



SUMMER 2025

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SUMMER READING *Kickoff* May 17 Wald Park

Join us at Wald Park from 11 - 1 pm for the the best foam party in town! We will have shows, games, food, fun and prizes! But best of all, you can sign up for Summer Reading! All ages welcome!!

Summer Programming

May 27- July 29

Summer Tween Time

Every Tuesday at 2 pm

Special Performers

Every Thursday at 10:30 & 3:30 pm

Some programs held in Cahaba Heights, Dolly Ridge & Liberty Park

CHE Cahaba Heights Elem., DRE Dolly Ridge Elem., LPEG Liberty Park Elem. (Gym)
CPR Children's Program Room; CR Community Room; TH Treehouse

MAY

- 29 Professor WhizzPop 10:30 am & 3:30 pm, CR, Ages 3+** Giggles galore, madcap magic and plenty of books as Professor Whizzpop encourages eager readers to READ!
- 31 POP Art Collage with artist Michael Albert 10 am - 12 pm, MS, All Ages** Bring the family to create a one-of-a-kind art from collage. Supplies provided.

JUNE

- 5 That Puppet Guy 10:30 am & 3:30 pm, CR, All Ages** Come see a wonderful puppet show with our good friends from Atlanta.
- 12 Lew-E's Comedy Circus 10:30 am, CR, All Ages** Magic, comedy, juggling and just plain "clowning around" make him the hit of the summer!
- 14 Dad & Daughter Tea 1:30 pm, CR, All Ages** Join us down the rabbit hole in Wonderland! Call to register for this annual Library tradition: 205-978-0159.
- 18 Special Silly Goose Storytime (The Humane Society) 10:30 am, CR, All Age**
- 19 Ventriloquist Gene Cordova 10:30 am, CR, All Ages** Gene and his band of Merry-Makers use imagination to build friendships and work together!
- 26 Drummer Mark Seymour 10:30 am, CR, All Ages** Move to the beat as Mark entertains you with his percussion talents.



SQUADRON STORYTIME

Join Squadron players and team mascot Commander as they take over storytime.

June 11 at 10:30 am, CR, All Ages

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Dolly Ridge & Liberty Park 3:30 pm

- 6/19 Ventriloquist Gene Cordova, DRE, All Ages** Join Gene & his Merry-Makers!
- 6/26 Drummer Mark Seymour, LPEG, All Ages** Move to the beat!

JULY

- 3 The Story Ship 10:30 am & 3:30 pm, CR, Ages 3+** Sail away with interactive segments, music, magic, comedy and lots and lots of fun!
- 9 Special Silly Goose Storytime (Talladega Superspeedway) 10:30 am, CR, All Ages**
- 10 Entertainer Barry Mitchell 10:30 am, CR, Ages 3+** Barry and Sam the Turtle guarantee you will laugh yourself silly!
- 17 Musician Andrew Best 10:30 am, CR, All Ages.** Great music and rambunctious fun await you when you hang out with Andrew Best!
- 24 Michelle's Magical Poodles 10:30 am & 3:30 pm, CR, All ages.** Cuteness abounds as these trained poodles share their fun and amazing tricks!

JULY

30 Special Silly Goose Storytime (Excavators) 10:30 am, CR, All Ages

31 Reward Day! All day, Children's Department Everyone who signed up for Summer Reading and visited at least 3 times can choose a free book! While supplies last.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Book Babies 10 am, TH, Ages 0-18 mo 5/1, 5/8 Ms. Regan shows the joy of storytime.

Ms. Courtney's Library Stop 10:30 am, CR, All Ages 5/3, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19
Come see Ms. Courtney and her story pals! Stories, songs, dancing, and playing!

Silly Goose Storytime 10:30 am, CPR, Ages 3+ 5/4, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30 Ms. Lauren will bring stories, music, movement!

Toddler-a-Go-Go 9:30 am & 10:30 am, CR, Ages 18-36 mo 5/6, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 Singing, dancing, moving and stories!

Wiggles & Wellness 10:30 am, CPR, All Ages 5/10, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26
Bend, stretch, wiggle and dance with Ms. Regan for fun and a happier you!

TWEEN TIME - 2 PM, CR

GRADES 2-6

5/27 Guided Painting Watercolors with artist Peyton Pentecost.

6/3 Alabama Wildlife Center Visit and learn about birds of Prey.

6/10 Tie-dye Book Totes Registration Required.

6/17 Brick & Minifigs Lego Challenge Winner chosen by the store team.

6/24 Play with Giant Color Games! Jenga, Twister, Hungry Hippos & more!

7/1 KidStrong Get fit and have fun doing it!

