

Chestatee Highlighter

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On your Mark, Get Set...READ!

This summer, be a gold medal reader and join our Vacation Reading Program 2016! Beginning June 1st and continuing through July 30th, all ages - birth through adults – can sign up to read for prizes and enjoy six free shows and programs at the Dawson and Lumpkin libraries.

Infant through fifth grade readers can read to win prizes including tickets for four to North Georgia Zoo and Petting Farm at the Lumpkin County Public Library, and a Stars and Strikes bowling pizza party for six at the Dawson County Public Library. Readers getting ready to enter sixth grade through senior year can read to win an Apple iPad mini at both libraries, as well as gift cards.

In addition to prizes, enjoy six FREE performances throughout the summer including magician extraordinaire, Arthur Atsma, and a drumming circle with UGA percussion professor Dr. Arvin Scott. Teens can enjoy six FREE programs including Teen Yoga, Zombie Olympics, and Chocolate Games. But the fun doesn't end there! Adults can read to win an Apple iPad mini, too! And this year, readers of all ages will have the chance to win the System-Wide Grand Prize of a horseback riding trip for four at Gold City Corral and Carriage Company, as well as a gift card to Ruby Tuesday and goodies from Amicalola Falls State Park.

Reading over the summer is vital for children and teens, so they don't lose the great skills they've cultivated over the school year. Vacation Reading Program is an annual FREE program at both Dawson and Lumpkin libraries, serving all members of the community, and is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Dawson County Public Library and Friends of the Lumpkin County Public Library, as well as the following wonderful community prize donors: Gold City Corral and Carriage Company, Ruby Tuesday, Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge, North Georgia Zoo and Petting Farm, Gustavo's Pizzeria, Stars and Strikes, INK – Interactive Neighborhood for Kids, Jumping Jack's, Consolidated Goldmine, Pizza Hut, Old Towne Pizza, Zaxyby's, Appalachian Outfitters, Let's Roll, Catch Air, The Ice, Wendy's, and Dunkin' Donuts.

Join us for great summer fun at your library!

MOVIE MONDAYS!

Lumpkin County Library
June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25
2:00pm

Join us to beat the summer heat with a fun movie matinee for the whole family. We will be showing a different G-rated movie on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of June and July. We will provide popcorn, but you are also welcome to bring your own snacks to the show!



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SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE LUMPKIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Thanks to the Garden Club at Achasta, the Lumpkin County Library is looking a little brighter. The Garden Club donated the materials, and several members of the group donated their labor to perk up the flower barrels in front of the library. With fresh green conifers surrounded by bright blooms, each barrel is a welcoming sight to library patrons. The Garden Club at Achasta has plans to continue to improve other areas of the front of the library as well. The Chestatee Regional System thanks the hard-working and generous members of the Garden Club at Achasta.



RECENT DAHLONEGA ROTARY GRANT

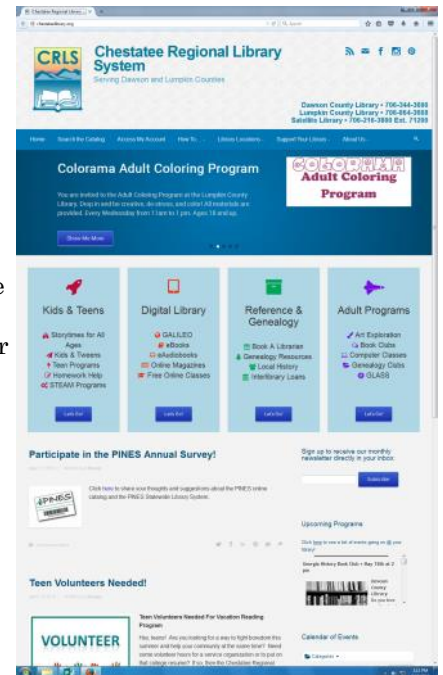
Thanks to the Noon Dahlonega Rotary Club and the Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club, the Lumpkin County Library is pleased to announce some new technological additions that are now up and running at the library. The Noon and Sunrise Rotary clubs, along with a matching grant from the Georgia Rotary District 6910, recently donated \$ 6,000.00 to the Lumpkin County Library for technological enhancements. With this grant, the library purchased seven new laptop computers, a portable large sheet scanner, and an upgraded wireless WiFi router for the library. The addition of the new laptops is a welcome addition for patrons that use the library for internet access. The new wireless WiFi router has provided an enhanced wireless signal and allows patrons to access the wireless network even when the library is not open. Patrons can now enjoy the library reading garden, sit outside on the bench as they work on their laptops, or even stay in their cars and use their computers. The portable large sheet scanner will be used for digitization of the library's genealogy and Georgia History resources that currently only exist in hard copy format. Chestatee Regional Library System would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the organization, research, and generosity that helped to make this grant a possibility. It is through support like this from the Dahlonega Rotary Clubs which enables the library to fulfill its vital role in our community.



Pictured in photo, from left to right: Gerald Lord, Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club; Tracey Thomaswick, Branch Manager, Lumpkin County Library; Sharon Baeck, President of the Dahlonega Rotary Club (noon); David Luke, President of the Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club.

