

FAYETTE COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

UNEARTH A STORY

SUMMER READING 2026



SUMMER HOURS

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9am-6pm
Wednesday	9am-6pm
Thursday	9am-6pm
Friday	9am-6pm
Saturday	10am-1pm
Sunday	CLOSED



MORE INFORMATION

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THANK YOU!

Summer Reading 2026 would not be possible without the support of the *Fayette Community Foundation.*

COLORING CONTEST

JUNE 1-30

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Participation is open to anyone ages 3 and up (including adults).

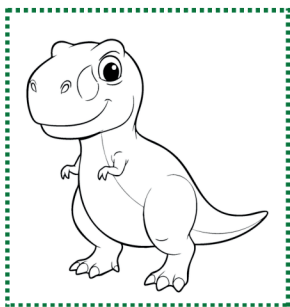
HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- You can use only the provided coloring sheets. Sheets differ by age group and can be picked up at FCML's front desk.
- Entries can be colored using any medium (e.g. crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
- One entry per person is allowed. Name, age, and contact information should be printed on the back of your coloring sheet.
- All entries should be returned to FCML by June 30 to be eligible for judging.

WHAT YOU CAN WIN

Winners in each age group will receive a \$10 gift card to Walmart to purchase a few of their favorite art and coloring supplies!

COLORING SHEETS



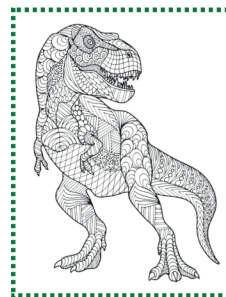
Ages 3-5



Ages 6-8



Ages 9-12



Ages 13-17



Age 18+

SUMMER CHALLENGE

JUNE 1-JULY 23

READ AND VISIT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER TO WIN PRIZES!

Pick-up your challenge card at FCML beginning May 27 and start earning stamps! Earn a stamp for checking-out materials (one stamp per visit per patron) or by attending a Library program.

Get 10 stamps and receive TWO tickets to FCML's Dino-Splash Pool Party!

GET STARTED TODAY!

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

1

Pick-up your challenge card beginning May 27.

2

Earn stamps by checking-out materials and attending programs.

3

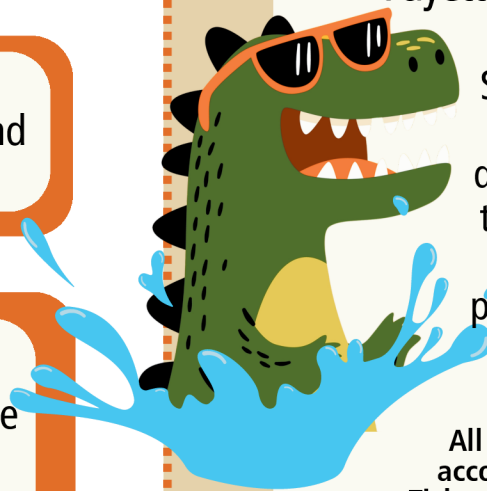
Return your full stamp card to FCML by July 23 to receive two tickets to FCML's Dino-Splash Pool Party.

DINO-SPLASH POOL PARTY

Monday, July 27

5:30-7:30 PM

Fayette Aquatic Center



Splish, splash, roar, let's party like a dinosaur! Celebrate the end of Summer Reading 2026 at a pool party with your library friends!

All participants must be accompanied by an adult. Ticket is required for entry for all children and adults. Tickets are non-transferable.

DINO-MITE **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**



MAY 26-JUNE 6

The Scholastic Book Fair is open during FCML's regular business hours. Cash, check, and credit accepted.



Fair profits go directly to FCML programming, events, and services

PARTY LIKE A DINOSAUR

SUMMER 2026 KICK-OFF

SATURDAY, MAY 30
11:00 AM-12:30 PM



Scholastic Book Fair
Dinosaur-themed treats
Take home crafts
Camp Roar & Explore registration

PROGRAMS

WE DIG DINOS

with the Alabama Museum of Natural History
Can you DIG it? Put yourself in the shoes of a paleontologist as you explore and extract a T. rex skeleton. With the help of your field site scientists, see if you can solve our paleontological puzzle.

