**Q&A with the Directors**

**Nate Coulter, Executive Director**

In November, the millage increase was passed; how are you using that extra money?

We were so pleased that the citizens of Little Rock entrusted CALS with approximately 2.4M annually of much-needed additional funds. We promised that the funds would be used to help pay our staff a living wage, to invest more heavily in digital services to address some of the deferred maintenance at some of our libraries. The pay raise notifications have already gone out to the staff, and they will realize those deserved increases in their first checks of 2022. Our collections department has started ordering more print and digital copies of popular titles. And with maintenance, we have allocated funding toward additional security monitoring at branches and started to spruce up Main so it can again be a fresh, inviting attraction that helps bring people downtown to our central library.

We spent 2021 putting a lot of things into motion and now 2022 is going to be a year of accelerating that progress. It will be an exciting year.

**Lisa Donovan, Deputy Executive Director of Library Operations and Director of Literacy & Learning**

What do you see happening at CALS in 2022 that will have the biggest impact on patrons?

The library has always been a place for everyone, but specifically with so many programs and services geared toward children and teens, we find families benefit the most. The past few years have been rough on families trying to juggle that work life balance while also surviving a pandemic. One of the biggest struggles that families have faced has been childcare while maintaining a job... This year we have started a series of day camps that will fall during times that students in the Little Rock School District are out of school but do not align with holidays where parents would have the day off from work. The first day camp took place January 4 at four of our branch locations. Upcoming camps include a one-day camp in February and a week-long camp during spring break. These camps will be provided at no cost and in addition to serving lunch and snacks, there will be a variety of educational programming to help keep the kids engaged.

This past year we conducted a study of the communities surrounding Children’s Library and really explored what those residents wanted to see out of their local library. Our surveys highlighted the importance of early childhood literacy so we will be making it a priority through a whole family literacy approach. We recently placed a new manager, Shya Washington, who was the manager of Nixon Library in Jacksonville. We’re excited to see how she and her outstanding staff make many of the dreams and wishes of the Children’s Library friends and neighbors a reality.

**Nathan James, Deputy Executive Director of Technology & Collection Innovation**

What are you most excited about that is happening at CALS in 2022?

We have always prided ourselves on staying on top of new technology. Last year we were able to both recognize the need for internet access and meet that in a number of ways.

This year we are focused on expanding our digital offerings; we will migrate to a new online catalog and fill in some gaps in our digital collection. We are now offering Vega Discover, a new online catalog, to our patrons and it will replace our current BiblioCommons catalog that will be deactivated later this year. We are working closely with the designers of Vega Discover and provide both our and patron feedback to help in the development of the catalog.

You’ll also see the return of two digital services we have previously offered: Hoopla and LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com).

Read their full responses at CALS.org.
FROM THE ARTIST: TIM JACOB

I began painting regularly in 2002 and use a technique I call “puddle painting.” It is watery, acrylic overlays of color, bordering on impressionism. The technique came to me after spilling coffee one morning. It is a slow process and allows me to play and have fun while painting. I also experiment with a palette knife in some portraits and Delta scenes.

Capturing light is the essence of art. Attempting to contrast both natural and artificial light is a constant theme in my cityscapes. For scenes at night and inside, I first paint my canvas black and then attempt to bring out light in each work. Although I’m far from a pluviophile, rainy night traffic is a favorite scene to paint, as the reflected light explodes from all angles.

Much of my work is of the Delta. The flat, desolate, stark countryside comes alive every spring and is unique to the Mid-South. It is a special place to me and, in many ways, a step back in history and lifestyle. The older water towers and the miles and miles of crop rows are typical of the slow-moving pace of life in the small towns of East Arkansas, Western Mississippi, and Northeast Louisiana.

I do not sign my work but instead hide the initials “JT” in each piece. It is a tribute to my son and daughter, Justin and Taylor. It started as a game when they were young, and I’ve continued it ever since.

My art has been shown in San Diego, CA; Nashville, TN; and all over Arkansas.

