

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

Week of March 21, 2016

No. 242

From Enid's desk . . .

Nature Backpacks

135 libraries are participating in the Nature Backpack program.

The Nature Backpack program is a collaborative project of the Virginia State Parks, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Science Museum of Virginia, Library of Virginia, Virginia's public libraries, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The program allows Virginians to check out from a public library one of the 540 Nature Backpacks that includes a free state park pass. The backpack contains information and materials to make the trip one of the 36 state parks an enjoyable as well as a learning experience.

For the OCLC record, news release, and answers to frequently asked questions, see
<https://vpl.virginia.gov/nature-backpacks/>

For more information, see
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/lib-edu/ldnd/nature_backpacks.htm

Many thanks go to:

- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation – Nancy Heltman and Staff
- Science Museum of Virginia – Erika Carson, Chuck English, Sarah Farrow, Sarah Waldrop and staff
- Library of Virginia – Amanda Bass, Paranita Carpenter, Deanna Chavez, Mary Clark, Sonya Coleman, Kathy Jordan, Sandra Treadway, and Audrey Walker
- CarMax volunteers

Coaching

We are wrapping up our first set of coaching training sessions and now are accepting additional applications for people who wish to be coached.

[See the attachment](#)

Coaching is a way to support continual learning and improving the quality of services we provide our

communities. Coaching is process of guiding conversations to enable awareness and to implement personal solutions to challenging issues or areas of performance.

Coaching benefits public libraries as it –

- Expands thinking through dialogue with professional peers.
- Promotes self-awareness, including blind spots.
- Promotes personal accountability for development.
- Provides one-on-one personal learning on the spot.

For more information

<https://vpl.virginia.gov/youth-services/coaching-workshop/>

Summer Food Program

Kudos and Thanks to the presenters of the Well Read and Well Fed: Summer Meals for Kids in Virginia Libraries Webinar on March 18:

- **Miriam Stiefel**, No Kid Hungry Virginia Program Associate Virginia Department of Health
- **Conchetta Yonaitis**, Program Manager Virginia Department of Health
- **Lisa Hicks**, Director, Alleghany Highlands Regional Library
- **Amber Lowery**, Manager of Youth Services, Roanoke Public Libraries
- **Janet Boucher**, Children's Services Coordinator, Blue Ridge Regional Library
- **Karen Barley**, Branch Manager, Blue Ridge Regional Library

[See attached flyer about the summer food program.](#)

I am currently putting together a list of libraries who are participating in the summer food program. We will be providing a set of materials and books to each library building participate in the program. We will begin mailing out items next week. We are working with the SOHO Foundation to provide the books. We expect the books to be delivered in May.

If you are a summer food site please register at

<http://readvirginia.org/SummerFoodatYourLibrary.htm>



The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to learning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

This newsletter project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

U. S. Department of Agriculture USDA to Host Webinar: Libraries & Museums Serving Free Summer Meals

USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free, nutritious meals to kids & teens 18 years old and younger in low-income communities during summer break.

The program depends on community organizations like libraries and museums to serve the meals in a safe, convenient, and fun environment.



The challenge for the program is having enough of these sites that serve summer meals. In some communities there are only a few or no places that serve summer meals. Libraries and museums are perfect sites because they are well-known, safe, and can add fun learning activities.

Please join this webinar to learn more about how your library or museum can get involved. There will be ample time for you to ask questions and share ideas.

Please register for this meeting.

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=n2ltg4m34c1p>

Penny Weaver, Public Affairs Specialist, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Midwest Region 

From ALSC Blog

From the Other Side: Things to Remember When Getting a New Manager

Starting a new job can be tough. You're often overwhelmed by floods of information, meeting new people, and learning a community you may not have known before. But getting a new manager when you're already established comes with a learning curve of its own, too! Here are some things to remember:

- **Keep an open mind.** Far easier said than done, but remember that suggestions about doing things differently, or trying something new, are probably not intended as a slight against your current practice, just an alternate way of considering things! Staff that are quick to say "no" right off the bat can end up like the boy who cried

wolf: their constant objections dilute the strength of their opinions when they actually feel strongly about something. This doesn't mean you have to go along with everything your new manager says, but if your immediate reaction is to shoot something down, take time to consider why. Do you have legitimate reasons, or are you just feeling uncomfortable with change?



