

# APLSeeds

*Growing public libraries across Alabama*

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## Calendar

Administrators' Meeting 5/11/16

OCLC Training 5/19/16

Administrators' Meeting 7/13/16

New Directors Orientation 8/17/16 - 8/18/16



Odenville Public Library has four beautiful book themed dioramas on display. Vinetta Blow, a former employee and current Friend of the Library, came up with the idea for the boxes. She created scenes based on *Sleepy Hollow* (above) and *Hansel and Gretel*. Librarian Corey Dunn created the *Alice in Wonderland* box. Librarian Robin Bell, who recently lost her battle with cancer, made the Edgar Allen Poe themed box seen below. Director Betty Corley said having Robin's diorama on display has been a nice way for patrons and library staff to remember her.

## Odenville Displays



Creative *Alice in Wonderland* diorama on display at Odenville Public Library



# Easter Programs Around the State

## Ragland

Ragland Public Library had 75 people show up for their Easter egg hunt held at the Town Hall. It took longer to stuff the 1,008 plastic eggs with prizes than it did for the kids to find them!



## Fairhope

During Fairhope Public Library's regularly scheduled preschool story time, kids read books about bunnies and made bunny baskets from brown paper bags and pre-cut shapes for the ears, eyes, and noses. After all the young patrons completed their bags, they were led through the children's department on an egg hunt. Everyone left with fun craft kits, eggs stuffed with flower foam shapes, coloring sheets, and toddler toys.



## Luverne

The Luverne Public Library would like to congratulate the winners in their *Easter Coloring Contest* for 2016. All six winners for the library's Easter contests received a prize.



## Lawrence

The Easter Bunny visited Lawrence County Public Library for story time on March 22nd.



## Legos in Rainbow City

Rainbow City Public Library started a Lego club in January. Several months in advance they asked for Lego donations, which volunteers cleaned and sorted. For the program, each participant received a tray to load up with Legos. No limits are placed on kids' creativity, as they are allowed to build whatever strikes their fancy. Their Lego projects are then displayed in the library until the next session. The program has been extremely popular - over 80 people attended the first session!



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## BCLC Proclamation

At its April 2nd meeting, the Baldwin County Commission issued a proclamation announcing the week of April 10 - 16 as National Library Week in the county. Baldwin County libraries joined libraries nationwide to celebrate the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries.

"Service to the community has always been the focus of the library," said Liz Reed, Director of the Baldwin County Library Cooperative. "Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life."

Below, Amanda Burgett, Library Assistant at the Baldwin County Library Cooperative, prepares items for check out.



## Paranormal Program

Homewood Public Library recently partnered up with Spirit Communications and Research (SCARe) of Alabama to host two evenings of afterhours ghost tours at the library. Paranormal researchers led the tours, which incorporated equipment readings and staff encounters. The sold out tours were such a hit that the library will host another weekend tour in the fall. The findings of the first tours will be revealed at a special program in May.



## Woodville Grant

Woodville Public Library was awarded 100 free children's books from The Lisa Libraries to use as giveaways for children who attend Summer Reading Programs. The Lisa Libraries also awarded 500 new children's and teen books to the small, rural library's collection. Additionally, the library received a \$1,000 grant from the Libri Foundation to purchase children's books. Congratulations, Woodville!

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# Alex City NLW

Following a long tradition, Adelia M. Russell Library and Mamie's Place Children's Library in Alexander City celebrated National Library Week (NLW) in April. This year, patrons were given an opportunity to write down their reasons for coming to the libraries.

Examples of patrons' comments include:

"The librarians are always so helpful and knowledgeable."

"The atmosphere is pleasant and the service is excellent."

"AMRL library is the best library in the world."

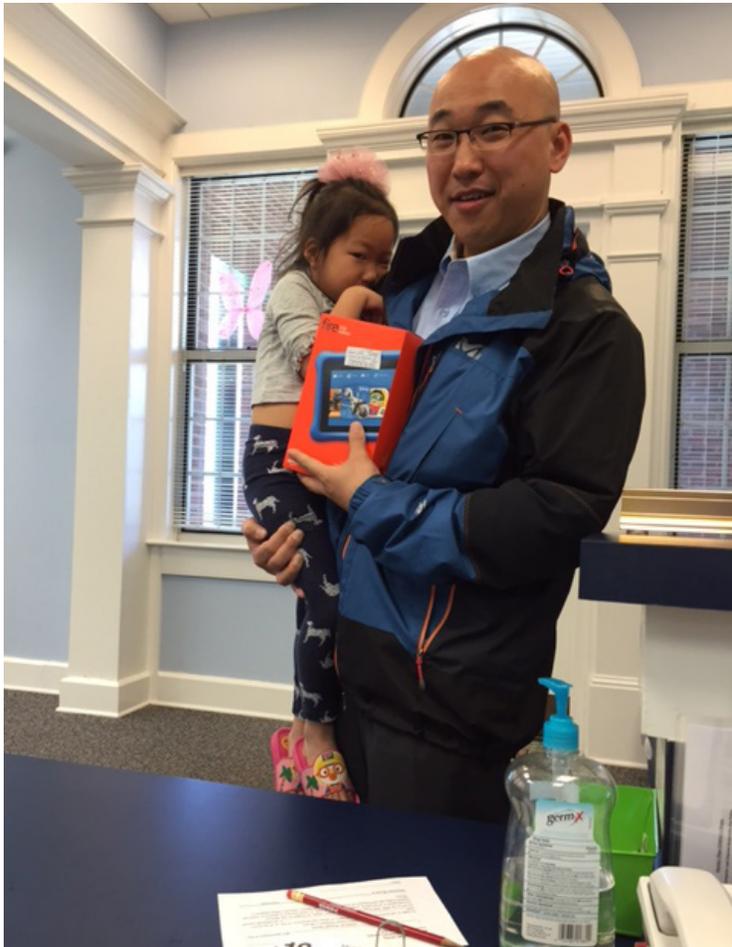
"A small town library with resources more like in a big city."

"It provides the community with up to date reading and listening materials."

"They assist with any problem and are always smiling."

"Interesting speakers and special events."

During the week patrons were given the opportunity to enter a drawing for a Kindle giveaway. Three drawings were held, and the winners were excited to be able to take advantage of the library's electronic materials.



Thomas Bennett, a loyal patron, is known for his meticulous efforts in building model ships. One of Mr. Bennett's efforts is currently on display at the library as part of NLW. The model, shown below, is of the Oilrig North Cormorant.

