

Free Spring Break Art Classes held with ACANSA at both branches

Laman Library partners with ACANSA for Free Kids' Workshops at both branches during March 19 to 23. Children of all ages are invited to 2 p.m. art classes at the Argenta Branch with Collage on March 19, Rock Painting on March 20, The Painted Pig on March 21, Jewelry

Making on March 22, and Card Making/Paper Crafting on March 23.

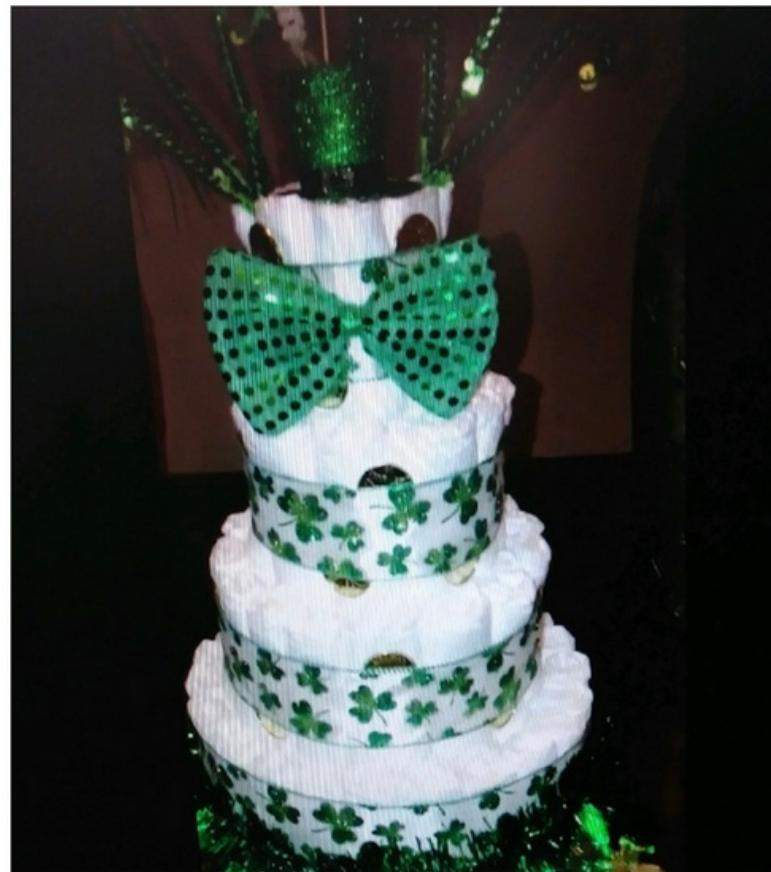
At the Main Branch, 4th- to 6th- and 7th- to 9th-graders cover a different theater art skill each day from 10 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday's class, sewing a costume tote bag, is open to

4th- to 12th-graders.

Seating is limited. Please call the (501) 687-1061 to register for Argenta Branch classes and (501) 758-1720 to register for Main Branch classes, or online registration is available under the events & programs/calendar tab at www.lamanlibrary.org.

Door prizes, information given to parents in Lucky Baby Fair



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**Library System
Closed**

for Staff Training

Monday, March 26

Tuesday, March 27

The Laman Library Lucky Baby Fair at the Main Branch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 17 provides new and expectant parents free information about baby and toddler health and social services in Central Arkansas.

Local organizations will cover

breastfeeding, nutritional resources, midwife/Douala services, and healthcare needs. Door prizes, including a diaper cake, Kindle Fires, gift baskets for St. Patrick's Day and Easter, and product samples, will be awarded as well.

'Celebrate Calm' duo speak to public, library staff

We're partnering with the North Little Rock School District to bring Kirk and Casey Martin, the father/son duo of Celebrate Calm from North Carolina, for staff training and a local public appearance.

The event for pre-K- to 12th-grade families is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 27 in the NLR Middle School Auditorium.

"Parenting is hard and it seems like now even harder," said Julie Drake, the NLRSD parent involvement coordinator. "Anything we can do to help our families with their students is important. We want our students to be great academically,

but we also want their family to be a part of their education process and their homes to be happy."

Both library branches close March 26 and 27 for staff training focused on "Communicating Community." The Martins give the opening address, as well as a workshop with our Youth Services teams.

They plan to provide concrete, practical strategies to improve children's focus, attention, impulse control, organization, grades, and social skills.

