



EVENT GUIDE

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, December 2, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a book talk, and all things Southern. In this holiday month, we'll be at home reading *The Pelican Tide* by Sharon Wishnow. Grand Isle is the setting for a tale that warms our hearts and serves up a bit of Gumbo...even if it is a brown pelican and not lunch! Join us as we serve up some sweet tea and some Southern Book Talk. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Cozy Reads

Hineston Branch

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

Love heartwarming, feel-good reads? Our cozy fiction book club is the perfect place to unwind and connect. This month, we're diving into *The Bookshop on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan — a charming story you won't want to miss. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, December 8, 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 Yokota Officers Club* by Sara Bird. No time to stop by? We have an on-line option! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Kids' Book Club - Christmas Edition

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Kids are invited to read *The Hundred and One Dalmatians* by Dodie Smith and come by the Libuse Branch for this special Christmas book club with snacks and hot chocolate. Kids should come ready to discuss our book of the month, their favorite book of the year, and there will be a couple of prizes given. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *The Fraud* by Zadie Smith. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Patrons are invited to read *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Holiday Special Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

For the last book club of the year teens are invited for pizza, prizes, and a book discussion on *The Afterlife of Holly Chase* by Cynthia Hand. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Ladies are invited to read *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Cenla Author's Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, December 18, 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, even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month's speaker is Bob Winans. Bob is the son of the legendary Louisiana photographer Fonville Winans. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

BYOBook Gathering: A Silent Reading Society

Johnson Branch

Thursday, December 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Looking for a quiet escape and a good book? Join us for the BYO (Bring Your Own) Book Gathering, a cozy silent reading society where adult book lovers of all kinds come together—without the pressure of discussion. Bring your own book, grab a comfy seat, and enjoy an hour of uninterrupted reading in the calm atmosphere of the Johnson Branch Adult Fiction Room. Whether you're deep into a novel, revisiting an old favorite, or just starting something new, this is your time to unplug, unwind, and read in good company—quietly. No assigned books. No required talking. Just you, your book, and a peaceful space. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.





Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....

CLHC Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition

Help your homeless neighbors this holiday season!
Drop off donations at the Boyce Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Item Requested:

★ Socks

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Library



Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....

OAK HILL RAMS Oak Hill High School Community Closet

Help students in need by donating clothes & basic necessities!
Drop off donations at the Hineston Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Requested:

★ Feminine Products (pads)	★ Shampoo & Conditioner
★ Deodorant (boys and girls)	★ Hair Brushes
★ Socks (all ages)	★ Jackets (all sizes, boys and girls)
★ Underwear (all sizes, boys and girls)	★ Body Soap (bar soap or liquid soap)
★ Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes	★ Uniform Polos (all sizes, boys & girls) (black, white, royal blue)

Hineston Library

Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

Giving Tree

Libuse Branch

Monday, December 1 - 31, During Open Hours

The Libuse Branch is partnering with the Food Bank of Central Louisiana this holiday season! If you need ideas on what food items are most needed, come by the Libuse Branch and grab a card off of the Giving Tree. Gather those items and bring them back to the branch anytime in the month of December! You can bring them as your "admission" to the Family Holiday Movie Night, to the It's A Wrap Wrapping Party, to any book club, or just a random time you happen to be in the area. Come visit us this December and remember we all need a hand up sometimes. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Giving Tree: Share the Holiday Spirit

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, December 1 - 15, During Open Hours

This season, help spread joy and make a difference through our Giving Tree! Stop by and pick a card from our beautifully decorated Christmas tree — each card features a link to the Hope House's Amazon Wishlist, making it easy to donate an item that will directly support individuals and families in need. If you're unable to bring canned goods or non-perishable items, this is a wonderful way to give back and share the true meaning of the holidays. Come by December 1st through the 14th during our operating hours to pull from the Giving Tree. All items purchased need to be brought in by the end of the day on the 15th. All Canned Goods and Non-Perishable Foods should be brought in by the 15th. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

