



## The Public Library: Everyone's Community Center

As I look out over the library each day, I realize that our public library truly is everyone's community center. A variety of programs and services are offered at our libraries. There is something for the very youngest of our patrons to the seniors we serve in our community. Thanks to support of the citizens of Chambers County we are able to offer most of these services free or at a minimal charge. On any given day, a patron visiting the library may find a favorite storybook character visiting, an informative program at our Lunch and Learn, free public access to the Internet, a friendly and helpful library staff and one of the finest collection of books in the state of Alabama. Everyone should take time to visit the library.

If you're reading this newsletter, this means that you

already are patron. So, why not share your experiences with family and friends. Encourage them to take advantage of all the wonderful offerings at the their public library. You will be surprised to find many people have no idea what the library offers.

It doesn't cost anything to get a library card at Bradshaw Library or the LaFayette Pilot Public Library if you live, work or own property in Chambers County or the City of West Point. A public library cardholder may check-out twenty items on their library card. In addition to circulating books, our library checks out audiobooks on CD, digital books, DVDs, music CDs and equipment. We also offer laminating, send faxes and provide a copier for public use.

Both libraries, Bradshaw and LaFayette, offer free public meeting rooms for community clubs and non-profit organizations. The Cobb Memorial Archives located at the Bradshaw Library, offers a wealth of information on local history of our communities and our people. Visitors come from throughout the United States visit our Archives every year.

We offer weekly and monthly programs that we hope will appeal to our library patrons. We welcome your suggestions. Please let us know if there is something we can offer you that isn't already available. While we can't promise it will be immediate, we try to offer the programs and services that will best serve all our patrons needs.

The public library is a place to meet friends or make new friends. It's a place to run in for a quick visit or to stay a while. It's your place. We hope to see you soon.

## 'Tweens Pumpkin Carving

Children ages 8 – 12 are invited to make spook-tacular pumpkin art at the library. Pumpkin Carving for 'Tweens will be Thursday, October 29 at 4:00 p. m at Bradshaw. Registration for this event is going on now at the library. If you would like to sign up to create your own pumpkin for Halloween call the library at 768 – 2161 or stop by to reserve a pumpkin.

**The last day to register will be Monday, October 26.**



## LaFayette Library's Game Day and Movie Day

The next Game Day at the LaFayette Pilot Public Library is Thursday, October 8 at 12:30 p.m. Gamers enjoy board games, rook, bridge and dominoes. Following the games, lunch is served. Everyone is welcome. Be sure to bring your friends or just drop in and meet some new friends. To reserve your place at the game table, call the LaFayette Library at 334-864-0012.



In addition to Game Day, a monthly Movie Matinee has been added at the library. The first movie day will be on Friday, October 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy *The Secret Lives of Bees*. The movie stars Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah and Jennifer Hudson.

The movie is set in South Carolina in 1964. It tells the story of Lily Owens a 14 year-old girl who is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping.

Drinks and popcorn will be served. Both of these programs are offered free at the LaFayette Pilot Public Library. For more information or to register, call the library at 334-864-0012.



## Just for Teens at Bradshaw

### Teen Game Day

Bradshaw Library hosts Game Day for teens on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month after school. Come and bring your friends for fun board games, card games and Wii. Free drinks and snacks are served. For more information about programs for teens call Kati Behrens at 768-2161.



### Teen Coffee House and Open Mic Night

Are you a poet? Have you written a song? Do you enjoy Karaoke? This Thursday, October 1, teens, ages 13 – 18, are invited to share their talents at Bradshaw Library's Teen Coffee House and Open Mic night. Join us for a night of great coffee drinks, delicious pastries and surprising entertainment. Meet up with your friends or make some new ones. Come to perform or just to watch. Be ready to have an interesting, fun evening. Oh, best of all, everything is FREE! The evening begins at 6:30 and everyone is welcome. For more information about this program, call Kati Behrens at 334-768-2161.



## Support Literacy Volunteers of the Greater Valley Area



*If you can read this, think how very fortunate you are!* Please support the growing need to help adults in our community learn to read. Literacy Volunteers of the Greater Valley Area will be selling Hamburger Sack Lunches on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Kroger parking lot. Sacks are \$5.00 and will contain 2 hamburgers, chips and a cookie. Tickets can be purchased at the library's circulation desk.



## Free Line Dancing Class at the Library

Bradshaw Library will offer a free line dancing class on Thursdays at the library. Beginning on Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. join local resident Bob Ward for a lively program guaranteed to get you moving. Call the library at 334-768-2161 to register for this program. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes.



