



# EVENT GUIDE

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## **ALL JAZZED UP — FOR — SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

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# Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

## The Southern: A Book Club Westside Regional Library

**Tuesday, July 1, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Join us for a book talk, and all things Southern. Books set in the South to books written by Southern authors, we read it all. *The Whole Town's Talking* is this month's perfect summer read. Author Fannie Flagg is an actress, comedian and author of many novels, including *Fried Green Tomatoes*, later adapted into a movie. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## Kids' Book Club Libuse Branch

**Tuesday, July 8, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

Children are invited to read *Skyriders* by Polly Holyoke and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

## Out of This World Bookclub Main Library

**Tuesday, July 8, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

Explore the galaxy by reading classic and new science fiction titles, while also discussing the technology and science that made its way into everyday life. We are going to stay on Mars, or is it Barsoom, to explore the landscape and environment of another planet. In the 1917 classic, *A Princess of Mars*, by Edgar Rice Burroughs, we will meet Princess Dejah Thoris and save the beautiful Barsoom for future generations. Let's blast off and explore science fiction today! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Triple-A Book Club

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

**Tuesday, July 8, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

Join us to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

## Book Signing with Berchman Richard Westside Regional Library

**Thursday, July 10, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Local author, Berchman Richard, will be signing and selling his new book, *Death on the Atchafalaya*. This story weaves together three plotlines: 1.The quest for an ancient treasure chest filled with stolen gold, hidden in the Louisiana swamps, and the men who search and die for it. 2. Two older men embarking on a final adventure aboard a small cabin cruiser, traveling through Texas and Louisiana's waterways, heading toward the Atchafalaya swamp. 3. The convergence of these two stories as men in the swamp fiercely guard the secret of the buried gold from those who seek to steal it. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## Little Bit of Everything Book Club Westside Regional Library

**Monday, July 14, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, you'll enjoy this book club. Join us this month to discuss *The Women*

by Kristin Hannah. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## Teen Book Club Libuse Branch

**Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Teens are invited to read *Saint Anything* by Sarah Dessen 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 17, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

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

## Main Mystery Book Club Main Library

**Friday, July 18, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Join us as we discuss this month's book, *A Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters. Copies are available at the Main Library. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Daytime Book Club Libuse Branch

**Monday, July 21, 10:30 am to 11:30 am**

Patrons are invited to read *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

## Come Write In! Main Library

**Tuesday, July 22, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm**

Hone your writing skills in this monthly creative writing session! Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on an existing project of their own, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Cenla Author's Club Westside Regional Library

**Thursday, July 24, 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 John H. Lawrence, now of Mississippi. He is the author of *Louisiana Lens: Photographs from The Historic New Orleans Collection*. A New Orleans native, John H. Lawrence worked at The Historic New Orleans Collection for more than four decades before retiring as director of museum programs in 2020. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

# Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

## The Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club

**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**

**Thursday, July 25, 10:30 am to 11:30 am**

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! This month we're reading *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

## Robertson Book Club Robertson Branch

**Tuesday, July 29, 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 Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

## Christian Fiction Book Club Robertson Branch

**Thursday, July 31, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Join us each month as we read a discuss a book. This month we will read and discuss *Under the Cover of Mercy* by Rebecca Connolly. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

# Author of the Month

## Author of the Month: Morris Taft Thomas Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

**Friday, July 18, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

Please join us as Morris Taft Thomas does a presentation and signing for his latest book, *Art and Vision: A Family Tradition*. Mr. Thomas has won numerous awards and recognitions for his many talents. Most notably he made a White House Christmas Tree Ornament and attended the festivities in 2001, received Louisiana's Governor's Art Award from Governor Mike Foster (2008), received commendations from the State Legislature (2018), and so much more. He is also the author of *Contributions of Negro Artists in Louisiana* (1972) and *Eminent Black Artists in Louisiana* (1975).

His work is in many public and private collections. Some of his public works are located at LSU in Baton Rouge, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the Alexandria Museum of Art, Southern University Museum of Art, the Abbeville Museum of Art, the White House Archives, and the City of Alexandria. Notable private collectors include: B.B. King, Yolanda King, former South African President Nelson Mandela, the estate of Alex Haley, and the estate of President Jimmy Carter. He is also a huge supporter and advocate for the Rapides Parish Library and an esteemed member of the RPL Board of Control. There will be a door prize giveaway from author. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

# All Ages Programs

## Crafty Saturdays Hineston Branch

**Saturday, July 5, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

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.

## Shamrock Sessions Martin Library

**Monday, July 7, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Shamrock Sessions is a music event at the Martin Library, featuring an exciting mix of jazz classics and local talent! Enjoy smooth rhythms, lively tunes, and an atmosphere filled with great music and good vibes. Whether you're a fan of jazz or just love live performances, this event is the perfect way to unwind and experience the magic of music in a cozy, welcoming space. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Jazzed Up Flicks: Inside Out Martin Library

**Friday, July 11, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

Join us for a free screening of *Inside Out*, the heartwarming animated film that takes you inside the mind of a young girl as her emotions—Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust—navigate life's big changes. Fun for all ages, with popcorn provided! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Summer Movies at the Library Main Library

**Monday, July 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Our theme for summer reading is "All Jazzed Up!". Join us on Monday, July 14th at 10:00 A.M. for the movie *The Princess and the Frog*. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

