



EVENT GUIDE

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National Poetry Month



*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.*

~ Robert Frost, "A Prayer in Spring"



SCAN HERE
TO VIEW & REGISTER
FOR EVENTS

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, April 2, 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 *Goat Castle* by Karen Cox. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Books & Beyond!

Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, April 5, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens can come and join us at Westside on the first Friday of each month to discuss books and meet to discuss what teen programs you want to see at your library. This month we are reading *Doing Time* by Rob Thomas. After discussing the book we will pitch ideas on what programs or books you want in the library. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

A Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library
Monday, April 8, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, then you'll enjoy this book club, meeting each second Monday of the month. Join us this month to discuss *The Block Party* by Jamie Day. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Kids are invited to read *Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein and come to the Libuse branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Triple A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tween/Teens are encouraged to come in with their favorite book for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. After that we will take a little time to start reading! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Main Writers Club

Main Library

Thursday, April 11, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

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

Children's Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children are encouraged to come in with their favorite book for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. After that we will take a little time to start reading! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, April 15, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Gather for a lively daytime discussion of authors and their books every third Monday morning. This month, we're reading and discussing *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies meet on the third Thursday of each month for this potluck-style book club. Join us this month for a discussion of *After We Were Stolen* by Brooke Beyfuss. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Sands of Time Book Club

Main Library

Friday, April 19, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join this group of history lovers on third Fridays for a lively discussion of intriguing historical figures, eras, and events. This month we're discussing *The Federalist Papers* by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, or *The Anti-Federalist Papers*, edited by Ralph Ketcham. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, April 23, 4:30 pm to 5:45 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.

Cenla Authors' Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Cenla Authors' Club is open to authors and writers of all levels and genres, and anyone interested in learning more about the book-writing process. Each month features a presentation by a noted author plus self-publishing tips, information, and practices. This month's speaker is novelist, poet, and essayist Edward Gauthier, Louisiana's foremost expert on the impact of AI-generated books. Hosted by Michael Wynne, the Cenla Authors' Club meets each fourth Thursday of the month. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Thursday, April 25, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join the Christian Fiction Book Club on the last Thursday of each month to read and discuss favorite Christian and historical fiction. This month's selection is *Appalachian Song* by Michelle Shocklee. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Next Chapter Literary Underliners Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, April 26, 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 literary, popular, and historical fiction, fantasy, suspense, nonfiction, biographies, and more! This month we're reading *The Last Masterpiece, A Novel of World War II Italy* by Laura Morelli. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Robertson Book Club meets each last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm and is facilitated by Sonya Jeter. This month we are reading *Judgement Prey* by John Sanford. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



Programs for All Ages

Drop-in Crafts

Libuse Branch

April 1-5, During Open Hours

Children and teens are invited to drop by the Libuse Branch Library during their free time the week of April 1-5 to do an in-branch craft. Craft supplies for various crafts will be available for patrons to choose which they would prefer to do.

Craft Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Saturday, April 6, Umbrella Art & Kit

Saturday, April 13, Rain Cloud Salt Painting

Saturday, April 20, Pretty Stained Glass Sun Catcher

Bring the family and come in and create some crafts - every Saturday in April, 10 am to 12 pm! We will have crafts and crafts supplies of all kinds for all ages! Stay and craft or grab a kit to go! Don't miss this fun family time! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Law Talks Watch Party: Foreclosures

Main Library

Wednesday, April 10, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Come to a library watch party! The Rapides Parish Library will host the Louisiana State Bar Association's virtual presentation on Foreclosures led by Legal Aid and volunteer attorneys. Presentation will be held via zoom watch party at the Main Library. You can also stream the presentation on the Lawyers in Libraries Facebook page. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Beginner Crochet Class

Libuse Branch

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Free crochet class for anyone who wants to learn a new hobby. This is part of an ongoing series, but it should be simple enough that you can jump in and not miss much. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Cenla Author of the Month

Shelley Jinks Johnson: Greet & Sign

Libuse Branch

Saturday, April 6, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, April 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Our April Author of the Month is poet Shelley Jinks Johnson. Her work grapples with themes of grief, acceptance, self-discovery and how to find meaning in life after loss. Her first volume of poetry, *Pretty Little Widow*, explores her grief following her husband's death. Shelley has discovered that living a life of creativity is the best way of building a life rooted in joy and gratitude.

Shelley Jinks Johnson: Storytime

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Thursday, April 18, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Friday, April 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join Author of the Month Shelley Jinks Johnson as she engages young patrons in the craft of poetry and leads a craft inspired by her new book, *North Star*, about finding your light and learning to shine. Look for her also at other storytime and Greet & Sign events throughout the month.

