

Alamance County Public Library News Releases for February 2023.
All library programs are free and open to the public

May Memorial Library. GED Classes. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For adults. Need to complete your high school education in order to improve your academic skills or qualify for a better job? Please call or stop by the library to sign up for ACC's free GED classes. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

January 17 – February 28

All libraries. Winter Reading Program. All ages. We invite everyone to participate in this year's Winter Reading Program! Pick up an activity booklet and a pack of colored pencils at any library to get started. Complete the bingo challenge in the booklet to win a free book. For those who complete all the activities in the booklet, you will receive an entry into a raffle for cozy winter goodies. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 1 – 28

May Memorial Library. Scavenger Hunt. For ages 2 – 12. Drop by during library hours for a self-led scavenger hunt! Participants will earn a small prize for each completed scavenger hunt, and the scavenger hunt challenges will change every other week. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Preschool Scavenger Hunt. For ages 2 – 5 and their caregivers. Drop by during library hours for self-led scavenger hunts designed to promote learning through observation, exploration, and play. Participants will earn a small prize for each completed scavenger hunt, and the scavenger hunt challenges will change weekly. For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

Mebane Public Library. Black Excellence Scavenger Hunt! For K- 6th graders. Celebrate Black History Month with this interactive scavenger hunt featuring Black innovators, groundbreakers, and changemakers, from past to present! See the children's desk to get started and receive a small prize when you're done. For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

North Park Library. Scavenger Hunt. For ages 5 – 12. Drop by during library hours for a self-led scavenger hunt! Participants will earn a small prize for each completed hunt, and the scavenger hunt challenges will change every other week. This month's scavenger hunts will be based on Superbowl and African American Engineers. For more information, call (336) 226-7185.

North Park Library. Take and Make. Stop by the library for a packet of activities to take home and enjoy! Designed to be similar to the activities going on throughout the month in-house, our Take and Make packets are full of at-home games, activities, crafts, and more. To get your packet, come into the library starting on the 1st. Available only while supplies last. For more information, call (336) 226-7185.

February 1 – 14

May Memorial Library. Valentine's Day Activity Table. All ages. Supplies to make a Valentine's Day card will be available at the table by the library's reference desk. Create something special to keep or give away! For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 1 – 7

Mebane Public Library: Volunteer Valentine Card Making Kits! All ages. Make Valentine's Day Cards for patrons who use ACPL's Home Delivery Services. To participate, pick up a card-making kit from Mebane Public Library, make two cards with the kit supplies, and return them to the library by February 7th. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. For more information, email Tampa at treese@alamancelibraries.org or call (919) 563-6431.

February 1

Graham Public Library. Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children 0-5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "I Love My Community". For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

February 2

May Memorial Library. Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Forever Friends!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library: Baby and Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children from birth to 2 and their caregivers. This lively program is designed to enrich your child's life through music, movement, fingerplays, and stories! Registration is required, and space is limited. To register or for more information, call (919) 563-6431.

May Memorial Library. Jumping Genres Book Club. 4:30 p.m. For 3rd – 5th graders. Join us as we meet, play games, and discuss *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J. K. Rowling. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library: Paws for Reading. 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. For Ages 5-12. Children are invited to read to Beckett, a certified therapy dog, for 15 minutes in a relaxed, one-on-one session. Give your child a chance to practice reading and build confidence in a non-judgmental setting. Registration is required. To register for a reading session, call (919) 563-6431.

