

Connections

Keeping educators connected to the Hoover Public Library

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Upcoming Fun

- **Reader's Studio (Mondays)**
Pets on Parade - Sep 19 at 6:30 pm
Black, White & Orange All Over -
Oct 17 at 6:30 pm
 - **Saturday Events**
What a Hoot! - Sep 17 at 10:30 am
Pumpkin Painting Workshop -
Oct 15 at 10:30 am
 - **Tween Scene: Spy Kids Training**
M, Sep 12 at 6:30 pm
 - **Celebrate Brazil @ the Plaza!**
Tu, Sep. 27 at 6:30 pm
 - **Brazilian Carnival!**
Th, Sep. 29 at 6:30 pm
 - **Free Friday Flix: Rio**
F, Sep. 30 at 6:30 pm
 - **Tenth Annual Pumpkin Painting Contest**
October 15 - 30
 - **Tween Scene: Lego Monster Lab**
Tu, Oct 18 at 6:30 pm
 - **Scooby-Doo's HOWL-oween**
Tu, Oct 25 at 6:30 pm
 - **Trick or Treat!**
M, Oct 31
- FYI: Sep 24 - Oct 1 is Banned Books Week**

Important Numbers

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

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Celebrate Brazil!

It's that time of year again! Time to update your passport, pack your suitcase and head to the Hoover Public Library. This year, we're visiting the country of Brazil for our annual Celebrate Diversity program. We'll kick off our festivities with *A Taste of Brazil* on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. The entire family can join us on the Plaza for a sampling of Brazilian cuisine, prepared by our own café, Coffee-ol-ogy. Selections will include two types of salgadinhos (the Brazilian term for appetizers), including empadinhas, a pastry stuffed with meat, and kibe, a croquette made with rice and meat. We'll also serve mortadella sandwiches, which are made with mortadella sausage, provolone cheese and sourdough bread, and cheese buns, a very popular type of roll in Brazil. Dessert will include arrodoco, a rice pudding made with cinnamon, and quejadinhas, a cookie similar to a macaroon. Entertainment will feature an exhibition of the Samba. A teacher from Bailey Dance Studio will then instruct the audience on the basic steps of this popular Brazilian dance.

Especially for the kids, we'll host *Brazilian Carnival!* on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. We're transforming our program room into a Rio de Janeiro street fair. We'll create feather and jeweled masks, construct bone and bead bracelets, and feature traditional Brazilian face-painting. Kids will sample Brazilian treats, like bananas and chocolate, then parade around the library in full carnival regalia. We'll conclude our celebration on Friday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. when we feature *Rio*, the animated hit set in the Brazilian capital of Rio de Janeiro. This will be the final in our summer series of Free Friday Flix, as well as the conclusion to our cultural celebration. All events are free and open to the public. This means you!



Tween Spies and Lego Architects

Our inaugural Tween Scene program last March was a hit, so we've decided to set up a monthly rotation of events for elementary students. September will offer 8 to 12-year-olds a chance to attend *Spy Kids Training* to learn some of the arts of espionage. October encourages 7 to 12-year-olds to unleash their "mad" building skills to create a creepy creature in our *Lego Monster Lab*. The dates and times for each of these events is listed to the left. If any of your students would like to be a part of the fun, they should call 444-7833 to reserve their spots.

What's New at the Library?

Did you notice the changes to the front of the Hoover Public Library the last time you visited? We now have an outdoor book return. You can drive up to the front entrance and drop off books and movies without getting out of your car. The library also installed a stroller ramp to make it easier for families visiting the library with small children.

The most exciting new addition to the library is "Lucy", the incredible new automated check-in and sorting machine to the right of the Circulation Desk. Once you put the books in the slot, they are immediately checked in and travel down a conveyer belt to be sorted to their proper department. This means that our materials make it back to the shelf even more quickly than before. Patrons can watch the entire process on the flat screen television above the book return. This is especially popular with our youngest patrons. Stop by and see it for yourself!