



# THE LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

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

AUGUST 2024

## FROM THE DIRECTOR by Amy Huff

Are we already planning for “Back-to-School”? Summer flew by and now it is time to prepare for a successful school year. As always, the library is here to help! One of the best resources to help elevate your school year is Learning Express. It can easily be found from the library’s website under “other helpful library links”. It provides skill-building resources for grades 4-8, classroom and homework success for high school students, and as an aid for college students to prep for their undergrad goals and future success.

All of this and more is made conveniently accessible from our website. Some other great resources are the career prep, high school equivalency center, college admissions test preparations, core skills for adults, and a computer skills center.

If you need help this fall or anytime, the library is available to help make your school year a great one!

## ROBERT’S TAKE from the Pen of Robert Bradford

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, remember, there is a great resource available through your public library to get help with your Homework. The site is Homework Alabama and can be reached by simply going to the library website. Once on the site, click Helpful Links and then select Homework Alabama. There are screened and qualified tutors available for one-on-one sessions using a classroom whiteboard setting. You can chat with the tutor in the box on the right.

Homework Alabama can be accessed from virtually any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection while in the State of Alabama.

They don’t give you the answer but they do help you understand how they arrived at the answer.

We encourage our patrons to utilize Homework Alabama as well as the wide variety of other sites linked to our library web page.

Have a great Back to School!



AUGUST 9TH IS  
NATIONAL  
**BOOK**  
LOVER’S DAY

## KATHRINE’S BLURB by Kathrine Ficquette

Hello again! Friendly neighborhood library assistant here wishing our younger readers a good school year! Don’t forget to use AVL on our website when it comes time for your first paper!

We have a great selection of DVDs and Audiobooks to check out by the way! We are always adding new ones to enjoy. Also, let us know if you have any requests; we are more than happy to take recommendations. Call or email us if you have any questions. That’s all for now, see you next month!

## MAMIE'S PLACE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge has ended. We are delighted that so many readers of all ages participated. We enjoyed a terrific summer. More than 175 kids signed up for Summer Reading and over 4,350 books were read. Also, during June and July we presented 12 programs with almost 1,000 participants. Our activities included Magic Shows, Games & Puzzles, Artistic Craft, Drawing Classes, Starshine Faces, and Animal Shows, just to name a few. Lastly, we celebrated the finale with Oxbow Reptile Show, Ernie's Hotdogs and Frost Bite Ice Cream. Over 300 participated in the Grand Finale.

We were thrilled to collaborate once again with Main Street Family Care for the Sun Festival Kids Fest Magic Show. Along with Main Street Family Care, we would like to thank Kim Dunn, Heritage Pediatrics and Woody Woodpecker Learning Center for sponsoring this event and McDonalds and Dairy Queen for providing dessert coupons. We would also like to thank Harbor Learning, Lake Martin Trailblazer and First Baptist Church as well as each and every one who helped make our Summer Reading Program a success. Adventure awaits—go find it at your library.



### 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 Saturday, August 24th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Rick Durden at 256-749-3402 if you have questions.

## NEW MEDIA



### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7th – Mamie's Storytime Resumes at 10:00 a.m.

August 24th – Medicare Class at 10:00 a.m.

August 31st – Closed for Labor Day

September 2nd – Closed for Labor Day

318 Church Street, Alexander City, AL 35010

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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