

Storytime!

Boyce Branch
Storytime upon request

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Branch
Storytime

Wednesdays
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Johnson Branch
Storytime upon request

Libuse Branch
Library Babies
Tuesdays
10:00 am - 10:30 am
Storytime
Thursdays
10:30 am - 11:15 am

Main Library
Storytime
Wednesdays
10:30 am - 11:00 am

Martin Library
Storytime upon request

J.W. McDonald Memorial
Branch
Library Babies

Thursdays
9:30 am - 10:00 am
Storytime
Thursdays
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Robertson Branch
Explore & Discover Time
Wednesdays
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Westside Regional Library
Toddler Time

Thursdays
10:00 am - 10:30 am
Storytime
Fridays
10:00 am - 10:30 am

Hineston Library
Storytime
Thursdays
10:30 am - 11:00 am

Main Library

411 Washington Street
Alexandria, LA 71301
318.445.2411
M-F 9am - 6pm
S 9am - 2pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

1117 Haywood B. Joiner St.
Boyce, LA 71409
318.793.5954
T & Th 9am 6pm
W & F 1pm-6pm
S 9am-1pm

Libuse Branch

6375 Hwy 28 E
Pineville, LA 71360
318.443.7259
M - F 9am-6pm
S 9am-2pm

Hineston Branch

1810 Hwy 121
Hineston, LA 71438
318.793.8461
T & Th 9am —6pm
W & F 1pm—6pm
S 9am—1pm

J.W. McDonald Memorial Branch

1075 Hwy 497
Glenmora, LA 71433
318.748.4848
T & Th 9am—6pm
W 1pm—5pm
F 1pm—6pm
S 9am—1pm

Johnson Branch

1610 Veterans Drive
Lecompte, LA 71346
318.776.5153
T & Th 9am - 5pm
W & F 1pm - 5pm
S 9am - 1pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

1115 Broadway Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71301
318.445.3912
M - F 9am - 6pm
S 9am - 2pm

Martin Library

801 West Shamrock
Pineville, LA 71360
318.442.7575
M - F 9am—6pm

Robertson Branch

809 Tioga High School Road
Pineville, LA 71360
318.640.3098
M - F 9am-6pm

Westside Regional Library

5416 Provine Place
Alexandria, LA 71303
318.442.2483
M - F 9am-6pm
S 9am-2pm



Rapides Parish Library
411 Washington Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

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EVENT GUIDE

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All Together Now

June 1 ~ July 31





Adults

Read to be put into a drawing! Attend fun programs!



Teens

Read to earn a prize! Attend programs to earn a prize!



Children

Read to earn prizes! Watch professional entertainers!
Win a bingo to earn prizes! Attend programs to gain new skills!

Adult Programs

For the Love of Food

Main Library

Monday, July 3, 5:30 pm

Foodies tease their taste buds with samples of new recipes this month with Alexandria Councilman Jim Villard at the For the Love of Food class. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Shrink Film Geometric Jewelry

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, July 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Shrink film isn't just for kids—it's fun for all ages! Make a shrink film geometric jewelry for you to take home and actually wear! You'll be surprised at how stylish the results are! Reservations required. Call 318-445-3912 to sign up and for more information.

Sugar Flower Art Demo and Workshop

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednes-

day, July 5, 5 pm to 7 pm

Join our local sugar artist, Rita Clancey of the Tasty Bouquet as we watch her sugar flower making demonstration and then try our own hands at making a sugar flower creation! All supplies provided. Space is limited to 20 therefore reservations are required. Call 318-445-3912 to register and for more information.

