

# APLSeeds

*Growing public libraries across Alabama*

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## Calendar

FY17 LSTA General Applications Due 4/8/16

Administrators' Meeting 5/11/16

OCLC Training 5/19/16

Administrators' Meeting 7/13/16

featured a motivating speech from Judge Veldore Young-Graham, the first African American female to serve as Public Defender in Lauderdale County, Mississippi in 1997. Rutha's family was present for the program.



From left to right: Roosevelt Bonner, husband; Bridget Davis, daughter; Rutha Davis-Bonner; Blanche Lambert, former classmate; Dan Davis, son; Dr. Codelia Brown, niece

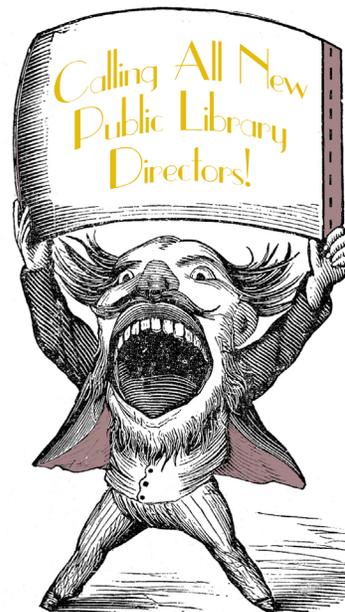
## OCLC Training

Mark your calendars! APLS is hosting OCLC training on May 19, 2016. More details will be released soon.

## Hayneville Director Honored

One of Alabama's public library directors received a special honor in February. Rutha Davis-Bonner, director of Hayneville/Lowndes County Public Library, was recognized as one of the first African American graduates of Patrick Henry Junior College, now known as Alabama Southern Community College.

The event took place during the school's commemoration of Black History Month. The program, "The Power of a Dream: Celebrating Fifty Years of Equal Opportunity,"



Save the Date:  
August 17 & 18, 2016

APLS is hosting a two-day New Directors Orientation for public library directors in the state who started on or after August 1, 2012.

More information is coming soon!

## Patrons Love Dadeville Public



During the month of February, Dadeville Public Library asked patrons to fill out paper hearts stating why they love the library. In the end, over 40 patrons described what the library and staff mean to them. Here are some of the responses:

"The library ladies are so nice and helpful. They always remember me by name and try to keep the newest novels of my favorite authors."

"The staff is amazing. I love all of the programs and events that are offered."

"I feel like I am coming home. Love the greetings of happiness and joy of seeing me."

## Pinson Receives SRP Grant

Pinson Public Library is one of 20 libraries across the U.S. that was chosen to receive a \$1,000 grant to help fund a summer reading program for teens. The library plans to host a series of programs for 6th-12th graders. The theme will be "adulting." The library wants to provide events where the teens can learn about practical, useful things that will be used in the real world. Staff members are currently working on booking the programs and hope to have the following events: CPR certification, basic car maintenance, learning about types of insurance, self-defense, and budgeting tips.

Additionally, the library received a Summer Teen Intern grant that will allow them to hire two teen interns to assist in the implementation of their summer reading programs. The grant will also help the teens gain real world work experience and develop professional skills. Congratulations, Pinson!

## Magnolia Springs Benefit

On March 9th, the beloved hometown restaurant, *Jesse's*, held a benefit for some of the Magnolia Springs Public Library supporters. The benefit included a five-course dinner with wine pairings. Everyone had a fabulous time!



## Foley Services

Foley Public Library is excited to announce that it is now offering microscopes which can be used in the study rooms. Pre-loaded slides are also available. Patrons can check out these materials for two-hour intervals with the opportunity for one renewal. In addition, there are blank slides available for patrons to use in preparing their own slides for viewing.



Foley Public Library's Kate Norris examines one of the two microscopes available for patrons.

# Homewood News

Homewood Public Library hosted a Paw Patrol event where almost 300 library patrons got the opportunity to meet some of Homewood's finest firemen and police officers.



