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EVENT GUIDE

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ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM



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Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join Sonja Spahn and other readers on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss great Southern books written by great Southern writers. This month we will discuss *Miss Ella of Commander's Palace* by Ti Adelaide Martin and Ella Brennan. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, June 5, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Tweens/Teens are encouraged to read Rayleigh Mann's *In the Company of Monsters* or come in with their favorite book for a small session of talking about why they enjoy the books they do. After that we will take a little time to start reading! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Books & Beyond!

Westside Regional Library

Friday, June 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens can come and join us at Westside on the first Friday of each month to read and discuss books. This month we will be kicking off our SUMMER READING PROGRAM! Come learn how to cast a fly rod with the Kisatche Fly Fishers. We will have games, prizes, pizza and lots of FUN! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

A Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, June 10, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you enjoy reading a little bit of everything, then you'll enjoy this book club, meeting each second Monday of the month. Join us this month to discuss *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Children's Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, June 10, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

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

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids' are invited to read *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



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Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Triple A Book Club Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we're reading *The American Daughters* by Maurice Carlos Ruffin. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Main Writers Club Main Library

Thursday, June 13, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm
Writers of all genres and levels are welcome to this writers group. Give and receive feedback on works in progress, hone writing skills through challenging writing prompts, and get tips on submitting to contests and publications. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Daytime Book Club Libuse Branch

Monday, June 17, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Patrons are invited to read *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Book Club Libuse Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Teens are invited to read *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer 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, June 20, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Ladies are invited to read *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls 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, June 21, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Time to uncover some mysteries! Our next adventure awaits in the pages of *The Slender Man*. This is a story of an internet obsession and two young girls who committed a violent crime. Join us to see what mysteries we'll find! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Robertson Book Club Robertson Branch

Tuesday, June 25, 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 Maid* by Nita Prose. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

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Come Write In! Main Library

Tuesday June 25, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm
Hone your writing skills in their monthly creative writing session. Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on a work-in-progress, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club Robertson Branch

Thursday, June 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Join the Christian Fiction Book Club on the last Thursday of each month to read and discuss favorite Christian and historical fiction novels. This month's selection is *Daughter of Eden* by Jill Eileen Smith. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Cenla Authors' Club Westside Regional Library

Thursday, June 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
The Cenla Authors' Club is open to authors and writers of all levels and genres, and anyone interested in learning more about the book-writing process. Each month features a presentation by a noted author plus self-publishing tips, information, and practices. This month's speaker is writer and artist Kody Chamberlain whose credits include comics and graphic novels created for Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, and other publishers as well as work in film, television, and video games. Hosted by Michael Wynne, the Cenla Authors' Club meets each fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 at the Westside Regional Library. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, June 28, 10:30 am to 11:30 pm
Join us on fourth Fridays for good conversation and loads of fun as we delve into fascinating titles in literary, popular, and historical fiction, fantasy, suspense, nonfiction, biographies, and more chosen by members vote once every year. The selection for this month is *Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.



Programs for All Ages

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Libuse Branch

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
The best time of the year is finally here! Patrons are invited to come by the Libuse Branch to sign up for the summer reading program! There will be self-guided games available for all ages, and registration prizes will be available for children, teen, and adults who wish to participate! All ages are welcome for the fun! Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Seeds 4 Trees Giveaway Week of June 3, During Open Hours

Westside Regional Library Martin Library

Hineston Branch Week of June 10, During Open Hours

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Libuse Branch

Johnson Branch Week of June 17, During Open Hours

Main Library Robertson Branch

J.W. McDonald Branch Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Bookmobile

Drop by your favorite branch during this week to pick up your free Seed Tree Growing Kit! Seeds 4 Trees is a non-profit organization committed to educating students about the crucial role of tree seeds in initiating and sustaining forests. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Hello from Around the World: Say 'Hi' Day Celebration

Johnson Branch Tuesday, June 11, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Join us at the library for a greeting adventure in celebration of Say "Hi" Day! "Hello from Around the World" is an engaging, family-friendly event open to all patrons, designed to foster cultural appreciation and global awareness. This unique library activity invites participants of all ages to explore the diverse ways people say "Hi" across different countries and cultures, emphasizing the beauty and diversity of our world. We will play a fun song by GoNoodle, come see a demonstration on how to say "Hi" in sign language as well and join us for a scavenger hunt using library resources to look up how other cultures say "Hi". Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Law Talks Watch Party on Heirs' Property Main Library

