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THE CURIOUS CARDINAL

A newsletter for all branches of the Davidson County Public Library System



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Recent Library Events

Cellist Yo-Yo Ma
visits Thomasville
Public Library



Homeschool Field
Day facilitated by
Denton Public
Library



davidson county public library



A Note from The Editor

Summer reading is here! This year's theme, "Unearth a Story," invites participants to experience activities related to dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology.

In the upcoming pages are more details about various programs and events happening at the Davidson County Public Library branches.

Monthly Online Author Upcoming Schedule

June 3 at
2 p.m.



July 14
at 7 p.m.



June 11
at 7 p.m.



July 16
at 2 p.m.



June 16
at 7 p.m.



July 30
at 2 p.m.





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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☒ Visit the library on 6/22 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for Family Night and enjoy a LEGO night where the activity is to design the ecosystem for your dino. We encourage all family members to participate.
- ☒ The library will offer programming for all age groups starting 6/16. Littles (Birth-Kindergarten) will meet Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., or Thursdays at 6 p.m. Middles (1st-3rd grade), Tweens (4th-6th grade), Teens (7th-12th grade), and Adults (18 and up) will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., or Thursdays at 6 p.m.



- ☒ The library is observing *America250* with programming related to localized historical events. On 6/22 at 6:30 p.m., interested parties can attend a talk by Ralph (Topper) Young and Paul Mitchell on The Partisan War, The South Carolina Campaign of 1780-1782, which will also cover impacts on North Carolina such as the Battle of King's Mountain, the Over-the-Mountain men, the Race to the Dan, and more.
- ☒ On 6/4 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., attend an author event at the library. Attendees will get to meet local author, Michelle Hunt, and Thunder, the Wonder Horse, the subject of her book series. The event will be family-friendly, and there will be refreshments. Call the library for more information.



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It's a great time for gardening and plants at the library this summer. Attend the Native Pollinator Gardening Group on 6/17 and 7/15 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and learn about native pollinators and different ways to support them, like gardening! Additionally, drop by on 7/13 from 5 - 7 p.m. for a plant and seed exchange. Bring a houseplant and swap it out for something different. Get seeds and insights from a Davidson County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer.



Join Ginger for Kitchen Cart Cooking School on 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25 at 1 p.m. for a three-part class series. Meeting 1 will feature a tomato tasting and knife skills demonstration presented by Lanier's True Value Hardware. Meeting 2 will focus on olive oil and herbs, and Meeting 3 will include a parmesan cheese tasting and a pasta lunch.



Young adults can watch a screening of *Jurassic Park* (1993, PG-13) on 6/15 at 2 p.m., watch a screening of *The Mummy* on 6/17 at 5:30 p.m. (popcorn and drinks will be provided), sculpt dinosaur skeletons from clay on 6/22 at 2 p.m., make Dino Egg Cake Pops on 6/26 at 2 p.m. (call the library to register), make resin art on 6/29 at 2 p.m., attend Dino Dine-In and create food sculptures from chicken nuggets while watching *We're Back!* on 7/2 at 5:30 p.m. (registration is required), and go on a Lexington Walking Tour on 7/6 at 2 p.m.



Preschool and Elementary Storytime will be Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. Bedtime Storytime will be Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



Attend Discovering NC American Indian Points, taught by Bobby Cross on 6/16 at 1 p.m.



Trivia for Disney Adults (ages 18+ only) occurs on 6/11 (Dinos at Disney) and 7/9 (*Indiana Jones: Films, Attractions, and Shows*) at 6 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Call the library to register.



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Swiftie Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
at 1:00 PM

Swifties unite! Drop into the library, sing karaoke, and craft friendship bracelets with other fans.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS ONLY!



***All programs listed require registration. Registration for each program begins one week before its scheduled date.**

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☒ Adults (18+) can register to attend Bite Nite Adult Cooking Class on 6/15 at 6 p.m. Attendees will make Raptor's Glare Deviled Eggs & Dino Nest Salad.
- ☒ Adults (18+) can also register to attend Nailed It! Bad Pottery - Ancient Greek Vessels on 6/25 at 6 p.m.
- ☒ A couple of Makerspace programs are scheduled for this summer. Register to make Painted Lantern Mason Jars on 6/24 at 4 p.m. (ages 13+) and a Wooden 3D Dinosaur on 6/17 at 4 p.m. (ages 13+). Supplies are provided.
- ☒ Register to attend Treasure Hunter Bingo for all ages on 6/22 at 6 p.m.



- ☒ Teens (ages 12-17) are invited to register for several Teen Scene programs this summer including, Cooking on 6/16 at 4 p.m. (Dino Nuggets & Lava Cake in a Mug), Crafts on 6/23 at 4 p.m. (Air-Dry Clay Fossils), and Crafts on 6/30 at 4 p.m. (Clay Pots & Plants - make the pot, get a native NC plant).
- ☒ All ages can make Mosaic Air-Dry Clay Garden Stones using rocks, shells, and other materials on 6/27 at 11 a.m. Registration required.
- ☒ Cooking programs for children will feature fun summer-reading themed treats! Grub Club Cooking Class for Ages 8-12 will make Molten Lava Cake on 6/18 at 4 p.m. and Munch Bunch Cooking Class for Ages 4-7 will make Dino Dirt Cups & Lava Punch on 6/19 at either 1:00 p.m. OR 3:30 p.m.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Go to
tinyurl.com/tplchairassicpark or
follow the QR code to see what
TPL has planned for Summer
Reading!



