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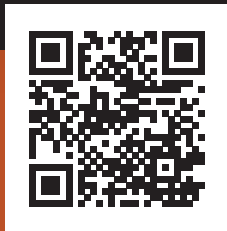
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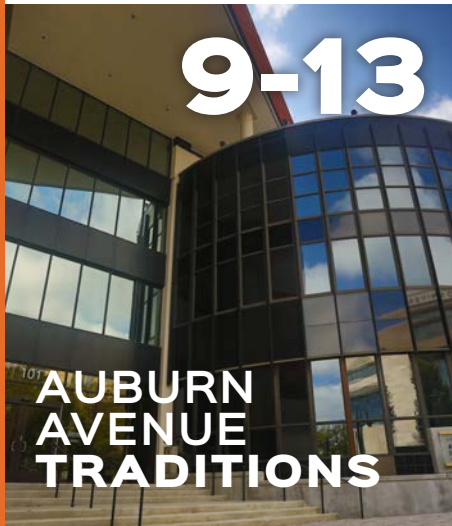


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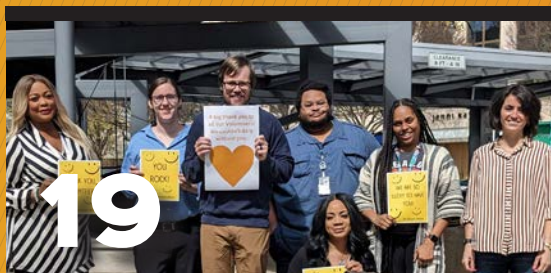
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Director's Note

It has been a long and very hot summer. We hope you were able to spend long days at a library, browsing, reading and attending programs and other events. I hope you had numerous laugh out loud moments.

The waning summer days merge into fall, not always seamlessly, and with their own set of challenges. Let the Library's programs and services assist you, when possible.

We look forward to another Library signature program, One Book, One Read, which will be held at the Central Library on Saturday, August 10th. Please join us and welcome the author, Nikki Erlick as she discusses her bestselling book. The event's moderator will be the veteran journalist, Monica Kaufman Pearson. The program is sponsored by the Library Foundation.

I hope you continue to make the Library a destination place for you and your family. There are the traditional books and materials; online resources; Career Online High School; GED and ESL classes; blood pressure cuffs for check out; as well as Dementia kits available for you. Research materials await your discovery.

The Library continues to provide some social services that may make a difference in your life or that you can share with others.

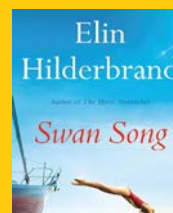
It is no secret that the Library staff works very hard to meet your literacy and digital needs. We look forward to seeing you this fall.



**What I'm
Reading**



FUNNY STORY
BY EMILY HENRY



SWAN SONG
BY ELIN HILDERBRAND



CAMINO GHOSTS
BY JOHN GRISHAM

ADVENTURES AT THE LIBRARY

2024 SUMMER RECAP

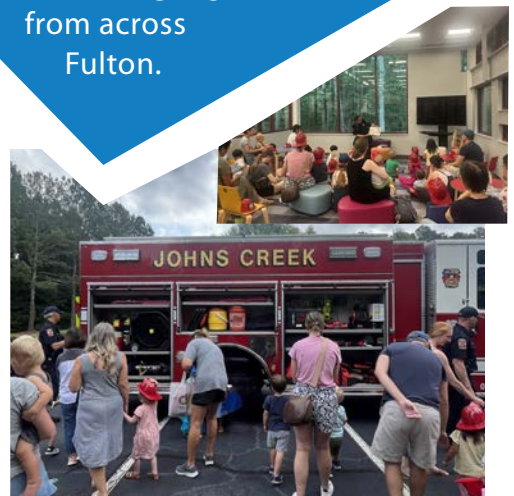
Thank you for an amazing Summer Reading at FulcoLibrary! We hit over 12,000 participants and couldn't do this without your support. Check out these highlights from across Fulton.



Summer Reading is the perfect time to volunteer at your local library. Thank you to our young Buckhead Library volunteers!



Creating Craft Guitars during the "Dad You Rock" Summer Reading party at the Palmetto Library!



Songs, stories, laughter, and more at the Northeast Spruill Oaks Library during Firefighter Storytime.



Jigsaw Jamming at the Wolf Creek Library! Families enjoying jigsaw puzzles for every age.



Showcasing Mandalas and smiles at Northeast Spruill Oaks Library!

Summer Reading Adventures with the staff and patrons of the Evelyn G. Lowery Library at Cascade Library.



This summer, FulcoLibrary hosted the 3rd Annual Children's Book Festival, with two weekends of fun for all ages, authors, entertainers and more. Taking place on Saturday, June 22, the festival kicked off at the Alpharetta Library with award-winning creator of the Owly series, Andy Runton and concluded on Saturday June 29 at the South Fulton Library, with author Nicole D. Collier and others. During both events, participants enjoyed activities like face-painting, puppet shows, storytimes and more. The Children's Book Festival is made possible by support from the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation.