Grades 1-3

JUNE 1

9:00 AM

1:00 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Registration opens May 18.

FOSSIL FINDERS

with the Alabama Museum of Natural History
Let's SEA what fossils you can find in your fossil dig kits. Work together to uncover the ancient sea floor and draw, describe, and identify the life that remains set in stone.

Grades 4-6

JUNE 1

10:30 AM

2:30 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Registration opens May 18.



Dinosaurs, Reactions, and Explosions, Oh My!

June 3 🖐️ 10:00 AM

AGES 2 AND UP

The Science Lady returns to FCML with a new hands-on science program for Summer 2026! **Registration not required.**

Dinos & Donuts with Dad

June 20 🖐️ 10:30 AM

FAMILY

Dads (or other father figures) are invited to bring their kiddos to Dinos & Donuts! Enjoy a morning of donuts, coffee, and juice as well as fun dinosaur themed activities. **Registration not required.**



The Snake Show Company at Fayette Civic Center

June 22 🖐️ 10:00 AM

ALL AGES

Replace fear with fascination in this engaging, hands-on show of reptiles and exotic animals! **Registration not required.** Event is held at Fayette Civic Center.

Dinosaur Sand Slime

July 2 🖐️ 2:00 PM

AGES 7 AND UP

Create your own dinosaur playset using sand slime as the base. **Registration not required.** Space is limited.



T-Rex Tea Party

July 11 🖐️ 2:00 PM

AGES 3 AND UP

Tea time is here and so are the dinosaurs! Join us for a tea-riffic time learning about dinosaurs while enjoying tea and snacks. Come dressed as a dinosaur, in your fanciest tea party attire, or both! **Registration required.** Registration opens June 30.

MOVERS & GROOVERS

INTENDED FOR AGES 0-5

Movers and Groovers is a preschool storytime focused on music, movement, and books.



Dino Stomp!

June 25
10:00 AM

Jurassic Jam

July 23
10:00 AM

FAYETTE CIVIC CENTER SUMMER MOVIES*



The Good Dinosaur

sponsored by FCML

Tuesday, June 2

Adopt-a-Dinosaur Activity
9:30 AM

Movie Showing
10:00 AM

Tuesday, June 9

Activity 9:30 AM
Movie Showing (Movie TBD) 10:00 AM

Tuesday, July 7

Activity 9:30 AM
Movie Showing (Movie TBD) 10:00 AM

Tuesday, July 14

Activity 9:30 AM
Movie Showing (Movie TBD) 10:00 AM

*Not a complete listing of summer movies at Fayette Civic Center.



Dino-Escape Room

July 13 🖐 By Appointment

FAMILY

Work in teams of up to 8 to decode and solve your way through a series of puzzles to escape a theme park where a malfunction has set the ferocious T-rex loose! **Registration required. Registration opens June 30. Time slots are available from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.**

Tommy Johns Presents Readapalooza!

July 15 🖐 3:00 PM

AGES 4 AND UP

A variety show featuring amazing magic, hilarious comedy, a challenging game, and some really funny puppet friends from our favorite magician! **No registration required.**

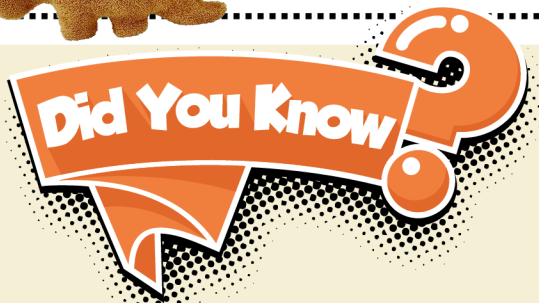
Dino Nuggets Pillows

July 23 🖐 2:00 PM

AGES 9 AND UP



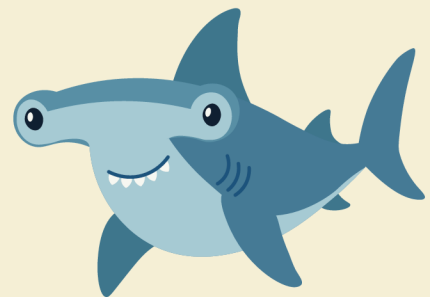
Hand-sew a pillow that looks like everyone's favorite dinosaur treat--a dino nugget! **Registration required. Registration opens July 9.**



Sharks were around with dinosaurs? In fact, they existed long before them! Sharks appeared about 450 million years ago, roughly 200 million years before dinosaurs.

