

SPECIAL SUMMER READING PROGRAMS JUNE and JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Coming 10:00 ELROD	Rector 9:00 TOMMY TERRIFIC Greene 10:30 ROCKY CLEMENTS Piggott 11:00 TOMMY TERRIFIC	Randolph 10:00 TOMMY TERRIFIC		 Tommy Terrific
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Coming 10:00AM ROCKY CLEMENTS	Rector 9:00 ROCKY CLEMENTS Greene 10:30 STORYTIME Piggott 11:00 ROCKY CLEMENTS Greene 1:00 SUMMER SAFARI (6-8)	Randolph 10:00 ROCKY CLEMENTS		 Rocky Clements
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Coming 10:00 THE KIDDOS	Rector 9:00 THE KIDDOS Greene 10:30 CONNIE REGAN-BLAKE Piggott 11:00 THE KIDDOS Greene 1:00 SUMMER SAFARI (9-12)	Randolph 10:00 THE KIDDOS		 Connie Regan-Blake
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
			Rector 9:00 THE KINDERS Greene 10:30 STORYTIME Piggott 11:00 THE KINDERS	Coming 10:00 WALKING IN THE OUTBACK Randolph 10:00 STEVE THE MAGICIAN		 The Kiddos
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Randolph 10:00 THE BALLOON LADY		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Randolph 10:00 THE KINDERS		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Randolph 10:00 MARILYN'S CLOGGERS		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Randolph 10:00 SUMMER PARTY		

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NORTHEAST ARKANSAS REGIONAL LIBRARY

Corning Library
613 Pine Street Corning, AR 72422

(870) 857-3453
email: corning@mylibrarynow.org
web: www.mylibrarynow.org/corning

Mon, Tue, Thu 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wed 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sun Closed

Greene County Public Library
120 North Twelfth Street, Paragould, AR 72450

(870) 236-8711
email: greene@mylibrarynow.org
web: www.mylibrarynow.org/greene

Mon - Thu 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sun Closed

Piggott Public Library
361 West Main Street, Piggott, AR 72454

(870) 598-3666
email: piggott@mylibrarynow.org
web: www.mylibrarynow.org/piggott

Mon, Tue, Thu 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wed 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sun Closed

Randolph County Library
111 West Everett Street, Pocahontas, AR

(870) 892-5617
email: randolph@mylibrarynow.org
web: www.mylibrarynow.org/randolph

Mon, Tue, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wed - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sun Closed

Rector Public Library
121 West 4th Street, Rector, AR 72461-1309

(870) 595-2410
email: rector@mylibrarynow.org
web: www.mylibrarynow.org/rector

Mon, Tue, Thu 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wed 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sat 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sun Closed



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The e-reading Revolution is Here! e-books Coming to Your Library

The Northeast Arkansas Regional Library is excited to announce a revolution in reading that it will be offering its patrons. This is the news that its users will soon have access to the convenience of e-books. This feature will be in the form of a subscription service where the library users can browse and then download popular book titles to their computer, e-readers, tablets or smartphones. The best thing about this service is that it will allow users to keep the electronic books for two weeks at no cost to them.

The service is through a company called OverDrive, who sets up a browsing portal for users who log in using their library card number and a pin number. Then, a listing of available books can be searched by title, author, genre or browsed by popularity or genre. The user adds the book to their cart and then checks out similar to checking books out physically at the library location. The user takes their preferred reading device and the book stays on for a period of up to two weeks before being returned. One great feature is that the e-book collection can be accessed 24-7 through any computer located anywhere. This means that the "virtual branch" of the library has doors that never close.

Mike Rogers, Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Director said that "Many people have expressed interest in the availability of e-books through the library and the board has responded favorably to the idea. We feel the convenience and demand of this type of reading will outweigh the cost to the library and we hope this opens up the public's eye to how



the library can benefit them.” Mr. Rogers went on to say that the library will certainly listen to what the public wants when the titles are being chosen.

The OverDrive subscription works with a yearly subscription fee to the library. This fee includes an amount that is set as “content credit” or basically money set aside as credit that the library will use to make e-book purchases. All book titles the library purchases this year will be kept in its e-book collection for future years ensuring a growing number and diversity of e-book choices for the library user.

The e-book collection can be used with a large selection of devices, including the popular NOOK, NOOKcolor, Sony Readers, a variety of tablet computers, PC and Mac desktop computers, Android, Blackberry and iPhone smart phones and most recently it was announced that the Kindle brand was being added this summer. To get a complete listing of supported devices, service overview and the latest news, the OverDrive website is www.overdrive.com. This site can answer many questions about what the service is and how it works as well.

The e-books can be found on the library website at www.mylibrarynow.org. Find your nearest branch and click on its button to take you to the website. The OverDrive portal is easy to navigate and very user friendly. In addition, there is an application or app for short that can be installed on smartphones and tablets to make it even easier to get available book titles. Search for OverDrive in your app store and download the free app for this added convenience feature.

For community members interested in using this service, the key to accessing the e-book collection revolves around one thing... your library card. The library staff urges you to come by, and get your library card if you don't have one. Your library card number will be required to let you use the service. As always, if you have trouble with the service or have questions about what e-readers and e-books are, you can always call or come by your local library branch and ask any of the friendly staff. They are there to help. The starting point for the e-book revolution begins at www.mylibrarynow.org and the library staff hopes the sky's the limit for you from there.



