

Chestatee Highlighter

Chestatee Regional Library System
Serving Dawson and Lumpkin Counties

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How Your Library Weathers a Storm

Since 2001, September 11th has been a day of remembrance and reflection, but this year it was also the day Georgia experienced the wrath of Hurricane Irma. Downed power lines, fallen trees, high winds, and the loss of electricity were just a few of the difficulties that people experienced across the state. Through it all, Georgia's libraries were there and ready to help, including your Dawson and Lumpkin County libraries.

In the days following the natural disaster, the Dawson and Lumpkin libraries were visited by several thousand people. Many were in need of internet and phone service, a place to recharge technology devices, as well as those who were seeking the comfort and company of others who experienced similar circumstances.

During such times it is often difficult to remain in contact with loved ones in a distressed area, as well. Calls from out of state were received in both libraries, and callers seeking information on conditions in both counties were helped by library staff. Also, with the percentage of telecommuters on the rise, both Dawson and Lumpkin libraries were filled with people using all available resources.

In such times, libraries across the state work together to aid their communities, and libraries in several of our neighboring counties relied on our branches to provide services when they were unable due to power outages. Most who enter library work do so because they want to help people, and the staff members at both Dawson and Lumpkin libraries are no exception. We were happy assisting people in any way we could.

Throughout the days following Irma, patrons and staff at the Dawson and Lumpkin libraries worked together, shared stories, and helped each other. In life's storms, your Dawson and Lumpkin libraries can be your lifeline.

We're more than computers. More than internet. More than books. We're here to help.



What one of MANY charging stations looked like in the library after the storm.

OCTOBER CLOSED DATES

Lumpkin County Library
Saturday, October 21st for Gold Rush Festival
Dawson County Library
Saturday, October 28th for Moonshine Festival

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Dawson County Library

342 Allen Street
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706-344-3690

Chestatee Regional Satellite Library

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Do you believe in ghosts? Ever wonder about things that go bump in the night? Had an experience with a ghost, or think you have? Join the members of Paranormal Georgia Investigations for *Paranormal 101!*

What is a ghost? What is a haunting? What equipment is used during an investigation? All these questions and more will be answered during their program. In addition, they will answer any questions you may have on the subject.

Paranormal Georgia Investigations is a well-respected and established paranormal research team that serves Atlanta and North Georgia. They have been featured on Atlanta's Fox 5 and 11 Alive (NBC) news, and they were featured

presenters at this year's Dragon Con.

Paranormal Georgia Investigations is also a supporter of The Bridge of Compassion, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the Atlanta and North Georgia homeless population. Throughout the months of October and November they will be collecting winter items to fill backpacks that will be distributed to homeless individuals in need this winter. As such, attendees who would like to donate one or more the following items will be entered into a drawing to accompany PGI on an investigation of one of the most haunted locations in the Southeast - the Old South Pittsburg Hospital in South Pittsburg, Tennessee. *A donated item is not necessary to attend this program, however.* The list of needed items is as follows: mittens/gloves, blankets, socks, new underwear, hotel-sized toiletries, backpacks, scarves, hats, and coats.

Join us for an exciting, informative, FREE evening, and venture into the world of the paranormal! Reservations are not necessary for this program, but please arrive early to ensure seating.

**DAWSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH AT 6:30 PM**

**LUMPKIN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH AT 5 PM**

Featured presenters for:



GENEALOGY

Using Ancestry Library Edition

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

Ancestry Library Edition (the library version of ancestry.com) is an online collection containing thousands of genealogical databases and billions of records. Registration required.

Lunch and Learn Genealogy Program

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 12:00PM-1:00PM

Come join genealogist Dianne Bean Barfield for a special lecture about finding female ancestors. She'll discuss twelve types of records that can provide clues to help you find your missing female ancestors. A light lunch will be served after the lecture has concluded. Register by October 12th.