During the summer, be sure to check-out our Shark Tracking Board in the Junior Room. Each FCML staff member has their own hammerhead shark that is being tracked in real time through Fahlo! Check out the board to see information about each shark and make a guess as to whose shark will travel the most miles this summer. The closest guess will receive their very own shark to track!

- 🦈 Jessie - Great Hammerhead named ***ATHENA***
- 🦈 Alana - Scalloped Hammerhead named ***GUS***
- 🦈 Jeff - Scalloped Hammerhead named ***CAPTAIN***
- 🦈 Kari - Great Hammerhead named ***RINGO***
- 🦈 Harlie - Great Hammerhead named ***CALLISTO***





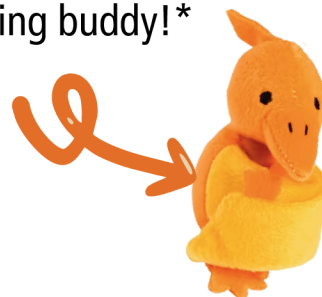
BOOK WALK

AT GUTHRIE SMITH PARK



Visit Guthrie Smith Park during June and July and enjoy reading *Big Words for Little Paleontologists* at the Book Walk! Scan the QR code at the end to answer a few questions and then stop by FCML for your very own Pterodactyl reading buddy!*

*Questions must be answered to receive reading buddy.

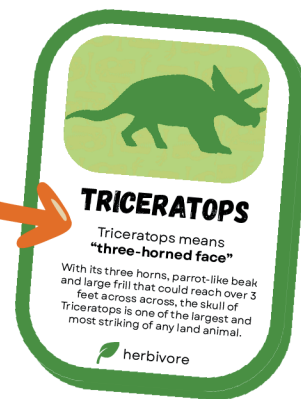


DINO SCAVENGER HUNT

JUNE 11-12

There are 9 dinosaur fact cards hidden in the Library, and we need help finding them all!

Stop in anytime on June 11-12 to search the Library. Once you've found a fact card, mark your sheet with its location and one thing you learned about each dinosaur.



Successfully find all 9 and receive an official Summer Reading 2026 color-changing cup*!

All Scavenger Hunt participants will be entered to win a dinosaur prize package valued at over \$100!

*Available while supplies last.



DINO DISCOVERY PACKS

DISCOVERY KITS ARE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

Dino Discovery Packs are fun and interactive learning kits for children ages 3 and up. With a focus on dinosaurs and paleontology, each kit contains books, games, activities and learning toys.

Check-out a Dino Discovery Pack and keep the summer fun going at home!

CHECKOUT GUIDELINES

- Must be checked out with adult card
- 1 week checkout, non-renewable
- One discovery pack per family



Dinosaurs

DINOSAURS

Preschool-K

- LeapFrog Touch and Learn Dinosaur Book
- Dinosaur Sensory Bin
- Dinosaur Memory Game



FOSSILS

Grades 1-6

- Authentic Fossil Specimens
- Fossil Excavation Kits



Fossils



Dinosaurs

DINOSAURS

Grades 1-6


- Dinosaur Bingo
- Dinosaur Legos
- Guess in 10 Card Game



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CAMP ROAR & EXPLORE

SUMMER 2026



Registration for Camp Roar & Explore opens Saturday, May 30.

SESSIONS

GRADES K-2

June 16-17
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

June 18-19
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

July 9-10
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

July 21-22
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

GRADES 3-6

June 23-24
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

June 30-July 1
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

July 16-17
9:00 AM-1:00 PM



Participants may only attend one camp session.



