



EVENT GUIDE

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 19 - 25



BOOK AND WRITING CLUBS

Clue Me In

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Calling all at-home detectives! Do you love mystery shows, cracking “who-done-it” cases, and basking in the glory of being right? Then join Clue Me In, Hineston’s newest book club! Together, we’ll dive into thrilling worlds of both fiction and non-fiction mysteries. This month we are reading *Local Missing Woman* by Mary Kubica. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for book talk by Southern readers. April showers has us reading *Killers Of A Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn. Spring into the library for a colorful book discussion. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, April 13, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

This month teens are invited to read *The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary D. Schmidt. Discover how Hercules conquers the worst school assignment ever (if you thought your assignments were bad, his is much worse). In typical Gary D. Schmidt style, get ready to feel all the feelings as you join Hercules in his Labors. Join us for snacks and a book discussion on April 13th to unpack the novel. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, April 13, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, you’ll enjoy this book club, meeting each second Monday of the month. Join us this month to discuss *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Out of This World Book Club

Main Library

Tuesday, April 14, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Out Of This World Book Club is expanding to include all worlds! Come join us as we explore both science fiction worlds and the mystical worlds of fantasy. Each month we will pick either a sci-fi or fantasy title to read and discuss, as well as have some time to chat about what is new or upcoming, or just what you have been reading lately! Wait, this is a book about dragons, and it is considered science fiction? Join us as we read the Anne McCaffrey classic *Dragonflight*. This is the first book in her epic *Dragonrider’s of Pern* series. Pull those flight straps tight and secure your bags of firestone as we go between to the planet of Pern! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

The Final Chapter

Martin Library

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Love stories that keep you up at night? Join The Final Chapter, our horror and thriller book club where the only thing sharper than the twists are the readers themselves. Each month, we’ll dive into chilling tales of suspense, psychological thrillers, and spine-tingling horror—from haunting classics to modern nightmares. Come ready to dissect the darkest plots, debate unforgettable villains, and share what kept you turning pages with the lights on. Warning: Not for the faint of heart. For April, we will be reading *Possession of Alba Diaz* by Isabel Canas. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Kids’ Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids are invited to read *Slugfest* by Gordon Korman 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 14, 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 *I almost Forgot About You* by Terry McMillan. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Ladies’ Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, April 16, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies’ are invited to read *Home of the Happy* by Jordan LaHaye Fontenot and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library

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

Join us as we discuss our pick for the Main Mystery Book club in April, *The Cuckoo’s Calling* by Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling). Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, April 20, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *The Mother-In-Law* by Sally Hepworth and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Cenla Author's Club
Westside Regional Library

Thursday, April 23, 6:00 pm to 8:00 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. Hosted by Michael Wynne, the Cenla Authors' Club meets each fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 at the Westside Regional Library. Historian, author, philanthropist and political advisor Jack McGuire of New Orleans will speak on his newly released and controversial book on the shooting (or is it assassination?) of Huey P. Long in his only North Louisiana appearance. Author of many important Louisiana history books including the lives of the Louisiana Governors. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

The Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, April 24, 10:30 am to 12:00 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 *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Robertson Book Club
Robertson Branch

Empower Yourself with Knowledge
Westside Regional Library

April 1 - 30, During Open Hours
Empower yourself with knowledge - all month long! April is National Poetry Month! This month we are celebrating a famous children's poet by doing a craft inspired by one of his famous books. Stop by Westside Regional Library to pick up an informational packet and a to-go craft, while supplies last. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Spring Fling Activity Book
Martin Library

April 1 - 30, During Open Hours
Celebrate the season with our spring-themed activity book! Enjoy coloring pages, puzzles, mazes, and easy crafts that highlight all the fun of April. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Drop Everything and Read Month Bingo
Martin Library

April 1 - 30, During Open Hours
Celebrate Drop Everything & Read Month with a fun, self-paced reading challenge! Pick up a bingo card at the library and complete reading-themed activities throughout the month—read in different places, try new genres, or revisit an old favorite. Complete a bingo (or the whole card!) and return it to the library

Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
This month's book will be *False Witness* by Phillip Margolin. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Come Write In!
Main Library

Tuesday, April 28, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm
Hone your writing skills in their monthly creative writing session. Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on a work-in-progress, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

The Thread
Martin Library

Tuesday, April 28, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
In *The Thread*, we follow the stories that bind humanity—across borders, languages, and lived experiences. Each month, we read works by authors whose voices expand our understanding of the world and our place within it. *The Tainted Cup* by Robert Jackson Bennett. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

for a small reward and entry into a prize drawing. Read at your own pace and enjoy discovering something new to love. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Bunny Craft
Hineston Branch

April 1 - 30, During Open Hours
Hop on over to the library and pick up your FREE Bunny Craft! These adorable kits come with everything you need to make your own fluffy friend—no carrot bribes required. Grab one while they last and let your creativity bounce! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Easter Egg-Stravaganza!
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 1, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Come Join us for a bunny-hopping good time filled with stories told by Poncinella the Storyteller followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Movie Matinée At Main
Main Library

Wednesday, April 1, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Join us on April 1st at the Main Library for the showing of the Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023) before the sequel comes out in theaters! Revisit the story about the two Brooklyn plumbers who are transported to another world and have to team up with familiar characters in order to defeat the evil Bowser. In addition, expect to participate in some fun themed activities. So jump up, superstar, and come visit the library! No registrations required. Feel free to bring your friends & family, a comfy blanket, and your favorite snacks; or enjoy some of the free popcorn made fresh at the library. The movie will begin at 1:30PM. Rated PG. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Nature is Metal
Martin Library

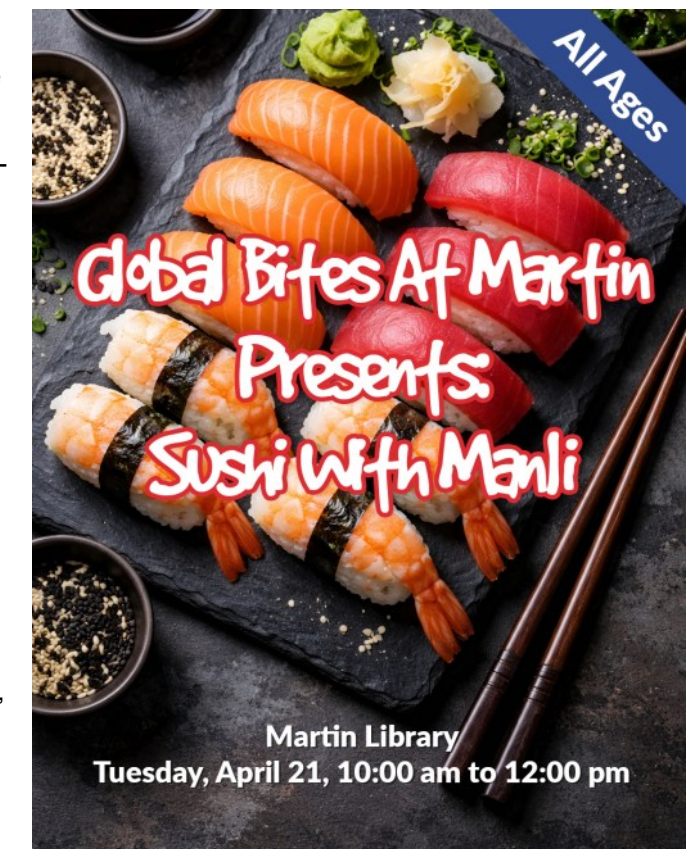
Friday, April 10, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Friday, April 17, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Friday, April 24, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Earth doesn't mess around. Join us every Friday in April as we tackle prehistoric chaos, extreme weather, and massive disasters. When nature strikes back, it hits hard.
April 10 - Jurassic World Rebirth (PG-13)
April 17 - The Day After Tomorrow (PG-13)
April 24 - San Andreas (PG-13)
Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Global Bites At Martin Presents: Sushi With Manli

Martin Library
Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Global Bites is a multicultural cooking series celebrating global cuisines and the cultures behind them. Join us in welcoming Manli Teng, the owner of Genghis Mongolian Grill as we explore Japanese cuisine by learning how to make sushi. Participants will discover traditional ingredients, simple techniques, and the cultural meaning behind this iconic dish all while cooking and tasting together. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Earth Day Movie Marathon
Libuse Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 9:30 am to 11:00 am
Wednesday, April 22, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 22, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Come one, come all to the Earth Day Movie Marathon at Libuse! We will show four different documentaries throughout the day and will have light refreshments at all showings. Choose one, or come see them all! The showtimes are as follows:
9:30 am The Crimson Wing: Mystery of the Flamingos
12:00 pm Oceans
2:00 pm Bears
4:30 pm Earth
Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



**Earth Day Celebration
Hineston Branch**

Wednesday, April 22, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Join us at the Hineston Branch for a fun-filled Earth Day celebration! Drop in and create your very own tree-inspired artwork using natural materials gathered straight from the great outdoors. Twigs, leaves, seeds—who knows what masterpiece you'll grow? Come get creative and celebrate our amazing planet with hands-on, nature-made art! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

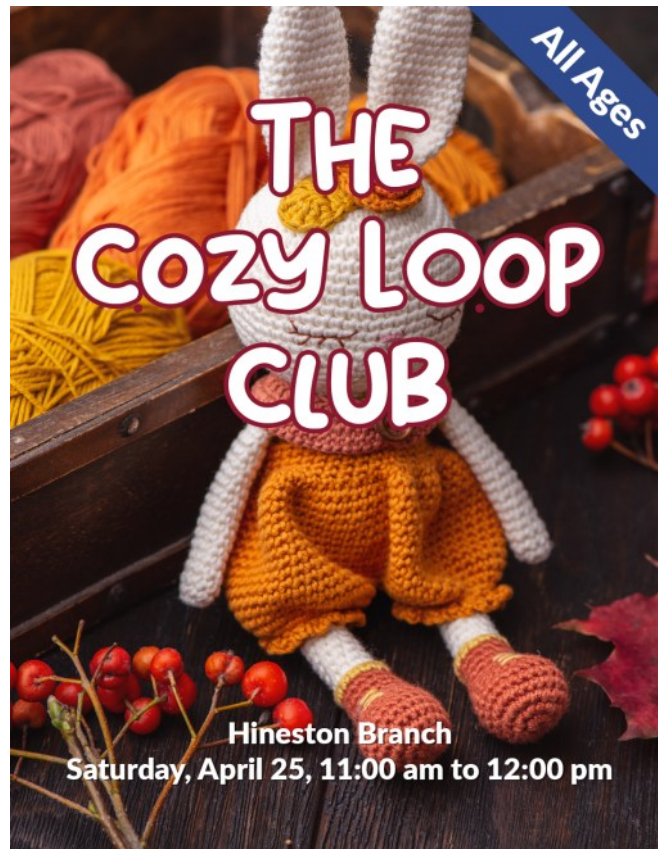
**Pysanky Eggs
Libuse Branch**

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Children ages 10 and up, teens, and adults are invited to register online for a hands-on Pysanky Egg-making class at the Libuse Branch! Discover the beautiful art of traditional Czech egg decorating and create your own colorful design. Celebrate Czech creativity and culture in this unique, interactive workshop you won't want to miss! Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**The Cozy Loop Club
Hineston Branch**

Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Always wanted to learn basic crochet, but haven't attempted it yet? Join us at the Hineston branch to learn basic stitches and crochet techniques. Guests

must bring their own crochet hooks and yarn. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



**Creative Discovery Wednesday
Martin Library**

Wednesday, April 1, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Join us for a dynamic afternoon filled with fun, learning, and imagination! Designed for kids ages 8-12, this engaging event offers a mix of activities to spark creativity and curiosity. Dive into captivating stories, participate in hands-on crafts, and explore new learning experiences. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Storytime and Craft
Johnson Branch**

Wednesday, April 1, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Story Time & Craft at Johnson Library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each Month at 3 pm. Come join us for a delightful afternoon of stories and hands-on crafts with Ms. Sophia or Mrs. Jackie. It's the perfect midweek treat for kids and families—come create, imagine, and have fun with us! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



**Hoppin' Good Story Time
Libuse Branch**

Thursday, April 2, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
The Libuse Branch is having our annual Easter Egg Hunt Storytime! We'll read some stories while the Easter Bunny and his helpers hide some eggs. The kids will then get to go hunt for the eggs, then return for a craft if they choose. Kids, don't forget your Easter baskets! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Thursday Morning Adventures
Hineston Branch**

Thursday, April 2, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, April 9, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, April 16, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, April 23, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, April 30, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Join us for a magical Story Time adventure every

Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:00 — bring the little ones for tales, giggles, and fun! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Sensational Sensory Shenanigans
Hineston Branch**

Thursday, April 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, April 30, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Sensory play? That makes sense! Parents and kids aged 0-12, join us at Hineston every Thursday from 4-5pm for a fun-filled afternoon overflowing with art, learning, and (most importantly) PLAY! We'll be sure to have a blast while meeting your child's sensory needs. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, April 7, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, April 14, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, April 21, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, April 28, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Come join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages 2-12 are welcome every Tuesday 3:30pm-4:15pm! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



**Wiggles and Giggles Storytime
Martin Library**

Friday, April 10, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Friday, April 10, 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm
Friday, April 17, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Friday, April 24, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Wiggles & Giggles is a story time created especially for toddlers and their caregivers. Each session features short, engaging books paired with fun finger plays, rhymes, and lively movement songs that encourage little ones to wiggle, giggle, and explore. Plus, toddlers can enjoy hands-on play with sensory bins designed to spark curiosity and creativity. This playful mix of stories, music, and sensory fun helps build early literacy, motor skills, and social connections. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Mystery Craft for Kids

Hineston Branch

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

Something mysterious is happening at the Hineston Branch... and we need your help! Drop in for our Mystery Craft for Kids, where the project is a secret until you open the bag. Will you build it, glue it, twist it, or color it? Only the clues inside will tell! Kids can crack the mystery, get creative, and take home their surprise masterpiece. Come join the fun—detective skills not required, just imagination! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Saturday in the Library

Martin Library

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us at the library for an exciting day of creativity and fun designed just for kids. Dive into a world of crafts, games, and interactive activities that will spark your imagination and keep you entertained. Bring your friends and family for a Saturday full of laughter, learning, and lasting memories. Don't miss out on the fun. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, April 17, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Blossoming Into Spring: Handprint Tree

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join us at the library for a blossoming spring handprint tree painting session. Kids will trace their hands and arms onto a canvas before making the tree blossom across the canvas. Registration in advance is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, April 23, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Gourmet S'mores

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

You've heard of s'mores, but have you heard of gourmet s'mores? Come and join us as we up our skills in making s'mores. This is a great family fun activity for you and your family to try. Once you try them here, bring back your s'more skills for the next bonfire you have or camping trip you go on. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Saturday Cinema

Hineston Branch

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come out and enjoy the movie The Bad Guys 2 at the Hineston branch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks too! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Mahjong 101 for Kids!

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 1, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Monday, April 6, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Ready to learn the hottest new game everyone's talking about? Want to meet new friends and have a blast? Join us for Mahjong 101 for KIDS!! Mahjong is an exciting tile game that's been around for over 2,500 years! It's one of the most popular games in China and has spread across the globe — and now it's your turn to learn the fun. Come discover cool tiles, clever strategies, and fast-paced play in a class designed just for kids. Whether you're brand new or just curious, this is your chance to shuffle up, match up, and level up your game! Ages 10 to 17. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Mindful Coloring for Kids

Hineston Branch

Wednesday, April 1 - 30, During Open Hours

Take a break from the rush of daily life and school to settle into the relaxation of creativity and calm. Mindful Coloring for Kids offers a peaceful space for kids to unwind, refocus, and enjoy the simple pleasure of coloring. Available every day of the month. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Magnetic Poetry Mania

Hineston Branch

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

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, April 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Martin Library

Thursday, April 9, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Homeschool)

Thursday, April 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Afterschool)

Johnson Branch

Friday, April 10, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Monday, April 13, 2:30 p-m to 3:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, April 16, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Main Library

Friday, April 17, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, April 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Wednesday, April 29, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Come rearrange some words and make your own poetic masterpieces during our Magnetic Poetry Mania! To celebrate National Poetry Month, we'll have all types of words on magnets that you can make poems on and have fun! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



MAGNETIC POETRY MANIA

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See Event Guide for dates and locations.

Children & Teen

Pour Painting Fun
 Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
 Tuesday, April 7, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 Robertson Branch
 Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Johnson Branch
 Thursday, April 9, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 Westside Regional Library
 Saturday, April 11, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
 Hineston Branch
 Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
 Monday, April 20, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
 J.W. McDonald Branch
 Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Westside Regional Library
 Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Martin Library
 Thursday, April 23, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Thursday, April 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Get ready to create colorful, one-of-a-kind artwork using the exciting technique of pour painting! Kids will experiment with mixing and pouring paint to watch vibrant colors swirl, drip, and blend into unique designs. No painting experience is needed—just creativity and a willingness to get a little messy. All supplies will be provided, and each child will leave with their own abstract masterpiece to take home. This hands-on art program encourages creativity, color exploration, and lots of fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Pour Painting Fun

See Event Guide for dates and locations.

Children & Teen

The Green Thumb Ninjas
 Johnson Branch
 Wednesday, April 8, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

The Green Thumb Ninjas of the Johnson Branch is a children's club where young beginners learn to grow plants, including edible varieties, and explore the joys of gardening. With hands-on guidance and instruction from the Lecompte Garden Club, participants gain practical skills while discovering the wonders of nature. Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

MARTIN CREATORS

Martin Library
 Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Children & Teen

Martin Creators
 Martin Library
 Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Get ready for a high-energy party where K-pop meets the supernatural! Blast your favorite Huntrix and Saja Boys tracks, show off your fiercest fits, and jump into fun demon-hunter challenges and activities. Expect bold beats, cool vibes, and plenty of chances to dance and channel your inner idol. Come ready to slay on the dance floor and beyond. Make it cute and savage. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Home School Create & Discover
 Martin Library
 Tuesday, April 14, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Calling all home schoolers! Join us at the library for

Create & Discover --a spin-off of our Creative Discovery Wednesday program just for home schoolers! Designed for kids ages 8-15, this engaging event offers a mix of captivating stories, hands-on crafts, and new learning experiences. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Strawberry DNA Extraction Lab
 Westside Regional Library
 Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Libuse Branch
 Thursday, April 16, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Discover the building blocks of life in this fun, hands-on STEM program at the library! Participants will extract real DNA from strawberries using simple household materials while learning what DNA is and why it's important to all living things. This interactive activity introduces basic biology concepts in an engaging, easy-to-understand way and shows how science can be explored outside of a lab. Perfect for curious minds who love to experiment and learn how the world works. For ages 8 and up. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Strawberry DNA Extraction Lab

Westside Regional Library
 Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Libuse Branch
 Thursday, April 16, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Children & Teen

COMPUTER CLASSES



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

Beginning Microsoft Excel	King Branch Tuesday, April 7 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	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.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Boyce Branch Thursday, April 9 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.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Martin Library Monday, April 13 10:00 am to 11:00 am	PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Google Docs	Westside Library Tuesday, April 14 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. Google docs is a free online word processor that is apart of the Google Editor Suite. Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others. A
Beginning Internet	Main Library Monday, April 20 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Google Docs	McDonald Branch Tuesday, April 21 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. Google docs is a free online word processor that is apart of the Google Editor Suite. Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others. A
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Libuse Branch Wednesday, April 22 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 Microsoft Word	Johnson Branch Friday, April 24 10:00 am to 11:00 am	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.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Murder Mystery: Underwood Cellars
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, April 7, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 Study the evidence, solve the crime! Do you have what it takes to solve the case, and put an end to the mystery? If so, join us as we work the Underwood Cellars case. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Doodle Color Water Art
Libuse Branch
Tuesday, April 7, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 Teens, grab your favorite grownup and come by the Libuse Branch to create a doodle color water artwork. Surprise yourselves with how talented you are at this multi-generational class. Don't have a grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, aunt, uncle, older sibling, or honorary family member to bring? No problem! Teens can be dropped off for the art class and picked up at the end. No grownups without a teen please. Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

What's Your Move: Teen Edition
Robertson Branch

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 What's your game? Come show us your skills at playing board games (Checkers, Connect4, Dominoes, and Sorry!), meet new people in the community, and win bragging rights against your friends! Stop by on the 2ND Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 11:00am. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Absolutely Artistic
Hineston Branch
Friday, April 17, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 It's a teen takeover! Of the art supplies, that is. Join us every other Friday for a crafty hangout! All you need to bring is yourself and your creative side to become Absolutely Artistic! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

DIY: Pressed Flower Sun-Catcher
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Tuesday, April 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Relaxation meets fun in this DIY workshop for teens! Learn how to make your own custom pressed flower sun-catcher! Take home your sun-catchers and watch how they catch the light in your windows! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FRIDAYS

Teen & Adult

Unwind after school and join us for adventures in our afterschool Dungeons & Dragons Club.

Main Library
 Friday, April 10, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Friday, April 24, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Creative Canvases Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Friday, April 10, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
 Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
 J.W. McDonald Branch
 Friday, April 24, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
 Johnson Branch

Thursday, April 30, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Join our library's painting class and unlock your creativity! Led by an experienced instructor, you'll learn techniques and styles suitable for all levels. Connect with fellow art enthusiasts and enjoy a supportive environment. Come unleash your inner artist with us! Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Watercolors for Adults Main Library

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Watercolors class with local artist 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
 Monday, April 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Acrylics class with local artist Alice McBride. Regis-

tration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Watercolor Doodle Art Libuse Branch

Monday, April 6, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Adults are invited to sign up on the RPL digital calendar for this unique art class. Participants will paint and doodle using water color paints. Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

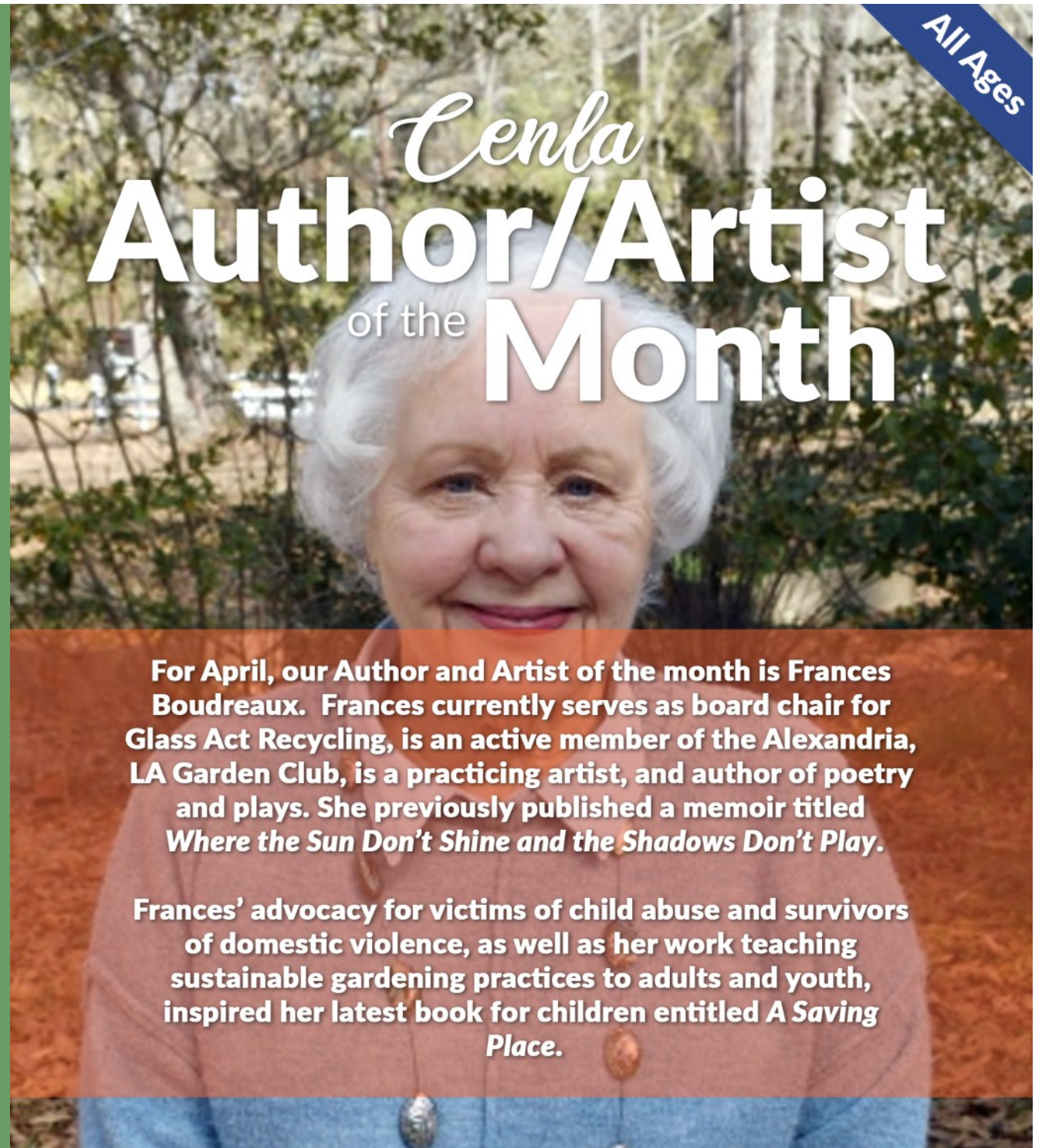
Sip 'N Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
 Monday, April 27, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 It's your time to shine! Our very own, Mary Roberts will come bring your passion to light. This is not your trace or paint by number class. This is a worry free, kid free, no judgment zone artistry class. Relaxation and socialization is the end result. Registration is required as seats are limited. 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.

All Ages

Cenla Author/Artist of the Month



For April, our Author and Artist of the month is Frances Boudreaux. Frances currently serves as board chair for Glass Act Recycling, is an active member of the Alexandria, LA Garden Club, is a practicing artist, and author of poetry and plays. She previously published a memoir titled *Where the Sun Don't Shine and the Shadows Don't Play*.

Frances' advocacy for victims of child abuse and survivors of domestic violence, as well as her work teaching sustainable gardening practices to adults and youth, inspired her latest book for children entitled *A Saving Place*.

Artist of the Month

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
 Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
 Robertson Branch
 Thursday, April 16, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
 Participants will get to make their own arrangement. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Author of the Month

Main Library
 Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am to 11:30 pm
 Martin Library
 Monday, April 20, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
 Frances will be discussing her books and doing a book signing. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Glass Beaded Bracelet Craft

Main Library
Wednesday, April 1, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Monday, April 6, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, April 7, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, April 14, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Libuse Branch
Tuesday, April 21, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, April 23, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, April 28, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 Add a little sparkle to your spring! Join Tara for a Glass Beaded Bracelet Craft, where you'll create a one-of-a-kind bracelet using glass beads and metal accents. Supplies are provided, and no prior experience is needed, just bring your creativity! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Mindful Coloring for Adults

Hineston Branch
Wednesday, April 1 - 30, During Open Hours
 Take a break from the rush of daily life and school to settle into the relaxation of creativity and calm. Mindful Coloring for Adults offers a peaceful space to unwind, refocus, and enjoy the simple pleasure of coloring. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Fit Happens! Chair Exercise

