



RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

# EVENT GUIDE

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RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY



... to all our past, present and future  
Patrons, the Friends of the Library,  
our Board of Control, Police Jury,  
and Staff!

## Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

### The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 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 *Locked in Pursuit* by Ashley Weaver. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Teen Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tweens and Teens are encouraged to read *Attack On Titan Volume 1* by Hajime Isayama for a small session of talking about the book. We will also discuss the books we'd like to read in the coming year to help create a list for the book club. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, January 13, 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 Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Triple-A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, January 14, 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 *Getting to Happy* by Terri McMillian. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, January 14, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids' are invited to read *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 16, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies are invited to read *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library

Friday, January 17, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us as we visit an old classic *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, January 27, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

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

### Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read *Legend* by Marie Lu and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Children Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Children are encouraged to read *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shredder* by Dav Pilkey for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. After that we will take a little time to do a craft! *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shredder* by Dav Pilkey will be available to pick up at the branch as a novel and graphic novel. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Cenla Authors' Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 23, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Cenla Authors' Club is open to authors and writers of all levels and genres, and anyone interested in learning more about the book-writing process. This month's speakers are Robert and Laura Gentry. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, January 28, 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.

### 18 to 80 Book Club

Martin Library

Tuesday, January 28, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

This month we will be discussing *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus as always bring your suggestions for the rest of the year. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Robertson Book Club meets each last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 and is facilitated by Sonya Jeter. This month we're reading *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

## All Ages Programs



Hineston Branch

Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

### Crafty Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

### Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 22, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Unlock your tech potential with our Computer Basics class every other Wednesday! You'll learn computer essentials from using a mouse and keyboard to creating and using an email. Enjoy a small class size, hands-on practice, and

friendly instructors. Gain confidence and open new possibilities in your personal and professional life. Sign up now and start your tech journey! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Bits & Boards

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join us for afternoon gaming! Play group video games like Mario Wonder and Mario Party. Or, test your skills with classic board games such as Chess, Checkers, Mancala, and more! From exciting races to strategic showdowns, there's something here for everyone. Don't miss out—mark your calendars for Bits & Boards! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

## Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

### Book a Month Challenge

Libuse Branch

All Year Long, During Open Hours

Adults and teens are challenged to log one book per month in Beanstack for a chance to win a \$15 gift card to Books-a-Million at the end of December. Beginning January 2025, challenge yourself to read (or audiobook) at least one book each month. Then, go to Beanstack to log it. Only one book per month will count toward the drawing. Miss a month? Not a problem. It will lower your odds of winning the prize, but not disqualify you from the competition. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Can You Build a Snowman?

Johnson Branch

All Month Long, During Open Hours

Can you build a snowman? We may not live where snow falls in the winter but you can still make your own snowman. Come get the materials to build your very own snowman. While supplies last. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

### Celebrate J.R.R. Tolkien

Martin Library

All Month Long, During Open Hours

Get ready for a crafting adventure straight from Middle-earth! Celebrate J.R.R Tolkien's birthday with a Grab-N-Go craft kit inspired by the shire. Perfect for all you aspiring hobbits and elves! No need to journey far—just grab a kit, and let your creativity soar faster than Legolas! Supplies are limited, so don't be a Smeagol. May your crafting be as epic as Frodo's journey! Kits are available during regular hours, while supplies last. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### String Turtles

Hineston Branch

January 4-18, During Open Hours

Grab n Go craft kits - make a string turtle for the New Year using small sticks and colorful yarn. Kits are available during regular opening hours - while supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### Straw Rocket Kit

Hineston Branch

January 4-31, During Open Hours

Grab n Go craft kits - make a straw rocket for the New Year using straws and a rocket that you design. Kits are available during regular opening hours - while supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### Coffee, Color and Chill