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, June 12, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Come to the library watch party! The Rapides Parish Li-

brary will host the Louisiana State Bar Association's virtual presentation on Heirs' Property led by legal aid and volunteer attorneys. Presentation will be held via zoom watch party at the Main Library. Heirs' property refers to a family home or land that passes from generation to generation usually without a will. Attorneys with Louisiana Appleseed will discuss what you need to know about your heirs' property and your rights. After the presentation, you can ask questions as time allows. You can also stream the presentation on the Lawyers in Libraries Facebook page. Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

This is the Story - Walk with Us Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, June 12, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Come out, show your library card and celebrate Juneteenth with us. Learn why June 19th became a holiday and experience our Juneteenth Storywalk! All ages welcome to celebrate the day! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Tea Party

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, June 12, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
"The secret to a well-balanced life is a cup of tea in one hand and a book in the other." Martin Luther King Library requests the honor of your company for high tea! Come in your finest attire (or anything, we're not picky). Come get the tea as we serve lovely tea and delicate finger foods. Please bring your favorite tea cup! Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Jerrica "Jae" Franklin: Poetry Workshop Main Library

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Learn to capture your emotions and express your words in a poetry workshop followed by a reading with our June Author of the Month, poet Jerrica "Jae" Franklin. Boldly creative and highly evocative, Franklin brings an infectious energy to the poetic voice that moves reader and audiences of all types. She is the author of two volumes of poetry, *Words for Wings* and *To The Lovers I Loved Before*. Join us in this poetry workshop to learn, write, listen and enjoy!

Bits & Boards

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, June 21, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Join us for midday gaming! Beat the heat and dive into the action with group video games like Mario Kart, Mario Wonder, and Mario Party. Or test your skills with classic board games such as Chess, Checkers, Dominoes, Trouble, Uno, and a myriad of others! From exciting races to strategic showdowns, there's something here for everyone. Don't miss out—mark your calendars for Bits & Boards! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Cenla Author of the Month

Author of the Month

Main Library

Saturday, June 15, 2024, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Jerrica "Jae" Franklin is a spoken word poet and author from Alexandria, Louisiana. She started her craft at the age of eight, however, she was never certain of the form of writing she was creating. As a young child, she suffered from a mild speech impediment called cluttering -which made her extremely uncomfortable reading aloud and verbally communicating with others. After the death of her mother at ten years old, she found poetry to be a vital coping mechanism.

Her work is most known for its signature flow and Jae's gentle and linguistic tone. She published her first book in January 2023 entitled *Words For Wings*, a collective of poems describing pivotal moments of her young life. After her personal unfortunate circumstances, she prides herself in being a voice for the many young people society strays from. The greatest purpose of her art is to advocate for those who have been ridiculed due to their background, financial status, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, mental illness and all things that are created to hinder fighting the odds. She is constantly rooting for the underdogs of the world. Her mission in poetry is 'to be FRANK at all times'.

Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

Craft Kits at Hineston

Hineston Branch

June 1-15, During Open Hours

Come in and pick up a Grab and Go craft kit from the Hineston branch! We will have available Ping Pong Ball Shooter kits and Monster Paper Bag Target kits. These are available as supplies last during opening hours at the branch. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Paper Plate Jellyfish Craft

Johnson Branch

June 1-29, During Open Hours

Come pick up this cool Grab n Go craft in celebration of National Oceans Month! Dive into the depths of creativity and oceanic wonder without getting wet! Using simple materials like paper plates, colorful yarns, and other decorative items, participants will craft their very own jellyfish, bringing a piece of the ocean's majesty into their homes. While supplies last during branch hours. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Spread Joy for Smile Power Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

June 1-15, During Open Hours

June 15th is National Smile Power Day! Help your library celebrate by coming by on June 1st through June 15th and get your smiley bag! It'll make our day as we generate smiles. A fun fact about smiling is that it can instantly

make another person feel better about themselves, build their self-confidence, and also improve their self-esteem. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

Martin Library

June 3-31, During Open Hours

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

Coffee, Color, and Chill

Libuse Branch

Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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

