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Main Library

Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
October 14 - Library Closed

October 2024

Visit ccpl.org for program details and library services.

Saul Alexander Gallery: October 1-31



“Ancestral Reflections: The Thompson Family” by Dr. Walter B. Curry Jr. and Artist Kalah Crawford

Gallery Night: Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 6-7 p.m.** for an opening reception of the new exhibit!
Artist’s Statement: The exhibit consists of eight paintings that feature the individual experiences of enslaved relatives, including a woman who served in the Civil War; and individual agricultural and civic activities during past times in rural low country South Carolina. Inspired by stories from Dr. Curry’s award-winning book *The Thompson Family: Untold Stories from The Past (1830-1960)*, the collection curates the connection of family history through the African American experience, local history, and rural life. The exhibition is a joint collaboration between Dr. Walter Curry and artist Chakalah Crawford.

Featured Programs



Author Talk: *The Thompson Family: Untold Stories from the Past (1830-1960)* by Dr. Walter Curry

Saturday, October 5 from 2-3 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a discussion of Dr. Walter Curry’s award-winning *The Thompson Family: Untold Stories from the Past (1830-1960)*, the first of several volumes that do a narrative deep dive into the rich history and genealogy of the Thompson family of the lowcountry in South Carolina. Dr. Walter Curry is a direct descendant of Reverend Logan and Lavinia Corley Thompson. This program is in joint with this month’s featured Saul Alexander Gallery exhibit, “Ancestral Reflections: The Thompson Family.”



Ghost Stories of the South

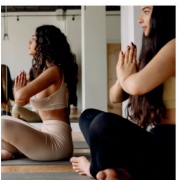
Saturday, October 19 from 2-3 p.m.

Meeting Room B

The South has a rich tradition of folklore that draws upon oral tradition for its substance. Legends, folk history, songs, foodways, customs, and unique dialects permeate the ghost stories of South Carolina and other Southern states. Dr. John Williams will draw upon the vast collections of ghost stories and scary tales to create an evening of haunted enjoyment for young and old. This presentation promises to inform and delight and maybe evoke a few screams from all participants. Dr. Williams will discuss the cathartic power of fear and horror in the human experience, touching on the use of fear as a psychological tool to control an ethnic minority group. All the usual “haints” will be there, too. Dr. Williams summons up all the ghosts that appear along the Atlantic seacoast from Georgia to the Carolinas beginning with the uncanny spectral ships that were often seen in Charleston Harbor. You are bound to hear the voice of a ghost from your neighborhood, so be prepared to jump out of your skin!

Adult Programs

For programs that require registration, please do so by going to the event post on ccpl.org, visiting in person, or by calling (843) 805-6930.



Y’all Yoga: Yoga for All

Wednesdays, October 2 & 9 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Auditorium

Join us for a yoga experience that is open to everyone, no matter your level or abilities. Whether you’re a seasoned yogi or new to the practice, our community class provides a welcoming environment for everyone. Dive into gentle practices, connect with others, and discover the transformative power yoga holds.



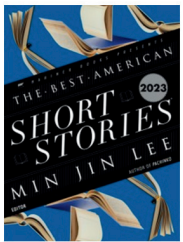
Resume Writing Workshop

Tuesday, October 8 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Second Floor Classroom

Get expert insights on resume building and optimization to revitalize your job search. This program provides practical tips to create standout resumes for today’s competitive job market.

Adult Programs (Continued)



Short Fiction Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Join us for a discussion of selections from The Best American Short Stories 2023, edited by Min Jin Lee, on the second Wednesday of every month. This program will also be streamed live on CCPL's Zoom server.



Simply Delicious: Pasta e Fagioli Alla Napoletana

Tuesday, October 15 from 12-1:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Back by popular request! Come and join us as we learn how to make "Pasta e Fagioli Alla Napoletana" (Neapolitan style Pasta and beans). This dish is friendly to beginners and your wallet, but most importantly it is delicious! This program includes a live demonstration, and a taste test. This time we will be using the Charlie Cart to further enhance this program! The following common allergens are contained in this dish: Wheat/Gluten. This dish contains no meat or animal products. Any additional questions about dietary or nutritional concerns may be directed to askaquestion@ccpl.org or 843-805-6930.



