



EVENT GUIDE

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

BOOK AND WRITING CLUBS

The Southern: A Book Club Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, February 3, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for book talk by Southern readers. *Killers of A Certain Age* by Deanna Rayborne is a hot thriller to cozy up with on cold winter nights. Author Deanna Rayborne has said writing is "the most fun she's ever had". Word is the resulting book is "a real killer", pun intended. Join us for a warm welcome and bright book talk in the library. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Clue Me In Hineston Branch

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

Calling all at-home detectives! Do you love mystery shows, cracking "who-done-it" cases, and basking in the glory of being right? Then join Clue Me In, Hineston's newest book club! Together, we'll dive into thrilling worlds of both fiction and non-fiction mysteries. This month we are reading *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Teen Book Club Libuse Branch

Monday, February 9, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens, sift through the layered mysteries of *The Wilde Trials* by Mackenzie Reed and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club Westside Regional Library

Monday, February 9, 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 Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Out of This World Book Club Main Library

Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Out Of This World Book Club is expanding to include all worlds! Come join us as we explore both science fiction worlds and the mystical worlds of fantasy. Each month we will pick either a sci-fi or fantasy title to read and discuss, as well as have some time to chat about what is new or upcoming, or just what you have been reading lately! This month we will join the Order of Leibowitz in the groundbreaking novel *A Canticle for Leibowitz* by Walter M. Miller. Will history repeat itself, or have we learned from our past? Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, February 10, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us on this literacy journey where we dive into taboo subjects and encourage personal and real conversations. This month we are reading *Black Girls Must Die Exhausted: a novel for grown ups* by Jayne

Allen. Books are on hand at the library. Refreshments will be served. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Kids' Book Club Libuse Branch

Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

For February's book club, kids are invited to read *A Royal Conundrum* - the first in the Misfits series by Lisa Yee. We'll discuss the book over snacks at our monthly meeting. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Daytime Book Club Libuse Branch

Monday, February 16, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *The Bette Davis Club* by Jane Lotter and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club Libuse Branch

Thursday, February 19, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies' are invited to read *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Final Chapter Martin Library

Thursday, February 19, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Love stories that keep you up at night? Join The Final Chapter, our horror and thriller book club where the only thing sharper than the twists are the readers themselves. Each month, we'll dive into chilling tales of suspense, psychological thrillers, and spine-tingling horror—from haunting classics to modern nightmares. Come ready to dissect the darkest plots, debate unforgettable villains, and share what kept you turning pages with the lights on. Warning: Not for the faint of heart. This month we're reading *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Main Mystery Book Club Main Library

Friday, February 20, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us at Main Mystery Book Club this month as we read: *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey. Copies will be available at Main Library. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

The Thread Martin Library

Tuesday, February 24, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

In The Thread, we follow the stories that bind humanity—across borders, languages, and lived experiences. Each month, we read works by authors whose voices expand our understanding of the world and our place within it. This month we're reading *Ring Shout* by P. Djeli Clark. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Robertson Book Club
Robertson Branch

Tuesday, February 24, 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. For this month, we will be discussing: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, February 24, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

Hone your writing skills in their monthly creative writing session. Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on a work-in-progress, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Cenla Author's Club
Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, February 25, 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. Each month features a presentation by a noted author plus self-publishing tips, information, and practices. Hosted by Michael Wynne, the Cenla Authors' Club meets each fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 at the Westside Regional Library. Via Zoom, Investigative reporter and author Charles Lane of Washington, D.C., author of the controversial and much admired *The Day Freedom Died; The Colfax Massacre, The Supreme Court, and The Betrayal of Reconstruction* will make his only Louisiana talk here at RPL! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Unity Bracelets
Johnson Branch

Monday, February 2 - 28, During Open Hours

Stop by the Johnson Library and pick up your grab and go kit or stay and create you very own "Unity Bracelet". While supplies last. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Loving 42
A Mother's Prayer, A Son's Journey, A Father's Strength

BOOK TALK & AUTHOR SIGNING

JAMAR L GAILES

FEBRUARY 7th, 14th & 19th

JAMAR L GAILES

Book Talk & Author Signing By Jamar Gailes

Martin Library
Saturday, February 7, 2026 11AM to 12:30PM
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, February 14, 2026 12PM to 1PM
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, February 19, 2026 5PM to 6:30PM

The Rapides Parish Library is honored to welcome Alexandria native Jamar L. Gailes for a special book talk and signing featuring his inspiring work, *Loving 42: A Mother's Prayer, A Son's Journey, A Father's Strength*. In *Loving 42*, readers embark on a powerful, chronicled journey where faith and fate collide at the intersection of life and death, offering a message of hope, resilience, and purpose. Join us to hear directly from the author as he shares the deeply personal story behind he book and reflects on faith, family, perseverance, and legacy. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet Jamar Gailes and have their books signed.

Jamar L. Gailes is a retired U.S. Armed Forces Lieutenant Colonel with 28 years of service and three tours of duty. Since retiring from the military, he has worked in federal government service or 23 years across multiple agencies. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Grambling State University, an MBA with an emphasis in Public Administration from North Central University, and a certificate in Negotiations from Harvard Law School. Actively involved in politics, nonprofit board support, community outreach, fraternity service, and mentoring, Gailes continues to give back while residing in Alexandria, Louisiana.



