The Doris K. Wells Heritage Festival is an annual celebration of the diversity of the community served by DeKalb County Public Library. It was first created and celebrated in 1983 by Doris K. Wells as the Kwanzaa Awareness Festival at the Scott Candler Library, with attendance over 1,000. The purpose of the Festival is to honor, share and learn about the diverse cultural heritages of DeKalb County residents through special programs.

DeKalb County’s more than 700,000 residents comprise over 30 different ethnicities, religions and cultures. Throughout the months of December and January, DeKalb County Public Library will highlight our community’s diversity. Everyone is invited to learn more by attending our programs featuring music, dance, food, crafts and unique information.
Doris K Wells Heritage Festival

December 1–31 • During branch hours

Photography Exhibit: Lyrical
Lyrical: Three Photographers, Gudrun S. Hughes, Ayesha Lakes, and Jerrold Mobley take you on a journey of photographic interpretations of songs.

Embry Hills Library | 3733 Chamblee-Tucker Road | Chamblee, GA 30341 | 770.270.8230

Monday, December 2 • During branch hours

Coretta Scott King Book Award 50th Anniversary – Exhibit
The Stonecrest Library will host a pictorial display of winning books, authors and illustrators from years 2010 to 2019. The exhibit begins September 1 through December 31.

Stonecrest Library | 3123 Klondike Road | Lithonia, GA 30038 | 770.482.3828

Monday, December 2–Tuesday, December 31 • (During Branch Hours)

Kwanzaa – A Cultural Celebration Trivia Challenge
How well do you know the history of Kwanzaa? Pick up the Kwanzaa Trivia Challenge at the Circulation Desk during branch hours and challenge yourself to answer all the questions correctly to win a prize. The deadline to return trivia answers is Tuesday, December 31, at 8:00 p.m. Funding provided by the Friends of the Scott Candler Library.

Scott Candler Library | 1917 Candler Road | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.286.6986

9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

19th Annual Jubilee of Reading Book Club Conference
The 19th Annual Jubilee of Reading Book Club Conference will help advance literacy in our community and provide an outlet for book clubs to share ideas and meet well-known authors. Open to the first 150 registrants. Registration deadline November 15. Register online or pick up registration form from your nearest library location. For more information, call 404.508.7190, ext. 2257.

Stonecrest Library | 3123 Klondike Road | Lithonia, GA 30038 | 404.508.7190, ext. 2257
Saturday, December 7 • 10:30 a.m.–Noon

**Mexican Christmas Crafts**
Learn about Mexican culture by making traditional Mexican Christmas crafts. Open to first 10 participants. No registration required. Funding by Friends of the Redan-Trotti Library.

Redan-Trotti Library | 1569 Wellborn Road | Lithonia, GA 30058 | 404.508.7170

Saturday, December 7 and Saturday, December 14 • 10:00–10:45 a.m.

**Craft for Giving**
Quick crafts to make and give during the winter holidays. Registration required. Class limit 12.
**Saturday, December 7:** Alcohol Ink Tiles – Decorative tile using alcohol links
**Saturday, December 14:** Felt Mouse Ornament

Salem-Panola Library | 5137 Salem Road | Lithonia, GA 30038 | 770.987.6900

Saturday, December 7 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

**Cookies and Carols 2019**
Let’s decorate cookies and sing some songs!

Salem-Panola Library | 5137 Salem Road | Lithonia, GA 30038 | 770.987.6900

Saturday, December 7 • 2:00–4:00 p.m.

**Art in the Community — Painting Class**
Art instructor Jonessa will teach you how to paint a picture using minimal to no lines. Supplies provided but you may bring your own canvas. Class limit 10. Registration required.

Covington Library | 3500 Covington Highway | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.508.7180
Tuesday, December 10 • 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Cooking for the Holidays
As the holiday season approaches, many of us will spend extra time in the kitchen from now until the New Year, preparing wonderful foods to share with family and friends. Discuss food safety tips and how to reduce your risk for food borne illness.

