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STORYTIME!

ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH
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LIBRARY BABIES
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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

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THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH

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ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301
318-445-3912
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM
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809 TIOGA HIGH SCHOOL RD.
PINEVILLE, LA 71360
318-640-3098
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EVENT GUIDE

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King's TEENS' BOOK TASTING

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
3rd Wednesday of each month @ 2pm

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Teen Books & Beyond

Westside Regional Library

Friday, January 5, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

A new teen book club at Westside! Teens, you'll enjoy this book club, meeting the first Friday of the month. Join us this month to discuss *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. Call 318-442-2483 for more info.

A Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, January 8, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, January 9, 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 *Goat Castle: A True Story of Race, Murder, and the Gothic South* by Karen Cox. Please call 318-442-2483 for more info.

Triple A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch

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

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes. Call (318) 445-3912 for information.

Libuse Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

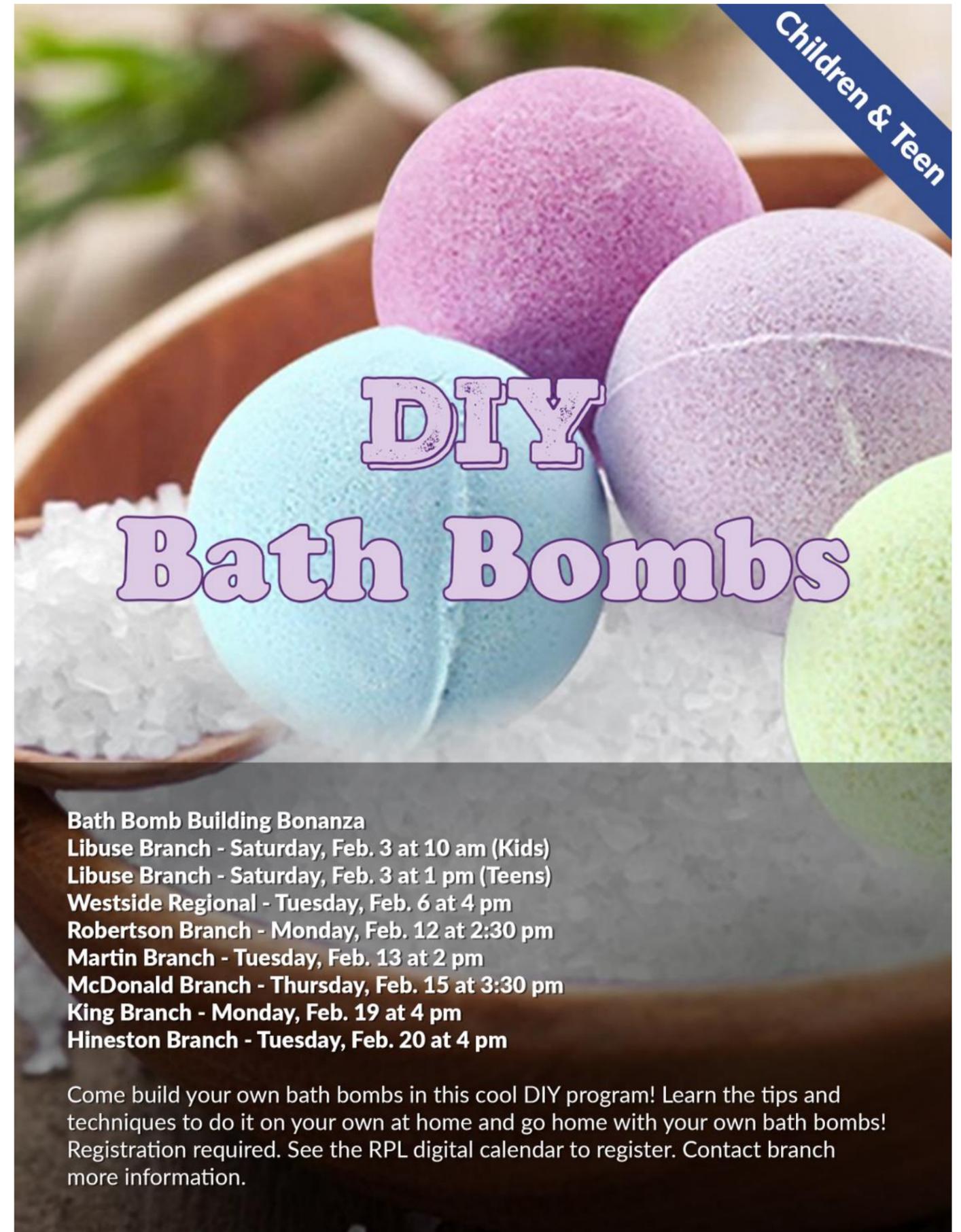
On the second Tuesday of each month for kids will have a book discussion and snack. Kids' are invited to read *The Menagerie* by Tui Sutherland and come to discuss the novel over snacks. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