Reading Jamboree: Hineston's Reading Challenge

Hineston Branch

Thursday, January 1 - April 30, During Open Hours

Join the Hineston Branch for its Inaugural Reading Jamboree! From January 1 – April 30, read and track as many books as you can. Each book you read = one entry into the prize drawing. Categories for Adults, Teens, and Children. Log your books in Beanstack or let the circulation desk know, and they'll enter them for you. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Black History Month Appreciation Documentary

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Monday, February 2, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Monday, February 9, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Monday, February 16, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Monday, February 23, 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

To commemorate Black History Month, Alfred Boyce Wettermark Library is proud to present a series of award-documentary films highlighting important figures and leaders in the African American community. Join us Monday afternoons in February, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd for these documentaries, and learn about important events and people in American history. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

V-Day Wooden Sign

Hineston Branch

Saturday, February 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Come in and unleash your creativity. Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day by creating a Valentine's Day inspired wooden sign. Register in advance is

required as space is limited. Supplies are limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Mardi Gras Magic: Learn to Bake a King Cake!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, February 13, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

This is a hands-on culinary experience designed to teach participants how to bake and decorate a traditional King Cake from Scratch. Rooted in Mardi Gras traditions, the King Cake is a sweet, festive pastry known for its rich flavors, vibrant colors, and hidden surprise inside. Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Coffee, Color and Chill

Libuse Branch

Saturday, February 14, 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. The weather outside may still be frightful, but inside the library with a coffee will always be delightful. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Instrument Petting Zoo

Libuse Branch

Monday, February 16, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Curious about an instrument, but don't have anyone to ask? Or, just want to see some cool instruments up close? Come by the Libuse Branch on Monday, February 16, 2026 from 3pm-4pm to interact with a variety of instruments and learn more about them. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Movie and Popcorn: Paddington

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us for a cozy, family-friendly movie day at the library as we watch Paddington! Follow the adventures of a kind and curious bear from Peru who finds a new home with the Brown family in London. With his love of marmalade and big heart, Paddington's charming mishaps lead to laughter, friendship, and a reminder that kindness and understanding can turn anyone into part of the family. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

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

Westside Regional Library

Monday, February 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join Jennifer Duhon from the LSU AgCenter for an overview of USDA MyPlate; emphasizing variety, nutrients, and the importance of filling half the plate with fruits and vegetables. Get Moving activities included. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Landscape Plants: Bedding Plants with the LSU AgCenter

Main Library

Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for a practical session on bedding Plants. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Candied Yams and Cornbread

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, February 28, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Sylvia Davis and Rosa Metoyer are ready to come

and tell some spectacular stories for you. This is always such a special program -- you will NOT want to miss it. There will also be a small reception following. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

The Cozy Loop Club

Hineston Branch

Saturday, February 28, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Always wanted to learn basic crochet, but haven't attempted it yet? Join us at the Hineston branch to learn basic stitches and crochet techniques. Guests must bring their own crochet hooks and yarn. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Main Library

Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

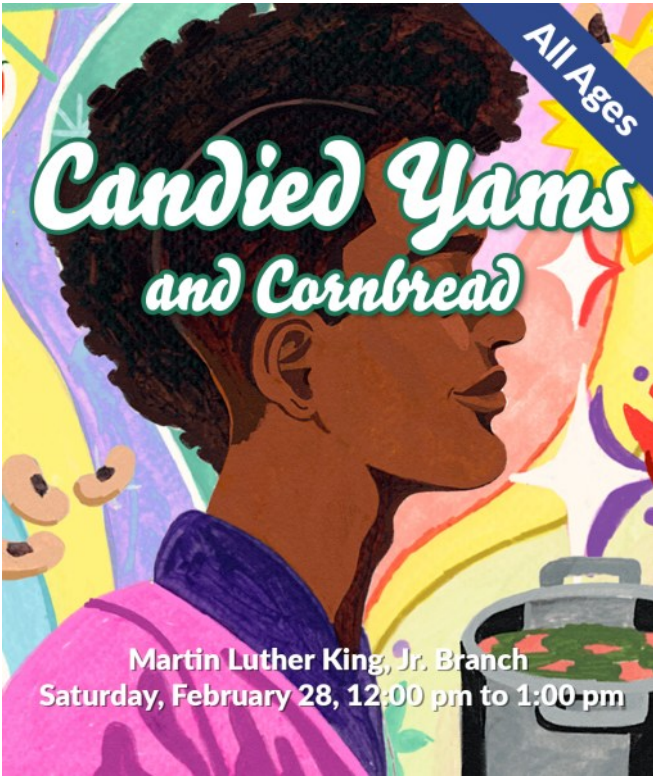


Pysanky Eggs
Libuse Branch
Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Children 10+, teens, and adults - register online to learn how to make Pysanky Eggs at the Libuse Branch. Celebrate Czech creativity with this unique class! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Color & Learn: Happy Toddlers
Hineston Branch
Monday, February 2, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Monday, February 9, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Monday, February 16, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Monday, February 23, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Watch your toddler grow and thrive as they create fun art projects that build their gross motor skills along the way! Parents join us every Monday morning for our toddler art time. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, February 3, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, February 10, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, February 17, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, February 24, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Come join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages 2-12 are welcome every Tuesday 3:30pm-4:15pm! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Creative Discovery Wednesday
Martin Library
Wednesday, February 4, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 18, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 25, 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! Designed for kids ages 8-12, this engaging event offers a mix of activities to spark creativity and curiosity. Dive into captivating stories, participate in hands-on crafts, and explore new learning experiences. Contact 318-442-



7575 for more information.

