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VOLUNTEER

We're very excited to offer several opportunities for our adults, families, and teens to volunteer here at the Bentonville Public Library.

We believe that all members of a community working together, sharing time and talent, can make a big difference in the quality of library services we have to offer our growing area.

Call Paula at 271-3192 for details.



**Check one out
now @ BPL!**

Bentonville Public Library Presents...

National Library Card Sign Up Month September Newsletter

September is Library Card Sign-up Month – a time when the American Library Association, the Bentonville Public Library, and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.



Activities at the Bentonville Public Library during Library Card Sign-up Month include storytimes, crafts, movies, a magic show, after-school activities, book discussion groups, an educator's workshop, teen programs and more!

In addition to celebrating September with entertaining events and giveaways for new library card registrants, Bentonville Public Library is also featuring book recommendations from library staff, Mayor McCaslin and City Council members Mary Baggett and Shane Perry. "Library staff and City leaders are readers! We value the importance of reading and we appreciate our public library. Sharing our book recommendations with our community is an enjoyable way to demonstrate these values," explains Library Director, Hadi Dudley. **Check out a staff favorite!**

Selection of Staff Favs

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
Left Behind by Tim LaHaye & Jerry Jenkins
The Life of Pi by Yann Martel
Marley & Me by John Gorgan
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Bridget Jones's Diary by Helen Fielding
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
The Unknown Ajax by Georgette Heyer
The Mysterious Island by Jules Verne
Firestar's Quest by Erin Hunter
The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax by Dorothy Gilman
The African Queen by C. S. Forester
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
The Hidden City by David Eddings
Plum Lovin' by Janet Evanovich
Persuader by Lee Child
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski
Shiver by Lisa Jackson
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
All Over But the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg
Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hammer of God by Arthur C. Clarke
Twilight series by Stephanie Meyer

A few words from the Library Director

What a fun summer for kids & adults @ BPL!

- 524 children read 10,947 hours!
- More than 4,400 people attended our summer programs.
- Over 100,000 items were checked out.
- Our first-ever adult summer reading program was fun for those who participated—we enlisted 36 readers, who read more than 150 books!

Special thanks to Arkansas State Library, Borders, City of Bentonville, Crystal Bridges, Downtown Bentonville, Inc., Friends of the Library, KFTA Fox 24, KNWA TV 51, Northwest Arkansas Naturals, Walton Arts Center & our wonderful volunteers.



Staff Spotlight...

Meet Hadi!



- Hadi was born and raised in a small farming community in Northeast Arkansas; she moved here 11 years ago and now calls Bentonville home.
- Hadi has worked for the Library for 7 years.
- Her favorite aspect of working @ BPL is serving our community.
- When she is not working at the library, Hadi enjoys spending time with her family and friends.
- She has three dogs and four horses. On weekends, she likes to trail ride, go camping & cheer on the Razorbacks.
- One of Hadi's favorite books is *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros.

Adult Poetry Workshop—September 19, 2009 @ 1:00

Anthony Don Brown is 34 years old and has a great love for poetry. Tony has entered several contests and won a poetry jam that was held at the Bentonville Square this year.

He reads constantly and spends much of his time researching and learning more about poetry. Anthony was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy as a child and has explored many avenues to get past the discouragement that he faces daily. He finds that writing and reading poetry helps him cope with his frustrations and celebrate his triumphs.

Please join us for a poetry workshop with Tony on September 19 at 1:00. You don't have to be a published writer, just bring your enthusiasm and a love for poetry. Tony will be reading some selections from his own work as well as leading some writing exercises. Call Heather at 271-5976 for details.

BPL Adult Book Discussion Group

Join us on Monday, October 5th at 6:30 or Tuesday, October 6th at 1:00 in the Library Fireplace Room

***Animal Farm* by George Orwell:** The animals burn all reminders of their former bondage but agree to preserve the farmhouse “as a museum.” Snowball changes the name of the farm to “Animal Farm” and comes up with Seven Commandments, which are to form the basis of Animalism. This book will be able to be checked out on our “always available” downloadable audiobooks from BLP’s LIBRARY 2 GO. This item can be checked out at any time anywhere by an infinite amount of people.

