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The Library Theatre Box Office: 444-7888
Coffee-ology: 987-0176

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 9-9
Friday: 9-6
Saturday: 10-6
Sunday: 2-6

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

January 1 (*New Year's*): Closed
January 18 (*MLK Day*): Closed
April 2 (*Good Friday*): Closed
April 4 (*Easter*): Closed

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**WINTER & SPRING 2010
CALENDAR**

HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

**"It's Happening
@ The Library"**

~ 18th Conference ~

Southern Voices 2010 • Feb. 18-21



Photo by Steven Kovich

Billy Collins

Artist Reception: Toby Klein ~ Thursday, Feb. 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Friends Gallery - Theatre level. Free and open to the public.

An Evening with Billy Collins ~ Friday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with United States Poet Laureate 2001-2003, Billy Collins. An American phenomenon, no poet since Robert Frost has managed to combine high critical acclaim with such broad appeal. His work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review* and *The American Scholar*. He is a Guggenheim fellow and a New York Public Library "Literary Lion." His last three poetry collections broke sales records for poetry and his readings are generally standing room only. His eight collections of poetry include *Questions About Angels*, *The Art of Drowning* and *Sailing Alone Around the Room: New and Selected Poems*. The Library Theatre. Reception, book sales and signing included. Tickets \$25

Author Conference ~ Saturday, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kicking off the program is **Ridley Pearson**, best-selling author of more than 25 crime fiction novels, as well as a dozen novels for younger readers (several co-written with Dave Barry). His novels include *Killer Summer* and *Peter and the Starcatchers*. Featured authors include: **Marc Fitten** (*Valeria's Last Stand*), **Masha Hamilton** (*31 Hours*), **Ad Hudler** (*Man of the House*), **Rheta Grimsley Johnson** (*Poor Man's Provence*), **Todd Johnson** (*The Sweet By and By*), **River Jordan** (*Saints in Limbo*) and Pulitzer Prize-winning **Diane McWhorter** (*Carry Me Home*). The Library Theatre. Boxed lunch, book sales and signings included. Tickets \$35

Ruthie Foster - In Concert

Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. (SOLD OUT) **Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. (Available)**
See The Library Theatre section below. Tickets \$22

Tickets for An Evening with Billy Collins and the Authors Conference go on sale Monday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m.

Tickets for Ruthie Foster are on sale now!

For tickets, come by or call The Library Theatre Box Office at 205-444-7888.

Regular Box Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mail orders not accepted.

For more information about the authors, call 444-7820 or visit our website at www.SouthernVoices.info

Southern Voices is supported by the City of Hoover, by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and by the Friends of the Hoover Public Library.



Ridley Pearson

The Library Theatre

*A World-Class Performing Arts Center
18th Season! www.TheLibraryTheatre.com*

Matt Dusk - In Concert

This young Juno Award-nominated crooner was the in-house entertainer on the TV show, *The Casino*, set in the legendary Golden Nugget casino. A Sinatra fan, Dusk puts a fresh spin on big band material from the American Songbook, as well as original numbers.

Friday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m.

Ruthie Foster - In Concert

Spinning a unique blend of folk, soul, blues, gospel and R & B, her landmark album *The Phenomenal Ruthie Foster*, followed by her latest 2009 release, *The Truth According to Ruthie Foster*, have landed her the designation as a vocal powerhouse. With a voice reminiscent of Janis and Aretha, Ruthie is one of today's hottest artists.

Saturday, Feb. 20, 8 p.m. (SOLD OUT)
Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. (Available)

This production is part of the 2010 Southern Voices Conference.



Photo by John Camino



Barrage

This hip, young, international string group including violinists/vocalists, a drummer, bass player and guitarist brings an eclectic mix of music and energy to the stage. Think *Riverdance* and *Stomp* combined with a hot, world-music flair!
Saturday, March 6, 4 p.m. & 8 p.m.

The Passing Zone

Comedians Jon Wee and Owen Morse are blowing audiences away with their award-winning performances which have earned them appearances on *Today*, *The Tonight Show* and four Guinness World Records. Knives, roaring chainsaws and even people fly through the air, narrowly escaping collision, in this hypnotic tour de force!
Friday, April 16, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 17, 8 p.m.

William Joseph - In Concert

Discovered by producer David Foster in 2003, this piano virtuoso and composer hasn't had a moment to catch his breath. With a sound that could be described as classic pop meets classic rock, his latest album, *Beyond*, showcases his artistry as a musician, composer and performer.
Friday, May 7, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 8, 8 p.m.

