28 September 2018

Program Highlights

Tot Time at the Avondale Regional Branch Library

For September Tot at the Avondale Library, the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff was told in four different ways: as a finger play, as a flannel board story, and with shadow puppets; then some brave adults were encouraged to act it out for the audience! For their craft, the tots all got their own puppet theaters and characters to color.

An Expression of Appreciation for the Women of the Inglenook Community at the Inglenook Branch Library

Inglenook Library’s bi-monthly program that focuses on family and women’s issues invited counselor Shannon Crenshaw (far right photo: standing) to give a presentation on how to practice mindfulness throughout the day. The first program was held in 2017 and sought to provide women who either work or live in the Inglenook community with an environment of empowerment and relaxation while addressing issues that affect their daily lives.

Program Spotlights

BPL Spinners Club Hosting “Spooky Music” Discussion at the Central Library

The BPL Spinners Club is getting in a spooky mood in preparation for Halloween 2018. On October 16 in the Central Library Create205 Learning Lab, the club will discuss “spooky music.” Weeds will be provided.

BPL Spinners Club, founded by Russell Lee of the Arts, Literature and Sports Department, is a music-based program in which attendees listen to preselected music recordings and then open the floor for brief discussions about them. October’s BPL Spinners Club is truly going to be a ghastly and eerie listening experience,” Lee said. “I promised Vampira (played by Cyndi Barnett of the Catalog Department) I would include Thriller on the playlist.”

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The Dannon Project, BPL Partner to Provide Social Services for Patrons

Between early October through mid-December 2018, library patrons can schedule one-on-one sessions with a Dannon Project social worker to address personal barriers to success. The social worker is available every Wednesday between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. at different BPL locations to assist in the following areas: drug abuse, mental health issues, legal referrals, unemployment, healthcare, homelessness, domestic violence, and more.

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What We’re Reading at BPL

Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake

Reviewed by Jenn Seiler-Patrick, Five Points West Regional Branch Library

This young-adult fantasy book begins with the cryptic poem:

Three dark queens are born in a glen,
sweet little triplets will never be friends.
Three dark sisters all fair to be seen,
two to devour and one to be Queen.

And from there, I knew this book is meant for me—as someone who is a fan of true crime and has often been accused of having a dark sense of “humor”—I was all in.

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Upcoming Events & Closures

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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