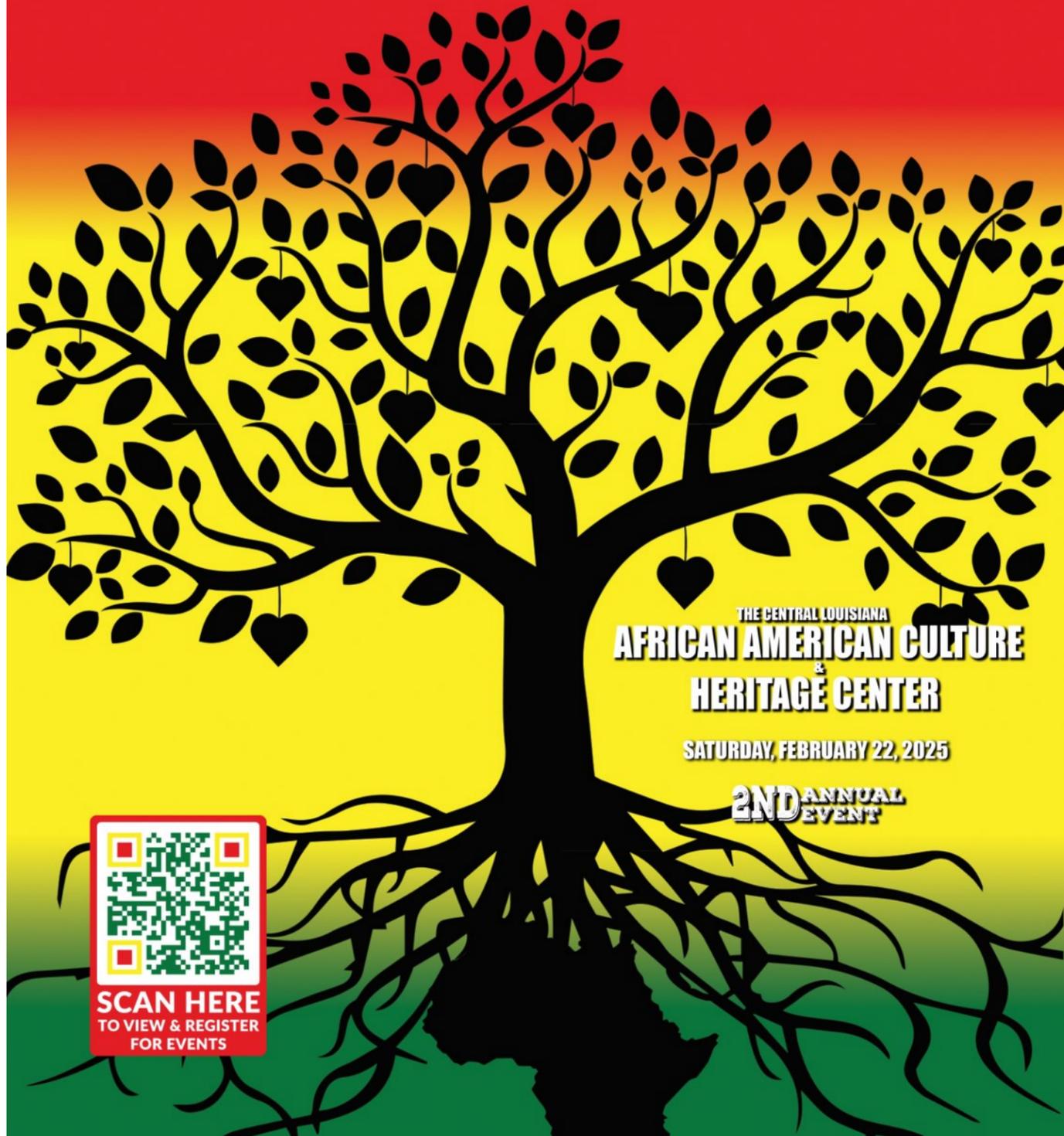




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EVENT GUIDE

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THE CENTRAL LOUISIANA
**AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE
&
HERITAGE CENTER**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

**2ND ANNUAL
EVENT**



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THE CENTRAL LOUISIANA **AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER**

EACH OTHER'S HARVEST:
FOSTERING COMMUNITY & APPLAUDING ACHIEVEMENT

**2ND ANNUAL
EVENT**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

AT 11:00 AM AT THE

RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH

1115 BROADWAY AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA, LA 71302

PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO 318-445-3912 BY FEB. 8TH.

