

Pope County Library System

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**POPE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM HOMESCHOOL CONNECTION HOSTS ANNUAL BACK2SCHOOL BASH**

**Russellville, Arkansas**: The Pope County Library System Homeschool Connection hosted their third annual Back2School Bash on Friday, August 30, at the Pope County Library in Russellville. Emily Nealy and Brandy McClure, Homeschool leads, planned the event, which featured the following community partners: River Valley Food 4 Kids, Ray of Hope Food Pantry, Joseph's House, Friendship Community Care, Russellville Dental Group, Marva Transition Options, River Valley Adult Learning Alliance, Russellville Education Association of Christian Homeschoolers (REACH), Hearing Life, Pope County 4H, Girl Scout Troop 4166,Scouts BSA Troop 182G, Shear Salon, Russellville Lion’s Club (vision screening), the CALL, Boho Photo, and Boys and Girls Clubs of the River Valley/Russellville. Upon arrival, families received a passport to travel to informational booths, activities, and services around the library. Once the passport was completed and turned in, participants’ names were placed in a drawing for a prize.

Community services offered in Heritage Hall included haircuts and vision screenings. Homeschool students were able to get their pictures taken for the Homeschool Connection yearbook, and library staff offered a literacy station, face painting, hot dogs, and a Back2School selfie station.

The Homeschool Connections program meets Tuesdays at the Pope County Library and offers 4 seasonal events around Pope County. New additions to the Homeschool program this year include a Chess Club with Steve Heaton, as well as Tween Library League, and Teen B.A.S.E. For more information about getting involved, contact Emily Nealy at 479-968-4368.

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