7/8 DIY Cardboard Kingdom Create your own colorful world. Boxes provided.

7/15 Brick & Minifigs Lego Challenge Winner chosen by the store team.

7/22 The Bat Lady Live bats and lots of fun facts.

7/29 We all scream for ICE CREAM! Come make your own ice cream creations.



Cahaba Heights Elem. & Liberty Park Elem. Gym 3:30 pm

7/10 Barry Mitchell, CHE, Ages 3+ Magic, puppets and comedy that will have you smiling!

7/17 Andrew Best, LPEG, All Ages Lots of energy, great music and fun.

SUMMER ART GALLERY

May - Mary Fehr, Photography

June - TBA

July - Meghan Malone, Woodworking



MAY

- 5 Intro to 3D Printing 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn how our 3D printers work and the basics of finding and preparing models to print.
- 8 Intro to 3D Printing 10:00 - 11:30 am**
- 12 Vinyl Cutting 101 4:00 - 5:30 pm** From preparing images, to applying the finished product, participants will learn what's involved in creating custom vinyl decals.
- 15 Vinyl Cutting 101 10:00 - 11:30 am**
- 26 Cricut Academy 4:00 - 5:30 pm** We'll discuss how to prepare your cuts in the Cricut DesignSpace(tm) software and how to operate the machine.
- 29 Cricut Academy 10:00 - 11:30 am**

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- 9 Intro to 3D Modelling 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn Tinkercad.com, a free-to-use 3D modeling platform. Registration required. Prerequisite: Basic computer literacy.
- 12 Intro to 3D Modelling 10:00 - 11:30 am**
- 16 Buttons for Beginners 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Pins, buttons, or badges, we will show you how to make them with our button press. Register at vestavialibrary.org.
- 19 Buttons for Beginners 10:00 - 11:30 am**

JULY

- 7 FUNductivity w/ Makey Makey 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Use the Makey Makey inventor kit to learn about conductivity, and circuitry in this hands-on STEM workshop for ages 8+. Space limited. Register at vestavialibrary.org. Basic computer skills recommended.
- 10 FUNductivity w/ Makey Makey 10:00 - 11:30 am**
- 14 Tote-ally Awesome! 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn how to make customized canvas tote bags using the makerspace vinyl cutter and heat press. Registration Required. Ages 10+.
- 17 Tote-ally Awesome! 10:00 - 11:30 am**
- 21 3D Scanning Workshop 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn how to use the makerspace's handheld 3D scanner to convert real world objects into 3d models.
- 24 3D Scanning Workshop 10:00 - 11:30 am**

OPEN LAB HOURS

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21
2:00 - 5:30 PM 5/8, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 7/3, 7/17, 7/24

TEENS

GRADE 6-12

MAY

- 7 The Lost Sock 4 pm, HR** In this month's writing group, we're celebrating Lost Sock Memorial Day a bit early as we write a short story about your lost sock's mysterious disappearance and the adventure it underwent once leaving you! Snacks served.
- 10 D&D One-Shot: Beneath the Meadery 10 am, HR** Something strange and unsettling is happening underneath Merrin Goldthorn's ancestral meadery, and she desperately needs your aid! Gather with your friends, investigate the disturbance, and make a tough choice on her family's treasured profession! Register at 205-978-3683.
- 13 The Resistance 4 pm, MS** Assign operatives to missions while avoiding enemy spies as we play The Resistance, a social deduction game. Tabletop Gaming Group! Snacks.
- 14 Art Group: Head of the Class 4 pm, MS** Brush up on your art skills as we practice drawing human heads using the "Loomis Method". Snacks Served.
- 17 Shibori Tie-Dye 10 am, AMP** Learn the ancient art of Shibori for our Teen Saturday craft! This Japanese art of using indigo dye on fabric creates gorgeous results! Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own items to tie-dye if you like. Snacks served.
- 21 Game Party 4 pm, MS** Join us in-person to play interactive Jackbox party games like Quiplash, Drawful, and Tee K.O. with other teens. Phone or mobile device recommended. Snacks Served.
- 28 Pokémania 4 pm, MS** Celebrate your love of all things Pokémon with trivia, crafts, and episodes of the classic anime. Snacks Served.
- 30 Mario Kart 8 Tournament 4 pm, CR** Test your Switch skill in our Mario Kart 8 tournament! Dominate the competition and fight to win an Amazon gift card! Snacks.



THE LASER GAMES

(Teen Summer Kickoff) May 27, 5:30pm



We're kicking off summer with an all-out laser tag battle!
Lead your team to victory and be Libray Champion! Pizza served.
Register at 205-978-3683.