February 4

May Memorial Library. LEGO® Fun! All day. For families. Drop on in to create robots, challenge each other, build your favorite animal, and more! There is no registration needed for this program, and all LEGO® will be provided. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Graham Public Library. Breakfast Book Club. 10:30 a.m. For adults age 16 and up. Join us for a lively discussion of our latest book club selection. Copies of the book are available at the desk for checkout. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

Week of February 6

Mebane Public Library: Black History Month Elementary Take and Makes! For rising K – 5th graders. Celebrate Black History Month with this fun and educational take and make packet! Packets are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

February 6

Graham Public Library. Dragon Readers Book Group – Bees. 4:00 p.m. For families with children in K-2nd grade. Bees are a very important part of our environment. Without bees, we wouldn't have flowers, vegetables and fruits, or honey! Join us to learn more about these fascinating and complex creatures! For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

February 7

May Memorial Library. Baby/Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 0 – 2 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Sweet Dreams!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Preschool Yoga Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For ages 2 – 5 and their caregivers. Breathe and bend with stories, rhymes, and songs! Please bring a towel or mat with you and wear comfortable clothing for the program. Registration is required and space is limited. To register or for more information, email Amy at asegposyan@alamancelibraries.org or call (919) 563-6431.

May Memorial Library. Device Drop-In. 3:00 p.m. Drop in for help with devices, apps, technology, and library-related questions. No registration required! Staff will be available in the Local History Room. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

North Park Library. Children's Craft Time. 3:30 p.m. Celebrate National Chopstick Day and Kite Flying Day with activities using chopsticks! We will play Minute to Win It games and craft your own kite! This 2-hour long program will have stations and you can float in until 5:30 p.m. Don't miss out! All materials will be provided. For more information, call (336) 226-7185.

Alamance County Public Libraries – Zoom. LEGO® Buddies Book Club. 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. For K – 5th graders. Love LEGO®? Love stories? Become a LEGO® Buddy by joining this interactive book and building club for elementary school kids! Ms. Tampa will share a surprise story and a building challenge over Zoom, then participants will have time to build their LEGO® creations off-screen. At the end of the Zoom meeting, participants can share their creations with

the group! To register for the program or for more information, email treeese@alamancelibraries.org.

February 8

Graham Public Library. Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children 0-5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "I Love My Friends". For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. Library Genealogy Club. 2:30 p.m. For adults. All are welcome! For this month's meeting, the local history librarian will be presenting "Finding Your Female Ancestors". For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 9

May Memorial Library. Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Sweet Dreams!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Graham Public Library. Device Drop-In. 11:00 a.m. Drop in for help with devices, apps, technology, and library-related questions. No registration is required! Staff will be available in the meeting room. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. Teen Wonder Space: Pancake Art! 4:30 p.m. For 6th – 12th graders. Using just pancake batter, a griddle, and food coloring, we can make edible works of art! All supplies are included. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

May Memorial Library. Board Game Night. 6:00 p.m. For adults. Celebrate Valentine's Day a little early with some themed board games and yummy snacks and mocktails. Beginner board gamers are welcome; we are happy to teach you how to play! For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Vinyl Society Social Club. 6:00 p.m. For adults. Vinyl Society Social Club is a program for record collectors and music lovers to gather over the music they love, bring in records to share, and socialize with like-minded people. Attendees are encouraged to bring as many records as they would like to share (the more the merrier). We welcome anyone to join us - with or without vinyl. Vinyl Society Social Club is about records, but it is mostly about people who love music and connecting with each other. Join us! For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

February 11

May Memorial Library. Family Make & Takes. All day. Ages 5 – 12. Looking for a fun activity? Check out our Make and Takes! Drop by during library hours and make a craft, then take it home

and show it off! We'll be making Valentine's Day Wreaths! For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

May Memorial Library. Flying in First. 3:00 p.m. An event designed for potential college students who will be the first generation in their family to achieve a 4-year degree. This program will cover topics such as successfully crafting a college application, determining a major, and adapting to the unique challenges of being a first-generation college student. In addition, Ben Shirley, a faculty member from the transfer program at Alamance Community College, will present on benefits of starting your educational journey at a community college. For more information, email Cyna Woodard at cwoodard@alamancelibraries.org or call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) Meeting. 5:00 p.m. For 6th – 12th graders. Make something cool for yourself and work on a service project for your community! This month we'll learn about àdìrẹ, a traditional Yoruba indigo dyeing technique, and make àdìrẹ-styled socks or cotton bandanas to take home. We'll also work on this month's service project: Preschool/Daycare Outreach Packets. Participants who help with this month's service project will earn volunteer time. Registration is required and space is limited. To register or for more information, email Tampa at treese@alamancelibraries.org or call (919) 563-6431.