GRAB-N-GO SCHEDULE

CHILDREN

May 27 - June 2
Handprint Campfire

June 3 - June 9
Craft Roll Binoculars

June 10 - June 16
Mini Tea Light Lanterns

June 17 - June 23
Camping Photo Frame

June 24 - June 30
4th of July Necklace

July 1 - July 7
Pete the Cat Goes Camping

July 8 - July 14
Pony Bead Bracelet

July 15 - July 21
Rain Stick

July 22 - July 28
3D Popsicle

July 29 - August 4
Clothespin Fire Fly Magnets

TEENS

May 27 - June 29
Denim Fringed Key Chain

June 30 - August 3
Popsicle Photo Frame

ADULTS

May 27 - June 29
Popsicle Stick Uncle Sam

June 30 - August 3
Beverage Glass Charm



ADVENTURE

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

June 1 ~ July 31

Children through 12 read this summer to win!

- 150 Minutes - Certificate
- 500 Minutes - Pop It Keychain
- 1000 Minutes - Slap Bracelet
- 1500 Minutes - Reading Medal

WEEKLY BRANCH SCHEDULE

Monday:
Main 10:00 am
Libuse 2:00 pm

Tuesday:
Hineston 10:00 am
Alfred Boyce Wettermark 2:00 pm

Wednesday:
Robertson 10:00 am
Martin 2:00 pm

Thursday:
J.W. McDonald 10:00 am
Johnson 2:00 pm

Friday:
Westside Regional 10:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. 2:00 pm

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

June 10-14
David LeBoeuf

June 24-28
Harvey Rabbit

July 8-10 & 12
Terrance Michael Morgan

July 11
Rosa Metoyer

July 22-26
Doug Berky

Log your activities with
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Children's Programs

Bubblepalooza

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, June 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Children are invited to come make a painting out of bubbles they blow! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, June 4, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, June 11, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, June 18, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, June 25, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

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

Binocular Craft

Main Library

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

You shouldn't be an explorer without the right equipment! Come learn about the history of binoculars, how they came to be, how they work, and make your own to use on your very own adventures! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Crafty Saturday

Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, June 29, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come in and create a craft on a Crafty Saturday in June. Every Saturday is a crafty day! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Magician David Leboeuf

Main Library

Monday, June 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Monday, June 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library

Wednesday, June 12, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, June 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Johnson Branch

Thursday, June 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Friday, June 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, June 14, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Come see magician David Leboeuf wow audiences at his magic show! He will be coming to each branch from the week of June 10-14. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Scavenger Hunt

Main Library

Thursday, June 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us at Main Library for an exciting scavenger hunt! You'll learn loads about your local library while searching for clues and hunting for treasure! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Treasure Slime

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Come and make your very own treasure slime. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



Children's Programs



Harvey Rabbit and Friends

June 24-28

Adventuring 101: Secret Messages Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Can you crack the code? Can you make a cipher? Together we will learn how to send and receive secret messages using cryptography. Use one of many different methods to encrypt messages on your hikes and trails this summer! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Fossil Dig Main Library

Saturday, June 22, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Have you wondered what it would be like to be an archaeologist? Discover what it's like at Main Library when you join us for our fossil dig! Come search for dinosaur bones and pretty gemstones and learn more about archaeology while you dig. Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Harvey Rabbit & Friends

Main Library

Monday, June 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Monday, June 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, June 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, June 25, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library

Wednesday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, June 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Johnson Branch

Thursday, June 27, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Friday, June 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, June 28, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Come see Harvey Rabbit! He and his many friends will be coming to each branch from the week of June 24-28. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Adventuring 101: Knot Easy Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

From sailing to rock climbing, knots are an integral part of any adventure. But! Did you know you can also make fun knot crafts like bracelets and puzzles? Together we will learn how to tie and solve different kinds of knots. With this knowledge in mind, you'll be able to tie or untie any knot you may need on your summer adventures! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Toilet Paper Roll Binoculars Johnson Branch

Wednesday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Embark on a journey of discovery and imagination at our library's craft event! Perfect for young adventurers aged 4 to 10, this hands-on workshop invites children to transform everyday items into their very own set of explorer binoculars. Using simple materials like toilet paper rolls, tape, and a sprinkle of creativity, participants will craft a tool that will open their eyes to a world of exploration and adventure, right from the library's doorstep. Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Dinosaur Fossil Craft Main Library

