

Chestatee Highlighter

Chestatee Regional Library System
Serving Dawson and Lumpkin Counties

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Renovations begin Dawson County Satellite Branch.

The Chestatee Regional Library system is very excited to begin construction at the Dawson County Satellite Branch, located at Fire Station 2. The branch opened as a way to serve the needs of patrons who reside near the 400 corridor. There are future plans to build a library in that area when funding becomes available. In the meantime, a MRR (Major Repair & Renovation) grant was applied for construction costs to expand shelving within the existing space.

In order to make use of the entire space, the large wooden partition that split the space in the middle has been removed (see photo below). This will allow for more shelving space and access to the entire area of the library. There will be a small children's area for storytimes and books to check out.

The Satellite library will remain open during construction so please pardon our appearance as we grow. Stop by and see the progress. Currently, the Satellite library is open on Monday from 10AM-1PM and Thursday from 2:00PM-5:00PM.

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Lumpkin County Library

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Dawson County Library

342 Allen Street
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Chestatee Regional Satellite Library

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Temporary circulation desk



Wooden partition in place with plexiglas removed



Library space with wooden partition removed

VRP programs at a glance.



CONTINUED THANKS

The Chestatee Regional Library System would like to express our continued thanks to the Garden Club at Achasta for their amazing work on the grounds of the Lumpkin County branch. In addition, a special thanks to Mr. James Ritch, who donated his time and talent to restore the wooden benches at the front of the library. This is a favorite sitting spot for those waiting for the library to open each morning and for after hours use of the library's Wi-Fi. Thank you to the Achasta community for their dedication and hard work in creating a welcoming scene to library patrons.

S'MORES ANYONE?

Have you always wanted to try tent camping, but did not want to spend the money to find out if you truly able to "rough it"? Are you looking for an economical way to spend time and get away together as a family? Do you love s'mores and are always looking for a reason to make them? Chestatee Regional Library System can help! You can now check out a tent from either the Lumpkin County

Library or the Dawson County Library. Each branch has two four-person tents and one large six-person tent available to check out with your PINES library card. Each tent comes with its own carrying bag and instructions, stakes, and tightening straps. The purchase of these tents was made possible through a grant from the Institute of Museum & Library Services (ILS). The ILS provided grants to selected libraries to purchase STEM materials (Science/Technology/Engineering/Math) and use the materials in creative ways. In addition to tents, CRLS offers a telescope, binoculars, a GPS kit, and many other materials that would enhance your camping trip as well. You may also check out one of the Georgia State Park passes which may be used for free parking at any of the Georgia State Parks, including nearby parks like Amicalola, Unicoi, and Vogel. Any of these items may be checked out with your PINES library card. Get those chocolate bars ready and go enjoy the outdoors! For further information, please contact the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 or the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690.



Thanks to You!

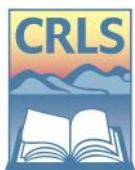
The following have given us 354 volunteer hours
worth \$ 4,448.00 in Month:

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Nathan Ziemer • Noah Stapp • Olivia Wendl • Santi
Calatayud • Savannah Anderson • Sophie Mullins •
Suchi Patel • Susan Roof • Zoey Ridley

The following have given recent donations totaling
\$ 525.00:

Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition • Gratitude Group

If you have made a donation or volunteered during Month and your name is



August Happenings

BOOKS

Pageturners

Dawson County Library

Thursday, August 11, 2016 1:00PM-2:00PM

The Pageturners book discussion group 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 Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland.

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 3:00PM

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 August is *It Ain't All About the Cooking* by Paula Deen. Ask the circulation staff for a copy today!

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, August 18, 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! August's selection will be: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel J. Brown.

ADULT

Colorama Adult Coloring Program

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, August 3-31, 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.

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 12:00PM

If you enjoy discovering new recipes this is the club for you. The club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. You simply choose a recipe from the cookbook for that month which is on display at the library. Bring your prepared recipe and share your results.

Just Words Scrabble Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, August 9 & 23, 2016 2:00PM-4:00PM

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!

Art Exploration

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 1:00PM

If you want to try a new art medium and not sure where to start, this is the club for you. The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. You bring your creativity and we provide the supplies. Registration is required by calling the library at 706-344-3690.

CHILDREN

Lego Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, August 4, 2016 4:00PM

You bring the imagination, we provide the LEGOS!

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, August 6, 2016 1:00PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 5:45PM

This program 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 calling the Lumpkin library 706-864-3668 or the Dawson County Library at 706-344-3690. 1st Grade & UP.

Art Explorers, Jr.

Dawson County Library

Monday, August 8, 2016

4:00PM

Every month, we'll explore a different art project. You bring your imagination, the library provides everything else!



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gadget Overload

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 11:00AM-7:00PM

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 11:30AM-4:30PM

Do you have a new electronic gadget or computer that you need help with? The Information Specialist will be available to answer any questions you have about your device. Registration is required. To register, call 706-864-3668.

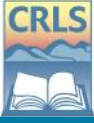
FAMILY

Pajama Storytime

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 6:00PM-7:00PM

Put on your snuggliest PJ's and join us for stories, crafts, and snacks! Fun for the whole family!



AUGUST HAPPENINGS

GENEALOGY

Gold Diggers Genealogy Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, August 8, 2016 11:00AM

Come check out Lumpkin County Library's Genealogy Club! This informal group meets on the second Monday of every month from 11 am – 12 pm. This club is free and open to everyone at all levels of knowledge and experience. No registration is required, so stop by if you enjoy “digging” into genealogy.

Using FamilySearch.org

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, August 11, 2016 2:00PM

Learn the basics of familysearch.org, a FREE genealogy database. To sign up, please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668.



Family Tree Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, August 18, 2016 12:00PM

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.

CRLS receives Ezra Keats grant

Chestatee Regional Library System is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a 2016 Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant. Founded by the late Caldecott award-winning children's book author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation fosters children's love of reading and creative expression by supporting arts and literacy programs in public schools and libraries. It also serves to protect and promote the work of Keats.

This year, The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation celebrates the 28th year of its Mini-Grant program, along with Keat's 100th birthday. In late spring of 2016, approximately 60 grants were awarded to qualified teachers and librarians at public schools and libraries in 26 states.

To qualify for this award, Chestatee Regional Library System had to apply to the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation with a proposed program designed to foster creative expression, working together, and community interaction. Our program was chosen to receive one of the Foundation's 60 grants, and *Keats Quarterly at your Library* will be held at the Dawson County library on the third Tuesdays of the month on the following dates: September 20, November 15, February 21, and April 18th, and at the Lumpkin County library on Thursdays on the following dates: September 29, December 1, February 23, and April 27th.

Students in grades Kindergarten through eighth are invited to participate in *Keats Quarterly at your Library*. Every session will focus on a different Ezra Keats title and artistic media, including: acrylic paints, cut paper illustration, watercolor, and found object illustration. Each program will begin with a fun writing prompt based on that session's title, followed by the creation of a visual interpretation using the chosen medium for that session. Parents are encouraged to attend with participants in grades Kindergarten through second.

Chestatee Regional Library System is grateful to the Ezra Jack Keats foundation for this wonderful opportunity. The awarded grant money allows us to add programs in addition to those already offered at the library, as well as purchase the special art materials needed to conduct them.

To learn more about the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, visit www.ezra-jack-keats.org.



NU2U FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE LUMPKIN COUNTY LIBRARY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 10:30AM-1:30PM

The monthly Nu2U Friends of the Library book sale will be suspended for August. The next Friends of the Library Nu2U sale will be Saturday, September 10, from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. The book sale room will still be open to the public on Tuesdays, during library hours.

