

# **EVENT GUIDE**

**JULY 2024 · ISSUE 131** 



## **Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages**

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

Tuesday, July 2, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join Sonja Spahn and other readers on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss great Southern books written by great Southern writers. This month we will discuss Storie We Tell by Joanna Gaines. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

#### A Little Bit of Everything Book Club Westside Regional Library

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

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, then you'll enjoy this book club, meeting each second Monday of the month. Join us this month to discuss Attic Child by Lola Jaye. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

#### **Triple A Book Club**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading American Daughters by Maurice Carlos Ruffin. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Kids' Book Club**

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm Kids' are invited to read On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by Andrew Peterson and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

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ie	Main Writers Club Main Library Thursday, July 11, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm Writers of all genres and levels are welcome to this writers group. Give and receive feedback on works in progress, hone writing skills through challenging writing prompts, and get tips on submitting to contests and publications. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.
d of n	<b>Books &amp; Beyond!</b> Westside Regional Library Friday, July 12, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Teens can come and join us at Westside on the first Fri-

Friday of each month to discuss books and meet to discuss what teen programs you want to see at your library. This month we are meeting on the second Friday of the month. We will discuss the selected book of the month and then discuss what programs and books teens would like to have at the Library. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



#### **Teen Book Tasting Book Club** Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 10, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

## **Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages**

#### **Daytime Book Club**

#### Libuse Branch

Monday, July 15. 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read All Good People Here by Ashley Flowers and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

#### **Children's Book Tasting Book Club**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Monday, July 15, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Children are encouraged to come in with their favorite book for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. After that we will take a little time to start reading! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Teen Book Club**

Libuse Branch

#### Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read The Length of a String by Elissa Brent Weissman 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, July 18, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies are invited to read I'm Glad My Mom Died by Jeannette McCurdy 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, July 19, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Time to uncover some mysteries! Our next adventure awaits in the pages of American Predator by Maureen Callahan. This is a book about the most meticulous serial killer of the 21st century. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Come Write In!**

Main Library

#### Tuesday July 23, 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.

#### **Christian Fiction Book Club Robertson Branch**

#### Thursday, July 25, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join the Christian Fiction Book Club on the last Thursday of each month to read and discuss favorite Christian and historical fiction novels. This month's selection is The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

#### **Cenia Authors' Club** Westside Regional Library

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

The Cenla Author's 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 Jack Townsend, Jack Townsend rose to internet notoriety when his series of horror-comedy short stories collectively known as "Tales from the Gas Station" received the award for "Best Series of 2017" from NoSleep, an online forum with over 14 million subscribers. His stories have been translated into six languages and have appeared in podcasts, books, viral creepy pastas, and people's dreams all over the world. To find out what Jack is up to these days, visit his blog at GasStationJack.com. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

#### **Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book** Club

#### Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Friday, July 26, 10:30 am to 11:30 pm

Join us on fourth Fridays for good conversation and loads of fun as we delve into fascinating titles in literary, popular, and historical fiction, fantasy, suspense, nonfiction, biographies, and more chosen by members vote once every vear. The selection for this month is The Waterv Part of the World by Michael Parker. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

#### **Robertson Book Club Robertson Branch**

#### Tuesday, July 30, 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 The Women by Kristin Hannah. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



## **All Ages Programs**

#### **Seed Saving with LSU-Ag Center**

Libuse Branch Monday, July 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm **Robertson Branch** 

#### Monday, July 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Learn how to save your garden seeds with LSU-Ag Center's Molly Lyles and reuse later to replant your next garden. Reservations are required as seats are limited. See for more information.

