Americans celebrate their favorite hobbies and try out new ones. Every January during National Hobby Month, thousands of libraries across the country bring their communities together to participate in Put Those Idle Hands (and Minds) to Work during National Hobby Month with the Birmingham Public Library. Join us for special events and workshops to explore new hobbies and deepen your passion for your favorite one.

In anticipation of the upcoming Birmingham Children’s Theatre’s February event, the Central Library is hosting a reception in the Fourth Floor Gallery allowing the public to meet 24 artists featured in the exhibit For Freedoms – A Reader’s Theater Workshop. The exhibit will be on display through January 25, 2019. Wine will supply the beer samples.

February is National Genealogy Month and the Birmingham Public Library’s Genealogy Department is hosting over the next five weeks beginning Saturday, January 12, 2019. Did you make a New Year’s Resolution to learn more about your family history? Genealogy Workshops in January and February offer a variety of programs designed for adults and beginners alike.

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 today’s world. The event will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 3:00 P.M. at the Central Library, Avondale Library, and East Ensley Library.

For Freedoms – Alabama Biennial Art Exhibit, Central Library, January 20, 2:00 P.M. to April 5, 2019.

Springville Road Library, 10:00 A.M. January 16

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Join the Day: The 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. African American Civil Rights – Meet Life Poets Remember Dr. King” – Birmingham Children’s Theatre’s February event for Children at Select BPL Locations in Birmingham.

From Page to Stage: The Alchemist – A Reader’s Theater Workshop for Children at Select BPL Locations in Birmingham.

Visit the Central Library, Fourth Floor Gallery, every Thursday in January from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. for “The Birmingham Public Library Archives Wednesday Lecture: Slavery and the Criminal Justice System.”

The Birmingham Public Library will host a reception for The Dannons Project – A Reader’s Theater Workshop, January 5, 2019. The Dannons Project, BPL Partner to Provide Social-Worker Consultations to Patrons.