STUDY HOURS

Extended Library Hours 5/15, 5/19, 5/20 Open until 9 pm for high school final exams. Take advantage of the extra time to get all of your studying completed!

Exam Study Breaks 5/15, 5/19, 5/20 3, 5 & 7 pm, HR Need a break from studying? The Teen Dept is offering 30-min. study breaks with snacks and games!

JUNE

- 3 Altered Art 5:30 pm, MS** We'll use a variety of supplies to take existing art to create something new and truly unique! Pizza served. Register at 205-978-3683.
- 4 Franken-Figures 4 pm, MS** It's Alive! Well, not really, but join us as we use tools and crafting supplies to reconfigure toys and make new, freaky, weird creations! Snacks.
- 7 D&D One-Shot: An Ogre & His Cake 10 am, HR** After celebrating a friend's birthday, the partygoers discover the cake has been stolen by a hungry Ogre! Brave the forest to recover the pastry before it's ruined! Snacks. Register at 205-978-3683.

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- 10 The Mystery of the Half-Blood Prince 5:30 pm, CR** Harry thinks he knows who the Half-Blood Prince is, but does he really? Gather clues and solve a variety of magical puzzles to discover who the true Prince is! Wizarding dress encouraged. Snacks.
- 11 Pin-Party 4 pm, MS** Come and make your very own custom badges and pins using magazines, comics, or your own artwork! Snacks Served.
- 14 Bookbinding 10 am, MS** Make and decorate your own notebook/sketchbook using traditional bookbinding techniques in this Teen Craft Lab! Supplies & snacks provided.
- 17 Pancake Picasso 5:30 pm, MS** Combine your creativity with your sweet tooth as you fashion pancake art and compete to be flapjack master is! Register at 205-978-3683.
- 18 Game Party 4 pm, MS** Join us in-person to play interactive Jackbox party games like Quiplash, Drawful, and Tee K.O. with other teens. Phone or mobile device recommended. Snacks Served.
- 24 Nailed It: Minecraft Edition 5:30 pm, CR** It's our own spin on the popular Netflix show, and this year is bigger than ever as we tackle blocky Minecraft-themed desserts. We supply the ingredients, and you try to replicate the example and crush the competition! Register at 205-978-3683.
- 25 Forbidden Island 4 pm, MS** In this Tabletop Gaming Group, you will work with your team to gather all the treasure on a sinking island before all is lost...and you end up trapped in the ocean. Games and expertise provided. Snacks served.
- 27 Super Smash Bros. Tournament 4 pm, CR** Who will reign supreme in this battle royale of epic proportions? Come Wfight to win an Amazon gift card! Snacks served.

JULY



- 1 Avatar Night Eat-A-Long 5:30 pm, CR** Jump into the world of *Avatar the Last Airbender* with the Teen Department! Celebrate the show while eating themed snacks!
- 2 Chalk Champs 4 pm, MS** Don't step on a crack as you strive for sidewalk supremacy in this art contest for teens. You get chalk and 3 sq. feet of concrete. Snacks served.
- 8 CATAN: GIANT EDITION 5:30 pm, CR** Come and play our giant edition of Settlers of Catan! Trade with other teens or set the robber on them. Whatever your strategy, only one can be ruler of Catan. No experience required or expected.
- 9 Stone Glass Art 4 pm, MS** Learn how to create one-of-a-kind artworks using craft paper, glue, and glass circles. All supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own photos or magazines to use as well.
- 12 Woven Bookmarks 10 am, MS** Saturday is Teen Craft Lab! We're inviting a local fiber artist to give a demonstration on his loom, and then we'll weave our own bookmarks using yarn of all kinds! Supplies and snacks provided.
- 15 Henna Art 5:30 pm, MS** Learn from a professional artist how to apply a Henna design to your skin! Registration required. Register at 978-3683. Pizza served.
- 16 Game Party 4 pm, MS** Join us in-person to play interactive Jackbox party games like Quiplash, Drawful, and Tee K.O.. Phone or mobile device recommended. Snacks.
- 22 Sticky Note Studio 5:30 pm, CR** Plot out your own Pixel Art or use some of our guides to create a unique post-it note mural in the Teen Department! We supply sticky notes; you supply the talent. Snacks Served.

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- 23 Ticket to Ride 4 pm, MS** Build your railroad across North America to connect cities and complete tickets as we dive into the award winning and elegantly simple Ticket to Ride during this month's Tabletop Gaming Group! Snacks served.
- 25 VR Tournament 4 pm, CR** Test your might in our Virtual Reality tournament! Show your gaming domination and you could win an Amazon gift card! Snacks served.
- 29 Zombie Scavenger Hunt XIII: Unlucky Edition 5:30 pm, CR** As if the undead horde wasn't enough, the 13th installment of our popular scavenger hunt introduces a new wrinkle: a ruthless raider that steals your party's resources right out from under you. Don't miss our biggest Zombie Scavenger Hunt yet! Pizza Served.