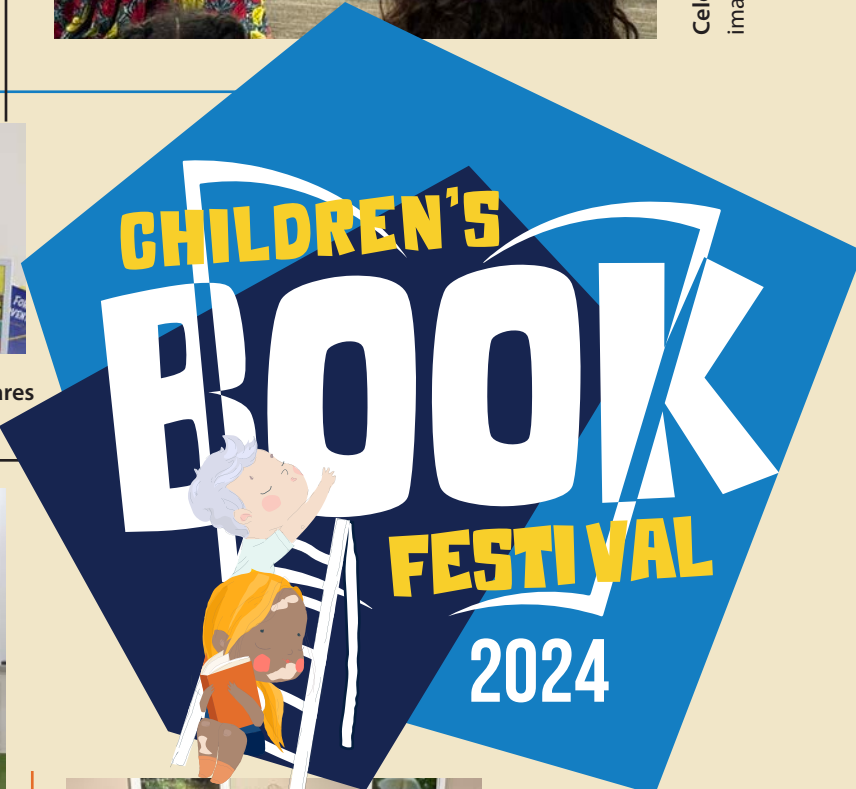


Celebrating fun, friendship, and the power of imagination with the Nguzo Babies puppet show.

Learning to draw Owly & Snoopy with Andy Runton!



Author Ryan Quick shares his adventures at CBF!



Gina Gallois shares her newest book, *Opposom Opposites* during a special storytime! Did you know they carry their young in their pouch?



Ms. Adrienne beams with joy in the arts and crafts area of the children's book festival. We had a blast making adorable cutout animal masks!



Enjoying a lively puppet show by Nguzo Babies, a children's literacy and cultural edutainment company.



“ROLL-OUT” FOR LIBRARY CARD

SIGN-UP MONTH

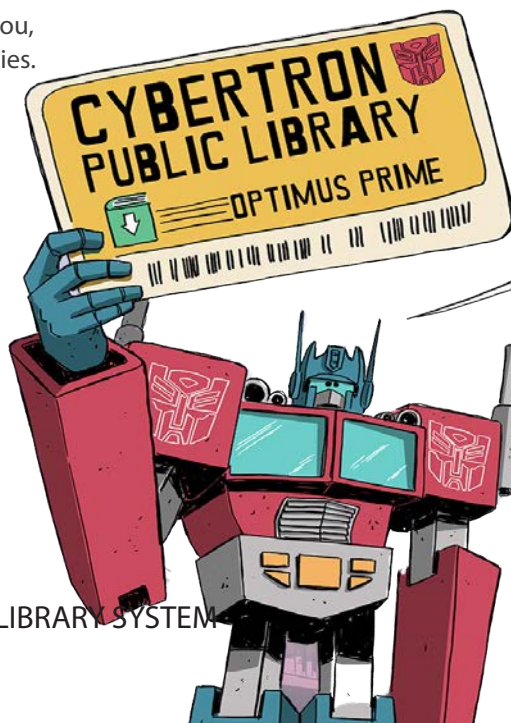
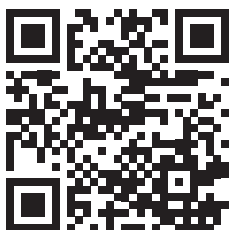
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This September, FulcoLibrary will celebrate Library Card Signup Month with activities and programs for all ages! September is the perfect time to stop by your local library branch and make sure your library card is up to date or register for a new card! You can also complete your library card application online at fulcolibrary.org/register. Whether you live or work in Fulton County, your free library card is waiting for you, along with a world of possibilities.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, libraries unite in a national effort to ensure everyone signs up for their own library card.

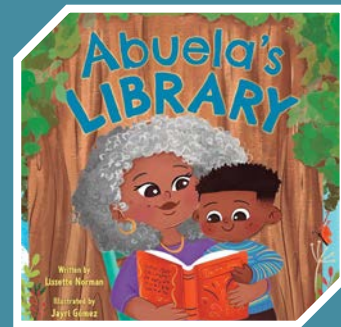
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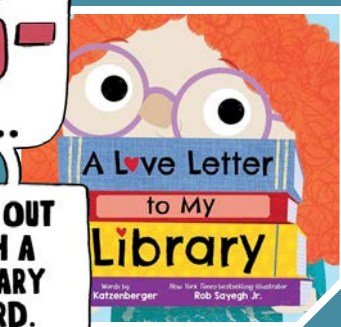
LITTLE LIBRARY LOVERS:

DISCOVER THE MAGIC
OF YOUR LIBRARY CARD



→ Abuela's Library

by Lissette Norman
Alfonso and Abuela love to spend Saturday afternoons finding books at the library and reading them together beneath their favorite oak tree. But when their beloved tree is cut down, can Alfonso transform the stump into something magical for their whole community—their very own neighborhood library?