#### **Bits & Boards**

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Friday, July 5, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Friday, July 19, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

action with group video games like Mario Kart. Mario Wonder, and Mario Party. Or test your skills with classic board 318-445-2411 for more information. games such as Chess. Checkers. Dominoes. Trouble. Uno, and a myriad of others! From exciting races to strate- **Gourmet S'mores** gic showdowns, there's something here for everyone. Don't miss out-mark your calendars for Bits & Boards! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Crafty Saturday in July**

Hineston Branch

Saturday, July 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Saturday, July 27, 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 crafters choice. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

#### **Treat the Heat Social**

RPL's "Creative Con" is our library's friendly neighborhood local Comic Con. This year's theme is Star Wars! You can Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch expect panels, vendors, games, virtual reality, and cool Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm photo opportunities! It's not Creative Con without a cos-Time to beat the heat come enjoy cold treats, drinks, and tume contests! There will be costume contests for all ages indoor games at the Martin Luther King Jr. Branch! While - adult, teen, children under 13 and group categories. Winyou enjoy the treats and shade, you'll also learn some ners win a gift card to BAM. Potential guests may include ways to keep safe during the hottest parts of the summer, the 501st Legion and the Mustafar Temple. There will also ways like visiting your library! You won't want to miss this be costumed characters to meet and interact with. We will "cool" fun! Reservations are required as seats are limited. make a cool craft - a lightsaber made out of pool noodles! See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-Don't miss this exciting annual event at RPL! Contact 318-3912 for more information. 442-2483 for more information.

#### Make a Fairy Garden with LSU-Ag Center Westside Regional Library

**Author of the Month: Sudha Pillarisetti** Main Library Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday, July 5, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Join LSU-Ag Center's Molly Lyles to craft your very own Libuse Branch fairy garden. We supply the container, soil, and plants-Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm your creativity brings the magic! Reservations are required Main Library as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to regis-Thursday, July 18, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm ter. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information. Westside Regional Library Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm **Coffee. Color. and Chill** Sudha Pillarisetti will be here to discuss and sell his books Libuse Branch to patrons. Contact branch you plan to attend for more Saturday, July 13, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm information.

Patrons of all ages are invited to drop by the Libuse Branch Library anytime between 9:30 AM and 12 PM to spend a relaxing Saturday morning with delicious coffee or tea, peaceful music, and a coloring page. Take a minute to slow down and enjoy a summer Saturday morning at your local library. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

#### the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 Law Talks Watch Party on Expungements Main Library

Wednesday, July 24, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Come to the library watch party! The Rapides Parish Library will host the Louisiana State Bar Association's virtual presentation on Expundements led by legal aid and volunteer attorneys. Presentation will be held via zoom watch Join us for midday gaming! Beat the heat and dive into the party at the Main Library. You can also stream the presentation on the Lawyers in Libraries Facebook page. Contact

## J.W. McDonald Branch

Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

You've heard of s'mores, but have you heard of gourmet s'mores? Come and join us as we up our skills in making s'mores! This is a great family fun activity for you and your family to try. Learn and try them here then bring back your s'more skills for the next bonfire or camping trip you go on. Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

#### **Creative Con**

#### Westside Regional Library

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Sudha Pillarisetti is a Pathologist, with training and education in India and USA. He retired after over 40 years of experience in pathology all over the globe.

Tiger Wallah

He is passionate about his profession and introduces new technologies in laboratory and was instrumental in bringing many of those to CENLA. Sudha's interests include computer applications in the clinical lab. His software applications include 'Document Control'. He has authored & presented many scientific papers in different medical Journals. It is his love of writing that he decided to pursue his passion to write after his retirement. He lives in Alexandria Louisiana with his wife Amariit (Amy).

## **Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs**

#### Pokémon GO to RPL Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

All Month Long, During Open Hours

Throughout the entire month of July, the Martin Luther We will be making friendly firefly pop bottles! Fun and cute King Jr. Branch is encouraging you to go outside, explore, to boot! And they light up! Kits available all month for Grab and catch Pokémon by offering prizes for reaching in--n-Go starting July 6th during opening hours while supplies last. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information. game milestones! Stop by to pick up a Pokémon Adventure Guide, and see what prizes await! This program is not sponsored nor affiliated with Niantic. Inc., Nintendo, or Wind-Sock Bottle Craft The Pokémon Companies. Contact 318-445-3912 for **Hineston Branch** more information. Saturday, July 6, During Open Hours

#### Where Have We Been? Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

#### All Month Long, During Open Hours

Where have you been? Not just this summer but your entire life? Children, Tweens, and Teens, come in throughout the month of July and tell us different states you have visited! We are hoping to mark all 50 states! We'll also see which state has had the most visitors at the end of the month! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Wildlife Scavenger Hunt** Martin Library

