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QUARTERLY CONNECTION

Pelham Library's Quarterly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

March 1st

Camp NaNoWriNo

A month – long retreat for teens to work on their literary masterpieces. Grades 6 – 12 only. 6 – 7:30pm, Thursday

PJ Storytime

Come join us for Storytime! 6:30 – 7pm, Thursday

March 6th

Chess Club

Join us for a friendly game of chess! All experience levels welcome. Grades 6-12 only. 6 – 7pm, Tuesday

March 7th

Together Time

Come join us for Storytime! 9:15 – 10am, Wednesday

Together Time

Come join us for Storytime 10:30 – 11am, Wednesday

March 8th

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PJ Storytime

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March 14th

Together Time

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March 15th

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March 19th

Lost Antebellum Alabama

Jim Phillips, regional historian and researcher, will talk about early Alabama towns and personalities. Along with his stories, he will present artifacts which will help bring to life long forgotten places and people in this fascinating program. Admittance is free. Seating is limited. Please call the library to reserve a seat by calling 620-6418. 6:30 – 7:30pm, Monday

March 20th

Chess Club

Join us for a friendly game of chess! All experience levels welcome. Grades 6-12 only. 6 – 7pm, Tuesday

March 21st

Together Time

Come join us for Storytime! 9:15 – 10am, Wednesday

Together Time

Come join us for Storytime! 10:30 – 11am, Wednesday

March 22nd

Understanding Medicare Seminar

Come get help with all aspects of Medicare. The seminar is free and open to the public. 12 – 1pm, Thursday

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March 26th

Monday Night Tech

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 – 7pm, Monday

March 28th

PJ Storytime

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March 29th

Microsoft Word Basics

This class is geared for older students, and those re-entering the job market. Based on the students this class can be very basic and brief to advanced and detailed. Covers Microsoft Word 2013 10 – 12pm, Thursday

Month of April

★ Moving Month ★
Call ahead, days and hours of operation may vary

Month of May

★ Grand Opening Month ★
Call ahead, days and hours of operation may vary

Free Monthly Medicare Workshop



Jefferson County and Shelby County Public Libraries are pleased to invite you to a free educational Medicare workshop conducted by Karen Haiflich, an independent Benefits Advisor specializing in Medicare. Karen is volunteering her time to help you better understand your options as you embark upon this important milestone. She will cover the following information from the official U.S. Government Medicare handbook:

- Defining Medicare and its four parts (A, B, C & D)
- How and when to enroll in Medicare
- When can you change plans
- Medicare Health Plan Coverage Choices
- Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- And much more!

Come and get simple, straightforward answers to these and other questions to help you better understand Medicare and the options available to you. The workshop lasts approx -- imately one hour and is very interactive.



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Letter from the Library Guild

For months I have watched the progress of the new public library. It has been so exciting to see the dirt and bricks take shape into a first-rate building. Even so, nothing prepared me for seeing the inside of the building during the preview party. It was all breathtaking - the stunning lighting, the open layout, the cozy fireplace, and variety of meeting spaces.

The children's area is so inviting. I can't wait to see the space with furniture and books! I love that teens have their own space carved out. The library staff and leadership have done a superb job of creating meaningful spaces for all library users.

I am so excited that Pelham Public Library will be our new neighbors! We are so fortunate that our city leaders understand the importance of education for its citizenry. Having a first-rate public library is a big part of that and I am so happy that Pelham will have a new library that we can be proud of.

April Wallace
Librarian
Pelham Park Middle School

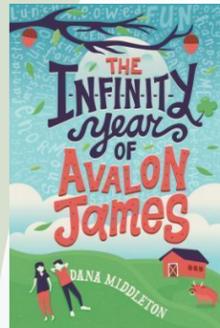
The Pelham Library Guild wants to match hearty appetites with a sample of local restaurants and caterers in the name of raising money to build a new library. The Taste of Pelham will feature 27 food vendors with each providing a dish that participants can sample. Guests can sample all of the vendors for the ticket price of \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Pelham Library, IberiaBank, or through Event Bright.



