Genealogy Donation

Recently, the Lumpkin County Library was given a large donation of genealogy and Georgia history books to add to the library’s genealogy/family history collection. The donation of fifty-five books was made by Mr. and Mrs. Randel (Blanche) Thornhill, of Dahlonega, along with Mr. Thornhill’s cousin, Mrs. Patricia A. Wayne, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. Thornhill, a native of South Georgia, spent many years living in Dougherty County, Georgia, and was a very active volunteer at the library there. Employed by the Department of Defense Education Activity in Virginia, he and his wife lived in many countries until retiring to Dahlonega. When they moved here, he brought the large collection of genealogy materials that he and his cousin, Patricia, had accumulated over the years, and has decided that since he is now a resident of Dahlonega, that the Lumpkin County Library would serve as the repository for the impressive collection. The donation is comprised of newspaper abstracts, Georgia marriages, and census records, as well as other information specific to Georgia history. Many of the items are from South Georgia, which the Lumpkin County Library does not have. Tiffany Irving, Information Specialist for the Lumpkin County Library states, “This donation will be a welcome addition to the Lumpkin County Library. We have folks that come to the library from all over Georgia, especially on the weekends, and these books will be invaluable to them as they do family research.” Mr. Thornhill and his cousin, Patricia share a love for genealogy, as their family history in Georgia dates back to the Revolutionary War.

The books have been sent to be cataloged and will soon be on the shelves in the genealogy collection for all to enjoy!

(Pictured are Mr. Randel Thornhill and Tiffany Irving, information specialist for the Lumpkin County Library, in the Georgia History/Genealogy Room of the library.)
Take & Bake at Your Library

The Chestatee Regional Library System is now offering a unique service to patrons. It will now be possible to check out cake pans with your library card. We have a new collection of themed cake pans that you may take home and use for that special occasion. Some of the cake pans in the collection include Darth Vader, a baseball mit, and a train, among others. So now when you want to host that Little League party, you can come check out a glove-shaped cake pan instead of spending $20.00 for something you might not use again. When your darling daughter is crazy about Hello Kitty this year, but next year she might be all about butterflies, we have the cake pans you need to make each occasion special. In today’s economy, our new cake pan collection is one way to “have your cake and eat it, too!” Stop by or call the Lumpkin County at 706-864-3668 or Dawson County library at 706-344-3690 to investigate what you might be able to cook up!

Teen Volunteers Needed!

Hey, teens! Are you looking for a way to fight boredom this summer and help your community at the same time? Need some volunteer hours for a service organization or to put on that college resume? If so, then the Lumpkin County Library is hoping that you will volunteer to help with our Vacation Reading Program this summer. We need volunteers from the end of May until the end of July to help on program days (Wednesdays beginning June 5) either morning shift (12:00 – 2:30 pm) or afternoon shift (1:30 – 4:00 p.m.) and one other day during the week (12:30 – 2:00 pm.).

If you volunteer, you would be manning the registration table, signing kids up for the program, and recording reading time for participating children. You would help with prizes and help shelve books in the children's area, too. You will receive a free T-shirt, and we will provide you with a letter that certifies you were an official volunteer!

If you think that this opportunity is too good to pass up, then stop by the library to pick up an application packet. Once we have received your completed application, we will contact you to set up an interview date and time. If selected, we will then set up training and get ready to roll into Summer Reading. The deadline for applications is April 30. Please call the Lumpkin County Library at 706-864-3668 for any questions.

Shredder Day

Dawson County Library
Wednesday, April 10, 2013 10:00 AM
Lumpkin County Library
Wednesday, April 10, 2013 1:00 PM

Are you holding onto credit card statements from 1978? Using your kitchen table as a filing cabinet? Feel buried under mounds of old documents? Start cleaning out those old records and make plans to come to the library and shred those extra pounds when the American Security Shredding truck visits the library. Stop by and shred those extra pounds for FREE!!!

Thanks to You!

The following have given us 145.8 volunteer hours worth $3,114.29 in March:
Ellen Barlament • Reg Barlament • Joy Blatt
Fran Bodman • Jody Carlson • Louise Cowart
Nan Donay • Kathy Dusombre • Ann Evans
Heather Floyd • Elizabeth French • Peri Gordon
Don Keeney • Hazel Kilgore • William Knight
Leslie Kupkowski • Alyssa Layman • Lisa Lee
Mattie Martin • Brandon Newman • Becky Robinson
Susan Roof • Eydie Stegall • Michael Thomas
Joanna Zwemke

The following have given donations totaling $672.10 in March:
Dawson County Woman's Club
Eris & Robert Floyd
Lumpkin County Jaycees

If you have made a donation or volunteered during March and your name is not listed, please accept our apology, and call us so we can correct our records.

