

## **LIBRARY HOURS**

**MONDAY 9AM - 8PM**  
**TUESDAY 9AM - 6PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 9AM - 6PM**  
**THURSDAY 9AM - 8PM**  
**FRIDAY 9AM - 6PM**  
**SATURDAY 10AM- 4PM**  
**SUNDAY - CLOSED**

**[www.bessemerlibrary.com](http://www.bessemerlibrary.com)**

**Phone: 205-428-7882**

**Fax: 205-428-5479**

## **ADDRESS**

**400 19TH ST NORTH  
BESSEMER, AL 35020**

**BESSEMER  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**



# **FALL EVENTS 2024**

**SEPTEMBER -  
NOVEMBER**

*Investing in our future*

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**@BessemerPublicLibrary**



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**Our facility is nestled in the heart of downtown Bessemer, Alabama. The Bessemer Public Library staff, board, and community envision a future in which everyone can enjoy an intellectual and culturally rich life. Our community celebrates and appreciates diversity. We strive to provide an environment that is welcoming, accessible, and comfortable for all.**

**-Omar Chapman,  
Library Director**



**Help Us Improve By Taking  
This Community Survey!**



## Staff Stuff

### Fall Favorites

**“Football.”**

**-Omar Chapman, Library Director**

**“The leaves changing colors and the cool weather.”**

**- Dr. Erin McCoy, Library Assistant**

**“The nice, cool weather that comes in. We get to move past the Alabama heat.”**

**-Essie Levy, Library Assistant**



## Milestone Anniversaries



**Director Omar  
Chapman  
10 years**

**Zuko  
1 year as  
the library  
pet!**





Friends of the  
Bessemer Public Library

# FOL CORNER

## MONTHLY BOOKSTORE SALES

SEPT: JUVENILE

\$1

OCT: DIGITAL MEDIA

25¢

NOV: PAPERBACKS

25¢



### Book & Bake Sale!

September 14 @ 10am

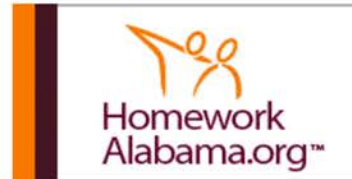
Delicious deals on books and baked goods!

Support the library and treat yourself!



*Interested in being a Friend?  
Learn more at the front desk!*

## E-RESOURCES



## SERVICES

- Notary services
- Passports
- Meeting room rentals
- Genealogy research
- Study rooms
- Faxing- \$1 per page
- Printing- 15¢ BW, 25¢ Color
- Leases, deeds, bill of sale, SS card applications

# LIBRARY NEWS



40 Libraries . 1 County . 1 Card

PublicLibrariesInJC.org

September is National Library Card month!  
Come by and sign-up or renew your card!

## Food for Fines September Food Drive



\$1 in fines will be waived for each item of canned or boxed donated in September - up to \$10 for each card holder! No expired items. Waives apply to fines only.

**Library Closed:**  
Sept 2 - Labor Day  
Nov 11- Veteran's Day  
Nov 28~30- Thanksgiving

# SEPTEMBER



	Friday	Saturday
8		
15		11a <b>LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY!</b>
22		
29	<b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> Happy Thanksgiving	
		30



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**Teen Zone: Super Smash Bros Tournament-**

Come dominate the competition and fight to win a gift card!