Storytime and Craft
Johnson Branch
Wednesday, February 4, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, February 18, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Story Time & Craft at Johnson Library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each Month at 3 pm. Come join us for a delightful afternoon of stories and hands-on crafts with Ms. Sophia or Mrs. Jackie. It's the perfect midweek treat for kids and families—come create, imagine, and have fun with us! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Sensational Sensory Shenanigans
Hineston Branch
Thursday, February 5, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 19, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Thursday, February 26, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Sensory play? That makes sense! Parents and kids aged 0-12, join us at Hineston every Thursday from 4 -5pm for a fun-filled afternoon overflowing with art, learning, and (most importantly) PLAY! We'll be sure to have a blast while meeting your child's sensory needs. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Thursday Morning Adventures
Hineston Branch
Thursday, February 5, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, February 12, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, February 19, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, February 26, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Join us for a magical Story Time adventure every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:00 — bring the little ones for tales, giggles, and fun! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Wiggles and Giggles Storytime
Martin Library
Friday, February 6, 10:00m am to 10:45 am
Friday, February 13, 10:00m am to 10:45 am
Friday, February 20, 10:00m am to 10:45 am
Friday, February 27, 10:00m am to 10:45 am
Wiggles & Giggles is a story time created especially for toddlers and their caregivers. Each session features short, engaging books paired with fun finger plays, rhymes, and lively movement songs that encourage little ones to wiggle, giggle, and explore. Plus, toddlers can enjoy hands-on play with sensory bins designed to spark curiosity and creativity. This playful mix of stories, music, and sensory fun helps build early literacy, motor skills, and social connections—all while having a great time together. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Saturday Craft n' Create
Robertson Branch
Saturday, February 7, 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.

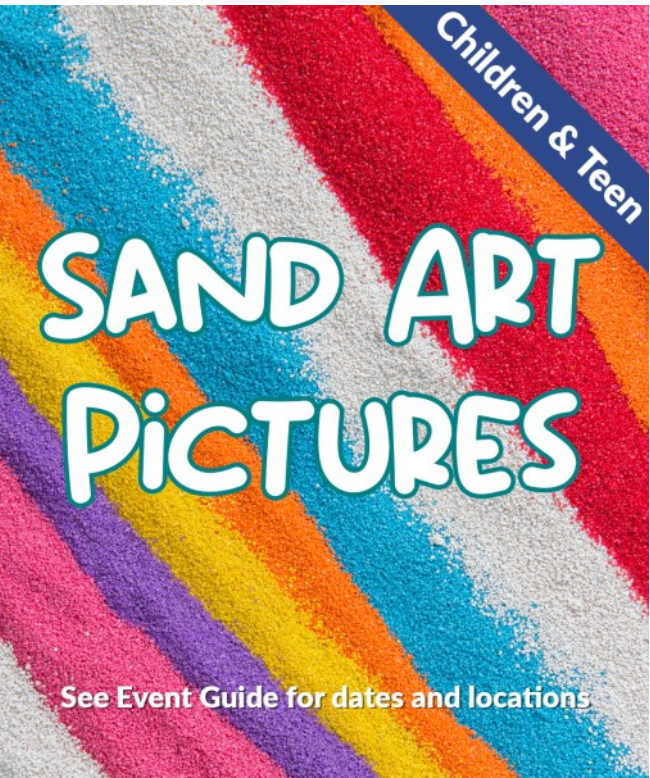
Polish & Shine: Nail Care with a Dash of Sass!
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, February 7, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Come join us for "Polish & Shine: Nail Care with a Dash of Sass! Ages 7 to 12 year olds, will learn about the importance of nail and foot care through fun activ-

ities, demonstrations, and hands-on learning. Amber Jordan, owner of Healthier Nail Care, specializes in nail care. This will be an engaging, educational, and wonderful opportunity to introduce the kids to a real-world/community role model as they learn about taking care of their nails and feet. They'll learn about healthy nails, trends in nail care, and any tips she has for children on keeping their nails and feet in tip-top shape. It will also show how a career in health and self-care can be fun and rewarding. Light refreshments and spa demonstrations on deck. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Saturday in the Library
Martin Library
Saturday, February 14, 10:00m 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. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Saturday Cinema
Hineston Branch
Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Come out and enjoy The Garfield Movie at the Hineston branch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks too! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



