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STORYTIME!

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TODDLER TIME
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GRAND OPENING PORTRAIT GALLERY UNVEILING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 AT 11:00 AM
RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY'S MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH



Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Books & Beyond!

Westside Regional Library

Friday, February 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 you will get to choose the book you want to read and then swap books until every one has read each other's book picks. After that we'll vote on our overall favorite book and then create a display in the Teen Area with our favorite. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

A Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

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

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, then you'll enjoy this book club, meeting each second Monday of the month. Join us this month to discuss *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

On the second Tuesday of each month for kids we'll have a book discussion and snack. Kids' are invited to read *The Secret Zoo* by Bryan Chick and come to discuss the novel over snacks. Call 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join Sonja Spahn and other readers on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss great Southern books written by great Southern writers. This month we will discuss *Flags on the Bayou* by James Lee Burke. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Triple A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, February 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 *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Call 318-445-3912 ext. 1501 for information.

Teen Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, February 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

King's teens gather on the second Wednesday of each month for a book discussion and crafting session! Tween/Teens are encouraged to come in and discuss *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia. We will also do a craft inspired by the novel. Books will be available in advance for checkout. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Adult Programs

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, February 8, 9:00 am

Thursday, February 22, 9:00 am

Join us for a fun fitness session that combines chair aerobics and yoga led by an instructional DVD. Don't forget to bring a towel or yoga mat to join in on the stretching! Increase your heart rate, burn calories and build strength without getting out of your chair! Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join us on the second Monday of each month for veterans to come together to share resources, support and information in partnership with Anthony Elie to support one another and work towards a better quality life for veterans. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

LSUA Cavanaugh Lecture Series

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, February 1, 6:30 pm

Filmmakers Jacob and Jaya McSharma will kick off the Spring 2024 Cavanaugh Lecture Series with their short film *Pink Suit/Black Suit*. Their fourth short film, *Nana Ki Dum*, was listed in the top five entries of the 2021 Louisiana Film Festival and received a Founder's Circle Award. Jacob directed and edited both *Bridget Brown M.D.* and *Best in Show*. Jaya was selected as a top finalist for the Louisiana Film Festival Prize. Together they are McSharma Productions and have produced seven independent web series. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Greet & Sign Event with Authors of the Month: Stephanie & Bennie Kirk

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 12, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Our February Authors of the Month are Stephanie and Bennie Kirk. Together the Kirks are authors of *Running on Empty*, a collection of motivational poetry and meditations, while Stephanie's solo volume, *Fill My Cup*, brims with inspiration. Join them for a reading of their poetry and book signing event. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Color Me Chill

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Hineston Branch

J.W. McDonald Branch

Available all month long during Library hours

Adults, treat yourself to some relaxation and creativity with a Color Me Chill coloring pack. Select from dozens of imaginative coloring sheets, choose a relaxing spot in the library, then color and chill to your heart's content! Return the coloring pack, but your creations are yours to keep! Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Mardi Gras Wreath Craft

Main Library

Thursday, February 1, 1:00 pm

Join us as we make a Mardi Gras wreath using Mardi Gras beads! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Chair Aerobics

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, February 6, 5:00 pm

Join us for an exhilarating aerobic fitness session by using a common chair. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Tea Time at Main

Main Library

Friday, February 2, 5:00 pm

Join us for a discussion about the introduction of tea to Europe. We will also talk about the month's tea and where it's leaves come from. A cup of tea will be served. This month's blend will be English Breakfast. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-2411 ext. 1034 for more information.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch

Monday, February 5, 10:00 am

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 am

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, February 8, 10:00 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am

Main Library

Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am

Libuse Branch

Friday, February 16, 10:00 am

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 26, 10:00 am

We might be over 50, but we're as young as we feel!

Come for the Bingo but stay for the friendships! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Valentine Tea Party

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day. Bring your valentine if you would like. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-748-4848 for more information.





