



BPLinks

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BPL Assists with Back-to-School Preparations



Connie Tolbert from Wylam Branch Library greets first-day students

BPL Volunteers Represent at Back-to-School Rallies, Greet Students on First Day

The Birmingham Public Library is a proud partner of the Birmingham City Schools System. Several BPL librarians participated in back-to-school rallies in Kelly Ingram Park and at the Roebuck Walmart, with booths providing information on BPL programs. [Read More](#)

Grow with Google Highlights



The *Grow with Google* workshops attracted over 400 librarians, small business owners, nonprofit workers, and others seeking to improve their digital skills. Google representatives led a series of trainings at the Central Library on August 6. Mayor Randall Woodfin and Congresswoman Terri Sewell stopped by to greet participants.


Program Spotlight

Display and Discussion of
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD QUILTS



Tuesday, August 14 · 4-7 p.m.
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
East Grand Reading Room
2100 Park Place

Please join us for a display by members of the Riley Center Quilters and a discussion of how quilts helped lead slaves to freedom along the famed "Underground Railroad" trail. The discussion will be led by Teresa Johnson, executive director of the Riley Community Center and a member of the Riley Center Quilters.



For more information visit www.bplonline.org.

Central Library Hosting Exhibit and Discussion of Underground Railroad Quilts
Join the Riley Center Quilters of Birmingham at the Central Library East Grand Reading Room on Tuesday, August 14, 4:00-7:00 p.m., for a powerful discussion of the role quilts played in helping lead slaves to freedom along the Underground Railroad. Quilters will display their work. [Read More](#)

Local Authors Expo Coming Up August 11



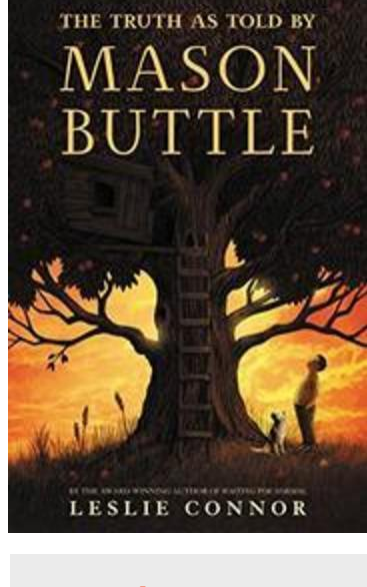
Local Authors Expo – Meet Lauren Bailey
In her new children’s book, *Finding Me Beneath the Kapok Tree*, Birmingham native Lauren Bailey chronicles the life of a baby elephant that searches for an identity all his own. She hopes that through his journey of self-discovery, readers will, like the baby elephant, learn that they too always have everything they need for success in life on the inside. [Read More](#)

BPL Picks for National Book Lovers Day



BPL's Favorite Childhood Books
August 9 was National Book Lovers Day—an unofficial holiday that encourages people to pick up a book (or two) and spend the day reading—and to celebrate the Birmingham Public Library staff shared their favorite childhood books and why they love them to this day. [Read More](#)

What We're Reading at BPL

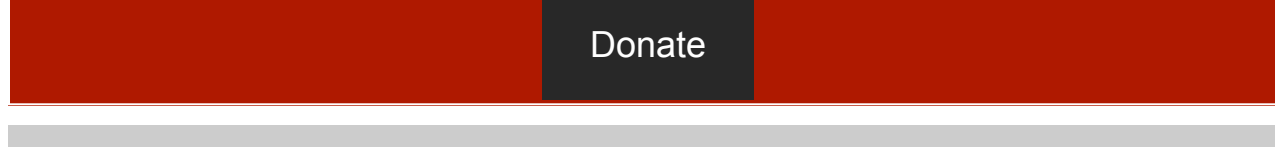


The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor
Reviewed by Mollie McFarland, Springville Road Regional Branch Library

Middle school student Mason Buttle has lived an unlucky life. And not the normal pre-teen misfortunes like pop quizzes and lunchroom food. Really bad stuff. His mother died when he was really little, his family had to sell off most of their orchard, his house is falling apart, he isn't good at reading and writing, he's the biggest kid in his class, he's always sweaty, and his best friend Benny died on his family's orchard one year ago. Mason was the last person to see Benny alive and the police want to know everything about the day he died. It's like they think he did it! Mason wants to help, of course he does, but he doesn't think quickly or clearly. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

- Local Authors Expo and Book Fair**
August 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Central Library
- Primetime Family Reading Time**
August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Five Points West Regional Branch Library
- Author Visit with Vincetta Williams – "Black Just Like Me"**
August 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Powderly Branch Library
- Beyond the Basics of Genealogy – So Many DNA Relatives!**
August 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library
- Bards & Brews Poetry Event**
September 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Central Library



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