More information about the Galleries & Bookstore at Library Square on page 5.
Locations & Hours

LIBRARY SQUARE
100 Rock Street | Little Rock | 72201

Main Library
(501) 918-3000
Mon-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM

Ron Robinson Theater
Call for availability | (501) 320-5748

Rock It! Lab
(501) 320-5748
501 Makers & The Village | Mon-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM
The River Shop | Mon-Sat | 11 AM-6 PM

Bobby L. Roberts Library of Arkansas History & Art
Butler Center for Arkansas Studies Research Room
(501) 320-5700
Tue-Fri | 10 AM-5 PM | No Curbside
Bonus Saturdays Jan 8 and Jan 22, noon to 4 PM

The Galleries & Bookstore at Library Square
(inside Roberts Library)
(501) 320-5790
Tue-Sat | 10 AM-5 PM

CALS BRANCHES

Millie M. Brooks MicroLibrary
13024 Highway 365 South
Wrightsville | 72183 | (501) 537-3186
Tue/Thu | 9 AM-4:30 PM | Wed | 11:30 AM-4:30 PM | No Curbside

Dee Brown Library
6325 Baseline Road
Little Rock | 72209 | (501) 568-7494
Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Children’s Library & Learning Center
4800 West 10th Street
Little Rock | 72204 | (501) 978-3870
Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

John Gould Fletcher Library
823 North Buchanan Street
Little Rock | 72205 | (501) 663-5457
Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM

Maumelle Library
10 Lake Pointe Drive
Maumelle | 72113 | (501) 851-2551
Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

Sidney S. McMath Library
2100 John Barrow Road
Little Rock | 72204 | (501) 225-0066
Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

Max Milam Library
609 Aplin Avenue
Perryville | 72126 | (501) 889-2554
Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

Esther Dewitt Nixon Library
703 West Main Street
Jacksonville | 72076 | (501) 457-5038
Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

Oley E. Rooker Library
11 Otter Creek Court
Little Rock | 72210 | (501) 907-5991
Mon-Wed/Fri-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Thu | 9 AM-8 PM

Amy Sanders Library
10200 Johnson Drive
Sherwood | 72120 | (501) 835-7756
Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

Adolphine Fletcher Terry Library
2015 Napa Valley Drive
Little Rock | 72212 | (501) 228-0129
Mon | 9 AM-8 PM | Tue-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Sun | 1-5 PM

Roosevelt Thompson Library
38 Rahling Circle
Little Rock | 72223 | (501) 821-3060
Mon/Wed-Sat | 9 AM-6 PM | Tue | 9 AM-8 PM

Sue Cowan Williams Library
1800 Chester Street
Little Rock | 72206 | (501) 376-4282
Tue/Thu | 9 AM-8 PM | Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat | 9 AM-6 PM

Curbside Service is available unless otherwise noted. Hours are subject to change. Please check our website for the most current information, including holiday closures.
2ND FRIDAY ART NIGHT
FRI • JAN 14 • 5-8PM

**Featured Artist:** Tim Jacob (painter). More information about the artist on page 3 and online at www.cals.org/galleries/tim-jacob

**Featured Author:** Michael Hibblen signing copies of his book *Rock Island Railroad in Arkansas*

Art is available for purchase at the Galleries & Bookstore.
WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT (PASSIVE PROGRAM)
JAN 1-30 • ALL DAY
FLETCHER LIBRARY • IN-PERSON
TODDLERS/KIDS
RECURRING: DAILY • REGISTRATION: NO
An indoor scavenger hunt is waiting for you to come solve all of its puzzles! Children will find special hidden items, books, and other things whenever they visit.

INDOOR STORY WALK (PASSIVE PROGRAM)
JAN 1-30 • ALL DAY
FLETCHER LIBRARY • IN-PERSON
TODDLERS/KIDS
RECURRING: DAILY • REGISTRATION: NO
A story can be found around the library! Can you read all of the book?

APPOINTMENT STORYTIME
MON/WED • 10:30A
JAN 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31
MAIN LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • INFANTS/KIDS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Limited to 10 people. Join Mr. David for a good old-fashioned, but masked and socially distanced, storytime. Call the youth services desk to reserve your spot (501) 918-3050.

MAKER MONDAYS
MON • JAN 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 4P
MAIN LIBRARY • YOUTH SERVICES
IN-PERSON • KIDS/TWEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Every Monday we will do a craft together.

