

Chestatee Highlighter

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 Serving Dawson and Lumpkin Counties

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100th Celebration a Huge Success

A tremendous thank you to all those who helped with the Lumpkin County Library's Centennial Celebration. Everyone who attended had so much fun. The number of volunteers who helped make this event possible was truly overwhelming. There were hundreds and hundreds of hot dogs and over 1,000 cupcakes, and Moon Pies given to visitors at the celebration. Visitors came from all over. By car, on foot, some even came from a galaxy far, far away, but everyone came to celebrate this very special event.



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FAREWELL TO MS. TRACY

Over 11 years ago an extremely talented storyteller started working at the Dawson County Library. That storyteller is Tracy Walker. During her career, Ms. Tracy transformed the library into a magical place for families to come enjoy her creative programs. Ms. Tracy touched the lives of so many children, many of them are now in college.

"Ms. Tracy is one of those rare people who brings joy to the lives of those around her. She always has a kind word and a smile. And this joy extends beyond mere conversation. In all she does, Tracy exhibits genuine care for the children and their families. She uses her talents to create beautiful and creative artwork that inspire a love of learning and a passion for reading. Thank you for your many years of devoted service. You will be missed. We wish you all the best." ~Garetta McGary

Sadly, Ms. Tracy has taken a position at the Forsyth County Library as their Program and Outreach Manager. We wish Ms. Tracy well and thank her for all the special gifts that she shared with the residents of Dawson and Lumpkin Counties.

Leah Weber will be the new Youth Services Specialist at the Dawson County Library beginning in January 2018.



Thanks to You!

The following have given us 92 volunteer hours
worth \$ 1,840.00 in November:

Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament • Caitlen Blair •
Kaye Campagnoli • Jody Carlson • Sue Cisson •
Nancy Clackum • Nan Donay • Ann Evans •
Read Fernandez • Betty Florence •
Susan Jorgensen • Leslie Kupkowski • Ruby Marshall •
Sharon Morris • Susan Newell • Susan Roof •
Pam Sheffield • Evelyn Shirley • Judy Sousa •
Michael Thomas • Hailey Towe • Donald Vining •
Nancy Volbeer • Laura Wharton • Johnathan Yarbray

The following have given recent donations totaling
\$ 1,475.00:

John Ackermann • L.M. Brown • Robert & Teresa Dillard •
Dawson County Historical Society • Gratitude Group •
UNG Mental Health Counseling

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.

HOLIDAY CLOSED DATES

The Chestatee Regional Library System will be closed for the following holidays:

Christmas

Monday, December 25 –Wednesday, December 27th We will reopen on Thursday, December 28th.

New Years

Monday, January 1st
We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd

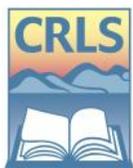


ROCK GARDEN AT THE DAWSON COUNTY LIBRARY

There is a new trend that is sweeping the nation and that is rock painting. The goal is to get lots of people all across our communities painting so that there are lots of rocks to be found out there. **Dawson County Rocks** is a Facebook page established to inform painters and explorers about where rocks are hidden or where a rock can be found.

The group now has over 1,000 members who are following the page. In an effort to help share rocks, the Dawson County Library has "planted" a rock garden as part of the "#kindnessrocksproject". We hope to share inspirational rocks around Dawson County and beyond. Stop by and pick up some rocks and help relocate somewhere in your travels. And don't forget to post them on the Dawson County Rocks Facebook page with a clue for other "rockers" to find and keep the fun rolling!





BOOKS

Book Sale Room Open

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, December 2, 2017 10:00AM-3:00PM

Come browse a great selection of hardback and paperback books, and help the library at the same time!

A Different Kind of Book Club

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, December 7, 2017 1:30PM-3:00PM

Come join this book club, which discusses history-related nonfiction books. December's topic is: Explorers of the Americas. Choose any explorer or pioneer, any time period, any field, and choose a book that you would like to share with others in the club.

Pageturners Book Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, December 7, 2017 1:00PM

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

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 3:30PM

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books about Georgia History? Then join us for our monthly book discussions. This month we will be reading "Christmas Gift!" by Ferrol Sams.

ADULT

Happy Cookers Cookbook Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, December 4, 2017 12:30PM-1:30PM

The Happy Cookers' Cookbook Club returns! Please join us on the 1st Monday of every month. Each month will have a theme. Choose a recipe that fits that theme, make the dish, and bring it in to the library to share with others in the group. Bring a copy of your recipe, and any tips that you might like to share. Come enjoy good food and good conversation. December's theme: Appetizers.

