Come meet local authors and buy their books at Book Fest, Sept. 9!

Starting September 15th, get your free copy of Circe at Big Read events!
What is the Big Read?
The Big Read is a program by the National Endowment of the Arts that provides grants to libraries to hold community events!

By reading the same book (and giving a younger audience a book with similar themes and ideas) we can have discussions, share ideas, and come together to enjoy some really great events together!

Please join us in reading *Circe*! Thank you, NEA and community partners!
Staff Spotlight

Rachel Henderson, Circulation Clerk

How long have you been at the library?
A year as of September!

What do you enjoy most about your job?
I love almost everything about it! I am so glad to be in a position to help people use the resources we have available here. If I had to pick my favorite thing, however, it would be my coworkers. We're all just a bunch of grown-up nerds here at the library, and from when I first showed up, they made sure to welcome me into their interests and lives, offer support through difficult times and transitions, and forgive me for mistakes I have made (and dishes I have broken)!

What is your favorite book?
Like any reader, I have no simple answer to this question. Some of my top titles, however, are the Guardians of Ga'Hoole series by Kathryn Lasky, A Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making by Catherynne M. Valente, Dragon Slippers by Jessica Day George, and Human Familiar by Honor Raconteur.

Tell us about your family, friends, or pets.
I have a lot of family, including as of recently, my parents back in my hometown of Sevierville. As of recently, I live with two roommates and my dear cat Ash. I have two older brothers who also live across the state, one of whom is soon to be a dad!

What is something people may not know about you?
Despite how much I like learning about foraging (finding edible plants growing in the wild) and gardening, I am very picky and don't really like vegetables!
### Kids

**STORY TIME AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

- Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:30
- For little ones ages 5 & under.
- Join us once a week for stories, songs, fun, and friends.

- **September 5, 7**
  - Nat'l Read a Book Day
  - Come enjoy a few of Ms. Jennifer's favorites and take home a few of your own!

- **September 11, 12, 14**
  - Nat'l Make a Hat Day
  - We'll read books about hats, try on few silly ones, and make one to take home.

- **September 18, 19, 21**
  - Nat'l Pepperoni Pizza Day
  - Who doesn't love pizza?! We won't actually be serving lunch, but we'll have fun books, songs, and a pizza craft

- **September 25, 26, 28**
  - World Dream Day
  - The story time of your dreams!

### Multi-

**Strega Nona Story Time**

- Saturday, September 16 10:30

**Crazy Eight’s Math Club**

- Tuesdays @ 4
- September 5, 12, 19, & 26
- Recreational math club for grades 3 - 5!
- Games and activities that show that developing math skills can be fun!

**Pokémon Trading Card Swap**

- Saturday, September 9 from 11:00 -1:00
- Come to the library to trade cards from everyone's favorite pocket monster game, Pokémon.

**Coding Club**

- Every first Thursday at 3:30 pm
- September 7
- Come hang out with fellow programmers and build your coding skills in the Library’s Makerspace. Make games, animations, and more...all with code! Ages 10+

### Sync our children's events to your phone!
Brown Bag Book Club
Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm
September 6, 13, 20 & 27
 Tweens and teens are welcome to bring a sack lunch and join us for a book club.

Game Nights
Every first and third Thursday at 5:00 pm
September 7 & 21
Join us for board games of all kinds!
Anything from chess and checkers to D&D and Settlers of Catan.

Family Book Club
for Homeschoolers
Every Wednesday at 10:30-12:00
September 6, 13, 20 & 27
Bob by Wendy Mass

OR join our once-monthly after-school Family Book Club
the last Thursday of the month
September 28 at 4:00
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

Families with children of any age sign up with Ms. Jennifer & borrow the book.
You'll read aloud together at home, then come to book club to discuss the book, craft, play, and make new friends.

Young Writers Program (NaNoWriMo)
Every Thursday at 4:00 pm
September 14, 21 & 28
For ages 11-16
Join us for a 12 week creative writing curriculum to prepare for writing your own novel during National Novel Writing Month in November!

Teen Arts and Crafts (for Teens)
Every second Saturday at 3:00 pm
September 9
Come use our collection of arts and craft supplies to get creative.

Anime Club
Every first Saturday at 3:00 pm
September 2
Come watch anime, talk about manga, play games, craft, and have fun!

