June & July 2022

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Discover more than what's on the shelves at the Saline County Library.



NOW OPEN: The Nature Play Space in Benton is now open! Learn more about it in the Letter from the Director on page 1.



In this month's issue:

- Summer Reading 2022 events
- Prizes you can win for reaching your reading goals
- Staff book review





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Letter from the **Director**

We had our Nature Play Space Ribbon Cutting on May 11th and were joined by many members of the community. Former Youth Services Manager, Sarah Beth Lesko, worked very hard to obtain grants, research the ins and outs of a Nature Play Space, and get sponsorships. After she left, the Youth Services team took it upon themselves to continue her work.

We want to recognize the following people for their contributions to this space:

- · A Caddie's Touch
- Clint Edwards
 Excavations and
 Hauling
- · Delta Kappa Gamma
- · Dan Lantrip
- · 4-H Junior Master Gardeners
- · Friends of the Saline County Library
- · Arkansas Medical Staffing
- · Camp Happy Tails
- · Healing Waters
 Outreach
- · Bryant Rotary
- · Bryant Kids Closet

- · Everett Buick GMC
- · Mara Leveritt and Linda Bessette
- · Braswell and Son Pawnbrokers
- Caring Hearts In-Home Senior Care
- Montalvo Interiors and Apparel
- · MySaline.com
- · Rivendell of Arkansas
- Suite Spot Camper Rental
- · Stated Apparel
- · Simply Dogs Salon
- · Studio C Salon
- · First Electric Cooperative

- Patty



Thank you for being a friend! Friends of the SALINECOUNTYLIBRARY

The Friends of the Library are a dedicated group of volunteers who raise money to donate to the library. In February 2019, they opened a Used Book Store at the Benton branch which is open any time the library is open, and closes 30 minutes before the library closes. Visitors can browse the Used Book Store and bring their items upstairs to pay. You can also browse the Bryant Used Book Store section for a variety of materials.

The Friends of the Library are always taking applications for new Friends! Fill out a form online or visit either branch to fill out a form in person. They also take donations of gently-used books, DVDs, video games, and more at both branches. Visit our website for information on donations they do not accept.

What We've Been Reading

Dark Lover by J.R. Ward | Reviewed by Adult Programmer, Susie

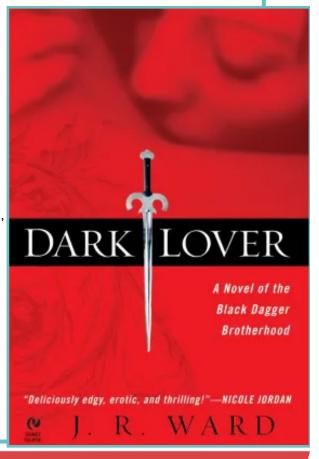
Wrath, the vampire king who refuses to rule, is the only purebred vampire left on the planet and the leader of The Black Dagger Brotherhood—a group of warrior vampires bred for size, strength, and fighting ability to protect the vampire race from their mortal enemies, the slayers of the Lessening Society. When Darius, Wrath's most trusted

fighter, is killed shortly after revealing the existence of a half-vampire/half-human daughter on the brink of her transition, Wrath must put down his dagger and guide the beautiful female into another world ... provided she survives.

Beth Randall never knew who—or what—her father was, and her mother died giving birth to her. Now a reporter for The Caldwell Courier Journal, Beth is restless and exhausted ... and inexplicably drawn to a dark mystery man who frightens and excites her. Who is he? What does he want with her?

Set in the present-day and fictional city of Caldwell in upstate New York, J.R. Ward has created a new twist on the vampire myth. If Lestat, Edward, and Bill left you cold because (un)dead lovers aren't a turn-on, then Ward's vamps are the sexy vampires you've been waiting for. In Ward's world, vampires are a hominid species, very much alive and breathing, with beating hearts and warm bodies. They don't prey on humans—human blood is weak and of low nutritional value to vampires—instead, the vampires drink from each other, and the drinking often goes hand-in-hand with other sexy adult activities. The vampires in Ward's world roll their eyes at vampire mythology created by humans and do everything they can to live in secret side-by-side with the "rats without tails."

