



Adelia M. Russell Library & Mamie's Place Newsletter

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FROM THE DIRECTOR by Amy Huff

The South is known for distinctive accents and unique words. However, some words have near universal usage, even extending beyond the borders of the U.S. Examples of some of these unusual words include the following: Bamboozled -- Lollygag -- Skedaddle -- Flabbergasted -- Discombobulated -- Doohickey -- Shenanigans -- Thingamajig -- Cattywampus -- Whatchamacallit

Have you ever heard of these or used them in a sentence? Do you know what they mean? Yes, I've heard them all and more! Don't let the list make you feel flabbergasted and don't lollygag about coming to the library! There are definitely more words just like these. Perhaps you can start your own list. The library would be a great place to begin.

ROBERT'S TAKE from the Pen of Robert Bradford

One of the hidden gems at Adelia M. Russell Library is our Book Sale Room, which provides a great overall value. You can find anything from virtually brand-new hardbacks and paperbacks to older editions, including some classics. The hardbacks sell for \$.50 each and the paperbacks are \$.20 each. It is common to find selections by David Baldacci, Catherine Coulter, Robert B. Parker, Jayne Anne Krentz, Danielle Steel, and other popular authors. For the shopper's convenience, large print hardbacks and paperbacks are separated into distinct sections.

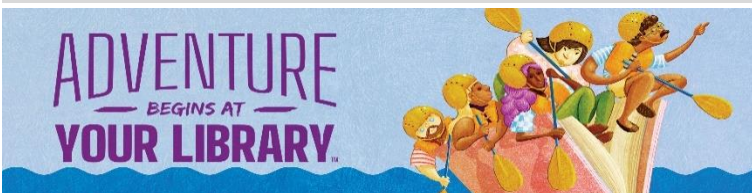
As an added bonus, we have a Free Books Cart that is either parked outside or sitting just inside the first door on the Ground Floor of Adelia M. Russell Library.

July 30th is Paperback Book Day and a considerable number of paperbacks can be found in our Book Sale Room. We invite you to come check out all of our used books in July for hot bargains!



KATHRINE'S BLURB by Kathrine Ficquette

Hello again! This is your friendly neighborhood library assistant hoping you stay cool this hot summer! Not much here to blurb so enjoy a cool fact! July is typically the period of time where the "dog days of summer" begins. Historically they were observed within Ancient Roman and Greek astrology and were connected with bad luck, mad dog attacks, unexpected thunderstorms, heat, and drought. They gained their name as "dog days" as they were connected with the star Sirius, which is part of the Canis Major (Greater Dog) star system. Nowadays, "the dog days" refers to when the hottest days of summer begin. So, survive these "dog days" by staying cool at the library or at home with a book! See you next month!



MAMIE'S PLACE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Libraries play a big role in preventing the summer slide by offering programs that incentivize reading. While some patrons tell us how much they enjoy the programs, others describe the excitement of reading a certain number of books and getting to choose a prize. Programming is a critical aspect of a summer reading program. It also creates opportunities to reach out to children and families we may not normally see during the school year.

Programs are also a great way to offer something fun and free for everyone in the community. Ideally, this fosters positive library experiences that influence individuals for years to come. As library employees, it brings us great joy when we see folks relaxing, smiling, and having fun. It totally makes it all worth the effort.

MISTY'S MUSINGS by Misty Brown

July 31st is not only the birthday of the famous fictional character, Harry Potter, but also of author J.K. Rowling. Rowling's extraordinary fantasy series about the adventures of the young wizard at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry has become an iconic cultural phenomenon. Due to the success of the "Harry Potter" series, Rowling has become one of the most popular authors in the last decade. Although I have not personally read all of the Harry Potter books, I have seen all the movie adaptations which made a significant impact on the film industry. Rowling didn't just make a story; she created a complete universe which you can actually visit at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando Resort. I have been and I can attest it is a magical place--except for the nasty concoction called Butterbeer. Here's to another year of magic, wonder and adventure for Harry Potter and J.K. Rowling!

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, July 27th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Rick Durden at 256-749-3402 if you have questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1st – Credit Workshop at 1:00

July 4th - 6th – Closed

July 25th – Summer Reading Finale

July 27th – Medicare Class at 10:00

** Check our website and social media for Summer Reading Programs and Activities

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