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Library Introduces Zinio

This October, the Auburn Public Library launched Zinio, a new service that allows library cardholders to download digital magazines to their computers, tablets, and mobile devices. Zinio for Libraries is provided by RBDigital, a division of Recorded Books.

The library's Zinio collection offers more than 70 titles for checkout, covering a variety of topics such as current events, interior design, cooking, travel, fitness, business, finance and technology. Among the most popular titles are *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, and *The New Yorker*.

To access Zinio, select the "Access Digital Magazines" link on the library's website (www.auburnalabama.org/library) and, using your library card number, follow the on-screen instructions to create accounts with Zinio and RBDigital. Once the accounts are created, check out individual magazine issues through the Zinio website and read them either in your web browser or with a Zinio mobile app. You can also sign up for email notifications when new issues of your favorite magazines become available. You can download as many issues of as many magazines as you like, and keep them indefinitely. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Within its first month of availability, library cardholders downloaded more than 350 digital magazines through Zinio. The launch of this service continues the Auburn Public Library's digital collection development. In 2011, the Auburn Public Library began offering patrons downloadable e-books through OverDrive. Within the past year, the library's circulation of e-books has doubled, even while circulation of print materials has held steady.

To learn more about Zinio, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/library and click the link for Digital Magazines. If you have any questions about Zinio, OverDrive, or any of the library's digital media resources, please call the Auburn Public Library at 334-501-3190. Our helpful and professional staff will be happy to assist you!



License Renewal Reminders

City of Auburn business licenses must be renewed by Tuesday, February 17, 2015 to avoid assessment of penalties and interest. Business license renewal forms will be mailed the last week of December 2014. For additional information on renewing a business license contact the Revenue Office at 501-7239 or visit the City's web page at www.auburnalabama.org/fi.

26th Annual Love Your Heart Run and 8th Annual Crank Your Heart Ride

Join Auburn Parks and Recreation and the Exceptional Outreach Organization for the 26th Annual Love Your Heart Run and 8th Annual Crank Your Heart Ride on Saturday, February 14 at Chewacla State Park. This event benefits individuals with special needs and the Lee County Special Olympics. Run or walk the Love Your Heart 10K (6.2 mile) course or walk the one-mile course. Ride the 3.5, 11, or 22 mile bike ride OR sign up for BOTH events! All routes begin and end at Chewacla State Park. Participants registered by Wednesday, February 4 are guaranteed a t-shirt. Race day registration begins at 6:15 a.m. Register online at www.loveyourheartrun.com.

Scale Back Alabama 2015

Scale Back Alabama (SBA) is a statewide weight-loss contest designed to encourage Alabamians to have fun while getting healthy. Since the first contest in 2007, Alabamians have lost more than one million pounds! This year we are excited to announce several changes, including:

- Team Members can now register themselves online!
- Teams are changing from teams of 4 to teams of 2!
- A free, online tracker for participants to track nutrition and exercise!
- FREE, weekly, community fitness events and more!

Auburn Parks and Recreation is excited to partner with SBA again this year and encourage Auburn citizens to, "Have fun while getting healthy!" Weigh in during the first week of competition and be sure to pick up a copy of the 10-week schedule for weekly fitness opportunities and weigh-ins.

Weigh-in Times Tuesday, Jan. 20

- 6 – 8 a.m.: Boykin Community Center or Frank Brown Recreation Center
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Dean Road Recreation Center
9:30-10:30 a.m.: Harris Center
Noon – 1 p.m.: Frank Brown Recreation Center
5 – 7 p.m.: Boykin Community Center

Wednesday, Jan. 21

- 6 – 8 a.m.: Boykin Community Center or Frank Brown Recreation Center
8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.: Dean Road Recreation Center
9:30-10:30 a.m.: Harris Center

2nd Annual Empty Bowls Event

Auburn Parks and Recreation's Dean Road Ceramics Studio and Opelika Parks and Recreation's Denson Drive Recreation Center will host the 2nd Annual Empty Bowls event on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. A minimum donation of \$20/person to the Food Bank of East Alabama entitles each ticket holder to a choice of a handmade bowl created by studio potters and a selection of soup, chili, and bread donated by local restaurants.