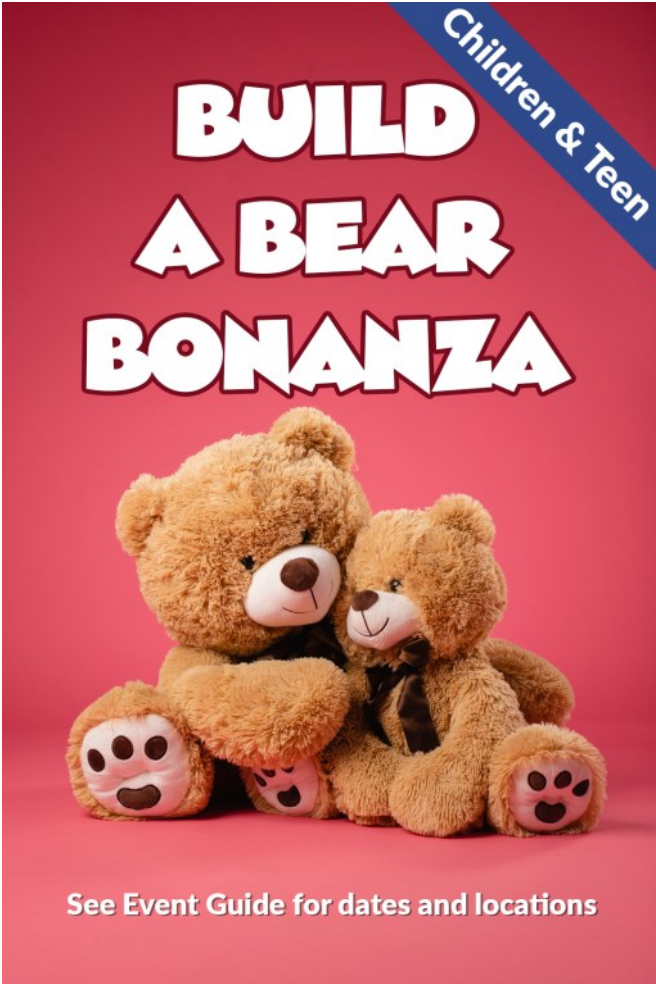


Sand Art Pictures
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, February 2, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Johnson Branch
Thursday, February 5, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, February 10, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, February 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Thursday, February 26, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thursday, February 26, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Kids are invited to get creative with colorful sand art! In this hands-on program, participants will design their own bright and textured sand art pictures using sticky-backed templates and a rainbow of sand colors. This activity is fun, easy, and a great way for kids to explore patterns, color choices, and fine motor skills. Each child will leave with a one-of-a-kind art-work to take home and display. Suitable for all skill levels—come ready to shake, sprinkle, and create! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Baked Alaska
J.W. McDonald Branch
Monday, February 2, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Join us at McDonald on February 2nd, we will celebrate Baked Alaska Day! Join us for a fun afternoon of tasting and learning about delicious Baked Alas-

ka! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Marble Run Maze Craft
Hineston Branch
Saturday, February 14, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Play, build, and learn with us! We're making a marble run maze this month and discovering cool science like engineering and physics along the way. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Build a Bear Bonanza
Hineston Branch
Thursday, February 5, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Libuse Branch
Saturday, February 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Thursday, February 12, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Homeschool)
Thursday, February 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Afterschool)
Johnson Branch
Friday, February 13, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Come make your own small teddy bear to cuddle up with! We'll have everything you need, just make sure you're ready to use a pair of scissors by yourself, or have an adult who is ready to help. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Tote-ally Fun Time!
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, February 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, February 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Libuse Branch
Saturday, February 7, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)
Robertson Branch
Monday, February 9, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, February 19, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Main Library
Friday, February 20, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Wednesday, February 25, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Design and decorate your own tote bag that you can take home! We'll be bringing everything you need to make your own masterpiece. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Rube Goldberg "Crazy Contraptions"
Main Library
Tuesday, February 10, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Join us for a fun, hands-on STEM challenge where kids design their own Rube Goldberg-style "crazy contraptions." Using simple machines like levers, inclined planes, and pulleys, participants will build a chain-reaction machine that completes a simple task

in an over-the-top way. Come tinker, test, and create your own wacky invention! This program is for ages 10 to 18. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Tiled With Love
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, February 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Love is in the air! Come and let us solidify it in stone. Kids and teens, come in and make a coaster gift set for one of your loves! All you need are pictures or designs you would want to make uniquely for them. Let your imagination and creativity run wild as we let our love flow! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Elephant Toothpaste Science Fun!
Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, February 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Libuse Branch
Thursday, February 19, 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Get ready for an exciting, bubbly science experiment! Kids will learn about simple chemical reactions as we mix safe household ingredients to create "elephant toothpaste"—a foamy explosion that looks like it could brush a giant's teeth. Participants will make their own colorful eruption, explore how the reaction works, and take part in hands-on STEM activities. Perfect for curious scientists who love messy, magical fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Home School Create & Discover
Martin Library
Wednesday, February 19, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Calling all home schoolers! Join us at the library for Create & Discover—a spin-off of our Creative Discovery Wednesday program just for home schoolers! Designed for kids ages 8-15, this engaging event offers a mix of captivating stories, hands-on crafts, and new learning experiences. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Martin Creators
Martin Library
Saturday, February 21, 10:00am to 11:00 am
 Get inspired, get messy, and get creative at Martin Creators—an art program designed to spark your imagination and connect you with fellow makers. For kids and teens ages 8–17, each session offers a new project or medium to explore, giving you the chance to try new techniques, express yourself, and connect with new friends while making something uniquely yours. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

K-Pop Demon Hunters Party
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, February 24, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 It's going up, up, up at the McDonald Branch. Come by and have fun jamming out to K-Pop with fellow K-Pop Demon Hunters fans. Snacks, Mini-games and more! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

A Taste of Reading: Story Samplers
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, February 24, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 Get ready to fall in love with stories! In A Taste of Reading: Story Samplers for kids and teens, our li-

brarian picks exciting books—full of adventure, humor, and imagination—and reads a page, chapter, or special moment from each one. Kids will get a “sneak peek” at new and favorite stories, helping them discover books they’ll want to read all the way through. Each session is filled with fun read-alouds, book talk, and time to check out the stories that caught your imagination. Perfect for curious readers who love trying something new or who just want to spend time in a world of stories! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Absolutely Artistic
Hineston Branch
Friday, February 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday, February 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 It's a teen takeover! Of the art supplies, that is. Join us every other Friday for a crafty hangout! All you need to bring is yourself and your creative side to become Absolutely Artistic! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Chocolate Olympics
Libuse Branch
Saturday, February 14, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 Whether Valentine's avoidant or Valentine's obsessed, teens should come try their skills at the Chocolate Olympics. There's simply no better way to celebrate the day of love than with all things chocolate. Come play chocolate charades, race around the branch with an Oreo on your head, and stack Rollos to see who can make the highest tower among other chocolate games. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



What's Your Move: Teen Edition
Robertson Branch
Saturday, February 14, 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.

