North Little Rock Public Library System

YOUR LIBRARIES OF CHOICE

Let's be friends:

Laman Library
(501) 758-1720
2801 Orange Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114

Monday - Thursday:
9 AM - 7 PM
Friday - Saturday:
9 AM - 1 PM

Argenta Library
(501) 687-1061
420 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114

Monday - Friday:
9 AM - 6 PM

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April Challenge
Books published or set from 1930-1939

Enjoy going back through the decades and reading a book that was published or set in that particular decade.

Each month after reading your choice, fill out an entry form at either location or on the website (NLRLibrary.org/misc/readingchallenge) to be entered into a prize drawing! Use the link above or scan the QR code.

Each month one lucky reader will win a Book Lover’s Gift Bag, filled with many items to make your reading time spectacular.

April Recommendations: Books published or set in 1930–1939

The Color Purple by Alice Walker
The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
Mama Ruby by Mary Monroe
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

The North Little Rock Public Library System is pleased to welcome Morgan Sowell as the new Maintenance Supervisor. Morgan brings with him a wealth of experience, having previously worked at Ross Sod Farm and Landscaping in Tate County, MS. Since joining the library at the end of 2022, Morgan has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a passion for ensuring that the library is well-maintained and welcoming to all patrons. When asked about his favorite library program or project, Morgan noted that there are so many amazing programs to choose from that it’s hard to pick just one.

Outside of work, Morgan enjoys any activities that involve being outside, including basketball and fishing. He also shared that Christ is a huge part of his life and the things he does. Morgan’s favorite books include those written by James Patterson, but he considers the Bible to be his favorite read. In his spare time, Morgan enjoys watching basketball and any historical or nature-based shows he can find. Overall, Morgan is a valuable addition to the library team, and we look forward to working with him for years to come!
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**KEY:**
- **All Ages**
- **Adults**
- **Children**
- **Tweens**
- **Teens**

**MONDAY THRU THURSDAY:**
3:30 – 4:30 PM
Laman Public Library - Children’s Library
2017 Orange Street, North Little Rock.

**KIDS EAT FREE!**
Equal Hearts Food Program
Ages 18 and under: no registration required!
Playtime for All!
Special Olympics Young Athletes Program Comes to Laman Library!

SHOWCASE OF YOUNG ATHLETES KITS!

APRIL 8
DROP IN 10 AM - 12 PM
AT LAMAN CHILDREN’S

Join Mr. Connor for an exploration of the activities provided by the Special Olympics Young Athlete Program! Kits available for checkout.

Young Athletes is a unique sport and play program for children with intellectual disabilities. Children ages 2 to 7 enjoy games and activities that develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Young Athletes is an early introduction to sports and to the world of Special Olympics. The children learn new things, play, and have lots of fun!

American Sign Language Classes
at Laman Library

ASL 1
THURSDAYS
4–5 P.M.
APRIL 20–JUNE 8
Learn the basics of sign language with this free 8-week beginner class.

ASL 2
THURSDAYS
5–6 P.M.
APRIL 20–JUNE 8
Build on the basics you learned in ASL 1 with this free 8-week class.

CLASSES ARE FREE.
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
As we celebrate Earth Month this April, the North Little Rock Public Library is excited to offer a variety of events that encourage our community to live sustainably and protect our planet. Join us for recycled crafts, botany classes, and more, as we come together to make a positive impact on the environment.

**HOMESCHOOL STEAM EXPLORERS AT LAMAN LIBRARY**

Homeschoolers in grades K-6 are invited to explore the world of STEAM through books, videos, and hands-on activities on Tuesdays at 1 PM. In April, Ms. Lauren will teach all things plants!

