

June 5, 2015

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Calendar

Administrators' Meeting	7/15/15
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APLS Board Meeting	7/16/15
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All libraries are encouraged to participate by collecting photos, statistics, and patrons' comments on this day and to share your experience with APLS. It's easy because you are just showing a typical day in the life at your library. Because it may be difficult for some libraries to participate on that specific day, libraries may choose any day during that week to take part. A toolkit including a customizable press release, photo consent form, tally sheet, and tips sheet can be found on the APLS website: <http://webmini.apls.state.al.us/apls/web/apls/apls/?q=snapshot>

Statistics gathered throughout the day include the number of patrons that you help with workforce recovery, number of reference questions answered, circulation data, number of program attendees, and number of patrons that come to the library. Libraries also have the opportunity to collect patron comments. All together, this project should help create a picture of how important public libraries are to our communities. We hope that you will share your photos, statistics, and comments with APLS! Submissions should be emailed to pr@apls.state.al.us no later than September 1, 2015.

Snapshot Day 2015

SNAPSHOT DAY

One day in the life of Alabama Public Libraries

On any given day how many materials do you check out? How many people attend programs you host? How often do you answer patrons' reference questions and help them find their next favorite book? How many job seekers do you help find work? How many people do you connect by offering Internet? How many lives do you change? Snapshot Day Alabama is a way to capture a typical day in the life at your public library and the essential services you provide. This year it is scheduled for August 11, 2015, and all the public libraries in the state are encouraged to join this initiative to help us show our worth. These snapshots of our libraries are a great way to show patrons, boards, city officials, and the Legislature the importance of Alabama's public libraries.

Let this be a chance to show your community how much they need you! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Taylor at 334-213-3943 or staylor@apls.state.al.us.



This Snapshot from last year was submitted by Montgomery City-County Public Library's E L Lowder Branch.

Magnolia Springs Saves Animals!

Magnolia Springs Public Library is teaming up with the Stray Love Foundation to host Pet Thursdays. Each week, a couple of adoptable animals will be at the library in hopes of finding their forever homes. The two cats pictured below both found homes on the very first day of hosting the program!



Daleville Babies

Daleville Public Library hosts the Baby Learn and Play Program every week for parents/caregivers and their babies up to 24 months old. Attendees enjoy rhymes, songs, finger plays, books, and baby free play. It's a fun, interactive, and educational time for both babies and their parents/caregivers.

Library Director Kathryn Brown said, "The library's goal is to reach patrons of all ages. With our Baby Learn and Play Program we now offer programming to the youngest of our patrons that is specifically developmentally geared towards them".



National Library Week 2015

Check out the ways some of Alabama's public libraries celebrated National Library Week (NLW) this year:

Alex City

Mamie's Place Children's Library in Alexander City held a bookmark design contest during NLW for children in two age groups: five to ten year olds and eleven to eighteen year olds. The theme for the contest was Every Hero Has a Story to coincide with the upcoming Summer Reading Program (SRP). The winning bookmarks will be printed and used during SRP. 150 participants submitted a work of art, and the winners are pictured below.



Jackson

Preschoolers visited White Smith Memorial library for awesome storytime fun during National Library Week! The library also had a special NLW display the foyer. They gave out door prizes and had a fantastic week of celebrating!



Grove Hill

The Grove Hill Public Library held a Community Read on Tuesday April 14th as part of their NLW celebration. Veteran Dick Dixon led the discussion on the book *Killing Patton* by Bill O'Reilly.



Homewood

Homewood Public Library celebrated NLW with a Patron Appreciation Day. Staff from all different departments manned an informational table in the lobby where they passed out snacks, drinks, and stuffed animals for the kids. Programming information was available as well as sign-up information for the library friends. It was well received and enjoyed by all!



Battle of Munford

On Saturday April 18, the town of Munford did a 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Munford. The well attended event included a living history with re-enactors from several units. They set up tents and showed what life would have been like in the 1860's. There was also a period band from Tallassee playing tunes from that time period. The library had a snack tent with lots of food for sale. There was a historical presentation of what transpired on April 23, 1865, and the local Homemakers Club laid a wreath on Lt. Andrew Jackson Buttram's monument. A small skirmish took place, and the public enjoyed seeing history come alive.



Odenville Signing



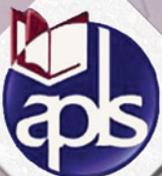
Odenville Public Library hosted a book signing event on April 10th. Dr. Stephen Russell, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Associate Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, had two books to sell and sign. Russell is an award-winning Physician and author of medical thrillers. "For me, writing has a lot of the same creativity that is required in medicine," said Russell, who practices internal medicine and pediatrics at UAB Health Center Moody.

Demopolis Tour



Australian author and tour guide Susannah Fullerton donated a copy of her book *Happily Ever After: Celebrating Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice* to Demopolis Public Library when she and 30 Australians in her tour group toured the city on April 20th. Kirk Brooker with the Marengo County Historical Society and Southern Literary Trail Director William Gantt led the group on a tour of the library as part of their tour of the Southern Literary Trail. Local actor Jennifer Roeman dressed as Regina from the play *Little Foxes* written by Demopolis native Lillian Hellman Wyler. Roeman discussed *Little Foxes* and *Glass Menagerie* with the Australian group and highlighted Demopolis History and The Canebrake Players, a local community theatre group.

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