The Mad Librarian: Mad Lib Mania
Johnson Branch
Monday, February 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Get ready to unleash your creativity and laughter in Mad Lib Mania, the ultimate wordplay program for teens! Participants will dive into hilarious stories, bizarre scenarios, and wacky adventures—but here's the twist: the stories aren't complete until you fill in the blanks. With prompts ranging from silly adjectives to outrageous nouns and unexpected verbs, every story becomes a unique masterpiece of humor and imagination. Perfect for a good laugh, this interactive program encourages quick thinking, teamwork, and a whole lot of fun. Expect plenty of giggles, surprising story lines, and the chance to see your wildest words come to life! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Teens Can...
Westside Regional Library
Friday, February 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Teens Can..... Build a mini LEGO flower! Choose your favorite bloom and make it your own. It could be used as a perfect gift or a special keepsake to cher-

ish. We have snacks! Join us on the third Friday of the month! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



THE CENTRAL LOUISIANA
**AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE
&
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EACH OTHER'S HARVEST:
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**3RD ANNUAL
EVENT**

**STRENGTH OF OUR PAST
POWER OF OUR FUTURE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

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. 16TH.

COMPUTER CLASSES



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

Beginning Internet

**King Branch
Tuesday, February 3
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.

Intermediate Microsoft Word

**Hineston Branch
Wednesday, February 4
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.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel

**Martin Library
Monday, February 9
10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.

Windows 10

**Westside Library
Tuesday, February 10
10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Take a look at the Windows 10 operating system. Learn about the features Windows 10 has to offer and how to customize them to your needs.

Beginning Microsoft Word

**Boyce Branch
Tuesday, February 12
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

**Main Library
Monday, February 16
3:30 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

**McDonald Branch
Tuesday, February 17
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

**Main Library
Wednesday, February 18
9:00 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 results.

Intermediate Microsoft Word

**Robertson Branch
Monday, February 23
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.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel

**Libuse Branch
Wednesday, February 25
10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.

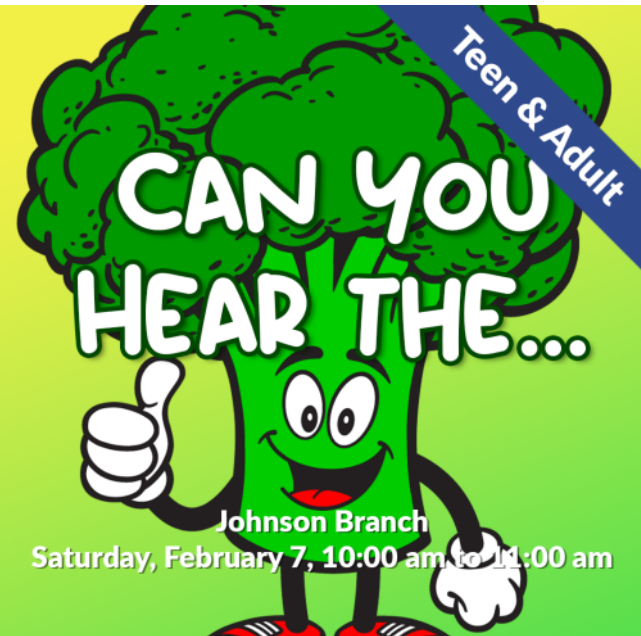
Microsoft PowerPoint

**Johnson Branch
Friday, February 27
10:00 am to 11:00 am**

PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert images, and use transition effects.

**Sweetheart Candy Pop Art
Libuse Branch****Tuesday, February 3, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

Teens and adults, grab your favorite grownup and come by the Libuse Branch to create a Sweetheart Candy Pop Art painting. Surprise yourselves with how talented you are at this multi-generational class. Don't have a grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, aunt, uncle, older sibling, or honorary family member to bring? No problem! Teens can be dropped off for the art class and picked up at the end. No grownups without a teen, please. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Can You Hear the...
Johnson Branch****Saturday, February 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

A listening circle inspired by the Everything is Alive podcast. What if the objects around you had stories to tell? In Can You Hear the..., we gather to listen to episodes of the beloved podcast Everything is Alive, where inanimate objects—from lampposts to pillows—share their surprising, touching, and often hilarious perspectives on the world. Each session begins with a shared listening experience, followed by a thoughtful and lighthearted group discussion. Together, we explore the deep questions, odd revelations, and quiet wisdom hidden in the voices of everyday things. So... can you hear the soda can? The hairbrush? The elevator button? Maybe you can—if you're really listening. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

**Canva for Beginners
Martin Library****Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Want to design eye-catching flyers, social media posts, or personal projects but not sure where to start? Join us for a beginner-friendly class on Canva, a free and easy-to-use design tool. We'll walk you through the basics, help you set up an account, and

show you how to create your own custom designs using templates, images, and text. No design experience needed—just bring your curiosity! ***Basic computer knowledge is required. Participants should be comfortable with basic computer tasks such as connecting to the Internet, opening email and web pages, and using standard software interfaces.*** Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Let's Make Paper Flowers
Libuse Branch****Friday, February 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Flowers don't last long - unless they're made of recycled books! Being book lovers, we only use the books that have fallen apart to make our book flowers, and of course we think they're the best flowers. Do you have a book that has fallen apart that you would like to recycle? Feel free to bring it along, though supplies will be provided. This craft is for ages 13 and up. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**D&D Fridays
Main Library****Friday, February 13, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm****Friday, February 27, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Unwind after school and join us for adventures in our Afterschool Dungeons and Dragons Club. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

**Musical Bingo: Not Love Songs
Johnson Branch****Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Ready to vibe to your favorite pop hits and show your friends your music knowledge? Join us for Musical Bingo featuring "Not Love Songs". Bring your friends, show off your music knowledge, and let's make some noise! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

**Sweetheart Candy Pop Art
Libuse Branch****Monday, February 2, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Adults - come by the Libuse Branch on Monday, February 2, 2026, inspired and ready to paint! This adults only class is painting a Sweetheart Candy Pop Art-work this month. Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Watercolors for Adults
Main Library****Wednesday, February 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm****Wednesday, February 18, 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.

