



EVENT GUIDE

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BOOK AND WRITING CLUBS

Clue Me In Hineston Branch

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

Calling all at-home detectives! Do you love mystery shows, cracking “who-done-it” cases, and basking in the glory of being right? Then join Clue Me In, Hineston’s newest book club! Together, we’ll dive into thrilling worlds of both fiction and non-fiction mysteries. This month we are reading *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

The Southern: A Book Club Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Home of the Happy: A Murder On The Cajun Prairie by Jordan LaHaye Fontenot. Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for book talk with Southern readers. This month we join Jordan LaHaye Fontenot, a writer and editor in South Louisiana on her debut novel about her great grandfather’s 1983 murder. Jordan says about the story, “Over the past six years this story has consumed my life, it’s transformed truth into something liquid, something elusive; me into a skeptic, an obsessive...and it’s brought me home, to that vast and mysterious Mamou prairie, in more ways than just one.” Pull up a chair and join us in the history and the love of all things southern. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club Westside Regional Library

Monday, July 13, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, you’ll enjoy this book club, meeting each second Monday of the month. Join us this month to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Club Libuse Branch

Monday, July 13, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

What would the world be like if there was no more paper? Trees are much too precious a resource to turn into paper, and books are completely nonexistent in *The Legend of the Last Library* by Frank L. Cole. Read the book and come to the Libuse Branch to discuss it over snacks. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Kids’ Book Club Libuse Branch

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

Do you think you know your plants? Test your knowledge out with the green riddles in *The Green Kingdom* by Cornelia Funke. There are ten riddles to solve with Caspia, who has been uprooted from Maine to New York for the summer. Then come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, July 14, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss book by African American Authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we’re ready *In Every Mirror She’s Black* by Lolá Àkínmádé Àkérström. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Out of This World Book Club Main Library

Tuesday, July 14, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Out Of This World Book Club is expanding to include all worlds! Come join us as we explore both science fiction worlds and the mystical worlds of fantasy. Each month we will pick either a sci-fi or fantasy title to read and discuss, as well as have some time to chat about what is new or upcoming, or just what you have been reading lately! Are you a fan of *The Canterbury Tales*? How about reading tales of traveling pilgrims? Well, *Hyperion*, by the late Dan Simmons is right up your alley! Take a journey to another planet as we join 7 pilgrims on their journey to hopefully encounter the mysterious Shrike. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

The Final Chapter Martin Library

Tuesday, July 14, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Love stories that keep you up at night? Join The Final Chapter, our horror and thriller book club where the only thing sharper than the twists are the readers themselves. Each month, we’ll dive into chilling tales of suspense, psychological thrillers, and spine-tingling horror—from haunting classics to modern nightmares. Come ready to dissect the darkest plots, debate unforgettable villains, and share what kept you turning pages with the lights on. In July, we will be reading *Bring Me Back* by B.A. Paris. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Ladies’ Book Club Libuse Branch

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

Ladies are invited to read *The Secret Detective Agency* by Helena Dixon 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 17, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for an engaging discussion of our July Main Mystery Book Club selection, *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley—a gripping, twist-filled thriller where secrets unravel and everyone is a suspect. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Daytime Book Club Libuse Branch

Monday, July 20, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *Other Birds* by Sarah Addison Allen and come to the Libuse Branch to discuss the book. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Cenla Author's Club
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, July 23, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
 Hosted by Michael Wynne, 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. Each month features a presentation by a noted author plus self-publishing tips, information, and practices. This month's speaker is author, historian and educator Dr. Henry Robertson of LCU. He will speak on John James Audubon and Audubon's Guns. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

The Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, July 24, 10:30 am to 12:00 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! This month's selection is *Old Herbaceous* by Edward Haslem. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Robertson Book Club
Robertson Branch
Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 The Robertson Book Club meets once a month at 6:00 pm-7:00 pm on the last Tuesday of the month, and our July pick is *Verity* by Colleen Hoover—a chilling, page-turning thriller filled with dark secrets and shocking twists you won't see coming. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Come Write In!
Main Library
Tuesday, July 28, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm
 Hone your writing skills in our 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.



Plant a Seed, Read Activity Book
Martin Library
July 1 - 31, During Open Hours
 Grow into fun with our Plant a Seed, Read Activity Book! All summer long, stop by Martin Library to grab our booklet filled with coloring pages, puzzles, and hands-on activities inspired by our summer theme, Plant a Seed, Read. From gardens and farm animals to pollinators and growing food, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Estimation Station
Martin Library
July 1 - 31, During Open Hours
 All month long we'll have an estimation jar set out for all your guesses. Take a crack at guessing how many items are in the jar and the person closest to the correct answer will get epic bragging rights! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



Join us as we celebrate our July Author of the Month, Shannon Williams. A local author from Alexandria, Louisiana, Shannon draws inspiration from the warmth of Southern hospitality and the vibrant spirit of her community.

Westside Regional Library
 Friday, July 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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INVITED
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BRAILLE FLAG
 ★ INSTALLATION ★



JULY 16
 10:00 AM

MARTIN LIBRARY
 801 West Shamrock
 Pineville, LA

JULY 17
 2:00 PM

LIBUSE BRANCH
 6375 Hwy 28 E.
 Pineville, LA

JULY 20
 6:00 PM

WESTSIDE REGIONAL
 5416 Provine Place
 Alexandria, LA

Game On! Family Game Day at Johnson
Johnson Branch
Wednesday, July 1, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 Game On! Family Game Day at the Johnson Library. Join us every Wednesday at 2:00pm throughout the month of July for an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Fun for All Ages. Bring your game face... or just come for the snacks—we won't judge. Don't miss it! Because Wednesdays are now for playing, winning, and making memories! See you at GAME DAY! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Recipe Swap
Hineston Branch
July 1 - 31, During Open Hours
 Come and swap recipes on our community recipe board all month long! Find creative and delicious recipes left behind by your wonderful residents of the community. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

DIY Fresh Herb Swag
Hineston Branch
Saturday, July 11, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
 Bring the fresh scents of the garden into your home! Participants will bundle fragrant herbs into a beautiful hanging arrangement that can be used for decoration or light culinary inspiration. This relaxing, hands-on activity encourages creativity while exploring the uses and aromas of common herbs. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

