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LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF...

My name is Leslie Clark and I am your new library director. I started my library adventure in Hall County in 2002 where I worked in multiple departments. In Hall County I was fortunate to open the Spout Springs Library in Flowery Branch in 2008. That was a great opportunity. From there I moved to branch manager of Collins Hill Library in Gwinnett County in 2010. I learned many useful things there that have already benefited me and the staff here at Chestatee Regional Library System. Currently, I am participating in PINNACLE Leadership training with GPLS-Georgia Public Library Service. Only 22 public librarians were selected across the state of Georgia. This program will end with a presentation at the GLA-Georgia Library Association in October.



I love all things library. Often in interviews for library positions the candidate will be asked, "So why do you want to work in a library"? Often the response is, "I like books" or "I like to read". I am no exception. I also like books and reading but there is so much more to experience at the public library. I am passionate about getting the word out to our citizens that there is something for everyone at the library. In addition to the traditional books and magazines the library has genealogy resources to explore their family tree. Ebooks, eaudiobooks and digital magazines that can be downloaded to a personal device. The library provides databases where one can learn a foreign language, practice for a college entrance exam or get scholarly articles for homework assignments. The library also has programs for all age groups. There is truly something for everyone at the library. When people ask me what I do for a living I say something like *"I transform lives by providing people the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills. I give them the chance to use technology in ways they never dreamed possible. I offer them space to explore new worlds, discover new things, and have adventures. Finally, I provide a place for personal retreat or refuge. I am a librarian."* If you don't have one already, stop in today and get a FREE library card and begin your own adventure.

**NEW!! LEGO's for Adults
 at the Lumpkin County Library**

Who says that LEGOs are just for kids?? The Lumpkin County Library will be hosting LEGO days for adults! Stop in at the library anytime on Saturday, April 16, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or Thursday, April 28, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., and let your inner child go wild! All LEGOs will be provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own LEGOs as well. The theme for the Adult LEGO day will be "Anything Goes!" This program is intended for ages 18 & up. You are welcome to bring snacks or drinks to help your creative juices flow!

All creations will then be highlighted in our library display case to prove that all ages can be LEGO geniuses.

FREE MOVIE MONDAY

STAR WARS.

THE FORCE AWAKENS

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 4:00PM

DAWSON COUNTY LIBRARY

Rated PG-13



Lumpkin Friends

Raise Funds for Summer Reading Program

The Friends of Lumpkin Library's Year of Chocolate raffle last month raised more than \$3,500 for the Lumpkin Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program.

"Hundreds of chocolate lovers purchased raffle tickets in hopes of winning the grand prize, 12 months Dahlenega Fudge Factory chocolate," said Diane Bates, Lumpkin Friends Chairperson. "Those ticket sales plus a \$1,000 matching grant from the Modern Woodmen of America gives us enough money to fund an exciting summer program for our library."

The funds will be used for materials, performer fees, prizes and other needs for the summer program. "The 'Summer Slide' where children fall months behind in reading is well documented, says Lumpkin Library Branch Manager, Tracey Thomaswick. "By offering the vacation reading program, we will promote activities that encourage continued reading and literacy, even when school is not in session."

Last year more than 700 children, teens, and adults participated in the summer reading program. The Lumpkin Friends, a non-profit supporting the needs of Lumpkin County Library, hope that the raffle donations will allow the library to expand the programs and incentives.

Success for the second annual Year of Chocolate fundraiser is due to Tony Owens and the Fudge Factory for donating delicious prizes; Brian Denney and the Modern Woodmen of America for their matching grant; the Holly Theater for hosting the raffle drawing; the Lumpkin Library staff for promoting the raffle; and all the Friends of the Library members who sold tickets.



Left photo: Modern Woodmen present \$1,000 check



Right photo: Chocolate raffle winner, Ms. Dale & Youth Services Librarian, Andrea Tucker

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, April 02, 2016 1:00-2:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 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 Lumpkin at 706-864-3668 and Dawson at 706-344-3690 to sign up.

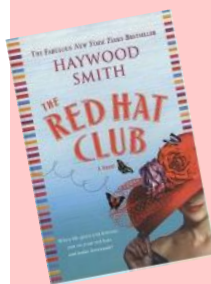


Friends of the Dawson County Library presents: Author, Haywood Smith

Dawson County Library

Saturday, April 16, at 11:00AM

Come join us as bestselling author, Haywood Smith will speak about her newest book, "Queen Bee Goes Home Again." The event is FREE and copies of her book will be available to purchase! Light Refreshments will be served.



THANKS TO YOU!

The following have given us 94 volunteer hours

worth \$ 2,068.00 in April:

Joyce Ball • Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament • Jessica Blount • Judy Cahill • Jody Carlson • Rose Dimattio • Linda Dobson • Nan Donay • Ann Evans • Amy Hood • Don Keeney • Hazel Kilgore • Marybeth Mitchell • Susan Newell • Michelle Pollard • Susan Roof • Pam Sheffield • Erin Seng • Evelyn Shirley • Michael Thomas • Trelle Wade

The following have given recent donations totaling \$ 2,445.00:

Dawson Co Historical and Genealogical Society • The Gratitude Group • Friends of Dawson County

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.

