

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIA COUNTY PUSHING FORWARD>>>



RON CROSS
Commission Chairman

After many months of anxiously awaiting results of two investigations, we were pleased to find that the allegations against both parties were completely untrue. It was determined by the Sheriff's Office that no "hostile work environment" existed in either case.

The one question weighing on our minds throughout the past couple of months has been "Do the citizens of Columbia County deserve this?" The answer that I am totally confident in giving is no!

Our hard working, tax paying, county government supporting, citizens deserve better. They have become accustomed to a well-run government without the drama and controversy seen in many other counties. Our results speak for themselves as listed in the last mailer. We have accomplished a lot in a short period of time with many great things already scheduled and funded for the future. The present situation should have been handled as a confidential personnel matter, investigated, and actions taken internally if any accusations were found to be true. But that is extremely difficult when the issue is played out in the media and they are informed before the employer.

Despite any negative attention, please be assured that the vital functions of Columbia County continue to be performed unabated. The great plans we have for future county additions continue to be made, revised, and completed. The performance of the Emergency Management Department was great during the severe weather of Masters Week and will continue in any future crisis. The new EMA director is highly qualified and a

former EMA Director in another county, as well as a state EMA Region Coordinator.

Hopefully this not so pleasant experience will soon be over and forgotten, and we will return to our usual quiet, peaceful, and fruitful existence. Please enjoy your summer and be safe. I apologize for any concern and disappointment that this unfortunate situation might have caused.

SUMMER BEACH BLAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 3
EVANS TOWNE CENTER PARK
5PM-11PM

**LIVE MUSIC, ISLAND FOOD,
 TROPICAL DRINKS & A SANDY SHORE.
 RIGHT HERE AT LADY A!**

PIRATE FLAG 6-8PM
 A TRIBUTE TO KENNY CHESNEY

A1A 8:30-10:30PM
**THE OFFICIAL AND ORIGINAL
 JIMMY BUFFETT TRIBUTE SHOW**
ADVANCED TICKETS \$15 DAY OF \$20
TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION
SUMMERBEACHBLAST.COM
AND FACEBOOK @COLUMBIACOUNTYEVENTS



REED CREEK NATURE PARK SIZZLING SUMMER SERIES

For More Info call 706-210-4027 or
email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov

Pond Exploration

With dip nets in hand, children will explore and learn about the critters that live in our pond. Be prepared to get wet and muddy. For ages 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required: Call 706-210-4027 or email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child

Mon.s 10:00 am - 11:00 am

June 12th, June 19th, July 10th, July 24th

Local Butterfly Identification

Special guest teacher Cathy Chase will help you learn how to identify the most common butterflies in our area. This class will meet once per week for 5 weeks as you build your knowledge and get a chance to practice your identification skills by exploring Reed Creek Park. For ages 9 - 11. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required: Call 706-210-210 columbiacountyga.gov

Members: \$5/child for the series;

Non-members: \$10/child for the series.

Tuesdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

June 13th, June 20th, June 27th, July 11th,



Amazing Animal Mon.s 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

For ages 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required: Call 706-210-4027 or email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child for each class

June 12th: Skulls, Scat & Tracks: Ever wonder what animal left droppings or paw prints in your backyard? We'll learn to identify animal species based on their tracks, skulls, and scat (droppings). Definitely the best time you'll ever have while looking at poop!

June 19th: Really Cool Reptiles: Come out and meet all of our awesome reptiles and learn about what makes them different from other animals. You will meet snakes, turtles, alligators, geckos and a bearded dragon.

July 10th: Brilliant Birds: Learn about the specific anatomical adaptations that allow birds to fly and all of the other features that make birds special. Falconer and Wildlife Educator Wade Carruth will introduce you to his beautiful birds and you will have the opportunity to see them up close and in person during this special program.