#### All Month Long, During Open Hours

Join us as we go on a Wild Life Scavenger Hunt! This program will last throughout the Summer Reading Program. from June 3 - July 31, 2024, during regular business hours. Children and teens will be able to get a Safari Checklist from the circulation desk. The checklist will have the different animals that can be found throughout the library. Once they find all the animals on the checklist, they can return to the circulation desk and receive a stamp in their Adventure Passport. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

#### **Adventure Passport** Martin Librarv

#### All Month Long, During Open Hours

All of July, an Adventure Passport is available to children and teens at the Martin Library! All summer, we will have library activities that will enable you to get stamps in your passport! These include the summer reading entertainment, passive programs, and various programs available! Once you receive 8 stamps, you can bring your passport to the circulation desk to receive a prize! Don't miss this chance to have an Adventure at the Library! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

#### **Color Me Calm** Martin Library

#### All Month Long, During Open Hours

Relax by coloring! Available all day, every day. Adults can you're saving your spot in a thrilling adventure, a mysterienjoy relaxing music while coloring beautiful images! ous tale, or a journey to a fantastical realm, these book-Come express your creativity and enjoy the calm with us! marks will hold your place with a smile. While Supplies Contact 318-442-7575 for more information. Last! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

#### **Firefly Water Bottle**

Hineston Branch

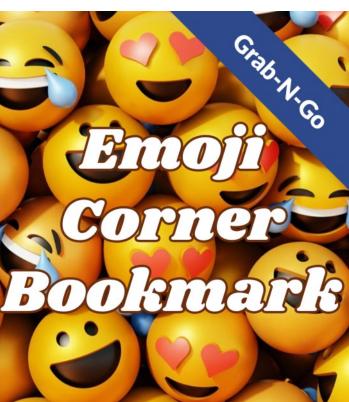
#### Saturday, July 6, During Open Hours

Let's hope there is some wind this hot summer! We are making a windsock just in case! Using a plastic bottle, we will craft a windsock so we can tell when the wind is blowing! Kits available all month for Grab-n-Go starting July 6th during opening hours while supplies last. Contact 318-442 -7575 for more information.

#### **Emoji Corner Bookmark** Johnson Branch

#### Tuesday, July 23, During Open Hours

Bring your pages to life and happiness! Dive into the delightful world of emojis and transform your reading experience with our Emoji Corner Bookmark craft! This easy and fun activity is perfect for crafters of all ages, adding a burst of joy and personality to your favorite books. Whether



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ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY SPONSORED BY HEALTHYBLUE! SUPPLIES ARE APPROPRIATE FOR ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH GRADES. THIS WILL BE A DRIVE THRU ONLY AT OUR MAIN BRANCH LOCATION. LIMITED TO THE FIRST 500 CHILDREN WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. CHILD MUST BE PRESENT.

### **Children's Programs**

#### **Crafty Tuesdays**

Westside Regional Library Tuesday, July 2, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, July 9, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, July 16, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, July 23, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm Tuesday, July 30, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Come and join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages of 2-12 are welcome! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

#### **My Wild Adventures Photo!**

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

#### Tuesday, July 2, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Children are invited to come in and make a wild adventure photo! A fun craft you can display at home! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Kids' Adventure in Art** Martin Library

#### Tuesday, July 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Johnson Branch Join us as we adventure into art by painting our own hot Thursday, July 11, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm air balloons! Since it does involve paint, please wear It's Summer Reading entertainment with Rosa Ashby clothes you don't mind getting messy in. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar Metoyer! Come join professional storyteller Rosa Ashby to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information. Metoyer as she shares her stories with you! You will be mesmerized with her tales and probably leave with stories to tell your own friends. Contact branch you plan to attend **Pasta Fish Craft** for more information. Main Library

#### Wednesday, July 3, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us for Under-the-Sea fun while we make fish from cardboard and macaroni! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **TMM Project**

Main Library Monday, July 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Libuse Branch Monday, July 8, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Hineston Branch Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Robertson Branch** Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 Martin Library Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Westside Regional Library Friday, July 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Friday, July 12, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join TMM Project for some Summer reading Entertainment, as they encourage children to express themselves healthily through creativity and the arts! We'll be learning about different American musical styles with various musical instruments. Don't miss this fun interactive program,

where you are sure to have a good time and be dancing along! Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