Thursday, June 27, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Fossils tell us a lot about the past, how cool would it be to own one? Join us at Main Library to make your very own dinosaur fossil out of air dry clay while we talk about different fossil types and how fossils are formed! Reservations are required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

Nintendo Switch Party

Libuse Branch

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

As part of their Summer Reading Kickoff, we will have a Nintendo Switch party! Come try your hand at some video games, including Mario Kart! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Print Making

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Thursday, June 6, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Johnson Branch

Thursday, June 6, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Saturday, June 8, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Martin Library

Tuesday, June 11, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, June 13, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

It's An Adventure Passport Martin Library

June 3-July 31, During Open Hours

Let's go on an Adventure! First we need to grab our passport! Come with us as we do fun library activities all throughout the summer as we get stamps in our passport along the way! Activities include the summer reading entertainment, passive programs, and various programs available. Once you receive 8 stamps in your Adventure Passport, bring it to the circulation desk to receive a prize! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Make Your Own Adventure Book Martin Library

Tuesday, June 4, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Let's go on a summer adventure! Join us as we make our own Adventure Books out of composition notebooks, glue, and magazines! Ages 5 to 18 but children aged 10 and under must have parental supervision. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Build Your Own Adventure Passport

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Summer is time for Adventure! Children, Tweens, and Teens are invited to come make their own adventure passports. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Solar Oven

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, June 5, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, June 12, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join Ms. Brittany as we learn the science needed to create a solar oven from a pizza box! Then we will to cook some S'mores in it! Ages 10 and up welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Python Coding Day Camp Main Library

Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12pm

Morning Session 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Afternoon Session 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

Children’s & Teen Programs

Kids’ Hand-Building Clay Class

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Thursday, June 13, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Westside Regional Library
Saturday, June 15, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Robertson Branch

Monday, June 17, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
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 branch you plan to attend for more information.

Father’s Day Surprise

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, June 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Father's Day is fast approaching and we can't forget about Dad and all the dad figures in our lives! Children, Tweens, and Teens can come join us to make a special handmade card for Dad! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Juneteenth Strawberry Soda & Craft

Johnson Branch
Friday, June 14, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Happy Juneteenth! Come celebrate at the Johnson Library! In celebration of Juneteenth, we will have a celebrated drink, the Juneteenth Strawberry Soda while creating our very own African Unity bracelet! Don't miss this fun! While supplies last. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Water Balloon Target Training

Hineston Branch
Tuesday, June 18, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Summer is here and so is the heat! Let's cool off and while we practice our aiming and throwing skills! We'll have water balloons and targets ready for teens and older children (8 and up) to show off their slinging skills. This adventure will take place outside, so we recommend dressing appropriately. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Brazilian Rainbow Python Encounter

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Thursday, June 20, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Yikes! Experience the Brazilian Rainbow Python up close at our library program! Learn about these amazing creatures, their habitat, and conservation efforts. Perfect for all ages. Join us for an unforgettable encounter! Registration

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

Stop Motion Animation Day Camp

Westside Regional Library
June 24-28, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Explore the exciting world of animation at our Stop Motion Animation Camp! Led by skilled instructors, campers will learn the basics of stop motion, from planning to editing. Using various materials, they'll craft their own unique animations, developing storytelling and teamwork skills along the way. Join us for a week of creativity and fun! Open to children 11 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

International Uno

Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, June 4, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Wednesday, June 5, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Thursday, June 6, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, June 7, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, June 20, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Johnson Branch
Friday, June 21, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Main Library
Saturday, June 22, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Learn other languages by beating your friends at popular card game UNO. We will have a chart with languages from different continents with colors, numbers, and words that will help you play Uno in another language. Because of the challenge of learning new words and languages, children 10 and up welcome. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Look Out Indy!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Tuesday, June 25, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Want a chance to be like Indy? Children, Tweens, and Teens are invited to try our adventurous obstacle course where they have to evade nefarious monsters and distracting rocks. It's fun for all ages! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Computer Classes