July 24th: Predator vs. Prey: What features make a predator capable of catching prey? How have prey animals adapted to avoid being eaten? We will look at the specific characteristics of predators and prey and study the important role that each play in our ecosystem. You will have the opportunity to watch our snakes feeding to see the special features that make them such capable predators. ****CAUTION:** The snakes will be fed frozen thawed-out mice. Please be aware of that when bringing your children to this class.

Nocturnal Thursdays 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cool off with us in the evenings and learn about the creatures that inhabit Reed Creek when the sun goes down. For ages 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required: Call 706-210-4027 or email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov **Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child for each class**

June 15th: All About Frogs: Learn about our local frogs and how we're studying them through a calling survey at Reed Creek Park. We'll go outdoors to listen to frogs using the calling survey protocol.

June 22nd: The World of Owls: Learn about owls that live in Georgia, their adaptations, and their natural history. We'll take a walk outside at night to listen for owls, then we'll dissect owl pellets (regurgitated bones that cannot be digested by the owls) to learn about the food web.

July 6th: Interesting Insects: Study our six-legged friends here at Reed Creek and learn about the important role that they play in our ecosystem. Then join us for an evening walk to see what insects we can find along the way.

July 13th: Beneficial Bats: Why are bats such an integral part of our ecosystem? Learn that and more as we study the natural history and adaptations of bats and explore the special place they occupy in our ecosystem.

Simply Science Fridays 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Join us for fun, possibly messy, science experiments and hands-on science related projects. For ages 5+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required: Call 706-210-4027 or email reedcreekpark@columbiacountyga.gov

Members: Free; Non-members: \$2/child

June 16th: Egg Drop or Bust!

Experiment with different materials to create an egg parachute. We will drop them from the side of the building to see how well our designs work.

June 23rd: Exploring Acids & Bases:

Investigate properties of common acids and bases that you would find in your home. Learn how chemists use the pH scale to describe acids and bases.

July 7th: Solids, Liquids and Gas oh my!: Explore the states of matter by doing fun activities.

July 14th: Create a Storm: Learn about weather as we use common household items to produce rain, clouds and lightening.



LOOMIS BROS. CIRCUS
NEW 2017 TENT
CELEBRATING OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY
THE CIRCUS TRADITION CONTINUES! FIRST TIME EVER IN COLUMBIA COUNTY!
SUN JULY 2ND & MON JULY 3RD
3:00 & 6:00 PM 2:00 - 4:30 - 7:30 PM
COLUMBIA COUNTY EXHIBITION CENTER
212 Partnership Drive - GROVETOWN
For Advance Tickets and More Information Visit loomiscircus.com
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DAREDEVILS • CLOWNS • LIVE CIRCUS BAND & MORE!
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COUPON \$5 OFF ONE ADULT TICKET PLUS UP TO 2 FREE CHILD'S ADMISSIONS
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COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S CORNER WOULD EMERGENCY RESPONDERS BE ABLE TO FIND YOU?

EVERY SECOND COUNTS DURING AN EMERGENCY.

Your house number may not seem to be an important part of your outdoor landscaping efforts, but you shouldn't disregard this important detail. Valuable time could be lost if your address number is not clearly posted where emergency responders can see it.

If your house number is difficult to see when you drive by in the daytime, imagine how difficult it would be at night. Dark numbers, numbers that have faded or fallen off, plants or foliage covering the numbers, or having numbers on only one side could contribute to a delay in locating the site of the emergency.

Large numbers that are prominently displayed and are visible from the road will speed up response during an emergency. Please assess the visibility of your address and ensure that you can be located by responders. Consider reflective numbers that are visible from both directions of the roadway. *Remember, we can't help you if we can not find you!*



COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR JUNE-JULY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Building A Auditorium,
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesdays June 6th, 20th, and 29th
Tuesdays June 18th, 6:00pm
(Offices closed on July 4th)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES

Building A Auditorium,
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, June 13th, 8:30am

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Building A Auditorium,
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, June 27th, 8:30am

MANAGEMENT & INTERNAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING SERVICES

Building A Auditorium,
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, July 11th, 8:30am

