

Exploring the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails



Come hear local resident Davis Grimes speak about his experiences on the famed Appalachian Trail. With little physical preparation and minimum provisions, Mr. Grimes walked over 2,000 miles in just 132 days. The success rate is small, about 20 percent of hikers who begin the trail will even complete it.

Mr. Grimes averaged 18 miles a day and sometimes walked up to 40 miles a day! Learn about planning and preparation, equipment, food, trail safety, as well as the good times and great friendships that are formed while on the trail.

If you have been following our social media, you will have seen the posts by Grimes during his trek out west. Come hear about his new adventures on the PCT. This is a can't miss opportunity! The event is free, but seating is limited. Please call 620-6418 for more information or to reserve a seat.

-Saturday-

-December 2nd, 2017-

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Taking you where you want to go! Donor Appreciation

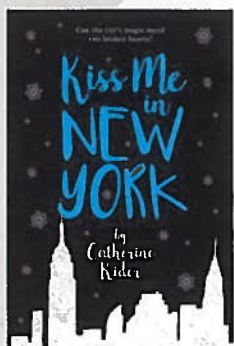
We would like to thank all those that have donated publicly and privately. We are so thankful to the residents and businesses of the City of Pelham for helping us make the new Pelham Public Library the best library possible. The following companies and individuals have given to the new library building fund.

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Liz Winn



Kiss Me in New York by Catherine Rider

Looking for a heart-warming holiday read? Try one of our department's newest acquisitions! *Kiss Me* is a love story that starts with a chance encounter in the JFK airport. After commiserating over their recently ended relationships, two strangers, British-born Charlotte and New Yorker Anthony, decide to spend Charlotte's 17-hour layover by fulfilling the tasks suggested in a cheesy self-help book for getting over your ex. As they embark upon each task, they end up touching not only each other's lives, but the lives of those who have also found themselves alone on Christmas Eve. At only 200 pages, this is a brisk, merry romp through the YA rom-com genre that makes for perfect bedtime reading during the holidays. Recommended for Gr 8-10 for some language.

If you enjoyed this review, consider donating to our Teen GoFundMe Page at www.gofundme.com/teencampaignPelhamLibrary

What Pelham Public Library brings to the City

Dr. Barbara Regan

A new library! How did that happen? And when? And Why? Where is it? What will happen to the old one? So many questions and so many answers. They will all be addressed over time. Pelham Public Library is here to be used by the citizens of Pelham and Shelby County. There are programs for every student, and for those going through adulthood including retirement. Wherever your life journey is taking you right now, there are applicable and usable materials available for you here at the Pelham Public Library. Examples: teach yourself the art of pencil drawing, learn a new language, watch a current or classic movie, learn to cook a new dish, prepare to adopt a pet, peruse the newest books and audiobooks, learn more about health issues, build/repair your deck.

Ideally, every household operates on a budget. There are specific amounts set aside for food, clothing, utilities, vacations, etc. Similarly, the library has a budget to guide spending. Whether purchases are print, audio, equipment or furniture, each item is selected with patrons in mind. How can it best serve them? One library goal is to be current in all selections and make meticulous decisions that will satisfy local patrons.

One may ask: How did you know what I would need or want to learn more about? The answer: It was not done accidentally. The staff listen to the patrons, and it was planned. This library has grown from one room to one floor to two floors to a new, deliberately well-designed building. Through observations, inquiry, growing pains, and planning, we

have publicly let it be known that there was a need for a new library. Because we are here for the citizens of Pelham, we have expressed our needs verbally, numerically, physically, and financially. Yes, we do have goals, and yes, the city has strategic plans. When these two are aligned, the voices of the citizens are heard, and the budget has the capability to provide a specified amount, then with the help of donors, we can all make it happen. This has been a continuous process of thinking, discussing, and planning – lots of give and take – over several years.

Peeking around another corner of importance, we can see a group of patrons who frequently make requests which are satisfied in the history section. Other times they come in to do research on the computers. These men and women are truly our local experts on American and world history. They know the broad strokes of facts and also the smallest details. They are our wonderful veterans from every branch of the military.

