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It’s been awhile since I wrote something for our newsletter. We are certainly busy. If you haven’t stopped by recently, now is the perfect time. Come check out the latest from your favorite author or perhaps pick up a novel for a family member or friend. These beautiful days are made for visiting and embracing time together with those close to your heart.

When I started making out my summer reading list, I was watching everyone finish up the school year with a round of graduations – which made me thankful for our summer theme this year: Oceans of Possibilities.

Summer is known for travel and fun and vacations, but you know what else it’s known for? Summer slide. And nope, I’m not talking about that fun slip and slide that has us adults giggling just like children. It’s the summer slide when our kids lose part of their educational growth. Following two years of pandemic life, this summer is more crucial than ever. And guess what! Your library has the solution! Your library literally has Oceans of Possibilities to combat that slippery slope. We want to build on past growth and make new discoveries.

So, we are inviting you and yours to join us for a summer of reading, playing, and learning! From hula hoops to stories, from DJs to tutoring classes, from appliqués to zydeco and everything in between – your library has it all.

Just think –

I just don’t see how a world that makes such wonderful things could be bad
Look at this stuff
Isn’t it neat?
Wouldn’t you think our collection’s complete?
Wouldn’t you think we’re the library
The library who has everything?

Look at this trove
Treasures untold
How many wonders can one cavern hold?
Looking around here you’d think
Sure, we’ve got everything
We’ve got gadgets and gizmos a-plenty
We’ve got whozits and whatzits galore
You want thingamabobs?
We’ve got plenty!
But who cares?
No big deal
We want more
We wanna be where the people are
We wanna see, wanna see ‘em dancin’
Walking around on those, what do you call ‘em?
Oh, feet

Ahh, nothing like a bit of The Little Mermaid to remind us that libraries are MORE. More than just books. Check out the art galleries. Put a puzzle together. Learn to sew or quilt. Take a hike around beautiful Arkansas with our backpack kits. Build robotics. Dance and play hop scotch. Draw. Just do MORE this summer with our library’s help. We are here for you!

Be sure to pin the enclosed calendar to your fridge with our new magnets, add those can’t-be-missed activities to your phone, and set those alerts. We’re setting sail for a great summer!

[Original lyrics/Songwriters: Alan Menken / Howard Ashman – Part of Your World lyrics © Walt Disney Music Company]
Dive into Summer Reading!

**June 1 - July 30**

Dive into Oceans of Possibilities by participating in North Little Rock Library's 2022 Summer Reading! Read books and watch movies to enter to win prizes all summer long. There will be dozens of events all summer for all ages!

Visit [lamanlibrary.readsquared.com](http://lamanlibrary.readsquared.com) or scan the QR code to sign up to log your books and movies online!

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**DON'T MISS, JUNE CHILDREN EVENTS**

- **Tommy Terrific** at Argenta, 10:30 a.m. June 2
- **Museum of Discovery** at Laman, 10 a.m. June 7
- **Pinnacle Mountain Animals** at Laman, 10 a.m. June 9
- **Nitro Joe** at Laman, 10 a.m. June 14
- **Arkansas Circus Arts** at Laman, 10 a.m. June 16
- **NLR Bow-lievers String Ensemble** at Argenta 10:30 a.m. June 16
- **Mömandpöp** at Laman, 10 a.m. June 21
- **Mömandpöp** at Argenta, 2 p.m. June 21
- **Pinnacle Mountain Animals** at Argenta, 10:30 a.m. June 28
- **Mosaic Templars Cultural Center** at Argenta at 10:30 a.m. June 30

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**DON'T MISS, JUNE ADULT EVENTS**

- **Community Health Fair** at Argenta, 10 a.m. June 3
- **Titanic Author Talk** at Laman Library, 5:30 p.m. June 30
Pro Tip: When sharing stories with a child under five, the books count for both the reader and listener, and if you’ve signed your child up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten too, you can count the same books for both programs.

Summer Reading is for everyone – babies, kids, teens, and adults. Signing up is free and easy. Visit http://lamanlibrary.readsquared.com/, download the READsquared app, or ask us about a personal reading log.

Begin typing and select William F. Laman Library, AR

LOG IN/REGISTER
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LOG YOUR READING
And visit often to report, collect any weekly trinkets, and get in the running for larger prizes. Children can log items online, in personal reading logs, and with stickers at either location.

CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT
If you would like to create a Family Account, please register yourself first and then register your children under your account.

READ, WATCH, OR LISTEN
Read, Watch, or Listen and log books, movies, and audiobooks!

COLLECT BADGES
Collect Badges, solve puzzles, and unlock gaming rewards – all with READsquared. You’ll also be entered for prizes!