Genealogy Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:30pm

Join other genealogists and family history researchers on the third Wednesday of each month as we get together and discuss what we're working on, gain insightful tips and help one another in our research.

Accessing Georgia Archives' Digital Collections

Lumpkin County Library

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

Georgia Archives' records have been digitized and can be viewed online! Learn how to access these digitized collections from their "Virtual Vault" and start researching your Georgian ancestors today! Registration is required.

Thanks to You!

The following have given us 70 volunteer hours

worth \$ 1,400.00 in September:

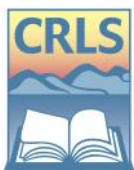
Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament • Kaye Campagnoli •
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Nan Donay • Ann Evans • Betty Florence •
Leslie Kupkowski • Ruby Marshall • Sharon Morris •
Susan Newell • Susan Roof • Pam Sheffield •
Karen Shepherd • Evelyn Shirley • Judy Sousa •
Michael Thomas • Donald Vining • Briana Vollbeer •
Nancy Vollbeer • Laura Wharton

The following have given recent donations totaling

\$ 425.00:

Mary Horner • The Gratitude Group •
Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Jr. • Marlena Pierce •
Judy Golden Wiggins

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



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October Happenings

BOOKS

Happy Cookers Cookbook Club

Lumpkin County Library

Monday, October 2, 2017 12:30PM-1:30PM

Choose a recipe that fits that theme, make the dish, and bring it in to the library to share. For the October meeting, Susan Warren will be our special guest and will be making a short presentation on Heart Healthy foods. October's theme: healthy

Pageturners Book Club

Dawson County Library

Thursday, October 5, 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.

641 Cookbook Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, October 10, 2017 12:00PM-1:00PM

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

Community Book Discussion on *Bless Me Ultima*

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:30PM-6:30PM

UNG will be facilitating a book discussion group about the book, *Bless Me, Ultima*. Pick up your copy at the library. This event is presented by a partnership of UNG Reads, Lumpkin Literacy, Lumpkin County Library 100 Years, and CRLS.

Book Talk

Dawson County Library

Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:00PM-6:00PM

Learn about a fascinating subject from a local professor and gain recommendations on the best books to read! This month, we'll hear from Dr. J. Michael Rifenburg, Associate Professor of English at UNG, about Sports. You don't want to miss this!!

Georgia History Book Club

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:30PM-4:30PM

This month we will be reading *Sabbath Creek* by Judson Mitcham.

Happy Bookers Book Club

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, October 19, 2017 1:30PM-3:30PM

October's Selection: "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson

ADULT

Tai Chi

Dawson County Library

Mondays, October 2-30, 2017 10:00AM-11:00AM

If you're looking for a way to reduce stress, consider tai chi (TIE-CHEE). 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.

Mad, Mad, Movie Mania

Lumpkin County Library

Monday-Wednesday, October 2-4, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

In celebration of the 1960's, we will be showing movies that came out during that decade. (Note that movies may not be suitable for children). Free popcorn will be provided, or feel free to bring your own. Library Centennial event of the 60's.

Nutrition Discussion

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 11:30AM-12:30PM

Dawson County Library

Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:30AM-12:30PM

Susan Brown Warren, a certified Health & Nutrition coach, will facilitate a free Nutrition Discussion Group. The theme for the October meeting will be: "Gut Health".

Colorama Adult Coloring Club

Lumpkin County Library

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

Come join us for a very special session of our adult coloring club on Wednesday, October 4 when we use Spirographs!

Floor & Chair Yoga

Dawson County Library

Thursdays, October 5-19, 2017 2:00PM-4:00PM

Exercise. Meditation. Flexibility. Breathing. Posture. Come join us as we learn the restorative art of yoga on Thursdays. 2pm class – traditional Floor Yoga (yoga mat required) 3pm class – low impact Chair Yoga (chairs will be provided).

