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### ***Thinking Money* Educator's Workshop at Bentonville Public Library**

**BENTONVILLE, Ark.** – Educators are invited to attend *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition* Educator's Workshop at Bentonville Public Library on Tuesday, February 6 from 4-6 p.m.

*Thinking Money* is a traveling exhibit that will be on view at BPL from Saturday, February 10 to Wednesday, March 14.

Dr. Rita Littrell, Director of the Bessie B. Moore Center for Economic Education at the University of Arkansas, will be the keynote speaker. With a goal of integrating the Exhibition and financial literacy into the classroom, the workshop will address:

- The use of current financial literacy related educational materials, fiction and nonfiction print resources as well as digital resources, in a cross-curricular approach
- Hands-on activities that engage students and encourage personal understanding
- Information for educators on the financial literacy resources available via the Bessie B. Moore Center for Economic Education at the University of Arkansas.

*Thinking Money* is designed to teach tweens, teens and the adults in their lives about financial literacy topics in a way that is not only understandable, but also fun. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities, the exhibition explores themes such as wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, avoiding financial fraud and imagining your future self.

The Arkansas Department of Education has approved full workshop attendance for two hours of professional development credit, but drop-in attendance is welcome. Registration is not required for this workshop.

The American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible, developed *Thinking Money*.

For questions about *Thinking Money*, please contact Sarah Herford at 479-273-7755 or [sherford@bentonvillear.com](mailto:sherford@bentonvillear.com).

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## ***Thinking Money* Exhibition Opening Extravaganza at Bentonville Public Library**

**BENTONVILLE, Ark.** – Bentonville Public Library (BPL) is going on a financial expedition! To prepare for this journey, we have to think about money! Money is what makes the world go round, and if we want to go around the world, we'll need to explore *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition* exhibition on display at Bentonville Public Library.

Our journey starts on Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m. in the Walmart Community Room at the Bentonville Public Library. Families are invited take part in diverse activity stations that are fun and educational.

*Thinking Money* is a traveling exhibition that will be on display at BPL from February 10 to March 15. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities, *Thinking Money* explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day and imagining your future self.

"Money affects all of us, but many of us lack the information we need to make smart decisions about our financial futures," said Sarah Herford, Teen Services Librarian. "*Thinking Money* is designed to teach us about financial literacy in a way that is not only understandable, but fun, and we're proud to bring it to our library."

Admission to the exhibition and all BPL programs are free of charge.

Bentonville Public Library is one of 50 libraries nationwide selected to host *Thinking Money*. The American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible, developed *Thinking Money*.

For more information about this event or Bentonville Public Library, please visit [www.bentonvillelibrary.org](http://www.bentonvillelibrary.org) or call 479-271-3192.

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## **February *Thinking Money* Events @ Bentonville Public Library Bentonville, Ar**

### **BENTONVILLE, Ark. – *THINKING MONEY: A FINANCIAL EXPEDITION EXHIBITION @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY***

**On display at BPL from February 10<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> All day**

*Thinking Money* is a traveling exhibition, designed to teach tweens, teens and the adults in their lives about money management in a way that is not only understandable, but fun! Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities.

*Thinking Money* was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.

- **SMALL BUSINESS SERIES: BUSINESS CONCEPT & IDEAS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm**

This session focuses on the basics of testing your business idea and identifying the key factors that influence start-up success. We'll also discuss the process for researching your idea, your market, and your competition. Presented by Jeff Salzer, U.S. Small Business Administration, David Bernstein, NWA SCORE, and Bill Fox, AR Small Business & Technology Development Center.

- **FOLDING FRIENDS: ORIGAMI CLUB @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm**

Youthful origami enthusiasts are invited to meet in the Craft Area of the Children's Department at Bentonville Public Library to share skills in the art of folding paper. This month, we will celebrate the opening of the *Thinking Money* exhibition by learning how to make gifts for family and friends by folding origami out of dollar bills! Origami can help children concentrate, follow instructions and practice patience as they create various origami models. All skill levels are welcome. For students entering grades 1-6. Registration is not required.

- **HOW TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL STUDENT AID @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm**

*Thinking Money* and thinking about how to afford college will be the topic of this workshop. Presented by the Financial Aid Office at Northwest Arkansas Community College. Participants will learn why they might need federal aid, and how to apply for the Free Application for

Student Aid (FAFSA.) This informational session is for both teens and their parents. No registration is required to attend this event.

- **HOME BUYING 101: IT MAY NOT BE SUCH A CRAZY IDEA AFTER ALL @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm**

Get to know the key questions you need to consider and the major players & their roles in the homebuying process in the Rotary room at Bentonville Public Library. Get a big picture overview before getting your feet wet. No sales pitches. No headlocks. Just straight information on what goes into the homebuying process.