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, February 4, 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 *Swamp Spies* by Jana DeLeon. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, February 10, 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 *One Perfect Couple* by Ruth Ware. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Tasting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 10, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tweens and Teens are encouraged to read *Jaden Powers and the Inheritance Magic* by Jamar J. Perry for a small session of talking about the book. *Jaden Powers and the Inheritance Magic* by Jamar J. Perry is available as a physical novel at the branch. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on every second Tuesday and discover, read, and discuss books by African American Authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *The Message* by Ta-Nahesi Coates. Book Club books are available upon request. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids' are invited to read *Max and the Midnighters* by Lincoln Peirce and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, February 17, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *The Story Collector* by Evie Woods and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read *Nowhere Better Than Here* by

Sarah Guillory and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Children Book Tasting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children are encouraged to read *A Place To Shine* by Marie Arnold for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. *A Place to Shine* by Marie Arnold will be able to pick up at the branch. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, February 20, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies are invited to read *Distant Skies: An American Journey on Horseback* by Melissa A. Priblo Chapman 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.

Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library

Friday, February 21, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Time to uncover some mysteries! Our next adventure awaits in the pages of *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, February 25, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Robertson Book Club meets each last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 and is facilitated by Sonya Jeter. This month we're reading *Love and Whiskey* by Fawn Weaver. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

18 to 80 Book Club

Martin Library

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Join the Martin Branch Library for a multi-generational book club on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30PM. This month we will be discussing "The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid as always bring your suggestions for the rest of the year. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, February 25, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

Hone your writing skills in this monthly creative writing session! Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on an existing project of their own, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Cenla Authors' Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, February 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Cenla Authors' Club is open to authors and writers of all levels and genres, and anyone interested in learning more about the book-writing process, even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month's speakers will be Hayley Johnson and Sarah Simms. They will tell the true story taken from their new book on Camp Livingston of the WWII internment camp experience there, including the

All Ages Programs

Crafty Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come in to enjoy a time to craft and be creative. There will be plenty of supplies from which to choose. Sometimes there will be guided crafts, other times it will be crafter choice. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Library Lovers Month

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, February 4-28, During Open Hours

Stop in at Johnson Library throughout the month of February in celebration Library Lovers Month. Take a picture with your favorite book or section while you are here and tell us why you love the library. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Candied Yams & Cornbread

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, February 8, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Join master storytellers, Rosa Metoyer and Sylvia Davis for one of the favorite annual programs at RPL as we share stories in honor of Black History Month! Be ready and prepared to join our storytelling contest featuring young storytellers telling stories you prepare yourself! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Plant and Seed Swap

Westside Regional Library

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

Molly Lyles will give a talk about spring plants! Lisa Delaney from Seeds 4 Trees will be there, too! Too Big for your Space, Plants you just don't want, Plants that have been thinned, Roots intact, Babies with roots! Drop off plants at 10:00 and stay to browse books! Pick up a new plant before you leave! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Wednesday, February 26, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Unlock your tech potential with Basic Computer Training

Kohara family of Alexandria. Another "don't miss" meeting. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, February 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Gather to discuss favorite Christian and historical novels with us on the third Thursday of each month. This month, we'll discuss *Of Love and Treason* by Jamie Ogle. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

class. Every other Wednesday, you will gain confidence and create personal and professional possibilities with new or improved computer skills. This is 1-on-1 tutoring for any basic level computer skills questions you have, such as sending a text, using a mouse and keyboard, etc. For more specific training in Microsoft programs, please check out our other Computer Classes! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Valentine's Day Buttons

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Make a special keepsake for yourself or your special Valentine! Young or old, all are welcome to stop by and make a button to wear or give on Valentine's Day. All materials provided! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Author of the Month: Ronald Ray Veal

Johnson Branch

Friday, February 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

RPL's Artist of the Month for February is Ronald Ray Veal. Ronald is an artist of many different formats including hand drawing, painting, computer graphics and clay sculpting. Ronald will host two separate hands-on artist sessions. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

African American Culture & Heritage Center Honors

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, February 22, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Coming into fruition a year ago, the African American Culture & Heritage Center was created to honor the past so that we could inspire the future. The theme for the 2nd Annual Induction into the African American Culture & Heritage Center is "Each Other's Harvest: Fostering Community and Applauding Achievement". Join us as we celebrate the handiwork and contributions of individuals whose harvest continues to bear fruit for the community in which they were born, raised and have served so diligently. If you missed last year's event, you definitely don't want to miss this year! A time of culture excellence and immense pride flows from wall to wall as we celebrate and honor the fruits of labor with the latest unveiling. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



