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The Southern: A Book Club**Westside Regional Library****Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a lively book talk with fellow Southern readers—where stories, history, and community come together. This month, we revisit one of the most iconic Southern tales with a fresh perspective: *James* by Percival Everett—a powerful companion piece to *Huckleberry Finn* that reimagines a classic story in a bold new way. Come for the story... stay for the conversation! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

End the Summer with a Little Bit of Everything Book Club**Westside Regional Library****Monday, August 10, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Did you enjoy some Summer Reading? Was there a book you just HAVE to tell fellow readers about? Stop by and visit the Little Bit of Everything Bookclub. We want to know what your favorite title was. 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 Southern Book Clubs Guide to Vampire Slaying* by Grady Hendrix. We will also be announcing the adult summer reading program winner. Join us for fun and refreshments. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Club**Libuse Branch****Monday, August 10, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Can playing a video game change your life? Join Ash as he finds out in *The Ruby Code* by Jessica Khoury. Teens can pick up the book at the Libuse Branch library to read and discuss over snacks at our meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026 from 6-7 PM. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Kids' Book Club**Libuse Branch****Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

When you go Into the Dark Forest by Liz Flanagan, you might find any number of things. You definitely will find out what a wildsmith (the series title) is. We'll have a book discussion on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 from 6-6:30 PM. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Tuesday, August 11, 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 *And Then Came the Blues: My Story of Survival on Both Sides of the Badge: A Memoir* by Katrina Brownlee. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

The Final Chapter**Martin Library****Tuesday, August 11, 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. In August, we will be reading *The Better Sister* by Alafair Burke. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Daytime Book Club**Libuse Branch****Monday, August 17, 10:30 am to 11:30 am**

Patrons are invited to read *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club**Libuse Branch****Thursday, August 20, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Ladies are invited to read *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch****Friday, August 21, 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 *Hallelujah! The Welcome Table: A Lifetime of Memories with Recipes* by Maya Angelou. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Main Mystery Book Club**Main Library****Friday, August 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Step aboard for intrigue, suspense, and one of Agatha Christie's most iconic mysteries. Join us in August as the Main Mystery Book Club discusses *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie. Filled with secrets, betrayal, and unexpected twists, this classic whodunit will keep you guessing until the very end. Whether you're a longtime Christie fan or discovering her work for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to dive into a timeless mystery and enjoy lively discussion with fellow readers. Come ready to share theories, favorite moments, and your best detective skills. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Robertson Book Club**Robertson Branch****Tuesday, August 25, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Looking for a great book and even better conversation? Join us for the Robertson Book Club, meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. This August, we're diving into *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi—a heartfelt and thought-provoking novel that promises meaningful discussion and lasting impressions. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the group, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow readers and share your perspective. Come for the book—stay for the conversation. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Come Write In!**Main Library****Tuesday, August 25, 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.

Cenla Author's Club**Westside Regional Library****Thursday, August 27, 6:00 pm to 7:30 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 6:00pm at the Westside Regional Library. This month's speaker is forensic anthropologist and author Mary H. Manhein. Mary H. Manhein, also known as "The Bone Lady," is an internationally acclaimed forensic anthropologist who, for more than 30 years, has helped law enforcement solve their toughest cases. An advocate for victims, Manhein has always worked to tell the stories of who they are and what happened to them, and to help bring about justice. She served as an instructor of anthropology and the director of the Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services Laboratory (FACES) at Louisiana State University before retiring in 2015. She is the author of three nonfiction books: *The Bone Lady*, *Trail of Bones*, and *Bone Remains*, as well as one fiction novel, *Floating Souls: The Canal Murders*. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

QuickLit Book Club**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Saturday, August 29, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Been looking for a book club but daunted by the length of the books or time commitment? Same. Let's read (or try to read) a short book from 100-200 pages long and hang out to talk about it (or not). To kick off the club, let's start with *Convenience Store Woman* by Sayaka Murata (176 pages). See you there! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

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Painting Playlists**Westside Regional Library****August 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Come see a small selection of famous paintings in the foyer at Westside Regional Library! Each month will bring new paintings! We encourage viewers to write a song for which they think the artwork could work as an album cover. Come see the paintings and playlists that get exhibited and made every month, and learn some interesting facts about the paintings themselves! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Summer Reading Closing & Back to School Celebrations**J.W. McDonald Branch****Saturday, August 1, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

