



EVENT GUIDE

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Plant a Seed, read

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM



BOOK AND WRITING CLUBS

Clue Me In

Hineston Branch

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

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 *Murder at Brightwell* by Ashley Weaver. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

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

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for book talk with Southern readers. This month we wade into Mary Alice Monroe's beloved South Carolina's "crown jewel", the ACE Basin, in her latest book, *Where The Rivers Merge*. 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, June 8, 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 *I Who Have Never Known Men* by Jacqueline Harpman. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Have you ever visited Florida and wondered what it was like back in the late 1800's? Particularly the swampy parts of Florida that remind you a bit of south Louisiana? Then you need to read *Spineless* by Samantha San Miguel. It's the closest you'll get to wandering a swamp without actually going to a swamp. After that, come to the teen book club for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the club on second Tuesdays to discover, read, and discuss books by African American authors and others of the African diaspora. This month we are reading *The Beautiful Struggle* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Children 8-12 years old are invited to read *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Out of This World Book Club

Main Library

Tuesday, June 9, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Out Of This World Bookclub 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! Imagine turning 75 years old. Retirement, no job to worry about, and many more years to enjoy. Not in *Old Man's War* by John Scalzi. Instead of relaxation, you enlist in the army, and head off into interstellar space. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

The Final Chapter

Martin Library

Tuesday, June 9, 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. Warning: Not for the faint of heart. In June, we will be reading *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Wrapped in a Story: Audio Book Club

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, June 10, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Curl up, press play, and let the story come to you! Wrapped in a Story is Johnson Branch's audio book club for adults who love to listen, discuss, and share their favorite tales. We'll explore together—whether it's fiction, memoir, or mystery—and enjoy lively conversation in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Settle in for stories that entertain, inspire, and spark great discussion. We will continue with *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, June 15, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *Cemetery Road* by Greg Iles and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Curious Readers Society

Martin Library

Tuesday, June 16, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us as we explore exciting stories, share ideas, and take part in fun activities inspired by each book. Whether you love mystery, adventure, or just a great story, there's something for everyone! For the month of June, we'll be discussing *The Boy on the Porch* by Sharon Creech. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library
Thursday, June 18, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 Join us as we discuss our pick for the Main Mystery Book Club in June: *The Name of the Rose* by Umberto Eco. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch
Thursday, June 18, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
 Ladies are invited to read *Booked for Murder* by P.J. Nelson and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Friday, June 26, 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 we're reading The selection for this month is *Brave the Wild River* by Melissa L. Sevigny. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library
Tuesday, June 23, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm
 Hone your writing skills in their monthly creative writing session. Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on a work-in-progress, then share

This or That Showdown

Westside Regional Library
June 1 - 30, During Open Hours
 Every week, all month long, we're putting two contenders head-to-head and you get to decide the winner. Will it be this... or that? A new topic drops every week, so there's always something fresh (and maybe a little unexpected) to vote on. Voting is done with stickers just ask the front desk for one and place it on your pick to cast your vote! Come back to see which choice claimed victory last week and get ready to make your next pick. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Estimation Station

Martin Library
June 1 - 30, 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.

Plant a Seed, Read Activity Book

Martin Library
June 1 - 30, During Open Hours
 Grow into fun with our Plant a Seed, Read Activity Book! All summer long, stop by Martin Library to grab

with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Cenla Author's Club

Westside Regional Library
Thursday, June 25, 6:00 pm to 8:00 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 political advisor Robert "Bob" Mann. He will speak on his newest book *You Are My Sunshine: Jimmie Davis and the Biography of a Song*. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch
Tuesday, June 30, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
 Join us for an evening of suspense and discussion as our book club dives into *My Husband's Wife* by Alice Feeney. This gripping psychological thriller is full of secrets, twists, and surprises that will keep you guessing—and give us plenty to talk about! Meet with fellow readers for a lively conversation about the story, its characters, and the shocking turns along the way. Whether you loved the twists or were left questioning everything, we'd love to hear your thoughts. Come enjoy a great discussion and connect with other book lovers for a memorable book club evening. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

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.



Summer Reading Kickoff Party

J.W. McDonald Branch
Monday, June 1, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
 Get ready to grow your love of reading at our kickoff celebration! Dance along as DJ Josh spins everything from oldies to today's hits—plus your song requests! Enjoy nachos, cookies, and punch while you party. This is the perfect time to sign up for our Summer Reading Program—read or listen to books and earn sweet prizes all summer long! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Community Rock Art

Westside Regional Library
June 1 - 30, During Open Hours
 Let your creativity bloom all month long at the Westside Library! Stop by (while supplies last) to pick up your very own paint kit and rock to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece at home.