FAQS

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I sign-up my child? Registration opens May 30 at FCML. To sign-up, complete the registration form in its entirety. Registration is not considered complete until the form has been completed and returned to FCML. Registration must be done by the legal guardian of the child. Registration remains open until camps are full.

Can I sign-up my child for multiple camps? No. Please choose only one camp session for your child to attend. This allows as many kids as possible to participate.

What if the camp session I want to sign-up for is full? Choose another session. There are no waitlists.

Can I stay with my child during camp? No-all camps are drop-off camps.

How much does it cost? Nothing! As with all FCML events, summer camp is free!

My child can only attend one day of a camp session. Can I still register? No. We ask that participants plan to attend both dates in one session, as some activities are completed across the two-day span.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Each day follows the same schedule and includes a variety of programs and activities. Detailed camp schedules will be given when registration is confirmed.

8:45 AM	Drop-Off
9:00 AM	Literacy Based Activity
10:30 AM	Dino Dance Break
11:00 AM	Lunch (provided)
11:30 AM	Activity
12:30 PM	Outside Playtime
1:00 PM	Pick-Up



STEAM STATION

In-library activities focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math. Summer STEAM Station activities are available during non-camp hours. While supplies last.



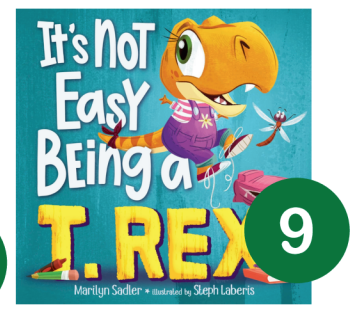
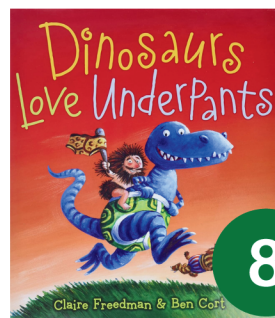
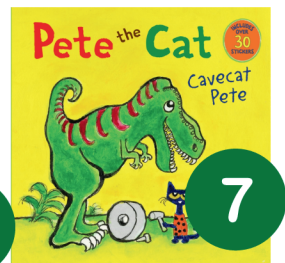
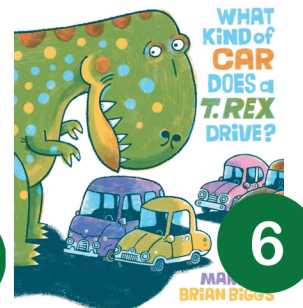
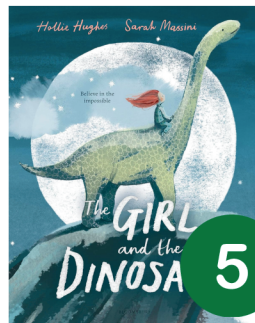
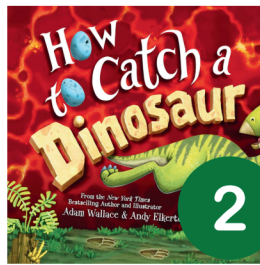
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DIAL-A-STORY

stories, music, & more

205-619-0009

Stories available June 1.
Story readers are to be determined.



FOR ADULTS

COFFEE & CRAFTS

Dinosaur Cross Stitch Bookmarks

June 2 🍷 1:00 PM OR 5:00 PM



Create fun dinosaur bookmarks while learning the basics of cross-stitch.

Pizza Pan Door Hangers

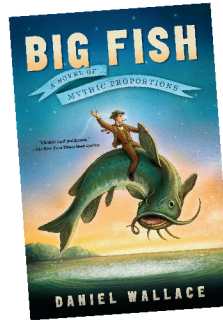
July 7 🍷 1:00 PM OR 5:00 PM



Turn a Dollar Store pizza pan into an adorable door hanger!