February 13- 28

Mebane Public Library: Black Comic Book All-Stars Scavenger Hunt. For 4th - 12th graders. Celebrate Black History Month with a scavenger hunt featuring Black comic book creators as well as Black superheroes and supervillains from some of your favorite comics! Participants will earn a small prize hunt and a chance to win select Black superhero Funko Pop figures and comic book packs. For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

February 13

May Memorial Library. Lunch Bunch Book Club. 12:00 p.m. For adults. All are welcome! This month, the book club will be discussing *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman. Copies are available for pick up at all library locations. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

May Memorial Library. Paws for Reading. 4:30 p.m. For ages 5 - 12. Children are invited to read for 15 minutes in a relaxed, one on one session with certified therapy dog, Beckett! All of the dogs who participate in Paws for Reading have been certified as therapy dogs by an accredited organization. Registration is required. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Graham Public Library. Knife Skills. 6:00 p.m. For adults. If you find cutting fresh produce intimidating, then this class is for you! Join Elisa from the NC Cooperative Extension for a class on the proper (and safe!) way to chop, dice, and slice. For ages 16 and up. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, or to register, call (336) 570-6730.

February 14

May Memorial Library. Baby/Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 0 – 2 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs and

activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Hug by the Bunch!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Gather with us for stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy! This week's theme is "Love and Friendship!" Registration is required, and space is limited. To register for the program or for more information, call (919) 563-6431.

Graham Public Library. Experimental Art. 2:30 p.m. For adults 16 and up. Join us for a casual, no-pressure, no-judgment, experimental art lab – no previous artistic experience is needed! Each month we will try a different technique or artistic style and maybe you'll find something that inspires you to pursue it as a hobby! Registration is required, and space is limited. To register or for more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. Device Drop-In. 3:00 p.m. Drop in for help with devices, apps, technology, and library-related questions. No registration required! Staff will be available in the Local History Room. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 15

Graham Public Library. Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children 0-5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "I Love My Family." For more information, call (336) 570-6730

Graham Public Library. Read with Rebecca. 2:30 p.m. For families with children ages 0-12. Join Ms. Rebecca for storytime fun for the preschool and under-crowd. There will be stories, rhymes, songs, and more to encourage your little one's love of reading. This month's theme is "I Love My Natural World." For more information or to register, call (336) 570-6730.

Mebane Public Library: Awesome Readers. 4:30 p.m. For 3rd – 5th graders. Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders for a book club just for you! Each month we talk about a selected title and do activities based on the book's themes. This month's book selection is *Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill. To register for the program or for more information, email Amy at asegposyan@alamancelibraries.org or call (919) 563-6431.

February 16

May Memorial Library. Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Hug by the Bunch!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library: Baby and Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children from birth to 2 and their caregivers. This lively program is designed to enrich your child's life through music,

movement, fingerplays, and stories! Registration is required, and space is limited. To register or for more information, call (919) 563-6431.

Graham Public Library. Books Over Coffee. 12:00 p.m. For adults 16 and up. Take a break from your busy day and enjoy a leisurely chat with fellow book lovers. It's a great way to learn about new authors and hear what's new, what's good, and what's not. Bring a book you have recently read and join us on the third Thursday of each month at noon. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

Mebane Public Library. Noonday Book Club. 12:00 p.m. at the Mebane Historical Museum. For adults. All are welcome. This month, our book club will be discussing *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. Copies are available for pick up at the Mebane Public Library. For more information, call (919) 563-6431.

North Park Library. Anime Club. 6:00 p.m. Teens 13-18 years of age. During our club meeting we will do activities, games, and watch anime. Bring your ideas for our club and let's debate over the show. We will do some science experiments and play some Minute to Win It games. For more information, call (336) 226-7185.

February 17

Alamance County Public Libraries are closed for staff development.

