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Program Spotlights



Ingenook Library Branch Manager Kamecia Williams speaks to the audience at the January women's appreciation program on building healthy family relationships

Ingenook Library's Women's Appreciation Program Spotlights Personal Finances November 9

An Expression of Appreciation for Women of the Ingenook Community, a bi-monthly program held at the Ingenook Branch Library, will shine the spotlight on the importance of wise spending habits as the Christmas holiday season approaches. The program, "Getting Your Finances in Order," will take place on Friday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. A financial adviser from the Birmingham Urban League will speak about different aspects of financial recovery, along with creating and maintaining a budget for the upcoming holidays. [Read More](#)



L-R: Bards & Brews emcee Voice Porter, Central Library's Maurice Harley, and performer Lee Green

Last Bards & Brews of the Year at Central Library November 2

Bards & Brews, the Birmingham Public Library's popular monthly spoken word poetry/craft beer program, is hosting its last event of the year on Friday, November 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Central Library East Grand Reading Room. Both seasoned spoken word artists and novice poets are invited to participate in this open mic poetry event. Voice Porter will again serve as host and emcee. [Read More](#)



Veterans Small Business Week Workshops at Five Points West Regional Branch Library November 7-9

The Five Points West Library is hosting a series of free workshops and events November 7-9 in celebration of 2018 Veterans Small Business Week. This is part of a national celebration honoring our veterans leading up to Veterans Day, which will be observed this year on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The series includes workshops and one-on-one sessions on technology, marketing, and resources. [Read More](#)

Program Highlights



Halloween at the Birmingham Public Library

Clockwise: Staff and patrons of the Birmingham Public Library showed off their creativity with Halloween costumes this week, including Central Library Youth Department employees Caitlin Jackson and John Paul Lawman, dressed up as *Guardians of the Galaxy* character Gamora and video game hero Mario, for the [City of Birmingham Marvelous Harvest Festival](#) in Linn Park (standing with Gamora and Mario is Youth Department librarian Dominique Agee); a Mardi Gras murder mystery was solved at the Five Points West Library; and activities such as fortune telling, face painting, and trick or treating took place at the Springville Road, Titusville, and Eastwood Libraries. [See more BPL 2018 Halloween celebrations at Flickr.](#)

BPL Resources & Services



Web Based Printing with SmartALEC

This online service allows a patron to send documents to print at the library from anywhere the patron has Internet access—from home, work, inside the library, and other places with WiFi. There is a nominal library fee to print out documents. [Read More](#)

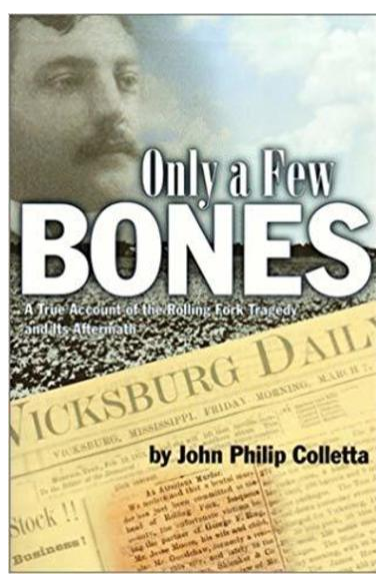


Alabama LegalForms

By Mark Skinner, East Ensley Branch Library

The Birmingham Public Library has access to a database called Alabama LegalForms. If you have a simple matter, such as a bill of sale or a residential lease, you should be able to find what you are looking for here. [Read More](#)

What We're Reading at BPL



***Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath* by John Philip Colletta**

Reviewed by Mary Anne Ellis, Southern History Department, Central Library

"Sometimes Genealogy Can Be Murder . . ." This tagline on the back cover of *Only a Few Bones* sounds like the hook for a series of mystery novels featuring a genealogist detective—and that would be close to the truth. After hearing family legends of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and how one of his ancestors was murdered when his country store burned down, John Colletta spent thirty years trying to determine exactly what happened on the night of March 4, 1873. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events & Closures

Hooking & Stitches

November 4, 3:30 p.m., Central Library

Tech Tuesday

November 6, 2:00 p.m., Smithfield Branch Library

Intro to Jewelry Making

November 6, 11:00 a.m., Pratt City Branch Library

Let's Fall into Eating Healthy with Chef E

November 6, 3:30 p.m., West End Branch Library

Teens Engineer BHM – Arduino

November 6, 4:00 p.m., Southside Branch Library

Social Worker Visit

November 7, 2:00 p.m., Wylam Branch Library

Make it Work: Resume Help

November 10, 3:00 p.m., Five Points West Library

Make the Most of Your Home's Value

November 14, 12:00 p.m., Central Library

All Birmingham Public Library Locations Closed for Veterans Day

November 11 & 12

All Birmingham Public Library Locations Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 22-25



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