



America 250: The Celebration Continues

Arkansas Arkansaw: A State and its Reputation

Exhibit Open Through April 2

Explore the myths and realities behind Arkansas's reputation, from hillbillies and moonshiners to iconic stories like *The Arkansas Traveler*. Examine how these portrayals shaped perceptions locally, nationally, and worldwide.



"We the People": Constitutions of the State of Arkansas

Exhibit Open April 6 - April 30

Discover the evolution of Arkansas's government featuring the original handwritten documents that shaped the state's legal and political identity. Visitors will explore how each constitution reflects pivotal moments in Arkansas's history, from statehood to Reconstruction.



Read 250 Reading Challenge

Deadline: May 1

Read, watch or listen to 25 topics in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. Pick up a paper tracker at the Circulation, Children's, or Teen Desk, or participate online through the Beanstack app.



Bright Star Theater Presents: American Sing-Along

Saturday, Apr. 11, 10:30am

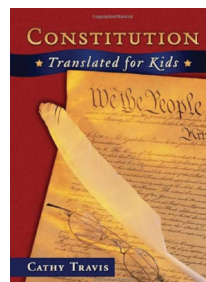
Celebrate American history through a timeline of music. From tribal songs of the early Native Americans, to influential anthems of the civil rights movement, this show leaves few songs unsung. Audience interaction abounds with sing-alongs in this original musical concert.



America250 for Youth **R**

Tuesday, Apr. 21, 4:00-7:00pm

Dive into the Declaration of Independence Translated for Kids and perform the play *Bound Together*, about the creation of the U. S. Constitution. Learn the difference between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, analyze the compromises that had to be made, and exercise your critical thinking skills. Facilitated by Cathy Travis, author of *Constitution: Translated for Kids*. **For grades 6-9.**



Anime Mini Con

Saturday, April 18, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Enjoy games, activities, and chances to win anime-themed stickers, pins, and resin figurines. The cosplay contest begins at noon (*family-friendly costumes only; no weapons or realistic replicas*). Artists of all ages are invited to enter the Anime Art Contest—2D, family-friendly artwork only, no larger than 8.5" x 11". Art deadline: April 18, 11:00am.

12th Annual Baxter County Plant Swap

Saturday, April 25, 10:30am - Noon

Share extra plants or seeds, adopt something new, and discover seeds to try in your garden. Bring usable tools, magazines, or catalogs to share, plus seed donations for the Little Seed Library. Everyone is welcome. *No buying or selling.*



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Get ready to dig into summer! Our Summer Reading Program, *Unearth a Story*, begins in May and continues all summer long with dino-themed activities, hands-on programs, and fun for all ages.

Be sure to check this program guide for the Summer Reading insert, packed with details on all the prehistoric adventures.



Adult Programs

Make It! R

These crafting and DIY classes are an excellent way to try out a new hobby.
Sponsor: Mike and Katie Risk

Crafty Card Making: X Marks the Spot
Tuesday, Apr. 14, 1:30pm

Plantstravaganza Art
Friday, Apr. 24, 4:30pm

Crafty Card Making: A "LOTTO" Fun
Tuesday, May 26, 1:30pm

Puzzle Piece Art
Friday, May 29, 4:30pm

Open Maker Space

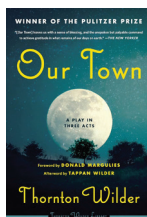
Sponsor: Mike and Katie Risk R
Bring your unfinished project and work on it in our space. Arrange to use Library equipment via email: jamie.v@baxlib.org.
Saturday, Apr. 4, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday, May 2, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Ales & Tales

Join us at Rapp's Barren Brewing Co. every 2nd Tuesday for a live reading! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Library Foundation.



Her Royal Spyness
by Rhys Bowen
Apr. 14, 6:00pm



Our Town
by Thornton Wilder
May 12, 6:00pm

Yoga

Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:00pm
Volunteer, Tony Khayat, will lead gentle exercises. Class will be downstairs May 20; no class on May 25.

Color Me Calm

Wednesdays, 9:30am - Noon
Friendly conversations, relaxing music, and fun coloring supplies.

Old Language of the Ozarks

Thursday, Apr. 16, 2:00pm
Danette House, traditional Ozarks storyteller, will bring to life a fast paced program rediscovering the language of the Ozarks Settlers.

