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Sherlock Holmes Day

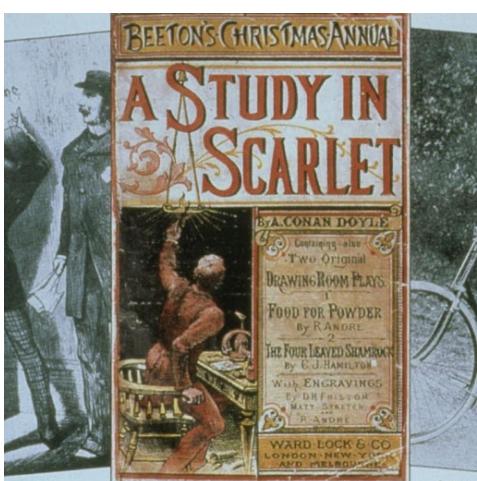
BY CARLIE CHAPMAN, CIRCULATION CLERK

"Elementary, Watson," I say. If you correctly guessed who said this famous line, you must be familiar with the Sherlock Holmes character and book series created by British author, Sir Conan Doyle. But, do you know Doyle wrote 60 stories and approximately 200 books throughout his lifetime, including short stories, poems, historical fiction, and pamphlets? His books have sold more than 60 million copies around the world and have been adapted to television and movies including having been translated into over 98 languages.



Brittanica.com by Phillip K. Wilson

So iconic is his most famous character, that May 22nd is designated "Sherlock Holmes Day" in commemoration of Doyle's birthday and his role in popularizing the mystery, fantasy, and science fiction genres. According to Guinness World Records, Sherlock Holmes is the most portrayed character of all time. While many fans love Robert Downey Jr. as Sherlock Holmes and Jude Law as Dr. Watson, my personal favorite is the British Sherlock Holmes television series starring Benedict Cumberbatch because he is such a phenomenal actor. I can easily imagine the great detective acting just like he plays the character.



Irishtimes.com by Daniel Smith

Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was born 1859, in Edinburgh, United Kingdom and was influenced by his mother's roommate to attend medical school at the University of Edinburgh Medical School. He received his Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery degrees in 1881 and then in 1885, he received his Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree . As a medical student, he was so impressed by the minute observation and diagnostic deduction skills of his professor, Joseph Bell, that he was inspired to create Sherlock Holmes and his most adoring companion Dr. Watson. A young Doyle struggled to find a publisher in 1886, but was eventually able to publish his first novel, *A Study in Scarlet*, which is told from Watson's point of view.

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This early work forged the reader's initial connection to Sherlock Holmes. The book's characters were based on actual university professors and an explorer named Percy Fawcett, whom Doyle admired and from whom he learned a great deal. Doyle continued writing about Sherlock Holmes until 1926, due to public demand for more of him. The use of Doyle's diction and imagery, and the mystery solving skills throughout the stories, keep readers coming back for more. His characters are also credited with influencing forensic science by implementing fingerprints, trace evidence, serology, ciphers, cryptograms, and footprints long before the police did.

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes series was originally serialized and published in *The Strand Magazine* and later released as part of *The Strand Library*. In 1893, Doyle was determined to get rid of the hero to concentrate on other works, so he dispatched Holmes in "The Final Problem" by having him fight to the death with Moriarty at Switzerland's Reichenbach Falls. Readers missed Holmes' character and experiences so much they wanted to bring him back to life. To their disappointment, Doyle chose to focus on other historical fiction works while serving as a doctor in the Boer War. Ultimately, he did bring Sherlock Holmes back to life in his 1901 novel, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. The setting of this book inserts Holmes into a much earlier time period, well before the character died.

Celebrate his birthday by coming to Huntsville Public Library on May 22nd to read one of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes books and movies.

How to use search and advance search in Libby?

BY JALPA SHAH, IT SERVICES COORDINATOR

To search:

Tap Q in the footer.

1. Enter your search term (e.g., a title, author, or series name) in the search bar.



To advanced search:

1. Tap Q in the footer.
2. Tap + more (under "Explore With Filters").
3. In a list or in search results: tap Preferences.
 - a. Adjust your filters and default sorting option.
 - b. Tap Apply Preferences.
4. To narrow your search results further: Tap Refine
 - a. Tap Format, Subject, Language, Audience, Supports, or Availability to add filters.
 - b. Tap Sort By to choose another sort option.
 - c. Tap Search Within Results and enter a search term.