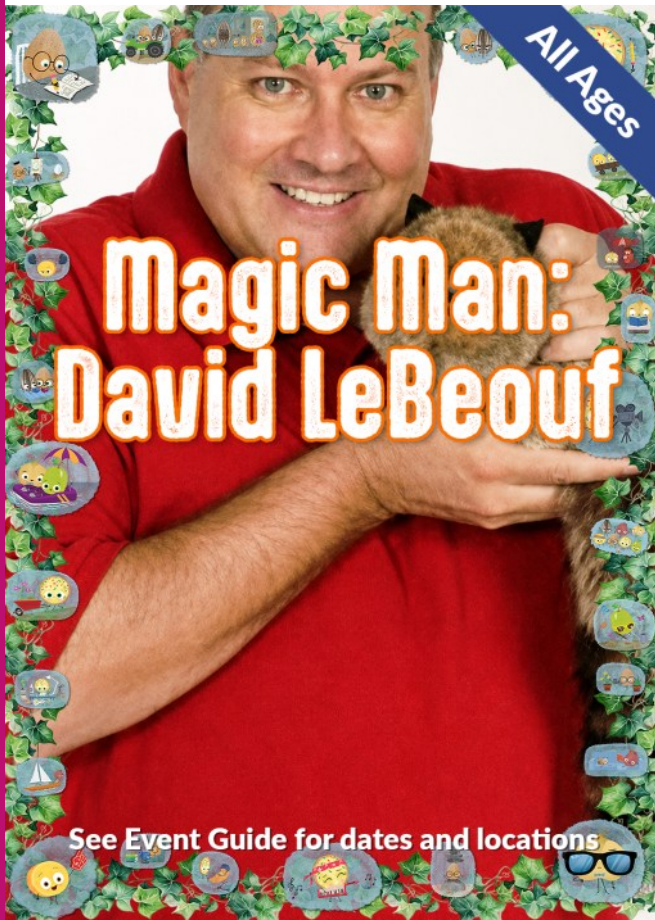
Plant Bingo
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, July 14, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
 Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Plant Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great company! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Summer Wind Chime Craft
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, July 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Celebrate the sounds of summer at the library by creating your own wind chime. This easy, hands-on craft invites participants to design a colorful decoration that adds a gentle, musical touch to any space. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Celebrating Service And Accessibility: Bronze Braille American Flag
Martin Library
Thursday, July 16, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Libuse Branch
Friday, July 17, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Westside Regional Library
Monday, July 20, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Join the Rapides Parish Library for a special dedication ceremony unveiling a new Bronze Braille American Flag. This meaningful addition honors the World War II veterans who founded the Blinded Veterans Association on March 28, 1945, and all veterans who lost their sight during or following military service. The Bronze Braille American Flag features raised stars and stripes, with the Pledge of Allegiance presented in Braille. This unique monument allows visitors to experience one of America's most recognized symbols of freedom while highlighting efforts to support and honor blind and visually impaired veterans. Presented in commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States (1776–2026), the dedication recognizes veterans whose courage and advocacy advanced education, rehabilitation, and equal opportunities for blind veterans nationwide. Funded in part by a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, made possible by the State of Louisiana, in coordination with the Rapides Parish Library and the Louisiana/Mississippi Blinded Veterans Association Regional Group, Inc. Community members are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



Snack Around America
J.W. McDonald Branch
Friday, July 17, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 Join us as we celebrate America's 250th birthday with a delicious adventure across the country! Sample snacks from different states, discover new favorites, and explore the unique flavors that make each region special. From sweet treats to savory bites, there's something for everyone to enjoy—come hungry and ready to try something new! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

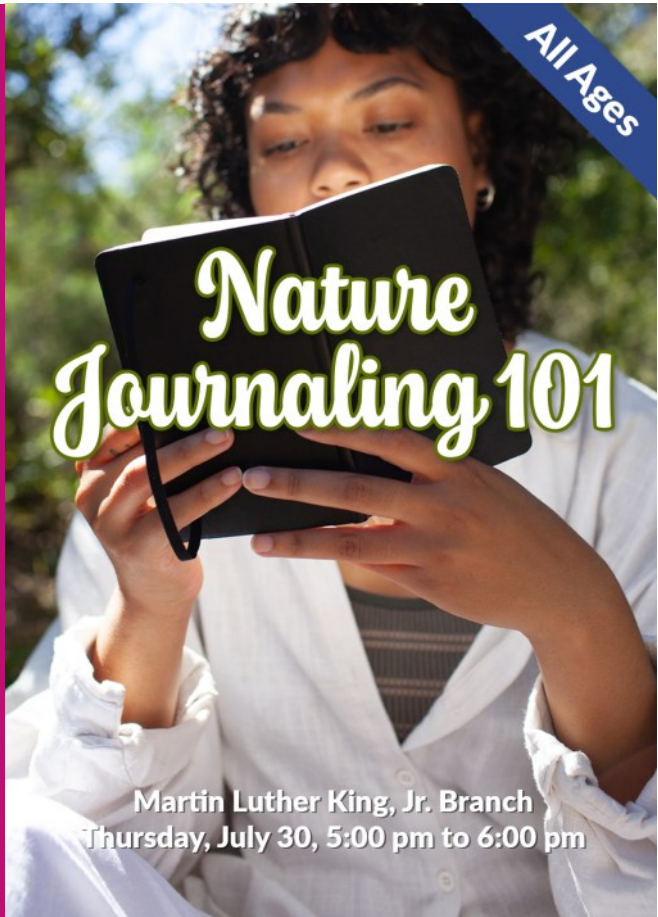


Magic Man: David LeBeouf
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Monday, July 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Libuse Branch
Monday, July 20, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Wednesday, July 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, July 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, July 23, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Main Library
Friday, July 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Johnson Branch
Friday, July 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Get ready for an afternoon of jaw-dropping magic and nonstop fun with the amazing David LeBeouf! Known as Rapides Parish's favorite "Magic Man," David has been dazzling audiences for years with mind-blowing tricks, laughter, and unforgettable surprises. This exciting Summer Reading Program event is packed with wonder and fun for kids, teens, and adults alike—you won't believe your eyes! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Plant Bingo @ Night
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Plant Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great company! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

The Cozy Loop Club
Hineston Branch
Saturday, July 25, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
 Always wanted to learn basic crochet, but haven't attempted it yet? Join us at the Hineston branch to learn basic stitches and crochet techniques. Guests must bring their own crochet hooks and yarn. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Bird Feeder Craft
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
 Welcome nature to the library with a fun, hands-on bird feeder craft! Using simple materials, participants will create their own feeder to take home and hang outside. This engaging activity encourages creativity while helping support local birds and learning about wildlife in our community. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, July 30, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Nature Journaling 101
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, July 30, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Need an excuse to spend more time looking at nature? Build a nature journal, a notebook to hold your thoughts or keep your blades of grass, flower petals, and sort out your leaves. In this program, we will handcraft a small journal and learn the basics of Nature-Themed Journaling. All ages welcome! Children under 10 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Cake Fest!
Martin Library
Friday, July 31, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

We're ending our Summer Reading the sweetest way possible with a Cake Fest for all ages! Inspired by the joyful community gatherings of Cake Picnic, this celebration is all about sharing cake, stories, and time together; we're bringing that same magic to our library! Keep it simple and joyful. Each family, friend group, or participant is invited to bring a whole cake to share — homemade, store-bought, sentimental, chaotic, elegant... whatever you love. There are no rules. Just cake. This all-ages celebration is our way of saying thank you for a summer full of reading, imagination, and community. Come hungry, bring a cake, and let's end the season on a sweet note together. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Summer Reading Closing Awards and Celebration

Johnson Branch
Friday, July 31, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Summer may be coming to a close... but the fun isn't over yet! The Johnson Branch is excited to host the ultimate celebration for our 2026 Summer Reading Program participants and award winners! Join us as we wrap up an amazing summer filled with stories, adventures, and reading success.

- Celebrate our award winners
- Enjoy games and activities
- Get creative with crafts
- Snack and celebrate with friends
- Honor all of our incredible readers

Whether you completed the challenge or cheered others on along the way, this is your chance to celebrate an unforgettable summer of reading fun! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Plant a Seed Scavenger Hunt
Hineston Branch

July 1 - July 31, During Open Hours
Grab your clues and get ready to dig into adventure with our Plant a Seed Scavenger Hunt! Search the library high and low as you track down hidden fruits, veggies, animals, and farm-fresh surprises. Each clue brings you closer to discovering how food travels from the barnyard to your plate—and maybe to a prize at the end! Bring your curiosity, your sharp eyes, and your inner farmer. It's a harvest of fun for all ages! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Children's Summer Reading Program:
Plant a Seed, Read!
Every Branch

July 1 - July 31, During Open Hours
Watch your child grow this summer with Rapides Parish Library's exciting Summer Reading Program! Reading helps young minds bloom—and now it's even more fun. Log your reading in Beanstack all July and July and earn blooming awesome prizes along the way!

