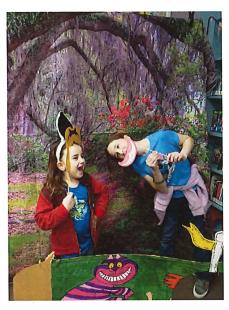


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March 12, 2024

Director's Report

In January, we had karaoke, jewelry making, candle making, and Bingo for Books. Mr. Steve continues to offer free stringed instrument lessons on Mondays for all ages and ability levels. The Scott Family Amazeum did a Playdough Impressions program for Storytime on January 18th. On January 27th, we had our 2nd annual Unbirthday Party to celebrate Lewis Carroll's birthday. There was Storytime, cookie decorating and fun for all ages. We also observed National Popcorn Day and National Hot Chocolate Day with treats for our patrons.





In February, we participated in Take Your Child to the Library Day, National Pancake Day, Love Your Library Day, National Umbrella Day, and Random Acts of Kindness Day. Each of these days, we had fun activities and goodies for our patrons. Beginning February 21, we have free weekly art classes sponsored by Arts on Main and taught by Mary Overton. Some of our newer programs to be offered monthly in the new year are Homeschool Support Group, Super Junior Book Brigade – a book club for youth patrons, Lego Challenge, and Teen Advisory Board. These programs will be offered in addition to our regular weekly and monthly programs.







March will be a very busy month for the Alma Public Library. We will be having a Tiny Art Show for All, special Storytime programs by Ellen with Delta Dental and Derek Hodges- meteorologist with the National Weather Service, and an eclipse program by Darcy and Carl from the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society. We will be participating in Pi Day, Manatee Appreciation Day, and World Meteorological Day. We are working on the library seed catalog, and planning the summer reading program.

Our friends of the library had a very successful Valentine's Bazaar in February, and they have a monthly book sale that is very well received.

We are very excited to announce that we have our new automatic doors, and the patrons love them. The city also installed new awnings over the doors.



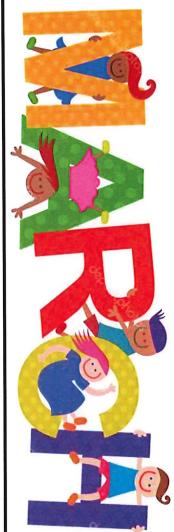
We greatly appreciate the time and effort that you all put into helping the library. Thank you for all you do.

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Branch Director, Alma Public Library

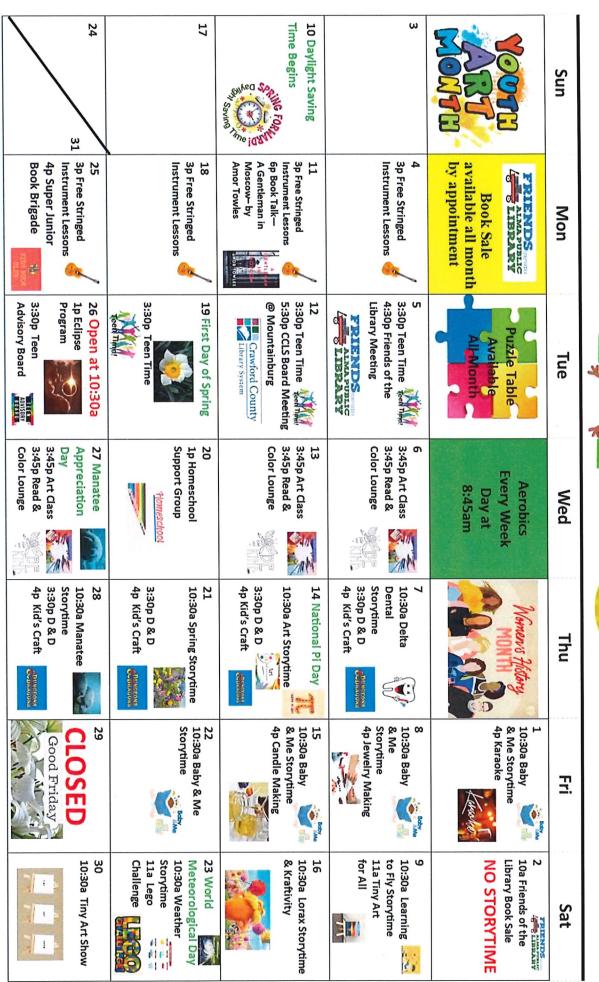
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Hours: Mon-Thur 8:30-5:30 Fri 8:30-6:00 Sat 10:00-2:00





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Branch Report March 12, 2024

Cedarville celebrated Read Across America Day (Dr Seuss' Birthday) on March 1st. Misty and I were invited by Cedarville Elementary School to come and read to some of the classes. We had so much fun. It was nice to see parents, grandparents, the mayor, and retired teachers come together in support of our local kids.