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→ A Love Letter to My Library

by Lisa Katzenberger
Everyone loves visiting the library! Children—and adults alike—enjoy searching the shelves for new adventures, curling up in their favorite cozy chair during story time, and even laughing with their friends during arts and crafts. The library has something for everybody!



→ **The Secret Library**

by *Kekla Magoon*

Finding a mysterious letter from her late Grandpa, Dally is led straight to a library of secrets where each book is a portal to a precise moment in time, and she must find the courage to write her own life story as she “checks out” adventure after adventure.



→ **Behind My Doors: The Story of the World's Oldest Library**

by *Hena Khan*

Al-Qarawiyyin Library shares the true story of how it was originally founded by a Muslim woman in 859 in Fez, Morocco, and remains the oldest operating library in existence.



→ **No Cats in the Library**

by *Lauren Emmons*

Clarisse, a street cat who loves books, finds a new home in the library as a read-aloud cat.

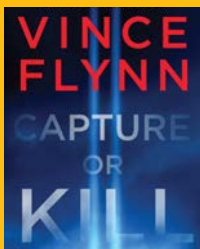
NEW ON SHELVES

Check out these newly-released and upcoming novels using your library card!



AND SO I ROAR
BY ABI DARÈ

After accidentally hearing a secret conversation between her terminally ill mother and her aunt, Tia must choose between protecting a runaway girl or uncovering a truth that could change the lives of the girls in their Nigerian village.



CAPTURE OR KILL
BY VINCE FLYNN

Mitch Rapp faces an Iranian foe bent on destabilizing the Middle East in the newest thriller in a best-selling series.



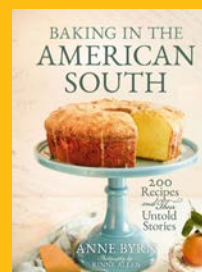
THE BOOK LOVER'S LIBRARY
BY MADELINE MARTIN

When she accidentally donates her favorite book containing a memento she can't be without to the community library, Erin, when the book turns up a week later with fresh notes in the margins, starts a life-changing conversation through an anonymous book exchange that leads to something unexpected.



SMALL RAIN
BY GARTH GREENWELL

A medical crisis brings one man close to death—and to love, art and beauty.



BAKING IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH
BY ANNE BYRN

Experience mouthwatering Southern baking—from humble home kitchens to innovative new Southern chefs.



CONGRATS TO OUR CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER GRADUATES

FulcoLibrary staff recently completed a nine-month Certified Public Manager (CPM) program with the University of Georgia. The CPM program is an intensive multi-part program where participants learn about their organizations and how to lead and manage more effectively. Focused on self-awareness, collaboration, and process improvement, the program is designed to improve the quality and efficiency of government agencies by developing the effectiveness and professionalism of its managers.

Over the years, dozens of library employees have taken part in the CPM program, bringing new and improved leadership skills to their library branches throughout the County. Congratulations to all our graduates throughout the years. A special congrats to our May graduates, including: Alpharetta Branch Manager, Jeff Stinson; Auburn Avenue Research Library Librarian, Okezie Amalaha; Central Librarian, Vikki Walters; Administrative Coordinator, Zenobia Claxton; Milton Branch Support Supervisor, Jason Jonestock; Northeast/Spruill Oaks Branch Assistant Manager, Ellen Baxter; Peachtree Branch Manager, Robyn Lim and Volunteer Coordinator, Marcy Meyers.



Okezie Amalaha



Ellen Baxter



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Jason Jonestock



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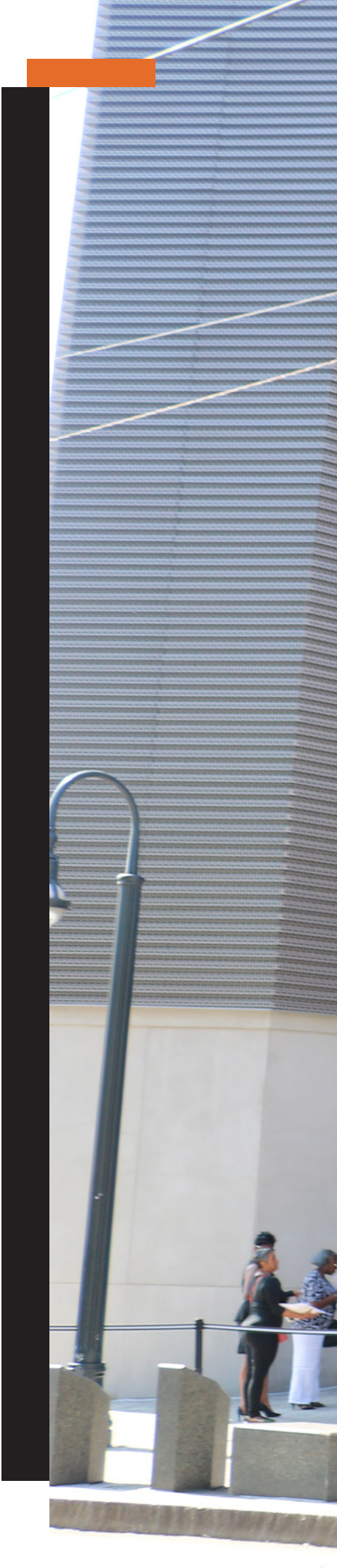
Marcy Meyers



Jeffrey Stinson



Vikki Walters



AARL Traditions

AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Greetings FROM THE LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR

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hirty years ago, in 1994, the landscape of Atlanta was vastly different. The Internet as we know it today was in its infancy, and Fulton County and the City of Atlanta was pulsating with the energy of the upcoming Summer Olympics in 1996. It was a time when many of our revered civil rights leaders still walked among us, inspiring change and igniting hope.

