With Summer Reading programs coming to a close, Daphne Public Library celebrates sounds of the season with sweet music.
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Teens and children patrons of Daphne Public Library enjoyed learning about various percussion instruments through the sights and sounds of Beatin’ Path Rhythm. The June program for tweens and teens entertained many as it filled the library with sweet music.

The program was led by the Beatin’ Path Rhythm Team. They are a group of highly skilled performers who organize and provide interactive, dynamic, and memorable events involving rhythm.

People all over the world have incorporated drums into their daily lives for communication, entertainment, and culture for centuries. “The drum circle was all about community, rhythm, and bringing people together,” said Daphne Public Library Young Adult Librarian Louis Youngblood. Teens and Tweens also had a workshop the next day and enjoyed hands-on instruction, played instruments and made their own music. Abrielle, a summer worker, created an original poster to advertise the program.

Another summer program included the Excelsior Band of Mobile. The ten-piece marching brass band has marched the streets of Mobile for various events and celebrations including Mardi Gras. The band, which plays Dixieland and conventional jazz, is in Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Children enjoyed their own parade, twisting and curling throughout the civic center to the beat of the music.
LSTA grant leads to technology makeover for Satsuma Library

The Satsuma Public Library turned a $15,000 LSTA grant and matching funds from the Satsuma Public Library Foundation into a total technology makeover.

The library purchased all-new computers for their lab, a new circulation computer system including 15 desktops and monitors, a laptop, two iPad minis for the teen room kiosk, an iPad with Bluetooth keyboard case, four USB charging stations, and a standing work station for OPAC users.

Patrons, staff, and volunteers were all excited for the upgrades. Satsuma Public Library Director Tiphani Clearman said, “Providing consistent access for our computer users has made a huge impact, especially for our patrons who are taking online courses or seeking employment.”
Albert L. Scott Library celebrates fantastic summer season

Hundreds of children in the Alabaster-area are returning to school with an advantage, thanks to the eight-week Libraries Rock Summer Challenge at the Albert L. Scott Library.

More than 500 children registered for their summer program which featured more than 60 different activities over the summer months.

Research indicates that students can avoid the so-called ‘summer slide’ by doing activities that engage their minds, like reading.

Additional sponsors for Albert L. Scott’s summer program include the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, AmStar Cinemas, Birmingham Barons, Bike Link, Friends of the Library, Jim ’N Nick’s Bar-B-Q, McDonald’s, Oak Mountain Lanes, Red Mountain Theatre Company, and Whataburger.

More than 220 patrons came to meet Belle from the Red Mountain Theatre Company’s production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast on June 13

Clowns entertain patrons of all ages during the Skin & Bones Comedy Circus

Patrons build with blocks and do other activities during the June 26 ‘Block Party’

Members of Iron Giant Percussion entertain and educate music fans on June 4

Mark Seymour of Be-at Your Best Drums makes music learning fun on June 11

Patrons enjoy Scrollworks’ “musical instrument petting zoo”

Birmingham Zoo visits the library

Magician Russell Davis entertains during the ‘Readers Rock Fun Finale’
Springville Road Regional closes summer with ‘Black Panther’

The Springville Road Regional Library in Birmingham hosted a “Black Panther” party on July 25 to celebrate the end of its 2018 Summer Learning activities. Some young patrons showed up in superhero costumes, and everyone who came enjoyed playing movie bingo, snacks, and awesome Black Panther themed crafts.
Talladega’s Armstrong-Osborne Public Library had a blast with this year’s summer program, *Libraries Rock*. From jugglers, to magicians, to animal shows, children were so excited to come and participate in each of the library’s many events. With more than 250 kids coming to each show, library staff were also excited to see so many happy faces. “This year was the best summer program we’ve ever had,” said library staffer Beth Farmer. “We can hardly wait for next year to get here!”

The Armstrong-Osborne Public Library recently purchased a “sticker picture” color-coded poster. Patrons get to add stickers to a poster on the wall for checking out library materials or using library computers. Patrons really enjoy watching images unfold as they continue to use the library.

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