"Each of our presentations will be customized to meet the specific needs of key stakeholders--so that

adults know exactly how to help children succeed, whether it's in a classroom, library, or living room," said Kirk Martin. "We will be answering specific questions from each audience and are excited about the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the community."

"The presentations are all about relationships, so families, professionals, young adults, and really anyone will be able to relate and walk away with some different ways to handle different behaviors, patterns, and conflicts in the home, personally, or professionally with people of all ages," he said.

Argenta Branch Author Talks feature Cecelia Wilson, Edith Rupke with story of trek through war-torn Germany

"Karl-Heinz and I became true partners in crime that day," reads the opening line of Cecelia Wilson's *Back to Bremen*, an inspiring true story of a mother's journey to save her children in the ruins of the Third Reich.

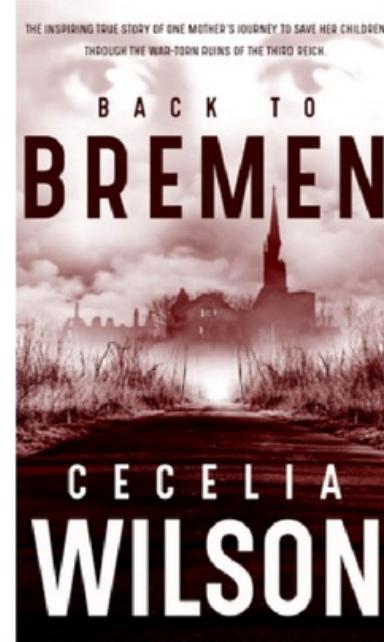
"I was nine, Karl-Heinz had just turned twelve, and we were both old enough to know we would be in trouble," according to the tale.

Seen through Edith Rupke's eyes as a child and her memories 70 years later, the book is of her mother and siblings' nine-week trek through war-torn Germany.

Her mother, "Marta Ropke was not a large woman and she had

never been the disciplinarian in our family, but the war had forged in our mother a steely resolve to see that her family was kept intact. She had preached "*always stay together*" to all of us so often that it was imprinted in our minds. And keeping seven children together during the length of the war without the help of my oldest brother, Gunter, and my father, Diedrech, had been quite a task," the story continues.

Meet Edith Rupke and author Cecelia Wilson at the Argenta Branch for an Author Reading and Discussion at 1 p.m. March 8 and Books and Brunch at 10 a.m. March 17.



Drivers practice for test

Nearly half of all people fail the DMV written test the first time they take it, according to Driving-Tests.org. The organization believes they can increase your likelihood of passing the driving test by 73 percent.

In a nationwide survey of over 500 visitors to the DMV, 85 percent of those who took Driving-Tests.org practice tests passed the DMV test as compared with 49 percent of test takers across the country.

Take every sample learner's permit and driver's license practice test for free through www.lamanlibrary.org as many times as you like.



[Click here for the Arkansas DMV Practice Tests](#)

Three new Little Free Libraries in place, reaching more people for neighborhood book exchange

Caleb Dedman, our Main Branch Adult Services shelf-reading coordinator, stocked the new Little



Free Library (LFL) at Burns Park for the first time on Feb. 8. Caleb, Anita Dollar, Main Branch home-bound coordinator, and Shelbie Reed, Main Branch library assistant, maintain LFLs at the City Services Building, 120 Main St., Lakewood Property Owners' Association, 4500 Lakeshore Dr., near the rocket slide at Burns Park, and other new ones (shown bottom left) at Tipton & Hurst Florist on Fairway Avenue and (shown bottom right) Levy church of Christ, at 5124 Camp Robinson Road.



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Be open-minded. Ask questions.

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Haunted by You: New works by Michael Shaeffer

Meet the artist at the Argenta Branch opening ArtWalk reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on March 16. The abstract oil and mixed media exhibit continues through April 14, and, as always, admission is free.



[Click here for more Argenta Branch Adult Services events](#)

Kids' calendar set for fun learning

**Thursdays starting
March**

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Preschool

**It's Story
TiME**

Argenta Branch at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday

**Exploring
Scandinavia**



Main Branch Homeschool Group begins a new session Thursdays at 1 p.m.

