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FOR ALL AGES!
Hello, North Little Rock!

Your North Little Rock Public Library System will be temporarily closing both library locations from May 30 to June 3 to update our network infrastructure. During this time, we'll be replacing our switches and installing new computers and technology throughout the system. We’re grateful to the Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust for their generous grant of $33,946, which enables us to update all public computers and provide Chromebooks for our new Mobile Library, arriving soon.

Computers are essential nowadays, and we appreciate the Sturgis Foundation's support. They've helped us before, supplying new computers for our Children's Department and Teen Center a few years ago.

Please note that during the closure, our Wi-Fi will also be down, but don’t worry! You can still access our digital services through NLRlibrary.org/ and our various apps including Libby, Hoopla, Freegal, and Kanopy, so you can still enjoy your favorite books, music, and movies.

We’ll be taking advantage of this downtime to offer staff-wide training so that we can come back better than ever.

We’ll reopen on June 5, just in time for our All Together Now Summer Reading Challenge, which features prizes and programs for all ages from June 5 to August 1. You can register to participate at either library or NLRlibrary.org beginning on May 15.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this temporary closure. We can’t wait to see you all on June 5 for some exciting new updates and a fun-filled summer of reading!
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**Closed May 30 – June 3 for Technical Upgrades**
LAMAN CON 2023
Come out to Laman Library for a day of geeky fun! We will have panels with our featured guest speakers, Mitch Breitweiser and Randy Duncan, geeky craft projects, a photography booth, a vendor fair, and a costume contest, along with a ton of fun activities for kids and teens! Find the schedule of events on the next page!

SPEAKERS & HIGHLIGHTS

WILD & WACKY COMIC BOOKS BY RANDY DUNCAN
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Room 126
Beyond the wackiness in the superhero and teen humor comics we all know, there exists a vast variety of comic book content and uses that the average person never sees. Explore the wild, wonderful, and seldom-seen world of unconventional comic books with Randy Duncan, author/editor of The Power of Comics and Icons of the American Comic Book.

COSPLAY Q&A WITH JO ARELLANES
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Makerspace
Ever wanted to try cosplay but don’t know where to start? Ask our cosplay expert about anything you want to know! Artist by day, nerd by night - Jo Arellanes has been an avid fan of comics, sci-fi, and fantasy since she was a youngling. She has been a performer and panelist at DragonCon and has done work for the Heroes Alliance charity. Jo loves matcha, space and stars, and the color indigo.

MAKING COMICS FROM CONCEPT TO PUBLISHING BY MITCH BREITWEISER
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Room 126
Join Arkansas native and comic book industry veteran, Mitch Breitweiser, as he discusses the process of making comics from concept to publishing. Mitch has over 20 years of experience working at Marvel Entertainment and now as co-founder of his own independent comic book brand, Allegiance Arts. This is a must-attend event for comic book enthusiasts, aspiring creators, and anyone interested in the world of comics.
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**Cosplay Contest** – see the talented costume stylings of our convention-goers all in one convenient place. Prizes will be given in the categories of Judges’ Choice, Most Creative, and Best Craftsmanship for two different age categories: 15 & under or 16 & up. To register, come to the Adult Services circulation desk by 11 AM on May 13.

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**Have a Story to Tell?**

Do you have a story you would like to share? This 2-hour workshop on May 23 at 4:30 PM at the Laman Library will help you hone your story and give you practice in performing it for others.

The Yarn uses the power of story to amplify voices, build understanding, and create space for human connection. Their mission is to amplify voices, build connection, and create space for common understanding. The Yarn team has produced over twenty live shows highlighting the unique narratives of Arkansans. Stories are highlighted through radio, video, podcast, and social media outlets, expanding the reach and potential for connection beyond brick and mortar auditoriums and venues. Over 300 storytellers have been coached through The Yarn initiative to date.

In July, select storytellers who attend the workshop will be invited to participate in a live evening performance for the public.
The North Little Rock Public Library System offers a variety of book clubs for all ages and interests, from thought-provoking discussions on contemporary fiction to specialized clubs like science fiction, mystery, and manga. Join the library's literary community and expand your horizons with fellow book lovers.