LSUA College of Liberal Arts

CAVANAUGH LECTURE SERIES

Pink Suit/Black Suit



Meet the Speakers

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Jacob directed and edited both *Bridget Brown M.D.* and *Best in Show*. Jaya was selected as a top 20 finalist for the Louisiana Film Festival Prize.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Bring a friend!

Thursday, February 1 | 6:30 p.m.
Westside Regional Library
5416 Provine Place, Alexandria, LA 71303



Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Main Writers Club Main Library

Thursday, February 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. Call 318-445-2411 ext. 1022 for more information.

Greet & Sign Event with Authors of the Month: Stephanie & Bennie Kirk Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 12, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Our February Authors of the Month are Stephanie and Bennie Kirk. Together the Kirks are authors of *Running on Empty*, a collection of motivational poetry and meditations, while Stephanie's solo volume, *Fill My Cup*, brims with inspiration. Join them for a reading of their poetry and book signing event. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Children's Book Tasting Book Club Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
King's children will get together gather on the third Monday of each month for a book discussion and crafting session! Children are encouraged to come and discuss *Class Act* by Jerry Craft. Books will be available in advance for checkout. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Book Club Libuse Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Teens are invited to read *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes and come to the Libuse Branch to discuss the novel over snacks. Call 318-443-7259 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club Libuse Branch

Thursday, February 15, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Ladies meet on the third Thursday of each month for this potluck-style book club. Join us this month for a discussion of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple. Call 318-443-7259 for more information.

Cenla Authors' Club Westside Regional Library

Thursday, February 22, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
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 former Louisiana Secretary of State, Jim Brown. Hosted by Michael Wynne, the Cenla Authors' Club meets each 4th Thursday of the month. Call 318-442-2483 ext. 1901 for more information.

Sands of Time Book Club Main Branch

Friday, February 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Join this this group of history lovers on the third Friday of the month for a lively discussion of intriguing historical figures, eras and events. This month we're discussing *The Ascent of Money* by Niall Ferguson. Call 318-445-2411 ext. 1022 for more information.

Daytime Book Club Libuse Branch

Monday, February 19, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Gather for a lively daytime discussion of authors and their books every third Monday morning. This month, we're reading and discussing *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Call 318-443-7259 for more information.

Come Write In! Main Library

Tuesday, February 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. Call 318-445-2411 ext. 1022 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club Robertson Branch

Thursday, February 29, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Join the Christian Fiction Book Club on the last Thursday of each month to read and discuss favorite Christian and historical fiction. This month's selection is *Engraved on the Heart* by Tara Johnson. Call 318-640-3098 for more information.

Robertson Book Club Robertson Branch

Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
The Robertson Book Club meets each last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm and is facilitated by Sonya Jeter. This month we are reading *Obsession* by Stuart Woods. Call 318-640-3098 for more information.



Programs for All Ages

Grab-N-Go: Love Birds Paper Art Hineston Branch

Saturday, February 3, During Open Hours
Create a dove or pigeon paper art project. The Available while supplies last. Call 318-793-8461 for more information.

Grab-N-Go: Valentine Day Windsock Johnson Branch

Wednesday, February 14, During Open Hours
Stop in and create your Valentine Windsock or take one with you. The kits will be available until supplies run out. Call 318-776-5153 for more information.

Mardi Gras Children's Parade Downtown Alexandria

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am
Come see the Rapides Parish Library float in it's annual appearance at the City of Alexandria Children's Mardi Gras Parade! Enjoy the festivities and catch some great throws courtesy of the Friends of the Rapides Parish Library!

No-Sew Fleece Pillow

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, February 3, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Saturday, February 17, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
You don't need to be able to sew to make a fun pillow! Using scissors and tying knots makes the pillow. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

What is Your Dream and Why?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, February 1, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
This is your month. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of a dream that sits in the heart of many. Turn in a short paragraph telling us how he or someone else in your life inspired your dream with a photo. We will display them the entire month. The one with the most votes will win a gift card. This will run the whole month of February. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Heart Rock Painting

Hineston Branch
Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, February 17, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Saturday, February 24, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Creating an individual heart rock with our painting supplies while they last. Call 318-793-8461 for more information.

