

EVENT GUIDE

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Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Next Chapter Crew: Teen Book Club Johnson Branch

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

Step into a world of stories, crowns, and conversation! Each month, the Next Chapter Crew: Teen Book Club at Johnson Library comes together to read and discuss books of all kinds—whether it's required reading or just for fun. From fantasy and mystery to comedy and action and everything in between, we'll explore different genres and dive into the lives of unforgettable characters and the authors who created them. Love to read? Want to share your thoughts or discover something new? Join our teen book club where reading, learning is fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

The Southern: A Book Club **Westside Regional Library**

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

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for book talk. If December sweets are a bit too much for you, enjoy some dark Swedish humor with Helene Tursten's second book An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed. One reviewer said the book is reminiscent of Richard Osman's *The Thursday* information. Murder Club, except Maude is committing the crimes ra-take a rather sharp detour from holiday festivities and enjoy books. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Cozy Reads

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Love heartwarming, feel-good reads? Our cozy fiction book club is the perfect place to unwind and connect. This month, we're diving into *The Maid* by Nita Prose — a charming story you won't want to miss. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club Westside Regional Library

Monday, January 12, 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 Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. No time to stop by? We have an on-line option! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

For 2026, the teen book club has an exciting lineup of books beginning with Farther Than the Moon by Lindsay Lackey! Teens should read (or listen to) the book and come for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443 -7259 for more information.

Out of This World Book Club Main Library

Tuesday, January 13, 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 explore an older fantasy title. Mercedes Lackey has been writing since the '80s, but we will be reading her 2003 book The Outstretched Shadow. Grab your reins and harness your magic as we go out of this world! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Silent Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 13, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to join a book club where no one has to talk—just the peaceful company of fellow readers and the quiet joy of getting lost in a good book? Join us for a cozy 3-hour reading marathon, where you can come and go as you please. Settle in with your favorite read, enjoy the calm atmosphere, and help yourself to some complimentary coffee. All are welcome—just bring a book and make yourself at home. Contact 318-442-2483 for more

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading Hell of A Book by Jason Mott. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Kids are invited to read The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop by Kate Saunders and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 15, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies' are invited to read Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Main Mystery Book Club Main Library

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

Join us at Main Mystery Book Club this month as we read: The Appeal by Janice Hallett. Copies will be available at Main Library. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Final Chapter

Martin Library

Thursday, January 22, 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. This month we'll be reading *We Came to Welcome You* by Vincent Tirado. Warning: Not for the faint of heart. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

BYOBook Gathering: A Silent Reading Society

Johnson Branch

Monday, January 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Looking for a quiet escape and a good book? Join us for the BYO (Bring Your Own) Book Gathering, a cozy silent reading society where adult book lovers of all kinds come together—without the pressure of discussion. Bring your own book, grab a comfy seat, and enjoy an hour of uninterrupted reading in the calm atmosphere of the Johnson Branch Adult Fiction Room. Whether you're deep into a novel, revisiting an old favorite, or just starting something new, this is your time to unplug, unwind, and read in good company—quietly. No assigned books. No required talking. Just you, your book, and a peaceful space. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, January 27, 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 *Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

18 to 80 Book Club

Martin Library

Tuesday, January 27, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Join the Martin Branch Library for a multi-generational book club on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, January 27, 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

Thursday, January 29, 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, even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). This month's speaker is playwright, actor, author and director Jeff Goelz, a founding force in the Spectral Sisters play group. He will speak on playwriting, plays, the Spectral Sisters (and maybe we might even see a mini-play in person also)! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

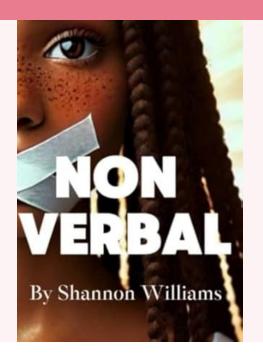
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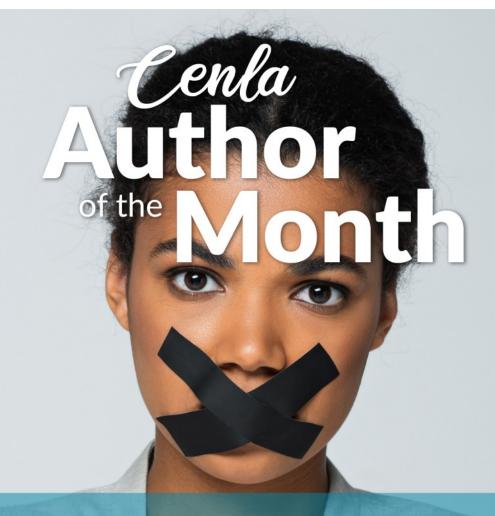
Author of the Month: Shannon Williams