All Ages Programs

Main's Gift of the Library Kickoff Party

Main Library

Monday, December 1, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Unwrap giving season with RPL- Main Branch, December 1st, 2025 from 9-1p for our Gift of the Library Kickoff Party! Help yourself to refreshments as we collect donations of gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Branch during open hours the entire month of December. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

seasonal treats, and discover ways to spread kindness throughout the community. We'll also be partnering with Cenla Community Action Committee for a donation drive supporting local families—bring diapers, baby care supplies, body care goods, or toys to contribute! Come with family, friends, or solo—it's a chance to celebrate generosity, creativity, and connection as we kick off a joyful giving season together! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Johnson Library Presents: "Unwrap the Gift of the Library" Donation Drive Kick-Off Party

Johnson Branch

Monday, December 1, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Join the Johnson Library of the as we kick off our "Unwrap the Gift of the Library" Donation Drive in support of Carter C. Raymond Jr. High School! This community initiative is dedicated to helping students stay warm during the winter months. Throughout December, we'll be collecting gently used or new jackets, sweaters, and coats, as well as new packages of warm socks and knit caps for boys and girls. Every donation—big or small—makes a meaningful difference! Bring your items to the Johnson Library and join us for our kickoff celebration, featuring games, snacks, prize drawings, and special guest speakers. Let's come together to share the warmth and make this season brighter for our students! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Snow Much Fun Activity Book

Martin Library

Monday, December 1 - 31, During Open Hours

Chill out with a flurry of holiday puzzles, games, coloring pages, and crafts! Snow Much Fun! is packed with festive activities to keep kids entertained and in the holiday spirit all season long. While supplies last! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Color Me Cozy

Martin Library

Monday, December 1 - 31, During Open Hours

Settle in with a warm cup of cocoa and bring holiday scenes to life with color. Perfect for a calm moment of creativity this season. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Be a Lifeline for Local Kids in Crisis - Starfish Supply Drive!

Robertson Branch

Monday, December 1 - 31, During Open Hours

The Starfish Emergency Foster Home gives children safe, loving care when they need it most. You can make a difference — we're collecting supplies to support their incredible mission. Every item helps bring comfort and hope to a child in need. Join us all month as we collect for those in need. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

#ItsGivingSeason Kickoff Party

Martin Library

Monday, December 1, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Celebrate the start of the season of giving with us! Join our #ItsGivingSeason Kickoff Party, where we'll get into the holiday spirit with hands-on activities, music, and community fun. Make simple gifts and cards to share, enjoy

All Ages Programs

Angel Tree at Martin Library Martin Library

Monday, December 1 - 31, During Open Hours

This holiday season, help make a difference in the lives of local children and families. Martin Library is partnering with CCAC to host an Angel Tree, giving community members the opportunity to select an “angel” and provide gifts for those in need. Stop by the library to choose an angel from the tree, then return your wrapped gifts by the listed deadline. It’s a simple, heartfelt way to share kindness and joy this season—and to remind one another what community giving is all about. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Hineston Gives Back Kickoff Event Hineston Branch

Monday, December 1 - 31, During Open Hours

Hineston Branch is excited to be partnering with the Oak Hill High School's Clothes Closet this holiday season! Help us kick off this giving season by bringing a donation for the Clothes Closet while also enjoying some coffee and a light snack. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of December. The list of requested items is available at the Hineston Branch. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Cover Our Soles

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Monday, December 1 - 19, During Open Hours

The Alfred Boyce Wettermark library's sock drive: One small item, a big impact. Did you know socks are the most requested item at homeless shelters, and the least donated, according to the Family Resource Group? This December the Alfred Boyce Wettermark Library is collaborating with the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition. Consider joining us to spread a little kindness this December, one pair at a time. Because something as simple as a pair of socks can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. We are collecting donations of *Socks Only*. Please drop off new, unused socks at the Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch. Socks in sizes infant to adult sizes are accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours through December 19th. After all, the best story is one with a happy ending (and warm feet!). Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Make & Share Market Martin Library

Tuesday, December 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Craft something special to give! We'll have stations for making simple gifts—like ornaments, bookmarks, or bath salts. Create one to keep and one to give away! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Messages That Matter Martin Library

