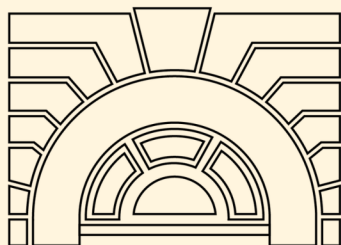


BESSEMER  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY



# SUMMER EVENTS

## 2025

JUNE -  
AUGUST

*Investing in our future*

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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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### ADDRESS

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BESSEMER, AL 35020

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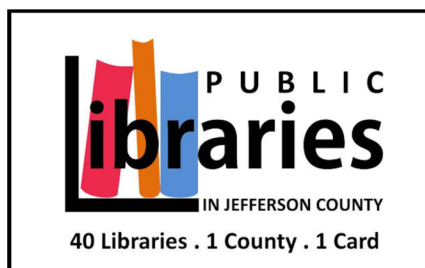


Register for  
summer reading!



**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.



For more information on our library and how to apply for a library card please visit our website at [www.bessemerlibrary.com](http://www.bessemerlibrary.com) or call us at 205-428-7882.

**Library Closed:**

**June 19 - Juneteenth  
July 4 - Independence Day**

## E-RESOURCES



HEALTH INFONET  
of ALABAMA



## 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



## NEWS & EVENTS

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS



The City of Bessemer's Stormwater Program welcomes **Judith Rives, a Jefferson County Master Gardener**, to share her expertise on WHY the use of native plants in our home landscapes is so essential. They support local wildlife and promote biodiversity. Additionally, they require less maintenance compared to non-native species.

FREE LUNCH & LEARN



BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 4, 2025 | 11:30 AM

Lunch is provided to first 50 attendees

### JEFFERSON COUNTY MEMORIAL QUILT

COMMUNITY SEWING WORKSHOP SATURDAY JUNE 28TH | 1 PM - 3 PM  
BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

VISIT [CREATEBIRMINGHAM.ORG](https://createbirmingham.org) TO LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER.



Want To Help Improve The Library?  
Leave A Comment Here!



## TECH CLASSES

Mondays @ 2pm

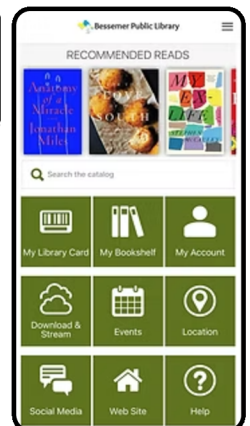
Google 101 - Learn how to use the Google search engine and its many applications.



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

## June



- 10 Cinematic Escapes @ 11am:** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for popcorn and a new film. This month we will be showing *Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot* (2024, 130 min, PG-13)
- 16 The Importance of Estate Planning @ 11:30am:** Learn about the process and benefits of ensuring your legacy. A free service provided by attorneys with Legal Services Alabama.
- 17 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 June, we are reading *Spare*, the memoir by Prince Harry.
- 24 Oral History & Old School Scrapbooking with Alabama historian Jim Baggett @ 10am:** Learn how objects can be used to trigger memories, and how those stories can be used for community Oral History projects!
- 28 Jefferson County Memorial Quilt Workshop @ 1:00pm:** Participants will be provided with sewing kits and instruction from Bib & Tucker Sew-Op. No experience necessary! Come and contribute to this memorial quilt.
- 30 Coffee & Crafting @ 11:30am:** Come learn to create a fabric wreath for the 4th! All materials provided by the library. **Seating is limited; Registration required.**

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



# Bessemer Public Library Adult Programs

## July



- 1 Summer Oral History Topic: *Life in Bessemer, AL.***  
**Starting** July 1<sup>st</sup> submit your story! Call to schedule an appointment with a librarian and contribute to the library's oral history project for Bessemer!
- 8 Cinematic Escapes @ 11am:** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for popcorn and a new film. In July we will be showing *Jerry and Marge Go Large* (2022, 96 min., 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 July, we are reading *All the Colors of the Dark*, by Chris Whitaker.
- 23 Shelf Life: *Two Key People in the Making of the Modern Public Library* with Dolores Hydock @ 11am**  
**12pm: Lunch provided by the library**  
**Screening of the PBS documentary: *Free for All: The Public Library* @ 12:30pm**
- 28 Coffee & Crafting @ 11:30am:** Come learn the Japanese art of Suminogashi! All materials provided by the library. **Seating is limited; Registration required.**
- 31 Summer Reading Wrap-Up @ 12pm-2pm:** Ice Cream Social with Toppings Bar! Dairy-free and sugar-free options. Door prizes, low-key activities, and summer reading Grand Prize winners announced. **RSVP required.**

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# Bessemer Public Library Adult Programs

## August



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**Summer Oral History Topic (Continued): *Life in Bessemer, AL*.** Submit your story! Call to schedule an appointment with a librarian and contribute to the library's oral history project for Bessemer!

5

**Food Preservation with Dani Reams of Alabama Extension @ 10am:** Join us to learn about preserving your summer produce! Whether it's from your garden or the market, learn the best method for making your bounty last. Samples and door prizes! **Registration Required**

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**Cinematic Escapes @ 11am:** Join us on the second Tuesday of each month for popcorn and a new film. This month we will be showing *Here* (2024, 84 min., PG-13).

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**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 August, we are reading *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese.