Libuse Branch

Saturday, January 11, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

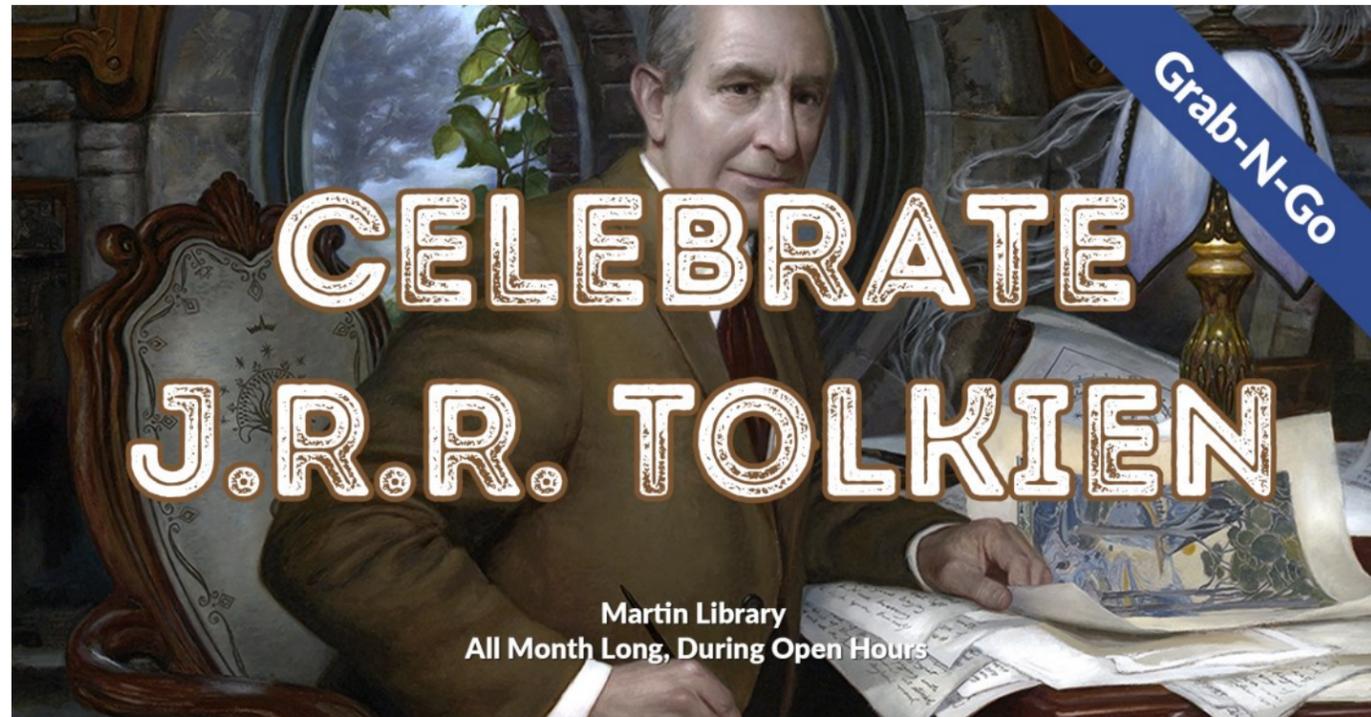
Patrons of all ages are welcome to come by the Libuse Branch between 9 and 11 AM to relax with a coloring page and a warm beverage. Celebrate the great indoors with a quiet library morning sipping coffee or tea and a winter themed coloring page. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Winnie the Pooh Acrylic Painting

Johnson Branch

Thursday, January 16, During Open Hours

Come celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day: Stop by and get the materials to make your own to celebrate this beloved character. While supplies last. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



## Children's Programs

### 1,000 Books Before Five

All Branches

January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

Read 1,000 books with your child before their 5th birthday and get them recognized at a Rapides Parish Library Board Meeting! Log your reading using our Beanstack App and prepare your child for success in school and life! This is an ongoing program. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

### Snowy Day

Johnson Branch

Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

We may not see much snow in Louisiana but you can make your own snowy winter scene. Come listen to a story and paint a winter scene. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

### Life-Sized Pac-Man

Libuse Branch

Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Outsmart your friends in our life-sized Pac-Man game! Collect all of the coins to win a prize, or, if you are a ghost, block the Pac-Man from gaining all the coins. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, January 7, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, January 21, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, January 28, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Come join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages 2-12 are welcome! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



## Children's Programs



### Creative Discovery Wednesdays

Martin Library

Wednesday, January 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, January 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, January 22, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, January 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