OPEN GAMING

TEENS GRADE 6-12

Open Gaming 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 7/11, 7/18 4 pm, CR

Enjoy awesome board games and the latest consoles with fellow teens. Snacks.



MAY

ADULTS

AGES 18+

- 7 Crafter's, Inc.: Quilled Chamomile Flowers 11 am, CR** These delicate paper petals are rolled and shaped to resemble the classic symbol of relaxation and tranquility. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or lora.roberts@vestavialibrary.org.
- 14 Read & Feed Book Group 6 pm, Grand Hall** Refreshments & a lively discussion: *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig.
- 16 Craft*Lab: Seashell Painting 7 pm, CR** Usher in summer with this stunning craft! Materials provided along with snacks & prizes. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or terri.leslie@vestavialibrary.org.
- 20 Adult Creative Writing Series 6 pm, CPR** Stretch your creative writing skills with topic-focused writing prompts, group discussion, and networking. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or kara.anderson@vestavialibrary.org.
- 22 Friends: Estate Planning, Wills & Elder Law 10:00 am, CR** An expert attorney will share the importance of understanding laws in Alabama. Coffee 10:00 am.

READ & WIN IN JUNE & JULY!!

Adult Summer Reading

Register for summer reading where you can win weekly prizes as well as the Grand Prize. The more you read, the more chances to win! Register in person at the Adult Services Desk or at vestavialibrary.org/adults.

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Summer Watercolor Artist Series In partnership with the Vestavia Hills Arts Council. We are excited to welcome four phenomenal, Artists-in-Residence! They will be offering watercolor demonstrations. Bios & samples at vestavialibrary.org/artistseries.

- 4 Crafter's, Inc.: Sassy Summer Chickens 11 am, CR** Why did the chicken cross the crafting table? To become the star of our next Crafter's Inc.! Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or lora.roberts@vestavialibrary.org.
- 10 Summer Artist Series: Walt Costilow 12 - 2 pm, MS** VH's Art Council member and President of the Watercolor Society of Alabama, this nationally recognized artist has exhibited his aviation art at local, regional, and national venues. He completed numerous aviation works while flying in the Air Force and has studied with international artists. Drop in as he demonstrates watercolor techniques!
- 11 Read & Feed Book Group 6 pm, Grand Hall** Refreshments & a lively discussion: *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Bringley.
- 13 Craft*Lab: Handmade with Holly - Dandelion Painting 7 pm, CR** Holly helps us keep these cute dandelions where they belong – on canvas! Materials provided along with snacks & prizes. Register: vestavialibrary.org/adults or terri.leslie@vestavialibrary.org.
- 16 Wine Bottle Luminaries 6 pm, CR** We're offering a bonus round of our most popular craft program! All materials are provided, along with snacks and prizes. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or terri.leslie@vestavialibrary.org.
- 17 Adult Creative Writing Series 6 pm, CPR** Stretch your creative writing skills with topic-focused writing prompts, group discussion, and networking. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or contact Kara at kara.anderson@vestavialibrary.org.
- 24 Summer Artist Series: Suzanne Accetta 12 – 2 pm, MS** This theatrical set designer, lecturer, juror, and teacher is an internationally renowned artist who has been painting for over fifty years. Her work has been exhibited in public, private and corporate collections as well as juried exhibitions, and she has been featured in print and online publications. Drop in while she demonstrates watercolor techniques!
- 26 After Hours: Silent Book Group 6:30 pm, Grand Hall** Bring your current read to a book group where everyone relaxes with their book of choice and turns some pages—no talking required! We'll have snacks, prizes, and the whole library to ourselves!
- 30 Writing Project WPower Hour 6 pm, CR** Join fellow writers for focused writing time as everyone makes progress on their own specific projects (novel, memoir, poetry). Registration appreciated but just show up if you need to! Register: vestavialibrary.org/adults or kara.anderson@vestavialibrary.org.

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- 2 Crafter's, Inc.: Decoupage Flowerpots 11 am, CR** Turn an ordinary flowerpot into a work of art! Register: vestavialibrary.org/adults or lora.roberts@vestavialibrary.org.
- 8 Summer Artist Series: Nancy Paden 12 - 2 pm, MS** This award-winning watercolor and acrylic artist is known for her realistic style depicting people, nature, and wildlife. Inspired by the natural beauty of her family farm in Alabama, her artistic journey includes a rich career in design, teaching, and creating murals alongside her fine art. Drop in on her watercolor demonstration to watch, learn, and ask questions!