Tickets \$22. Come by or call The Library Theatre Box Office at 205-444-7888.
Regular Box Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mail orders not accepted.
5 Shows for the Price of 4! *(Your free show is the show with the least number of tickets purchased.)*

Children's Storytime

Early Birds ~ Stories, songs and fingerplays for babies (birth - 12 months). Call 444-7833 to register. *Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Jan. 5 - Apr. 27*

Mother Goose ~ Stories and snacks for one-year-olds. Call 444-7833 to register. *Tuesdays, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Jan. 5 - Apr. 27*

Together with Twos ~ Stories and crafts for two-year-olds. Call 444-7833 to register. *Mondays, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Jan. 4 - Apr. 26*

Tiny Tot Tales ~ An action-packed storytime for children under four. *Wednesdays, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6 - Apr. 28*

After Lunch Bunch ~ Skip dessert and head to a fun-filled storytime for kids ages three and up. *Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 6 - Apr. 28*

Storytime Live ~ A special storytime for kids ages three and up. Groups must call 444-7833 to register. *Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Jan. 7 - Apr. 29*

PJ Storytime ~ Wear your pajamas to this storytime, complete with a bedtime snack. *Most Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 7 - Apr. 29*

Spanish Storytime ~ A lively evening of books and songs in Spanish, followed by a craft. *Mon., Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, 6:30 p.m.*

TeleTale ~ Call 444-7838 to hear a new story each week!

Reader's Café

Book club for kids in grades 2-5. Bring a sack supper (we'll provide the drink and dessert) and a book in our featured genre. Each reader will receive a cap when they finish their first book and a patch for every book after that. Space is limited, call 444-7833 to register.

January's menu: Award-Winning Entrees
Mon., Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.

February's menu: Fantasy Flambé
Mon., Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.

March's menu: Gourmet Graphic Novels
Mon., Mar. 29, 6:30 p.m.

April's menu: Mouth-Watering Mysteries
Mon., Apr. 26, 6:30 p.m.

**SPRING BREAK
Book It to Your Library!**

Book Arts

Wear Well-Read Red as your favorite books inspire you to create a masterpiece. *Mon., Mar. 15, 10 a.m.*

Book Feast

Wear Pig Out Pink as you fill your tummy with tasty treats from your favorite books. *Wed., Mar. 17, 10 a.m.*

**UAB Bookends presents
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**

Wear Tom's White Wash to this stage adaptation for kids of all ages. *Fri., Mar. 19, 10 a.m.*

Evenings at the Library

**David Frings
Animal Show @ the Plaza!**

Come and see a variety of animals, from reptiles to mammals. *Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.*

American Girl Ice Cream Social

Samantha and Nellie cordially invite you to an ice cream social with games, crafts and ice cream. Call 444-7833 to register Jan. 25 - Feb. 10. *Thurs., Feb. 11, 4 & 6:30 p.m.*



Superhero Party

Join us for super-sized fun with super hero celebrities. Bring your camera! Call 444-7833 to register Apr. 5-21. *Thurs., Apr. 22, 6:30 p.m.*

More Family Fun

Valentines for Children's Hospital

We're collecting homemade and store-bought valentines (NO CANDY) for the patients at Children's Hospital. Bring signed valentines to the preschool desk and receive a holiday prize. *Feb. 1-11*

**National Library Week
Communities Thrive @ Your Library**

We're celebrating National Library Week with community guest readers during storytime! *Apr. 12-16*

On the Weekend

Saturday Sweets

A sweet storytime, snack and craft! Call 444-7833 to register Dec. 28 - Jan. 8. *Sat., Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m.*

**Elaboration Station
Writing Workshop**

Young authors and illustrators explore new writing techniques. For ages 5-8. Call 444-7833 to register Jan. 11-22. *Sat., Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m.*

**Valentines for
Your Valentine**

Show your love by creating valentines for friends, family and Children's Hospital. Call 444-7833 to register Jan. 25 - Feb. 5. *Sat., Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m.*

Wizard of Oz Sing-A-Long

Wear your favorite Wizard of Oz costume, or come as yourself to sing and dance your way down the yellow brick road with Dorothy and her friends. Call 444-7833 to register Feb. 22 - Mar. 5. *Sat., Mar. 6, 10:30 a.m.*

Go Green at the Kid Zone

Start your summer garden by planting your very own seeds. We will decorate flower pots, plant our seeds and find out how to keep them growing all summer. Call 444-7833 to register Mar. 29 - Apr. 9. *Sat., Apr. 10, 10:30 a.m.*