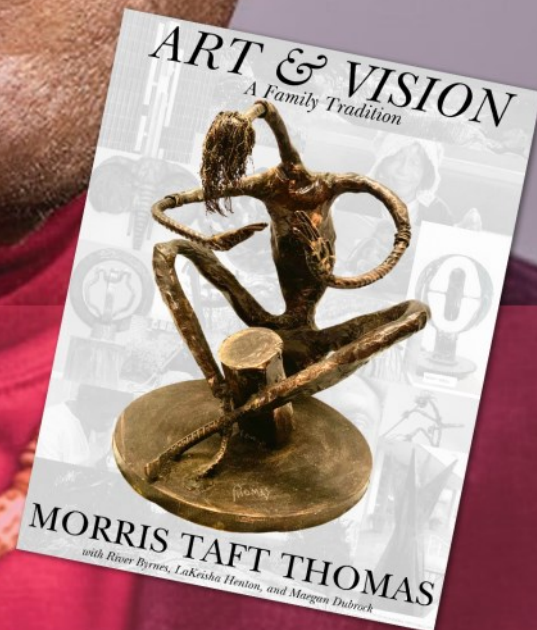


# Cenla Author of the Month

## Author of the Month Morris Taft Thomas

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**  
**Friday, July 18, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

Please join us as Morris Taft Thomas does a book presentation and book signing for his latest book, *Art and Vision: A Family Tradition*. Mr. Thomas has won numerous awards in sculpture and ceramics. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



## All Ages Programs

### **Movie Day @ McDonald: The Rescuers** **J.W. McDonald Branch**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Visit the McDonald Branch to watch a Disney classic film. *The Rescuers* is a story about two mice sent on a mission to save a kidnapped girl from an evil woman. This movie is a treat for ALL AGES! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

### **Jazzed Up Flicks: The Wild Robot** **Martin Library**

**Friday, July 18, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

What happens when nature meets machine? Join us for a screening of *The Wild Robot*, the heartwarming adventure of Roz, a robot who wakes up alone on a remote island and learns to survive—and connect—with the wild animals around her. A beautiful story about kindness, adaptation, and finding your place in the world. Great for families and all ages! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### **Pass It On (Show & Tell)** **Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

**Friday, July 18, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm**

Do you have a special item at home that you would like to share with others? Something that has a particular story

that is meaningful to you—or something that reveals a bit about Rapides Parish's past? Bring something that carries a story or memory that you would like the future generations to bring with them into tomorrow. Pass it on! Let's show and tell our neighbors about it! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### **Level-Up Lounge** **Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

**Thursday, July 24, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Play and Stay Cool! Bring your family and friends to play classic board games and exciting video games at the King Branch. Make friends and learn new games! Children under 10 must be accompanied by Guardian. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### **Jazzed Up Flicks: The Princess & the Frog** **Martin Library**

**Friday, July 25, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

Hop into a magical adventure with *The Princess and the Frog*! Join us for this enchanting Disney film set in New Orleans, where dreams, music, and a little bit of magic bring the bayou to life. Fun for the whole family—costumes and singing along encouraged! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

### **Color Me Chill** **Hineston Branch**

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

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

### **All Jazzed Up Activity Book** **Martin Library**

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Immerse yourself in the rhythm and soul of jazz with this fun and engaging activity book! Packed with music-inspired puzzles, coloring pages, word searches, trivia, and brain-teasing challenges, this book celebrates the legends, instruments, and history of jazz. Perfect for music lovers of all ages, it's a great way to learn, relax, and get creative while grooving to the spirit of swing. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### **Blue Note Bookmarks** **Martin Library**

**Sunday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Keep the rhythm alive in your reading with our Blue Note Bookmarks Featuring sleek silhouettes, vintage jazz club vibes, and bold musical designs. These bookmarks cap-

ture the soul of jazz. They're perfect for music lovers and bookworms alike. Let every page swing with style! Available all Summer long at the Martin Library. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### **Alligator Grab-n-Go** **Hineston Branch**

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Come in and pick up an Alligator craft at the Hineston Branch during opening hours in July while supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### **Pelican Grab-n-Go** **Hineston Branch**

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Come in and pick up a Pelican craft at the Hineston Branch during opening hours in July while supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### **Coffee, Color and Chill** **Libuse Branch**

**Saturday, July 12, 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. Come beat the heat in the AC at the library with delicious coffee or tea and some peaceful coloring. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

All Ages

GRAB-N-GO CRAFTS SCHEDULE

CHILDREN

June 29 - July 5  
Fleur de Lis Mosaic

July 6 - July 12  
Honey Bee Craft

July 13 - July 19  
Paper Plate Sun

July 20 - July 26  
Harmonica

July 27 - August 2  
Hand Print Ice Cream

TEENS & ADULTS

Celebrate the spirit of the Pelican State with this creative take-home craft! This grab-n-go kit includes everything you need to paint your very own Louisiana-shaped magnet.

Children’s Programs

**Crafty Tuesdays**  
Westside Regional Library  
Tuesday, July 1, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm  
Tuesday, July 8, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm  
Tuesday, July 15, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm  
Tuesday, July 22, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm  
Tuesday, July 29, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm  
Come join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages 2-12 are welcome! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

**Jazzed About Reading: Bingo Challenge**  
Martin Library  
Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours  
Get ready for a fun, jazz-inspired Bingo challenge! Fill out your Bingo card by completing reading and event challenges. Once you get a Bingo, turn in your card for a chance to win awesome prizes! How It Works: Pick up your Jazz Reading Bingo Card at the library. Complete the challenges on your card, like "Read for 30 minutes," "Attend a library event," or "Read a book with a musical theme." Mark off the squares as you complete each challenge. When you get a Bingo (any row, column, or diagonal) turn it in for a chance to win a prize! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**All Jazzed Up & Louisiana Wild Animals Scavenger Hunt**  
Hineston Branch  
Tuesday, July 1 - 30, During Open Hours  
Come in weekly to play "Where is the Wild Animal?" Bingo for a prize. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Jazzed About Crafting: Bottle Maracas**  
Main Library  
Tuesday, June 3, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Let's celebrate Louisiana culture with our summer reading program theme, "All Jazzed Up!" by making a fun craft! Join us at the Main library at 10:30am every Tuesday for the months of June and July. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

**Saturday Craft n’ Create**  
Robertson Branch  
Saturday, July 5, 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.

