Take a Blind Date with a Book in February. It might be love at first read!

Fall in LOVE with the Library
Can You Count the Ways?

The Tennessee Room will be closed for renovations Feb. 20 - March 7

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Locations
Main Library
433 E. Lafayette St.
Jackson, TN 38301
Mon. - Thu.: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri. & Sat.: 9 am - 5 pm

North Branch
8 Stonebridge Blvd.
Jackson, TN 38305
(Located beside China Pan Buffet)
Mon. - Fri.: 9 am - 6 pm

Contact Us
www.jmclibrary.org
731-425-8600
(For both locations)
Fax Main: 731-425-8609
Fax North: 731-300-0370

Jackson-Madison County Library Board
The Library Board normally meets at 3:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday each month in the Library Board Room, 433 E. Lafayette Street. All meetings are open to the public.

Ms. Elaine Christian, Board Chair
Dr. Charles Baldwin, Vice-Chair
Mr. Glenn M Vaulx, Sr., Treasurer
Mr. Greg Jordan, Member
Ms. Barbara Johnson, Member
Dr. Amy Dietrich, Member
Ms. Mary Jane McWherter, Member
Mrs. Dinah Harris, Director

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Staff Spotlight
Keirsten Caudle, Circulation Clerk

How long have you worked for the library?
I've worked at the library for two years now.

What do you enjoy most about your job?
The thing I enjoy most about my job has got to be the feeling you get when you know you've not only helped someone, but you've made their day a little brighter as well. Helping people is very rewarding.

What is your favorite book?
My favorite book... that's a tough one. I guess OF ALL TIME is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (Emma is a close second). However, my favorite books to have come out recently are The Testaments by Margaret Atwood and Over the Top by Jonathan Van Ness.

Tell us about your hobbies.
I probably have too many hobbies really. In the cold months, I like to knit/crochet/ or Tatt while I binge watch shows and movies on Netflix or other streaming services. Then in the warmer months, I love to hike, camp, hammock, swim, & garden. But no matter what time of year, I always love to read.

What is something about the library that people may not know.
Something about the Library that most people don't know is that we have several multi-age programs going on every month: Beginner's Knitters, Senior Tai Chi, Tabletop Gaming Club, Lego at the Library, Friday Flicks, Writer's Club, and weekly computer classes just to name a few. We would love to see more friendly faces in ALL of the programs we offer.

What's New?
We get new titles EVERY DAY! New release books hit the shelves on Tuesdays. Our cataloging team processes both new releases and new-to-us items every day, plus items that you request for us to purchase. If you go to our website, directly under the catalog search bar is a link that says, "Click here for new items." Find something new, and using your online library card account, you can put it on hold from the comfort of your home! Of course, we'd always love for you to stop by the Main Library or North Branch to browse our new release sections!

Tennessee Room Renovations
We are always working to improve your library, so through a generous donation by both the Library Foundation, as well as library funds, our Tennessee Room at the Main Library is getting a makeover! In order to accomplish this task, the Tennessee Room will be closed from Feb. 20 through March 7 as new flooring, shelving and desks are installed. We know that many of you enjoy learning more about Tennessee history and researching your family's genealogy, so we apologize in advance for the inconvenience; however, we know that these improvements will make this space an even more welcoming place to visit.
February Events

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Homeschool Game Time
Feb. 4 at 1:00 pm
Make new friends and play board games from our collection. Fun for children 12 and under.

Story Time at the Main Library
Every Tuesday at 10:30 am
Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25
Join us weekly for stories, songs, games, and crafts with Ms. Jennifer. Perfect way to spend an hour for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Story Time at North Branch
Every Thursday at 10:30 am
Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Join us weekly for stories, songs, games, and crafts with Ms. Jennifer. Perfect way to spend an hour for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers five and under. Please note: Space is VERY limited; only 25 people will be allowed in the room at a time. No late-comers.

Toddler Valentine Story Time
Feb. 14 at 10:30 am
Enjoy stories, songs and Valentine-themed crafts. For ages 5 and under.

Homeschool Lego at the Library
Feb. 18 at 1:00
Build and create using our collection of Lego blocks and make new friends. Fun for children 12 and under.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen programs are open to teens in the 6th through 12th grade.

Teen Takeover
Feb. 6 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Teens take over the library program room with snacks, trivia, games, Xbox, and an open mic!

Teen Advisory Meeting
Feb. 12 at 4:00 pm
Tell us what you think! TAM is an open forum meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, with the purpose of giving young adults an opportunity to influence library programming, policy, and collection development.

This is Not a Valentine's Party
Feb. 13 at 2:00
Hangout, have fun, eat some candy that isn’t shaped like hearts, and celebrate February 13, which is definitely NOT Valentine’s Day.

MULTI-AGE PROGRAMS

Programs open to more than one age group.

Anime Club
Every first and third Saturday at 3:00 pm
Feb. 1 & 15
Teens & Adults - watch anime, talk about your favorite manga, play games, craft, and have fun!

Tabletop Gaming Club
Feb. 26 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm
An open meet-up, perfect for playing and socializing. We have supplies available to play Magic: the Gathering, Dungeons & Dragons, Warhammer, Goat Lords, Pirate Fluxx, Chess, Dominoes, and many others. Free program for teens and adults, no registration or previous experience required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Pokemon Card Club
Second and fourth Thursday at 2:30 pm
Feb. 13 & 27

Color Yourself Calm
Every Tuesday at 11:30 am
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Take a break from your day and join us for adult coloring. All supplies provided.

Daughters of the American Revolution
Genealogy Workshop
First Tuesday of each month
Feb. 4 from 4pm - 6pm
Free help with genealogy research. Meets in the Board Room.