CLASS SCHEDULE

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

Microsoft Powerpoint	King Branch Tuesday, June 4 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Google Sheets	Hineston Branch Wednesday, June 5 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	Libuse Branch Friday, June 7 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Martin Library Monday, June 10 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to making using Excel easier.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Westside Library Tuesday, June 11 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.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Boyce Branch Thursday, June 13 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.
Windows 10	Main Library Monday, June 17 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Take a look at the Windows 10 operating system. Learn about the features Windows 10 has to offer and how to customize them to your needs.
TinkerCAD	Main Library Saturday, June 22 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Learn how to create your own 3D designs! Participants will learn how to use TinkerCAD, a free easy-to-learn online application to create, modify and print 3D models.
Microsoft Excel Online	Robertson Branch Monday, June 24 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Spreadsheet creation online anytime and anywhere. Learn the workflow of Microsoft's web base Excel app and create spreadsheets from any device! Upload and edit existing workbooks, share.
Microsoft Word Online	McDonald Branch Wednesday, June 26 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Word processing online on the go anywhere. Take a dive into creating documents with Microsoft's web based Word app. Upload and edit existing documents, share and collaborate with other users.
Google Docs	Johnson Branch Friday, June 28 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. Google docs is a free online word processor that is apart of the Google Editor Suite. Learn how to create a document, collaborate, and share.

Teen Programs



Bubblepalooza

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, June 3, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

It's Bubbling Fun at King! Teens and Tweens can come build your own bubble wand! Then will have a contest and all hypothesize whose will get the most bubble onto a sheet of paper! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Murder Mystery: Factions

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, June 4, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

If you enjoy fantasy and solving mysteries, then come join us as we solve the case in this Murder Mystery! Domsday has been declared by NASA scientists, when they see that a group of asteroids will strike the Earth in 10 days. The Vampire, Sorcerer, and Werewolf Factions have formally announced their existence to the humans, and have formed an alliance to help save the world. Will they be able to ban together and stop this from happening? Come find out and help us save the world! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Teen Paracord Compass Bracelet Craft

Martin Library

Thursday, June 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens can join us on the 80th anniversary of D-Day to make your own paracord compass bracelet and learn some interesting facts about D-Day! Ages 10 to 17 welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, June 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Fantasy Map Making

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Teens let's go on an adventure! First we need a map! Let's create our own fantasy map. The maps are made with simple household items like water, coffee, and rice. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Teen Stress Free Zone

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, June 20, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

With so much going on today, teens need an outlet to release their anxiety and stresses. Come in this month to learn how to make sensory bottles and how they can help with stress and anxiety. Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Adult Painting Programs

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

Friday, June 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Johnson Branch

Thursday, June 20, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, June 21, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Discover your creative inner artist at our adult painting class! Led by an experienced instructor, explore color, texture, and technique in a welcoming environment suitable for all levels. Connect with fellow art enthusiasts and enjoy a supportive environment. No experience necessary; all supplies provided. Join us and unleash your creativity! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, June 5, 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, June 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Monday, June 24, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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

Ceramic Painting

Westside Regional Library

Friday, June 14, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dive into the world of ceramic painting at our upcoming class! Here you'll learn the art of painting on ceramics, from choosing colors to applying intricate designs. Perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, this class offers hands-on guidance to help you bring your creative vision to life. Join us for a fun and interactive session where you can unleash your imagination and craft a unique masterpiece to cherish or share with loved ones. Don't miss this opportunity to discover the joy of ceramic painting! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Adult Adventure Painting