The Brothers love hardcore rap music, black leather, guns, daggers, fast cars, four-letter words, and killing Lessers—those former humans turned into evil and undead slayers by a supernatural entity called the Omega, who is hell-bent on ridding the world of the vampire race. Dark Lover is a fast-paced, in-your-face page turner.



June Seeds

The following are seeds you can request for the month of June!

Simply visit the Seed Library page of our website and request your desired seeds. You

may request up to

Turnip

Zucchini

Forget-Me-Not

five seed packets per month.

Vegetables:

Collards Arugula Asparagus Corn Beans-Pinto Cucumber Beets Egaplant Broccoli Kale Cabbage Kohlrabi Cabbage Lettuce -Pok Choy Mesclun Carrots Mustard Cauliflower Okra

Onions - Bunching Peas Pepper - Med/Mild Pumpkin Radish Rutabaga Spinach Squash - Winter Swiss Chard Tomato Flowers:
Alyssum
Amaranth
Bachelor Buttons
Bee Balm
Cosmos
Daisy
Delphinium
Dianthus

Echinacea

Forget-Me-Not Four O'Clocks Lunaria Marigolds Mixed Flowers Morning Glories Nasturtium Poppy Snapdragons Sunflowers

Zinnias

Fruits: Cantaloupe Watermelon

Herbs: Basil Rosemary Sage

***Check our website and Facebook for July seeds.



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Day 10 - Bag

Day 20 - T-shirt

Day 30 - Pop-It Fidget Toy (ages 0-8 only)

Day 40 - Book

Children's Reading Challenge

AGES 0-5

Music & Movement Storytime (R) Tuesdays | 10:30 AM | Bryant

Get the wiggles out every week in Bryant! We'll be singing, dancing, and sharing fun books each Tuesday. This storytime is geared for 2-5 year olds. Registration required.

Dig In to Storytime (R)

Fridays | 10:30 AM | Benton

Join us each week for a fun storytime full of songs, rhymes, and stories. Stick around after storytime for a fun activity!

AGES 5-8

Mini Makers (R)

Wednesdays | 10:00 AM | Bryant

5 to 8-year olds can build, craft and create a different project each week with Ms. Becca.

Camp Jurassic (R)

Thursdays | 10:30 AM | Benton

For ages 6-8, come join us as we have fun learning and exploring through STEM activities all about dinosaurs!

ALL AGES

Kickoff Crystal Dig (R)

June 4 | 1:00 PM | Ron Coleman Crystal Mines

Dig up some fun and learn about Arkansas quartz while you're at it!

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Summer Reading Fun Fest

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Animology (R)

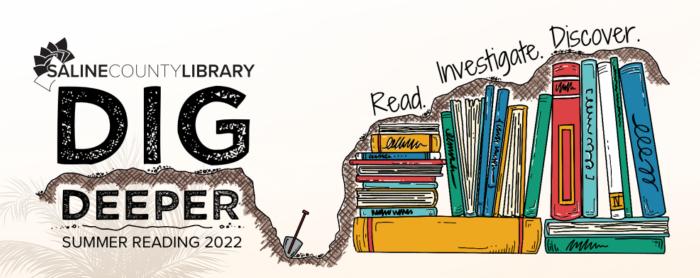
June 27 | 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM | Springhill Elementary School Gym

Bob & company are coming back to see us! Join us as we learn all about some very cool animals. *Special Note: This program will be held at the Springhill Elementary Gym.

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Tween Reading Challenge

AGES 9-12

Summer Island Time (R)

Mondays | 4:00 PM | Nintendo Switch Online

Join us in Animal Crossing: New Horizons on the island of Bookington. Help Ms. Jordan turn our library island into a true luxury getaway. To join email Ms. Jordan at

jordans@salinecountylibrary.org.

