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JGRLS Announces November 2026 Systemwide Highlights and Branch Programs

Story to Stage America250, holiday activities, creative workshops and family learning across Jackson and George counties

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Jackson-George Regional Library System welcomes November with an interactive traveling exhibit, hands-on workshops, storytimes, book clubs, community giving and holiday activities for all ages. Most programs are free, although some require advance registration, have age requirements or offer limited seating. Patrons are encouraged to contact the hosting branch before attending.

November Holiday Schedule

All JGRLS branches will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day and will reopen Thursday, Nov. 12, at regular hours. JGRLS honors and thanks the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

For Thanksgiving, all branches will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, remain closed Nov. 26–28, and reopen Monday, Nov. 30, at regular hours. Recurring programs do not meet during systemwide closures. Contact the hosting branch for replacement dates or changes to programs near the Nov. 25 closing time.

Digital resources remain available during the holidays. Enjoy e-books and audiobooks with Libby, films with Kanopy, music with Freegal and baking courses through Universal Class. These resources are free with a valid library card.

Featured November Highlight

Story to Stage America250 at Pascagoula Public Library

Families are invited to read, imagine and take center stage inside Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street, through January 10, 2027. Story to Stage: America250 connects children's literature, American history and imaginative play through more than 50 books highlighting historical figures and important moments in American history.

The exhibit explores six themes — Bravery, Freedom, Home, Stewardship, Citizenship and Generosity. An interactive Story Tree introduces characters, plot, setting, problems and solutions. With costumes and props, children can act out stories, portray historical figures or create adventures of their own. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to join the fun.

Created by the Mississippi Children's Museum and presented in collaboration with the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, the traveling exhibit celebrates America's 250th birthday. Visit during regular library hours. For more information, call 228-769-3060. This official America250 project was made possible by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council, through support from the State of Mississippi.

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November E Resource Highlight

JGRLS is featuring Kanopy and its Thanksgiving Film Festival throughout November. Cardholders can enjoy thousands of films, documentaries, educational programs and family favorites at no additional cost. The festival offers a curated collection of family-friendly films and shows for shared holiday viewing. To begin streaming, visit www.kanopy.com/en/jgrls or contact a JGRLS branch for assistance.

East Central Public Library in Hurley

Monday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m. — Cozy Mug Rug Workshop. Ms. Rebecca will guide participants in making mini quilts by hand or sewing machine. Recommended for ages 16 and older. Fabric and batting are provided by the Friends of the East Central Public Library; participants may bring their own materials or machines.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. — From the Wilds to the Table. Discover where familiar fruits and vegetables originated and test your knowledge of food history. Prizes, refreshments and selections from the library's tea collection will be available.

Monday, Nov. 16, 2–5 p.m. — Coffee-Stained Bookmarks. Teens can drop in to create personalized bookmarks using coffee-staining and painting techniques.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1 p.m. — A Feast Within the Flyleaf. Explore books arranged into appetizer, dinner and dessert courses while discovering authors and genres. Tea and refreshments are provided.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Mahjong Club meets Wednesdays from 12:30–3:30 p.m. with beginner instruction, guided play and open play; seating is limited and reservations are encouraged. Teatime Thursday is held Thursdays at 1 p.m. Families may register children from birth through age 5 for the year-round 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge. Contact the branch for Book Swap details.

For more information: 228-588-6263

Gautier Public Library

Thursdays through Nov. 19, 4:30–6:30 p.m. — Cooking Matters. The hands-on cooking course covers food preparation, grocery shopping, budgeting and nutrition. Contact Shelby E. Naron at 228-769-3213 or sen174@msstate.edu for session dates and registration information.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 4:30 p.m. — LEGO Night. Builders of all skill levels can create, explore and connect with fellow LEGO enthusiasts.

