ALL IN MOUNTAIN BROOK SEEKS COMMUNITY EFFORT TO HELP YOUTH

A year ago, a small group began meeting to discuss the need for a community organization in Mountain Brook focused on enhancing and protecting the lives of Mountain Brook youth. That phrase “enhancing and protecting the lives of Mountain Brook youth” became the purpose statement of the new nonprofit organization, All In Mountain Brook. Since formation in late summer, the organization has presented a number of programs and is planning more.

“All In Mountain Brook is an expansion of the Mountain Brook Antidrug Coalition, which it replaces,” said All In Mountain Brook’s board president, Leigh Ann Sisson. “The school system has worked on high-risk behavior among youth for many years. They have focused on educating and empowering parents. Over time, those efforts became so identified with the school system that the original intent of the Coalition, to be a community-wide organization, had been lost. We want to return to the original community-wide focus through this new organization,” Sisson said.

Board member Elizabeth Dunn, who also serves on the school board, said that while school-based programs are a critical part of the effort, the community has to avoid thinking of youth-related problems as school-related problems. “All In Mountain Brook is expansion of the Mountain Brook Antidrug Coalition,” Dunn said.

“We are just starting,” Sisson said. “We have a lot of programs coming up. We are excited about what we are doing.”

To learn more about All In Mountain Brook, visit www.allinmountainbrook.com.
matters. “There are 8760 hours in a year. Of those, a student in our school system spends 1350 hours in school. The schools have a responsibility, but it’s just one part of the picture. Youth health and safety affect every person because teens are on our streets, in our churches, in our homes and neighborhoods, in our businesses, and in our medical facilities.”

The organization seeks to involve four key parts of the Mountain Brook community in its activities: The schools, the worship communities, the business community, and city government. All In Board of Directors Chairman Jack Young, a parent with children in Brookwood Forest, says that the community focus is reflected in the composition of the Board of Directors. “We have school leaders, people in pastoral work, health care, and city government. The business community is represented by board member Suzan Doidge, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, among others.”

What are some of the problems the organization hopes to address? “Many feel that teenagers in Mountain Brook are under more stress than others,” said board member Dale Wisely, of Mountain Brook Schools, who often reports on an anonymous annual survey administered to teenagers in Mountain Brook regarding substance use and abuse and high-risk behavior. “Nationwide, it is clear that the overwhelming majority of deaths and disabling injuries among youth are related to psychosocial factors and behavior. The top killers are motor vehicle accidents, suicide, and homicide. All are often related to psychosocial matters, including substance abuse. Mountain Brook youth consistently show rates of alcohol use greater than national and state averages. Underage drinking is a serious problem in Mountain Brook—more than in most places.”

In the last few months, All In Mountain Brook has supported presentations for parents and students, providing financial support and community publicity. A recent online survey had 925 respondents identify their interests in program topics. The highest levels of interest were in programs on recent trends in substance abuse, underage drinking, and youth and technology issues. However, the organization also hopes to present programs on eating disorders, common psychological disorders among youth, stress and anxiety, and others.

The organization will need funds to accomplish its mission. The Mountain Brook City Council recently voted to provide financial support. The organization is planning a spring fundraiser. Community members are asked to become members. Individual/family memberships are $25. Corporate memberships are $250.

Board Chairman Jack Young is mindful of what lies ahead. “One of our goals for All In,” said Jack Young, “is to provide concrete resources to help our parents raise healthy and safe children and, therefore, families.”

Try as we might, the children and families in our community are not shielded from the realities of issues like substance abuse, underage drinking, etc. Having a community-wide organization to serve as a resource for information, education, programs and support just makes sense.

– Don Menendez, All in Board of Directors

The most important task we have as a community is to assure that our children in an environment where we expect them to be sober through their high school years. Sobriety—refraining from drugs and alcohol—is the greatest gift we can give our young people and their families.