### Storytime with Special Guest Rob Butler

Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 9, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Johnson Branch

Saturday, January 11, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, January 16, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for a special Storytime with local author Rob Butler. Rob will be reading his book, *Saint Amant Max*. Rob Butler was born and raised in Oakdale, Louisiana. After graduating from McNeese State University, Rob moved to Baton Rouge and met the love of his life, Suzanne. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Storytime

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Kids can come in for a Story Time about Martin Luther King, Jr. and make a craft to get an early start on celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, January 16, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Come visit us to learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and do

a fun craft to help get an early start on celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Saturday in the Library

Martin Library

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us at the library for an exciting day of creativity and fun designed just for kids. Dive into a world of crafts, games, and interactive activities that will spark your imagination and keep you entertained. Bring your friends and family for a Saturday full of laughter, learning, and lasting memories. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Odd Holidays!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, January 21, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join our new crafting series for children. Each month program we will explore a silly or unknown holiday through, music, crafts, and other fun activities. Stop by this month as we celebrate Squirrel Appreciation Day with a squirrel themed craft! Visit us again on February 18th to celebrate Pluto Day! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### DIY Crystals

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

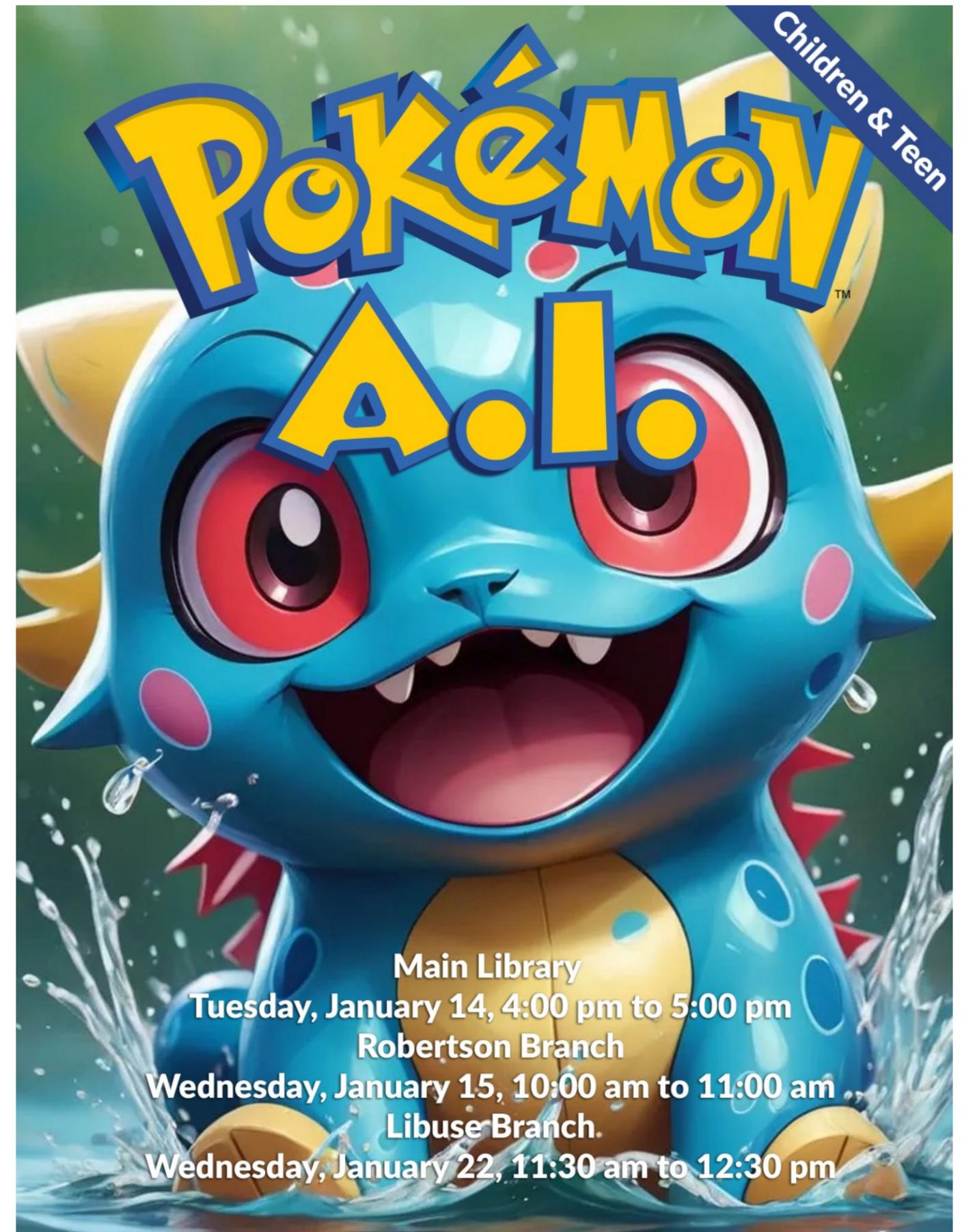
Come on by and make a beautiful crystals with us. These crystals will have to grow at the library. Once they are done growing you will get to take your beautiful creation home with you. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