BACK PORCH STORYTIME
TUE • JAN 4, 11, 18, 25 • 10:30A
MILAM LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • AGES 2-5
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:
RIDDLE OF THE DAY
TUE • JAN 4, 11, 18, 25 • 4P
MAIN LIBRARY • YOUTH SERVICES
IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL • KIDS/TWEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Mr. David has some riddles for you. If you can guess them correctly on Facebook or in person, you win a prize from our prize box. Are you up for the challenge?

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
WED • JAN 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10:30A
MAUMELLE LIBRARY • IN-PERSON
INFANTS/TODDLERS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Join Miss Kathy every week for fingerplays, songs, and stories.

Program will be held in larger meeting room.
Registration will be capped at 5 families.
Each family will have a designated spot to sit to promote social distancing. Masks will be required for patrons 2 and up.

CREATIVE THURSDAY
THU • JAN 6, 13, 20, 27 • 4P
FB • VIRTUAL • ALL AGES
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Have an interest in creating? Join Natalee to learn basics about painting and working with different media while creating a work of art.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
FRI • JAN 7, 14, 21, 28 • 10A
MAIN LIBRARY • YOUTH SERVICES
IN-PERSON • KIDS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Welcome back, preschoolers! We will be hosting the return of our 3-5 year old preschool storytime this month! Mr. David is excited to welcome back storytime with stories, songs, and a take-home craft.

All programming will take place in the larger reading room instead of the closed program room. All attendees (children 2 and up and adults) must remain masked while in the building.
MOVIN’ AND GROOVIN’
WED • JAN 19 & 26 • 11:15AM
SANDERS LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • TODDLERS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Move to the beat and play with sensory toys.

CUT BOOKMARKS
THU • JAN 20 • 9A-7:30P
WILLIAMS LIBRARY • IN-PERSON
ADULTS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO
Drop in and make a bookmark using the library’s Cricut cutting machine. All supplies provided for this self-guided craft.

THE LIBRARY & U!
THU • JAN 20 • 10A
YT • VIRTUAL • INFANTS/TODDLERS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO
How to learn from mistakes, and some books on math!

PAPER AIRPLANE KIT
MON • JAN 10 • 4-5P
MCMATH LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO
Experiment with different ways to make paper airplanes. Which one will fly the farthest? Program will be offered both in person and as a grab and go kit.

PRE-K STORYTIMES
TUE • JAN 11, 18, 25 • 10:30A
MAUMLLE LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • AGES 3-5
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Join Miss Kathy every week for songs and stories. Jan. 11: “Polar Animals,” Jan. 18: “Ice & Snow,” and Jan. 25: “Dress Warm.” Program will be held in larger meeting room. Registration will be capped at 5 families. Each family will have a designated spot to sit to promote social distancing. Masks will be required for patrons 2 and up. Grab & go crafts will be available.

STORYTIME W/ MS. TERRY
WED • JAN 26 • 10A
YT • VIRTUAL • INFANTS/TODDLERS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Ms. Terry reads books about snow and shows how you can make snow at home!

POLAR BEAR PUPPET KIT
MON • JAN 24 • 4-5P
MCMATH LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO
Create a simple polar bear paper craft puppet. Program will be offered both in person and as a grab and go kit.

ARKANSAS SNOW DANCE
SAT • JAN 29 • 3P
MILAM LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • AGES 5-10
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES
Come and show us your best moves to bring on the snow with dancing outside the library, bubbles, crafts, and a snack.
Grab & Go

All grab & go activities are available while supplies last

**GRAB & GO ACTIVITY BAGS**
MON-SAT • JAN 1-31 • 9A-6P
NIXON LIBRARY • TODDLERS/TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

STEAM based activity bag for preschoolers and school age kids.

**A-O-K BAGS (ACT OF KINDNESS)**
SAT • JAN 1
MAIN LIBRARY • ALL AGES
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO

It’s a new year, and this month’s A-O-K bag is an act of kindness from us to you — come by the 2nd floor to pick up your grab & go bag and have coffee on us today! (Limited number available)

**TODDLERS/TEENS STEAM GRAB & GO**
MON-SAT • JAN 1-31 • 9A-6P
TODDLERS/TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

STEAM based activity bag for preschoolers and school-age kids.