Neighborhood Forest giving trees to children

Cedarville Library has partnered with the non-profit organization **Neighborhood Forest** which gives away free trees to kids. March 15th is the deadline for parents to sign their child up to receive a free tree to celebrate Earth Day. Trees will be available for pick up at the library a few days before Earth Day on April 22nd. So far, we have 80 children signed up to receive a tree!



Together with Arkansas Game and Fish, we are gearing up for spring break. There will be an advertising push by AG&F to promote the Tackle Loan program. Cedarville has 8 fishing poles available for checkout. We also have fishhook and bobber starter kits to give out when they checkout a fishing pole.

The Friends of the Cedarville Library is hosting their Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser from March 11th - 15th. You'll be able to bid on Cedarville Public Library's Facebook Page or at the library. Bidding closes at noon on Friday, March 15th.

The Total Solar Eclipse on April 8th is arriving soon. We've had several programs geared around Solar Science for kids. The next program will be on March 26th at 3:30. The Central Arkansas Astrological Societies Eclipse Team will present a program about the history of eclipses in Arkansas, why they occur, and what to expect during April's Total Solar Eclipse here in Arkansas. Everyone who attends will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses.





This year's summer reading theme is *Adventure Begins At Your Library*. We've been planning programs and scheduling events to make this summer even better than the last. So far, we have seven special events scheduled in addition to our weekly Summer Reading Program.

Special Summer Events

AG&F Survival Class, Scott Family Amazium, Arkansas Forestry Commission's Smokey Bear, Arts on Main Art Camp, Roo Doo's Wildlife Park, Moz Art Studio Music Camp, and the Alma Aquatic Park for our end-of-summer pool party.

Michele Belk Cedarville Public Library, Branch Director mbelk@crawfordcountylib.org

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	Items Check-Outs	Door Count	Programs	Program Attendance
January	881	816	21	97
February	1,115	936	23	230



In February the homeschoolers visited India on their Amazing Race. They painted the Taj Mahal and created Asian Elephants.



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Branch Report

March 12, 2024

Thinking Money for Kids Program Grant! The Mountainburg Public Library has been selected as one of 300 public and tribal libraries that will receive an "Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit" grant, a collection of expertly vetted programming resources to help libraries offer financial education for children ages 3 to 12, both in the library and in children's home. This competitive award comes with a \$2,000 first-ofits kind program kit that the library will get to keep after the grant period ends.





Eclipse Soundscapes Audio Data Kit Grant! The Mountainburg Public Library has been selected to receive an "Eclipse Soundscapes Audio Data Collector Kit" grant for the upcoming April 08, Total Solar Eclipse. The Eclipse Soundscapes Project is a NASA Citizen Science project that is studying how the eclipse affects life on Earth. The data collector will collect audio data before, during, and after the eclipse. This data will help NASA measure any changes in soundscapes brought on by the eclipse.





Total Solar Eclipse Programs! During the months of January and February, the library hosted several programs regarding the upcoming April 08, Total Solar Eclipse. On January 30th, Darcy and Carl from the Central Arkansas Astronomical Society came to the library and shared their knowledge about the sun, moon, and upcoming Total Solar Eclipse. Derek Hodges, Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, came to the library on February 23rd and shared his knowledge about the weather, meteorology, and the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse. Attendees for both programs also received a free pair of eclipse glasses.

Field Trips to the Library! As part of the Library Connections Team partnership with Mountainburg Public Schools, the Mountainburg Middle School students got the chance to take a field trip to the library. During the field trip, the middle school students toured the library and learned about some of the wonderful programs that are available. On February 15th, the Mountainburg SPED class got the opportunity to take a field trip to the library. During their visit, the SPED students learned about roller coasters and energy, and participated in a "Loop the Loop" challenge and engineered launched roller coasters.