Cenla Author of the Month

Poet *Shelley Jinks Johnson*

Greet & Sign

Libuse Branch Library - Saturday, April 6 @ 11:00am

Westside Regional Library - Saturday, April 13 @ 11:00am

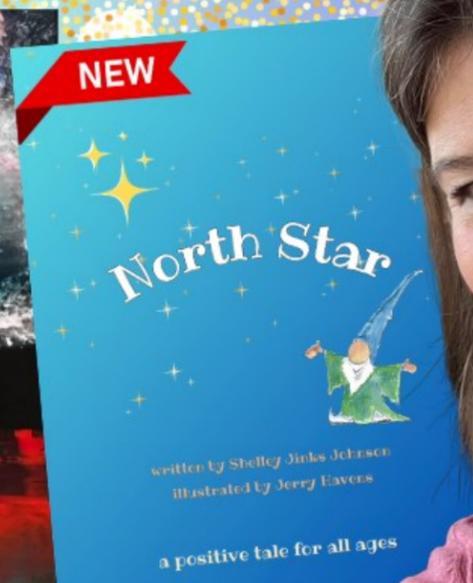
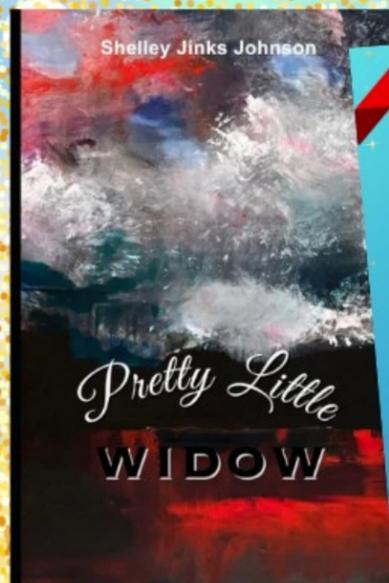
Storytime

Robertson Library - Wednesday, April 17 @ 10:00am

Libuse Library - Thursday, April 18 @ 10:30am

Westside Regional Library - Tuesday, April 23 @ 3:30pm

Westside Regional Library - Friday, April 26 @ 10:00am



Grab-N-Go Programs

April Marigold Flower Kit

Hineston Branch
April 2-20, During Open Hours

The "Fish" Day of April Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, April 1, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Do you know April Fools' is celebrated different ways in different places? Like some people know it as "Fish" day! Come by the library and learn about April Fools' traditions. You won't want to miss this informational crafty time! You can grab it and go! Or we can sit in and learn!

Marigold Flower Kits

Hineston Branch

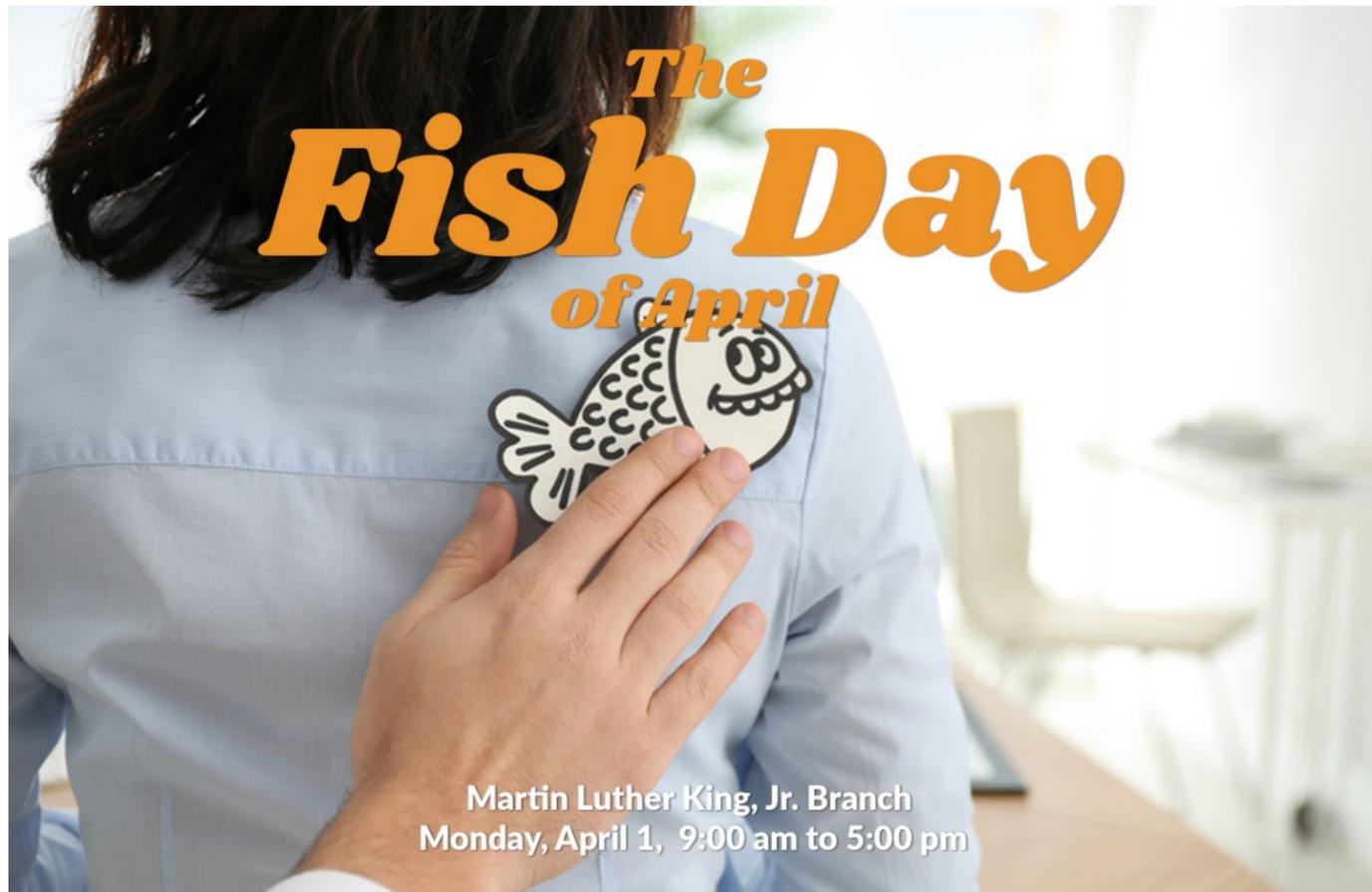
April 2-20, During Open Hours

Marigolds for Spring! Come by the branch and pick up a kit to plant some Marigolds for Spring. Each Kit will include seeds, potting mix, and starter pots for two sets of flowers.

National Library Week Scavenger Hunt Libuse Branch

April 4-15, During Open Hours

Who doesn't love a Scavenger Hunt? What about one at your library? Come by the Libuse Branch to get your Scavenger Hunt sheet to celebrate National Library Week! You will have various activities to accomplish in your library to fill your sheet and win the hunt! The various library and book related activities can be accomplished anytime from Thursday, April 4th to Monday, April 15th. Turn them in to the Libuse circulation desk by Thursday, April 15th to win a prize! Hunt sheets available beginning Thursday, April 4, 2024 at or after 10:30 AM. Cards can be presented with six or more activities completed at any time during the activity window.



The Fish Day of April

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, April 1, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



National Library Week SCAVENGER HUNT

Libuse Branch
April 4-15, During Open Hours



Bluey Party

J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, April 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children's Programs

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, April 2, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, April 9, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, April 30, 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 information.

Storytime with the LSU AgCenter

Libuse Branch

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join us for Storytime at Libuse with the LSU AgCenter as we read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. After the story we will make our very own hungry caterpillar out of veggies. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Blast Off!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, April 12, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Children can come in and make a spaceship while learning about International Day of Human Space Flight. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Bluey Party

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Does your little one love Bluey? If so, bring them to our Bluey Party! We'll have fun in the world of Blue with imaginative play (like driving a bus or car, etc), crafts, and more. Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

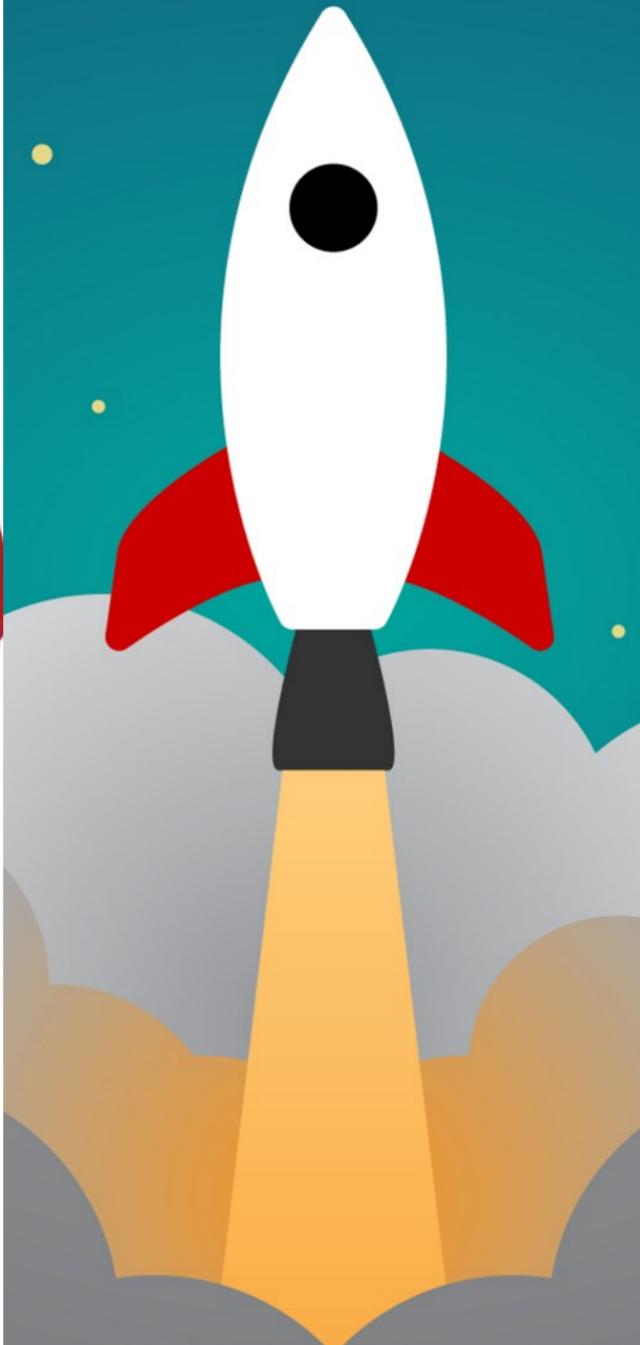
Spring Garden Craft

Main Library

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Spring is Here! Come join us to make a fun Spring Garden craft out of clay pots and grass seeds! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

BLAST OFF!



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, April 12, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Children's & Teen Programs

Poetry Writing Contest

Every Branch

Monday, April 1-22

Attention all poets! Show off your poetry writing skills by entering our RPL Poetry Writing Contest! We will have two winners library wide, one from high school and one from junior high (6-8th grade). The winning poets will have the choice of having their poem published on our social media or perform their poem in a video that the library will post on social media. Get your submissions in today! Email completed poems to craig@rpl.org by the deadline Monday, April 22, 2023 at 8:00am. Winner will be announced Thursday, April 25th.

Poetry Escape Room

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, April 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Saturday, April 6, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Kids)

Saturday, April 6, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Teens)

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, April 11, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, April 18, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Friday, April 19, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, April 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Martin Library

Thursday, April 25, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come try to escape our poetry themed escape room!

Whether you are a poetry enthusiast or not, you will love figuring out clues to help you get to the prize hiding behind the locks and puzzles we have prepared for you. Ages 10 to 17 welcome.

Tie Dye Tote Bags

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Thursday, April 4, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join library staff to tie dye tote bags! Love tie dye but don't need a tote? Participants may bring their own item to tie dye - it just needs to be 100% white cotton. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Bored? Game Day!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 3, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us at King to play some video games and board games. Let's fight off boredom together and have some fun! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Fluffy Slime

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, April 4, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Martin Library

Friday, April 5, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Hineson Branch

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Wednesday, April 24, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Let's make fluffy slime! Fluffy slime is a cloud like slime that get it's texture from the addition of shaving cream to the mixture. Come check out and make this cool looking fluffy slime! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Let's Go Solar!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, April 5, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

How are you going to safely watch the next partial solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th? The only safe way to view such an event is with special solar eclipse eyewear... or with a pinhole camera! Come to King Branch as we prepare for this awesome event by making our very own pinhole camera! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Raindrop Sun Catcher

Johnson Branch

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

The rainy days of Spring are here! Let's harness that sunshine and rain as we create our very own Raindrop Sun Catcher. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Scratch Coding II: Intermediate Scratch

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Continue to learn Scratch in this intermediate class designed to build on Scratch skills learned in the first class or previous knowledge. Unlike traditional programming languages like Python where the coder must write out the code, Scratch empowers young people and adults alike to easily build interactive games and programs by connecting code blocks together. This program is sponsored by STEM Region 6. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

Tell Us A Story

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, April 19, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Let's share our love of reading and writing in a fun program where we all write a short story and then we will share them with each other!

Singing Our Hearts Out

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, April 22, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Can you sing or just like to sing? Either way, come in and have fun singing your heart out as we celebrate National Karaoke Week!

TinkerCAD for Young Inventors

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Welcome to TinkerCAD, the coolest place for young inventors like you to unleash your creativity and bring your wildest ideas to life! In this awesome class, you'll learn all about the magical world of 3D design and how to make your own amazing creations using TinkerCAD. This class is for children 10 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



CD Wind Spinner

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, April 30, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Shiny, spinney, cool! Create a simple mesmerizing craft by upcycling old CDs! Watch your bejeweled hanging wind spinner sparkle and shine in the sun. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register.

Look at those Stars!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, April 26, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Who doesn't love looking and learning about the stars in the sky? Let's have fun as we learn about Astronomy! We will also learn all about the constellations in the sky!

TinkerCAD for Young Inventors

Main Library

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

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FOR
YOUNG INVENTORS

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Main Library

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Computer Classes



CLASS SCHEDULE

Seating is limited. Please register for Computer and Makerspace classes by accessing the new digital calendar on our website.

Beginning Microsoft Word	King Branch Tuesday, April 2 4:30pm to 5:30 pm	Covers the basic functions of the office button and ribbon environment. Create a simple document and learn how to cut, copy & paste, spell check, format fonts, and colors, etc.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Hineston Branch Wednesday, April 3 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Libuse Branch Friday, April 5 10:00 am to 11:00 am	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.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Martin Library Monday, April 8 10:00 am to 11:00 am	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.
Beginning Internet	Westside Library Tuesday, April 9 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Beginning Internet	Boyce Branch Thursday, April 11 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Main Library Monday, April 15 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	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.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Main Library Wednesday, April 17 9:00 am to 11:00 am	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.
Google Sheets	McDonald Branch Wednesday, April 24 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create and edit spreadsheets online for free with the web based Google Sheets Editor. Share and collaborate with others on spreadsheet creation.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Johnson Branch Friday, April 26 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Microsoft Word Online	Robertson Branch Monday, April 29 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Take a dive into creating documents with Microsoft's web based Word app. Upload, edit existing documents, share and collaborate with others.

Teen Programs

Scrabble Sensation!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, April 11, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Let's celebrate celebration of Scrabble Day! Tweens/Teens can come in and challenge one another to a round of Scrabble!

Bubble Paint Flowers Painting

Johnson Branch

Friday, April 12, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Have you ever painted with bubbles? Its fun and easy and creates a cool pattern! Come bubble paint flowers with us! Let's see how unique flower designs we can make together. Seating is limited. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Microwave Mug Desserts

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, April 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Looking to make a dessert for just one? Come let us show you how to make the EASIEST dessert in the microwave in a mug! Feel free to bring your own mug. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Food is Life - Teen Cook Club

Martin Library

Tuesday, April 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens will learn how to cook basic meals for themselves in this Food is Life - Teen Cook Club. This month, we will learn how to make grilled cheese sandwiches. Must be 12 years or older to attend. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 17, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Unsure of your way around the kitchen? You want to increase your palate's delight? Come in and join us as we learn how to make a delicious treat. This month you will be socializing with your peers and learning how to make Homemade Donut Holes! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Cotton Swab Painting

Johnson Branch

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Heard of cotton swab painting? it's very easy and very fun! Come join us as we make a beautiful flower with cotton swabs! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Teen Mental Health Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

With so much going on today, teens need an outlet to release their anxiety and stresses. Come in this month to create a Salt Dough Ornament and learn meditation techniques. Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



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Adult & Teen Programs

Blackout Poetry

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

It's National Poetry month and we are celebrating by making the coolest poetry you have ever seen! Give new life to old pages and create your own blackout poetry from old magazines, book pages, and more. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Chinese Checkers for Beginners

Johnson Branch

Friday, April 26, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Have you played Chinese Checkers? Want to learn how to play? Family and friends let's have some fun learning and playing the exciting board game, Chinese Checkers! Beginners welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Adult Painting Programs

Paint a Peacock!

Libuse Branch

Monday, April 1, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Friday, April 12, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us to create a peacock painting step by step using acrylic paints on canvas. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Paint Your Own Citrus Slice Serving Tray

Robertson Branch

Monday, April 1, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, April 2, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Monday, April 15, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Monday, April 16, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, April 22, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Martin Library

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Ready for a cool beverage and a cool way to serve that beverage? Join us to paint your own citrus slice serving tray. Lemons, limes, watermelon, grapefruit, the choices are endless! All supplies provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Paint a Mushroom House

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, April 18, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join library staff as we paint a mystical, magical mushroom house on canvas! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Let your creativity flow during this watercolor class led by Lea Ryder Thomas. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Art Is Life!

Main Library

Thursday, April 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, April 8, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, April 22, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Learn various acrylic painting techniques during this class led by local artist Alice McBride. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Cenla Artist of the Month: Gavin Bridges

Main Branch

Saturday, April 6, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Monday, April 8, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join our April Artist of the Month Gavin Bridges for a painting workshop in acrylics for older children and teens. A graduate of LSUA, now pursuing the Master of Fine Art at Jacksonville University, Gavin views art as a powerful tool for connection and self-expression. Workshop participants will be guided in blending and landscape techniques while creating a beautiful Louisiana swamp scene on recycled glass objects. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Splash Color Art Tree Painting

Libuse Branch

Friday, April 12, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Come experience the technique of splash painting! We will create an acrylic tree painting led by guest instructor Man-cy Sylvie. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Tulips in an Umbrella Painting

Johnson Branch

Thursday, April 25, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, April 26, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Just in time for Spring! Let's paint a spring bouquet of tulips in an umbrella! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Sip-N-Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, April 29, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

One of our very own extraordinary patrons, Mary Roberts comes through with her self-taught talents to teach art will come bring your passion for art to light. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 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.

Artists

IN LIBRARIES
ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Teens & Older Children

Main Library - Saturday, April 6 @ 11:00am

Adults

Westside Regional Library - Monday, April 8 @ 1:00pm

Learn color blending and landscape techniques while creating a beautiful Louisiana swamp scene on recycled glass objects with Cenla Artist of the Month Gavin Bridges. A graduate LSUA, Gavin is pursuing the Master of Fine Art at Jacksonville University.

Gavin Bridges

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

Robertson Branch
Monday, April 1, 10:00 am
318-640-3098

Johnson Branch
Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 am
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J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 am
318-748-4848

Main Library
Thursday, April 18, 10:00 am
318-445-2411

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, April 9, 10:00 am
318-793-5954

Libuse Branch
Friday, April 19, 10:00 am
318-443-7259

Westside Regional Library
Thursday, April 11, 10:00 am
318-442-2483

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, April 22, 10:00 am
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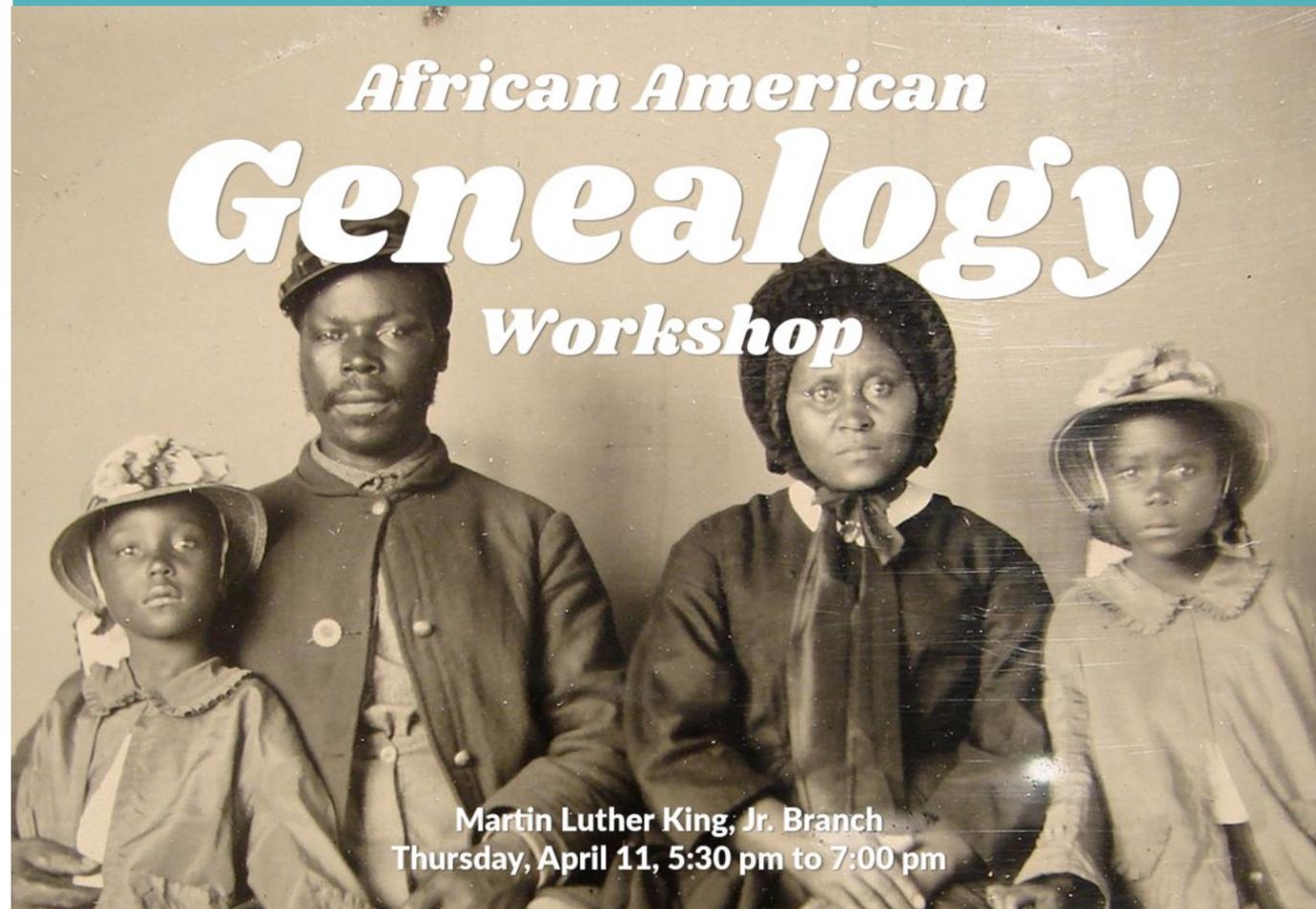
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Genealogy Research Programs



