

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



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**Blender BIKE**

Children & Teen

What is a Blender Bike?  
Westside Regional Library  
Saturday, September 16, 10:30am to 11:30am

Come find out all about this cool peddle-powered bicycle from the LSU AgCenter that can make smoothies and salsa! Reservations are needed. Please contact 318-442-2483 to RSVP and for more information.

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**Keep LOUISIANA Beautiful**  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Litter Clean-up Kits are available at all of our branch locations on a first come basis. To check out a Litter Clean-up Kit you must be at least 18 years old and have a valid Rapides Parish Library Card without any overdue items or any money owed. Checkout is for one week.

**Get Down & CLEAN UP**

2-STEP YOUR WAY TO KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL

**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.

**Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages**

**The Southern: A Book Club**  
Westside Regional Library  
Tuesday, September 5, 10:00 am to 11:30 am  
Join Sonja Spahn and other readers on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss great Southern books written by great Southern writers. This month, we will discuss the book *The Secret of Hummingbird Cake* by Celeste Fletcher McHale, who plans on attending the meeting. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

**A Little Bit of Everything Book Club**  
Westside Regional Library  
Monday, September 11, 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 *I'm Glad My Mother Died* by Jenette McCurdy. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

**Libuse Kids' Book Club**  
Libuse Branch  
Tuesday, September 12, 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 *Forever Neverland* by Susan Adrian. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Triple A Book Club**  
Martin Luther King, Jr Branch  
Tuesday, September 12, 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 *Diamond Doris* by Doris Payne. Call (318) 445-3912 for information.

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## Coming Soon to Your Local Branch... In October

### FOR ALL AGES: For the Love of Food

Main Library

Monday, October 2, 5:30 pm

Culinary veteran, Randy Smith, is making a triumphant return to our kitchen, delighting us with his expertise in crafting an exquisite selection of beloved international dishes this month. Contact 318-445-2411 x1022 for more information.

### FOR ADULTS: Part 2: Intro to African American Genealogy

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, October 5, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join genealogist Pat Boone for an introduction to African American genealogical research. Learn the basics of navigating online genealogy sites to find family records and documents. Discover techniques and resources to overcome common obstacles in conducting African American family research. Presented in cooperation with the Alexandria Genealogical Library. Space is limited. Reservations required. Must be familiar with using a computer and the internet to attend. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

### FOR ADULTS: Halloween Themed Painting

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Westside Regional

Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Westside Regional

Friday, October 13, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Boyce Branch

Wednesday, October 18, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

McDonald Branch

Friday, October 20, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Westside Regional

Tuesday, October 24, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us as we paint a Halloween themed acrylic canvas! Registration is required. Contact the branch where you would like to attend to register and for more information.



### FOR TEENS & ADULTS: Hands-on 2D Animation with Graphic Artist —Ky Beaux

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join digital and graphic artist, photographer and animator Ky Beaux in an animation workshop introducing you to hands-on 2D animation using digital and manual drawing techniques. Participants are urged to bring an iPad, tablet or light pad, if preferred. Pencil and paper will be supplied. Basic computer skills are needed. This is the second in a series of workshops continuing in November. Registration is required. Call 318-442-2483 to register and for more info.

### Westside Regional Branch

Thursday, September 28, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Open to authors and writers of all levels and genres and anyone interested in learning more about the book writing process—even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month, noted Civil War historian David Madden will offer notes from his experiences as an award-winning novelist, short story writer and essayist. Hosted by Michael Wynne and meets each 4th Thursday of the month. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

### King's Teens' Book Tasting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, September 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

King's teens gather on the second Wednesday of each month for a book discussion and crafting session! This month's selection is *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins. This book is the prequel to *The Hunger Games*. Books available in advance for checkout. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Libuse Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, September 19, 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 *Unplugged Distance* by Gordon Korman. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Libuse Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, September 21, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies meet on the third Thursday of each month for this potluck-style book club. This month, we'll discuss *Remarkable Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Main Writers Club

Main Library

Thursday, September 21, 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 for more information.