National Children's Dental Health Month! In February, the library celebrated National Children's Dental Health Month by hosting several guests' readers and giving away 100 dental goodie bags courtesy of the Arkansas State Library. Mrs. Sarah and Holly Ridenour, Arkansas Department of Health, teamed up at the Boys & Girls Club-Mountainburg Unit to teach the children about dental health and the importance of strong teeth. The children also got the chance to meet Frank the Dragon and received dental goodie bags from the library to keep their teeth sparkling and clean! On February 22nd, Ellen Hutchins from Delta Dental of Arkansas came to the library and read stories about dental health to our Story Time participants. Participants also got the chance to make a giant tooth brush out of construction paper and decorate them with stickers, learn how to brush a Dragon's teeth, and learned how to put a sealant on a fake tooth.

Take Your Child to the Library Day! On Saturday February 04th, the library celebrated Take Your Child to the Library Day by hosting a family friendly fun event filled with a special "Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party" Story Time, kraftivity, balloon drop, "Pete the Cat Pizza Pie" game giveaway, photo station with Pete the Cat, and "It was a party, a party, a perfect pizza party!"

Looking ahead to March and April, programming is being scheduled and may include, but not limited to: Dr. Seuss Birthday Party, Dr. Seuss Week, Mountainburg Elementary School Field Trips to the Library, Mountainburg Elementary School Family Science Night, Rocky Top 4-H Club "Roller Coaster Science" Stem Program, Blackberry Day at the Library, Solar Eclipse Programs, Strawberry Day at the Library, and Neighborhood Forest Tree Giveaway event during Earth Week.

As always, thank you for the time and care you put into helping our library to be a wonderful place. We greatly appreciate each and every one of you!

Statistics	Items Checked Out	Door Count	Programs	Programs Attendance
January	1,147	1,264	37	473
February	1,571	1,981	51	1,188

Sincerely,

Julia Watkins, Branch Director,

Mountainburg Public Library



Central Arkansas Astronomical Society Solar Eclipse Program



National Weather Service Meteorology & Solar Eclipse Program

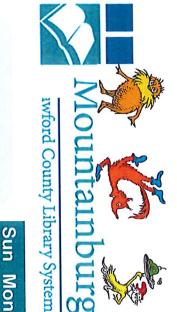












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2 Dr. Seuss

Birthday Party

11:30 A.M.









Lessons 3:45-5:00 P.M.

Free String 10:00 A.M. Sing

















3:30 P.M.

Day! 23 Teen Game



Blackberry Day at

the Library 3:30



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Mountainburg Public Library

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3:30-5:00 P.M.

3:30-6:15 P.M.

Games

6 Free Play Board

7 Story Time

4 Free Art Classes

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Teen Time 3:30 P.M 3:30-6:15 P.M.

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Teen Time

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Circuits" 3:30 P.M

Scott Family

Lessons 3:45-5:00 PM

Free String

3:30-5:00P.M

Solar Eclipse

3:30-6:15 P.M.

Games

20 Free Play Board

21 Story Time

22 Knitting Circle

1:00-3:00 P.M.

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Viewing Glasses

Laugh Day 😴

Program 3:00 P.M

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Crawford County

City Council MTG

Meeting 5:30 P.M

CCLS Board Support Group 2:00 PM

Homeschool 10:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.













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2:00 P.M.

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Friends of the Library MTG



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5 Knitting Circle







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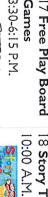


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Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry

Crawford County Library System

During January at the Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry, we had a lot of fun. Our Spelling Bee program for the homeschoolers was a success. The children that attended wanted to make sure we were going to have it next year. Our solar eclipse program with the Arkansas Astronomical Society on January 30th was very educational. They gave patrons a lot of ideas of things they could do during the solar eclipse and brought some fun equipment that the kids could use. The Astronomical Society brought a telescope and a sunspotter telescope.

The month of February was a busy and productive time for the library. In February we partnered up with the school for a substitute teacher and paraprofessional hiring event on Feb 7th from 9-12, but it lasted until 2 pm. 12 people applied for jobs during the event. On the 7th also we had our book club meeting they read Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin. Some in the group did not care about the 18th-century language and had a hard time enjoying the book. In the month of February, we had 2 Astronomical Fun Programs. The library is doing 4 of these programs to gear up for the solar eclipse on April 8th. On Feb 14th Miraya did a moon phase program using Oreo cookies, we had 10 patrons attend and they loved it. Miraya is also our outreach programmer. She also did this program with the kids at the Boys and Girls Club.