Thursday, December 4, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Small words can make a big difference. Come write cards and notes of appreciation for community workers, seniors, or anyone who could use a smile. We'll supply all materials—you bring the heart. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Santa is Coming to Town: Festive Fun and Photos at the Library Libuse Branch

Thursday, December 4, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Join us for a magical day at the library as we welcome a very special guest—Santa Claus! Bring your little ones to enjoy a festive library event filled with holiday cheer. Santa will be visiting and children can share their holiday wishes and take memorable photos with Santa! Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Reel Joy Movie Night Martin Library

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

Friday, December 12, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday, December 19, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Enjoy a family-friendly holiday movie night with popcorn, cocoa, and a donation station—bring a canned good or warm item (coats, gloves, socks) as admission. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

12/5/25 - Hamilton

12/12/25 - Home Alone

12/19/25 - Muppets Christmas Carol

Decorate Our Foster Tree Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, December 2 - 16, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Help us decorate our tree while helping the Fostering Community of Alexandria! Stop by Tuesday Dec 2nd and Tuesday Dec 16th from 9AM to 12PM to find out about the services offered by The Fostering Community and see how you can help. While you are here take a tag (with a need listed) from our tree and replace it with an ornament. Return the need to our tree and we will get it to the Fostering Community! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Glenmora Christmas Parade J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, December 13, 4:30 pm

Join the Christmas Festivities on Saturday, December 13. The community will be celebrating with activities on the Main Street. J.W. McDonald Branch will have a Holiday Float in the Parade beginning at 4:30 pm. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

CHOW Series! The Last Meal of Bonnie and Clyde

Westside Regional Library

Monday, December 8, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Historian and chef Richard Holloway debuts at the library kitchen to showcase a new food series. CHOW (Culinary History of the World)! On May 23, 1934, the notorious gangsters Bonnie and Clyde stopped by Rosa Canfield's cafe in Gibsland, Louisiana. They ate a quick meal and took some to go. Minutes later, at approximately 9:15 AM, they would both die immediately in a hail of bullets. Join us for the last breakfast they would have on earth! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

All Ages Programs

Socks, Santa & The Polar Express Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, December 9, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Mingle & jingle with family and friends... It's a celebration of the season for the entire family with fun activities, and light refreshments. Revel in the holiday wonder as the jolliest man, Santa visits. Alfred Boyce Wettermark Library welcomes all children, parents, and Christmas elves to visit with Santa on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 4:00 PM. Santa will be visiting the library in hopes of meeting all the naughty and nice children as well as posing for a photo. Bring your own camera so you can photograph your visit! If you would like an emailed copy of the picture, let the staff taking pictures know right after your picture is taken, and you can input your email at that point. Enjoy a Family movie, "Polar Express." The price of admission is a pair of new socks for The Alfred Boyce Wettermark library's sock drive! We invite you to come explore your library throughout this holiday season: find décor and recipe inspiration in our selection of magazines and books, take home a holiday movie or CD, and find the perfect book for a winter's evening for any age! Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Plant and Seed Swap with Molly Lyles Main Library

Wednesday, December 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Got plants too big for your space? Plants you just don't want? Plants that have been thinned with roots intact? Babies with roots? Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for a fun holiday plant and seed swap! Bring your cuttings and seed to swap for others plants and seeds! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Family Holiday Movie Night Libuse Branch

Friday, December 12, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Come to the Libuse Branch Library for a holiday movie night! We'll be showing Mickey's Christmas Carol. This 26 minute featurette from 1983 will bring all ages some holiday nostalgia, and is the perfect length to fit into our busy December schedules. Bring one nonperishable food item

to donate to the Food Bank of Central Louisiana as "admission" for each family member. Light refreshments will be served on a first come, first served basis. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

It's a Wrap! Wrapping Party Libuse Branch

Saturday, December 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

It's almost Christmas! Come wrap your Christmas gifts and bring your last minute donations for our December community partner, The Food Bank of Central Louisiana! We'll have wrapping paper, tape, scissors, and ribbon ready to wrap your gifts for family and friends, and plenty of boxes for donations to the Food Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Festive Storytelling with Poncinella the Storyteller

