

Fall in Love with Your Next Read at the Library

This Valentine's Day, skip the chocolates and try something a little more unexpected. The Pelham Public Library invites adults to take a chance on a story during Blind Date with a Book, happening Saturday, February 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Roberts Room A&B.

Participants are encouraged to follow their curiosity—not a cover—as they select one or more surprise books from the library's specially wrapped display. Each book offers only a few keywords as



clues, giving readers the chance to discover a new favorite from the Adult Fiction, Adult Non-Fiction, or New Adult Fiction collections. It's the perfect way to add a little mystery to Valentine's Day.

While registration is not required, it is encouraged. Registered participants are guaranteed a Valentine-themed craft or activity and will be entered for a door prize drawing. Snacks, coffee, and water will be available for all attendees.

Registration closes at 11:00 a.m. on February 14. For more information, email Melanie Carden at mcarden@pelhamalabama.gov or call the library at 205-620-6418. Whether you arrive solo or with friends, you might leave with a new literary love.



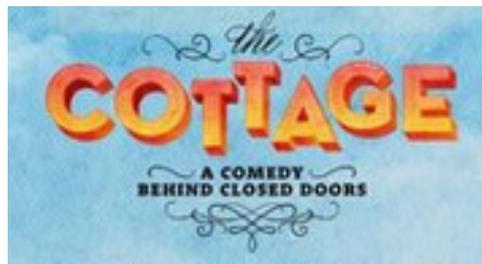
Visit Your
Public Library!



Storytelling with Music

Families with young children are invited to enjoy Storytelling with Music on Saturday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pelham Public Library's Storytime Room. This special program features Ms. Russell of Hello Music Teacher, who brings stories to life through music and movement for children ages 7 and under.

Registration is required and opens February 7. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to sign up early for this fun and engaging musical storytime experience.



South City Theatre Presents "The Cottage"

South City Theatre brings fast-paced comedy to the stage with *The Cottage*, a witty farce filled with scandal, secrets, and mistaken identities. Set in a countryside cottage in 1920s England, the play delivers nonstop laughs as lovers, spouses, and unexpected guests collide in increasingly hilarious ways.

Evening performances are February 6–7 and February 13–14 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on February 8 at 2:00 p.m. Please note that the production contains adult situations and language. Tickets and additional information are available at southcitytheatre.com.



REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 23

Start Smart Soccer

Pelham Parks & Recreation is offering Start Smart introductory youth programs designed to build skills, confidence, and a love for activity.

Start Smart Soccer - \$60 Register Now!

Start Smart Soccer
Monday, May 4 - June 22 (six weeks)
5:30pm-6:30pm
Ages 3-5 years old

This introductory program is designed for children ages 3-5. This developmentally appropriate program helps young players learn the basics of soccer in a fun, non-competitive, and non-threatening environment. The focus is on building confidence, coordination, and foundational skills without the pressure of organized competition.

Using age-appropriate equipment from Franklin Sports and Kwik Goal, participants will learn kicking, dribbling, trapping, throw-ins, and agility skills. Parents are also included in the experience, helping them feel comfortable supporting their child as they prepare for future organized soccer play.

An introductory 30-minute parent meeting will be held at the Pelham Recreation Center for registered participants, where all program information and equipment will be distributed. Each child receives a T-shirt, participant manual, soft-bounce soccer ball, cones, and a set of shin guards.

For more information, please contact Will Mayhall at wmayhall@pelhamalabama.gov or 205-406-6805



Pickleball Clinic Registration Open Now!

Stay active this season with a variety of pickleball and adult recreation programs at the Pelham Recreation Center!

Players can sharpen their skills at our Pickleball Clinic on March 14, led by USA Pickleball-certified instructors and offered in beginner, 3.0, and 3.5 levels.

Regular morning and evening Indoor Pickleball sessions are available for ages 16+.

[Register now online!](#)

Pick-Up Volleyball, 16+

Looking for team-free play? Adult Pick-Up Volleyball runs March 9-May 11, offering a fun, structured open-gym experience for all skill levels. Many programs are free for members, with affordable options for non-members. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required, so sign up early. Visit our website for full details and registration.

[Register now online!](#)



Learn to Play: Archery

[Learn to Play Archery - \\$15: Ages 8-12](#)

Provides a four-week, instructor-led experience focused on safety, technique, and skill development, with all equipment and park entry included. Session one filled immediately. Session two slots are now open!

Registration is now open—visit our [youth activities](#) pages for more details.