Creative Canvases**Westside Regional Library****Wednesday, February 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm****Friday, February 13, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm****Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch****Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm****Johnson Branch****Thursday, February 19, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm****J.W. McDonald Branch****Friday, February 20, 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

Tech & Career Hours**Martin Library****Monday, February 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am****Monday, February 2, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm****Monday, February 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am****Monday, February 9, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Join us during our Tech & Career Support Hours, a welcoming space to learn new skills, get 1-on-1, personalized guidance, and make progress on your goals. From résumé reviews and job resources to Cricut and Canva projects, our team is ready to assist.

February 2 — Cricut & Canva Help with Maryna

Visit in person or contact **Maryna** at maryna@rpl.org to schedule an appointment.

February 9 — Career & Résumé Help with Amber

Visit in person or contact **Amber** at amber@rpl.org to schedule an appointment.

Come for the tools, stay for the support! Martin Library is here to help you learn, create, and succeed! Registration in advance is required. Registration only available by phone, email or in-person. Contact 318-442-7575 to register.

environment. Come unleash your inner artist with us! Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Art is Life!**Main Library****Thursday, February 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm****Monday, February 9, 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.

Phenomenal Woman**Johnson Branch****Thursday, February 12, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Come to Johnson Library and create your unique "Phenomenal Woman" portrait in celebration of Black History Month! Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Sip 'N Paint**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Monday, February 23, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

It's your time to shine! Our very own, Mary Roberts will come bring your passion to light. This is not your trace or paint by number class. This is a worry free, kid free, no judgment zone artistry class. Relaxation and socialization is the end result. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Chair Aerobics for Seniors

Robertson Branch

Monday, February 2, 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.

For the Love of Food

Main Library

Monday, February 2, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with a local chef! Tim Cahill is here to lead us on a delightful culinary journey. 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.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch

Monday, February 2, 10:00am to 11:30am

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, February 3, 10:00am to 11:30am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, February 12, 10:00am to 11:30am

Martin Library

Monday, February 16, 10:00am to 11:30am

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, February 17, 10:00am to 11:30am

Main Library

Thursday, February 19, 10:00am to 11:30am

Libuse Branch

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 23, 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.

Serenity in Motion: Tai Chi Tuesdays

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 10, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 17, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 24, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Begin your week with peace and presence. Join us Tuesday mornings at the Johnson Branch for Serenity in Motion, a gentle Tai Chi class focused on mindful movement, breath, and meditation. In this welcoming session, you'll learn to cultivate balance, reduce stress, and bring calm to both body and mind through an online guided video. No experience is needed—just comfortable clothing and a willingness to slow down and breathe. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

McDonald Fit!

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, February 3, 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.

Fit Happens! Chair Exercise

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, February 4, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, February 6, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, February 13, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 18, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, February 20, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, February 27, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Let's get Fit with chair exercise classes for adults—All exercises are done either seated or using a chair for support, making this class perfect for beginners, seniors, and anyone looking for a low-impact wellness routine. We'll follow along together in a calm group setting as we move through light stretches, mindful breathing, and simple movements to get healthy, help improve flexibility, balance, and reduce stress. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Red Hot DIY Wreaths

Main Library

Wednesday, February 4, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Create a beautiful heart-shaped door wreath using red felt and a styrofoam base. This simple but stunning craft adds a touch of warmth and love to your home just in time for Valentine's Day—or any day you want to share a little heart! All materials provided. Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Creative Comfort: One-on-One Crafting for Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

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

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

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

Creative Comfort is a personalized crafting program designed specifically for immunocompromised individuals seeking a safe, calm, and creative outlet. Participants are invited to enjoy one-hour, one-on-one craft sessions in a clean, low-stimulation environment where they can explore various art forms. These sessions offer not only a creative escape but also therapeutic benefits, including stress relief, fine motor skill engagement, and emotional expression—all within a supportive and health-conscious setting. No prior artistic experience is necessary—just bring your creativity and curiosity. Registration in advance is required as space is limited to one. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Self Care Saturday

Martin Library

Saturday, February 7, 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! Please call the Martin Branch Library at 318-442-7575 for more information. February 7 - Qi Gong, a traditional Chinese healing practice that combines gentle movements, deep breathing, and focused meditation to improve mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact

318-442-7575 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, February 9, 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.



C.H.O.W. Series: Rio Grande Rations - Adventures in Food While Hunting Pancho Villa

Main Library

Monday, February 9, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

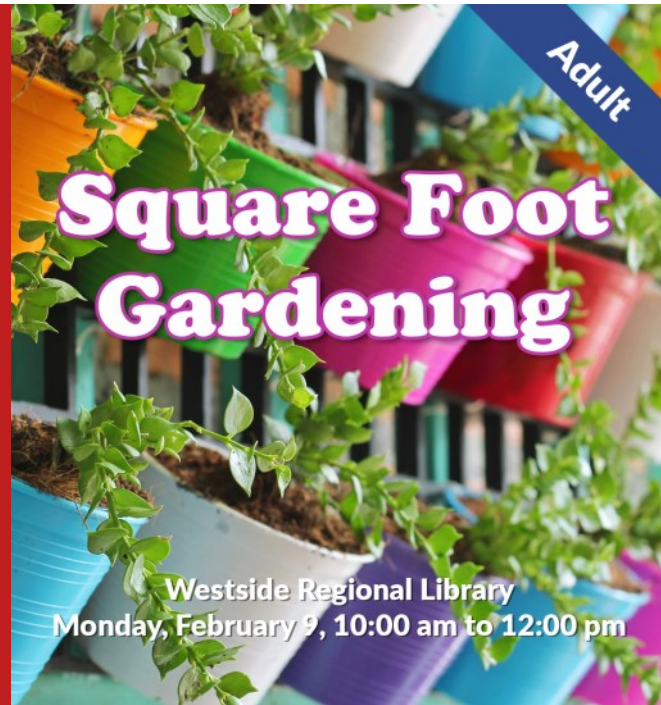
Historian and chef Richard Holloway continues the new CHOW (Culinary History of the World) Series! In 1916, Louisiana troops were sent to the Mexican Border. They brought some of their own spices and used local ingredients causing other troops to stop by their mess hall at eating time. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Square Foot Gardening: Big Harvests in Small Spaces