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**Coffee & Crafting @ 11:30am:** Come and craft a sand candle! All materials provided by the library. **Seating is limited; Registration required.**

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## TEEN / TWEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM

AGES 10+

**WEEKLY  
SCAVENGER  
HUNT W/  
PRIZES!**

**June 12 - Nailed It!  
Rainbow Bagels**

**June 26 - Water Gun  
Painting**

**July 10 - DIY  
Fandom Bags**

**July 24 - Mario Kart  
Tournament**

**All programs @ 3pm**

**Read 3  
different  
genres of teen  
books and get  
a \$10 gift card!**

**VIDEO  
GAMING  
DAILY**





YOUTH  
EVENTS

JUNE

Saturday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

31 12p-2p  
Summer  
Reading  
Kickoff  
FOAM PARTY!

2

3 10a Storytime  
w/ Stanley the  
Stallion  
  
10:30a  
Stay N Play

4   
2p Alabama  
Animals

5 6p Color Our  
World Bingo!  


6 12p Friday  
Family Movie  


7

9 2p The Color  
of Science  


10 10a Storytime  
w/ Barons  
Mascots  
  
10:30a  
Stay N Play

11 2p  
Minecraft  
Mania  


12

13 12p Family  
Board Gaming  


14

16 1p  
Brownie  
Self-portraits  


17 10a Storytime  
w/ Squadron's  
Commander  
  
10:30a  
Stay N Play

18   
2p Super  
Sniffers!  


19 LIBRARY  
CLOSED  


20 12p Friday  
Family Movie  


21

23 6p SuperSonic  
Birthday  
Party!  


24 10a  
Storytime  
w/ Vulcan  
  
10:30a  
Stay N Play

25   
3p Cups 'N  
Colors

26

27 12p Friday  
Board Gaming  


28 11a  
Mermaid  
Magic  
Bubble  
Show!  


**Colorful Characters!:** Join us every Tuesday for story time with a different mascot guest!

**Stay N Play** with your friends afterwards for toddler playgroup! Ages 0-4. (Groups/schools are not permitted)

**Alabama Animals:** Meet wildlife ambassadors from Jefferson County Greenways! For K-6.

**Color Our World Bingo:** Join us for a family bingo night! All ages

**The Color of Science:** Join our friends from Dynamic Education Adventures for an amazing hands-on science demonstration. K-6

**Minecraft Mania:** Calling all chicken jockeys for a "block" party! Minecraft games, crafts, & fun. Be there or be square! K-6

**Brownie Self-Portraits:** Art you can eat! Use icing to draw your version of you! K-6.

**Super Sniffers:** Learn from some furry friends about K-9 sniff work. Ages 7 and up.

**SuperSonic Birthday Party:** It's everyone's favorite hedgehog's birthday! Join us for trivia, crafts inspired by the Blue Blur or play one of the games on the library's Nintendo Switch. Ages 7-14.

**Cups 'N Colors:** Bring your favorite cup & join Bessemer Artist Kiki for a sip & paint program! K-6. Registration required.

**Mermaid Bubble Show:** Join us for a magical bubble show with our favorite Magic City Mermaid! All ages

# YOUTH EVENTS

# JULY

## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

## Friday

## Saturday

**1 10a Storytime  
w/ Goldfish  
Swim School**



**10:30a  
Stay N Play**

**2 2p  
Life-size  
Hungry Hippos**



**3**

**4**

**LIBRARY  
CLOSED**

**HAPPY  
4th of  
July**

**5**

**7 2p K.R.U.  
Hip Hop 101**



**8 10a Storytime  
w/ a Shark**



**1p Larry the  
Magician**



**9 2p**



**10 6p Pajama  
Dance Party!**



**11 12p Friday  
Family Movie**



**12**

**14 10a  
Tie-Dye  
Butterflies  
w/ Alabama  
Extension**



**15 10a Storytime  
w/ Toro**



**10:30a  
Stay N Play**

**16 2p Paint  
Your Own  
Cookie**



**17 10a  
Bike Rodeo**



**18 12p Family  
Board Gaming**



**19**

**21**

**22 10a  
Storytime w/  
Zuko**



**10:30a  
Stay N Play**

**23 10a  
Raptor Trek w/  
4H**



**24**

**25**

**12p Friday  
Family Movie**



**26 Summer  
Reading Finale  
Party!  
12-2p**



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**Stay N Play** with your friends afterwards for toddler playgroup! Ages 0-4 (Groups/schools are not permitted)

**Hungry Hippos:** Join us for a life-size version of the board game! For K-6.

**K.R.U. Hip Hop 101:** Join us for an amazing hip-hop educational experience. Learn how to emcee, DJ, breakdance, and more! All ages.

**Larry the Magician:** Come enjoy Mr. Larry's Kaleidoscope of Magic! All ages

**McWane On the Move:** Learn all about the science of storytelling with McWane Science Center. K-6

**Pajama Dance Party:** Come in your PJs for a fantastic glow party! All ages

**Tie-Dye Butterflies:** Join us and learn about chromatography and colors and make tie-dye butterflies with our friends from Alabama Extension! K-6

**Paint Your Own Cookie:** Use your artistic skills with Lulu's Bakes to paint cookies! K-6. Registration required.

**Bike Rodeo:** Come show off your wheels and learn about bike safety with Redemptive Cycles. Don't forget your helmets! Ages 6-13

**Raptor Trek:** Join our friends from Alabama 4-H and meet Alabama birds of prey! K-6



No youth programs in  
August as we recover  
from Summer Reading!



Summer Staff Reads



Dr. Erin  
Library Assistant



Ms. Nia  
Youth Services Librarian



What are  
you  
reading?  
Tell us on  
our social  
media!



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# FOL CORNER

## MONTHLY BOOKSTORE SALES

JUN: MYSTERY

JUL: JUVENILE

\$1

AUG: DIGITAL MEDIA

25¢

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