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Annual Giving Campaign Results

Many thanks go out to everyone who contributed to our 2016 Annual Giving Campaign. Even during these turbulent economic times, many folks stepped in and helped support the efforts of Lumpkin and Dawson County Libraries, sending in **\$14,160.00**. Your generosity and support is sincerely appreciated.

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Thanks to all of you!

We're More Than Just Books!

Want to reach for the stars?
Don't use a rope, instead check
out our telescope!



Storytimes @ Your Library

Book Babies

Lumpkin County Library

Mondays January 9-30, 2017 11:00AM-11:45AM

It's never too early to chew on a good book! This program is designed for babies (along with parent) from birth to 23 months. 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, and a great opportunity for you to meet new parents! (Structured activity for 15 minutes with playtime after.)

Book Babies

Dawson County Library

Tuesdays, January 10-31, 2017 11:00AM

It's never too early to chew on a good book! This program is designed for early literacy through songs, action rhymes, books, and playtime. These are wonderful times for your babies to hear lots of language, and a great opportunity for you to meet new parents, as well! (Structured activity for 15 minutes with playtime after.)

Building Blocks Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, January 11-25, 2017 11:00AM-11:45AM

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. No pre-registration is required, but groups larger than five are requested to call at least two days in advance. Theme: Dinosaurs

Totally Toddlers

Dawson County Library

Wednesdays, January 11-25, 2017 11:00AM

These storytimes are designed for children age 2 to 3 and offers age appropriate books, songs, and fingerplays. Children in this age range tend to have a shorter attention span, so several short activities are used between each book in order to hold the child's interest.

Movers and Shakers

Dawson County Library

Thursdays, January 12-26, 2017 11:00AM

These storytimes are intended for children ages 4 to 5. We hope this will be a fun and exciting experience for you and your child. The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, finger plays and crafts in addition to stories.

New!

Niche Academy not only offers tutorials for popular library services like OverDrive, Zinio, and LearningExpress Library, but also for common online services like Goodreads, Facebook, and Gmail. Niche Academy tutorials are always up-to-date and include video instruction, printable text with images, and a mobile-responsive user interface.

Chestatee Regional Library System provides Niche Academy for free, with no registration or sign up required. Visit our website at www.chestateelibrary.org and try it today!



The Chestatee Regional Library System will be closed Mon., Jan 16 to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please see our website at www.chestateelibrary.org for more information.

1st Annual Dawson Library Seed Swap Day! Saturday, January 21, 2017 11:00AM-1:00PM

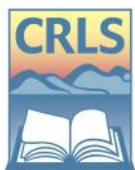
Join like-minded gardeners who are passionate about saving seeds and sharing their gardening stories.***REQUIREMENTS:** Each participant is required to bring at least one package of seeds for the swap (vegetable, fruit, or flower seeds that have been purchased, in original packaging, or saved open-pollinated seeds), small envelopes and a marker. Participants may additionally bring seedlings, house plant cuttings, or small plants if desired. All are welcome! No registration is required.

Thanks to You!

The following have given us 93.50 volunteer hours
worth \$ 1,870.00 in December:

Joyce Ball • Reg Barlament • Ellen Barlament •
Casey Beck • Amy Caldwell • Kaye Campagnoli •
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• Evelyn Shirley • Corben Smith • Noah Stapp •
Michael Thomas • Laura Wharton

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.



January Happenings

BOOKS

Happy Bookers Book Discussion Group Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, January 19, 2017 1:30PM

The Happy Bookers book discussion group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the library. The group rotates discussing fiction, nonfiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! January's meeting: Sharing a favorite book and selecting books for 2017.

Pageturner Book Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, January 12, 2017 1:00PM

The group discusses books of various genre. This month, the group will be discussing, *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frazier.

Book Sale Room Open!

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, January 7, 2017 10:30AM-3:00PM

The downstairs book sale room at the Lumpkin County Library will now be open on the first Saturday of each month! Come browse a great selection of fiction and nonfiction books at a great price!

ADULT

Colorama Adult Coloring Club

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, January 4-25, 2017 11:00AM-1:00PM

Join us for our adult coloring club. 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.

Happy Cooker's Cookbook Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, January 9, 2017 12:00PM-1:00PM

Join us for our new Happy Cookers Book Discussion Group. Each month, participants will choose a recipe from home, online, or from one of the cookbooks on display at the library. They will then make the recipe at home and bring in the completed dish to share with others in the group. We will talk about the different recipes and share cooking tips. The theme for January is "Mexican". Registration is requested, so please call the library at 706-864-3668 to sign up. All plates, silverware, etc., will be provided.