Children’s Programs

**Outreach Storytime with Forts Randolph and Buhlow**  
Libuse Branch  
Thursday, July 10, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Join us for this interactive and fun storytime as Forts Randolph and Buhlow Outreach invites children to come to the Libuse Branch to listen to a civil war themed story. There will also be demonstrations of Civil War materials and uniforms. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Jazzed About Crafting: Watercolor Pelicans**  
Main Library  
Tuesday, July 15, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Let's celebrate Louisiana culture with our summer reading program theme, "All Jazzed Up!" by making a fun craft! Join us at the Main library at 10:30 every Tuesday for the months of June and July. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

**Odd Holidays: Rosetta Stone Day**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Tuesday, July 15, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
Stop by this month as we celebrate Rosetta Stone Day! We will be making a Hieroglyph Stone and learning about the Ancient Egyptian written language. Visit us again next

month, on August 19th to celebrate International Orangutan Day! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**Louisiana Silhouette Painting**  
J.W. McDonald Branch  
Saturday, July 19, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Come and explore your creative side in this fun and simple art project. In this class your child or children will make a silhouette painting using Louisiana symbols! 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, July 19, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
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. You never know what the Martin Branch Library staff will have waiting for you! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Children

Healthy Blue

BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Giveaway

Main Library  
Wednesday, July 23, 9:00 am to 11:00 am



## Children's Programs

### HealthyBlue Sponsored Back to School Supply Giveaway

Main Library

**Wednesday, July 23, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

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

### All Jazzed Up Movie Matinee

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

**Wednesday, July 23, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

You're invited to join us as we get all jazzed up with a screening of Disney's jazz flavored movie *The Princess and the Frog*, a New Orleans rendition of the traditional fairytale of the *The Frog Prince* by the Grimm Brothers. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.



### Jazzy & Snazzy Button Making

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

**Tuesday, July 29, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Unleash your creativity in this jazz-inspired button making class! Whether you make a lively jazz band button, a musical notes button, or a cool city jazz scene button, this is your chance to let the music guide your creativity. No button making experience? No problem! This workshop is all about having fun, experimenting with jazzy themes, and expressing yourself through button making. Enjoy a chill atmosphere with jazz music playing as you create your masterpiece. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Smokey the Bear's Library Campout

Martin Library

**Wednesday, July 30, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

The Kisatchie National Forest and Smokey the Bear are bringing the great outdoors right to your library! Join us for a fun-filled event where you'll learn about forest safety, wildlife, and the importance of protecting our forests. Smokey himself will be here to share tips on fire prevention and forest conservation. But that's not all—stick around for our End-of-Summer Reading Bash, where you can celebrate all your summer reading accomplishments with ice cream, games, and plenty of fun! It's the perfect way to wrap up your summer adventures before school starts. Don't miss out—come for the nature knowledge, stay for the ice cream! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Johnson Branch

**Friday, July 25 - 26, During Open Hours**

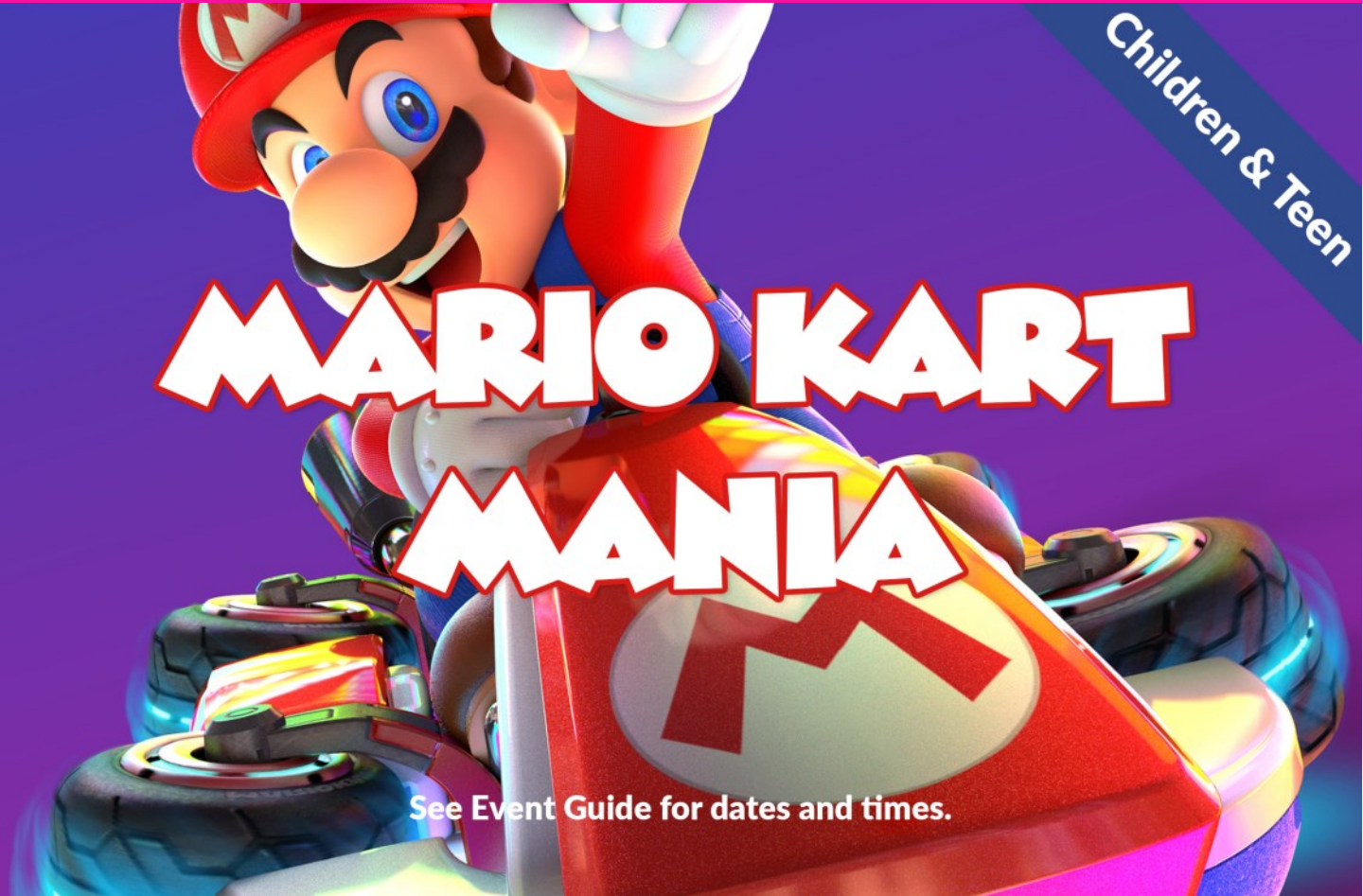
### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Johnson Branch