**WEEKLY GRAB & GO BAGS**
JAN 3-31
MAIN LIBRARY • YOUTH SERVICES
TODDLERS/TWEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

A different bag every week.

**HOT CHOCOLATE STEM**
MON • JAN 3 • 3P
MCmath LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Explore how water temperature affects how fast hot chocolate mix dissolves. Then enjoy some cocoa!

**MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE**
MON • JAN 3 • 9A-6P
WILLIAMS LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

**GRAB & GO CRAFTS FOR KIDS**
MON-SAT
NEW CRAFTS: JAN 3, 10, 18, 24
TERRY LIBRARY • AGES 6-12
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

New craft every week.

**SNOWFLAKES!**
MON-SAT • JAN 3-8 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Learn how to create one-of-a-kind snowflakes.

**PRESCHOOL GRAB & GO CRAFTS**
MON-SAT
NEW CRAFTS: JAN 3, 10, 18, 24
TERRY LIBRARY • AGES 3-5
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

New craft every week.

**WINTER WORD SEARCH AND COLORING SHEETS**
WED • JAN 5 • 3-5P
ROOKER MICROLIBRARY • YOUTH

Grab & go winter word search and coloring sheets.

**GRAB & GO CRAFTS**
FRI • JAN 7, 14, 21, 28 • 9A
CHILDREN’S LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

Grab a new bag each Friday with all the supplies and directions to make a fun craft! January crafts will feature the season WINTER!

**PAPER PLATE SNOWMAN**
MON-SAT • JAN 10-15 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Self-directed storytime craft.

**WINTER ART**
MON-SAT • JAN 10-15 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Decorate a winter hat with resist art.

**TRIVIA**
MON • JAN 10 • 9A-6P
WILLIAMS LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

**PRESCHOOL GRAB & GO**
TUE • JAN 11, 18, 25
THOMPSON LIBRARY • TODDLERS/KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Grab & go activity with book suggestions designed for preschoolers.

**KIDS’ GRAB & GO**
TUE • JAN 11, 18, 25
THOMPSON LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Grab & go activity with book suggestions designed for kindergarten & elementary students.
GET TO KNOW GARY PAULSEN
TUE • JAN 11 • 9A
MILAM LIBRARY • AGES 7-12
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

From the frozen tundra in Hatchet to the wild west in the Tucket series, Gary Paulsen painted pictures with his words. Includes a book list and author activity.

MELTED SNOWMAN
WED • JAN 12 • 10A
MILAM LIBRARY • TEENS/ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Contains materials to create a melted snowman for tabletops or entryways.

CRYSTAL SNOWFLAKE CRAFT
WED • JAN 12 • 3-5P
ROOKER MICROLIBRARY • ADULTS/YOUTH

Crystal snowflake craft.

WINTER SKIES PAINTING KITS
MON • JAN 17 • 3P
MCMATH LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Learn to create a watercolor effect with washable markers and plastic bags.

SNOWY TREE
TUE-SAT • JAN 18-22 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Finger painting at its finest.

NATIONAL POPCORN DAY
WED • JAN 19 • 10A
MILAM LIBRARY • ALL AGES
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Includes a variety of items to encourage family movie night.

TRIVIA GAMES AND COCOA
WED • JAN 19 • 3-5P
ROOKER MICROLIBRARY • ADULTS/YOUTH

We'll play trivia games and enjoy hot cocoa.

PICK UP A PENGUIN CRAFT
MON-SAT • JAN 24-29 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Precious penguin craft to put together.

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY R. THOMPSON
FRI • JAN 28 • 9A-6P
THOMPSON LIBRARY • PASSIVE
IN-PERSON • ALL AGES
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Celebrate Roosevelt Thompson’s 60th birthday with grab & go birthday-themed activities.

GRAB & GO COCOA JARS
WED • JAN 26 • 3-5P
ROOKER MICROLIBRARY • ADULTS/YOUTH

Pick up the supplies to make cocoa at home.

WINTER WARM UP
WED • JAN 26 • 10A
MILAM LIBRARY • TEENS/ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Create hot cocoa gifts for family and friends.