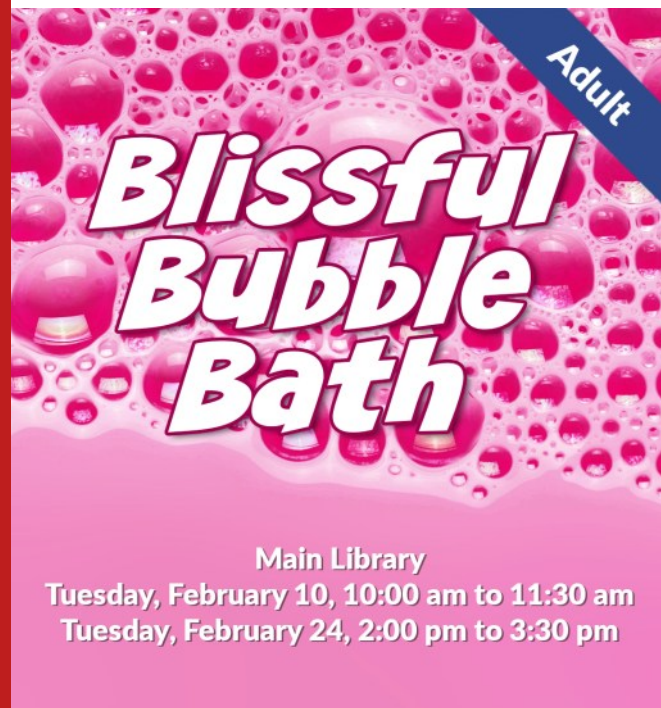
Westside Regional Library

Monday, February 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Think you need a big yard to grow food and flowers? Think again! Learn how square foot gardening and other space-saving techniques—like vertical gardens, stacked containers, and fence gardening—can help you grow food and flowers in even the smallest spaces. Ideal for gardeners of all experience levels. Registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified a week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Blissful Bubble Bath
Main Library
Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Tuesday, February 24, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
 Feeling the winter blues? Show yourself some love this February by joining our DIY bubble bath class using essential oils! Registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified a week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Main Tech Cafe
Main Library
Tuesday, February 10, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
 Drop in for a warm cup of coffee and get one-on-one

help with basic computer tasks in a relaxed, friendly setting. Whether you need help creating an email account, browsing the internet, or learning the basics of your device, we're here to guide you. Bring your own laptop or tablet, or use one of ours. No registration required—just come and go as you please. This time, we will talk about Phishing and how to protect yourself. Perfect for beginners or anyone who wants a little extra tech support—with caffeine on the side. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Bingo!
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great company! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

UFOs: Unfinished Objects
Main Library
Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Have a project that's been sitting on your shelf a little too long? Join Tara for UFOs: Unfinished Objects! Bring any craft or hobby you've started but never quite finished, and enjoy a relaxed, creative space to finally give it the attention it deserves. Don't have a project on hand? No problem—we'll also have leftover craft kits from past library programs available to complete. Come for the projects, stay for the company, and leave with fewer UFOs floating around your life! Registration is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

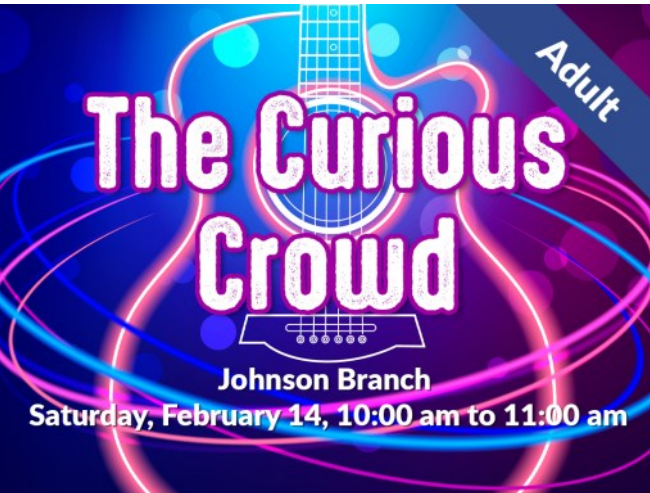
Basic Computer Training
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
 Get computer confident at King! Learn to browse safely, search online effectively, and use email—all hands on. No experience needed! For more specific training in Word, Excel, and so on, check out our other Computer Classes! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Westside Fit!
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, February 12, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Thursday, February 26, 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.