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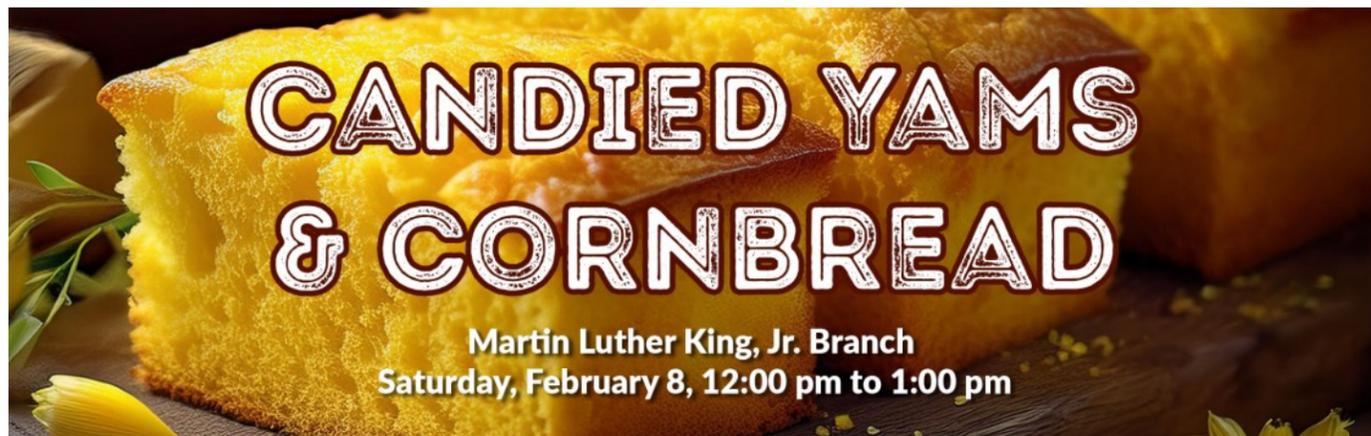
OF THE MONTH

Ronald Ray Veal

Artist of the Month
Ronald Ray Veal

Johnson Branch
Friday, February 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



CANDIED YAMS & CORNBREAD

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, February 8, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm



Grab-N-Go

King Masquerade

Get Your Mask On!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
February 24-28, During Open Hours

Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

We Dream at King... Community Vision Board

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

February 1-28, During Open Hours

It's Black History Month! Come by and share your dream! Add your art and/or words to the Community Vision Board at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch! Inspire yourself and others to cultivate their dreams! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Heart Mobile Kit

Hineston Branch

February 1-28, During Open Hours

Grab-n-Go Craft Heart Mobile. Kits are available during regular business hours, while supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Black History Month Advent Calendar

Martin Library

February 1-28, During Open Hours

Celebrate Black History Month with our inspiring Advent Calendar, designed to honor the wisdom and contributions of influential Black figures throughout history. Each day of February, unveil a powerful quote from renowned activists, artists, scientists, and leaders who have shaped our world. From the poetic words of Maya Angelou to the revolutionary spirit of Malcolm X, each quote will encourage reflection and dialogue, highlighting the richness of Black culture and the ongoing struggle for justice and equality. Perfect for individuals, families, or classrooms, this calendar serves as a daily reminder of the resilience and brilliance of the Black community. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Black Author Bookmarks

Martin Library

February 1-28, During Open Hours

Celebrate the literary legacy of Black History Month with our special bookmarks honoring four iconic authors: Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Langston Hughes, and Frederick Douglass. Each bookmark features a beautiful portrait of the author alongside a memorable quote that captures their profound impact on literature and culture. These bookmarks are perfect for readers of all ages, serving as a daily reminder of the brilliance and contributions of these literary giants. Celebrate their birthdays and their enduring influence throughout Black History Month! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Coffee, Color and Chill