King's Teens' Book Tasting

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

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Children & Teen

DIY Bath Bombs

Bath Bomb Building Bonanza

Libuse Branch - Saturday, Feb. 3 at 10 am (Kids)

Libuse Branch - Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1 pm (Teens)

Westside Regional - Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 4 pm

Robertson Branch - Monday, Feb. 12 at 2:30 pm

Martin Branch - Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 2 pm

McDonald Branch - Thursday, Feb. 15 at 3:30 pm

King Branch - Monday, Feb. 19 at 4 pm

Hineston Branch - Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 4 pm

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

Adult Programs

Westside Get Fit!

Westside Regional

Thursday, January 11, 9am

Thursday, January 25, 9am

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

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 8, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

Greet & Sign Event with Author of the Month: Tracy Daigrepoint

Westside Regional

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Meet and greet our January Author of the Month, Tracy Daigrepoint, whose first novel *A Forever Love*, was the first place winner of the 2023 BookFest Award for Young Adult Romance. Inspired by her hometown of LeCompte, Tracy's *Sedipar Trilogy* captures treasured memories of small town Louisiana, the sweetness of first love, and the warmth (and drama) of lasting friendships. Tracy will greet patrons and sign books between 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Call (318) 442-2483 for information.

VETERANS
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
2nd Monday of each month @ 5pm

Coming Soon to Your Local Branch... In February

FOR ALL AGES:

Candied Yams & Cornbread

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, February 17, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

An RPL favorite is back! Local storytellers Sylvia Yancy Davis and Rosa Ashby Metoyer have teamed up again to bring us immersive stories from the African American culture during Black History Month! This fun event includes storytelling from our hosts as well a storytelling contest featuring young storytellers telling stories that they prepare themselves! The event will also be streamed live on the RPL Facebook page. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

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Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Main Writers Club

Main Library

Thursday, January 11, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

Writers of all genres and levels are welcome to this writers group. Give and receive feedback on works in progress, hone writing skills through challenging writing prompts, and get tips on submitting to contests and publications. Call 445-2411 for more information.

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Libuse Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Teens gather on the third Tuesday of the month for a book discussion over snacks. This month, we'll discuss *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Libuse Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Ladies meet on the third Thursday of each month for this potluck-style book club. This month, we'll discuss *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Mirielle Skenandore. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Sands of Time Book Club

Main Branch

Friday, January 19, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Join this book club each third Thursday of the month for a lively discussion of favorite historical figures, eras and events. This month we will discuss *Mission at Nuremberg: An American Army Chaplain and the Trial of the Nazis* by Tim Townsend. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Libuse Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, January 22, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the third Monday of each month for a lively daytime book discussion. This month, we'll discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information. *Daytime Book Club will meet later this month on Jan. 22nd instead of Jan. 15th due to a holiday closure.