**Laman Children’s Book Parties!**

Laman Children's Department hosts monthly Book Parties for children ages 6 to 11, where they discuss books, do activities, play games, and watch TV shows or movies based on the books. The theme changes every month, and the upcoming *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney is on May 11 at 3:30 PM. For more information, contact Lauren Bradley at lauren.bradley@lamanlibrary.org.

**Laman Teen Center’s Manga Monday**

Manga enthusiasts ages 12 to 18 are invited to join us every third Monday of the month (starting May 15) in the Teen Center to discuss their favorite manga, new releases, and more. Please note that we will not be meeting in June or July. No sign-up required. For more information, contact Lacy Wolfe at lacy.wolfe@lamanlibrary.org.

**Laman Teen Center’s Where the Wild Books Are**

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to join Laman Teen Center’s monthly book club, "Where the Wild Books Are," starting with the discussion of *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir on June 13 at 1 PM. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday at 4 PM after summer reading. No sign up required, contact Lacy Wolfe at lacy.wolfe@lamanlibrary.org for more information.

**Argenta’s Tuesday Book Talkers and Thursday Page Turners**

Join Argenta Library’s book discussion groups, Tuesday Book Talkers (first Tuesday of each month) and Thursday Page Turners (second Thursday of each month), where fiction and non-fiction titles are discussed. Thursday Page Turners also includes movie and author video discussions. Contact Julie at 501-687-1061 for current titles and space availability.

**Laman Library’s Monday Mystery Club**

The Laman Library’s Monday Mystery Club invites you to attend their monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30 PM. No sign-up is required - simply read the book and join in on the discussion. The book club reads mystery books, with upcoming titles including *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann on May 8 and *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley on June 12. For more information, contact Megan Hines at megan.hines@lamanlibrary.org.

**Reading the Hugos**

The Reading the Hugos book club meets on the first Saturday of each month at 1 PM at Dark Side Coffee Lounge. The club reads current and potential Hugo Award nominees, which are some of the most prestigious awards for science fiction and fantasy media. No sign-ups are required, and upcoming selections include *Nettle & Bone* by T. Kingfisher on May 6, and short story and novelette nominees on June 3. Contact Megan Hines at megan.hines@lamanlibrary.org for more information.
Join us for a 
Teddy Bear Picnic

Tuesday, May 16
10:00 AM

Bring your favorite stuffed toy and
listen to stories by Ms. Janet, Mr.
Connor, and Ms. Lauren.

Ages 5
and under!

Laman Library Children’s
2801 Orange Street, NLR, AR
501-758-1720
www.nlrlibrary.org

Don't miss Laman Children’s last storytime before Summer Reading!

SMASH BROS
TOURNAMENT

May 23rd
@ 4 p.m.

For Ages 12-18
In the Laman Library
Teen Center

ANIME NIGHT
MAY 25TH @ 4 P.M
LAMAN LIBRARY
TEEN CENTER

FOR AGES 12-18

Come watch Naruto, do anime trivia,
and make a fun character out of perler
beads! You’ll also get a say in what we
do for our next anime night! Must be
age 12-18 to attend.
The Argenta Library will present *Human Thread*, a multi-media exhibition featuring figurative work by Tanya Hollifield. The exhibit will be on display from May 19 to June 9, with an opening reception on May 19 from 5-8 PM, as a part of the Argenta Art District’s Third Friday Art Walk. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

As a Little Rock based artist, Tanya Hollifield is active with her art and the community. She recently received an Arkansas Arts Council Artist Fellowship Award for her public engagement work and Peace Activist of the Year, primarily for her work with the 7th Street Mural Project.

That is her extroverted side. Her private studio practice produces art that is in collections across the USA and is currently represented at the M2 gallery. Her work is regularly exhibited for special exhibitions locally.