- Design it your way
- Add a pop of color to your garden or space
- Bring it back to display—or keep it for yourself!

Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Summer Reading Kickoff at Main

Main Library
Monday, June 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Summer is back—and so is our exciting Summer Reading Program! Get ready to grow your love of reading by signing up in Beanstack at the library. This year, we're also launching our brand new Seed Library, where you can pick out a pack of seeds to take home and grow alongside your reading journey! Join us as we kick off the summer at the Main Library with a fun seed-planting event. Come celebrate, get registered, and start planting the seeds for a summer full of reading and fun! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Recipe Swap

Hineston Branch
June 1 - 30, 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.

Summer Reading Kickoff: Plant a Seed, Read!

Johnson Branch
Monday, June 1, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 School's out, books are in, and it's time to celebrate! Join us at the library for an exciting Summer Reading Kickoff Party as we launch our Plant a Seed: Read program. Enjoy snacks, games, music, and hands-on activities while you sign up for summer reading, explore this year's theme, and find out how to earn awesome prizes!

- Fun for the whole family
- Creative activities and games
- Start your summer reading adventure

Bring your friends, bring your family, and get ready to grow your imagination all summer long! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Plant a Seed Craft

Hineston Branch
Tuesday, June 2, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
 Get your hands a little dirty and your creativity growing! In this fun, all-ages craft activity, participants will decorate their own planting container and plant a real seed to take home. Learn the basics of how plants grow while creating something unique and personal. With a little sunlight, water, and care, your seed will sprout and remind you that small things can grow into something amazing. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Terracotta Garden Gnomes
Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 6, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Add a little whimsy to your garden with Terracotta Garden Gnomes! In this creative craft activity, you'll transform simple terracotta pots into charming garden gnomes using, paint, imagination, and a few decorative touches. Design colorful hats, friendly faces, and fun patterns to give each gnome its own personality! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Plant Bingo
Hineston Branch

Tuesday, June 9, 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.

Botanical Shadowbox
Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 13, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Celebrate the beauty of nature with a Botanical Shadowbox craft! In this creative activity, you'll arrange faux flowers inside a shadowbox frame to create a stunning piece of nature-inspired art. By layering textures and colors, you can design an unique display that captures the delicate details of the outdoors. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Plant Bingo @ Night
Hineston Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 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.

Paint Your Own Garden Rock
Hineston Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Create a one-of-a-kind decoration for your garden with the Paint Your Own Garden Rock activity! This fun and relaxing craft lets you transform a simple rock into a colorful piece of art that brightens any outdoor space. Whether you paint flowers, animals, inspirational words, or playful patterns, your finished rock becomes a personal touch for your garden, flower beds, or porch. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Juneteenth Jubilee

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, June 18, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Join us for a fun and meaningful celebration as we learn about the history of Juneteenth and how it's honored today. After the presentation, stick around for a Juneteenth-themed craft and create something special to take home! Come learn, create, and celebrate! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Macramé Hanging Plant Craft
Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Join us at the Hineston Branch for a relaxing and creative macramé hanging plant craft event! Participants will learn basic knotting techniques to create their own stylish plant hanger using simple materials like cotton cord. This hands-on workshop is perfect for beginners and craft enthusiasts alike, offering a fun way to explore creativity while making a functional piece of decor. By the end of the session, you'll have a beautiful handmade plant hanger to take home—perfect for adding a touch of greenery and charm to your space. All materials are provided, and no prior experience is needed! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



Pinecone Bird Feeders

Main Library
Monday, June 22, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, June 30, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Pinecone Bird Feeders
Main Library

Monday, June 22, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, June 30, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Love watching birds? Bring them closer to home by creating your very own pinecone bird feeder! This fun, hands-on craft is a great way to attract feathered friends to your yard.

- Allergy Warning: Peanut butter will be used

Come get creative and make something the birds will love! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Plant a Seed, Read: From Tiny Seeds, Great Stories Grow

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
June 22 - 26, During Open Hours
Think pumpkins are just for October? Think again—the growing starts NOW! Join the Pumpkin Challenge at the Alfred Boyce Wettermark Library and see who can grow the biggest, boldest, most festival-worthy pumpkin by harvest time. In Louisiana, late June is the perfect time to plant—so it's time to pick up your FREE pumpkin seeds and start growing!

