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EVENT GUIDE

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STUDENT
RESOURCE**



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TO VIEW & REGISTER
FOR EVENTS**

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Books & Beyond!

Westside Regional Library

Friday, August 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens can come and join us at Westside on the first Friday of each month to read and discuss books. This month we will be celebrating the end of our SUMMER READING PROGRAM! We will have games, prizes, pizza and lots of FUN! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Southern Bookclub

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 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 *Summer Girls* by Mary Alice Monroe. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Main Writer's Club

Main Library

Thursday, August 8, 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. Second Thursdays. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Adult End of Summer Celebration

Westside Regional Library

Monday, August 12, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

During our monthly Little Bit of Everything Book Club, we will be celebrating the end of our Summer Reading Program! We will discuss all books read this summer and all the books waiting to be read. We will have food, fun and prizes! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, August 13, 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 *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Children

Back to School BASH

**Supplies Giveaway
Local Community Partners
Games and Prizes**

**Kees Park
August 3, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, August 13, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids' are invited to read *Maylie and the Maze* by M.L. Tarpley and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 14, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tween and Teens are encouraged to read *Nubia Real One* by L.L. McKinney or come in with their favorite book for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, August 15, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies are invited to read *Greenlights* by Matthew McConaughey and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library

Friday, August 16, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Time to uncover some mysteries! Our next adventure awaits in the pages of *The Fact of a Body: A Murder and a Memoir* by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, August 19, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *The Secret of Hummingbird Cake* by Celeste Fletcher McHale and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Children Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 19, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children are encouraged to read *The Babysitter's Club: Kristy's Great Idea* or 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.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, August 20, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read *Year of the Reaper* by Makiia Lucier and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

New King Media Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, August 22, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Join us at New King Media as we navigate the intersections of literature, technology, and culture. What are the future impacts of A.I. on writing, medicine, and love? What are the nuances lost or gained in book-to-movie adaptations? How will new tech influence how we engage with stories? Expand your horizons, challenge your perceptions, and connect with fellow multimedia enthusiasts. Whether you're a self-proclaimed bookworm or a curious newcomer, there's a place for you in our vibrant community. The first meeting we will be discussing, Radiotopia's 7-part series *Bot Love* available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast, Castbox, Pocket Casts, Google Podcasts, and RSS feed. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Cenla Authors' Club with Rannah Gray

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 22, 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, even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month's speaker is Rannah Gray. Rannah Gray is an international award winning author whose first book, *Familiar Evil*, a true crime story, won 14 awards, including 8 Gold Medals for Best True Crime and Best New Nonfiction. Her next books, *Case of the Missing Poodle* and *Mystery of the Heart-Shaped Locket*, are junior mysteries published by The Lisburn Press and written with her great nieces. This Louisiana Mystery Series is perfect for young readers, from school age, to teens. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, August 27, 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.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, August 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Robertson Book Club meets each last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 and is facilitated by Sonya Jeter. This month we are doing *Mr. and Mrs. American Pie* by Juliet McDaniel. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Thursday, August 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us each month as we discuss a Christian Fiction book. This month we will be discussing *The Secrets Beneath Us* by Kimberly Woodhouse. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

All Ages Programs

Back to School Luau

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

It's the end of summer and the end of Summer Reading! Come for one last adventure before school starts and join us for a luau to celebrate! We will celebrate all of our participants in Summer Reading, give out prizes, get ready for Back to School and celebrate the end of summer! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Crafty Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Saturday, August 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Bring the family and come in and create some crafts every Saturday in August! We will have crafts and craft supplies of all kinds for all ages. While supplies last.