Saturday, Nov. 14, noon — Magic The Gathering Game Day. New and experienced players are welcome for an afternoon of gaming and community connection.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m. — Page Turners Book Club. Discuss *Daughter of Egypt* by Marie Benedict at Baywood Nutrition, 3880 Gautier Vancleave Road. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. — Beginner Crochet Class. Adults can learn step by step with no previous experience required. All supplies are provided.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Bingo Night is held the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Antonio's Pizzeria, 3316 Ladnier Road; Junk Journaling meets the first Saturday at 11 a.m.; Lapsit Storytime is Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.; Storytime is Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Friends of the Library meets the third Wednesday at 10 a.m.; and Trivia Night is held the last Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Antonio's Pizzeria. Visitors may choose one complimentary tea bag daily from the Little Free Tea Library. The Community Propagation Station offers one plant cutting per person, and the Seed Library provides flower and vegetable seeds, while supplies last.

For more information: 228-497-4531

Lucedale George County Public Library

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. — Bilingual Día de los Muertos Storytime. Families can enjoy a story in English and Spanish while learning about Mexican American culture, traditions and simple phrases in another language.

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Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. — Adult Technology and Computer Literacy. A beginner-friendly computer lab lesson introduces computers, printers, email and the library's website.

Monday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m. — GCASA Homeschoolers Craft Bazaar. Homeschool students can become merchants and "sell" homemade goods without exchanging real money. Entry is free and open to all homeschoolers.

Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. — Kid's Collection Exhibition. Explore museum-style displays created by young collectors in the community. Admission is free.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m. — Beginner Watercolor Workshop. Professional artist Christine Cole will introduce foundational watercolor techniques in a welcoming setting.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. — Art Eros Button Bar at the Lucedale Art Festival. Visit the library's outreach activity in downtown Lucedale to design a button inspired by a favorite art style and learn about library resources.

Monday, Nov. 23, 2–4 p.m. — George County Middle School Mahjong Club Meetup. Club members can practice strategies and enjoy friendly competition during Thanksgiving break. Contact Mr. Jacob Havard for program information.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Storytime is Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; LEGO Club meets the first and third Tuesday at 4 p.m.; Bingo is the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.; Friends of the Library meets the first Thursday at 3:30 p.m.; and Writers Club meets the last Tuesday at 5 p.m. Library Club normally meets the fourth Wednesday, and Teen Crochet Club normally meets the fourth Thursday at 4 p.m.; contact the branch for November holiday adjustments. Children younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult for programs requiring supervision.

For more information: 601-947-2123

[Ina Thompson Moss Point Library](#)

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 5 p.m. — Edgewise DIY Stenciled Book Edges. Adults ages 18 and older can personalize books using decorative stencils. Supplies and guidance are provided. Registration is required.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 5 p.m. — Fall Luminaire Workshop. Adults ages 18 and older can decorate mason jars with fall leaves to create seasonal luminaires. Materials are provided and registration is required.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 24, 4 p.m. — Mindful Motion. Enjoy gentle chair yoga and tai chi activities supporting movement, balance and relaxation. Sessions use video instruction and printed guides.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m. — The Wandering Library Petra Jordan. Explore the history and mysteries of the Rose-Red City through a virtual tour. For adults ages 18 and older; registration is required. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Moss Point Library.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. — A I and ChatGPT 101 Getting Started. A beginner-friendly, hands-on introduction to artificial intelligence tools for writing, brainstorming, planning and everyday tasks. Registration is required; snacks are provided.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. — Roll for Initiative. Participants ages 10 and older can learn tabletop role-playing through group storytelling, choices and dice. No experience is required. Registration is required. Another session is scheduled for Dec. 12.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. — Crochet Club. Bring a current project, exchange ideas and connect with other crafters. Registration is requested.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2:30–3:30 p.m. — Cardboard Loom Weaving Part Three. Adults ages 18 and older who attended the first two sessions will finish their creations and remove them from their looms.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. — Case Files. Mystery enthusiasts can examine clues and work through an intriguing case. Registration is required.