### Kid's Social Hour

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, January 28, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

It's Kid's Social Hour at King Library! Kids can come in with their peers, visit, hang out and learn how to make lip gloss! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Main Library

Tuesday, January 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

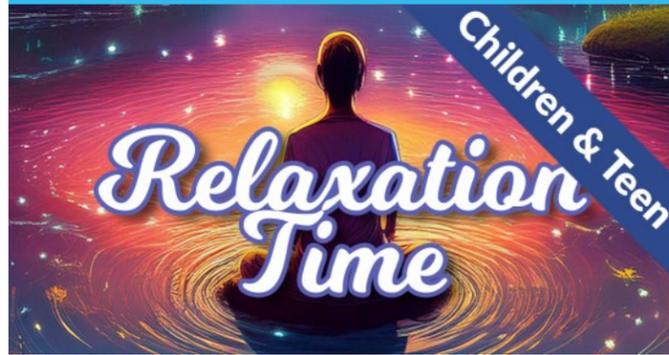
Robertson Branch

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch.

Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

## Children's & Teen Programs



### Relaxation Time

Libuse Branch

Saturday, January 4, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 6, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Main Library

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

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, January 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Johnson Branch

Friday, January 10, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Thursday, January 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Monday, January 27, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, January 31, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come relax after a crazy holiday season! We will have relaxation stations including coloring, stress ball making, and others. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

### Paper Circuit Birthday Card Workshop

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 8, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us at the library for a fun and creative workshop where you'll design and build your own paper circuit birthday card! In this hands-on session, you'll learn about basic circuits and create a personalized card that lights up. All materials will be provided—just bring your creativity! For Children 12 and above. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

### Explore and Discover

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Explore and Discover at Robertson! Come join us as an Interpretive Ranger from Forts Randolph and Buhlow will be with us, discussing the "Life of a Soldier". Don't miss this educational but fun presentation! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

### Snowflake Art Project

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, January 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 14, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, January 16, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Hineston Branch

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library

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

Get into the winter spirit at our library's Snowflake Art Project! Join us for a creative session where you'll use oil pastels and watercolor paint to create beautiful, unique snowflake art. This program is perfect for kids and teens—no prior art experience needed! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

### Home School STEM: Bathbombs

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 7, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Unleash your inner chemist and join us for a relaxing and fun-filled Bath Bomb Making Workshop at the Library! Learn how to create your very own luxurious bath bombs with a variety of scents, colors, and shapes. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

### Pokémon AI: Type Identification

Main Library

Tuesday, January 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

What a cool class! This program focuses on creating an interactive tool where students can input an image of a Pokémon, and the AI will predict the Pokémon's type (e.g., Fire, Water, Electric, Grass, etc.) based on its visual features. The class will use machine learning algorithms to train the AI model, and Scratch will be the primary platform for coding. For children 10 and up. Please note that this program will require a signed parental permission form for all participants. If any families with younger students are interested, they can reach out directly to the instructor, Brittney, at [brittney@rpl.org](mailto:brittney@rpl.org).