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Building A Auditorium,
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Tuesday, July 25th, 8:30am

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Building A Auditorium,
630 Ronald Reagan Drive, Evans, GA
Thursdays 1st and 15th
Thursdays July 6th and 20th
6:00pm

JUNE

Date	Time	Program	Description	Branch
Mon., Wed's & Thur's beginning May 31	10:15 AM	Two-dlders Class	Join us each week to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills! Registration required.	Evans Library
Mon., Wed's & Thur's beginning May 31	11:00 AM	Preschool Class	Join us each week to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills!	Evans Library
Tues's beginning May 30	10:15 AM	Crawlers and Pre-walkers	Join us weekly to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills! Registration required.	Evans Library
Tues's except May 8-22	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Each week we will read stories and do crafts geared to help children fall in love with reading.	Harlem Library
Tues's except June 13 and July 12	10:30 AM	Baby & Me	This special class is designed especially for babies under two.	EuChee Ck Library
Tues's	10:30 AM	ESL	This class is free and open to adults whose first language is not English. Come and practice your conversational English with us!	Evans Library
Tues's beginning May 30	11:00 AM	Walkers and Wobblers	Join us each week to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills!	Evans Library
Tues's through May 23, resuming July 11	4:15 PM	Child Enrichment	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.	EuChee Ck Library
Wed's through May 24, resuming July 12	10:30 AM	Child Enrichment	Stories, songs, dancing and the coolest crafts around. Registration required.	EuChee Ck Library
Wed's May 31- June 28	2:30-4:30 PM	Summer Makerspace	Teens 13-18 will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.	Evans Library
Thur's June 1-June 29	2:00-5:00 PM	Teen Summer Movie Series	Join us for a movie for teens each week during Summer Reading.	Evans Library
Thur's beginning June 1	4:30 PM	Afternoon Adventures Class	Join us each week to learn and practice new & engaging ways of helping your child develop early literacy skills! We take breaks to plan and regroup for upcoming sessions. Please call 706-447-7657 for session dates.	Evans Library
June 1	10:30 AM	Meet Elephant & Piggie	Meet your favorite storybook characters Elephant and Piggie! They will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 1	10:30 AM	Build Better Health	Learn about building a better you with healthy eating and fitness. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 for details.	Evans Library
Thur., June 1	2:00 PM	Meet Elephant & Piggie	Meet your favorite storybook characters Elephant and Piggie! They will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Harlem Library
Thur., June 1	6:30 PM	Meet Elephant & Piggie	Meet your favorite storybook characters Elephant and Piggie! They will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Evans Library
June 2-4	All Day	Friends of the Library Book Sale	Find a great deal on a great book and support the Columbia County Libraries.	Evans Library
Sun., June 4	2:30-4:30 PM	Local Author Group Therapy	Are you a current or aspiring author? Do you need tips, tricks, or just venting about your work? Join us for this fun group.	Evans Library
Mon., June 5	4:30 PM	Young Makers Program	This Makerspace program is for children ages 8-12. Learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.	Evans Library
Mon., June 5	4:30 PM	Super Novas Club	Learn about preservation of our water resources with Margarete Alligood from the Storm water Utility/Engineering Services Division.	EuChee Ck Library
Mon., June 5	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans Library
Tues., June 6	2:30 PM	Therapy Dogs	Meet local therapy dogs and see the services they provide.	EuChee Ck Library
Tues., June 6 & Wed., June 7	10:30 AM	Birding Class: Parts 1 & 2	Learn about how to identify birds and understand how they are categorized. Registration is required.	Evans Library
Wed., June 7	12:00 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans Library
Wed., June 7	2:00 PM	Enviroscape Program	Kids can get a hands-on understanding of the water cycle with this cool demonstration.	Evans Library
Thur., June 8	10:30 AM	Meet the Hungry Caterpillar	Meet your favorite storybook character the Hungry Caterpillar! It will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 8	10:30 AM	Build a Better Earth- DIY Compost Bin	Learn to make coffee can compost bins. Bring your own empty plastic coffee can, and leave with a kitchen compost bin.	Evans Library
Thur., June 8	1:00 PM	Cola County Genealogical Society	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this club has something for everyone.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 8	2:00 PM	Meet the Hungry Caterpillar	Meet your favorite storybook character the Hungry Caterpillar! It will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Harlem Library
Thur., June 8	6:00 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.	Evans Library
Thur., June 8	6:30 PM	Meet the Hungry Caterpillar	Meet your favorite storybook character the Hungry Caterpillar! It will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Evans Library
Fri., June 9	10:30 AM	Emergency Preparedness	Come learn the basics of Emergency Preparedness. Registration required.	Evans Library
Sat., June 10	10:00 AM	Keep Calm & Coupon On	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.	EuChee Ck Library
Mon., June 12, Wed., June 14, & Fri., June 16	10:30 AM	Chess	Open to all ages. Come learn the basics of chess. 3 part class with ending tournament on Fri..	Evans Library
Mon., June 12	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!	Evans Library
Mon., June 12	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	Join us for movie fun and light refreshments for the whole family.	EuChee Ck Library
Mon., June 12	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction	The June selection is <i>Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian</i> by Avi Steinberg.	Pizza Central, Evans
Tues., June 13	2:30 PM	Garden City Jazz	Our friends from Garden City Jazz will have us up and dancing while learning about music.	EuChee Ck Library
Tues., June 13	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Class	Join us for drop-in guitar instructions. We have up to 6 guitars available for use if students do not have one they can bring in, but they cannot take it home with them. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration is required.	Evans Library

