



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.
May 27 - Library Closed

May 2024

Visit ccpl.org for program details and library services.

Saul Alexander Gallery - May 1-31



“Nothing Is Ever the Same as They Said it Was” by Sean Gallagher

Gallery Night: Join us on **Wednesday, May 1 from 6-7 p.m.** for an opening reception of the new exhibit!

Artist’s Statement: “As a kid, I got hooked on Edward Gorey’s outlook and style. Gorey, to me, appreciated the ghoulish side of the everyday and found simplicity in lines and color, which I incorporated into my style as I developed as an artist. Yet I couldn’t rely on the same ghastly wit that defined Gorey’s work. I credit my parents for building an environment that allowed my creative side to flourish. If it hadn’t been for them, I wouldn’t have started drawing or been introduced to Gorey or stumbled upon the core of my artwork, which I found in the dozens of coffee table books about photography my parents owned. I was drawn to the works of Diane Arbus and Saul Leiter and I studied how they composed a shot to reveal beauty in the mundane and the dignity of outsiders. I was especially inspired by the Arbus quote, ‘A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know.’ From that, I discovered I love the challenge of making in-between moments picturesque, and so far, this approach has been successful. Recently, I was selected for the Under the Radar series, which

celebrates the top 10 undiscovered artist in the lowcountry by Charleston Magazine. My art has also been featured or is slated to appear in several publications: Allegory Ridge, The Closed Eye Open, Passengers Journal, Vineyard Literary, Red Ogre Review, Liminal Spaces, Beaver Magazine, Fauxmoir Literary Magazine, Quarter Press, and High Shelf Press.”

Summer Reading - May 15-July 31



Worry less, read more! Get lost at your local Charleston County Public Library as we host our 2024 Summer Reading Program. In partnership with Charleston County School District (CCSD), the program promotes reading and offers incentives throughout the summer, along with featured events for all ages. Prize pickup begins **June 1**.

For more information about summer reading, check out ccpl.org/summeronline!

Disclaimer: The Camp CCPL Summer Reading Program theme is for fun and does not involve participation in an actual camp.



Featured Programs



Union Pier: Mobility Nexus Through the Centuries

Wednesday, May 8 from 6-7 p.m.

Auditorium

The site known as Union Pier has been a transportation crossroads for centuries past and potentially well into the future. Join Dr. Nic Butler, CCPL’s historian, for an illustrated review of historic pathways to, from, and through the waterfront site that is slated for redevelopment, with discussion from mobility advocates Charleston Moves.



“My Grandma’s Diaries” Podcast

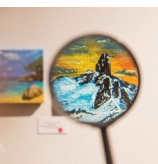
Saturday, May 11 from 2-3 p.m.

Auditorium

Fans of American history and the *Dear America* book series, join us for a special afternoon with the stars of the podcast, “My Grandma’s Diaries!” Hear from hosts Liz & Mark and their special guests and get a chance to ask some questions.

Adult Programs

For programs that require registration, please do so by visiting in person or by calling (843) 805-6930.



Tiny Art Show

All Month

The artwork has been turned in and it’s time to vote! Visit the Fiction desk to view the wonderful, albeit tiny, submissions and cast your ballot for your favorite. Prizes await for the winners!

Adult Programs (Continued)



Y'all Yoga: Yoga for All

Wed., May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Auditorium

Join us for a yoga experience that is open to everyone, no matter your level or abilities. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or new to the practice, our community class provides a welcoming environment for everyone. Get ready to dive into gentle practices, connect with others, and discover the transformative power yoga holds.



Interview Skills Workshop

Thursday, May 2 from 6-7 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom

Sharpen your interview skills in this comprehensive program, covering everything from effective communication to handling challenging questions. We'll equip you with the confidence to excel in any job interview.



Wheel of Time Trivia

Sunday, May 5 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Join fellow fans on Wheel of Time Day for a game of trivia based on the 14 books written by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. Compete in teams of up to three people for a prize! "Let them have the fourth. The fifth I give you."



Short Fiction Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 8 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.



Coffee and Crime

Monday, May 20 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Join fellow true crime fans on the fourth Monday of every month to discuss a different case. Using your preferred medium (book, podcast, articles, TV, etc), come prepared to discuss: Hugues de la Plaza.



