The Library will host “Riders on the Orphan Train,” presented by Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster, on Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m. The program is free and appropriate for all ages. Registration is not required.

This multimedia presentation tells the story of 250,000 orphans and unwanted children who were put on trains in New York between 1854 and 1929 and sent all over the United States. This “placing out” system was intended to rid the streets and overcrowded orphanages of homeless children and to provide them with new homes in the developing Midwest.

The presentation includes original music, archival photographs, filmed interviews with surviving orphan train riders, a dramatic reading, and informal audience discussion.

Alison Moore, MFA, is completing a novel about the Orphan Trains with a grant from the Texas Institute of Letters and the Dobie/Paisano Foundation of the University of Texas at Austin. She is the author of three books and received the Katherine Ann Porter Prize for Fiction in 2004.

Phil Lancaster studied art and music at L’Ecole De Beaux Arts in Angers, France. There, he joined a bluegrass band that traveled throughout France. After returning to the U.S., he and three Arkansas musicians formed the acoustic quartet “Still on the Hill” in Fayetteville, Ark. In 2007 he received an Arkansas Arts Council fellowship for Music Composition.

Did you know that you can check out library books directly on your tablets, ereaders, or smartphones for free? The Library has offered digital loans since 2010 through a partnership with other Arkansas libraries called Library2Go. Since then, the service has grown to serve over 2,000 Springdale users with over 10,000 downloadable ebooks and audiobooks.

To use Library2Go, you’ll need a library card in good standing, a device, and special software to manage your checkouts and downloads. To get started, visit the Library2Go website at http://lib2go.lib.overdrive.com

The Library offers classes for new Library2Go users on the second Wednesday and Saturday of each month. If you’re stuck or have any questions, stop by for a demo, discussion, and guidance!

Introduction to Library2Go Workshops
Wednesdays: Jan. 9, Feb. 13
Saturdays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9
12:00—1:00 p.m.
Children's Programs in December

December Weekday Story Times

Toddler Time (Babies-Age 3)
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children's Department
December 5 & 12

Cookies & Cocoa
Pre-School Story Time (Ages 3-5)
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Auditorium
December 4/5 Cookies Make Me Smile
   National Cookie Day is Dec. 4!
December 11/12 Cozy with Cocoa
   National Cocoa Day is Dec. 13!

Silly Poems, Songs, and Stories
School-Age Program (Ages 6-9)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
Children’s Auditorium
December 4 What Is a Poem?
December 11 All About Rhyme

Trike Theatre Dramatic Book Club
(Ages 4 & 5)
Tuesday, December 11, 4:00 p.m.
Children’s Department

Once Upon a Winter
Spanish Story Time (Families)
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
Children’s Auditorium
December 6 Paws for Fun
December 13 Good’s Good and Bad’s Bad

School’s Out!
Wild Animal Movie Fest
Seats are limited so pick up your FREE tickets at the Children’s Desk beginning Dec. 15th.

Wednesday, December 26
10:00 a.m. Over the Hedge
2:00 p.m. The Wild

Thursday, December 27
10:00 a.m. Happy Feet
2:00 p.m. Happy Feet 2

Wednesday, January 2
10:00 a.m. Madagascar 1
2:00 p.m. Madagascar 2

Thursday, January 3
10:00 a.m. Madagascar 3
2:00 p.m. Open Season 1

Special Event Saturdays
2:00 p.m., Children’s Craft Area

Mosaic Making
Saturday, December 1
Join us to make mosaic collage crafts just in time for the holidays!

Holiday Ornament Make & Take
Saturday, December 15
Drop in and make a festive holiday ornament.