Spring Seeds with LSU-Ag Center's Molly Lyles

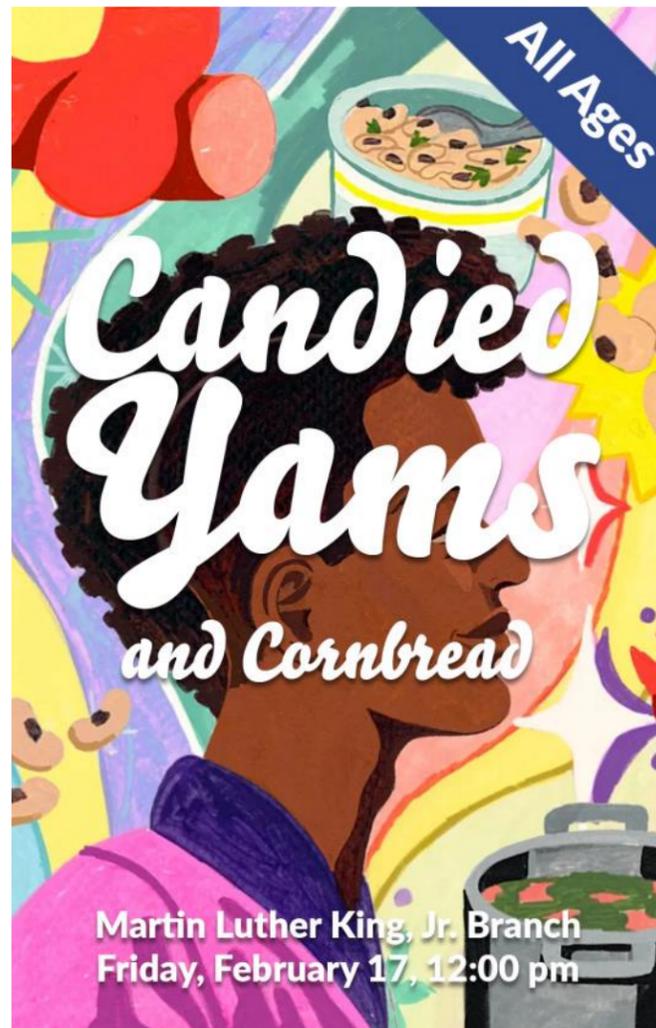
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 am
Main Library
Monday, February 19, 10:00 am
Get a head start with your spring planting with Molly Lyles of the LSU-Ag Center. Bring your seeds and/or plants to swap with your fellow gardeners afterwards. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

For the Love of Food!

Main Library
Monday, February 5, 5:30 pm
Chef Rodney Watts of 2 Reign Catering cares deeply about his food and uses quality ingredients, some of them brought in from New Orleans! Join us for his famous Shrimp and Grits. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Candied Yams and Cornbread

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, February 17, 12:00 pm
Rosa Metoyer and Sylvia Davis will share stories in honor of Black History Month. The program will include a storytelling contest featuring young storytellers telling stories they prepared. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.



AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

Robertson Branch
Monday, February 5, 10:00 am
318-640-3098

Main Library
Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am
318-445-2411

J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 am
318-748-4848

Libuse Branch
Friday, February 16, 10:00 am
318-443-7259

Westside Regional Library
Thursday, February 8, 10:00 am
318-442-2483

Johnson Branch
Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 am
318-776-5153

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am
318-793-5954

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, February 26, 10:00 am
318-445-3912

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Genealogy Research Programs

Rebels, Rogues, Royals, and Renegades: An Ancestry Heritage Exploration

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, February 9, 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. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-793-5954 for more information.

African American Genealogy

Main Branch
Friday, February 23, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Patricia Boone from the Alexandria Genealogical Library will be giving a lecture about African American genealogy. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.



Adult Painting Programs

Valentine Bike Painting

Westside Regional Library

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, February 6, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join library staff as we paint a canvas painting to celebrate Valentine's Day. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call branch you plan to attend for more information.