Stop and Smell the Roses

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, July 8, 10 am to 12 pm

Escape into a world of beauty and tranquility at our enchanting rose class brought to you by the Cenla Rose Society. Immerse yourself in delightful fragrances and breathtaking colors as we invite you to learn about growing and taking care of these beauties! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

July 4th Memories Scrapbook Class

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, July 8, 11:00 am

Bring your favorite pictures of July 4th happenings from this summer and summers past and enjoy the delight and enjoyment of scrapbooking! Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, July 10, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us on the second Monday of each month for veteran support and information. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Chair Aerobics!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for a good time and some good fun while getting your exercise in with Chair Aerobics! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Financial Literacy Workshop

Robertson Branch - Credit Reports & Scores

Monday, July 10, 10 am to 11 am

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son Branch - Credit Reports & Scores

Wednesday, July 12, 10 am to 11 am

Robertson Branch - Fueling Your Savings Plan

Monday, July 17, 10 am to 11 am

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buse Branch - Establishing or Repairing Your Credit

Wednesday, July 19, 11 am to 12 pm

Join us for how to improve your financial literacy in this series of workshops presented by Regions Bank! This month we focus what you need to know about our credit report and score, how to maintain, raise and repair it, and how to create a manageable savings plan. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Book Signing with Author of the Month—Wally Smith

Westside Branch

Thursday, July 13, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Main

Branch

Thursday, July 20, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Come meet RPL Author of the Month of July, Alexandria native Wally Smith. Wally is a retired engineer, high school math and religion teacher and track coach. His books include a memoir, selected prayers and meditations and words of wisdom and inspiration. Meet Wally and pick up one of his books at a Greet & Sign event. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Part 2 of Hand Building Ceramics Class – Garden Gnome

Westside Regional

Thursday, July 20, 5 pm to 7 pm

For all those who created a ceramic gnome using hand building techniques in the June class. Your piece is dry and fired—now it's time to glaze and paint! All supplies included. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 to register and for more information.

Semi-Annual Martin Plant Swap

Martin Library Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 1:00 pm

It's back! Don't miss our second semi-annual "plant swap", a simply wonderful gathering where plant lovers can come together to swap plants or cuttings! You can drop off a plant you no longer want, exchange and/or trade plants and even share plant cuttings with fellow library patrons! Call 318 445-2411 for more information.

Summer Tea Party

McDonald Branch

Saturday, July 29, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come by and enjoy a variety of teas as well as finger foods while you get a chance to meet new people, form new friendships and discuss different topics like childhood memories, books and life! Reservations are recommended. Call 318-748-4848 for rsvp and more information.

Programs for All Ages

Storytelling Time for Young and Old

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 10 am to 11 am

Join us to share stories through reading or story telling as a community. All ages welcome! Everyone is welcome to tell a story or read a story to friends, family and even staff. What a wonderful way to spend an hour! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Four Winds Tribe Louisiana Cherokee

McDonald Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 2 pm to 3 pm

We invite patrons of all ages to come join us we get a visit from the Four Winds Tribe tribal chief as he talks about the Cherokee people in the area and we learn all about their culture! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

DIY Friendship Bracelets

Johnson Branch

Thursday, July 20, 12 pm to 1pm

There's nothing like a friend! Come in a create a handmade friendship bracelet for a friend or loved one or for yourself! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Bishops & Bones

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, July 22, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