### Libuse Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, September 18, 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 *Still Life* by Louise Penny. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Next Chapter Literary Underliners Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, September 22, 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 *Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris. Call (318) 793-5954 for info.

### Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, September 26, 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 for more information.

### Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, September 26, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Meet us on the last Tuesday of each month where Sonya J will lead us in a book discussion. This month we're reading *The Third Grave* by Lisa Jackson. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

### Sands of Time Book Club

Main Branch

Thursday, September 28, 5:00 pm to 6:00 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 *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Thursday, September 28, 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 *Tapestry of Grace* by Kim Vogel Sawyer. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

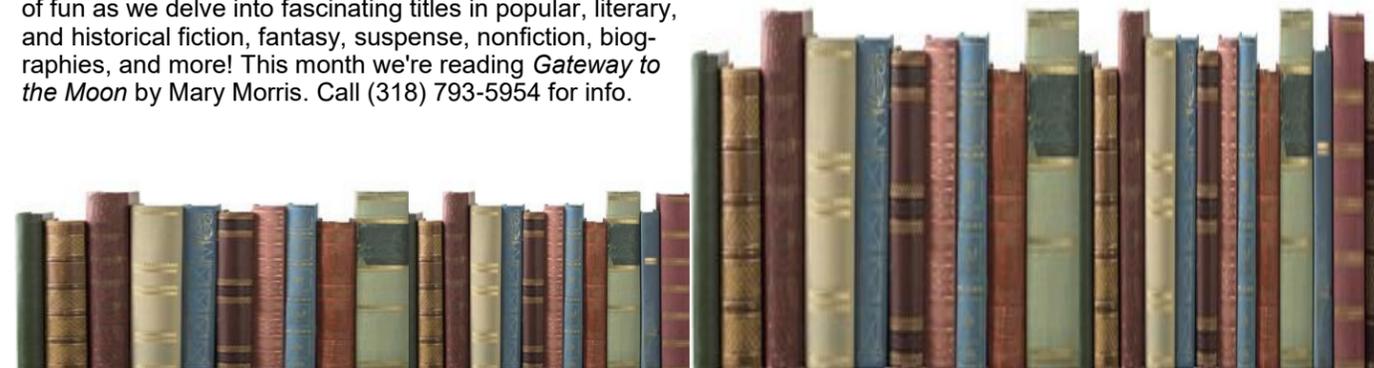
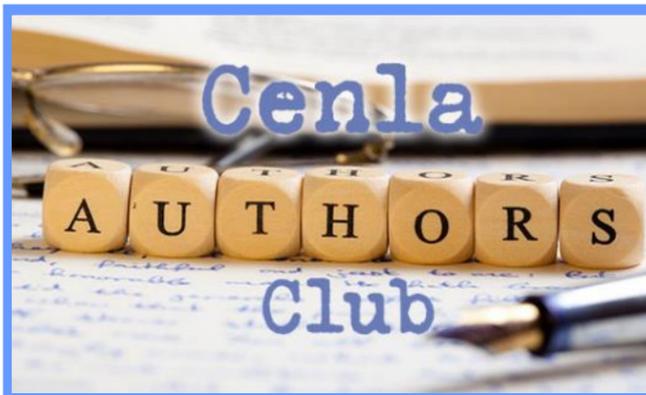
### Cenla Author's Club

LSUA Mulder Hall, Solomon Northup Room, #145

Thursday, September 28, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**NOTE: Location change for September only.**

Open to authors and writers of all levels and genres and anyone interested in learning more about the book writing process—even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month award-winning novelist, short story writer, essayist and noted Civil War historian David Madden will conduct a master class in writing. Hosted by Michael Wynne meets each 4th Thursday of the month. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



