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# THE CURIOUS CARDINAL

*A newsletter for all branches of the Davidson County Public Library System*



**DAVIDSON COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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## Recent Library Events



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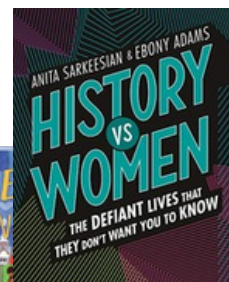
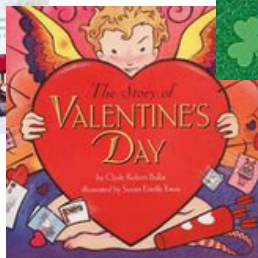
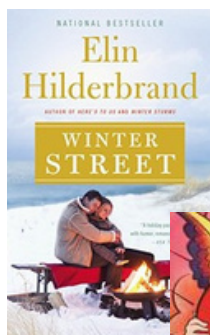
### Santa and Storytime in Thomasville



### Candy Cane Dance at Denton



### Stuffed Animal Sleepover at West Davidson



### A Note from Our Editor

It's another new year and a new quarterly edition of The Curious Cardinal. Within these pages lies more information on upcoming programs and events at the Davidson County Public Library branches. As we transition from Winter to Spring and observe Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, along with Black History Month and Women's History Month, the library is a wonderful place to read, learn, think, and live.

### Library Branches closed for Holiday Observance

All branches of the Davidson County Public Library, including the Davidson County Historical Museum will be closed on Friday, 3/29 & Saturday, 3/30 in observation of Good Friday.

### Library Lovers' Month

Want a replacement library card? Visit a branch between 2/12-2/17 to receive a new card for free (replacements are normally \$3).

### Take Your Child to the Library Day

Drop by your local Davidson County Public Library branch this February to experience the second annual Take Your Child to the Library Day festivities. Each location will be observing the day in a unique way. Children and their families who attend might meet a costumed character, play games, eat tasty treats, or even win prizes! Contact your local branch for more information.



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# Teresa Dilliard

Teresa Dillard, Teen Coordinator at the Denton Public Library, is originally from Greensboro but moved near the Denton area 32 years ago. She has a background in education and earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education (K-6) and Special Education (K-12) from Pfeiffer University. She worked as a teacher in schools in Davidson County, including Denton Elementary School, as well as Stanly and Randolph Counties. Now working in libraries, she describes her position as an “easy fit” due to her history of teaching high school English. She loves her job because so much of what she does is fun and low-stress. In her position, she gets to do three of her favorite things: play, socialize, and be creative. During her weekly teen program as well as her outreaches to South Davidson High School, she can implement engaging activities like board games and crafts. Her outreach services are critical for the community, as she and the library provide materials for students who do not have accessible transportation for library visits. She is an extremely creative person who likes to “think outside the box.” Being at the library allows her to exercise these gifts daily. Because the Denton Library serves many homeschool families and students, Teresa’s weekly teen group has around 19 attendees.



She has a lot of ideas for future programs for teens including dinner and a movie with popcorn and pizza and a Renaissance-themed lock-in. In addition, she has already successfully utilized the library’s kitchen cart by making glass candy and hopes to continue doing cooking programs. One of the reasons that Teresa’s programs are so successful is due to having an open line of communication with her participants, blending her ideas and expertise with their interests.

She describes herself as an “open book” and enjoys both painting and drawing, hence her creative skills. Family is extremely important to her, and she loves going on family vacations to places like the beach. She likes reading historical fiction along with works by Christian-based authors. We are glad that Teresa is a member of the Denton Public Library staff and encourage those with teens to seek her out for programs.



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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Get ready to welcome the sights and sounds of Spring by attending Teen & Adult Crafting with Melissa. Make Paper Plate Bird Feeders on Tuesday, 2/20 at 2 p.m. Registration is required.
- ✓ Gather the family together and stop by Movie Night on Thursday, 2/15 at 6 p.m. for a screening of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* (the film is suitable for ages 8 and up). Enjoy free refreshments while you watch!
- ✓ Indulge yourself by going to Hot Chocolate Around the World on Tuesday, 2/13 at 2 p.m. Learn all about the history of chocolate and sip four cocoas from across the globe. Call to register.
- ✓ Looking for an adult crafting event? Make Valentine Gnomes with Susan on Monday, 2/26 at 6 p.m. Registration is required so be sure to call the library to save your spot.