#### **Teddy Bear Adventures** Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 10, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children can come in with their teddy bears or other ferocious companion for an adventure in the park! We'll ready a story to our teddy bear friends and afterwards have a picnic with our friends! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Twinkie Submarine Craft** Main Library

Wednesday, July 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 am

Join us for some tasty fun! Learn how to make a submarine out of Twinkies and Fruit Loops! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Storyteller Rosa Ashby Metoyer** J.W. McDonald Branch Thursday, July 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

#### **Saturday Craft at Main: Calming Jar** Main Library

#### Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Create your own calming corner of the cosmos with a cool Universe-Themed jar! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



## **Children's Programs**

#### **Back to School Supply Giveaway!** Main Library

Wednesday, July 17, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Annual School Supply Giveaway sponsored by Healthy-Blue! Supplies are appropriate for elementary and junior high grades. This will be a drive thru only at our Main branch location. Limited to the first 500 children while supplies last. Child must be present. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Doug Berky**

Main Library Monday, July 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Libuse Branch Monday, July 22, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Hineston Branch Tuesday, July 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Tuesday, July 23, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Robertson Branch** Wednesday, July 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Martin Library Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm J.W. McDonald Branch Thursday, July 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Johnson Branch Thursday, July 25, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Westside Regional Library Friday, July 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Friday, July 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Come laugh vourself silly at Doug Berky's hilarious "No

Show"! You don't want to miss as he performs at each of our branches from the week of July 22-26. We know you will have a fun time watching him juggle, sort through costumes, and show off other tricks. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

#### **Dino Digs with Nancy!** J.W. McDonald Branch

#### Tuesday, July 23, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Children get to explore what its like to excavate dinosaur bones at our branch with experienced archaeologist. Nancv! Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

#### **Poverty Point World Heritage Site Presen**tation

**Robertson Branch** 

#### Thursday, July 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Thursday, July 25, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Come learn about this Louisiana historic site not far from here! A park ranger will connect participants to the ancient world of Poverty Point, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Created by Native Americans as early as 3,700 years ago, these ancient hunter-gatherers built their own man-made landscape that includes the largest mounds, earthworks, and community for their time. A ranger will showcase Pov-

erty Point through film, real (and replica) artifacts, and audience engagement. Ancient tool demos will be hands-on. This includes the use of a pump drill for drilling holes and an atlatl for launching darts for hunting. Don't miss this educational and amazing presentation! All ages welcome! Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.



prizes! See your branch for times and dates.

#### **End of Summer Reading Party** Main Library

#### Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Come in and celebrate with us as we wrap up this years Summer Reading with a party! Come celebrate your summer reading accomplishments! We will have refreshments and crafts for all. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Saturday Craft at Main: Moon Rocks** Main Library

#### Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Are you feeling adventurous? Come to the Main Library and create your own moon rocks out of baking soda, water, and glitter! Don't miss this fun! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Children's & Teen Programs**



#### **Mario Kart Mania**

**Robertson Branch** Tuesday, July 2, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Westside Regional Library Tuesday, July 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Wednesday, July 3, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Alfred Bovce Wettermark Branch Friday, July 5, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Hineston Branch** Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Martin Library Wednesday, July 17, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm J.W. McDonald Branch Thursday, July 18, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Johnson Branch Friday, July 19, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Main Library

#### Saturday, July 20, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

We want to see your Mario Kart skills! Come practice for your driving test or stomp your competition during our fun Mario Kart tournament! All ages from 10 and up are welcome! Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

#### International UNO

#### Libuse Branch Saturday, July 6, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Kids) Saturday, July 6, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Teens)

Patrons can come learn about new languages while having fun playing Uno! You can play the game learning numbers and words in various languages around the world. Ages 10 to 12 welcome. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

#### **Python Coding Day Camp**

Main Library Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12pm Morning Session: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Afternoon Session: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us for an exhilarating weeklong Python Coding Day Camp designed for aspiring programmers of all levels! Whether you're a beginner eager to dip your toes into the world of coding or an intermediate looking to sharpen your Python skills, this camp offers an immersive and hands-on experience to unlock the power of programming. For children 12 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Ice Cream Adventure**