– Rabbi Jonathan Miller, All in Board of Directors

How you can be ALL IN Mountain Brook:

Visit the website at www.allinmountainbrook.org. Click on “Join us” and become a member. Your membership contribution will fund community programs for our families and youth. Watch this introductory video: http://vimeo.com/103345062

LIKE the organizations facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/allinmountainbrook

Watch for announcements of programs and attend!
RESIDENT’S SURVEY

The results of the 2014 Residents’ Survey were extremely positive about City services and we thank you for your confidence in your City government and leadership.

The survey results revealed that Mountain Brook residents wanted improvement and additional attention in three (3) areas:

➢ Road improvements and paving
➢ Additional and improved street lighting
➢ Traffic congestion

In order to address these three (3) areas, the following is an update on our progress.

All In MountainBrook Board of Directors

Chairman
Mr. Jack Young,
Attorney at Law
Ferguson Frost Moore & Young, LLP

President
Mrs. Leigh Ann Sisson
Mountain Brook Parent/ Volunteer

Mr. Richard C. Barlow,
Superintendent
Mountain Brook Schools

Mr. R. Bruce Barze, Jr.,
Attorney at Law
Balch & Bingham, LLP

Mrs. Leslie Brown, Coordinator
Alabama Safe Kids,
Children’s of Alabama

Chief Ted Cook
Mountain Brook Police Department

Mrs. Alice Churnock
Covenant Counseling Center

Mr. Donald Clayton, Principal
Mountain Brook Junior High

Mr. William Dow, CPA
Warren Averett CPAs & Advisors

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunn,
Member,
Mountain Brook Board of Education

Mrs. Suzan Doidge, Executive Director
Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce

Chief Robert Ezekiel
Mountain Brook Fire Department

Mr. Richard C. Barlow
Superintendent
Mountain Brook Schools

Mr. Sam Gaston
Mountain Brook City Manager

Mrs. Amanda Hood, Principal
Mountain Brook High School

Mrs. Laurie King, Principal
Crestline Elementary

Rabbi Jonathan Miller
Temple Emanu-El

Mrs. Laura Sink
Mountain Brook Parent/ Volunteer

Mr. Dan Starnes, Publisher
Village Living

Stephen M. Taylor, M.D., M.P.H.
Medical Director,
National Basketball Association/National Basketball Players’ Association Player Assistance/Anti-Drug Program

Dale Wisely, Ph.D., M.T.S.
Director of Student Services,
Mountain Brook Schools

RESIDENT’S SURVEY Update and Progress

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PAVING

The City was able to repave portions of five (5) other streets in late summer in addition to the streets repaved in the summer of 2014. These street sections included:

- Pump House Road – From city limits to Highway 280 bridge
- Overton Road – From Highway 280 to North Woodridge Road
- 3600 block of North Woodridge Road
- Green Valley Road – From Whole Foods to city limits
- Mill Springs Road – From Old Leeds Road to city limits

STREET LIGHTING

- Every Fall, our police patrols check the street lights throughout the City to report lights that are not working to Alabama Power Company for repairs. Over twenty lights were identified and repaired.
- Residents, perhaps due to the reminder in our quarterly newsletter, reported 12 lights in November and December that were out and they have been repaired.

- Two (2) street lights that were destroyed in past storms, have been reinstalled by Alabama Power Company.
- Eleven (11) street lights were upgraded on Mountain Brook Parkway and two (2) existing street lights in neighborhoods were upgraded to higher wattage.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The City has received an APPLE grant from the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to study up to eight (8) intersections, not yet identified, in the community. The grant will allow the city and its traffic engineering consultant, Skipper Consultants, to review and formulate recommendations on how these intersections can be improved or modified to reduce traffic congestion. This project will start in early 2015 with a citizens involvement meeting to help identify these areas. If you have any suggestions, please contact the City Manager at 802-3800 or gastons@mtnbrook.org.
Members of the Tree Commission will be distributing tree seedlings as part of the annual Arbor Day celebration on Saturday March 21, 2015, from 9:00am - 12:00pm, or as long as supplies last. Free tree seedlings will be available at the following locations: Piggly Wiggly (River Run—Overton Rd), Western in Mountain Brook Village, Whole Foods in Cahaba Village, and the Emmet O’Neal Library in Crestline. This year’s native tree selections include white dogwood, eastern redbud, southern red oak, southern wax myrtle, yaupon holly, and black gum. Members will be on hand at each site to provide information about the trees, planting tips, and more. The Mountain Brook Tree Commission wishes to thank all the individuals and entities whose contribution and cooperation continue to make this a perennially successful and worthwhile event, especially Piggly Wiggly, Whole Foods, Western, Emmet O’Neal Library, and Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church. For their continued commitment to help prepare and package the seedlings for distribution, we thank Boy Scout Troop 320. This event is simply not possible without all the support and assistance!