Happy Reading! Visit: NLRlibrary.org
HUGE THANKS TO OUR PRIZE DONORS FOR PROVIDING OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES TO WIN THIS SUMMER!

Adult Summer Reading Prize Donors

Children Summer Reading Prize Donors

and MORE!
Arkansas State University and the Arkansas Out Of School Network recently awarded the North Little Rock Public Library System over $35,000 in APR ESSERIII Summer Supplemental funding to provide after school and summer learning programs that address student social emotional development and learning loss as a result of COVID-19. We will use the funds to replace outdated laptop computers and provide Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress, Fast Phonics, and Mathseeds programs. Reading Eggs is for ages 3-7 who are just learning to read. Children follow structured, one-on-one lessons that teach phonics, sight words, and reading skills.

Reading Eggspress is for ages 7-13. Building confidence, older children can continue building key literacy skills that will help them succeed in school.

Fast Phonics lessons are integrated into both Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. They are fast-paced lessons for ages 5-10 that cover key phonics skills and for both emergent and struggling readers.

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.

Each library will host a nine-week session between June 13 and August 12. Laman Library offers the program 1 to 1:45 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays. Argenta Library's classes are 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Seating is limited.

Visit NLRlibrary.org or call either location for more information and to reserve your child's spot. Registration opens June 1.
WE'RE SEW INTO OUR LAMAN MAKERSPACE!

UPSTAIRS YOU'LL FIND:

• SEWING MACHINES
• CRICUT MACHINES
• LAMINATORS

& SO MUCH MORE!
Join us at Argenta Library for a free opening reception during Third-Friday ArtWalk, from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 17 to welcome Emily Onemanband Smith and her *She's Come Unhinged* exhibit. The show continues with free admission in the library gallery through July 7. Emily is a sustainability artist who specializes in one of a kind, multi-dimensional, upcycled art.

Emily finds the curation of a space as creative as individual pieces. She loves finding opposing pieces that fit together like puzzle pieces.

She describes her style as "bold, aloof, and abstract."

"Using solely found and discarded objects as my canvas and subject matter, I attempt to seize every opportunity to spotlight man's degradation of the Earth by adding beauty where there once was none...", Emily said.

"For, art is life. And life for me, in every single way, is art."
"Having been involved with art for a long, long, long time. I have become friends with some amazingly talented people. When given the 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

The following artists are featured in this exhibit. It will be on display through July 1 in the Laman Gallery.

- Gary Alexander
- Sage Arnold
- Beth Darr
- Rita Friend
- Jeannie Fry
- Kathy Kemp
- Andrea Kielpinski
- Stephen Lanford
- Abbie Parsons
- Suzette Patterson
- Laura Remmel-Powers
- Barbara Rhodes
- John Rhodes
- Daphne Williams
Staff Spotlight: New Faces

Lacy Wolfe

Lacy is the new Youth Services Manager at the Laman location. Lacy comes to the North Little Rock Library after working in academic libraries for over a decade. Before her tenure in university libraries, her first job in libraries was as a children’s programmer!

Lacy has enjoyed meeting the staff and learning about the library and community. She is excited for the opportunity to connect with children and their families in her role.

Outside of work, she likes to spend her time sewing, knitting, hiking, camping, kayaking, and traveling. One of her goals is to visit all of the U.S. National Parks. She has visited 15 so far!

When it comes to books, she enjoys a wide variety of genres! She enjoys literary fiction, memoirs, graphic novels, cookbooks, and nature books. For movies and TV, she is a big fan of period dramas, like Downton Abbey and Bridgerton.

Susie Kirk

Susie is our new Communications Manager. Before coming here, she worked over a decade in an academic library (part of that time with Lacy Wolfe).

She has dreamed of working in public libraries but never had the opportunity until now. She is excited to help get the word out about all the vital services and fun events that North Little Rock Library has to offer to the community and beyond - especially if she can do it in meme form.

In her free time, Susie is probably knitting and binge-watching a new show or re-watching a Marvel movie with her partner and their pug, Loki.

She listens to a lot of audiobooks, especially memoirs and young adult fiction. When she does read with her eyes, she likes romance, graphic novels, young adult, magical realism, essay collections, and memoirs.
Philip Sherrod

Philip sat down for a special introspective Staff Spotlight interview with... himself? The following is what transpired.

**Who are you?**
I'm Philip, the new Adults Services Associate! Who are you?

**None of your business. What did you do before, Philip?**
Well, immediately prior to this, I was part of the management team at Walgreens, but most of my work history is in book retail.

**Do you like it here?**
I love it here!

**Why?**
So many reasons! But I guess what I enjoy most about working at Laman Library is the people with whom I get to interact. I have yet to meet a single unfriendly person! Well, except for Derek. I'm a book person, so having the opportunity to work in an environment in which I get to associate with other book people (both staff and patrons) is hugely rewarding to me.