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KIDS BOOK REVIEW

Rebecca Burchfield



The Infinity Year of Avalon James by Dana Middleton

Avalon James and her best friend Atticus Brightwell are about to begin their "Infinity Year" according to Atticus's grandpa. He explains to them that a special, secret kind of magic can be shared between true best friends when they turn 10. It can affect each friend differently. The magic can show up for either of them at any time, but it will come to an end when they turn 11. When Atticus has a dream that helps Avalon recover something precious she has lost, they figure this must be his magic. However this happiness is short lived. At school, popular girl Elena and her minions start bullying Avalon about her home life. The girls end up in a confrontation that has terrible consequences for Avalon. When she accidentally shares a personal secret about Atticus, Avalon wonders if their friendship is ruined and if she will ever get to experience magic of her own. With very realistic and endearing characters, this book explores what it really means to be best friends.

FINDING the SWEET SPOT

Councilman Maurice Mercer



The older I have gotten the more I have come to appreciate the library and the resources it provides for the community. The Library of my parents' time has evolved into a gateway into the future and not just a look at the past.

As a boy in Midfield, Al, I can remember being able to ride a bike to the library and then over to the community center. I get excited thinking about how Pelham kids will be able to do the same. I remember checking out books from time to time, however, I didn't spend as much time there as I could have. I grew up in a home with access to a Windows 3.0 computer with floppy and 3.5 disk. Some of the readers here will feel a sense of nostalgia, while the millennials will probably Google floppy and 3.5. Both technologies pale in comparison to what's offered today almost 20 years later. The technology our library in Pelham will have may not be easily accessible at home. An example would be the 3D printing and robotics labs that we will have. Libraries of my day just began to offer computer classes with the traditional book references and literature for enjoyment.

In college, my experience with the library changed dramatically. The library became my 2nd dorm room. It was a place to meet and do research with other students and it was a peaceful and quiet

place to do homework when the dorm with 1,000 of your closest friends was just too loud. While many books could be checked out, there were still some either too large to carry out or only allowed for in library checkout. In addition, a student was able to access the online library from within the library for research which was beneficial to my studies. It was almost as if the world was at my fingertips. The internet grew in popularity and in content. However, professors still looked to see published books sited in reports.

"The Library of my parents' time has evolved into a gateway into the future and not just a look at the past."

There was one thing that I discovered that change my life forever. I felt as if I discovered a hidden treasure when I discovered audio books. I never knew they existed before 2000/2001. Seventeen years later, this is still my favorite format for books.



Whether it's a biography, thriller, or novel, I find myself wrapped into the story with audio. Listening to a good audio book takes me out of the current world and puts me into the story. Who needs a X box 360 when you have a great audio book? Today, with an audio book I find many times to finish quicker as I can listen in the car, in personal time, or recreation.

Many don't realize, the Pelham Library has downloadable audio books. Audio books have become my sweet spot and provide me with overwhelming enjoyment.

I encourage everyone to visit the library and find your sweet spot.



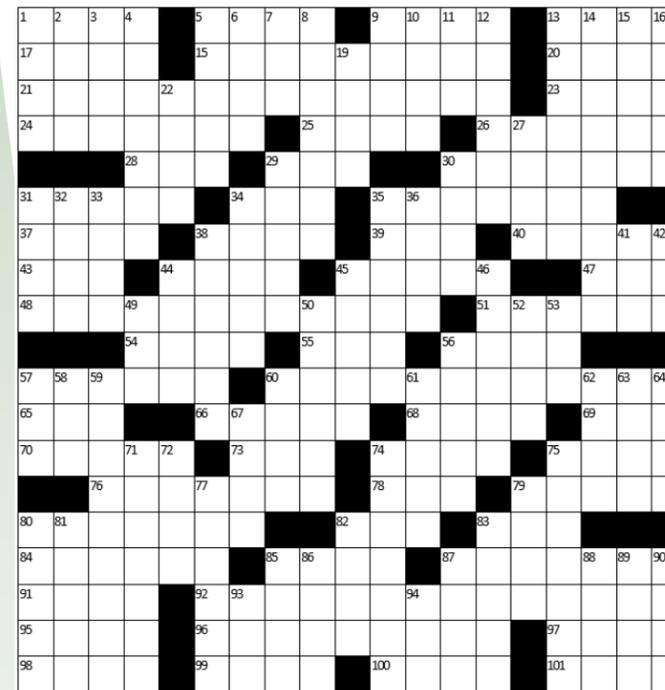
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ACROSS

