Adventure begins at the Library in 2024

Serving our Community:
One book, One program,
One individual at a time!

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LIBRARY DISTRICT #2 OF LINN COUNTY—LA CYGNE

Always call to confirm dates if driving a long distance. We do our best to keep the calendar updated. We invite you to join us for activities throughout the month. For questions call 913-757-2151.

February is Library Lover’s Month...

We all know that February is the “month of love” with Valentine’s Day coming right in the middle of the month. But a few years ago someone came up with the idea that we should spend the entire month celebrating libraries and why folks enjoy the library. “Give your patrons opportunities to celebrate, explore, connect and share the love of the Library.” The month is dedicated to people who love the buildings, halls, or rooms that house numerous collections of books, books, and MORE! We love to read, we love books, we love our programs and services, and we love libraries. Originally they celebrated one day, Feb. 14th as Library Lovers Day, but it expanded to a MONTH, because they wanted to highlight all the valuable roles that libraries play in our lives.

You all have shown us you love the LaCygne (Library District 2) Library by nominating us in the Linn County Best of Edition in the Linn County Newspaper. It was announced this week that our library won the Best Library in Linn County this year. We also won in the best librarian category with Janet and Chris winning. New this year we placed 2nd in the best “Event Center” and 2nd in the “Community Outreach” for our Senior Program. Thanks to all of your votes we won 2nd place in the Overall Best of the Best in Linn County for 2024.

We thank you as our patrons for recognizing our library this year and each and every day. As we’ve said before we wouldn’t be a great library without you. We are a building full of books and services and employees, but unless someone comes in to take advantage of those things, we are nothing. So during the month of February, please come into the library and celebrate, explore, connect and share the love of the library with your friends and family.

We have many things planned this month, and we hope you have time to check out our library. We have something for everyone from books, to magazines, to audio books, to DVDs, toddler times, story hours, STEM time, Geri-Fit exercise, senior lunches, home-school days, school visiting groups, copies, faxes, notary service, and so much more. Love YOUR LIBRARY and check it out!

Valentine’s Day Bake Sale—Feb. 14—9 AM

Last year we started a tradition of doing a bake sale on Valentine’s Day to raise funds to help support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for kids in Linn County. We are currently serving 315 children birth to five in Linn County (at least 80 are from the LaCygne area) and we have graduated 222 kids from the program who were from Linn County. Dolly Parton’s foundation provides books, but the community partners like Parents as Teachers and the libraries are responsible for getting the books to the children. We figure on average with the postal increases that it costs $30 a year to package and send the books to one child. We would like to help with this expense, so we are planning a bake sale in Feb. and a block party in May to raise funds.

We need donations of items to sell at the bake sale brought to the library by 5 PM the 13th or by 9 AM on the 14th. All funds will go to paying for the postage and packaging. Please support our library and programs by donating baked goods and/
Miss LaVeda

Facebook Virtual (Anyone)
Story Times will begin on Monday at 9:30 AM on Facebook Live and also on Wednesday and Fridays. Pick up craft packets and join the fun.

After-School Adventures — STEM —
Monday 3:45-4:45 PM grades 1-5
Children who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math are invited to join us in the Great Room on Mondays at 3:45 PM for our afterschool adventures. Each week we will do some sort of STEM activity dealing with one of these aspects. Some will involve kits and materials here at library, but each time we will also do an activity that they can replicate at home.

Feb. 5—Wind Powered Vehicles with 4H
Feb. 9—NO STEM
Feb. 10—NO STEM
Feb. 25—KEVA Planks

Children’s Room Scavenger Hunt...We will once again have pictures with letter clues hidden in the Kids’ Room and Playroom for you to find and solve the riddle! We hope as you are on the adventure to find all the dragons, you will take a look at all the resources your library has to offer in the Children’s area. We have the playroom, the reading area, checker/chess, easy readers, homeschool kits, fiction & non-fiction books.

Sign up and pick up your February Spice “Basil” after the first of the month.
Call for TAX-AID appointments, they are filling up fast! 913-757-2151.

Geri-Fit & Senior Meals Monday & Thursday
us at 11 AM for Geri-Fit, our chair exercise program. You will need 2 lb. weights and a stretch band. Following exercise we will have lunch for our over 50 friends. On Thursdays we will have a program followed by library BINGO. It’s that time of the year...Please stay home if you are running a fever, coughing, or have other symptoms that you might share with others. It’s better to miss an activity or two than to share the flu, covid, or other infections or viruses with the entire group and have several folks have to miss several events and continuing to pass it around.

February Menus (Subject to change)
Feb. 1—Chili Dog, Nachos, veggie, fruit, dessert
Feb. 5—Chicken Patty, Mashed Taters, Gravy, Cottage cheese, veggie
Feb. 8—Chicken enchilada soup, cheese quesadilla, Spanish rice, Feb. 12—Spaghetti, Salad, breadsticks, Fruit, cupcakes
Feb. 15—Meatloaf, Mashed taters, gravy, veggie, fruit, dessert
Feb. 19—Soft Tacos, Black beans, Spanish rice, fruit, veggie, dessert
Feb. 21 (Home school) Tostadas, Spanish rice, veggie, fruit, dessert
Feb. 22—Hamburger soup, cornbread, cottage cheese, dessert
Feb. 26—Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Tri-taters
Feb. 29—Chili, cinnamon rolls, carrots, celery, crackers & fruit

Don’t Forget!!
15th Annual Cabin Fever Reliever—LIBRARY DISTRICT #2—LA CYGNE IN THE “GREAT ROOM”
Sunday, February 25, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30
Doors OPEN at 5 PM for those bringing in their chili, soup, and desserts!!!
SERVING STARTS AT 5:30 PM!!!!
FOR A FREE-WILL DONATION IN THE BASKET YOU CAN HAVE CHILI/SOUP, DESSERT AND DRINK
CAKE WALK 4 TICKETS FOR $1, TAKES 2 TICKETS PER WALK.
DESSERT AUCTION STARTS AT 6:30 PM.
BRING YOUR MONEY AND SUPPORT LIBRARY PROGRAMS.
BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE UNTIL 6:45.
RAFFLE TICKETS ARE 1 FOR $1, 6 FOR $5, 12 FOR $10, OR 25 FOR $20.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 7 PM

Come Join Us at the Cabin Fever Reliever Feb. 25th!
Chili/ soup Cook-off, Dessert Auction, Cake Walk & Basket Raffle
Library “Great Room” 5:30 to 7:30 PM

We are looking for donations of baskets for the Friends of Library to raffle off at the Cabin Fever Reliever. Think of a themed basket and make it and bring it to help out the Friends Group. We would like to have the baskets before Feb. 9th so we can display them. Also whip up your best dessert for the auction. Make up a pot of chili or soup and bring it to the meal. We also need desserts to serve and desserts for the cakewalk.

Coming in March, we will have a seed library where you can come in and “check out” seeds to take home and grow. There will be more details in the March newsletter. Seed libraries offer a more efficient way to deploy community resources. They encourage experimentation, affording gardeners (or aspiring gardeners) a low-risk way to try something new.