OG BOOK CLUB

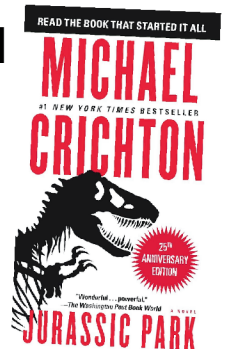
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"A comic novel about death, about the mysteries of parents and the redemptive power of storytelling."
—USA Today

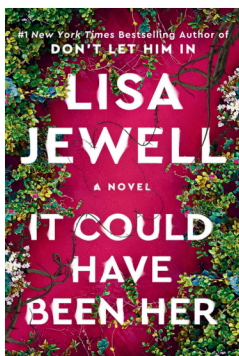
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The best selling classic thriller of science run amok that took the world by storm.

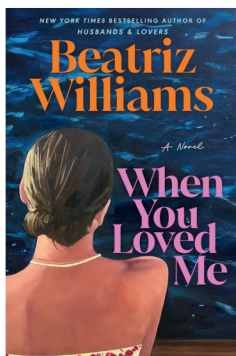


Library card not required for participation in book clubs.

UPCOMING NEW RELEASES



June 23



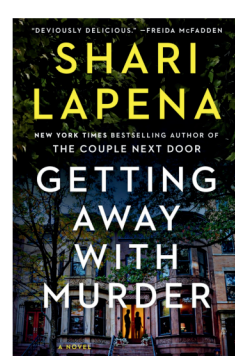
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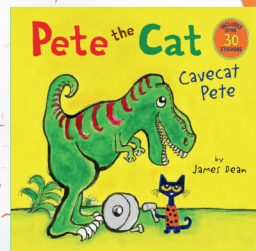
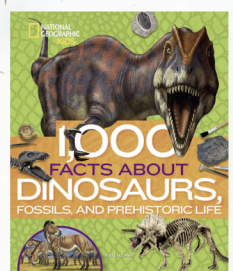
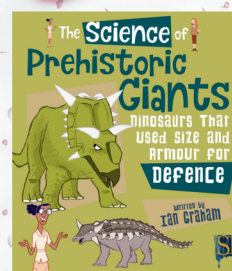
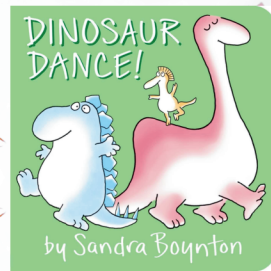
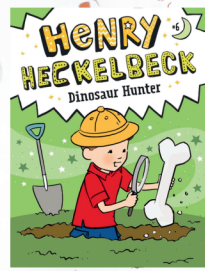
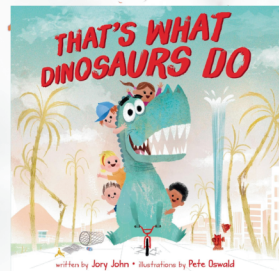
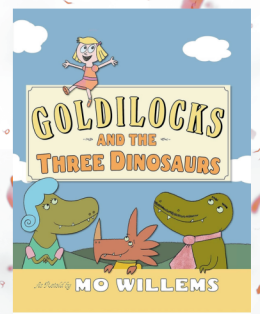
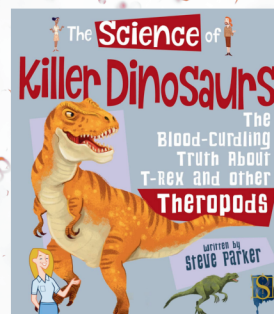
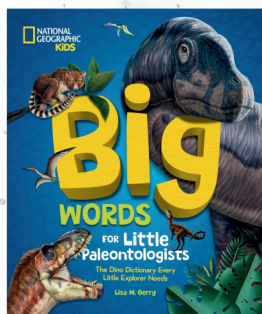
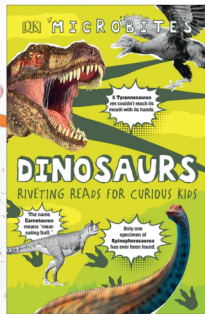
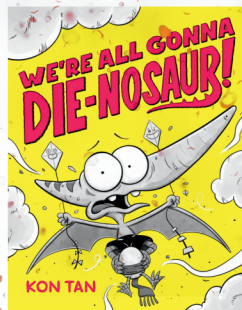
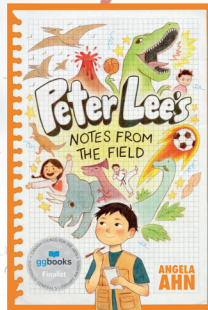
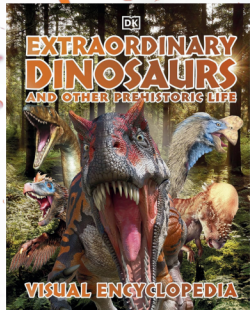
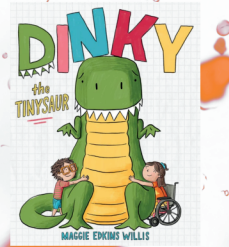
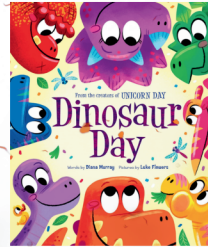
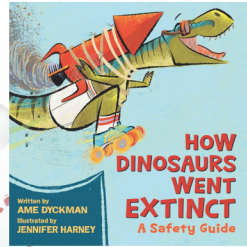
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DIG INTO A GOOD BOOK