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Wednesday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m. — Book Nook Tea Club. Discuss Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe by Fannie Flagg and share thoughts about its film adaptation.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 5 p.m. — Sourdough Starters. A Mississippi State University Extension guest speaker will introduce sourdough baking and share information for getting started. Registration is required.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Youth Book Club meets Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.; contact the branch for the Nov. 25 schedule. Literary Compass normally meets the last Wednesday at 3:30 p.m., and Midweek Literary Society meets every other Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. We Don't Judge Book Club normally meets the second Wednesday at 5 p.m. for adults ages 18 and older; contact the library for November arrangements because of the Veterans Day closure. The dated Book Nook Tea Club program above is scheduled for Nov. 18.

For more information: 228-475-7462

[Ocean Springs Municipal Library](#)

Throughout November — Senior Giving Tree. Select a senior from the Giving Tree and help brighten the holidays for Ocean Springs Senior Center participants. Purchase gifts valued at less than \$50 and return them unwrapped by noon Thursday, Dec. 3. Friends of the Library will wrap gifts for distribution.

Through Saturday, Nov. 14 — Reading Is Exercise Challenge. Children and teens can track 1,000 minutes of reading for an opportunity to win a grand prize, with weekly prizes provided by the Friends of the Library. Pick up a bookmark reading log at the branch.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1–2 p.m. — Let's Talk Music. Bring favorite music, share recommendations and connect with others who enjoy exploring artists, songs and genres.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Bead and Craft Club meets the first and third Thursday from 5–6 p.m.; True Crime Book Club meets the second Thursday from 5–6:30 p.m. at Pass Books, 1110-B Government Street; Shut Up and Write meets every other Wednesday from 4:30–6 p.m.; Lapsit Storytime is Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and preschool Storytime is Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Kids Drawing Club meets every other Wednesday from 4:30–5:30 p.m.; Tween/Teen Drawing Club for ages 10–18 meets every other Wednesday from 4–6 p.m. Call for alternate-week dates.

Recurring and ongoing programs: The Jackson County 4-H Robotics and STEM Club meets every other Tuesday from 5:30–6:30 p.m. for ages 5–18, with registration required. LEGO Club meets the first and third Tuesday from 3:30–5 p.m.; Mahjong meets Thursdays from 3–5 p.m.; Junk Journaling meets the second Saturday from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; adult Bingo meets the third Thursday at 2 p.m.; Gaming Club meets the third Wednesday from 5–6 p.m.; and Cookbook Club meets the third Saturday from noon–1 p.m.

Recurring and ongoing programs: On the fourth Tuesday, Tea Club meets at 1 p.m., CRAFTernoon Teatime meets at 2 p.m. with advance registration, and Evening Book Club meets at 5 p.m. Adult Watercolor meets the second Monday at 10 a.m. with registration; Memory Café meets the first Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center, 515 Washington Avenue. The Board Game Exchange is available during open hours. Sit, Stay, Read normally meets the last Saturday from 10 a.m.–noon; contact the branch for November arrangements because of the Thanksgiving closure.

For more information: 228-875-1193

[Pascagoula Public Library](#)

Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, 10 a.m. — Lapsit Storytime with Ms Bethany. Children from birth through age 2½ and their caregivers can explore stories through sight, sound, touch and movement.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 5 p.m. — Bad Art Night. Forget perfection and create unusual, intentionally imperfect artwork. Library personnel will judge the creations and award a prize. No artistic experience is necessary.

Saturday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m. — Real-World Ready Life Skills for Teens. An automotive specialist will introduce essential car-care skills, including checking oil, gauging tire pressure and other basic maintenance.

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Thursday, Nov. 19, 4–5 p.m. — LEGO Club. Young builders can construct architectural designs and original creations. Bricks are provided; children younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 5–6 p.m. — Paper Airplane Night. Celebrate Aviation History Month by folding paper airplanes and competing in a fly-off. All ages are welcome.

