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Great news, library lovers! All five Henry County Library System (HCLS) locations will be open on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm beginning in August.

The Henry County Board of Commissioners recently voted for an increase in library funding in order to restore Saturday hours. This will be the first time since 2010 that all five HCLS locations have had Saturday hours.

“This has been the number one request from the public for the last 12 years, and we are excited and grateful to the taxpayers and Commissioners for helping us achieve this goal,” said Kathryn Pillatzki, Director of Henry County Library System.

To celebrate the return of Saturday hours, the Fortson Library in Hampton, GA, is throwing a kick off storytime with musical performer Jerry White on Saturday, August 6, at 11 am. Kids and adults alike will enjoy drums, music, and dancing.

Other Saturday events planned at the libraries include Scratch Saturday (coding), Storytime with a Police Officer, Bridgerton Tea and Cookie Decorating (registration required), Matinee Saturday and Craft, and a Mario Kart Tournament.

Scratch Coding Saturday will take place on August 13 at 11 am at the Locust Grove Library. No prior coding experience is required! Scratch is a block-based visual coding language and website designed for a target audience of ages 8-16.

Stop by the Cochran Library in Stockbridge, GA, on August 13 at 11 am for a special Storytime with a Police Officer. Meet-and-greet a local officer and stay for a story!

Bridgerton Tea and Cookie Decorating with Crumbles Bakery is August 20 at 10 am at Locust Grove Library. Registration is required. Call or visit the library to reserve your free spot (678-432-5353 ext. 4).

Matinee Saturday and Craft will occur on the last Saturday of every month at the Fortson Library in Hampton, GA. This event features a family-friendly movie and a craft activity.

“Oh Yeah! Mario Time!” Locust Grove Library will be holding a Mario Kart Tournament starting at noon on August 27. This tournament is for ages 11+ and those interested in participating in the race need to arrive by noon to sign up.

For details on these and other events at the Henry County Public Libraries, visit www.henrylibraries.org.