Covington Library | 3500 Covington Highway | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.508.7180

Tuesday, December 10 • 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Musical Booking: Silver Leaf Baptist Church Choir

Decatur Library | 215 Sycamore Street | Decatur, GA 30030 | 404.370.3070

Thursday, December 12 • 12:30–1:30 p.m.

Floral Arrangement & Design
Local floral designer Marie Pylant will teach you the basics of floral arrangement and design. Class limit 12. Registration required. Funded by the DeKalb Library Foundation.

Scott Candler Library | 215 Sycamore Street | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.286.6986

Friday, December 13 • 11:00–11:45 a.m.

Tai Chi Flow Class — with Michael Issa
Tai Chi Flow is a perfect blend of stretching, Qigong (qi-flow) and meditation. This class will focus on producing the best health outcomes while reinforcing Tai Chi principles and fundamentals. Please wait till after class to eat lunch. Comfortable clothes are suggested, but not required. No registration required.

Dunwoody Library | 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road | Dunwoody, GA 30338 | 770.512.4640
Saturday, December 14, 2019 • 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Atlanta Chinese Dance Company Performance

The Atlanta Chinese Dance Company presents costumed traditional dances from many of China’s diverse ethnic groups. Open to first 50 participants. Groups of 5 or more must pre-register, please call 404-508-7175. Funding provided by the Friends of the Clarkston Library.

Clarkston Library | 951 N. Indian Creek Drive | Clarkston, GA 30021 | 404.508.7175

Saturday, December 14 • 11:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m.

Unity in the Community: ConunDrums

Join us as we celebrate our West African cultural heritage and connect through the rhythmic performance of drums, songs, stories and dance with ConunDrums, an all-woman drumming group. Armed with our drums, songs, stories and dance we invite you to grab a shaker, and share in the joy that has come into each of our lives through our drumming community.

Scott Candler Library | 1917 Candler Road | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.286.6986

Saturday, December 14 • 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

5th Annual Tasty Traditions: Cookie & Dessert Exchange

Make and share your family’s favorite traditional cookie or dessert and sample the desserts of other participants. Submit the recipe to be included in the cookbook given to all participants. A prize will be awarded for the tastiest family tradition. Registration required. Limited to 20 participants. The deadline to register & submit a recipe is Saturday, November 30th. Funding provided by the DeKalb Library Foundation.

Scott Candler Library | 1917 Candler Road | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.286.6986

Saturday, December 14 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Percussionist, Jerry G. White

Join us as performer and percussionist Jerry G. White makes the book, Shapes in Music, come alive with percussion instruments during this interactive musical performance! Open to the first 50 participants. Funding provided by the Friends of the Clarkston Library.

Clarkston Library | 951 N. Indian Creek Drive | Clarkston, GA 30021 | 404.508.7175
Saturday, December 14 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Kwanzaa: A Family Affair
Get ready to celebrate this special holiday with story, song and crafts. Please call or visit branch or visit our online calendar to register. Open to first 75 participants.

Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library | 2861 Wesley Chapel Road | Decatur, GA 30034 | 404.286.6980

Monday, December 16 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Genealogy Help: A Panel Discussion
Join members of the Wesley Chapel Genealogy Group as we answer genealogy related questions posed by attendees to assist them in their research endeavors.

Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library | 2861 Wesley Chapel Road | Decatur, GA 30034 | 404.286.6980

Wednesday, December 18–Wednesday, January 8 • (During Branch Hours)

Photography Exhibit
What do the Holidays Mean to Me?
Photographs were taken by local students using their artistic vision, originality and creativity to depict “What Do the Holidays Mean to Me?” The digital photography contest is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Lambda Epsilon Omega Chapter. Exhibit can be viewed during branch hours.

Scott Candler Library | 1917 Candler Road | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.286.6986

Friday, December 20 • 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Genealogy Pt. 10: What I’ll Do When Others Are Opening Gifts
Genealogy class taught by Johnette Brooks, founder of HOLLA at ya ANCESTORS. Class limit 50. For more information contact the branch.

