This library caters to the needs of many

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The William F. Laman Public Library in North Little Rock is definitely not like the city library of years ago when we were in school, nor is it even like the local libraries when your children were in school.

The 50,000-square-foot library has something for everyone from infants to seniors. Every square foot of the two-story library is packed with modern high tech gear, from Wi-Fi throughout the facility to 50 dual-core computers with wide-screen monitors in the upstairs computer center.

Additionally, the facility has computers just for kids and teens to use in the children's section and the teen center.

“Arguably, one of the greatest assets for the community of central Arkansas is that the William F. Laman Public Library System provides continued access to public computers. In 2012 the library served more than 11,800 individuals in this area,” noted public relations manager Dan Noble. “At the conclusion of the year, the William F. Laman Public Library System had provided over 78,000 hours of public computer usage.

There are eight computers in the children's department, four in the teen center, and 50 in the Laman Information Network Center. People can use the computers for two hours a day. Patrons log on to the computer with their library card account number. Just ask one of the approximately 50 staff members for any help you need.

From country and rock to blues and soul, the library literally has thousands of music CDs, movie DVDs and books on CDs plus new fangled books recorded on MP3 type players.

With 3,158 music CDs and 3,998 DVDs, you can check out four DVDs, four CDs and four books on CD at a time. Altogether, readers can check out 25 items for two weeks per card, Noble said. Grandparents can check out movies and music to share with their grandchildren if they have library cards.

Five seniors inducted in state Hall of Fame

Five Arkansans from across the state were inducted into the state's Senior Hall of Fame May 14 at the State Capitol. The Senior Hall of Fame honors Arkansans 65 and older who, through volunteering, have worked to improve and enhance the lives of seniors in Arkansas.

“We have people pushing every day to make sure our seniors have a voice in public policy and have the things they need to live life to the fullest,” said Steven Jones, Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

“It's crucial that we recognize this hard work because we couldn't do it without them.”

The award is given each year in May to coincide with Older Americans Month. This year's inductees were longtime volunteers committed to ensuring seniors have enough food to eat and a place at the table during policy deci-
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cards for the kids. Parents and kids can browse and check out some of the more than 500 kids CDs, watch some of the more than 450 DVDs and read some of the 67,325 books in the separate children's section. The department attracts an average of 2,177 young visitors a week. It has several activities throughout the week for the young-set and has educational toys like big block puzzles for toddlers to play with while their older siblings and parents look for books.

The teen center overlooks both the children's section and the music CDs and a reading area downstairs. The teens can play on two big flat-screen television with Wii and PS III games. The center draws an average of 232 teens each week. They can choose from 1,745 young adult books and DVDs.

The library also features two sunny reading areas where you can sit, relax and read some of the 102 magazines and newspapers that the library has available for people to browse and enjoy while overlooking Laman Plaza.

Or, you can be one of the 6,078 people who visit the library each week to check out books from their collection of 78,692 books. Upstairs patrons will find a coffee shop and snack bar and a gallery with traveling exhibits. You can even get your passport made there. In addition, the library puts on many special events for the children's section and shows movies in the auditorium.

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The peaceful Laman Plaza features an enclosed park surrounding a pond. The health department and community center surround the plaza.

The Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center is across a small parking lot from the community center. Both centers have workout facilities for the public to use. The community center has meeting rooms and a gym. Anyone 50 years old or older may join the senior center for $25 a year and use its two swimming pools and other facilities.

Across the street from the library is a post office, the North Little Rock police department, courts building and the local housing authority is around the corner. North Little Rock High School is atop a hill less than a mile away. Shopping and restaurants are just around the corner on JFK and Camp Robinson.

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Arkansas Hospice Russellville has been named as a recipient of the Hospice Honors Award given by Deyta, a data-gathering company that partners with thousands of hospice, home health, human services and other healthcare organizations.

The award recognizes the top 100 hospice agencies that continuously provide the highest level of satisfaction through their care as measured from the caregiver's point of view.

“Hospice Honors defines a new standard of excellence in the patient/family experience for hospice agencies,” said Liz Silva, a director at Deyta. “Identifying these top performing hospices is our way of recognizing organizations that have demonstrated high quality of care to both patients and caregivers. That positive family experience is a key driver of ongoing patient-focused care and overall agency success.”

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in the River Valley this July, Arkansas Hospice Russellville cares for terminally ill patients in homes, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities as well as in the Arkansas Hospice River Valley Home, an eight-bed inpatient facility in Russellville.

Rhonda Horton, program director for Arkansas Hospice Russellville, said her staff appreciates knowing that the award is based on feedback from their patients’ caregivers.

“Receiving the Deyta Hospice Honors Award validates the care and compassion shown every day to our patients and families by the Arkansas Hospice Russellville team members,” Horton said. “It takes a powerful team and positive approach to provide comfort and make a difference in the lives of our patients and families. It makes me very proud to be the leader of the Russellville team for Arkansas Hospice.”

To determine which organizations will receive the award, Deyta used results from the Family Evaluation of Hospice Care survey, an independent survey given to the caregivers of hospice patients to help measure the quality of their care; Deyta looked at results from more than 1,200 partnering hospice agencies in its database. To be considered, agencies needed to have at least ten of the independent surveys returned. Using the survey’s five questions on customer satisfaction as a basis for calculations, the Hospice Honors Award acknowledges the highest performing agencies ranked by their satisfaction scores from January through December 2012. For Arkansas Hospice, the award was given based on the combined scores of the Arkansas Hospice Russellville homebased office and the Arkansas Hospice River Valley Home.

Arkansas Hospice and other hospice honor recipients were recognized at Deyta’s hospice honors celebration at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s Management and Leadership Conference in National Harbor, Md.

Arkansas Hospice is a community-based, not-for-profit organization caring for nearly 500 patients and their families each day in more than 30 Arkansas counties.

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Russellville hospice receives honors award

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