Join us as we recognize participants from our Summer Reading Program who reached their goal of 1,500 minutes—what an incredible achievement! Come cheer on our readers and celebrate a summer full of stories! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

**Read Along With Ranger Vidrine****Martin Library****Friday, August 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Step back in time and uncover the fascinating stories of Central Louisiana with Ranger Vidrine! Join us for an engaging journey through history as he shares captivating tales, surprising facts, and little-known secrets about Fort Randolph and Buhlow Lake Historic Site. Discover the people, events, and legends that helped shape our region while exploring the rich history behind one of Louisiana's most important historic landmarks. Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply love a good story, this presentation is sure to entertain, educate, and inspire. Don't miss this opportunity to hear history come alive through the stories of an experienced park ranger. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Growing Out of Summer Reading**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Saturday, August 15, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Join us for a special celebration as we honor the medal winners of our Summer Reading Program! We'll recognize our outstanding readers during an exciting awards ceremony and celebrate all the adventures they discovered through books this summer. The fun doesn't stop there! After the ceremony, gather around for a delightful storytime featuring books about heading back to school, new beginnings, and exciting adventures ahead. Then, get creative as we craft a colorful Apple Keepsake Frame—a perfect way to remember the start of a brand-new school year. Come celebrate, create, and kick off the school season with stories, crafts, and plenty of smiles! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

The Cozy Loop Club**Hineston Branch****Saturday, August 29, 10:30 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.

Kids' Medal Ceremony**Libuse Branch****Monday, August 3, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

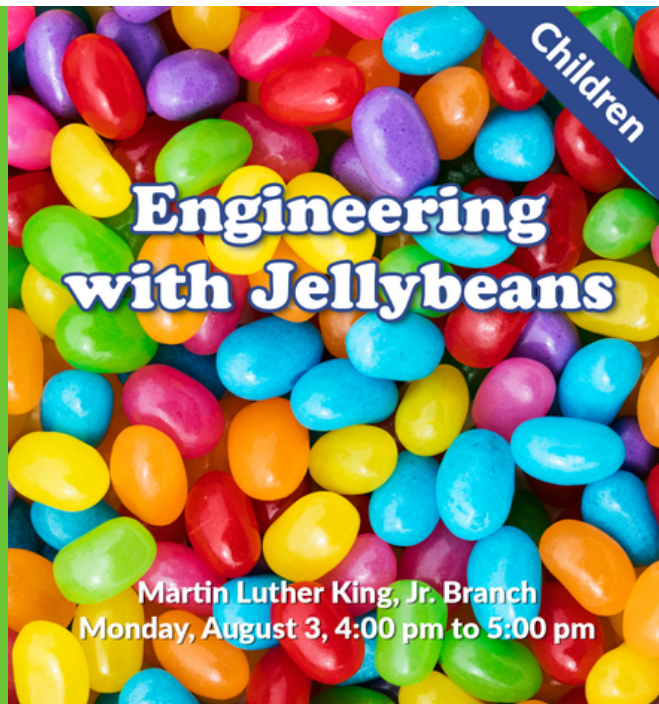
Congratulations readers! You've read lots of great books this summer and logged all your minutes on Beanstack! If you've read 1,500 minutes (are 12 and under, and signed up at Libuse), we've got a medal for you at the Libuse Branch. Owlbert will be here with us to help us celebrate! We will have light refreshments on a first come, first served basis, and give out our medals to any medal winners attending. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Saturday Craft n' Create**Robertson Branch****Saturday, August 1, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Join us for an exciting hour of creativity and fun designed for kids to help develop fine motor skills, encourage teamwork, and problem solving. Explore a world of crafts along with games (Candy Land, Trouble, Twister, and UNO). Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Scavenger Hunt**Hineston Branch****August 3 - 29, During Open Hours**

Ready for a library adventure? Follow the clues, explore every corner, and complete the scavenger hunt to uncover a special prize! Put your detective skills to the test and see if you can solve them all. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Engineering with Jellybeans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Get ready to build, create, and engineer! In this hands-on challenge, kids will use jellybeans and toothpicks to design houses, towers, and other amazing structures. They'll discover what it takes to make their creations stand tall while exploring the basics of engineering, problem-solving, creativity, and fine motor skills. A sweet and exciting STEM adventure for young learners and families! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

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

Tuesday, August 11, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, August 18, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, August 25, 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.

