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Rachel Samples joined the Piggott Library staff in July 2010. She is a resident of Piggott. Rachel has 3 children, Brian, Haley and Jeremy. Rachel is the smiling face you usually see at the front desk.

Lindsay Waldron (Children’s Director), is a Rector native. She received her B.S. in History from the University of Central Arkansas in 2007. She was previously employed at The Children’s Center at Conway, AR, where she was assistant director. There she was responsible for planning the curriculum for the pre-school classes.

Stan Waller comes in the afternoons at Greene County to help out. Originally from Walnut Ridge he is looking to go back to school in the spring to study Science. He gets immense satisfaction helping people and playing music.

Charles Williams is the new morning man at Corning. He is cheerful and has excellent people skills. Previously Charles worked at Wal-Mart. He is married and also works at Mid South Health.

As you’ve stopped by your library during the past few months, you may have noticed some familiar faces that you don’t see while some new ones are helping serve you. During the past year, there have been several employees that have moved on to different jobs or settled in to the path of retirement. Your library has worked hard at filling those valuable employees with people that can help continue to give you the service you deserve.

We thought it would be a good idea to showcase the new friendly library employees at the various branches throughout the region. All the people who work at your library love assisting you, so don’t ever be afraid to ask for help or ask a question. It is our mission to provide you with or show you where to find the answer. We appreciate your patronage, and will continue to try to improve the level of service your library gives you.

CORNING LIBRARY USERS WILL SEE POSSIBILITIES GROW AS LIBRARY GROWS

T he Corning Public Library has received notice that they will receive $150K from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for an expansion project. This grant is part of the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant and was announced by U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor and U.S. Representative Marion Berry (AR-01). This particular grant is a matching grant, with the USDA providing 75% of the $150K while the remaining funds will be raised through community fund-raising efforts. No additional taxes will be levied to raise the remaining amount. The factor that decided what percentage would be provided by the USDA involved median household incomes and community population size.

Senator Lincoln who is the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said that “Libraries open up a world of learning and knowledge for our local communities, and I am proud to announce these funds for Corning. Not only will they allow more citizens to utilize updated facilities and resources, they will also help support local economic development and jobs, which is my number one priority.”

“An important resource for a community, helping students learn and providing opportunities for adults to look for jobs and job training materials. These funds to expand the public library will help provide the residents of Corning with the resources necessary to get good jobs and a good education,” Senator Mark Pryor said.

“Libraries are such important public facilities that provide a wealth of knowledge and resources to Arkansans residents,” Representative Berry said. “Providing the Corning library with funding to

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expands the use of computers to local citizens to search for jobs and train for employment is a reminder of how essential it is that we renovate and improve our libraries. I am happy to see we are working towards continued expansion of these public resources to all Arkansans.”

The expansion project will involve construction of an addition onto the South side of the existing library building. The plan is to create an addition to the library which will provide space for a computer lab area which is needed for the library users to gain access to computers for job training, creating resumes, job searching and help in increasing their educational levels. In addition to the added computers, badly needed space for the library was also noted. Ms. Buchanan also mentioned that it is her hope that in the future, gaming equipment should be the only ones able to provide these services. Using games in libraries increases the interest in reading for some non-library users who don’t know that the library has anything of value to them personally.

Ms. Buchanan followed up by saying “This is an exciting opportunity for the library and the people of Corning and Clay County. We are so grateful for those that have helped with the grant application process and thankful that this is in line with the national trend to plug children and teenagers into our libraries and better service, and this is a huge step in that goal.”

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The holiday season is upon us and the libraries in the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library System will have several closings during the next few weeks as we celebrate Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Columbus Day October 11th
Veteran’s Day November 11th
Thanksgiving November 25th
Christmas Party Closing at 4pm
Christmas December 23rd
New Year December 31st
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Area designated for the new Corning Public Library Expansion. [Insert: ariel photograph showing site.]

The Social Network based on the book “The Accidental Billionaires” by Ben Mezrich
Secretariat based on the book “Secretariat” by William Nack
Red based on the cult D.C. Comics graphic novel by Warren Ellis and Dolly Hanner,
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1 based on the J. K. Rowling book of the same name
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader based on the C. S. Lewis classic
Guillermo’s Travels in a contemporary re-imagining of the classic tale, by Jonathan Swift

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Someplace it’s warm all year (preferably Hawaii).

What’s your least favorite part of your job? Putting books in order, you work all day to get them in order, and in comes a bunch of people that like to take them off the shelf and put them back in the wrong place!

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Get up lazy and get ready for work.

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