin County Library.

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 12:00 PM

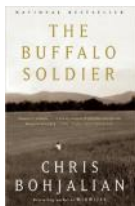
The 641 Cookbook Club is a fun group of people who like to share recipes and get ideas from cookbooks in the library. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month for lunch. This month the group will be making recipes from "Cooking for Two!" Come hungry!

Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, March 10, 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



Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 2:00 PM

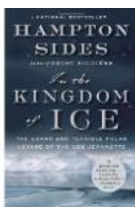
Do you love reading books about Georgia History??? Then you will love this book club! The book club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 2:00PM. The book for March is A Changing Wind by Wendy Venet. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 17, 2016 1:30 PM

The Happy Bookers book discussion group meets the third Thursday of each month at the library. The group rotates discussing fiction, nonfiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! March's selection will be "In the Kingdom of Ice" by Hampton Sides.



ADULT

Colorama Adult Coloring Program

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, March 02-30, 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

Tuesdays, March 08 & 22, 2016 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Join us the second and fourth 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!

Art Exploration

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 09, 2016 1:00 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 medium the masterpiece is up to you. Supplies are included and the entire program is FREE!! Registration required.

CHILDREN

Read Across America Day

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 01, 2016 10:30 AM

I like reading in a boat, I like reading with a goat, I like reading here and there, I like reading EVERYWHERE! Join us for some stories and a piece of cake when we celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday!



Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

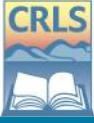
Saturday, March 05, 2016 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 5:45 PM-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 706-344-3690.





MARCH HAPPENINGS

Computers & Technology

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 01, 2016 All day

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:30 AM-2:30 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 all day to answer any questions you have about your device. Registration is required. To sign up, please call the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690, or the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668.

Computer and Internet Basics

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 02, 2016 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM

This class will teach the basics of using a Windows computer, including troubleshooting. We will also explore the basics of internet navigation. No prior knowledge is required. Class size is limited to 4. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.



Instagram for Beginners

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 02, 2016 11:00 AM

Instagram is a popular social network application that allows you to upload, edit, and caption your own photos. This class will show students how to manage your account, take pictures and use Instagram. Class size is limited to 4. Registration is required. Please call 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or email chunter@chestateelibrary.org to sign-up.

Using Your PINES Library Account

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

This class will cover setting up your PINES library account, renewing items you've checked out, placing items on hold, and saving books and movies to lists. We'll also go over the new features your library account offers, such as opting-in to holds and checkout history. Class size is limited to 4. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

GENEALOGY

Family Tree Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, March 17, 2016 11:00 AM

Are you a professional genealogist or a beginner researcher? No matter which one, this club is for you! Share tips and tricks with other researchers, get advice on genealogy brick walls you haven't been able to overcome, and 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



Genealogy for Beginners

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 2:00 PM

Intended for those who are new to genealogy, this class will cover the basics of how to begin your research, what resources are available, and the basic forms used to help you stay organized. Registration is required, with a class size limited to 5. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

Finding Your Roots Online

Dawson County Library

Thursday, March 24, 2016 11:00 AM

Get an introduction to online resources for genealogical research provided by the Dawson County Library. Class is limited to 4. Registration is required. Please call 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or email chunter@chestateelibrary.org to sign-up.

Using Ancestry Library Edition

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 31, 2016 2:00 PM

Ancestry Library Edition (which is free when accessed from any of the library's computers) can be used to research your family history. This is an introductory class for Ancestry Library Edition (ALE). Prerequisite: basic mouse and keyboard skills. Class size is limited to 5. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

TEENS & TWEENS

Teen STEAM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 15, 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 explore rocks and minerals! Grades 6-12

Lego Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 08, 2016 4:00 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. March's Theme: "Symmetry."

Full STEAM Ahead

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 4:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 4:00 PM

It's Full STEAM Ahead! Explore the wonderful worlds of science, technology, engineering, art, and math every month! Join us this month at Dawson when we explore rocks and minerals! At Lumpkin we will try our hand at using a map and compass! Grades K-5

Discovery Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 4:00PM

Every third Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new topic! This month we will be trying our hand at using a map and compass. Open to grades 6th - 12th.