

Homewood Library's June 2017 Programming

Mistakes 99% of Retirees Make When Applying for Social Security Benefits

Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Round Auditorium

If you are thinking about retirement, this program is for you. Philip Wilson, a local financial advisor with 30 years of experience, is the only advisor certified in the state of Alabama for Social Security claiming strategies. Learn if you can retire and when, as well as filing strategies to maximize Social Security benefits. While participation in the workshop is FREE, space is limited to 25. Register online at www.homewoodpubliclibrary.org. For more info, contact Leslie West at lwest@bham.lib.al.us or call 205-332-6620.

Let's Dish Cookbook Club: Farm to Table

Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom

Talk, tempt, and taste during this recipe club discussion group that's all about food! To participate, prepare a recipe around the month's theme and bring the dish and recipe to the meeting. We will dish about the theme, recipe, and deliciousness at the meeting. No registration required. For more information, please contact Judith Wright at jrwright@bham.lib.al.us or at (205) 332-6622.

Library Yoga

Mondays, June 5, at 10 a.m. in the Large Auditorium

Take time out of your busy schedule for free yoga classes at the library. All levels of fitness welcome. No registration required, but *please bring your own mat*.

Calligraphy Basics for Beginners with Elizabeth Vander Kamp

Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102 (Lower Level)

If you frequent social media or have been to a wedding, chances are you've seen how beautiful calligraphy can be. If you've ever wanted to learn calligraphy yourself, this program is for you.

Elizabeth Vander Kamp will go over some of the basic calligraphy shapes and tools you'll need to get started and show you how to use them.

AARP Smart Driver Course with Joe Ross

Saturday, June 10, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in Room 102 (Lower Level)

The AARP Smart Driver Course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's first and largest refresher course designed specifically for older drivers. Those who complete the course may be eligible for an automobile insurance discount for up to 3 years. Participants should check with their insurance company for possible discounts. Registration required. AARP members \$15.00, non-members \$20.00. To register, please call Joe Ross at (205) 823-7067.

Oxmoor Page Turner's Book Club: *The Nest* by Cynthia Sweeney

Tuesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom

Join us to discuss this warm, funny, and acutely perceptive debut novel about four adult siblings and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives.

First Step Wednesdays: Get the Most Out of Your iPad and iPhone!

Wednesday, June 14, at 2 p.m. in the Large Auditorium

This workshop is geared towards casual users. Join us as Apple® certified trainers for Alabama Tech-Ease answer your questions on how best to use your Apple® device.

Heraldry in the Chapter House of York Minster

Thursday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Round Auditorium

In April 1298 King Edward I of England ordered his nobles, barons, senior clerics, and chief officials to assemble in the chapter house of York Minster. Edward was organizing an army to invade Scotland and had summoned his advisors to plan the campaign. The chapter house had recently been built and the stained glass in its magnificent windows contains the coats of arms of some of the key players in this historic event. Join Adrian Smythies of Medieval Yorkshire Tours, for an illustrated talk that imagines the lively scenes of this assembly: Edward arguing with the stormy Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk; the eager minor barons competing for promotion; the nervous Chancellor wondering how on earth to finance the crippling cost of war.

OLLI Bonus Program: Egypt: An Incredible Journey

Friday, June 16, at 1 p.m. in the Round Auditorium

Join historian Catherine Haskins as she delves into the ancient Egyptian Empire of 3,000 years ago on an adventure of the ancient Egyptian Empire. She will share photos of treasures of the museums in Cairo, the pyramids and monuments, the temples and tombs, and thus paint a picture of early Egyptian people.