Charlie Cart: No-Fry Frybread

Wednesday, October 16 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Come learn how to make frybread! We will be using a non-fried variation of the recipe and will be having messy tacos. Participants will learn how to mix the dough, cook it, and prep sides for a quick and easy-to-make meal.



Dungeons & Dragons Night

Thursday, October 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Join us for a dive into the world of Dungeons and Dragons in a campaign for fans and first-timers. We're starting off strong with the Dragon of Icespire Peak! Registration is required.



Talk Art: Art Critique Group

Monday, October 21 from 6-7 p.m.

Meeting Room B

If you're an aspiring artist, it's always good to get extra pairs of eyes on your work! This program will facilitate a healthy opportunity for artists to receive and give constructive critique on each other's art. Artists of all levels and mediums are welcome. Feel free to bring a physical piece you are working on or an image file that can be brought up on-screen. Remember the rules of good critique: describe, evaluate, and provide solutions.



Ready, Set, Invest!

Wednesday, October 23 from 1-2 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Learn how to understand the key ingredients to a financial plan and discover how to budget and consolidate debt through a financial literacy workshop lead by a financial advisor.



Coffee and Crime

Monday, October 28 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Join fellow true crime fans on the last Monday of every month to discuss a different case. Using your preferred medium (book, podcast, articles, TV, etc), come prepared to discuss: Kris Kremers and Lianne Froom.



Floral Ghost Craft

Thursday, October 24 from 6-7 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Join us at Main Library to create a cute, festive ghost decoration for spooky season. We'll provide the materials— bring your creativity (and a friend)! Registration is required as supplies are limited. Stop by the Fiction desk to get some inspiration!



More Than Chronic

Tuesday, October 29 from 5-6 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Join a positive community who live with chronic conditions to listen, learn, and participate in supportive conversation. Those without chronic conditions are also welcome during this positive community discussion.

Children and Family Programs

All children and family programs, unless stated registration is required, are first come, first served with limited capacity. To contact us, call (843) 805-6893.



Green Thumbs (Ages 5-11)

Wednesday, October 2 from 3:15-4 p.m.

Join the Clemson Tri-County Master Gardeners to learn about nature and make a craft.



Inbetweeners (Grades 4-6)

Wednesday, October 9 from 3-4 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Calling all 4th-6th graders! Come to the club that's just for you. There'll be games, activities, and tons of fun you won't want to miss.

Children and Family Programs (Continued)

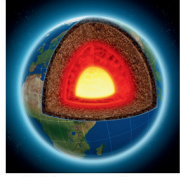


MOJA: Dancing on Air Crew: *The Elements*

Thursday, October 3 from 10-11 a.m.

Auditorium

Join us for this family-friendly free event where kids will learn more about four of the elements that make up the cultural phenomenon known as hip-hop: Graffiti, MCing, DJing and Breakin.



Edible Science: Layers of the Earth! (Ages 5-11)

Thursday, October 10 from 3:15-4 p.m.

Do you know the difference between the Earth's crust, mantle, and core? Well, get ready to learn with this edible earth experiment that will help us celebrate Earth Sciences.



Game On! (Ages 5-11)

Tuesday, October 15 from 3:15-4 p.m.

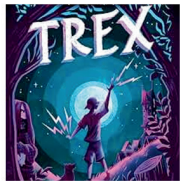
Level up the fun this school year & explore unique ways to play each month! Whether you're a gaming expert or just enjoy playing cards with friends, there's an activity here for you!



Yoga for Kids (All Ages)

Thursday, October 17 from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Yoga for Kids blends playful activities, storytelling, and yoga poses to nurture physical fitness, mindfulness, and creativity in a supportive environment. This session is tailored for families with a selection of yoga mats available for use. Signed waivers required for participation.



Book Club (Ages 9-11)

Wednesday, October 23 from 3:15-4 p.m.

Join a group of other bookworms to discuss and enjoy *Trex* by Christyne Morrell. Read the book throughout the month and come to the program ready to chat, play, and munch! Books reserved and available at the Children's desk for check-out in advance of the event. Registration is required. To register, call 843-805-6893.