SRP Medal Ceremony

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, August 5, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Summer Reading medal winners - come to the Robertson Branch on Wednesday, August 5th at 11 AM (or hang out after our Explore and Discover time) to receive your summer reading medal. We'll have snacks and recognize our winners. We're so excited about how much you've read this summer! We hope you are too! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Outreach Storytime with Forts Randolph and Buhlow

Libuse Branch

Thursday, August 6, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, August 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Step back in time with Forts Randolph and Buhlow! Join us for a Civil War-themed story, then explore real Civil War artifacts, equipment, and uniforms through exciting hands-on demonstrations. A fascinating journey into history for young explorers! Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Thursday Morning Adventures

Hineston Branch

Thursday, August 6, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Thursday, August 13, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Thursday, August 20, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Thursday, August 27, 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.



Wiggles and Giggles Story Time**Martin Library****Friday, August 7, 10:00 am to 10:45 am****Friday, August 14, 10:00 am to 10:45 am****Friday, August 21, 10:00 am to 10:45 am****Friday, August 28, 10:00 am to 10:45 am**

Wiggles & Giggles is a weekly 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—all while having a great time together. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Summer Reading Awards Party**Main Library****Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

All child participants who logged at least 150 minutes in Beanstack are welcome to attend with their family! Medals are awarded to children who have read for 1500 minutes and above. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Post It Match**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Tuesday, August 25, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Kids will explore the fascinating world of numbers in this fun session! During the lesson, children will learn how easy it can be to recognize how numeral numbers match dots! This hands-on activity reinforces learning while encouraging creativity, fine motor skills, and an appreciation for the beginnings of numbers. Perfect for young learners and families seeking a fun and educational experience at the library! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



kids to unwind, refocus, and enjoy the simple pleasure of coloring. Available every day of the month. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Wooden Statue Vision Painting**Hineston Branch****Thursday, August 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm****Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Tuesday, August 18, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm****Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch****Wednesday, August 26, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Design two miniature wooden statues—one representing who you are today and one showing who you dream of becoming when you grow up. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

**Back to School Music, Fun and Learning****Westside Regional Library****Saturday, August 1, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of music, fun, learning, and back-to-school math and reading refreshers! Explore a variety of instruments with Jasmine Johnson from Bolton Academy, get help with math and reading questions for grades 3–6 from Mychelle, and learn about our exciting new tutoring program. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Mindful Coloring for Kids**Hineston Branch****August 1 - August 31, During Open Hours**

Mindful Coloring for Kids offers a peaceful space for



Dungeons & Dragons Character Creator

Westside Regional Library

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

Robertson Branch

Monday, August 10, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Martin Library

Thursday, August 13, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

(Homeschool)

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

(Afterschool)

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, August 20, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Main Library

Friday, August 21, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Embark on an epic adventure into the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Create your own unique hero, choose their abilities and backstory, and leave with a character ready for quests, battles, and magical adventures. No experience needed—just bring your imagination! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Strawberry DNA Extraction

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, August 11, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