Libuse Branch

Saturday, February 8, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

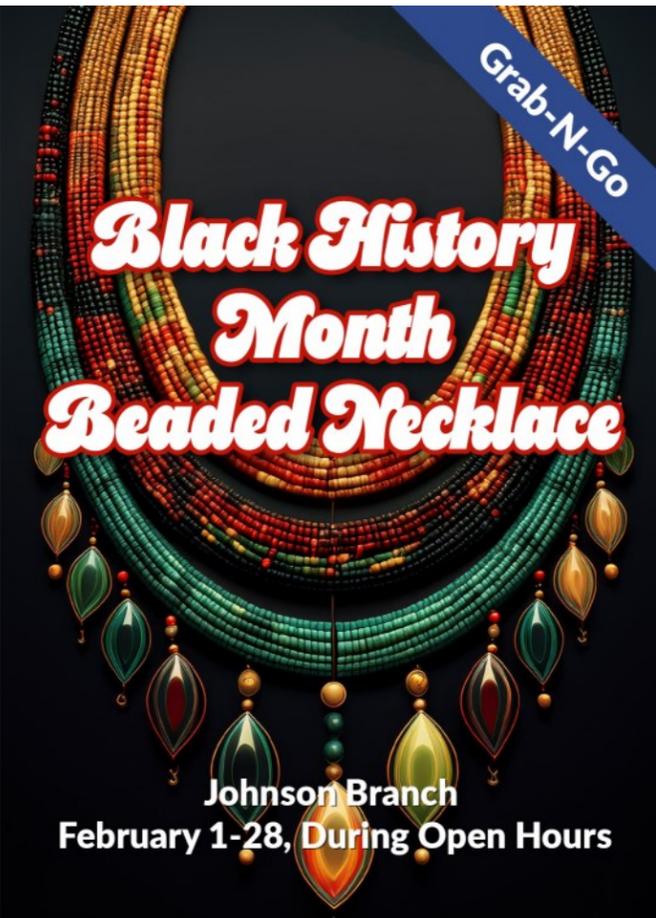
Patrons of all ages are welcome to come by the Libuse Branch between 9:30 and 11 AM to relax with a coloring page and a warm beverage. Celebrate the great indoors with a quiet library morning sipping coffee or tea and a winter themed coloring page. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

King Masquerade - Get Your Mask On!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

February 24-28, During Open Hours

Channel your creative energy and learn about a different culture! In some African cultures, masks are used to celebrate special occasions. They may also signify your role in the community. So come and make your own mask and design to fit your style and personality. Crafting Kits available from Feb. 24 through Feb. 28 or while supplies last! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Black History Month Beaded Necklace

Johnson Branch

February 1-28, During Open Hours

Stop by the Johnson branch throughout the month of February and pick up a Black History Month Beaded Necklace grab-n-go kit, while supplies last. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Valentine Heart Frame Kit

Hineston Branch

February 1-28, During Open Hours

Grab-n-Go Craft Picture Frame heart kits. Take a picture frame and garnish it with all kinds of hearts for a loved one. Kits are available during regular opening hours, while supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Children's Programs



Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

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

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

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

Tuesday, February 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! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Creative Discovery Wednesdays

Martin Library

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

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

Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us every Wednesday at the library for Creative Discovery Wednesdays—a dynamic afternoon filled with fun, learning, and imagination! This engaging event offers a mix of activities to spark creativity and curiosity. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Children Craft Zone

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, February 11, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come make a Traffic Light craft and learn about the Black History hero and inventor of the traffic light, Garrett Morgan! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Fairy Dough

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, February 11, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Fairy Dough is made with simple household ingredients, and is fun for all ages. It is super soft and great for your little ones fine motor skills. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Chocolate Olympics

Libuse Branch

Friday, February 14, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Come test your skills and eat some chocolate while doing it! At our Chocolate Olympics, we will have challenging relay races, daring confectionery feats, and marvelous tasks against a shrinking clock! This after-hours program is sure to bring a lot of laughs and memories to your family. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Saturday in the Library

Martin Library

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us at the library for an exciting day of creativity and fun designed just for kids. Dive into a world of crafts, games, and interactive activities that will spark your imagination and keep you entertained. Bring your friends and family for a Saturday full of laughter, learning, and lasting memories. Don't miss out on the fun – stop by on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10-11am. You never know what the Martin Branch Library staff will have waiting for you! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

Life-Sized Pac-Man

Martin Library

Thursday, January 30, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Outsmart your friends in our life-sized Pac-Man game! Collect all of the coins to win a prize, or, if you are a ghost, block the Pac-Man from gaining all the coins. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Kid Librarian

Martin Library

February 1-28, All Month Long During Open Hours

One kid librarian is drawn per month to curate a display in the Martin Library Kids Area. Create a display of your favorite books! Children are welcome to pull books for their display from anywhere in the Kids sections! We encourage the kid librarian to write up a review a short summary or tell us why you liked it and have your photo taken with your display. Come to the circulation desk to fill out a form and we'll contact you when your name is drawn! Contact 318-772-7575 for more information.

Rock Expo

Libuse Branch

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Children)

Saturday, February 1, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)

Main Library

Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

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

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Hineston Branch

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 10, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Martin Library

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Johnson Branch

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Kids! Learn all about the rocks you love to collect! We will be bringing stones that you can touch and feel yourself and talk about the ways that they are formed. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Let's Make a Hope Jar!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

As Dr. King once said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." In honor of these words and in celebration of Black History month, we will decorate a plastic jar and fill it with hopeful, joyful, and encouraging quotes and ideas that we can pull from whenever we need a spark of light. Materials and paper with quotes will be provided. If you would like to bring your own page of quotes to cut out, you are more than welcome! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL

digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Create Your Own Valentine's Day Cards!