SPOTLIGHT ON ADAM BROOM

Adam Broom is the Assistant Director at the Greene County Public Library and has served the Library in this capacity for one and a half years. Adam is primarily in charge of directing the technology needs and issues for the library in addition to creating signage and marketing materials and providing guidance with collection development. Adam's educational accomplishments are many and he holds Postgraduate degrees in Bible and Library Science. He came to the library from Crowley's Ridge College and has worked with his wife as Houseparent's at the Children's Homes.

What's the first thought that comes into your mind when you wake up? *To quote a someone I know, "Just five minutes more."*

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be? *New Zealand, Samoa or possibly Australia.*

What's been your favorite part of your job? *Being able to creatively use my skills to make the Library a better place for its patrons.*

What's your least favorite part of your job? *Answering the telephone.*

What do you think are the most important things in your life? *My family and my faith.*

What's the best book(s) you've ever read? *Bible, Lord of the Rings, Chronicles of Narnia, Citizen of the Galaxy, Watership Down, The Princess Bride, not the movie, the book came first and is so much better and the film's great. Likewise, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.*

What's the funniest thing that has happened at the library? *I can't think of one.*

What has been your most memorable experience working at the library? *The wonderful, warm way my family and I have been welcomed in to the family that is the Library Patrons and Staff.*

If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you would do? *Pay our debts and visit our families overseas.*

What's the best way you would describe yourself? *I'm the little guy on display in the glass cage in front of the Children's Room with the "Southern" accent.*

The First Step in Teaching Children to Read is to Encourage Reading

Some of these ideas are very simple and basic, but just maybe there are some ideas listed here that you haven't thought of. And remember, the biggest encouragement comes from us -- the parents within the home. Children who come from a home where the parents read personally, value reading, and have reading material readily available are much more likely to become readers themselves.

- **Make books available and accessible.** Children who become readers almost always come from homes where books and other reading materials are present throughout the house. Don't put your children's books out of the way where your child cannot see them or cannot reach them himself.
- **Read yourself.** Modeling to your children is one of the best ways of teaching children to read.

- **Make reading fun!** Something that is enjoyable is favored. Act out stories, use different voices, and most importantly use enthusiasm. Presentation can be everything.
- **Read frequently.** Offer to read to young children every-day, even several times a day.
- **Turn off the television and provide quiet time.** Turning off the television forces our children to “find something else to do” and too much television can have a harmful affect on a developing younger child, especially when it comes to teaching children to read.
- **Take your children to the library on a weekly or monthly visit, so they can choose their own books.** Take your children to free story-time at your local library. Sometimes hearing an animated reader read a story how the author intended makes all the difference
- Remember that **comic books and magazines are a great way to encourage reading** and are very useful in teaching children to read. Books on tape and CD are also an excellent choice to encourage reading.

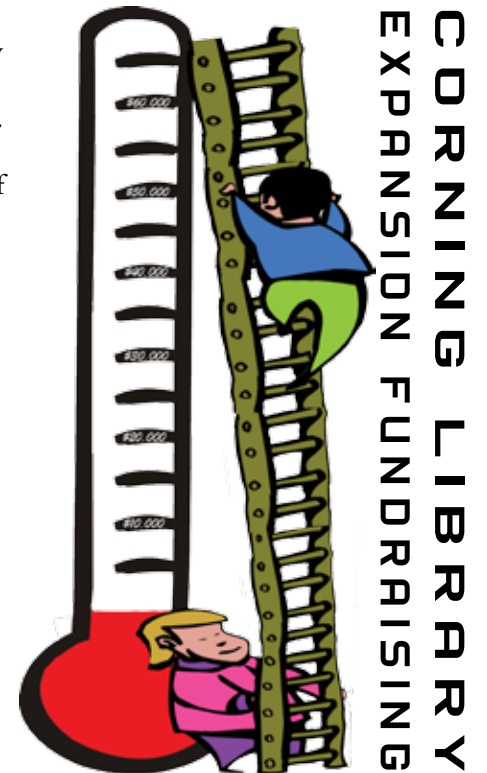
Adapted from www.littleonesreadingresource.com/teaching-children-to-read.html



Corning Library Fundraising Effort Underway

The Corning Library has begun their fund-raising campaign for the planned addition to their library building. The library received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division, which is a matching grant. The library is responsible for raising \$50,000 to complete the project. The planned addition will create a children's room at the back of the library, a computer lab area and more parking spots to the side of the library. The library director, Kathy Butler has been working with the engineer and architect so that an artistic rendering and floor plan can be put on display for those interested in looking at it. In addition, a chart showing the progress is in the works and will be displayed and kept current at the library so that community members can see where the library stands in getting the necessary funds.

To date, the library has been receiving some donations, and fund-raising efforts such as pizza coupon books and candles are being sold to go to the project. The Clay County Library Board approved an account to be set up at First National Bank of Corning so that interested donors may donate to that account rather than at the library building itself. These funds will be dedicated for the improvement and can't be spent for any other purpose. Interested community members can contact Kathy Butler at the library or Terry Rapert, Board Chair with questions or comments.



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