Just recently the Association for Library Service to Children announced the 2012 Newbery and Caldecott Awards for children book excellence. The 2012 Caldecott Medal winner is a Ball for Daisy, written and illustrated by Chris Raschka. Caldecott Honor winners were: Blackout, written and illustrated by John Rocco, Grandpa Goose, written and illustrated by Lane Smith, and, My Name, illustrated by PeterENDERICK. The 2012 Newbery Medal winner is Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos. Honored books were: Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai, and Breaking Stalin’s Nose by Eugene Yelchin. More about the Newbery and Caldecott Awards and past winners go to the Association for Library Service to Children website: http://www.ala.org/alsc awardsgrants/bookmedia. These books are already in our collection both in book or e-book form or soon will be. Use our Online Public Access Catalog from our website http://mylibrarynow.org to check their availability.

2011 was a good year for children and young adult books to be translated into motion pictures. If your children enjoyed the movies they are sure to enjoy the books. Some of these include:


**TROUBLE USING OUR DIGITAL MEDIA LIBRARY WITH YOUR KINDLE OR NOOK?**

Check the Help Function in the “How To” section of the library’s website: http://www.mylibrarynow.org/howto.html

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busiest on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with patron traffic slowing down on Thursdays and Fridays. Many people don’t have time to visit the library on Fridays due to sports activities and travel plans. In addition, with us closing at 4:00 already, students don’t have time to come in and use the computers by the time they make it to the library from school. Hopefully this will be a temporary measure until the economy begins to recover and our tax revenue increases back to normal levels.” The move was approved by the Greene County Library board at its last quarterly meeting.

The last time hours were changed was 2008 when the library added earlier morning opening hours to 8:00 a.m.

The change will only affect Fridays and will only affect the Greene County branch in Paragould. The library will still be open Monday through Thursday 8:00 am until 6:00 pm, and Friday and Saturday 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.

**NOTE:** Remember the library never closes online. You can still get access to the online catalog, databases and digital media library at http://www.mylibrarynow.org

**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN READING**

While we are all looking forward to this year’s Summer Reading program “Dream Big: READ!” there are still many opportunities for us to encourage the love of books in our young people during the dreary days of winter.

**TAX REVENUE SHORTFALL FORCES EARLY CLOSING**

The hours of operation for the Greene County Library will change beginning Friday, February 3rd. The library is currently open on Fridays from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Starting in February, the library will still open at 8:00, but will close down at 1:00 pm. The reason for this change is part of an effort to help save money.

Public libraries operate from local tax revenue as part of a dedicated millage. During the past year of 2011, the tax revenue was down for the county. As a result, the library has been looking at ways to help spend less. The library is being very careful with its spending. The County Librarian, Sandy Rogers and the Library Board have looked into different economic strategies to help. For example, the library will not be purchasing as many books, audiobooks and DVDs this year. We will consider requested book titles if it is a title that has a broad interest. Other areas the library hopes to save money is with the payroll and professional development. Rather than letting people go, employees have been asked to sacrifice and cut back their hours and hence income to help out. As a last resort the library had to look into cutting hours of operation to the public.

The Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Director looked at usage statistics and felt Friday would be the best day to close early. Mike Rogers, Director of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library stated, “We have historically been...continued on back page.
UAMS PARTNERS WITH PIGGOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY
TO HELP TO IMPROVE RURAL MEDICAL CARE SERVICES IN NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

The Piggott Library was one of 10 libraries that offer broadband services to their communities. Based on the “unserved” and “underserved” classifications defined by BTOP, libraries were selected that 1) meet at least one of these definitions, 2) carry a broadband service of 1.5M or greater, and 3) represent different regions of the state. The listing of library locations among the state include: Eureka Springs, Harrison, Ozark, Camden, Monticello, Wynne, Piggott, Mountain Home, Morrilton, Stuttgart, and Nashville. Mike Rogers, Director of the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library said “We are excited that we were chosen to participate in this program. We hope that this opportunity will benefit not only the residents of Piggott, but many of the community members in our sometimes isolated corner of the state. We are confident that by partnering with UAMS, the quality of life in the area of healthcare will improve for people in Northeast Arkansas.”

Rogers adds that “We encourage everyone to visit the library and find out if this can help them because at the end of a set period of time, UAMS will determine if the equipment will remain at Piggott or be moved elsewhere depending on how much it is used.” This program is a great opportunity because it will allow the patient to save money and time by staying in Northeast Arkansas while allowing them to have better access to specialists and doctors to help with their specific needs.

THE FACE OF THE LIBRARY
SPOTLIGHT ON PAM SHULTZ
RECTOR LIBRARY

Pam Shultz is the clerk at the Rector Library and has served the public in this capacity for eight years. Pam is primarily in charge of the front desk.

What’s the first thought that comes into your mind when you wake up? Oh no! The alarm.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be? I wouldn’t live anywhere else. I was born and raised here and I love it.

What’s been your least favorite part of your job? People who sometimes cause problems for me and I have to work things out with them. Sometimes when people come in and want to give me a hard time and be rude.

What’s been your favorite part of your job? Searching for books that people want to read. Sometimes when people come in and want to give me a hard time and be rude.

What is the most memorable experience working at the library? When Carla would do the puppet show with Sophie singing.

What is the funniest thing that has happened in the library? When I came in one morning by myself and I heard something in the furnace closet. It was an animal and when I opened the door it ran out over me.

What is Telehealth? Telehealth is the delivery of health-related services and information via telecommunications technologies. These include health related resources and information as well as live, real-time videoconferencing with patients and doctors over long distances. Telehealth adds a new paradigm in healthcare, where the patient is monitored between physician office visits. This has been shown to significantly reduce hospitalizations and visits to the Emergency Room significantly, while improving patient’s quality of life. Telehealth also benefits patients where traditional delivery of health services are affected by distance and lack of local specialist clinicians to deliver services.

What is the best way you would describe yourself? Quiet.

What are the best books you’ve ever read? James Patterson’s Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment.

What do you think are the most important things in your life? God and my family.

What’s the best way you would describe yourself? Quiet.