Robertson Branch

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, February 6, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join us at the library for a creative and fun Valentine's Day card-making event! Children and teens are invited to design and craft their very own personalized Valentine's Day cards, perfect for giving to friends, family, or anyone special! Whether you're crafting a heartfelt note, a funny message, or a colorful design, this event is the perfect opportunity to get crafty and spread some love. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

DIY Mardi Gras Mask

Johnson Branch

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

Stop by Johnson Library and create your one of a kind DIY Mardi Gras Mask with Mr. Ronald Veal. Learn how the mask is created and how to mix your paints for that unique look. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Ojos de Dios

Main Library

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

Come join us to make a Ojos de Dios! Ojos de Dios, which translates to "Eye of God" in Spanish, is a ritual object and cultural symbol that originated with the Huichol people of Mexico. The Huichol people believed that Ojos de Dios protected them and brought good luck. The center of the object represented the sun and the power to see and understand things that are normally unseen. The ends of the sticks represented the four elements and the four cardinal directions. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

STEM at the Library: Snowstorm in a Jar

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, February 11, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, February 19, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Thursday, February 20, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join us for a winter wonderland science experiment where kids will create their very own snowstorm — right inside a jar! In this fun and hands-on activity, we'll explore how snowstorms form, how snowflakes fall, and the science behind winter weather. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

ROCK EXPO

Children & Teen

Libuse Branch
Saturday, February 1, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Children)
Saturday, February 1, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)

Main Library
Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
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Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Thursday, February 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children's & Teen Programs

Gee's Bend Paper Quilt

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 17, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, February 18, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Martin Library

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

This Black History Month art project was inspired by the women of Gee's Bend, who live in a small and remote black community in Alabama. When the women of this small town began quilting in the 19th century, it arose only from a physical need for warmth. However, over the years they have been credited for actually reinvented of the art form by making hundreds of quilts considered by many to be masterpieces. Quilts from Gee's Bend have been exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and others. In 2006, the U.S. Postal Service even issued ten commemorative stamps featuring images of Gee's Bend quilts. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Life-Sized Pac-Man

Robertson Branch

Monday, February 17, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Outsmart your friends in our life-sized Pac-Man game! Collect all of the coins to win a prize, or, if you are a ghost,

block the Pac-Man from gaining all the coins. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

