

# APLSeeds

*Growing public libraries across Alabama*



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## Summer Reading Special Edition 2016, Part II

In the August 12, 2016 issue of *APLSeeds* we saw Part I of what libraries around the state did for this year's SRP. The 2016 themes were wellness, fitness, and sports. Libraries across the state had kids moving and shaking with creative and fun programs. Enjoy Part II of our 2016 Summer Reading Special Edition.

### Ashland

Ashland City Public Library had a *Bicycle Day*, and the Cheaha Mountain Bike Racing Team came to show attendees their bikes and talk about racing. Local kids also brought their bikes, and Ashland Police set up a course for them to ride.

### Magnolia Springs



Magnolia Springs Public Library held their *Summer Reading Awards Program* on July 16th. The wonderful readers enjoyed receiving awards, eating ice cream, and planting a grapefruit tree in honor of a job well done.



# Montgomery



Montgomery City-County Public library (MCCPL) held their *Summer Fun Day* on July 9th at the Juliette Hampton Memorial Library downtown. The day consisted of storytelling, face painting, obstacle courses, arts and craft, relay and car racing, inflatables, music, and much more. *Fun Day* was held for all the participants in this year's Summer Reading Program. Programs were designed for preschoolers, independent readers, middle schoolers, and teens. MCCPL asked all summer reading participants to read 15 books of their choice. Each participant was given a certificate and invited to come to the special day full of fun events. This year's *Fun Day* brought out 250 individuals ready for reading, games, and crafts.



# Homewood



On June 6th, over 50 teens tested their culinary skills at the Homewood Public Library's *Teen Summer Kick-Off*. The *Food Wars* program let teens create their own dishes using ramen noodles. Dishes were judged on creativity, originality, and presentation. Taste was not a factor (the staff wasn't that brave)!



# Ashville

Elsa and Anna from *Frozen* visited Ashville Public Library for a tea party during the library's last SRP event. A \$1,500 Dollar General Summer Reading grant helped fund the fabulous programs this year.



# Moody



The crowds were huge and enthusiastic at Moody's Doris Stanley Memorial Library. All of the entertainers did an outstanding performance that had the children mesmerized. The teens enjoyed making their own art projects and learning drawing techniques from Michael White, a children's books illustrator.



# Flomaton

The Southern Pine Animal Show allowed kids to interact with reptiles and amphibians at Flomaton Public Library.



# Jacksonville

Jacksonville Public Library had a great Summer Reading Program with 766 children, teens, and adults reading more than 14,000 books during the 7-week program! There were lots of great events for the whole family during the program, including an author talk with Shirley Mitchell, a life-sized foosball game, dancing, hula hooping, and more. Children capped off their SRP with a private pool party with door prizes. Adults and teens who completed their reading goals were entered into a drawing for some great prizes including Kindle Fires, Ripstik skateboards, books, and gift certificates from local businesses.



# Florala

Kids at Floral Public Library got active by practicing their hula hooping skills.



# Rainbow City



Rainbow City Public Library hosted tons of programs this summer including *Drumming Up the Stories* with Beatin' Path Rhythm Events. The high-energy, rhythm based storytelling experience sparked imagination and kindled a love of reading. Lots of audience participation meant kids had an exciting time.



# Fairhope

Fairhope Public Library held *Tween Time* on Tuesday afternoons. They talked about the qualities of Olympic athletes, discussed medalists in writing and illustration (Newbery, Caldecott, etc.), read stories inspiring good character, and completed individual and team art projects, raps, and poems.



During one session, Chef Stacy (above) showed attendees how to make ice cream in a bag after reading about the history of ice cream and learning a few ice cream themed poems. The students loved making their own and adding an assortment of different toppings.



At another *Tween Time*, the group read *Last Stop On Market Street* by Matt De La Pena and learned to appreciate the beauty in everyday things and listen to the music in the world around us. They decorated cardboard guitars with colors, patterns, and sayings that came to them while listening to Jazz music.

# Alex City



Mamie's Place Children's Library (part of Adelia McConnell Russell Library) in Alexander City invited University of Alabama Mascot Big Al (above) to their final program. He entertained everyone with his fun dance moves.

# Greensboro

Jimmie Taylor, basketball star at the University of Alabama and resident of Greensboro, spoke to children, teens, and parents at Hale County Library's final Summer Reading Program. He encouraged young people to stay in school whether they hope to play college sports or enter the workforce after graduation.



# Moulton

The Natural History Educational Company of the Midlands provided an entertaining and educational program on wildlife at Lawrence County Public Library in Moulton.



# Chelsea

Chelsea Public Library had programs for all ages. Toddlers ended their summer with the *Tot Spot Games* and were awarded medals for completing the obstacle course. K-5th graders read and attended a variety of programs from a Tae Kwando demonstration to a Sock Poi lesson. 45 teens signed up for the library's film school, and 13 submitted a finished movie trailer that was planned, shot, edited, and produced solely on their mobile device. A *Minor Film Festival* was held and winners were chosen from three categories – action, suspense, and comedy. 44 adults read books this summer for weekly drawings, and one reader won a Kindle Fire.



This wraps up our Summer Reading Special Edition for 2016. Thank you to all the libraries for working so hard to provide high quality, educational, and fun programs to your communities!