

## At the library

A good time was had by all (we hope), but sadly, all good things come to an end, and so it goes with the 2024 summer reading program.

To say farewell, the Calhoun Memorial Library threw a party last week during the Wednesday children's storytime. The children and parents were treated to hot dogs and chips, water and juice, games like bag toss, frisbees and hula hoops. A kiddie pool was also onsite. The children had made boats earlier and the pool's intent was to sail the boats, however, several little ones decided it made a better swimming pool and plopped down in the water to play. Not surprisingly, there were several wet bottoms and more than one soggy diaper.

Following storytime was Teen Time where the craft was making tie dye pillowcases. Happily, Mother Nature was cooperating since all this fun took place in the library's back lawn.

Thank you to all the families who took part in the 2024 summer reading program. All of us here at the Calhoun Memorial Library hope you read some great books, enjoyed the visits of River Valley Raptors and Safari Bob, and had fun with the cooking challenge and chalk the block. We look forward to doing this again next summer.

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Lastly, the children's storytime is taking a two-week break. It will resume Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

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## New fiction

"Fire and Bones," by Kathy Reichs. Only a really interesting case could draw Tempe from her vacation in Savannah with her main squeeze, Andrew Ryan. Arriving in Washington, D.C. is asking to take a look at the victims of a house fire, which police think is a case of arson. The home in question, an illegal Airbnb, is located in Foggy Bottom, a Washington neighborhood with a long history of shady dealings, and back in the 1930s and 1940s was the hangout of bootleggers and swindlers. They were known as the Foggy Bottom Gang and initially Tempe thinks this bit of information is nothing more than trivia. Then the son of one of the gang members is found dead at his Virginia home. Soon after, another Foggy Bottom Gang-linked property goes up in flames. What happened at these buildings that someone must turn them into ash and dust? And will Tempe be that someone's next target?