Paws for Reading (Grades 2-4)

Tuesday, October 29 from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Build your literacy skills by reading out loud to a friendly STAR therapy dog. Bring a book from home or choose one at the library. Registration is required.



Trick or Treat at the Library (Ages 11 and Younger)

Thursday, October 31 from 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Trick or treat your way through the library and enjoy some Halloween fun. Participants are asked to wear a costume and start their adventure in the Children's area.

Storytimes

All storytimes are limited capacity and first come, first served. Caregivers are asked to stay. Visit the Children's desk for tickets 30 minutes prior.

Baby Storytime

Mon., Oct. 7, 21 & 28 at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Just for babies and their caregivers! Designed for meaningful one-on-one interaction between baby and caregiver with songs, rhymes, a book and plenty of movement that's developmentally appropriate.

Preschool Storytime

Wed., October 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Discover books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills that incorporate early practices of reading, singing, writing, talking, and playing at this energetic storytime.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a variety of action-oriented books, fingerplays, songs, and rhymes. These activities provide a fun environment for toddlers to exercise important motor skills and practice using their vocabulary.

Preschool Storytime Special: Race to Outer Space!

Friday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.

3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Join us for an out of this world adventure full of singing, reading, and fun!



Teen Programs

For all young adult programs, you must be in grades 6-12 to participate. To contact us, email teenunderground@ccpl.org or call (843) 805-6903.



Teen Tuesdays (Grades 6-12)

Tues., October 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Meeting Room B (Oct. 22)

Join us for activities fit for teens!



Inbetweeners (Grades 4-6)

Wednesday, October 9 from 3-4 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Calling all 4th-6th graders! Come to the club that's just for you. There'll be games, activities, and tons of fun you won't want to miss.



Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Sunday, October 13 from 3-4 p.m.

Teen Lounge

Calling all library fans and book lovers: The library needs you! Help plan future events and discuss everything bookish. New members are always welcome!

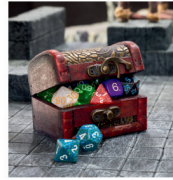


Video Game Wednesdays (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, October 2 & 9 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Test your skills and compete against friends on our gaming systems each week!



Dungeons and Dragons (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, October 9 & 23 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A

Are you ready for an adventure? Interested party members can attend this month's meeting of Dungeons & Dragons to inquire about upcoming quests! Registration strongly encouraged.



Halloween at the Library (Grades 6-12)

Thursday, October 31 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Teen Lounge

Come enjoy Halloween at the library and join us for a series of fun, spooky activities fit for teens!

Technology Training

Registration is currently requested for all technology classes and programs except for Digital Drop-Ins, and usually begins one week before the training is held. You can register in person, by calling (843) 805-6885, or by emailing techteam@ccpl.org.



Anatomy of a Scam

Tuesday, October 1 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Second Floor Classroom

Learn the various tactics used by scammers and how you can protect yourself from falling victim!



Google Docs and Gmail

Monday, October 7 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Second Floor Classroom

This program is designed for beginners to learn the fundamentals of Gmail and Google Docs. Participants will gain essential skills to navigate and utilize these popular online tools effectively.



Digital Drop-in

Thursdays, October 10 & 24 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Second Floor Classroom

Drop in and play with our "tech toy box" or see a staff member for assistance with your own device during our digital drop ins! First come, first served.



The Dark Web: Online Horror Stories

Wednesday, October 16 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Second Floor Classroom

Join us for a chilling exploration of five real-life online horror stories. From identity theft to cyberstalking, we'll uncover the terrifying ways technology can be used against you. Each story will be followed by practical advice on how to protect yourself. Prepare to be scared, but more importantly, prepared.



Utilizing the Library/eLibrary Resources

Monday, October 21 from 6-7 p.m.

Second Floor Classroom

Learn how to navigate the digital world of books, movies, and more with platforms like Hoopla and Libby. Discover the secrets of database searching and uncover valuable resources for your research projects. We'll also explore the traditional treasures your library has to offer, from physical books to in-person assistance.



Unmasking Deepfakes: Navigating the Real and the Fake Online

Tuesday, October 29 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Second Floor Classroom

Learn about the technology behind deep fakes, the ethical implications, and the tools available for detection.