STORYTIME

Movers and Shakers

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, April 06-20, 2016 11:00 AM

The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, fingerplays, and crafts in addition to the stories.

Movers & Shakers Storytime is designed for children ages 2 to 5. Theme: Manners

Totally Toddlers

Dawson County Library

Wednesdays, April 06- 20, 2016 11:00 AM

Totally Toddlers has storytime and activities designed for children ages 2 to 3.

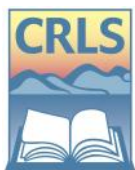
Movers and Shakers

Dawson County Library

Thursdays, April 07-21, 2016

Movers and Shakers is intended for children ages 4 to 5.

The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, finger plays, and crafts in addition to stories.



BOOKS

Nu2U Friends of the Library Book Sale

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, April 02, 2016 10:30AM- 2:30PM

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.

Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, April 14, 2016 1:00 PM

The Pageturners book discussion groups rotate discussing fiction, non-fiction, and award-winning books. The group will be discussing *Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894* by Daniel James Brown

Author Talk: Haywood Smith

Dawson County Library

Saturday, April 16, 2016 11:00 AM

Best selling author, Haywood Smith, will be at the Library to speak about her newest book, "Queen Bee Goes Home Again." Her six earlier novels, have won her critical acclaim and many fans. Her recent novels, including "The Red Hat Club," and "Ladies of the Lake," . The event is FREE and sponsored by Friends of the Dawson County Library.

Free Shredding Day

Dawson County Library

Monday, April 18, 2016 10:00AM-12:00PM

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, April 18, 2016 1:00- 3:00PM

American Security Shredding will be bringing an on-site Shred Truck to shred personal documents free of charge. Participants are invited to bring up to five boxes of confidential documents to shred.

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:00 PM

The book club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 2:00PM. The book for April is Everything That Rises Must Converge by Flannery O'Connor. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, April 21, 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! April's selection: "Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin.



ADULT

Naughty Women, Lovely Tea

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 05, 2016 11:00 AM

Enjoy tea and refreshments (and chocolates, of course) as historian Sloane Meyer delves into the lives and psyches of some fascinating women. Reservations are required by calling 706-344-3690.

Colorama Adult Coloring Program

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, April 06-27, 2016 11:00AM-1:00PM

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, April 12 & 26, 2016 2:00-4:00 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, April 13, 2016 1:00 PM

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

Art Explorer, Jr.

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4:00-5:00 PM

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

Full Steam Ahead

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 4:00 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. April's topic: Bugs! Open to students: K-5th grade.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gadget Overload

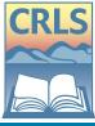
Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 05, 2016 All day

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, April 14, 2016 1:30-6:00 PM

Did someone buy you an electronic device for a gift and you have no idea how to use it? Make an appointment with our gadget experts by calling the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690, or the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668.



APRIL HAPPENINGS

ADULT (CONT'D)

Pinterest for Beginners
Dawson County Library

Wednesday, April 06, 2016 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

This class will provide an overview of what Pinterest is, how to set up a Pinterest account, and how to use Pinterest. If you have an account, please bring your username and password. Registration is required, call 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or email chunter@chestateelibrary.

Using Mango Languages
Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, April 06, 2016 9:30-10:30 AM

Learn a new language with our NEW Mango Languages database. Students will learn how to create an account, select a language, and how to navigate their account. Registration is required, by calling 706-864-3668.

Email Basics
Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:30 AM

This class will cover topics such as sending and receiving emails, deleting messages, and attaching files. Prerequisite: basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

FAMILY

Pajama Storytime
Dawson County Library

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 6:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, April 21, 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, April 13, 2016 4:00 PM

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, April 12, 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!



Theater Thursday
Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, April 14, 2016 5:00 PM

Grab the family for free movie fun at the library! We will be playing Lucasfilm's animated fairytale "Strange Magic". Free popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks too!

GENEALOGY

Genealogy Resources Class
Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:30-10:30 AM

If you've just started genealogy research, come see what resources are available at Lumpkin County Library. Part of this class will include a tour of the genealogy room and a brief explanation of the genealogy databases. Please register by calling 706-864-3668.



Family Tree Genealogy Club
Dawson County Library

Thursday, April 21, 2016 11:00 AM

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. The club will meet the third Thursday of every month.

Using FamilySearch.org
Dawson County Library

Thursday, April 28, 2016 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Learn about the FamilySearch.org website and how to use it to search for records, build a family tree, and order microfilms. Registration is required by calling 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or email chunter@chestateelibrary.org.

Using Fold3 and World Vital Records

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, April 28, 2016 2:00 PM

Students will learn how to navigate within the websites and learn what kinds of resources are available. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

TEENS

Discovery Club
Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 4:00 PM

Every third Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new topic! Crickets and worms and millipedes... Oh My! This month we will be investigating insects and other creepy-crawlies! Open to grades 6th - 12th.



Full STEAM Ahead
Dawson County Library

Wednesday, April 20, 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 when we explore the great outdoors! Grades K-5

Teen STEAM
Dawson County Library

Thursday, April 21, 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 the great outdoors! Grades 6-12