Main Library

Hours
Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

August 2024
Visit ccpl.org for program details and library services.

Saul Alexander Gallery: August 1-31

“Dreamhouse” by Jessie Reyna

Gallery Night: Join us on Wednesday, August 7 from 6-7 p.m. for an opening reception of the new exhibit!

Artist’s Statement: “After finally watching the much anticipated film Barbie, I was struck by the chilling monologue by America Ferrera as she passionately explains to Barbie the expectations and contradictions of being a woman in today’s society. While dissecting her speech, this body of work will dive deep into the color pink in contrast with many other colors and subjects. This is to explore the perceptions of femininity, and reflect on the stigma associated with women embracing their feminine side. Over the last few years, I’ve incorporated a lot of pink into my work, and have found that the color itself results in a strong reaction from viewers, both positive and negative. For those who express their dislike for the color, it is typically described as “too girly”, which is often scoffed at and seen as less than, much like the initial reactions to the announcement of the movie Barbie. This exhibit will ask all of the important questions: Why does the color pink have such a harsh audience, and why is it not taken seriously? My hope is to reclaim vibrancy to show it also represents confidence and power, and to celebrate femininity by exploring the world of a Dreamhouse. I’m currently a studio artist at Public Works Art Center in Summerville, and have participated in various group exhibitions around the Charleston area. You can find my work at locations such as The Station Park Circle, Two Cumberland, Southern Ruetz, The Charleston City Night Market, and The Paper Canopy.”

Featured Programs

Author Talk with Otis L. Lee, Esq.
Saturday, August 24 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Auditorium

Join us for a special author event with acclaimed author Otis L. Lee, Esq. as he discusses his latest work I was Born in the Forest: A Traveler’s Guide to Quilombos, the Citadels of African Resistance to Slavery in Portuguese America, and a Story of Black Spartacus. Mr. Lee will discuss the topics of his latest work detailing the freedom struggle of Africans brought from various African nations on slave ships to the Americas and how many of them escaped and established communities in the mountains of Brazil. There will be a chance for a question and answer session. Mr. Lee’s various titles will be for purchase after the program.

“4 Pillars to Drive Your Business to Sheer Success” with Marcos Ríos
Saturday, August 31 from 12-1 p.m.
Auditorium

Join Hispanic Business Consultant Marco Ríos from Small Business Development Center for a Spanish language program on strategies for a successful business. Learn more about understanding your customer, developing a marketing strategy, diversifying your customers, running market research & including cultural factors, and developing a growth strategy.

“Los 4 pilares para el éxito de tu negocio” con Marcos Ríos
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Acompañanos a hablar con el consultor de negocios Marco Ríos del Centro de Desarrollo de Pequeñas Empresas para un programa en español sobre estrategias para un negocio exitoso. Aprender más acerca de: comprender a su cliente, desarrollar una estrategia de marketing, diversificando a sus clientes, realizar investigaciones de mercado e incluir factores culturales, e desarrollar una estrategia de crecimiento.

Adult Programs

For programs that require registration, please do so by going to the event post on ccpl.org, visiting in person, or by calling (843) 805-6930.

Series in Spotlight
Thursday, August 1 from 6-7 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Join our discussion highlighting popular book series and their beloved characters on the first Thursday of each month. This month will feature the fantasy series The Magicians by Lev Grossman.
Resume Workshop
Wednesday, August 7 from 10-11 a.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Get expert insights on resume building and optimization to revitalize your job search. This program provides tips to create standout resumes for today's competitive job market.

Y'all Yoga: Yoga for All
Wed., Aug. 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for a rejuvenating class dedicated to building balance, strength, and flexibility at every stage of life. Cultivate concentration and resilience while navigating seated and standing poses with the chair as your anchor for stability.

Craft Crowd
Saturday, August 10 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Meeting Room A
Looking for a space to craft and meet fellow crafters? Join us to chat, connect, and craft! Bring your projects, ideas, and materials. Some experience is required as no instruction will be provided.

Short Fiction Book Discussion
Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B
Join us for a discussion of selections from The Best American Short Stories 2023, edited by Min Jin Lee, on the second Wednesday of every month. This program will also be streamed live on CCPL’s Zoom server.

WIOA Information Session
Thursday, August 15 from 1-1:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Discover new career opportunities! Join our Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act information session at the library to learn about training programs through SC Works.

Simply Delicious: Shirazi Salad
Thursday, August 15 from 2-3:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Shirazi salad is a traditional accompaniment to many Persian meals. Learn how to make this delightful summer salad during this edition of Simply Delicious! This program includes a live demonstration, and a taste test. Attendees may choose to participate in preparation by signing a waiver, or may choose to watch instead. None of the major common allergens will be used in the preparation of this dish (dairy, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soybeans). This dish will not include any meat or animal products. Any additional questions about dietary or nutritional concerns may be directed to askaquestion@ccpl.org or 843-805-6030.

