

LIBRARY NEWS - MAY 2016

What's happening at your public library?



"Connecting people to the transformational power of knowledge and discovery"

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." — Walter Cronkite



SERVING SENIORS

If you've visited a Seniors Center in Dothan/Houston County recently, you may have seen the DHCLS Bookmobile staff schlepping some bulging blue bags of books in and out. This is our NEW **Seniors Sharing Book Program** which regularly rotates book collections between institutions and makes sure our community's Seniors who can't get to the library regularly have fresh and interesting titles to choose from. Keep those book donations coming. Some will end up really making a Senior's day.



NEW "Subject in A Box" Kits

Make Learning Fun for Kids

Looking for a convenient and hands-on approach to learning a new subject and increasing early literacy skills? DHCLS' new **Subject in a Box** kits are here. Our new kits will give parents, caregivers, and teachers the resources needed to engage with children the fun way, which will directly impact school preparedness and life long learning. Each kit will be thematic and will incorporate a variety of materials such as books, DVDs, CDs, board games, toys, flashcards, and crafts. Any DHCLS cardholder can check out up to 2 kits at a time and

can be kept for 3 weeks (no renewals).

This service is funded with help from the Alabama Public Library Service and the [Friends of the DothanHouston County Library System](#).



Helping with Low-Income Tax Prep

A "Libraries Transform" Story

Through the Library's partnership with AARP, qualifying patrons had access to tax preparation assistance this tax season. The staff of the AARP TaxAide program provided free tax preparation to over 200 residents of Dothan this year, assisting seniors and those with low to moderate income. Besides saving money on tax fees, the staff of Tax Aide helped filers navigate the paperwork for state and federal taxes, offering peace of mind to the overwhelmed. For the volunteers, this relief was the greatest reward for their work.



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Strategic Plan
2015 - 2020

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DHCLS' Strategy for the Future

2015-2020

In Dec 2015, the DHCLS Board of Trustees voted on an organizational vision for your Public Library's future. 6 main strategic goals were identified:

- Goal 1 - Reading is Fundamental
- Goal 2 - Access to Technology
- Goal 3 - Comfortable Spaces
- Goal 4 - Supporting Students
- Goal 5 - Children's Programs
- Goal 6 - Organizational Structure

Access the complete plan on our [website](#).

Enabling Aviation Careers

A "Young Eagles" Initiative

The Wiregrass Region has a strong aviation enthusiast community. When we were approached by representatives of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1358 who wanted to donate some funds to acquire some recommended materials that might

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Young Eagles Initiative
EAA Chapter 1358
"The Wiregrass Chapter"



get young people interested in an aviation career, we jumped at the chance. The project also gave us an opportunity to redesign our memorial book plate. If you or your organization would like to give a specific bequest for certain types of materials for us to purchase, please email us at dhcls@dhcls.org with a proposal.

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Learn more [HERE](#).



2016 DHCLS Summer Learning Challenge

On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!

Mark your calendars. Registration for the 2016 DHCLS Summer Learning Challenge begins on May 31st. Information on prizes and how to participate will be up on our [website](#) soon. Don't let your kids fall behind in September. Keep them reading and learning while school is out of session. Adults can even participate as well to set a good example. There is still time to donate to and/or sponsor this important program as well. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about supporting Summer Learning.

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