- 150 Minutes — Cool Certificate
- 500 Minutes — Snazzy Sunglasses
- 1000 Minutes — Hip Hat
- 1500 Minutes — Majestic Medal

There's so much more to help your family grow! Enjoy fun programs, lively entertainment, helpful resources, and plenty of ways to dig into all the library has to offer. Summer is the perfect time to plant the seed of a lifelong love of reading—come grow with us! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Harvest Hunt
Martin Library

July 1 - July 31, During Open Hours
Each week at Martin Library, a brand-new scavenger hunt will sprout up—filled with fun clues, hidden surprises, and exciting challenges tucked throughout the library. Wander through the shelves, follow the clues, and see what you can find! Every completed hunt earns you a prize, so the more you explore, the more you win. It's the perfect way to stay curious, build your skills, and add a little extra adventure to your summer reading journey. Bring your friends, bring your family, and come see what's waiting to be discovered each week! Come grow your curiosity and see what you can uncover at Martin Library this summer! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Creative Discovery Wednesdays
Martin Library

Wednesday, July 1, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Join us every Wednesday at the library for Creative Discovery Wednesdays --a dynamic afternoon filled

with fun, learning, and imagination! Designed for kids ages 8-12, this engaging event offers a mix of activities to spark creativity and curiosity. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

- July 1 - Taste Test Competition
- July 8 - Ocean Adventure
- July 15 - Who Am I? Farm Animals Guessing Game
- July 22 - David LeBeouf
- July 29 - Pom Pom Pals

Plant a Seed, Read Bingo
Martin Library

July 1 - July 31, During Open Hours
Get ready for a fun, garden-inspired Bingo challenge! Fill your Bingo card by completing reading and activity challenges at the library. Once you get a Bingo, turn in your card for a chance to win blooming awesome prizes! How it works: Pick up your Plant a Seed, Read Bingo Card at the library. Complete the challenges on your card, like "Read for 30 minutes," "Attend a library program," or "Read a book about gardening." Mark off each square as you complete a 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.

Thursday Morning Adventures
Hineston Branch

Thursday, July 2, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, July 9, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, July 16, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, July 23, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, July 30, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Join us for a magical Story Time adventure every Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:00 — bring the little ones for tales, giggles, and fun! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

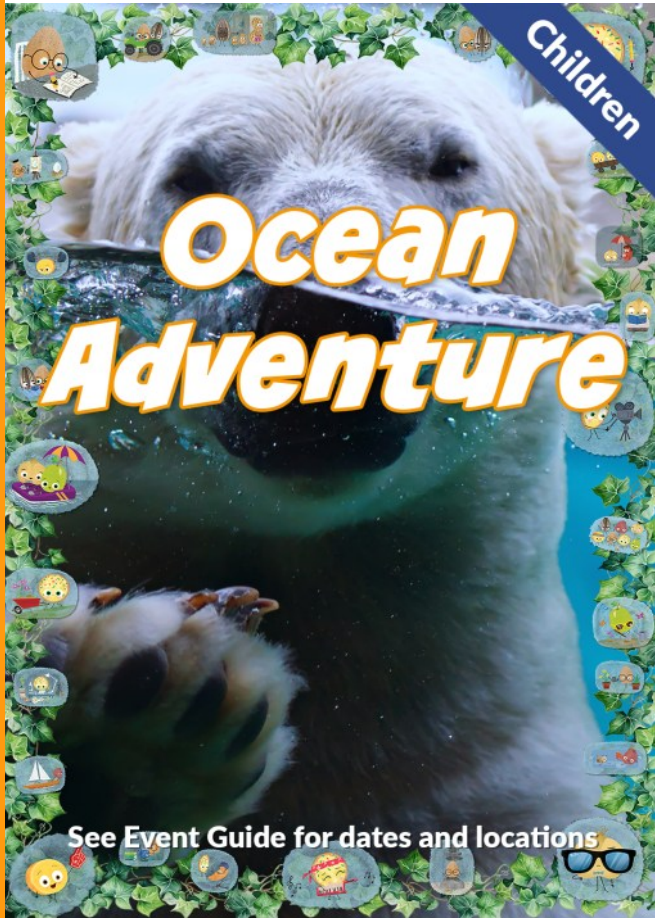
Wiggles and Giggles Storytime
Martin Library

Friday, July 3, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Friday, July 10, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Friday, July 17, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Friday, July 24, 10:00 am to 10:45 am
Wiggles & Giggles is a weekly story time created especially for toddlers and their caregivers. Each session features short, engaging books paired with fun finger plays, rhymes, and lively movement songs that encourage little ones to wiggle, giggle, and explore. Plus, toddlers can enjoy hands-on play with sensory bins designed to spark curiosity and creativity. This playful mix of stories, music, and sensory fun helps build early literacy, motor skills, and social connections—all while having a great time together. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

- July 3 - All About Baby Farm Animals
- July 10 - Barnyard Sensory Bin
- July 17 - All About Chicks and Eggs
- July 24 - Painting Party: All About Flowers



Homemade Ice Cream... in a Bag!
Main Library
Monday, July 6, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Cool off this summer with a sweet homemade treat! Join us at the Main Library as we make delicious ice cream right in a Ziploc bag. It's fun, easy, and tasty too! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Ocean Adventure - The Norway Polar Bear Expedition
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Monday, July 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Libuse Branch
Monday, July 6, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, July 7, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Wednesday, July 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, July 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, July 9, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Main Library
Friday, July 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Johnson Branch
Friday, July 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Dive into an Arctic adventure with marine biologists Wayne and Karen Brown! Travel to the icy world of polar bears and discover the amazing animals that survive in one of the harshest places on Earth. Meet adorable Polar Bear cubs, explore the Arctic Ocean ecosystem, and come face-to-face with a life-sized, 10-foot-long Polar Bear model and real Polar Bear skulls. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, July 7, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, July 14, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, July 21, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Tuesday, July 28, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
Come join us at Westside for a fun after school craft! Children from the ages 2-12 are welcome every Tuesday 3:30pm-4:15pm! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Planting a Good Time with Play-Doh
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, July 10, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Join us at the library for a fun time where we will play with Play-Doh and make our own Plant Themed Play-Doh Tray. This activity sparks creativity, encourages questions, and helps kids understand how different parts of flowers come together! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Seed Germination in a Jar
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, July 16, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Join us for a fun, hands-on STEM class where young scientists will explore the fascinating world of seed germination! In this interactive session, kids will learn about how seeds grow with just a jar, paper towels, beans, and water. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Mindful Coloring for Kids
Hineston Branch
July 1 - July 31, During Open Hours
Take a break from the rush of daily life and school to settle into the relaxation of creativity and calm. Mindful Coloring for Kids offers a peaceful space for kids to unwind, refocus, and enjoy the simple pleasure of coloring. Available every day of the month. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Mahjong 101 for Kids!
Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, July 1, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Monday, July 20, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Tuesday, July 21, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday, July 22, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Ready to learn the hottest new game everyone's talk-