- **CHINESE NEW YEAR @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm**

Bentonville Public Library will welcome in the Year of the Dog at a Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 17 at 1:00 PM in the Children's department. The celebration will feature a traditional Chinese Lion Dance and children's craft and activities. This event is free and open to the community.

Members of Breath of Life TAO School of Martial Arts will perform the Lion Dance at Bentonville Public Library. Basic Lion Dance movements can be found in most Chinese martial arts. This was the inspiration for the members of the group to learn and share the Lion Dance. The colorful lion costume worn in the dance was brought to Northwest Arkansas from China. Fun art projects and activities incorporating our *Thinking Money* exhibit and Chinese traditions will follow the Lion Dance.

- **AN EARLY WRITING WORKSHOP @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm**

Students in grades 1 - 3 are invited to join us the third Tuesday of each month for 45 minutes of creative fun at Bentonville Public Library. This month, join us in celebrating our new exhibit, *Thinking Money*. We will think about how money is made and spent, and learn about point-of-view by writing from a dollar bill's perspective as it travels from the bank, to your pocket, and beyond. For students in grades 1-3. Registration is not required, but seating is limited.

- **SMALL BUSINESS SERIES: MARKETING @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm**

This is an introduction to marketing communication methods and tools to maximize your customer reach. The discussion will provide you with a broad overview of pricing strategies, positioning, the difference between features and benefits, and different marketing strategies. Presented by Jeff Salzer, U.S. Small Business Administration, David Bernstein, NWA SCORE, and Bill Fox, AR Small Business & Technology Development Center.

- **BEYOND THE BOOK: A BOOK CLUB FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

What would you do if a family member was a compulsive gambler? Would you enter a half-horse, half-car race to pay off their debts!? That's the topic of this month's Beyond the Book title: *Titans* by Victoria Scott. This program is a part of the *Thinking Money* exhibit programming lineup. Each month, the Friends of the Library will provide 10 selected copies to those who attend the teen book club. Once you attend the book club you can keep a copy forever! You

MUST ATTEND the club meetings to keep the book. Pick up a copy today at the youth services reference desk. Titles are selected based on the interest/maturity levels of students in grades 9-12.

- **STEAM SATURDAY FOR TEENS: FORCE, FRICTION AND WASHINGTON!**

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm**

The Teen Advisory Board of Bentonville Public Library presents a monthly program that engages teens in STEAM learning. This month teens will learn about the intuitive meanings of Newton's first and third Laws of Motion through coin related science experiments. This program is a part of the *Thinking Money* exhibit programming lineup. For students in grades 7-12 only. Registration is not required.

- **SMALL BUSINESS SERIES: FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS & FUNDING @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm**

This is an introduction to marketing communication methods and tools to maximize your customer reach. The discussion will provide you with a broad overview of pricing strategies, positioning, the difference between features and benefits, and different marketing strategies. Presented by Jeff Salzer, U.S. Small Business Administration, David Bernstein, NWA SCORE, and Bill Fox, AR Small Business & Technology Development Center.

- **LET'S LEGO® @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm**

Elementary and Middle School Students are invited to bring their LEGOS® and a blanket to Bentonville Public Library to design and create LEGOS® models with their friends. This month, we will focus on our new exhibition, *Thinking Money*. What is the one thing that you want the most? Use LEGOS® to build your dream present. For students entering grades 1-6. Registration is not required.

- **LIBRARY LESSONS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS**

**Monday from 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Bentonville Public Library offers Library Lessons on Monday afternoons to provide the homeschool families of Northwest Arkansas with fun and creative ways to explore and discover the library's resources. Library Lessons are offered for homeschooled students in grades kindergarten through 12. Lessons will include library orientation, research, hands-on activities, games and more. Classes are literature based, provide instruction in library use and address Arkansas Department of Education Library Media Frameworks and Common Core State Standards.

- **AFTER SCHOOL MOVIES @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Every Thursday @ 4:00 pm**

Feature length films are presented every Thursday afternoon at 4:00 PM in the Rotary Room. Please check Bentonville Public Library's website at [bentonvillelibrary.org](http://bentonvillelibrary.org) for titles, times and ratings. This free drop-in program does not require registration

- **STORYTIMES @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Bentonville Public Library offers seven Storytimes each week.

**Baby Play & Rhyme Time** for pre-walkers and their caregivers are presented Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. Enjoy short books, bubbles, finger plays, music, and lap games. This interactive library time lasts about 15 minutes and then participants can enjoy free play with age-appropriate toys and books.

**Toddler Storytimes** for early walkers and talkers are presented on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. After storytime, toddlers can get creative with safe, colorful toys that are easy-to-connect and take-apart, giving lots of open-ended, hands-on play opportunities.

**Preschool Storytimes** for 3 through 5 year old children are presented on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. After storytime, there are two opportunities for creative fun. Process art projects will stimulate imagination and Duplo© play stimulates creative skills and open-ended thinking.

**Evening Family Storytimes** for busy families are presented on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Either process art projects or Duplo© play will follow storytime.