February 18

May Memorial Library. Family Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 0 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Imagination!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

May Memorial Library. Paws for Reading. 1:00 p.m. For ages 5 - 12. Children are invited to read for 15 minutes in a relaxed, one on one session with certified therapy dog, Winston! All of the dogs who participate in Paws for Reading have been certified as therapy dogs by an accredited organization. Registration is required. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Board Game Night. 2:00 p.m. For adults. Recreate the French countryside in the tile-laying game: Carcassonne! Or bring your own games to share with others. Meet new people who enjoy getting together for some laughs, and learn how to play new games! For more information call (919) 563-6431 or e-mail Meredith Hayden at mhayden@alamancelibraries.org.

Graham Public Library. Knots and Needles. 2:30 p.m. For adults 16 and up. Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing, quilting, spinning, weaving, embroidery, and/or other fiber arts projects to work on while we hang out. This is not an instructional program, but simply a way to meet and chat with others interested in fiber arts. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. African American Read-In. 3:00 p.m. For families. This special program celebrating African American literature has been hosted at our libraries for over twenty years. Influential members of Burlington's African-American community will be sharing their favorite pieces and we invite you to do the same! For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 20

Mebane Public Library: Book Buddies. 4:30 p.m. For grades K – 2nd. This program explores a variety of themes and authors through great books and fun activities! Registration is required, and space is limited. To register for the program or for more information, call 919-563-6431 or email Amy at asegposyan@alamancelibraries.org.

May Memorial Library. Inspirational Black History for Kids – All about Mae Jemison! 4:30 p.m. For K – 5th graders. Celebrate Black History with us and learn all about Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel into space! We'll be making crafts, doing activities, and reading *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 21

May Memorial Library. Baby/Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 0 – 2 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Bundle Up!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Gather with us for stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy! This week's theme is "Celebrate Black Authors!" Registration is required, and space is limited. To register for the program or for more information, call (919) 563-6431.

May Memorial Library. Flower Canvas Art. 12:00 p.m. For adults. This month, we will be making an easy canvas art project where participants will make a vase full of paper and button flowers. No previous crafting experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided. For more information, or to register, call (336) 229-3588.

May Memorial Library. Device Drop-In. 3:00 p.m. Drop in for help with devices, apps, technology, and library-related questions. No registration required! Staff will be available in the Local History Room. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Graham Public Library. Art Attack! – 4:00 p.m. For grades 3-5. Join us for an hour of creative fun with friends. You never know what we'll be making next! This month's theme is "Story Quilts". For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. Inspirational Black History for Kids – All About Sylvia Townsend! 4:30 p.m. For K – 5th graders. Celebrate Black History with us and learn all about Sylvia Townsend,

a self-taught ballerina who learned how to dance through books! We'll meet a ballerina, learn the basic ballet positions, and read *Ready to Fly: How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina* by Lea Lyon. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

May Memorial Library. Flower Canvas Art. 6:00 p.m. For adults. This month, we will be making an easy canvas art project where participants will make a vase full of paper and button flowers. No previous crafting experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided. For more information, or to register, call (336) 229-3588.

February 22

Graham Public Library. Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children 0-5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "I Love My Natural World." For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

Graham Public Library. Creativity Lab – Felted Soap. 12:00 p.m. For ages 16 and up. Learn how to make colorful felted soap for yourself or for a gift. Felted soap is a bar wrapped in wool roving, making it easy to hold, gently exfoliate, and can replace a bath pouf or washcloth in the shower. Registration is required and space is limited. To register or for more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. Inspirational Black History for Kids – All About Alma Thomas! 4:30 p.m. For K – 5th graders. Celebrate Black History with us and learn all about Alma Thomas, an artist and teacher! We'll be making crafts, doing activities, and reading *Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas* by Jeanne Walker Harvey. For more information, call (336) 229-3588

Graham Public Library. North Carolina Reads Book Discussion Webinar Series - *Carolina Built* by Kianna Alexander. 6:30 p.m. For adults. North Carolina Humanities 2023 statewide book club, North Carolina Reads, features five books that explore issues of racial, social, and gender equality and the history and culture of North Carolina. Join us to watch the first webinar in the series, featuring a discussion of the book *Carolina Built* by author Kianna Alexander and expert Dr. Hilary Green. You do not need to have read the book to participate in North Carolina Reads. For more information go to <https://nchumanities.org/program/north-carolina-reads/> or call (336) 570-6730.