County Line-Ellenwood Library | 4331 River Road | Ellenwood, GA 30294 | 404.241.1668
Friday, December 20 • 2:00–4:00pm

**Viva Mexico Movie Series — Coco**

Celebrate Mexico’s rich culture through their cinema in this movie series. For December, Redan-Trotti will show *Coco* (2017) starring Anthony Gonzalez and Gael Garcia Bernal. Rated PG.

Redan-Trotti Library | 1569 Wellborn Road | Lithonia, GA 30058 | 404.508.7170

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Saturday, December 21 • 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Jewelry Making Class**

For this class we will honor the Heritage Festival by creating a one of a kind, multicultural bracelet spotlighting 4 continents; Africa, Asia, Europe and North America. Funding provided by the Friends of the Clarkston Library.

Clarkston Library | 951 N. Indian Creek Drive | Clarkston, GA 30021 | 404.508.7175

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Saturday, December 28 • 1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Akbar Stories featuring Akbar Imhotep**

Join the Friends of the Flat Shoals Library as we welcome storyteller Akbar Imhotep and celebrate community. Celebrate Ujiima, the principle of collective work and responsibility during the third day of Kwanzaa.

Flat Shoals Library | 4022 Flat Shoals Parkway | Decatur, GA 30034 | 404.244.4370

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December 28 • 2:00–5:00 p.m.

**Kwanzaa Celebration 2019**

You are invited to spend an afternoon learning about and experiencing Kwanzaa through poetic drama, and the highlight of the afternoon, a traditional African Dance Troupe. Feel free to wear African attire. Light refreshments served. Open to the first 50 participants. This event is funded by the Friends of Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library.

Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library | 2861 Wesley Chapel Road | Decatur, GA 30034 | 404.286.6980
January 4, 2020 • 3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Musical Bookings: West African Kora Concert**

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora’s musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Decatur Library | 215 Sycamore Street | Decatur, GA 30030 | 404.370.3070

January 8, 22 and 29, 2020 • 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Seniors Can Salsa: Dance Series**

Learn how to Salsa dance with Academy Ballroom. Enjoy a brief performance then learn how to Salsa in this three-part series. Wear leather sole shoes. Class limit 15. Register online at dekalblibrary.org or call, 404.508.7190, ext. 2257.

Scott Candler Library | 1917 Candler Road | Decatur, GA 30032 | 404.286.6986

Saturday, January 11, 2020 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.

**Bacon Dip Demonstration**

Enjoy fun facts about turkey bacon and pork bacon. While tasting a quick and fascinating dip with minimal ingredients. Please call, visit branch, or visit our online calendar to register. Open to the first 15 participants.

Lithonia-Davidson Library | 6821 Church Street | Lithonia, GA 30058 | 770.482.3820
Saturday, January 11, 2020 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

**Storytelling with Gelia Dolcimascolo**

Join local author and DeKalb resident Gelia Dolcimascolo as she reads from her book *Effie’s Chance to Dance*. Children will then get to make a fun craft based on the book.

Dunwoody Library | 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road | Dunwoody, GA 30338 | 770.512.4640

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Friday, January 17, 2020 • 2:00-4:00pm

**Viva Mexico Movie Series — *Frida***

Celebrate Mexico’s rich culture through their cinema in this movie series. For January, Redan-Trotti will show *Frida* (2002) starring Salma Hayek and Alfred Molina. Rated R.

Redan-Trotti Library | 1569 Wellborn Road | Lithonia, GA 30058 | 404.508.7170

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Saturday, January 18, 2020 • Noon–4:30 p.m.

**Learning to Quilt**

Brown Sugar Stitchers Quilting Guild will facilitate a beginning quilt experience. All experiences welcomed. Partially funded by DeKalb Library Foundation. Supplies provided for use during session.

Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library | 2861 Wesley Chapel Road | Decatur, GA 30034 | 404.286.6980

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Saturday, January 18, 2020 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

**African Diaspora Printmaking Workshop**

Learn about the history of African diaspora printmaking and create your own African-influenced print with Atlanta artist Diyah Najah. Open to first 10 participants. No registration required.

Redan-Trotti Library | 1569 Wellborn Road | Lithonia, GA 30058 | 404.508.7170