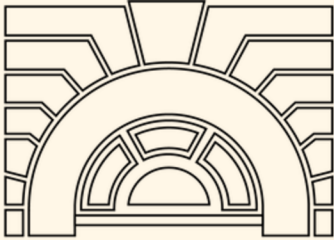


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# SPRING EVENTS 2025

**MARCH - MAY**

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## **LIBRARY HOURS**

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

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**Omar Chapman,  
Library Director**

Our facility is nestled in the heart of downtown Bessemer, Alabama. The Bessemer Public Library is part of the larger Jefferson County Library Cooperative, which consists of over 40 libraries.

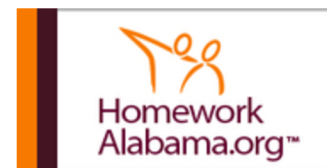


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## E-RESOURCES



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## LIBRARY 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 Closed:

**April 18 - Good Friday  
May 26 - Memorial Day**



# Spring Reading

JILLIAN TURECKI  
HOST OF THE JILLIAN ON LOVE PODCAST

## IT BEGINS WITH YOU

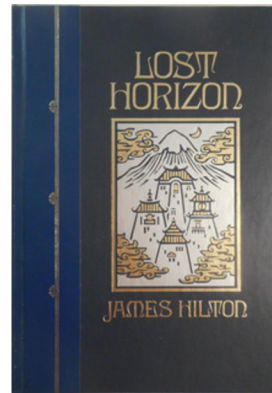
THE 9 HARD TRUTHS ABOUT LOVE THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE



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**Angel Hudson**  
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**SUMMER READING KICKOFF 2025** **COLOR OUR WORLD**

**BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**REGISTER FOR SUMMER READING!**

**ICE COLD TREATS & DRINKS!**

**PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS!**

# FOAM PARTY

**MAY 31, 2025**

**12P - 2P**

**SWIMWEAR & POOL TOYS WELCOME!**

200 19th St N, Bessemer, AL ~ Call 205-428-7882 for more info  
Online registration opens on May 30 ~ [www.bessemerlibrary.com](http://www.bessemerlibrary.com)

Adult Summer Reading registration begins May 24, online and in-person. More details to come.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Jefferson County Memorial Quilt Community Workshops

A community-based initiative to reckon with Alabama's haunting racial violence and honor the lives of the 33 African-Americans who were lynched in Jefferson County through collective quilt making.

- Thursday March 13th, 6 PM - 8 PM: Hoover Public Library
- Sunday April 6th, 2 PM - 4 PM: Bib & Tucker Sew-Op
- Thursday April 24th, 6 PM - 8 PM: Amari Curb Market in Trussville
- Saturday June 28th, 2025: 1 PM - 3 PM. Bessemer Public Library

In addition to participating in the Jeff. Co. Memorial Quilt Project, the Bessemer Public Library will serve as a host location for quilt square drop offs.

Brought to you by: Create Birmingham, in partnership with Jefferson County Memorial Project, Bib & Tucker Sew-Op, The Black Cherry Tree Project, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute



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# LIBRARY EVENTS



FREE Lunch & Learn

## Your Guide to Pesticides What you need to know.

Understanding pesticides is essential for effective and safe pest control in your garden, as well as for safeguarding the health of yourself and your environment.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Bessemer Public Library



The City of Bessemer is giving out lunch to the first 50 people who show up!





**POPJHEAD**

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MONDAYS FROM 9:30AM - 12:30PM  
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AVAILABLE**



*Friends of the  
Bessemer Public Library*

# Open House

Get to know your Friends and help support your local library!

*Refreshments will be served*

6:00 - 8:00 PM  
Friday  
April 25, 2025



Forms available at the event!