February 23 & 24

North Park Library. Student Activity Day. While the children are out of school we will have activities to keep them busy. After they enjoy the free game room, they can visit the library for activities, games, puzzles, and a craft project to celebrate Mardi Gras. For more information, call (336) 226-7185.

February 23

May Memorial Library. Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 3 – 5 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Bundle Up!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Graham Public Library. Device Drop-In. 11:00 a.m. Drop in for help with devices, apps, technology, and library-related questions. No registration is required! Staff will be available in the meeting room. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

Graham Public Library. Eclectic Coloring. 3:30-5:00 p.m. Ages 10 and up. Bring your friends for an afternoon of coloring and listening to music. Coloring sheets pulled from a variety of sources are provided or you are welcome to bring your own project. Colored pencils, markers, and crayons will be provided. Registration is preferred as space is limited. To register or for more information, call (336) 570-6730.

May Memorial Library. Inspirational Black History for Kids – All About Lonnie Johnson! 4:30 p.m. For K – 5th graders. Celebrate Black History with us and learn all about Lonnie Johnson, an inventor, aerospace engineer, and entrepreneur! We'll be making crafts, doing activities, and reading *Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

February 25

May Memorial Library. Family Make & Takes. All Day. Ages 5 – 12. Looking for a fun activity? Check out our Make and Takes! Drop by during library hours and make a craft, then take it home and show it off! We'll be making Perler bead magnets! For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Art in the Afternoon. 2:30 p.m. For adults. Join us for an "open studio" experience where participants can choose a medium (acrylic, pastels, watercolor, collage), get creative, share, and socialize. For more information call (919) 563-6431.

February 27

North Park Library. Adult Craft Time. 2:00 p.m. Spring birds. Create an adorable yarn bird, no sewing required! All materials provided. Registration is required. Ages 18 and up. To register, or for more information, call (336) 226-7185.

May Memorial Library. Paws for Reading. 4:30 p.m. For ages 5 - 12. Children are invited to read for 15 minutes in a relaxed, one on one session with certified therapy dog, Beckett! All of the dogs who participate in Paws for Reading have been certified as therapy dogs by an accredited organization. Registration is required. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Alamance County Public Libraries – Zoom. AniMebane Anime Club. 5:00 p.m. For 6th – 12th graders. Watch anime episodes, hang out with friends, and try popular Asian market snacks—all over Zoom! To receive a snack pack, participants must register by February 23rd. To register for

the program or for more information, email Tampa at treese@alamancelibraries.org or call (919) 563-6431.

Graham Public Library. Novels @ Nite Book Group. 6:30 p.m. For adults 16 and up. Join us on the fourth Monday of each month as we read and discuss books from various genres. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, call (336) 570-6730.

February 28

May Memorial Library. Baby/Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 0 – 2 years old and their caregivers. Join us for a 30-minute interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy. This week's theme is "Community Helpers!" For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Mebane Public Library. Move to the Music. 10:30 a.m. For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Join us for a morning of dancing and music-making! Children will have an opportunity to move creatively, play instruments, and explore music through active play. Registration is required, and space is limited. To register or for more information, email Tampa at treese@alamancelibraries.org or call (919) 563-6431.

May Memorial Library. Device Drop-In. 3:00 p.m. Drop in for help with devices, apps, technology, and library-related questions. No registration required! Staff will be available in the Local History Room. For more information, call (336) 229-3588.

Graham Public Library. BrainSTEM. 4:00 p.m. For grades 3-5. Engineering (the 'E' in STEM) is the application of mathematics and science to solve problems. This month we will be using principles of mechanical engineering to design and build a working catapult! For more information, call (336) 570-6730.