**Saturday Family Storytimes** at 2:00 pm are an opportunity for the entire family to enjoy stories and fun activities together.

For more information about this event or Bentonville Public Library, please visit [www.bentonvillelibrary.org](http://www.bentonvillelibrary.org) or call 479-271-3192.

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## **MARCH YOUTH EVENTS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY Bentonville, AR**

### **BENTONVILLE, Ark. – THINKING MONEY: A FINANCIAL EXPEDITION EXHIBITION @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**On display at BPL from February 10<sup>th</sup> - March 15<sup>th</sup> All day**

Bentonville Public Library will be hosting *Thinking Money* a traveling exhibition, designed to teach tweens, teens and the adults in their lives about money management in a way that is not only understandable, but fun! Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities.

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### **BENTONVILLE Ark. – CURIOUS KIDS ART WORKSHOP @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm**

Students in grades K-6 are invited for an hour of art exploration, creation and fun in the Children's Library at Bentonville Public Library. This month we will be 'Thinking Money' by creating decoupage bank boxes! Registration is not required but seating is limited. For students in grades K-6

### **BENTONVILLE, Ark. – COVER TO COVER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

This month's discussion will be the book *Riot* by Youth Literature Festival author Mary Casanova. The book club will take place in the Teen Zone at Bentonville Public Library

Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to read, think and share ideas about great books. Cover to Cover participants will also engage in an activity related to the story. Books are available in the Children's Library. Keep the book forever after you attend the club meeting! You **MUST ATTEND** that month's club meeting to keep the book. Cover to Cover Kids Book Discussion books were purchased generously by the Friends of the Bentonville Public Library.

### **BENTONVILLE, Ark – BEYOND THE BOOK: A BOOK CLUB FOR TEENS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

Book of the Month: *Now is the Time for Running* by Michael Williams.

Come for the free snacks but stay for the lively conversation! Each month, the Friends of the Library will provide 10 selected copies to those who attend the teen book club. Once you attend the book club you

can keep a copy forever! You MUST ATTEND the club meetings to keep the book. Pick up a copy today at the youth services reference desk at Bentonville Public Library. Titles are selected based on the interest/maturity levels of students in grades 9-12.

**BENTONVILLE, Ark. – FOLDING FRIENDS—ORIGAMI WORKSHOP FOR KIDS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm**

Youthful origami enthusiasts are invited to meet in the Children’s Craft Area of Bentonville Public Library to share skills in the art of folding paper. This month, we will learn how to fold a coin purse and make other objects that connect with the traveling exhibit *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition*. Origami can help children concentrate, follow instructions and practice patience as they create various models. For students of all skill levels entering grades 1-6.

**BENTONVILLE, Ark. – BENTONVILLE SAFE DRIVING LESSONS FOR TEENS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

The Bentonville Public Library will host the Bentonville Police Department as they instruct Safe Driving Lessons for Teens. Topics will include texting and driving, intoxicated driving, and road side safety. The workshop is part of the Life Skills Workshops for teens. Teens are encouraged to attend all three sessions. Registration is required. (Location: Walmart Community Room, *Thinking Money* Exhibit)

(Some ‘March Youth Events’ were removed from this file, not pertaining to Thinking Money)

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## **STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT OPTIONS @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY Bentonville, AR**

High School seniors, college students, graduates and parents with college-bound students will not want to miss this *Thinking Money* program on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 pm at Bentonville Public Library.

Student loan debt can be intimidating, and the repayment options can be mind-numbing. How do you navigate the options that best fit your current situation? Joel Doelger is a certified student loan repayment counselor with Credit Counseling of Arkansas. He will explain how to locate your loans, review your repayment options, and select the best option given the rest of what's going on in your financial life.

The program is free to attend and registration is not required.

Credit Counseling of Arkansas (CCOA) is a local non-profit that has been helping individuals and families address personal finance issues through community education and individual financial counseling for more than 22 years. Check out their various services on their website ([www.ccoacares.com](http://www.ccoacares.com)).

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This program is part of the *Thinking Money* traveling exhibition. *Thinking Money* was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.

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**DON'T MISS the *THINKING MONEY* EXHIBIT @ BENTONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Bentonville, AR**

There's still time to see *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition* at Bentonville Public Library. The exhibit is suitable for all ages so be sure to stop by our Walmart Community Room before March 15<sup>th</sup>!

Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun activities, *Thinking Money* explores subjects like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day and imagining your future self. Admission to the exhibition is free of charge.

Bentonville Public Library is one of 50 libraries nationwide selected through a grant-process to host *Thinking Money*. In recent weeks while hosting the exhibit, BPL featured several complementary programs, events and educational activities related to financial literacy and being money smart.

Financial literacy resources, links, curriculum support and more information are available on BPL's Student Portal at [bentonvillelibrary.org/student-portal](http://bentonvillelibrary.org/student-portal).

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