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, December 20, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Celebrate the season with us at the library with a magical story time from local storyteller and author Poncinella the Storyteller! Families are invited to stop by for a special festive story time! Come celebrate the season with stories, smiles, and a little library magic! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Christmas Movie and Cookies Hineston Branch

Monday, December 22, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Spend some quality family time together at the Hineston branch as we watch the animated Christmas movie Glitter and the Merry Mission and eat some Christmas cookies. Dress in your favorite, appropriate Christmas pajamas if you'd like. Families are invited to participate by bringing one donated item for Oak Hill High School's Clothes Closet. The list of requested items is available at the Hineston Library. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Children's Programs

Santa is Coming to Town: Festive Fun and Photos at the Library

Main Library

Tuesday, December 2, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Libuse Branch

Thursday, December 4, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Friday, December 5, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, December 6, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, December 9, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Martin Library

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

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

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

Johnson Branch

Friday, December 19, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us for a magical day at the library as we welcome a very special guest—Santa Claus! Bring your little ones to enjoy a festive library event filled with holiday cheer. Santa will be visiting and children can share their holiday wishes and take memorable photos with Santa! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Children's Programs

Creative Discovery Wednesday

Martin Library

Wednesday, December 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

Get ready to kick off the season of giving with a fun, creative, and heartwarming series just for kids! Each week, we'll explore a new way to spread joy—making ornaments and decorating our library tree, crafting cheerful cards, and more. From hands-on crafts to tasty treats and acts of kindness, this series is all about celebrating generosity, creativity, and the joy of giving. Perfect for kids of all ages to create, share, and make the season sparkle! Contact

318-442-7575 for more information.

December 3 - Trim the Tree!

December 9 - Kindness Canvas


December 17 - Cards of Kindness

Saturday Craft n' Create

Robertson Branch

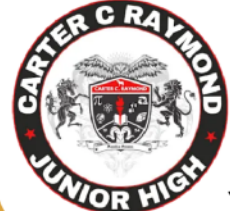
Saturday, December 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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.



Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....



Carter C Raymond Jr High Clothing Closet

Kids at Carter C. Raymond need warm winter gear!
Drop off your donations at the Johnson Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Needed for Boys and Girls, Ages 3 to 14 :

- ★ Coats or Jackets (gently used to new)
- ★ Sweatshirts (preferably without hoods, gently used to new)
- ★ Knit Caps (new)
- ★ Thick Socks (for cold weather) (new)

Johnson Library - Lecompte

Children's & Teen Programs

Light Up Your Keychain: Beginner Soldering Project

Main Library

Tuesday, December 2, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Get hands-on with STEM in this beginner-friendly soldering workshop designed just for tweens and teens! Learn the basics of using a soldering iron safely while building your very own LED keychain Participants will practice simple soldering techniques, discover how circuits work, and leave with a glowing keychain they built themselves.

No prior experience required—just curiosity and creativity! Perfect for ages 12 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-241 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

Make Your Own Stamped Holiday Gift Bag

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, December 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, December 16, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

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


Get creative this holiday season at the library! Kids and teens are invited to design and decorate their very own stamped holiday gift bags. Using festive stamps, ink, and a little imagination, you can create a one-of-a-kind bag that's perfect for giving gifts a personal touch. All supplies will be provided—just bring your holiday spirit and creativity! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Gyroscope Fidget Soldering Project

Main Library


Tuesday, December 16, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Take your soldering skills to the next level with this exciting STEM project! In this intermediate workshop, teens will build their very own gyroscope fidget spinner using soldering techniques. Participants will practice circuit assembly, learn how gyroscopes work, and create a fun, hands-on gadget to take home. Requirements: This program is for participants who have completed our Beginner Soldering: LED Keychain Project or who have received permission from the instructor. All materials are provided. Perfect for ages 12 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....



