Kudos to Tina Samuel (middle) of the Titusville Branch Library. She has been selected to represent the Birmingham Public Library at the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, to be held September 26-30, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Birmingham Public Library Youth Services staff Bessie Miller (left) and Cheryl Burgess greeted over 70 families and shared information about our library programs and services at the 2018 Happy Healthy Kids Fair, held August 25 at the Riverchase Galleria.

One of downtown Birmingham's most popular nightspots, Bards & Brews at Hop City Beer & Wine, featured impressive performance poetry and music. L-R: Brian "Voice Porter" Hawkins emcees the August Bards & Brews; poets perform on the patio at Hop City Beer & Wine. City Beer & Wine Senior Daniel Blokh was one of five student poets honored. Poetry performances were enjoyed al fresco with food and free beer samples from Hop City.

Creative Writing students from the Alabama School of Fine Arts (ASFA) in Birmingham attended a 2018 National Student Poets Pinning Ceremony at Central Library. Over the next three weeks, Harley will lead several free Google workshops in the Central Library's Regional Library Computer Center.

Maurice Harley (pictured), Birmingham Public Library's education training coordinator, is sharing knowledge with patrons that he gained by attending an all-day series of Grow With Google workshops held August 6 at the Central Library. Peer coaching helps people improve skills and knowledge to enhance job opportunities.

L-R: Director of outreach at Urban Avenues Keiah Shauku leads a group discussion at the August 28 Prime Time Family Reading Time; attendees enjoy a light meal before the program. Five Points West Regional Branch Library has kicked off the 2018 summer and fall season of Prime Time Family Reading Time; attendees enjoy a light meal before the program.

What We're Reading at BPL
The Southern Sympathy Cookbook: Funeral Food Pays Tribute to This Tradition with a Wonderful Collection of Recipes That Honor the South and That's What We Do. The Southern Sympathy Cookbook: Funeral Food pays tribute to this tradition with a wonderful collection of recipes that honor the South and that's what we do. It's a gift that you can give to someone who needs help, to the neighbor who is in mourning, that can come in a variety of ways. It will keep the memory of the person who is gone alive and will bring the family together.

The Southern Sympathy Cookbook: Funeral Food will have readers nodding and smiling in recognition, along with a few tears, as they rummage through pages filled with memories, more than one place name from home, family, and friends. The recipes themselves are varied, from cakes and casseroles and platters and sheet pans; as a friend told me, "...funeral food—than a funeral. At times of loss our neighbors who have been friends and neighbors, family, and friends have come to our doors with food—than a funeral. At times of loss our neighbors who have been friends and neighbors, family, and friends have come to our doors with food, cook in a variety of ways, and will bring the family together.

Here in the South we believe wholeheartedly that "Food is Love" and "Food is Love" than a funeral. At times of loss our neighbors who have been friends and neighbors, family, and friends have come to our doors with food, cook in a variety of ways, and will bring the family together. The Southern Sympathy Cookbook: Funeral Food, by Perre Coleman Magness, is about the importance of food at funerals, beyond the basics of genealogy, Dear Cousin: Corresponding with Your DNA Relatives; September 10, 2018 - October 28, 2018, Central Library; Coloring Time Family Reading Time, a six-week program that encourages parents and their children to celebrate the joy of reading together. Each 90-minute session includes storytellers reading up to three books followed by a group discussion.

Prime Time Family Reading Time at Five Points West Regional Branch Library. Prime Time Family Reading Time at Five Points West Regional Branch Library, the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, to be held September 26-30, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Prime Time Family Reading Time at Five Points West Regional Branch Library, the 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color, to be held September 26-30, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Upcoming Events
- September 8, 2018, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Five Points West Regional Branch Library, Prime Time Family Reading Time
- September 9, 2018, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Central Library, Opening Reception for Exhibit: September 7-October 25, 2018
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- September 14, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library, Church Records and Histories for the Genealogist
- September 20, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library, Beyond the Basics of Genealogy – Dear Cousin: Corresponding with Your DNA Relatives
- September 24, 2018, 3:30-4:30 p.m., West End Branch Library, Teen Writing Workshop with Chandra Sparks Splond
- September 25, 2018, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Central Library, Old Photographs: Solving the Mysteries
- September 26, 2018, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Hop City Beer & Wine, Bards & Brews Open Mic Poetry Event
- September 29, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library, Central Library Hosting Free Google Workshops in September

Closures
- October 28, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- October 29, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- October 30, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- October 31, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- November 1, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- November 2, 2018, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library

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