Advance ticket purchases are encouraged. Purchase tickets at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center, Dean Road Ceramics Studio, or the Denson Drive Recreation Center. All proceeds from the event benefit the Food Bank of East Alabama.

Board Vacancies

Three vacancies on the **Commercial Development Authority** will be announced at the February 3, 2015 meeting and will be filled at the March 3, 2015 City Council Meeting.

One vacancy on the **East Alabama Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board** will be announced at the February 17, 2015 meeting and will be filled at the March 17, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Citizens interested in serving are encouraged to contact their City Council member or notify the City Manager's Office.



- Noon – 1 p.m.: Frank Brown Recreation Center
5 – 7 p.m.: Boykin Community Center

Thursday, Jan. 22

- 6 – 8 a.m.: Boykin Community Center or Frank Brown Recreation Center
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Dean Road Recreation Center
9:30-10:30 a.m.: Harris Center
Noon – 1 p.m.: Frank Brown Recreation Center
5 – 7 p.m.: Boykin Community Center

Friday, Jan. 23

- 6 – 8 a.m.: Boykin Community Center or Frank Brown Recreation Center
Noon – 1 p.m.: Frank Brown Recreation Center
5 – 7 p.m.: Boykin Community Center

Scale Back Alabama is designed to address the state's challenge with obesity. Please remember to check with your health care provider before beginning a new exercise or diet regimen. Visit <http://www.aotourism.com/scalebackal> for more information.

MEETING SCHEDULE FEBRUARY

- 2 Cemeteries Advisory Board**, 4 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 3 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**, 5:15 p.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 4 Board of Zoning Adjustment**, 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 6 Tree Commission**, 11:30 a.m., Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- 10 Greenspace Advisory Board**, Noon, Harris Center, 425 Perry Street
- Historic Preservation Commission**, 4 p.m., DSB Conference Room, 171 North Ross Street
- Board of Education**, 6 p.m., AHS Multi-Media Room, 405 South Dean Road
- 12 Planning Commission**, 5 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 17 Library Board**, 2:00 p.m., Library Board Room, 749 East Thach Avenue
- Committee of the Whole**, 6:55 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- City Council**, 7 p.m., Council Chamber, 141 North Ross Street
- 19 Water Works Board**, 4 p.m., Water Board Conference Room, 1501 West Samford Avenue

Meeting times and places are subject to change.

For more information, including a map of City meeting locations, please visit www.auburnalabama.org/boards.

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Open Line Feedback

Do you have any suggestions, feedback, or story ideas that you would like to share?

If so, please contact us at openline@auburnalabama.org or call 501-7266.

up COMING EVENTS

Due to space considerations, we are unable to publicize events that are not directly affiliated with a City department.

Auburn Public Library

For more information, contact Auburn Public Library's Youth Services at 501-3196.

Auburn Public Library to host Fairytale Ball – Thursday, February 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Join us for the Auburn Public Library's first ever Fairytale Ball! Children (from birth through 5th grade) and their families are encouraged to dress as their favorite fairytale character and get swept up in the magic of fairy and folk lore. The Library will transform into a forest of wonder, and the evening will include crafts, music, and special activities, including:

- Costume Contest, with fairytale-themed prizes for 1st-3rd place in each category (Birth-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11)
- Dr. Magical Balloons • Face Painting • Costume Crafts • Photo Booth • Cupcakes

The Fairytale Ball is made possible through the support of the Friends of the Auburn Public Library. We hope to see you there!

STORYTIME

Baby Time - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for ages birth – 18 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Time - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for ages 18 months – 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Time - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. for preschoolers ages 3 – 5 years and their caregivers.

Pajama Time – Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. for the whole family. Wear pajamas, grab a blanket, bring a favorite bedtime "lovey" and join us for cozy stories, music, and family fun.

Fractured Fairytales – Wednesday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 4 – 7. Featuring *Snoring Beauty*.

Family Story Time – Sunday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. Bring the whole family and join us for stories, songs, parachute games, and family fun.