## Programs for All Ages

### Craft Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Every Saturday in September, 10 am to 12 pm

Bring the family and come in and create some crafts! We will have crafts and crafts supplies of all kinds for all ages! Don't miss this fun family time! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### Alexandria Zoo At The Library

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, September 2, 11 am to 12 pm

Visit the zoo at the library! With this interactive program participants will learn how all living things have a place to call home, but is it as simple as a safe place to rest your head at night? Join us to discover what living things need to survive. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### It's Easy to Be Cheesy—WHAT?!?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, September 5, 4 pm to 5 pm

On National Cheese Pizza Day, come in and let us introduce the CHEESIEST library experience you've ever had plus lots more cool things you didn't know! Plus you get to eat some cheese pizza and maybe learn about a new book! Registration is required. Contact 318-445-3912 to RSVP and for more information.

### Plant Propagation Workshop With LSUA AG

Main Branch

Thursday, September 7, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

If you love growing plants, at some point that evolves to wanting to learn how to GROW more and MAKE more! This lecture and hands-on class will be cover basic propagation by seeds and cuttings. This will be two hour informative and interactive workshop hosted by Molly Lyles of the LSUA AG Center. Registration is required. Contact 318-445-2411 to RSVP and for more information.

### Worm Farming With Windy Willows Garden

Main Branch

Friday, September 8, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Worm farming is a great way to recycle food waste and create the perfect organic fertilizer. Vermicomposting is easy and fun and inexpensive. This workshop will teach you the fundamentals of this worm composting. This will be two hour informative and interactive workshop hosted by Windy Willows Garden. Registration is required. Contact 318-445-2411 to RSVP and for more information.

### Chair Aerobics!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, September 13, 10am to 11am

Wednesday, September 27, 10am to 11am

Join us for a good time and some good fun while getting your exercise in with Chair Aerobics! Increase your heart rate, burn calories and build strength without getting out of your chair! Held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



## Ancestry Research Programs

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, September 8, 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. Must be familiar with using a computer and the internet to attend. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

### Genealogy Club

Main Branch

Friday, September 22, 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 info.

## Adult Programs

### 9/11 Remembrance Scrapbook Class

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, September 9, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where were you when 9/11 and how did it affect you? Bring portraits to complete 9/11 theme. It could be a firefighter or something patriotic or anything that helps us remember and commemorate the day and the unsung heroes! Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, September 11, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us on the second Monday of each month for veterans to come together to share resources, support and information in partnership with Anthony Elie to support one another and work towards a better quality life for veterans. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### LSUA Cavanaugh Lecture Series

Main Library

Tuesday, September 26, 6:00 pm

Join Adam Lord, LSUA's Asst. Vice Chancellor for Strategic Communications and author of *Forging a Nation: A History of Ukrainian Nationalism and Russia's Territorial Claims in Eastern Europe*, as he kicks off the fall LSUA Cavanaugh Lecture Series with "Understanding Ukraine," an introduction of the historical context framing the current Russian-Ukrainian conflict. The lecture is free and open to the public. Call 318-445-2411 for more info.

### Artists in Libraries— Stamped Prayer Flag with Artist Wendy Starn

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join fiber artist Wendy Starn as she leads participants in a hand-stamping fabric activity, making their own stamps to create a custom prayer flag. All supplies provided. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 318-443-7259 to register and for more information.

### End of Summer Tea Party

McDonald Branch

Saturday, September 16, 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 required. Call 318-748-4848 for rsvp and more information.

### Glass Bead Necklaces with Artist of the Month — DebiDeaux

Main Library

Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join our RPL September Artist of the Month, glass bead artist DebiDeaux to make a beautiful glass bead necklace. In this session, Debi will lead participants in creating necklaces with some of her unique hand-blown glass beads. Her beads and other creations will be on display throughout the month at the Main Library. All supplies provided. Reservations are required. Space is limited. Call 318-445-2411 to register and for more information.