Libby Academy Public Library

Bilingual Reads for Kids

Browse these bilingual books in Spanish and English for young readers.

Listing 26 books.

Preferences

Refine

Joe Hayes
The Day It Snowed Tortillas / El día que nevó tortilla

Borrow

Read Sample

Tag

Joe Hayes
The Coyote Under the Table/El coyote debajo de la mesa

Borrow

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Libby searching, continued from page 2

If you need more help visit <https://help.libbyapp.com>

If you want to start enjoying the Library's digital collection, Huntsville Public Library offers introductory training on how to install and navigate the Libby app. The classes will be in the Nash Boardroom from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, May 2. Participants need to bring their personal devices and library card. This program is best suited for ages 18 and up. For more information contact IT Services Coordinator Jalpa Shah at 936-291-5485.

Anyone Can Learn Guitar BY STEWART HAAS, LIBRARY CLERK

I'm something of a prolific hobbyist. I pick up a hobby, get way too into it, and then it either settles into my daily life or I put it down and revisit it at a later date. Playing guitar is a hobby that has stayed with me from the time I was 14 years old until now, at 26 years old. My interest has waxed and waned over the years as it tends to do with my hobbies, but there's one thing I've learned along the way: anyone can learn how to play the guitar.



When I was 14, I picked up guitar after the passing of a close friend of mine. I coped with my grief by digging in and learning this new hobby. I'm a textbook case of someone who taught themselves guitar from old internet forums while learning songs from rock bands like Led Zeppelin, Journey, Nirvana, and Metallica. I eventually went on to play in local church worship bands, highschool Jazz band, and took college level Jazz and Classical classes as I pursued a degree in Music.

In my college classes, there were two students in their late twenties/early thirties who were learning with me. We took the same courses, had the same lessons, and played in some of the same bands, on the same stages. I had a lot of fun with them in the school's recording studio and music room where we came together to play with and learn from each other. They had a drive to learn that I really respect now that I'm the age they were back then.

When I was in church, our music minister was a man in his mid forties who was an amazing singer and knew how to rock out with just basic chord shapes. While his technical knowledge of the fretboard was lacking, his passion and familiarity with his work allowed him to lead the band flawlessly. I played with them for five years and, during that time, he was always asking me questions. He knew he had a lot to learn and that I was learning guitar in college so I taught him what I knew. He, in turn, taught me how to lead, how to mesh with a band, and how to become part of a musical cohort rather than a student group put together by a college class. I like to think we both learned a great deal from one another during those years.



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Later, I actually landed a recurring gig as guitarist for a local show in my hometown. Once a month, I'd show up along with the other band members and the show organizers would throw a bunch of songs at us. We'd get to practice the play list one time before performing the show! It was an extremely daunting test of skill. I barely hung in at times but my bandmates, who were all much older than I, were absolute masters. They were in their sixties, maybe older, and I had never played with anyone like them before. Yet, despite their prowess, they were always asking questions of each other. Not one of them was content with the skill level they had achieved and were all constantly working to improve even though they were arguably at the top of their game.

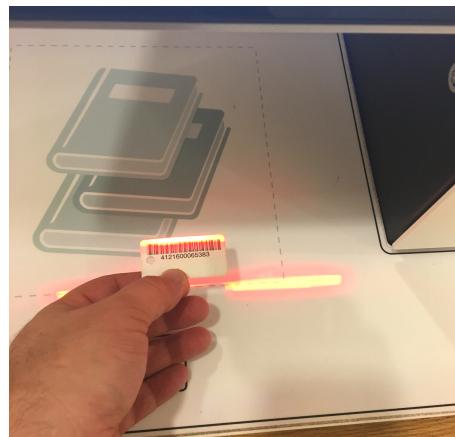
Nowadays I no longer play as much as I once did. I spend more time focusing on work and family, including my dog. However, throughout my years in the hobby, I have enjoyed meeting so many people of different ages and backgrounds. I've met pastors, teachers, ex-convicts, alcoholics, former military, and people from every race and many religions with the same passionate desire to learn guitar. If that same desire is in you, we have a ton of resources at Huntsville Public Library to help you on your way. One example I would recommend is, *The Beginner's Guide to Playing Guitar: A Simple A-Z Guide For First-Time Musicians* by Douglas J. Noble. The library is also now offering group beginner guitar lessons on the first and third Friday of every month. In May these will take place on May 6th and 20th from 5-6 p.m. in the Staggs Community Room.

