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Thank You For Celebrating With Us!

Libraries across the nation celebrated National Library Week during the month of April, and the Chestatee Regional Library System was no different. The theme for this year's National Library Week was "Libraries: We Do More Than Books." In keeping with the theme, we asked our patrons to name their favorite item or service that we offer, other than our wide selection of books. The top answers were computers, DVDs, family friendly programs, cake pans, and telescopes. Patrons were also able to share additional comments, and we received not one negative comment. In fact, 90% of you told us what a wonderful staff and library we have. For that, we say thank you!

During library week, some patrons were surprised to learn all that we DO offer other than books. Here are some of them:

FREE Zoo Atlanta passes, Downloadable E-books & audiobooks, GA State Park Passes, Homebound Delivery, Notary & Fax service, GPS for geocaching, Video Games, Mango Foreign Languages, Telescopes, Free WiFi, Cake Pans, Binoculars, Tents, Exam Proctoring, Genealogy Assistance, FREE Ancestry.com access, New Release DVDs, Book Clubs, Cookbook Club, Art Exploration Club, Storytimes, Free Online Magazines, Book-A-Librarian appointments, FREE passes to the Center for Puppetry Arts, and much more!

New things are being added all the time, so if you haven't been by the library recently, be sure to check us out!



Spreading the word by giving away pencils that list some of our library services.



Gift basket winner, Jane Miller



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Join us for a Southern Belle Storytime Tea

Saturday, May 21, 2016
Lumpkin County Library
 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

In partnership with the Dahlonega Women's Club, the Lumpkin County Library is pleased to announce the first annual Southern Belle Storytime Tea. Join us at the Lumpkin County Library on Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. for a fun time of refreshments, stories, and crafts. This special storytime is open to those up through fifth grade, and we encourage parents to attend the tea as well. Gals of all ages are welcome to wear their best Southern attire and gents can wear the clothing of a Southern beau. However, this is optional, and we welcome you to "come as you are" as well and join us for "tea", refreshments, and other fun activities. Following the tea, participants will be treated to the reading of "Miss Spider's Tea Party" and other stories, as well as a working on a take-home craft. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 or stop by the front desk to sign up for this "Tea"-riffic event!

NEW !

**Gold Diggers Genealogy Club at the
Lumpkin County Library
First Meeting: Monday, May 9
11:00 AM – 12:00 p.m.**

The Lumpkin County Library is starting its very own Genealogy Club! The Gold Diggers Genealogy Club will meet on the second Monday of every month at 11:00 a.m. and will be a forum for genealogy novices, experts, and everyone in between! Are you a long-time researcher looking to connect with fellow genealogists? Have you been considering doing family research but don't know where to start? Are you stuck on that final piece of your genealogical puzzle? You might find someone who can answer one of your questions, or perhaps you'll meet someone else researching the same folks as you, and you can compare notes. Club meetings will be informal and will provide a place for you to socialize with others interested in genealogy. Agnes Gore, the information specialist at the Lumpkin County Library, will be available to answer questions and point the way to library resources that may be of help. Take this opportunity to meet with others who share a passion for genealogy. You might just make a connection! Some months, there will be speakers or presenters on different genealogy-related topics. If you cannot make it to this meeting, the Dawson County Library also has a genealogy club. The Family Tree Genealogy Club meets at the Dawson County Library on the third Thursday of each month, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

No registration is required. The first meeting of the Gold Diggers Genealogy club will meet in the Georgia History/ Genealogy Room of the Lumpkin County Library on Monday, May 9, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Stop by if you enjoy "digging" into genealogy.

Movie Monday

Join us for Movie Monday on

May 09, 2016 at 12:00PM.

May's feature film is

Gone With the Wind.

The movie and popcorn are FREE!

Bring a friend!



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 Dawson County is hoping that you will volunteer to help with our Vacation Reading Program this summer. We need volunteers from the beginning of June until the end of July to help on program days (Wednesdays beginning June 3) either morning shift (11:00 – 2:00 pm) or afternoon shift (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and one other day during the week Wednesdays 10:00 am-1:00pm.

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 May 13. Please call Tracy Walker at the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690 for any questions.



Thanks to You!

