

# 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](http://www.lamanlibrary.org).

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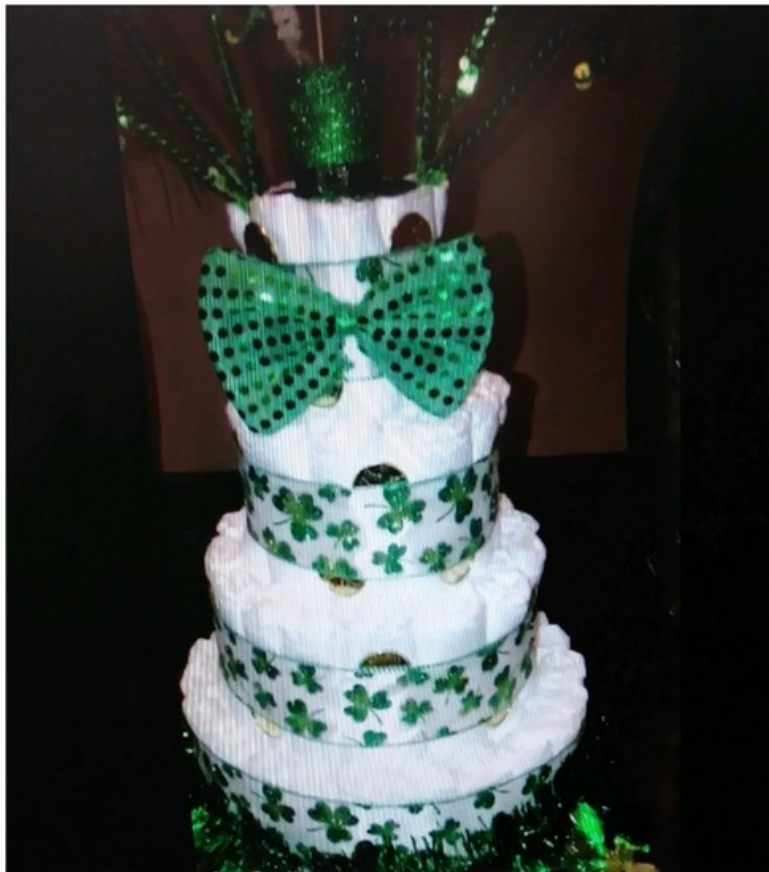
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**Free Movies**

**Library System Closed**

**for Staff Training  
Monday, March 26  
Tuesday, March 27**

## Door prizes, information given to parents in Lucky Baby Fair



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](http://www.lamanlibrary.org) as many times as you like.

[Click here for the Arkansas DMV Practice Tests](http://www.lamanlibrary.org)

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

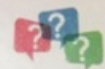
Caleb Dedman, our Main Branch Adult Services shelf-reading coordinator, stocked the new Little



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.



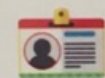
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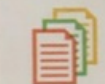
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## Haunted by You: New works by Michael Shaeffer

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

**1**

**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.



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 **14** Car Racing

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

**March**

## Tail-Waggin' Tutors **16**

Argenta Branch at 4 p.m.

**March**

**19**



Main Branch at 4 p.m.

[Click here for more Main Branch Children's events](#)  
[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

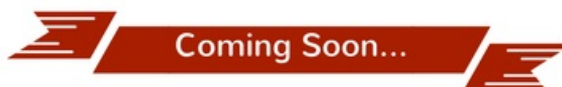
**Supplies provided free for ages 18+**

**Main Branch at 1 p.m. on March 20**

**Register before May 17: (501) 758-1720**



**Preregister by March 12: on our calender at [www.lamanlibrary.org](http://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



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.

Teens of all ages are welcome to register for the free Argenta Branch art classes at 2 p.m. with Collage on Monday, Rock Painting on Tuesday, The Painted Pig on Wednesday, Jewelry Making on Thursday, and Paper Art on Friday.



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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