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UKULELE GATHERING THE DAWSON COUNTY LIBRARY

The first ukulele gathering was held at the Dawson County Library on Saturday, February 11th. A group of almost 30 people gathered to play their own instruments or use ones available for check out at the library. The group consisted of prospective musicians both young and old, beginner and experienced, resulting in some beautiful music coming from the Roy Coleman Meeting Room. Under the leadership of the talented strummer Susie Lyday, the group was able to learn how to strum their instruments. Sheet music for the song being played was displayed on a big screen in the meeting room. Within the first 15 minutes, the group was able to play a simple version of "You Are My Sunshine."

Ukuleles and instructional books are available to check out at the Dawson and Lumpkin County Libraries with your library card. The ukulele group for beginners (experienced players welcome also) will meet on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30AM-11:30AM. Ukuleles will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and are available for check out after the program. There will be another ukulele group for ALL experience levels on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30AM-12:30PM. The programs are FREE and a fun way to learn a new instrument!

For additional information or to reserve a Ukulele call the library or visit our website at www.chestateelibrary.org.



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NUTRITION DISCUSSION GROUP

11:30 AM. – 12:30 P.M.

Are you a busy mom who is trying to incorporate healthy eating habits into your family's daily life? Perhaps you have set the personal goal to start making small changes in your life that will help you feel better and maybe even lose weight at the same time? Come meet with others in a supportive environment to explore dietary theories and learn some tips for how to eat healthy in a world full of fad diets and infomercials.

Join Susan Brown Warren, a certified Health and Nutrition Coach, from A Dish of Good Health, in Dahlonega, as she facilitates a free Nutrition Discussion Group at the Dawson and Lumpkin County Libraries. This discussion group will meet at the Lumpkin County Library on the first Tuesday of each month and at the Dawson County Library on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:30 – 12:30 to discuss and “bust” some common nutrition myths to improve health and weight loss. The theme for the first few meetings will be “Busting Nutrition Myths, and How to Use That for Weight Loss and Better Health.”

Does fat make us fat?

Lumpkin Library-March 7
Dawson Library-March 16

Is Sugar Really Addictive?

Lumpkin Library April 4
Dawson Library-April 20

Water and Salt, Are They Important to Our Health?

Lumpkin Library- May 2
Dawson Library- May 18

Each program will include handouts, recipes, food samples and reading suggestions. There will be library books available to check out as well. Learn how to make gradual, lifelong changes that will enable you to reach your current and future health goals.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 3:30PM-5:00PM

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us with some fun crafts at the library. Drop in anytime between 3:30-5:00PM

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 25th & 26th. 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 Rita Mae Brown, Jackie Cooper, and Cassandra King. 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.



A DIFFERENT KIND OF BOOK CLUB

Do you consider yourself a history buff? Do you look to the past to learn lessons to use today? If so, then you may be interested in a new book club that is starting at the Lumpkin County Library. As the title suggests, this book club is for all those who may be interested in discussing nonfiction historical books, and not everyone needs to read the same book to join in the discussion. Simply choose a nonfiction event or theme —be it on Georgia History, American History, or World History. You may choose a biography, autobiography, or memoir. Read the book prior to the book club meeting, and come prepared to share insights about it with others. This will be a great forum for gathering ideas for books you want to read and a way to share some of your favorite books on these topics with others. The first meeting of “A Different Kind of Book Club”, will be held at the Lumpkin County Library on Tuesday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. The first meeting will be an informal organizational meeting, with all those attending asked to bring their favorite nonfiction history or biographical book. The meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the library and is free and open to everyone! Come share your interest in all things historical with others! Please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 for more information.

DAWSON COUNTY SATELLITE LIBRARY

DROP-IN CRAFT DAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 3:00PM-5:00PM

Join us at our Satellite Branch for a drop-in craft! We're making mosaic shamrocks; drop in anytime between 3-5 PM. You bring your imagination; the library provides everything else! This program is FREE and open to children of all ages.

Thanks to You!

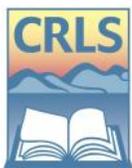
The following have given us 100 volunteer hours
worth \$ 1,998.00 in February:

Syed Ahmed • Joyce Ball • Reg & Ellen Barlament •
Anne Bowser • Kay Campagnoli • Jody Carlson •
Sue Cisson • Nancy Clackum • Dani Curl • Linda
Dobson • Nan Donay • Ann Evans • Selena Figueroa •
Betty Florence • Stacy Geisler • Diane Hanley •
Hazel Kilgore • Leslie Kupkowski • Ruby Marshall •
Sharon Morris • Susan Newell • Susan Roof •
Pam Sheffield • Evelyn Shirley • Corbyn Smith • Judy
Sousa • Michael Thomas • Donald Vining •
Laura Wharton

The following have given recent donations totaling
\$ 750.00:

BTD • The Gratitude Group

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



March Happenings

BOOKS

Happy Bookers Cookbook Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, March 6, 2017 12:00PM-1:00PM

Join the Happy Cookers Cookbook Club the 1st Monday of every month. March's theme will be Soup, Stew, or Chili. Choose a recipe that fits the theme, make your dish at home, and then bring it to the library to share with others. You may choose a recipe online, from one of the books on display at the library, or from your own recipe files. Bring a copy with you that day, too!

A Different Kind of Book Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 1:30PM-3:00PM

This book club is for all those who may be interested in discussing nonfiction historical books, including biographies and/or memoirs. The first meeting will be an informal organizational meeting, and those attending are asked to come prepared to discuss their favorite history-related book!