April 4 - Plant Anatomy
April 11 - Pollinators
April 18 - Tree Investigation
April 25 - Fruit DNA

**ARKANSAS WATERFALLS TOUR AT LAMAN LIBRARY APRIL 8TH 10-NOON**

**LEAVE NO TRACE AT HOME WORKSHOP AT LAMAN LIBRARY**

**SATURDAYS IN APRIL**

**Go Green April Crafts**

Drop by on Saturdays in April for green crafting in the Laman Children's department!

We'll use recycled materials to create works of art in celebration of Earth Day!

Complete them in the library or take them home.

**LAMAN TEEN CENTER'S BOTANY FOR BEGINNERS**

A series of botany programs every Monday in April at 4 PM for ages 12-18!

April 3 - Hydroponics
April 10 - Flower Drying
April 17 - Seed Bombs
April 24 - Botany for Beginners Wrap-up
The Argenta Library will present *Ooh Child*, a multi-media figurative art exhibit by Lisa Krannichfeld. The exhibit will be on display from April 21 to May 12, with an opening reception on April 21 from 5-8 PM, as a part of the Argenta Art District’s Third Friday Art Walk.

Krannichfeld is a Little Rock-born and raised artist whose work has been exhibited extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Her work belongs to prominent collections such as the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, The Historic Arkansas Museum, and Hot Springs National Park.

*Ooh Child* is a series that reflects on Krannichfeld’s experiences of becoming a mother and the emotional ambivalence that came with those experiences. Her use of materials, colors, and dimensional layers symbolizes the conflicting emotions that arrive with motherhood in their most extreme intensities.

The wide range of materials in the series, including cement, watercolor, resin, and acrylic on multilayered shaped wood panels, gives each piece a slight identity crisis, mirroring Krannichfeld’s own experience during these times.

The exhibit continues with free admission in the library gallery through April 7. The Argenta Library Gallery is open during regular library hours – Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM.
April 2023

FUN & AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Each Saturday Morning
St. Joseph's Farm Stand
St. Joseph's Center - 6800 Camp Robinson Road
9 AM - 1 PM

Saturday, April 1
Free Zumba Class
Argenta Nutrition - 419 Main Street
10 AM - 11 AM

Friday - Saturday, April 14 - 15
Dogtown Throwdown
6th & Main through Argenta Arts District
4 PM Friday - 10 PM Saturday

Friday, April 21
Third Friday Art Walk
Multiple gallery openings in Downtown Argenta
5 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, April 22
Party At The Plaza - Benefiting Arkansas Hospice
6th & Main at Argenta Plaza
2 PM - 10:30 PM

Wednesday - Saturday, April 26 - 30
Ballet Arkansas Live At The Plaza
6th & Main at Argenta Plaza
Times TBD
HOW DO I GET A LIBRARY CARD?

Do you live, work, or go to school in or around Pulaski County? If so, you qualify for a North Little Rock Public Library System Card!

If you have lost your library card, or have never had a library card, please provide the requested information to apply for a card to access the North Little Rock Public Library System's in-person collection and online resources, including ebooks, downloadable music, movies, and much more. Visit the Laman or Argenta Library to get your card.

Or fill out the online form by scanning the QR code below. Please allow 3-5 business days for processing to receive your card in the mail. Once processed, you will receive an email at the address provided with your new library card number and PIN.

WHAT CAN I GET WITH MY LIBRARY CARD?

In addition to books and eBooks, the library offers a wide range of non-traditional items including:

- Air fryers
- Auto repair tools
- Bread makers
- Board/card games & puzzles
- Cake pans & decoration kits
- DVDs/Blu Rays
- Fishing poles & tackle
- Knitting looms
- Online research resources
- Playground kits
- Slow cookers
- STEM Kits
- Telescopes
- Tools
- Wi-Fi Hotspots

Services offered:

- Events for all ages
- Free Wi-Fi
- Genealogy Resources
- Home delivery
- LINC (computer lab)
- Makerspace
- Notary services
- Passport services

2023 Summer Reading is coming soon!

If you're interested in donating prizes, please contact Derek Cash at derek.cash@lamanlibrary.org.