Today, we pay homage to the Auburn Avenue Research Library—a beacon of knowledge and culture that has stood the test of time. This institution opened its doors when there were very few like it, and even today, it remains a rare treasure. Our library and its original staff embarked on an uncharted journey without a blueprint, crafting a legacy that has become a cornerstone of our community.

The changes in Atlanta since the library's inception reflect a city in constant evolution. From the skyline that has stretched ever upward to the cultural tapestry that has become ever more diverse, Atlanta has grown alongside this library. The population has surged, and with it, the stories and histories that weave together to form the fabric of our shared experience.

Now, as we emerge from the challenges of the pandemic, the Auburn Avenue Research Library is poised to usher in a new era. Our dedicated staff, bolstered by additional team members, stands ready to continue preserving our invaluable artifacts—letters, photographs, manuscripts—that shed light on African American history. We're returning to post-Covid-19 activities with renewed vigor, ensuring that our legacy thrives.

This library is special, not just for its collections or its programming, but for its spirit. It is a place where the past meets the present, where stories are told, and where history is alive. It is a testament to the resilience and strength of a community that has overcome adversity time and time again.

As we look to the future, we do so knowing that the legacy of the Auburn Avenue Research Library is in good hands. It is a legacy of empowerment, education, and community. It is a legacy that we all share, and one that we will continue to build upon for generations to come.

Thank you, each and every one of you, for being a part of this journey. Here's to thirty years of the Auburn Avenue Research Library, and to many more years of knowledge, discovery, and growth.



Sistagraphy event held in remembrance of the organization's founder Sheila Turner



All sistah, dance, percussion, & vocal ensemble, Giwayen Mata

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rom opening day in 1994, the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History has strived to provide access, preserve culture, and educate the community on the importance of African American History. To celebrate the milestone of 30 years of service, we invite you to engage, visit and continue to support AARL. Our signature celebration will take place

November 14-16, 2024 with a conference, "Collecting, Researching and Writing While Black", which will look at past scholarship and think about the future of documenting the Black experience. Let's take a look back at the last year of AARL.

For most of us, the past couple of years have been full of unpredictable challenges, both globally and locally. Despite all these changes the programming division of the Auburn Avenue Research Library has remained committed to providing our community with a variety of events that showcase the fruits of ongoing cultural and scholarly labor.

Our community partners have remained a key part throughout this journey. Without the stalwart collaboration of partners like Charis Circle, The Department of Africana Studies at Georgia State University, the Southern Center for Human Rights, Giwayen Mata, and many other local artists, activists, scholars, and grassroots organizations, we wouldn't be who we are today.

We continue onward with optimism, 2023 and 2024 have been some of our best years yet. What follows is a brief retrospective at some of the highlights of this past year.

2023 marked the 50th anniversary of the Hip Hop genre. We celebrated this historic moment with weekly discussions, film screenings, workshops, and performances. During this time our auditorium featured screenings of

AARL celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Hip-Hop genre.

30 YEARS OF Program



Radical Book Fair with Firestorm Books & Coffee



Sistagraphy is Atlanta's African-American Women Photographers' Collective

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Auburn Library Administrator, Victor Simmons, Jr. and retired AARL Administrative Coordinator, Gloria Strong at the 30th Auburn Avenue Anniversary Kickoff.

films such as Scratch, The Art of Rap, Beat Street and the ensuing post-screening conversations boasted of many movers and shakers from within the Hip Hop world such as King Quic, Mr. Collipark (aka DJ Smurf), and Graffiti artist Antar K. Fierce. Atlanta's own Red Clay Scholar—Dr. Regina Bradley—also commemorated the occasion by leading several discussions on the South's role in the development of Hip Hop, culminating with a lecture on the career of André Benjamin of Outkast fame.

The capstone of this year-long celebration was the ongoing gallery exhibit "Around the Way Dreams: Redux" by local Atlanta artist Melissa Alexander. Playing

Our frequent collaborators at Charis Books and More packed the house several times

on Janette Beckman's Female Rappers class of '88, Alexander's "Around the Way Dreams" offers a documentation of HipHop's first playground love, the "around the way girl".

Last year also saw the 30th anniversary of Sistagraphy: Atlanta's African-American Women Photographers' Collective. This anniversary event was held in remembrance of the organization's founder Sheila Turner. The exhibit was complemented by a variety of gallery talks, an accompanying opening reception, and a remembrance ceremony held by members of the group and other



The original 1994 opening day staff of the Auburn Avenue Research Library share their experiences at the 30th Anniversary Kickoff.

community partners.

over with several book release events, discussions and celebrations, many of which can be accessed on our YouTube page.

