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Calendar

FY2016 LSTA Application Due	4/3/15
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Alabama Library Association (ALLA) Convention	4/7/15-4/10/15
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National Library Week	4/12/15-4/18/15
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AL Legislative Day	4/28/15



The focus was on black scientists and entrepreneurs George Washington Carver and Madam C.J. Walker, but Booker T. Washington and Henry Ford were also discussed because of their friendship with Carver. A display featured library books about Carver, Washington, Ford, Walker, and women inventors.

Black History Month in Alabaster

Scientists and history-makers were in the spotlight for children and caregivers during Albert L. Scott Library's program called Brains and Beauty: How George Washington Carver and Madam C.J. Walker used their Scientific Brains to Improve the Beauty and Health Industry. This Black History Month program featured science educators Winfield and Elinor Burks, who believe in the hands-on approach. They guided families as they made their own flavored lip gloss and varieties of seed balls.



Library Love

Winfield Public Library celebrated Love Your Library Month throughout February. They sold 25-cent tickets that allowed patrons to enter a drawing to win prizes. The library sold 251 tickets, raising \$62.75 for the library. The funding will be used to help purchase new books for the collection. One of the winners shows off her prizes in the photo below.



Satsuma Banquet

February 9th was the Satsuma Public Library Foundation Annual Banquet. There were approximately 50 people in attendance, including Satsuma Mayor Paul Murray and State Representative Randy Davis. Attendees enjoyed adventurous tales and inspirational words by Keynote Speaker Dorothy Savage. Library staff member Evelyn Butler (pictured below) provided the whimsical, Valentine themed decorations. Evelyn is greatly appreciated at the library for doing a wonderful job keeping it decorated for every occasion.



Luverne Contest

Luverne Public Library held a "Guess How Many Hearts are in the Jar?" contest in celebration of Valentine's Day. Austin, pictured below, was the winner for his age group.



Decatur Music

A crowd of over 115 people enjoyed jigs, reels, and ballads performed by SlipJig, a Celtic band, on March 12th at Decatur Public Library. This free event was hosted by the Friends of the Library as part of their "Library After Hours" series.



Foley February Displays



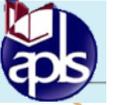
Two talented Foley Public Library Aides, Devin Suits and Nancy Nall, created these February displays. Devin and Nancy each go above and beyond to help the library have beautiful displays every month. As a result, the library generally sees a rise in circulation as patrons select books on display that they might not normally have chosen.



Homewood Chocolate Party

On February 11th, Homewood Public Library's Teen Department hosted an Anti-Valentine's Day Chocolate Party. Over 30 teens attended and experienced the joy of chocolate. Teens competed in chocolate themed games and trivia for prizes.



2 Resources, 1 Goal: Helping Alabama Succeed 

LearningExpress Library & HomeworkAlabama

- Online Tutoring for Grades K-12
- College Placement Resources
- Help for all ages and all skill levels
- Certification Test/GED Preparation
- Career Resources

Find both on the APLS Resources and Research Links Page

On AVL



The Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) has a plethora of wonderful resources that can benefit you and your community! There are several databases on AVL that deal with health and wellness:

MedlinePlus, a service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Health, offers reliable and up-to-date information about diseases, conditions, and wellness issues in laymen's terms. Users can research drugs, treatments, and variety of health topics.

PubMed, a service of the National Library of Medicine, includes over 23 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. It includes topics such as behavioral sciences, chemical sciences, and bioengineering. It also includes a forum for authors to share opinions and information about the scientific publications available.

Health InfoNet is a consumer health information service of the Alabama public and medical libraries. It contains up-to-date, quality resources about health and local health services. It's designed as a service for online users and a gateway to quality information resources.

No matter what level of health information you need, there is something for you on AVL. Google is great, but for the ever changing and advancing subject of health and medicine, AVL offers current and reliable resources. In the next APLSeeds, we will talk about more health related databases. What's your favorite AVL database? Email pr@apls.state.al.us to share how you use it in your library. Don't forget to thank your local legislators for their continued support in providing this resource!

Pinson Tea Party

Pinson Public Library held a Princess Tea Party at the historic Rosewood House. Attendees learned about tea party manners, made a teapot picture frame, and met Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*!



Money Minding

Huntsville-Madison County Public Library is offering a financial literacy series called Mind Your Money. Recently, Basic Stock Valuation, a two-part course that built on the original Mind Your Money classes was offered. Expert instructors showed how to use basic stock investing tools, including Morningstar® Investment Research Center. This online database offers library patrons real-time access to comprehensive data and independent analysis on thousands of investment topics like mutual funds, stocks, exchange-traded funds, and closed-end funds. Recordings of the classes are available on the library's website:

<http://hmcpl.org/mym>

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Greenville History Lesson



Georgette Norman, former Director of the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery, was the special guest speaker at Greenville-Butler County Public Library on March 7th. Norman's visit capped off a week-long Civil Rights Exhibit in the library's Community Room featuring Black History artifacts and memorabilia as well as archival photos of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Greenville in 1965.

Library Donation

The Moulton Lions Cub recently donated \$500 to Lawrence County Public Library to be used towards audio and large print books. Lions Club President Keith Ligon said the donation continues the Lions Club's support of the visually impaired in Lawrence County.

The Book Nook

Title: *Bobby Bramble Loses His Brain*

Author: Dave Keane

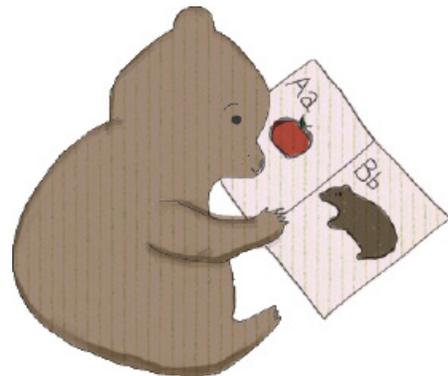
Reading Level: Ages 4-8

ISBN: 9780547056449

Reviewed by: Tessa Anderson

Library: Piedmont Public Library

Review: Bobby Bramble is a very hyperactive boy who can't be still and isn't very good at being careful. He's always being told that he's going to bust his head open and one day he does. His brain escapes, and everyone tries to catch it. Finally, Bobby and his brain realize they need each other. This is a great book for hyper kids and any other young child because what kid hasn't been told by their parents that they are going to scramble their brains or bust their head open?



Title: *Lucy the Good*

Author: Marianne Musgrove

Reading Level: Grade 2-4

ISBN: 9780805090512

Reviewed by: Debra Slaton

Library: Marshall County Cooperative Library

Review: This is a good book. The reading is easy, and it is funny, and children will enjoy this book.

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