Tai Chi

Dawson County Library

Mondays, December 4-18, 2017 10:00AM

Originally developed for self-defense, tai chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, tai chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. This is beginner group who will meet every Monday from 10:00AM-11:00AM



Knitting Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 10:00AM-12:00PM

Gather to work on your current project and have a fun time with fellow knitters. Beginners welcome...just bring your own yarn & needles (size 8 in the 10 inch length are recommended for newbies). We'll even have some yarn for you to use if you'd just like to try it out! This club is for ages 18 and up, completely free and open to the public. Come get knitty at the library!

Colorama Adult Coloring Club

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, December 6-20, 2017

Come join us for our adult coloring club. All materials are provided for this FREE program. Come for a creative time of de-stressing.

Holiday Pinterest Class

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 2:00PM-3:00PM

Pinterest is a social media site that lets you save and organize pictures of things you like. Use it to save your favorite holiday crafts, seasonal recipes, gift ideas and more! Learn how to use Pinterest and we'll help you create an account if you don't have one. Registration required.

Yoga

Dawson County Library

Thursdays, December 7-28, 2017

11:00AM-Floor Yoga

3:00PM-Chair Yoga

Exercise. Meditation. Flexibility. Breathing. Posture. Come join us as we learn the restorative art of yoga on Thursdays. Instructor: Lynne Campbell. Bring your own yoga mat for floor yoga. This class is for ages 18 and up.

Crochet Club

Dawson County Library

Friday, December 8, 2017 10:00AM

Gather to work on your current project and have a fun time with fellow crochet fanatics. Beginners welcome...just bring your own yarn & hook (size G hook is recommended for newbies). This club is for ages 18 and up.

Just Words Scrabble Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

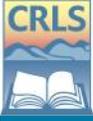
All materials are provided, and all skill levels are welcome. Come join us for F-U-N.

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 12:00PM

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



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, December 2, 2017 1:00PM-2:00PM

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. Registration required.

Lego Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, December 7, 2017 4:00PM

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

Join us for LEGO building fun! We provide the LEGO's and you provide the talent! Participants have 45 minutes to build something associated with the monthly theme. Grades K-5th and 6th-12th.

Gingerbread Workshops

Dawson County Library

Saturday, December 9, 2017 10AM, 12PM, 2PM

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, December 9, 2017 11AM, 12:30PM, 2PM

Deck your gingerbread halls with gumdrops, peppermints, chocolate kisses and more! Sponsored by the Dahlonega Woman's Club, Ingles of Dawsonville, and Publix. Program is free, but registration is required. Space is limited.



FAMILY

Board Game Extravaganza!

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 4:00PM-6:00PM

Join us one Tuesday every month for a children and teen board game extravaganza! Games will be available for all skill levels and recommended ages are five and up. Enjoy a fun, free afternoon at your library!

Theater Thursdays

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, December 14, 2017 5:00PM-6:30PM

Free family movie! We will be showing a different PG-rated movie each month. Popcorn will be provided, or you are welcome to bring your own snacks! December's movie is the animated film "Arthur Christmas" (PG).

Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Dawson County Library

Saturday, December 16, 2017 12:30PM-3:00PM

Are you as excited as we are for the release of Star Wars: The Last Jedi? Brush up on your Jedi history and watch the movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens with us? FREE popcorn!

Lego Free Build Day

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:00AM-5:00PM

Stop in to build as much as you would like. What a perfect way to spend a day off school! We provide the LEGO bricks, and you provide the Creativity! We will display the creations in the main level of the Library. Family program for ages 3+.

Holiday Pajama Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, December 21, 2017 6:00PM-6:45PM

Enjoy festive stories, music, crafts, and snacks at this annual celebration for the whole family! You are welcome to wear your PJ's and bring your teddy bear to this special evening-edition of storytime. All ages welcome!

3-D Printer Demonstrations

Lumpkin County Library

Mondays, December 4-18, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

Have you heard about 3-D printers? Have you wondered what they look like, how they sound, and how they work? Stop in and watch a demonstration and enter to win one of the creations!

GENEALOGY

Using Census Records for Genealogy Research

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:00PM-3:00PM

Few documents are as important to your family history research as census records. Census data has been gathered by the US federal government every ten years beginning in 1790. Learn about how census records have evolved over the years and how they can be used to help you trace your family's history. Registration required.

Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 4:30PM

Do you enjoy working on your family history or are you looking to start your research? Then come socialize with like-minded people and share what you're working on!

TEENS

Teen Gingerbread Workshop

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, December 7, 2017 5:00PM-6:00PM

Teens! Take your gingerbread house decorating up a notch with special candies and supplies. This special teens-only program is free, but registration is required. Space is limited. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk or call 706-864-3668. Grades 6th - 12th.