Just Words Adult Scrabble

Lumpkin County Library

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

All materials will be provided. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Adult Craft Night

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:00PM-7:00PM

Our October craft will be Candlemaking! Bring your own jar. All other supplies will be provided. Registration required.

CHILDREN

Book Babies

Lumpkin County Library

Mondays, October 2-30, 2017 11:00AM-11:45AM

This storytime is designed for babies from birth to 23 months.

Building Blocks Storytime

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesdays, Oct., 2017 11AM-11:45AM & 2PM-2:45PM

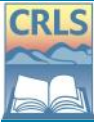
Building Blocks Storytime is designed for children ages 2 to 5.

Movers and Shakers

Dawson County Library

Thursday, October 5-19, 2017 11:00AM

Storytime and craft for children ages 2-5.



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Reading to Dogs

Lumpkin County Library

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

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, October 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. 1st grade and up.

Registration is required.

Ready, Set, Read!

Lumpkin County Library

Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:00PM-3:00PM

Students from the University of North Georgia's Masters of Clinical Mental Health Counseling will be hosting a storytime for children ages six months to eight years old, followed by an information session for parents. Free book for every child!

Art Explorers Jr.

Dawson County Library

Monday, October 16, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

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

STEAM Programs

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:00PM-4:45PM (3rd-5th grades)

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:00-4:45PM (K-2nd grades)

During these programs, we explore a different STEAM topic each month from astronomy to zoology. Theme: Spirograph

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Using Mango Languages

Lumpkin County Library

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 9:00AM-10:00AM

Learn how to get started with Mango Languages, a fantastic online resource to help you learn a foreign language at the library, at home, or on-the-go with apps on a number of devices.

Registration required.

BYOT-Bring Your Own Technology

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:30PM-4:00PM

Sign up for a one hour one-on-one session to learn more about your electronics.

FAMILY

Star Wars Reads

Dawson County Library

Monday, October 2, 2017 4:00-5:00PM

Celebrate the day by dropping in and enjoying FREE Star Wars crafts and activities! And step inside the movie! Have your photo taken, and through the magic of green screen, become a part of your favorite scene!

Board Game Night

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 4:00PM-6:00PM

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, October 5, 2017 2:30PM-6:30PM

Join us for a special 1960's decade celebration as part of the Lumpkin County Library centennial events. (Lumpkin Library)

Pajama Storytime

Dawson County Library

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:00PM-7:00PM

Lumpkin County Library

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

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

LEGO Club

Lumpkin County Library

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

Dawson County Library

Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination. All ages are welcome.

Pumpkin Decorating

Lumpkin County Library 11:00AM-12:00PM

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Dawson County Library 11:00AM-12:00PM

Saturday, October 21, 2017 11:00AM-12:00PM

You bring your imagination and the library provides everything else—including the pumpkins! For ages 3-15. Registration is required. FREE!

TEENS/TWEENS

World of Stories

Dawson County Library

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:00PM-5:00PM

Every session we'll explore a different country and/or culture, share a story or two, delve deeper through a related creative writing prompt and craft! This program is FREE and open to grades 3-8.

Teen Halloween Party

Thursday, October 26, 2017 6:30PM-8:00PM

Fortune teller, costume contest, more candy than you can eat, and dinner! FREE!!

Teen Pumpkin Decorating

Lumpkin County Library

Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:00PM-6:00PM

Pumpkin decorating for grades 6th-12th. FREE!

DAWSON COUNTY SATELLITE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Monthly Kids Craft

Dawson County SATELLITE LOCATION

145 Liberty Drive (Inside Fire Station 2)

Thursday, October 12, 2017 3:00PM-5:00PM

Join us once a month at our SATELLITE LOCATION for a fun craft! Stop by any time between 3-5 PM and join us for a fun, FREE afternoon!

Book Babies

Dawson County SATELLITE LOCATION

Wednesdays, October 4-18, 2017 11:00AM

Storytime for ages birth to 23 months.