Thank You
BOOKS

Pageturners
Dawson County Library
Thursday, April 11, 2013 1:00 PM
The Page Turners book discussion groups rotate discussing fiction, non-fiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! Please ask a staff member if you would like to reserve a copy of this month’s book. The group will be discussing The Doctor and the Diva by Adrienne McDonnell.

Happy Bookers Book Discussion
Lumpkin County Library
Thursday, April 18, 2013 1:30 PM
The Happy Bookers book discussion group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the library. The group rotates discussing fiction, nonfiction, and award-winning books. New members are welcome! Ask a staff member if you would like to reserve a copy of this month’s book. April’s selection is Praying for Sheetrock by Melissa Fay Greene.

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY

Genealogy Workshop
Lumpkin County Library
Saturday, April 20, 2013 11:30 AM
Interested in learning how to use the web to trace your family roots? Volunteer William Knight will be on hand to share his knowledge and teach you how to use and access different databases available on the web. Whether you are a beginner or just looking for a new search tool, this class can help you. Registration is required. Call 706-864-3668.

Don Shadburn Presentation
Dawson County Library
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 5:00-7:00 PM
Please join us at the library for a presentation on “Indian Countrymen (intermarried white men) who lived in the Cherokee Nation of North Georgia before and after the removal years of 1838-39”.

TWEENS

Teen Make A Pet
Lumpkin County Library
Thursday, April 11, 2013 5:30-6:30 PM
Does your mom say no pets? Does she say they are too messy or too much work? Well have I go the pet for you! Join us an make your own Chia style pet to take home and love forever. Grades 3-5

TEENS

Teen Book Bingo
Dawson County Library
Thursday, April 4, 2013 3:30-4:30 PM
This ain't your grandma's Bingo! Grab a Bingo card, a handful of candy, and play for cool prizes! Tell us about a book you're reading and get two Bingo cards! FREE fun, food and prizes — bring a friend! Grades 6-12

African Paper Beads
Dawson County Library
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 3:30-4:30 PM
Choose your favorite colors and designs from magazines and create beautiful beads for jewelry or decorating. Great to give as gifts for Mother’s Day! Grades 6-12

Teen Make A Pet
Lumpkin County Library
Thursday, April 25, 2013 5:30-6:30 PM
Does your mom say no pets? Does she say they are too messy or too much work? Well have I go the pet for you! Join us an make your own Chia style pet to take home and love forever. Grades 6-12

SPECIAL EVENTS

eBooks and Online Magazines at Your Library
Dawson County Library
Tuesday, April 23, 2013 5:00-7:00 PM
Learn how to use CRLS website to find and download eBooks and magazines to your device. Attendees are encouraged to bring their devices.
Reading to Dogs
Dawson County Library
Saturday, April 20, 2013 11:00 AM
Reading to dogs helps children build self-confidence in a comfortable, accepting environment. This is an opportunity for your child to practice his or her reading skills for fifteen minutes, working one-on-one with a therapy dog and his or her trainer. Register at the circulation desk or call 706-344-3690.

STORYTIMES

Movers and Shakers
Lumpkin County Library
Designed for Children ages 2 to 5
Wednesday, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, & 4/24 2:00 PM
Dawson County Library
Designed for Children ages 4 to 5
Thursday, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, & 4/25 11:00 AM
We hope this will be a fun and exciting experience for you and your child. The programs are designed to best serve groups of not more than 20 children. No pre-registration is required, but groups larger than five are requested to call at least two days in advance. The programs last 45 minutes to an hour and may include songs, finger plays, and crafts in addition to the stories.

Totally Toddlers
Dawson County Library
Wednesday, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, & 4/24 11:00 AM
TOTALLY TODDLERS is designed for children ages 2 to 3. The program is shorter than Movers and Shakers Story Time and offers age appropriate books, songs, and fingerplays. Children in this age range tend to have a shorter attention span, so several short activities are used between each book in order to hold the child's interest.

Coming in May…

Scavenger Hunt
Dawson County Library
Saturday, May 11, 2013 9:00AM-1:00PM
Go on wild goose chases, act silly, spend time with your friends and family. Explore Dawson County AND support Dawson County Library. All you need is a team of 4 friends, $100, a car, and a digital camera and a sense of adventure. To sign up call the library at 706-344-3690 or visit our website at www.chestateelibrary.org