GROUND HOG FINGER PUPPET
MON-SAT • JAN 31-FEB 5 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • KIDS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Take & make a finger puppet for Ground Hog Day on February 2.

Meal Schedule
Two meals are served on Saturdays.

CHILDREN’S LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

MAIN LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

NIXON LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

TERRY LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

DEE BROWN LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 2:45-4:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

MAUMELLE LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

ROOKER LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

WILLIAMS LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 3:30-4:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P

FLETCHER LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 4-5:30P

MCMATH LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 12-1P

SANDERS LIBRARY
MON-FRI • 4-5:30P | SAT • 11A-12:30P
Teen programs

CAFÉ OLÉ
MON • JAN 3, 10, 24, 31 • 3:30P
IN-PERSON • MAUMELLE LIBRARY
TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Teens and tweens grades 6-12 can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere to visit and de-stress after school, get homework done, and socialize. Snacks will be available starting at 4pm through Be Mighty. Free, no registration required.
Program will be held in the larger meeting room. Tables and chairs will be set-up to promote social distancing. A limit of 10 people will be allowed in the meeting room at any given time. Masks are required for patrons 2 and up. Be Mighty meals will be taken outside to eat.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
FRI • JAN 7, 14, 21, 28 • 4-5:30P
IN-PERSON • SANDERS LIBRARY • AGES 12-18
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Dungeons & Dragons is a tabletop role-playing game using pen, paper, dice, and your imagination. Spots are limited so make sure to register by emailing Emery Johnson at ejohnson@cals.org.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK OF THE WEEK
SAT • JAN 8, 15, 22, 29 • 12P
RECORDED • YT/FB • TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

CARDS & COMMUNITY
SAT • JAN 8 • 10:30A-12P
MAIN LIBRARY • CAFÉ, 1ST FLOOR
IN-PERSON • TEENS/ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Central Arkansas Harm Reduction Project is by and for people impacted by the War on Drugs. This month’s community resource drop-in is Central Arkansas Harm Reduction Project. Come by the cafe on the 1st floor of Main Library for card games, and connect with the staff of CAHRP!

“BORED” GAMES
MON • JAN 10, 24, 31 • 4-5P
IN-PERSON • SANDERS LIBRARY • AGES 12-18
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Board games, card games, role-playing games, and more!

NINTENDO POWER HOUR
TUE/THU/FRI • 4-5P
JAN 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27 & 28
IN-PERSON • TWEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Play on one of the library’s Nintendo DS and 3DS and try to get the high score of the week on one of the mini arcade games!

MONDAY MANIA
MON • JAN 3, 10, 24 • 4P
IN-PERSON • WILLIAMS LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Stop by the library after school and have book chats, create crafts, play games, and nerd out.

TEEN TIME
TUE-FRI • JAN 5-28 • 4-5P
IN-PERSON • SANDERS LIBRARY • AGES 12-18
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

IT’S LIT: TEEN BOOK CLUB
WED • JAN 5, 19 • 4P
IN-PERSON • WILLIAMS LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Reading & review of The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas.

TEEN TRIVIA
THU • JAN 6, 13, 20, 27 • 4P
IN-PERSON • WILLIAMS LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

MONDAY MANIA
MON • JAN 3, 10, 24 • 4P
IN-PERSON • WILLIAMS LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

LET’S GET CREATIVE
TUE • JAN 11, 25 • 4P
IN-PERSON • WILLIAMS LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

YA CAFÉ BOOK CHAT
THU • JAN 20 • 4P
IN-PERSON • FLETCHER LIBRARY
PROGRAM ROOM • TEENS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Teens get together one evening a month to recommend books, movies, shows, and music. Bring a favorite book to this first meeting, and we’ll set a theme for the next.
Space is limited and masks are required. Sign up at the Fletcher Library to reserve your spot.

HISTORY’S MYSTERIES & CONSPIRACIES
FRI • JAN 28 • 2P
VIRTUAL • YT/IG • TEENS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Something rotten happened at Port Chatham in Alaska. Was it the workings of a mere man or were the people terrorized by a beast of mythological proportions?