Hope House of Central Louisiana

Help homeless women and children at the Hope House!
Drop off donations at the King Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Requested:

- ★ Canned Goods
- ★ Non-Perishable Foods
- ★ Amazon Wish List Items:
<https://a.co/btTUbXs>

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Teen Programs

What's Your Move: Teen Edition

Robertson Branch

Saturday, December 13, 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.



Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....

The Food Bank of Central LA

Help fill someone's empty plate this holiday!
 Drop off your donations at the Libuse Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Requested:

- ★ All Non-Perishable Foods Apply!
- ★ Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- ★ Canned Soup & Meat (like Tuna)
- ★ Peanut Butter, Pasta, Rice & Beans

Libuse Library



Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....

Glenmora High School Community Closet

Help students in need by donating clothes & basic necessities!
 Drop off donations at the McDonald Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Requested:

★ Toothpaste & Toothbrush	★ Deodorant	★ Hair Ties
★ Shampoo & Conditioner	★ Bath Soap	★ Feminine Products (Pads & Tampons)
★ Body Spray/Mist	★ Lotion	★ Stain Remover Wipes
★ Face Wash/Wipes	★ Lip Balm	★ Hand Sanitizer
★ Hair Brush/Comb	★ Belts	★ Tennis Shoes & Socks

★ Gently Used/New School Uniforms-All Sizes
 ★ Polo Shirts - Solid Red, White or Grey ★ Pants - Khaki or Navy Blue ★ Skirts/Dresses - Khaki or Navy Blue

McDonald Library - Glenmora



FROM ALL OF US AT RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

WE WISH YOU

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Unwrap the Gift of the Library

...and help us give the gift of giving.

LIBRARY	COMMUNITY PARTNER
Westside	• Fostering Community
Main	• Homeless Coalition
Boyce	• Homeless Coalition – socks only
Libuse	• Food Bank
Robertson	• StarFish Ministries
Martin	• Cenla Community Action Committee
King	• Hope House
Hineston	• Oak Hill High School Community Closet
McDonald	• Glenmora High School
Johnson	• Carter C Raymond School



Join your local library as we partner with community organizations to spread cheer and kindness across Rapides Parish. Each branch is collecting donations for a local cause — from helping families in need to supporting schools, shelters, and food banks and more!

How Can YOU Help?

- ★ Visit your library branch.
- ★ Pick up a list of needed items.
- ★ Drop off your donations at the library.

Your RPL library — the gift that keeps giving!



Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help...

CLHC Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition
CENTRAL LOUISIANA HOMELESS COALITION

Help your homeless neighbors this holiday season!
Drop off donations at the Main Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Requested:

- ★ Gloves
- ★ Socks
- ★ Scarves
- ★ Hats/Knit Caps

Main Library

Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help...

CENLA Cenla Community Action Committee
COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.
Helping People. Changing Lives.

Help your struggling neighbors this holiday season!
Drop off donations at the Martin Library! *...or any RPL branch!*

Items Needed:

- ★ Diapers
- ★ Wipes
- ★ Body Care Items
- ★ Toys
- ★ Baby Supplies

Martin Library

Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....

Starfish Emergency Foster Care

Help children in crisis at Starfish Ministries!
Drop off donations at the Robertson Library! ...or any RPL branch!

Items Needed:

★ Groceries and Pantry Staples	★ Baby Wipes & Diapers (all sizes)
★ Paper Products (plates, napkins, paper towels)	★ Journals and Pens
★ Cleaning Supplies (detergent, disinfectant, trash bags)	★ Small Toys and Board Games
★ Pajamas (all sizes, new)	★ Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Local Grocery Stores)
★ Socks & Undergarments (all sizes, new)	★ Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EJ7JM0722WYD?ref=wl_fw_le

Robertson Library

Unwrap the Gift of the Library

Help Us Help....

Fostering Community

Help local children in Foster Care at the Fostering Community!
Drop off donations at the Westside Library! ...or any RPL branch!