### Financial Literacy Workshop: Fueling Your Savings Plan

Boyce Branch

Tuesday, September 19, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join us for how to improve your financial literacy in this series of workshops presented by Regions Bank! This class we focus on money saving tips to help you save now, evaluate different savings account options, and use online calculators to create a custom savings plan. Call 318-793-5954 for more information.

### Financial Literacy Workshop: Establishing or Repairing Your Credit

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for how to improve your financial literacy in this series of workshops presented by Regions Bank! This class we focus on learning to calculate the true cost of credit and get tips to maintain or improve your credit score. Call 318-793-5954 for more information.

### Stop-Action Animation with Graphic Artist —Ky Beaux

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join digital and graphic artist, photographer and animator, Ky Beaux in an animation workshop introducing you to stop-action techniques using digital photography. Participants should bring a cell phone or digital camera and possess basic computer skills. This is the first in a series of workshops continuing in October. Registration is required. Call 318-445-3912 to register and for more information.

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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for the friendships!**

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information.**

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as you  
Feel**



**McDonald Branch**

Tuesday, September 5, 10:00 am  
318-748-4848

**Boyce Branch**

Tuesday, September 12, 10:00 am  
318-793-5954

**Robertson Branch**

Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 am  
318-640-3098

**Westside Regional Library**

Thursday, September 14, 10:00 am  
318-442-2483

**Johnson Branch**

Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 am  
318-776-5153

**Main Library**

Thursday, September 21, 10:00 am  
318-445-2411

**Libuse Branch**

Friday, September 15, 10:00 am  
318-443-7259

**King Branch**

Monday, September 25, 10:00 am  
318-445-3912

**This program is sponsored by Healthy Blue.**

## Adult Programs

### Glass Bead-Making Demo with Artist of the Month — DebiDeaux

Huie Dellmon House Gardens

Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join our RPL Artist of the Month, glass bead artist DebiDeaux as she presents a live demonstration of her glass bead-making process using a propane gas torch. The demonstration will take place in the garden of the Huie Dellmon House, weather permitting. The demonstration will be filmed and available for viewing on the RPL YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/@RapidesParishLibrary](https://youtube.com/@RapidesParishLibrary). The artist's wide variety of beads and other creations will be on display throughout the month at the Main Library. Space is limited. Registration is required. Call 318-445-2411 to register and for more information.

### Historical Sites and Characters in Mississippi & Louisiana with Author of the Month—Dr. Thomas S. Smith, Sr.

Libuse Branch

Thursday, September 7, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Main Branch

Monday, September 18, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Our September Author of the Month is Dr. Thomas S. Smith, Sr. author of the historical fiction series, *Just a Piece of Red String*. The novels chronicle the adventures of two cousins from Natchez, during Antebellum times, the Civil War and into the Reconstruction era in Mississippi and Louisiana. Featured by RPL's Sands of Time Book Club, join Dr. Smith for a lively discussion of the historical sites and characters who populate the book. The author's books will be featured at branches throughout the month. For more information call branch you will attend.

# Cenla Author of the Month



**Dr. Thomas S. Smith, Sr.**  
Historical Fiction Author



## Meet & Greet Events

- Libuse Branch Library  
Thursday, September 7, 1:00–2:30 p.m.  
(318) 442-2483, ext. 1901
- Main Library  
Monday, September 18, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
(318) 445-2411, ext. 1022

Meet our September Author of the Month, Dr. Thomas S. Smith, Sr., author of the historical fiction series, *Just a Piece of Red String*. The novels chronicle the adventures of two young cousins from Natchez, from Antebellum time throughout the Civil War, and into Reconstruction in Mississippi and Louisiana. Featured by RPL's Sands of Time Book Club, join Dr. Smith for a lively discussion of the historical sites and characters who populate his books. Call participating branches for information.