Rock Painting - August 3

Paper bag Journal - August 10

Spin Painting - August 17

Galaxy in a bottle - August 24

Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Unlock your tech potential with our Basic Computer Training classes every other Wednesday! Ideal for beginners of any age, you'll learn computer essentials from knowing how to use a mouse, keyboard, and flash-drive to navigating your desktop to using productivity tools. Enjoy small class sizes, hands-on practice, and friendly instruction. Gain confidence and open new possibilities in your personal and professional life. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Author of the Month

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Main Library

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join our Author of the Month, Patricia Williams to discuss, sell and sign her books! Seasoned with wisdom, humility, compassion, revelatory insight, and personal candor, Patricia translates hard-hitting spiritual insights into everyday language that empowers individuals to activate purpose and maximize potential. She is a Christian Non-fiction & Fictional Author. Patricia J. Williams is a life long resident of Pineville, Louisiana. She is mother of one daughter, Natasha and a grandmother of three smart, vibrant grandchildren, Jeremiah, Jaycee, and Josiah. She is an Associate Pastor of Zion Hill Church Family and she has authored thirteen books. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

McDonald Movie Night

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, August 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come to the McDonald Branch and watch a movie, *Escape From Planet Earth*, with popcorn and snacks provided at no cost. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Fall Planting with LSU-Ag Center

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Wednesday, August 7, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Main Library

Wednesday, August 21, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Come discover the benefits of fall planting with Molly Lyles from LSU-Ag Center. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Bits & Boards

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, August 20, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for after school gaming! Dive into the action with group video games like Mario Kart, Mario Wonder, and Mario Party. Or test your skills with classic board games such as Chess, Checkers, Dominos, Trouble, Uno, and a myriad of others! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Law Talks Watch Party: Divorce

Main Library

Wednesday, August 21, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

The Rapides Parish Library will host the Louisiana State Bar Association's virtual presentation on Divorce 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.

DIY: Moon Sand

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, August 31, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come and join in the fun of making your very own Moon Sand. Bring the whole family out to this fun and creative event. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Creative Con

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, August 31, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

RPL's "Creative Con" is our library's friendly neighborhood local Comic Con. This year's theme is Star Wars! You can expect panels, vendors, games, virtual reality, and cool photo opportunities! There will be costume contests for all ages - adult, teen, children under 13 and group categories. Winners win a gift card to BAM. Potential guests may include the 501st Legion and the Mustafar Temple. We will make a cool craft - a lightsaber made out of pool noodles! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

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Website: www.Patricia-J-Williams.com



Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

Grab-N-Go Craft Kits

Hineston Branch

All Month Long, During Open Hours

Come in all month long and pick up a Grab and Go craft kit from the Hineston branch. For August, you can create your very own Bug Catcher kit or Spiky Sponge water bomb kit! While supplies last! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Coffee, Color, and Chill

Libuse Branch

Saturday, August 10, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Patrons of all ages are invited to drop by the Libuse Branch Library anytime between 9:30 AM and 12 PM to spend a relaxing Saturday morning with delicious coffee or tea, peaceful music, and a coloring page. Take a minute to slow down and enjoy a summer Saturday morning at your local library. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Book Lover's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, August 9, During Open Hours

August 9th is Book Lover's Day! Come in during operating hours and create a bookmark inspired by your favorite book to display! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

All Ages

Fall Planting

With LSU-Ag Center

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Wednesday, August 7, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Main Library
Wednesday, August 21, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Children's Programs

End of Summer Celebration

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 1, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Come celebrate with us as we recognize all the excellent readers who joined our Summer Reading Program! Join Ms. Toni for Mother Goose on the Loose music and lots of activity. We will be giving out medals and prizes for the top readers. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

End of Summer Reading Awards

Libuse Branch

Thursday, August 1, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

All summer reading program medal winners are invited to the Libuse Branch to receive their medals at this special storytime where there will be light refreshments served. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Bookworm Bounty Hunt

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, August 3, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Calling all young adventurers and detectives! Dive into the world of books like never before and join us at King as we hunt down dastardly bookworms hiding out in the library! Earn unique prizes based on how many bookworms you find! Get to know your library and help us bring the book down on these bookworms! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, August 6, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, August 13, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, August 20, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, August 27, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Come and join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages of 2-12 are welcome! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Children's End of Summer Party