Pageturners Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 1:00PM

The Pageturners meet on the second Thursday of each month. The group discusses books of various genre. Call the library for this month's book selection.

GA History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:30PM-4:30PM

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books about Georgia History? Then join us for our monthly book discussions. This month we will be reading "Miracle in the Mountains" by Harnett Kane. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30pm. Join us!

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:30PM-3:00PM

The Happy Bookers rotates discussing fiction, nonfiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! March selection: "The Power of One" by Bryce Courtenay.

TEEN

Teen STEAM

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

Adventures in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Whose marble can travel the furthest? Build your own marble run and find out!

Discovery Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

Come join us for this month's STEAM program, we will be learning backyard bird song! Open to grades 6th - 12th.

ADULT

Nutrition Discussion Group

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 11:30AM-12:30PM

Dawson County Library

Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:30AM-12:30PM

Join Susan Brown Warren, a certified Health & Nutrition coach, as she facilitates a free Nutrition Discussion Group. Each program will include handouts, recipes, food samples, and reading suggestions. **March: Does Fat make Us Fat?**

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:00PM

Choose a recipe from the cookbook on display at the library. Bring your prepared recipe and share your results.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:00PM-5:00PM

Register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling - 800-733-2767. Sponsor code: Lumpkin

Just Words Scrabble Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesdays, March 14 & 28, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

All levels of experience are welcome, and all materials are provided.

Colorama Adult Coloring Club

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, March 1-29, 2017 11:00AM-1:00PM

Drop in anytime during these hours and color, have fun, and de-stress. All materials will be provided for this relaxing time of creativity and conversation.

Pinterest for Beginners

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 9:00AM-10:00AM

Use Pinterest to save and organize pictures of things you like. You can save recipes, D-I-Y projects, vacation destination photos, and more. Registration required.

CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, March 4, 2017 1:00PM-2:00PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:45PM-6:45PM

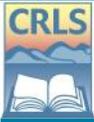
This is an opportunity for your child to practice his or her reading skills for fifteen minutes, working one-on-one with a therapy dog and his or her trainer. Registration required. 1st grade & up.

Full STEAM Ahead

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

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. This month we will be learning backyard bird songs! Open to students: K-5th grade.



MARCH HAPPENINGS

Building Blocks Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 22-29, 2017 11:00AM-11:45AM & 2:00PM-2:45PM

The program lasts approximately 45 minutes and may include songs, fingerplays, and crafts in addition to the stories. Building Blocks Storytime is designed for children ages 2 to 5.

Book Babies

Lumpkin County Library

Mondays, March 6-27, 2017 11:00AM-11:45AM

We'll be creating building blocks of early literacy through songs, action rhymes, books, and playtime. These are wonderful times for your babies to hear lots of language, designed for ages birth to age 23 months.

Art Explorers, Jr.

Dawson County Library

Monday, March 20, 2017 4:00PM

Every month we'll explore a different art project. You bring your imagination, the library provides everything else! FREE and open to grades K-5th

Keats Quarterly at Your Library

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:00PM

Join us for these special, FREE programs made possible through a generous grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation! Each program begins with a fun writing prompt based on an Ezra Jack Keats picture book, followed by the creation of individual pieces of art. Open to grades K-8 Registration is required.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Technology Tuesdays

Dawson County Library

Tuesdays, March 7-28, 2017 11:00AM

Each Tuesday in March drop by for computer assistance from 11am-12pm. Bring your device, login to our computer or borrow one of our laptops. Don't forget you can always schedule a one-on-one computer session!

FAMILY

Ukulele Gathering

Dawson County Library

Saturday, March 4, 2017 10:30AM-11:30AM

Come join us for this

Pajama Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 16, 2017 6:00PM-6:45PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:00PM-7:00PM

You are welcome to wear your PJ's and bring your teddy bear to this special evening-edition of storytime. We'll share a couple of stories and rhymes, and create a fun craft to take home. All ages welcome!

Let's Get Ready for Spring! Plant and Seed Swap!

Dawson County Library

Friday, March 3, 2017 11:00AM

Let's Get Ready for Spring with another Seed Swap Event! If you would like to participate, please bring at least one package of seeds (vegetable, fruit or flower seeds that have been purchased or saved). Participants may also bring seedlings, house plant cuttings, or small plants. All are welcome!

Lego Club

Dawson County Library (All Ages)

Thursday, March 16, 2017 4:00PM

Lumpkin County Library (Grades K-5 & 6th-12th)

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:00PM

You bring the imagination and we bring the LEGOS!

Lumpkin County Library Theme: Science

Theater Thursday

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, March 9, 2017 5:00PM

Free family movie! We will be showing "Despicable Me" (PG) this month. Popcorn will be provided, or you are welcome to bring your own snacks!

GENEALOGY

Using FamilySearch.org

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

Learn how to use FamilySearch.org to search for records, build a family tree, and order microfilm. All you need to do is create a FREE account and you can get started in researching your family history today! Registration required.

Gold Diggers Genealogy Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, March 13, 2017 11:00AM-12:00PM

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.

Family Tree Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:00AM-12:00PM

The Family Tree Genealogy Club is a unique club that meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Computers are also available to do genealogical research using Ancestry Library Edition, Dawson County Digital Newspaper Archive, World Vital Records, and Family Search. If you are interested in starting the journey to find your family roots – join us, all are welcome! A beginner's packet is available at each meeting.

Finding Your Roots Online

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:00AM-10:00AM

This class provides an introduction to the various genealogy databases provided by the Chestatee Regional Library System. Register for this class by calling the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668.