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# Artists IN LIBRARIES ARTIST OF THE MONTH



**DebiDeaux**  
*Glass Bead Artist*



Bead-Making Demo  
Wednesday, September 6, 9:00 - 10:00

Glass Bead Necklaces  
Tuesday, September 19, 10:00 -12:00

Our September Artist of the Month is glass bead artist DebiDeaux. Debi will lead participants in creating necklaces with some of her hand-blown glass beads. In another session, Debi will present a live demonstration of her glass bead-making process using a propane torch. The demo will be held in the Huie-Delmond House garden, filmed, and available for viewing on the RPL YouTube channel. A selection of Debi's wide variety of beads and other creations will be displayed at the Main Library throughout the month. Supplies provided. Space is limited. Advance registration is required. (318) 445-2411, ext. 1022.

## Adult Painting Programs

### DIY Painted Wooden Hummingbird

Johnson Branch  
Saturday, September 2, 10 am to 11 am  
Join us at the Johnson branch as we paint a wooden hummingbird ornament! This would make a great ornament or display to hang in your window! Registration is required. Call 318-776-5153 to register and for more info.

### Alcohol Ink Tile Art

Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 1 pm—Main Branch  
Monday Sept. 11 at 1 pm—Martin Branch  
Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 1 pm—Boyce Branch  
Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 1 pm—Robertson Branch  
Thursday, Sept. 14 at 1 pm—Westside Regional  
Monday, Sept. 18 at 1 pm—King Branch  
Monday, Sept. 25 at 1 pm—Libuse Branch  
Local artist, Linda Ryder Thomas, will demonstrate the technique used to create these beautiful tiles which work great as coasters or pieces of art! We will create unique colorful designs using alcohol ink and leave with your own tile masterpiece! Materials provided. Registration is required. Contact branch you plan to attend to register or for more info.

### Fall Gnome Painting

Westside Regional  
Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Westside Regional  
Friday, September 8, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Westside Regional  
Tuesday, September 26, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
McDonald Branch  
Friday, September 29, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Join us as we paint Fall Gnomes! Registration is needed. Contact the branch where you would like to attend the program to register and for more information.

### Watercolors for Adults

Main Library  
Main Library—Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 am  
Main Library—Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 am  
Let your creativity flow during this watercolor class led by Linda Ryder Thomas. Registration is required. Contact 318-445-2411 to register and for more information.

### Art is Life

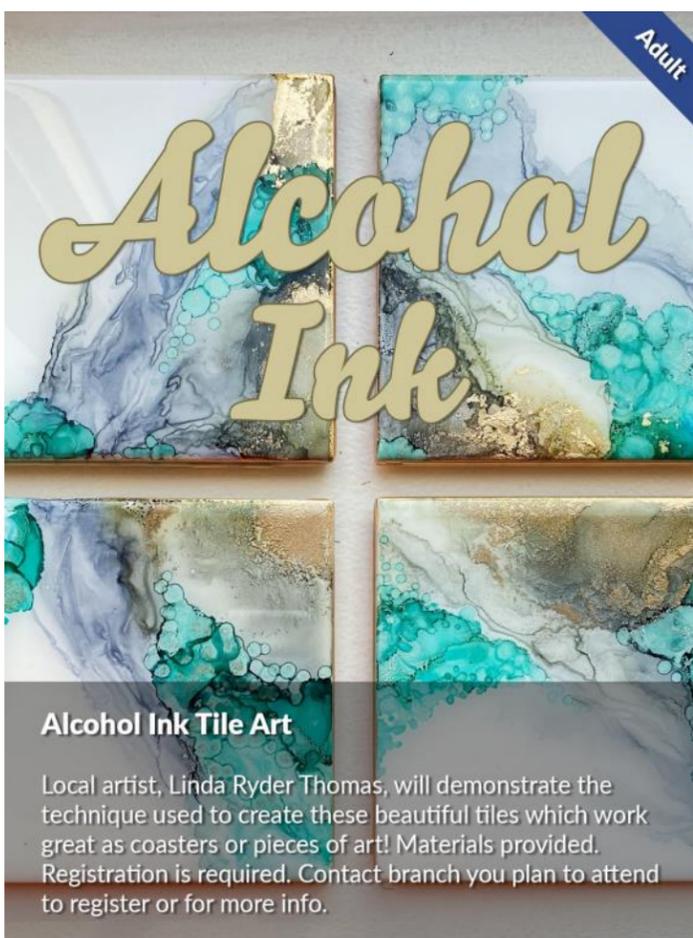
Main Library  
Main Branch—Monday, September 7, 10:00 am  
Main Branch—Monday, September 11, 10:00 am  
Main Branch—Monday, September 25, 5:30 pm  
Learn various acrylic painting techniques during this class led by Alice McBride. Registration is required. Contact 318-445-2411 to register and for more info.

