THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE
FAMILY DAYS

MOVIES, MOON PIES, CRAFTS & MORE!
Saturday, March 2, 10:00am - 2:00pm

SOLAR OVENS & THE 100-YARD SOLAR SYSTEM
Saturday, March 9, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Make a solar oven, experience the 100-yard Solar System, practice using a telescope, and see how fast you can run the distance of our model solar system.

SUNSCOPES, SUNOCULARS, & MORE!
Saturday, March 23, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Celebrate National Library Week | April 8-13
In celebration of National Library Week, donations for Serenity Domestic Violence Support & Shelter will be accepted in exchange for Library fine forgiveness, up to $50 per card!

Most Needed Items:
- Paper Towels - 2 Rolls: $5
- Disinfecting Wipes - 75 Count: $10
- Trash Bags - 40 Count: $15

13 Gallons or Larger

Program Guide
Spring Edition
March - May 2024

PREPARING FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE
Tuesday, March 12, 5:15pm
Wednesday, March 20, 1:00pm
Learn how to view the eclipse safely. Get tips on managing the anticipated uptick in population during the eclipse, and create a mini emergency kit.

SOLAR ECLIPSES, SUNSPOTS, AND OBSERVING THE SUN
Tuesday, April 2, 5:30pm
Join us for this fact-filled program about our sun and solar eclipses presented by amateur astronomer and member of the Arkansas Natural Sky Association Jeff Hooper.

Get your complimentary eclipse glasses at any of these programs or present your Library Card during library hours beginning March 1. While supplies last. Limits apply.

A Stellar Spring Break
March 18-22
Calling all youth! Enjoy an eclipse inspired craft and snack. Available each day while supplies last.

Milky Way Monday
All Day
DIY Eclipse Pinhole Viewer: Create a cereal box pinhole viewer while munching on Sun Chips and Milky Way bars.

Totality Tuesday
4:00pm - 5:30pm
DIY Eclipse T-Shirt: Paint a total eclipse on your shirt and savor Sunkist soda and sunflower seeds.

Wanderstar Wednesday
Showtime 1: 11:00am
Showtime 2: 2:30pm
Enjoy an eclipse-inspired trail mix with a Capri Sun drink while you watch Rise of the Guardians.

Terrestrial Thursday
All Day
Create a pocket solar system and try some Orbit of Eclipse chewing gum.

Far-Out Friday
All Day
Have fun designing UV bead bracelets and eating mini MoonPies.

Ready Set Library!
Make It!  
These crafting and DIY classes are an excellent way to try out a new hobby. Registration is limited.

**Tuesday, March 5, 4:30pm:** Solar Bath Bombs

**Tuesday, March 26, 1:30pm:** Crafty Card Making: Let’s “Strip”

**Tuesday, April 16, 4:00pm:** Sewing Zipper Pouches

**Tuesday, April 23, 1:30pm:** Crafty Card Making: It’s a Wrap

**Tuesday, May 7, 4:30pm:** Fairy Jar

**Tuesday, May 28, 1:30pm:** Crafty Card Making: May Flowers

Tech Help  
Get hands-on help with technology.

**Tuesday, March 12, 4:15pm:** Cell Phone Help with Teen Volunteers

**Thursday, March 21, 11:00am:** Email Basics

**Tuesday, April 9, 4:15pm:** Cell Phone Help with Teen Volunteers

**Tuesday, May 14, 4:15pm:** Cell Phone Help with Teen Volunteers

Color Me Calm  
Every Wednesday, 9:30am
Friendly conversations, relaxing music, and fun coloring supplies help you color away stress.

Yoga for Adults  
Every Monday & Wednesday, 4:00pm
Yoga will not be held on May 15, May 27, or April 8.

Mom Walk & Talk  
1st & 3rd Mondays, 11:00am
All moms are invited to join us as we walk and talk about the ins and outs of parenthood and babies! Meet at the head of the ASUMH Walking Trail where the StoryWalk begins. Mom Walk & Talk will not meet on April 8.