Westside Regional Library Saturday, July 13, 10:30 am to 11:30 am Johnson Branch Tuesday, July 16, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Martin Library Thursday, July 18, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm J.W. McDonald Branch Friday, July 19, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Hineston Branch** Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am **Robertson Branch** Monday, July 22, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Libuse Branch Thursday, July 25, 9:00 am to 10:00 am Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Thursday, July 25, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Saturday, July 27, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Beat the heat and stir up some frozen fun with our Ice Cream Adventure! Join us at the library for a hands-on ice cream-making experience like no other! In this interactive program, participants of all ages will discover the science behind making delicious homemade ice cream using simple ingredients. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

#### **Forest Ranger Wildlife Talk** Martin Library

#### Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Forest Ranger Cody will visit the library and talk about the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker. He will also be bringing items to show and tell. Don't miss this fun and informational program! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## **Children's & Teen Programs**

#### **Print Making**

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Robertson Branch

#### Wednesday, July 17, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Discover the magic of Styrofoam plate printing in this dynamic workshop! Unleash your creativity as you carve intricate designs into Styrofoam plates and bring them to life through vibrant prints. Experiment with textures, colors, and patterns to create stunning artworks that reflect your unique style. Perfect for young artists of all levels, this hands-on experience promises endless fun and inspiration. Join us and explore the exciting possibilities of Styrofoam plate printing! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.



#### **STEM: Mason Jar Fairy House**

J.W. McDonald Branch Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Main Library Wednesday, July 17, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Robertson Branch Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Libuse Branch

#### Wednesday, July 24, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Using a blend of crafting and electronics join us to make a Mason Jar Fairy House! In this STEM workshop, participants will build a circuit to give their Fairy Houses a whimsical and illuminated glow. This class is open to children 12 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.



#### Breaking 101

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Thursday, July 25, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Do you know what Breaking is? Did you know that it's going to be in the Summer Olympics for the first time this year? Come learn what Breaking is and show off your cool moves! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### Back-to-School Bash Johnson Branch

#### Friday, July 26, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

As summer winds down and the excitement for the new school year begins, the library is thrilled to host the ultimate Back-to-School Bash for students and families! Set for a day filled with fun, food, and festivity, our event aims to kick off the academic year on a high note. We will have generous giveaways of school supplies while supplies last. This bash is designed to ensure our students are prepared and pumped for the year ahead. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

#### Let's Make a Friendship Bracelet Johnson Branch

#### Tuesday, July 30, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Unleash your creativity and strengthen bonds with the timeless gift of DIY Friendship Bracelets! This craft project is not just about making a piece of jewelry; it's about weaving together memories, affection, and a touch of personal flair into a token that symbolizes the special connection between friends. Perfect for all ages, creating a friendship bracelet encourages fine motor skills, patience, and the joy of sharing. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or new to the hobby, this project offers endless possibilities in design, color, and technique, making each bracelet as unique as the friendship it celebrates. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

### **Computer Classes**

Computer Classes				
Microsoft Publisher	King Branch Tuesday, July 2 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm			
Google Slides	Hineston Branch Wednesday, July 3 10:00 am to 11:00 am			
Google Docs	Libuse Branch Friday, July 5 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm			
Microsoft PowerPoint	Martin Library Monday, July 8 10:00 am to 11:00 am			
Microsoft Publisher	Westside Library Tuesday, July 9 10:00 am to 11:00 am			
Google Sheets	Boyce Branch Thursday, July 11 10:00 am to 11:00 am			
Microsoft Excel Online	McDonald Branch Friday, July 12 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm			
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Beginning Microsoft Excel	Main Library Wednesday, July 17 9:00 am to 11:00 am			
Google Sheets	Johnson Branch Friday, July 26 10:00 am to 11:00 am			

Microsoft Robertson Branch Monday, July 29 10:00 am to 11:00 am

# **CLASS SCHEDULE**

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

Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you'll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.