Martin Library

Friday, August 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the end of summer! There will be games, food and lots of fun! We will be awarding medals for all summer reading program winners. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Children Craft Zone

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come in and celebrate World Lion Day by learning all about lions along with a lion-inspired craft. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

CD Hovercraft

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you'll build your own hovercraft using CDs! Learn about hovercraft technology while experimenting with design and engineering concepts. Test your hovercraft on a smooth surface and take

it home to continue experimenting! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Bubbly Fun: Craft Your Own Bubble Wands

Martin Library

Tuesday, August 13, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, August 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for a fun-filled, interactive program where creativity and science come together! Our Bubble Making and Create Your Own Bubble Wand event is perfect for kids and families. Participants will learn the science behind bubbles, create their own bubble wands, and have a blast making bubbles of all shapes and sizes. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Saturday in the Library

Martin Library

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

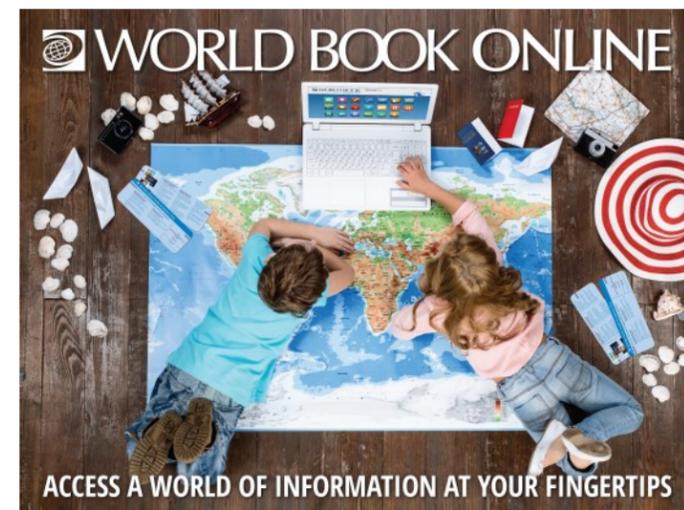
Hey kids! It's SATURDAY let's go the LIBRARY! Stop by on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10-11am and enjoy a craft or a book or a game or a snack! You never know what the Martin Branch Library staff will have waiting for you! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Sensory Play Day

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, August 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for our Sensory Play Day. This will be a fun filled day for you and your child. You're little ones will get to play with different activities that will help with their fine motor skills. These activities will also help your child explore the world around them, help build their creativity, and build new friendships. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



Children's & Teen Programs

Anti-Bullying Pledge Board

Johnson Branch

All Month Long, During Open Hours

Stop by Johnson Library throughout the month of August to post on our Anti-Bullying Pledge Board! Raising your hand and pledge that "I will not use my hands for hitting or my words for hurting others. I will use them only for helping' starting right now". You will then dip your hand in paint and put it on our board in solidarity. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Back to School Bash

Kees Park

Saturday, August 3, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

It's time for the Back to School Bash at Kees Park! Parents and children are invited to come to the Back to School Bash at Kees Park. There will be school supplies given away to the first 100 children and teen attendees. Come celebrate back to school time with games, local partners who will be there to discuss how they can help you this academic year, and of course, the always friendly Pineville libraries staff! Don't miss the fun and helpful event! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Back to School Supply Giveaway

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, August 3, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Get ready for BACK TO SCHOOL! Come in and join us for a Back to School Supply Giveaway in partnership with the Mafia Trail Riders! While supplies last! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Ugly Art

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, August 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Saturday, August 10, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Kids)

Johnson Branch

Friday, August 16, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Martin Library