More than Chronic

Tuesday, May 28 from 5-6 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Join a positive community of adults who live with chronic conditions to listen, learn, and participate in supportive conversation. Those without chronic conditions are also welcome during this positive community discussion.



NerdCast Chronicles

Thursday, May 2 from 6-7 p.m.
Meeting Room B

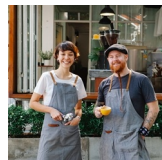
We take a different nerdy subject and discuss a podcast the first Thursday of every month! Please listen to the podcast before and come ready to talk. This month's episode will be "Thank the Maker Podcast: Episode #31: Most Underrated Star Wars Characters." It can be found in the event announcement at ccpl.org/upcoming-events or on your favorite streaming app.



Comic Book Exchange

Saturday, May 4 from 12-2 p.m.
Meeting Room B

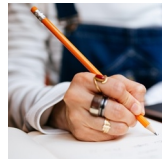
Bring your favorite comics to trade, swap, and share with fellow fans. Engage in lively discussions, discover new treasures, and connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for the sequential art form.



Small Business Resource Workshop

Monday, May 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom

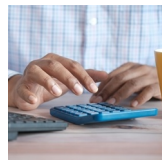
Learn about the library's business resources and local organizations that can help you with your business. Whether you're just getting started or are an experienced business owner, this workshop will connect you with valuable resources that are free with your library card. Registration required.



Fiction Writing Workshop

Thursday, May 16 from 5:30-7 p.m.
Meeting Room B

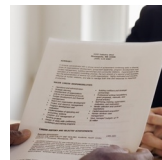
A writing group for fiction writers to work together to improve their craft!



Ready, Set, Invest!

Tuesday, May 21 from 6-7 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Learn how to understand the key ingredients to a financial plan and discover how to budget and consolidate debt through a financial literacy workshop lead by a financial advisor.



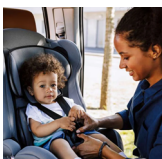
Resume Writing Workshop

Friday, May 31 from 10-11 a.m.
Second Floor Classroom

Get expert insights on resume building and optimization to revitalize your job search. This program provides practical tips to create standout resumes for today's competitive job market.

Children and Family Programs

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



Car Seat Check Event

Wednesday, May 1 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join CCPL for a FREE car seat check event with Safe Kids. Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to check your car seat! Register to reserve your spot. Call (843) 805-6893 or visit the Children's desk.



Finger Painting

Thursday, May 2 from 3:15-4 p.m.

Come use your fingers to express yourself and your creativity with finger paint!

Children and Family Programs (Continued)



May the Fourth

Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m.

May the 4th be with you! Join us for DIY activities and crafts inspired by Star Wars stories!

5th Grade Graduation

Tuesday, May 7 at 3:15 p.m.

Calling all 5th graders! Meet in the Children's area to make a tassel and mortarboard and then cross the bridge to go upstairs for an exclusive first official visit to the Teen Lounge as a rising 6th grader.



Charleston Stage Presents: Last Stop on Market Street

Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

The Last Stop on Market Street is a captivating and uplifting musical adaptation of Matt de la Peña's acclaimed children's book. Centered around the curious and imaginative CJ, the story takes audiences on a journey through a vibrant and diverse cityscape.

Piccolo Spoleto

Artist Workshop



Artist Workshop Series with Karen Jayne (Ages 8+)

Saturday, June 1 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Create a 3D nature-based work of art using found objects connected with wire, yarn, fabric and other natural elements. Local artist, Karen Jayne, will lead participants in this workshop to learn a new kind of art-making. No art experience is needed. Participants are encouraged to bring their own found objects (suggested list available), but some materials will be supplied. Registration is strongly recommended as space is limited. Kids under 8 should have an adult participating.

"Life in Layers" by Karen Jayne

Saturday, June 1 to Sunday, June 9

Come check out artist Karen Jayne's exhibit of mixed media creations titled "Life in Layers" in the Main Library's lobby area! Explore the theme of how experiences and change can mold a person into who they are.

Performances

Tickets are required for entrance to these events and will be available at the Children's desk only starting May 20. No phone reservations. Tickets are limited. Limited number of tickets per household. School groups are granted priority access to the 9:30 a.m. performances and MUST register by May 15. Call (843) 805-6893 for more program details or to register your school group.