Open Maker Space  
Need space or equipment to finish a project? We have sewing machines, a Cuttlebug embosser, Pop Circuits, a Cricut, a heat press, and more. For equipment reservations or inquiries, email Jamie Vann at jamie.v@baxlib.org.

**Saturday, April 6, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Wednesday, April 24, 3:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Saturday, May 4, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Reservations encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Receive $25 in Library fine forgiveness when you donate blood!

**Thursday, March 14, 9:30am - 1:30pm**

**Thursday, March 30, 9:30am - 1:30pm**

Birding 101 with Phyllis Speer  
Friday, March 15, 1:00pm
What bird was that? How do you get started birding? What is Wings Across Arkansas and how does it work? Phyllis Speer is joining us to answer these questions and more.

Resume Workshop  
Tuesday, March 26, 4:30pm
Learn the basics of writing or updating a resume and the Job Now resource available through the Library. Bring your laptop or email jamie.v@baxlib.org if you need to use a Library laptop.

**10th Annual Baxter County Plant Swap**  
Saturday, April 27, 9:30am - 11:30am
Bring in your extra plants or seeds for others and/or adopt a new plant or find some seeds to try out. No buying or selling.

Homesteading Skills: Dutch Oven Cooking  
Tuesday, April 30, 5:30pm
Join Phyllis Speer, hostess of Cooking on the Wild Side, as she teaches basic skills and tips for Dutch oven cooking.

Artist Reception: Visiting Art on Display  
Saturday, May 11, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Visit this season’s artists Diane Hoppmann, Gloria Vaughn and Sam Jones IV. Ask questions about their work and what inspires them.

World Turtle Day: Learning Adventure  
Thursday, May 23, 10:30am
Fred Berry Crooked Creek Nature Center will be joining us to celebrate World Turtle Day. Come and learn about native turtles with us. What makes a good turtle habitat? Afterwards we will meet at the ASUMH parking lot where the StoryWalk begins and explore along the creek of the walking trail to see native turtle habitats!

Book Clubs

**Issues & Viewpoints Reading List and Dates:**
An open forum on books exploring current issues and sometimes controversial views in a respectful environment.

**Every 1st Wednesday, 1:30pm**

- **March 6,** *River of the Gods* by Candice Millard
- **April 3,** *Writing of the Gods* by Edward Dolnick
- **May 1,** *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston

**All Booked Reading List and Dates:**
An easy going book club that reads mostly fictional titles featuring romance and mysteries with some biographies thrown in!

**Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00pm**

- **March 19,** *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
- **April 16,** *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano
- **May 21,** *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
**Family Programs**

**Story Times**
- **Babies & Books** (0-1 yr.) Mondays, 9:30am: *Will not meet April 8*
- **Toddler Time** (1-2 yrs.) Tuesdays, 10:30am
- **Preschool Story Time Fun** (3-5 yrs.) Wednesdays, 10:00 & 11:00am: Stories, songs, and fun activities.

**After-School Meals**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:00pm - 4:00pm
  - March 5 - May 21
  - For ages 18 and under. Not served when Library is closed or when MHPS are closed due to inclement weather/holidays. This program is a community collaboration with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and the USDA.

**Teen Programs (Gr. 7-12)**

**Friday After Hours**
- Enjoy pizza and activities!
  - **Friday, March 15, 6:30pm - 9:30pm,** *Mario Day*
  - **Friday, April 19, 6:30pm - 9:30pm,** *Picnic Party*
  - **Friday, May 10, 6:30pm - 9:30pm,** *All Booked Up:* Book character party.

**Teen Library Council**
- Make a positive difference in your Library community.
  - **Tuesday, March 26, 4:00pm - 5:30pm**
  - **Tuesday, April 23, 4:00pm - 5:30pm**
  - **Tuesday, May 21, 4:00pm - 5:30pm**

**Dungeons & Dragons: One Shot**
- A fantasy tabletop role-playing game.
  - **Tuesday, March 5, 4:15pm - 6:30pm**

**Summer Reading Starts May 23!**
- **Track your reading on paper or online using the Beanstack app!**

**Children’s Programs (Gr. PK-3)**

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**
- **March 29 - 30**
  - **Friday, March 29, 4:00pm - 6:00pm:** *Stuffed Animal Drop Off:* Your favorite toy can stay the night at the Library! Drop your toy off at the Library on Friday between 4 and 6pm.
  - **Saturday, March 30, 10:30am:** *Story Time & Animal Pickup:* Pick up your toy and attend a Special Story Time.