**Friday, July 25 - 26, During Open Hours**

Imagine a magical stuffed animal sleepover at the library, where the shelves are filled with cozy stories, and the quiet hum of the evening sets the perfect atmosphere for a night of fun. As the library closes, the stuffed animals—ranging from cuddly bears to fluffy bunnies, and soft elephants—gather around in a cozy corner. Oh the fun they will have. Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library. Drop off your best stuffy anytime Friday the 25th and pick them back up Saturday the 26th. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

## Children's & Teen Programs



### Mario Kart Mania

Westside Regional Library

**Tuesday, July 1, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Hineston Branch

**Thursday, July 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Libuse Branch

**Saturday, July 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm (Kids)**

**Saturday, July 5, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)**

Main Library

**Monday, July 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm**

J.W. McDonald Branch

**Thursday, July 17, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Martin Library

**Friday, July 18, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Johnson Branch

**Friday, July 18, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

**Saturday, July 19, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

Robertson Branch

**Monday, July 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 pm**

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

**Wednesday, July 30, 3:00 pm to 4:00 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. We recommend all ages from 10 and up to feel welcome. \*Please do not use the tactics learned on Mario Kart as preparation for your driving test.

It will not help you pass. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

### Kid Librarian

Martin Library

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

One kid librarian is drawn per month to curate a display in the Martin Library Kids Area. Create a display of your favorite books! We encourage the kid librarian to write up a review a short summary or tell us why you liked it and have your photo taken with your display. Come to the circulation desk to fill out a form and we'll contact you when your name is drawn! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Jazzy July Competition

Westside Regional Library

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Get in the groove this July for a chance to win a weekly prize! Complete a grade-appropriate activity, submit it each week, and you'll be dancing your way into our weekly drawing! Kids (Pre-K through 7th grade) and teens (8th-12th grade) will be struttin' their stuff in separate categories. Keep your rhythm smooth – only correct submissions will make it to the drawing! Want to know more? Swing by the circulation desk at Westside and chat with our cool clerks! Let's make this summer a jazzy one! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Children's & Teen Programs

Brian & Terri Kinder

Main Library  
Monday, July 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Libuse Branch  
Monday, July 7, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Hineston Branch  
Tuesday, July 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Robertson Branch  
Wednesday, July 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Martin Library  
Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
J.W. McDonald Branch  
Thursday, July 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Johnson Branch  
Thursday, July 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Westside Regional Library  
Friday, July 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Friday, July 11, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

It's Summer reading Entertainment time! And we are starting strong with Singing. Dancing. Laughing. Learning. All things you can expect during any performance by Brian and Terri Kinder! Brian Kinder is a singer/songwriter who, along with his wife, M. Terri, performs rollicking goodtime concerts for kids. Their music is fun and invites audience

participation, and is perfectly suited for all ages. Please come to one of their performances for a fantastic show that is sure to make you smile. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Kids' Hand-Building Clay Class

Libuse Branch  
Wednesday, July 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Calling all young artists! Our library is hosting an exciting hand-building clay class just for kids! Led by our enthusiastic instructor, children will embark on a creative journey exploring the wonderful world of clay. In this hands-on class, kids will learn basic clay techniques. Designed for children of all skill levels, this class fosters a supportive and encouraging environment where creativity knows no bounds. Through playful experimentation and guided instruction, kids will unleash their artistic talents while having a blast with their peers. Join us for a fun-filled session where laughter and clay collide, and where every child can bring their unique vision to life! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

Children & Teen

SCREEN PRINTING  
FOR KIDS & TEENS

Martin Library  
Thursday, July 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Westside Regional Library  
Saturday, July 12, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Robertson Branch  
Monday, July 14, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Children & Teen

INSTRUMENT  
MEET  
& GREET

Libuse Branch  
Wednesday, July 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

All Ages

Brian & Terri  
Kinder

See Event Guide for dates and times.

All Ages

Lady Chops

See Event Guide for dates and times.