**What did Derek ever do to you?**
Oh, Derek knows.

**Moving on. What do you do in your spare time, Philip?**
Nice of you to ask! I like to write—and occasionally publish—short fiction. My latest story, called "When You Are Punched in the Face," can be found at www.scribblelit.com (content warning: adult language). I'm also a huge film buff, so if you ever want to start a conversation with me, just tell me about any movies you've seen recently. Oh, and I like going to comedy shows and trivia nights...Hello?

**I'm sorry, I dozed off. What genres do you read, Philip?**
Hmm. I read across genres, so that's a tough one. All? Can I answer "all"?

**You may not.**
Well, it's easier to just name some of my favorite writers. For starters, let's go with Kurt Vonnegut, Philip K. Dick, Amy Hempel, Alan Moore, Alexandre Dumas, Charles Portis, Shirley Jackson, and Stephen King. See? I'm all over the map.

**Okay, this is the point where I'd normally say, "This has been interesting," but I think we both know that's not really the case here.**
I know. I'm sorry.
ARGENTA LIBRARY AND HOSPICE HOME CARE

JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

Over 20 vendors and community organizations. Blood Mobile by Arkansas Blood Institute will be available for participants.

Date: Friday, June 3rd
Time: 10am-5pm
Location: 420 Main St. North Little Rock, AR 72114
Contacts: julie.delashaw@lamanlibrary.org
aharris@hospicehomecare.com

NLR Community Health Fair Blood Drive
Friday, June 3
1 - 5 p.m.
Bloodmobile at Argenta Library

To schedule an appointment, contact Arkansas Blood Institute at 877-340-8777 or visit arkbi.org.

Donors receive an Adventure Starts Here t-shirt and one free ticket to Magic Springs Theme & Water Park.
"I have really been into graphic novels lately, and this book is an odd blend of genres. The setting is science fiction, a "near-future" Earth that is defined by its sudden growth in AI developments. The story is based much closer to individual relationships and feelings, however. With the backdrop of a world set by AI, the story shows two girls who have opposing identities and beliefs about photography who have to work together for an art show. Written for young adults, but able to be enjoyed by anyone, this story follows their relationship and portrays a human experience that remains familiar to us in spite of the unique circumstances of their science fiction world."
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.
June 2022
Fun Free Community Happenings!

Each Saturday throughout the month:
St. Joseph's Farm Stand
8 a.m. to noon
The market will be open with locally grown fruit, and vegetables, breads, and more. Feed the cows and goats too!

Argenta Farmers Market
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Find fresh in season produce, veggies, fruit, flowers, meat, poultry, dairy, jams, bread, and more.

Each Friday & Saturday throughout the month:
Dogtown Throwdown
4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Kick-off the weekend with Happy Hour in Argenta on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and enjoy music, entertainment, food, drinks, and more through Saturday at 10:00 p.m.

June 3
Blackberry Night Market at St. Joseph's Farm Stand
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Stop by a special night market with music, food trucks, vendors, and the farm stand.

June 4
Art chalk in Argenta Plaza
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
There will be chalk art by local artists in the plaza and throughout the Argenta Arts District. Enjoy the silent auction, food, entertainment, food trucks, beer garden, and vendors.

June 11 & June 25
Goat Yoga at St. Joseph's Farm Stand
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Join in with Lady Moon Yoga. This is a collective beginner class for anyone 12 and up. Bring a mat. Goat treats will be provided.
The Top 5 Hottest Items in the Library of Things

#5. The SPRK Lightning Lab: Kids and adults can do amazing, vivid experiments at home. You gotta see this thing!

#4. Bread maker. Once you make homemade bread, you'll never go back. So easy! Kids love helping too.

#3. Knitting Looms: You don't even have to know how to knit to make cool things. No kidding!

#2. Cake pans and baking supplies. We've got the fancy stuff for kids parties, wedding cakes, and more!

#1. The Air Fryer: Talk about an easy way to make a meal. If you've been thinking about buying one but weren't sure, we have the easy way to try it out. VERY POPULAR! Reserve yours today!

Find the Library of Things Upstairs at the Laman location
LGBTQ+ Must Reads

1. *In the Dream House* by Carmen Maria Machado
2. *Red, White & Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston
3. *Detransition, Baby* by Torrey Peters
4. *ACE* by Angela Chen
5. *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
6. *Heartstopper* by Alice Oslman

NLR Reads Challenge 2022

JUNE CHALLENGE - Read a book with LGBTQ+ characters or by an LGBTQ+ author
Enter to win at either location! We’ll hold a Facebook LIVE drawing on July 6 at noon!
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