Program Spotlight

Hispanic Heritage Month

The celebrations and accomplishments of Hispanic Americans are celebrated every year from September 15 to October 15. This year, the Birmingham Public Library will pay special tribute to Hispanic Heritage Month in October with a variety of programs and events.

Hispanic Heritage Month Programs

Hispanic Heritage Month programs will be held at various Birmingham Public Library branch locations. These programs will highlight the contributions and culture of Hispanic Americans, offering educational opportunities and cultural enrichment for all ages.

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BPL Hosting Genealogical Programs during National Family History Month in October

The Birmingham Public Library's Southern History Department will host 13 programs throughout October to celebrate Family History Month. These programs are aimed at helping patrons research their family history, and will include workshops on genealogy, DNA testing, and more.

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BPL Reads Banned Books

Banned Books Week, an annual national event celebrating the freedom to read, will be observed from September 23 to September 29. The 2018 theme, "Banning Books Silences Stories," is a reminder that everyone needs to speak out against the tide of censorship.

North Avondale Library Chapter Chatters Book Club

The North Avondale Library Chapter Chatters Book Club will be discussing "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, one of the top banned books of 2017. The book addresses the issues of racism and police violence with heart and honesty when 16-year-old Starr Carter witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend by a police officer.

North Avondale Library branch manager Saundra Ross said the club had a fascinating discussion about the book, which deals with the controversial subject of race and police shootings of blacks in America. A movie version of "The Hate U Give" will be released in theaters in October.

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Upcoming Events & Closures

- Rock Painting @ Try-It-Out-Tuesday
  - September 25, 4:00 p.m., Five Points West Library
- Resume Help Workshop
  - September 27, 3:00 p.m., Smithfield Library
- Bards & Brews Poetry Slam
  - October 5, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Central Library
- Old Photographs: Solving the Mysteries
  - October 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Central Library
- Teen Writing Workshop with Chandra Sparks Splond
  - October 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m., West End Branch Library
- Beyond the Basics of Genealogy – Dear Cousin: Corresponding with Your DNA Relatives
  - October 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- AARP Technology Workshop
  - October 27, 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., West End Branch Library
- Church Records and Histories for the Genealogist
  - October 28, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- Staff Day
  - All Birmingham Public Library locations closed October 18
- Magic City Classic
  - Smithfield Branch Library closing at 1:00 p.m. October 26; closed all day October 27

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