African Mask Painting

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

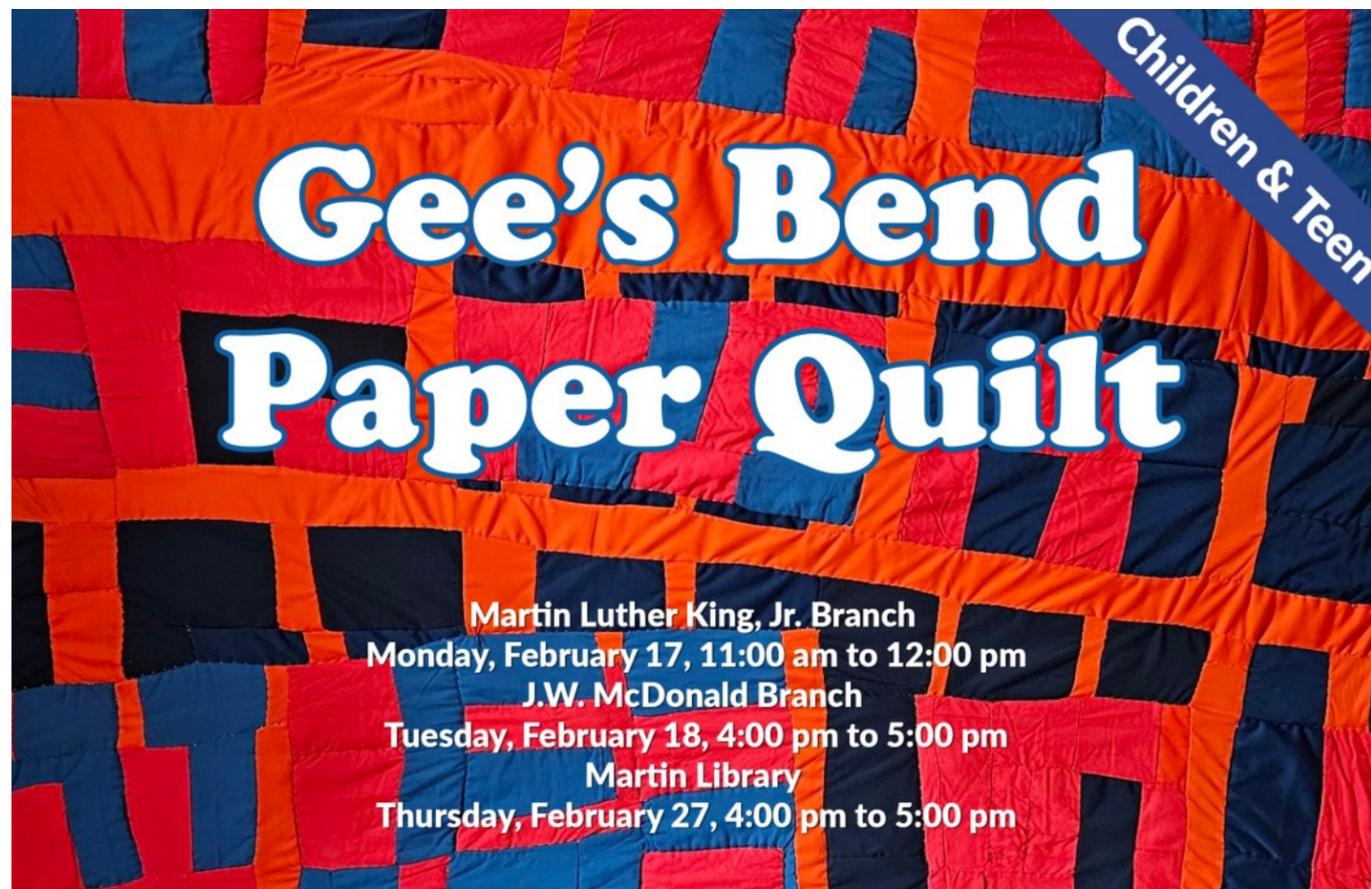
Come paint an African mask with our Artist of the Month Ronald Ray Veal. Ronald is an artist of many different formats including hand drawing, painting, computer graphics, and clay sculpting. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Home School Art: Paint Like Alma Woodsey Thomas

Westside Regional Library

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

In this fun, hands-on art program, children will explore the colorful world of abstract painting inspired by the works of Alma Woodsey Thomas, an African American artist known for her vibrant, geometric patterns and expressive use of color. Through guided activities and art-making, kids will learn to express emotions and stories through abstract art, while gaining an understanding of how color, shape, and repetition can communicate meaning. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Teen Programs

Teen Craft Scene

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Teens and Tweens are encouraged to come in and create a faux stained-glass artwork inspired by Black History Month! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Mario Kart

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, February 7, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Teens come out and put your racing skills to the test and play Mario Kart. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Teens Can...

Westside Regional Library

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

Teens Can... Have fun with friends making beautiful art at the Westside Regional Library. Come by and make a mini themed diamond art piece! We will have snacks! Join us on the first Friday of the month! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Light-Up Mardi Gras Mask

Main Library

Tuesday, February 11, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, February 26, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

In this engaging and hands-on STEM program, participants will combine the art of mask-making with the technology of electronics to create their own unique, light-up Mardi Gras masks. Using the LilyPad Sewable Electronics Kit, kids and teens will learn the basics of both sewing and electronics as they design and build a mask that lights up.

This program is for children and teens 11 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Valentine Sculpture Painting

Johnson Branch

Friday, February 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Come make a Valentine's Sculpture Painting with our Artist of the Month Ronald Ray Veal. Ronald is an artist of many different formats including hand drawing, painting, computer graphics, and clay sculpting. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, February 14, 11:00 am to 12:00 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 spooky Jalapeño Pepper Bites! The recipe will be available as well. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

What's Your Game: Teen Edition

Johnson Branch

Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

What's your game? Come show us your skills at playing board games and card games (Monopoly, checkers, Spades, etc.) A chance to have fun, hang out or meet new friends. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Computer Classes

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

Beginning Microsoft Excel	King Branch Tuesday, February 4 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Hineston Branch Wednesday, February 5 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.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Libuse Branch Friday, February 7 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.
Windows 11	Martin Library Monday, February 10 10:00 am to 11:00 am	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	Westside Library Tuesday, February 11 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	Boyce Branch Thursday, February 13 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Beginning Internet	McDonald Branch Tuesday, February 18 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Google Sheets	Main Library Monday, February 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.
Google Sheets	Main Library Wednesday, February 19 9:00 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.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Robertson Branch Monday, February 24 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Johnson Branch Friday, February 28 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.

