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'BUILD A BETTER WORLD' WITH SUMMER READING AT YOUR LIBRARY
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library system kicks-off 2017 Summer Reading program

HUNTSVILLE (May 2, 2017) – Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is ready to "build a better world" with you. Join our Summer Reading Club by picking up information at your local library, available starting May 30. It's easy and best of all, it's free! All children through 5th grade may participate in a variety of programs throughout Madison County. From animal programs, martial arts demonstrations, and STEAM-based learning experiences, the library has something for kids of all ages.

To mark the start of this busy reading season, HMCPL has several kick-off parties planned. Join us at one of these parties for some summer fun and everything you need to know about participating in Summer Reading:

- **May 20, 8-11 a.m., Madison Public Library (130 Plaza Blvd.):** This year, we've expanded the fun for all ages! Don't miss the chance to participate in fun runs and relay races, touch big trucks, enjoy birthday cake, learn about animals, complete crafts, and, of course, sign up for Summer Reading. We'll have special guests throughout the morning, and plenty of fun for the whole family. Free and open to the public.
- **June 2, 1-3 p.m., Oscar Mason Public Library (149 Mason Ct.):** Come join us as we kick off our summer reading program with games and excitement for all ages. There will be face painting, crafts for all ages, a cake walk, snow cones, and more. Pick up your reading log while you are here. This year, we challenge everyone to participate in summer reading! Moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends. Let's build our community by reading together! Free and open to the public.
- **June 3 & 4, during library hours, Downtown Huntsville Library (915 Monroe St):** Brickapalooza will fill the Downtown Huntsville Library with creativity on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy elaborate LEGO displays, bingo and trivia games, and ample opportunities to build your own LEGO creations. Duplos and Minecraft will be part of the fun, too. This family-friendly event will showcase models built by members of the Tennessee Valley LEGO® Club, a group of adult LEGO enthusiasts, and local First LEGO League robotics teams.
Tickets are \$5. Children age 3 and younger will be admitted free.

You didn't think we would leave adults out of the fun, did you? Summer Reading is not just for kids any more. The good part is you get to read whatever you want. The even better part is you can win awesome prizes for doing so. This year we are giving away a brand new Kindle Fire with cover to our grand prize winner! There are also several Summer Reading events geared toward adults:

- **May 30 @ 6 p.m.: Game your Way to a Better World** – Our Adult Summer Reading party kicks off at [Pints and Pixels](#), 115 Clinton Ave East. Enjoy some delicious food at Anaheim Chili and have a blast playing arcade games all night long! A portion of the proceeds go to the library, so come out and play with us!
- **June 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Build a Better World Through Volunteering** – Join us at the [Bailey Cove Public Library](#), 1409 Weatherly Plaza SE, to discover volunteering opportunities in Huntsville for teens and adults.
- **June 13 @ Noon: Tuesdays with TED** – The Summer Reading theme this year is "Build a Better World", and the TED for June will be a new one from the TED dialogues series by Yuval Noah Harari: Nationalism vs. Globalism: The new political divide. This is an extra-long TED talk, which runs for an entire hour, with discussion to follow. [Downtown Huntsville Library](#), 915 Monroe St.
- **June 13, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.: Nonprofit Fair** – If you are looking for community resources or want to volunteer, please come to our information fair at [Monrovia Public Library](#), 254 Allen Drake Drive, where you can meet five different groups that provide community assistance, skills training, and more. For more information contact Cindy Hewitt at 256-489-3392 or email chewitt@hmcpl.org.
- **June 15 @ 6 p.m., Build a Better World with the Huntsville Botanical Gardens** – Learn about pollinators and conservation efforts going on at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. This program will take place at [Bailey Cove Public Library](#), 1409 Weatherly Plaza SE.
- **June 24, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.: Nonprofit Fair** – Meet local nonprofit organizations in the Atrium of the [Downtown Huntsville Library](#) and find out what you can do to help!
- **June 27 @ 6 p.m.: Spirited Art: Make Coffee, Not War** – Join us at [Spirited Art's](#) new location at Campus 805, 2620 Clinton Ave. W., Classroom #217. Enjoy some delicious local brew and paint to benefit your local library's Adult Summer Reading program. Remember, don't drink the paint water!
- **August 4 @ 6 p.m.: Grow a Better World** – Create up-cycled terrariums using old bottles, and enjoy some great local drinks from [Straight to Ale Brewery](#), 2610 Clinton Ave W.

For more details about kids' programs, including required summer reading lists for your child's school, as well as information about how to participate in the Adult Summer Reading challenge, visit hmcpl.org/summer.

About Huntsville-Madison County Public Library

This is the public's library. Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is a nonprofit 12-branch system that serves all of Madison County, Ala. For nearly 200 years, the library has been dedicated to enriching the educational, recreational and cultural lives of communities in Madison County through materials, information and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning. In addition to the collection of over 500,000 items, HMCPL also provides outreach services, a BookMobile and BookBike, online services, training, an extensive digital collection, public-use computers, free Wi-fi, meeting spaces and much more. For more information about HMCPL and its services, please visit hmcpl.org.

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