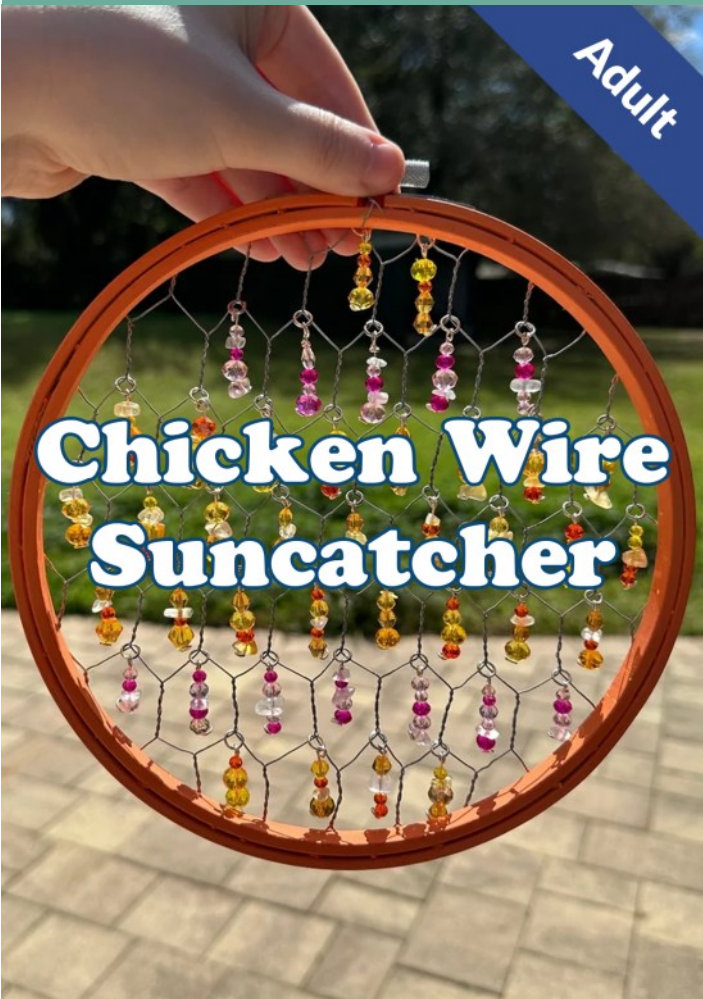
Martin Library

Tuesday, June 18, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Adventure is what makes our hearts sing! Let's put adventure on display with a painting of it! Join us for an adventure painting class where you will have a choice to paint one of two different images. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



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Johnson Branch
Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 am
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J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 am
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Main Library
Thursday, June 20, 10:00 am
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Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 am
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Libuse Branch
Friday, June 21, 10:00 am
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Main Library

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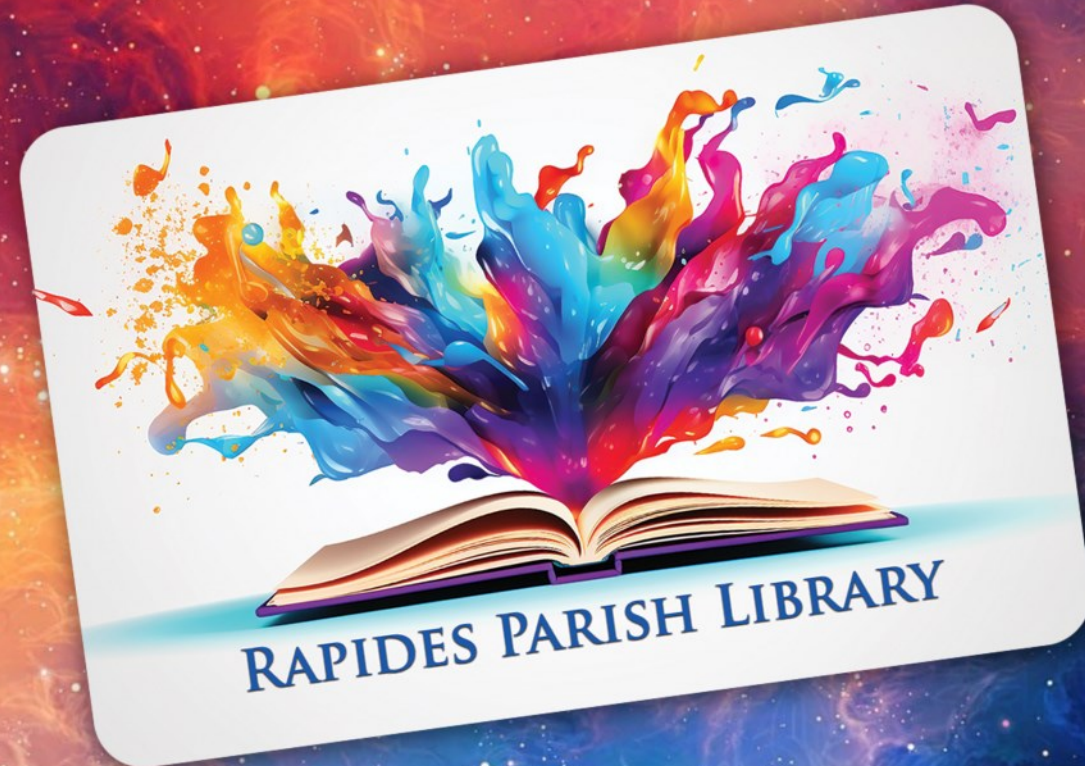
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Afternoon Session 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Adult Programs