# Children's & Teen Programs

## Screen Printing for Kids & Teens

Martin Library  
Thursday, July 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Westside Regional Library  
Saturday, July 12, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
Robertson Branch  
Monday, July 14, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
This fun and creative library program introduces kids and teens to the basics of screen printing with a simple hands-on project. Participants will design a custom tote bag by using freezer paper as a stencil for screen printing. For kids 6 and up. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

## Instrument Meet & Greet

Libuse Branch  
Wednesday, July 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Curious about an instrument, but don't have anyone to ask? Or, just want to see some cool instruments up close? Come by the Libuse Branch on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 from 10:00am - 12:00pm to interact with a variety of instruments. Come get "All Jazzed Up" learning about various instruments as part of the Libuse Branch Summer Reading Program. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

## STEM @ the Library: Zoo Visit

Martin Library  
Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Join us for an educational experience as the Alexandria Zoo brings the wild to the library! Meet some amazing animal ambassadors and learn fascinating facts about their habitats, behaviors, and conservation efforts. Perfect for all ages, this event is designed to spark curiosity and deepen our understanding of the natural world. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



## Ice Cream Adventure

J.W. McDonald Branch  
Friday, July 18, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Hineston Branch  
Saturday, July 19, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
Thursday, July 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Friday, July 26, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
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 will discover the science behind making homemade ice cream. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

# Children's & Teen Programs

## Lady Chops

Main Library  
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Thursday, July 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Westside Reginal Library  
Friday, July 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Friday, July 25, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Summer Reading Entertainment continues with Elizabeth Vidos, also known as Lady Chops, bringing her one woman drumming show to Louisiana Libraries this summer! She is a talented percussionist whose past work includes performing in the hit show "STOMP" and the New Orleans Jazz Festival. Her program titled "Drum Roll Please" is energetic, interactive, and fun for all ages. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



## Time Travel with a Ranger

Martin Library  
Wednesday, July 30, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Step into the past with Benjamin Vidrine an interpretive ranger from Forts Randolph and Buhlow! In this interactive program, kids and teens will explore the world of Civil War soldiers—what they wore, what they ate, and what they felt—through dramatic readings from "The Red Badge of Courage", and real-life stories from the battlefield. Learn how young people just like you lived through one of the most defining moments in American history. Perfect for curious minds who love stories, history, and a little imagination. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



## Back-to-School Supply Drive & Storytelling Celebration

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Wednesday, July 30, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Let's kick off the school year together with stories, smiles, and support! You're invited to our Back-to-School Supply Giveaway, a special event filled with fun, inspiration, and free school essentials for students along with a story time done by Poncinella the Storyteller! Come early--- supplies are limited! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



# Teen Programs

## Scratch That!

Martin Library

Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours

Teens, are you ready to jazz up your summer reading? For every 100 minutes logged in Beanstack, you'll earn a scratch ticket with a chance to win prizes! From cool rewards to grand prizes, you never know what's waiting behind each scratch-off. Keep the rhythm going by reading what you love—books, audiobooks, comics, and more all count! The more minutes you log, the more chances you have to win big. So grab a book, hit the beat, and start scratching. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Phi Tau Beta: Teen-led Storytime

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 2, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

This month, let's find books and/or write stories to read to our toddler and elementary age patrons. Do your part to inspire our young readers to keep reading and enjoying our library resources. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

## Game Time

Martin Library

Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

It's Game Time! A Nintendo Switch and Oculus Quest (virtual reality gaming headset) are now available to the patrons of the Martin Branch Library! Come enjoy an hour and a half of fun with friends while taking on Bowser or trying your skill in Beat Saber. Gamers under 18 must have updated library cards with digital access and a VR Waiver on file to participate. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Jazzed About Crafting: Oyster Shell Painting

Main Library

Tuesday, July 8, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Teens, let's celebrate Louisiana culture with our summer reading program theme, "All Jazzed Up!" by making a fun craft! Join us at the Main library at 10:30 every Tuesday in July. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Teens Can...

Westside Regional Library

Friday, July 11, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens Can..... Create your own music-themed lamp that reflects your personal style. Whether your inspired by your favorite genre, a music legend, or the vibe of a specific song, the possibilities are endless. Join us for a fun, creative, and music-filled experience! We have snacks! Join us on the first Friday of the month! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## What's Your Move: Teen Edition

Robertson Branch

Saturday, July 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

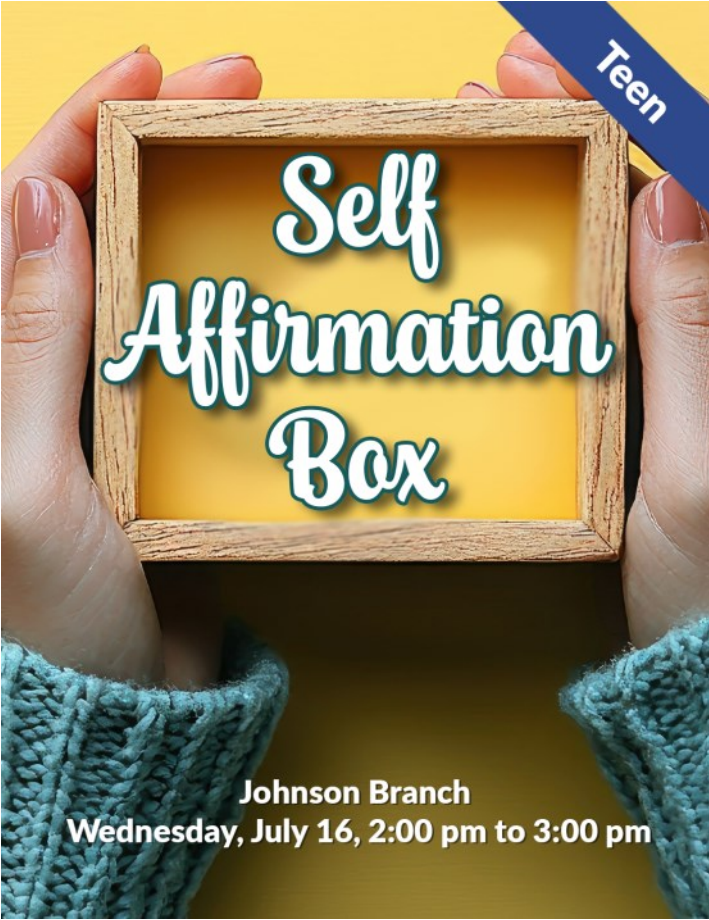
What's your game? Come show us your skills at playing board games (Checkers, Connect 4, Dominoes, and Sorry!), meet new people in the community, and win bragging rights against your friends! Stop by on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