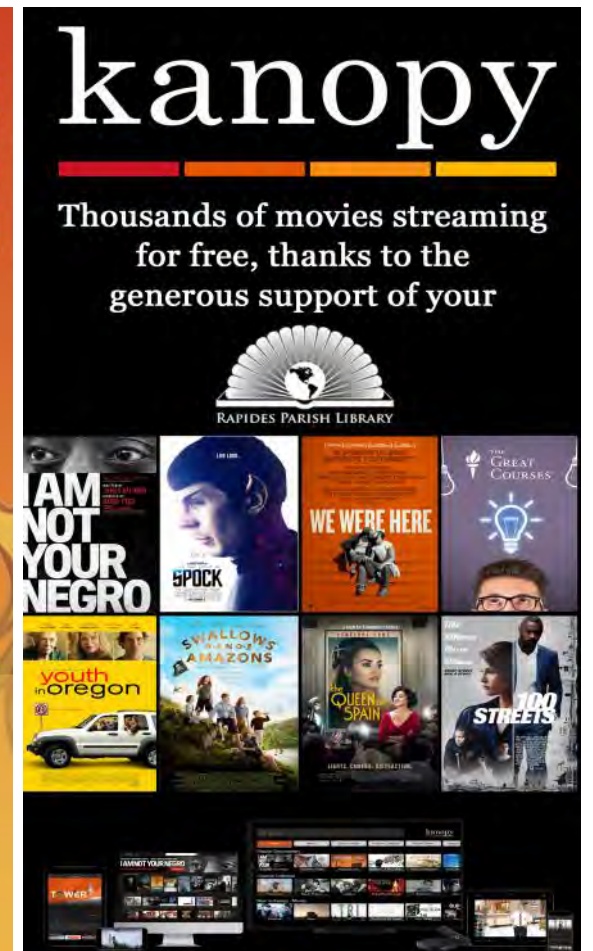
Enjoy games of chess and the ancient game of dominoes in a family-friendly setting perfect for ages 6 through adult. Contact 318-445-3912 for more info.

Tape Resist Painting

Johnson Branch

Friday, July 28, 2 pm to 3 pm

All ages are invited to come create a tape resist painting simply by adding strips of tape to a canvas and painting! Anyone can do it! Bring the whole family! Reservations are required. Call 318-776-5153 to rsvp and for more information.



FINANCIAL LITERACY

FREE FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

Get money savings tips to help you save \$\$\$ now! Learn about your credit score, how to raise it or repair it, how to use online calculators to create custom savings plans for the future and set goals to help you get there. See branch dates and times for workshops in guide.

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BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

School Supply Drive-Thru

Main Library

July 19, 2023 @ 9am - 12pm



Do you need to learn about computers, the internet and affordable internet access?

Today you cannot fill out job applications, help your child in school, along with many other activities without knowledge and access to technology and the internet.

Ask about FREE training!



RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

Essential Computer Skills

- Basic Computer Skills
- Internet Basics
- Using Email
- Windows OS
- Mac OS

Essential Software Skills

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Google Docs

Using Technology in Daily Life

- Social Media
- Information Literacy
- Career Search Skills
- Supporting K-12
- Distance Learning
- Your Digital Footprint

Artists

IN LIBRARIES

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Fiber Artist **Wendy Starn**



**Main Library Branch
Tuesday, July 18**

@ 10:00 a.m.



July's Cenla Artist of the Month is Wendy Starn, an artist working in fiber, quilting, knitting, hand dyed and hand painted scarves, shawls and wraps. Wendy will lead participants in a fabric stamping activity, making their own stamps to create a custom prayer flag. A selection of her art quilts and other samples of her work will be on view at the Westside Regional Library and other locations throughout the month. All supplies provided. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. (318) 445-2411, ext. 1022.



READ ALL THE COMICS!

COMICSPLUS

With Comics Plus, you have unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from a variety of library-friendly publishers.