Another goal is to continue to expand the library/school partnership. This association gives the students and parents a stronger connection with the library, in addition to enhancing the academic prowess of each student. Whatever the curriculum areas of focus, the student is able to find related materials to study at the library. Students come and inquire about particular topics or specific titles that have been given by their teachers and they want to fully complete the assignment. Perhaps a couple of students want to study together for a presentation.



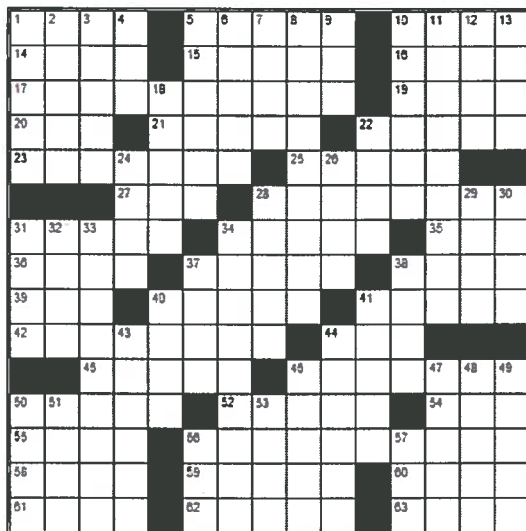
The students continue to return to their public library as a hub of learning. Students not only come to borrow a title off the summer reading list, but also to complete assignments in mathematics, social studies, English and science. Several students come with their tutors.

Earlier this year you may have seen the culmination of the Lego Contest shown and discussed in the local newspaper. Did you also see the Little Free Library that the Teen Advisory Board installed at the ball park? And you know about the bicycle that one of the young students won? Have you taken one of the computer classes or a crafts class? We invite authors to come in and speak to our patrons about their published works. These are truly exciting gatherings! There is a lot going on at the library and you have a standing invitation to come and join the growth.

- Is the Pelham Public Library---**
- *Encouraging?** Ask a student who finds supporting documents for a school assignment.
 - *Exciting?** Ask a four-year-old who just left a Halloween Party
 - *Fulfilling?** Ask a member of any of the book clubs.
 - *Informative?** Ask a citizen who just left an income tax or AARP seminar.
 - *Relaxing?** Ask a participant of a Tai-Chi class.
 - *Uplifting?** Ask any member of a 2-hour science study group with tutors.
 - *Welcoming?** Please come and experience the warmth and culture.
 - *Worth the [non-increased] tax dollar?** Be sure to visit our new facility.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Thunder
5. Hemp
10. Chomp
14. Chills and fever
15. Rejects
16. Arab chieftain
17. Fastidious
19. Mimics
20. Implore
21. Angers
22. Blatant
23. Set apart
25. Tall structure
27. Half of a pair
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DOWN

1. Fictional deer
2. S-shaped moldings
3. Expenditure
4. Japanese apricot
5. Pointed
6. Protrusion
7. Maguey
8. Bunched together
9. Donkey
10. He builds dams
11. Endangered
12. Layer
18. A whimsically eccentric person

22. Was indebted
24. Unit of bread
26. Not under
28. Filled to excess
29. Found on a finger
30. Calyx
31. Outbuilding
32. Whimper
33. Efficacious
34. Hating
37. Weight loss plan
38. Sponge
40. Exchange
41. Indian instrument
44. Compilation
46. Energize
47. Prepared
48. Yes
49. Loamy deposit
50. Coagulated milk
51. Pearly-shelled mussel
53. Away from the wind
56. Calypso offshoot
57. Suffering



Engraved Bricks

Special Offerings

Our Engraved Brick Fundraiser is still going on! Buy a brick and your name will forever be a part of the new building! Commemorate an important life event or make a memorial. For more details contact: mcampbell@pelhamalabama.gov

SNACK TIME WITH SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to town and making a special stop at the Pelham Public Library. Kids can enjoy a snack and make a holiday themed craft while they wait to meet the big guy in the red suit. Of course, Santa is more than happy to hear about what all of the boys and girls are wanting him to bring on Christmas Eve, so have those Christmas lists at the ready.