Homesteading Skills

Sponsor: Cynthia Peterson
Gain the skills you need to live a simpler, more sustainable life.

Sourdough 101 R
Tuesday, Apr. 7, 5:00pm

Learn the basics of starter care with Extension Agent LeeAnn Blevins. Bring a small jar to take starter home.

Preserving Eggs
Tuesday, May 5, 5:00pm

Learn about the pros and cons of popular egg preservation techniques with demos of water glassing, pickling, and freezing.

A Year of Giving R

Explore meaningful ways to give back to your community throughout the year.

Gifting Nature
Tuesday, Apr. 14, 10:00am

Make a mini terrarium to gift someone in need of a breath of fresh air.

Gifting Relaxation
Tuesday, May 12, 10:00am

Make a jar of relaxing bath salt; a perfect gift for someone with a lot of stress.

National Pizza Party Day: Sourdough Pizza Crust

Thursday, May 14, 5:00pm
Learn how to make sourdough R a crust using your starter with Extension Agent LeeAnn Blevins. Need starter? Bring a small jar to take some home.

American Red Cross Blood Drive R

Thursday, May 28, 9:30am-1:30pm
Reservations are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Receive \$25 in fine forgiveness when you donate blood!



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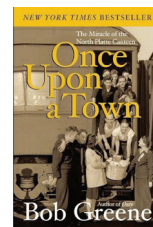
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Book Clubs

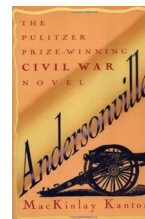
(Books Available at Circulation Desk)

Lens On Literature

Every 1st Wednesday, 1:30pm



Once Upon a Town
by Bob Greene
Apr. 1, 1:30pm

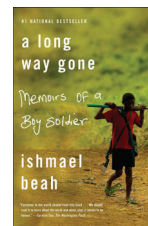


Andersonville
by MacKinlay Kantor
May 6, 1:30pm

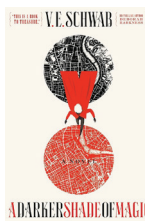
All Booked: Staff Picks

Attend via Zoom or In Person!
Link: www.BaxLib.org/Events

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00pm



A Long Way Gone
by Ishmael Beah
Apr. 21, 6:00pm



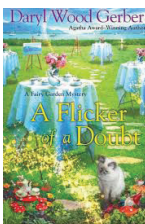
A Darker Shade of Magic
by V.E. Schwab
May 19, 6:00pm

The Whodunit Society

Every 2nd Thursday, 10:30am



Six Feet Deep Dish
by Mindy Quigley
Apr. 9, 10:30am



A Flicker of Doubt
by Daryl Wood Gerber
May 14, 10:30am

Friends of the Library

Rummage Sale

Wednesday, Apr. 22, 9:00am-2:30pm
Discover hidden treasures and unique finds. Every bargain supports the Library.

Adventure Motorcycling in the United States

Wednesday, May 27, 1:30pm
Dr. Tom Knox will share his adventures and motorcycles.

Early Literacy

(Birth-PK)

Story Times

Sponsor: Farmers & Merchants Bank

Babies & Books (0-18 mos.)

Mondays, 9:30am

Homemade Baby Food 101

Each session we will cover a different technique.

Monday, Apr. 13, 9:30am

Toddler Time (18 mos.-3 yrs.)

Tuesdays, 10:30am

Preschool Story Time (3-5 yrs.)

Wednesdays, 10:30am

Earth Day Recyclables

Wednesday, Apr. 8, 10:30am

Story time with Extension Office Agent LeeAnn Blevins.

Children

(Grades K-6)

Tween Library Council

Talk books, share ideas, and have fun! Visit the Children's Desk to apply. For grades 4-6.

Monday, Apr. 20, 4:00-5:00pm

Monday, May 4, 4:00-5:00pm

Arts 'R Us R

Explore creativity and make unique projects. For grades 2-6.

Vincent van Gogh

Tuesday, Apr. 21, 4:30-5:30pm

Teen

(Grades 7-12)

Friday After Hours R

Enjoy pizza and activities!