Marvel Club
Every third Saturday at 3:00 pm
September 16
Join other Marvel fans for crafts, discussion, movie showings, and more.

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Teen Advisory Board
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K-POP Club
Every fourth Saturday at 3:00 pm
September 23
Come listen to some of your favorite K-POP artists with other fans and play games, snack, craft, or just hang out!
September Adult Programs

The Library will be closed on September 4th for Labor Day!

Tai Chi
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
September 5, 12, 19 & 26
Tai chi is a Chinese tradition that is now practiced as a graceful form of exercise.

Stitching Hour
Every Tuesday at 2:00 pm
September 5, 12, 19 & 26
Join others for a cozy session of knitting, crocheting, embroidering, tatting, or any other textile skill. Beginners welcome!

Game Nights
Every first and third Thursday at 5:00 pm
September 7 & 21
Join us for board games of all kinds! Much more than your standard board games-- we have new and popular games galore!

Book Fest
September 9, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
In the lobby of the Main Library, we will have local authors set up at tables to sell their works. Support your local authors, buy some books, and ask them your questions about writing!

Arts & Crafts (for Grownups)
Every Monday at 11:00 am
September 11, 18 & 25
Join us for an hour of arts and crafts while we listen to music or a podcast.

Yoga Class
Every Monday at 4:30 pm
September 11, 18 & 25
Join others as they explore the benefits of yoga in this class held weekly!

Unique Line Dance
Every Monday at 6:00 pm
September 11, 18 & 25
Come in and get a great hour of exercise in this line dance class with a unique twist!

Computer Classes
Every second and fourth Wednesday at 11:00 am
September 13: Intro to Computers
September 27: Office Productivity
The first class will cover some computer basics. The second will go over programs such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Jackson Writer’s Club
Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 5:30
September 14 & 28
Join fellow writers for mini-lessons and writing practice. Share your knowledge and gain new insight. Writers of any level of experience are welcome!

Lunch and Learn w/ Jackson Symphony
September 15 at 12:00 pm
Bring your lunch and listen to the conductor of the Jackson Symphony, Peter Shannon and guest composer Eric Huang talk about the Symphony's season opening-- Greek Fantasia! Then, try your luck at winning tickets for the performance on September 16th!

BookTok Book Talks- Your Choice!
September 26 at 6:00 pm
at Starbucks, 2034 N. Highland Ave.
Join us at Starbucks by the mall for our teen/adult book club to talk about your favorite recent reads! This month, you can pick up your free copy of Circe by Madeline Miller for the Big Read!
September Events

Sept. 15th at 12:00 pm
Lunch & Learn with the Jackson Symphony
Main Library, 433 E. Lafayette Street
Bring your lunch to the library, listen to music, and hear from the conductor of the Jackson Symphony, Peter Shannon, and the composer of their next show, Eric Huang!

Sept. 16th at 7:00 pm
The Jackson Symphony's Greek Fantasia
The NED, 314 E. Main Street
Attend the Symphony's season opening as they play pieces inspired by Greek mythology and Circe. Purchase your tickets on thejacksonsymphony.org!

Sept. 22nd at 5:00pm
Mythology Trivia Night
Turntable Coffee Counter, 300 E. Main Street.
Dust off your thinking caps for a night of trivia about mythology! Can you score the most points for a gift card?

Sept. 29th at 12:00 pm
Lunch & Learn- Herb Gardening
Main Library, 433 E. Lafayette Street
Celeste from the UT Extension will be showing us the best way to start your very own herb garden and how to harvest them. You'll even get the supplies to start your garden!

Many of our regular programs will tie into the Big Read!

- New crafts for Arts and Crafts for Grown-ups!
- Brown Bag Book Club will discuss Nim's Island and The Girl Who Drank the Moon.
- BookTok BookTalks will feature Circe and attendees will get free copies.
- Writer’s Club will focus on retellings and mythology.
There's an app for that!

Every Mon. & Wed. at 9:00 am
Contact AJ Douglas or Pam Sallee at 731-364-5481 to register in advance.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Weekly meetings at the Main Library. For meeting times, please call the library or visit www.aawesttn.org.

Support Local Authors!
September 9th, 11 to 1
Come purchase books written by West Tennessee authors and support the literary arts.