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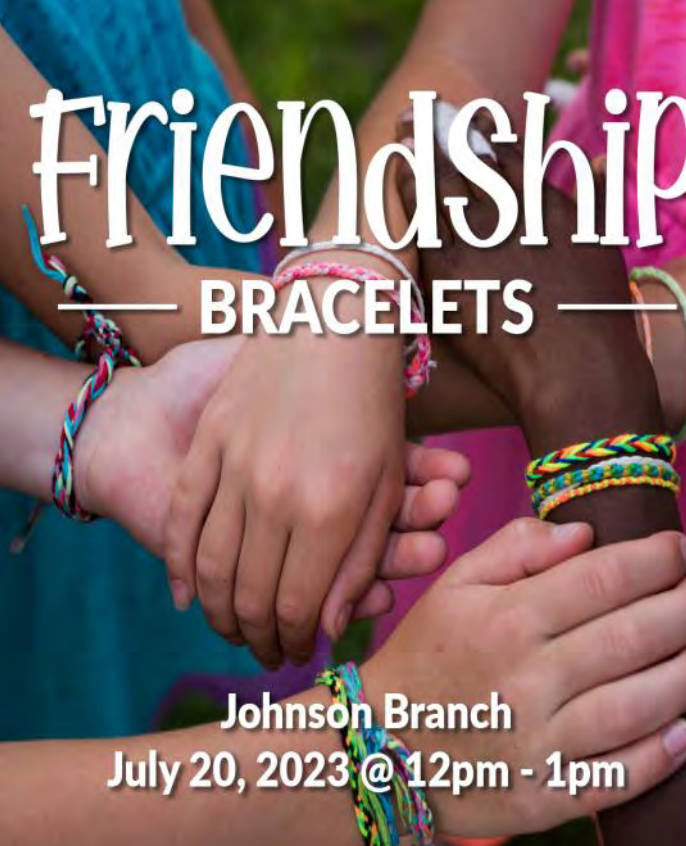
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WILD ABOUT WONKA




Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, July 15, 2023 @ 12pm - 1pm

Friendship — BRACELETS —



Johnson Branch
July 20, 2023 @ 12pm - 1pm



GLOW IN THE DARK SLIME

JOIN US AT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH AS WE MAKE COOL GLOW IN THE DARK SLIME.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. CONTACT THE BRANCH YOU WILL ATTEND TO RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Grab-N-Go & Passive Programs

GRAB-N-GO Crafts

All Summer at ALL Branches

Love doing fun and unique crafts but don't have time for a class? Each branch has cool DIY craft kits to take home and make on your own time! Stop by your branch today to check out what creative Grab-N-Gos we have to offer!

Mission Possible to End Hunger: Peanut Butter Drive

Martin Branch

June 1 to July 31

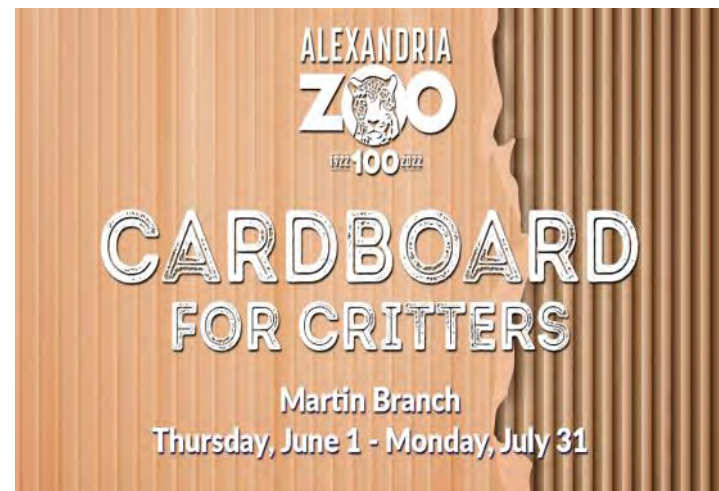
Help us end hunger in our community by donating unopened jars of peanut butter for the Food Bank of Central Louisiana. Join us as we partner with the Alexandria Lions Club to give back to our community. Drop off a jar (or two) of peanut butter today!

Cardboard for Critters

Martin Branch

June 1 to July 31

Recycle your unsoiled cardboard (in any form) and help your local zoo! We are collecting your cardboard recyclables for the Alexandria Zoo where proceeds will go towards zoo need, including enrichment programs and enclosures.



Giving Tree for Foster Kids

Martin Branch

June 1 to July 31, During Library hours

We are collecting donations of new, unopened packages of socks and underwear and new or gently used backpacks for local foster children and we need your help! When you donate, you will be able to place a heart on our Giving Tree! In partnership with the Alexandria Lions Club, we can all help decorate our giving tree while helping local foster kids! Call 318-442-7575 for more information.

