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SOUTHERN Voices

NEW Service

Best-selling author **Julia Quinn** headlines **Southern Voices** as our keynote speaker. Quinn wrote the immensely popular Bridgerton books that inspired Shonda Rhimes's hit Netflix series, and has authored countless other novels set in the same shared historical universe.

The **author conference** also includes an impressive lineup of authors. **Kimberly Brock, A. J. Finn, Chris Pavone, Steven Rowley, Maurice Carlos Ruffin, Tommy Tomlinson** and **Stacey Willingham** have all signed on.

Nashville royalty, **The McCrary Sisters,** will perform their unique blend of gospel, soul, Americana, blues, R&B and rock, adding the musical element to this year's festival.

This year's featured artist is Hoover's own **Tony Bingham**, creator of the Harpersville **Praise House** sculpture. He will be honored with a reception and his works will be on display during the month of February.

Artist Lecture and Reception Honoring Tony Bingham Thu., Feb. 13 • 5:30 PM

The McCrary Sisters Wed.-Thu., Feb. 19-20 • \$38

An Evening with Julia Quinn Fri., Feb. 21 • \$40

Author Conference Sat., Feb. 22 • \$45

Tickets go on sale **Wednesday**, **January 15**, and can be purchased online at **southernvoices.info** or by calling 205-444-7888.

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WALK-IN SERVICE: MONDAY - FRIDAY 10 AM - 3 PM NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!

You can apply for your US Passport at the Hoover Library. Check our website for more information on the documentation you will need.

DECEMBER 2 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

DECEMBER 3 • TUESDAY

Visual Art Exhibition: Ty Smith On display through Jan. 31

DECEMBER 5 • THURSDAY

Beyond Words Book Club *The Women* by Kristin Hannah 10 AM

What a Wonderful World: Louis and Ella Sing Christmas

Holiday jazz starring Longineu Parsons and Tina Fabrique Also on Dec. 6 • Tickets \$38 • 7 PM

DECEMBER 7 • SATURDAY

Insatiable Readers Book Club Bring your own book and share your favorites. 10:30 AM and online 3 PM

DECEMBER 9 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

Write Club

Share your works and network with other aspiring writers. 6 PM

DECEMBER 10 • TUESDAY

Southeastern Native American Rivercane Basketry

Jim Brown discusses this vital cultural skill for Native American women. 6 PM

DECEMBER 12 • THURSDAY

A, B, C and Ds of Medicare Simple and straightforward answers from Karen Haiflich • 1 PM

Well-Made: Gift Tags * Create handmade holiday gift tags. 6:30 PM

Celebrate Hanukkuh • Dec. 26

DECEMBER for adults

DECEMBER 13 • FRIDAY

Vintage Videos: Miracle on 34th Street (1947, 96 min., NR) • 2 PM

DECEMBER 14 • SATURDAY

Purl on the Plaza Share your love of fiber arts! 1 PM

DECEMBER 15 • SUNDAY

Local Author Spotlight: Tina Mozelle Braziel and James Braziel Find your next read among local authors. 3 PM

DECEMBER 16 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

Now Showing: *If* (2024, 104 min., PG) • 2 PM & 6 PM

DECEMBER 17 • TUESDAY

Holiday Ornament Exchange Trade holiday ornaments and decorations. 6 PM True Crime Book Club

A Stolen Life: A Memoir by Jaycee Dugard • 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 19 • THURSDAY

Bingo Play for fun and for prizes. 7 PM

DECEMBER 21 · SATURDAY

Jólabókaflód: The Yule Book Flood Enjoy reading nooks, crafts and hot chocolate. 10 AM - 6 PM

Write Club Holiday Social Swap resources, play White Elephant and chow down! 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 26 • THURSDAY

Celebrate Hanukkah: Family Fun and Menorah Lighting Crafts, latkes and family fun • 2 PM Menorah Lighting • 3:30 PM In partnership with the Chabad of Alabama

