North Little Rock Public Library System

YOUR LIBRARIES OF CHOICE

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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
YOUR MOBILE LIBRARY

The Neighborhood Library Rover Sneak Peek!

Getting our new Neighborhood Library Rover on the road has truly been a large team effort - with support from our Library Board, NLR Mayor, and NLR City Council.

We are focused on getting the final touches completed and looking forward to an open house and taking the library to our communities!

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2023 Reading Through The Decades Challenge

August Challenge

Books published or set from 1970-1979

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.

August Recommendations: Books published or set in 1970 –1979

- Ruby-Fruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown
- The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah
- Daisy Jones & The Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James
ROCK PAPER RUN

5K
Race Start | 9:15 am (8:30 line-up)
Laman Library | 2801 Orange Street
North Little Rock

This family fun run 5K will link the two library systems starting in North Little Rock at William F. Laman Public Library and ending at Main Library in downtown Little Rock. Runners and spectators are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book characters. Registration is $25 for adults, $15 for children ages 4-12, and free for children ages 3 and under.

Cool Down Party
10 am-2 pm
Main Library | 100 Rock Street
Little Rock

The event is free and open to the public and will feature assorted kid- and family-friendly activities, including a bounce house, craft area, food trucks, a kids’ area in the Main Library garden, and booths where individuals can sign up for a library card from either library system. Visitors are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book characters.

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RockPaperRun.org
**Monday**
- Tech Tuesday: Web Basics
  - 10 AM: Laman
  - 10 AM: Argenta

**Tuesday**
- Tech Tuesday: Word Basics
  - 10 AM: Laman
  - 11 AM: Laman

**Wednesday**
- Tech Tuesdays: Excel Basics
  - 10 AM: Laman

**Thursday**
- Tech Thursdays: Phone & Tablet Help
  - 10 AM & 6 PM: Laman

**Friday**
- August Activity Packs
  - All Day: Laman

**Saturday**
- Movies in the Loft
  - 10 AM - Noon: Laman

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- All Day: Laman

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**Library Lookout: Scavenger Hunt**
- 10 AM - 6 PM: Laman

**Makerspace Monday: 3D Printing**
- 10 AM: Laman

**Monday Matinee: The Sorcerer’s Stone**
- 4 PM: Argenta

**Tech Thursday: Game On!**
- 10 AM: Laman
  - Yoga Break!
    - 12 PM: Laman
  - Meditation for Beginners
    - 2 PM: Laman

**Reading Camp**
- 2 PM: Laman
  - Registration full

**Library 101**
- 3 PM: Laman
  - TWEEN/TEEN Die-Cut Class
  - 4 PM: Argenta
  - Zumba
  - 5:30 PM: Laman

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**Art in the Loft**
- 10 AM - Noon: Laman

**Back to School Crafts**
- 10 AM - Noon: Laman

**Line Dancing**
- 11:30 AM: Laman

**Reading the Hugos Book Club: The Kaiju Preservation Society**
- 7 PM: Laman (Drop-in)

**FULL CALENDAR**
- Scavenger Hunt
  - 10 AM - 6 PM: Laman

**Makerspace Monday: Where the Crawdads Sing**
- 2 PM: Argenta

**Monday Quilt Class**
- 4 PM: Laman

**Tech Tuesday: Little Dippers: Solar Science**
- 1 PM: Laman

**Tech Tuesday: Literary Lookout: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone**
- 12 PM: Laman

**Tech Tuesday: Puppet Shadows**
- 4 PM: Argenta

**Makerspace Monday: The Tabler Family**
- 12 PM: Argenta

**Tech Tuesday: DIY Tinkering**
- 3 PM: Laman

**Tech Tuesdays: Back to School Crafts**
- Monday - Thursday:
  - 9 AM - 6 PM: Laman

**Makerspace Monday: Web Design**
- 10 AM: Laman

**Monday Matinee: The Chamber of Secrets**
- 12 PM: Argenta

**Tech Tuesday: DIY Textbook Covers**
- 8:30 PM: Laman

**Tech Tuesdays: Meditation for Beginners**
- 2 PM: Laman

- Registration full

**Tech Tuesdays: Little Dippers: Solar Science**
- 10 AM: Laman

**Tech Thursday: TWEEN/TEEN Die-Cut Class**
- 4 PM: Argenta

**Tech Thursday: The Writer’s Loft**
- 4 PM: Laman

**KIDS & TEENS EAT FREE!**
- Bridge 2 Success Food Program
  - Ages 2 to 18, no registration required
  - STARTING AUGUST 14
  - MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
  - 3:30 - 4:30 PM
  - AT LAMAN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

**KEY:**
- Adults
- Children
- Tweens
- Teens
- All Ages
Something big is coming to Laman Library – it’s time to say goodbye to the Teen Center. And hello to the Laman Loft! The same space with the same commitment to our teens ages 12-18.