Amazing Race Around the Libraries

Westside Regional

June 1 to July 31

Come get your passport to travel across the libraries to complete a fun adventurous library scavenger hunt! The passport provides fun activities for all ages! Everyone who completes a passport by the end of summer will receive a prize! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Century Readers Club at Main Library

#forVoraciousReaders

Inquire at the circulation desk or call (318) 445-2411 x1022.



In this self-directed reading club, participants read whatever they like, recommend their favorite reads monthly, and chase the goal of 100 books in a year, all while collecting happy gifts along the way! There are no meetings. Top readers will be recognized, and prize drawings will be held for all participants in celebration at the end of the 12-month reading period. The 2023 reading period began January 1. Get your read on! Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Teen Programs

Self Affirmation Boxes

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, July 5, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Teens let's get together at your Johnson Library branch to create your very own self affirmation box! This fun craft will give you a great way to a beautiful box to store good and positive things about yourself that you can read later! Registration is required. Call 318-776-5153 to sign up and for more info.

What is Financial Health?

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch

Friday, July 7, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Teens can learn about what financial health means and how they can make sure they have financial health in their futures. This program is in partnership with Pelican State Credit Union. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

King's Teens' Book Tasting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

King's teens gather on the third Wednesday of each month for a book discussion and crafting session! This month's selection is *This is my America* by Kim Johnson. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Hang Out Day

McDonald Branch

Friday, July 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Teens come in to the McDonald branch to cool off, hang out, enjoy some refreshments, play some games and maybe make some new friends! Call 318-748-4848 for more information.

Book Title Poetry

Johnson Branch

Friday, July 14, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Calling all teens to hang out together while making unique "Book Title Poetry"! This unique style of poetry involves using book titles to create a one of a kind poem! Call 318-776-5153 for more info.

Teen - Cuisine Cook Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Learn how to make simple teen cuisine dishes with ingredients you probably already have in your kitchen during this monthly cook club. This month, we make and sample Cinnamon Sugar Tortilla Crisps! Reservations are needed. Please contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Shred Those Feelings Up!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Come write down any feelings you may have—positive or negative—that you feel you cannot voice and we will SHRED IT UP to release those feelings in this fun exercise! This program is in partnership with CLHSD. Please contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Summer's Delight

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, July 29, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

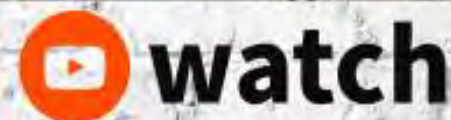
With summer almost over, you've read so many interesting books and had so many interesting adventures, let's celebrate! Come in, learn and enjoy a sweet treat—we're making no bake mini cheesecakes! Please contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



I LOVE BEING A KID



Join Karla and Craig on YouTube on the 10th of each month at 10am to have fun exploring the authors, content, and more that kiddos love to read.



Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

A Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, July 10, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, then you'll enjoy meeting with this book club on the second Monday of each month. This month, we'll discuss *Eight Hundred Grapes* by Laura Dave. Contact 318-442-2483 x1901 for more information.

Triple A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us on second Tuesdays at the King Branch Library to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. Call (318) 445-3912 x1501 for information.

Libuse Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids meet on the second Tuesday of each month for a book discussion and snack. This month, we'll discuss the book *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. Contact 318-443-7259 x1201 for more information.

King's Teens' Book Tasting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

King's teens gather on the third Wednesday of each month for a book discussion and crafting session! This month's selection is *This is my America* by Kim Johnson. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Libuse Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, July 17, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the third Monday of each month for a lively daytime book discussion. This month, we'll discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Libuse Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens gather on the third Tuesday of the month for a book discussion over snacks. This month, we'll discuss *The Sea of Trolls* by Nancy Farmer. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Libuse Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, July 20 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies meet on the third Thursday of each month. This month, we'll discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. Contact 318-443-7259 x1201 for more information.