### Color Me Calm

Martin Library  
Tuesday, September 12, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Adults, enjoy relaxing music while coloring beautiful images! Come express your creativity and enjoy the calm with us! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Color Me Chill

Main Library  
Thursday, September 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00pm  
Thursday, September 28, 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 for more information.



Art Classes are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, as administered by the RAC. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment of the Arts.

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Read. Return. Repeat.

## Children's Programs

### Banned Books Escape Room

Thursday, Sept. 7, 3:30 pm—McDonald Branch  
Friday, Sept. 1, 5 pm—Libuse Branch (Children)  
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### Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover Boyce Branch

Wednesday, September 13, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover! Bring your stuffed friend and read them a bedtime story and let them spend night! They will have lots of adventures in the library overnight! Come back the next day to pick them up! Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

### Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover Westside Regional Library

Dropoff Thursday or Friday, September 14 or 15, During Open Hours  
Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover! Dropoff your stuffed friend on Thursday or Friday for a sleepover Friday night! They will have lots of adventures in the library overnight and we will take lots of pictures to share! Come back and pick them up anytime Saturday! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover McDonald Branch

Dropoff: Wednesday, September 20, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
Pickup: Thursday, September 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover! Starting on Wednesday bring your stuffed friend and let them spend night! They will have lots of adventures in the library overnight! Come back and meet them for Storytime the next morning to pick them up! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

### Yarn Bowl Weaving Martin Library

Friday, September 22, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Hineston Branch  
Saturday, September 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Westside Regional Library  
Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Come weave your own bowl with yarn! Learn how to use yarn to make a cool mini bowl you can use to keep your special trinkets! Reservations are required. Contact branch you plan to attend to sign up or for more information.

### Starry Night Rabbit Lantern Johnson Branch

Friday, September 29, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Come make a lantern for your room! It's a simple but fun starry night rabbit lantern! Reservations are required. Contact 318-776-5153 to RSVP and for more information.

### Craft Time with Ms. Bree Westside Regional Library

Every Tuesday in September 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.

## Teen Programs

### Banned Books Escape Room

Friday, Sept. 1, 5 pm—Libuse Branch  
Thursday, Sept. 7, 3:30 pm—McDonald Branch  
Monday, Sept. 11, 4 pm—Martin Branch  
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4:30 pm—Main Branch  
Thursday, Sept. 14, 3 pm—Boyce Branch  
Monday, Sept. 18, 4 pm to 5 pm—Westside(Teen)  
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### BFG Inspired Dream Jar Johnson Branch

Friday, September 8, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Teens let's get together at your Johnson Library branch to create a colorful and exciting BFG inspired Dream Jar to celebrate Roald Dahl Day! Dream jars are where The BFG keeps the good dreams that he mixes before he blows them into the ears of sleeping children with his dream blower. Registration is required. Call 318-776-5153 to sign up and for more info.