Heart of Fun
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, February 12, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 Come join our adults in a craft activity for Valentine's Day. We will make a cute tote bag and enjoy refreshments. Registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified a week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Computer Basics at Libuse
Libuse Branch
Thursday, February 13, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Thursday, February 27, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Adults wanting to learn computer basics should sign up for one of our sessions at Libuse. We'll teach computer basics such as setting up accounts, navigating web browsers/ the internet, computer literacy, and understanding hardware for those wanting to get themselves familiar with a desktop or laptop computer. Come in ready to learn the very basics of computers or bring your computer questions and we'll be happy to assist you with learning new skills and finding answers. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Social Saturdays
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, February 14, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 We aim to stimulate your life with social interactions and brain reactions. Whether it be a craft or learning a new technique, this class aims to keep the mind working. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



The Curious Crowd: Music Trivia
Johnson Branch
Saturday, February 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Think you've got what it takes to be the ultimate trivia champion? Join us for a lively morning of brain-teasing fun at the library! Our Music Trivia is designed for adults who love a good challenge, a few laughs, and maybe a little friendly competition. Test your smarts across all music genres from yesterday and today, and quirky facts you never knew you knew. Whether you're a solo trivia buff or part of a dream team, everyone's welcome. Come for the questions, stay for the camaraderie. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Bingo @ Night!
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Night Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great compa-

ny! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

20 Somethings
Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 Do you enjoy painting, even if you're not exactly a pro? You're not alone! Join us for a fun, judgment-free evening where we'll follow a Bob Ross painting tutorial and create our own happy little masterpieces together. We'll provide the supplies, you just bring your creativity (and maybe your favorite mocktail, if you'd like). Mocktails will also be available at the event! Whether you're a seasoned artist or just in it for the fun, come paint, sip, and relax with us! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Books & Bites!
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, February 24, 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. Free and open to all skill levels. Come hungry and leave with a new favorite recipe! Registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified a week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Gentle Moves
Hineston Branch
Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
 Come join us in Hineston for a relaxing session of gentle stretching and movement set to soothing sounds. No experience necessary! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS



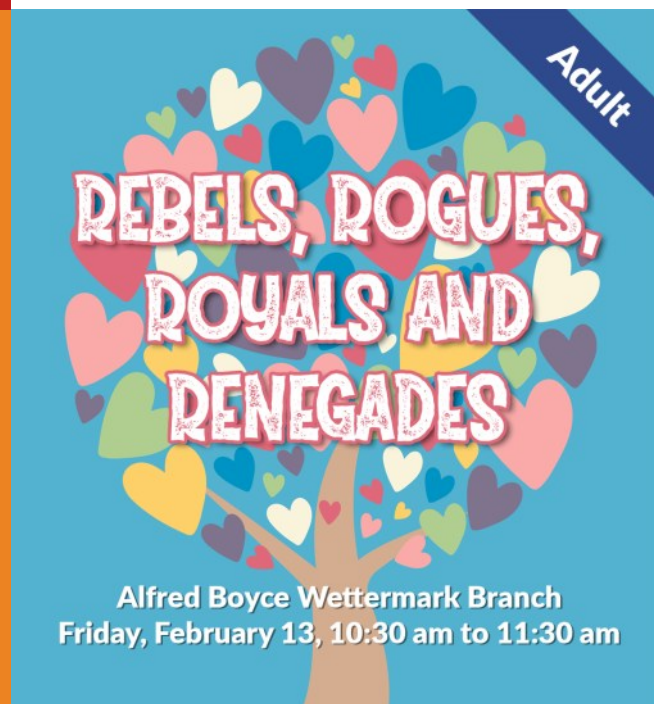
Wearable Art

Adult

Main Library
Thursday, February 26, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Wearable Art: Clay & Resin Earrings
Main Library
Thursday, February 26, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Create beautiful custom earrings using clay and resin. Learn basic techniques for shaping, layering, and finishing to make stylish accessories you'll be proud to wear or gift. All supplies provided. Registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified a week before the event for your spot. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

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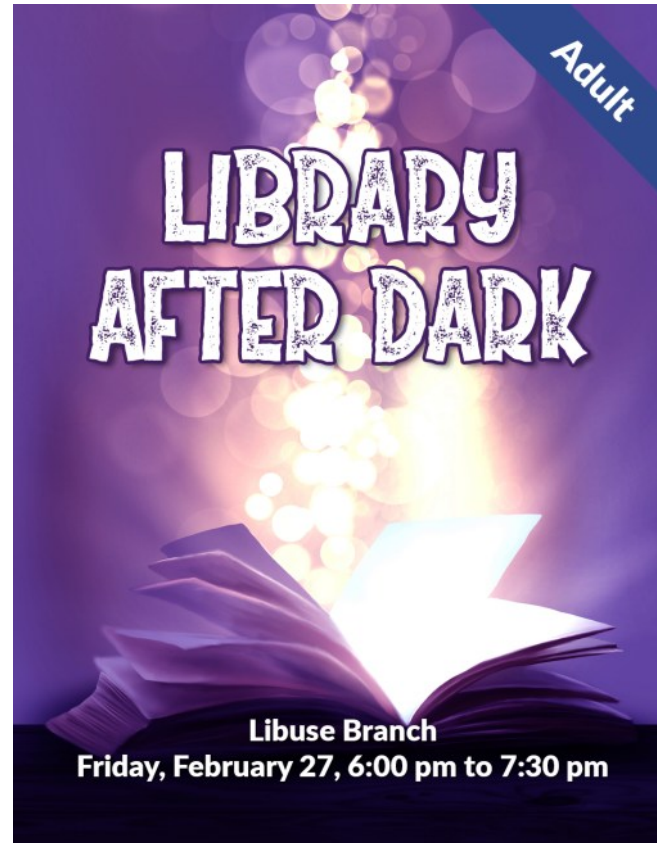


REBELS, ROGUES, ROYALS AND RENEGADES

Adult

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, February 13, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Library After Dark
Libuse Branch
Friday, February 27, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Adults, find a sitter and come by the Libuse Branch for a night of child-free, after-hours socializing. This month, come learn some easy line dances with us. Light appetizers will be served. Registration is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



LIBRARY AFTER DARK

Adult

Libuse Branch
Friday, February 27, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, February 13, 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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3RD ANNUAL EVENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 AT 11:00 AM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH



RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

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.

**Updated
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

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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

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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

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THURSDAYS 9:30AM-10:00AM
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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.
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MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
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