OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES
Coming this Summer!

PRIZES FOR ALL AGES
PLUS, FIGHT STUDENTS’ SUMMER LEARNING LOSS
WITH MULTI-AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS
FOR AGES 3-13

Registration opens May 2
Create smiles with a home-made card

Now through May 8, you're invited upstairs to the Laman Library Makerspace Mother's Day Card Station to make a personalized card.

"This will make it easy to create the perfect Mother's Day card while exploring all the supplies and equipment we have in the Makerspace," Shelbie Reed, program coordinator for the Laman Library Adult Department, said.

Makerspace equipment includes paper die cutters with hundreds of dies, a Gemini, and a Cricut Explore® 3. We also have stamping materials and a Cricut Easypress.

Virtual Workshops
If your recipient likes strawberries, you'll enjoy Argenta Library's Virtual Card Shop. The "Life is better with strawberries" episode debuts on social media at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16. Reserve your kit at (501) 687-1061 and follow along.

If you'd like more ideas, check out Creativebug's tutorials covering lace, popup, and embossed cards. There's even one for handmade envelopes. Visit Creativebug through our Digital Library for details.

WHERE'S WALDO?
Find Waldo in the Laman Library Adult Department, and bring him to the desk for a sweet treat during the week of May 23 to 28.

Let Your Voice be Heard in the Upcoming Preferential Primary Election @ Laman Library May 9 - 21

Polls are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, May 9 - 13 and 16 - 20, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, May 14 & 21.
Libraries offer free, individualized learning

In addition to our Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Challenge, Laman and Argenta Libraries offer a new way to combat students' summer learning loss with reading, phonics, and math enrichment programs for ages 3 to 13. Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress, and Mathseeds feature interactive activities, online children's books, and literacy/math games.

Each library hosts a nine-week session between June 13 and Aug. 12. Laman Library will offer the program 1 to 1:45 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays. Argenta Library's classes will be 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Seating is limited. Call either location for more information and to reserve your child's spot. Registration opens June 1.

For students going into grades K-3, Mathseeds has an intuitive, stepping-stone format, much like a board game. Each child progresses through the lessons at their own pace.
An attorney, community leader, and activist, Sydney L. Rasch has spent the past six-plus years using her camera to document the ever-changing political landscape in Arkansas.

A firm believer in the First Amendment even as a child, Sydney began attending activism events and protests as early as 2009. In 2016, she began bringing her camera along to document these historic events, for posterity and because she saw something else; that not only was there power in protest, there was also beauty. Communities, tired of being left behind, were speaking up. **And it was beautiful.**

When their rights; their humanity; their most basic bodily autonomy; are stripped away, people get desperate. They get out of their comfort zone, and they speak up. They get loud. **...because silence never got anyone anywhere.**

On display at Argenta Public Library through May 5

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Coming soon to Laman Library - Me & a Few Friends

"**Having been involved with art for a long, long, long time I have become friends with some amazingly talented people. When given to opportunity to have a show I immediately thought “Who can I share this with?” That led to the diverse show you see today. It reflects the personalities of my wonderfully gifted artistic friends.**"

- Suzzette Patterson, whose newest show, Me & a Few Friends, opens in the Laman Library gallery on May 13
Galleries give local artists a place to shine

Third-Friday ArtWalk
Join us at Argenta Library for a free opening reception during Third-Friday ArtWalk, from 5 to 8 p.m. on May 20, to welcome Michelle Renée and her rend-er-ing exhibit. The show continues with free admission in the library gallery through June 9.

Michelle describes herself as an unapologetic, messy, eclectic, abstract painter.

"I like the fact that you can look at the characteristic of my paintings one day and maybe just see color and lines, but you look at it again, and Wow, there's a face, a landscape, or an animal," she said. "The possibilities are endless when you interpret them from your own experiences. How exciting is that?"

She wants her audience to feel her paintings both physically and spiritually, so she fills her canvases with lots of texture before laying down the paint.

"Creating to me is the closest thing to the truth I can find. I have found my truth and I speak it every time I paint," Michelle said. "Everything about the process of creating art that matters makes me happy....I taught myself how to paint to overcome the darkness that was my life prior to 1991. I needed to not only see beauty but to be a part of it. I paint because I have to."
Staff Spotlight

Anita Dollar
Designing book displays for the Laman Library Adult Department really makes Anita happy. She loves getting creative, and she’s been having fun getting ready for the summer’s Oceans of Possibilities displays and upcoming Titanic Author Talk and Book Discussion.