Adults & Teen Programs

Roses in a Vase Painting

Libuse Branch

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

Teens and adults are invited to come paint some roses in a vase at the Libuse Branch Library. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

D&D Fridays

Main Library

Friday, February 14, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday, February 28, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Dive into fantasy realms, battle monsters, and embark on epic quest with friends every other Friday at the Main Library on Washington Street. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Heartfelt Flicks

Martin Library

Friday, February 14, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us for a Heartfelt Flicks Night at Martin Library on February 14th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM! Celebrate Valentine's Day with a screening of a beloved romcom film, complete with popcorn and refreshments. After the movie, engage in a fun discussion about themes of love and relationships, and test your knowledge with trivia for a chance to win prizes. Bring a friend, or come solo—everyone is welcome! Don't miss this chance to enjoy a night of romance and connection in your community. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Adult Painting Programs

Roses in a Vase Painting

Libuse Branch

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

Adults are invited to come paint some roses in a vase at the Libuse Branch Library. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

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

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Johnson Branch

Thursday, February 20, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Join our library's painting class and unlock your creativity! Led by an experienced instructor, you'll learn techniques and styles suitable for all levels. Connect with fellow art enthusiasts and enjoy a supportive environment. Come unleash your inner artist with us! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

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

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

Let your creativity flow during this watercolor class led by Lea Ryder Thomas. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Art is Life!

Main Library

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

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

Monday, February 24, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Learn various acrylic painting techniques during this class led by local artist Alice McBride. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Sip-N-Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 24, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

It's your time to shine. Our very own, Mary Roberts has brought your passion to life all year. She has allowed us to paint the social picture perfect through various art. This a worry free, kid free, no judgement zone artistry class that will socialize the night away. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. 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.

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Mardi Gras Earrings

Robertson Branch
Monday, February 3, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
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Main Library
Thursday, February 6, 12:30 am to 2:30 pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, February 10, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
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Libuse Branch
Monday, February 17, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, February 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adult Programs

Self Care Saturday

Martin Library

Saturday, February 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.

Color Me Chill

Hineston Branch

Saturday, February 1, During Open Hours

Adults, treat yourself to an oasis of relaxation and creativity! Come color and chill with us anytime you want! Need a break? Come in and relax and get one our Color Me Chill coloring packs available at the Customer Service Desk. Packs are not for check out and for in-library use only. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

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Join us at your favorite branch for a festive craft program where we'll transform loose beads into unique Mardi Gras earrings personalized just for you! You'll design and create your own one-of-a-kind earrings that capture the spirit of the season. Perfect for beginners and seasoned crafters alike, this workshop promises a fun, creative experience you won't want to miss! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

For the Love of Food!

Main Library

Monday, February 3, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Audience favorite Dianne Lundy returns to the library demonstration stage with her go-to easy recipes that anyone can make! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Let's Make a Hope Jar!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

As Dr. King once said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." In honor of these words and in celebration of Black History month, we will decorate a glass jar and fill it with hopeful, joyful, and encouraging quotes and ideas that we can pull from whenever we need a spark of light. Materials and paper with quotes will be provided. If you would like to bring your own page of quotes to cut out, you are more than welcome! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

How To's Day

Martin Library

Tuesday, February 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Unlock your creativity and master new skills at How To's Day! This hands-on program is perfect for adults eager to explore the world of DIY crafts and Cricut machines. Join us for an engaging workshop where you'll learn to use a Cricut machine, dive into a variety of crafting techniques, and bring your unique ideas to life. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a complete beginner - we will learn and explore together. Take this opportunity to enhance your crafting skills and connect with fellow DIYers "See you at How To's Day"! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 10, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Communities have many men and women who sacrificed for the country and their families. In partnership with Anthony Elie, veterans come together to share resources available to them and in supporting one another, they work towards a better quality of life. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Traditional Masks

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Come join us and celebrate a vibrant exploration of tradition and history by doing a simple craft. Learn something that captures the roots of existence in a festive and whimsical way by making traditional masks! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Westside Fit

Westside Regional Library

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

Thursday, February 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.