**Denton Public Library Presents**

### Coffee & Crime

Monday, February 19th  
6 pm

1942 Murder of  
Thomasville Police Officer  
Arnold Kemp

Case Files  
Available  
for  
Pickup  
on  
Feb. 1st

Special guests include authors Jim Harris, Robbie Lanier, and Christopher Yarbrough

door prizes  
drawing at 1:45 pm

### TAKE YOUR CHILD TO The LIBRARY DAY

face painting

cooking

centers

It's All About...

coloring

S.T.E.M. craft

reading

**Bluey**

Saturday, February 3rd  
10am - 2 pm  
floating

- ✓ The time for early voting is fast approaching. Did you know that the Denton Library is one of four early voting locations? To vote early in the Primary Election (which will be held on 3/5), head to the library on the following dates and times: Thursday, 2/15 & Friday, 2/16 (8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.), Monday, 2/19 - Friday, 2/23 (8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.), Saturday, 2/24 (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.), Sunday, 2/25 (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.), Monday, 2/26 - Friday, 3/1 (8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.), and Saturday, 3/2 (8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
- ✓ Library Comic Con returns on Saturday, 3/2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.! Stop by that day for a plethora of activities including Trading (Pokémon Cards, Magic Cards, or Comic Books) from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., a Pokéball Bead Buddy Craft from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m., and a Cosplay Contest from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Those who come dressed up in a costume will get an extra door prize ticket. There also will be photo ops, comic book maker stations, a graphic artist, writer talks, and a special appearance by Jamal Walton. Look for the Ghostbusters car in the parking lot! It's free to attend!



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Homeschool families are invited to attend the every-other week Homeschool Activities for Students at the library. Drop by at 11 a.m. to hear all about Valen-Tales (2/13) and Tracks in the Snow (2/27). For more information about the group, call the library.

- ✓ Are you looking for an after-school program for your child? Come to Bookventures, an every-other week storytime that meets from 3:45-4:30 p.m. Attend on 2/8 (Valen-Tales) and 2/22 (Tracks in the Snow) and have lots of fun! Call the library for more information.

- ✓ Attend wonderful movie screenings at the library. In February, enjoy a screening of *It Happened One Night* for Classic Film Club (Monday, 2/19 at 2 p.m.), an LPL presents: Movie Night, a showing of *Enchanted* (Tuesday, 2/20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.) and a Not-so-Valentine's Day Movie Matinee viewing of *Addams Family Values* (Saturday, 2/10 at 12:30 p.m.). In March, stop by to watch *All About Eve*, for Classic Film Club (Monday, 3/18 at 2 p.m.), a Saturday Movie Matinee showing of *Barbie* (3/9 at 12 p.m.), and LPL Presents: Movie Night, a showing of *Hidden Figures* (Tuesday, 3/19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.) Enjoy something to eat at each event.

- ✓ Are you looking for a lunch time book club? Try Dine and Dish which meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Noon in the library. The club will discuss *George VI and Elizabeth: The Marriage that Saved the Monarchy* by Sally Bedell Smith (2/21) and *Decent People* by Deshawn Winslow (3/20).