Main Writers Club

Main Library

Thursday, July 20, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

Writers of all genres and levels are welcome to join this writing group on third Thursdays. Give and receive feedback on works in progress, hone your skills through challenging writing prompts, get tips on submitting your work to contests and publications. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Sands of Time Book Club

Main Branch

Thursday, July 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join this NEW book club each fourth Thursday of the month for a lively discussion of favorite historical figures, eras and events. This month we will discuss *Quackery: A Brief History of the Worst Ways to Cure Everything* by Lydia King and Nate Pedersen. Call 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, July 25, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Hone your writing skills in this monthly creative writing session. Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on an existing project of their own, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Thursday, July 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Gather to discuss favorite Christian and historical novels with us on the third Thursday of each month. This month, we'll discuss *Beneath the Bending Skies* by Jane Kirkpatrick. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Next Chapter Literary Underliners Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, July 28, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Join us on fourth Fridays for good conversation and loads of fun as we delve into fascinating titles in popular, literary, and historical fiction, fantasy, suspense, nonfiction, biographies, and more! This month we're reading *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustia. Call (318) 793-5954 for information.



Adult Painting Programs

Artapalooza

Libuse Branch

Monday, July 3, 10am and 12:30 pm

Come paint acrylics with Alice McBride at 10 am and stay for watercolors with Linda Ryder Thomas at 12:30 pm. Bring lunch and have a day of creativity! Call 318-443-7259 to register and for more information.

Tie-Dye Daisy Painting

Westside Regional

Wednesday, July 5, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Martin Library

Tuesday, July 11, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Westside Regional

Friday, July 14, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Boyce Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Westside Regional

Tuesday, July 25, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

McDonald Branch

Friday, July 28, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us as we paint bright and happy tie-dye daisy on canvas! Reservations are needed. Contact the branch where you would like to attend the program to register and for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, July 5, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Let your creativity flow during this watercolor class led by Linda Ryder Thomas. Reservations are needed. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Art is Life

Main Library

Thursday, July 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, July 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, July 24, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Learn various acrylic painting techniques during this class led by Alice McBride. Reservations are needed. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Color Me Chill

Main Library

Thursday, July 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00pm

Thursday, July 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am


Adults, treat yourself to an oasis of relaxation and creativity! Come color and chill with us while you enjoy healthy snacks and soothing music. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Painting with Artist of the Month — Wendy Starn

Main Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm


Join our RPL Artist of the Month of July, local artist Wendy Starn, an artist working in fiber, quilting, knitting, hand dyed and hand painted scarves, shawls, and wraps as she lead us in a fabric stamping activity, making our own stamps to create a custom prayer flag. A selection of her art quilts and other samples of her work will be on view at the Westside Regional Library. All supplies provided. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Call 318-445-2411 to register and for more information.



Tie-Dye Daisy

Join us as we paint a bright and happy tie-dye daisy on canvas!

Reservations are needed. Contact the branch where you would like to attend to register and for more information.




Cenla Author of the Month

Wally Smith

Inspirational Author

Meet & Greet Events

- Westside Regional Library
Thursday, July 13, 10:00–1:00
(318) 442-2483, ext. 1901
- Main Library
Thursday, July 20, 10:00–1:00
(318) 445-2411, ext. 1022



Meet our July Author of the Month, Wally Smith, as he shares inspirational tidbits from his life experiences. A retired engineer, high school math and religion teacher, and track coach, Wally now fulfills his passion for writing, including a memoir, selected prayers and meditations, and words of wisdom and inspiration. Meet Wally and pick up one of his books at Greet & Sign events at the Westside and Main Libraries in July. Call participating branches for information.