Family Book Club

Children grades 5 and younger, along with their families, are encouraged to read together. Visit the Children’s Department to register and receive a Reading Club packet. Monthly and grand prizes will be awarded.
Children’s Programs in January and February

Toddler Time (Babies-Age 3)
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Department
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30
Feb. 6, 13, 20

Trike Theatre
Dramatic Book Club (Ages 4 & 5)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
Children’s Department
Jan. 8, Feb. 12

Fun, Fierce, and Fantastical—
Dragons, Knights and Castles
School-Age Program (Ages 6-9)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
Children’s Auditorium
Jan. 8 Can You Train a Dragon?
Jan. 15 Daring Knights and Lovely Ladies
Jan. 22 Regal Royalty
Jan. 29 Once Upon a Time
Feb. 5 Creating Castles
Feb. 12 Let’s Have a Medieval Fair: Fun & Games
Feb. 19 Merlin and His Apprentices

Happily Ever After in Fairy Tale Land
Pre-School Story Time (Ages 3-5)
Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Children’s Auditorium
Jan. 8/9 The Boy Made of Gingerbread
Jan. 15/16 The Billy Goats and Their Story
Jan. 22/23 Little Red Riding Hood
Jan. 29/30 1,2,3 Little Pigs
Feb. 5/6 Storybook Heroes
Feb. 12/13 Goldilocks & Friends
Feb. 19/20 Funny Fairy Tales
Jan. 10 Wind and Clouds
Jan. 17 Keep Me Warm (Hats and Mittens)
Jan. 24 Tickle Me Silly
Jan. 31 Snow Comes to the Farm
Feb. 7 Wave All Your Fingers
Feb. 14 Forever Friends
Feb. 21 In Search of Springtime

Special Events for Families
Saturdays, 2:00 p.m., Children’s Auditorium and Craft Area

Flower Arranging for Kids
Saturday, January 26
Learn the art of basic floral design. Each participant will make a bud vase to take home. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Library at 479-750-8180.

Friendship Crafts
Saturday, February 2
Friendships are to celebrate! Come make various crafts to share with your friends!

Chinese New Year Celebration
Saturday, February 9
Celebrate the Year of the Snake and visit various stations to experience the food, crafts and culture of this exciting holiday.

Wii Game Day
Saturday, February 16
Try out different Wii games on Game Day Saturday!

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Kibbles and Books
Reading Sessions
Thursday, Jan. 24, Feb. 21
Wednesday, March 27
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
This program is designed to help children develop literacy skills and build confidence by reading to a therapy dog. To register, call the Children’s Services Department at 479-750-8180.

Zumba®
Saturday, January 5
Bring your family and join Ms. Taylor as you get fit while breaking some Latin dance moves. The program is free and registration is required. Call the Library at 479-750-8180.

Come Draw with Rich
Saturday, January 12
Children’s book illustrator Rich Davis returns to the Library to teach you an easy way to draw fun cartoon characters. Check out his Tiny books which include Tiny takes a Bath and Tiny goes to the Library.

Kibbles and Books Therapy
Dog Reading Program
New Year Kick-Off
January 19
Join in the fun! It’s your chance to meet the Library therapy dogs, read them a story, and then make a fun puppy craft to take home!

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Fiction Forge Creative Writing Workshop
January 3, 17
February 7, 21
Shiloh Room
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Calling all writers! The Fiction Forge wants you! The Fiction Forge meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month. This new writers’ workshop for adults is led by Brad Carter, Library Information Assistant and published author.

Library2Go Downloadable Books Workshop
January 9, 12
February 9, 13
Shiloh Room
12:00—1:00 p.m.
The Library now offers workshops covering Library2Go basics on the second Wednesday and the second Saturday of each month. Stop by to learn how to download Library ebooks and audiobooks on your mobile device!

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Inklings
Teen Writing Group
Tuesdays, 5:00—6:00 p.m.
January 8—February 19
Children’s Auditorium
Teen writers are invited to share and critique each other’s writing with published author and Library Information Assistant Brad Carter. For more information, call 479-750-8180 or email bcarter@springdalelibrary.org

Winter Book Club Selections
Avid Readers Noon Book Club
3rd Tuesday of each month
12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Jan. 15
The Buddha in the Attic
by Julie Otsuka
Feb. 19
The Rules of Civility
by Amor Towles

L.E.O. Spanish Language Book Club
3rd Tuesday of each month
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Jan. 15
Ardiente Cañaveral
by Arturo Ortega Blake
Feb. 19
B de Bella
by Alberto Ferreras