Monday, August 19, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, August 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come show off your horrible art skills by making the ugliest art you can. Do not feel a need to come with any artistic talent, skill, or knowledge. The library will be providing everything you need to create your masterpiece! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Saturday Craft at Main

Main Library

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

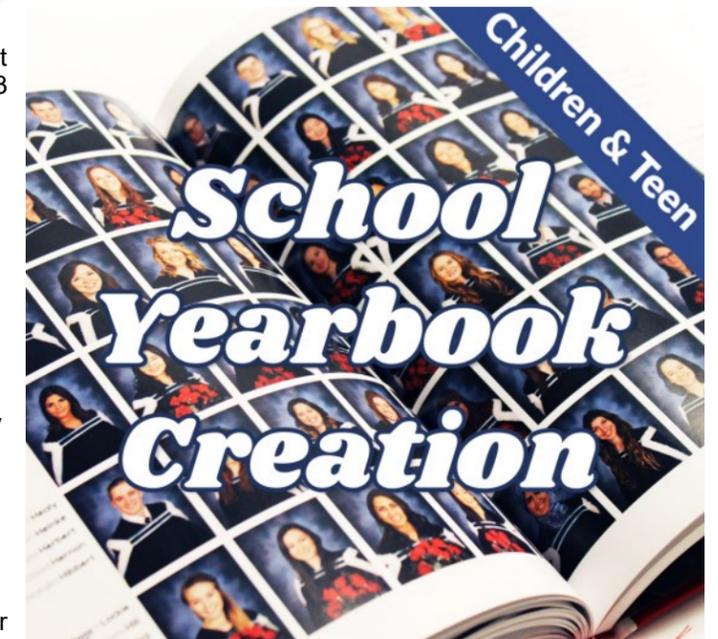
Join us as we set sail for creativity with a swashbucklin' pirate flag craft! You can transform simple materials into a fearsome banner fit for any captain of the seven seas. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Saturday Craft at Main

Main Library

Saturday, August 31, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Transform a plain pencil pouch into a one-of-a-kind treasure trove for your school supplies! This personalized pencil pouch will be useful, but also become a fun way to express yourself throughout the school year. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



School Yearbook Creation

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 5, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, August 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Saturday, August 10, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, August 15, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, August 20, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Start your school year with a yearbook to put in your memories! You can add to it as the school year passes to make sure that you can have memories to look back on and remember the friends and fun you had throughout the school year of 2024-2025! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Dungeons & Dragons

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 28, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join our thrilling new D&D play group exclusively for tweens and teens! Meet us monthly as we journey into the fantastical realm of Stormwreck Isle, where heroic deeds, daring escapades, and dragons await. Whether you've played the game before or are new to the world of Dungeons and Dragons, this club offers a welcoming start for all. All play materials will be provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

CREATIVE CON!

AUGUST 31, 2024
9 AM - 2 PM
WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY

**VENDORS, PANELS, GAMES,
 COSPLAY CONTEST,
 COMBAT D&D & MORE!**

Computer Classes		
CLASS SCHEDULE		
Seating is limited. Please register for Computer and Makerspace classes by accessing the new digital calendar on our website.		
Google Sheets	Libuse Branch Friday, August 2 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Create and edit spreadsheets online for free with the web based Google Sheets Editor. This editor is part of the free Google Editor Suite along with Google Docs. Share and collaborate with others.
Google Docs	King Branch Tuesday, August 6 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	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, collaborate, and share.
Beginning Internet	Hineston Branch Wednesday, August 7 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Google Slides	Boyce Branch Thursday, August 8 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor for school, work, events, and more.
Microsoft PowerPoint Online	McDonald Branch Friday, August 9 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Create presentations for used anywhere at any time. Discover the utility of Microsoft's web base PowerPoint app and prepare to present anywhere on the go.
Microsoft Publisher	Martin Library Monday, August 12 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you'll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Westside Library Tuesday, August 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.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Main Library Monday, August 19 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Main Library Wednesday, August 21 9:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Windows 10	Robertson Branch Monday, August 26 10:00 am to 11:00 am	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.
Google Slides	Johnson Branch Friday, August 30 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor for school, work, events, and more.

Teen Programs

Teen Craft Scene

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, August 15, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Teens and Tweens are encouraged to come in and help us with celebrating Relaxation Day by painting a relaxing image onto canvas! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 21, 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 Honey-Yogurt Berry Salad! The recipe will be available as well. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Afterschool D&D Club

Main Library

Friday, August 23, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

An after-school club where teens and young adults can unwind and play a session of D&D. Dice and Sheets will be provided though participants can bring their own. Miniatures aren't provided and are optional if participants wish to bring them. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Teen Stress Free Zone

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 28, 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 help us with celebrating Happiness Happens Month by crafting messages and bookmarks to inspire happiness! Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Escape Room

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, August 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Do you have what it takes to escape? Come join us in our exciting Escape Room. Put your sleuthing skills to the test and crack the codes. See you there. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Balloon Smash Painting

Johnson Branch

Friday, August 30, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Sign up on Vega at home or stop by Johnson Library to sign up to create your unique one of a kind Balloon Smash Painting. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Adults & Teen Programs

Procreate for Beginners

Johnson Branch

Saturday, August 24, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Unlock your creativity and unleash the full potential of digital art with our program, "Procreate for Beginners," with Bailey Craven. This program provides a step-by-step guide to mastering the Procreate app, a powerful tool for digital illustration and painting. Please bring device with Procreate App downloaded. Also the Procreate App is only formatted for iPad Pro, iPad Air, iPad Mini, iPad, and iPhone. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Digital Canvas: Unleashing Your Creative Pixels

Johnson Branch

Saturday, August 31, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Embark on a thrilling artistic adventure using Digital Canvas: Unleashing Your Creative Pixels to inspire and elevate your art work to new levels with Bailey Craven. This is part two of the program, Procreate for Beginners which is tailored for beginner as well avid user. Please bring your device with Procreate App downloaded. Also the Procreate App is only formatted for iPad Pro, iPad Air, iPad Mini, iPad, and iPhone. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Adult Painting Programs



Llama Painting

Libuse Branch

Monday, August 5, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Adults are invited to come to the Libuse Branch Library to paint a llama. Supplies provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, August 7, 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.

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday, August 9, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark

Tuesday, August 20, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Thursday, August 22, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, August 23, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, August 27, 5:30 pm to 7:30 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! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Art is Life!

Main Library

Monday, August 12, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, August 26, 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.

Sip-N-Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 26, 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. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Artist of the Month

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, August 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Our artist of the month for August is Cat Thibodaux. Cat is a tattoo artist and fiber artist. She works at Black Diamond Collective and has been tattooing for 6 1/2 years. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northwestern State University. Her hobbies outside of work are exploring different techniques of fiber arts, most notable knitting, weaving, and sewing at the moment. In addition to the knitting class, Cat will do a session about tattooing at Creative Con. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 442-2483 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.

Artist of the Month
Cat Thibodaux's Knitting Class

Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, August 13, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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In addition to the knitting class, Cat will do a session about tattooing at Creative Con.

Adult Programs

Ladybug Plant Stake Craft

Robertson Branch

Monday, August 5, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, August 6, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 8, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, August 13, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Martin Library

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Monday, August 19, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, August 20, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 26, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Whether you're a crafting pro or more of a messy artist, transform plastic spoons into adorable bugs by painting and gluing them together! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

For the Love of Food!

Main Library

Monday, August 5, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join LSU-Ag Center's Jennifer Duhon as she demonstrates the preparation of a Family Meal! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 8, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, August 22, 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.

Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

We aim to stimulate your life with social interaction and brain reactions. 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.