BOARD GAME SWAP
SAT • JAN 29 • 1-3P
IN-PERSON • MCMATH LIBRARY • TWEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO
Mastered all of your board games? Trade one of your gently used games in for a new-to-you game. Limit of 2 games to trade. Don’t have anything to trade? Come anyway.
Grab & Go

All grab & go activities are available while supplies last

SOUP SCHOOL GRAB & GO
JAN 1-30
FLETCHER LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Pick up a starter kit and instructions for making a homemade soup. Supply is limited. Available for pick-up while supplies last.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS STARTER KITS
MAIN LIBRARY • LEVEL 4 • TEENS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

Not sure where to start with D&D? Check out these starter kits! Includes characters, maps, mini figures, and more.

ENVISIONING 2022
TUE • JAN 4
IN-PERSON • THOMPSON LIBRARY
TEENS/ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES

It’s a vision board party! Come share your plans and dreams for the year with others. Remaining supplies will be available as a grab & go.

STUDIO GHIBLI BOOKMARKS HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAYAO MIYAZAKI
WED • JAN 5
THOMPSON LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Turn cute Studio Ghibli stickers into magnetic bookmarks to celebrate Hayao Miyazaki’s birthday.

MUG MEAL MADNESS
FRI • JAN 7 • 3P
MCMATH LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Try a new mug meal recipe.

PAPER WEAVING WALL ART
WED • JAN 12 • 3P
MCMATH LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Pick up a kit to make paper weaving wall art.

TEEN SNACK TAKE & MAKE
WED • JAN 12, 26 • 4P
WILLIAMS LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: NO

WORLD CULTURE DAY: “SOUTH KOREA”
THU • JAN 13 • 10:30A
MAUMELLE LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Teens and tweens can pick up a themed bag that includes a craft, info sheet and a snack to learn more about a country or culture. National Korean American Day is 1/13/2022.

DARUMA DOLL RESOLUTION
THU • JAN 13
THOMPSON LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Make a Japanese Daruma doll to represent perseverance in achieving your New Year’s Resolution.

3-D SNOWFLAKE STAR
SAT • JAN 15 • 9A
ROOKER LIBRARY • TEENS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO

We have a fabulous 3D star kit for teens.

BREAK-IN BAGS
WED • JAN 19 • 3P
MCMATH LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Experience a mini escape room in a grab and go kit. Instead of breaking out, you have to solve puzzles to break in to the bag to get the goodies!

KOREAN DALGONA / PPOPGI CANDY (HONEYCOMB TOFFEE)
THU • JAN 20
THOMPSON LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

You don’t have to watch or play the Squid Game to enjoy making this simple Korean confection.

HANDWRITING DAY FUN
TUE • JAN 25 • 10A
RECORDED • FB • TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Miss Stef will demonstrate how to write your own signature and do calligraphy. Grab & go bags will be available so teens can follow along with the video. While supplies last.

CHINESE LUCKY ORNAMENT FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR
THU • JAN 27
THOMPSON LIBRARY • TWEENS/TEENS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO

Bring in the year of the Tiger by making a lucky Chinese ornament for the Lunar New Year.

SAVE the DATE:

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, CALS presents National Racial Healing Week events in partnership with Engage Arkansas. The workshops will be led by local artists and will be geared toward teens. Find out more by visiting cals.org/MLK.
Looking for a new job can be overwhelming, but we're here to help! Fill out a job assistance form online or at your local branch, then come by the 2nd Floor of Main Library for one-on-one assistance with your job search. For more information contact Bekah at rasmith@cals.org.

SABINE SCHMIDT AND DON HOUSE – REMOTE ACCESS: SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ARKANSAS

With their cameras and notebooks in hand, photographers Sabine Schmidt and Don House embarked on an ambitious project to document the libraries committed to serving Arkansas's smallest communities. Their book, Remote Access: Small Public Libraries in Arkansas, is the culmination of this fascinating three-year effort, which took the artists to every region of their home state.

ADULT ACTIVITY TIME

We have a variety of games you can come in to play. We will provide hand sanitizer. Tables and chairs will be set-up to allow for social distancing. Wearing a face mask is required.