## Table Top Teens

Martin Library

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

Welcome teen tabletop gamers! This day is yours: a relaxing and engaging time to enjoy your favorite games with your friends. We will have chess, backgammon, Uno, battleship, and more! You are more than welcome to bring your own games as well. The Martin Library is excited to have you! Game on! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



## Self Affirmation Box

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Teens, visit the Johnson branch or register online to create your own Self-Affirmation Box! It's a fun way to collect positive notes, pictures, and tokens that highlight the good things about you. Use it to kick off the new school year or share special memories with family and friends. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

# Teen Programs

## Taste of Louisiana: A Culinary & Cultural Journey

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 16, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens let's dive into the rich culture and heritage of Louisiana through its most treasured tradition—food! Taste of Louisiana is an immersive experience where participants explore the history, flavors, and stories behind the state's iconic cuisine. From Cajun to Creole delicacies to time-honored cooking techniques, you'll learn how Louisiana's diverse influences—French, Spanish, African, and Native American—come together in every dish. Join us for an unforgettable experience that celebrates Louisiana's soul through its flavors! This month's recipe is: Natchitoches Meat Pies! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

## New to Adulting? Summer Edition

Martin Library

Thursday, July 17, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Summer's the perfect time to level up your adulting skills—and we've got you covered! In this fun, hands-on program, teens will learn all the essential skills they need to thrive as they head into adulthood, with a laid-back summer twist. We're keeping it chill with plenty of interactive activities, real-life hacks, and some serious fun. Plus, there will be cool summer challenges and prizes to keep things interesting. So whether you're prepping for life after high school or just curious about how to tackle those little "adulting" tasks, this is the place to be. Let's dive into adulting with a splash of summer fun! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Creative Canvases for Teens

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, July 18, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Teens! 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 318-748-4848 for more information.

## Jazzed About Crafting: Louisiana Stained Glass

Main Library

Tuesday, June 22, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Let's celebrate Louisiana culture with our summer reading program theme, "All Jazzed Up!" by making a fun craft! Join us at the Main library at 10:30 every Tuesday for the month of July. On July 22nd, we will be making faux stained glass in the shape of Louisiana! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Martin Creators

Martin Library

Saturday, July 26, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Martin Creators is a creative space where art, craft, and technology come together! Whether you're designing personalized buttons, writing, experimenting with mixed media, or crafting unique DIY projects, this program is all about hands-on making. With access to cool tools and materials, you can blend art and innovation to bring your ideas to life. No experience needed—just bring your creativity and get ready to tinker, design, and create! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

## Harry Potter Escape Room

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, July 31, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Teens, join us as we celebrate Harry Potter's birthday in this fun and exciting escape room. Harry Potter has decided to visit Louisiana for his birthday, and not all goes well during his visit. Do you have what it takes to help Harry Potter get back to Hogwarts? If so, come on out and show your skills. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

## Jazzy Canvases: Acrylic Painting Experience

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, July 31, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens - unleash your creativity in this jazz-inspired acrylic painting class! Whether you paint a lively jazz band, abstract musical notes, or a cool city jazz scene, this is your chance to let the music guide your creativity.

No painting experience? No problem! This workshop is all about having fun, experimenting with acrylics, and expressing yourself through art. Enjoy a chill atmosphere with jazz music playing as you create your masterpiece. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

## The Final Scoop: End-of-Summer Reading Bash

Martin Library

Thursday, July 31, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The summer's over, but we're going out with a bang! Join us for the ultimate End-of-Summer Reading Party to celebrate all the amazing books you've devoured this season. We'll have sundaes, games, and a ton of fun as we wrap up summer with friends and good vibes. Whether you've read one book or ten, this is your chance to share your favorites, chat about what you've been reading, and enjoy a sweet treat. The perfect way to celebrate your summer reading achievements before school starts! Don't miss out on the sundaes, laughs, and the chance to say goodbye to summer in style. Let's make it a party to remember! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



# Computer Classes



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

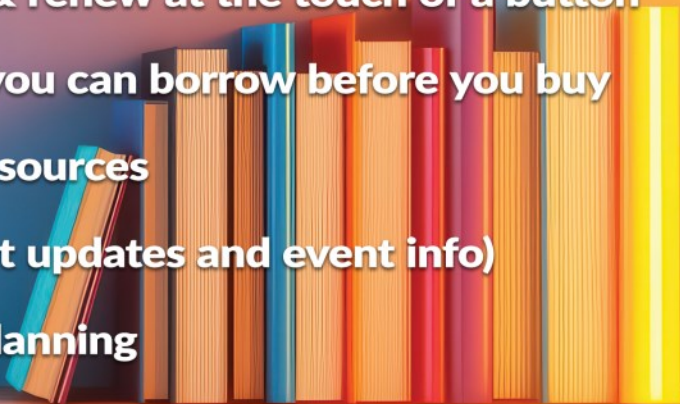
Google Slides	King Branch Tuesday, July 1 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor for school, work, events and more.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Hineston Branch Wednesday, July 2 10:00 am to 11:00 am	PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Google Docs	Westside Regional Tuesday, July 8 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Online word processing at your finer tips and on the go. Learn how to create a document in the web based application, collaborate, and share your document with others.
Microsoft Publisher	Boyce Branch Thursday, July 10 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you'll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Martin Library Monday, July 14 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to make using Excel easier.
Basic Computer Skills	McDonald Branch Tuesday, July 15 10:00 am to 11:00 am	This course is designed to introduce you to the fundamental concepts and practices of using a computer effectively.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Main Library Wednesday, July 16 9:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Main Library Monday, July 21 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to make using Excel easier.
Microsoft Publisher	Libuse Branch Wednesday, July 23 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you'll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.
Google Sheets	Johnson Branch Friday, July 25 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create and edit spreadsheets online for free with the web based Google Sheets Editor. Share and collaborate with others on spreadsheet creation.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Robertson Branch Monday, July 28 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create macros and other shortcuts, work with the header and footer, page numbers, tabs and tables. Look at ways to enhance a document using text boxes and word art.