Bayou Bonds: A Heartfelt Social for Seniors Seeking Connection

Johnson Branch

Saturday, August 10, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

A heartwarming monthly event designed with our community's older adults in mind, especially those who may feel isolated. This gathering is more than just an event; it's a chance to forge connections, share life stories, and enjoy the company of others in a comfortable and inviting atmosphere. It's an opportunity for our senior community members to voice their experiences, impart wisdom, and

contribute to a tapestry of storytelling that spans generations. Alongside the storytelling, attendees can savor a variety of teas and light refreshments, making for a perfect afternoon of relaxation and companionship. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 12, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our community has many men and women who sacrificed for our country and their families. 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. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Chair Aerobics

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Wednesday, August 28, 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Join us as we keep our minds and bodies in shape. Chair aerobics with a twist aims to incorporate low-impact ways to incorporate movement into your routine. You may get nostalgic. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Afternoon Tea at Main

Main Library

Thursday, August 15, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The week of August 12 is National Afternoon Tea Week in the United Kingdom. In honor of this social tradition, we celebrate with afternoon tea of our own. A short discussion on the history of afternoon tea and some ideas about how you can host one of your own. Food and tea will be served. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Tea Party

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, August 17, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come join us for our tea party. You'll have a variety of teas to try and you'll get the chance to make new friendships. There will be plenty of food, laughter, and tea to go around. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Canvas Bag Monogram Craft

Martin Library

Tuesday, August 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us to create your personalized monogram on an adorable canvas shopping bag. All materials will be provided! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Adult Programs

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

<p>Robertson Branch Monday, August 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-640-3098</p>	<p>Main Library Thursday, August 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-445-2411</p>
<p>J.W. McDonald Branch Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-748-4848</p>	<p>Libuse Branch Friday, August 16, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-443-7259</p>
<p>Westside Regional Library Thursday, August 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-442-2483</p>	<p>Johnson Branch Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-776-5153</p>
<p>Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-793-5954</p>	<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Monday, August 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am 318-445-3912</p>



Genealogy Research Programs

The Genealogy Club Main Library

Friday, August 30, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Have you ever wanted to search your ancestry. Are you already researching your family tree but are stuck. Come join us for the Genealogy Club where you will meet people just like you that are willing to share their knowledge and help others find with their ancestry journey. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



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ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH

1177 HAYWOOD B. JOINER ST.
BOYCE, LA 71409
318-793-5954
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WED & FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

HINESTON BRANCH

1810 HWY. 121
HINESTON, LA 71438
318-793-8461
TUE & THURS 9AM-6PM
WED & FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

JOHNSON BRANCH

1610 VETERANS DR.
LECOMPTE, LA 71346
318-776-5153
TUE & THURS 9AM-5PM
WED & FRI 1PM-5PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

J.W. MCDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH

1075 HWY. 497
GLENMORA, LA 71433
318-748-4848
TUE & THURS 9AM-6PM
WED 1PM-5PM
FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

LIBUSE BRANCH

6375 HWY. 28 E
PINEVILLE, LA 71360
318-443-7259
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

STORYTIME!

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LIBUSE BRANCH
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STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:30AM

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STORYTIME
WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM

MARTIN LIBRARY
FRIDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM

J.W. MCDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH
LIBRARY BABIES
THURSDAYS 9:30AM-10:00AM
STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

ROBERTSON BRANCH
EXPLORE & DISCOVER TIME
WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY
TODDLER TIME
THURSDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM
STORYTIME
FRIDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM

HINESTON BRANCH
STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM

MAIN LIBRARY

411 WASHINGTON ST.
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301
318-445-2411
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

MARTIN LIBRARY

801 W. SHAMROCK ST.
PINEVILLE, LA 71360
318-442-7575
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH

1115 BROADWAY AVE.
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301
318-445-3912
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

ROBERTSON BRANCH

809 TIOGA HIGH SCHOOL RD.
PINEVILLE, LA 71360
318-640-3098
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

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5416 PROVINCE PL.
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71303
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