**Tween Programs (Gr. 4-6)**

**Picturing History**
- Explore little known historical people, places, and events through picture books along with fun activities.
  - **Monday, March 4, 4:30-5:30pm, To Infinity and Beyond:** Explore space history, try some freeze-dried ice cream, create a Starry Night with Skittles, and read books.
  - **Monday, April 15, 4:30-5:30pm, Holocaust Remembrance:** Make a Holocaust Remembrance quilt square and plant a tree seed in remembrance of Anne Frank.
  - **Monday, May 6, 4:30-5:30pm, World War II in Arkansas:** Create a World War II homefront promotional poster and sample Victory Garden vegetables.

**Tween Library Council**
- Read books, discuss program ideas, and have fun!
  - **Tuesday, March 26, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**
  - **Monday, April 22, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**
  - **Monday, May 20, 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**School-Aged Programs**

**Homeschool Advantage (K-12)**
- Homeschool students join the Library staff for science, history, and literature/art classes. All materials provided.
  - **Friday, March 8, 1:00pm - 2:30pm,** *Space*
  - **Friday, April 12, 1:00pm - 2:30pm,** *Literature Fair*
  - **Friday, May 3, 1:00pm - 2:30pm,** *Delta Dental*

**LEGO Club (K-12)**
- Build and create! All LEGOs will be provided.
  - *Please do NOT bring your own LEGOs from home.*
  - **Monday, March 11, 4:15pm - 5:15pm**
  - **Monday, April 1, 4:15pm - 5:15pm**
  - **Monday, May 13, 4:15pm - 5:15pm**

**Arts ‘R Us (Gr. 2-6)**
- Create your own kind of art!
  - **Wednesday, March 27, 4:00pm - 5:00pm,** *Pizza Mania:* Pizza jewelry and dessert pizza! Make a pizza slice that lasts and make a dessert pizza that doesn’t last five minutes!
  - **Wednesday, April 17, 4:00pm - 5:00pm,** *Bad Art Night:* Tacky + Glittery + Totally Useless = Bad Art!! Get creative with our art supplies and make any art you want, as long as it’s really bad. The Best Bad Art will win the Bad Trophy!
  - **Wednesday, May 15, 4:00pm - 5:00pm,** *Hack That Painting:* You get to add whatever you want to a pre-painted canvas or picture, and make it much more interesting, funny, or beautiful!!
Friends of the Library

Library Giving Day

Join us on April 5th, National Library Giving Day, and become a Library Lover by pledging a monthly gift. Your monthly commitment provides a steady income stream, supporting the Library’s role in strengthening communities and transforming lives.

When you show your belief in our Library’s impact by giving monthly, you receive a special Library Lover water bottle.

Visit www.BaxLib.org/Support/Give to enroll today.

Library Foundation

USED BOOK SALE
May 16 - 18
Thursday, May 16, 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday, May 17, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, May 18, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Proceeds from the Friends of the Library book sales benefit Library programs and services.

Renew Your Membership or Become a Friend Today!

Join the Friends of the Library for just $5/year. Membership dues are due annually, and membership lasts from January to December. Membership includes a $2 book sale coupon for each quarterly sale. Pick up an application at the Library.

Friends of the Library Programs:

Wednesday, March 27
1:30pm - 3:00pm
The Jacob Wolf House Historic Site:
The Future of the Past

Wednesday, April 24
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Live Auction!
Join in to bid on interesting and unique items!

The public is invited; refreshments will be served!

Library Hours:
Mon. 9:00am - 6:30pm
Tue. 9:00am - 8:00pm
Wed. - Fri. 9:00am - 6:30 pm
Sat. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun. Closed

Library Closings:
Volunteer Recognition:
Opening at Noon April 19
Memorial Day:
May 27