McDonald Book Club

McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 23, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

A new book club at McDonald Branch. During this book club, customers will get to read whatever book they would like! We will meet and will discuss what your book about! Contact 318-748-4848 for more info.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, January 23, 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.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Thursday, January 25, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Gather to discuss favorite Christian and historical novels with us on the third Thursday of each month. This month, we'll discuss *Legacy of Longdale Manor* by Carrie Turansky. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Cenla Author's Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 25, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Open to authors and writers of all levels and genres and anyone interested in learning more about the book writing process—even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month, poet Shelley Jinks Johnson will relate how poetry carried her from grief and loss to the publication of her first volume, *Pretty Little Widow*. Hosted by Michael Wynne meets each 4th Thursday of the month. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, January 30, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Meet us on the last Tuesday of each month where Sonya J will lead us in a book discussion. This month we're reading *Broadway Butterfly* by Sara Divello. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



Programs for All Ages

Grab-N-Go Journaling Kits

Libuse Branches

January 1 to January 6

What better way to start the New Year off right than with starting a great new habit of journaling? Keeping a journal helps you create order when your world feels like it's in chaos. You get to know yourself by revealing your most private fears, thoughts, and feelings. Look at your writing time as personal relaxation time. It's a time when you can de-stress and wind down. Stop by and pick up a grab-n-go journaling kit. All ages. Kit includes pencils, notebook, stickers and washi tape. During the first week of January, while supplies last. Call 318-443-7259 for more info.

Martin Had a Dream - Tell Me Yours

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

January 8 to January 13, During Open Hours

Come in with us and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with crafts and fun! In Honor of the life of Martin Luther King Jr, we will have a coloring sheet, tell us your dream display and more themed crafts other fun activities at your King Branch. Help us celebrate by displaying all of your crafts in the branch where they will stay until February. Every day for a week is different craft or activity you can do or make and decorate the branch with! Make your craft in the branch or bring home to do! Pick a day or come EVERY day! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Grab-N-Go Clay Unicorn Magnets

Hineston Branch

Saturday, January 6 Till Supplies Last

Come grab you a kit for creating a Clay Unicorn Magnet using air dry clay and cute decorations! Kits will be Available on January 6th, during Opening Hours. While supplies last. Call 318-793-8461 for more information.

Our New Year's Resolutions

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

All Month During Open Hours

Children, Teens, and Adults come in and tell us about their New Years Resolution to help us create an interactive display! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Let's Make Sand Art

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 4:30 am—King Branch

Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 am—Westside Regional

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 3:30 pm—Boyce Branch

Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10:00 am—Hineston Branch

Sand art is the practice of modeling sand into an artistic form, such as creating sand bottles. Join RPL as we create our very own sand bottles. We will be layering colored sand into bottle to create beautiful designs! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch for more information.

Craft Saturdays in January

Hineston Branch

Every Saturday, During Open Hours

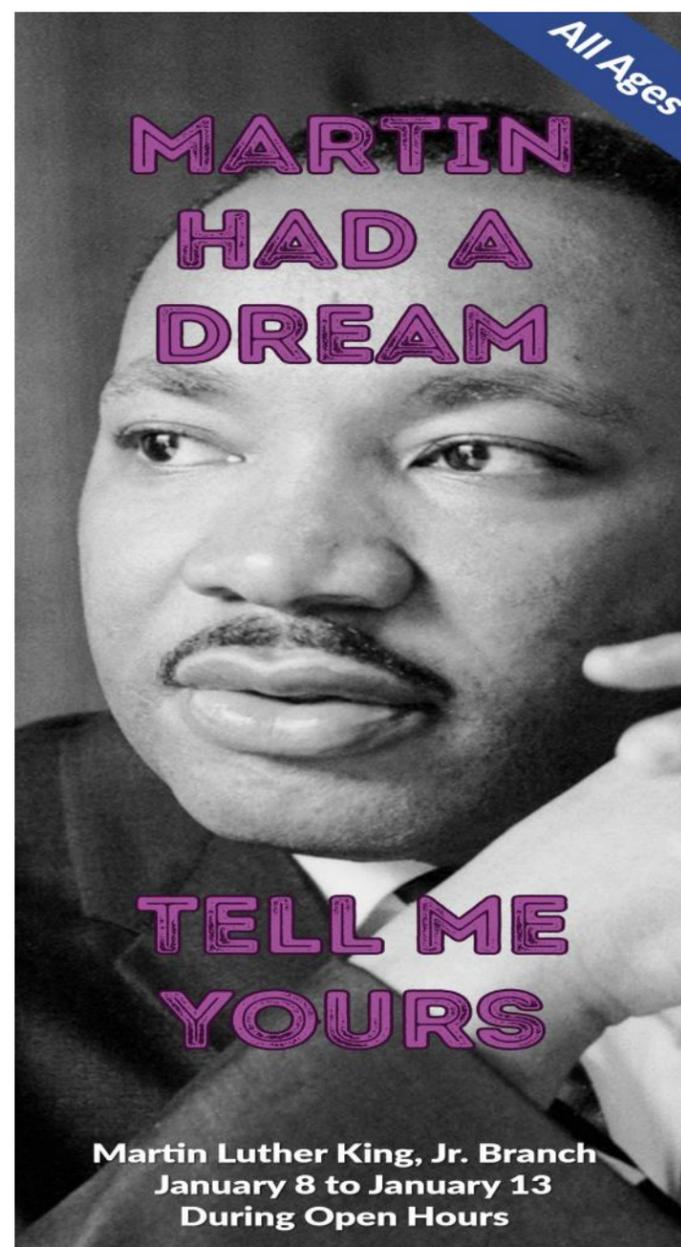
Bring the family and come in and create some crafts! We will have crafts and crafts supplies of all kinds for all ages! Don't miss this fun family time! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Pop Up & Pop In For Popcorn Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, January 19, 4 pm to 5 pm

