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February Events at the Greenville County Library System

The Greenville County Library System will be closed on Monday, February 16.

Greenville, SC - For those looking to learn new computer skills, Lifelong Learning of the Greenville County Schools, in affiliation with the Greenville County Library System, are presenting several classes:

Eeek! It's a Mouse!

Monday, February 2 • 9:30a-12:30p or 2:00p -5:00p

Hughes Main Library, Computer Training Lab

This three-hour computer course is designed for the "technologically terrified." Receive instruction on computer basics, beginning with how to use a mouse and explore Windows. Then learn how to use toolbars, size windows and play cards. This program is free, but space is limited and registration is required. **Contact Lifelong Learning of the Greenville County Schools at 355-6059** for more information and registration.

Windows XP

Tuesday, February 3-Thursday, February 6 • 9:30a-12:30p

Hughes Main Library, Computer Training Lab

This 12-hour course includes an introduction to the Desktop, using the Taskbar, using Windows Explorer, managing folders, mouse control, finding, saving and sorting documents, and disk management. **Contact Lifelong Learning of the Greenville County Schools at 355-6059** for more information and registration. Cost is \$60 for library card holders and seniors, and \$90 for the general public.

Excel I

Tuesday, February 3- Thursday, February 6 • 2:00p-5:00p

Hughes Main Library, Computer Training Lab

This 12-hour course will teach you how to create professional looking spreadsheets. You will learn to change background color, center text across columns, align text on top of text in one cell, enter formulas to perform calculations and use field handles to copy

data. **Contact Lifelong Learning of the Greenville County Schools at 355-6059** for more information and registration. Cost is \$60 for library card holders and seniors, \$90 for the general public.

Spanish Survival: Level 1

Mauldin (W. Jack Greer) Branch: Every Thursday • February 5-March 12

Augusta Road (Ramsey Family) Branch: Every Thursday • February 19-March 26

Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch: Every Monday • February 23-March 30

Lacking simple Spanish-language skills? Learn basic Spanish vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. 12 hours of instruction. **Contact Lifelong Learning of the Greenville County Schools at 355-6059** for more information and registration. Cost is \$70 for library card holders and seniors, \$90 for the general public.

Greenville, SC - The Greenville County Library System is offering a three-part series called "Preserving Your Family History," where you will learn great ways to research, retell and preserve your family name for your children, grandchildren and beyond!

Preserving Your Family History: Genealogy

Tuesday, February 3 • 6:00p

Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch

Join our genealogist expert from the South Carolina Room as she explains how to trace family history using the resources available in the library. **Call 877-8722** for more information.

Preserving Your Family History: Telling Your Story

Tuesday, February 17 • 6:00p

Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch

A storyteller and historian from the Greer Heritage Museum will discuss how to research your family history. You will learn about the resources available in and around Greer, and learn several ways to save your family's stories and pass them on to future generations. **Call 877-8722** for more information.

Upcoming – Preserving Your Family History: Scrapbooking

Tuesday, March 3 • 6:00p

Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch

Now that you've researched your family's history and learned how to tell your story, create a scrapbook! Instructors will show you how to put together a scrapbook page. \$10 materials fee. **Call 877-8722** for more information and registration.

Greenville, SC – Greenville County Library System book discussion groups continue lively discussions of literature this February:

Tuesday, February 3 • 7:00p

Fountain Inn (Kerry Ann Culp Younts) Branch

Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen will be discussed. Call 862-2576 for more information.

Travelers Rest Book Discussion Group

Monday, February 9 • 1:00p

Travelers Rest (Sargent) Branch

The Guersey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Anne Barrows will be discussed. Call 834-3650 for more information.

Tuesday, February 24 • 10:30a

Simpsonville (Hendricks) Branch

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen will be discussed. Call 963-9031 for more information.

AARP Tax Preparation

Wednesdays and Thursdays, February 4-April 15 • 9:30-2:30

Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch

The AARP is offering free tax preparation to elderly and low-income taxpayers. Consultations will be held between 9:30a and 2:30p. Call **877-8722** to schedule an appointment.

Storytelling in the African-American Tradition

Thursday, February 5 • 7:00p

Hughes Main Library

Elaine Nichols, curator of History at the SC State Museum, will give a history of African and African-American storytelling and then move to a delightful sample of interesting stories. Participants are encouraged to share family stories, both factual and fictional. Call 527-9293 for more information.

Living Well with Less Money

Saturday, February 7 • 10:30a (Beginner Class)

Tuesday, February 10 • 6:30p (Advanced Class)

Augusta Road (Ramsey Family) Branch

Bring a friend and join Brandy Long for money management and money saving tips, adaptable to a variety of lifestyles and situations. Call 277-0161 for more information and registration.

Real Life Internet: The Basics

Tuesday, February 10 • 6:30p-8:00p

Mauldin (W. Jack Greer) Branch

Learn how to "surf" the World Wide Web using an Internet browser. Discover what information and services you can find on the Internet and set up an email account. Minimum skill requirements: Basic typing/keyboarding ability and basic knowledge of a computer mouse. This program is free and open to the public, but space is limited and registration required. Call **242-5000 x2219** for more information and registration.

Homework "Boot Camp" for Parents

Thursday, February 12 • 7:00p

Hughes Main Library, Training Lab

Receive a general overview of the library's research databases, including SchoolRooms, and learn efficient search strategies in order to successfully help your child with homework and studying. Registration required. Call 242-5000 x2247 or email jbabb@greenvillelibrary.org.

Get Connected with Books**Saturday, February 14 • 1:00p****Travelers Rest (Sargent) Branch**

Are you looking for a good book to read? Want to hear what other people are saying about books they've read? Library staff will give an overview of reader's advisory resources available at the library. Call 834-3650 for more information and registration.

A Corpus of American Crime: Classic and Hard-boiled Detective Stories**Book Discussion Series****Tuesday, February 24 • 7:00p – 8:30p****Hughes Main Library**

Follow the twists and turns of the evidence, the intrigues and deceptions of murder and mystery with four famous fictional detectives. In this first of four meetings, Edgar Allan Poe's short stories "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," "The Mystery of Marie Roget" and "The Purloined Letter" will be discussed. Call 242-5000 x2219 for more information and registration.

Ready, Set...Read!**Every Child Ready to Read****Saturday, February 28 • 10:30a-11:45a****Hughes Main Library, Story Room**

This nation-wide program unveils the secrets to effective pre-reading. From infancy to kindergarten, equip yourself with the six essential tools to excite and prepare young minds. Join us and learn the simple steps that can dramatically improve your youngster's ability to read. Start sharing the magic of books! Registration begins January 23. Call 242-5000 x2249 for more information and registration.

About the Greenville County Library System:

Founded in 1921, the Greenville County Library System operates 11 facilities, a bookmobile, and a website that provide information, materials, and engaging programs delivered with world-class technology and a customer-centric approach. The Library System offers free access to resources and experiences and continually strives to be the community's destination of choice for exploring the world. For more information, visit the Library's website at www.greenvillelibrary.org.

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