**creation
Station**
DIY Studio

Main Branch crafting fun at 4 p.m. every Thursday

Mondays starting

March

5



**Main Branch
Music & Movement**
10:30 a.m. today, March 12, and March 19



Lego Fun

Argenta Branch - Jumbo Legos
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. today, March 12, and March 19

Main Branch - Lego Lab
4 p.m. today and March 12

Argenta Branch

Spirograph Drawing



Stop by at 3:30 p.m. today and March 12

Tuesdays starting

March **6**

Preschool

**It's Story
TiME**

Main Branch at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday

Argenta Branch

Rock Painting



Today and March 13 at 3:30 p.m.; preregistration needed for 2 p.m. session March 20



**Main Branch
Terrific Tuesday**

Games/crafts at 4 p.m. today, March 13, and March 20

**Wednesdays
starting
March** **7**

Preschool

**It's Story
TiME Baby**
**It's Story
TiME**

Main Branch at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Video Games

Main Branch at 4 p.m. every Wednesday

March **7**

Argenta Twister

Fun at 3:30 p.m.

March **Argenta**

Branch

Car Racing

Stop by at 3:30 p.m. today and March 28

March

**Tail-Waggin'
Tutors**

Argenta Branch at 4 p.m.

March

19

March

16



Main Branch at 4 p.m.

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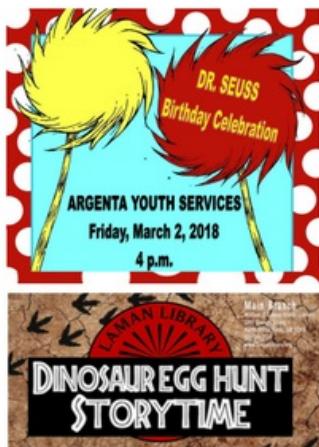
[Click here for more Argenta Branch Youth Services events](#)

Children celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Easter

Argenta Branch

The Cat in the Hat, Thing One, and Thing Two invite kids of all ages to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with stories, games, and refreshments at the Argenta Branch Library at 4 p.m. on March 2.

Also, photo ops abound when children meet the Easter Bunny and pose for a free photo at 4 p.m. on March 30.



Main Branch

With stories, games and refreshments, the Main Branch Family Night promises to be Dr. Seuss-ish-fun for everyone at 6 p.m. on March 8.

We're hosting special Dinosaur Egg Hunt Storytimes at 10:30 a.m. on March 28 and again at 4 p.m. on March 29.



DIY Scrapbook Paper Coasters

Supplies provided free for ages 18+

Main Branch at 1 p.m. on March 20

Register before May 17: (501) 758-1720



Preregister by March 12: on our calendar at www.lamanlibrary.org, in-house, or by calling (501) 758-1720



April Events

Main Branch Spring

Gardening Festival from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 7

With plant/seed swap

Delta Rivers Nature Center owls at 11 a.m.

Kids and DIY activities

Q & A with Master Gardeners

Free hot dogs from 12 - 1 p.m.

[Click here for more Main Branch Adult Services events](#)



Join us for Free Movies

Wonder Woman

PG-13 at the Argenta Branch at 1 p.m. March 12

Lego Batman

PG at the Argenta Branch at 1 p.m. March 19

Treat yourself or make as a gift

Cucumber Mint Sugar Scrub

Thursday, March 15 @ 11:30 a.m. Room 126

Supplies provided
**Register at the
Main Branch by
Tuesday, March 13**

She is the Lorax...

Marilyn Willis, our community engagement librarian, read *The Lorax* to second-graders at Indian Hills Elementary on March 1.

She was looking forward to visiting Amboy Elementary as Cat in the Hat in the afternoon and plans to present at Meadow Park and Glenview schools next week.

Marilyn also takes library programming to daycares, community centers, care facilities, civic groups, and businesses.



Teens explore Tech March 5-8

The Main Branch Teen Center highlights technical skills at 4 p.m. during Teen Tech Week, March 5 to 8. The week kicks off with BrushBot Battles on Monday, Coding with Finch on Tuesday, Video Gaming on Wednesday, and Shark Tank: App Edition on Thursday.

Teens turn their favorite characters and symbols into pixel-art magnets and key chains at 4 p.m. on March 13, and they make pinch-proof necklaces for St Patrick's Day at 4 p.m. on March 15.

In conjunction with ACANSA, the Main Branch hosts free theater arts classes for 4th- to 6th-graders and 7th- to 9th-graders from 10 a.m. to noon during Spring Break.

Call (501) 758-1720 to register. Students in grades 4-12 are invited to register for the free tote bag sewing class on Tuesday, March 20.



Treasure is up for grabs with a Nerd Night: Ready Player One scavenger hunt at 4 p.m. on March 29.

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