Items Needed:

★ Diapers (Sizes 4,5,6)	★ My First Ball Set	★ V- Tech Toys
★ Pull Ups (All sizes)	★ Hot Wheel Cars	★ Shapes Baskets
★ Food Gift Cards	★ Ring Stacker	★ Sensory Toys
★ My First Blocks (stackable)	★ Teethers for Babies	★ Matching Eggs
★ Little People Toys	★ Pull Back Toy Vehicles	★ Balance & Hop Beams
★ Noise Makers	★ Bubbles	

Westside Regional Library

Adults Painting Programs

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, December 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday, December 12, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, December 16, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Johnson Branch
Thursday, December 18, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Friday, December 19, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

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 a week before the event for your spot. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library
Wednesday, December 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Wednesday, December 17, 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
Thursday, December 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Monday, December 8, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Acrylics class with 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.

Adult Programs

For the Love of Food

Main Library
Monday, December 1, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with a skilled local chef! Enjoy a fun and interactive session where 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.

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, December 11, 10:00am to 11:30am
Martin Library
Monday, December 15, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, December 16, 10:00am to 11:30am
Main Library
Thursday, December 18, 10:00am to 11:30am
Libuse Branch
Friday, December 19, 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.

McDonald Fit!

J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, December 2, 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 318-748-4848 for more information.

Chair Aerobics for Seniors

Robertson Branch
Sunday, December 7, 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.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, December 8, 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.

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL Bingo!

See Event Guide for dates and locations.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch
Monday, December 1, 10:00am to 11:30am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, December 2, 10:00am to 11:30am
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, December 9, 10:00am to 11:30am

Adult Programs

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, December 10, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

"I won't remember this! I'm not tech-savvy! I'm too old to learn this. I'm from the hopscotch, jacks, and jump rope generation. Just do this for me!" Does this sound like you? This class will take you from the very, very basics of what a computer is to the simple use of a keyboard, mouse, and eventually, the internet. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. 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, December 11, 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.

RPL Online Program Registration:

In order to ensure better access for all community members to all adult programs, the Rapides Parish Library will be instituting the following rules for registration-required programs beginning in November 2025:

- Those adult programs with 25 or fewer registration spots will automatically appear full and feed registrants into a waitlist.
- One week prior to each program, the list will be consulted to complete the final registration list. When you are added to this list, you should receive an email confirmation.
- All duplicate event registrations will be deleted. This includes multiple instances of the same program at different locations.
- All registrations by one patron for multiple programs (identical or not) with start times within two hours of each other unless the programs are a multi-part program will be deleted.
- All program attendees will be expected to work on the theme, topic or item at hand. Any patron or patrons completing different projects will be asked to refocus on the project for that program and may be asked to leave the program if they refuse to do so.
- If a patron does not alert library staff that they will not be attending a program more than twenty-four hours in advance of the start time for a total of three times in a calendar year (January to December), the patron will be placed at the end of the waitlist for programs for 6 months from the date of the third no call, no show.
- Five minutes after the posted program start time, open seats will be given to individuals physically present on standby.
- Entry to all registration required programs will be closed fifteen minutes after the posted program start time. No additional patrons will be allowed to enter after fifteen minutes past the posted program start time.

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Procedures!
Begins
Nov. 1, 2025!

For questions or concerns, please contact RPL Director, Celise Reech-Harper at celise@rpl.org or 318.445.6436 x1001.

A LIBRARY BRANCH FOR EVERYONE.

ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH

1177 HAYWOOD B. JOINER ST.
BOYCE, LA 71409
318-793-5954
MON, TUES & THURS 9AM-6PM
WED 1PM-5PM
FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

HINESTON BRANCH

1810 HWY. 121
HINESTON, LA 71438
318-793-8461
MON, TUES & THURS 9AM-6PM
WED 1PM-5PM
FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

JOHNSON BRANCH

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

J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH

1075 HWY. 497
GLENMORA, LA 71433
318-748-4848
MON, TUES & 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!

ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

JOHNSON BRANCH
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

LIBUSE BRANCH
LIBRARY BABIES
TUESDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM
STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:30AM

MAIN LIBRARY
STORYTIME
WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM

MARTIN LIBRARY
STORYTIME
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

WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY

5416 PROVINCE PL.
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71303
318-442-2483
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM



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