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 12:00PM

The 641 Cookbook club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Simply choose a recipe from the cookbook for that month. Bring your prepared recipe and share your results.

Just Words Scrabble Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesdays, January 10 & 24, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

Join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for our Scrabble Club. All materials will be provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome! Come have F-U-N!

GA History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:30PM

Do you enjoy reading books about Georgia History? Then join us for our monthly book discussion. This month we will be reading "Run with The Horseman" by Ferrol Sams. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30-4:30pm.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, January 19, 2017 12:00PM

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Lumpkin County Library from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

1st Annual Seed Swap Day!

Dawson County Library

Saturday, January 21, 2017 11:00AM-1:00PM

Join like-minded gardeners who are passionate about saving seeds and sharing their gardening stories.***REQUIREMENTS: Each participant is required to bring at least one package of seeds for the swap (vegetable, fruit, or flower seeds that have been purchased, in original packaging, or saved open-pollinated seeds), small envelopes and a marker. Participants may additionally bring seedlings, house plant cuttings, or small plants if desired. All are welcome! No registration is required.**

CHILDREN

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, January 7, 2017 1:00PM-2:00PM

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:45PM-6:45PM

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 the Lumpkin 706-864-3668 or Dawson at 706-344-3690. 1st grade & up.

Art Explorers Jr.

Dawson County Library

Monday, January 9, 2017 4:00PM

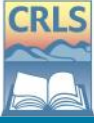
Every month, we'll explore a different art project. You bring your imagination, the library provides everything else! Open to grades K-5th.

LEGO Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 4:00PM

Join us for two rooms of LEGO building fun! We provide the LEGO's and you provide the talent! Grades K-5th and 6th-12th. No registration required. January's theme: Medieval Period.



JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Full STEAM Ahead

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:00PM-4:45PM

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 recycling paper... so be ready to get your hands messy! Open to students: K-5th grade.

Keats Quarterly at Your Library

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:00PM

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

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Email Basics Workshop

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 11:00AM

This computer workshop will help you set up an email account and learn how to use it. By the end of the class, you will know how to login, create and send emails, attach files to an email, and add people to your contacts list. Laptops will be provided, or you can also bring your own. Call to register, (706) 344-3690 x 26 or email psmith@chestateelibrary.org

Internet Basics Workshop

Dawson County Library

Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:00AM

Internet Basics Workshop. This class is for new computer users who would like to learn how to use the Internet. We will learn how to open a web browser, how to navigate to different sites, and how to search the web using a search engine. Laptops will be provided, and you can also bring your own. 11am-12pm. Class is limited to 5. Please call to register, (706) 344-3690 x26 or email psmith@chestateelibrary.org

BYOT-Bring Your Own Technology

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:00AM-12:30PM

This workshop is meant to be an open dialogue for Library users to ask questions and get help with using their technology in the Library. Drop in from 11-12:30 with any technology question.

FAMILY

Theater Thursday

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, January 5, 2017 5:00PM

Grab the family for free movie fun at the library! We will be playing Disney's "Sky High." Free popcorn will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks too!

Pajama Storytime

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 6:00PM

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

LEGO Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, January 19, 2017 4:00PM

You bring the imagination, we provide the LEGOs!

Pajama Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, January 19, 2017 6:00PM-6:45PM

You are welcome to wear your snuggly PJ's and bring your teddy to this special evening-edition of Storytime. We'll share a couple of stories and maybe a rhyme or two, and create a fun craft to take home. Theme: Popcorn. All ages welcome!

GENEALOGY

Gold Diggers Genealogy Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, January 9, 2017 11:00AM-12:00PM

This informal 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 Fold 3 & World Vital Records

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 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.

Using Newspapers for Genealogy Research

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 2:00PM-3:00PM

Did you know that newspapers can help fill in the blanks in your family history? Learn why newspapers are such a valuable genealogical tool and where you can access them. Call the library at 706-864-3668 to sign up for this class.

Family Tree Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:00AM

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.

TEENS

Teen STEAM

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:00PM

Adventures in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math for grades 6-12. This month we will construct catapults to see whose catapult can fling the furthest.

Discovery Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 4:00PM-4:45PM

Every third Tuesday we will be discovering and exploring a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) topic. This month we will be making recycled paper... so be ready to get your hands messy! Open to grades 6th - 12th.