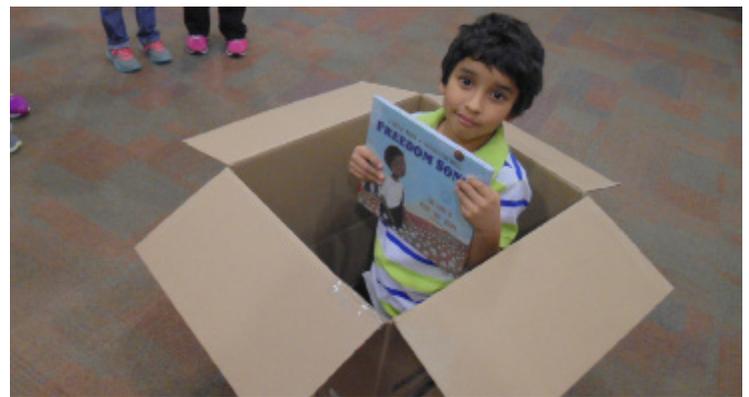
Just in time for Valentine's Day, the library offered a book arts program where teens and adults could repurpose used books into heart themed works of art.



# Alabaster Black History



An African American chef and artist plus athletes, aviators, inventors, and others were in the spotlight on February 16th during Family Fun Night: Black History is No Mystery at the Albert L. Scott Library in Alabaster. After learning about the inventors of the potato chip, the better ice cream scoop, and an improved biscuit cutter, attendees snacked on chips, ice cream, and biscuits. They also created collages inspired by an African American artist, listened to jazz, and browsed a book display. One display book, *Henry's Freedom Box*, taught kids about Henry "Box" Brown, an inspiring former slave who shipped himself to freedom.



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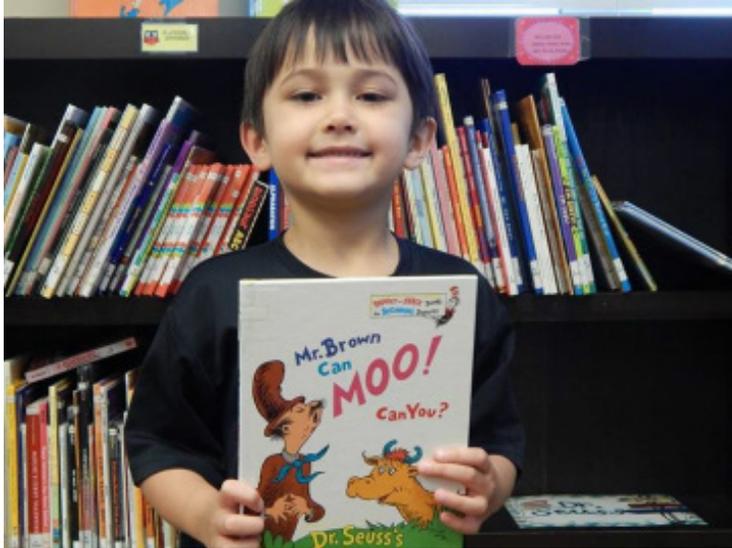
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## Dr. Seuss Party

Ragland Public Library hosted a birthday party for Dr. Seuss with close to 50 people in attendance. They played pin the tail on the donkey and pass the hat, a game similar to hot potato, which included prizes for everyone. Everyone had a fun time!



## Gee's Bend Quilters

Decatur Public Library recently partnered with local elementary schools and organizations in a citywide initiative called *Heritage of Hope*. The project focused on the story of the Gee's Bend quilters and illustrated how to use artistic expression to overcome adversity. The library contributed to this community-wide effort by launching the first ever River City Read featuring *Leaving Gee's Bend* by Irene Latham. 44 copies were donated with readers passing it on to someone else once they finished reading it. On January 28th, Ms. Latham visited the library to share the story of researching and writing *Leaving Gee's Bend*.

On February 15th, four of the quilters from Gee's Bend came to the library for a reception and student art show. The quilters mingled with the patrons, sang songs, and told stories about growing up in Gee's Bend and the quilts that made them famous. Over 270 people stopped by to meet them in under two hours!



(Left to Right) China, Lucy, Gloria, Mary Ann, and Dr. Ragland sing songs in the Decatur Public Library

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