- **Step back.** Your first instincts may be to give the new person lots of information and insight. Librarians love to help out and share what they know! But not everyone finds that useful when they're new. If your manager seems to respond well to this tactic, by all means proceed! But sometimes you can be just as supportive by taking a step back and letting your manager experience things for him or herself.
- **Give it time.** No matter how things start out, it takes months (often longer) to get to know one another and fall into the rhythm of working together. If things begin on a positive note, that's great! Hopefully with time they'll get even better. If it doesn't start out so hot, don't assume you're destined for failure. Continue to be your best friendly, polite self and stay optimistic that your working relationship will improve.
- **Use it as a learning experience.** No matter what, new situations and people give us the opportunity to change and grow. Take time to reflect on the thoughts and feelings you've had during the transition. What were the positives? What would you do differently next time? How will you use this experience to inform your actions the next time *you're* the new person? For better or worse, we all have to deal with change, and being thoughtful about your experiences will only help you continue to navigate them in a healthy and positive way.

Posted March 21, 2016 by ALSC Managing Children's Services Committee 

**"A library should be like
a pair of open arms."**

~ Roger Rosenblatt ~



"A Book That Shaped Me"

The Library of Congress National Book Festival Summer Writing Contest

National Book Festival

2016 "A Book That Shaped Me" Contest

It's hard to believe that we are in the 5th year of the "A Book That Shaped Me" National Book Festival Writing Contest and that Virginia libraries have been involved since 2013! We are now recruiting libraries for the 2016 contest. This year we are planning to add more marketing and media promotion to spread word about the contest (and participating libraries) on our end.

The contest will run May 2 – July 18, 2016 and the awards ceremony will take place at the National Book Festival on Saturday, September 24th at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

Attached please find the informational brochure with the 2016 participation form. Please forward this to your libraries and we will be sending it directly to branches that have participated in the past.

We are looking forward to working with you and Virginia libraries once again!

<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/booksthatshape/>

Thank you,

Lola Pyne

Outreach & Special Programs, Office of Communications

101 Independence Ave, SE

Washington, DC 20540-1610

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loc.gov

Email to Dr. Sandra Treadway, Librarian of Virginia, March 23, 2016

Informational brochure is attached to this newsletter.



Bristol Public Library

STEM Programs

We had a STEM activity yesterday with our Highland View Elementary 2nd and 3rd graders from their Afterschool Program. Photos of the activities are the next page.

We read the story ROLLER COASTER by Marla Frazee. We had 4 groups that we rotated around to 4 activities.

Activity 1 was building marble roller coasters with 3 sets that we have and experimenting with the different types tubes, curvy runs, and drops. Activity 2 was to experiment with cars rolling down different surfaces and studying how friction on the surfaces affects the downward motion of the Matchbox cars. We had a sandpaper surface, 2 bubble wrapped surfaces (bubbly side and the opposite side), plain surface, and a bumpy hot glued surface.

Activity 3 involved large tubes and Mega Bloks. The children used the tubes and supported them with blocks and chairs to make the longest working tube possible. Activity 4 involved the children using out 2 SPHEROS to guide them around an obstacle course. We had 22 children and 6 adults in the program and the kids had a great time. We were inspired by the wonderful STEM kit and pictures we had seen in the YOUTH SERVICES NOTES. We did this same activity with our WINTER READING PROGRAM FAMILY NIGHTS in February with 20 children and 15 adults participating. We will be doing the same activity with the Kindergarten and 1st graders from the Highland View Afterschool program next week.

Thank you for encouraging and supporting all of these wonderful activities at our libraries!

Michelle Page, Children's Librarian, Bristol Public Library

Bristol Public Library STEM Programs (Continued from page 4)

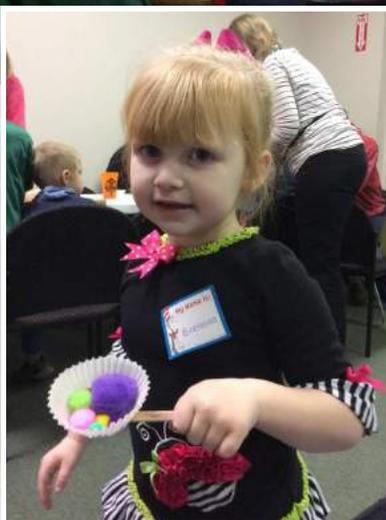


Hampton Public Library – Willow Oaks Branch

Storytime Crafts

These are pictures from the craft portion of our Tuesday morning Storytime at Willow Oaks Branch Library. Ms. Sharday showed everyone how to make their own spring time flowers.

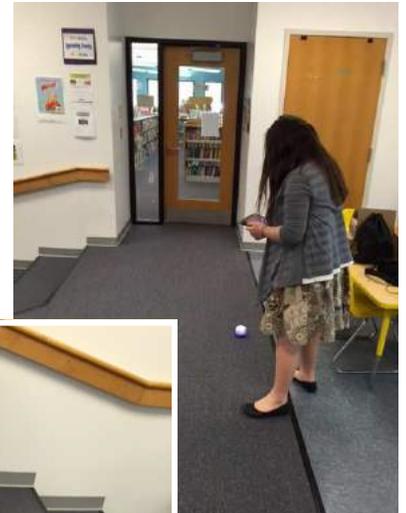
Caitlin Flanagan, Willow Oaks Branch Manager



Powhatan Public Library STEM Program with the Sphero

These pictures show the robot club using the Sphero from the workshop.

Peggy Martin





Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

May 2, 2016 VLA Professional Associates Annual Conference Williamsburg
 October 26-28, 2016 VLA Annual Conference Hot Springs

National Conferences

April 5-9, 2016 Public Library Association 2016 Conference Denver
 June 23-28, 2016 American Library Association Annual Conference Orlando
 September 15-17, 2016 ALSC National Institute 2016 Charlotte
 October 27-29, 2016 Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference Fargo
 November 4-6, 2016 YALSA's 2016 YA Services Symposium Pittsburgh

Workshops

April 19, 2016 Storytime Share-n-Tell Martinsville
 May 3, 2016 Mother Goose on the Loose Springfield
 May 5, 2016 Mother Goose on the Loose Chesapeake
 May 6, 2016 Mother Goose on the Loose Ashland

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

April

D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Month <http://www.dropeverythingandread.com/>
 El día de los niños/El día de los libros <http://dia.ala.org>
 Math Awareness Month <http://www.ams.org/samplings/math-awareness-month/mam>
 National Humor Month <http://www.humormonth.com/>
 National Library Week – April 10-16, 2016 <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>
 National Poetry Month <https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>
 School Library Month www.ala.org/aasl/slm

April 10-16 National Library Week
 April 12 National Library Workers Day
 April 13 National Bookmobile Day
 April 21 Poem in Your Pocket Day
 April 23-30 Money Smart Week

Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ Michelle Page, Bristol Public Library
- ◇ Caitlin Flanagan, Hampton Public Library - Willow Oaks Branch Library
- ◇ Peggy Martin, Powhatan Public Library
- ◇ The usual resources - USDA Food and Nutrition Service, No Kid Hungry Program, Virginia Department of Health, ALSC Blog, :Library of Congress National Book Festival



Cow is busy answering her mail, but has not quite caught up!

Library of Virginia Coaching Program Application

The Library of Virginia is offering a coaching program for library staff. We are currently accepting applications for both coaches and people who wish to be coached. We are limiting the number of people who will be accepted into the program.

Coaches will be expected to attend two half-days (7 hour) training. A half-day session will follow 3-4 months later. There will also be practice sessions to participate in.

Applications for people who wish to coach or be coached should be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

Enid Costley
Children's and Youth Services Consultant
Library of Virginia
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 692-3771 Fax
enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

Confirmation of receipt of the application will be sent via email.

For participants who wish to be coaches, the application should include the following:

1. Application form
2. Resume
3. Letter of support from your direct supervisor
4. A separate sheet addressing the following questions:
 - a. Why do you wish to participate in the coaching program?
 - b. What do you hope to achieve?
 - c. What are your career goals?
 - d. How can you contribute to the program?

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 - c. What are your career goals?

Library of Virginia Coaching Program

- I wish to be a coach
- I wish to be coached

Name:

Email:

Phone number & extension:

Library System:

Address:

Position:

Mail to:

Enid Costley
Library of Virginia
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
Fax: (804) 692-3771
Email enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

Confirmation of receipt of application
will be sent via email.