We can't fail to mention the annual Atlanta Radical Bookfair which hosted a wide variety of publishers from all over the South, and featured impressive grassroots speakers such as Tchaiko and Eusi Kwayana, Art Bouman, Matt Jessome, and Dr. Bettina Love. The Bookfair provided a space to engage in rich dialog on the most pressing local and global issues regarding social justice.

Lastly, our year always ends with Kwanzaa Celebration, and last year was no exception. The dynamic, soul stirring, all sistah, dance, percussion, and vocal ensemble Giwayen Mata, together with the Master of Ceremonies Dr. Chike Akua, held a festive performance commemorating the importance of tradition, community and perseverance.

This year promises to be just as fruitful as last year. We hope to see you soon at any of our upcoming events.

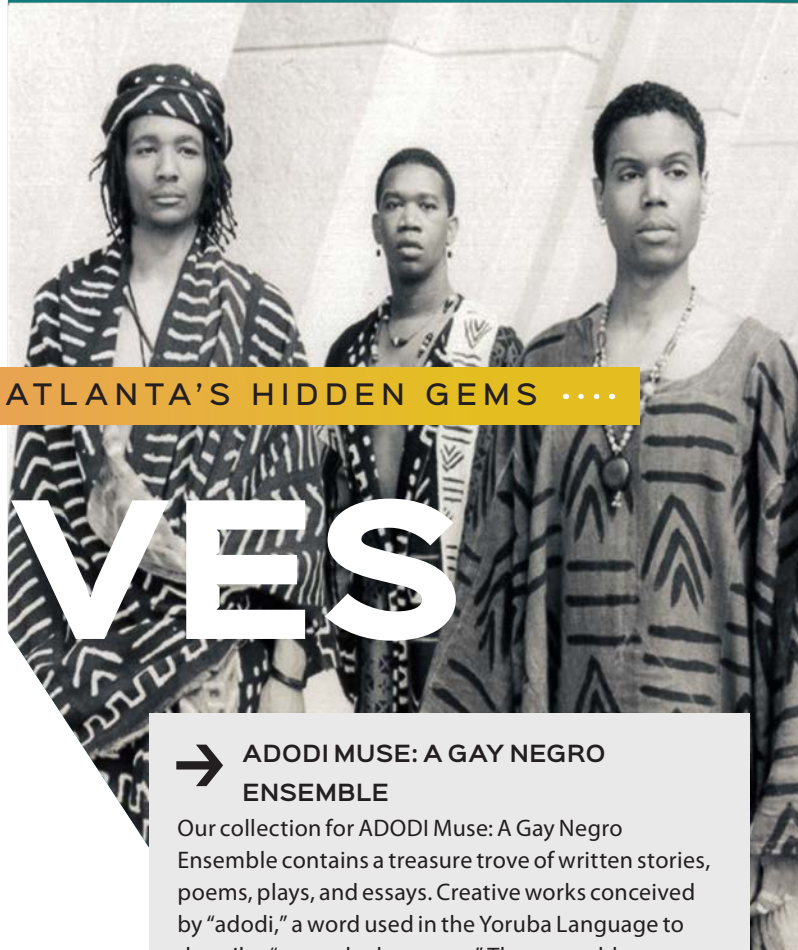
"Around the Way Dreams", by artist Melissa Alexander offers a documentation of HipHop's first playground love, the "around the way girl".



AARL

.... UNVEILING ATLANTA'S HIDDEN GEMS

ARCHIVES



AS THE AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH LIBRARY MARKS ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY, DELVE INTO THE VIBRANT HISTORY AND ARCHIVES THAT HIGHLIGHT ATLANTA'S RICH TAPESTRY OF BLACK LGBTQ EXPERIENCES.

THE ZAMI RECORDS

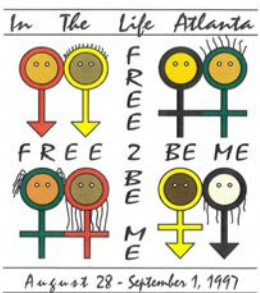


Atlanta has a long history of supporting the LGBTQ community, especially its black members. As a repository of the black experience, AARL proudly represents the LGBTQ community, shining a bright light on a rainbow of precious gems once obscured by hate and prejudice. Our archive collections reflect an array of stories and experiences of this community.

Crack open our vault, and you'll find the ZAMI records. They contain the materials of a collective of lesbians "SISTAHS." It was founded in 1989 for women of African descent by Mary Anne Adams, a social worker, activist, and public health researcher. The term ZAMI stands for women who work together as friends and lovers. It is a Carriacou word taken from the writings of Audre Lorde, a black feminist poet and LGBTQ advocate.

IN THE LIFE ATLANTA RECORDS

The In the Life Atlanta records highlight the annual Black Gay Pride celebration. It is a rare platform for LGBTQ artists and thinkers to perform before live audiences, lead workshops, and interact with fans during book signings. ITLA was the backbone of numerous other LGBTQ initiatives in Atlanta, sponsoring organizations like AIDS Walk Atlanta.



ADODI MUSE: A GAY NEGRO ENSEMBLE

Our collection for ADODI Muse: A Gay Negro Ensemble contains a treasure trove of written stories, poems, plays, and essays. Creative works conceived by "adodi," a word used in the Yoruba Language to describe "men who love men." The ensemble was known for arranging performances and workshops for the public to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, sexual freedom, bigotry, and homophobia in the black community.