How a Christian Got Hooked on the Holocaust: Book Signing with Award-Winning Author Nancy Wright Beasley

Saturday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Auditorium

Nancy Wright Beasley was so moved by the stories re-created in the Virginia Holocaust Museum that she began researching the experiences of the Israel "Izzy" Ipson family and members of four other Jewish families who lived in Lithuania during World War II. *Izzy's Fire: Finding Humanity in the Holocaust* recounts the harrowing yet hope-filled true story of these five Lithuanian Jewish families who escaped Kovno Ghetto and were ultimately hidden -- and saved -- by a Catholic farm family. All 13 Jews ended up living in a 9'x12'x4' underground hole as World War II raged around them. Some lived underground for about seven months.

Beasley's graduate thesis, *The Little Lion: A Hero in the Holocaust*, a young adult historical also set in Kovno Ghetto during World War II, was published in 2015.

Books will be available for purchase, and signing opportunities will take place before and after the program. *This program is a partnership between the Homewood Public Library and the Birmingham Holocaust Educational Center.*

Bossypants Book Club: *Mom & Me & Mom* by Maya Angelou

Monday, June 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Nabeel's Café

If you love spiky humor, quick wit, and brutal honesty, this is the book club for you! We are taking book discussions across the street to Nabeel's Café to enjoy food and fun while we discuss *Me & Mom & Me* by Maya Angelou.

The ABC's of Medicare

Tuesday, June 20, at 12 p.m. in Room 116 (Lower Level)

Have you been wondering about all the new changes to our Medicare Benefits? Karen Haiflich will answer all your questions about how benefits are currently computed, how to become insured, and how to file a claim.

Homewood Senior Center Book Club: *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry

Tuesday, June 20, at 1 p.m. at the Homewood Senior Center

Towner Whitney, a dazed young woman descended from a long line of mind readers and fortune tellers, has survived numerous traumas and returned to her hometown of Salem, Massachusetts, to recover. Any tranquility in her life is short-lived when her beloved great-aunt Eva drowns under circumstances suggesting foul play. Towner's suspicions are taken with a grain of salt given her history of hallucinatory visions and self-harm. The mystery enmeshes local cop John Rafferty, who left the pressures of big city police work for a quieter life in Salem and now finds himself falling for the enigmatic Towner as he delves into the history of the eccentric Whitney clan.

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Prepare Your Home for Sale with Becky Laurent

Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. in the Round Auditorium

Home staging isn't just for vacant houses. Becky Laurent of Laurent Home Staging will present concepts and tips for presenting your home in its best light before the first potential buyer walks through the door. She'll also share resources to help with de-cluttering.

Niki Sepsas Presents Boyington, Chenault, O'Hare: Valor in the Pacific

Tuesday, June 27, at 1 p.m. in the Round Auditorium

Join us as Sepsas explores the role played by Claire Chenault, "Pappy" Boyington, and Edward O'Hare in the air war in the Pacific during World War II.

Dixie's Pet Loss Support Group

Tuesday, June 27, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 106 (Lower Level)

The death of a pet can be one of the most devastating events that can happen to a person – yet one of the most misunderstood, too. This grief/loss group is sponsored by the Greater Birmingham Humane Society. Participation in the workshop is free; however reservations are requested since space is limited. Contact Randy Hicks, GBHS Volunteer Coordinator, at (205) 542-7111.

iProduct Master Class: Photography Using iPads & iPhones

Wednesday, June 28, at 2 p.m. in the Large Auditorium

Join us for this special class with Apple® Certified trainers for Alabama Tech-Ease, a member of the Apple® Consultants Network, to take a comprehensive look at photos for Apple iOS and macOS Sierra. Topics will include: sharing images, creating albums and projects, basic photo editing, and more! Participation in the workshop is free; however participation in the introductory class is required.

The Better Than Therapy Book Club: *Love Warrior* by Glennon Doyle Melton

Wednesday, June 28, at 2 p.m. in the Boardroom

Love Warrior is a gorgeous and inspiring account of how we are born to be warriors: strong, powerful, and brave; able to confront the pain and claim the love that exists for us all. This chronicle of a beautiful, brutal journey speaks to anyone who yearns for deeper, truer relationships and a more abundant, authentic life.