Johnson Branch
Thursday, April 2, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Monday, April 6, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, April 9, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Monday, April 13, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, April 16, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Monday, April 20, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Thursday, April 23, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Monday, April 27, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
 Let's get Fit with chair exercise classes for adults—guided by high-quality online video instruction. All exercises are done either seated or using a chair for support, making this class perfect for beginners, seniors, and anyone looking for a low-impact wellness routine. We'll follow along together in a calm group setting as we move through light stretches, mindful breathing, and simple movements to get healthy, help improve flexibility, balance, and reduce stress. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Chair Aerobics for Seniors

Robertson Branch
Monday, April 6, 9:30 am to 10:00 am
 Join us for a fitness session on the 1st Monday of every month from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Staying active is key to healthy aging, enhancing your balance, staying strong, and improving your overall sense of well-being. Challenge yourself to a session or two, or even make it a new favorite hobby! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

For the Love of Food

Main Library
Monday, April 6, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with a local chef! You'll learn new recipes, sample delicious dishes, and explore cookbooks from our collection. This free event is open to all—come hungry and leave inspired! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch
Monday, April 6, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, April 9, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Main Library
Thursday, April 16, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Libuse Branch
Friday, April 17, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Martin Library
Monday, April 20, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, April 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
 Come for the bingo, stay for the friendships! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Tech & Career Hours

Martin Library
Monday, April 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Monday, April 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Join us for Tech and Career Hours—your one-stop spot for polishing your resume and job skills or exploring your creative side with Cricut and Canva. There are two 1 hour slots available per session, please email Amber at amber@rpl.org or Maryna at maryna@rpl.org to schedule an appointment. Cricut & Canva with Maryna: April 6
 Resume Refresh with Amber: April 13
 Registration in advance is required. Registration only available by phone, email or in-person. Contact 318-442-7575 to register.



SPRINGTIME TRINKET TRAYS

Main Library
Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Tuesday, April 21, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Springtime Trinket Trays

Main Library
Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Tuesday, April 21, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
 Join us this month as we work with air dry clay to create cute flower shapes and functional spring décor! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Main Tech Cafe

Main Library
Wednesday, April 8, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
 Drop in for a warm cup of coffee and get one-on-one help with basic computer tasks in a relaxed, friendly setting. Whether you need help creating an email account, browsing the internet, or learning the basics of your device, we're here to guide you. Bring your own laptop or tablet, or use one of ours. No registration required—just come and go as you please. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, April 8, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
 Get computer confident at King! Learn to browse safely, search online effectively, and use email—all hands on. No experience needed! For more specific training in Word, Excel, and so on, check out our other Computer Classes! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library
Thursday, April 9, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Thursday, April 23, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
 Join us for a fitness session that combines chair aerobics and yoga led by an instructional DVD. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, April 13, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Communities have many men and women who sacrificed for the country and their families. Veterans come together to share resources available to them led by Mr. Anthony Elie. In supporting one another, they work towards a better quality of life. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Oldies But Goodies: Finish That Song

Johnson Branch
Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Join us for a toe-tappin', memory-sparkin' music game packed with hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s. We'll play a short clip — then it's up to you to hit the buzzer and sing or say the next line! Come with friends or make new ones as you laugh, sing along, and stroll down musical memory lane. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Bingo!

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great company! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Creative Comfort: One-on-One Crafting for Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Creative Comfort is a personalized crafting program designed specifically for immunocompromised individuals seeking a safe, calm, and creative outlet. Participants are invited to enjoy one-hour, one-on-one craft sessions in a clean, low-stimulation environment where they can explore various art forms. These sessions offer not only a creative escape but also therapeutic benefits, including stress relief, fine motor skill engagement, and emotional expression--all within a supportive and health-conscious setting. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 15, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Creative Line Drawing

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 15, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Join Tara and discover the calming benefits of structured doodling in this beginner-friendly class led by Frances Boudreaux. Using simple shapes and repeating patterns, participants will create unique line-based artwork, in the style of Zentangle, while enjoying a peaceful, stress-reducing experience. Supplies are provided. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

20 Somethings

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us at Westside Regional Library for a Blackout Poetry Session! We'll use pages from a book to create unique blackout poetry art. Discover hidden poems by selecting words on the page, then bring your work to life by drawing and coloring a creative background around your poetry. Come relax, explore your creativity, and turn words into art! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Johnson Branch

Thursday, April 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Decoupage Vase

Johnson Branch

Thursday, April 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get ready for a fun and relaxing hands-on experience. You will get a chance to create a beautiful Decoupage Vase using colorful spring-themed pictures. This creative craft is perfect for expressing your style, learning a new technique, and enjoying a joyful, artistic atmosphere. Come craft, laugh, and have a great time celebrating spring with us—we can't wait to see you there! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Cookie Swap