The following have given us 100 volunteer hours

worth \$ 2,194.50 in Month:

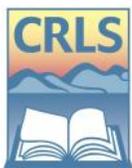
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Linda Dobson • Ann Evans • Ahmed Syeed • Joyce Ball •
Judy Cahill • Nan Donay • Amy Hood • Jim Hughes •
Hazel Kilgore • MaryBeth Mitchell • Jim Murray • Susan
Newell • Beth Paul • Michelle Pollard • Susan Roof •
Erin Seng • Pam Sheffield • Evelyn Shirley •
Michael Thomas

The following have given recent donations totaling

\$ 1,175.00:

Dawsonville Lions Club • Michael & Susan Poynter •
Christopher Rhone •
James & Barbara Watson • Gregory & Linda Gilbert

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



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May Happenings

BOOKS

Nu2U Friends of the Library Book Sale Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, May 07, 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.

Gently Used Book Sale

Dawson County Library

Friday & Saturday, May 6-7 10:00 AM-3:30PM

Stop by the library to purchase some great used books.

ADULT

Colorama Adult Coloring Program

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, May 04-25, 2016

11:00 AM-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.

Movie Monday

Dawson County Library

Monday, May 9, 2016 12:00PM

Join us for Movie Monday on May 9, 2016 at 12:00PM. May's feature film is "Gone With the Wind." The movie and popcorn are FREE! Bring a friend!

Just Words Scrabble Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesdays, May 10 & 24, 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!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 12:00 -5:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 1:00-6:00 PM

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Library. You may register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org (Enter sponsor code: LumpkinLib or DAWSON), 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, May 11, 2016 1:00PM

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.

Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, May 12, 2016 1:00PM

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 "Dead Wake" by Erik Larsson.

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 12:00PM

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 May is "Dam Break" by K. Neill Foster. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, May 19, 2016 1:30-3:00 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! May's selection will be: "The Secret Keeper" by Kate Morton

CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, May 07, 2016 1:00- 2:00 PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 5:45-6:45 PM

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 Dawson 706-344-3690 or Lumpkin 706-864-3668. 1st Grade & UP.

Lego Club

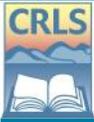
Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 4:00PM

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 4:00PM

Join us for two rooms of LEGO building fun! We provide the LEGO's and you provide the talent! All ages welcome!



MAY HAPPENINGS

Southern Belle Storytime Tea

Lumpkin County Library

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Art Exploration Jr.

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 4:00PM

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

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 All Day

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 11:30AM-4:30PM

Did someone buy you a Kindle Fire for a gift and you have no idea how to use it? Did you just buy your first iPad and have no idea how to turn it on? Well, look no further.

Register to work one on one with an Information Specialist on how to use them. Register by calling the Dawson 706-344-3690 or Lumpkin Library 706-864-3668.

Using Mango Languages

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 11:00AM

Learn a new language with our NEW Mango Languages databases. Students will learn how to create an account, select a language, and how to navigate their account.

Class size limited to 4. Registration is required. Please call 706-344-3690 ext. 26 or email chunter@chestateelibrary.org to sign-up.

Pinterest for Beginners

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 9:30 AM

This introductory class will provide an overview of Pinterest, how to set up an account, and how to use it. You don't need a Pinterest account to attend, but if you already have a one, please bring your username and password, your own. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

FAMILY

Touch-A-Truck

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, May 14, 2016 11:00AM-12:30PM

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

Pajama Storytime

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 6:00PM

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!

May the Fourth Be With You!

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 4:00-5:30PM

Celebrate May 4th by stopping by the Dawson County Library's children's department anytime between 4-5:30 PM, and make a pair of Yoda Ears and/or Leia Buns!

GENEALOGY

Family Tree Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, May 19, 2016 11:00AM

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. In this meeting, Dianne Bean Barfield, Southern & New England Genealogical Researcher, will be here to show us what church records can offer to the family genealogist. 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, May 25, 2016 9:30-10:30AM

This class will provide an introduction to online resources for genealogical research provided by the Chestatee Regional Library System. Class size is limited to 5. Prerequisite: basic mouse and keyboarding skills. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

Using Ancestry Library Edition

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, May 26, 2016 2:00-4:00PM

Dawson County Library

Thursday, May 26, 2016 11:00AM

This class offers an introduction to Ancestry Library Edition (which is free when accessed inside the library). Ancestry Library Edition is a genealogy database that can be used to research your family history. If you've ever wanted to trace your ancestry, now is the perfect time to start! To register please call Lumpkin at 706-864-3668 or Dawson at 706-344-3690 to sign up.

Gold Diggers Genealogy Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, May 9, 2016 11:00AM-12:00PM

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