It's Popcorn Day 2024 and we want to pop it with you! Come grab a bag of popcorn and a soda pop while we listen to music and learn why they call it Popcorn Day! Who knows what might pop up?!? Maybe a popcorn craft too!



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

Come for the bingo, but stay for the friendships!

Reservations are needed.

Contact the branch for more information.



Boyce Branch

Tuesday, January 9, 10:00 am
318-793-5954

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 11, 10:00 am
318-442-2483

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 16, 10:00 am
318-776-5153

Main Library

Thursday, January 18, 10:00 am
318-445-2411

Libuse Branch

Friday, January 19, 10:00 am
318-443-7259

King Branch

Monday, January 22, 10:00 am
318-445-3912

This program is sponsored by Healthy Blue.

Ancestry Research Programs

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, January 12, 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Compile a personal family heritage journal as you learn to do self-directed research on your heritage. This group meets on the second Friday of each month. Must be familiar with using a computer and the internet to attend. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Genealogy Club

Main Branch

Friday, January 26, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Trace your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition. Learn to search census records, obituaries, and other records to find missing links in your family history. Beginners are welcome. Contact 318-445-2411 for more info.

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Ancestry Library Edition

Search your family history with access to 1790-1940 Census data, passenger lists, birth, death, marriage and military records.

Adult Painting Programs

Winter Barn Painting

Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 10 am—Westside Regional
Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 10:30 am—Robertson Branch
Friday, Jan. 12 at 5:00 pm—Westside Regional
Friday, Jan. 26 at 3:30 pm—McDonald Branch
Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 5:30 pm—Westside Regional
Join library staff as we paint a majestic winter barn landscape! It will be a beautiful addition to your winter décor. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more info.

Art Is Life

Main Library

Monday, January 8, 10:00 am

Monday, January 22, 5:30 pm

Learn various acrylic painting techniques during this class led by Alice McBride. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more info.

Basics of Drawing with Lea Ryder Thomas

Main Branch

Monday, January 8, 1:00 pm

Come learn the basics of drawing in this beginners class led by Lea Ryder Thomas. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-2411 for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 am

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

Hot Cocoa Window Scene Painting

Johnson Branch

Friday, January 19, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join library staff as we paint a cozy winter scene of a hot cocoa mug in front of a wintery window! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-776-5153 for more info.