Game On! (R)

Tuesdays | 2:00 PM | Benton

Join Ms. Jordan and Ms. Becca for some old school gaming. We'll have old-fashioned board games and card games for everyone to play each week. Let's see who will be the ultimate Game On! champion.

Let's Dig In! Cooking Club (R) Thursdays | 2:00 PM | Bryant

Join Ms. Becca and Ms. Jordan as we cook, create, and dig into our delicious concoctions. Check the online calendar for what we'll be cooking each week and possible allergy warnings.

Creation Station

Mondays | 2:00 PM | Benton Fridays | 2:00 PM | Bryant

Join Ms. Ashlyn every Monday this summer for some creative fun with a new arts & crafts project that you will get to take home! Sometimes we may accidentally end up wearing a bit of our art, so be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy.

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Teen Reading Challenge

AGES 13-18

Primitive Gaming

Mondays | 3:00 PM | Bryant

Beat your boredom and put your gaming skills to the test. Join Ms. Tamantha for an hour of board games and card games that are sure to be a blast!

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Minecraft Tuesdays

Tuesdays | 4:30 PM | Minecraft

Join us in our virtual Minecraft realm to play and hang with friends. You are also welcome to join our Teens Discord chat rooms! If you need access to Discord please email Mrs. Cheyenne at cheyenneg@salinecountylibrary.org

Dig Deeper: Lorebrarians (R) Wednesdays | 3:00 PM | Benton

Join Ms. Tamantha and Ms. Cheyenne to dig into the lore behind some of your favorite games, tv shows, and movies through games and crafts.

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Package

Enter drawings each week for a chance to win:

Week 1 - Metal Detector Week 5 - Robot Vacuum

Week 2 - Outdoor Cleaner

Greenhouse Week 6 - Cricut Joy

Week 3 - At-Home Spa Week 8 - Nintendo Switch

Lite

Week 4 - Bluetooth Double Grand Prize - Android Tablet Bundle Subwoofer Speaker

Adult Reading Challenge

AGES 18+

From Drawing to Paint Tuesdays | 5:30 PM | Benton

Love art but never know where to start? Creative but wanting to learn a new skill? This adult art series provides an outlet for creative expression and encouragement to unleash your inner artist!

DIY Adventures

June 1 & July 6 | 2:00 PM | Facebook Monthly grab & go craft kit for adults. A new craft is available on the first Wednesday of every month. June - Wire-wrapped crystal; July - meditation bracelet.

True Crime Book Club (R) June 4 & July 2 | 2:00 PM | Bryant

June - The Demon in Disguise by Ashley Elliot

July - Couple Found Slain by Makita Brottman

Master Gardeners

June 6 & July 11 | 6:00 PM | Benton

Monthly presentation sponsored by the Saline County Master Gardeners and open to the public

Just One More: A Virtual Concert June 6 | 7:00 PM | Facebook

The Saline County Library is proud to present the barbershop quartet, Just One More. They will play some of your favorite songs, and you are bound to hear some new favorites as well.

Meteorology 101 (R) June 7 | 6:30 PM | Benton

Join KATV's James Bryant as he covers the basics of Meteorology. Get your questions answered as he goes over what you need to know. Registration is required for this event.

Tai Chi for Beginners (R)

June 10 & July 8 | 11:00 AM | Benton

Treat your body and mind to the meditative practice of Tai Chi.

Jackbox Game Night

June 10 & July 8 | 7:00 PM | Pasta J Benton

We're hosting a Jackbox Game Night! Jackbox games are a fun and innovative way to have fun and play games using an online platform that still allows you to be in the same room.

Mind-Body Wellness (R) June 11 & 25 & July 9 & 23 | 2:00 PM |

Treat yourself to a mind-body tune-up with our four-part series featuring gentle, restorative movement and introspective writing activities.

SCL Bingo

June 14 & July 12 | 7:30 PM | Benton

On the second Tuesday of every month, the Saline County Library would love for you to join us as we play our monthly game of Bingo.

