

Connections

Keeping educators connected to the Hoover Public Library

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Let's Get Together!

Looking for a special guest to visit your school? A librarian from Hoover Public Library can visit multiple times each year to present stories, give book talks, provide AVL training and more!

Looking for a fun (and free) field trip? Book a tour of the Hoover Public Library. Tours can even include scavenger hunts and storytimes! Please contact Katie Jane Morris (444-7839, katiem@bham.lib.al.us) to find out more and schedule your visits.

Art Gallery

Did you know that a Hoover city elementary school is featured in our children's art gallery each month? Stroll the starred hallway to see what your students created. Can't make it to the library? Browse the gallery online by logging on to hooverlibrary.org, then click on **Kid Zone Art Gallery** on the right-hand side of the page.

Library Closed for Labor Day

Su, Sep 4 - M, Sep 5

Important Numbers

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| Children's Dept | 444-7830 |
| Reservations | 444-7833 |
| TeleTale | 444-7838 |
| Outreach/Tours | 444-7839 |
| Teen Dept | 444-7826 |

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A Summer of World Travelers

Thanks for making our *One World, Many Stories* summer reading program a part of your world! We registered **4,734** children, a three percent increase from last summer, and we had **15,283** people attend 56 programs in just eight weeks, a ten percent increase from 2010. Guess how many youth materials were checked out in the months of June and July . . . **162,706!**

Check out these equally impressive school stats:

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| Bluff Park = 238 out of 648 (36%) |
| Deer Valley = 321 out of 785 (41%) |
| Green Valley = 174 out of 485 (35%) |
| Greystone = 52 out of 593 (9%) |
| Gwin = 211 out of 546 (39%) |
| Riverchase = 195 out of 617 (32%) |
| Rocky Ridge = 148 out of 583 (25%) |
| Shades Mountain = 108 out of 299 (36%) |
| South Shades Crest = 165 out of 564 (29%) |
| Trace Crossings = 149 out of 508 (29%) |
| Brock's Gap = 184 out of 763 (24%) |

TOTAL = 1,945 out of 6,391 (29%)

Congratulations to **Deer Valley Elementary!** They had the highest percentage of student participation in the summer reading program. Their media center will receive a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble, compliments of the Friends of the Hoover Public Library. Kudos to **Rocky Ridge Elementary!** They had the largest increase in participation and will receive a \$200 gift card to Barnes & Noble.



Reader's Studio

This book club for grades 2-5 meets one Monday each month at 6:30 pm. Club participants should read a book from that month's featured genre and bring it to our meeting. Librarians can assist in book selection as needed. The book discussion encourages students to think creatively, express ideas and socialize with peers. After discussion, we create a book-inspired art masterpiece! This is a great program for both reluctant and enthusiastic readers. Have your students call 444-7833 to reserve their studio space today.

Upcoming Masterpieces:

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| Sep 19 | <i>Pets on Parade</i> |
| Oct 17 | <i>Black, White, and Orange All Over</i> (Can you judge a book by its cover color?) |
| Nov 14 | <i>Book Feast</i> (food) |
| Dec 12 | <i>Happy Holidayz</i> |
| Jan 9 | <i>Blue Ribbon Books</i> (award-winning) |
| Feb 13 | <i>Fractured Fairy Tales</i> |
| Mar 12 | <i>No Nonsense Nonfiction</i> |
| Apr 16 | <i>Oh, Brother! Oh, Sister!</i> (siblings) |