NEW FACE FOR OUR WEBSITE

You may have noticed that the Chestatee Regional Library's website, www.chestateelibrary.org, has undergone a face lift. Over the years, the library has added a 'digital branch' to our library system. We are very excited about all of the new features that are available to our patrons. Patrons can still continue to search the library catalog and log in to their PINES account. Also back by popular demand is the library calendar of events. Patrons can click on the calendar and see all of our exciting events! If you haven't taken a look in a while, please check it out, and learn all of the new and exciting things available at your library!



Thanks to You!

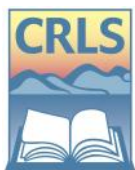
The following have given us 55 volunteer hours
worth \$ 0,000.00 in Month:

Syed Ahmed • Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament
• Joyce Ball • Judy Cahill • Jody Carlson • Linda
Dobson • Nan Donay • Ann Evans • Amy Hood • Jim
Hughes • Hazel Kilgore • Leslie Kupkowski •
Myrtle Marshall • 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
\$ 717.00:

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

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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June Happenings

BOOKS

Nu2U Friends of the Library Book Sale

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, June 4, 2016 10:30AM

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. We're overloaded with political/current affairs books! Books in this genre will be Buy One Get One Free for this sale only. Come and shop for great books and great values and help support the Friends of the Lumpkin County Library.

Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, June 9, 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 "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 2:00PM

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 June is Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

ADULT

Colorama Adult Coloring Program

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, June 1-29, 2016 11:00AM

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, June 14-28 2:00PM

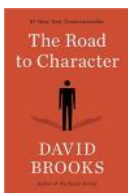
Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for our new Scrabble Club. All materials will be provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome! Come have F-U-N!

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:30PM

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! June's selection will be: "The Road to Character" by David Brooks.



CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs

Saturday, June 4, 2016 1:00-2:00PM

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 5:45-6:45 PM

Dawson County Library

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. 1st Grade & UP.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Online Classes Through Your Library

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 9:30-10:30AM

Exercise your brain over the summer with a FREE online class through Universal Class or Learning Express Library! This course will cover the basics of getting started with online classes through YOUR library. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up. Class size is limited to 4.

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 All Day

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 11:30-4:30

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. Our Information Specialists will be on call all day to answer any questions. Registration is required.

GENEALOGY

Gold Digger Genealogy Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, June 13, 2016 11:00AM

Dawson County Library

Thursday, June 16, 2016 11:00AM

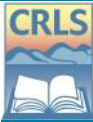
Share tips and tricks with other researchers, get advice on genealogy brick walls you haven't been able to overcome, and network with other genealogists. Georgia Genealogist, Yvonne Schmidt will be at the Dawson Library to show researchers how they can prove kinships using Georgia land lotteries and tax digests.

Using Fold3 and World Vital Records

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, June 23, 2016 2:00PM-3:00PM

This class will provide an overview of two powerful genealogy databases to which the Chestatee Regional Library System subscribes. Laptops will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.



JUNE VRP HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN

Keith Karnok - Variety Show!

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Dawson County Library · 11:00AM

Lumpkin County Library · 2:00PM

Summer Kickoff!

Join Keith Karnok for "Be a Champion...Read!" Books together with puppets, magic, and ventriloquism. Fun awaits!



Lowell Starr - Tae Kwon Do!

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Dawson County Library · 11:00AM

Lumpkin County Library · 2:00PM

Join Black Belt instructor Lowell Starr and explore the exciting world of Tae Kwon Do!



Arvin Scott - Beat the Drum!

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Dawson County Library · 11:00AM

Lumpkin County Library · 2:00PM

UGA percussion professor, Dr. Arvin Scott, invites us to join the drum circle! An amazing, participatory experience for all!

TEENS

Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker Erin Crozier

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 · 4:00PM

Hey Teens! Join local Appalachian Trail thru-hiker Erin Crozier as she delights us with stories and lessons from her 2,000 mile hike to Maine.

Zombie Olympics

June 15 · 4:00PM

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 · 4:00PM

Can you outrun, outwit, outlast the zombies? Find out at the Zombie Olympic Games!

JULY VRP HAPPENINGS FOR CHILDREN

Amicalola Falls—Outdoors!

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 · 11:00AM

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 · 2:00PM

Josie Bailey—Laughing Yoga

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 · 11:00AM

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 · 2:00PM

Arthur Atsma—Magician Extrordinaire

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 · 11:00AM

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 · 2:00PM

TEENS (CONT'D)

Snakes Alive!

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, June 21, 2016 · 4:00PM

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 · 4:00PM

Hey Teens! Join a ranger from Smithgall Woods State Park for this entertaining and informative program about the "coolest" of all reptiles... snakes!



Trading Card Games & Tabletop Showcase

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 · 4:00PM

Join Vendetta Games to learn the basics of the trading card game "Magic: The Gathering." We'll also play a game or two with your new complimentary starter deck! The Vendetta crew will also have tabletop games and miniature games to explore. Teens only!

Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, June 29 · 4:00PM

Join Eric Graves, Director of the Hike inn at Amicalola Falls, and discover the ins and outs of hiking America's best known hiking path—The Appalachian Trail!



JULY VRP HAPPENINGS FOR TEENS

Teen Yoga

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 · 4:00PM

Ranger Camp Talk

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 · 4:00PM

UNG Athletics

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, July 19, 2016 · 4:00PM

Intro to Yoga

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 · 4:00PM

Chocolate Games

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 · 4:00PM

Water Wars

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 · 4:00PM