Adult Programs

Beaded Dragonfly Craft

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, February 18, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Whether you're a crafting expert or a playful creator, turn wire and beads into charming dragonflies to hang and admire! Join us in reminiscing about a beautiful summer with this delightful activity! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Let the Good Times Roll! At King, there's always a reason to celebrate... YOU! Join your peers as we beautify an object to add cheer to your crafty collection. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Recipe Swap

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, February 21, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

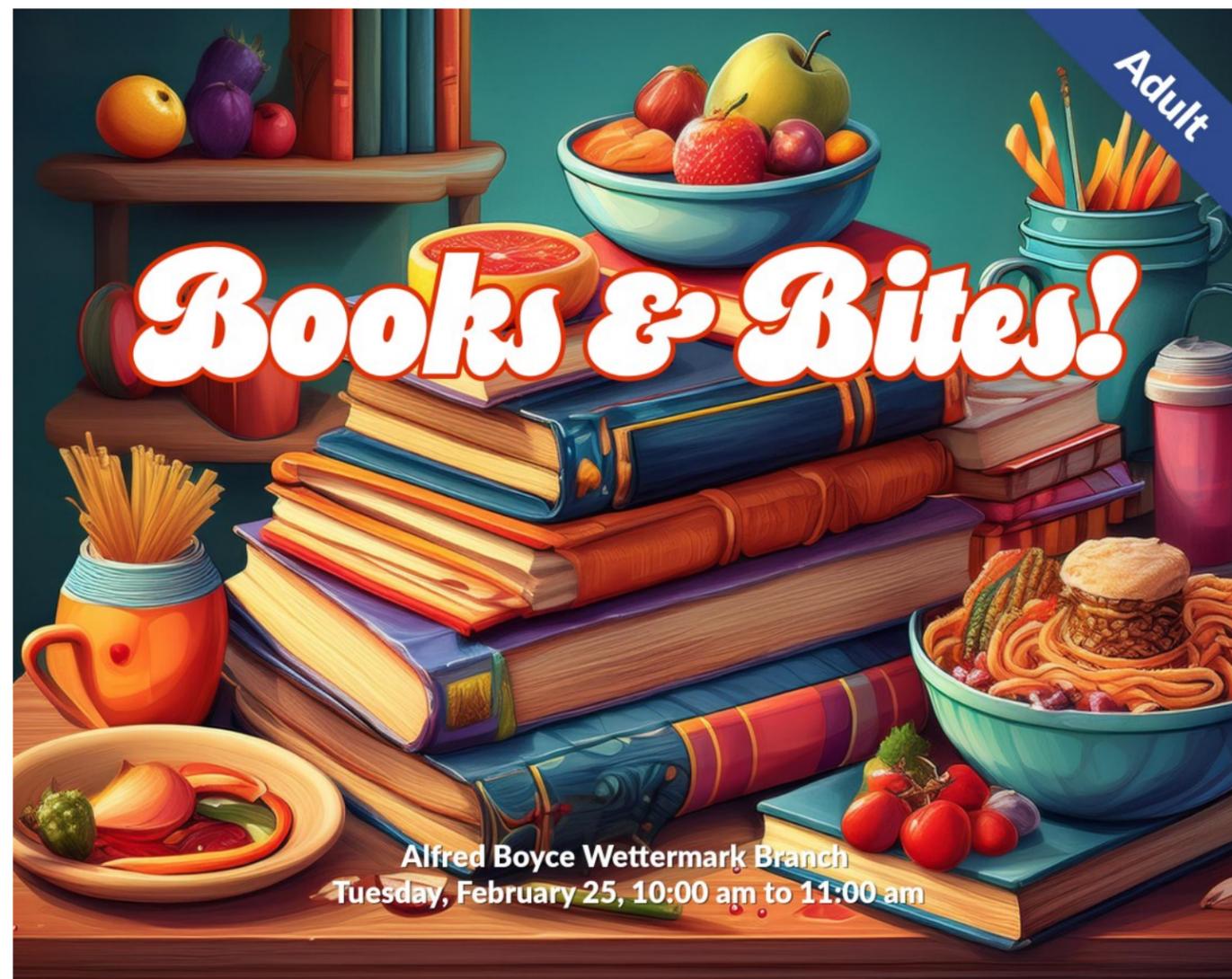
Do you have a recipe that everyone loves? Bring your dish that everyone loves and the recipe. Everyone there will have a taste, and then we will swap recipes. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Books & Bites!

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us 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. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.



Adult Programs

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

Robertson Branch
February 3, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-640-3098

J.W. McDonald Branch
February 4, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-748-4848

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
February 11, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-793-5954

Westside Regional Library
February 13, 10:00am to 11:30am
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318-443-7259

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
February 24, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-445-3912



Genealogy Research Programs

Genealogy Club

Main Library

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

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

Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Wednesday, February 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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HINESTON, LA 71438
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WED & FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

JOHNSON BRANCH

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LECOMPTE, LA 71346
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SAT 9AM-1PM

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STORYTIME
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