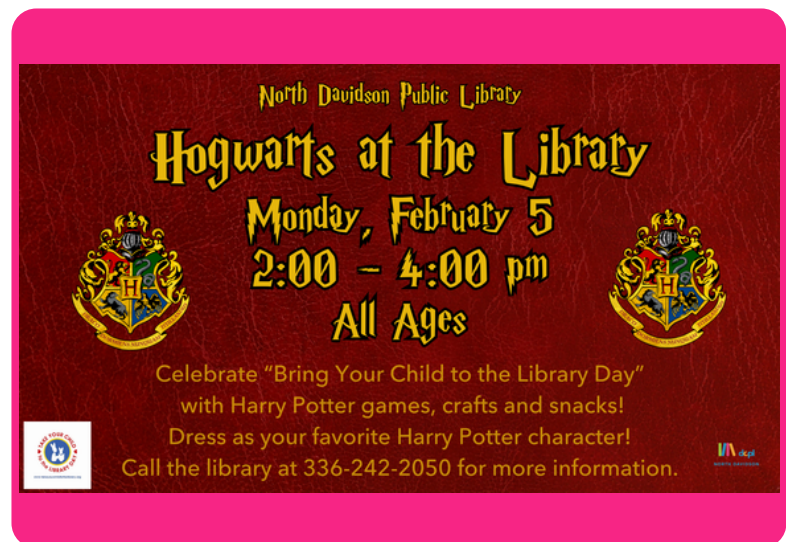






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- ☒ The Stitching Hour: A Yarn Club (ages 18+) meets on two separate occasions (Monday, 2/5 and Thursday, 2/8 from 6-7 p.m.) This is a great program to attend to meet others with similar interests, converse, and enjoy provided refreshments. Feel free to bring a project you are working on or start something brand new. Staff will be present to instruct and all are welcome.
- ☒ Looking for a fun activity for all ages? Attend Sweetheart Bingo on Thursday, 2/15 at 6 p.m. Win Valentine's candy and cards. Please register and confirm with the library in person or by calling.
- ☒ Do you and your family love building Lego sets? Attend Family Lego Night on Monday, 2/26 at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome and expected to participate.



- ☒ Enjoy making a seasonal treat by attending Just Desserts with Brandi. For this program, make Love Bombs/Cherry Brownie Bombs on Monday, 2/12 at 6 p.m. Supplies will be provided. Interested attendees are required to register and confirm. Register in-person at the library or by calling (336) 242-2050.
- ☒ Children ages 8-15ish are invited to attend Feast Mode, a cooking class. Make Next Level S'mores Brownies on Thursday, 2/22 at 4 p.m. Registration and confirmation (either in person or by calling the library) are required.
- ☒ The library will conduct an American Red Cross Blood Drive in observance of Valentine's Day in their conference room (Friday, 2/9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Walk-ins are welcome but registrations are preferred. To register, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).





## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☑ Tasty Treats with Thomasville continues with a round of new, fresh and delicious delights for all ages. Make Four Desserts, One Pan (Adults, 2/29 at 11 a.m.), Chicken & Dumplings (Teens, 2/27 at 6 p.m.) and Eggs in a Basket and Hot Cocoa (Kids, 2/13 at 6 p.m. or 2/14 at 4 p.m.)
- ☑ Are you looking to build some computer skills? Attend a Basic Computer Class on Navigating the Internet on Thursday, 2/15 at 11 a.m.
- ☑ Visit the library on Saturday, 2/10 at 1 p.m. to meet Olaf and be a part of the Great Snowball Volley!



- ☑ Join the amazing Cindy during Cindy's Craft Corner on Monday, 2/5 at 6 p.m. to make tin tiles.
- ☑ Interested in learning CPR? Davidson County Emergency Services will instruct a course on Hands-Only CPR at the library on Thursday, 2/8 from 5-7 p.m.
- ☑ Experience joy and wonder through painting by attending the Happy Little Painting Club (with Cindy!) on Monday, 2/12 at 6 p.m. Registration is required to attend. Call the library or drop by to do so.
- ☑ A newly formed Trilingual Elementary Storytime group, the Toucans, meets weekly on Fridays at 4 p.m. Immerse your child and yourself in a multilingual experience and learn words and phrases in English, Español, and Português do Brasil.





## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Looking for a neat way to celebrate Earth Day? Head to <https://bit.ly/freetreeatWDPL> to register for a free tree to plant at your home! Pick up the tree at the library the week of the holiday. Be sure to register by 3/15.
- ✓ Afternoon Young Adult Gaming continues into March (3/1, 3/8, and 3/22) and April (4/5, 4/19, and 4/26). From 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. enjoy a variety of games including board, card, and miniature.
- ✓ Attend Last Monday Movie and a Craft for pizza, popcorn, a drink, and a craft on 2/26 (*The Peanuts Movie*) and 3/25 (*Hop*). Both programs begin at 6 p.m.



- ✓ Head to WDPL Theater's Saturday Matinee screenings of Fantastic February's, Disney's *The Black Cauldron* (2/17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and Martian March's, Disney's *John Carter* (3/16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.).
- ✓ Looking to make a fun take-home craft? Come to the library to do Yarn Painting (2/13 at 4 p.m.), create a pinecone bird feeder (2/22 from 4-6 p.m.), and make a newspaper bookmark (3/11 from 5-7 p.m.).
- ✓ Love building with Legos? Come to Lego Club (2/26 and 3/25) at 4:30 p.m. Materials to build are provided!
- ✓ Library Bingo continues! Join in on the fun between 6:30-7:30 p.m. on 2/19 and 3/18.
- ✓ Stop by the library on 2/7 from 3:30-5 p.m. to make a card for National Send a Card to a Friend Day. Materials and envelopes will be available.





