

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Delving the Dungeon

The James River Valley Library System started a program featuring table top role playing games. The program is currently using the 5th Edition rules for *Dungeons & Dragons* to introduce kids to interactive storytelling, creative problem solving, and other elements inherent to the hobby.

Young patrons expressed interest in the game, having found several of the game's books on ADPL's shelves. That, coupled with the recent increase in the hobby's popularity, prompted library staff to provide kids an opportunity to experience the game.

An excited group of young adventurers gathered in the Drewello Room on Saturday to take down a marauding band of goblins and save a town. Those who attended expressed interest in learning how to create characters and having stories that continued from one game to the next.

The next session will be held Saturday, Oct. 26th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is required.



## Family Game Night

The Children's Library held a Family Game Night on Monday, Sept. 23rd. It featured several board games for attending families to enjoy. While this night featured one style of game, the program hopes to use many different types, including video games, for patrons to share.

"It gives kids and parents a chance to try games they might not have at home," Nichole, the children's librarian, said.

The next game night will be Monday, Oct. 28th, from 6 to 7 p.m. Families can register on JRVLs.org.



## Coming Soon...

- Oct. 1—Storytime resumes
- Oct. 9—Library Board Meeting
- Oct. 14—Lego Club
- Oct. 18—Crafternoon
- Oct. 21—Film Club
- Oct. 26—Dungeons & Dragons
- Oct. 28—Family Game Night



JAMES RIVER VALLEY  
LIBRARY SYSTEM

## Author Corner: Meet Sylvia Plath

**Sylvia Plath** was born Oct. 27, 1932 in Boston, Massachusetts. An American poet and novelist, Plath's best known works include the poems "Daddy" and "Lady Lazarus," as well the novel *The Bell Jar*. Much of Plath's work revolves around themes of alienation and self-destruction, issues closely tied to her personal experience. While her early work follows well established poetic conventions, her later pieces helped define new forms of poetry and were produced at a feverish rate. In 1982, Plath won the Pulitzer Prize, posthumously, for a collection of poems that included previously unpublished pieces.



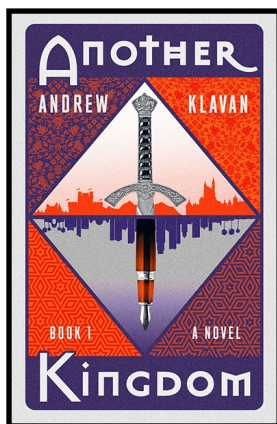
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Sylvia-Plath>

# Fall Crafternoon for All Ages

The James River Valley Library System will be holding a Fall Crafternoon event at the Masonic Building, Oct. 18 from 3-5 p.m. A fun afternoon of crafting and creativity will be available for friends and family. JRVLS will provide all the supplies. A variety of crafts, ranging from scrabble tile necklaces to paper pumpkins, will be available for all ages, while supplies last. Attendees can also grab some goodies for the DIY fall-themed trail mix bar while they are there. A mini scavenger hunt will be ongoing to win a prize. Mark your calendar for this free event.



## The Library Recommends



**Staff:** Cassie  
**Book:** *Another Kingdom*  
**Author:** Andrew Klavan

**Why:** We are told not to judge a book by its cover, but I do. The cover of this book intrigued me, but its fantasy genre put me off. Not that I dislike fantasy, but I am extremely picky about it. So, I left the book on the shelf until

a friend recommended it.

*Another Kingdom* begins in L.A. with struggling screenwriter Austin Lively. He thought he'd lead a life of fame through his writing, but that life never manifested. Instead, Lively is going about his business, when he walks through a door and is transported to a

medieval realm complete with ogres, magic, and a charge of murder on his head. When collected for his trial, Lively steps through the cell door and is transported back to the safety of L.A., confused and wanting answers.

I love Klavan's talent for language. With one word, he can take a perfectly ordinary sentence and make it amazing. It's like he's painting a picture, creating descriptions infinitely more real to the reader. While reading *Another Kingdom* and his other books, I often break my one-more-chapter-for-the-night rule, unable to stop until knowing the outcome of the latest scenario.

While I am still picky about what fantasy I read, whenever I am asked for a fantasy recommendation, this is my go to book. It's worth reading and rereading... and rereading again.

### Alfred Dickey Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM  
Saturday 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
105 3rd St SE  
(701)-252-2990  
adpl@daktel.com

### Stutsman County Hours:

Monday - Friday:  
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
910 5th St SE  
(701)-252-1531  
stutsman@daktel.com

Visit our website  
at [www.jrvls.org](http://www.jrvls.org)

Follow us on Facebook,  
Instagram, and Twitter.

Email us at [adpl@daktel.com](mailto:adpl@daktel.com) to  
receive our newsletter electronically.

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.**