For those who provide an email address, photos will be emailed soon after the program. Parents and grandparents are certainly welcome to take their own photos as well. There is no need to pre-register. All you have to do is show up ready to have some holiday fun at the library. Just a reminder – all snacks, craft materials and photos are FREE! So don't miss out on a chance to visit and have a very special Snack Time with Santa on Wednesday, December 13 @10am or Thursday December 14 @6pm.

I.T. QUESTION CORNER

Q: What computer classes does the Pelham Public Library offer?

A: The Pelham Public Library offers several computer classes that can be adjusted to any skill level or experience level. Our IT Services Librarian is available for short help sessions most days. But the following classes are offered monthly:

- Basic Computer
- Basic Internet
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Windows 7, 8 & 10
- Python Coding Class
- Teen Robotics
- Adult Electronics
- Mac OSX, High Sierra
- Android Devices

Classes normally have 6 to 8 spots open for you to register, but spots fill up quickly.

Famous First Facts

By David Smith
Christmas cards were introduced to American trade in 1875.

Upcoming Events

December 2nd

Exploring the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails

Come hear the tales of Davis Grimes as he tells the story from the trails.

2:00 PM – 3:30PM, Saturday

December 4th

Robotics Class

These classes are currently focused on learning the programming language Python. Hardware we are working with: Sphero SPRK; Lego Mindstorms; Python Programming language; Arduino kits (Adafruit)
6:00PM – 7:30PM, Monday

December 6th

Together Time

Come join us for story time, where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and passes out a snack. Theme this week is the letter J
9:15AM & 10:30AM

December 7th

Gingerbread House

Come join us for our annual gingerbread building event. Registration is required, and the cost per house is \$5 in advance OR \$10 at the door.
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Thursday



Upcoming Events continued

December 9th

Gingerbread House

Come join us for our annual gingerbread building event. Registration is required, and the cost per house is \$5 in advance OR \$10 at the door.
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Saturday

December 11th

Gingerbread House

Come join us for our annual gingerbread building event. Registration is required, and the cost per house is \$5 in advance OR \$10 at the door.
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Monday

December 13th

Snack Time with Santa

Come to the library to meet Santa, and get your picture taken for free! Kids can enjoy a snack and make a holiday craft while they wait. Photos will be emailed after the program.
10:00 AM – 12:00 AM, Wednesday

December 14th

Snack Time with Santa

Come to the library to meet Santa and get your picture taken for free! Kids can enjoy a snack and make a holiday craft while they wait. Photos will be emailed after the program.
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Thursday

December 18th

Robotics Class

These classes are currently focused on learning the programming language Python. Hardware we are working with: Sphero SPRK; Lego Mindstorms; Python Programming language; Arduino kits (Adafruit)
Please register in advance.
6:00PM – 7:30PM, Monday

December 25th – 26th

Christmas Break – Library Closed

January 1st

New Year – Library Closed

January 2nd

Teen Chess Club

6:00pm – 7:45pm, Tuesday

January 3rd

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter K
9:15AM & 10:30AM, Wednesday

January 4th

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter K
6:30PM, Thursday

January 10th

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter L
9:15AM & 10:30AM, Wednesday

January 11th

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter L
6:30PM, Thursday

January 13th

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

2:00pm – 3:00pm, Saturday

January 15th

MLK Jr Day – Library Closed

January 16th

Teen Chess Club

6:00pm – 7:45pm, Tuesday

January 17th

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter M
9:15AM & 10:30AM, Wednesday

January 18th

Understanding Medicare Seminar

Get answers at this seminar provided by a Medicare advisor from Physicians Mutual.
12:00pm – 1:00pm, Thursday

January 18th continued...

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter M
6:30PM, Thursday

January 24th

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter N
9:15AM & 10:30AM, Wednesday

January 25th

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story, provide a craft kit and enjoy a snack.
Theme this week is the letter N
6:30PM, Thursday

January 27th

Rock Climbing 101

Curious about Rock Climbing? Come join us in hearing an overview of the fundamentals of rock climbing brought to you by David Smith.
Please register in advance.
2pm – 3:30pm – Saturday

Craft Day

A variety of craft kits and supplies will be available
10 – 1pm - Saturday

January 31st

Together Time

Come join us for story time where our staff read your young one a story,
Theme this week is the letter O
9:15AM & 10:30AM, Wednesday



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