### Anime Club Kickoff McDonald Branch

Tuesday, September 12, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Are you into Anime? Teens come in to the McDonald branch to join our new Anime Club we are starting! We will show various clips of different anime series. Refreshments are provided! Registration is required. Call 318-748-4848 to RSVP and for more information.

### King's Teens' Book Tasting Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, September 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
King's teens gather on the second Wednesday of each month for a book discussion and crafting session! This month's selection is *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins. This book is the prequel to *The Hunger Games*. Books available in advance for checkout. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Teen - Cuisine Cook Club Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, September 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 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 Big Baked Eggs! Reservations are needed. Please contact 318-445-3912 to RSVP and for more information.

### Teen Mental Wellness Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

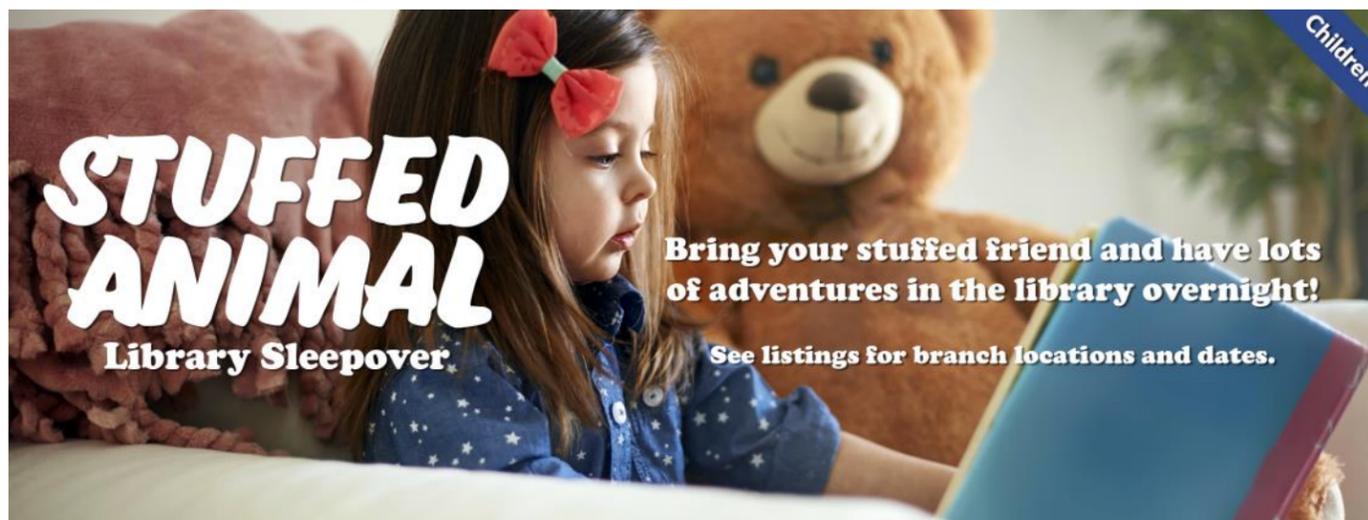
Wednesday, September 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
With so much going on today, teens need an outlet to release your anxiety and stresses. Come in and learn mindfulness techniques paired with light exercise to help you release your stress. Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Teen Hang Out Day McDonald Branch

Thursday, September 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 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! Every 4th Thursday of the month. Call 318-748-4848 for more information.

### Stop-Action Animation with Graphic Artist —Ky Beaux

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Join digital and graphic artist, photographer and animator, Ky Beaux in an animation workshop introducing you to stop-action techniques using digital photography. Participants should bring a cell phone or digital camera and possess basic computer skills. This is the first in a series of workshops continuing in October. Registration is required. Call 318-445-3912 to register and for more information.



**WORM FARMING**

**Worm Farming with Windy Willows Garden**  
**Main Branch**  
**Friday, September 8, 4pm to 6pm**

Worm farming is a great way to recycle food waste and create the perfect organic fertilizer. Contact 318-445-2411 to RSVP and for more information.