Additionally, we have been working to enhance our Tree Commission web pages, housed on the city’s main website. Please revisit our pages at www.mtnbrook.org over the next couple months for information related to upcoming events!

Don Cafaro  
City Arborist
Leadership Mountain Brook Project

The city recently completed a project that was recommended by Leadership Mountain Brook and approved by the City Council. The project was a recycling project in Crestline, Mountain Brook, and English Village. The Public Works department installed seven new dual liner receptacles. The new receptacles feature a recycling and trash lid that is both labeled and separated into a semi-circle trash section and a circular recycling section for plastic bottles and cans. The new receptacle locations are as follows:

English Village:
- Cahaba Road and Fairway Drive in front of Billy’s

Mountain Brook Village:
- Canterbury Road and Culver Road
- Cahaba Road near Leaf and Petal
- Montevallo Road near Avo

Crestline Village:
- Church Street in front of City Hall
- Keely Court and Dan Watkins Drive
- Church Street in front of Town and Country

Public Works will monitor the recycling with hopes of adding additional receptacles in the future.

Leaf Collection Update

Loose-leaf collection service will end on March 1, 2015. Please refer to your schedule to confirm the remaining collection dates for your area. It can be accessed on the city’s webpage at www.mtnbrook.org. If your leaves are put out on the street after the beginning of the 4th and final round, they must be bagged. Also, please do not have your leaf piles staged in close proximity to the storm drains. If you choose to bag your leaves, then your bagged leaves will be serviced on your regularly scheduled trash collection day. Larger trash items should be placed near the curb for knuckle-boom truck collection.

You may or may not know that the loose-leaf collection is part of the City’s refuse contract with Waste Management. The collected leaves are hauled to our facility at 3579 East Street. The leaves are pushed into piles, turned, and as a result of decomposing, become compost, a useful gardening by-product of the leaves. To learn more on how to get compost; go to the Public Works page of the Mountain Brook website and click on refuse/compost and then compost policy.

Take Pride in Our City

Do your part to keep our City clean and attractive. Litter is not only unattractive but costly to clean up. Trash and litter should be properly deposited in a waste container or recycling bin. Large trash items should be left at the curb (not in the street) for pick up by Waste Management.

Additionally, pets should be curbed at all times and never soil our sidewalks, playing fields or your neighbor’s yard. Pet owners should immediately and properly clean up any accidents that may occur.

“Don’t just do what’s your responsibility, do what needs to be done.”
- Pivot

Street Light Out?

Alabama Power Company maintains nearly 400 street lights on the streets and alleys of our city. However, they do not regularly check for street lights that are not working. If you see a street light that is out, please report it to the City Manager’s office at 802-3800 or gastons@mtnbrook.org so the City can coordinate its repair with Alabama Power Company.
Park and Recreation News

There is a new restroom by the fields at Brookwood Forest Elementary. This is for spectators to use while visiting the fields for games. It is identical to the one at Overton Park. The Park Board is considering placing another one near the field at Crestline Elementary next year.

Cahaba River Walk is now the official name of the new 5 acre park being built on Overton Road. This park will have parking for about 20 cars, a pavilion, an outdoor classroom area, access to the river, and a paved walking trail. There is also the beginning of a trail that one day will follow the Cahaba River up to The Carraway Davies House and other river access points. The park is scheduled to be completed in late January 2015. The City will schedule an official dedication ceremony of Cahaba River Walk in the Spring.

The park has been blessed with two Eagle Scout projects—the split rail fence and natural walking trail—but if you know of a Scout who needs a project, have him contact Shanda Williams, Parks Superintendent, at 802-3877.