She also enjoys using her knowledge of literature and investigative skills to find readalikes for her delivery patrons. Anita leads the team responsible for delivering books, movies, and other items to North Little Rock residents.

She invites community members with mobility or transportation issues, or those who are simply unable to come to the library, to call (501) 758-1720 to request a visit.

Katie Visco
You may know Katie from working at the Laman Library front desk. She recently made a move to become the newest face in the Children’s Library. Katie fits right in because she loves reading, working with kids, and dancing.

She leads our Monday evening Zumba class at 5. She recently earned certification to teach Zumba, Zumba Gold, Zumba Kids, and Zumba Jr. Katie is responsible for several programs, including Tuesday Storytime and Family Yoga on Wednesdays, and she plans to add a Zumba Kids class this summer.

When she’s not working hard at the library, she’s likely crafting, mothering a 3-year-old boy, or dreaming about a vacation to Disney.
The story begins in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1891. Marjorie Merriweather Post began her journey with gluing labels on cereal boxes. This historical fiction novel will take you on many adventures and lifestyles alongside Marjorie, heir to the Post Cereal Company. Through her determination and resilient personality, you will follow the story of a woman that shaped our history. You will forever think of her as you walk down the cereal isle or the frozen foods at the grocery store.
Prizes and programs for all ages. Books, DVDs, and audiobooks can all be logged in this library program.

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North Little Rock, AR 72114

Argenta Library
(501) 687-1061
420 Main Street
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www.NLRlibrary.org
Dive into Oceans of Possibilities this summer! Our reading challenge registration opens May 2nd at both library locations and www.NLRlibrary.org.

Plus, we'll have exciting programs and events for all ages!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

- **Tommy Terrific** at Argenta Library, 10:30 a.m. June 2
- **Community Health Fair** at Argenta Library, 10 a.m. June 3
- **Museum of Discovery** at Laman Library, 10 a.m. June 7
- **Pinnacle Mountain Animals** at Laman Library, 10 a.m. June 9
- **Reading & Math Games** for 3- to 13-year-olds begin June 13 - call to enroll
- **Nitro Joe** at Laman Library, 10 a.m. June 14
- **Arkansas Circus Arts** at Laman Library, 10 a.m. June 16
- **NLR Bow-lievers String Ensemble** at Argenta Library, 10:30 a.m. June 16
- **Mömandpöp** at Laman Library, 10 a.m. June 21
- **Mömandpöp** at Argenta Library, 2 p.m. June 21
- **Pinnacle Mountain Animals** at Argenta Library, 10:30 a.m. June 28
- **Mosaic Templars Cultural Center** at Argenta Library, 10:30 a.m. June 30
- **Titanic Author Talk** at Laman Library, 5:30 p.m. June 30

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- **Seaside Jewelry Workshop** at Laman Library, 1 p.m. July 5
- **Tiny Art Show Workshop** at Laman Library, 1 p.m. July 13
- **Tiny Art Show** on display at Laman Library throughout July
- **Magic Balloonman** at Argenta Library, 2 p.m. July 7
- **Puppeteer LeLa Bloom** at Laman Library, 10 a.m. July 12
- **Toltec Mounds** at Argenta Library, 10:30 a.m. July 14

PLUS THERE’S Zumba, movies, crafts, Storytime and....

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**THE END OF SUMMER READING BASH WITH CRAIG O’NEAL**

- at Laman Library, 10 a.m. July 28
- and Argenta Library, 2 p.m. July 28
Have you Heard?

*1 New York Times Bestselling Author of South of Broad*

PAT CONROY

Beach Music

A Novel

A Book Recommendation by Jenny Heard

"Astonishing . . . stunning . . . The range of passions and subjects that brings life to every page is almost endless."

---The Washington Post Book World

Although the title leads one to believe this novel is a "beach read," but it is not!

It is the saga of a Southern family, of life-long friendships shattered then reshaped, and of eras in American history that were brutal, as well as transforming.

Pat Conroy, with vivid, colorful prose, delivers a masterpiece of time, place, and relationships.

★★★★★ in my opinion!
Now it's your turn!

Would you like to share your opinion with fellow borrowers?

Log into your library catalog account, and find something you'd like to review. There's a Reviews link on the left under the Details of each item. When you click Add Review, this form pops up.

To complete the Add Review form

- Rate this title: Place your mouse over the stars and the color changes to orange with displayed wording representing the level of the rating. The stars are rated as: 1 = hated it, 2 = disliked it, 3 = liked it, 4 = really liked it, and 5 = loved it.

- Type the title of your review: Type the title you want for the review you are going to write. You are allotted up to 40 characters.