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## Adults & Teen Programs

### Guitar Silhouette Landscape Libuse Branch

**Tuesday, July 1, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

Adults and teens are invited to come paint a guitar silhouette landscape. 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, July 11, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Friday, July 25, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

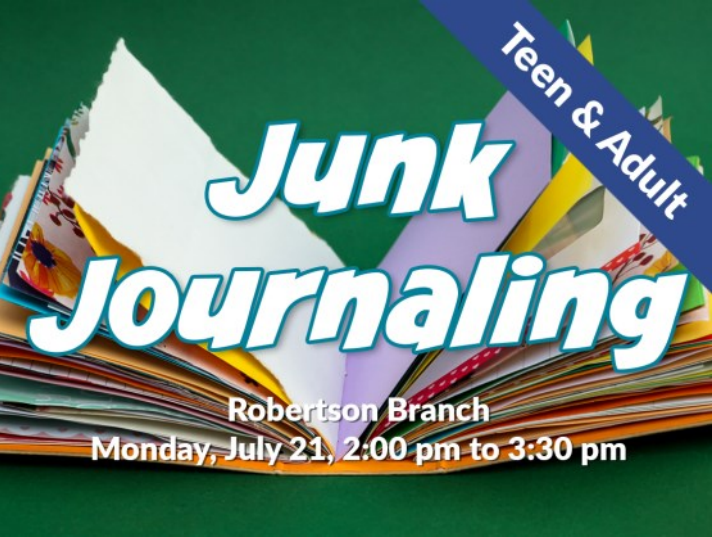
Dive into fantasy realms, battle monsters, and embark on epic quest with friends. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Junk Journaling Robertson Branch

**Monday, July 21, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

Join us for a hands-on workshop where creativity meets storytelling! Junk journaling is a fun and expressive way to turn everyday materials—like old book pages, ticket stubs, postcards, and scrap paper—into beautiful, personalized

journals. This program will guide you through the basics of junk journaling, including layout ideas, collage techniques, and how to find inspiration in the "junk" around you. All materials will be provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



## Adult Painting Programs

### Watercolors for Adults Main Library

**Wednesday, July 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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

### Art is Life! Main Library

**Thursday, July 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 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.

### Creative Canvases Westside Regional Library

**Friday, July 11, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Robertson Branch**

**Tuesday, July 15, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**

**Johnson Branch**

**Thursday, July 17, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**J.W. McDonald Branch**

**Friday, July 25, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

**Westside Regional Library**

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**Monday, July 14, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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### Sip N Paint

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

**Monday, July 28, 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.

### Tape Resist Canvas Painting Johnson Branch

**Wednesday, July 30, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Come create something new and exciting with this new found art style as we learn Tape Resist Canvas Painting! Let's see how many unique painting we can create just using tape, paint, and imagination. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

## Adult Programs

### Mahjong with Cathy Robinson Martin Library

**Tuesday, July 1, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Tuesday, July 29, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

Join us for a relaxing and social afternoon of mahjong, the classic tile-based game of strategy and skill. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to learn, all experience levels are welcome. We'll have tables set up, instructions for beginners, and plenty of time to play and enjoy. Come solo or bring a friend—let the tiles do the talking! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### All Jazzed-Up Reading Raffle Martin Library

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Get ready to groove to the beat of reading! For every book you read, you'll be entered into our Raffle for a chance to win exciting prizes. Remember to fill out the form each time you complete a book to earn your raffle entries! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Summer Reading Jam Card Martin Library

**Tuesday, July 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Keep the rhythm going all summer long with our Summer Reading Jam Card! Earn a punch each time you complete a fun reading challenge, like exploring a new genre, listening to an audiobook, or attending a library event. Collect enough punches and score cool rewards while discovering great books! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

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

**Thursday, July 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

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

### Self Care Saturday Martin Library

**Saturday, July 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Join us for Self Care Saturday a relaxing DIY workshop where you'll create soothing bath bombs, refreshing body scrubs, calming mists or practice meditation. Discover the joy of crafting personalized self-care products with guidance and materials provided. Enjoy a peaceful, creative afternoon, connect with others, and take home beautifully handmade items designed to enhance your self-care routine. Unwind, create, and pamper yourself with us! Saturday July 5, 2025 - Musical Doodles. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Chair Aerobics for Seniors Robertson Branch

**Monday, July 7, 9:30 am to 10:00 am**

Join us for a fitness session on the 1st Monday of every month from 9:30am to 10:00am. 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 favorite new hobby! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

### For the LOVE of Food! Main Library

**Monday, July 7, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with a skilled local chef! Enjoy a fun and interactive session where you'll learn new recipes, sample delicious dishes, and explore cookbooks from our collection. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Screen Printing for Adults Johnson Branch

**Tuesday, July 8, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

This fun and creative library program introduces participants to the basics of screen printing with a simple hands-on project. Participants will design a custom tote bag or apron by using freezer paper as a stencil for screen printing. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



### Basics of Organic Gardening with Molly Lyles

**Westside Regional Library**

**Wednesday, July 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**

Healthy Gardening! Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for an introduction to the Basics of Organic Gardening! Discover how to grow healthy, sustainable plants without synthetic chemicals, and learn practical tips to get your organic garden off to a great start. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



## Adult Programs

### Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, July 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

This is a starter course for any basic level computer skills questions you have such as starting up a phone, using a keyboard, etc. For more specific training in Microsoft programs, please check out our other Computer Classes! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Tea Tasting Workshop with LSU AgCenter

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, July 10, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us at the library for a relaxing and informative event all about tea! The LSU AgCenter will guide you through a tasting of a variety of teas while sharing the health benefits of each. Perfect for tea lovers or anyone curious about adding healthy habits to their routine. 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 10, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, July 24, 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.