## Suzie's Seniors Game Day



Suzie's Seniors will enjoy Game Day and lunch on Friday, October 9. The fun starts at 11:00 a.m. with lunch followed by games Come and enjoy Wii, board games, dominoes, Bridge and Rook. This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with friends or make some new friends at the library. Call the library today at 334-768-2161 for more information or to register for this free program.

## Basic Genealogy Workshop in LaFayette

On Wednesday, November 4 local resident Martha Gatlin will conduct a Basic Genealogy workshop at the LaFayette Pilot Public Library. The workshop begins at 10:00 a.m. (central) and will conclude at 12:00 p.m. with lunch. Ms. Gatlin will guide participants through the basic steps of genealogical research, introduce online references for research and take a field trip over to the county courthouse. Anyone interested in attending this workshop, should call the LaFayette Library at 334-864-0012 or Bradshaw Library at 334-768-2161. Registration ends on Monday, November 2.

## Artist and Artisans in November

Our first **Area Artists and Artisans Day** is scheduled for Thursday, November 19 at the LaFayette Pilot Public Library. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. "It's promising to be one of the best things we've ever sponsored," says Betty Barrett, LaFayette Branch Manager. There will be hand thrown pottery and handmade quilts, handmade soap, cloth books, tree ornaments, jewelry, blankets, wood crafts, jams and jellies, children's clothing, baskets, floral arrangements, and other things. This is the perfect opportunity to shop for Christmas or buy something that will become a family heirloom. Get your list made out, and mark your calendar! For more information about this event, contact Betty Barrett at the LaFayette branch at 334-864-0012.

## Library Book Club

We are very excited about the interest that we have had from patrons in starting a Library Book Club. We have scheduled our next meeting for October 15 at 1:30. Anyone interested in joining the book club should try to attend this meeting. If you are not able to attend and would like more information, please email Tabitha Truitt at [tabithatruitt@chamberscountylibrary.org](mailto:tabithatruitt@chamberscountylibrary.org) or call the Bradshaw Library at 334-768-2161 for more information. At our next meeting will write book club guidelines and pick our first book to read. Please join us for this great new program at the library.

### New at the Library

*Smash Cut* by Sandra Brown, *True Blue* by David Balducci, *Pursuit of Honor* by Vince Flynn, *Nine Dragons* by Michael Connelly, *A Touch of Dead* by Charlaine Harris, *Southern Lights* by Danielle Steel, *The Professional* by Robert Parker, *Blood Game* by Iris Johansen, *Breaking the Rules* by Barbara Taylor Bradford, *Evidence* by Jonathan Kellerman, *Rough Country* by John Sandford, *True Compass* by Edward M. Kennedy, *The Conversation* by Hill Harper, *American on Purpose* by Craig Ferguson, *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom, *The Murder of King Tut* by James Patterson

## Elementary School Tutoring

Bradshaw Library will be continuing their tutoring program for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. If you have a child who is in need of tutoring, please call Kati Behrens at Bradshaw Library at 334-768-2161. The tutoring sessions are offered at Bradshaw Library one hour per week. Local high school honor students will tutor in reading and/or math. This service is **FREE!** It is offered on a first come, first served basis.

### October Storytime

October 6 & 8  
Fire Dept Field Trip

October 13 & 15  
Colors

October 20 & 22  
Shapes

October 27 & 29  
Halloween



**Story Hour is every Tuesday** at 10:30 at Bradshaw Library and **every Thursday** at 10:30 at LaFayette.

## Check Out What Else is Happening!

### Free ASL Class

Free American Sign Language classes will resume on Monday, October 5. Classes will be offered every Monday from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The class instructors are Clayton and Dianne Roberts. For more information about this class or to sign up, please call Kati Behrens at 334-768-2161.

### Scrapbook With Cathyx2

Have you been wondering what to do with all those pictures that you took at Christmas or last summer when you were on vacation at the beach? Join Cathy Wright and Cathy Crosson for Scrapbook with Cathy x 2 on the third Friday night of each month at 6:30 for scrapbooking. Bring your own supplies. We provide the space, fellowship and light refreshments. Call the library at 334-768-2161 for more information about the program. Visit our blog at [www.chamberscountylibrary.org](http://www.chamberscountylibrary.org) for a list of supplies to bring that you will need to get started.

### Tai Chi on Monday & Wednesday

Jan Stewart leads a Tai Chi class on Monday and Wednesday mornings at the LaFayette Pilot Public Library. For more information about the class, call Betty Barrett at the LaFayette library at 334-864-0012.

**Most library programs and services are free or have a minimal charge. Everyone is welcome to visit the public library and discover all the great services, programs and events available.**