Shana Banana Presents: Heartbeat of the Earth

Tuesday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

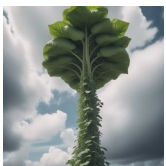
Shana Banana teams up with Didgeridoo Down Under's Raihan Alam, aka "Rai the Guy," to present a multi-faceted sensory extravaganza of songs, world percussion and didgeridoo playing, storytelling, puppets, and live animals! Travel the world, visiting various ecosystems and the animals and people who make our planet something to celebrate and protect.



Porkchop Productions Presents: Goldilocks

Thursday, May 30 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Ever wonder what happened to Goldilocks after she left the home of the three bears? We did! Find out in this whimsical tale that teaches important lessons about respecting others as well as yourself!



College of Charleston Opera in Jack and the Beanstalk

Tuesday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Based on the familiar tale: Jack sells the family cow in exchange for magic beans that grow into a giant beanstalk in the sky. Jack encounters a Giant! Based on melodies by Gilbert and Sullivan and displays full costumes, scenery, and operatic ensembles.

Super Reggae Man

Thursday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Super Reggae Man promises to delight young audiences with his "One-Man Reggae Band" performance! While using a looping device and playing one instrument at a time, learn about the building blocks of Roots Reggae Music. Drum and bass grooves combined with guitar and Keyboard rhythms, vocal harmonies, and soothing horn parts all interlock together to create a unique musical experience.

Monthly After-School Series



Inbetweeners (Grades 4-6)

Wednesday, May 8 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room B

Calling all 4th-6th graders! Come to the club that's just for you. There'll be games, activities, and tons of fun you won't want to miss.

Early Literacy



Preschool Zone (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, April 18 & 25 and May 2 & 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Zone is a fun four-week school readiness program for kids ages 3-5 years old. Participating children will enjoy stories, music, and crafts in the Storytime room, while parents and caregivers remain in the Children's area. There are 15 spaces available, and registration is required. To register, call (843) 805-6893 or visit the Children's desk.

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 (Ages 0-24 Months)



Monday, May 6 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 (Ages 24-36 Months)



Tuesday, May 7 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.

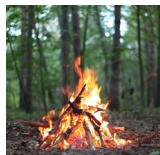
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5 Years)



Wednesdays, May 1 & 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Discover books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills that incorporate early literacy practices of reading, singing, writing, talking, and playing at this energetic storytime.

Preschool Storytime Special: Campfire Jam! (Ages 3-5 Years)



Friday, May 3 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Play, dance, and sing around a campfire under the stars with your friends as we have our final Preschool Storytime Special before summer begins!

Teen Programs

For all young adult programs, you must be in grades 6-12 to participate. Contact us at teenunderground@ccpl.org or (843) 805-6903 for more information.



Teen Tuesdays (Grades 6-12)

Tuesdays, May 7 & 14 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium

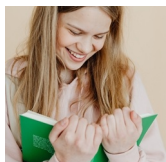
Join us for activities fit for teens!



Video Game Wednesdays (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, May 8 & 15 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium

Test your skills with a different Nintendo Switch game every week!



Inbetweeners (Grades 4-6)

Wednesday, May 8 from 3-4:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Calling all 4th-6th graders! Come to the club that's just for you. There'll be games, activities, and tons of fun you won't want to miss.



Teen Advisory Board

Sunday, May 19 from 3-4 p.m.
Teen Lounge

Calling all library fans and book lovers: The library needs you! Help plan future events and discuss everything bookish. New members are always welcome!

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, by calling (843) 805-6885, or by emailing techteam@ccpl.org.



Digital Drop-In

Tuesdays, May 7 & 21 from 11-1 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.



Buying and Selling on Etsy

Thursday, May 9 from 1-2 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom

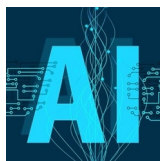
Revive your wardrobe, home, and gift giving abilities with Etsy. Learn to buy and sell on the popular small business website!



Mobile Device Basics: iOS

Tuesday, May 14 from 1-2:30 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to enhance your existing skills, this class is designed for you. Learn essential iOS skills, from navigating settings to mastering apps.



Basics of AI

Thursday, May 23 from 2-3 p.m.
Second Floor Classroom

Unlock the secrets of AI in our captivating class! Whether you're a tech enthusiast or a curious learner, this course is your gateway to understanding the fascinating world of AI.