DECEMBER 29 • SUNDAY

Pen & Paper RPG Society Explore an awesome gaming genre. 1 PM

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JANUARY 4 • SATURDAY

Calligraphy Class: Scherenschnitte * Learn the art of paper cutting. Registration required. 12 PM

JANUARY 5 • SUNDAY

Books & Blitzes: Fantasy Football Finale Celebrate the end of Fantasy Football season, 2 PM

JANUARY 6 • MONDAY

Ann Clark: Nurse, Author & Spiritual Hypnotherapist

Presented by the Friends of the Library • Business meeting and program • 10 AM

Write Club

Share your works and network with other aspiring writers. 6 PM

The Millionaire Mindset for 2025: Secrets to Growing and Saving Money

Damian J. Carson teaches skills to grow your money. 6:30 PM

JANUARY 8 • WEDNESDAY

Visual Art Exhibition: Charlotte Wegrzynowski On display through Feb. 28

JANUARY 9 • THURSDAY

Beyond Words Book Club The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon 10 AM

JANUARY 10 • FRIDAY

Vintage Videos: The Big Sleep (1946, 114 min., NR) • 2 PM

JANUARY 11 • SATURDAY

Insatiable Readers Book Club Award Winners • 10:30 AM and online at 3 PM

Purl on the Plaza

Share your love of fiber arts! 1 PM Basic Crochet Lessons and Basic Knitting Lessons * 11 AM

JANUARY 12 • SUNDAY

Houseplant Swap 2 PM

NovelTea Book Club Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity by Peter Attia, MD • 3 PM

JANUARY 13 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

Now Showing: *The Fall Guy* (2024,126 min., PG-13) • 2 PM & 6 PM

JANUARY 16 • THURSDAY

Well-Made: Vision Boards * Collage your dreams and goals for 2025. 6:30 PM

JANUARY 18 • SATURDAY

Write Club

Share your works and network with other aspiring writers. 10:30 AM

JANUARY 23 • THURSDAY

Board Game Night Play games you love or test new ones in development. 5:30 PM

JANUARY 24 • FRIDAY

Friends Book Sale Find great deals on used books and media. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. 9 AM

New Year, New Eating Habits • Jan. 30

JANUARY 25 • SATURDAY

JANUARY for adults

Friends Book Sale Find great deals on used books and media. Cash, checks and

credit cards accepted. 10 AM

JANUARY 26 • SUNDAY

Pen & Paper RPG Society Explore an awesome gaming genre. 1 PM

JANUARY 27 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

JANUARY 28 • TUESDAY

Best Youth Books of 2024

Adults enjoy snacks, prizes and book talks about our favorite youth books of the past year. 4 PM

True Crime Book Club

Billion Dollar Whale by Tom Wright and Bradley Hope • 6:30 PM

JANUARY 30 • THURSDAY

New Year, New Eating Habits Chef Pamela Loudon shares new and exciting ways to cook fit! 6 PM



Birmingham Calligraphy Guild Expo Celebrate all things calligraphy. 12 PM

FEBRUARY 2 • SUNDAY

Kindness Summit: Nonprofit Volunteer Fair Find the perfect volunteer opportunity. 2 PM

FEBRUARY 3 · MONDAY

Mayor Frank V. Brocato's State of the City Address

Presented by the Friends of the Library • Business meeting and program • 10 AM

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

Write Club

Share works and network with other aspiring writers. 6 PM

FEBRUARY 5 • WEDNESDAY

Live on the Plaza: Sean Gaskell Kora player returns to Hoover. 7 PM

FEBRUARY 6 • THURSDAY

Visual Art Exhibition: Tony Bingham On display through Mar. 31 **Beyond Words Book Club** The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride • 10 AM

Well Made: Paper Mache Bowl * Make a bowl to hold all your Valentine's Day treats. 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 8 • SATURDAY

Purl on the Plaza Share your love of fiber arts! 1 PM

FEBRUARY 9 • SUNDAY

NovelTea Book Club James by Percival Everett • 3 PM

FEBRUARY 10 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

FEBRUARY 11 • TUESDAY

Un-Valentine's Day: Craft & Movie Night Watch a cult favorite while crafting un-valentines! 6 PM

FEBRUARY 13 • THURSDAY

A, **B**, **C** and **Ds** of **Medicare** Simple and straightforward answers from Karen Haiflich • 1 PM

FEBRUARY 13 • THURSDAY

Southern Voices Artist Lecture and Reception with Tony Bingham Join us as we kick off our annual

Southern Voices Festival! 5:30 PM

FEBRUARY 14 • FRIDAY

Vintage Videos: Love Affair (1939, 101 min., NR) • 2 PM

FEBRUARY 15 • SATURDAY

For Love & Literature: A Romance Read-a-thon Find your next bookish beau at our read-a-thon. 9 AM

Write Club Share your literary works and network with other aspiring writers. 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 17 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

FEBRUARY 19 • WEDNESDAY

The McCrary Sisters Gospel singers who incorporate influences of classic soul, Americana, blues, rock and R&B • Tickets \$38 Also on Thu., Feb. 20 • 7 PM

FEBRUARY 21 • FRIDAY

Southern Voices Featured Author Julia Quinn • Tickets \$40 • 7 PM

FEBRUARY 22 • SATURDAY

FEBRUARY for adults

Southern Voices Author Conference Tickets \$45 • 9 AM-4PM

FEBRUARY 23 · SUNDAY

Pen & Paper RPG Society Explore an awesome gaming genre. 1 PM

FEBRUARY 24 • MONDAY

Chair Yoga for Everyone * Learn the basics. 11:30 AM

Now Showing: American Fiction (2023, 117 min, R) • 2 PM & 6 PM

FEBRUARY 25 • TUESDAY

In Focus: The Art of Jean-Michel Basquait

Explore this Neo-Expressionist artist and social commentator with the Birmingham Museum of Art's Jade Powers. 6 PM

True Crime Book Club The Central Park Five by Sarah Burns 6 PM

FEBRUARY 27 • THURSDAY

Bingo Play for fun and for prizes. 7 PM



TEEN Programs

DECEMBER 10 • TUESDAY

Mug Decorating * Decorate a mug to usher in cozy winter vibes. Grades 7-12 • 6:30 PM

JANUARY 9 • THURSDAY

Teen D&D * Play through a one-off Dungeons & Dragons adventure. Grades 7-12 • 6 PM

JANUARY 14 • TUESDAY

Teen Theater Workshop with Red Mountain Theatre * Learn theater and improv basics. Grades 7-12 • 6 PM

JANUARY 28 • TUESDAY

Crochet Fidget * Learn to crochet a fidget toy. Grades 7-12 • 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 11 • TUESDAY

Teen Theater Workshop with Red Mountain Theater * Learn theater and improv basics. Grades 7-12 • 6 PM

FEBRUARY 20 • THURSDAY

Teen D&D * Play through a one-off Dungeons & Dragons adventure. Grades 7-12 • 6 PM

FEBRUARY 25 • TUESDAY

Mario Kart Tournament * Show off your best Mario Kart skills and compete for a chance to be the champion! Grades 7-12 • 6:30 PM

DECEMBER

Libby Meet and Greet Mondays • 10:00 AM Tuesdays • 3:30 PM

JANUARY

Libby Meet and Greet Tuesdays • 10:00 AM Wednesdays • 3:30 PM

Read with Libby! * Thursdays • 3:30 PM, 3:50 PM & 4:15 PM

Storytime with Libby! * Fri., Jan. 17 • 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY

Libby Meet and Greet Tuesdays • 10:00 AM Wednesdays • 3:30 PM

Read with Libby! * Thursdays • 3:30 PM, 3:50 PM & 4:15 PM

DECEMBER for kids

WHAT STORYTIME IS BEST FOR MY FAMILY?