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WANT TO HELP US GET THESE NUMBERS LOWER?
1. Lock your vehicle
2. Take your keys
3. Don’t leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle
4. Keep lawn and sports equipment around your home secured when not in use.
5. Keep doors locked and use your security system when you’re not at home.
See it! Hear it! Report it! Let us know when you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
New Businesses

**CONSULTING**
- Portera & Associates, LLC, 14 Honeysuckle Lane, 205-807-9090
- SPM AT Home, 825 Sims Avenue, 864-918-9963

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**
- SBA and Conventional Loan Services, LLC (dba\Capital Solutions), 9 Office Park Circle, 205-969-0133
- Thesis Media & Consulting, LLC, 2003 Cahaba Road, Suite 201, 205-276-3621

**PERSONAL SERVICES**
- Connor, Jesse (dba\Coleidoscopes), 15 Office Park Circle, Suite 150, 205-496-5667
- Core Strong, LLC, 3918 Montclair Road, 205-789-6568
- Four Sides Corporation (dba\Doorstep Delivery Birmingham), 10 Office Park Circle, Suite 118, 205-903-3663
- Glendinning, Robert (dba\Rob Conrads Classic Cars), 3728 River Bend Lane, 205-907-6292

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
- Jason Michael Jack, MD (dba\Plastic Surgery Specialists, PC), 2410 Fairway Drive, 205-298-8660

**RETAIL/WHOLESALE**
- Linda Freeman Jewelry Wear (dba\Jewelry Express Direct), LLC, 3536 Brookwood Road, 205-967-5458

Schedule of Meetings

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Recent City Council Actions

The City Council has adopted or amended the following ordinances since September, 2014:

- Ordinance 1914 – amended the master development plan for The Park at Overton to allow a patio cover on Lot 5 to be 12 feet from the rear property line in lieu of the required 15 feet.
- Ordinance 1917 – approved, subject to the approval of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County, the payment of Educational Degree Premium Pay pursuant to Section IV.G. of the Personnel Board of Jefferson County “Salary Administration Guide & Pay Plan” for qualifying degrees earned from accredited institutions of higher education determined to be directly related to the responsibilities and duties of the incumbent’s classified position.
- Ordinance 1918 - elected not to come under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Tax Appeals Commission (commonly referred to as “The Alabama Tax Tribunal”).
- Ordinance 1919 – amended the Pilgram Place Development Plan previously approved by Ordinance 1747.
- Ordinance 1920 – amended Chapter 121 (“The Sign Ordinance”) of the Mountain Brook City Code.
- Ordinance 1925 – rezoned certain parcels of land from Professional District and Residence D District to Local Business District.

The City Council has authorized/approved the following projects since September, 2014:

- Authorized the execution of an APPLE grant administration agreement between the City and Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham with respect to a citywide traffic study.
- Established the employees’ and retirees’ monthly premiums for medical insurance effective October 2014 (last updated by Resolution No. 2013-123).
- Authorized the sale of certain surplus property via a public Internet auction.
- Recommended to the State of Alabama, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the issuance of a 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor License to Golden Harvest Culinary Mountain Brook, LLC (trade name La Catrina Mexican Cantina) located at 2031 Cahaba Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Authorized the execution of a right-of-way maintenance agreement with respect to the Cahaba Village development.
- Increased the salary schedule by 1-1/2% for all classified and unclassified employees effective October 7, 2014.
- Ratified the execution of a professional services agreement between the City and Sain Associates for their review of the traffic study prepared by Skipper Consulting with respect to the proposed Piggly Wiggly development on Vine Street.
- Authorized the amendment of professional service agreement between the City and Skipper Consulting with respect to the pedestrian crossing signal design at the intersection of Overton Road and Oakdale Drive/River Run Drive in the vicinity of Cahaba River Park.
- Authorized the execution of fire and emergency medical services contract between the City and Skipper Consulting with respect to the pedestrian crossing signal design at the intersection of Overton Road and Oakdale Drive/River Run Drive in the vicinity of Cahaba River Park.
- Authorized the City Manager to offer continuing medical coverage to eligible employees (namely 20 years of City service at any age or 10 years of City service for ages 60 and over) who elect to retire between January 1, 2015 and August 1, 2015.
- Authorized the execution of the following service agreements:
  - Jefferson/Blount/St. Clair Mental Health Authority - $2100
  - Jefferson County Historical Commission - $1,000
  - Alabama Symphony Association - $10,000
  - Alabama Veterans’ Memorial Foundation - $1,000
  - Mountain Brook Chamber of Commerce - $145,000
  - Birmingham Museum of Art - $13,000
  - Birmingham Botanical Society - $5,000
  - Birmingham Children’s Theatre - $5,000
  - Exceptional Foundation - $7,500
  - Birmingham Zoo - $75,000
- Authorized the acceptance of a contract change order in the amount of $5,000 with respect to the Beech Circle drainage study being conducted by Walter Schoel Engineering, Inc. (See Resolution No. 2014-182)
- Authorized the installation of a fire hydrant at 2655 Lane Park Road to serve the Grand Bohemian Inn in Mountain Brook Village (installation costs to be paid by Robins & Morton, annual rental cost to be paid by the City).
- Authorized the execution of a [commercial] Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services agreement (3300 Cahaba Road).
- Authorized the execution of the Business Associates Agreement between the City and TASC (formerly Benefit Elect of Alabama) with respect to the City’s Flexible Benefit (“cafeteria”) Plan administration services.
- Authorized either the Mayor or the City Manager of the City, for and on behalf of the City, to execute Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to Cahaba, LLC.
- Authorized either the Mayor or the City Manager of the City, for and on behalf of the City, to execute a (HIPAA) Business Associate Agreement between the City and TASC (formerly Benefit Plan) in order to ensure compliance with applicable Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act.
- Authorized Requests for Qualifications (RFQ), part one of a two-part process, to assist the City of Mountain Brook Department of Parks & Recreation in the creation of a Parks Master Plan for the Mountain Brook Parks System with a maximum budget of $30,000.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute the Subscription Agreement with respect to the Fire Department access to and use of ESO’s software and electronic patient care reporting services.
- Approved the conditional use application submitted by Graham Henderson for a conditional use (lunchtime smoothies and restaurant operation) at 2724 Cahaba Road in Mountain Brook Village.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement and general release between the City and Dr. Thomas A. Wilson, Jr. and Lynn F. Wilson with respect to the right-of-way encroachment located at 38 West Montcrest Drive.
- Authorized a professional services agreement between the City and Skipper Consulting, Inc. with respect to their traffic study of Hastings Road.
and Laurel Lane not to exceed $4,475.

- Authorized the City Manager to accept proposal submitted by Stone & Sons Electrical Contractors for the installation of pedestrian signals and traffic loop in consideration of $20,453 at Cahaba River Walk Park.
- Renamed “Cahaba River Park” to “Cahaba River Walk”.
- Recommended issuance of Retail Beer and Retail Table Wine licenses to Alabama CVS Pharmacy, LLC located at 93 Euclid Avenue.
- Approved the conditional (service) use application submitted by Mountain Brook Trading to establish a drop-off/pick-up and show room for Mountain Brook Trading at 2 Dexter Avenue.
- Approved a development agreement with Ajlouny Investments, LLC.
- Approved abatement of ad valorem taxes for Ajlouny Investments, LLC.
- Authorized a Parking Agreement between the City and Ajlouny Investments, LLC with respect to the proposed Piggly Wiggly grocery store in Crestline Village.

### Piggly Wiggly Rezoning Approved

After careful deliberation by the City’s Planning Commission and City Council, the rezoning of three parcels along Vine Street in Crestline Village has been approved to allow the construction of a new Piggly Wiggly. The site currently contains the buildings which house the Scout House, Please Reply and Crestline Early Learning Center. The proposed store will contain approximately 28,000 square feet of floor area and will utilize shared public parking on three lots that front on Church Street and Vine Street, as well as new on-street parking along the west side of Vine Street. Early versions of the proposal included a service area taking access from Vine Street; however, after a formal recommendation from the Planning Commission that there be no vehicular access from Vine Street, the service area was redesigned to take access from Church Street and the alley. As part of the proposed development a new sidewalk is to be installed along the west side of Vine Street, with a new crosswalk from the Crestline field to the subject property and a pedestrian connection to Church Street. To view the approved plans on-line, go to www.mtnbrook.org, Departments, Planning, Piggly Wiggly – Crestline Village.