Jasmine Dean is our children's librarian. She was busy planning our kid's programs. In January she did a program about groceries, and she played grocery bingo. The kids seemed to love it. In February Jasmine did a program on seeds and the children got to plant seeds in a Styrofoam cup. We have the cups by the window in our kid's room so the children can come and see what they planted every week. Jasmine is in charge of our after-school program and she has a couple of regulars who come in every Thursday at 3:30 looking for her.

Chris is our passive programmer. He has hidden random facts about dinosaurs in the kid's room in January and in February he hid 6 footballs. When the kids find the footballs or read the fact cards to a librarian, they can get something out of the treasure chest. He also does a this or that survey in the library. Kids and adults both enjoy his surveys.

In January the Friends of the Mulberry library bought 2 chairs for our nonfiction room and 4 chairs for our young adult room. These chairs helped us with our D&D group that meets twice a week. In February the Friends of The Mulberry Library did a fundraiser by mail and it has turned out well. I am not sure how much they have raised but there have been a lot of people donating to our Friends Group.

Thank You for letting us serve you at the Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry



Visits

Jan: 1201

Feb: 1463

Programs:

Jan: Programs 37
Attendance 161

Feb: Programs 58 Attendance 216

Passive Programs

Jan: 219

Feb: 250

Books Checked Out

Jan: 969

Feb: 1138

Books Checked In

Jan: 796

Feb: 915

Computer Usage

Jan: 57

Feb: 81

Wi-Fi Usage

Jan:882

Feb: 965



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SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY

Friends of the

Mulberry Library Meeting

6:30

April 18th

Ralph D. Graf

Mulberry Public Library
200 N. Main Street
Mulberry, AR 72947



Find the Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry

on Facebook with the Craw ford County Library System at

www.crawfordcountylib.or

Check out the Friends of the Library

FOLMulberryAR@gmail.com And on Facebook!

Library Hours:

M-F 8 A.M.- 5 P.M

Sat. 10 A.M. – 2 P. M.

Sun. Closed

Van Buren Public Library

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Special Upcoming Events

Tues. March 5@ 5:30 solar eclipse activities
Spring Break is March 18-22
We will have daily activities@1:30
Mon.-movie
Tues-sidewalk art
Wed. board games
Thurs-solar eclipse activities

Thursday March 26-@11:00 am Central Arkansas Astronomical Society will present a program for everyone.
Thursday March 26@6:30
Local authors David Banks and R.M. Snider will discuss their new books.

Past Event Photos

Some highlights of January and February programs.













JANUARY

We had a few snow days this month and despite the cold, our story time numbers continued to grow.. There were 11 programs with 155 in attendance. Our Homeschool Support group continues to grow under Cynthia's leadership and all, including her, have been having a blast. Line dancing and making homemade ice cream in baggies were a couple of the favorites.

The cold and snow shut a few adult programs down and had some of the regular attendees staying home, There were 18 programs and 167 in attendance. The Arkansas Blood Institute called and asked if we would be willing to host a quick blood drive to help the local hospitals' blood shortage. We were more than welcome to help out. There were 12 blood donors. American sign language has continued to be popular that another new class has been added.

FEBRUARY

February activities were enjoyed by all ages throughout the month.

16 Children's programs were attended by 384 participants. February had seen the return of afterschool activities on Thursdays. The high schoolers held their annual Multi-Cultural event with 38 in attendance, this included both students and participants. The homeschoolers enjoyed bowling in the stacks, building peep go carts,, and homemade catapults. The Solar Eclipse 2024 is coming and to help educate, we have held an afterschool activity with 16 in attendance.. Glasses were handed out.

There were 21 adult programs with 188 participants. The Cinema & Tea was well attended. Games & Gab have seen a couple new regulars. The Fiber Arts group continue to support and encourage one another. We have a few out with medical issues and one just became a published children's author! The author, Marlena Gross, will be reading her book in a March story time.

STATS

Items checked out-10,384
Door Count-8,856
New cards-166
Notaries total-67
Total programs-66
Total attendance-894