Sip-N-Paint at King

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 29, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

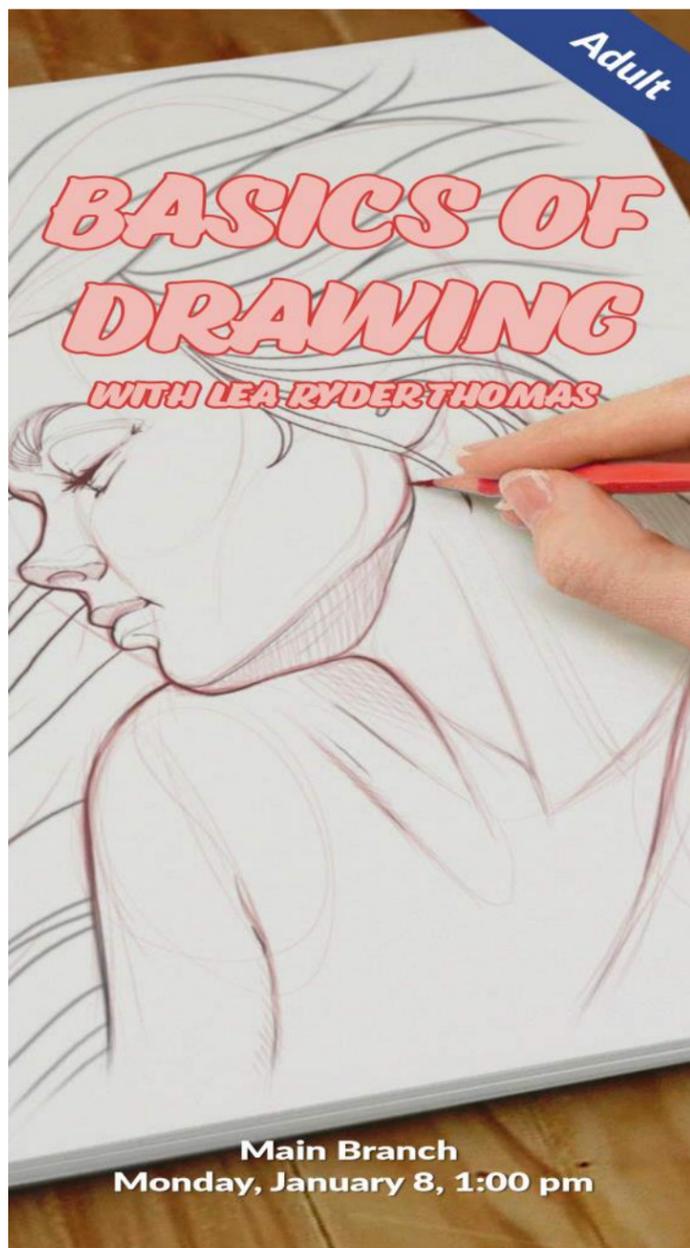
One of our very own, extraordinary patrons, Mary comes through with her self-taught talents to teach art. Bring out the artist in you; while sipping and painting with your peers. This is the library edition. Come have fun and see what we will paint this month! Registration is required as space is limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Call 318-445-3912 for more info.

Color Me Chill

King, Hineston, McDonald & Boyce Branches

During Open Hours

Adults, treat yourself to an oasis of relaxation and creativity! Come color and chill anytime with one of our Color Me Chill coloring packs available at the Circulation Desk. In library use only. Contact branch 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.

Lea Author of the Month



Tracy Daigrepoint
Young Adult Romance

FIRST PLACE WINNER
2023 Bookfest Awards, Young Adult Fiction

Greet & Sign

Saturday, January 13, 2024 - 11:00am - 1:00pm
Westside Regional Library



Children's Programs

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Every Tuesday in January from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

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

With My Hands I Can Painting

Johnson Branch

Friday, January 12, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Let's celebrate MLK Day with a "With MY Hands I Can" painting and Storytelling. Registration is required as seating is limited. Reservations are required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

King's Children's Book Tasting

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STEM: Let's Make Bouncy Balls

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 23, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 25, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Martin Branch

Thursday, January 25, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join RPL staff as we use common household agents to create DIY Bouncy Balls! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more info.