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, January 17, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Our Author of the Month for January is local author Shannon Williams. Join us as Shannon Williams reads from and signing her book, *Non-Verbal*. Writing has always been Shannon's refuge. She finds solace in the power of words. In addition to her books, Shannon is also a passionate poet, weaving emotions into verses that speak to the heart. Shannon Williams is from Alexandria, LA, where she finds inspiration in the warmth in southern hospitality and the rich tapestry of her community. She has 3 children, 7 Godchildren, and a precious granddaughter. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.





Author of the Month Shannon Williams

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Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs



We Dream at King...Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, January 2 - 31, During Open Hours

It's a New Year! Let's dream big and hype up our friends and family! Add your vision for the new year to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Community Vision Board! Who knows who you might inspire or who might share in your vision. Maybe together we can make our dreams a reality. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Hidden Layers: Tissue Paper PaintingJohnson Branch

Monday, January 5 - 31, During Open Hours

Hidden Layers on Canvas" is a tactile, mixed-media art project that explores the interaction between wax resist and tissue paper dye transfer on canvas. Artists begin by drawing with a white crayon directly onto canvas, creating invisible marks. Then, with just tissue paper and water, vivid colors are transferred onto the surface, revealing the crayon's design through a resist effect. This process blends control and spontaneity, offering a unique way to explore texture, contrast, and color blending — all without using traditional paint. An easy craft for the whole family. While supplies last. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

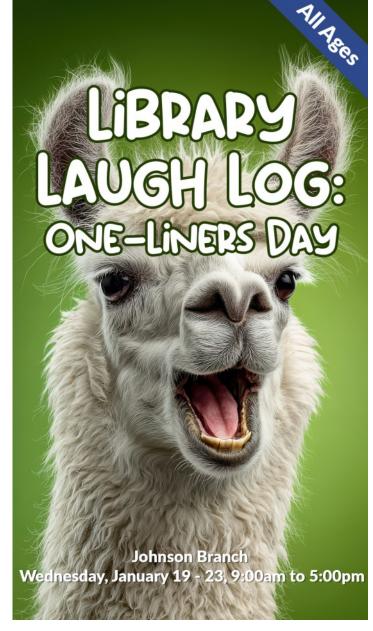
Library Laugh Log: One-Liners DayJohnson Branch

Wednesday, January 19 - 23, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

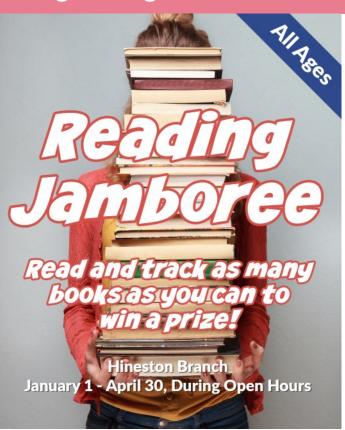
Celebrate National One-Liners Day all week long with the Library Laugh Log! Got a quick wit and a sharp sense of humor? Submit your funniest, punniest one-liner joke — about books, libraries, life, or anything that makes us laugh.

How to Enter:

Submit your one-liner at the desk or via our Facebook page. Include your first name and age group (child, teen, or adult) Keep it clean, clever, and under 25 words. All entries will be featured daily on our Facebook page — The one with the most likes by the end of the week wins bragging rights. Use #OneLiner to join the fun and share with friends. Let's fill the library with laughter — one line at a time! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



All Ages Programs



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.