### Life-Sized Pac-Man

Martin Library

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

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

## Children's & Teen Programs

### Home School STEM: Snow Globe

Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 16, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join us at the library for a hands-on DIY Snow Globe project! In this engaging workshop, participants will explore the science behind snow globes while creating their own unique designs using water and glycerin to enhance the snow globe effect. All materials will be provided—just bring your imagination! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Book Reading and Signing with Alisha Stutson

Robertson Branch

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Come join us for a reading and book signing with local author Alisha Stutson for her book *I Always Have and Always Will*. It is a young adult, romance, 400+ page novel that is clean enough for ages 12 and up to enjoy. At the end of the book Scottie and Abigail's playlist is listed with a Spotify link for my readers to connect to each chapter as their story unfolds. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

## Teen Programs

### Teens Can...

Westside Regional Library

Friday, January 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens can... Have fun with friends playing non-board games at the Westside Regional Library. Come by and learn to play NutellaToe! We have snacks! Join us on the first Friday of the month! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Watercolor Martin Luther King, Jr. Painting

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, January 10, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Teens and Tweens are encouraged to come in and learn how to create a watercolor inspired Martin Luther King, Jr. Day painting to help get an early start on celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, January 14, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Unsure of your way around the kitchen? You want to increase your palate's delight? Come in and join us as we learn how to make a delicious treat. This month you will be socializing with your peers and learning how to make Garlic Bread Pizza Sandwiches! The recipe will be available as well. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 29, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join our D&D play group exclusively for tweens and teens! Meet us monthly as we journey to Stormwreck Isle, where heroic deeds, daring escapades, and dragons await. This club offers a welcoming start for all. All play materials provided, but you're welcome to bring your own dice, character sheets, etc. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Home School Art: Winter Landscape

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

This lesson, inspired by the Canadian painter Lawren Harris, will have your fifth-grade students painting tints and shades in no time as they explore value while painting a monochromatic winter landscape. After using black oil pastel to draw the outlines of mountains, they'll turn to a cool color scheme to translate the cold, arctic temperatures of the abstracted space. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Teen Social Hour

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, January 17, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Teens and Tweens are encouraged to come in and learn how to make earrings. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Vision Board

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Do you have new goals that you want to accomplish in the new year? If so, join us as we make our very own vision board. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

### What's Your Game: Teen Edition

Johnson Branch

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

## Computer Classes



# CLASS SCHEDULE

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

<b>Beginning Internet</b>	<b>Libuse Branch</b> Friday, January 3 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
<b>Beginning Microsoft Word</b>	<b>King Branch</b> Tuesday, January 7 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	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.
<b>Windows 10</b>	<b>Boyce Branch</b> Thursday, January 9 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.
<b>Windows 11</b>	<b>McDonald Branch</b> Friday, January 10 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Take a look at the new Windows 11 operating system. Learn about the new features offered by the new system and how to navigate it.
<b>Beginning Internet</b>	<b>Martin Library</b> Monday, January 13 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
<b>Beginning Microsoft Word</b>	<b>Westside Library</b> Tuesday, January 14 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.
<b>Google Docs</b>	<b>Main Library</b> Wednesday, January 22 9:00 am to 11:00 am	Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. 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.
<b>Beginning Microsoft Excel</b>	<b>Robertson Branch</b> Monday, January 27 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.
<b>Beginning Microsoft Excel</b>	<b>Johnson Branch</b> Friday, January 31 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.

## Adults & Teen Programs

### Winter Barn Scene Libuse Branch

Tuesday, January 7, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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

### Say What? Karaoke! Martin Library

Friday, January 10, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Grab your crew and come sing your heart out! From throwback bangers to the latest hits, we've got all the

tracks you love. Embody your favorite pop girlie, belt rock classics or simply relax and enjoy the vibes. Plus, enjoy fun snacks and maybe even a dance-off or two! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### D&D Fridays Main Library

Friday, January 10, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday, January 24, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

## Adult Painting Programs

### Winter Barn Scene Libuse Branch

Monday, January 6, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Adults are invited to come to the Libuse Branch Library to paint a winter barn scene. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Creative Canvases Westside Regional Library

Friday, January 10, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 28, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

### Robertson Branch

Tuesday, January 21, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

### Johnson Branch

Thursday, January 23, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

### J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, January 24, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

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

### Art is Life!

#### Main Library

Monday, January 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, January 27, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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

### Watercolors for Adults

#### Main Library

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Let your creativity flow during this watercolor class led by Lea Ryder Thomas. Registration is required as seats are

limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Sip-N-Paint

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 27, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

It's your time to shine. Our very own, Mary Roberts has brought your passion to life all year. She has allowed us to paint the social picture perfect through various art. This a worry free, kid free, no judgement zone artistry class that will socialize the night away. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Art Classes are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, as administered by the RAC. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment of the Arts.