# NOVEMBER

# & EVENTS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Thursday

4 1p  
**HOMESCHOOL  
 HAPPY  
 HOUR**

5 10a Storytime/  
 Stay n Play

6 3p **After  
 School  
 Club**

7

11 **LIBRARY  
 CLOSED**

**VETERANS  
 DAY**

12 10a Storytime/  
 Stay n Play

13 3p **After  
 School  
 Club**

14 3:30p  
 Sign Language  
 for Kids

18

19 10a Storytime/  
 Stay n Play

20 3p **After  
 School  
 Club**

21 4:30p  
**TEEN  
 ZONE**  
 Super Smash B

25 3:30p  
 Puppy  
 Pals

26 10a Storytime/  
 Stay n Play

27 3p **After  
 School  
 Club**

28 **LIBRARY  
 CLOSED**  
 Thank

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION**  
 A BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD  
 BLACK-TIE GALA

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
 MRS. CHARLOTTE SHAW

09.20.24 ~ 6PM  
 \*THIS IS A TICKETED FUNDRAISING EVENT.  
 PLEASE CONTACT LIBRARY DIRECTOR OMAR CHAPMAN  
 (205) 986-7745 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 PRESENTS

**Fall  
 FESTIVAL**  
 MUSIC-FOOD-FUN-PRIZES\*

OCTOBER 5, 2024  
 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 FREE TO THE PUBLIC!  
 \*LIBRARY CARD NEEDED FOR PRIZE ENTRY

**9TH ANNUAL  
 LOCAL AUTHORS EXPO**  
 November 16, 10am-3pm

FREE ADMISSION FOR  
 GENERAL PUBLIC



# ADULT DEPT EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

17  
11am

## Page Turners Book Club

September's book is *The Hideaway* by Lauren K. Denton. New members welcome!



OCTOBER

10  
11am

## Know & Grow Seniors Expo

Several vendors will be present to answer questions and hand out information. Sponsored by A2 Pharmacy Solutions.

15  
11am

## Page Turner's Book Club

October's book is *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes. New members welcome!

16  
11:30  
am

## Lunch & Learn

The city of Bessemer is hosting a lunch and learn. Stop by the library to learn something new! \*Free lunch provided for the first 50 guests.

17  
11am

## Medicare 101 Open Enrollment

Learn vital information about enrolling in Medicare and making informed decisions about your healthcare coverage. Discover how to be empowered when it comes to your healthcare options.

NOVEMBER

7  
11am

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24  
11am

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FALL  
festival

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## Teen Zone: Cookie

**Challenge-** Can you replicate our creepy cookies? Try our version of Nailed It! Grades 6-12. Supplies provided.



# OCTOB

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Thursday



**1**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

**2**  
3p **After  
School  
Club**

**3**

**7**  
1p  
**HOMESCHOOL  
HAPPY  
HOUR**

**8**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

**9**  
3p **After  
School  
Club**

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for Kids

**14**  
3:30p  
Puppy  
Pals

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School  
Club**

**17**

**21**

**22**  
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Stay n Play

**23**  
3p **After  
School  
Club**

**24**  
4:30p  
**TEEN  
ZONE**  
Cookie Challen

**28**  
3:30p  
Puppy  
Pals

**29**

**30**

**31**  
**TRICK  
OR  
TREAT**  
© THE LIBRA



# TECH CLASSES

## September

- 6th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 9th @ 2pm - Google 101
- 13th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 16th @ 2pm - Google 101
- 20th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 23rd @ 2pm - Google 101
- 27th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 30th @ 2pm - Google 101



## October

- 4th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 7th @ 2pm - Google 101
- 11th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 14th @ 2pm - Google 101
- 18th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 21st @ 2pm - Google 101
- 25th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 28th @ 2pm - Google 101



## November

- 1st @ 10am - Basic PC
- 4th @ 2pm - Google 101
- 8th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 18th @ 2pm - Google 101
- 15th @ 10am - Basic PC
- 22nd @ 10am - Basic PC
- 25th @ 2pm - Google 101





# YOUTH DEPT EVENTS

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Wednesday

Friday

Saturday

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**LIBRARY  
CLOSED**  
LABOR DAY

3  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

4  
3p **After  
School  
Club**

5

6

7 10a Saturday  
Morning  
Cartoons

9  
3:30p  
Puppy  
Pals

10  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

11  
3p **After  
School  
Club**

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Pals

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**TEEN  
ZONE**  
Anime Club

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