- 9 Read & Feed Book Group 6 pm, Grand Hall** Refreshments & a lively discussion: *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey.
- 11 Craft*Lab: Handmade with Holly - Pop-Up Flower Cards 7 pm, CR** These cheerful flowers are a breath of fresh air! All materials are provided, along with snacks and prizes. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or terri.leslie@vestavialibrary.org.
- 15 Adult Creative Writing Series 6 pm, CPR** Stretch your creative writing skills with topic-focused writing prompts, group discussion, and networking. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or kara.anderson@vestavialibrary.org.
- 18 Summer Artist Series: Ron Lewis 12 – 2 pm, MS** A member of Who's Who in American art, our last artist of the Summer Artists Series paints in watercolor, acrylic, and oil, and is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society as well as the Alabama Watercolor Society. His paintings are in the permanent collection of the Birmingham Museum of Art, and his work has been published in national and international publications. Don't miss this chance to observe, learn, and ask questions!
- 22 Picture This! Cyanotype Photography 2 pm, CPR** Create one-of-a-kind prints! This photography process produces gorgeous blue prints using sunlight. Register at vestavialibrary.org/adults or kara.anderson@vestavialibrary.org.

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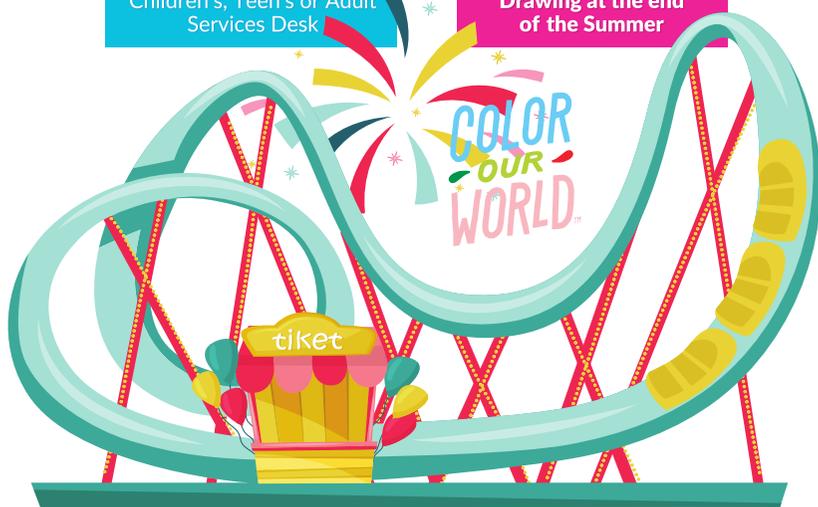
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WEEKLY PRIZES
 Bring in your reading log

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 Children's, Teen's or Adult
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GRAND PRIZE
 Drawing at the end
 of the Summer



MAY

TECH CLASS

AGES 18+

- 1 Basic Microsoft Word 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Copy, paste, format, insert page numbers, use spell check and more.
- 8 Basic Microsoft Excel 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Format cells, use formulas, insert functions, and perform other basic tasks to design Excel spreadsheets.
- 15 Windows 11 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn the basics and explore what your PC has to offer. Bring your laptop or just come and observe.
- 22 AI for Your Everyday Life 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn about some AI tools that may increase your productivity and enhance your creativity in this practical class.

JUNE

- 5 Intermediate MS Word 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn how to manipulate images, create an automatic table of contents, use mail merge and more. Prior Word use required.
- 12 Basic MS Excel Part II 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Continue learning the basics of this popular Microsoft Office program.
- 19 GIMP: The Free Photoshop 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn how to perform intricate photo editing. Work with layers to move a person from one photo into another, remove things out of an image for a flawless result and more!
- 26 Facebook Basics 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Learn how to change your profile picture, send friend requests, make a post, share and more! Bring your smartphone or tablet.

JULY

- 1 MS PowerPoint 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Create a dynamic slideshow that includes photos, transitions, animations and more.
- 10 Intermediate MS Excel Part I 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Enhance your spreadsheets in Excel with charts, tables, conditional formatting and more. Prior Excel use required.
- 17 iPad Basics Part I 4:00 - 5:30 pm** Bring your iPad and learn the fundamentals of this popular device.
- 24 Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality 4:00 - 5:30 pm** This class introduces you to the worlds of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). It's an immersive experience!

Technology Classroom: Register for all classes at vestavialibrary.org/tech or 205-978-4679





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