



Adelia M. Russell Library & Mamie's Place Newsletter

MAY 2024

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Amy Huff

It is speculated that "May" is named after the Roman goddess Maia or is derived from the Latin maiores, "elders". Whatever the case may be, when one thinks about May many special days come to mind. Examples include May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, National Maritime Day, and Memorial Day. There are other "just for fun" days like "World Tuna Day", "Dance Like a Chicken Day", and "No Socks Day" for laughs. But one, in particular, that's important to us is "Get Caught Reading"! Libraries celebrate "Get Caught Reading" the whole month.

Hopefully, we can catch you "reading" during May. Remember, May is also when Summer Reading registration begins! Beginning May 13 all ages can register to participate in our awesome summer reading program *Adventure Begins at Your Library!* This can be done through the Beanstack App or in person at Mamie's Place Children's Library and Adelia M. Russell Library. Happy Reading!

ROBERT'S TAKE

Robert Bradford

We strive to provide our patrons with the most popular selections available. At this time, we have 87% of the top 15 Fiction books listed in the *The New York Times* as well as 40% of the *Times'* Non-Fiction Bestsellers. Fiction dominates our checkouts, so let's look at a few of *Times'* best sellers in our collection for the week of April 28, 2024.

The Familiar, by best-selling author Leigh Bardugo, is described as a spellbinding novel set in the Spanish Golden Age. This book comes in at #2 on the list. *Toxic Prey*, by consistent favorite John Sandford, is #4 on the list. It features a dangerous scientist whose latest project could endanger the entire world. Lucas Davenport teams up with his daughter to track him down. At #6 we have Amor Towles' *Table for Two*, a sharp-edged satire deceptively wrapped like a box of Neuhaus chocolates. Finally, we have Megan Miranda's *Daughter of Mine*, a psychological thriller where the secrets of Mirror Lake are coming to the surface and changing everything.

You can stop by, call, or check online to see if these or other books of interest are available. The library is here for you! Come see us in May!



KATHRINE'S BLURB

Kathrine Ficquette

Hello again! This is your friendly neighborhood library assistant here to wish you a happy Mother's Day! Good news! Drawing classes will be held again this month but will be focused more for adults. There will be two back to back classes in May starting on the 8th at 1-3:00 pm. In order to sign up: walk in, call, or email us! Spots are limited and will disappear fast. Don't worry, there will be more art classes in the future and for younger ages in June and July for our Summer Reading Program! Look forward to more! That's all for now, see you next month!

NEW MOVIES



MAMIE'S PLACE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Mamie's Place Children's Library invites you to join the 2024 "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Challenge for all ages. If your child reads 10 or more books they will receive an incentive prize bag. After registration, your child's name will be entered into a weekly drawing every time they check out books.

Registration begins May 13 and ends June 8 and can be completed on the computer at: <https://alexandercityal.beanstack.com/reader365> or by downloading the Beanstack app to your smartphone. There is also an offline reader option. Come to Mamie's Place Children's Library to fill out an offline reader form and receive a reading log sheet.

We hope you can join us for some of the fun programs and entertainment! Remember, you do not have to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge to attend the FREE programs at Mamie's.

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NEW AUDIOBOOKS



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. **NOTE: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, 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

- May 8th – Adult Drawing Class
- May 12th – Mother's Day
- May 25th – Closed for Memorial Day
- May 27th – Closed for Memorial Day
- Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. – Storytime at Mamie's Place

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