



BPLinks

the newsletter

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A second grader visiting the Five Points West Regional Branch Library displays his new library card, a stack of books, and a big smile

New Year's Resolution: Take Advantage of Your Library Card

Happy New Year! Every New Year offers an opportunity to grow, expand, and improve ourselves. That's one of the main reasons why people make New Year's resolutions.

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Bards & Brews Open Mic Poetry Event

Central Library, January 11, 6:30 P.M.

Bards & Brews is hosting its first event of 2019 on January 11 at the Central Library East Grand Reading Room. Hop City Craft Beer & Wine will supply the beer samples.

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For Freedoms – Alabama Exhibit

Closing Reception

Central Library, January 20, 2:30 P.M.

The Central Library is hosting a reception in the Fourth Floor Gallery allowing the public to meet 24 artists featured in *For Freedoms – Alabama*, an art exhibit that is part of a non-partisan, nationwide campaign using art as a means to inspire civic participation by celebrating freedoms. The exhibit will be on display through January 25, 2019.

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Begin the Day: The 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture – "Real Life Poets Remember Dr. King"

Avondale Library, January 20, 3:00 P.M.

For our 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture, the Birmingham Public Library Archives will host students from Real Life Poets. The students will share original poetry inspired by the words of Dr. King and discuss the relevance of King's teachings to their lives today.

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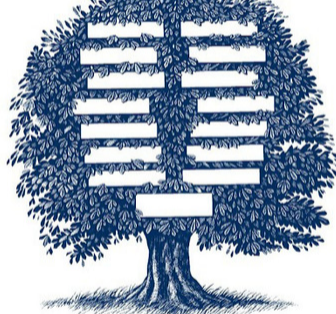
The Dannon Project

One mission...One life at a time

Dannon Project, BPL Partner to Provide Social Worker Consultations to Patrons

The Dannon Project and the Birmingham Public Library are partnering again to offer the Social Workers Help Change Lives @ BPL consultations in 2019. From January 9 through March 27, 2019, library patrons can meet with a Dannon Project social worker to address personal barriers to success.

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Explore Your Family Tree

Southern History Department Hosting Genealogy Workshops in January and February

Did you make a New Year's Resolution to learn more about your family history in 2019? Then make plans to take advantage of six free genealogy workshops Birmingham Public Library's Southern History Department is hosting over the next five weeks beginning Saturday, January 12, 2019.

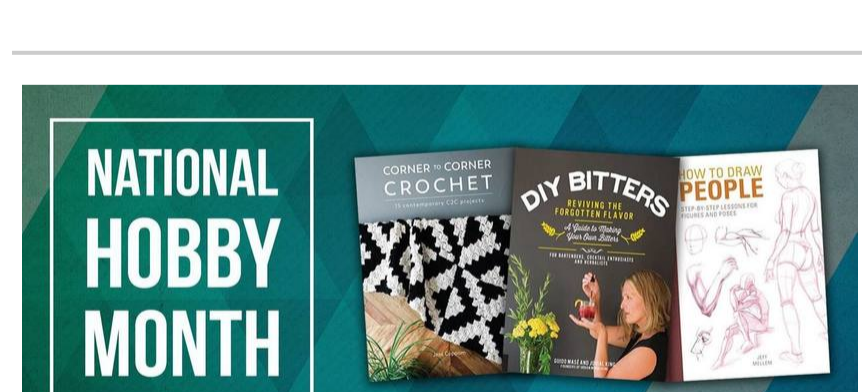
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From Page to Stage: The Hundred Dresses – A Reader's Theater Workshop for Children at Select BPL Locations in February

In performance of the upcoming Birmingham Children's Theatre's performance of *The Hundred Dresses*, the Birmingham Public Library will be hosting free workshops at several of its area libraries. Children, aged 7 to 12, will learn how stories come alive through the magic of theater.

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Put Those Idle Hands (and Minds) to Work during National Hobby Month with Hoopla

Every January during National Hobby Month, thousands of Americans celebrate their favorite hobbies and try out new ones.

[Find some inspiration at Hoopla.](#)

Hoopla is free to Birmingham residents with a JCLC library card.



Martin Luther King Day

January 21

Staff Training

January 30

BPL locations open at 1:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee, Conversation and Crafts

January 7

11:00 A.M.

Springville Road Library

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Basic Crochet

January 9

10:00 A.M.

West End Library

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Club Create

January 9

2:00 P.M.

Avondale Library

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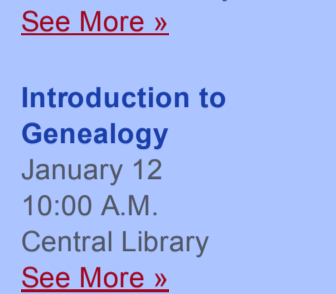
Introduction to Genealogy

January 12

10:00 A.M.

Central Library

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Author Visit with Irene Latham – Meet Miss Fancy

January 13

2:30 P.M.

Avondale Library

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Career Test Prep

January 14

10:00 A.M.

Smithfield Library

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Jump into the Gene Pool: Genetics and Your Family History

January 14

2:15 P.M.

Central Library

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Steps to Starting Your Business

January 15

12:00 P.M.

Central Library

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Family Fun Night: 6th Annual Beach Blanket BINGO Bash!

January 15

6:00 P.M.

Avondale Library

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Basic Crochet

January 16

10:00 A.M.

West End Library

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Wylam Book Club

January 16

11:00 A.M.

Wylam Library

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Art Party

January 16

2:00 P.M.

Avondale Library

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Card Party

January 17

10:00 A.M.

Springville Road Library

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FreePlay

January 18

3:30 P.M.

East Ensley Library

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ONGOING EVENTS

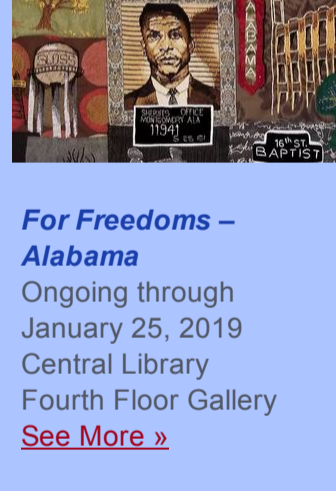


For Freedoms – Alabama

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Central Library
Fourth Floor Gallery

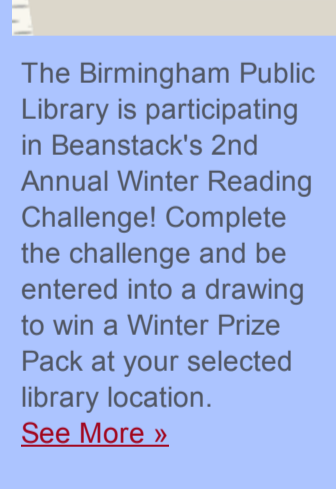
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Winter Break Reading Challenge

The Birmingham Public Library is participating in BeanStinker's 2nd Annual Winter's 2nd Reading Challenge! Complete the challenge and be entered into a drawing to win a Winter Prize Pack at your selected library location.

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The Friends Bookstore

located on the first floor of the Central Library, offers a treasure trove of books, audiobooks, book bags, magazines, records, and other media at nominal prices.

Proceeds assist in funding library programs.

Hours:

Monday–Saturday
9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

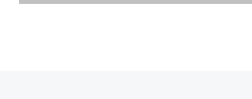
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