Little Coders

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, January 23, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

It's time to learn and build those basic computer skills and eventually block coding. This class starts with drag and drop practice followed by sequence puzzles. Class is for children Pre-K to 2nd Grade. Parents need to attend with child. Reservations are required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 443-7259 for more information.

Polar Bear Craft Fun

McDonald Branch

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

Winter is here, so what better way to celebrate than making a cute polar bear craft! Brrrr...ing yourself to McDonald as we make a craft, read the book *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear?* by Bill Martin and learn how polar bears stay warm in cold weather! Call 748-4848 for more info.

Home School Art: Optical Illusion Sand Art Pictures Art Pictures

Westside Regional

Wednesday, January 31, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

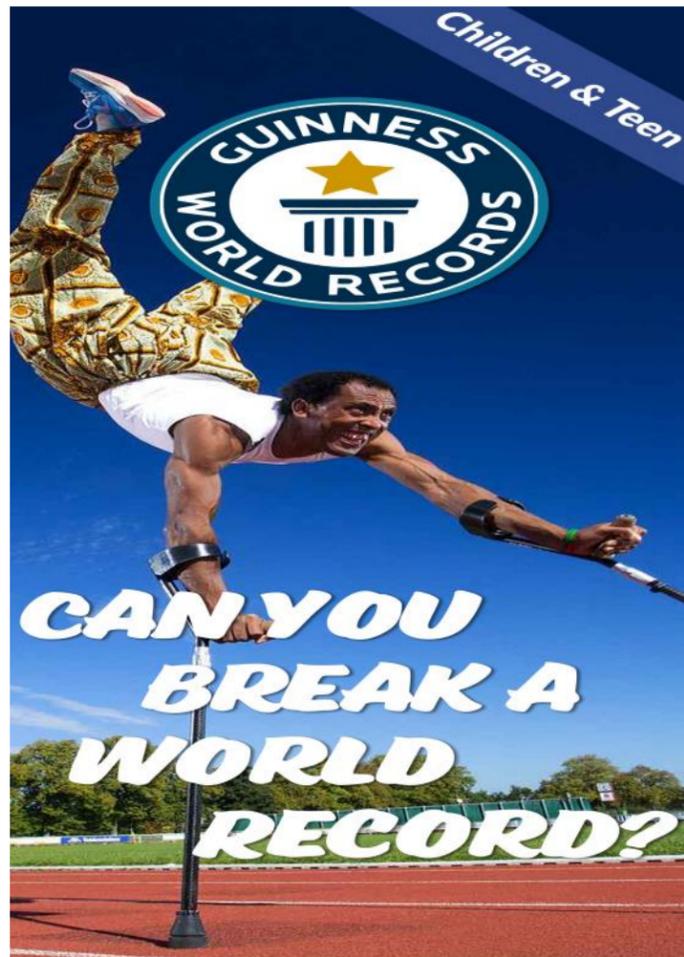
Join RPL staff as we create optical illusion art using sand! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more info.

DIY Wooden Magnetic Art

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 31, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Who doesn't need more magnets? Why not come make a pretty one! Come join us at Johnson branch to create your very unique and one-of-a-kind Wooden Magnetic Art piece. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more info.



Teen Programs

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Healthy Snack - Chocolate Hummus Dip

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 24, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

To celebrate January's Physical Health Month, let's create a fun and healthy snack using chick pea or garbanzo bean. This dip will become a family favorite snack that any child can make without much parental supervision. Also some take home easy DIY recipes. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register Contact 318-748-4848 for more info.

Ring in the New Year Painting

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch

Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come with us and ring in the New Year and paint a New Year's Themed painting. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more info.

Teen Mental Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch

Wednesday, January 24, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

With so much going on today, teens need an outlet to release their anxiety and stresses. Come in this month to do some meditation and yoga. Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Call 318-445-3912 for more information.

Teen Hang Out Day

McDonald Branch

Thursday, January 25, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Teens come in to the McDonald branch to meet up, hang out, enjoy some refreshments, play some games and maybe make some new friends! We have Trouble, Connect4, SORRY and a special novelty game What Do You Meme. We will also have Nintendo Switch with Smash Bros Ultimate and Mario Kart. Call 318-748-4848 for more info.

