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## Calendar

National Library Week 4/12/15-  
4/18/15

AL Legislative Day 4/28/15

APLS Board Meeting 5/21/15

Homewood Public Library is proud to present a new teen program called Coding for Girls. It is a club geared towards empowering 6th through 12th grade girls interested in computer science. With the assistance of a computer science professor from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the girls are given the opportunity to learn the various ways coding can be used in life. The club meets bi-monthly and has over 17 members. The club plans to become part of the national Girls Who Code program in the fall.



## Homewood Coding for Girls



## Dothan Awarded

*Library Journal* chose Dothan Houston County Library System as the 1st place recipient for the LibraryAware award. This award emphasizes the library's engagement with the community and recognizes a library or library system that has demonstrated its ability to make its community "aware" of what the library can do for it. Read more about the library and how they became an essential part of their community on *Library Journal*: <http://goo.gl/ZuszSa>

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, Dothan Houston County Library System!

# Seuss on the Loose!

## Tuscaloosa



Tuscaloosa Public Library recently celebrated Dr. Seuss' 111th birthday. Librarian Becky Hide dressed up as the Seuss character Betty Lou Who to read to the kids. Attendees also enjoyed crafts, stories, and cupcakes in honor of one of the greatest children's book authors in history.

## Russellville

To celebrate the National Education Association's (NEA) program Read Across America, Russellville Public Library hosted a vacation-style preschool reading program. For a week, parents and children met at the library daily to enjoy a different themed program. The librarian read stories, introduced crafts, and served snacks complimentary to each day's theme.



Russellville Public Library Director Ashley Cummins is pictured above with four attendees during a Dr. Seuss themed program.

## Scottsboro

Scottsboro Public Library partnered with SkillsUSA of the Northeast Alabama Community College to present a Dr. Seuss Reading is Learning program in honor of the beloved children's author's birthday. Over 50 children participated in reading books, making Dr. Seuss themed crafts, and enjoying snacks. The library is proud to have a partnership with NACC and SkillsUSA.



# Odenville Uke Club

A lively group of 19 Ukulele Club members met for the first time on March 6th at Odenville Public Library. The club was started when Archer Guitar School Instructor Dolores Archer Traylor pitched the idea to Library Director Betty Corley after noticing the success of recent music programming at other libraries around the country.

The Ukulele Library Club members covered some basic music theory for beginners and learned to play two chords while Uke Leader Sherri Hood played rhythm guitar and sang “London Bridge is Falling Down” and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”.

Libraries are undergoing a transformation as they look to provide experiences in addition to books. “It’s more about getting back to the roots and providing experiential opportunities for the community,” said Corley.



Traylor (2nd from left in back row) pictured with some of the club members

# Daleville Little Learners

Daleville Public Library is sponsoring a preschool program called Little Learner’s Library Adventures. This program is held every Friday morning. All children aged two to five are welcome to attend. This is an interactive reading and learning program that helps preschoolers develop skills that will help them have a good start to kindergarten. This program will promote reading, counting, sorting skills, language skills, and fine motor skill development in a highly social environment.

Program Coordinator Rachel L. Horne said, “Preschoolers are so eager to learn. We believe that this program is not only good for the children but it also inspires parents to work on building lifelong learning skills with their children at home.”



## 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, and in the last issue of APLSeeds we discussed a few of them. Here are three more:

Health Source: Consumer Edition is an EBSCO database that focuses on consumer health information and topics including medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine, and general health. AVL also includes Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition which has indexes and abstracts for over 560 scholarly journals and includes full text focusing on medical disciplines, especially nursing and allied health topics

Alternative Health Watch is another EBSCO database that takes a different spin on health. It focuses on many perspectives of complementary, holistic, and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. It includes full text articles from a large selection of journals, reports, pamphlets, booklets, and more.

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.

What's your favorite AVL database? Email [pr@apls.state.al.us](mailto: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!

## Calera Fairy Tale



"The library is filled with superheroes, and reading is their super power," said Roy Downs Calera Public Librarian Rhonda Cracraft, as she welcomed guests through the doors of their community library. Once inside, attendees wondered if they were in the library or if they had stepped into the pages of a storybook. Cracraft, with fellow Librarian Sara Dickens, spearheaded the two Fairy Tale Balls hosted by the library, where popular childhood books came to life for more than 1,050 people who stopped by the free event on February 21st.

Forty-three volunteers were dressed as popular characters like Snow White, Cinderella, Mary Poppins, Batman, and Captain America. Some of these dedicated volunteers have been a part of all seven Fairy Tale Balls hosted by the library. "These amazing volunteers are what make this day possible; they come willing to do anything that is needed. The kids who interact with their cherished characters will forever have a different opinion of what a library has to offer them," says Cracraft.

Best of all, characters are based on books that can be checked out from the library. Kids truly make the connection between their heroes and the books where they are featured.



# Satsuma Teen Tutors

Satsuma Public Library is having another successful year of the Teen Friends Tutoring Program. There are currently 15 volunteers whose hard work and dedication is key to the success of this wonderful program. For the 2014-2015 school year, they tutored 14 children from grades K-5 in reading.



# The Book Nook

**Title:** *Something Like Fate*

**Author:** Susane Colasanti

**Reading Level:** Grade 6-9

**ISBN:** 9780670011469

**Reviewed by:** Tessa Anderson

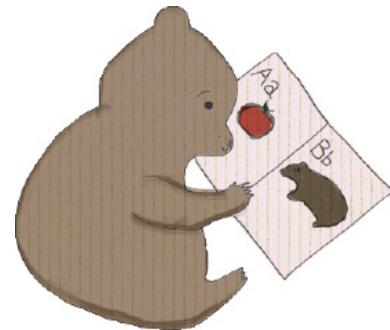
**Library:** Piedmont Public Library

**Review:** The main character is Lani, a high school girl who is very into astrology and saving the planet. Her best friend is Erin. They are connected by the past but are growing apart, and they both end up liking the same boy. He is Erin's boyfriend, so Lani is very conflicted and feels guilty; but the boy likes her back. She has to choose between love and friendship, past and future. Erin has to choose between anger and forgiveness. This is a great book, as the characters seemed so real that I got pulled right into their lives!

# Happy St. Patty's!



The Chilton-Clanton Public Library staff celebrated St. Patrick's Day with fake mustaches!



**Title:** *Big Nate Strikes Again*

**Author:** Lincoln Peirce

**Reading Level:** Grade 3-6

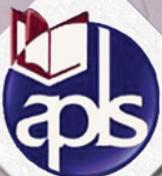
**ISBN:** 006194436X

**Reviewed by:** Gavin Stephens

**Library:** Priceville Public Library

**Review:** This book is very funny, cool, and awesome. It is similar to the book *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

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