Saturday in the Library
Martin Library
Saturday, July 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Join us at the library for an exciting day of creativity and fun designed just for kids. Dive into a world of crafts, games, and interactive activities that will spark your imagination and keep you entertained. Bring your friends and family for a Saturday full of laughter, learning, and lasting memories. On July 20, stop by for Paint & Snack Farm Animals. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Saturday Cinema
Hineston Branch
Saturday, July 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Come out and enjoy the movie *Encanto* at the Hineston Branch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks too! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

ing about? Want to meet new friends and have a blast? Join us for Mahjong 101 for KIDS!! Mahjong is an exciting tile game that's been around for over 2,500 years! It's one of the most popular games in China and has spread across the globe — and now it's your turn to learn the fun. Come discover cool tiles, clever strategies, and fast-paced play in a class designed just for kids. Whether you're brand new or just curious, this is your chance to shuffle up, match up, and level up your game! Ages 10 to 17. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Nintendo Switch Party
Hineston Branch
Thursday, July 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Libuse Branch
Friday, July 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Friday, July 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Monday, July 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, July 14, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Martin Library
Thursday, July 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Main Library
Friday, July 17, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, July 28, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Get ready to race, compete, and level up your fun! Join us for an awesome afternoon of Nintendo Switch gaming featuring Mario Kart and other classic favorites. Challenge your friends, show off your skills, and enjoy plenty of laughs while staying cool inside and out of the Louisiana heat. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or just playing for fun, there's a controller waiting for you! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



See Event Guide for dates and locations

Craft Tween: Patriotic Pinwheels Libuse Branch

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

Are you between the ages of 10 and 15? Too old for storytime, but not too old for crafts (but really, who ever is too old for crafts)? Libuse Branch has you covered. On Thursdays at 10:30 AM, while all our younger kids are in storytime, kids ages 10 and up have a special craft planned. This week Ms. Teri will be doing patriotic pinwheels! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Johnson Branch

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Painted Seashells Johnson Branch

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Swing by Johnson Library and get creative at our Painted Seashell class—where art is all about fun! Turn ordinary seashells into awesome, one-of-a-kind

creations while hanging out, laughing, and making new friends. Whether you love art or just want to try something new, this is your chance to express yourself and have a great time. Come paint, chill, and leave with something totally unique! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



See Event Guide for dates and times.

Kids' Hand-Building Clay Class: Let's Create Together Robertson Branch

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Libuse Branch

Friday, July 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, July 27, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, July 28, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Martin Library

Thursday, July 30, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Calling all young artists—it's time to squish, shape, and create! Join us for a fun and hands-on hand-building clay class where kids and teens can explore the amazing world of clay. With guidance from our enthusiastic instructor, you'll learn cool clay techniques and turn your ideas into awesome, one-of-a-kind creations. From simple shapes to imaginative designs, the possibilities are endless! This class is perfect for all skill levels and is all about creativity, confidence, and having a great time with friends. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Summer Camp: STEM in Action! Main Library

Monday, July 13 - 17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Get ready to think big, build bigger, and discover how STEM shapes the world around you! This one-week camp for teens is packed with hands-on activities that turn science, technology, engineering, and math into real-life fun. Dive into exciting challenges where you'll: Design and build amazing cardboard creations. Explore the science behind cooking and chemistry. Create your own cleaning and skincare products using everyday ingredients. It's all about experimenting, problem-solving, and bringing your ideas to life in creative ways! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Main Library

Monday, July 13 - 17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Craft Tween: Paper Flowers Libuse Branch

Thursday, July 9, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Are you between the ages of 10 and 15? Too old for storytime, but not too old for crafts (but really, who ever is too old for crafts)? Libuse Branch has you covered. On Thursdays at 10:30 AM, while all our younger kids are in storytime, kids ages 10 and up have a special craft planned. This week Ms. Camille will be crafting paper flowers! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Become a DJ

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Ready to drop the beat? Join DJ Josh at the library for a high-energy DJ workshop where kids and teens ages 8 & up can learn cool mixing skills, music tricks, and what it takes to become a real DJ. Come spin, mix, and have a blast! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



See Event Guide for dates and locations

Rock Your Garden: Garden Stone Painting Westside Regional Library

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

Robertson Branch

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

Hineston Branch

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Let your creativity rock at the library! Kids and teens will have a blast painting their own colorful garden stones and turning them into one-of-a-kind works of art. From bright flowers to fun designs, the possibilities are endless—and all supplies are provided! For ages 5 and up. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Build a Baby Greenhouse Craft Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, July 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Grow your own mini garden at the library! Kids will create a fun plastic cup greenhouse and discover how greenhouses help plants sprout and thrive. Then take your tiny garden home and watch it grow! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Home School Create & Discover Martin Library

Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us at the library for Create & Discover --a spin-off of our Creative Discovery Wednesday program just for home schoolers! Designed for kids ages 8-15, this engaging event offers a mix of captivating stories, hands-on crafts, and new learning experiences. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



Craft Tween: Seed Bombs

Libuse Branch

Thursday, July 16, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Are you between the ages of 10 and 15? Too old for storytime, but not too old for crafts (but really, who ever is too old for crafts)? Libuse Branch has you covered. On Thursdays at 10:30 AM, while all our younger kids are in storytime, kids ages 10 and up have a special craft planned. This week Ms. Teri will be making seed bombs! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

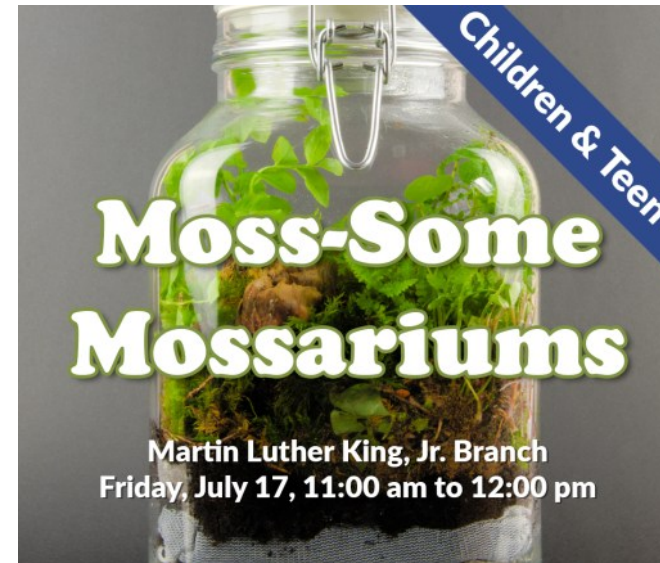
Moss-Some Mossariums

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, July 17, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

A terrarium is a miniature garden which is grown inside a glass or clear container. A mossarium is a terrarium built exclusively with moss. Building a mossarium, is really fun- it's like creating your own mini world! It's also great for exploring different mosses as well as learning about the water cycle. Join us at the King Branch to make our very own Moss-some Mossariums! Children under 10 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Registration in advance is required

as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Natural Inks

Main Library

Monday, July 20, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

Join us at the Main Library to turn natural materials into colorful homemade inks and create awesome works of art using pigments made from produce. It's science, creativity, and messy fun all in one! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Craft Tween: DIY Mini Flower Baskets

Libuse Branch

Thursday, July 23, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Are you between the ages of 10 and 15? Too old for storytime, but not too old for crafts (but really, who ever is too old for crafts)? Libuse Branch has you covered. On Thursdays at 10:30 AM, while all our younger kids are in storytime, kids ages 10 and up have a special craft planned. This week Ms. Camille will be making DIY Mini Flower Baskets! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.