## Adult Programs



### Color Me Chill Hineston Branch

Thursday, January 2, During Open Hours

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

### Tea Time at Main Main Library

Friday, January 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us as we toast the new year with familiar tastes. Tea is a beverage that has been enjoyed by people of all backgrounds and throughout the world. We will enjoy a cup of teas as we learn about tea's history. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Self Care Saturday Martin Library

Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for Self Care Saturday a relaxing DIY workshop where you'll create soothing bath bombs, refreshing body scrubs, calming mists or practice meditation. Discover the joy of crafting personalized self-care products with guidance and materials provided. Enjoy a peaceful, creative afternoon, connect with others, and take home beautifully handmade items designed to enhance your self-care routine. Unwind, create, and pamper yourself with us! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### How To's Day Martin Library

Tuesday, January 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday, January 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

### Bayou Bonds: What's Your Game? Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 15, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

### Westside Fit Westside Regional Library

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

Thursday, January 23, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Join us for a fitness session that combines chair aerobics and yoga led by an instructional DVD. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## Adult Programs

### Social Saturday's Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, January 11, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

We aim to stimulate your life with social interaction and brain reactions. Whether it be a craft or learning a new technique, this class aims to keep the mind working. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Veterans Helping Veterans Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 13, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

### Alexander Fulton: Criminal or Patriot? Martin Library

Thursday, January 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join author and historian Michael Wynne as he unveils the astonishing life of Alexander Fulton—a man who faced federal execution twice and was pardoned both times by President George Washington! Fleeing the Whiskey Rebellion in western Pennsylvania, Fulton became a fugitive in then-Spanish central Louisiana, where he transformed

into a city founder and state political leader. This captivating tale is a thrilling exploration of an often-overlooked chapter in American history. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Wynne's insights and discover the incredible journey of a man who straddled the line between criminality and patriotism. Be part of a session that promises to reshape your understanding of our nation's past! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Tea Party J.W. McDonald Branch