PAGE TURNERS

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. Members read a single book for discussion at the meeting. Contact Ginann Swindle at gswindle@cals.org for more information.

FIDDLESTICKS

All needlecrafts and skill levels are welcome.

DIY SUGAR SCRUB TUTORIAL

Learn how to make your own sugar scrub for your hands!

MEDITATION AT MAIN ONLINE

Cory Jones of Compassion Works for All leads us in a guided meditation on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month.

FINDING FAMILY FACTS

Participants will learn how to use online databases and city directories, as well as how to archive family documents. Jump-start your genealogy research with this fun and creative way to learn about the past.

FILM FOR HOPE AND HEALING: BREAKING BOUNDARIES–THE SCIENCE OF OUR PLANET

A free film screening of Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet, narrated by Sir David Attenborough. The 75-minute film takes the audience on a journey of discovery of planetary thresholds we must not exceed, not just for the stability of our planet, but for the future of humanity. It offers up the solutions we can and must put in place now if we are to protect Earth’s life support systems.

PODCAST WORKSHOP – PLANNING YOUR SHOW

Have an idea for a podcast? Learn what it takes to turn your idea into a reality while connecting with other future podcasters.

WHAT’S NEW IN 14 DAY

Try your hand at gel printing. Then use your prints for other paper crafts such as card making. Limited space.

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TRUE STORIES BOOK CLUB
THU • JAN 13 • 2-3P
NIXON LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
This book club reads non-fiction books including true crime, biographies/memoirs, self-help, current events, social sciences/politics. This month we will be discussing Sully: My Search for What Really Matters by Chesley Sullenberger. We will provide hand sanitizer. Tables and chairs will be set-up to allow for social distancing and face masks are required while in the library building. Please call (501) 457-5038 if you would like to participate in this program.

2ND FRIDAY ART NIGHT
FRI • JAN 14 • 5-8PM
ROBERTS LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Opening exhibition, continuing exhibitions on view, Featured Artist Tim Jacobs (painter), and Featured Author Michael Hibblen signing copies of his book Rock Island in Arkansas.

NIXON BOOK BUDDIES
THU • JAN 20 • 1-2P
NIXON LIBRARY • ZOOM • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
This book club reads fiction and non-fiction books. This month we will be discussing Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth. Please call (501) 457-5038 if you would like to participate in this program.

PAINT CLASS:
WINTER SCENERY
MON • JAN 24 • 3P
FB • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: NO
Learn how to paint a beautiful winter scene using acrylic paint.

BYOB CLUB
(BRING YOUR OWN BOOK)
MON • JAN 24 • 6-7:30P
FLETCHER LIBRARY • PROGRAM ROOM
IN-PERSON • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Welcome to the only book club where you can read whatever you want! In BYOB club, people bring books they have read that are related to the current theme and they think are worth sharing. This month’s theme is “Streaming Now,” the best books that have been turned into TV shows or movies! Space is limited and masks are required. Sign up at the Fletcher Library to reserve your spot. Part 1 of a 3-part series.

GEL PRINTING 2ND SESSION
TUE • JAN 25 • 12:30P
MILAM LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • ADULTS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
2nd gel printing session. Limited space.

BIRDS OF ARKANSAS
TUE • JAN 25 • 12P
ZOOM • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Learn about Arkansas’ birds from Dr. Dan “Bird Man” Scheiman of Audubon Arkansas. Over 400 species have been seen in Arkansas. This raises many questions. Why does Arkansas have such a diversity of birds? Is it possible to see all 400+ species? How can I see more species? Scheiman will explain it all. Link to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN_acaxyO1dSwiwKY8TrFBrDw

SHORT FORM: A SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP
TUE • JAN 25 • 6:30P
ZOOM • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Join us to discuss short stories every month. Register at https://usO2web. zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIuc-2rpz8oHNy5c7GthrEmVGIFCIWyaJ9s

EVENING BOOK CLUB
TUE • JAN 25 • 6:30-7:30 P
THOMPSON LIBRARY • IN-PERSON • ADULTS
RECURRING: MONTHLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Virtual book club discussing the immigrant experience of coming to America.

COMING TO AMERICA
BOOK CLUB
WED • JAN 26 • 12P
MAIN LIBRARY • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO
Virtual book club discussing the immigrant experience of coming to America.