Monday, Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m. — Crafty Kids Thanksgiving Crafts. Children can create seasonal crafts with supplies provided by the Friends of the Pascagoula Public Library.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Preschool Storytime with Ms. Sara is held Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Tuesday Teatime runs from noon–2 p.m.; and Silent Circle Book Club meets the third Tuesday from 5–6 p.m. with no assigned book. Families can also explore Story to Stage during regular library hours.

For more information: 228-769-3060

St Martin Public Library

Thursday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m. — Diamond Art Magnets. Adults ages 18 and older can create festive magnets with supplies from the Friends of the St. Martin Library. Registration begins Nov. 1 and is required.

Monday, Nov. 9, 4:30 p.m. — Yarn-Wrapped Letters. Teens ages 12–17 can create personalized décor or handmade gifts. Supplies are provided and registration is required.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m. — DIY Lava Lamp Experiment. Children ages 6–12 can explore the science behind a colorful bubbling reaction. Space is limited and registration is required.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. — Storytime with a Park Ranger. Gulf Islands National Seashore Park Ranger Sarah Dutton will share information about natural resources and conservation. Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. — Starry Night with a Twist. Families can reimagine Vincent van Gogh's *The Starry Night* using unconventional supplies. The program is self-paced; supplies are provided and registration is required.

Monday, Nov. 16–Monday, Dec. 14 — Letters to Santa. Children may write a letter and place it in Santa's special mailbox at the library. Santa will reply to everyone who drops off a letter by Dec. 14.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 3:30 p.m. — T-Shirt Tote Bags. Repurpose a T-shirt into a reusable tote. Bring an old shirt or use one provided. Registration is required; children younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 3 p.m. — Oyster-Shell Decoupage. Adults ages 18 and older can learn about oysters' role in the Gulf Coast ecosystem and turn shells into decorative keepsakes. Registration is required.

Recurring and ongoing programs: Homeschool Crafternoon is held the second Tuesday from 1–2 p.m. for elementary-aged children. LEGO Club normally meets the third Tuesday at 3:30 p.m., and The Creative Collective teen art program normally meets the second Monday at 4:30 p.m. Contact the branch to confirm how these recurring programs coordinate with the dated craft programs above. Children younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult where required.

For more information: 228-392-3250

Vancleave Public Library

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4 p.m. — Thankful Turkey Tubes. Elementary and middle-school students can turn recycled toilet paper rolls and yarn into Thanksgiving decorations.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. — Christmas Cross-Stitch. Adults may drop in to stitch a Christmas ornament for their home or a handmade gift.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. — Friends of the Library Yard Sale. Shop reasonably priced items while supporting library programs. Donations of gently used items will be accepted Nov. 7–13 during library hours, excluding the Nov. 11 closure. Clothing will not be accepted. Donated items become Friends property and will be priced and sold by the group.

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Recurring and ongoing programs: Pause Play Connect offers tweens and teens an after-school hangout Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at The Next Chapter. Senior Cookie Baking meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. with first-come, first-served registration; Beginning Crochet meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m., with participants bringing a hook and yarn. Open Studio Tuesdays runs from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sewing Machine 101 is available by appointment; Quilting Bees meets Mondays from 4–6 p.m.; and Storytime is Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Recurring and ongoing programs: LEGO Club meets the first Monday at 5 p.m.; Book Talk and Potluck meets the first Wednesday at 1 p.m.; and First Friday Food Trucks serve from 11 a.m.–7 p.m., or until sold out. For food truck information, call 228-238-9188. Contact the branch for any Nov. 25 adjustments to afternoon activities.

For more information: 228-826-5857

Plan Your Visit

Contact the hosting branch for registration, program requirements, holiday adjustments and current availability. For branch locations, hours, digital resources and the latest updates, visit www.jgrls.org or follow @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

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