Spectrum Story Time – Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Spectrum Story Time (SST) is an educational and interactive program designed for children with sensory integration challenges and their caregivers. For cognitive ages 4 – 7. Please note that registration is required. For more information or to register, please call Youth Services at 501-3196.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

Puppet Show – Wednesday, February 4, at 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 – 7. Featuring *A Sweetheart for Fox*.

Gamer's Club – Thursdays, February 5 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 9 – 12 and February 26 at 4:00 p.m. for ages 13 – 18.

LitWits – Tuesdays, February 3 & 24 at 4:30 p.m. for ages 13 and up. 2/3 – Romance/Love Stories, 2/24 – Graphic Novels/Manga

Legomania – Join us every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for "free play" with Legos®.

ESL/ELL Homework Help – Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for grades K – 12. No appointment necessary.

Parks and Recreation

For more information on any of the events listed, or to pre-register for a program, contact Auburn Parks and Recreation at 501-2930 or visit www.auburnalabama.org/parks.

Feb. 5 - 7...26th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night - Tickets to the 26th Annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night are SOLD OUT. Ticket holders, join the fun Thursday, Feb. 5 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the Clarion Inn & Suites on S. College St. Tickets are only valid for the night they were purchased. All tickets are non-transferable and no refunds are available.

Through Feb. 6...Winter Invitational 2015 - The Winter Invitational 2015 will be on display at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center through Feb. 6. This invitational exhibition features two and three-dimensional works based on a common theme. The gallery is free and open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Beginning Feb. 17...Online Registration for Youth Track - Register for youth track beginning Tuesday, Feb. 17. Boys and girls ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate. Register online at www.auburnalabama.org/athletics. Walk-in registration will be held Tuesday, March 10 from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Dean Road Recreation Center. Registration is \$50/participant and includes a t-shirt.

Feb. 23, 24, and 26...AACT Auditions for "39 Steps" - The Auburn Area Community Theatre will host open auditions for "39 Steps" Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 23 and 24, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Jan Dempsey Community Arts Center. Callbacks will be by invitation only on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 6 - 8 p.m.

March 14...Fit as a Fiddle: A 50+ Lifestyle and Health Fair - Don't miss the 2nd Annual Fit as a Fiddle: A 50+ Lifestyle and Health Fair on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Harris Center. This FREE event offers members of the 50+ community an opportunity to visit with doctors, fitness experts, senior communities, and volunteer organizations offering products and services tailor-made for them. Businesses and organizations interested in participating may download a vendor form online at www.auburnalabama.org/parks. Spaces will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Boykin Family Fun Day

Bring the family and enjoy a day of activities for all ages at the inaugural Boykin Family Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 28 from noon - 5 p.m. at the Boykin Community Center Gym and Auditorium. Enjoy family activities such as basketball, inflatables, and movies on the big indoor screen. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Admission is FREE to the public! Concessions will be available for purchase to enjoy during the movies.



AUBURN UNIVERSITY®

March 14, 2015

2015 Jobsite Request Form

The **BIG Event** is a one-day student-run service project sponsored by Auburn University's Student Government Association. The BIG Event serves as a way for Auburn students to give back to the surrounding communities that offer continual support to the university in so many ways. This project is not based on financial need, but it is rather a way of saying THANK YOU!

If your business, church, household, or organization would like to request student volunteers for The BIG Event on **Saturday, March 14, 2015**, please fill out the following information and return to the attached address by **Saturday, February 14, 2015**.

Please return your completed form in a separate envelope postmarked by

February 14, 2015 to:

255 Duncan Drive
3130 AU Student Center
Auburn, AL 36849
ATTN: The BIG Event

*For more information visit www.aubigevent.com
or contact the SGA office at 334-844-4240

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Jobsite Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Are you a **United States Veteran**? If yes, what branch of the military? _____

When/How long did you serve? _____

Any other details of your service? _____

Brief Description of work requested:

Due to the growth of our event, we will approve applications in the order they are received. A project coordinator will contact approved projects in order to schedule a site visit. No request outside a driving distance of 15 minutes from the university will be accepted.

*We are only accepting minor exterior paint jobs and pressure washing will be done on a case-by-case basis.

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE AVAILABLE SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015 FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ONLY.
PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN REQUESTING ASSISTANCE WITH PROJECTS.