### License Renewals

Did you know that business license fees for the year ended September 30, 2014 totaled $2.5 million (7.4% of the General Fund budget)?

Business license renewals for the City of Mountain Brook were due on January 1, 2015 and were delinquent January 31, 2015. Licenses not renewed timely are subject to penalties and interest.

If you have any questions concerning the renewal of your license or payment of taxes, please call the Revenue Examiner, Jack Bankston at (205) 802-3808 or the Revenue Department at 205-802-2400 option 4.

New businesses may apply for a license by printing an application from our website www.mtnbrook.org. The business license application may be found by clicking “Businesses” on the top navigation bar and then looking for “Business Application” under “Forms”.

Please be aware that home-based businesses are required to obtain a home occupation license which is also available from our website www.mtnbrook.org by clicking “Businesses” on the top navigation bar and then looking for “Home Occupation Application” under “Forms”.

Residents, please remember that when hiring a contractor to build, renovate, or repair your home or hiring a service company, please verify with the Revenue Department that the contractor is licensed to work in the City by calling (205) 802-2400 option 4. Generally, any contracting work performed within the city limits must be permitted. Permit applications may be obtained at City Hall, located at 56 Church Street.

### Lane Parke

The residential component of the Lane Parke PUD is nearing completion, with the last of the five buildings being occupied in January 2015. Construction of Kessler’s boutique hotel, The Grand Bohemian Mountain Brook, is progressing in a timely manner, with the “topping out” celebration held in December 2014. Completion of the hotel is anticipated in the summer of 2015. Construction of Phase One of the retail component may begin as soon as February 2015. Expected completion of this retail phase, with individual tenant improvements and move-in, is February 2016. To review the approved amended PUD plans for Lane Parke go to the Planning Department page of the City’s website (www.mtnbrook.org).
February marks the return of the Friends of Emmet O'Neal Library Book Sale and you're invited! All donors giving $25 or more to The Friends of the Emmet O’Neal Library will receive an invitation to the Book Sale Preview Party on Thursday, February 19th from 6pm-8:30pm. At the Preview Party you'll get first crack at the best books, including beautiful art and coffee table books, collectible items, and rare titles. Visit the Friends page of the Library’s website at www.eolib.org/friends.php and donate today!

The sale opens to the public Friday and Saturday, February 20th and 21st from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, February 22nd from 1pm-4pm.

Our Friends group accepts donations throughout the year in preparation for this sale. Simply ring the doorbell at the back door of the Library to drop off your books. We will give you a hand bringing them in and provide a receipt for tax purposes.

Authors @ EOL

Stop by the library in the next few months for a visit with authors on the following fascinating topics:

**February 4th** – Local author Billy McDonald will inspire us this afternoon with tales of his father’s exploits as a pilot for the famed White Tigers. This group of men flew missions over Japan from their base in China during WWII. His book, The Ghost Tiger details his achievements. This program is part of our regular Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch Series, so please bring a sack lunch! Doors will open at noon, the program will begin at 12:30 p.m.

**February 25th** - Woody Norman and Bill Cabaniss will visit the library to speak on Mr. Cabaniss' long and distinguished political and diplomatic career. Mr. Norman spent several years interviewing friends, family and associates of Mr. Cabaniss to gain insight into his state, national and international impact on the worlds of politics and business. This program is part of our regular Wednesday Brown Bag Lunch Series, so please bring a sack lunch! Doors will open at noon, the program will begin at 12:30 p.m.

**April 26th** - The library will host visiting poet Alice Smith in honor of National Poetry Month. Please join us on Sunday, April 26th from 2-3 p.m. for a poetry reading and discussion. Her works have been read and endorsed by some of our favorite authors such as Clyde Edgerton and Lee Smith.