Children's Prizes

Registration Prize – Candy Bracelet
150 Minute Reading Prize – Certificate of Completion
500 Minute Reading Prize – Animal Sunglasses
1000 Minute Reading Prize – Icon Hat
1500 Minute Reading Prize – Medal

Teen's Prizes

Week 1 – Palmetto's Gift Card
Week 2 – Wireless Earbuds
Week 3 – Doce Vita Gift Card
Week 4 – Fortnite Gift Card
Week 5 – Wayback's Gift Card
Week 6 – Phone Charging Bank
Week 7 – Little Cake's Gift Card
Week 8 – Water Cup
Week 9 – Escape Room Gift Card

Adult's Prizes

Adults will have a drawing at the end for a Prize Basket!

Log Your Activities With
beanstack

Beanstack Instructions

1. Discover our most recommended books and events.
2. Log all of your reading and activities.
3. Earn points, badges, and prizes along the way.

There are two ways to use Beanstack:

- With the Beanstack app or
- Through the Library's unique Beanstack web address - rpl.beanstack.com/reader365

To use the Beanstack app:

- Download the free app from your app store.
- Open the app and find the Rapides Parish Library.
- Click Sign up!
- Follow the prompts to complete the registration.
- Enter your email, phone #, or Library card number and create a password.
- You can click Add a Reader to add a family member.
- Click challenges at the bottom of the screen and register for Summer Reading Challenges.

To register from website:

- To use the Library's unique Beanstack web address go to rpl.beanstack.com/reader365
- Select Register Individual or Family.
- Select I am registering myself and fill out form.
- You can select Next to add family members.
- Register for Summer Reading Challenges.

How to Log Challenges for Adults:

- Log into account.
- Click Challenges.
- Click on the Adult Summer Reading Challenge and then click join challenge.
- Once you have joined the Challenge simply click the log button or the + button to add how many minutes read.
- Log minutes each day to earn entries for the Grand Prize.

How to Log Challenges for Children and Teens:

- Log into account.
- Click Challenges.
- Click either the Children or Teen Summer Reading Challenge and then click join challenge.
- Once you have joined the Challenge simply click the log button or the + button to add how many minutes read.
- Log each day to gain points towards prizes. Teen prizes drawn weekly.



SCAN ME

All Ages

Grab-N-Go Programs

Children

June 29 - July 5
Hand Print Statue of Liberty

July 6 - July 12
Pony Bead Snake

July 13 - July 19
Paper Bag Butterfly

July 20 - July 26
Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder

July 27 - August 2
Pony Bead Corn

Teens & Adults

Inspired by the Louisiana Folk Artist Clementine Hunter, this Zinnia Grab-n-Go Paint Kit lets you create your very own version of her iconic zinnias.

Supplies are limited. See the RPL Event Guide.

Children & Teen

Summer Meals For Kids



June 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026
Every Monday - Friday

McDonald Branch: 9:00 am to 10:00 am (Breakfast)
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Lunch)

Martin Library: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Breakfast)
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Lunch)

Johnson Branch: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Lunch)

Robertson Branch: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Lunch)

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

CHILDREN & TEEN

Switch It Up: Nintendo Game Day!
Martin Library

Thursday, July 23, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Get ready to level up at our Nintendo Switch Game Day! Kids will rotate through a variety of fun and family-friendly games, including Pokémon Pokopia plus other exciting titles. Have your own Nintendo Switch? Bring it along! You're welcome to connect, share games, and play alongside friends. We'll have library consoles available too, so everyone can join in. Challenge your friends, try something new, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of gaming at the library. All skill levels welcome just bring your game face! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Forest Adventure
Robertson Branch

Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, July 30, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Get ready for a wild adventure with the U.S. Forest Service! Explore the amazing world of Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana's only national forest, and discover cool wildlife, plants, and outdoor adventures hiding right here in our state. Plus, meet the legendary Smokey Bear and learn awesome fire safety tips straight from the forest's most famous protector. Nature lovers won't want to miss this exciting hands-on experience! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Craft Tween: Clay Botanical Necklaces
Libuse Branch

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

TEEN

Teen's Summer Reading Program—Plant a Seed, Read!
Every Branch

July 1—July 31, During Open Hours
Grow your mind, level up your skills, and score awesome prizes this summer with Rapides Parish Library's Teen Summer Reading Program! Reading isn't just for school—it builds creativity, sharpens your thinking, and helps you see the world in new ways. Log your reading minutes in Beanstack all July to earn entries into weekly prize drawings.

- Week 1 (June 1–5) — Palmetto's Gift Card
- Week 2 (June 6–12) — Wireless Earbuds
- Week 3 (June 13–19) — Doce Vita Gift Card
- Week 4 (June 20–26) — Fortnite Gift Card
- Week 5 (June 27–July 3) — Wayback's Gift Card
- Week 6 (July 4–10) — Phone Charging Bank
- Week 7 (July 11–17) — Little Cake's Gift Card
- Week 8 (July 18–24) — Water Cup
- Week 9 (July 25–31) — Escape Room Gift Card

The more you read, the more your chances grow. Don't just scroll—grow. Plant the habit, track your reading, and watch your summer (and your prizes) bloom! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

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Children & Teen

Forest Adventure

Robertson Branch
Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, July 30, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Besties & Brushstrokes
Johnson Branch

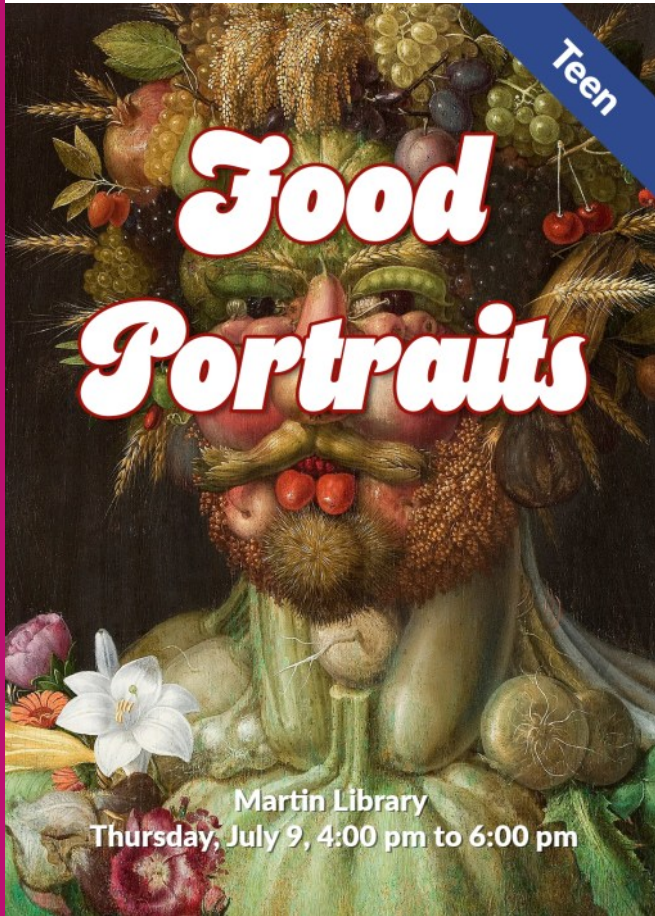
Friday, July 3, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Grab your bestie and head to Lecompte for a creative night full of color, vibes, and fun! Try paint-by-number canvases that reveal a surprise picture or freestyle your own masterpiece—the choice is yours. Hang out, get creative, and enjoy some tasty treats after the fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Teen Sip 'N Social
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday, July 14, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday, July 21, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday, July 28, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Teens! Get ready to learn how to make different drinks from scratch and socialize with one another! It's the perfect way to express yourself, get creative, and take home the knowledge of how to make a simple drink that will impress anyone. All supplies provided—just bring your imagination and friends! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Patriotic Tweedle-dee Bird Painting
Libuse Branch