Snowflake Coasters

Hineston Branch

Saturday, January 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Come in and unleash your creativity. Join us as we celebrate the season by creating handmade snowflake coasters. Each participants gets to decorate 2 snowflake coasters. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Chillin' at the Library: Frozen Movie Day Johnson Branch

Saturday, January 3, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Bundle up and join us at the library for a cozy screening of Frozen. Sing along, laugh, and maybe shed a tear as Anna, Elsa, Olaf, and friends remind us about the power of love, family, and... ice magic! Hot cocoa and wintry snacks included—no mittens required. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

The Truth Behind J.B. Lafargue's Life

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, January 10, 2:00 pm to 3;00 pm

The Martin Luther King Jr. Branch is proud to host the book talk and signing of Michael Wynne's latest biography titled, 'All towards the elevation of the negro race in America...': Jean Baptiste Lafargue, The 'Negro' Who Re-Invented Black Education For America. Michael Wynne, collector, historian, speaker, and preservationist (just to name a few) will have books on hand for sale as he brings us new truths that have remained hidden for so long about the history and heritage of Jean Baptiste Lafargue. Joining Michael Wynne to enlighten and educate you, will be the great-great niece of J. B. Lafargue, environment reporter at The Times-Picayune/NOLA.com in New Orleans, and fiction writer from Los Angeles, Josette Abugov. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Coffee, Color and ChillLibuse Branch

Saturday, January 10, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

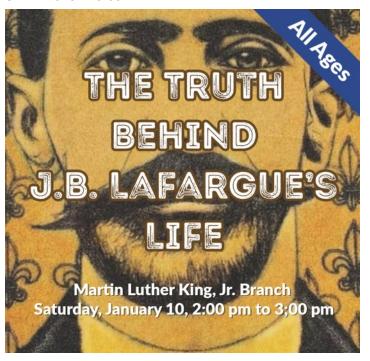
Patrons of all ages are welcome to come by the Libuse Branch between 9:30 and 11 AM to relax with a coloring page and a warm beverage. Make it your New Year's Resolution to spend more time relaxed with some delicious coffee or tea and coloring. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Retro Gaming Hour

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

This event is BYOG (Bring Your Old Games)! Bring the magic of classic gaming to a new generation. Bring your old console and handheld systems to show off, share, and play! Make sure games brought are family appropriate. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



All Ages Programs

I Have a Dream

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Join us for a walk back in history to the "I have a dream" speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr. Our storywalk will introduce his speech starting the month of January 2026. Come walk with us through history on January 16. 2026. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Basic Printer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, January 24, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

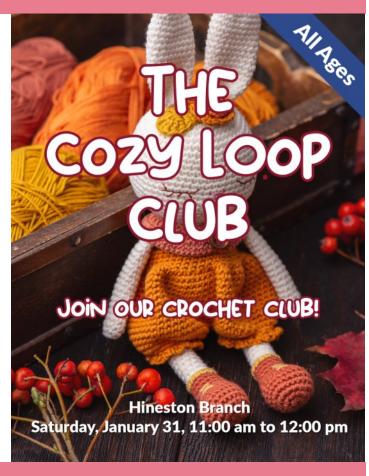
Did you know that our printer can send faxes AND emails? Did you know that you can send print requests from your phone? Learn how to do all this and more at Basic Printer Training! All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

The Cozy Loop Club

Hineston Branch

Saturday, January 31, 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.



Children's Programs

1,000 Books Before Five **Every Branch**

January 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027

Read 1,000 books with your child before their 5th birthday and get recognized at a board meeting! Log your reading using our Beanstack App and prepare your child for success in school and life! This is an ongoing program continuing from 2025. Patrons can log their reading and track their progress in the challenge on Beanstack.

Wiggles and Giggles Storytime Martin Library

Friday, January 2, 10:00m am to 10:45 am Friday, January 9, 10:00m am to 10:45 am Friday, January 16, 10:00m am to 10:45 am Friday, January 23, 10:00m am to 10:45 am Friday, January 30, 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 handson 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, January 3, 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.