- Japanese earthenware
- Photographer Morath
- Hunk of hair
- "Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" star
- Actress Moran
- Build up
- Examine, wolf- style
- Bays
- Kind of molding
- Removes oneself
- "__ Earth" (Eckhart Tolle book)
- "Dallas" actress Charlene
- Author Rita __ Brown
- Switch positions
- Terse
- German ironmaster
- FM-tuner feature
- Yellowcake element
- Very attentive
- Apportion
- Choice word
- Zipper grippers
- "__ to Extremes" (Billy Joel)
- Stone: prefix
- Role for Nichols or Saldana
- Ad __
- Gale Storm musical
- Smorgasbords
- Water, to Pedro
- Asia's neighbor: abbr
- Baseball figs.
- Least active
- VIPs
- Bathroom, to a Brit
- Emerson specialty
- Harem rooms
- End of a series
- Tennis's "blank Czech"
- Not prescription: abbr.
- Manual laborer
- Where Anna taught
- __ straws (use last resorts)
- Conrail et al.
- Stores
- Containing much detail
- Tony-winning director McAnuff
- Cover charge
- Scoff at
- Impair

DOWN

- Grammy winner McEntire
- Muscat native
- Champagnecassis
- Like Oscar Madison's appearance
- Overwrought
- Jay-Z's NBA team
- "Scam!"
- Make Better
- Sweet Place
- Lined up
- Cpl., e.g.
- Stan of Jazz
- Implement for Fast Eddie Felson
- Kitchen hourglasses
- Singer Laine et al.
- Actress Laura
- They gave Boston's stadium its name
- Breeze
- Monogram pt.
- "A Member __ Wedding"
- Charmian of "The Sound of Music"
- Jenner of tabloids
- Aunt Millie's competitor
- Mounted
- Italian volcano
- Not injured
- Cad
- Teeny
- Hué holiday
- "__ Pinafore"
- Diaries
- Loan - sharking
- Knitting project
- Sweetie, in textspeak
- 1773 Boston irritant
- Cenozoic and Mesozoic
- First word in a JFK quote
- Windows predecessor
- __ will (bad intentions)
- Forest mom
- Certain golf shot
- This, to Pedro
- Farm workers
- Singer Pinza
- Gather a crop
- School terms: abbr
- Second-yr. student
- Writer Theodore
- SoCal enforcers
- Doctors-to-be
- Varnish's cousin
- Awfully bad smell
- Dreamcast maker
- Sun Valley's locale
- Composer Ethelbert
- Conn of "Grease"
- Bill or Brandon of MLB
- Farrah's "Angel" "do brother
- Place or James
- Austen heroine
- File folder features
- Tizzy
- Water: Fr.
- "Eddie Murphy __"



Last issue crossword answer

P.J. STORYTIME

Storytime is not just for early mornings! Grab your favorite pajamas, put on your fuzzy slippers and come on down to the Pelham Public Library. Join Ms. Rebecca every Thursday evening at 6:30p.m. for a great time filled with stories, songs and lots of silliness. P.J. Storytime has all the same activities as our Together Time (Wednesday mornings @ 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) Every week has a letter or concept theme for the stories. These are listed on our website www.pelhamlibrary.com Just like Wednesday mornings, kids are encouraged to bring an item fitting the theme to show the group as part of our "Sharing Basket." Of course, after stories and songs, the library provides each child with a craft and a snack. Whether kids are learning to read or just enjoy hearing a good story, this program is fun for the whole family.

Famous First Facts

By David Smith
In 1966 Marie Van Brown had the idea for a home surveillance device. She applied for a patent along with her husband Albert Brown in 1966 for a closed circuit television security system. They created a system for a motorized camera to show images on a monitor. The patent, #3,482,037 was granted. Her device was the forerunner to the modern home security system.