Help Yourself at the Self-Checkout BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR

If you're in a rush and don't want to wait, try our self-checkout machine at the self-help kiosk across from the circulation desk.



It's a simple process. Scan your library card barcode under the red laser. If there is a fine on your account, payment can be made at the coin machine terminal located nearby.



Then, place your books (no more than two at a time) on the white pad. Using radio frequency identification (RFID) technology, the books are "read" and checked out to your account without having to scan the item barcode.



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Self-checkout, continued from page 4

As each item is checked out, the item will turn green on the screen to reflect the successful checkout action.

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Place items on scan bed to check out

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✓ No, David
✓ The Stinky Cheese Man and other

Due Date
5/7/2022
5/7/2022

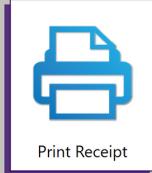
Check-out

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How would you like your receipt?



Print Receipt



Email Receipt



No Receipt

Go Back

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If you choose to print your receipt, it will give your due date, other books checked out on your account, and information about your savings to date.

If there is a fine on your account, payment can be made at the coin machine terminal located nearby.

After checking out your items, you will be given three options: print receipt, no receipt, or email receipt.



If the fine is \$10.00 or more, payment must be made at the circulation desk. If necessary, items may also be renewed by selecting "renew" and a printout of your account status is also available by selecting "account."



biblioteca SelfCheck System

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Customer ID: 4121600065673

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ID: 5121603020251
Due: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Title: The Stinky Cheese Man and other
ID: 0080886
Due: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Total items: 2
Account balance: \$0.00
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Checked out: 3
Overdue: 0
Hold requests: 0
Ready for pickup: 0

Thank you for using the biblioteca SelfCheck System.

Things happening this month at the Huntsville Public Library!



Newly designed library cards, items in our collection, and more! Thank you to the Friends of the Library for purchasing our new patio furniture. Come enjoy the sunshine with us!

Huntsville Public Library-Adult Programs

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Libby Basic 11:00 a.m.	3 Sittercise 10:00 a.m.	4 Microsoft Excel Class 11:00 a.m.	5 Sittercise 10:00 a.m. Microsoft Excel Class 5:00 p.m.	6 Sittercise 1:00 p.m. Adult Beginner Guitar Lessons 5:00 p.m.	7
10	9	10 Sittercise 10:00 a.m.	11 Microsoft Excel Class 11:00 a.m.	12 Sittercise 10:00 a.m. Book Club 11:00 a.m. Excel Class 5:00 p.m.	13 Sittercise 1:00 p.m.	14 Piney Woods Writers Group 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
15	16	17 Sittercise 10:00 a.m. Medicare 11:00 a.m.	18 Microsoft Excel Class 11:00 a.m. Family Literacy Night 5:00 p.m.	19 Sittercise 10:00 a.m. Library Closes at 11:30 a.m. for Staff Development	20 Sittercise 1:00 p.m. Adult Beginner Guitar Lessons 5:00 p.m.	21
22	23	24 Sittercise 10:00 a.m.	25 Microsoft Excel Class 11:00 a.m.	26 Sittercise 10:00 a.m. Microsoft Excel Class 5:00 p.m.	27 Sittercise 1:00 p.m.	28 Library is Closed
29	30 Library is Closed	31 Sittercise 10:00 a.m.				

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Mother Goose Lapsit Ages 2 and under 10:45 a.m.	3 Story Time Ages 6 and under 5:30 p.m.	4 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	5	6 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	7
10	9 Mother Goose Lapsit Ages 2 and under 10:45 a.m.	10 Story Time Ages 6 and under 5:30 p.m.	11 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	12	13 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	14
15	16 Mother Goose Lapsit Ages 2 and under 10:45 a.m.	17 Story Time Ages 6 and under 5:30 p.m.	18 Story Time Ages 6 & under 10:45 a.m. Family Literacy Night 5:00 p.m.	19 Library Closes at 11:30 a.m. for Staff Development	20 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	21
22	23 Mother Goose Lapsit Ages 2 and under 10:45 a.m.	24 Story Time Ages 6 and under 5:30 p.m.	25 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	26	27 Story Time Ages 6 and under 10:45 a.m.	28 Library is Closed
29	30 Library is Closed	31 Story Time Ages 6 and under 5:30 p.m.				

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