Hadestown Musical

Friday, Apr. 10, 6:00-9:30pm

Rock Music Night

Friday, May 8, 6:00-9:30pm

Teen Library Council

Talk books, share ideas, and have fun! Visit the Teen Desk to apply.

Thursday, Apr. 16, 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday, May 14, 4:00-6:00pm

Take-Home Volunteer Kit:

How it works: R

- Register by the 15th of the month.
- Pick up your kit starting the first of each month at the Teen Desk.
- Complete and return the kit to the Library by the end of the month.

Each kit counts for 3 volunteer hours. Limit 1 kit per month. For grades 9-12.

Pick Up Litter at Your Local Park
April

Crafting for Summer Reading Program
May



All Grades

(Grades K-12)

Homeschool Advantage

Homeschool students K-12 can join Library staff for fun and educational classes.

Groups rotate: 5-8yrs. 9-12yrs, 13-18yrs. All materials provided.

Poe-tea

Friday, Apr. 3, 1:00-2:30pm

Feel free to bring a poem to read.

Literature Fair

Friday, May 1, 1:00-2:30pm

Present your very own interactive display. See Youth Staff for details.

LEGO Club

In Honor of: Bob Bodenhamer

Build and have fun! **All LEGOs provided.**

Monday, Apr. 27, 4:15-5:00pm

Monday, May 11, 4:15-5:00pm

All Ages

StoryWalk® at ASUMH

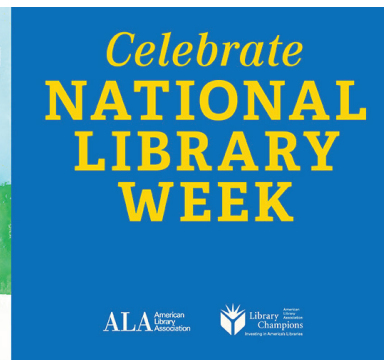
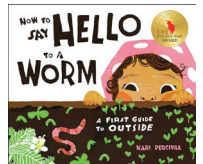
Located at the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail Head, this outdoor path features pages of a children's book posted along the trail for a fun, active reading experience.

How to Say Hello to a Worm

by Kari Percival

April-May

Say "hello" to worms, dirt, peas, and more in this how-to guide for connecting with nature.



Celebrate National Library Week | April 20-24

Celebrate National Library Week with us as we embrace the theme "Find Your Joy." The Library is spreading joy throughout the community and giving patrons the chance to give back while clearing their account! For every canned good, nonperishable, or hygiene item you donate, the Library will forgive \$5 in overdue fines per item, up to \$50 total per library card or Pay-It-Forward to an account in need. All donations will go to local Blessing Boxes to help our neighbors.

Join the fun online by following our social media pages and participating in our daily spirit challenges! Share your photos, stories, and library love for a chance to win a Library Swag Bag.

After School Meals

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm

For ages 18 and under. Meals are not served when the Library is closed or when MHPS are closed due to inclement weather or holidays. This is a community collaboration with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and the USDA.

After School Meals end May 12.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF
Saturday, May 16, 10:00am-1:00pm



Get ready for a day packed with discovery and excitement as we kick off our Summer Reading theme, *Unearth a Story!* Tackle our giant bounce house obstacle course, dive into the massive dig pit, create themed crafts, and enjoy a variety of hands-on activities. Spark your curiosity at the Mid-America Science Museum activity table, and remember that every dig reveals a new story—whether in books, history, or your own community. Bring your friends and family, and let's get diggin'!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM
May 16-July 18



Join us in the summer reading challenge as we *Unearth a Story!* Read to earn prizes and have fun all summer long; read more to earn extra chances to win! Track your reading online at www.BaxLib.Beanstack.org, in the Beanstack app, or on paper by picking up your reading log at the Youth Service's Desk. You will receive an invitation to the Completer Party upon completion of the Summer Reading Program. **Registration is based on grade completed.**

Babies-PK

Read 70 books and earn prizes along the way for a chance to win a Grand Prize.

1st-3rd

Read 50 books and earn prizes along the way for a chance to win a Grand Prize.

4th-6th

Read 20 hours and earn prizes along the way for a chance to win a Grand Prize.

7th-12th

Read 30 hours and earn prizes along the way for a chance to win a Grand Prize.