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#### **Teen Programs**



**My Wild Adventures Photo!** Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Tuesday, July 2, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Tweens and Teens are invited to come in and create a wild adventure photo! A fun craft you can display at home! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Anime Collage**

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, July 12, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Express yourself with cutouts of popular manga/anime characters at our exciting library program! We're calling all teens that love anime to join us for a fun and creative program where you can craft your own anime/manga-themed collages with provided materials. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

#### **Teen Cuisine**

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 17, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Unsure of your way around the kitchen? You want to increase your palate's delight? Come in and join us as we learn how to make a delicious treat. This month you will be socializing with your peers and learning how to make

Blondie Bars! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Canvas Creations: Teen Canvas Painting** J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, July 19, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Teen Canvas Painting offers a dynamic space for young artists to explore canvas painting techniques. Led by skilled instructors, teens unleash their creativity, experimenting with colors and styles to bring their unique visions to life on canvas. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

#### **Teen Minds Matter** Johnson Branch

#### Saturday, July 20, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Teen Minds Matter is a welcoming and inclusive group that meets regularly at the library, offering a supportive environment for teenagers to navigate junior to high school. Designed to promote understanding, resilience, and wellness among teens, Teen Minds Matter serves as a sanctuary where young individuals can share experiences, strategies, and support in a judgment-free zone. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

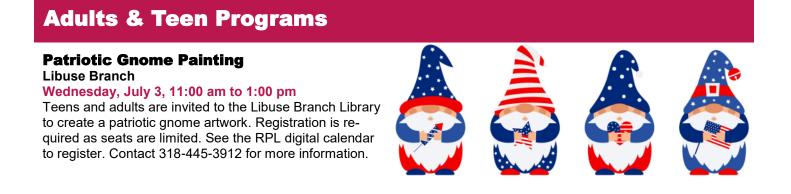
#### **Teen Stress Free Zone** Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

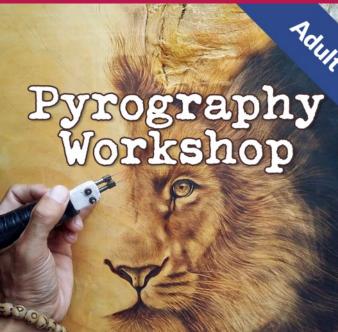
#### **Diamond Art Pokemon Coasters** J.W. McDonald Branch

#### Saturday, July 27, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Teens, come join our diamond art program where you can create round coasters with shiny gems! You will love making a coaster of the adorable Pokemon Eevee. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



#### **Adult Painting Programs**



#### **Pyrography Workshop: Crafting with Fire** Westside Regional Library Friday, July 12, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Discover the art of wood burning with AKA Art! Learn techniques, create intricate designs, and explore your creativity in a safe and supportive environment. All materials provided. Check our schedule and reserve your spot now! Ages fourteen and up welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

#### Watercolor Wonders: A Splash of Creativity 318-445-3912 for more information. Johnson Branch

#### Thursday, July 18, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join our watercolor painting class at the Johnson Branch with quest instructor Bree! Whether vou're a beginner or an experienced painter, our sessions offer guidance, hands-on learning, and a supportive community atmosphere. All materials provided. Check our schedule and reserve your spot today! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

#### **Adult Ceramic Painting** Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch Friday, July 19, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Dive into the world of ceramic painting at our upcoming class! Here you'll learn the art of painting on ceramics, from choosing colors to applying intricate designs. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, this class offers hands -on guidance to help you bring your creative vision to life. Join us for a fun and interactive session where you can unleash your imagination and craft a unique masterpiece to cherish or share with loved ones. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the joy of ceramic painting! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

#### Art Is Life! Main Library

#### Monday, July 22, 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.

#### Adult Painting

#### J.W. McDonald Branch Friday, July 26, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm **Robertson Branch**

#### Tuesday, July 30, 10:30 am to 12:30 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 branch you plan to attend for more information.

