

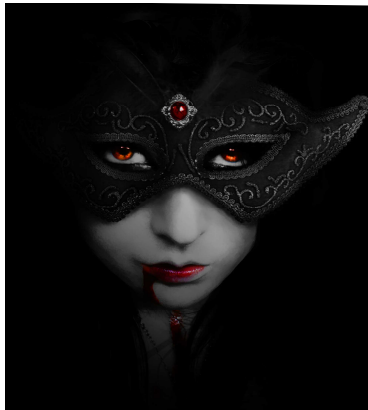


# What's Happening @ the HMCPL

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## **Dance Immortelle: A Vampire Masquerade Ball “Experience The Pulse”**



Friday, October 30, 8 p.m. – Midnight  
Main Library Atrium, 915 Monroe Street

Area vampires are invited to downtown Huntsville's castle of choice for a killer night of dancing and vampire fun. Come dressed as your favorite character from *Twilight*, *Blue Bloods*, or *The Vampire Diaries*, or come as yourself—only deader. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume!

There will be plenty of food and beverages, so please don't bring your own. This is an alcohol free event. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door and are available at any HMCPL

location. Call 532-5950 for details, or visit the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library on Facebook!

## **Test your creative skills at a weaving workshop**



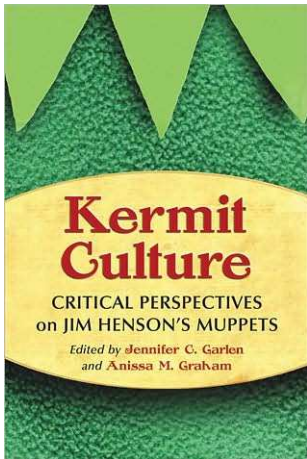
Saturday, October 10  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bailey Cove Branch Library, 881-0257  
“Weave a Round Basket” workshop  
Registration and \$7 fee required.

## **Discover your family tree in the Heritage Room's “After Hours” event**



Friday, October 16  
6 – 10 p.m., Main Library Heritage Room, 532-5950  
“Genealogy After Hours” will begin with a talk by Robert Scott Davis, Jr., Director of the Genealogy Program at Wallace State College. The registration fee is \$20.00 and includes the talk, research assistance with knowledgeable staff, refreshments, and a chance to compare notes with other researchers. Pre-registration is required.

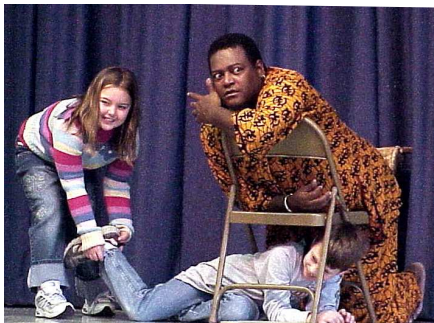
## Expanding Cultural Horizons: The Study of Popular Culture



By the end of its five-year run on television, *The Muppet Show* had transformed its motley cast from fistfuls of felt to multi-media celebrities. Sophisticated and highly individuated, each of the Muppets embodied a conventional character type from classic television comedy. UA Huntsville's Dr. Jennifer Garlen and UNA's Anissa Graham, both active scholars in the field of popular culture studies, will use their new book, *Kermit Culture: Critical Perspectives on Jim Henson's Muppets*, as a starting point for a lively discussion about the importance of pop culture and the ways in which movies, television, music, comics, and video games shape our everyday lives.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 17 at 2 p.m.** Join Garlen and Graham in the Main Library's auditorium for an examination of popular culture, and discover just how Kermit and the rest of the frogs, dogs, bears, and chickens became cultural icons with influences reaching far beyond the world of 1970s television comedy.

## Storyteller Extraordinaire: A Visit with Dylan Pritchett



The young and young-at-heart are invited to the **Bailey Cove Branch Library Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** to experience the magic of renowned storyteller Dylan Pritchett. Mr. Pritchett will share the African oral tradition of teaching morals, values, and history through the art of storytelling in **performances at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.** The events are free of charge and are sponsored by the Bailey Cove Friends of the Library & the Eleanor Murphy Friends of the Library.

## LearningQUEST presents a "Gardening with the Masters" workshop



All courses in this series are from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in the Main Library's auditorium.

**Thursday, October 8:** Backyard Wildlife Habitats & Birds in Winter

**Thursday, October 15:** Winter Gardening

**Thursday, October 22:** Shade Gardening & Natural Décor for the Holidays

**Thursday, October 29:** Growing & Cooking with Herbs

Registration and fee required. More information at: 535-2479,

[learningquest.35801@yahoo.com](mailto:learningquest.35801@yahoo.com), or [hpl.lib.al.us/learningquest](http://hpl.lib.al.us/learningquest).

## October movies at the library



**Monday, October 5**

6 p.m., Madison Public Library, 461-0046  
Watch "The Soloist" (NR) 2009

**Tuesday, October 6**

6 p.m., Main Library Auditorium, 532-5940  
Cinema Mundo film series presents  
"Turtles Can Fly" (PG-13) 2004

**Monday, October 19**

6:30 p.m., Madison Public Library, 461-0046  
Watch "The Class" (PG-13) French, 2008

## Enjoy Halloween fun at the Madison Public Library



**Thursday, October 29**

6 – 8 p.m., Madison Public Library, 461-0046

Halloween Party!

Bring your kids in costume for games, treats, and fun.

## Merrimack Hall's Author Series begins October 30

**Jerry Stahl, Deborah Nadoolman Landis, Mary Kay Andrews**



Merrimack Hall proudly presents its first-ever author series, featuring three diverse authors with backgrounds ranging from screenwriting to costume design to journalism. Each author will appear in an "Evening With," and will also teach a workshop the following day, with limited spaces available.

An Evening with Jerry Stahl (\$25) will be Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m. followed Saturday, October 31 by a screening of Stahl's film (\$7) "Permanent Midnight" at 11:50 a.m. and a screen writers' workshop (\$25) with Stahl at 2 p.m.

An Evening with Deborah Landis (\$25) takes place Friday, January 22 at 7 p.m. A screening (\$7) of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" is scheduled for Saturday, January 23 at 11:50 a.m. followed by a costume designers' workshop (\$30) with Landis at 2 p.m.

An Evening with Mary Kay Andrews (\$25) is scheduled for Friday, April 9 at 7 p.m.. Andrews will present a creative writing workshop (\$25) the next morning at 10 a.m.

All events take place at the Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center, located at 3320 Triana Blvd. in Huntsville. Call 534-6455 or visit [www.merrimackhall.com/authors09.html](http://www.merrimackhall.com/authors09.html) for more information and to purchase tickets!