BABY PLAYDATE *

Enjoy a brief story activity and open-ended play. Ages 0-18 months *Mondays* • 9:30 AM

STORY LAB Stories with hands-on S.T.E.A.M. activities Ages 3-8 years *Mondays* • 4 PM

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TOGETHER WITH TOTS * Enjoy stories and songs. Ages 18-36 months *Tuesdays • 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM*

STORY SPROUTS Dance and play in this interactive movement storytime. Ages 4 and under Wednesdays • 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

PJ STORYTIME Stories and songs for the whole family • PJs encouraged! *Thursdays* • 6:30 PM

STORYTIME AT LEE BRANCH Join us at East 59's flagship café in Lee Branch and enjoy a fun storytime for all ages! *Fridays* • 10:30 *AM*

STORYTIME WITH LIBBY! * Enjoy a dog-themed storytime featuring our facility dog, Libby! Ages 3-5 *Some Fridays* • 10:30 AM

STORYTIME SURPRISE

Join us for songs, stories and more! One Saturday a month • 10:30 AM

Letters to Santa • Dec. 2-19

DECEMBER 2 • MONDAY

Letters to Santa Write to Mr. Claus and he will write you back! Through Dec. 19

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Cookie Time Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

DECEMBER 3 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

City of Hoover Christmas Tree Lighting See the tree illuminated and visit with Santa • 5 PM

DECEMBER 4 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 5 • THURSDAY

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 8 • SUNDAY

Young Artist Reception Honoring this month's featured artists • 3 PM

DECEMBER 10 • TUESDAY

Family Movie: Abominable (2019, 97min., PG) • 6:30 PM



Story Lab: Cookie Time • Dec.

DECEMBER 11 • WEDNESDAY

Family Movie: The Peanuts Movie (2015, 88 min., G) • 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 13 • FRIDAY

Alma's Way Storytime

Story, crafts, snacks and an episode Alma's Way. Ages 4-6. Sponsored by Alabama Public Television. 4 PM

DECEMBER 14 • SATURDAY

Storytime Surprise All ages • 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 17 • TUESDAY

Holiday Sing-Along Storytime Jingle bells and fa-la-las for the whole family! 6:30 PM and repeats on Wed., Dec. 18 at 10:30 AM

12 BOOKS OF WINTER READING CHALLENGE December 19 - January 10

Read 12 prompt based books and get a winter-the-ed book from the Book Vending Machine! Pick up a paper log in person or log on Beanstack. Through Jan. 10

DECEMBER 21 • SATURDAY

Jólabókaflód: The Yule Book Flood

Enjoy reading nooks, crafts and hot chocolate. 10 AM - 6 PM

DECEMBER 26 • THURSDAY

Celebrate Hanukkah: Family Fun and Menorah Lighting Crafts, latkes and family fun • 2 PM Menorah Lighting • 3:30 PM In partnership with the Chabad of Alabama

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JANUARY for kids



Adventures with Paddington Bear • Jan. 11

Homeschool Hub:

Classroom CLEAN • Jan. 16

JANUARY 6 • MONDAY

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

JANUARY 6 • MONDAY

Story Lab: Famous Firsts Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

JANUARY 7 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

JANUARY 8 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

JANUARY 9 • THURSDAY

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

JANUARY 11 • SATURDAY

Adventures with Paddington Bear Travel around the world to make crafts and play games. 10 AM

JANUARY 12 • SUNDAY

Young Artist Reception Honoring this month's featured artists • 3 PM

JANUARY 13 • MONDAY

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Off to Dreamland Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

JANUARY 14 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

JANUARY 15 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

JANUARY 16 • THURSDAY

Homeschool Hub: Classroom CLEAN * Watersheds with the Cahaba River Society • Grades K-6 • 11 AM **PJ Storytime** For the whole family • 6:30 PM

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JANUARY 17 • FRIDAY

Storytime with Libby! * 10:30 AM

JANUARY 18 • SATURDAY

Storytime Surprise • 10:30 AM

JANUARY 21 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Roll for Initiative: LARP for Kids *

Become your own unique character to defeat the BBEG in this live-action role play adventure. Grades 5-7 • 4 PM

JANUARY 22 · WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

JANUARY 23 • THURSDAY

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

JANUARY 27 • MONDAY Baby Playdate *

Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Here, There Be Dragons Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

JANUARY 28 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Best Youth Books of 2024 Book talks about last year's favorites with snacks and prizes • 4 PM

JANUARY 29 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

JANUARY 30 • THURSDAY PJ Storytime

For the whole family • 6:30 PM

Roll for Initiative: LARP for Kids • Jan. 21



FEBRUARY for kids

BLACK HISTORY MONTH READING CHALLENGE: February 1 - February 28

Complete this prompt-based reading challenge and win a book from the Book Vending Machine! Pick up a paper log in person or log on Beanstack.