FROM THE DESK OF CODY BECK, SYSTEMS SUPPORT TECH AT TPL

Some highlights for Chairassic Park:

- Our biggest summer reading ever at 230+ free programs
- Cooking, sewing, video games, science classes, crafts, movie screenings, and book clubs for every age group
- Kids ballet, teen Escape from Chairassic Park, and a new slate of adult programs including the Millennial Breakfast Club, Footnotes Walking Club, and Little House on the 'Brary
- Prize drawings every two weeks





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- ☒ Young Adults (Middle School and High School Aged) can attend Game Night: Unmatched Jurassic Park Takes Manhattan and Jurassic Park Takes West Virginia on 6/8 from 5-7 p.m., Young Adult Pet Rock Painting on 6/17 from 3-5 p.m., Animal Character Creation on 6/24 from 3-5 p.m., Dino Sculpting on 7/1 from 3-5 p.m. (all tools and materials provided), and Saurian Safari (hunting dinosaurs in a fun miniature game) on 7/6 from 5-7 p.m.
- ☒ Enjoy Tinker Time with Miss Maggie on 6/10 and 6/11 at 10:30 a.m. (Pasta Skeletons), 6/17 and 6/18 at 10:30 a.m. (LEGO Challenge: Jurassic Park), 6/24 and 6/25 at 10:30 a.m. (Erupting Volcano), 7/1 and 7/2 at 10:30 a.m. (Pudding Cup Dinosaur Dig), plus 7/8 and 7/9 at 10:30 a.m. (Building Bridges)
- ☒ Attend Music and Movement at 10 a.m. on 6/19 and 7/17.



- ☒ Enjoy family time at the library by attending Family Dino Game Night (all ages board games with fun dinosaur themes) on 6/25 from 4-6 p.m., Dinosaur Ornament Painting for All Ages on 7/7 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. (bring in that week's Summer Reading prize and you will get what you need to decorate them), and Junior Paleontology for All Ages on 7/13 from 10:30-11:00 a.m.
- ☒ Preteens (4th to 8th grade) can attend Dino Sticker Portraits on 6/10 and 6/11 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. (all materials provided), Preteen Learning Drawasaurus on 6/24 and 6/25 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. to draw a real or imaginary dinosaur (all supplies provided), Dino Sculpting on 7/1 and 7/2 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. (all tools and materials provided), and Treasure Maps on 7/8 and 7/9 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. (all materials provided).

**TIME WARP
DINOSAUR
SCAVENGER HUNT
FOR ALL AGES!
MONDAY, JUNE
15TH, 12PM-8PM**





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Representing Davidson County at the IMLS America 250 Convening

I was honored to represent our library department at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Convening 250: Telling America's Story, held May 11–13 in Atlanta, Georgia. The event brought together librarians from rural communities across ten southeastern states to share ideas, resources, and inspiration as we prepare to commemorate America's 250th anniversary. Attendees ranged from those just beginning their careers in libraries to professionals who have dedicated more than 40 years to library service, creating a valuable opportunity to learn from a wide range of experiences and perspectives. The convening reinforced that America 250 is about much more than Revolutionary War history—it's an opportunity to tell the stories of our communities and the many people who have shaped the American experience. One highlight was meeting North Carolina State Librarian Michelle Underhill and joining representatives from 12 North Carolina library systems for a breakout session focused on what makes our state unique and how we can incorporate those stories into our America 250 programming. Speakers included Lee Ann Potter of the Library of Congress, who showcased freely accessible resources that libraries can use for educational programming, and Lee Habeeb of Our American Stories, who shared insights on collecting and telling meaningful local stories. We also learned from Acting Secretary of Labor, Keith Sonderling, about the Freedom Truck, a traveling Revolutionary War exhibit visiting communities across the country, including Davidson County.

I came away inspired by the creativity and resourcefulness of rural libraries. Programs being planned range from historian lecture series and genealogy projects to cooking demonstrations, story walks, trolley tours, hands-on family activities – and so much more. Someone shared they are having a Boston Tea-Rex party for Summer Reading! This experience reminded me that rural libraries are mighty—we thrive through strong community relationships, partnerships, and a willingness to try new ideas. I was also proud to share some of the exciting work happening here in Davidson County, including Denton Library's A250 cooking classes and history presentation series as well as our upcoming One Day Wonder Exhibit on Constitution Day, September 17, featuring original documents from the State Archives, including historic North Carolina constitutions and a letter written by John Adams. We're currently working on an America 250 exhibit focused on Davidson County's unique history and stories, set to open this July. I'm excited to see how our libraries and museum continue to celebrate America 250 throughout the year.

If you'd like to learn more about our America 250 programs and upcoming events, visit our website at www.davidsoncountymuseum.com/events.

Happy 250,

Caitlin Williams-Cole, Curator, Davidson County Historical Museum

*Look for the next quarterly edition of
The Curious Cardinal
in September.*