African American
Genealogy
Workshop

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, April 11, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

African American Genealogy Workshop Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join genealogist Pat Boone for a hands-on session in African American genealogical research. Learn more about navigating online genealogy sites, including Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.com to find family records and documents. Dive deeper into techniques and resources to overcome common obstacles in conducting African American family research. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Rebels, Rogues, Royals, and Renegades: An Ancestry Heritage Exploration Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, April 12, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Learn to conduct self-directed research using Ancestry Library Edition. Discover your heritage and create a personal family heritage journal to document the journey. Meets monthly. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Beginning Genealogy

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, April 19, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Are you interested in learning about your family history and wondering where to start? If so, come and learn how with Mr. David Manning. Mr. David will show you how to get started, and the places to go to learn your family history. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Genealogy Club

Main Library

Friday, April 26, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Trace your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other library resources you have to pay for everywhere else! Learn to search census records, obituaries, and other records to find missing links in your family history. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Adult Programs

Financial Literacy: 10 Ways to Simplify Your Life

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Learn how to use all the tools available to help you conveniently manage your finances online. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Your Road to Home Ownership

Libuse Branch

Monday, April 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Evaluate the pros and cons of owning a home. Sharpen your knowledge of mortgage basics and learn what's involved in the mortgage application process. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Tips for Your Small Business

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Learn the best financial practices, rules, and tools available to help you start, manage, or grow your business. Presented by Regions Bank.

