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Summer Reading Program draws crowd

Franklin Parish Library wrapped up a successful Summer Reading Program and is looking forward to more events through the remainder of 2024

In all, more than 900 participants took advantage of the offerings by the parish library, according to library director Kayla Shirley.

"After the extensive construction project and challenges overcome throughout the last year or so, we could not be more excited and proud of the success of our 2024 Summer Reading Program," "Shirley said. "We are incredibly lucky and thankful to have the support of our Franklin Parish community. We are excited to begin planning Summer Reading 2025."

The theme this year was "Aventure Begins at Your Library". The library saw some 737 participants take part in the summer program special events led by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, DAT Does the Trick, Black Bayou's Erin Bellavia, Poverty Point World Heritage Site and two programs led by Louisiana Snake ID.

Several in-house story-times, a book log activity, coloring competition and "finding Bigfoot" drew 237 participants.

As the summer reading program for young readers wraps up, the library staff expressed appreciation to the following people and businesses for their support in helping to make the summer reading program what Shirley described as "best summer reading program to date."

Appreciation was expessed to:

Sweet Magnolia Designs, Beige & Blossom, Stephanie's Jewelry, Citizens Progressive Bank, Jimmy R. Coughran, MD, Boeuf Prairie Farm, The Thomas Agency, Franklin State Bank, Louisiana Land Bank, Franklin Medical Center, Lisa Womack, CPA, Catahoula Parish Hospital District 2, Progressive Bank, Caldwell Bank & Trust Co, Winnsboro State Bank, Chapman Event Rentals, Flossy Cotton Candy and Sunday's Ice Cream. We are so thankful for their support this year," Shirley said.

Shirley said the library is currently continuing adult reading log. "We have a few fun prizes to giveaway at the close of that activity," she said.

Other activities offered include StoryWalk®, Virtual Author Talks, Noon Nibbles, Coffee, Confections, and Conversations for Veterans, toddler story times, and more.

"We utilize our social media to help spread the word as well as our monthly newsletter that patrons can receive via email or download on our website franklinparishlibrary.org.," Shirley said about information on programs.

Franklin Parish Library's main branch is located at 705 Prairie in downtown Winnsboro's Historic District and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 435-4336 for more information.

The Wisner Branch is located at 129 Fort Scott St. in Wisner and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The telephone number for the Wisner Branch is (318) 724-7399.

TWO SESSIONS were necessary to accommodate the number of people interested in the popular Louisiana Snake ID program held June 28 as part of the Franklin Parish Library's Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year's summer program was "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

MELANIE VALLERY has a close encounter with a non-venomous snake at Franklin Parish Library's Learning Center. Vallery was among participants in a program presented by Louisiana Snake ID.

KEVIN HOOD, left, with Louisiana Snake ID offers a chance for Stephen Miller to get to know a non-venomous snake during the Franklin Parish Library's Summer Reading Program.

WAYS TO IDENTIFY snakes as well as their benefits to the environment are discussed by Kevin Hood of Louisiana Snake ID during a program presented at Franklin Parish Library recently.

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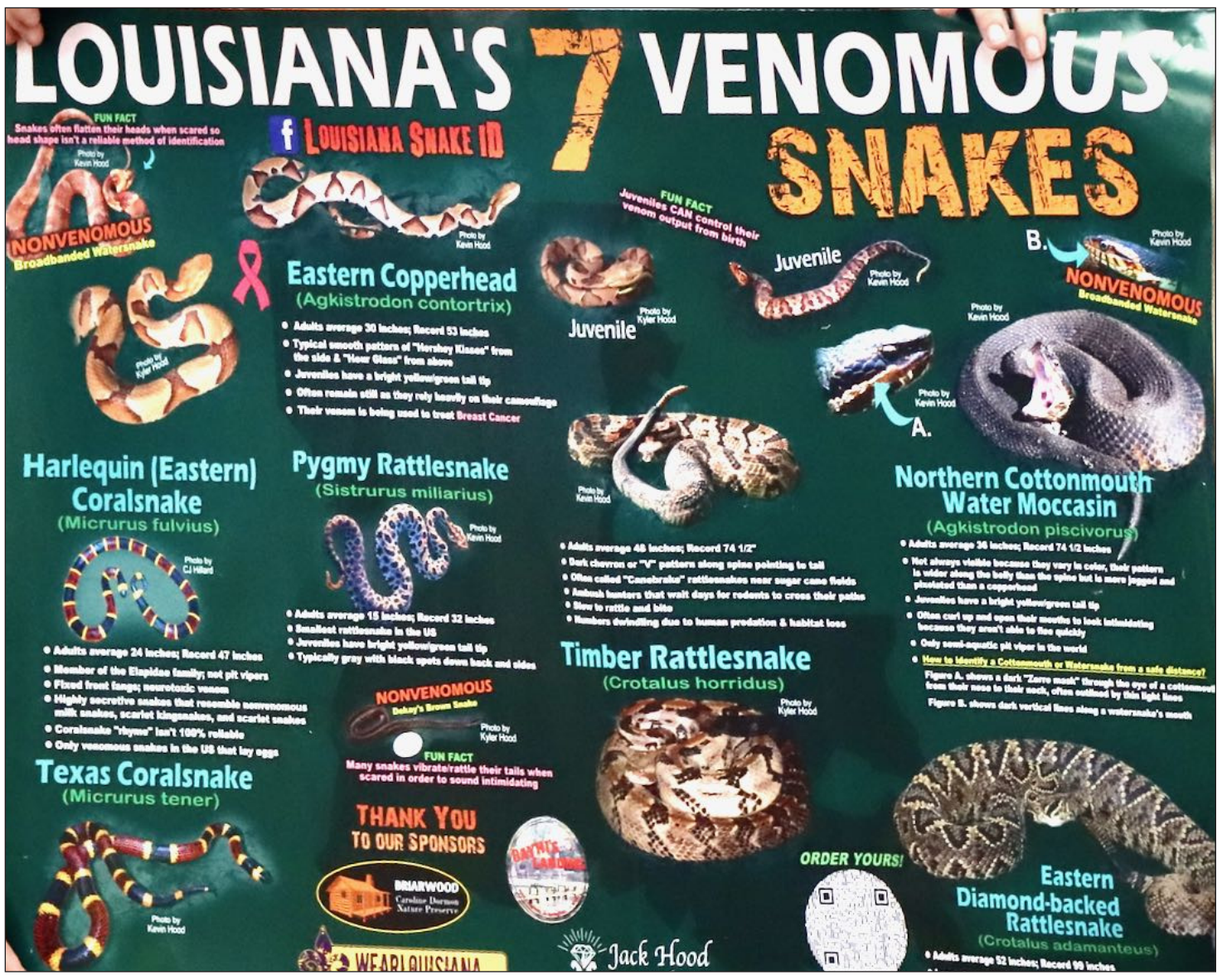
RACHEL HOOD of Louisiana Snake ID talks about snake varieties in Louisiana during her family's program at Franklin Parish Library.



Louisiana Snake ID shared this informational poster at the Franklin Parish Library.