The ensemble's creator, Anthony "Tony" Daniels, is popularly known as the "Architect of the Black Gay Mecca." AARL houses his papers. Within them, you will find remnants of a dramatist's life, including letters, diaries, journals, drafts, scripts, and rewrites.

PROVIDING SERVICE FOR ALL



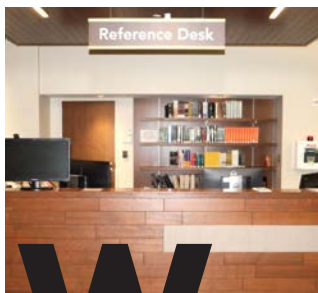
The city of Atlanta has a strong legacy of supporting its citizens. In January 2024, Mayor Andre Dickens announced

a \$6.4 million plan to end homelessness. The AARL preserves the histories of many local social service initiatives.

We have materials from the Jean Childs Young Institute (JCYI), which improved children's lives in Atlanta through outreach projects like conferences, forums, and life skills classes. Jean Childs Young advocated for equal access to education.

Our archive also includes records on Jesse O. Thomas, founder of the School of Social Work at Atlanta University and first director of the National Urban League's Field Secretary Office in Atlanta. His work is documented through various materials such as minutes, reports, manuscripts, and photographs.

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AARL: REFERENCE

Welcome to AARL's Reference and Research Division,

- ATLANTA DAILY WORLD 1931-2003
- THE BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN 1893-1988
- CHICAGO DEFENDER 1910-1975
- CLEVELAND CALL AND POST 1934-1991
- LOS ANGELES SENTINEL 1934-2005
- NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS 1922-1993
- THE NORFOLK JOURNAL AND GUIDE 1921-2003
- THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE 1912-2001
- PITTSBURGH COURIER 1911-2002



where we empower you to discover a world of knowledge and unleash your potential. Our extensive resources allow you to confidently elevate your comprehension and achieve your personal and professional goals. Our collection provides resources in various formats dedicated to the African, African American, and African diasporic experience.

Join us on an unparalleled journey of discovery as we commemorate our 30th anniversary. Let's delve into the Historical Black Newspapers and unearth a wealth of knowledge that will unveil the secrets of the past preserved within 196+ years of newspapers.

The emergence of black newspapers during the Civil War era marked a significant transformation in American media. It became a beacon of hope for Black America, filling the void left by mainstream newspapers. With an impressive count of 40 black newspapers in circulation, the Black Press gained momentum and influence. Publications like the Chicago Defender and the Pittsburgh Courier played a pivotal role in this expansion, raising their voices against racial injustice and celebrating Black achievements. At the Auburn Avenue Research Library, our extensive collection of newspapers is easily accessible through databases and microfilm, granting you unparalleled access to a wealth of invaluable resources. Furthermore, we take immense pride in our unwavering dedication to

keeping pace with the ever-evolving news landscape, as evidenced by our subscriptions

to over forty-one esteemed black newspapers nationwide. Stay well-informed and broaden your perspectives with the latest news from these esteemed publications. Come on over to AARL and dive into our amazing collection! We can't wait to have you here. Newspapers included in ProQuest are detailed above.

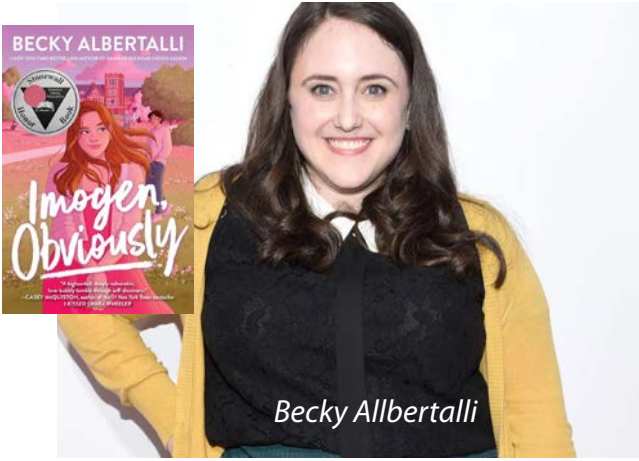
Shelf Talk:

Treasuring Children's and Young Adult Literature at AARL

Are you aware that the Auburn Avenue Research Library boasts an extensive collection of young adult and children's literature? Although our main focus is research, it is equally important to highlight the wide range of resources we offer young minds. We warmly invite parents and educators to explore our diverse range of opportunities to engage and inspire the next generation of exceptional thinkers. Engage with a diverse selection of compelling and thought-provoking books that have mesmerized both readers and critics, and relish the unparalleled joy of reading.

Uncover the Africana Children's Literature Collection, a vast assortment of enchanting tales that honor African traditions and history. Immerse yourself in the magic of outstanding children's literature spanning from 1969 to the current era, as you explore the renowned Coretta Scott King Award collection and the Caldecott collection.





Becky Albertalli

TEENTOBER W/ BESTSELLING AUTHORS BECKY ALBERTALLI & NICOLA YOON

Saturday, October 5 | 1PM
Saturday, October 12 | 1PM
Alpharetta

Join us on back-to-back Saturdays to celebrate TeenTober with Becky Albertalli on Saturday, October 5 and Nicola Yoon on Saturday, October 12. The authors will talk about their books and will be available for book signings after their talks. You don't want to miss these events! Mark your calendars today. Ages 14 and up. This program is funded by the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation.