Open Mic Night
Thursday, August 15 from 6-7 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us in the auditorium for a fun evening sharing our creativity with one another. Bring your art, poems, stories, and music!

Coffee and Crime
Monday, August 26 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B
Join fellow true crime fans on the last Monday of every month to discuss a different case. Using your preferred medium (book, podcast, articles, TV, etc.), come prepared to discuss: The Frog Boys of South Korea.
Children and Family Programs

All children and family programs, unless stated registration is required, are first come, first served with limited capacity.

Back to School Carnival (Ages 5-11)
Tuesday, August 20 from 3:15-4:30 p.m.
We’ve got a reason to celebrate— it’s back to school time! Celebrate the start of school with games, prizes, and treats.

Read to a Therapy Dog (Ages 5-11)
Tuesday, August 27 from 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Build confidence and boost your reading skills by reading to a loveable therapy dog.

Storytimes

All storytimes are limited capacity and first come, first served. Caregivers are asked to stay. Visit the Children’s desk for tickets 30 minutes prior.

Baby Storytime
Mondays, August 19 & 26 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Just for babies and their caregivers! Designed for meaningful one-on-one interaction between baby and caregiver with songs, rhymes, a book and plenty of movement that’s developmentally appropriate.

Toddler Storytime
Tuesdays, August 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy a variety of action-oriented books, fingerplays, songs, and rhymes. These activities provide a fun environment for toddlers to exercise important motor skills and practice using their vocabulary.

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays, August 21 & 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Discover books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills that incorporates early literacy practices of reading, singing, writing, talking, and playing at this energetic storytime.

Teen Programs

For all young adult programs, you must be in grades 6-12 to participate. To contact us, email teenunderground@ccpl.org or call (843) 805-6903.

Campfire Cooking Literacy
Thurs., July 11, 18 & 25 and Aug. 1 from 3-4 p.m.
Teen Lounge
Join us in the Teen Lounge to learn a new classic camp recipe and eat your creations! Supplies limited — first come, first served! In order, they will be: nut-free trail mix, smoothies, nachos, and grilled cheese.

Teen Tuesdays (Grades 6-12)
Tuesdays, August 13 & 27 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Join us for activities fit for teens!

Video Game Wednesdays (Grades 6-12)
Wednesdays, August 14, 21 & 28 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Test your skills and compete against friends on our gaming systems each week!

Back to School Bash (Grades 6-12)
Tuesday, August 20 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium
Celebrate the new school year with snacks and games!
Technology Training

Registration is currently requested for all technology classes and programs except for Digital Drop-Ins, and usually begins one week before the training is held. You can register in person at the branch, by calling (843) 805-6885, or by emailing techteam@ccpl.org.

Phishing and Cyber Security
Saturday, August 3 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Join us for an insightful exploration into the world of cybersecurity with a focus on phishing threats. In this class, you’ll learn essential strategies to recognize, prevent, and mitigate phishing and internet spam. This class will empower you to navigate the digital landscape safely and confidently!

Tune In: Finding a Music Streaming Service
Thursday, August 8 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Tune in for a class that explores and navigates the world of music streaming. From classics like Pandora, to newer services like Apple Music, this class will teach you everything you need to know to pick the right streaming service for you.

Outdoorsy/Hiking Apps
Monday, August 12 from 2-3:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Discover how technology enhances your adventures in this engaging class focused on outdoors and hiking apps. From navigation aids to trail information and safety tips, we’ll explore a variety of apps designed to enrich your outdoor experience. This class will equip you with the tools to plan, navigate, and enjoy the great outdoors with ease!

Digital Drop-in
Thursdays, August 15 & 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Drop in and play with our “tech toy box” or see a staff member for assistance with your own device during our digital drop-ins! First come, first served.

Become a Literary Critic: Using GoodReads
Tuesday, August 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Book enthusiasts and aspiring critics, gather around! In this class we will be going over how to set up a GoodReads profile, writing reviews that stand out, and engaging with other readers.

iPhone (iOS) Camera Photography
Friday, August 23 from 2-3:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
Discover the art of capturing stunning photos with your iPhone! In this hands-on class, you’ll learn essential techniques for using your iOS device to its fullest potential as a camera. This course is great for beginners looking to elevate their mobile photography skills. Join us to unlock the secrets behind creating beautiful images right from your pocket.

Computer Basics
Wednesday, August 28 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom
In this class we will introduce the very basics of using computers. We will go over using a mouse and keyboard, how to start and log into a computer, and introducing essential applications. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome!