



Below is just a selection of our adult programs. For our full listing of programs, please view our events calendar.

Nazi Art Looting During World War II



Nazi Art Looting During World War II
Saturday, July 11, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
[South Regional Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Even before taking power in 1933, the leaders of Nazi Germany were obsessed with art. Following Adolf Hitler's lead, high-ranking officials competed to build enormous collections. What might have looked like ordinary art collecting soon became something far darker: a systematic campaign to seize art from Jewish collectors and from anyone the regime labeled "degenerate" or an enemy of the state.

This presentation explores how that obsession turned into one of the largest art-looting operations in history. After the outbreak of war in 1939, Nazi officials and organizations swept across occupied Europe, stealing masterpieces from museums, galleries, and private homes. Discover how this massive plunder unfolded, who carried it out, and how the search for these stolen works continues today.

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[Register for Nazi Art Looting During WWII](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

HELL PIGS: Prehistoric Beasts of N.C.



HELL PIGS: Prehistoric Beasts of North Carolina
Wednesday, July 22, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Join Durham County Library for a journey to the distant past where great beasts strode the lands and North Carolina was the domain of mighty creatures known as the HELL PIGS.

Much of North Carolina's fossil record over the last 100 million years is derived from marine environments, often excluding fossils from terrestrial ecosystems. New fossils collected from Jones County and deposited in the early Miocene, about 20 million years ago, are beginning to shed light on an unusual land mammal fauna from our state that includes hell pigs, red pandas, rhinos.

Hear Sean Moran, Collection Manager for Paleontology & Geology describe these magnificent creatures and the world they lived in and gain a glimpse into a very different era of North Carolina history.

Contact: Larkin Coffey, lcoffey@dcnc.gov

[Register for HELL PIGS: Prehistoric Beasts of N.C.](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Dragonflies!



Dragonflies!
Tuesday, July 28, 6 - 7 p.m.
[Main Library](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Who? What? Where? When? Why?

Using motion camouflage to attack prey and rivals...

Giant multifaceted compound eyes that can see in 360 degrees...

Predators in all life stages...consuming prey as large as tadpoles and small fish...

Gigantic prehistoric distant relatives had wingspans of up to 30 inches...

Flying at speeds of up to 18 miles per hour in six different directions and four types of flight...

Who are these insects that were among the first to evolve and exist with and before dinosaurs? What kind of prey do they eat? Where do dragonflies live? When do female dragonflies feign death? Why are dragonflies iridescent?

Join Chris Goforth, head of Collaborative Science at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science, to learn more about these masters of flight!

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[Register for Dragonflies!](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Outlining for Authors (Plot Workshop)



East Regional • 211 Lick Creek Ln.

Saturday, July 11 12 pm.

Outlining for Authors (Plot Workshop)
Saturday, July 11, 12 - 1 p.m.
[South Regional](#)
[Registration Required](#)

Outlining for Authors will walk you through developing and using premise and story structure to create a functional outline that will keep you on track while writing your story.

If you're an author in the planning stages of your next fictional work, this workshop can help frame how you think about the writing process and keep the story moving. Even if you've already begun, you can use some of the tools discussed in this workshop to help in the revision process.

Contact: Phil Locey, plocey@dcnc.gov

[Register for Outlining for Authors](#)

FEATURED PROGRAM

Sister Rosetta Tharpe: Thee Blueprint and So Much More!



The Blueprint Production Presents Sister Rosetta Sharpe: Thee Blueprint and So Much More!
Saturday, July 25, 2 - 4 p.m.
[Stanford L. Warren Branch](#)
[Registration Not Required](#)

This dynamic 60-minute immersive multimedia presentation illuminates the extraordinary life and legacy of Sister Rosetta Tharpe - the true blueprint of modern music. Long before rock 'n' roll had a name, Sister Rosetta wielded her electric guitar with unmatched power, blending sacred gospel with audacious showmanship that would define generations of music genres to come.

Through active learning games, fun discussions, projected visual storytelling, and digital archival footage of her electrifying performances, audiences will discover how this pioneering Black woman broke every barrier within the turbulent 1930s-1940s, creating a blueprint that stretches from gospel to punk rock.

By program's end, participants will move beyond the limiting "Godmother of Rock 'n' Roll" title to recognize her as the foundational "BLUEPRINT" whose faith, talent, and fearless use of spectacle shaped the soundtrack of American Popular culture and its music! This interdisciplinary arts experience challenges what we think we know about music history while celebrating innovation, faith, and self-determination.

Contact: Carter Cue, ccue@dcnc.gov

[Register for Sister Rosetta Tharpe: Thee Blueprint and So Much More!](#)

Check out these other events for adults!

Click the links below for more info.

Welcome to "The Labyrinthosaurus!"
Wednesday, July 15 - Saturday, July 18
Main Library

Cretaceous Carolinas: Prehistoric Life in the Tar Heel State
Saturday, July 18, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
South Regional Library

Cemetery Stories: Discoveries from the Friends of the Geer Cemetery
Wednesday, July 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Stanford L. Warren Branch Library

Exploring Summer Light in the Garden!
Saturday, July 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Main Library

Tuesday Computer Classes at Main
Tuesdays in July & August, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Main Library

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Check us out on social media!