- Type your review: In the entry box, type your review. You are allotted up to 10,000 characters.

- Type your name or the one you'd like to use for the review.

- Click the Submit button.

In order to successfully submit your review, all fields must be completed, including a star rating. If you change your mind about posting, click the Cancel button because once you click Submit, your review cannot be edited or deleted.
When Sisters Connect
By Kevin Newsom, NLR Public Library Communications Specialist

There's nothing like a great relationship with someone who has so much in common with you. You can relate to so many things on a level that others may not understand. There's a bond, a closeness, that is indescribably unique.

Maybe that was part of the thinking that went into creating the Sister Cities program under President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. This program's original objectives were to build economic and diplomatic ties, develop cultural exchanges and understanding, and help spread peace around the world. Through these exchanges, we would build partnerships, relationships, and appreciation of different cultures. Many of these ideas have certainly come to fruition in North Little Rock through the Sister Cities program.

North Little Rock drafted a partnership agreement with Uiwang City, South Korea, in July of 1999, and it was approved and signed by our Korean partners in 2000. For more than 20 years, both cities exchanged diplomatic teams, as well as students. You could say the biggest impact was easily seen and felt by our students, who had a chance to meet and learn from their counterparts. So far, student exchanges between the two cities have happened for 19 summers and 9 winters.

The first Summer Youth Homestay Exchange Program began in August of 2001. This exchange brought 11 students, a teacher, and a chaperone from Uiwang City to North Little Rock. Margaret Powell, External Affairs Director for the City of North Little Rock, was heavily involved at the beginning of the program and has documented the history from then until now.

The impact on the kids was obvious from the first moment they arrived, according to Mrs. Powell. "We watched children who were shy, and nervous," she said. "They were coming to a place they had never been and knew little about. The students, and teachers at North Little Rock High took them into their classes, into their homes, and helped guide them through their experience."

The students from both South Korea and North Little Rock, even though their cultures were different, realized they had so much in common.

"The next year, when North Little Rock sent our student delegation to South Korea, the same thing happened," she said. "The friendships that were established here continued to grow into deeper relationships there. The kids went to school together,
played games, hung out, and did what all teens do. I think they all realized even though there’s such distance between our cities, as students they were really not that far apart.”

One of the most interesting parts of the program is why Uiwang City and South Korea were chosen. Uiwang City and North Little Rock are very close in size, population, and share a railroad history. The biggest factor, Mrs. Powell said, was that the United States fought during the Korean War, and we still have troops in Korea now. To thank us for that service, the Korean leaders involved in the Sister Cities exchange, and others, send funding for the beautiful Arkansas Korean War Veterans Memorial in Little Rock’s MacArthur Park. There, you’ll find the names of 461 Arkansans killed in the Korean War listed on black granite panels. Placing the memorial at MacArthur Park also honors General Douglas MacArthur for his efforts on behalf of the Korean people.

Unfortunately, the Sister Cities program in North Little Rock became one of the losses during the COVID pandemic. Although there have been video exchanges, travel to and from the countries was halted. The good news is, plans are underway revive the program as soon as the timing is right for both cities. Business delegation visit may resume as well.

Something amazing can happen when you discover new things and develop new relationships. Friendships are created, bridges are built, and connections that can last forever are developed. Mrs. Powell thinks you’d be very hard pressed to find anyone involved in the Sister Cities program that isn’t excited about doing it again. Through the connections of the people in Uiwang City and North Little Rock, we truly have become Sister Cities.
Free Fun Happenings in May

501 Day
Special events and celebration throughout North Little Rock
May 1

Arkansas Ballet Presents Live at the Plaza
May 1 & May 5 - 8
Mixed-repertory performances and education programs at Argenta Plaza

Great North Little Rock Cleanup
Cleanup: 9 - 11:30 a.m. on May 7
Celebration party at Burns Park starts at noon
Register your team: https://knlrb.org/

Argenta Vibe: Arkansauce
7 p.m. on May 27
Free Fourth-Friday concert series in Downtown Argenta

And the Beat Don't Stop - Hip Hop Workshop
Dazz from Dazz & Brie works with 20 kids (ages 7-13) in using their creativity to write hip hop
Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock
MAY CHALLENGE—Science Fiction or Fantasy Book
Enter to win! We’ll hold a Facebook LIVE drawing for gift cards and other swag on June 1 at noon. Entry forms are available at both library locations.

Stretch yourself a little this year by taking this year’s NLR Reads Challenge.

Join us on Facebook for monthly prize drawings at noon on the first Wednesday of every month (May 4). At the end of the year, we'll draw for a grand prize, and each month you participate earns you another entry for the grand prize drawing.