Mark one word in each row which best describes you:

Forceful	Outgoing	Diplomatic	Passive
Adventurous	Generous	Analytic	Patient
Demanding	Sociable	Accurate	Calm
Competitive	Trusting	Systematic	Loyal
Decisive	Convincing	Sensitive	Deliberate
Self-assured	Enthusiastic	Conscientious	Team-oriented
Daring	Emotional	Conventional	Stable

1. Attach a resume
2. Letter of support from you direct supervisor.
3. On a separate page address the following
4. Why do you wish to participate in the coaching program?
What do you want to achieve?
What are your career goals?
What can you contribute to the program? (Coaches only!)

To Be Well Read...



You Must Be Well Fed!

The Growing Need for Nutritious Meals During the Summer

Are an increasing number of kids spending summer days in your library? Are you looking to bolster your summer programming? Your library may be the most welcoming community center and trusted public space for your community's youth. As a valuable community resource, you can nourish kids' minds and bodies!

During the school year, more than 532,500 children and teens across Virginia qualified for free or reduced-price meals to power their learning.

When school is out, however, many children experience a nutritional void. Only 13 percent of children who rely on free or reduced-price lunch during the school year are also getting a free meal during the summer.

Children and teenagers who lack access to quality and consistent food are likely to be sick more often, have less energy, and be less focused on learning. Other linked issues include hyperactivity, anxiety, undernutrition, and even weight gain.

The federally funded **Summer Food Service Program** helps children and teenagers grow, learn, and play. This nutrition assistance program benefits kids and families—and your library!

Serving Free and Nutritious Meals & Snacks Makes Sense!

The **Summer Food Service Program** runs during the summer when school is not in session and provides free, nutritious meals to kids. The programs:

Strengthen your library's reputation and commitment to patrons: Your library is a trusted community center where parents are assured their children are enriching their minds while nourishing their bodies.

Boost your library's programs: Adding a meal or snack can enrich your existing program. Providing nutritional food may attract new patrons and draw them into other library services.

Help kids access good nutrition: Eating meals and snacks through a nutrition program is a better choice than eating unhealthy "junk foods" from a nearby store or not eating at all.

Require little to no cost to your library: The Summer Food Program is a federal entitlement program, meaning public funding is available to cover food. Most libraries have prepared food brought to the library and then library staff and volunteers offer a clean and safe place to eat before or after a library program or activity.



Virginia Libraries that have participated in the Summer Food Service Program include:

- Augusta County Public Library
Tammy Coulter
- Blue Ridge Regional Library System
Janet Boucher
- Chesterfield County Public Library
Jessica Gonzalez
- Charles P. Memorial Library, Lisa Hicks
- Hampton Public Library, Caitlin Flanagan
- Loudon County Public Library, Sterling Library
Chanel Warner
- Mecklenburg County Public Library
Cassie Boyd
- Pamunkey Regional Library, Betsy Henning
- Pulaski County Library System
Scott McGregor
- Roanoke Public Library, Amber Lowery

Check out these Summer Food Service Program online resources:

For Libraries: <http://lunchatthelibrary.org/>

The U.S. Department of Agriculture:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp>

Virginia Department of Health:
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ofhs/dcn/sfsp/>

No Kid Hungry Virginia website:
<http://va.nokidhungry.org/serve-summer-meals>
OR va.nokidhungry.org

VDH/NKH collaborative website:
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/livewell/programs/nkhi/home.html>

USDA Capacity Builder Tool to identify libraries and sites: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/capacitybuilder>

Share Our Strength Center for Best Practices:
<https://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/free-summer-meals-kids>

Libraries participating in the summer food program may request resources at: <http://readvirginia.com/SummerFoodatYourLibrary.htm>



Learn More and Get Involved

5 Steps for Libraries

- 1. Visit websites listed** and learn more about the Summer Food Service Program.
- 2. Connect with a colleague** about free meals or snacks. Libraries across the commonwealth have experience with these child nutrition programs.
- 3. Spread the word!** Locations across Virginia serve free summer meals. If there are meal sites already in your service area, please inform families and caregivers Call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or text "FOOD" to 877-877 during the summer to locate your nearest summer meal site.
- 4. If your community has a summer meal site close to the library, visit the site** and provide enriching literacy-related activities or programs.
- 5. Become a Summer Food snack or meal site** and partner with a sponsor to provide free meals to kids this summer at your library.