FEBRUARY 3 · MONDAY

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Patterns Everywhere Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

FEBRUARY 4 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Black Light Emoji Painting *

Showcase your emotions with a glowing paint project! Grades 3-4 • 4 PM

FEBRUARY 5 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 6 • THURSDAY

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 8 • SATURDAY

Storytime Surprise 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 9 • SUNDAY

Young Artist Reception Honoring this month's featured artists • 3 PM

FEBRUARY 10 · MONDAY

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Bright Birds Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

FEBRUARY 11 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 12 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 13 • THURSDAY

Homeschool Hub: Valentine Exchange * Supplies will be provided or you can bring your own! Grades K-6 • 11 AM

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 15 • SATURDAY

Dragons ♥ Tacos

Join us for a morning of firebreathing fun inspired by the beloved picture books. Crafts & games for all ages • 10 AM

FEBRUARY 17 · MONDAY

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Rivers, Lakes & Ponds, Oh My! Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

FEBRUARY 18 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Pizza Picnic *

Make pizza snacks to enjoy and play games during our pizza-themed indoor picnic! Grades K-2. • 4 PM

FEBRUARY 19 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts

Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 20 • THURSDAY

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 24 • MONDAY

Baby Playdate * Ages 0-18 months • 9:30 AM

Story Lab: Construction Zone Ages 3-8 years • 4 PM

FEBRUARY 25 • TUESDAY

Together with Tots * Ages 18-36 months 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 26 • WEDNESDAY

Story Sprouts Ages 4 and under 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 27 • THURSDAY

PJ Storytime For the whole family • 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 28 • FRIDAY

Draw the Story *

Draw along with our storyteller in this storytime where drawing is a part of every story. Ages $5-10 \bullet 4 \text{ PM}$



Pizza Picnic • Feb. 18

COMMUNITY Events

AT Lee Branch

BOOK

The Hoover Public Library Bookmobile's mission is to bring the library to you, wherever you are. In addition to library materials for checkout, you can obtain or renew a library membership and learn about library services. The librarians accompanying the bookmobile will strive to make connections and give the most authentic library experience possible.

December Bookmobile Visits:

Dec. 2: Hoover Public Library Friends Holiday Luncheon Theatre Roundabout • 11am-1pm

Dec. 4: Hoover Senior Center • 9am-11am

Dec. 7: Bluff Park Christmas Parade • 10 AM

If you would like to have a visit from the Bookmobile, please email steve.knutson@hooverlibrary.org.

FOR KIDS

Storytime at Lee Branch Join us at East 59's flagship café in Lee Branch and enjoy a fun storytime for all ages!

Fri., Dec. 6 and Fridays in January and February beginning Jan. 10 • 10:30 AM

FOR ADULTS

Well-Made: Gift Tags * Create handmade holiday gift tags. *Thu., Dec. 12 • 10:30 AM*

Well-Made: Vision Boards * Collage your dreams and goals for 2025. Thu., Jan. 16 • 10:30 AM

Well Made: Paper Mache Bowl *

Make a bowl to hold all your Valentine's Day treats. Thu., Feb. 6 • 10:30 AM



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM Friday 9 AM - 6 PM Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

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(205) 444-7800

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CLOSED DATES

Tue., Dec. 3 • Close at 3 PM for City of Hoover Christmas Tree Lighting Tue., Dec. 24 • Christmas Eve Wed., Dec. 25 • Christmas Day Tue., Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve Wed., Jan. 1 • New Year's Day Mon., Jan. 20 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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