Ancestry Research Programs

Rebels, Rogues, Royals, and Renegades: An Ancestry Heritage Exploration

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, July 14, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Compile a personal family heritage journal as you learn to do self-directed research on your heritage. This group meets on the second Friday of each month. Reservations are needed. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Genealogy Club

Main Library

Friday, July 28, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Trace your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition. Learn to search census records, obituaries, and other records to find missing links in your family history. Beginners are welcome. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

Children’s Programs

Glow in the Dark Slime
Saturday, July 1, 11 am to 12 pm—MLK Jr. Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 1 to 2 pm—Johnson Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 2 to 3 pm—McDonald Branch
Thursday, July 13, 11 am to 12 pm—Boyce Branch
Saturday, July 15, 10:30 to 11:30 am—Westside Regional Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 11 am to 12 pm—Martin Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm—Robertson Branch
Wednesday, July 19, 1:30 to 2:30 pm— Johnson Branch
Thursday, July 20, 9 am to 10 am-Libuse Branch
Saturday, July 22, 10:30 to 11:30 am—Hineston Branch
Join us at your local branch as we make slime! It’s not just any slime— it’s cool GLOW IN THE DARK slime! Reservations are required. Contact the branch you will attend to rsvp and for more information.

All Together Now with Zaii: Flag Ribbon Wand
Martin Luther King, Jr Branch
Wednesday, July 5, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Children can join Zaii for a crafty fun project: making a flag ribbon wand! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Trail Mix Bar
Westside Regional Library
Friday, July 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Let’s create our own custom Trail Mix! We will have all your favorite different ingredients for you to assemble just the right trail mix snack! No peanuts will be used. Reservations are required. Contact 318-442-2483 to sign up or for more information

Wild About Wonka
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, July 15, 12:00 pm to 1 pm
We will be celebrating Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory along with the Oompa-Loompas, Grandpa Joe, Charlie and Wonka. Enjoy a craft and refreshments in honor of Wonka.Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

All Together Now with Zaii: Fire Fighter Paper Crown
Martin Luther King, Jr Branch
Saturday, July 15, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Children can join Zaii for a crafty fun project: making butterfly paper bookmarks! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Two by Two Creature Adventures
McDonald Branch
Friday, July 21, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Come out and get a chance to learn about different animals and their habits. We will have bunnies, lizards and more! You will also get a chance to pet some of the animals as well! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Crafternoons with Brayla
Martin Luther King, Jr Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Join Brayla for a CRAFTY fun time! This month come in and get inspired to create drawings through watching different videos! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

2 Part Hand Building Ceramics Class Cupcake Trinket Box
Westside Regional
Friday, July 21, 10 am to 11 am
For all those who created a ceramic cupcake trinket box using hand building techniques in the June class. Your piece is dry and fired—now it’s time to glaze and paint! All supplies included. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 to register and for more information.

Animal Weaving Craft
Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, July 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Join RPL staff as we learn about weaving and create unique animal weaving crafts with yarn! Kids of all ages welcome as we have from simple to difficult crafts to choose from. Reservations are required. Contact 318-442-2483 to sign up or for more information

Chalk the Walk Sidewalk Art
Johnson Branch
Every Wednesday in July, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Family and friends join us at the Johnson branch every Wednesday in July to explore our creative sides! Let’s see how many wonderful and imaginative creations we can come up with! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Craft Time with Ms. Bree
Westside Regional Library
Every Tuesday in July from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm!
Children can come and learn something new EVERY Tuesday! There will be a book about a different topic and a craft or activity to go along with it! Contact 318-442-2483 for more details.