Nicola Yoon

Learn to Sew

Monday, September 16
Roswell | 4:30PM

The class includes a needle threading demo, lessons on sewing fabric tears, and fastening buttons. Participants can keep their practice fabric squares. For ages 8-12. Sponsored by Friends of the Roswell Library. Parents must attend this program due to the use of sewing needles.

Art Exploration with Abby: FUN WITH WATERCOLOR RESIST

Tuesday, August 13 | Ponce | 4PM

Join us at Ponce to experiment with watercolor resist. For kids ages 5+ accompanied by an adult. Registration recommended.

Teen Science Cafe

Tuesday, September 24 | South Fulton | 6PM

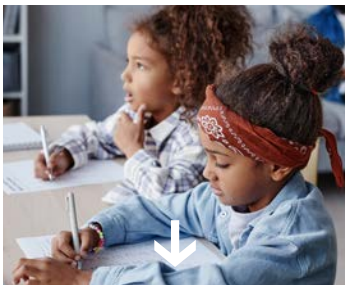
Teen Science Café programs offer free, fun opportunities for teens to engage with STEM experts and explore scientific advances. This dynamic, growing community connects teens with science through lively discussions. Our Teen Café encourages curiosity and empowers teens to lead and learn, as the program is by teens, for teens.

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday, October 29
Milton | 4:30PM

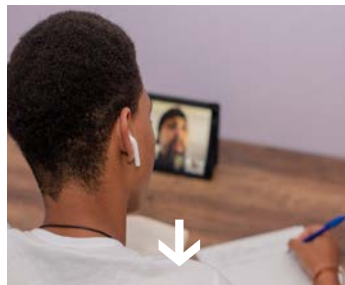
We are back for our monthly Tuesday dungeon crawls. On the last Tuesday of every month join the party and save the world; or at least a small part of it. Only official DnD races, classes, subclasses, and spells are approved.

Ages 12+ Reservations Required online. This is part of our RPG Alliance series of workshops and programs relating to Role Playing Games. This program is funded by the Friends of the Milton Library.



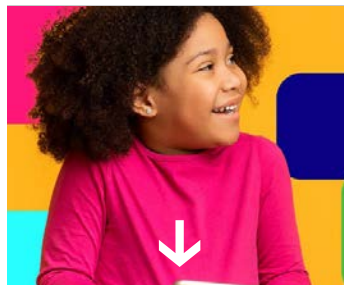
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HOMESCHOOL MEETUP MONDAYS!

Monday, August 12
Metropolitan | 10:30AM

Join The Happy Black Parent and special guests for stories, educational resources, and group activities on select Mondays. Weather permitting, enjoy an outdoor component too! New this year: Teen Lounge—a space for teens and families to connect, study, relax, and work on projects. Open to K-12 homeschool and non-homeschool families.



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CENTRAL LIBRARY

FASHION SHOWCASE

Saturday, October 26 | 4PM

The Best Buy Teen Tech Center children and teens will have a fashion fair to showcase their different designs and sewing projects. Participants are excited to exhibit their love for sewing and craftsmanship. Ages 10 and up. Registration Required



Genealogy Camp at the Best Buy Teen Tech Center

Tuesday, October 15 | 4PM

Join us at the Best Buy Teen Tech Center as we dig up articles in African-American historical newspapers and search through electronic resources to find family information. These family history sleuths will work on creating their family tree and design a t-shirt to take home. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.



Dragon Con Kickoff

August 29 - 12PM - Plaza

Central Library will show Sonic the Hedgehog to kickoff Dragon Con weekend. Stop by the library to enjoy this live-action movie rendition of Sonic the Hedgehog.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH

Latrice W. Boatswain June 24- September 24 2024

Latrice West Boatswain was born and raised in Florence, South Carolina. From a young age, she's created art. Latrice attended Horizons Summer Art school, then The Art Institute of Atlanta where she graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2008 with her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.



Joe Barry Carroll

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH

June 24- September 24 2024



Joe Barry Carroll is an artist, author, and former NBA All-Star. His acrylic and mixed materials paintings have been exhibited at Arts Clayton, Greater Lafayette Museum of Art, Hammonds House Museum, Historic Arkansas Museum, Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, Mimosa Hall, and Purdue University.

In 2024, he released "Autumn" an e-book featuring abstract, geometric, figurative, and polyptych paintings. "Life on Glass," the current project on view in the studio, uses acrylic on plexiglass.

For more about Joe, his art, and books, please visit joebarrycarroll.com.



Events FOR ADULTS



CROCHET CLUB FOR ADULTS

EVERY FRI | SEP 6 - NOV 22
11AM | CASCADE

Do you love crochet? Want to learn or improve your skills? Join our friendly and welcoming Crochet Club, meet Ujima Barcliff for hands-on crochet sessions, and unlock your inner creativity, discovering new ways to express yourself.

Materials will be provided. Registration is required.

ARTS AND CRAFT DAY FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24
2PM | PALMETTO

Join us for an exciting adventure learning the art of using water paint and colorful imprints to create your very own fall keepsake. All art supplies will be provided.



