

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

WILLIAM F. LAMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

MARCH 9 2015

10:30 AM

1. Roll call of members.
2. Acceptance or Revision of February minutes.
3. Financial report.
4. Director's report.
 - A. 2014 Chamber Non Profit of the Year Award.
 - B. Patron Count.
 - C. Program Counts.
 - D. Exhibits.
 - E. State Library Traveler Subscription for 2015 – 2016.
5. Correspondence/Information Items.
 - A. E-mails on Suitcase Exhibits – Richard Theilig 2/24/15; 2/25/15 & 226/15; 2/27/15.
 - B. E-mail – on Passport Visit – Susan Shirley – Richard Theilig.
 - C. Traveler Subscription for 2015.
 - D. 2015 Early Voting's Schedule.
 - E. Weekend Calendar. Arkansas Democratic Gazette February 5, 2015.
 - F. Exhibit on History of Military Postal System to Stop In NLR. Arkansas Democratic Gazette. Jake Sadlin. February 6, 2015.
 - G. Health Market's Open-Enrollment Deadline Nears. Arkansas Democratic Gazette. Andy Davis. February 14, 2015.
6. Committee reports.
7. Unfinished business.
 - A. Insurance
8. New business.
9. Public comment.

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
William F. Laman Public Library

9 February 2015

The Board met in the board room at 10:30 AM. Those present were Mr. Ron Oliver, Chair; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Hollie Lewis; Mrs. Shirley Lindsey; Mrs. Vicki Matthews; Mrs. Nancy White; and, Mrs. Mary Furlough, Interim Director. Tjuana Byrd from the City Attorney's office was present.

On a motion by Mrs. White, second by Ms. Crawford, the Board unanimously accepted as presented the January 2015 minutes.

The January financial report was not ready. There have been some reconciliation problems that are being sorted out from December 2014. Mrs. Furlough did say that the library has \$1,050,000 in the bank.

Director's Report:

Patron access numbers are down from last year at this time, but not that much, even with the fewer hours the library is open.

The library program statistics are looking good, especially the Argenta Exhibit. The Main library adult program stats are way down, but many of the programs were cut due to our shortened hours. The managers are trying out ideas for more daytime adult programs, and may start Bingo here as well as at Argenta where it does very well.

The Mayor reserved a table for Laman Library at the NLR Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on February 24th. There will be a full complement of 10 attendees for the table.

All of exhibits scheduled now have some sponsorship. Mid-America cancelled all fees and shipping for Laman, having found sponsors to take care of the charges for us.

Correspondence/Information Items:

Since the correspondence and information materials for the exhibits and media are included in the Board packet for everyone to read, it was decided not to review that material in the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Total Administrative Services, Inc. discussed a new health insurance plan with the Board that would entail a considerable savings for the Library. A motion was made by Mrs. Matthews, second by Ms. Crawford, to adopt the plan as it was presented. The motion was unanimously accepted.

There are 18 Chinese Tallow trees surrounding the Library that are too close to the building, and are in danger of damaging the foundation as well as the windows and outside of the building. Mrs. Matthews talked to Bill Bush at the Parks Department about the removal. She also made a diagram of the tree placement around the library. Mayor Smith indicated the City would be willing to cut down the trees and grind out the stumps if the Library sent a letter requesting such service (and included the diagram of their

location). The Board decided to go ahead and send the letter, and to ask that it be done in stages, and not all be removed at once. It will be decided later what kind of landscaping plants to replace the trees with.

The Board is in favor of starting up a Friends of the Library group for Laman Library. It was suggested that perhaps someone at CALS could give us pointers on how to get it started at Laman. Mrs. Furlough was asked to make contact.

New Business:

The election of new officers for the Board was discussed. Both Mr. Oliver and Mrs. White wish to step down and let someone else serve as officers. Mrs. Lindsey, and perhaps Ms. Lewis, will be leaving the Board in April. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Crawford, second by Ms. Lewis, that the Mrs. Matthews be the Chair, and Mrs. White continue as Vice-Chair. The Board voted unanimous approval.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Furlough
Secretary

William F. Laman Public Library
Main Library Account # 0004010167
July 2014 to December 2014
Comparison of Book Balance to Bank Balance

Beginning balance		Ending Balance	
6/1/2014	\$ 1,312,590.49	6/30/2014	\$ 1,044,146.26 acct rec
6/1/2014	\$ 1,344,038.16	6/30/2014	\$ 1,051,863.11 bank stmt
7/1/2014	\$ 1,044,146.26	7/30/2014	\$ 944,557.79 acct rec
7/1/2014	\$ 1,051,863.11	7/30/2014	\$ 960,607.01 bank stmt
8/1/2014	\$ 944,557.79	8/31/2014	\$ 781,214.35 acct rec
8/1/2014	\$ 960,607.01	8/31/2014	\$ 825,313.33 bank stmt
9/1/2014	\$ 781,245.35	9/30/2014	\$ 619,955.49 acct rec
9/1/2014	\$ 825,313.33	9/30/2014	\$ 678,939.30 bank stmt
10/1/2014	\$ 619,955.49	10/31/2014	\$ 647,233.36 acct rec
10/1/2014	\$ 674,939.30	10/31/2014	\$ 678,412.41 bank stmt
11/1/2014	\$ 647,233.36	11/30/2014	\$ 1,650,821.68 acct rec
11/1/2014	\$ 678,412.41	11/30/2014	\$ 1,681,768.55 bank stmt
12/1/2014	\$ 1,650,821.68	12/31/2014	\$ 1,200,023.09 acct rec
12/1/2014	\$ 1,681,768.55	12/31/2014	\$ 1,231,243.44 bank stmt
1/1/2015	\$ 1,231,243.44	1/1/2015	\$ 1,132,603.85 bank stmt



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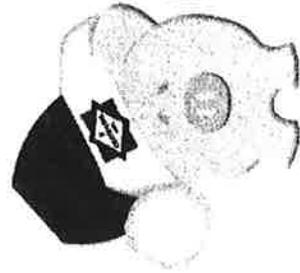
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Account Information

Deposit Accounts

Account Name	Account Number	Current Balance	Collected Balance	Available Balance	Download
Main Library	4010167	\$ 1,072,159.96	\$ 1,072,159.96	\$ 1,070,223.86	
Endowment Account	4063481	\$ 5,545.97	\$ 5,545.97	\$ 5,545.97	
Service Account	4063503	\$ 103,545.96	\$ 103,545.96	\$ 103,466.31	
Cafe	500154322	\$ 20,996.00	\$ 20,996.00	\$ 20,996.00	
Tales	500279533	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.23	
Totals		\$ 1,202,248.12	\$ 1,202,248.12	\$ 1,200,232.37	

For more information on an account select from the above options.



open a
Christmas
 savings account

- \$ No Minimum to Open
- \$ No Minimum Balance
- \$ Earns Interest
- \$ Get ready for EASY holiday shopping in 2015!

873065388

CLOSED: 2-27-15
35,073.64
Dep into 4010167



REVISEL

CENTENNIAL BANK
1202 LAKEWOOD VILLAGE 2716 Lakewood Village Place, North Little Rock, AR 72116

TIME CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT
NONTRANSFERABLE AND NONNEGOTIABLE

Account Title		Account Type		Taxpayer ID Number
WILLIAM F LAMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY		0257 TCB 12-17 MO <100M		71-6031475
Account Number	Amount	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Term
0000000873065388	\$ 34,909.24	February 23, 2013	February 23, 2014	12 Months / Automatic Renewal
Interest Rate Per Annum 0.27 % with an annual percentage yield of 0.27%.				Interest Payment Frequency Every 3 Months
				Interest Payment Disposition Interest will be capitalized to this certificate

TIME CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Agreement. This Time Certificate of Deposit is a part of, and governed by, our Time Deposit Agreement. Among other things, this means that all terms defined in that agreement have the same meanings here. You have received a copy of that agreement, the Truth in Savings disclosures (if applicable), and the fee schedule. You have read them and agree to them.

Early Withdrawal Penalty. We do not have to permit early withdrawals from the account. On each one we do permit, we can charge a penalty calculated as follows: We will impose a penalty if you withdraw any of the principal before the maturity date. If your account has a maturity of 5 months or less, we will impose a fee equal to 1 month's interest. If your account has a maturity of 6-23 months we will impose a fee equal to 3 months interest. If your account has a maturity of 24 months or more we will impose a fee equal to 6 months interest. The interest rate used to calculate the fee will be the simple interest rate in effect on that day. If there is enough accrued interest to cover the penalty, we deduct the penalty from it. If not, we deduct the remainder of the penalty from principal. If the account is a variable rate account, we will calculate the penalty using the interest rate being applied at the time of withdrawal. If the account is an Individual Retirement Account, the early withdrawal penalty will be in addition to any penalty imposed under the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Disclosure Statement. The minimum early withdrawal penalty is seven days' simple interest on any amount withdrawn (a) within the first six days after the account is opened, or (b) within six days after a previous early withdrawal.

Nontransferable. This Time Certificate of Deposit is nonnegotiable and nontransferable. All purported holders or assignees of it agree that our right of setoff will have priority over any of their claims.

CENTENNIAL BANK
By *Shills*

3-1-13
Date

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Date

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Date

Patron Access - 2015

MONTH	Argenta		Main			Exhibit Halls		Days	Daily Average	Virtual Visits	Monthly Total	Daily Average	
	Front	Back	Front	Children's	Teens	TOTAL	Argenta						Main
January	1,058	2,984	16,034	8,181	856	28,257	1,256	833	31	912	5,834	34,091	1,100
February	743	1,941	12,457	6,152	628	21,293	528	544	28	760	5,121	26,414	943
March						0			31	0		0	0
April						0			30	0		0	0
May						0			31	0		0	0
June						0			30	0		0	0
July						0			31	0		0	0
August						0			31	0		0	0
September						0			30	0		0	0
October						0			31	0		0	0
November						0			30	0		0	0
December						0			31	0		0	0
ANNUAL	1,801	4,925	28,491	14,333	1,484	49,550	1,784	1,377	365	1,672	10,955	60,505	170

Programs Statistics for Month of February

MAIN

Number of Programs

Children	13
Teen	18
Adult	4

Total Number of Programs **35**

Number in Attendance

Children	322
Teen	426
Adult	222

Total Attendance **970**

ARGENTA

Number of Programs

Children	7
Adult	4

Total Number of Programs **11**

Number in Attendance

Children	37
Adult	73

Total Attendance **110**

Total System Programs **46**

Total System Attendance **1,080**

Exhibits

The Birch Tree Community decided they will not be able to sponsor the “Lives They Left Behind: Suitcase/State Hospital Attic” Exhibit, which is slated to be in the exhibit hall April 24 – June 6, 2015.

Richard Theilig contacted Mr. Ang Taranto at Exhibition Alliance when the Birch Tree Community decided they could not fund it. Mr. Taranto agreed that we could cancelled the exhibit however, we would forfeited the security deposit.

Main had a total of 544 people see the Mail/Call exhibit in the month of February.

Argenta had a total of 528 people visit the “Beyond Layers” by Delita Martin and the Arkansas Photography, by Mike Anderson.

Mary Furlough

From: Richard Theilig
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:50 AM
To: ang@exhibitionalliance.org
Cc: Mary Furlough
Subject: Re: Suitcase Exhibit

We are a public library. I will have to see if we have the ability to offer that kind of liability insurance.

Also, due to a series of events beyond the current administrations control, we are in severe financial difficulties. If we have to cancel the exhibit at this point, what would we still be financially obligated for?



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From: "ang@exhibitionalliance.org" <ang@exhibitionalliance.org>
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 3:10 PM
To: Richard Theilig <richard.theilig@lamanlibrary.org>
Subject: RE: Suitcase Exhibit

Richard,

As for the insurance issue it's just a matter of you requesting a certificate of insurance from your liability insurance carrier naming TEA as an additional insured party (Ref. item 4 of your contract). No need for additional coverage - assuming your museum already has liability insurance?

As for membership application and fees, I only see in file notes where it was deferred until after January 1, 2015 or the year of the exhibition?

Thanks,

Ang

-----Original Message-----

From: "Richard Theilig" <richard.theilig@lamanlibrary.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 4:43pm

To: "ang@exhibitionalliance.org" <ang@exhibitionalliance.org>
Subject: RE: Suitcase Exhibit

Hi Ang,

It was my understanding from our previous exhibits manager, who left a month ago, that the additional insurance and the membership fee had been waived for our location. Can you check into this for us?

Thanks,

Richard Theilig

Digital Resources Manager

richard.theilig@lamanlibrary.org

William F. Laman Public Library System

501-416-4729

From: ang@exhibitionalliance.org [ang@exhibitionalliance.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:14 AM

To: Richard Theilig

Subject: Suitcase Exhibit

Richard,

I will be your contact person at TEA to coordinate shipping and delivery of the Suitcase Exhibit to your museum for the schedule exhibition from April 24, 2015 - June 6, 2015. To update you on a few items:

- yesterday I mailed the 2nd rental fee invoice for \$1,000 which will require payment prior to exhibit date
- the shipping costs invoice will be mailed after delivery to your museum
- you will need to complete attached membership application and submit appropriate fee
- a certificate of insurance for liability coverage naming TEA as additional insured is required
- before I set a shipping delivery date do you have a preference date? - you should allow at least 3 days for setup
- crates are large and heavy - please review dimensions to insure adequate doorway and elevator needs plus storage - and have personnel available to assist unloading crates. There are (9) crates total with the largest (3) crates being 18"H x 51" x 89" and weigh 427 lbs.
- I see in the file mention of need for a lift gate/loading dock access? Please explain any special needs?
- please provide a desired pickup date following take down of the exhibit

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

Ang Taranto

Business Manager

TEA

Mary Furlough

From: Richard Theilig
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 11:48 AM
To: Mary Furlough; Chris Thompson
Subject: Suitcase Exhibit

I just spoke with Ang Taranto at Exhibition Alliance (1-315-824-2510 x227), regarding the upcoming "Suitcase" exhibit.

He said they would like to have a copy of the library's liability insurance policy. I again told him I wasn't sure that we had such a thing, as we are a public entity and I believed we were immune from tort liability. However, I said I would look into it further.

I again told him about our financial difficulties and he said that they *might* be willing to waive the membership fee of \$500.

He also said that they were looking at more recent quotes for the shipping and that it may be as low as \$5000.

Finally I asked about the possibility of canceling the exhibit altogether. He said that we would lose the \$1000 deposit we have already paid, but that we would not owe anything else. However, we needed to make that decision soon, before he makes any shipping arrangements.



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Passport

The Pass Port office was very busy in the months of January and February. In January 297 were accepted and February 354 were accepted making a total of 651 pass port were accepted processing. In 2014 we did 768 passports during that time.

The library's new hours have cut three hours each day Monday through Thursday on the time we can offer this service and we are no longer open Sundays. Also we were closed three more days in January and February of 2015 than in 2014 and still we only were down by 117 passports.

We had a site visit from the National Passport office Tuesday February 10 to thank us for participating in the pilot program.

Mary Furlough

From: Susan Shirley
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 6:05 PM
To: Mary Furlough
Subject: FW: Visit from the National Passport Office next Tuesday

From: Richard Theilig
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:17 AM
To: _Passport Agents
Cc: Mary Furlough; Chris Thompson
Subject: Visit from the National Passport Office next Tuesday

Here is the tentative schedule for next Tuesday's visit from the National Passport Office.

11:00 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	Arrival at Laman Library and meet Customer Service Manager Catherine Darden
11:05 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	Meet/greet Laman Library Facility principals and staff
11:20 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	Tour facility
11:40 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	Present Certificate of Appreciation
11:55 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.	Wrap-Up

Florence Fultz, Managing Director, from the National Office and the director and assistant director from the Arkansas Passport Center will be here. Also Catherine Darden from the New Orleans Passport Agency will be with us to answer questions for the agents after the official visit. Please be sure to have any questions you may have ready to ask Ms Darden.

I know it can be difficult, as busy as you all have been with passports, but lets also try to make sure the office is straightened up and all forms are available, at least for that day. :-)



Richard Theilig
Digital Resources Manager

Passport Officials Visit Laman Library to Say Thanks!

On Tuesday, February 10, officials from the state, regional and national passport services offices visited the Laman Library to express thanks to the library and passport agents for participating in the Customer Preference Pilot Program. Florence Fultz, Managing Director of the National Passport Office in Washington, DC, Catherine Darden, Customer Service Manager at the New Orleans Regional Agency, and two representative from the Arkansas Passport Center in Hot Springs met with all available passport agents to say thank you and to answer questions. After the official meeting they were given a tour of the library. They all seemed very impressed with the library and our services.

Due to the high scores and excellent reputation, the Laman Library was one of eight locations nationwide that was asked to participate in the Customer Preference Pilot Program. Surveys were distributed to passport customers to get their feedback about the services offered. Completed surveys were collected and returned to the national office for compilation. The pilot program ran from April to October in 2014. The findings of the program indicated that the three most often requested services requested by passport customers were on-site photos, walk-in availability and snacks/drinks, all things the library already offers! Well Done Laman Library!!



(l-r: Anita Dollar, Darlene Cunningham, Susan Shirley, Carol Huber, Richard Theilig, Marilyn Willis, Florence Fultz)



**This is the Traveler Subscription for 2015-2016 that will begin August 1, 2015.
ProQuest, World Book, Learning Express, Pronunciator and CLCD.**

<p>ProQuest (47 databases)</p>	<p>ProQuest Central [includes ABI/INFORM Complete; Accounting & Tax Periodicals; Banking Information Source; Canadian Newsstand Complete; Career and Technical Education; CBCA Complete; Hoover's Company Records; OxResearch (part of ABI/INFORM Complete); Pharmaceutical News Index; ProQuest Asian Business and Reference; ProQuest Biology Journals; ProQuest Computing; ProQuest Criminal Justice; ProQuest Education Journals; ProQuest European Business; ProQuest Family Health; ProQuest Health and Medical Complete; ProQuest Health Management; ProQuest Military Collection; ProQuest Newsstand; ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source; ProQuest Political Science; ProQuest Psychology Journals; ProQuest Religion; ProQuest Science Journals; ProQuest Social Science Journals; ProQuest Sociology; ProQuest Telecommunications Research Library; Snapshot Series] <i>plus</i> AGRICOLA (AGRICultural OnLine Access) ; CultureGrams ; ebrary College Complete; ebrary Public Library Complete; ebrary Schools and Educators Complete; eLibrary Elementary; eLibrary Curriculum Edition; eLibrary Science; ERIC ; Ethnic NewsWatch™; HeritageQuest Online; LISA: Library and Information Science Abstracts ; MEDLINE with Full Text ; ProQuest African American Heritage ; ProQuest Entrepreneurship; ProQuest Environmental Science Collection no charge; ProQuest Research Companion; SIRS Issues Researcher</p>
<p>World Book (11 databases)</p>	<p>World Book Kids; Book Online Info Finder (for Public Libraries) or World Book Student (for School Libraries); World Book Online Reference Center; or World Book Advanced; Academic World Book; and World Book Discover, as well as access to Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos, a Spanish-language encyclopedia for beginning Spanish-language students. For this Arkansas-specific package, we are including World Book's Timelines feature and an introductory collection of World Book eBooks at no additional charge. Access to World Book Mobile is also included with this package.</p> <p><i>Early World of Learning</i> is the leading online resource for young children, offering three beautiful, interactive learning environments designed for easy integration into classroom and library programming: Trek's Travels, Welcome to Reading, and Know It.</p>
<p>Learning Express</p>	<p><u>School Center</u> – Students grade levels four and above can prepare for important tests, get extra help with academic basics, and boost their skills in reading, writing, and math with the resources in this center. All resources in the School Center are aligned to “Common Core” standards.</p> <p><u>College Preparation Center</u> – Resources to help students prepare for, succeed on college admission tests such as the SAT®, and ACT®, and write effective personal essays are in this center. <u>College Center</u> – This center helps students strengthen fundamental academic skills, as well as prepare for critical placement tests and graduate school entrance exams.</p> <p><u>High School Equivalency Center</u> – Individuals can prepare for their GED® test credential using this center, which features practice tests, interactive tutorials, and eBooks to help them study and prepare for passing.</p> <p><u>Adult Learning Center</u> – This center offers adults the resources to improve their basic skills, in Math, reading, writing, speaking, and grammar and prepare for a U.S. Citizenship test.</p> <p><u>Career Center</u> – Individuals preparing for a professional occupational exam, researching a particular occupation, and looking to improve workplace skills will find all they need in this center, including practice test preparation for the WorkKeys® Assessments in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information.</p> <p><u>Recursos para Hispanohablantes</u> (Spanish Center) – This center offers Spanish-speaking adults the resources needed to improve their basic skills, prepare for a GED® credential or other high school equivalency exams, or help on preparing to becoming a U.S. citizen.</p> <p><u>Computer Skills Center</u> content is available in both LearningExpress Library™ and LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator™ and includes Basics on Computers and the Internet, and popular software tutorials. The content includes multimedia training tutorials such as <i>Get Started with Your Computer</i>, and <i>Get Started with the Internet</i>. These tutorials are especially useful for displaced workers unfamiliar with computers or the Internet and others caught in the ever-expanding digital divide.</p> <p><u>Popular Software Tools</u> content, also a part of the Computer Skills Center includes more than 85 self-directed tutorials for the most commonly used business software applications, such as Microsoft Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Project, Publisher, SharePoint, Visio, and Word. Additionally, tutorials to Learn Computer Graphics and Illustration are included, as are tutorials for Understanding Your Operating System. A complete list of offerings for the Computer Skills Center is in the Exhibits at the end of this proposal. All of the material is engaging, self-paced, and appropriate for a broad range of individuals from elementary to high school students and adults of all ages.</p>

Pronunciator	Pronunciator provides both guided and self-directed instruction for 80 foreign languages, and ESL for 50 non-English languages, along with a Course Designer which allows for the creation and deployment of custom courses by educators.
CLCD	<p>CLCD provides both Non-Fiction and Fiction titles. Our database includes over 2.5MM titles. These titles are enhanced to include quality professional reviews from 42 (and growing) respected sources for those library professionals who work with Pre K-12 media. Our review sources include The ALAN Review, Booklist, Books for Keeps, The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, CCBC Choices, The Five Owls, The Horn Book Magazine-Audio Reviews, Horn Book Guide, INIS, Library Media Connections, KIRKUS Reviews, KLIATT, Midwest Book Review, Resource Links, IBBY-Bookbird, and VOYA.</p> <p>In addition CLCD has tagged our records with notations from 725 National and International Awards, Reading Metrics (Lexile, Scholastic Reading Counts, Accelerated Reader), hundreds of Best Books Lists, State and Regional Lists, Curriculum Links/Resources, Lesson Plans and Discussion Guides.</p> <p>The database includes many recommended titles from lists compiled by prestigious organizations such as the National Council of Teachers of English, National Council for the Social Studies, National Science Teachers Association and the International Reading Association. CLCD also includes annual lists prepared by ALA - YALSA and ALSC.</p>

Mary Furlough

From: Richard Theilig
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 11:53 AM
To: _Laman Managers
Subject: Early Voting for 2015

Pam Walker from the Election Commission just called to give me the schedule for early voting for 2015. As expected, this year will be very light. Right now there is only a tentative school board election for Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

If North Little Rock is involved, early voting would be here at the library from Tuesday, September 8 – Friday, September 11.

This is the only thing currently on the books. However, as Pam said, odd elections may pop-up unexpectedly, but that is not likely.

I will go ahead and block the lecture hall for that time, just in case.



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Weekend Calendar

This article was published February 5, 2015 at 2:03 a.m.

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Comments

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WILLIAM F. LAMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ARGENTA BRANCH 420 Main St., North Little Rock. "Beyond Layers: Delita Pinchback Martin," through Feb. 13. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. (501) 687-1061.

Events are free unless otherwise noted.

Art & Exhibits

Central Arkansas

ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER MacArthur Park, East Ninth and Commerce streets. Architecture and Design Network Lecture Series: "Aalto's Identities," Peter MacKeith, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Valentine's Day dinner and dancing: tango, 7 p.m.; milonga, 8 p.m. Feb. 14; free for members, nonmembers \$10; free with dinner reservations. Mid-Southern Watercolorists 45th Annual Juried Exhibition, Feb. 13-April 12. "How to Kill: World War II Watercolors by Robert Andrew Parker," through March 8. "Paul Signac: Drawings and Watercolors: The James T. Dyke Collection," through July 19. "Color, an Artist's Tale: Paintings by Virmarie DePoyster," through Feb. 15. "Foundation Collection," "Masterworks" and "Paul Signac," continuing. Museum School art classes and workshops for children and adults; call or visit website for schedule and costs. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. arkansasartscenter.org or (501) 372-4000.

ARKANSAS CAPITAL CORP. 200 River Market Ave., Suite 400. Group exhibition with Ashley Saer, Dan Thornhill, Elizabeth Weber, through March 1. (501) 374-9247.

THE ART GROUP GALLERY 11525 Cantrell Road. Hearts & Flowers Friday, date night, florals, chocolate-dipped strawberries, 4-8 p.m. Friday. Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday. (501) 690-2193.

BUTLER CENTER FOR ARKANSAS STUDIES 401 President Clinton Ave. "Of the Soil: Photographs of

Geoff Winningham," through Feb. 28. "Echoes of the Ancestors: Native American Objects From the University of Arkansas Museum," through March 15. Hours: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (501) 918-3033.

CANTRELL GALLERY 8206 Cantrell Road. 45th Birthday Party/Big Group Show, through Feb. 28. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, or by appointment. (501) 224-1335.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 509 Scott St. Works by Sandra Marson, through March 31. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon Friday and Sunday. (501) 375-2342.

CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER 1200 President Clinton Ave. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$7; retired military, college students and ages 62 and over, \$5; children 6-17, \$3; active military and children under 6, free. (501) 374-4242.

ESSE PURSE MUSEUM 1510 S. Main St. "What's Inside: A History of Women and Handbags, 1900-1999," continuing. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission: \$10; military, 5-18 or 60 and older \$8; under 5 free. (501) 916-9022.

ESTHER DEWITT NIXON LIBRARY 703 W. Main St., Jacksonville. "Prehistory of the Jacksonville Area," continuing. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. (501) 457-5038.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 201 W. Fourth St., North Little Rock. "Music is a Verb," Rex DeLoney, through February; open house, 5-7:30 p.m. Feb. 20. Hours: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (501) 837-1342.

GALLERY 221 Second and Center streets. "Love and Romance of Art," through Feb. 15; reception, 5-8 p.m. Feb. 13. Collection of works by artists including Tyler Arnold, Kathi Couch, Jennifer Freeman, Brenda Fowler. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and by appointment. (501) 801-0211.

GALLERY 26 2601 Kavanaugh Blvd., Suite 1. Recent works by Amy Edgington and Sulac, through March 14. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. (501) 664-8996.

GALLERY 360 900 S. Rodney Parham Road. "Icebox," Jordan Wolf, Brian Wolf, Ike Plumlee, Matthew Castellano, Nathan Fellhauer, Elgin Venable, Leo and Robot Blood, through Saturday. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. (501) 993-0012.

GREG THOMPSON FINE ART 429 Main St., North Little Rock. 20th Anniversary Exhibition, through March 21. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. gregthompsonfineart.com or (501) 664-2787.

HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM 200 E. Third St. "John Harlan Norris: Public Face," Feb. 13-May 3. "Lisa Krannichfeld: She," Feb. 13-April 5. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Feb. 13. "Capturing Early Arkansas in Depth," through April 5. "Great Arkansas Quilt Show," through May 3. Knife Gallery, "We Walk in Two Worlds: The Caddo, Osage and Quapaw in Arkansas," Arkansas Made Gallery, continuing. Hourly

WILLIAM F. LAMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY ARGENTA BRANCH 420 Main St., North Little Rock. "Beyond Layers: Delita Pinchback Martin," through Feb. 13. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. (501) 687-1061.

Exhibit on history of military postal system to stop in NLR

By Jake Sandlin

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A national touring exhibit that studies the history of America's military postal system and its importance to the morale of military personnel will open Saturday at the William F. Laman Public Library, 2801 Orange St., in North Little Rock.

The exhibit "Mail Call" will continue through April 15. The exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours.

"Mail Call" demonstrates the importance of mail correspondence to members of the nation's military overseas and how military mail communication has changed throughout history.

The exhibit includes actual correspondence, both written and recorded on audiotape, and "offers an appreciation of the importance of military mail and the hard work that had gone into connecting service men and women to their government, community and loved ones at home," according to a news release describing the exhibit.

"Mail Call" is the touring version of the National Postal Museum's permanent exhibition organized and circulated by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The North Little Rock stop is part of a 15-city tour.

The exhibits show how members of the nation's military still treasure letters delivered from home, even in today's era of instant communication through email and social media, according to a Smithsonian news release.

"Mail has always played a very important role in the lives of the men and women of our armed forces and their families at home," exhibit curator Lynn Heidelbaugh of the National Postal Museum said in the news release. "Writing and receiving correspondence has a significant power to help shape morale."

More information on the exhibit is available on the library's website lamanlibrary.org.

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Health market's open-enrollment deadline nears

By [Andy Davis](#)

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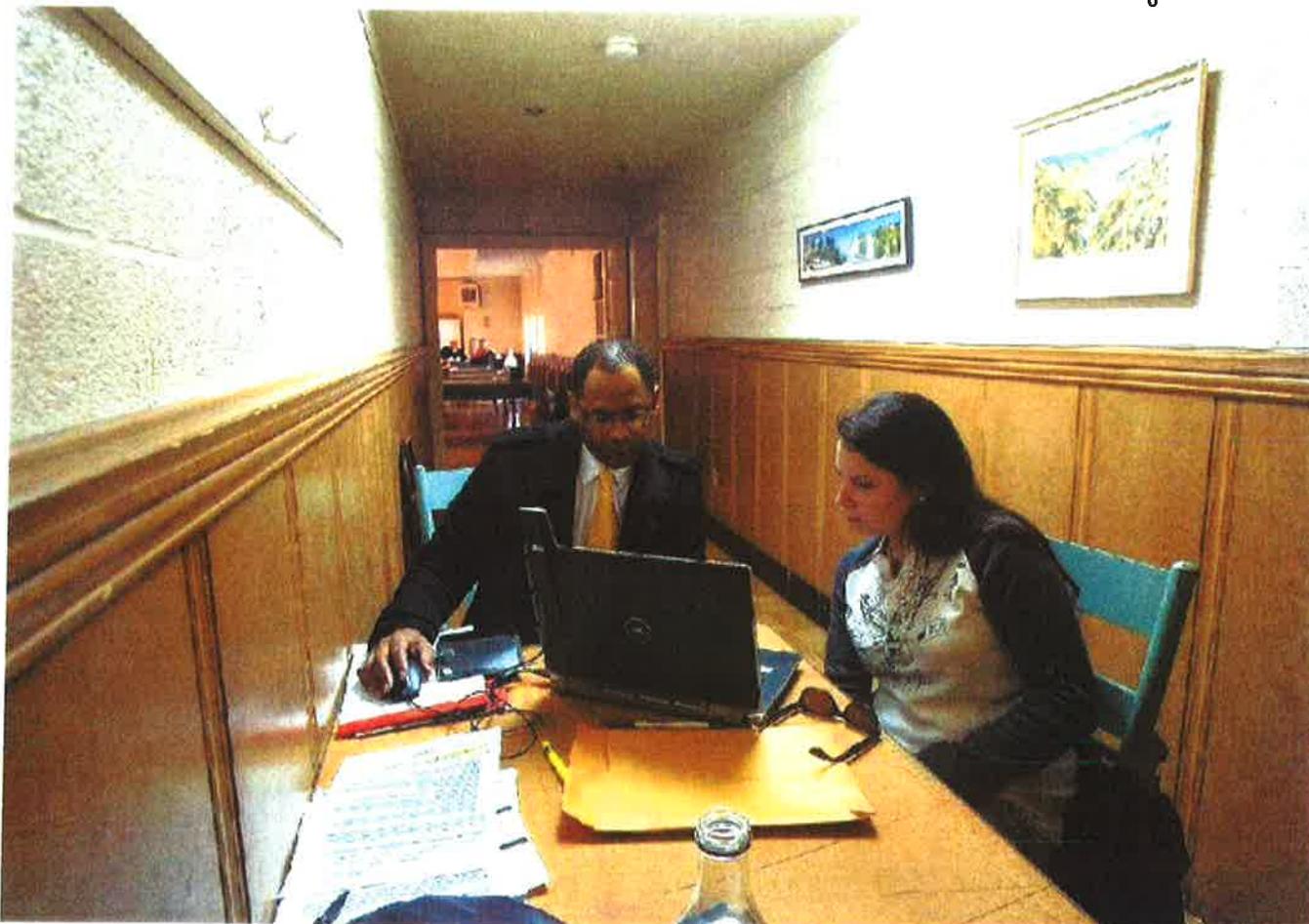


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Donald Brown Sr. with the University of Arkansas Partners for Inclusive Communities helps Hope Findlay sign up for health insurance Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. The deadline for insurance sign-ups through [healthcare.gov](#) is 2 a.m. Central time Monday.

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Millions of Americans who lack health insurance have until 2 a.m. Monday to sign up for coverage through exchanges established under the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The deadline -- midnight Sunday in the Pacific time zone -- marks the end of the open-enrollment period for coverage for this year for people who buy coverage on their own, rather than through an employer.

Those who qualify for Arkansas' private-option Medicaid program can enroll at any time during the year but can change plans only during the open-enrollment period.

For others, sign-ups are limited to annual open-enrollment periods or after certain events, such as a marriage, divorce, the birth of a child or the loss of a job.

Among those who enrolled Friday was Hope Findlay, a 25-year-old waitress at a Little Rock restaurant. She said she rarely visits a doctor and isn't happy about having to pay a \$73 monthly premium.

But she learned last week that her income-tax refund will be reduced by about \$71 because she went without coverage for much of last year.

She said she didn't want to pay a penalty again.

"I can either pay and not get a tax refund next year, and if I do get hurt or sick I'm screwed, or I can go ahead and pay for it, and if anything happens, at least I'm covered," she said.

HELP WITH PREMIUMS

Coverage under Arkansas' expanded Medicaid program, including through the private option, is available to adults with incomes of up to 138 percent of the poverty level: \$16,105 for an individual, for instance, or \$32,913 for a family of four.

Those who don't qualify for Medicaid may be eligible for federal tax-credit subsidies to help them buy coverage through the exchange, which is accessible through the federal enrollment portal, healthcare.gov.

The tax-credit subsidies are available to many people with incomes of less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level: for example, \$45,960 for an individual or \$94,200 for a family of four.

As of Feb. 6, 58,878 Arkansans who did not qualify for Medicaid had signed up for coverage through the exchange, up from 36,648 who the Arkansas Insurance Department reported were enrolled at start of the enrollment period on Nov. 15.

Of the Arkansans who had enrolled as of Jan. 30, 88 percent qualified for the tax-credit subsidies to help pay their premiums, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition, more than 223,000 Arkansans had been approved for coverage under the state's expanded Medicaid program as of Nov. 30, the most recent date for which figures were available Friday.

Nationally, 7.7 million Americans had enrolled through federally operated exchanges as of Feb. 6, federal officials said this week. An additional 2.4 million people had signed up through state-run exchanges as of Jan. 16, they said.

The Obama administration's goal is to have at least 9.1 million people enrolled and paying premiums at the end of this year.

Findlay had been covered under her mother's insurance policy but lost the coverage in March, when her mother lost her job at a company that administers health benefits.

On Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, an outreach worker from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's Partner's for Inclusive Communities helped Findlay use the federal enrollment portal, healthcare.gov, to sign up for a silver, or medium-level coverage plan offered by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Federal tax-credit subsidies will cover all but \$73 of the plan's \$234 monthly premium, and other subsidies will reduce the plan's annual deductible to \$500.

"It seems to be a pretty decent insurance plan," Findlay said.

Another outreach worker helped Findlay's mother apply for coverage under the private option.

PENALTY EMPHASIZED

In emails to consumers, federal officials have begun emphasizing the penalty during the final days of open enrollment.

A family or individual's penalty for failure to maintain coverage last year was the greater of \$95 per uninsured adult, \$47.50 per child, or 1 percent of a family's income that exceeds the tax filing threshold. The threshold is \$10,150 for a single adult and \$20,300 for a married couple who would file a joint return.

This year, the penalty is the greater of \$325 per adult, \$162.50 per child or 2 percent of household income above the tax filing threshold.

The penalty is capped at the national average annual premium for a bronze plan, designed to cover 60 percent of a typical patient's expenses. Last year, the cap was \$2,448 per individual. The penalty is prorated based on the number of months the individual lacked coverage.

The penalty does not apply to those who would have to pay more than 8 percent of their income for insurance.

"While the penalty is a minimum of only \$95 per adult without coverage in 2014," one message from the Obama administration says, "that fee rises to a minimum of \$325 per adult without coverage in 2015, and to \$695 per adult in 2016."

HELP WITH ENROLLMENT

Special language attached to the appropriation bills for the state Insurance, Human Services and Health departments prohibit those departments from promoting enrollment in the exchange or private option.

But other groups, using money from federal grants or private donations, will be offering one-on-one help at enrollment events today and Sunday.

The events today, listed at www.enrolleventsarkansas.com, are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

the Laman Library at 2801 Orange St. in North Little Rock; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Pocahontas Community Center, 300 Geneva Drive in Pocahontas; and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese, 109 Spring St., Suite 14, in Springdale.

In addition, ARcare, a community health center, will offer help from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at its clinics in Augusta, Wynne, Jonesboro, Heber Springs, Conway and Lonoke.

On Sunday, the nonprofit Living Affected Corp. will help with enrollment from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Argenta at 201 E. Fourth St. in North Little Rock.

The Insurance Department lists contact information for outreach workers and insurance agents on its website at ahc.arkansas.gov.

At Laman Library, "we expect a big crowd," said David Wright, co-director of Partners for Inclusive Communities' Navigator Project.

"It's just human nature to wait until the last minute," he said.

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