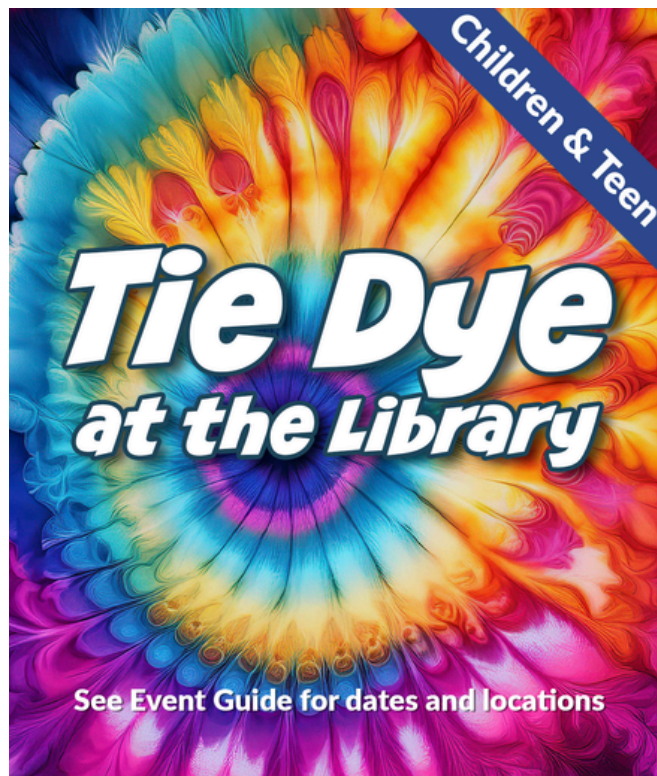
Become a DNA detective and uncover the science hidden inside a strawberry! Using everyday household items, you'll extract real DNA in this hands-on experiment and discover the amazing building blocks of life. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Home School Create & Discover

Martin Library

Tuesday, August 11, 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.



Tie Dye at the Library

Robertson Branch

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

Libuse Branch

Thursday, August 13, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 17, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, August 25, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, August 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library

Thursday, August 27, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the colorful art of tie-dyeing while designing their own unique tote bags. Using fabric-safe dyes and different tie-dye techniques, such as spiral, bullseye, and crumple, you can create a one-of-a-kind design that's both functional and fashionable. Whether you're new to tie-dye or an experienced pro, this workshop is perfect for all skill levels. Take home a beautifully personalized tie dyed item. All supplies will be provided, so just bring your creativity and excitement! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Libuse Teen's Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up Party

Libuse Branch

Saturday, August 1, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come celebrate the end of Rapides Parish Library's "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Program with an afternoon full of snacks, fun, and good vibes just for teens! Whether you read one book or a whole stack, come party with us as we close out a summer full of growth, fun, and unforgettable memories! Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Desert Cactus Landscape Painting

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Teens, grab a friend or your favorite grownup and come paint a desert cactus landscape. 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. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Absolutely Artistic

Hineston Branch

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

Friday, August 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us every other Friday for a crafty hangout - only for teens! We'll dabble in several different forms of art. All you need to bring is yourself and your creative side to become Absolutely Artistic! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



What's Your Move: Teen Edition!

Robertson Branch

Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

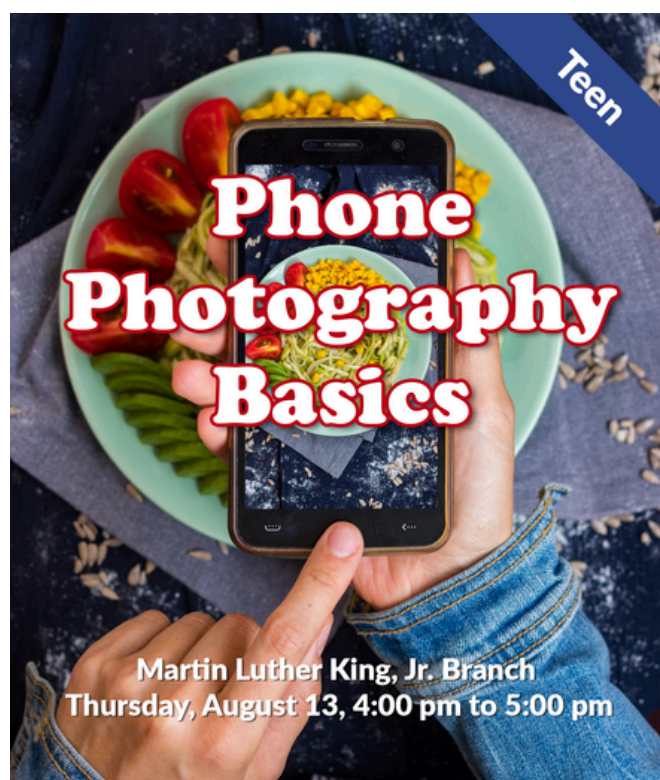
Come show us your skills at playing board games (Checkers, Connect 4, Dominoes, and Sorry!), meet new people in the community, and win bragging rights against your friends! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Phone Photography Basics