Tuesday, July 7, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Teens, grab a friend or your favorite grownup and come paint a patriotic tweedle-dee. What are tweedle-dees, you ask? It's those cute little birds that are somewhere between all the small bird species you've ever seen. Don't have a grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, aunt, uncle, older sibling, or honorary family member to bring? No problem! Teens can be dropped off for the art class and picked up at the end. No grownups without a teen, please. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Food Portraits
Martin Library
Thursday, July 9, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Teens and kids are invited to get creative with fruits and vegetables as we make portraits inspired by the imaginative artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo! Arcimboldo was known for creating detailed faces made entirely out of produce, flowers, and other natural objects. In this hands-on program, participants will design their own unique masterpieces using fruits and vegetables to build expressive, one-of-a-kind faces. All supplies will be provided just bring your creativity and get ready to turn everyday produce into extraordinary art! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Absolutely Artistic
Hineston Branch
Friday, July 10, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday, July 24, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

It's a teen takeover! Of the art supplies, that is. Join us every other Friday for a crafty hangout - only for teens! We'll dabble in several different forms of art. All you need to bring is yourself and your creative side to become Absolutely Artistic! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

DIY for Teens: Button Making
Martin Library
Saturday, July 11, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Teens are invited to get creative at our Button Lab! Design and make your own custom buttons to wear, trade, or share. Bring your favorite photos, drawings, memes, or artwork—or use our supplies to create something totally original. You can also print images at the library to turn into one-of-a-kind buttons. Whether you want to show off your fandoms, promote a cause, or just make something cool, this hands-on program lets your personality shine. All materials provided. Just bring your ideas! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

What's Your Move: Teen Edition!
Robertson Branch
Saturday, July 11, 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! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Fairy Garden Escape Room
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, July 14, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

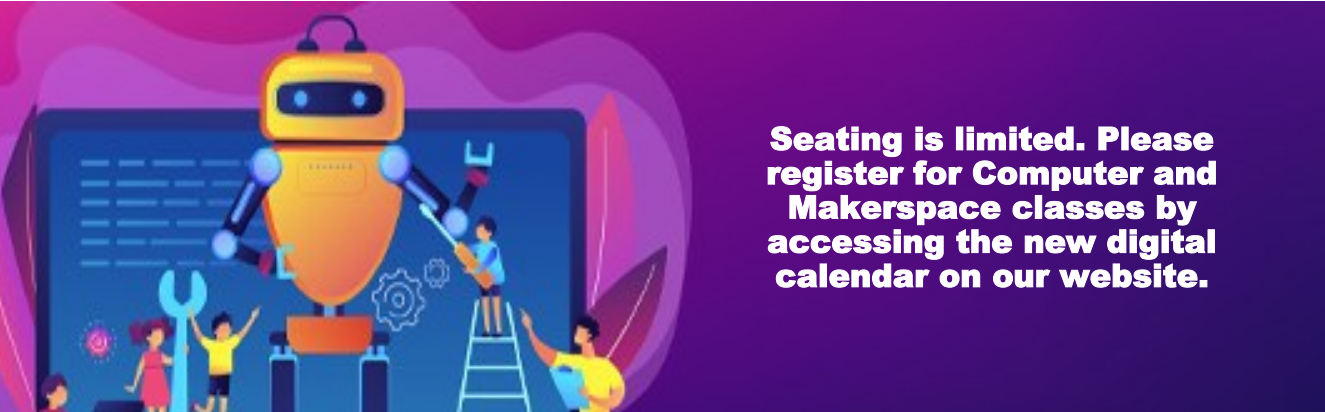
Step into a world of mystery and magic... if you dare.

- Solve enchanted riddles
- Hunt for hidden clues
- Beat the clock before time runs out!

Gather your team, put your minds together, and see if you have what it takes to escape! Will you crack the clues... or stay trapped in the magic? Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Beginner Cartooning
Libuse Branch
Monday, July 27, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Bring your characters to life in Libuse's Beginner Cartooning Class! Learn cool cartooning tricks like creating bold shapes, fun silhouettes, and expressive designs while drawing your own unique characters. Whether you love comics, animation, or doodling for fun, this class is the perfect place to get creative and level up your art skills! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Beginning Internet	Hineston Branch Wednesday, July 1 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Google Sheets	King Branch Tuesday, July 7 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Create and edit spreadsheets online for free with the web based Google Sheets Editor. Share and collaborate with others on spreadsheet creation.
Windows 11	Boyce Branch Thursday, July 9 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Martin Library Monday, July 13 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basic functions of the office button and ribbon environment. Create a simple document and learn how to cut, copy & paste, spell check, format fonts, and colors, etc.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Westside Library Tuesday, July 14 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.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Main Library Monday, July 20 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Covers the basic functions of the office button and ribbon environment. Create a simple document and learn how to cut, copy & paste, spell check, format fonts, and colors, etc.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	McDonald Branch Tuesday, July 21 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking results.
Google Slides	Libuse Branch Wednesday, July 22 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Robertson Branch Monday, July 27 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Beginning Internet	Johnson Branch Friday, July 31 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.

D&D Fridays

Main Library

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

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

Unwind after school and join us for adventures in our Afterschool Dungeons and Dragons Club. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Emotional Support Chicken

Martin Library

Monday, July 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Create your own tiny, soothing sidekick with this soft felt craft. Participants will sew and stuff a small chicken-shaped plush using felt, poly-fill or dried beans for a gently weighted body, and optional lavender for a calming scent. Simple hand-stitching makes this project beginner-friendly, and you can customize your chicken's colors and facial expression to match your mood. Tuck your finished emotional support chicken

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Johnson Branch

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

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Ready to get creative and bring your imagination to life? Join our library's painting class for a fun and inspiring experience designed for artists of all skill levels!

- Learn exciting painting techniques and styles
- Create your own unique masterpiece
- Connect with fellow art lovers
- Enjoy a welcoming and supportive environment led by an experienced instructor

in a pocket, bag, or desk drawer for a comforting squeeze whenever you need a little extra calm. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Dye Another Day

Martin Library

Monday, July 27, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Explore how to turn plants and botanicals into color in this hands-on natural dye workshop. Learn the basics of preparing fabric, making dye baths from items like onion skins, berries, tea, and flowers, and safely heating and fixing color so it lasts. We'll experiment with different fibers, simple patterns (like folds and ties), and layering colors, and you'll leave with at least one naturally dyed fabric sample plus the know-how to try plant-based dyeing at home. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



Whether you're picking up a paintbrush for the first time or already love creating art, this class is the perfect place to relax, learn, and let your creativity shine! Waitlist registration is required as space is limited. Join the waitlist, and you'll be notified within the week before the event for your spot. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Unleash your creativity in a watercolor painting class with local artist Lea Ryder Thomas! Explore beautiful watercolor techniques, experiment with color and design, and create your own stunning work of art in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Art is Life!