All titles are held locally at FCML.



Director's Note

Jessie Crowe, Director

Summer Reading 2026 is finally here! I have mentioned before that summer planning is my absolute favorite part of this job, so while there is a part of me that is sad to see the planning stage come to an end, I'm extremely excited to present this program to the Fayette community.

For the past two years, we've offered day camps for the kiddos as our summer programming, and the feedback from that format has been overwhelmingly positive. However, we were also getting feedback that folks missed the old summer reading format--the one-off programs. So when we sat down to sketch out the general bones of this year's program, Alana and I decided to try offering both formats. The result is a calendar chock full of events and programs, including seven day camp sessions.

Is this an ambitious undertaking? Yes. Are we crazy for doing it? Also, yes. But we are committed to making this the best Summer Reading Program our community has ever seen, and pulling that off requires a bit of crazy.

As I get ready to watch our months of planning come to fruition over the next few months, I'm in awe of how blessed I am that this is my job. As a little girl attending storytimes and summer reading events to a teenager checking out books every week, FCML is woven into the fabric of my life. Being at the helm of an institution that has meant so much to me, and being able to provide other children with opportunities to make it part of their story is one of my greatest privileges.



Let the summer games begin!

Jessie

STAFF PICKS

Favorite Dinosaur Edition

JESSIE —→ **VELOCIRAPTOR**

"I mean, they have feathers. They were like really violent turkeys."



Scientists named this dino using the Greek words meaning "quick thief" for the way it might have stolen its meals.

ALANA —→ **T-REX**

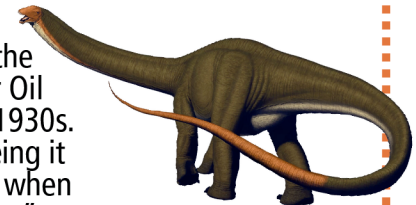


"They have short arms, like me!"

This deadly dino's two tiny, clawed arms remain a bit of a mystery to this day. Many scientists think they may have been used to help these skilled hunters to grab and slash their prey.

JEFF —→ **APATOSAURUS**

"It was used as the mascot of Sinclair Oil Company since the 1930s. I still remember seeing it on Sinclair Oil signs when I was a young boy."



Until 2015, the Apatosaurus and Brontosaurus were thought to be so similar that scientists wanted to give them the same name.

KARI —→ **ARTHROPLEURA**



"Yeah, yeah. It's not technically a dinosaur. Sue me."

Arthropleura was a millipede capable of reaching 8 foot in length, making it the largest known land arthropod of all time.

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All events are free and subject to change. Events are available on a first come, first served basis or while supplies last, unless otherwise noted. Up-to-date information can be found online at www.fcml.org.