All programs are subject to change. Call your local branch for details. Evans: 706-863-1946 EuChee Ck: 706-556-0594 Harlem: 706-556-9795

For a complete list of library programs, please visit www.gchrl.org

JUNE & JULY

Wed., June 14	2:00 PM	Build & Play Café	Join us each week for self-guided crafts and activities.	Evans Library
Thur., June 15	10:30 AM	Meet Geronimo Stilton	Meet your favorite storybook character Geronimo Stilton! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 15	11:00 AM	Adult Time Out	The June craft is bracelets out of rubberbands.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 15	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	The June selection is <i>Before the Fall</i> by Noah Hawley.	Evans Library
Thur., June 15	2:00 PM	Meet Geronimo Stilton	Meet your favorite storybook character Geronimo Stilton! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Harlem Library
Thur., June 15	3:00 PM	College Resource Fair	Eleven colleges and universities will be represented to answer questions and give information about college resources.	Evans Library
Thur., June 15	6:30 PM	Meet Geronimo Stilton	Meet your favorite storybook character Geronimo Stilton! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Evans Library
Fri., June 16	11:30 AM	Estate Planning & Elder Care Planning	Learn to plan for care in your older years and end of life considerations. Call 706-863-1946 ext 4 to register.	Evans Library
Sun., June 18	4:00-6:30 PM	Jay Asher: <i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i>	Meet author Jay Asher, whose novel <i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i> is now a Netflix series.	Evans Library
Mon., June 19	10:30 AM	Cord Cutting	Are you tired of cable? Learn about entertainment alternatives with cutting the cord.	Evans Library
Mon., June 19	11:00 AM	Stories & Crafts with Morris Museum	Our friends from the Morris Museum will lead us through stories, songs, and crafts!	Evans Library
Mon., June 19	6:30 PM	Mon. Night Book Discussion	The June selection is <i>Daughter of Fortune</i> by Isabel Allende.	Evans Library
Tues., June 20	2:30 PM	Savannah River Ecology Lab	Our friends with the Savannah River Ecology Lab will be here to share wonders of our natural world.	EuChee Ck Library
Wed., June 21	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Let's Go Geocaching	Learn about geocaching: real-world, outdoor treasure hunting. Registration required.	Evans Library
Wed., June 21	2:00 PM	Build & Play Café	Join us each week for self-guided crafts and activities.	Evans Library
Thur., June 22	10:30 AM	On the Same Page Book Club	The June selection is <i>Beach Music</i> by Pat Conroy.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 22	10:30 AM	Meet Pete the Cat	Meet your favorite storybook character Pete the Cat! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 22	2:00 PM	Meet Pete the Cat	Meet your favorite storybook character Pete the Cat! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Harlem Library
Thur., June 22	4:30-8:00 PM	Local Children's Authors	Meet local children's authors and learn about their works.	Evans Library Lobby
Thur., June 22	6:30 PM	Meet Pete the Cat	Meet your favorite storybook character Pete the Cat! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Evans Library
Fri., June 23	10:30 AM	Podcast Listen & Chat	What's the deal with Podcasts? Come listen to a podcast and discuss.	Evans Library
Mon., June 26	10:30 AM	Beginning Fiber Arts	Come visit and learn to knit or crochet. Registration required.	Evans Library
Mon., June 26	4:30 PM	Family Game Night	Bring the whole family to play board games and video games. No registration is required.	EuChee Ck Library
Mon., June 26	6:00 PM	DIY Keychain	Learn about working with leather and make a handy keychain to corral your store cards.	Evans Library
Tues., June 27	11:30 AM	DIY Keychain	Learn about working with leather and make a handy keychain to corral your store cards.	Evans Library
Tues., June 27	2:30 PM	Columbia County Sheriff's Dept Self-Defense for Kids	Kids can learn basic self defense from the sheriff's department.	EuChee Ck Library