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Participants will explore the fascinating world of photography in this fun session! During the lesson, teens will learn different techniques to make their photos they take on their phones pop! This hands-on activity reinforces learning while encouraging creativity and an appreciation for the beginnings of photography. Perfect for teens seeking a fun and educational experience at the library! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



D&D Fridays**Main Library****Friday, August 14, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm****Friday, August 28, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

School is back in session—both in the real world and in the Forgotten Realms! Throughout the month of August, step into the halls of the New Adventurers Academy, where aspiring heroes sharpen their skills, forge new friendships, and prepare for the challenges that await. But not everything at the academy is as it seems. Strange occurrences, hidden passages, and long-buried secrets lie beneath its storied halls, waiting for brave adventurers to uncover the truth. Will your party solve the mysteries before it's too late? Bring a Level 5 character and join the adventure, or, if you're new to the game or simply want to jump right in, we'll be happy to provide a pre-generated character for you. Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or rolling your first set of dice, everyone is welcome. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Workout with the Library!

Chair Aerobics for Seniors Robertson Branch

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.

Westside Fit! Westside Regional Library

Join us for a fitness session that combines chair aerobics and yoga led by an instructional DVD. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

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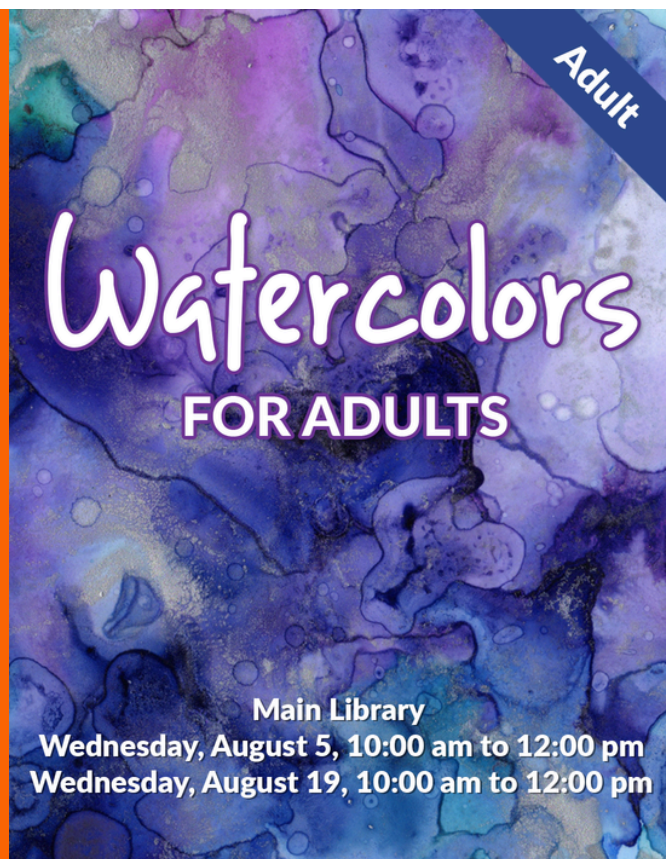


COMPUTER CLASSES



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

Google Slides	King Branch Tuesday, August 4 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor.
Google Docs	Hineston Branch Wednesday, August 5 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn how to create a document in the web based application, collaborate, and share your document with others.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Martin Library Monday, August 10 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.
Google Sheets	Main Library Monday, August 17 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Create and edit spreadsheets online for free with the web based Google Sheets Editor. Share and collaborate with others on spreadsheet creation.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	McDonald Branch Tuesday, August 18 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Google Sheets	Libuse Branch Wednesday, August 26 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.
Google Docs	Robertson Branch Monday, August 31 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn how to create a document in the web based application, collaborate, and share your document with others.