For the Love of Food

Main Library

Monday, June 3, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

We love our food and we love talking and learning about it. Join us as Linda Ryder Thomas is here showcasing some summer favorite dishes that are accessible and easy to make for all! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Chicken Wire Suncatcher

Robertson Branch

Monday, June 3, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, June 4, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Martin Library

Wednesday, June 5, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Main Library

Thursday, June 6, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, June 13, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, June 25, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Whether you're a crafting genius or a professional mess-maker, suncatchers reflect the beautiful chaos of your creativity! Come join us in crafting these charming suncatchers! Please bring jewelry pliers if you have them. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch

Monday, June 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Monday, June 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, June 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Main Library

Thursday, June 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Friday, June 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, June 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Adult Summer Reading Kickoff

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Adventure begins at Your Library! Join Westside Regional Library June 4th for Summer Reading fun and information about ADVENTURE IN AND OUT of the library! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Canning with LSU AgCenter

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for an informative and hands-on canning class at the library! In this session, participants will learn the art and science of home canning, a traditional method for preserving fruits and vegetables. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this class offers something for everyone. Participants 16 and older are welcomed at the program. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Chair Aerobics: Senior Hooping

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, June 5, 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 am to 10:45 am

Join us as we keep our minds and bodies in shape. Chair aerobics with a twist aims to incorporate low impact ways to incorporate movement into your routine. You may get nostalgic. Chair aerobics will be held June 5th and June 26th. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Bayou Bonds: A Senior Social

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, June 5, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

A heartwarming monthly event designed with our community's older adults in mind, especially those who may feel isolated, such as shut-ins or individuals with little to no family nearby. This gathering is more than just an event; it's a chance to forge connections, share life stories, and enjoy the company of others in a comfortable and inviting atmosphere. Hosted in our library's cozy adult fiction room, Bayou Bonds encourages participants to share tales from their lives, whether they be humorous anecdotes, lessons learned, adventures had, or cherished memories. It's an opportunity for our senior community members to voice their experiences, impart wisdom, and contribute to a tapestry of storytelling that spans generations. Alongside the storytelling, attendees can savor a variety of teas and light refreshments, making for a perfect afternoon of relaxation and companionship. The event aims to provide a sense of belonging and togetherness, allowing individuals who might otherwise spend too much time alone to make new friends and feel part of a community. Starting in July this event will be on the first Saturday of each month. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Adult Programs

Tea Time at Main

Main Library

Friday, June 7, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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

Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

We aim to stimulate your life with social interaction and brain stimulation! 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.

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, June 13 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, June 27, 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.

Throwback to the 60s & 70s

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, June 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us as we look back on the 60s & 70s! We will have the year books from the area, have music playing, refreshments! We will also make a tie dye shirt! Feel free to to bring your own memorabilia to show to everyone! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Canvas Bag Monogram Craft

Martin Luther King, Jr. Craft

Monday, June 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

We are all On The GO these days! So let's make an adorable To-Go Bag! Join us to create your personalized monogram on an adorable canvas shopping bag. All materials will be provided! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Learn Print Making

Libuse Branch

Monday, June 3, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Join us at the library for an exciting introduction to block cut printing! Learn the essentials of carving and printing linoleum blocks to craft beautiful relief designs. With guidance, discover the magic of transforming your creations onto paper or fabric. Perfect for beginners, this workshop offers a creative and enriching experience. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today at the library! Patrons 14 and up may join the class. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Genealogy Research Programs

Rebels, Rogues, Royals, and Renegades: An Ancestry Heritage Exploration

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, June 14, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

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

Genealogy Club

Main Library

Friday, June 28, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Trace your family tree using Ancestry.com Library Edition and other library resources you have to pay for everywhere else! Learn to search census records, obituaries, and other records to find missing links in your family history. Beginners are welcome. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

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