Color & Learn: Happy Toddlers Hineston Branch

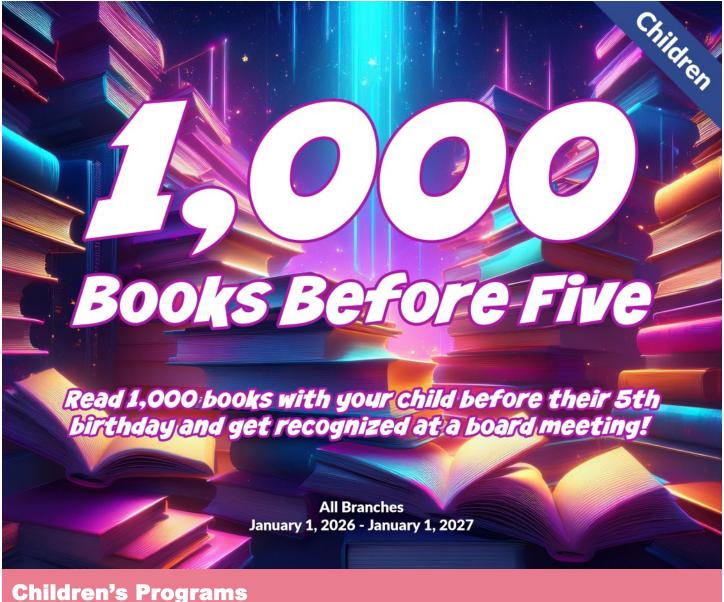
Monday, January 5, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Monday, January 12, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Monday, January 26, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

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, January 6, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, January 13, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, January 20, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, January 27, 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



Thursday Morning Adventures Hineston Branch

Thursday, January 8, 10:30 am to 11:00 am Thursday, January 15, 10:30 am to 11:00 am Thursday, January 22, 10:30 am to 11:00 am Thursday, January 29, 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.

Storytime and Craft

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, January 7, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Wednesday, January 21, 3:00 pm to 4:00 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.

Creative Discovery Wednesday Martin Library

Wednesday, January 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 28, 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. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

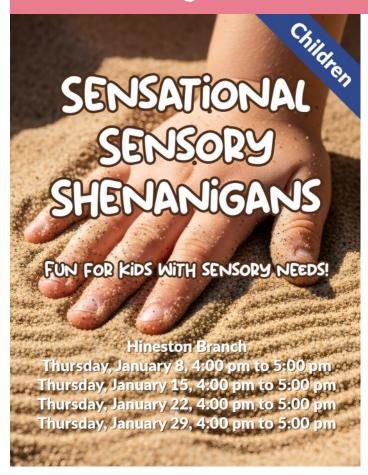
January 7 - Kid Trivia

January 14 - Kite Day Craft

January 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Craft

January 28 - Bubble Wrap Painting

Children's Programs



Sensational Sensory Shenanigans Hineston Branch

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

Snowflake Silhouette Art

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, January 9, 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Visit the McDonald Branch and paint beautiful snowflake art. Spaces are limited. We can't wait to see you! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Saturday in the Library Martin Library

Saturday, January 17, 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, January 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

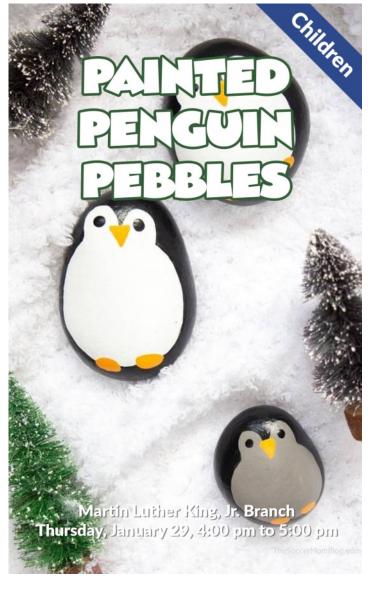
Come out and enjoy the movie Ron's Gone Wrong at the Hineston branch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks too! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Painted Penguin Pebbles

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, January 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Kids will be painting smooth pebbles to look like penguins while learning fun facts about these waddling birds along the way! All materials provided--just bring your creativity! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Children's & Teen Programs



Selfie Silhouettes

Libuse Branch

Saturday, January 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Kids) Saturday, January 3, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens) Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, January 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Martin Library

Thursday, January 8, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Homeschool)

Thursday, January 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Afterschool)