LIONS AND WOLVES AND BEARS IN ARKANSAS
THU • JAN 27 • 6:30P
ZOOM/FB • VIRTUAL • ALL AGES
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES
Myron Means is the Large Carnivore Program Coordinator at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Join him and Lynn Foster for a presentation and discussion about the past, present, and future of bears and other large carnivores in the Natural State. Why was Arkansas known as the Bear State? What’s the origin of the town of Oil Trough’s name? How did black bears recover from almost being exterminated in Arkansas? What’s the life of a black bear like? Are mountain lions living in Arkansas? Is Arkansas involved in the attempts to save the red wolf from extinction? Learn the answers to these and many other questions.

LEARN A CHINESE RECIPE
FB • RECORDED • ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: NO
Learn how to make a Chinese recipe with CALS’S Mei Song.

BRAYER ANGELS:
ARKANSAS TABLE TALK
MON • JAN 31 • 6:30P
MAIN LIBRARY • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES
Braver Angels quarterly program wherein we will discuss political issues relevant to Arkansans using the listening/speaking skills taught by the Braver Angels Organization.

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SIX BRIDGES PRESENTS:
BRAD TAYLOR, END OF DAYS
THU • JAN 27 • 6:30-7:30P
ZOOM • VIRTUAL • ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES

Bestselling author Brad Taylor will speak about his new book, End of Days. Moderated by Steve Straessle.

About the Book: Taskforce operators Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill have been trapped in Charleston, South Carolina during COVID-19, so when Aaron and Shoshana show up on their doorstep with Israeli passports and a new mission, they jump at the chance to assist their friends. They suspect who might be responsible for the “accidental” deaths of key members of the American and Israeli governments. But something isn’t adding up, and Pike, Jennifer, and the two Mossad operators are determined to find the real assassins before more people are cut down.

About the Author: Taylor, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), is a 21-year veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry and Special Forces, including eight years with the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta, popularly known as Delta Force. He has written fifteen New York Times bestsellers. When not writing, he serves as a security consultant on asymmetric threats for various agencies.

Register at SixBridgesBookFestival.org
MEMOIR WORKSHOP
TUE • JAN 4 • 10-11:30A
VIRTUAL • ZOOM • ADULTS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
After you’ve written the first draft, what then? A good workshop group can help you figure out what about your draft needs improving, and the process of critiquing other writers helps you become a better writer yourself. Share your memoir-in-progress with other writers to give and receive encouragement, insight, and feedback in a safe and respectful environment. Contact dmoore@cals.org.

MEMOIR WRITING FOR SENIORS
WED • JAN 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10-11:30A
VIRTUAL • ZOOM • ADULTS
RECURRING: WEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
This ongoing class meets once each week and takes attendees aged 55+ through the steps of writing their own life stories. You’ll be given tools and techniques to help you learn to write regularly and productively. Everyone is welcome; no writing experience is required. Contact dmoore@cals.org.

CRAFT OF MEMOIR
TUE • JAN 11 • 10-11:30A
VIRTUAL • ZOOM • ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES
Designed for writers who are ready to take the next steps in crafting their memoir. Advanced topics will include scene, structure, characterization, voice, and more.

WRITING ALL YEAR WORKSHOP GROUP
SAT • JAN 15, 29 • 12-2P
VIRTUAL • ZOOM • ADULTS
RECURRING: BIWEEKLY • REGISTRATION: YES
Are you looking for a writing workshop group? Led by J. Jobe, Writing All Year is a place to share your work-in-progress with other writers. We meet twice a month to give and receive encouragement, insight, and feedback in a safe and respectful environment. Our objective: to improve the work with kindness and compassion. If this sounds like something you’ve been looking for, please join us. Free. All experience levels are welcome. Contact jjobe@cals.org.

JOURNALING FOR SONG WRITERS
SAT • JAN 22 • 2:30-4P
VIRTUAL • ZOOM • ADULTS
RECURRING: NO • REGISTRATION: YES
Journaling can be an important tool for songwriters. Join us as we share how and why to use journaling in your songwriting efforts.