Computer Classes

Please register for computer and Makerspace classes by contacting the RPL location in which the class will occur. Seating is limited.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Hineston Branch Wed. Jul. 5th, 10-11	Beginning Internet	<u>Windows 10</u> Take a look at the Windows 10 operating system. Learn about the features Windows 10 has to offer and how to customize them to your needs.
Libuse Branch Fri. Jul. 7th, 9-11	TinkerCAD	<u>Windows 11</u> Take a look at the new Windows 11 operating system. Learn about the new features offered by the new system and how to navigate it.
Martin Branch Mon. Jul. 10th, 10-11	Microsoft PowerPoint 2016	<u>Beginning Internet</u> Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Westside Branch Tue. Jul. 11th, 10-11	Microsoft Publisher 2016	<u>Beginning Microsoft Excel</u> Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.
Boyce Branch Thu. Jul. 13th, 10-11	Hoopla	<u>Intermediate Microsoft Excel</u> Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
King Branch Fri. Jul. 14th, 4:30-5:30	Microsoft Publisher 2016	<u>Microsoft PowerPoint</u> PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Main Library Mon. Jul. 17th, 3:30-5:30	Windows 10	<u>Microsoft Publisher</u> Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you’ll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.
Main Library Thu. Jul. 20th, 9-11	Windows 11 (Limit 4)	<u>Hoopla</u> Break out the library card and dive into a library of various digital media. Learn how to search and check out titles from Movies, TV, Books, and more! All from the comfort of home!
McDonald Branch Wed. Jul. 26th, 10-11	Microsoft PowerPoint 2016	
Johnson Branch Fri. Jul. 28th, 10-11	Beginning Microsoft Excel 2016	
Robertson Branch Mon. Jul. 31st, 10-11	Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016	



**We might be over 50, but
we're as young as we feel!**

**Come for the bingo, but stay
for the friendships!**

**Reservations are needed.
Contact the branch for more**



Boyce Branch
Tuesday, July 11, 10:00 am
318-793-5954

Robertson Branch
Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 am
318-640-3098

Westside Regional Library
Thursday, July 13, 10:00 am
318-442-2483

Johnson Branch
Tuesday, July 18, 10:00 am
318-776-5153

Main Library
Thursday, July 20, 10:00 am
318-445-2411

Libuse Branch
Friday, July 21, 10:00 am
318-443-7259

This program is sponsored by Healthy Blue.

Children's Summer Reading Entertainers

Summer Entertainer: Lady Chops

Monday, July 10, 10 am—Main Branch

Monday, July 10, 2 pm—Libuse Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 10 am—McDonald Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 2 pm—Johnson Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10 am—Robertson Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 2 pm—Martin Branch

Thursday, July 13, 10 am—Hineston Branch

Thursday, July 13, 2 pm—Boyce Branch

Friday, July 14, 10 am—Westside Regional

Friday, July 14, 2 pm—MLK Jr. Branch

Elizabeth Vidos, also known as Lady Chops, is bringing her one woman drumming show to Rapides Parish Library this summer! She is a talented percussionist whose past work includes performing in the hit show "STOMP." Her program is energetic, interactive and fun for all ages as she incorporates over 15 different instruments including the Box Drum, percussion and the Cajun rubboard. Contact the branch for more information.

Summer Entertainer: M.L. Tarpley

Monday, July 24, 10 am—Main Branch

Monday, July 24, 2 pm—Libuse Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 10 am—McDonald Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 2 pm—Johnson Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 10 am—Robertson Branch

Wednesday, July 26, 2 pm—Martin Branch

Thursday, July 27, 10 am—Hineston Branch

Thursday, July 27, 2 pm—Boyce Branch

Friday, July 28, 10 am—Westside Regional

Friday, July 28, 2 pm—MLK Jr. Branch

Come have fun with Louisiana author, M.L. Tarpley as she transports us to amazing places across the world with her stories of adventure, friendship, and fun! Not only is she lots of fun but she is an award-winning journalist, world traveler and author of a fictional series and a nonfiction book that teaches kids to write their own fiction! Contact the branch for more information.



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includes two adults and four children.
You may use the pass as often as you
would like during the checkout period.
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basis at select branches.**