Hineston Branch

Thursday, January 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Main Library

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Take your own picture (bring one of your own, or we can take one and print it out) and paint it in all black on a canvas to make a specialized canvas of your very own face to keep! We'll be providing everything you need to make your masterpiece. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Hunger Games Escape Room

Johnson Branch

Friday, January 9, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Come see if you can figure out how to survive the 72nd Hunger Games Escape Room. There will be traps, puzzles, and clues that you must collect and solve before ticktock, time is up. May the odds be ever in your favor. Recommended for children 10 and up. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Pour Paint Mardi Gras Mask Westside Regional Library

Saturday, January 10, 10:30 am to 11:30 am Wednesday, January 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Celebrate Mardi Gras with color and creativity. Use pour painting techniques to design a vibrant, one-of -a kind mask. All materials provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Martin Creators Martin Library

Saturday, January 10, 10:00m am 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 8–18, 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. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

Paper Roller Coaster

Hineston Branch

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

Play, build, and learn with us! We're making a paper roller coaster this month and discovering cool science like engineering and physics along the way. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Splatter Painted Winter LandscapeJohnson Branch

Monday, January 12, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, January 15, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Hineston Branch

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, January 20, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Martin Library

Thursday, January 29, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Thursday, January 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Kids and teens - Come create a snowy winter scene using splatter painting techniques. No experience needed- all supplies provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Pixel Perfect: Turning Diamond Art into Digital Art Main Library

Tuesday, January 13, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Bring your creativity and tech skills together in this unique STEM program for teens! Participants will start with a piece of diamond art and learn how to transform it into a vibrant digital design. Using scanners or cameras and free editing software, teens will explore how images are digit-

ized, enhanced, and stylized using technology. It's a funblend of art and science. This program is for ages 10 to 18. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



STEM: Make Your Own Snow Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 15, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, January 21, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

In this hands-on STEM program, kids will learn about chemical reactions and polymers while making their own batch of realistic, fluffy "snow." Participants will explore how certain materials absorb water, expand, and mimic real snow, then use their creations for fun sensory play and experiments. Perfect for curious kids who love science and a little winter wonder! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Children's & Teen Programs

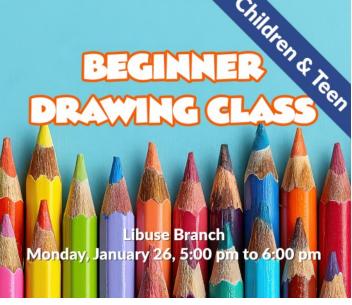
Legopalooza!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join us for a Lego-building bonanza! Bring your friends, family, and imagination to complete timed building challenges, earn prizes, and most of all...have fun! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an parent/guardian. Registration in advance is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.





Beginner Drawing Class

Libuse Branch

Monday, January 26, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Sign up on RPL's digital event calendar to join Libuse's beginner drawing class where you will learn basic shapes, objects, and shading. If you've ever wanted to learn the basics of how to draw, there's no time like the present and no place like Libuse. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.





Teen Programs

Fizzing Snowflakes Experiement Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, January 9, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm Get ready to mix a little science with some winter inspired fun! In this interactive experiment, teens will create their own fizzy snowflakes using baking soda, vinegar, and water. We'll explore the basics of acid base chemical reactions while designing shapes that fizz, bubble, and pop! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Absolutely Artistic Hineston Branch

Friday, January 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Friday, January 23, 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 - only for teens! We'll dabble in several different forms of art. All you need to bring is yourself and your creative side to become Absolutely Artistic! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

What's Your Move: Teen Edition Robertson Branch

Saturday, January 10, 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.