Financial Literacy: Maximize Your Personal Wealth

Westside Regional Library

Monday, April 22, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

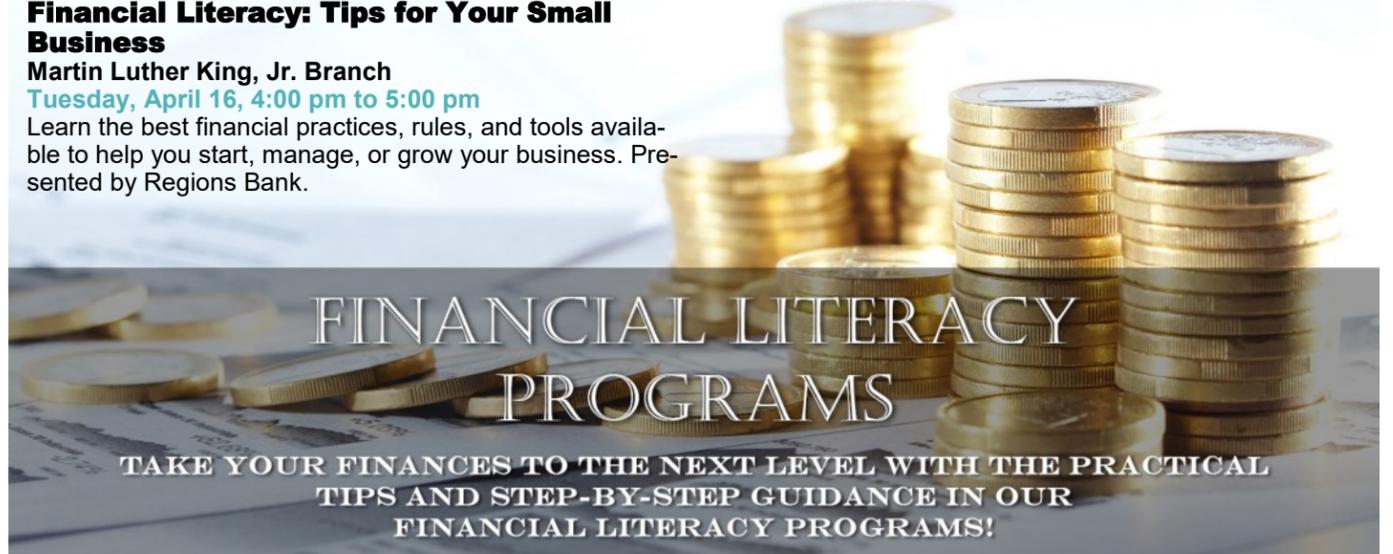
Start building an effective investment portfolio and learn how accumulating wealth impacts your financial goals and your loved ones. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

Main Library

Tuesday, April 30, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Familiarize yourself with the common forms of identity theft. Learn how to protect yourself and the proper actions to take if you become a victim. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



FINANCIAL LITERACY
PROGRAMS

TAKE YOUR FINANCES TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH THE PRACTICAL TIPS AND STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE IN OUR FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS!

LSUA Cavanaugh Lecture Series

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us for another great speaker at another LSUA Cavanaugh Lecture Series as we hear from Poet Jack Bedell. Jack B. Bedell is Professor of English and Coordinator of Creative Writing at Southeastern Louisiana University where he also edits Louisiana Literature and directs the Louisiana Literature Press. Author of five volumes of poetry, his latest release is *Ghost Forests* (2024). Bedell is the recipient of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Individual Achievement in the Humanities Award and the Governor's Award for Artistic Achievement.

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Adult Programs

For the Love of Food!

Main Library

Monday, April 1, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Come and learn about Indian Cuisine, a symphony of flavors, some color, some spice, some heat, and an abundance of taste! To know Indian cooking is to know the spices. Learn about these spices and their benefits. A cooking demonstration from *Imagine, Explore & Create* By Amy Pillarsetti Lal Mirch School of Cooking. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Tea Time at Main

Main Library

Friday, April 5, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

It's Tea Time at Main! This program is about the different kinds of tea and then we get to sample a different style of tea each month. This month's Tea of the Month: Earl Grey. Participants are encouraged to bring tea to swap or share. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Veterans Support Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, April 8, 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.

Acadiana Legal Service Corp Justice Bus

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, April 11, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Main Library

Thursday, April 18, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Johnson Branch

Friday, April 19, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Martin Library

Tuesday, April 23, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, April 24, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Explore your civil legal questions and meet the Acadiana Legal Service Corp team! Join us as the Acadiana Legal Service Corporation Justice Bus makes a stop! The Justice Bus will be available for tours, and ALSC will offer resources for your benefit. Please note, this is a legal presentation and not legal advice. For detailed legal advice, kindly contact their offices to apply for services or visit their website, www.la-law.org, to submit an online application. Remember, applying for services is the first step. Eligibility and conflict checks will be conducted before any legal services can be provided.

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, April 11, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, April 25, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join us for a fitness session that combines chair aerobics and yoga led by an instructional DVD. Don't forget to bring a towel or yoga mat to join in on the stretching! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

We aim to stimulate your life with social interaction and brain stimulation! Whether it be a craft or learning a new technique, this class aims to keep the mind working. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Color Me Chill Anytime

Alfred Boyce Wettermark

Hineston Branch

Libuse Branch

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

J.W. McDonald Branch

April 1-30, During Open Hours

Adults, treat yourself to an oasis of relaxation and creativity! Come color and chill with us anytime you want! Need a break? Come in and relax and get one our Color Me Chill coloring packs available at the Customer Service Desk. Packs are not for check out and for in-library use only. Packs available at Boyce, Hineston, Libuse, Martin Luther King, Jr. and McDonald branches only.

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TUE & THURS 9AM-6PM
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THURSDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

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WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY
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