Desert Cactus Landscape Painting

Libuse Branch

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

If you've ever wanted to visit the desert, but didn't want to bother with the annoying sand, too-hot sun, and venomous desert wildlife, then sign up for August's art class at the Libuse Branch! Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, August 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, August 18, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, August 28, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Ready to add some color to your day? Grab a brush and join us for a fun and inspiring painting class at the library! Whether you're picking up a paintbrush for the very first time or already have a creative streak, our experienced instructor will guide you step-by-step as you explore exciting techniques and bring your own masterpiece to life. Enjoy a relaxing, welcoming atmosphere, connect with fellow art lovers, and discover just how creative you can be. You'll leave with new skills, newfound confidence, and a one-of-a-kind work of art to proudly display. Registration is required and space is limited—reserve your spot today! 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, August 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Unleash your creativity in a watercolor painting class with local artist Lea Ryder Thomas! Explore beautiful watercolor techniques, experiment with color and design, and create your own stunning work of art in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Art is Life!

Main Library

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

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

Acrylics class with local artist Alice McBride. Supported in part by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency. Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Sip 'n Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 31, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

It's your time to shine! Join Mary Roberts for a fun and freeing Sip N Paint experience where creativity takes center stage. This isn't a paint-by-number class—there are no rules, no pressure, and no judgment. Just a relaxed, kid-free space to unwind, express yourself, and enjoy great company. Come sip, paint, and let your creativity flow! Registration in advance is required as space is 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.



Mindful Coloring for Adults

Hineston Branch

August 1 - 31, 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.

Self Care Saturday

Martin Library

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

Join us for Self Care Saturday a relaxing DIY workshop where you'll create soothing bath bombs, refreshing body scrubs, calming mists or practice meditation. Discover the joy of crafting personalized self-care products with guidance and materials provided. Enjoy a peaceful, creative afternoon, connect with others, and take home beautifully handmade items designed to enhance your self-care routine. Unwind, create, and pamper yourself with us! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

For the Love of Food

Main Library

Monday, August 3, 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.

Cozy Scented Pine Cone Craft

Robertson Branch

Monday, August 3, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

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Libuse Branch

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Main Library

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Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 27, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Get ready to bring a little warmth and charm to your home! Join Tara and create a beautiful pine cone centerpiece, complete with delightful seasonal scents and the soft glow of a candle. This fun, hands-on craft is the perfect way to add a cozy touch to your décor or create a lovely handmade gift. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch

Monday, August 3, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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Tuesday, August 11, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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Thursday, August 13, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Martin Library

Monday, August 17, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Main Library

Thursday, August 20, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Libuse Branch

Friday, August 21, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, August 24, 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.

Chair Aerobics for Seniors

Robertson Branch

Monday, August 3, 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.

Basic Computer Training**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Wednesday, August 5, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm****Wednesday, August 19, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

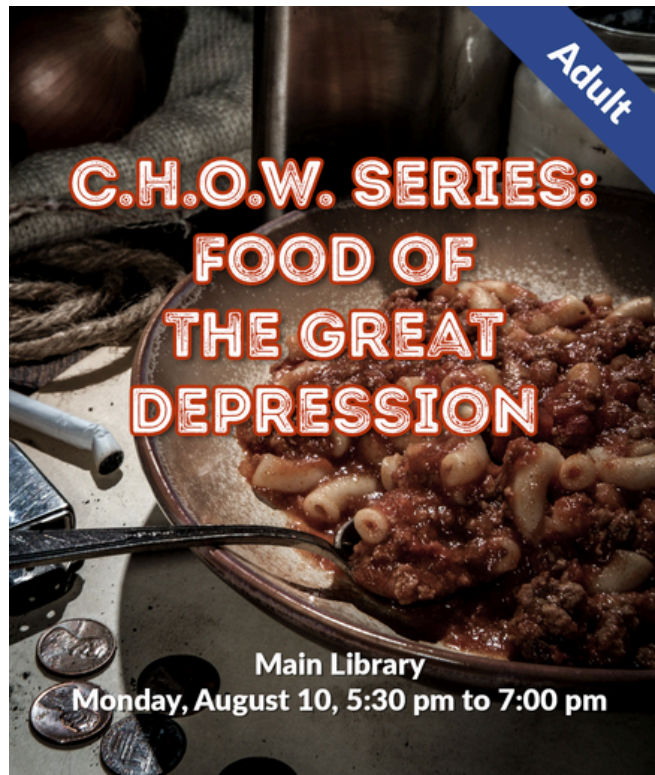
Get computer confident at King! Learn to browse safely, search online effectively, and use email-all hands on. No experience needed! For more specific training in Word, Excel, and so on, check out our other Computer Classes! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**Anime Night at the Library****Westside Regional Library****Wednesday, August 5, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm****Wednesday, August 19, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

