



## MAKE PLANS TO BE AT YOUR LIBRARY FOR...

Greene County and Randolph County Public Libraries 10 a.m.-1 p.m.



As you've stopped by your library during the past few months, you may have noticed some familiar faces that you don't see while some new ones are helping serve you. During the past year, there have been several employees that have moved on to different jobs or settled in to the path of retirement. Your library has worked hard at filling those valuable employees with people that can help continue to give you the service you deserve.

We thought it would be a good idea to showcase the new friendly library employees at the various branches throughout the region. All the people who work at your library love assisting you, so don't ever be afraid to ask for help or ask a question. It is our mission to provide you with or show you where to find the answer. We appreciate your patronage, and will continue to try to improve the level of service your library gives you

**Charles Williams** is the new morning man at Corning. He is cheerful and has excellent people skills. Previously Charles worked at Wal-Mart. He is married and also works at Mid South Health.



**Stan Waller** comes in the afternoons at Greene County to help out. Originally from Walnut Ridge he is looking to go back to school in the spring to study Science. He gets immense satisfaction helping people and playing music.



**Rachel Samples** joined the Piggott Library staff in July 2010. She is a resident of Piggott. Rachel has 3 children, Brian, Haley and Jeremy. Rachel is the smiling face you usually see at the front desk



**Lindsay Waldron** (Children's Director), is a Rector native. She received her B.S. in History from the University of Central Arkansas in 2007. She was previously employed at The Children's Center at Conway, AR, where she was assistant director. There she was responsible for planning the curriculum for the pre-school classes.



**Karen Debord**, is one of the new faces by the Circulation desk at Corning Library. She comes to the Library from Black River Area Development with great skills and background in dealing with children. She has further experience with children having three sons, two daughters and a grandchild.



**Nancy Crail** is one of the "new" faces at the checkout desk at Greene County. She will be familiar to many for the years she worked at 1st National Bank (retiring in 1995 as a V.P.). She is a busy lady with looking after her husband Orland (of 36 years) and her 52 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She says she comes in to the Library to relax and get away from it all.



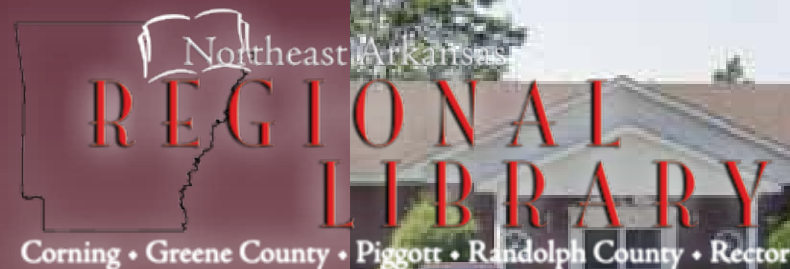
**Aynsley and Manaia Broom**, daughters of Librarian, Adam Broom. These sisters help out after school and on the weekends. Aynsley is a senior and is looking into librarianship as a career. Manaia is a sophomore. They both attend C.R.A.



**Maureen Barron** moved to the area from Rockford, IL. She has book store experience from Walden Books and Book World. The Randolph County library got a very good all around employee when she started working with us. She is an avid and very good cook. She is also an animal lover especially horses. We feel really lucky to have her. When asked what she likes about her job it is to help folks find what they need.



# NEW FACES



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**Corning Library**  
613 Pine Street Corning, AR 72422

(870) 857-3453  
email: [corninglibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:corninglibrary@yahoo.com)  
web: [www.corninglibrary.org](http://www.corninglibrary.org)

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: [info@greencountylibrary.com](mailto:info@greencountylibrary.com)  
web: [www.greencountylibrary.org](http://www.greencountylibrary.org)

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: [piggottlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:piggottlibrary@yahoo.com)  
web: [piggottlibrary.org](http://piggottlibrary.org)

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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: [ranlib@yahoo.com](mailto:ranlib@yahoo.com)  
web: [www.randolphcountylibrary.org](http://www.randolphcountylibrary.org)

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: [rectorlibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:rectorlibrary@yahoo.com)  
web: [www.rectorlibrary.com](http://www.rectorlibrary.com)

Mon, Tue, Thu 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
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Autumn 2010

## CORNING LIBRARY USERS WILL SEE POSSIBILITIES GROW AS LIBRARY GROWS

The Corning Public Library has received notice that they will receive \$150K from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for an expansion project. This grant is part of the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant and was announced by U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor and U.S. Representative Marion Berry (AR-01). This particular grant is a matching grant, with the USDA providing 75% of the \$150K while the remaining funds will be raised through community fund-raising efforts. No additional taxes will be levied to raise the remaining amount. The factor that decided what percentage would be provided by the USDA involved median household incomes and community population size.

Senator Lincoln who is the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said that "Libraries open up a world of learning and knowledge for our local communities, and I am proud to announce these funds for Corning. Not only will they allow more citizens to utilize updated facilities and resources, they will also help support local economic development and jobs, which is my number one priority,"

"A library is an important resource for a community, helping students learn and providing opportunities for adults to look for jobs and job training materials. These funds to expand the public library will help provide the residents of Corning with the resources necessary to get good jobs and a good education," Senator Mark Pryor said.

"Libraries are such important public facilities that provide a wealth of knowledge and resources to Arkansas residents," Representative Berry said. "Providing the Corning library with funding to

expand their use of computers to local citizens to search for jobs and train for employment is a reminder of how essential it is that we renovate and improve our libraries. I am happy to see we are working towards continued expansion of these public resources to all Arkansans."

