Take Note

Jan. 23, 2019
New Directors’ Orientation

Jan. 24, 2019
Administrators’ Meeting*

*Satellite live streams will not be available. You must be in-person to receive attendance credit.
APLS receives STEM resources through NASA@My Library

We have some out-of-this-world news to share ...

APLS was selected as one of fourteen state library agencies to receive resources, training, and support through NASA@ My Library, a STEM education initiative that will increase and enhance STEM-learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation.

The project aims to engage diverse communities in STEM learning, including communities that are underrepresented in STEM fields.

“I’m thrilled that we can join with NASA in bringing hands-on informal science education materials to library patrons throughout Alabama,” said APLS Director Nancy C. Pack.

NASA@ My Library is funded by NASA’s Science Mission Directorate with educational support materials and outreach opportunities provided as part of the STAR Library Network (STAR Net). Other key partners for the project include the National Center for Interactive Learning, the American Library Association, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies, Cornerstones of Science, and the Lunar and Planetary Institute.

BPH honors veterans, remembers Pearl Harbor

The Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH) recently hosted a commemoration to honor area U.S. military veterans and also remember the attack on Pearl Harbor, which occurred on Dec. 7, 1941.

The occasion marked the conclusion of “What My Eyes Saw, What My Heart Remembered,” a reading and discussion group comprised of area U.S. veterans. The program featured live patriotic music and a keynote from Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) Executive Director Armand DeKeyser, who is also a U.S. Army veteran.
Montgomery’s Morgan Library hosts holiday writing competition

Winners of the 2018 Roxie Lancaster Children’s Holiday Writing Competition were announced at a December awards ceremony held at Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library in downtown Montgomery.

Each year, the competition highlights holiday compositions from hundreds of elementary students in Montgomery County. Montgomery Arts Council President Bill Ford read the first, second, and third place entries to a cheering audience of children, parents, teachers, friends, and family. Individual winners and honorable mentions in grades 1-5 each received certificates.

The event was co-sponsored by the Montgomery City-County Public Library, the Arts Council of Montgomery, the Friends of the Montgomery Public Library, and Regions Bank.

Birmingham Public Library’s community mosaic project to honor Martin Luther King

The Birmingham Public Library is honoring the birthday and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by hosting a community mosaic project.

Between Jan. 2 and Jan. 18, library patrons are invited to participate by visiting any of the 19 BPL locations throughout Birmingham to color a section of a large image of Dr. King to remember his leadership in the fight for civil rights in the city.

The goal is to complete each mural prior to Jan. 21 for MLK Day. All ages are encouraged to participate and supplies are provided by the library.

During the community project, BPL also reminds patrons of the many resources available — in print and online — at the library for research on Dr. King.

Have story ideas or suggestions for upcoming issues?

Contact Ryan Godfrey at rgodfrey@apls.state.al.us or 334-213-3909.
Local artists lead winter art class at Satsuma Public Library

Sherry Roy and Mary Helen Pierce with the Satsuma Art Guild led a three-hour session on Dec. 27 where children painted colorful winter scenes featuring cardinals. Attendees took home valuable painting techniques along with their own creations.

Alvin Rosenbaum, historian and author of the Alabama 200 endorsed book, The Muscle Shoals: First Frontier of these United States, is interested in connecting and working with Alabama libraries, particularly those in the northern half of the state.

Andi Martin with the Alabama Bicentennial Commission requested APLS pass along his contact information. You may contact him directly at 256-335-8887 or alvinrosenbaum@gmail.com.
So, this is Christmas

APLSeeds has received many photos of holiday-themed activities from libraries around the state. We’d like to wish you all a successful 2019 as we take a quick look back to how we closed out last year: