

**November/
December 2018**



Closings

Monday, 11/12 in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, 11/22; Friday, 11/23, & Saturday, 11/24 for Thanksgiving Holidays

Saturday, 12/01 for Christmas Parade (Laurel only)

Monday, 12/24; Tuesday, 12/25; 12/26 for Christmas Holidays

Monday, 12/31/18 & Tuesday, 1/1/19 for New Years Holiday

Children's Programs

Laurel-Jones County Library:
Tuesdays @ 10 a.m.

Ellisville Public Library:
Thursdays @ 10 a.m.

FY 2016-2017 Statistics

Program Attendance.....8,946
Items Checked-out.....97,559
Computer Usage.....13,591
Library Visits.....97,656



Laurel-Jones County Library

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE, NOVEMBER 29, 2018 FROM 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION @ 6:45 P.M. BY WORLD RENOWNED ARTIST, MARK LANDIS!

- SANTA CLAUS
- HOT CHOCOLATE & COFFEE BAR
- REFRESHMENTS
- CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CRAFTS
- HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF JONES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF OF THE LJCLS

BREAKING LIBRARY NEWS!!!

As of October, your borrowed library materials will be automatically renewed on the day they are due back!

When the system auto-renews your materials, you will receive either a text or an email.

However, there ARE a few exceptions:

- **Books and audiobooks can only be renewed two times**
- **Movies, games, ILL items, and magazines cannot be renewed**
 - **Any item with a reserve cannot be renewed**

Your local library is always searching for ways to improve our services. If you have any questions about the status of your borrowed materials, please feel free to call the circulation desk of either library location. We will be glad to assist you.

By: Michelle Anderson-Jones, Public Relations Manager

Genealogy: Finding Your Female Ancestors [Part Two]

By: Susan Blakeney, Genealogist (geneal@laurel.lib.ms.us)

Often the answer to identifying a woman can be found in the records of her husband, son or brother. Men owned the land, they ran the businesses and their lives were recorded in more detail than women's.

Some records that can be useful in finding female identities are:

6. Pension files might include the maiden name of a pensioner's wife and affidavits from close family members who might be related to the wife. Widow pension files should have the maiden name as proof the woman was married to the pensioner.
7. An obituary may list the names of siblings of the female ancestor. The obituary usually states she was preceded in death by her parents, and list their names, or a brother could be listed.
8. Letters and diaries can be a source of information about females and their families. These are usually found in family records, either immediate family or that of a collateral line.
9. Census records are easily accessible and are full of information on female ancestors. Although census records do not provide a maiden name, they give many clues about a woman's origins.
10. Cemetery records may list maiden names and often hold clues about a family. People often bought cemetery lots close to other family members or bought lots large enough to accommodate extended family members. Look for the relationship between the deceased and the owner of the cemetery lot, which may be listed on the cemetery record.

Females make up half of our ancestry, yet they are often neglected. Be sure you don't shortchange the females in your family just because the research takes a little extra effort.



NOVEMBER

Laurel-Jones County Library System, Inc. Schedule of Events

Thursday, 11/1 @ 10:00 a.m. (EPL) — Imagination Station
What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night presented by staff

Tuesday, 11/6 @ 10:00 a.m. (LJCL) — StoryTime PlayDate
presented by Garden Club

Thursday, 11/8 @ 10:00 a.m. (EPL) — Imagination Station
What's Under My Bed? presented by Nikkà Walters

Tuesday, 11/13 @ 10:00 a.m. (LJCL) — StoryTime PlayDate
-Run Turkey Run presented by staff

Thursday, 11/15 @ 10:00 a.m. (EPL) — Imagination Station
Turkey Trouble with Ellisville Garden Club

Tuesday, 11/20 @ 10:00 a.m. (LJCL) — StoryTime CANCELED

Thursday, 11/22 -HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Closed)

Tuesday, 11/27 @ 10:30 a.m. (LJCL) — *Leaf Man*
presented by staff

Thursday, 11/29 @ 10:00 a.m. (EPL) — Storytime CANCELED

Thursday, 11/29 @ 6:00 p.m. (LJCL)—OPEN HOUSE



DECEMBER

Laurel-Jones County Library System, Inc. Schedule of Events


Tuesday, 12/4 @ 10:00 a.m. (LJCL)
StoryTime PlayDate
presented by Garden Club

Thursday, 12/6 @ 10:00 a.m. (EPL)
Imagination Station
Snow Bunny's Christmas Wish
presented by staff

Tuesday, 12/11 @ 10:00 a.m. (LJCL)
StoryTime PlayDate
The Last Christmas Tree
(with Christmas treats)
presented by Lynda Laurendine

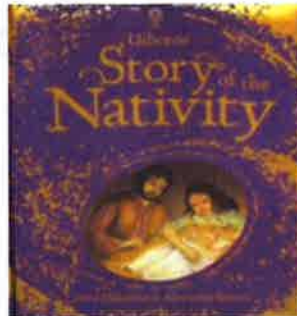
Thursday, 12/13 @ 10:00 a.m. (EPL)
Imagination Station
Little Blue Truck's Christmas
(with Christmas treats)
presented by staff

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
*We look forward to seeing you all after winter
break!*



Christmas Activity

Reading a book and making a craft that correlates with it can be so much for your kiddos! This month we are featuring one of my personal favorites, *The Nativity Story* by Anna Milbourne & Alessandra Roberti. Below is a fun, easy, and inexpensive craft you can make while you also check out this book from our children's department!



- Materials Needed:**
- Popsicle Sticks or Toothpicks
 - 2 Butterbeans
 - 3 Black-eyed Peas
 - A star cut-out of any material/paper
 - Ribbon/Twine (optional for ornament)

Glue the sticks together (vertical) to make a square. Add two sticks each diagonal from the top center, and one stick horizontal on bottom. Make Mary and Joseph's body with each butterbean. Add each a black-eyed pea for their heads. Glue last black-eyed pea in between for baby Jesus. You can glue a ribbon on the back if you'd like to use it for an ornament.

By: Kandice Schwan, Children's Department Supervisor



Sign up for important updates from Kandice Schwan and Ms. Michelle.

Get information for Laurel-Jones County Library System right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for Children's Services & Events:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/67fc6c

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @67fc6c to the number 81010

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @67fc6c to (972) 778-2320

* Standard text message rates apply



Who doesn't love holiday music? Check out these holly jolly tunes for your children on Hoopla!

THANK YOU!

We would like to take a moment to thank all of the parents, grandparents, patrons, Friends of the Jones County Public Libraries and Administration of the Laurel-Jones County Library System for all of their contributions of candy for our Pirates & Pixies Party. We would also like to thank our two special helpers, Halie and Josie, for all their hard work and help with the party. And last, but not least, we would like to thank the India Foundation for their generous donation of 350 free books for the children, as well as several boxes of brand new and gently used children's books to add to our collection.

WINTER BREAK

Our final children's program of 2018 will be on December 13, 2018. We will resume our regular bi-weekly schedule on January 15, 2019. We take this yearly break to allow everyone to enjoy the holidays and spend time with family and loved ones. Kandice and I, along with the entire library staff, wish all of our precious Story Time families and patrons a glorious holiday season and look forward to seeing you all back in 2019.

We are planning a jam packed year of exciting programs for 2019 and can't wait to enjoy them with all of you. If anyone has any programming suggestions, we welcome your input!

By: Michelle Anderson-Jones, Public Relations & Programming Manager



Military Holiday Resources

**"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."
- Steve Maraboli -**

Something as small as card could make somebody's day... or whole holiday! Did you know there are multiple organizations that send letters and cards to our military personnel? Even better, each organization is different in who they send to. Some send to caregivers, wounded veterans, families of the fallen, deployed soldiers, and more. You can choose which organization you'd specifically like to send to such as:

Cheers for Heroes: Our Heroes' Journey started the *Cheers for Heroes* program to bring smiles to combat wounded veterans and vets who are living in nursing facilities or hospitals around the country.

The *Living Legends Team* conducts one of the most delicate and demanding missions of *Soldiers' Angels*: comforting the loved ones left behind when a warrior falls in the performance of their military duties.

While we've only shared a couple in this article, you can view more of these organizations on www.operationwearehere.com. Giving back can be so rewarding! Please join us this Christmas in reminding those who serve our country that they are honored, loved, and not forgotten during our holiday season.

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Genealogy Dept.

Thursday 1:00pm - 4:45pm
Friday 9:00am - 4:45pm (closed 12-1)
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (closed
the 3rd Saturday of each month)

Ellisville Public Library (EPL)

201 Poplar St.
Ellisville, MS 39437
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Fax: 601-477-3004



Call for hours of operation or visit
www.laurel.lib.ms.us



Oxbow Bakery Pecan Pie

Pie Crust

1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup, + 1-2 Tbsp ice water
2 cups all purpose flour
10 Tbsp veg shortening
1 lrg egg; beaten

Pie Filling

6 Tbsp unsalted butter
1 cup + 2 Tbsp granulated sugar
1 cup + 2 Tbsp light corn syrup
4 xl eggs; beaten
1 tsp vanilla extract
3/3 tsp salt
2 cups chopped pecans

1. Prepare the Piecrust; Place salt and 1/4 cup of the water in a glass measuring cup. Stir to dissolve salt; chill 30 minutes
2. Place flour in a large bowl. Cut in shortening, using pastry blender, until crumbly. Drizzle cold salted water over flour mixture. Toss lightly w/ fork until dough comes together, adding 1 to 2 Tbsps ice water, if needed
3. Form dough into a disk. Wrap w/ plastic wrap & chill 30 minutes.
4. Preheat oven to 425*. Roll dough disk into 14" circle on lightly floured surface. Carefully transfer to a 9 1/2" deep-dish pie plate, & press bottom and sides into plate. Trim piecrust, leaving about 1" around the edges; reserve dough scraps. Fold edges under & crimp. Bake till crust is set, app. 4 minutes. Let cool 2-3 min. on a wire rack, and fill in cracks w/leftover dough. Cool 30 min. Brush lightly w/ beaten egg. Reduce oven to 350*.
5. Prepare the Filling: Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium. Add sugar & cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture starts bubbling, 3 to 4 minutes. Add corn syrup & cook, stirring occasionally, till bubbling, 3 to 4 min.
6. Remove from heat and cool 5 min. Slowly whisk about 1 cup hot mixture into beaten eggs; slowly whisk beaten egg mixture back into hot sugar mixture, & whisk until thoroughly incorporated. Whisk in vanilla & salt. Stir in pecans.
7. Pour filling into cooled crust. Bake at 350* until pie is cooked through & set in the middle, 40-45 min. Cover edges w/ foil after 30-35 min. to prevent over-browning. (The center will rise a little at the end but will settle when cooled.) Let cool completely (about 2 hours) before slicing.

Recipe courtesy of Southern Living, November 2018; current edition available for checkout at the library.

We regretfully announce that Breakfast with Santa has been cancelled this year. The Friends of Ellisville Public Library have decided instead to have a booth set up at the Ellisville Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 1, 2018. As of our publishing date, Ellisville City Hall did not have a time for the start of the parade. Feel free to call City Hall at 601-477-3323 for more information on parade time.

If you have any questions about the Friends booth, please see one of the members of the Friends of Ellisville Public Library. They will be happy to answer your questions.

All of us at the Library System wish you and yours a blessed Holiday Season!