



THE LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Adelia M. Russell Library & Mamie's Place Newsletter

JUNE 2024

FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Amy Huff

Not to steal Robert's thunder, audiobooks are my jam! With the busyness of everyday life, an audiobook helps me stay attuned to my endless reading lists. There is always a best-seller, a classic, a biography, or an old favorite to listen to during my commute each day. Libby is, of course, the eBook/audiobook app that puts thousands of choices at my fingertips 24/7. Listening while exercising, completing chores, or relaxing by the pool has made Libby and me fast friends! Check out our physical or digital collection today. When you can't find the time to read, you can always listen.



ROBERT'S TAKE

From the Pen of Robert Bradford

Audiobook Month celebrations start on June 1st. The goal is to increase awareness and usage of the audiobook format. Thomas Edison invented the first phonograph book. Although his recordings were not suitable for long literary works, the advent of cassettes, and later, CDs made the format more practical.

Libraries account for about 40% of audiobooks. This includes physical and digital formats. Overdrive, which can be accessed via the Libby app, offers a wide selection. We also maintain physical audiobooks for patrons who prefer that technology. For example, a recent Midwest Tape order included eleven physical audiobooks. As with books, DVDs, etc., we sometimes receive specific requests and we strive to honor them. One example is *An Unfinished Murder*, a physical audiobook included on the recent order.

Although the physical segment of the audiobook industry has declined, overall e-audio/audiobook industry sales are booming. For example, from 2011 to 2021 the share of U.S. adults who listen to audiobooks (digital or physical) grew by over 100%.

We invite you to become a part of the growing number of audiobook users as we celebrate Audiobook Month. With both physical audiobooks and access to over 5,000 downloadable books, we offer a wide range of selections for all tastes. We encourage you to read or listen to a book (or books) in June!

KATHRINE'S BLURB

by Kathrine Ficquette

Hello again! Your friendly neighborhood library assistant here to kick off the Summer Reading Program with you! I'll be holding a Kid's Drawing Class this month on Tuesday the 11th from 1-3:00 p.m.! We will be covering the very basic fundamentals of drawing with pencils with an age range suitable for those 6-18 years old. Call us at (256) 409-7015 or email us at amr1@alexandercityal.gov. I look forward to seeing everyone! That's all for now, see you next month!

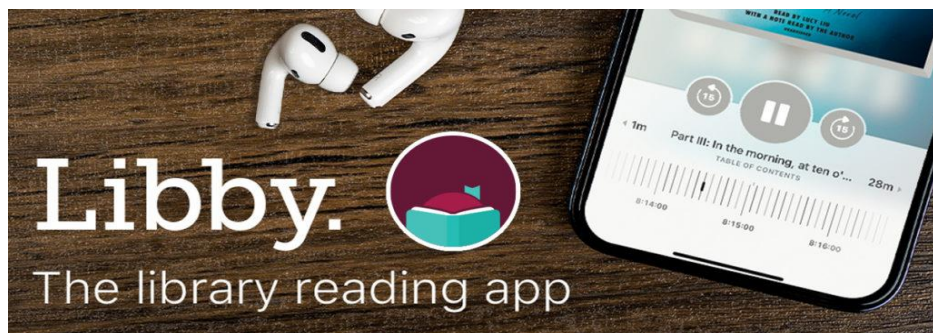


MAMIE'S PLACE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

This year's library theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and includes the celebration of adventure, travel, and trying new things. We hope you will join us for the Summer Reading Kick-Off at 10:00 A.M., Monday, June 3rd at the Eva Fuller Community Center, which is located at 1685 Arena Road, at the Charles E. Bailey Sportplex in Alexander City. Ventriloquist Gene Cordova will be our performer. You can pick up information about our summer reading challenge and upcoming events as we look forward to another exciting summer.

WHAT THE TECH by Misty Brown

Whenever you browse the Web, your computer faces different threats, including viruses, malware, and spyware. The good news is your web browser has a lot of built-in security features to help protect your computer. It is important to update your browser regularly. Your browser will usually notify you when it has an update available, and some automatically apply the update, but you always have the option to update manually. Without these regular security patches, you'll end up using a browser that's vulnerable to attack. A malicious website you open could potentially compromise your browser and install malware on your PC—just by opening the website.



FREE MEDICARE EDUCATION CLASSES

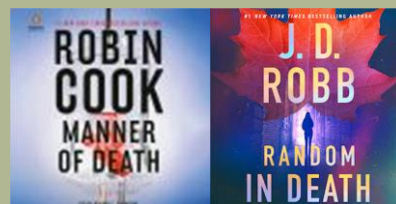
The public is invited to Free Medicare Education Classes at Adelia M. Russell Library. The programs review the A, B, C & Ds of Medicare as well as explain costs, plan options (e.g. Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage Plans, Prescription Drug Plans), etc. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a meeting on June 29th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Rick Durden at 256-749-3402 if you have questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1st – Medicare Class at 10:00 a.m.
- June 3rd – Summer Reading Kick-off at 10:00 a.m.
- June 11th – Kid's Drawing Class at 1:00 p.m.
- June 29th – Medicare Class at 10:00 a.m.

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

NEW MEDIA



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