*Human Thread* consist mainly of a new series by adding disparate items such as fabric, paper, print media, and paints to her drawings; she is weaving a story and creating characters that are composites of various scenes and people. Hollifield says, "I found I was less inclined to name the pieces because they seemed to name themselves in the making. I hope you can find the connecting threads that are woven within each piece, perhaps even finding a personal connection."

The Argenta Library Gallery is open during regular library hours – Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM.
Summer Reading 2023 at your North Little Rock Public Libraries

June 5 through August 1!

Summer Reading Sneak Peek!

Children:
- Every Monday - Summer STEAM at Laman Library at 10 AM
- June 6 - Arkansas Circus Arts at Laman Library at 10 AM
- June 15 - Tommy Terrific at Argenta Library at 10:30 AM (July 20 at Laman Library at 9 AM)
- June 21 - Storytime with NLRPD Officer Tommy Norman at Argenta Library at 10:30 AM
- June 29 - Wiggle & Jiggle (for ages 18 months to 3 years) at Argenta Library at 10:30 AM

Tweens & Teens:
- Every Thursday - Teens in the Kitchen at the Laman Teen Center at 1 PM
- June 13 - Iron Chef: Teens vs. Tweens with Guest Judge Chef Andre at Laman Teen Center at 2 PM
- June 20 - Marble Run Craft at Argenta Library at 10:30 AM (Registration opens for tweens & teens on May 8)
- July 11 - Tween & Teen Dance Party at Argenta Library at 10:30 AM

Adults:
- June 8 - Author Talk: *Rise of the Mavericks* by Philip Shackelford at Laman Library at 5:30 PM
- June 9 - 2nd Annual Health & Community Expo at Argenta Library from 10 AM to 4 PM

All ages:
- July 17 - Arkansas SkyDome Planetarium at Laman Library from 12 PM - 5 PM
- August 1 - North Little Rock Public Library Night with the Arkansas Travelers at Dickey-Stephens Park
  Stay tuned to see how to get a free ticket!

Find the full calendar at programs.nlrlibrary.org/events

Registration begins on May 15 at lamanlibrary.readsquared.com
May 2023

FUN & AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Each Saturday Morning
St. Joseph’s Farm Stand - 6800 Camp Robinson Road
9 AM - 1 PM
Falkner Lake Orchard - 503 Morris Road
9 AM - 5 PM
Me & McGee Market - 10409 Highway 70
9 AM - 4 PM
The Filling Station - 3623 JFK Blvd
11 AM - 6 PM

Friday - Saturday, May 12 - 13
Dogtown Throwdown
6th & Main through Argenta Arts District
4 PM Friday - 10 PM Saturday

Friday, May 19
Third Friday Art Walk
Multiple gallery openings in Downtown Argenta
5 PM - 8 PM

Wednesday - Sunday, May 19 - 21 & 24 - 28
Pulaski County Fair
Riverfront Park

Saturday, May 20
Cupcakes For Goodness Sake - CareLink
6th & Main at Argenta Plaza
3 PM - 6 PM

Saturday, May 26
Argenta Vibe Music Series - Joy Azteca
6th & Main at Argenta Plaza
8 PM
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 to be entered into a prize drawing! Scan the QR code to enter.

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

May Recommendations:
Books published or set in 1940-1949

- All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Mary Monroe
- Sisters in Arms by Kaia Alderson
- Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

Meet Jenna Greer! Jenna is a Passport Acceptance Agent and an Adult Programmer at Laman Library. Her previous experience as a Spanish Interpreter showcases her language skills and cultural expertise. She’s excited about offering programming for Spanish-speakers, making the library more inclusive and accessible to diverse communities!

Outside of work, Jenna enjoys exploring her Midtown neighborhood with her furry companions, dining locally, attending performances, volunteering, and indulging in her love for spicy food.

Jenna's favorite genre is non-fiction, with Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey as her recommended audiobook. She also enjoys watching Law and Order SVU, and her all-time favorite movie is The Shawshank Redemption. For book lovers, Jenna suggests checking out The Possibility of All Things: A Story of Parallel Journeys by Frank Head. Jenna’s dedication to community service, her passion for programming, and her diverse interests make her a valued member of our team!
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.