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Bessemer, AL  
35020

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# TECH CLASSES

**Mondays @ 2pm**



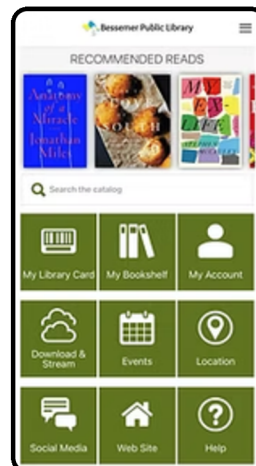
**Google 101 - Learn how to use the Google search engine and its many applications.**

**Fridays @ 10am**

**Basic PC - Learn the basics of how to use a computer from the mouse and keyboard to files and folders.**



**DOWNLOAD OUR APP**



# Bessemer Public Library Adult Programs March 2025



- 11 Cinematic Escapes @ 11am:** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for popcorn and a new film. This month we will be showing *Wicked* (2024, 160min., PG).
- 13 Women's History Month Talk, presented by Alabama Road Scholar and 2023-2025 Birmingham Poet Laureate Salaam Green @ 11:30am:** This talk will feature perspectives from African American women and artists influenced by the history of Alabama's diverse literary culture. Light lunch provided. **Call or visit us online to register.**
- 18 Page Turners Book Club @ 11am:** Join us on the third Tuesday of each month as we discuss books chosen from a variety of genres. For March, we are reading the thriller, *My Wife is Missing* by DJ Palmer.
- 24 Coffee & Crafting @ 11:30am:** Colorful Tissue Paper Lanterns. Come learn to create a different craft each month. No prior skills necessary! All materials provided by the library. **Seating is limited; Registration required.**
- 26 Recognizing Women's Health @ 10am:** Come and have your health concerns addressed! Women's health presentation, along with questions and answers with a physician. **Call or visit us online to register.**

**For more information or to register, please call 205-428-7882 or scan the QR code.**



# Bessemer Public Library Adult Programs April 2025



**3 New Home Ownership @ 6pm:** Wanting to buy a new home? How about your first home? Have your questions addressed and find out how you can make your home buying dreams a reality. **Call or visit us online to register.**

**8 Cinematic Escapes @ 11am:** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for popcorn and a new film. This month we will be showing *The Six Triple Eight* (2024, 127min., PG-13).

**15 Page Turners Book Club @ 11am:** Join us on the third Tuesday of each month as we discuss books chosen from a variety of genres. For April, we are reading the family drama, *Hello, Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.

**23 History Presentation: Alabama Quilts and Their Stories with Alabama historian Beth Hunter @ 11am:** Using the stories found behind Alabama's quilts, Ms. Hunter will discuss the people and places that make up the fabric of the state. Refreshments provided. **Call or visit us online to register.**

**28 Coffee & Crafting @ 11:30am:** Poetry Bangles. Come learn to create a different craft each month. No prior skills necessary! All materials provided by the library. **Seating is limited; Registration required.**

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# Bessemer Public Library Adult Programs May 2025



**8 New Home Ownership @ 6pm:** Wanting to buy a new home? How about your first home? Have your questions addressed and find out how you can make your home buying dreams a reality. **Call or visit us online to register.**

**13 Cinematic Escapes @ 11am:** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for popcorn and a new film. This month we will be showing *Wicked Little Letters* (2023, 100min., R).

**19 Coffee & Crafting @ 11:30am:** This month we will be making quilt blocks for the Jefferson County Memorial Quilt Project. No prior skills necessary! All materials provided by the library. **Registration required.**

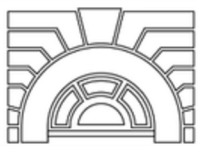
**20 Page Turners Book Club @ 11am:** Join us on the third Tuesday of each month as we discuss books chosen from a variety of genres. For May, we are reading *Marple: Twelve New Mysteries*, from Agatha Christie alongside twelve bestselling authors.

**27 Health Expo:** Come and join us for three days of healthy events, May 27th - May 29th! We will have cooking demos, a mental health first aid course, line dancing, chair exercises, health and pharmacy vendors, & more!

**28**  
**29**  
**Call or visit us online to register and get a schedule of events.**

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# MARCH YOUTH EVENTS

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**3** 1p  
**HOMESCHOOL  
HAPPY  
HOUR**  
Science:  
Balance Buddies