**It's a Book
Birthday Party @ the Plaza!**

Author Irene Latham will talk about the journey from idea to publication of her debut YA historical novel *Leaving Gee's Bend*. And yes, there will be cake! *Sat., Jan. 16, 2 p.m.*

Make a Mini-Spa

Get pampered at our do-it-yourself spa. Create bath soaps and lip balm. Snacks and supplies provided. Call 444-7826 to register. *Tues., Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.*

Get Your Game On

Join your friends in our annual Spring Break tournament. Snacks provided. Call 444-7826 to register. *Tues., Mar. 16, 4 p.m. - Super Smash Brothers*
Thurs., Mar. 18, 4 p.m. - Mario Kart

Teen Movie Night

Bring a pillow and blanket and watch Zac Efron go back to school. Snacks provided. Call 444-7826 to register. *Tues., Apr. 20, 6:30 p.m.*

**HOOVER NIGHT AT THE
BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART**

**Kick off the New Year with
*Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness:
American Art from the Yale University Art Gallery*
Jan. 7**

**Tickets \$10 (\$15 with shuttle transportation included)
Tickets go on sale Dec. 7. For more information, call 444-7888.**

FREE Website Extras: www.hooverlibrary.org

- Download best-selling titles 24/7 to your iPod or MP3 player.
- Best-Sellers Club - Sign up to get your favorite authors' new books automatically.
- Free email newsletters with book reviews on your favorite genre of books.

Art Gallery: February & March - Toby Klein

Meeting Rooms: To reserve a meeting room, look under Services at www.hooverlibrary.org and click on the links provided, or call 739-7124.

Coffee-ol-ogy Healthy. Fresh. Made just for you. Now offering special Toddler Meals. Delicious soups, sandwiches, desserts, gourmet coffees, espressos, smoothies and milk shakes. 205-987-0176.

ATM: Available in the library lobby for your convenience!

the Plaza

What's Happening @

Call 444-7821 for more information!

On Stage @ the Plaza!

Happy Birthday Elvis ~ Tues., Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Author Edie Hand discusses her new book *The Genuine Elvis* as part of our celebration of the King's birthday complete with cake! Book signing to follow.

New-Fangled vs. Old School with Storyteller Dolores Hydock ~ Thurs., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.

A lighthearted collection of stories about whether "new" always means "improved."

Exit to Freedom Author Calvin Johnson, Jr. ~ Tues., Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

Hear his triumphant story of injustice overcome. Although completely innocent, Calvin Johnson spent 16 years in a Georgia prison before being released as a result of DNA testing. Book sales and signing to follow.



Dolores Hydock



Calvin Johnson, Jr.

"Get Out of the Drawer!" ~ Sat., Feb. 27, 10:15 a.m.
Creative nonfiction writer Lisa Plowman Dolensky presents a motivational writing workshop at the monthly Write Club meeting. Open to everyone.

Harry Houdini's Life and Many Deaths ~ Tues., Apr. 6, 12:30 p.m.
Learn about his rise from poverty to international stardom.

Chris and Idie Hastings ~ Tues., Apr. 13, 7 p.m.
Talk about local food and their cookbook, *Hot and Hot Fish Club Cookbook: A Celebration of Food, Family and Traditions*. Book signing to follow.

Coffee with Mayor Petelos ~ Wed., Apr. 14, 10:30 a.m.
Chat with Mayor Tony Petelos. National Library Week Celebration program.

Playing @ the Plaza - FREE Concert Series

PharmHand Band ~ Thurs., Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.
A cutting-edge combo with fantastic vocals.

The Rhythms Band ~ Thurs., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Don't miss this total Motown musical experience.

Hooley ~ Thurs., Mar. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this Irish band.

Sam Banana and the Bunch ~ Thurs., Apr. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy this doo-wop group formed from members of The Warblers Club.



The Rhythms Band

Solo Instrumentalists @ the Plaza!

Mandolin, Jason Bailey ~ Sun., Jan. 10, 2:30 p.m.
Guitar, Keith Williams ~ Sun., Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.
Saxophone, Richard Daviston ~ Sun., Mar. 14, 2:30 p.m.
Viola & Electric Violin, Mollie Harrison ~ Sun., Apr. 25, 2:30 p.m.

Artisans @ the Plaza!