To learn more about how federally and state-funded nutrition assistance programs can help your library and its youngest patrons, please contact:

Enid Costley
Library of Virginia
804.692.3765
enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov

Miriam R. Stiefel
No Kid Hungry Program Associate
Virginia Department of Health
804.864.7893
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"A Book That Shaped Me"

The Library of Congress National Book Festival Summer Writing Contest

Information for Libraries – 2016

About the Contest

The "A Book That Shaped Me" Summer Writing Contest encourages rising 5th and 6th graders to reflect on a book that has made a personal impact on their lives. The program is designed to affirm the importance of books and reading and to help local public libraries combat the 'summer reading slump' by providing additional rewarding opportunities for summer reading program participation.

The contest also aims to build connections among young readers, local libraries, the Library of Congress, and the National Book Festival, the nation's premier celebration of books and reading. Grand-prize contest winners present their essays during the festival on **September 24, 2016 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.**



The Contest and Local Libraries

"A Book That Shaped Me" was launched in 2012 by the Library of Congress and administered along with DC Public Library. In 2013, the program successfully expanded throughout the Mid-Atlantic region with the help of 300 public libraries in **DC, MD, VA, PA, DE, and WV.** "A Book That Shaped Me" will continue to operate and expand further within these states during this the fifth program year.



"When a child makes a story their story, reading becomes powerful. The 'Book That Shaped Me' essay contest helps young people take their summer reading to the next level – it helps them make the connection between reading and their place in the world."

~Ginnie Cooper, former DC Public Library Chief Librarian

Become a Participating Library System

Writing is a natural extension of reading and a valuable summer activity, thus the "A Book That Shaped Me" Summer Writing Contest is a great enhancement to your library summer reading programs. Participation in a Library of Congress program can also be a great motivator for young readers.

- ◆ receive contest materials and promotional items to display in your libraries
- ◆ be listed on the Library of Congress contest web site as a participating location
- ◆ young readers will be directed to your library locations to submit contest entries
- ◆ encourage participation and assist young readers with contest submission preparation.



"A Book That Shaped Me"

The Library of Congress National Book Festival Summer Writing Contest

Information for Libraries – 2016 (cont'd)

How it Works

- ◆ The contest is administered through public library systems in collaboration with the Library of Congress.
- ◆ Young readers write a short essay about a book that made a difference in their lives, sharing how the book made them feel and changed the way they see themselves, their family, or their world.
- ◆ Entries are submitted in-person to local libraries and then forwarded to the Library of Congress where they are judged on content, structure, and creativity.
- ◆ Individual prizes are awarded at the state and grand prize levels and top winners present their essays during the **Library of Congress National Book Festival**.



Participation Responsibilities and Timeline

Upon acceptance for the 2016 program year, confirmed library system participants will receive the “A Book That Shaped Me” Summer Writing Contest Administrator’s Guide. This will include a suite of contest and marketing materials including entry forms, contest and book festival posters, sample program letters to schools and youth organizations, timelines, etc. Below is the general 2016 program timeline.

Request to participate in the 2016 program by submitting the attached form	April 11
Receive the contest administrator’s guide/marketing materials	Late April
Contest Launches	May 2
Display contest materials Spread the word to area schools and youth organizations Consider hosting author events for youth	
Contest Ends	July 18
Mail all entries received to the Library of Congress postmark deadline	July 22
Awards Ceremony at the National Book Festival	September 24

Contact

Web Site: www.loc.gov/bookfest/kids-teachers/booksthatshape.html

Email: BooksShapeContest@loc.gov

Program Manager: Lola Pyne, lpyn@loc.gov, (202)707.3128

Program Assistant: Bryonna Head bhea@loc.gov, (202)707.3073



"A Book That Shaped Me"

The Library of Congress National Book Festival Summer Writing Contest

Library Participation Request – 2016

Request to be a participating library system in the 2016 "A Book That Shaped Me" Summer Writing Contest by completing and faxing this form by April 11, 2016 to (202)707.9199 attn: *Books Shape Contest*. Once accepted, you will receive confirmation and a program agreement to sign.

Name of Library System: _____

Web Site: _____

Number of Libraries in System: _____

Are you registering all of the libraries in this system? YES NO (circle one)

If not, list names of individual library branch(es) that will participate: _____

State: DC MD VA WV PA DE (circle one)

County: _____ City: _____

Participated in years past? YES NO If so, when? 2012 2013 2014 2015 (circle all that apply)

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address*: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*NOTE: Contest promotional items for all registered libraries will be sent to the mailing address listed above. If you would like these materials to be sent separately to each library branch, please attach a sheet listing the contact name and mailing address for each library branch.