Teens Can... Westside Regional Library

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

Teens Can... Scratch art a city! Choose from a variety of iconic cities like New York, Turkey, Italy, and more, then use special scratch art tools to reveal vibrant, colorful designs hidden beneath the surface. We have snacks! Join us on the third Friday of the month! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Drawing Hour J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens will gather for a quite and relaxing time to create art. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



RPL Online Program Registration:

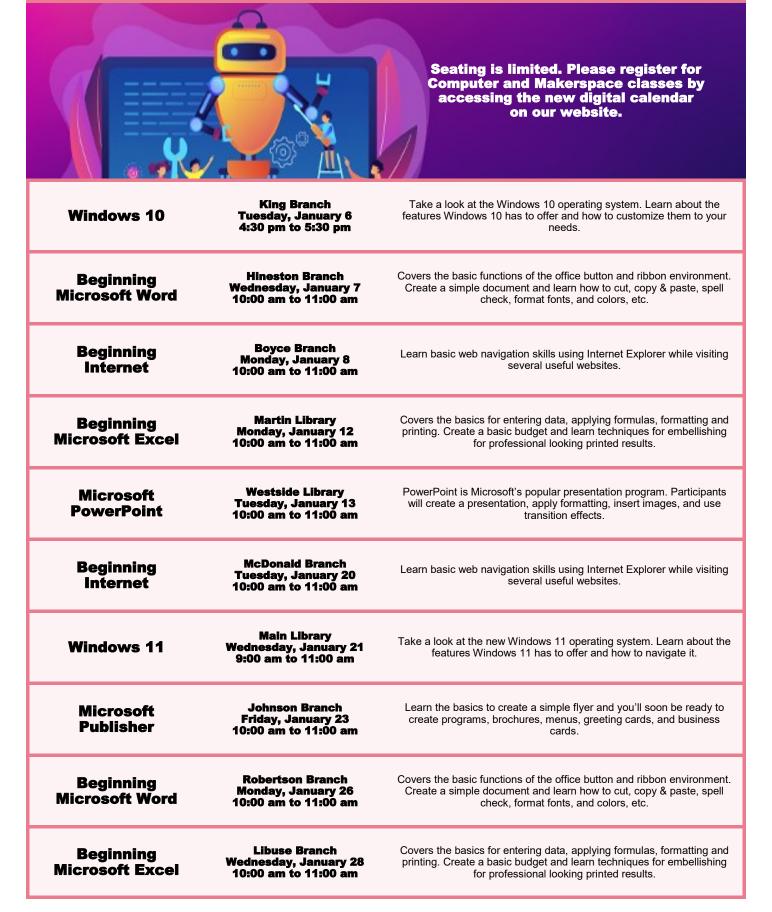
In order to ensure better access for all community members to all adult programs, the Rapides Parish Library will be instituting the following rules for registration-required programs beginning in November 2025:

- 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.

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.

Computer Classes



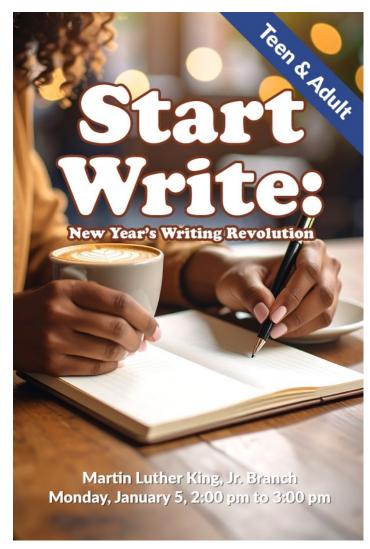
Adults & Teen Programs

Chess Club

Libuse Branch

Friday, January 2, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Teens and beyond are invited to play chess at the Libuse Branch. Whether you're a chess master, new to the game, or just want to play some board games with friends, then Chess Club is the place for you! Chess boards will be provided by the branch. Please bring a board game from home if you'd like to play any others. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Start Write: New Year's Writing Revolution Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 5, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Start off the new year with a new hobby. Join us for a hand-on, screens-off journaling workshop. Explore guided prompts, spark your creativity, and share your writing in a welcoming and supportive environment. Please bring your favorite journal and your trusty pen or pencil. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Finish that Project

Libuse Branch

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

Do you have an unfinished project you've needed time and space to work on? Bring your painting, craft, or other artwork, and come by the Libuse Branch. The Libuse team is ready to help you with your DIY! Paint will be provided for those working on painting projects, and hot glue will be available for those that need it, but all other supplies should be provided by the patrons. Patrons that want to work on textiles (quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting) will be welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

D&D Fridays

Main Library

Friday, January 9, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Friday, January 23, 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.