Holiday Closures
Both Library locations will be closed on Feb. 17 for President's Day.

Take a Blind Date with a Book!
Fun for all ages. Stop by the Main Library or North Branch in February to meet a new book! Who knows, it might just be love at first read!

- Check out the personal ads on the books WITHOUT UNWRAPPING
- Take your selected BLIND DATE to the CIRCULATION DESK
- Present your choice and your library card to check out the item
- You may THEN open the parcel and marvel at your choice
- Take your book home for a date - GIVE IT A CHANCE!
- These books come recommended - but it’s OK if you don’t like it
- Fill out the RATE YOUR DATE card on the front of the book after you read it
- Return the book with the card for a chance to win a prize at the end of February
**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Weekly meetings at the Main Library. For meeting times, please call the Library or visit www.aawesttn.org.

**GED / HiSet Classes**

**Morning Classes:**
Mon. & Wed. at 9:00 am

**Evening Classes:**
Offered on Jackson State campus

Held at the Main Library, GED classes are provided by Jackson State Community College. Contact Jennifer Curtis at 731-424-3520 ext. 50224. You must register in advance.

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

**Grant Writing Workshop Series**
February 13 at noon

As part of the library's efforts to support the nonprofit community, the library is partnering with the City of Jackson to host a series of grant writing workshops.

Special projects manager for the City of Jackson, Lauren Kirk, together with adult services librarian, Jenci Spradlin, will lead a one hour workshop focusing on the grant writing evaluation process. Learn what grantmakers are looking for and how they review requests.

This event is open to anyone and no advanced registration is required.

**Beginning Knitting**
Every Thursday at 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Learn the basics of knitting with one of our expert knitters. Now two times to fit your schedule!

**Friends of the Library First Thursday**
Feb. 6 at noon
This month’s speaker is Jawara Griffin, an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Tennessee. A native of Philadelphia, PA, Griffin will discuss his autobiography, *Homeboy*. The event is free and open to the public. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Light refreshments will be served.

**Friday Flicks**
Fridays at 1:00 pm
Join us in the Boardroom for a feature-length movie. Refreshments will also be provided.
7 - Southside With You
14 - The Great Debaters
21 - No Movie this week
28 - Harriet

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**Midwest TN Genealogical Society**
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**R.E.A.D.S.**

84,892

Total number of checkouts by our patrons on R.E.A.D.S over 2019!

We are partnering with AARP to offer tax preparation assistance every Friday from Feb. 7 - April 3. You MUST call the library to make an appointment in advance, and you also must pick up a packet to complete prior to your appointment.

The IRS sends us general tax forms. It is typically February before we receive them. You can also use our computers to visit irs.gov to print out forms or e-file.

**Tax Forms & Assistance**

Tax season is upon us!

Download FREE ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines, videos & more with your library card using either the Overdrive or Libby app through Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. Grab an e-content users guide for step-by-step instructions! Did you know that you can get a library e-card from the comfort of your home? With an e-card, you can access all the e-resources on R.E.A.D.S. Apply online from our website!

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**Fandom Friday Teen Trivia**
Mar. 20 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Win prizes by showing off your nerdy knowledge! We’ll have trivia from a variety of fandoms and media, as well as other fun activities. Compete in teams or individually. Free event, open to teens ages 13-18. No registration required.

**Lego Minifigure Meetup**
March 31 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Do you enjoy collecting Lego Minifigures? Bring 1 to 5 complete minifigures (with at least a head, torso, and legs) to trade with other Lego fans ages 6 to adult. For more information, contact Scott Murray at smurr1874@gmail.com.

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**Internet Use**
Every Wednesday from 3 - 4 pm  
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Get Ready to Read with Us!
April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and the library is partnering with Madison County CASA for a community read of the memoir, Three Little Words by Ashley Rhodes-Courter. Three Little Words is an International Bestseller and details the inspiring true story of the nearly ten years Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent in the foster care system. Despite all odds against her, Ashley triumphed over painful memories and real-life horrors to ultimately find her own voice.

CASAA is planning several events as part of this project that will help highlight issues related to children in our foster care system, how people can be involved in helping these children, and how you can better understand the importance of organizations like CASA in helping children navigate the system.

Multiple copies of the book will be available at the library starting in March to give you plenty of time to read. We’ll also host two different book discussions here at the library that you can participate in, as well as an online discussion in our Facebook Book Club. If you are a part of a private book club group, we encourage your group to also join us in reading. Hannah Snowden, CASA’s executive director, is available to speak to your group as well. If you are part of a club, email Jenci Spradlin at jspradlin@madisoncountytn.gov so she can share information with you!

Be on the lookout for information in the next guide about all the programs that will be taking place in April in conjunction with this read!

Madison County CASA seeks to help children who are going through the court system by providing a trained volunteer who is independent of the family and the state to advocate for that child’s best future. For more information on CASA, visit their website at www.madisoncountycasa.org or contact Hannah Snowden, executive director, at (731) 427-5554 or hannah@madisoncountycasa.org.
Ways to Fall in Love with your Jackson-Madison County Library

Research
Print and electronic resources, assistance from a trained Research Librarian

Borrow
Books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, mobile hotspots, games, cooking tools, memory care kits and more!

Play and Learn
Storytimes, crafts, games, movies and other activities every month

Get hired, get smarter
Job search, online training, computer classes

Enjoy Culture
Author showcases, author talks, movies and more

Get Access
Free Internet, wireless and computer use

Relax and Connect
Sit and read, meet with a community group, connect with others in our community

Don't have a library card?
If you live, work, go to school in or own property in Madison County, you can get a FREE library card!

Children grades K and up must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to obtain a card.