MEMORY CARE MUSIC CLASS WITH GAIL BURNETT (FOR SENIORS)

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 10
11AM | MILTON

Join us for an ACTIVE MUSIC, ACTIVE BODIES, ACTIVE BRAINS class full of interactive, uplifting therapeutic music, encouragement and stories. We sing, 'dance', move, keep rhythm, and play instruments to timeless music. All of this helps stimulate brain function, while bringing joy and a lot of smiles! Presented by Gail Burnett, BA Music, Certified Dementia Practitioner, MBA.

Registration is recommended. Groups welcome! Sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Library.

INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING: FINDING YOUR VOICE

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 21
2PM | EAST ROSWELL

Through interactive exercises and discussion, attendees will learn the basics of creative writing. Ages: Adult. Registration is required.



AUTUMN LUMINARIES

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 17
4PM | METROPOLITAN

As the days get ever shorter you can light up the night with these colorful mason jar decorations. All it takes is some tissue paper, cut-out shapes or a black marker, and glue. Then you attach a flickering light to the lid. They make a nice nightlight or window decoration too! Supplies are limited but all parts will be provided. All ages are welcome.



GARDENING WORKSHOP

FAIRBURN

JULY 20 | 1PM - WATER

JULY 30 | 6PM - WELCOMING WILDLIFE

AUG 6 | 6PM - NATIVE PLANTS

AUG 13 | 6PM - COMPOSTING

AUG 17 | 1PM - INVASIVE PLANTS

AUG 27 | 6PM - MULCHING

SEP 7 | 1PM - BIODIVERSITY

Master Gardener Thomas Thompson of UGA's Extension Programs will be presenting a series as part of the Georgia Green Landscape Stewards certification program. Programs are all an hour to an hour and a half.

→ SOCIAL SERVICES

Bringing Cleanliness and Kindness:

Community Effort Supplies Soap Sacks

HOPE THRU SOAP OFFERS MOBILE SHOWER EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

The Community Crochet Circle (CCC) that meets at the Milton Library collaborated with Hope Thru Soap and donated 330 soap sacks. This effort was a collaboration between Soap Sack (supporting a community with kindness) and two local businesses: Buff City Soap, who donated bar soap and laundry detergent and Lost Arts, who donated bars of soap. The Community Crochet Circle donated the remainder of soap needed to complete the project. The soap sacks are a great addition to the mobile shower experience.

Kaleb and companion from Hope Thru Soap, showcasing the community's generous donation of 330 soap sacks for mobile shower experiences.



→ OUTREACH SERVICES

Building BRIDGES



Peace and Prevention

Saturday, August 17, 2024
10:00pm – 3:00pm
Douglas High School

Join us at the Peace and Prevention event sponsored by the Fulton County District Attorney's Office & Atlanta Public Schools. Join break-out sessions for youth and adults, meet elected officials and visit the library's table to pick up a good book. Registration is at 9:30am.



Bookmobile at Allen Temple AME Church

Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:00am – 2:00pm
1625 Joseph E. Boone Blvd NW 30314

Join Commissioner Hall for a community health fair at the Allen Temple AME Church! Free health screenings, nutrition plans, health vendors and more. Visit the library's bookmobile for library services, library card registration, giveaways and much more!



Atlanta Pride Festival

Saturday and Sunday
October 12 – 13, 2024
10:00am – 5:00pm
Piedmont Park

Join the Fulton County Library for the 2024 Atlanta Pride Festival. This year's event is scheduled on October 12 – 13. Make sure to visit the library's outreach table on Saturday, October 12, located in the Family Fun Zone in the Meadow area of Piedmont Park.

Purposeful Volunteer Partnerships



The library reaches a larger audience through volunteer partnerships. AARP Foundation trains volunteers to reenter the workforce, prepare taxes and teach safe driving to patrons. AmeriCorps and Peace Corps volunteers share their national service programs.

Atlanta Authors, Friends groups and Roswell Reads bring local and national authors for book talks. The Chattahoochee Nature Center, Cooperative Extension and Public Works teach about gardening, pollinators and keeping rivers clean.

The Collective Learning Academy, Eaton Academy and The Lionheart School partner to provide community-based learning projects for their students. National Charity League and the Young Men's Service League creates time for students to volunteer with their mothers. Roswell Staff Volunteer Liaison Julia Ratledge shared, "I cannot express how happy I am to have the Eaton students back at the Roswell Library. This is what it's all about – people helping people. Win, win for all of us."

For over 24 years, Junior League of Atlanta (JLA) volunteers have been supporting library programs. They are providing Journey to Literacy storytime and crafts on Saturdays at four libraries and fund all supplies, plus copies of the book for each child. United Way's Learning Spaces leads children's programs at four libraries every month. Metropolitan Branch Staff Volunteer Liaison Angela Cody shared, "Learning Spaces provides different sections for toddlers to learn the alphabet, colors, music and outside activities. I can see the participant numbers increasing and receive many questions from the community of how to get involved."



Buckhead staff members are grateful to all their volunteers including their local Trader Joe's staff for leading storytimes.



Junior League of Atlanta volunteers help students create crafts at Washington Park's storytime.

Contact us if you have an expertise or a group to present free programs.
Apply to volunteer at fulcolibrary.org/volunteer



Junior League of Atlanta volunteers read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar!*



Volunteers Kelly Pettersen and Bonnie Susmano share *Amari's Big Idea* by the Atlanta Speech School.



Alpharetta Girl Scout Troop Leader Melissa Branen brought 19 girls for a tour to learn about library resources and to complete service hours.



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