Write Your Own Obituary (R) June 15 | 11:00 AM | Benton

Why let your family decide how you should be remembered? Take control of your legacy by writing your own obituary.

Adult D&D Night (R)

June 15 & July 20 | 7:00 PM | Benton

Do you love playing D & D? SCL will be hosting an adult D & D night. Come out and play a one-off game with us.

Carpool Cinema (R)

June 17 & July 15 | 7:00 PM | Benton

Have you ever wished you could go back in time and experience movies the way they did back in the 50s where you could sit in the comfort of your car and watch a horror movie with a bag of popcorn and soda? Now you can!

SCL Trivia Night

June 21 & July 19 | 7:30 PM | TBD

The Saline County Library is now hosting Trivia Night in person!

Splatter Painting Party (R)

June 23 | 6:00 PM | Benton

June 30 | 6:00 PM | Bryant

Channel your inner Jackson Pollock to create a colorful splatter painting!

Solve-A-Murder: Who Killed Veronica Falcone? (R)

June 24 | 6:00 PM | Benton

Reopen the case. Find the body. Identify the killer and close the case! With 3 different mysteries to solve in order to play the game,

this case will challenge your investigative abilities.

Game Show

June 28 & July 26 | 7:30 PM | Facebook

SCL is hosting our monthly gameshow. See if you can beat your friends and family and get the most questions right to earn bragging rights.

When the Ice Melts Author Talk June 30 | 7:00 PM | Capaci's Coffee & Tea in Hot Springs

Ashlyn Ohm, author of *A Year in the Woods*, announces her debut work of fiction at this in-person event, also to be streamed on the Saline County and Garland County Library Facebook pages. *When the Ice Melts* is a hope-filled tale of how losing a dream can often mean finding yourself.

Author Talk with Wanda E. Brunstetter July 5 | 6:00 PM | Facebook

Saline County Library is hosting an author talk with New York Times bestselling author, Wanda E Brunstetter. Get a glimpse of how she writes and some stories about her most popular books.

Dyeing Techniques (R) July 14 | 6:00 PM | Benton

July 20 | 6:00 PM | Bryant

Hands-on Japanese fabric dyeing techniques with all materials supplied.

Understanding Alzheimers & Dementia July 20 | 12:00 PM | Benton

Understanding alzheimer's and dementia may be hard for someone who has never had to care for someone that has had dementia. We want to help you understand.

What Are You Laughing At? (R)

July 22 | 7:00 PM | Benton

We may not have Drew Carey or Wayne Brady, but we know how to have some fun, and we want you to tell us our improv skits!

Potterpalooza (R)

July 30 | 6:00 PM | Benton

Calling all Wizards and Witches aged 21 & older! Grab your wands and robes for a magical evening of grown-up fun at the library.

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Meet the Staff

Belinda, Library Assistant

Belinda is a Library Assistant and has been at the Saline County Library for 17 plus years. It is her dream job because she gets to see the newest books that are published and talk about them with her co-workers and the patrons. Her favorite thing is to hear people rave about a book, especially if it was a recommendation from her! She is a voracious reader (her husband says she is addicted to reading) who despises coffee in any way, shape, taste or smell. She is also a pretty good baker, enjoys sewing and cross stitch, is a sort of clean freak, and a perfectionist. She loves to go on long drives around our beautiful state, and she and her husband are trying to visit all 53 of our state parks.





WHAT UNIQUE ITEMS AND **SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?**

Library of Things Categories:

- Kitchen
- Outdoors & Recreation
- Health & Wellness
- Board & Card Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Video Games
- Learning Kits
- Language Learning
- Entertainment
- Tools & Equipment
- Hotspots
- Book Club Kits

Services Offered:

- Computer Lab
- Free WiFi
- Online Resources
- Passport Application Assistance
- Public Notary
- Makerspace
- Entertaining & Informative **Events**
- Music, Movie, TV Show Downloads & Streaming
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