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TEEN Mental Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch
Wednesday, January 24
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teen Programs

Can You Break a World Record?

Westside Regional-- Thursday, Jan. 4 at 4 pm
Libuse Branch -- Friday, Jan. 5 at 5 pm
Main Branch-- Monday, Jan. 8 at 4 pm
Robertson Branch-- Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 3 pm
Boyce Branch-- Thursday, Jan. 11 at 3 pm
McDonald Branch-- Thursday, Jan. 18 at 3:30 pm
Martin Branch-- Monday, Jan. 22 at 4 pm
Hineston Branch-- Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 4 pm
Johnson Branch-- Thursday, Jan. 25 at 3 pm
King Branch-- Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 4 pm

Teens can come and try to beat various world records. Stations will be put up throughout to let patrons see how they fare against pre-existing world records. *Important note: RPL is not prepared to do the necessary paperwork to record if you actually do break a record, but we rather want to see how you fare against the preexisting ones. Contact the branch where you would like to attend for more information.

Teen Books & Beyond

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Anime Club

McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 9, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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

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Scratch Coding I: Introduction to Scratch

Main Branch

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Scratch is a visual programming language created by the MIT Media Lab in 2007. Its drag-and-drop interface with colorful blocks makes it one of the most intuitive programming languages to learn. Unlike traditional programming languages like Python where the coder must write out the code, Scratch empowers young people and adults alike to easily build interactive games and programs by connecting code blocks together. This program is sponsored by STEM Region 6. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more info.

Making Waffles with LSU AgCenter

Robertson Branch

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

Boyce Branch

Wednesday, January 24, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Join the LSU AgCenter to learn to make waffles! We will be preparing the waffle dough, baking it, and then decorating your waffles with cream, chocolate, and seasonal fruits! You don't need any previous cooking experience to attend the workshop. After a short introduction, we will go through the recipe, split into teams and start cooking! We provide everything you need: ingredients, cooking gear, cookware, assistance and demonstration. Recipe and instructions will be available to bring home. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more info.

ZOOM: Become a Professional YouTuber – Tips & Tools to Get Started

ZOOM—Online Virtual Program

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

YouTube has become one of the easiest ways to get your name out there for doing anything you can imagine. With each year, the number of people on the site grows, and so does the difficulty of getting notice. This Zoom presentation by Josh Bycer will look at basic steps and tools you will need to get started with YouTube, and what it's like to be putting out content daily. He will share some of the lessons learned going from nothing, to having over 10K current subscribers. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. A Zoom link will be emailed to you once registered. Contact 318-442-2483 ext. 1904 or craig@rpl.org for more info.

Teen Cuisine Cook Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 17, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Unsure of your way around the kitchen? Learn how to make simple teen cuisine dishes with ingredients you probably already have during this monthly cook club. This month, we make, socialize and sample Candy Bar Blondies Recipe will be provided. Reservations are needed. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Please contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

No-Sew Monster Pillows

Johnson Branch

Saturday, January 6, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

No need to be scared of monsters when we create them ourselves! Come join us as we make your very own unique No-Sew Monster Pillow. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more info.

Can You Break a World Record?

Westside Regional-- Thursday, Jan. 4 at 4 pm

Libuse Branch -- Friday, Jan. 5 at 5 pm (Teens)

Main Branch-- Monday, Jan. 8 at 4 pm

Robertson Branch-- Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 3 pm

Boyce Branch-- Thursday, Jan. 11 at 3 pm

Libuse Branch-- Friday, Jan. 12 at 5 pm (Kids)

McDonald Branch-- Thursday, Jan. 18 at 3:30 pm

Martin Branch-- Monday, Jan. 22 at 4 pm

Hineston Branch-- Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 4 pm

Johnson Branch-- Thursday, Jan. 25 at 3 pm

King Branch-- Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 4 pm

Teens can come and try to beat various world records. Stations will be put up throughout to let patrons see how they fare against pre-existing world records. *Important note: RPL is not prepared to do the necessary paperwork to record if you actually do break a record, but we rather want to see how you fare against the preexisting ones. Contact the branch where you would like to attend for more information.

Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr Branch

Friday, January 12, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Come in with us and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with crafts and fun! Join us for community and crafts and celebrating and honoring the man our branch was named after, Martin Luther King Jr.! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Scratch Coding I: Introduction to Scratch

Main Branch

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Scratch is a visual programming language created by the MIT Media Lab in 2007. Its drag-and-drop interface with colorful blocks makes it one of the most intuitive programming languages to learn. Unlike traditional programming languages like Python where the coder must write out the code, Scratch empowers young people and adults alike to easily build interactive games and programs by connecting code blocks together. This program is sponsored by STEM Region 6. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more info.

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STEM: Let's Make Bouncy Balls

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 23, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 25, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Martin Branch

Thursday, January 25, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join RPL staff as we use common household agents to create DIY Bouncy Balls! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more info.

Healthy Snack - Chocolate Hummus Dip

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 24, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

To celebrate January's Physical Health Month, let's create a fun and healthy snack using chick pea or garbanzo bean. This dip will become a family favorite snack that any child can make without much parental supervision. Also some take home easy DIY recipes. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more info.

Home School Art: Optical Illusion Sand Art Pictures Art Pictures

Westside Regional

Wednesday, January 31, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

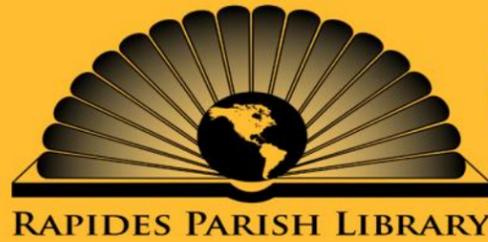
Join RPL staff as we create optical illusion art using sand! Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more info.

DIY Wooden Magnetic Art

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 31, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Who doesn't need more magnets? Why not come make a pretty one! Come join us at Johnson branch to create your very unique and one-of-a-kind Wooden Magnetic Art piece. Registration is required. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more info.



Keep
LOUISIANA
Beautiful
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Litter Clean-up Kits are available at all of our branch locations on a first come basis. To check out a Litter Clean-up Kit you must be at least 18 years old and have a valid Rapides Parish Library Card without any overdue items or any money owed. Checkout is for one week.



Get Down & CLEAN UP
2-STEP YOUR WAY TO KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL

Computer Classes



Please register for computer and Makerspace classes by contacting the RPL location in which the class will occur. Seating is limited.

CLASS SCHEDULE

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Hineston Branch Wed. Jan. 3rd, 10-11	Beginning Microsoft Word	<u>Windows 10</u> 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.
Libuse Branch Fri. Jan. 5th, 10-11	Windows 10	<u>Windows 11</u> 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.
Martin Branch Mon. Jan. 8th, 10-11	Windows 11	<u>Beginning Microsoft Word</u> 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.
Westside Branch Tue. Jan. 9th, 10-11	Beginning Microsoft Excel	<u>Beginning Microsoft Excel</u> 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.
Boyce Branch Thu. Jan. 11th, 10-11	Microsoft Publisher	<u>Microsoft PowerPoint</u> PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Main Library Wed. Jan. 17th, 9-11	Windows 11 (limit 4)	<u>Microsoft Publisher</u> Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you'll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.
Main Library Sat. Jan. 20th, 10-12	TinkerCAD	<u>Beginning Internet</u> Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
McDonald Branch Wed. Jan. 24th, 10-11	Microsoft PowerPoint	<u>TinkerCAD</u> Learn how to create your own 3D designs! Participants will learn how to use TinkerCAD, a free easy-to-learn online application to create, modify and print 3D models.
Johnson Branch Fri. Jan. 26th, 10-11	Internet	<u>Google Docs</u> Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. Google docs is a free online word processor that is part of the Google Editor Suite. Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others. A google account is required for document creation.
Robertson Branch Mon. Jan. 29th, 10-11	Google Docs (Google account required)	