Canva for Beginners Martin Library

Tuesday, January 13, 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! 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 is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Adults Painting Programs

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday, January 9, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Johnson Branch

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

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

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! Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified a week before the event for your spot. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Wednesday, January 21, 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.

Art is Life!

Main Library

Monday, January 12, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday, January 26, 5:30 pm to 7:30 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 infor-

Sip 'N Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 26, 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.

Adult Programs

Tea Time at Main Main Library

Friday, January 2, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us as we enjoy a refreshing cup of tea as well as another hot beverage that is sure to warm our hearts. January we will be enjoying hot chocolate. We will also talk about the history of hot chocolate and have some samples for people to drink. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Self Care Saturday

Martin Library

Saturday, January 3, 10:00m am to 11:00 am

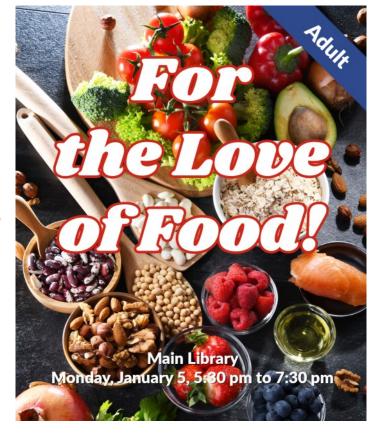
Join us for Self Care Saturday a relaxing DIY workshop where you'll create soothing bath bombs, refreshing body scrubs, calming mists or practice meditation. Enjoy a peaceful, creative afternoon, connect with others, and take home beautifully handmade items designed to enhance your self-care routine. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

For the Love of Food Main Library

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

Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with a local chef! Amy Pillarisetti of Lal Mirch Cooking School is here to lead us on a delightful culinary journey. You'll learn new recipes, sample delicious dishes, and explore cookbooks

from our collection. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more infor-



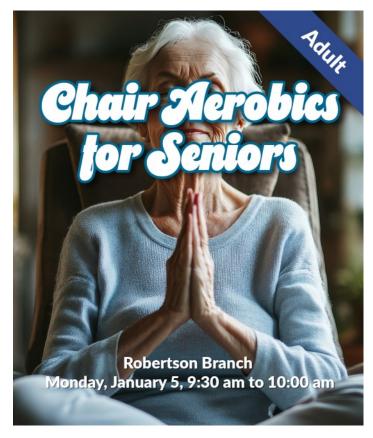
Adult Programs

Finish that Project

Libuse Branch

Monday, January 5, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Adults - Do you have an unfinished project you've needed time and space to work on? Bring your painting, craft, or other artwork, and come by the Libuse Branch. Perhaps you've started a project at a library craft program that needs to be completed? Or you need the help of another artistic eye to find just the right shade of paint? The Libuse team is ready to help you with your DIY! Paint will be provided for those working on painting projects, and hot glue will be available for those that need it, but all other supplies should be provided by the patrons. Patrons that want to work on textiles will be welcome. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Chair Aerobics for Seniors Robertson Branch

Monday, January 5, 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.

As Young As You FeelRobertson Branch

Monday, January 5, 10:00am to 11:30am

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 10:00am to 11:30am Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 8, 10:00am to 11:30am

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 20, 10:00am to 11:30am Main Library

Thursday, January 15, 10:00am to 11:30am Libuse Branch

Friday, January 16, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 26, 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.



Adult Programs

Silicone Keychain Craft

Robertson Branch

Monday, January 5, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 6, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Main Library

Wednesday, January 7, 12:30 am to 2:30 pm Libuse Branch

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Hineston Branch

Wednesday, January 14, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 20, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 21, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for a creative workshop where you'll design and craft your own keychain using stylish silicone beads. This hands-on program is a fun way to relax, and leave with a unique accessory that's both practical and personal. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Tech & Career Hours

Martin Library

Monday, January 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday, January 12, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us during our Tech & Career Support Hours, a welcoming space to learn new skills, get 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. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

January 5 - Cricut & Canva Help with Maryna Visit in person or contact Maryna at *maryna@rpl.org* to schedule an appointment.

January 12 - Career & Résumé Help with Amber Visit in person or contact Amber at amber@rpl.org to schedule an appointment.

