

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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**BESSEMER
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**



FALL EVENTS 2024

**SEPTEMBER -
NOVEMBER**

Investing in our future

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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 intellectually 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

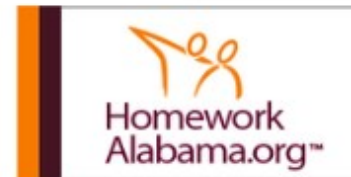
Delicious deals on books and baked goods!

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!

& EVENTS

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.

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

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

A colorful poster for the Fall Festival. It features a pumpkin, a squirrel, and autumn leaves. The text is arranged in a decorative, vintage-style layout.

**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 discussion is on *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. 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 discussion is on *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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This program provides vital information about enrolling in Medicare and making informed decisions about your healthcare coverage. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and empowered when it comes to your healthcare options.

24
11am

Page Turners Book Club

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



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

15th @ 10am - Basic PC

18th @ 2pm - Google 101

22nd @ 10am - Basic PC

25th @ 2pm - Google 101





YOUTH DEPT EVENTS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2

**LIBRARY
CLOSED**

LABOR DAY

3

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

4

4p **After
School
Club**

5

6

7

10:30a
Saturday
Morning
Cartoons

9

3:30p
Puppy
Pals

10

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

11

4p **After
School
Club**

12

3:30p
Sign Language
for Kids

13

14

16

1p
**HOMESCHOOL
HAPPY
HOUR**

17

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

18

4p **After
School
Club**

19

20

21

23

3:30p
Puppy
Pals

24

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Stay n Play

25

4p **After
School
Club**

26

4:30p
**TEEN
ZONE**
Anime Club

27

28

30



SEPTEMBER



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 8-14. Snacks provided.

After School Club: Hang out & enjoy activities, games, crafts, experiments, video games and fun! Grades K-6th. 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 American Sign Language with our friends from the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, which includes fun games & activities. Grades K-6th. Snacks provided.

Teen Zone: Anime Club-
Come geek out over manga, anime shows/movies, and Japanese culture! Grades 6-12. Snacks provided.



OCTOBER



Monday

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5



FALL festival

11a-3p



1

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play



2

4p After School Club

3

4

7

1p

HOMESCHOOL HAPPY HOUR

8

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play



9

4p After School Club

10

3:30p Sign Language for Kids



11

12

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Stay n Play



16

4p After School Club

17

18

19

21

22

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play



23

4p After School Club

24

4:30p TEEN ZONE

Cookie Challenge

25

26

28

3:30p Puppy Pals



29

10a Storytime/
Stay n Play



30

4p After School Club

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TRICK or TREAT

© THE LIBRARY

STOP BY ANYTIME ON HALLOWEEN TO GET GOODIES FOR YOUR TREAT BAG!



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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.



NOVEMBER



Monday

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Wednesday Thursday

Friday

Saturday

4 1p
**HOMESCHOOL
HAPPY
HOUR**

5 10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

6 4p **After
School
Club**

7

8

9 11A
**LEGOS AT THE
LIBRARY!**

11 **LIBRARY
CLOSED**

12 10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

13 4p **After
School
Club**

14 3:30p
Sign Language
for Kids

15

16

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19 10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

20 4p **After
School
Club**

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

22

23

25 3:30p
**Puppy
Pals**

26 10a Storytime/
Stay n Play

27 4p **After
School
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