Main Library

Thursday, July 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Acrylics class with local artist Alice McBride. Supported in part by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency. Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Patriotic Tweedle-dee Bird Painting

Libuse Branch

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

Can you believe it's America's 250th birthday? Art and patriotism meet in this month's painting. What do you call those cute little birds that are somewhere between all the small bird species you've ever seen? We call them tweedle-dees, and ours have celebrating America's birthday on their mind. Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Sip 'n Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, July 27, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

It's your time to shine! Join Mary Roberts for a fun and freeing Sip N Paint experience where creativity takes center stage. This isn't a paint-by-number class—there are no rules, no pressure, and no judgment. Just a relaxed, kid-free space to unwind, express yourself, and enjoy great company. Come sip, paint, and let your creativity flow! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Artful Impacts

Johnson Branch

Friday, July 31, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get creative at Lecompte with a fun-filled canvas painting experience! From playful pie paintings to colorful beginner-friendly art projects that explore color theory, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bring your friends, relax, get inspired, and treat yourself to some tasty snacks while you paint the day away! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



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



ADULT



Adults' Summer Reading Program—Plant a Seed, Read!
Every Branch
July 1 - 31, During Open Hours
Grow your mind, stay sharp, and enjoy the benefits of reading this summer with Rapides Parish Library's Summer Reading Program for Adults! Reading isn't just relaxing—it strengthens memory, boosts creativity, and keeps your mind thriving. Log your reading minutes in Beanstack throughout July for a chance to win a prize basket from your local branch. The more you read, the more your chances grow! At the end of July, each branch will draw a winner—so keep turning those pages! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Mindful Coloring for Adults
Hineston Branch
July 1 - 30, During Open Hours
Take a break from the rush of daily life and school to settle into the relaxation of creativity and calm. Mindful Coloring for Adults offers a peaceful space to unwind, refocus, and enjoy the simple pleasure of coloring. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Anime Night at the Library
Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, July 1, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

This month at Westside Regional Library, we invite you to the screening of *Attack on Titan* a critically acclaimed anime series that spanned over a decade and remains one of the most discussed works in modern storytelling. Known for its complex themes, moral ambiguity, and philosophical depth, the series offers plenty to reflect on and discuss. Whether you're a longtime fan or new to the series, join us for a thoughtful viewing experience and conversation. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

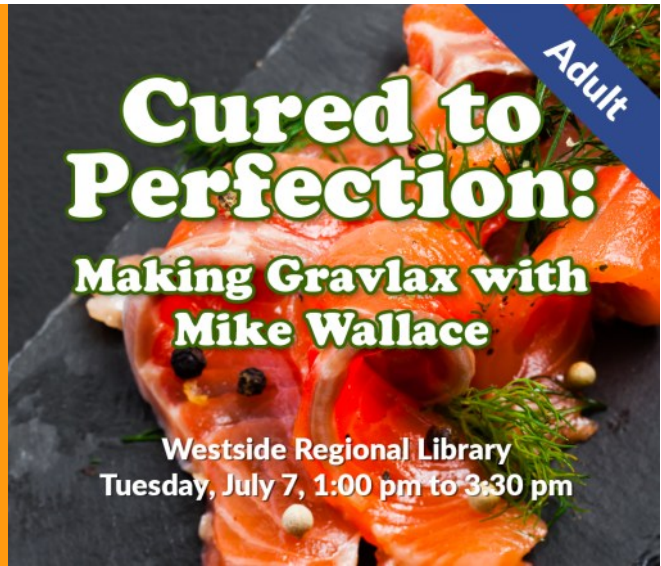
American Flag Craft
J.W. McDonald Branch
Wednesday, July 1, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Get creative and join us as we celebrate America's 250th birthday! Come make something special and show your patriotic spirit! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Plant a Seed, Read Raffle
Martin Library
July 1 - 31, During Open Hours
Get ready to grow your reading garden! For every book you read, you'll plant a seed toward winning exciting prizes in our Summer Reading Raffle. Whether you're digging into a classic story or discovering something brand new, each page you turn helps your reading garden bloom. To enter, simply fill out an entry form for every book you complete. The more you read, the more seeds you plant, and the more chances you have to grow amazing prizes! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Tea Time at Main
Main Library
Friday, July 3, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
As we celebrate the 250th Year of the United States of America, we honor the tea party that helped turn protest into independence- and colonists into citizens. The Boston Tea Party! There will be a brief explanation of the historical context of the Boston Tea Party and the description of the event itself. No historical reenactment will be attempted. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

For the Love of Food
Main Library
Monday, July 6, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Spice up your month with our delicious cooking demonstration featuring a talented local chef! Discover mouthwatering new recipes, watch live cooking tips and techniques, sample amazing dishes, and explore cookbooks from our library collection for even more kitchen inspiration. Best of all, it's completely free! Come hungry, bring a friend, and leave ready to cook up something amazing at home. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

ADULT



As Young As You Feel
Robertson Branch
Monday, July 6, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, July 9, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
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Martin Library
Monday, July 20, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, July 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Come for the bingo, stay for the friendships! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Chair Aerobics for Seniors
Robertson Branch
Monday, July 6, 9:30 am to 10:00 am
Join us for a fitness session on the 1st Monday of every month from 9:30 am to 10:00 am. Staying active is key to healthy aging, enhancing your balance, staying strong, and improving your overall sense of well-being. Challenge yourself to a session or two, or even make it a new favorite hobby! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Plant the Roots, Expand Your Mind
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Tuesday, July 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Adults! Get ready to learn how to make different drinks from scratch and socialize with one another!

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Cured to Perfection: Making Gravlox with Mike Wallace
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, July 7, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Discover the delicious tradition of homemade gravlox in this flavorful and engaging culinary program with local expert Mike Wallace. In this hands-on demonstration, participants will explore the rich Scandinavian history behind cured salmon and learn step-by-step techniques for preparing gravlox at home using fresh ingredients, herbs, and seasonings. Mike will share insider tips on selecting salmon, balancing flavors, curing methods, and creative ways to serve this elegant dish for brunches, appetizers, and special gatherings. Along the way, attendees will enjoy fascinating stories about the origins of gravlox and its lasting place in Nordic cuisine. Whether you're an adventurous home cook, seafood lover, or simply curious about traditional food preservation techniques, this program offers a unique opportunity to expand your culinary skills and taste something extraordinary. Registration is required in advance, and seating is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Main Tech Cafe
Main Library
Wednesday, July 8, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Drop in for a warm cup of coffee and get one-on-one help with basic computer tasks in a relaxed, friendly setting. Whether you need help creating an email account, browsing the internet, or learning the basics of your device, we're here to guide you. Bring your own laptop or tablet, or use one of ours. No registration required—just come and go as you please. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Basic Computer Training
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, July 8, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Wednesday, July 22, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Get computer confident at King! Learn to browse safely, search online effectively, and use email—all hands on. No experience needed! For more specific training in Word, Excel, and so on, check out our other Computer Classes! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Westside Fit!
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, July 9, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Thursday, July 23, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Join us for a fitness session that combines chair aerobics and yoga led by an instructional DVD. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