UPCOMING MONTHLY CHALLENGES

June - LGBTQ+
July - Audiobook
August - Biography or Memoir
September - Historical Fiction
October - Horror or Paranormal Romance
November - Nonfiction (not Biography or Memoir)
December - Graphic Novel or Children’s Book

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

• Each month, read a book from that month’s category.
• Once you’ve finished your chosen book, fill out an entry form at either branch.
• At the beginning of each month, we collect all of the entries from the previous category and hold a Facebook LIVE prize drawing. We may spotlight some of the books participants chose to read as well!
• At the end of the year, ALL of the entries we received go into the Grand Prize Drawing for a Kindle Fire.
• Participate in as many or as few months as you like.
### May 2022

**Monday**
- **Oceans of Possibilities**
  - Summer Program Registration is open at NLR.library.org.
- **Jumbo LEGO Building** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Movie Monday** Laman Children's - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Movie Medley** Laman Teen Center - 4 p.m.
- **Zumba** Laman Library - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- **NLR Reads Challenge** Argenta Library - 3:30 p.m.
- **Free Meals for Ages 2-18** Laman Children's - 4:30 p.m.
- **Superhero STEAM Team** Argenta Library - 3 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- **Child/Adult Yoga** Argenta Library - 10 a.m.
- **Storytime** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Star Wars Day** in the Teen Center

**Thursday**
- **English Conversation Club** Argenta Library - 10 a.m.
- **Storytime** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Beginning ASL Class** Laman Library - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday**
- **Fun Friday All Day** Argenta Library - 10 a.m.
- **Community Connections** Lawyer & Author William Waddell, Jr. Social Media - 4 p.m.
- **Meeting the Author: Ricky Allen** Social Media - 4 p.m.

**Saturday**
- **Puzzle Frenzy** Teen Center - 9 a.m.
- **Movie Morning: Space Jam: A New Legacy** Laman Children's - 11 a.m.

**Monday**
- **NLR Reads Challenge** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Movie Monday** Laman Children's - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Movie Medley** Laman Teen Center - 4 p.m.
- **Zumba** Laman Library - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Storytime** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Gaming** Teen Center - 4 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Child/Adult Yoga** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Center Birthday Party** Teen Center - 4 p.m.

**Thursday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Child/Adult Yoga** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Gaming** Teen Center - 4 p.m.

**Friday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Storytime** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Marilyn's Storytime** Facebook - 11 a.m.
- **Averi's Chapter Book Club** Facebook LIVE - 4 p.m.

**Saturday**
- **Puzzle Frenzy** Teen Center - 9 a.m.

**Monday**
- **Card Shop @ Argenta** Social Media - 10 a.m.
- **Jumbo LEGO Building** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Movie Monday** Laman Children's - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Movie Medley** Laman Teen Center - 4 p.m.
- **Zumba** Laman Library - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Storytime** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Gaming** Teen Center - 4 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Child/Adult Yoga** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **DIY Siege Engines** Teen Center - 4 p.m.

**Thursday**
- **Early Voting** Laman Library - 10 a.m.
- **Storytime** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Marilyn's Storytime** Facebook - 11 a.m.
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**Saturday**
- **Puzzle Frenzy** Teen Center - 9 a.m.

**Monday**
- **Jumbo LEGO Building** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Movie Monday** Laman Children's - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Gaming** Laman Teen Center
- **Zumba** Laman Library - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- **Storytime** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Sunflower Cupcakes** Laman Library - 1 p.m.
- **Escape Box** Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Ticket** Laman Teen Center

**Wednesday**
- **Child/Adult Yoga** Laman Children's - 10 a.m.
- **Paint & Sip** for Children and Teens Argenta Library - 3 p.m.
- **Teen Ticket** Laman Teen Center

**Thursday**
- **Storytime** Argenta Library - 10:30 a.m.
- **Marilyn's Storytime** Facebook - 11 a.m.
- **Teen Ticket** Laman Teen Center

**Friday**
- **Run Friday All Day** Argenta Library - 10 a.m.
- **Meeting the Author: Carla McClafferty** Social Media - 4 p.m.
- **Teen Ticket** Laman Teen Center

**Saturday**
- **Puzzle Frenzy** Teen Center - 9 a.m.
- **Movie Morning: Megamind** Laman Children's - 11 a.m.

**Memorial Day**
- **All Locations Closed**

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**Oceans of Possibilities**

**Registration Opens** May 2

**Prizes & Programs**

**For All Ages**

**Books, DVDs, & Audiobooks**

**All Count in this Library Program**