The expansion project will involve construction of an addition onto the South side of the existing library building. The plan is to create an addition to the library which will provide space for a computer lab area which is meant to allow library users greater access to computers for job training, creating resumes, job searching and help in increasing their educational levels. In addition to the added computers, badly needed space for children's programs will be part of the construction process as well. According to Kathy Buchanan, Corning Library Director, the children's program attendance has simply outgrown the physical space available. Attendance numbers are up every year, and the children's area has been beyond comfortable capacity for the kids to move about and be kids.



Kathy Buchanan, Corning Library Director,

In addition to the added physical space, some new parking spaces will be added as well. Several new spots will be added on the West side between Central Elementary and the library building. This will help provide parking for the times when there are events going on and it is inconvenient to park at the library.

Ms. Buchanan also mentioned that it is her hope that in the future, gaming equipment might be purchased to allow library users a place to have free gaming events. She feels

that this is in line with the national trend of plugging children and teenagers into using the library through the draw of gaming consoles such as the Wii and board games. She feels there is no reason the larger libraries should be the only ones able to provide these services. Using games in libraries increases the interest in reading for some non-library users who don't know that the library has anything of value to them personally.

Ms. Buchanan followed up by saying "This is an exciting opportunity for the library and the people of Corning and Clay County. We are so grateful for those that have helped with the grant application process and thankful for the City of Corning and they support they give. We are always looking for ways that we can provide better facilities, better materials and better service, and this is a huge step in that goal."



Area designated for the new Corning Public Library Expansion. [Insert: ariel photograph showing site.]



**The Social Network** based on the book "The Accidental Billionaires" by Ben Mezrich.

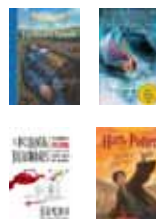
**Secretariat** based on the book "Secretariat" by William Nack

**Red** Based on the cult D.C. Comics graphic novel by Warren Ellis and Cully Hamner,

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1** based on the J. R. Rowling book of the same name

**The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** based on the C. S. Lewis classic

**Gulliver's Travels** In a contemporary re-imagining of the classic tale, by Jonathan Swift



## Book Sale



Randolph County Public Library  
November 15th through 20th  
9-5 Monday-Friday/ 9-12 Saturday

**Book Sale at Greene County Every Day  
Check for New Titles Every Day**



**CHRISTMAS MAGIC  
AT RANDOLPH COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

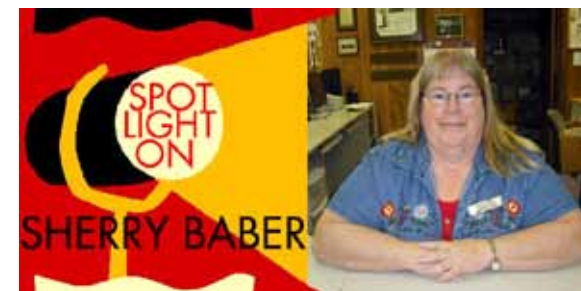
Join us at the Randolph County Library for Movies, Crafts and a Bake Sale December 11th for more details call (870) 892-5617



*Closed for the  
Holidays*

The holiday season is upon us and the libraries in the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library System will have several closings during the next few weeks as we celebrate Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

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| Columbus Day    | October 11th                                    | Clay, Greene, Randolph   |
| Veteran's Day   | November 11th                                   | Clay, Greene, Randolph   |
| Thanksgiving    | November 25th<br>November 26th<br>November 27th | Clay, Greene, Randolph<br>Clay, Greene, Randolph<br>Greene, Randolph       |
| Christmas Party | Closing at 4pm<br>December 6th                  | Clay, Greene, Randolph   |
| Christmas       | December 23rd<br>December 24th<br>December 25th | Clay, Greene, Randolph<br>Clay, Greene, Randolph<br>Clay, Greene, Randolph |
| New Year        | December 31st<br>January 1st<br>January 3rd     | Clay, Greene<br>Clay, Greene, Randolph<br>Randolph                         |



Sherry Baber is the Assistant Director of the Piggott Public Library. She is no stranger to the community. Sherry has been working at the library for 18 years, and Sherry is primarily in charge of Cataloging materials. Although there no such thing as a "normal" day, she pitches in with whatever might need to be done at the library. Sherry has been married for 25 years and is a long time resident of Piggott.

We asked Sherry to share some of her answers to some questions we presented to her.

**What's the first thought that comes into your mind when you wake up?** *Get up lazy and get ready for work.*

**If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?** *Somewhere it is warm all year (preferably Hawaii).*

**What's been your favorite part of your job?** *Cataloging the books, I like to see people get excited when their favorite writer has just written a new book and it is on the shelf.*

**What's your least favorite part of your job?** *Putting books in order, you work all day to get them in order, and in comes a bunch of people that like to take them off the shelf and put them back in the wrong place!*

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

**What's the best book(s) you've ever read?** *I liked Alex Cross by James Patterson, also all the books by J.A. Konrath.*

**What's the funniest thing that has happened at the Library?** *When the Fire Chief gets me out of the house at 12:00 a.m. thinking the library is on fire. It wasn't. And the Cop tears the front door off and there were more people in the library at 1:00 a.m. than there was at 1:00 p.m.*

**What has been your most memorable experience working at the library?** *Learning how the Library works for the public and learning Authors and Titles so you can help people find books, and working in a nice relaxed environment.*

**If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you would do?** *Get out of debt, share with family and help the Library with something it can't afford.*

**What's the best way you would describe yourself?** *Friendly but hard to get to know.*