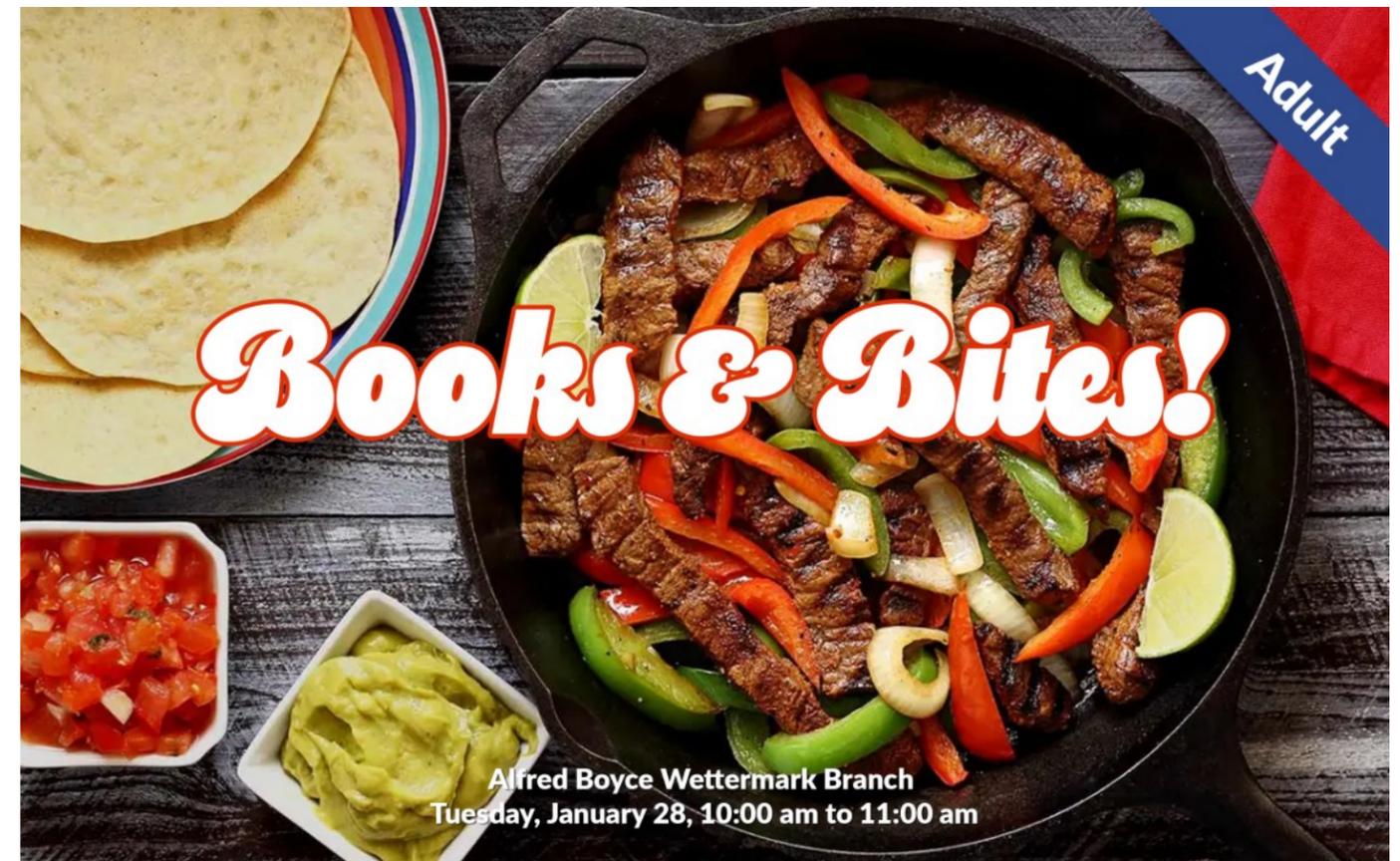
Saturday, January 18, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us as we try a variety of teas. There will be plenty of laughter and food to go around. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

### Books & Bites! Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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 seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.



## Adult Programs

# AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

**Robertson Branch**  
January 6, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-640-3098

**J.W. McDonald Branch**  
January 7, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-748-4848

**Westside Regional Library**  
January 9, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-442-2483

**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**  
January 14, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-793-5954

**Martin Library**  
Cancelled  
318-442-7575

**Main Library**  
January 16, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-445-2411

**Libuse Branch**  
January 17, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-443-7259

**Johnson Branch**  
January 21, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-776-5153

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**  
January 27, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-445-3912



## Genealogy Research Programs

### Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades

**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**

**Friday, January 10, 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.

### Genealogy Club

**Main Library**

**Thursday, January 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Have you ever wanted to search your ancestry. Are you already researching your family tree but are stuck. Come

join us for the Genealogy Club where you will meet people just like you that are willing to share their knowledge and help others find with their ancestry journey. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



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WED & FRI 1PM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### HINESTON BRANCH

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

### JOHNSON BRANCH

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

### J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH

1075 HWY. 497  
GLENMORA, LA 71433  
318-748-4848  
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FRI 1PM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### LIBUSE BRANCH

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318-443-7259  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### STORYTIME!

ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH  
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH  
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

JOHNSON BRANCH  
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

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

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

MARTIN LIBRARY  
STORYTIME  
FRIDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM

J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH  
LIBRARY BABIES  
THURSDAYS 9:30AM-10:00AM  
STORYTIME  
THURSDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

ROBERTSON BRANCH  
EXPLORE & DISCOVER TIME  
WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY  
TODDLER TIME  
THURSDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM  
STORYTIME  
FRIDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM

HINESTON BRANCH  
STORYTIME  
THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM

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### MARTIN LIBRARY

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PINEVILLE, LA 71360  
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MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

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1115 BROADWAY AVE.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301  
318-445-3912  
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SAT 9AM-1PM

### ROBERTSON BRANCH

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