**4**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play  


**5**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Science:  
Static Electricity

**6**  
4:30p  
**Chess  
Club**  


**7**

**8** 11A  
**LEGOS AT THE  
LIBRARY**  


**10** 3:30p  
**Puppy  
Pals**  
  
6p Family Night  
**MARIO DAY**

**11**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play  


**12**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Pi Day Crafts

**13**

**14**

**15**

**17** 1p  
**HOMESCHOOL  
HAPPY  
HOUR**  
Math:  
Fun with Pi

**18**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play  


**19**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Leprechaun  
Traps

**20** 3:30p  
Sign Language  
for Kids  
4:30p  
**Teen/Tween Zone**  
Anime Club

**21**

**22**

**24**  
3:30p  
**Puppy  
Pals**  


**25** 10a  
Storytime/  
Stay n Play  
1p Spring Break  
Camp: Candy  
Sushi 

**26**  
1p Spring Break  
Camp: Dogman  
Detective  
Training 

**27**  
1p Spring Break  
Camp:  
Video Game  
Happy Hour  
(10+) 

**28**  
1p Spring Break  
Camp:  
Friday Family  
Movie 

**29**

**31**



**Little Learners Storytime:**

Join us for a fun & energetic storytime! Ages: 0-5

**Stay 'N Play:** Join fellow littles & their caregivers for social play! Ages: crawling to 4.

**Homeschool Happy Hour:** Come out to have fun learning with art, science, writing and more! Ages 7-14. Snacks provided.

**After School Club:** Hang out & enjoy activities, games, crafts, experiments, video games and fun! Grades K-6th. Snacks provided.

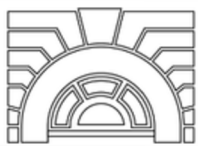
**Chess Club:** Come out & play and learn chess with friends! Ages 7-14. Snacks provided.

**Puppy Pals:** Join our friends from the Greater Birmingham Humane Society by reading, petting, and playing with some friendly pups! Grades K-6th.

**Sign Language for Kids:** Learn basic ASL with our friends from the AIDB, includes fun games & activities. Grades K-6th. Snacks provided.

**Family Night:** Super Mario crafts. Beat your grown-up in Mario Kart! Grades K-8.

**Spring Break Camp:** March 24-28. Grades K-6.



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# APRIL YOUTH EVENTS



**Monday**



**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

**2**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Weights &  
Measuring

**Thursday**

**3**  
4:30p  
**Chess  
Club**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**Little Learners Storytime:**

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**Teen/Tween Zone:** Make amazing pancake art & compete to win an IHOP gift card! Ages 10-15. Ingredients supplied.

**7** **1p**  
**HOMESCHOOL  
HAPPY  
HOUR**  
Birdseed  
Ornaments

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

**9**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Sharks &  
Minnows

**10**

**11**

**12**  
**11A  
LEGOS AT THE  
LIBRARY**

**14**  
**3:30p**  
**Puppy  
Pals**

**15**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

**16**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Peeps Science

**17** **3:30p**  
**Sign Language  
for Kids**

**18**  
**LIBRARY  
CLOSED**

**19**

**21** **1p**  
**HOMESCHOOL  
HAPPY  
HOUR**  
Recycled  
Science

**22**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

**23**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Earth Day  
Crafts

**24**  
**4:30p**  
**TEEN/  
TWEEN  
ZONE**  
Pancake Art

**25**

**26**

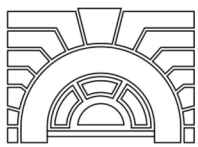
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**3:30p**  
**Puppy  
Pals**

**29**  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play

**30**  
4p **After  
School  
Club**  
Sidewalk  
Painting







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# MAY YOUTH EVENTS



**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**



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5 Pick up a  
take-home  
Mother's Day  
craft all  
week!

6  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play



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12  
3:30p  
Puppy  
Pals



13  
10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play



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11A  
LEGOS AT THE  
LIBRARY



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10a Storytime/  
Stay n Play



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22  
4:30p  
**TEEN/  
TWEEN  
ZONE**  
Mario Kart  
Tournament

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**LIBRARY  
CLOSED**

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12p-2p  
Summer  
Reading  
Kickoff  
**FOAM PARTY!**

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**Teen Zone: Mario Kart Tournament-** Come dominate the competition and fight to win Mario merch! Ages 10-15. Snacks provided.

**Regular afternoon programs are cancelled during May as we prepare for summer.**

**Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Foam Party! This year's summer reading theme is Color Our World and we are so excited to brighten up your summer with an amazing assortment of colorful events!**

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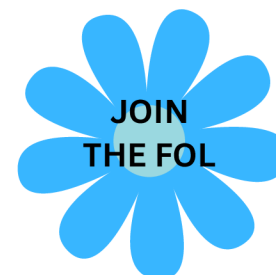
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