Keep the momentum going this month at Westside Regional Library as we continue our screening of Attack on Titan. A critically acclaimed anime series that spanned over a decade and remains one of the most discussed works in modern storytelling. Known for its complex themes, moral ambiguity, and philosophical depth, the series offers plenty to reflect on and discuss. Whether you're a longtime fan or new to the series, join us for a thoughtful viewing experience and conversation. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Social Saturdays**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

We aim to stimulate your life with social interactions and brain reactions. Whether it be a craft or learning a new technique, this class aims to keep the mind working. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**C.H.O.W. Series: Food of the Great Depression****Main Library****Monday, August 10, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

Join historian and chef Richard Holloway and his CHOW (Culinary History of the World) Series.

Several popular items today were created after 1929. After the stock market crash of 1929, the US was mired in hard times for all. People were out of work and they couldn't afford to buy groceries. Luckily, the White House set the example with frugal menus and several popular food companies today were created during the Depression. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Monday, August 10, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Led by Mr. Anthony Elie, this program offers veterans the opportunity to learn about valuable resources, exchange experiences, and support one another. Through connection and collaboration, participants work toward improving quality of life and building a stronger community together. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Bingo**Hineston Branch****Tuesday, August 11, 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.



Regional Lawncare Basics with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter

Westside Regional Library

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

Dreaming of a greener, healthier lawn? Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for an engaging and informative workshop packed with practical lawn care tips you can put to use right away! Learn the secrets to growing lush grass, tackling common lawn problems, and keeping your yard looking its best throughout the seasons. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, you'll walk away with expert advice, helpful resources, and the confidence to transform your outdoor space. Bring your questions and get answers from a local expert who knows what it takes to grow a beautiful Louisiana lawn. Don't miss this opportunity to dig into the basics and grow your lawn care knowledge! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Cross-Stitch Basics

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, August 12, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us as we learn the basics of how to cross-stitch step by step! You'll leave with a new skill and a beautiful pattern to show off! No experience needed and all supplies provided. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Main Tech Cafe

Main Library

Wednesday, August 12, 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.

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 13, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, August 27, 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.

Bingo @ Night

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, August 18, 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.

Author Iris Taylor Meet & Greet

Main Library

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

Looking for a simple way to clear your mind, reduce stress, and make sense of life's daily chaos? Stop by Main Library and meet local author Iris Taylor! Visit her table to explore her unique journals, chat about the benefits of journaling, and discover practical tips and tricks that can help you bring more clarity and calm to your day. Drawing on more than 30 years of experience in behavior management and applied psychology, Iris creates low-effort journals designed for overwhelmed humans doing their best. Her thoughtful approach helps readers navigate stress, mental clutter, and emotional exhaustion without guilt, pressure, or unrealistic expectations. Whether you're new to journaling or looking for fresh inspiration, you'll leave with helpful tools, gentle guidance, and ideas for creating small moments of peace in a busy world. Come meet Iris, ask questions, browse her journals, and find a journaling style that works for you! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Color & Chill Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, August 20, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Are you in need of relaxation? Well at Westside we have a solution. Come color with us. Sit back, relax, and chill. Refreshments will be provided. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

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Author Iris Taylor Meet and Greet

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Main Library
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King Goes Bingo

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, August 20, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

You asked for it and we aim to please. King is going late night Bingo and we can't wait to scream... BINGO!! Join us for an evening of enjoyment and good fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

A promotional image for a Pokeno event. It features a close-up of a Pokeno board with various cards and red chips. The text "Pokeno at the Library" is overlaid in a large, stylized font. A blue banner in the top right corner says "Adult".