Tues., June 27	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Club	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc. Ages 11 to 18.	Evans Library
Wed., June 28	10:30 AM	Sewing Basics	Come learn the basics of sewing. Come learn how to sew a button on and how to hem things. Registration required.	Evans Library
Wed., June 28	11:30 AM	Environment Matters Lunch and Learn	Bring your lunch and learn with the Eco-Lady about how you can impact our area.	Evans Library Café
Wed., June 28	2:00 PM	Build & Play Café	Join us each week for self-guided crafts and activities.	Evans Library
Thur., June 29	10:30 AM	Meet the Cookie Mouse	Meet your favorite storybook character the Cookie Mouse! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., June 29	2:00 PM	Meet the Cookie Mouse	Meet your favorite storybook character the Cookie Mouse! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Harlem Library
Thur., June 29	6:30 PM	Meet the Cookie Mouse	Meet your favorite storybook character the Cookie Mouse! He will visit the library for a special story, craft, and visit.	Evans Library
Fri., June 30	10:30 AM	Beginning Fiber Arts	Come visit and learn to knit or crochet. Registration required.	Evans Library
Mon., July 3	4:00 PM	Young Makers Program	This Makerspace program is geared especially for children ages 8-12. Kids will learn about science, engineering, and design with hands-on experiences.	Evans Library
Mon., July 3	6:30 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans Library
Tues., July 4	All Day		All Columbia County Library branches are closed for Independence Day.	All Branches
Wed., July 5	12:00 PM	Doodle Hour Adult Coloring	You've seen the trend, now try it! Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring.	Evans Library
Thur., July 6	3:30 PM	Gaming at the Library	Teens can take a break and play video and board games.	Evans Library
Sat., July 8	10:00 AM	Keep Calm & Coupon On	Have you wondered about saving money with coupons? Join this fun group to share tips and compare ideas.	EuChee Ck Library
Mon., July 10	3:00 PM	Genealogy Club	Join us to learn the basics then branch out to find your roots!	Evans Library
Mon., July 10	5:30 PM	Family Movie Night	Join us for movie fun and light refreshments for the whole family.	EuChee Ck Library
Mon., July 10	7:00 PM	Pub Fiction	The July selection is <i>1984</i> by George Orwell.	Pizza Central, Evans
Tues., July 11	4:00 PM	Teen Guitar Class	Join us for drop-in guitar instructions. We have up to 6 guitars available for use if students do not have one they can bring in, but they cannot take it home with them. This program is for ages 11-18. Registration is required.	Evans Library
Wed., July 12	2:00 PM	Arts & Crafts Buffet	Drop in and choose from a variety of crafting materials and art supplies to experiment with and create your very own artwork. Dress for a mess! Children of all ages welcome. No registration required.	Evans Library
Thur., July 13	1:00 PM	Columbia County Genealogical Society	Whether you're an experienced genealogist or just learning to find your roots, this club has something for everyone.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., July 13	6:00 PM	Adult Guitar Club	Meet to discuss and share guitar tips, techniques, advice, etc.	Evans Library
Mon., July 17	4:00 PM	Teen Makerspace	Teens 13-18 will work on their own projects under staff guidance while using library equipment including CAD software, development software, a 3D scanner, a 3D printer, soldering equipment, and general electronics tools.	Evans Library
Mon., July 17	6:30 PM	Mon. Night Book Discussion	The July selection is <i>The Silver Star</i> by Jeannette Walls.	Evans Library
Tues., July 18	10:30 AM	Baby Explorers	Bring your little explorers to this sensory playtime for babies and toddlers! Ages 0-2. Children's classroom. No registration.	Evans Library
Thur., July 20	11:00 AM	Adult Time Out	The July craft is DIY Cards & Envelopes.	EuChee Ck Library
Thur., July 20	11:30 AM	Brown Bag Book Discussion	The July selection is <i>Tell the Wolves I'm Home</i> by Carol Rifka Brunt.	Evans Library

SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT INFORMATION:

A storm water credit is a reduction in the monthly storm water utility service fee. The overall goal of the County is to give a credit to property owners that are reducing the impact of storm water generated by their property. By reducing the peak discharge of storm water from their property, through either a retention or detention facility such as a pond, property owners are helping the County protect properties downstream. By complying with the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements, property owners are helping the County improve water quality. Columbia County is offering two types of credits for this assistance:

Peak Flow Reduction Credit (also known as a pond credit) and NPDES Water Quality Credit. The maximum amount of credit available is 50% of the total storm water utility monthly service fee. For more information about the service charge credits, go to www.columbiacountyga.gov Storm water department, billing and SERVICE CHARGE CREDIT INFORMATION.

REMINDER: Please remember that previously applied credits expire June 1. Please submit proper inspection documentation to prevent a discontinuation of any credits. If you have any questions, please contact 706.855.7246.

#EnvironmentMatters!



Girl Scout Brownie Troop #20065 led by Renee Lewis partnered with Columbia County on an environmental public education community outreach project. This project consisted of spending their weekends at Camp Tanglewood in workshops led by Girl Scout Leader Lewis and Columbia County's Georgia Master Naturalist Margaret Ann Alligood. The multi-aged troop learned about the importance of water abundance and what citizens can do to prevent water pollution to our precious natural water resources in addition to how to use water conservatively. The troop studied the hydrological cycle, our watershed and various methods on how to help protect it. After they understood how vital water is for our wellbeing, health, and our community, the troop was empowered to distribute educational packages in a Columbia County neighborhood that had recently undergone a storm drain improvement project completed by our Columbia County Storm water Maintenance Team. The educational packages that Troop #20065 hand distributed to citizens consisted of an explanation letter about the community outreach and a Clean Water Campaign brochure educating the fact that storm drains lead directly to our natural water resources and that trash, debris, pet waste, chemicals, and other pollutants may hurt the quality of water in our community. A complimentary educational cup with "The River Is Closer Than You Think- Only Rain Down The Drain!" message was included in the packages. Thank you Girl Scout Leader Lewis and Brownie Troop # 20065 for reaching out to us to offer your time! Your volunteer work makes a positive impact in our community by sharing the message that #EnvironmentMatters! If your civic group would like an environmental awareness watershed presentation to check availability please email us at malligood@columbiacountyga.gov.