**I CAN**

**learn new languages**

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**Grab-N-Go Craft Kits**

ALL BRANCHES ALL THE TIME!

LOVE DOING FUN & 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!

While supplies last.

## Children's & Teens Programs

### Banned Books Escape Room

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 Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4:30 pm—Main Branch  
 Thursday, Sept. 14, 3 pm—Boyce Branch  
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### "Date Due" Bookmarks

**Boyce Branch**  
 September 5th to September 8th, Open Hours

Because no self respecting librarian would approve of dog-eared pages in a book, let's create your own bookmark where you can keep track of when your library book is due back! Drop by anytime during open hours to craft your very own! Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

### What is a Blender Bike?

**Westside Regional Library**  
 Saturday, September 16, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

What is a Blender Bike? Do you want to ride one? Come find out all about this cool peddle-powered bicycle from the LSU AgCenter that can make smoothies and salsa! Get a chance to ride it, make treats and then taste them! Reservations are needed. Please contact 318-442-2483 to rsvp and for more information.

### We Ready, Teddy—Teddy Bear Fun!

**Martin Luther King, Jr Branch**  
 Saturday, September 16, 11 am to 12 pm

What a BEARY good time we will have when you bring in your favorite Teddy Bear to enjoy a roaring good story. We will make a craft with your teddy and enjoy a "beary" good treat! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY**

**BANNED BOOKS ESCAPE ROOM**

Use your wits to figure out the puzzles in an escape room focusing on various banned and challenged books!

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS:

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 Thursday, Sept. 7, 3:30 pm - McDonald Branch  
 Friday, Sept. 8, 5 pm - Libuse Branch (Teens)  
 Monday, Sept. 11, 4 pm - Martin Library  
 Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4:30 pm - Main Branch  
 Thursday, Sept. 14, 2 pm - Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
 Wednesday, Sept. 18, 4 pm - Westside Regional Library  
 Tuesday, Sept. 19, 3 pm - Robertson Branch  
 Thursday, Sept. 21, 2:30 pm - Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Contact branch you will attend for more info.

**I CAN**

**watch a movie**

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Computer Class

## Computer Classes

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

### CLASS SCHEDULE

### CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Libuse Branch Fri. Sep. 1st, 10-11	<b>Beginning Internet</b>	<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.
King Branch Tue. Sep. 5th, 4:30-5:30	<b>Beginning Internet</b>	<u>Beginning Internet</u> Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Hineston Branch Wed. Sep. 6th, 10-11	<b>Microsoft PowerPoint 2016</b>	<u>Intermediate Word</u> Create macros and other shortcuts, work with the header and footer, page numbers, tabs and tables. Look at ways to enhance a document using text boxes and word art.
Martin Branch Mon. Sep. 11th, 10-11	<b>Microsoft Windows 10</b>	<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.
Westside Branch Tue. Sep. 12th, 10-11	<b>Intermediate Microsoft Word 2016</b>	<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.
Boyce Branch Thu. Sep. 14th, 10-11	<b>Google Earth</b>	<u>Google Earth</u> Explore the world in a whole new way, right in your own browser!
McDonald Branch Wed. Sep. 20th, 10-11	<b>Beginning Microsoft Word 2016</b>	
Robertson Branch Mon. Sep. 25th, 10-11	<b>Microsoft Publisher 2016</b>	
Johnson Branch Fri. Sep. 29th, 10-11		

All Ages

# Plant PROPAGATION

**Plant Propagation Workshop with LSUA AG Main Branch**  
Thursday, September 7, 3:30pm to 5:30pm

If you love growing plants, at some point that evolves to wanting to learn how to GROW more and MAKE more! Registration is required. Contact 318-445-2411 to RSVP and for more information.

**check out a laptop**  
...with a RPL Library Card!

**research my genealogy**  
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