



**Chestatee Regional Library System**  
Lumpkin County Library  
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**Lumpkin County Library Monthly Report – September 2011**

- **Library Visits:** 8,103
- **Circulation:** 16,226 items
- **Internet Use:** 1,249
- **Requests Filled:** 1,803
- **Attendance during Meeting Room Uses:** 360
- **Information Questions Answered:** 726
- **Volunteer Hours:** 61
- **New Patron Registrations:** 75

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Branch Activities:**

- Welcomed author Matt Aiken (of Dahlonega Nugget fame) on September 10 who was promoting his new book with an author signing.
- Made a donation of discarded large print books to the Senior Center.
- Procured books for eleven community book discussion groups.
- Trained two new adult volunteers to help with shelving and other library duties.
- eBooks for the Kindle are now available through Georgia Download Destination, which people can access with their PINES library card.
- Finalized plans for the Great Lumpkin County Scavenger Hunt set for October 1.

**Youth Services Activities:**

- Began the Fall Session of Totally Toddlers and Movers and Shakers.
- Planned programs for targeted ages: Grades 3-5 Tweens (Wii program, American Girl Discussion group), Grades 6-8/Middle School (Mosaic craft program), and Grades 9-12/High School (Wii program)
- Began Web Junction class- Reach Teenagers. This course will give ideas for specific ways to reach out to teens and provide asset building programs in our library.

**Information Specialist Activities:**

- Attended an archived online training workshop featuring the use of the Georgia Career Information System. The workshop highlighted the many features of the online system that patrons will find useful, especially those currently searching for employment.
- Received a scholarship for and attended the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Annual Conference in Frisco, TX. The conference highlighted programming, partnerships, and the library response in the community during tough economic times.
- Created a Job Seekers Station in the library. This station is a great place for job seekers to check for resources and receive help with their job search. The station has a copy of the Georgia Department of Labor 'Research Guide', resume and online job application

worksheets to help organize personal data and work history. Patrons can also pick up the 'Job Seekers' brochure which has a listing of websites with current job postings.

- Three computer classes were offered: Computer Basics, Internet Searching, Microsoft Word, and a special computer class for Avita clients.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Lumpkin County Library will be closed Saturday, October 15 for Gold Rush.

### **Reading to Dogs**

**Saturday, October 1, 10 AM-12 PM**

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 706-864-3668.

### **Computer Basics**

**Wednesday, October 5 at 9 AM**

This computer class will focus on the basic parts of the computer, the ability to navigate through the Windows system and troubleshooting. No prior knowledge needed. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

### **American Girl Book Group**

**Wednesday, October 5, 4 PM**

**October is Addy's month!**

**Each month we will feature one special American Girl for our topic of discussion. Read any Addy book that you would like then join our group to share. Grades 3-5.**

### **Totally Toddlers**

**11 AM Tuesdays through October 18**

This program 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.

### **Movers and Shakers**

**11 AM Wednesdays through October 19**

This program is intended for children ages 4 to 5. 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.

### **Pumpkin Decorating**

**Saturday, October 8, 10 AM or 12 PM**

Decorate a pumpkin at the library! Join us for this FREE annual event and create your own pumpkin masterpiece! Pumpkins provided by Burt's Farm. Space is limited, so please sign up at the circulation desk.

### **Internet Basics**

**Wednesday, October 12 at 9 AM**

This computer class teaches a basic knowledge of the internet. Learn the parts of the explorer window and how to navigate Google. We will also discuss email accounts and search tips for the internet. Students need to be familiar with a computer and have basic knowledge on how to

use a keyboard and mouse. Registration is required. Please call 706-864-3668 to sign up.

### **U Play? Tween Gaming**

**Wednesday, October 12, 4 PM**

Do you play... baseball? Join us for Wii Sports Baseball on the big screen. Grades 3-5.

### **Middle School Teen Minute to Win It**

**Wednesday, October 19, 4-5 PM**

Can you master the Caddy Stack in 60 seconds or less? Bring a friend and test your skills against the clock. Grades 6-8.

### **Happy Bookers**

**Thursday, October 20 at 1:30 PM**

**October Selection: Loving Frank by Nancy Horan**

The Happy Bookers book discussion group meets the third Thursday of each month. The group rotates 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.

### **Lumpkin County Library Crocheting & Knitting Group**

**Saturday, October 22, 10 AM-12 PM**

Come join this lively knitting group as we create different knitted and crocheted projects to benefit the community. All ages and experience levels welcome. PLEASE NOTE: The meeting length has changed from 4 hours to 2 hours.

### **Genealogy Workshop**

**Saturday, October 22 at 11 AM**

Interested in learning how to use the web to trace your family roots? Then you don't want to miss this class! Call 706-864-3668 to reserve your space.