If you’ve been inside Laman Library in the last couple weeks, you may have seen two frenzied teen librarians (Bekah and Jill) pacing back and forth in behind the Teen Center windows, pulling down paper butterflies, moving furniture, and carting around several gallons of paint. (And you may have heard them belting out Broadway tunes, but that’s nothing unusual for our Teen Team.)

With the help of our students, Bekah and Jill have designed a new graphic and color scheme for this refresh – the Laman Loft will incorporate the bold red already decorating the room into a new color scheme of bright blues, near-white, and grey. The graphic, crisscrossing L’s, is already in use as we advertise for upcoming programs.

These changes are meant for more than pure aesthetic, though. North Little Rock Libraries take pride not only in our systems, collections, and services – but in you. Our patrons. Our community. We hope that this refresh sends a clear message to the young folks of NLR:

**You have a place here; we’ve literally saved you a seat.**

Along with the paint and the catchy new graphic, comes a whole host of opportunities for patrons ages 12-18 to explore:

- **MINDFUL MONDAYS**
  Program encouraging students to take ownership of their mental wellbeing.

- **SENSORY HOURS**
  Designed to make the Loft as accessible as possible for folks with sensory processing needs.

- **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**
  A student lead group of volunteers who will take an active role in Laman Loft decisions on programming, collection, and community outreach.

- **NEAR PEER TUTORING**
  Connecting qualified high school students with patrons from our Children’s Department for homework help.

And that’s just the beginning! Mark your calendars for **August 30 for the Laman Loft Open House**, 4-6:30 PM – grownups welcome. Our Teen Team will be here with swag bags, door prizes, and answers to (almost) all of your questions about this exciting transition. Until then, feel free to bring your ideas, questions, and curiosity our way. The Loft is open!
The Laman Library Gallery is happy to host the 2023 Arkansas League of Artists Members’ Show Opening and Awards Ceremony on Friday, August 11, at 6:30 PM. The Arkansas League of Artists (ALA) is a local non-profit artist organization that promotes the artistic education and the importance of the artistic community in Arkansas. This exhibit is free and open to the public. The exhibit will feature around 45 new pieces from the ALA membership. All art in the show will be judged by Colin Thompson, Art Director of Central Arkansas Library System (CALS).

Many works in the exhibit are of landscapes and themes familiar to Arkansans in various mediums. Gary Owen, a Past President of ALA said, “The beauty, color, and light are three aspects that compel me to exhibit. Art creates a temporary escape from world distractions and aversions.” Join us at the Laman Library on August 11, at 6:30 PM for the opening reception and awards ceremony of the 2023 Arkansas League of Artists Members’ exhibit. The exhibit will run through September 29.

The Argenta Library presents Portrait of a Woman, an exhibition showcasing Cary Smith’s watercolor paintings from August 18 to September 8. The opening reception will be held on August 18, from 5-8 PM, as part of the Argenta Art District’s Third Friday Art Walk.

Cary Smith draws inspiration from the remarkable spirit and beauty of the women in her life, especially as a military spouse living in various countries. Her art focuses on portraiture using watercolors to portray the authentic and imperfect nature of human experiences and deep connections between individuals, influenced by her mother’s impact and her own role as a mother.

Smith explained, “I am exploring human connection in this group of paintings. An artist must study a subject deeply to capture their likeness.”

Additionally, a portion of the proceeds from the sales of these artworks will be donated to Our House shelter, supporting women and children experiencing homelessness.
August 2023

FUN & AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Faulkner Lake Orchard - 503 Morris Road
9 AM - 5 PM

The Filling Station - 3623 JFK Blvd
11 AM - 6 PM

Me & McGee Market - 10409 Highway 70
9 AM - 4 PM

Friday, August 18
Third Friday Art Walk
Multiple gallery openings in Downtown Argenta
5 - 8 PM

Friday, August 25
Argenta Vibe Music Series: Jason Boland & The Stragglers
6th & Main at Argenta Plaza
8 PM - til

Saturday, August 26
Goat Yoga At St. Joseph's Center
10 - 11 AM
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 free 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
- Computers & Printing
- Makerspace
- Notary services
- Passport services

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