Creating Gourd Art with Ethel Owen ~ Wed., Jan. 20, 12 noon
Spinning a Yarn with Victoria Moore ~ Sun., Mar. 21, 2:30 p.m.
Hooking with Scraps with Marie Jeff ~ Sun., Apr. 18, 2:30 p.m.

Conversations @ the Plaza!

Practice your language skills. Beginners to the highly fluent are welcome.
Italian & German ~ Thurs., Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.
Sign Language & Chinese ~ Thurs., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.
French & Spanish ~ Thurs., Mar. 25, 6:30 p.m.
Italian & German ~ Thurs., Apr. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Tastings @ the Plaza!

Free coffee tasting programs hosted by Coffee-ology.
History and Origins of Coffee ~ Sun., Jan. 17, 2:30 p.m.
Brewing the Perfect Cup of Coffee ~ Sun., Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m.
Coupling Coffee with Foods and Desserts ~ Sun., Mar. 7, 2:30 p.m.
Fun Facts about Coffee ~ Sun., Apr. 11, 2:30 p.m.

STATEWIDE BIG READ:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Hoover Public Library Big Read Kick-Off ~ Tues., Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate Mark Twain's classic and the start of Big Read 2010! Food and entertainment.

Book Discussion ~ Thurs., Mar. 11, 10 a.m.

Hoover Public Library's Book Discussion Group will host a lively dialogue led by a local scholar specializing in Mark Twain's life and work.

Seasoned Performers' Production ~ Thurs., Mar. 11, 2:30 p.m.
Seasoned Performers presents its stage adaptation of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

UAB Bookends Production ~ Fri., Mar. 19, 10 a.m.

UAB Bookends presents its stage adaptation of this classic for children of all ages.

Mark Twain's America ~ Fri., Mar. 19, 7 p.m.

Nationally-renowned actor and Alabama native Will Stutts performs his one-man show.

For Adults FREE

How to Start a Business in Hoover ~ Reservations required. Call 444-7816.
Tues., Feb. 9, 9:15 a.m. - 12 noon

Grants, Nonprofits and You ~ Learn to use resources in the Nonfiction Department's Business Center. Reservations required. Call 444-7816.
Sun., Jan. 10, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Present Like a Pro ~ Improve your public speaking skills with a two-part program with Patrick O'Mara, professional speaker. Reservations required. Call 444-7840.
Tues., Mar. 2, Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Foundation Center Cooperative ~ Learn to use new resources available through the Foundation Center Cooperative in the Business Department. Call 444-7816 to schedule an appointment.



Patrick O'Mara

Ongoing Programs FREE

Beginner & Intermediate English as a Second Language ~ Classes are free.
Theatre-level Meeting Rooms. Call 444-7820 for information. *Every Tues., Feb. 2 - Apr. 6.*
Beginner's Class: 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Intermediate Class: 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Fiction Book Discussion Group ~ Call 444-7820 for titles. Theatre-Level Meeting Rooms.
First and second Thurs. of each month, (except both groups meet on Jan. 7), 10 a.m. - Noon

Free Computer Classes ~ Classes are available during the day, evening and on weekends in our Training Center. Call 444-7747 or go to www.hooverlibrary.org/technology.

Monday at the Movies ~ Call 444-7820 for titles. The Library Theatre.
Free admission & refreshments! *2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. showings*
Mon., Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, Apr. 26

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group ~ Call 444-7816 for titles.
Theatre-Level Conference Room. *Fourth Thurs., Jan. - Apr., 7 p.m.*

Write Club ~ Aspiring poets and novelists meet to share stories and inspirations!
Open to everyone. Call 444-7820 for more information.

Sat., Jan. 23, 10:15 a.m., Library Meeting Rooms

Sat., Feb. 27, 10:15 a.m., "Get Out of the Drawer!" @ the Plaza!

Tues., Mar. 23, 7 p.m., Flash Fiction Open Mike Night in The Library Theatre

Sat., Apr. 24, 10:15 a.m., Library Meeting Rooms



Friends of the Library

Refreshments will be served at 9:45 a.m., with meetings beginning at 10 a.m.
The public is welcome. For information, call 444-7774.

Mon., Jan. 4 - State of the City Address with Mayor Petelos

Mon., Feb. 1 - Dr. John Fancher of the Caledonian Society

Mon., Mar. 1 - Preserving Documents with Jim Baggett

Mon., Apr. 5 - Friends Membership Coffee on the Library Plaza

Friends Bookstore: Located on the Library Plaza. Open regular library hours.
Please donate your used books. Donations are tax deductible.