



BPLinks

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Support BPL on #GivingTuesday November 27



"Libraries, the best of our 'social infrastructure'" is the theme of this year's #FFBPLGivingTuesday campaign sponsored by the Friends Foundation of the Birmingham Public Library. #GivingTuesday, a date to support nonprofits in our community, is November 27, 2018. Libraries all over our county serve as polling places, accommodate neighborhood and community meetings, provide various business services and classes, and even accept and process passport applications. They sponsor lectures, recitals, art shows, and other cultural programs for free or at reasonable cost in a casual setting available to all, and rent spaces for private use. Further the many online services provided by libraries are available 24/7 for free. [Read More](#)

Program Spotlights



Springville Road Library Adult Programs Offer Fellowship, Instruction in a Relaxed Environment

by Kelly Laney, Springville Road Regional Branch Library

This is the time of the year when nimble (and maybe not-so-nimble) fingers turn to crafting to prepare for the holidays. There are several venues for participating in crafting handmade gifts from the heart for friends and loved ones. If you are a fan of visual learning, you can type in just about any craft on YouTube and view a how-to video to get ideas, learn a new technique, or practice an old one. If hands-on is more your learning style, you can check the events calendar on the Birmingham Public Library website to find a class near you. At the Springville Road Regional Branch Library, we offer several opportunities for expressing your craftiness while making new friends. [Read More](#)



Healthy Holiday Eating with Chef E

Erica Threatt, better known in Birmingham as Chef E, visited the West End Branch Library on November 6 to demonstrate how to prepare a healthy Thanksgiving meal; the lucky audience got to sample the delicious dishes. Chef E has worked closely with the Birmingham Public Library for several years, sharing healthy cooking tips and recipes. [She'll be at the Titusville Branch Library on November 14 at 11:00 a.m.](#) Class size is limited and registration is required.

BPL Archivist Speaks at Auburn and Beyond



Jim Baggett speaks at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library in Sylacauga on October 24, 2018

In October Birmingham Public Library Archivist Jim Baggett delivered an invited lecture at the Auburn University School of Nursing and spoke at the H. Grady Bradshaw Library in Valley and the B. B. Comer Memorial Library in Sylacauga. Baggett's series of talks, "It Came Like a Cyclone: Alabama and the 1918 Influenza," was sponsored by Auburn University's Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities. [Read More](#)

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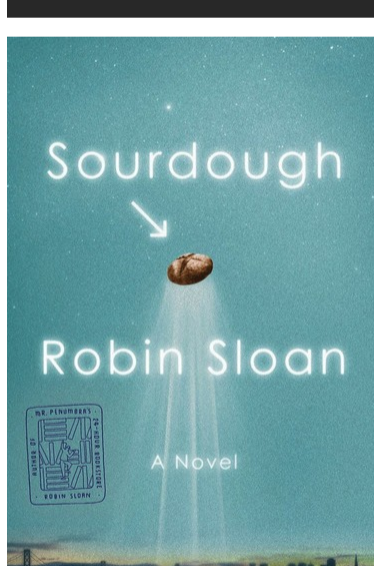
Medical Databases

by Mark Skinner, East Ensley Branch Library

At the library, we have access to a wide array of information from trusted sources that can help point you in the right direction. Certainly, these databases are no substitute for your medical provider, but they may be able to help ease some of your worries or help you better understand a topic, diagnoses, or medication.

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What We're Reading at BPL



Sourdough by Robin Sloan

Reviewed by Jenn Seiler-Patrick, Five Points West Regional Branch Library

"It was a fungal party hellscape."

— Robin Sloan, *Sourdough*

I'm actually on my 2nd time through *Sourdough*, if that is any indication of my affection for the novel. I am a true lover of sourdough (any bread, to be honest), so I read this book for that reason alone. But it also spoke to my soul—because I like a little bit of magic thrown into real life. AKA the "magical realism" genre, if you're trying to be fancy. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events & Closures

Make it Work: Resume Help
November 10, 3:00 p.m., Five Points West Library

Make the Most of Your Home's Value
November 14, 12:00 p.m., Central Library

Art Party
November 14, 2:00 p.m., Avondale Library

Let's Make Holiday Crafts
November 16, 10:00 a.m., Powderly Library

Steps to Starting Your Business
November 16, 12:00 p.m., Central Library

"Thanks for Being Our Patron" Drawing
November 18, North Birmingham Library

Body Changers
November 19, 1:00 p.m., Springville Road Library

Free Genealogy DNA Transfer Opportunities
November 19, 2:15 p.m., Central Library

Sit and Get Fit
November 20, 10:00 a.m., Pratt City Library

All Birmingham Public Library Locations Closed for Veterans Day
November 11 & 12

All Birmingham Public Library Locations Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
November 22-25



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