J.W. McDonald Branch

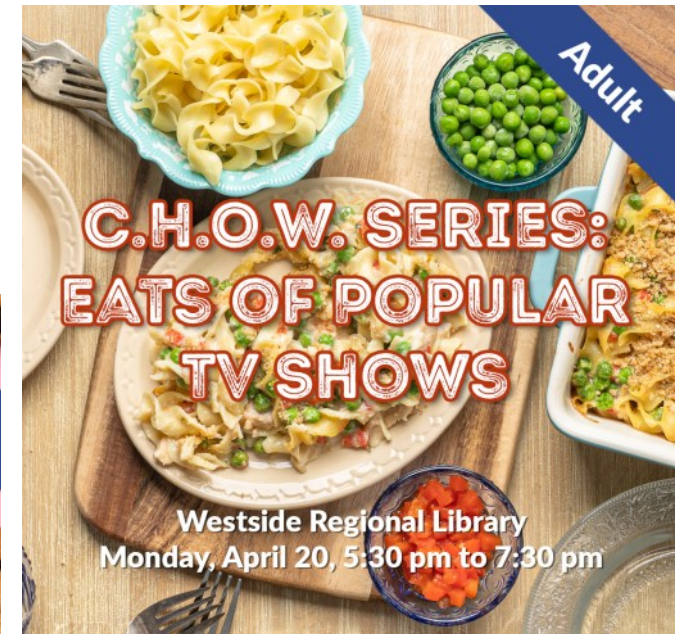
Friday, April 17, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Calling all bakers! Bring out your best cookie and cookie recipe for this sweet program. Everyone will get a chance to try each others cookies, and share recipes. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, April 17, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



C.H.O.W. Series: Eats of Popular TV Shows

Westside Regional Library

Monday, April 20, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join historian and chef Richard Holloway and his CHOW (Culinary History of the World) Series while we Dine on the foods of the 60's, 70's & 80's classics! Try the iconic foods regularly mentioned on the Andy Griffith Show(60's), the Rockford Files(70's) and Mama's Family(80's). Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Plant Highlight: Sweet Potatoes with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter

Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for a fun session highlighting sweet potatoes.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Bingo @ Night!

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Night Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great company! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Plant Highlight: Sweet Potatoes with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for a fun session highlighting sweet potatoes. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Pass, Pick, Bam - Mahjong

Johnson Branch

Thursday, April 23, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join us at the Johnson Branch for a fun and friendly Mahjong get-together filled with laughter, learning, and the happy click-clack of tiles. Whether you're a Mahjong pro or just figuring out your bams from your cracks, you're welcome at the table. Sip tea or coffee, enjoy tasty treats, and relax with great company as we play, chat, and share some good-natured competition. Please remember to bring your 2026 National Mah Jongg League (NMJL) card. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Books & Bites!

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Tara monthly for Books & Bites, a fun cooking demonstration where you'll learn new recipes, enjoy

tasty samples, and discover cookbooks from our collection. Each session features a recipe inspired by books, regional flavors, or seasonal ingredients. Free and open to all skill levels. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

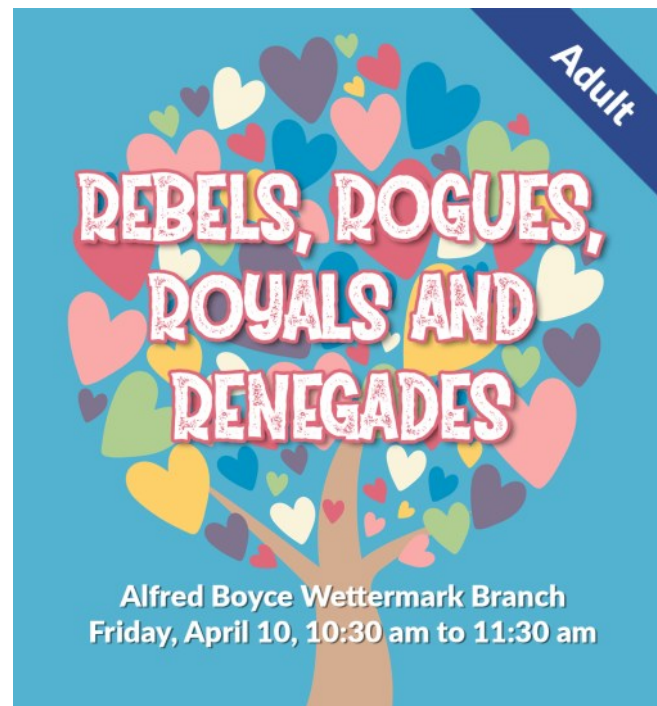


Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, April 10, 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. Learn about Ancestry Library Edition and other databases to create and compile a personal family heritage. Meets monthly. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.



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