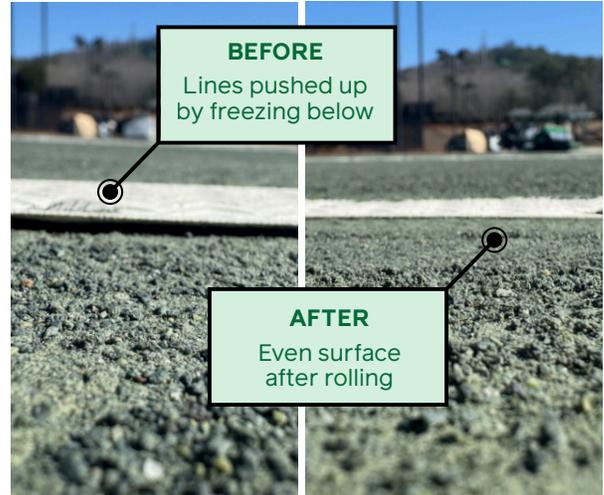
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Did you know that clay courts respond very differently to winter weather than hard courts?

When temperatures drop below freezing, the moisture that gives clay courts their signature playability can also carry some interesting side effects. Clay courts retain moisture, and when water in the clay freezes, it expands, making the playing surface uneven until it fully thaws. Freezing water below the surface is one of the main reasons courts can close during cold snaps.

“Clay courts are designed to hold a specific level of moisture beneath the top layer,” explained Chris Byrd, Pelham Racquet Club Supervisor. “When that moisture freezes, it expands. As the court begins to thaw, that water has to go somewhere.”

[Read More on our website](#)



How Freezing Temperatures Affect Clay Courts



Upcoming
Socials at PRC

Valentines & More 

Celebrate the season with our **Valentine’s Day Social** on Saturday, February 14, from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Pelham Racquet Club. Open to adults and juniors, this social includes match play and lunch.

Cost: \$25 members / \$30 non-members.

Then plan to join us again to celebrate with a St. Patrick’s Day Social on March 14 from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Enjoy snacks and festive fun on the courts with divisions for both adults and juniors.

Cost: \$25 members / \$30 non-members.

Space is limited for all events, so be sure to register early and join us on the courts!

[Register on our website](#)



Community Day at Pelham Tennis Center

Try Tennis for Free

Plenty is happening on and off the courts this winter, with events designed for both competitive play and social fun. PTC Community Day is a featured event you won’t want to miss. Join us at the Pelham Tennis Center on

February 28 from 9:30–11:00 a.m.

for a free opportunity to try tennis. This open-house style event is perfect for beginners, families, and anyone curious about getting involved in the game—no experience required.

No registration needed!

Skate With Your Sweetheart This February!

Looking for the perfect date day or evening? Glide into February at the Pelham Civic Complex & Ice Arena with public skate sessions happening all month long, including two special sessions on Valentine's Day.

Whether you're celebrating with your sweetheart, friends, or family, skating together is a fun and memorable way to enjoy the season.

Our public skating sessions offer a relaxed, festive atmosphere—perfect for a casual afternoon date or a cozy evening on the ice.

It's a unique way to spend time together and create lasting memories.

Plus, snag a great gift for someone interested in skating! Our Learn to Skate sessions are also available and make a thoughtful experience-based gift.

Session 2 of 2026 begins March 2, offering skaters of all ages the chance to build skills and confidence on the ice.

Check our schedule online and join us this February for a sweet skate you won't forget!



See the full Public Skate Calendar Online

or download a printable calendar!

PGA Jr League

Young players can learn to play golf at Ballantrae

Spring Season
Registration Open Now!

Ballantrae Golf Club is excited to offer PGA Jr. League for juniors ages 7–13 this spring.

Running March 2–April 24, this team-based golf program introduces young players to the game in a fun, supportive environment that emphasizes sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill development.

The Spring League fee is \$300, which includes a one-time administrative fee of \$120 and a coaching fee of \$180. Registration closes February 13.

For more information, contact Ty Bowen at tbowen@pelhamalabama.gov or Drew Vice at dvice@pelhamalabama.gov, or call 205-620-4653.



Little Toros Hockey Begins February 19

Little Toros is back on the ice beginning February 19, introducing young players to the fundamentals of hockey skating and playing in a fun, supportive environment. Designed for beginners, this program helps build confidence, coordination, and basic skills while preparing participants for future Learn to Play and league opportunities. Registration is now open—join us and get your future Toros started on the ice!

[Register online at pelhamhockey.net](http://pelhamhockey.net)