SUMMER SATURDAY SHOWS



Rich Davis, Illustrator

Saturday, May 30, 10:30am

Join illustrator Rich Davis for a lively, hands-on program that blends art and dinosaurs! Learn fun drawing techniques, explore how illustrators bring prehistoric creatures to life, and leave with new creative skills you can keep using at home.



Dinosaur Crew

Saturday, June 6, 10:30am

Ready to step back in time for a prehistoric good time? The Dinosaur Crew sets up and shows off baby dinosaurs, one lucky kid will be able to help feed a baby dinosaur. Kids will even get to learn about, help train, and meet a 5-year-old, 12-foot long, 1000 pound T-Rex "Brutus"!



Joe Coover Magic Show

Saturday, June 13, 10:30am

Get ready for award-winning, interactive magic with LOTS of audience interaction. It's family-friendly and will keep everybody laughing and scratching their heads at the same time.



Bright Star Theater Presents: Dino Academy: A Dinosaur Discovery Show

Saturday, July 18, 10:30am

Led by the quirky and curious Dr. Sarah Tops, this action-packed adventure uncovers fascinating dino facts that will wow even the biggest dino fans. Featuring life-like, colorful dinosaur puppets that stomp, roar and charm their way into every heart, this show blends science, storytelling and imagination in the style of your favorite nature programs.

Children

(Grades K-6)

Teen

(Grades 7-12)

Family

Dino Name Game **R**

Tuesday, May 26, 4:00-5:00pm

Imagine and design their your very own dinosaur! First draw, then sculpt your unique creation using air-dry clay. To finish, children will give their dinosaur a name inspired by Greek and Latin root words from a provided list—just like real paleontologists!

Dinosaur Eye **R**

Thursday, May 21, 4:00-5:00pm

Use air dry clay to create an eye peeking out at you!



Garden Stepping Stones **R**

Thursday, May 28, 4:00-6:00pm

Make a garden stepping stone using rock mosaic techniques.

"Arti-Craft" Afternoons

Join us for afternoons of prehistoric fun and thrilling discoveries.

Firework Painting

Wednesday, May 20, 2:00-4:00pm

Fingerprint Dinos

Wednesday, May 27, 2:00-4:00pm

Dino-Mite Flicks

Enjoy dinosaur-themed movies all summer long! Small snack provided.

Atlantis

Friday, May 22, 2:00-4:00pm

Journey to the Center of the Earth

Friday, May 29, 2:00-4:00pm



Summer Meals

Wednesdays, Beginning May 20

Noon-1:00pm

For ages 18 and under. Meals are not served when the Library is closed due to inclement weather or holidays. This is a community collaboration with the Food Bank of North Central Arkansas and the USDA.

Foundation

Paving the Way for Library Hill Trail Donate Today to Support Future Improvements!



\$255,332 Raised—Thanks to You!

We did it! Our community has reached the goal for the Library Hill Trail. Continued support will help expand amenities and bring even more interactive and educational experiences to the trail. Follow the project and learn how to stay involved at www.BaxLib.org/Library-Hill-Trail.



JOIN THE LIBRARY HILL LEGACY

Members of the Library Hill Legacy are a special group of donors who have remembered the Library Foundation in their Estate Planning. Library Hill Legacy members enjoy special outings and programs throughout the year.

If the Library is already included in your estate planning, please let us know so you can be added to the membership.



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Mother's Day Pinwheel Trail

Celebrate a mother, grandmother, or someone dear to you—and help bring the new Library Hill Trail to life! With your donation, a pinwheel in honor or memory of a special woman in your life will be displayed on the Library lawn for the Mother's Day Celebration, weather permitting.

On Saturday, May 9, 11:00am – 1:00pm, bring Mom to the Library for the Pinwheel Trail Mother's Day Celebration. Walk the Pinwheel Trail, pick up your pinwheel and a sweet treat, then join us on the Library lawn for a "Bring Your Own Picnic" lunch. If you are unable to come that day, pinwheels will be available for pick-up at the Library May 11-13.



Pick up your order form at the Circulation Desk beginning April 1. Forms are due back by April 30.

Friends of the Library



USED BOOK SALE May 21-23

Thursday, May 21, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday, May 22, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, May 23, 10:00am - 1:00pm

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



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Wed. - Fri. 9:00am - 6:30pm
Sat. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Library Closings:

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