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Dear Friends,

I am at my best when I can plan for the future, but looking too far ahead during the pandemic has been frustrating and stressful. To keep peace in my stymied brain, I struck a compromise; I can commit to planning for... October. I know that the calendar will inevitably flip to October.

I am optimistic that October will bring cooler days and more enjoyable outdoor activities. And while our annual Halloween celebration will be absent from October, I am excited about new programs like our weekly outdoor story time and our new partnership with the Osher Life-Long Learning Institute (OLLI).

October also marks the beginning of the fiscal year for the City of Mountain Brook. In 2019, the City Finance Committee and City Council were very prescient in granting the Library's request for more funding for ebooks and audiobooks for children. When the Library closed in March, our digital collections became our only available collections. While circulation of all ebooks increased 80% during the Library's closure, circulation of ebooks for children increased 481%!

Even though the City of Mountain Brook faces uncertainty in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, O'Neal Library is scheduled to receive level funding for books, audiobooks, DVDs, and ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. In addition, the Mountain Brook Library Foundation, which has been instrumental in funding digital materials since the inception of that collection, has renewed its commitment to provide supplemental funding for ebooks and downloadable audiobooks again this year.

While November is typically the month that inspires gratitude, I am grateful for the constants that will sustain me in October and beyond - an exceptionally talented staff, a host of supporting organizations, and city leaders who value the services of O'Neal Library.

-Lindsay

Your donations helped make a difference during the pandemic. Thanks to your generosity, the Mountain Brook Library Foundation helped provide the community access to thousands of ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, digital periodicals, movies, tv series, and music - just to name a few services.



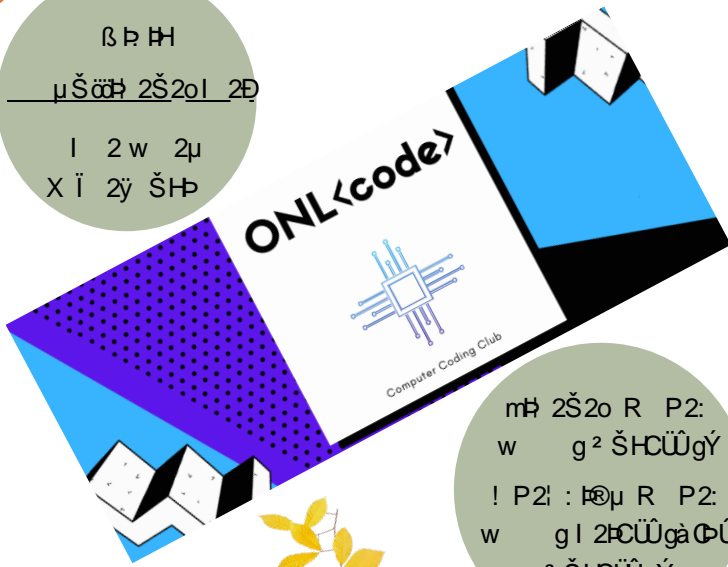
Congratulations to our new Circulation Manager, Daniel Daughhete!

Daniel has been with O'Neal Library circulation department for 12 years and is the smiling face you and your family have grown to associate with our front desk when you enter the Library. Daniel received his Bachelors Degree in History from the University of Montevallo, and later earned his Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. The Circulation Department could not be in better hands as Daniel has been a tremendous asset to the department for many years. Join us in congratulating him on his exciting promotion. He is sure to flash that heart-warming smile your way.

Fall 2020

O'Neal Library Virtual and Socially Distanced Programs

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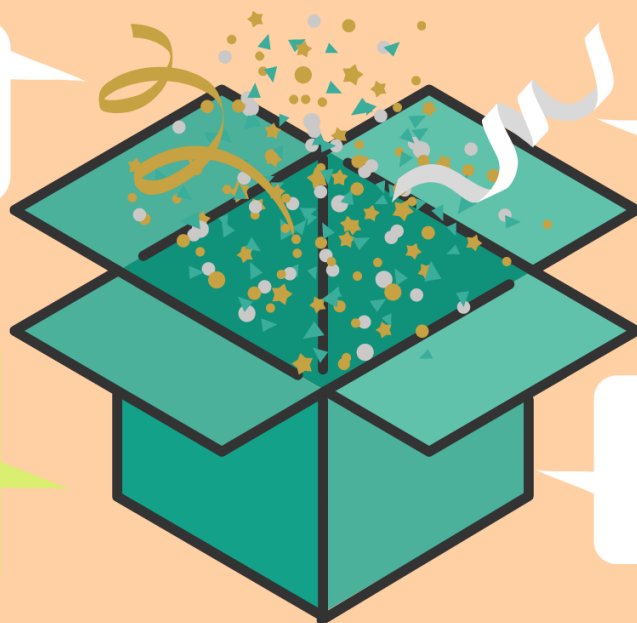
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LIBRARY LOOT

Receive a care package in the mail from the O'Neal Library!

Enjoy a different box of goodies every month!



CLICK HERE
to register for next month's Library Loot care box!

Library Loot is for teens in grades 7-12. Got questions? Email our teen librarians at teens@oneallibrary.org!

A Planned Giving bequest to the Mountain Brook Library Foundation costs nothing now, but could ensure our services are available for future generations.

The Mountain Brook recently received bequests from these long-time supporter.

Alice Lathrop McSpadden Williams, 1939-2019

Mrs. Williams was a community leader in the City of Mountain Brook. She served as a member of the Mountain Brook City Council where she started her advocacy for a community library. Her sustained commitment to the O'Neal Library will not be forgotten.

Mary Elizabeth Brocato, 1923-2020

Mrs. Brocato was a long time patron who loved the time she spent at the O'Neal Library.

Thank you

How does the Mountain Brook Library Foundation support O'Neal Library?

The Mountain Brook Library Foundation has partnered with the O'Neal Library to provide world class services to the Mountain Brook community since its inception in 1993. Assisting with funding for special programs and projects such as author events, digital collections, and state of the art technology, the Foundation is vital to the Library's mission to provide quality library and informational services for all the people of our community. Thanks to the gifts from generous donors, the Mountain Brook Library Foundation will continue to invest in life-long learning resources for the current and next generation of Mountain Brook residents.

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