

## *Spotlight on Learning*

### *Adelia M. Russell Library & Mamie's Place Newsletter*

318 Church Street, Alexander City, AL 35010 **Hours: 8:30-5:00 Monday-Friday; 9:00-1:00 Saturday**

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#### **From the Director:**

Adelia M. Russell Library and Mamie's Place Children's Library were awarded \$34,860 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and through the Alabama Public Library Service. This allowed us to acquire 28 new computers, making every computer in both libraries brand new.

The collaborative summer library program theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities." Remember to stop in and check out the events and programs that will be offered during the months of June and July! There is something for everyone!

Everyone is invited to meet and hear local author, Runas C. Powers, III, on May 11, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. He will present excerpts from his most recent book, *Some Dreams Never Die*, along with discussions from seven of his new plays.

To coincide with the City of Alexander City's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration and as a part of our summer programming, we have invited local author Peggy Walls to share her insights about Alexander City's past. She is the author of several books focusing on the area. Please join us for this event on July 12, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.

#### **Robert's Take: *From the Pen of Robert Bradford***

##### **Missing Yearbooks**

Recently, the library received a 1974 Alex City Junior College "Alexian" yearbook for our Alabama History Room. These are interesting and valuable publications, especially to those who do not have their actual copy and enjoy reminiscing about their school years. Although we have a large number of physical yearbooks we also have several missing from our collection and we would love to fill in those missing years. We welcome donations of physical copies for our Alabama History Room.

For example, the ACHS/BRHS "Echo" yearbooks missing from our collection include the following: We have no ACHS yearbooks prior to 1934; we are missing hard copies of 1937, 1939, 1940-43, 1949-1952, 1980, 1987, 1989, 1991-96, 1999-2014; and we do not have physical yearbooks after 2017.

Although yearbooks from the immediate Alexander City area have been referenced, we welcome donations of other area school yearbooks. If you have any questions concerning our collection or about possible donations, including any items related to Alexander City's 150th Anniversary, feel free to contact us.

As always, we thank you for your continued interest in the library and we look forward to hearing from you. Your support is greatly appreciated. Happy May!

### Recently Added DVDs



### Recently Added Audiobooks



**DVD Rentals**—For those who do not have Amazon Prime, Netflix, Roku, etc., you can check out physical DVDs at your local libraries. Checkouts are free of charge as long as you have an up-to-date and fine free library card. Also, you have a five-day checkout period. Call us at 256-329-6796 or 256-234-4644 if you have any questions.

**Free Medicare Education Classes:** The public is invited to Free Medicare Education Classes at Adelia M. Russell Library. The programs review the A, B, C & Ds of Medicare as well as explain costs, plan options (e.g. Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage Plans, Prescription Drug Plans), etc. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25th at 1:00 P.M. Contact Rick Durden at 256-749-3402 if you have questions.

### Mamie's Place Children's Library

2022 Summer Reading Challenge/Program: May 16, 2022 – July 22, 2022

The Summer Reading Program/Challenge is not a competition! It's called a challenge because you are challenging yourself to read while also being able to watch or attend different programs for FREE. You will also be able to make crafts. After you register, your name will be entered into weekly drawings every time you check out books (as long as the program is active). If you read and log 10 or more books you will receive an incentive/prize bag at the end of the program/challenge.

We at Mamie's Place Children's Library are planning fun programs and entertainment while taking all proper safety precautions. We *will* have live programs this year, e.g., an Animal Show, Magic show, etc. Our kickoff will be at 10:00 a.m. on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sportsplex gym and will feature live entertainment. The Finale will be at 10:00 a.m. on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sportsplex gym. The Finale will include bouncy houses, train rides, and more.

Summer Reading Registration will be May 16<sup>th</sup>–June 10<sup>th</sup>. (See registration options below.) There will be a Popsicle Registration Drive-Thru on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00—4:00 p.m. if weather permits. Participants who register on that day will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

To register via Computer: Go to <https://alexandercityal.beanstack.com/reader365> 1. Register or sign in if you already have an account from previous Challenges. 2. Click on the *2022 Summer Reading Challenge*. 3. Click *Join Challenge*. After your child reads his/her books, you may then click on *Log Reading*, next *Log Books*, type title and author, and last click on *Log*. (Note: All books that have been read must be logged into Beanstack to count towards the Challenge.)

To register via Smartphone: 1. Download the Beanstack app. 2. Click *Let's Go!* 3. Click on *School, Library*, or *Bookstore*. 4. Click *Find a Site*. 5. Type in *Adelia M. Russell Library* and search. 6. Click on *Adelia M. Russell*. 7. Sign up or sign in if you previously made an account. 8. Click on the *2022 Summer Reading Challenge*. 9. After your child reads his/her books, click on the + then click on the *Reading Log*, next search title or manually enter each title, and save. (Note: All books that have been read must be logged to count towards the Challenge.)