Art Is Life!

Main Library

Thursday, February 1, 10:00 am

Monday, February 12, 10:00 am

Monday, February 26, 5:30 pm

Learn various acrylic painting techniques during this class led by Alice McBride. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Mardi Gras Gator Painting

Westside Regional Library

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

Tuesday, February 27, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join library staff as we paint a canvas painting to celebrate the Mardi Gras season. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Crafting 101: Black History Month

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, February 8, 10:00 am

In honor of Black History Month, let us craft together and talk about what this history means to you. You must know where you were to understand how far you have come to realize where you need to go. Socialize and create your very own black history stained glass. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Gnome Painting

Johnson Branch

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Join library staff as we paint a St. Patrick's Day Gnome. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call branch you plan to attend for more information.

Sip-N-Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 26, 5:00 pm

Our very own, Ms. Mary R., graces us with her artistic talents. Join us for a night of good times and good art. You don't have to be a Picasso painter to bring out the artist in you. Registration is required as space is limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Basics of Drawing with Lea Ryder Thomas

Main Library

Monday, February 12, 1:00 pm

Come learn the basics of drawing in this beginner's class led by Lea Ryder Thomas. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 am

Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 am

Let your creativity flow during this watercolor class led by Lea Ryder Thomas. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Artist of the Month: Fannietta Johnson

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, February 8, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join our Cenla Artist of the Month Fannietta Johnson to create a lush Louisiana landscape using color blending techniques with acrylic paint on canvas.

Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.



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Poetry & Inspiration

with Stephanie and Bennie Kirk



Cenla Authors
of the Month

Monday, February 12 @ 1:00

Martin L. King Jr. Library, 1115 Broadway Ave. (318) 445-3912



Children's Programs

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

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

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

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

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

Children can come and learn something new every Tuesday! There will be a book about a different topic and a craft or activity to go along with it! Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

February Candy Crafts

Libuse Branch

Monday, February 12, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Kids are invited to spend their time off from school at the Libuse Branch library creating a couple of different seasonal necklaces and Hershey Kisses bling rings for Valentine's Day. Call 318-443-7259 for more information.

Skin is Beautiful Wreath

Johnson Branch

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

Stop in and create your unique Skin is Beautiful Wreath. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-776-5153 for more information.

Mardi Gras Children's Parade

Downtown Alexandria

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am

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Heart Rock Painting

Hineston Branch

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 17, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, February 24, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Creating an individual heart rock with our painting supplies while they last. Call 318-793-8461 for more information.

Children's Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

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Teen Programs

Black History Trivia

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, February 8, 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, February 15, 3:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Friday, February 23, 3:00 pm

Come test your knowledge (and possibly learn more) about Black History! Prizes will be given to the best individual (or team) who does the best. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Anime Club

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Are you into Anime? Teens come in to the McDonald branch to join our Anime Club! We will talk about what anime characters would win in certain battles while doing an anime craft! Refreshments are provided! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-748-4848 for more information.

Bath Bomb Building Bonanza

Libuse Branch

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am (Kids)

Saturday, February 3, 1:00 pm (Teens)

Westside Regional

Tuesday, February 6, 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Monday, February 12, 2:30 pm

Martin Library

Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, February 15, 3:30 pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Branch

Monday, February 19, 4:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, February 20, 4:00 pm

Come build your own bath bombs in this cool DIY program! Learn the tips and techniques to do it on your own at home and go home with your own bath bombs! Registration required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Hearts Overflowing

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Come with us and make a heart-inspired canvas painting. Reservations are needed. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Hang Out Day

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, February 22, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens come in to the McDonald branch to meet up, hang out, enjoy some refreshments, play some games and maybe make some new friends! From Wii to Nintendo Switch, we have it all. Call 318-748-4848 for more information.

Teen Cuisine Cook Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, February 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 Rotel Dip. The recipe will be available as well. Reservations are needed. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Mental Health Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, February 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 learn the differences between healthy relationships and toxic relationships! Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.