50th Anniversary Contest

September 2015 marks the Emmet O’Neal Library’s 50th Anniversary as a cornerstone of learning in the Mountain Brook community. To celebrate, we issue a challenge: can you read 50 books by our 50th anniversary? If so you could be one of the winners of a $50 Village Gold Card. Pick up your entry sheet at the library, keep track of the titles and authors you read, and turn in your completed form to be eligible.
New Year, New Stuff

If you haven’t visited the Emmet O’Neal Children’s Department recently, now is the perfect time to drop by and try out our some of our brand new additions. Do you love using Tumblebooks’ online animated storybooks at home or at school? Now you can also use them in the library without toting your tablet along. Sit a spell at our touch-screen computer to browse the best and newest in chapter books, pictures books, graphic novels, and non-fiction – all in a kid-friendly e-book format. Many of the selections include a read-along option and accompanying games and videos.

Nooks are another platform for bringing e-books to kids. You may have checked out every single pre-loaded Nook available – but now we have more! Not only have we updated the book selections on our existing Nooks, but we’ve also purchased more Nooks that contain the best picture books and chapter books from the past year.

That’s not all that’s new around here, though. You may have already heard about Eyeplay, the Playground of the Future. We’re proud to be the first public library in the world to install Eyeplay, which projects interactive images onto the floor so kids can pop balloons, smash potatoes, catch mice, and color pictures by stepping on the game pad. Even babies can manipulate the games as they crawl across the floor. The feedback has been so positive, we went ahead and set aside specific days to run the game. Swing by one afternoon (it runs Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays) and see what all the buzz is about!

Preschool Programs

The Emmet O’Neal Library believes that all ages should enjoy the library. Infants up to 12 months are invited to bring a grown up for Thursday morning’s Patty Cake Time, a short story time including board books, music, fingerplays, tactile activities, and plenty of interaction with other babies. Patty Cake grads continue on to our Wednesday morning Mother Goose program, a lapsit time specially designed for new walkers and talkers in the 12-24 month age range. And two-year olds will find the high-energy interaction they crave in our Monday morning storytime, Toddler Tales. To register for any of these age-specific lapsit storytimes, visit us online at www.eolib.org. We also offer three all-ages programs you can simply show up to without registering. Tuesday morning Together Time and Saturday morning Storytime with Mr. Mac provide families with lively stories, songs, and puppet play. On Tuesday evenings, you’ll find a variety of short programs – storytimes, board games, movie nights, crafts, and more – as part of our family-g geared Evenings @ EOL.

School Age Programs

We also believe that nobody is too busy to enjoy the library, even folks who are in school all day. Kids who visit us after school encounter creative, exciting, and sneekily educational programming for their age group. Drop off your kinder-garteners, first graders, and second graders on Tuesday afternoons for Library Out Loud, a wild storytime with live-action stories, puppet shows, crafts, games, and a snack. Bring your upper elementary students (3rd – 6th graders) to SNaP on Thursday afternoons. Each week is different but might include video game tournaments, crafts, movies with popcorn, or special guests (who always bring cool stuff to play with). Students in 4th-6th grade are also old enough to participate in Bookmania, a pizza-fueled book discussion that happens once a month (register online at www.eolib.org).

SUMMER READING KICKOFF!

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner (well, maybe a couple of corners). And where there’s summer, there’s Summer Reading! This year’s kickoff carnival will be Sunday, May 17, 2015. We’ll blast into a super season of heroic reading with this year’s theme: Every Hero Has a Story!

Special Programs

February
• February 3, Family Night: Lew-E’s Educational Circus, 5:30 pm
• February 4, After-School Special: Tom-Foolery comedy juggling show, 3:30 pm

March
• March 10, Family Night: Cliff Patton magic show, 5:30 pm
• March 25, After-School Special: B’ham Children’s Theatre’s Queen of Hearts, 3:30 pm

April
• April 14, Family Night: Beatin’ Path’s Fam Jam: Stories and Drum Circle, 5:30 pm
• April 22, After-School Special: Earth Day with Funikijam, 3:30 pm
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