ADULT

Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

We aim to stimulate your life with social interactions and brain reactions. Whether it be a craft or learning a new technique, this class aims to keep the mind working. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join a supportive community where those who served come together to connect, share, and grow. Led by Mr. Anthony Elie, this program offers veterans the opportunity to learn about valuable resources, exchange experiences, and support one another. Through connection and collaboration, participants work toward improving quality of life and building a stronger community together. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Oldies But Goodies: Finish That Song

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, July 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for a toe-tappin', memory-sparkin' music game packed with hits from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s. We'll play a short clip — then it's up to you to hit the buzzer and sing or say the next line! Come with friends or make new ones as you laugh, sing along, and stroll down musical memory lane. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Creative Comfort: One-on-One Crafting for Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Wednesday, July 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

Wednesday, July 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Creative Comfort is a personalized crafting program designed specifically for immunocompromised individuals seeking a safe, calm, and creative outlet. Participants are invited to enjoy one-hour, one-on-one craft sessions in a clean, low-stimulation environment where they can explore various art forms. These sessions offer not only a creative escape but also therapeutic benefits, including stress relief, fine motor skill engagement, and emotional expression—all within a supportive and health-conscious setting. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

King Goes Bingo

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, July 16, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

You asked for it and we aim to please. King is going late night Bingo and we can't wait to scream... BINGO!! Join us for an evening of enjoyment and good fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Easy Refrigerator Pickling

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, July 17, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

This hands-on pickling experience brings the art of preserving to life, guiding participants step-by-step through the process of transforming fresh vegetables into flavorful creations. From preparation to storage, you'll learn how to craft your own delicious pickles from scratch and safely keep them in your refrigerator. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Plant Highlight: Marigolds with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter

Main Library

Wednesday, July 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Brighten your day with a fun and informative session all about marigolds with Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter! Discover the beauty, benefits, and gardening secrets of these colorful flowers while learning tips for growing and caring for them at home. It's the perfect program for garden lovers and anyone ready to add a little sunshine to their space! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



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Books & Bites!

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Tara 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. 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 Arts Council of Central Louisiana. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Canning with the LSU AgCenter

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, July 31, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Discover the fun of homemade canning at the library! In this hands-on class, you'll learn the secrets of preserving fresh fruits and vegetables while creating your very own delicious jar of pepper jelly to take home. Whether you're brand new to canning or already love working in the kitchen, this tasty and interactive workshop is packed with tips, techniques, and fun! Participants ages 16 and up are welcome. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

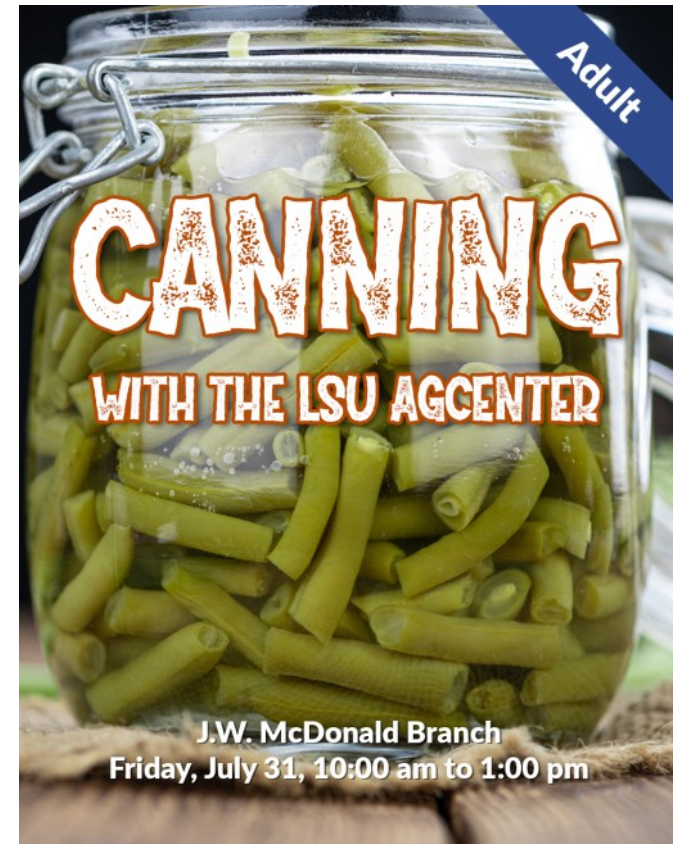
Library After Hours - SRP Wrap Up Edition

Libuse Branch

Friday, July 31, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Adults, find a sitter and come by the Libuse Branch Library for a night of child-free, after-hours socializ-

ing. This summer Rapides Parish Library encouraged you to "Plant a Seed, Read." After watching your literary garden grow, come celebrate the end of summer reading with a themed game of Pictionary. Bring a book title you read this summer to add to the Pictionary choices that might get drawn throughout the evening. Light refreshments will be served, and prize winners will be announced. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Learn to conduct self-directed research using Ancestry Library Edition. Discover your heritage and create a personal family heritage journal to document the journey. Learn about Ancestry Library Edition and other databases to create and compile a personal family heritage. Meets monthly. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.



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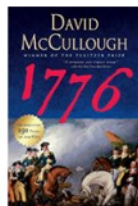


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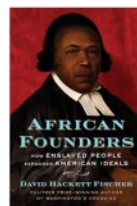
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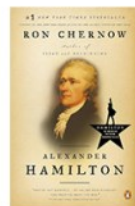
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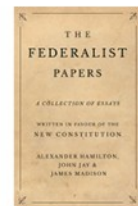
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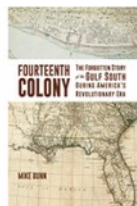
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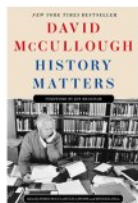
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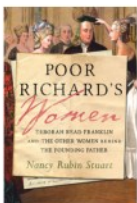
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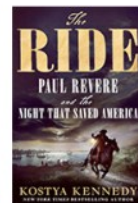
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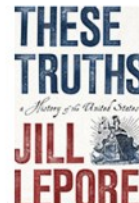
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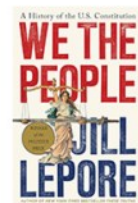
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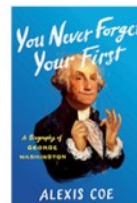
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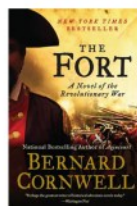


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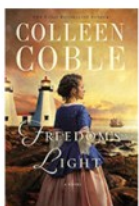


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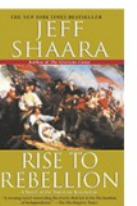
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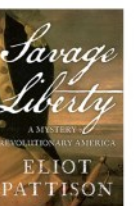
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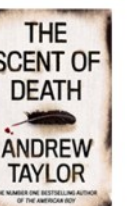
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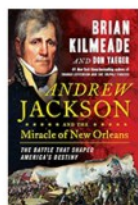


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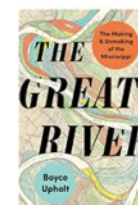
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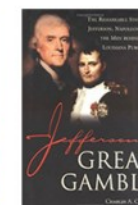
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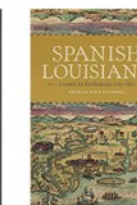
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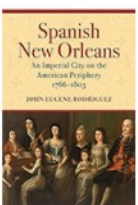
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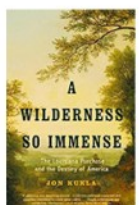
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