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Teen

DIY Bath Bombs

Libuse Branch - Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am (Kids)

Libuse Branch - Saturday, February 3, 1:00 pm (Teens)

Westside Regional - Tuesday, February 6, 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch - Monday, February 12, 2:30 pm

Martin Library - Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 pm

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Children's & Teen Programs

Mosaic Hearts

Johnson Branch

Thursday, February 8, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Robertson Branch

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

This Valentine's art project uses patterned paper and other art supplies to create a multimedia mosaic heart. Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Mardi Gras Mask

Westside Regional Library

Monday, February 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library

Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join Rapides Parish Library staff in creating a DIY Mardi Gras mask! Call the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Using TinkerCad for Minecraft

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, February 13, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Learn to use TinkerCad to build Minecraft designs. This is a beginner class. The class is for children 10 and up. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-748-4848 for more information.

Alexandria Garden Club Kids Program

Westside Regional Library

Monday, February 12, 1:00 pm

The Alexandria Garden Club Players present the *Wartville Wizard*, a lesson in litter. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Up-Cycled Bird Feeder

Libuse Branch

Thursday, February 15, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join Rapides Parish Library staff to create a bird feeder from up-cycled household objects and almond butter. Peanut Butter *will not* be used for this activity. Call 318-442-7575 for more information.

Soar High with Harriet Tubman Suncatcher

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, February 28, 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Stop in and create your very own Soar High with Harriet Tubman Suncatcher. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-776-5153 for more information.

Paper Mardi Gras Mask

Johnson Branch

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

Create your unique Mardi Gras mask! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-776-5153 for more information.

Valentine Cookie Decorating

J.W. McDonald Branch

Wednesday, February 14, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Kids and teens get to join us on Valentine's Day to decorate their very own cookie. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-748-4848 for more information.

Homemade Valentine's Cards

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come in and craft a homemade Valentine's card just in time for Valentine's Day. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Home School Art: Clementine Hunter's Zinnias

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, February 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join Rapides Parish Library staff to create an art project inspired by Clementine Hunter's *Zinnias*. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-442-2483 for more information.

Black History Month Paper Quilt Patches

Johnson Branch

Thursday, February 1, During Open Hours

Stop in during the month of February and create your one of a kind patch for our Black History Month Paper Quilt. Call 318-776-5153 for more information.

Scratch Coding I: Introduction to Scratch

Robertson Branch

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

Scratch is a visual programming language created by the MIT Media Lab in 2007. Its drag-and-drop interface with colorful blocks makes it one of the most intuitive programming languages to learn. Unlike traditional programming languages like Python where the coder must write out the code, Scratch empowers young people and adults alike to easily build interactive games and programs by connecting code blocks together. This program is sponsored by STEM Region 6. Call 318-640-3098 for more information.

Scratch Coding II: Intermediate Scratch

Main Library

Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Continue to learn Scratch in this intermediate class designed to build on Scratch skills learned in the first class or previous knowledge. Unlike traditional programming languages like Python where the coder must write out the code, Scratch empowers young people and adults alike to easily build interactive games and programs by connecting code blocks together. This program is sponsored by STEM Region 6. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

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Computer Classes



CLASS SCHEDULE

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

Beginning Microsoft Word	Libuse Branch Friday, February 2 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basic functions of the office button and ribbon environment. Create a simple document and learn how to cut, copy & paste, spell check, format fonts and colors, etc.
Windows 11	King Branch Tuesday, February 6 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Take a look at the new Windows 11 operating system. Learn about the new features offered by the new system and how to navigate it.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Hineston Branch Wednesday, February 7 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create macros and other shortcuts, work with the header and footer, page numbers, tabs, and tables. Look at ways to enhance a document using text boxes and word art.
Beginning Internet	Martin Library Monday, February 12 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Westside Library Tuesday, February 13 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to make using Excel easier.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Johnson Branch Friday, February 23 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting, and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed
Google Sheets	Robertson Branch Monday, February 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 account required.
Microsoft Publisher	McDonald Branch Wednesday, February 28 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.