### Musical Bingo: Songs of Summer

Johnson Branch

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

Get ready to groove and test your knowledge of Summers greatest hits. Musical Bingo! This fun and interactive activity combines the excitement of bingo with the classic hits from the summers past. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

### Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, July 12, 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 is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, July 14, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

### How To's Day

Martin Library

Tuesday, July 15 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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



### Christmas in July: Sea Shell Ornament

Main Library

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

Come celebrate the holidays early with our Christmas in July craft! We will be making a seashell ornament; combining some of our favorite elements from both seasons! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Adult Programs

### Too Hot to Garden?

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, July 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Love to get in the garden but it's too hot? Come sit, relax and keep cool with us while coloring a beautiful garden. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

### Cupcakes & Creativity

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, July 15, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

You asked for it and we wanted to make sure we provide. Custom Cakes by Lisa is coming to make sure you know how SWEET the library can be! Yes! Yes! Yes! Community partnering is always a treat! A cupcake decorating class for you. Have fun learning a new technique. Ask that bakery question you been wanting to know. Or just simply enjoy yourself, taste a sweet treat and marvel at all the things the library brings. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### King Goes Bingo

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, July 17, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

You asked for it and we aim to please! King is going late night BINGO! We can't wait to hear you scream...BINGO!! Join us for an evening of enjoyment and good fun! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Canning Pickles with LSU AgCenter

Westside Regional Library

Monday, July 21, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Back by popular demand: Canning at the library! Canning pickles is a great way to preserve your garden's bounty and enjoy fresh pickles year-round! Join LSU-Ag Center's Jennifer Duhon for a fun lesson on canning safety and take home a jar of pickles! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Jazz & Glass: Crafting a Jazz-themed Wine Glass

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, July 22, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for a creative and musical crafting experience! In this hands-on workshop, participants will design their own jazz-themed wine glass centerpiece, blending the elegance of glassware with the timeless charm of jazz music. Using decorative elements like musical notes and miniature instruments attendees will craft a unique piece perfect for home décor or special events. No prior crafting experience is needed--just bring your creativity! Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere with light jazz music playing in the background as you design your masterpiece. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Books & Bites!

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, July 22, 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. Come hungry and leave with a new favorite recipe! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

### Relaxation at the Library

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join us we find ways to relax and get a break from the heat! We'll make bath bombs and make a mock Mint Julep! With soothing music in the background, this is a sure way to help ease the stress of summer. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

### Christmas in July: Fairy Light Jars

Main Library

Friday, July 25, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Come celebrate the holidays early with our Christmas in July craft! Make your own lantern out of fairy lights, mason jars and paper napkins. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### The Summer's End Soirée

Martin Library

Tuesday, July 29, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Step back in time and celebrate the end of summer in style at our 1920s-themed Summer Soirée! Join us for an evening of vintage glamour, jazzy vibes, and literary charm as we toast to a season well-read. Dress to impress in your finest flapper or dapper attire, sip on mocktails, enjoy light refreshments, and revel in the golden age of books and bootleg fun. Open to adults 18+. No password required—just a love of reading and a flair for the fabulous. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Movie Day for Adults: Steel Magnolias

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, July 29, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Emotion, friendship and drama comes to the McDonald Branch Library in the form of 'Steel Magnolias'. Come to the McDonald Branch Library and experience this drama film set in Louisiana. Follow the story of five gals coming together during times of hardship. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



## Adult Programs

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**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**  
July 8, 10:00am to 11:30am  
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**Westside Regional Library**  
July 10, 10:00am to 11:30am  
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**Johnson Branch**  
July 15, 10:00am to 11:30am  
318-776-5153

**Main Library**  
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**Libuse Branch**  
July 18, 10:00 am to 11:30 am  
318-443-7259

**Martin Library**  
July 21 10:00 am to 11:30 am  
318-442-7575

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**  
July 28, 10:00 am to 11:30 am  
318-445-3912



## Genealogy Research Programs

### Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades

**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**

**Friday, July 11, 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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BOYCE, LA 71409  
318-793-5954  
TUE & THURS 9AM-6PM  
WED & FRI 1PM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### HINESTON BRANCH

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

### JOHNSON BRANCH

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

### J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH

1075 HWY. 497  
GLENMORA, LA 71433  
318-748-4848  
TUE & THURS 9AM-6PM  
WED 1PM-5PM  
FRI 1PM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### LIBUSE BRANCH

6375 HWY. 28 E  
PINEVILLE, LA 71360  
318-443-7259  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### STORYTIME!

ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH  
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH  
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

JOHNSON BRANCH  
STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MAIN LIBRARY

411 WASHINGTON ST.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301  
318-445-2411  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### MARTIN LIBRARY

801 W. SHAMROCK ST.  
PINEVILLE, LA 71360  
318-442-7575  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH

1115 BROADWAY AVE.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301  
318-445-3912  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### ROBERTSON BRANCH

809 TIOGA HIGH SCHOOL RD.  
PINEVILLE, LA 71360  
318-640-3098  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM

### WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY

5416 PROVINCE PL.  
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71303  
318-442-2483  
MON-FRI 9AM-6PM  
SAT 9AM-1PM



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