**Pokeno
at the Library**

J.W. McDonald Branch
Friday, August 21, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Pokeno at the Library

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, August 21, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us for a lively afternoon of fun, games, and great company! Led by Glenmora Friends of the Library President, Mrs. Mary Giddens, this is the perfect way to relax and have a great time! Come join the fun! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

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Canva Basics

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, August 22, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Canva Basics: Learn to Make a Flyer

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, August 22, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us at King for a beginner-friendly class about the free online graphic design tool called Canva. Learn to customize a premade template to create eye-catching flyers, social media posts, and more. No experience needed! All hands-on and at a slow pace. Time for asking questions and hopefully, you'll leave with the experience you need to make your own flyers. Must have an email in order to use Canva. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Libuse Branch
Monday, August 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Let's Eat for the Health of It with Jennifer Duhon and the LSU AgCenter

Libuse Branch

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

Join Jennifer Duhon from the LSU AgCenter for Smart Swaps: Whole Grains & Balancing Fats, Sugars, and Salt, an engaging and interactive program packed with practical tips for improving your everyday meals. Discover easy ways to choose more nutritious whole grains, reduce added sugars and sodium, and identify healthier fats—all while keeping meals delicious and satisfying. You'll learn simple strategies

that can make a big difference in your overall health and well-being. Plus, get up and moving with fun physical activities designed to show how small lifestyle changes can lead to big results! Whether you're looking to boost your energy, improve your eating habits, or simply learn something new, this program offers valuable information you can start using right away. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Books & Bites!

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, August 25, 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. 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 Arts Council of Central Louisiana. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Main Tech Cafe PM

Main Library

Wednesday, August 26, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Unwind with a cup of tea while getting help with your tech questions. This casual, open forum is perfect for adults looking for guidance with computers, tablets, or smartphones—just drop in and ask! Bring your own laptop or tablet, or use one of ours. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, August 14, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, August 14, 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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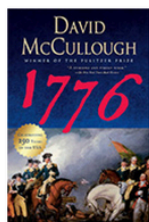


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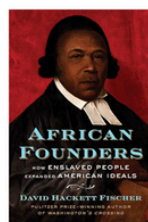
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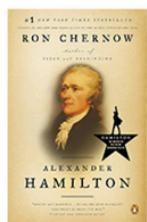
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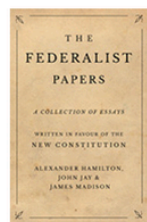
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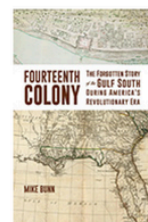
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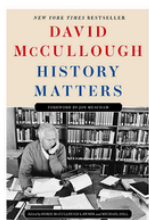
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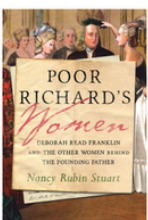
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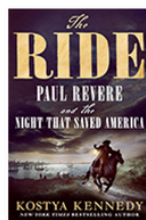
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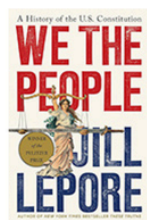
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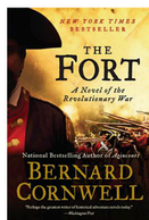


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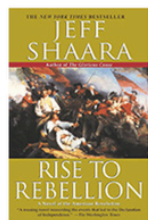
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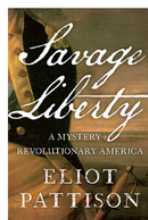
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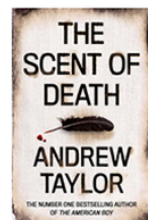
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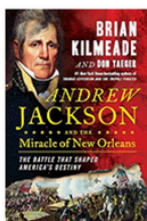


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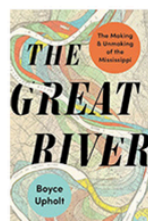
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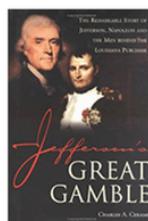
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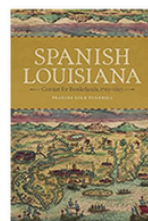
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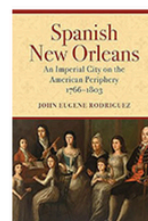
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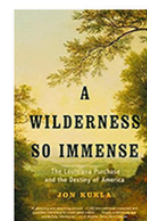
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