#### Sip-n-Paint Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Monday, July 29, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

It's your time to shine! Our very own, Mary Roberts will come help you bring your passion to light. This is not your trace or paint by number class. Relaxation and socialization are the end results. Mary Roberts comes through with her self-taught talents to teach art that will bring out the

artist in you, while sipping and painting with your peers. This is the library edition. Come have fun and see what we will paint this month! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact



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

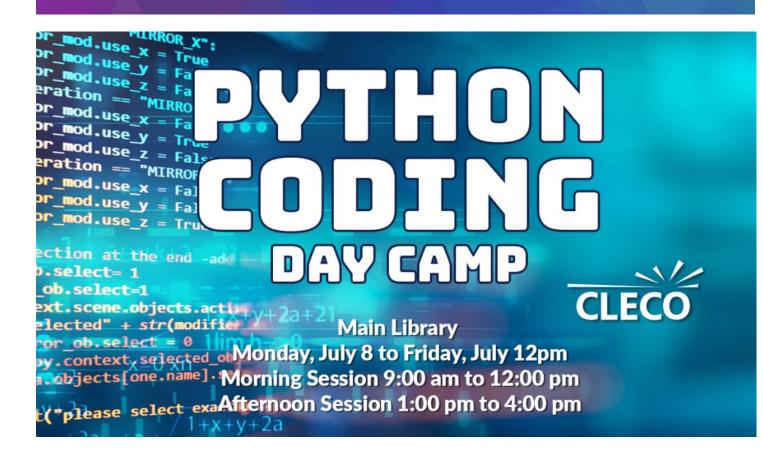
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### **Adult Programs**

#### For the Love of Food Main Librarv

#### Monday, July 1, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join Chrissy from Chrissy's Cajun Kitchen and watch as Join us on the second Monday of each month for veterans she prepares her favorite dish for us to sample! Registrato come together to share resources, support and information in partnership with Anthony Eli to support one antion is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more inforother and work towards a better quality life for veterans. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information. Contact 318mation. 445-3912 for more information.

#### As Young As You Feel

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Come for the bingo, stay for the friendships! Join us for this fun fellowship and bingo game! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

#### **Tea Time at Main** Main Library

#### Friday, July 5, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

It's Tea Time at Main! This program is about the different kinds of tea and then we get to sample a different style of tea each month. This month's Tea of the Month: Oolong Tea. Participants are encouraged to bring tea to swap or share. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

#### **Bayou Bonds: A Senior Social** Johnson Branch

#### Saturday, July 6, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

A heartwarming monthly event designed with our community's older adults in mind, especially those who may feel **Print Making for Adults** isolated. This gathering is more than just an event; it's a Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch chance to forge connections, share life stories, and enjoy Wednesday, July 31, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm the company of others in a comfortable and inviting at-Join us at the library for an exciting introduction to block mosphere. It's an opportunity for our senior community cut printing! Learn the essentials of carving and printing members to voice their experiences, impart wisdom, and linoleum blocks to craft beautiful relief designs. With guidcontribute to a tapestry of storytelling that spans generaance, discover the magic of transforming your creations tions. Alongside the storytelling, attendees can savor a onto paper or fabric. Perfect for beginners, this workshop variety of teas and light refreshments, making for a perfect offers a creative and enriching experience. Patrons 14 and afternoon of relaxation and companionship. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar up may join the class. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information. 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### **Veterans Support Veterans** Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, July 8, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

#### **Dream Catchers** J.W. McDonald Branch

#### Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Come and join us as we create our very own dream catcher! You'll also learn what dream catchers are all about! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

#### Westside Fit!

#### Westside Regional Library

Thursday, July 11, 9:00 am to 10:00 am Thursday, July 25, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

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

#### **Social Saturday's**

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

#### Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

We aim to stimulate your life with social interaction and brain reactions. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

#### Salsa Canning with LSU AgCenter

#### Main Library

#### Wednesday, July 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Canning salsa is a great way to preserve your garden's bounty and enjoy salsa year-round! Join us for an informative and hands-on canning class led by Jennifer Duhon from the LSU-Ag Center. Participants 16 and older are welcomed at the program. 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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#### **Genealogy Research Programs**

#### **Rebels, Rogues, Royals, and Renegades:** An Ancestry Heritage Exploration Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

#### Friday, July 12, 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. Meets monthly. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

#### The Genealogy Club Main Library

#### Wednesday, July 26, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Trace your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other library resources you have to pay for everywhere else! Learn to search census records, obituaries, and other records to find missing links in your family historv. Beginners are welcome. 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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