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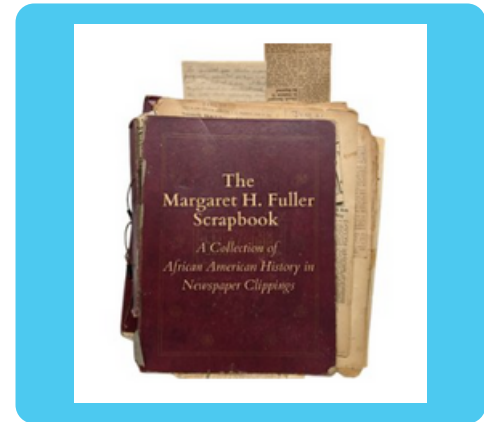


## CHECK OUT OUR NEW ARRIVAL!

The Davidson County Historical Museum is proud to be the new permanent home of one of the many pigs in Uptown Lexington. The pig's name is "Drop me a line."-County Swine! Check out the museum's Facebook page for more information about the inspiration behind the art and style of the pig.

## LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY COMES TO LIFE THROUGH NEW DIGITAL RESOURCE

The Davidson County Historical Museum website now features the Margaret H. Fuller Scrapbook Collection. This digital collection is full of Civil Rights History. Click [here](#) to begin your search. For more information, contact the museum at the phone number listed on the top of this page.



## HELP TO GROW THE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

The museum continues to accept contributions to the African American Heritage Program. Submissions can be made online or by calling to schedule an interview. In honor of Black History Month, a variety of artifacts collected throughout the project will be displayed, beginning January 30th.

### AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PROJECT



Did you work as a child or adult in Davidson County?  
What are some of your memories about that?  
We want to hear from you!

Within an upcoming exhibit, we will showcase the experiences of African Americans working in Davidson County throughout the 20th century. These stories, as told by the people who experienced them, will enrich and add a personal touch to the learning experience for museum visitors.

Submit your memories online:

[www.davidsoncountyhistoricalmuseum.com/work-memories](http://www.davidsoncountyhistoricalmuseum.com/work-memories)  
Or contact us to schedule a recorded oral history interview:  
336-242-2035 or [dch.museum@davidsoncountync.gov](mailto:dch.museum@davidsoncountync.gov)



# Theresa Matthews

Theresa Matthews, a patron of the Denton Public Library, moved to town at age 5 and has lived there for a great portion of her life. As a young girl, she spent much of her time at the Denton Library, describing it as “important to me growing up.” She enjoyed books that centered around strong female characters like Jo March from *Little Women* and *Tess of the D’Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy. She also read many classic books by authors like Charles Dickens and 20th-century series such as the Trixie Belden mysteries. As an adolescent, she began a close relationship with writing and words, working for her father, editor of the Denton Record. After graduating from Denton High School, she attended Catawba College in Salisbury, earning a Bachelor’s Degree in Literature and Drama. While at Catawba, she continued writing by reporting for the college paper.

She has been employed in a variety of roles including a hotel in Chapel Hill, the High Point Theater, and in customer service for a furniture manufacturer. After living in Chapel Hill and then Thomasville, she and her husband decided to relocate to a more spacious home as their family grew, settling in her hometown of Denton. For some time now, she has worked with her husband, wearing many hats as a bookkeeper and again in customer service within their company, MKM Sales Incorporated, or Minuteman Upholstery Supply. Their family-owned business sells supplies used by consumers such as DIYers as well as to upholstery shops. Her career allowed her to spend a lot of time with her family, including her two daughters who also live in Davidson County.



Now in a different stage of her life, her relationship with the library has changed, but it is no less important.

She now takes her three grandchildren there one day a week, attending story time when they are able. She loves the summer reading program and has made financial contributions to the library so children have access to programs and materials for their learning. Recently, this past December, she took her grandchildren to Denton Public Library’s Second Annual Candy Cane Dance and had a wonderful time.



She is very involved in the community as an active member of the Denton Lions Club. She enjoys reading historical fiction books, like Diana Gabaldon’s *Outlander* series and books by Lisa See. She loves the staff of the Denton library, describing branch manager Susan Craven as “innovative” and staff members that are “so connected with the kids.” Considering the dedication and talent of library staff, along with all the services and collections the library offers, Matthews takes pride in the fact that the Denton Library has become a central part of the community.

*Look for the next quarterly edition of  
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in April.*