McDonald Fit!

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, January 6, 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.

How To's Day Martin Library

Tuesday, January 6, 10:00m 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 sea-

soned 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"! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Self Care Sugar Scrubs

Main Library

Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 am to 11:30 am Tuesday, January 20, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Indulge in a hands-on experience where self-care meets creativity! In this relaxing and fun workshop, you'll learn how to craft your own luxurious sugar scrubs using natural ingredients that nourish the skin and soothe the senses. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Creative Comfort: One-on-One Crafting for Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Wednesday, January 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Wednesday, January 14, 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. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Fit Happens! Chair ExerciseJohnson Branch

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Friday, January 9, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Friday, January 16, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Wednesday, January 21, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Friday, January 23, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Wednesday, January 28, 10:00 am to 10:30 am Friday, January 30, 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.

Adult Programs

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, January 8, 9:00 am to 10:00 am Thursday, January 22, 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.

Computer Basics at Libuse Libuse Branch

Thursday, January 9, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Thursday, January 23, 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, January 10, 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.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, January 12, 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.

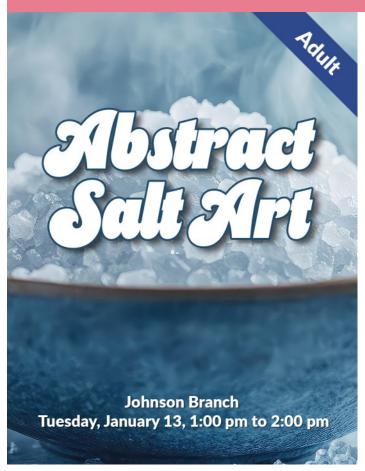
Main Tech CafeMain Library

Tuesday, January 13, 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, 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. We will also discuss Internet Safety with Passwords. Perfect for beginners or anyone who wants a little extra tech support—with caffeine on the side. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Adult Programs



Abstract Salt Art

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This hands-on winter art project guides participants in creating an abstract salt painting inspired by icy textures and seasonal colors. Using glue, salt, and watercolor paints, artists design flowing lines, snowflake-like shapes, and frosty effects as the paint travels along the salt crystals. The step-by-step instructions encourage creativity with cool winter palettes, optional glitter for sparkle, and tips for achieving beautiful, delicate results. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Bingo at Hineston

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, January 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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.

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, January 14, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Wednesday, January 28, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

"I won't remember this! I'm not tech-savvy! I'm too old to learn this. I'm from the hopscotch, jacks, and jump rope

generation. Just do this for me!" Does this sound like you? This class will take you from the very, very basics of what a computer is to the simple use of a keyboard, mouse, and eventually, the internet. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

20 Somethings

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, January 21, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

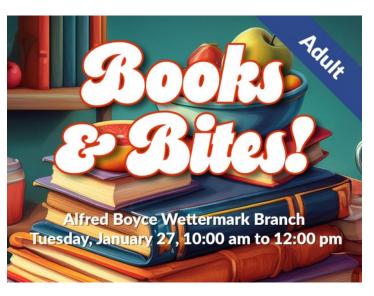
Love anime? Crave ramen? Wish you had people to share it with? Join us at Westside for 20 Somethings, our monthly program where each session focuses on something you love to do. This month, we're diving into *Frieren: Beyond Journey's End*—the anime that dethroned *Fullmetal Alchemist* on MyAnimeList. We'll watch together and enjoy some fun conversations about the series so far. Whether you're watching it for the first time or rewatching, it's an experience you won't want to miss. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Tea Party

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, January 24, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

After all the festive activities what better way to wind down than having a tea party. Come try our variety of teas and food. Catch up with old friends and make new ones. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



Books & Bites!Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, January 27, 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 in advance is required as space is limited.

Adult Programs

Gentle Moves

Hineston Branch

Wednesday, January 28, 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.

Fruit Tree Pruning with the LSU AgCenter and Molly Lyles Westside Regional Library

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

Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for a practical session on fruit tree pruning. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Genealogy Research Programs

Rebels, Rogues, Royals and RenegadesAlfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Learn to conduct self-directed research using Ancestry Library Edition. Discover your heritage and create a personal family heritage journal to document the journey. 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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