- Open to kids and families of all ages
- Plant, nurture, and grow your giant
- Track its progress from sprout to showstopper
- Keep a growth journal
- Snap photos along the way
- Sketch each stage
- Talk (or sing!) to your pumpkin

Watch the magic grow and tell the story of your pumpkin's journey from seed to spectacular. Then share your photos with the library and be part of the challenge! Plant your seed...grow your story! Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Bag Charms Craft
Hineston Branch

Friday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Join us at the Hineston Branch for a fun and creative Bag Charm Workshop! In this hands-on event, participants will design and make their own unique bag charms using colorful beads, cords, and decorative accessories. Whether you want to personalize your backpack, purse, or key chain, this craft is a great way to express your style. This beginner-friendly program is perfect for all ages and skill levels—no experience needed. All materials will be provided, and library staff will guide you step-by-step through the process. Come get creative, meet others, and leave with a one-of-a-kind accessory to brighten up your bag! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Group Color By Number
Libuse Branch

Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Remember the color-by-number pages of childhood? What if one were so big that it had to be colored by a group? Come by the Libuse Branch on Saturday, June 27th from 10-11 AM to see what that looks like. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

The Cozy Loop Club
Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 27, 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.



Entertainment All Summer Long



TMM Project
June 8-12

Harvey Rabbit & Friends
June 22-26

The Ocean Adventure
July 6-10

David LeBoeuf
July 20-24

Cenla Author of the Month

All Ages

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

CHILDREN

Plant a Seed Scavenger Hunt Hineston Branch

June 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

June 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 June 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

June 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!

- A new hunt every week
- Fun for all ages
- Prizes every time you complete the challenge

Come grow your curiosity and see what you can uncover at Martin Library this summer! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Plant a Seed, Read Bingo Martin Library

June 1 - July 31, During Open Hours

Get ready to grow your summer with our garden-inspired Bingo Challenge at the library! It's the perfect mix of reading, exploring, and fun—designed to keep your mind blooming all season long. Pick up your Plant a Seed, Read Bingo Card and start completing exciting challenges like:

- Reading for 30 minutes
- Attending a library program
- Exploring a book about gardening
- ...and so much more!

Each time you complete a challenge, mark off a square and watch your card come to life. Get a Bingo—across, down, or diagonal—and turn in your card for a chance to win blooming awesome prizes! The more squares you complete, the more your chances to win grow! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

- Tuesday, June 2, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, June 9, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, June 23, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, June 30, 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.

Creative Discovery Wednesdays Martin Library

- Wednesday, June 3, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

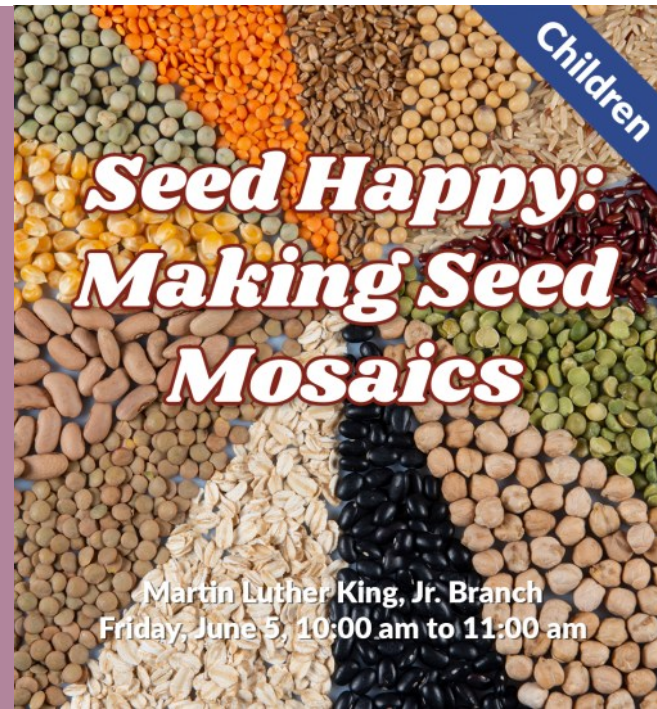
Join us for a dynamic afternoon filled with fun, learning, and imagination! Designed for kids ages 8-12, this engaging event offers a mix of activities to spark creativity and curiosity. Dive into captivating stories, participate in hands-on crafts, and explore new learning experiences. All month long, we will be celebrating Asian American Native Pacific Islander Heritage month with various crafts that highlight different cultures. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

- June 3 - Escape Room
- June 10 - TMM Project
- June 17 - Bean Mosaics
- June 24 - Harvey Rabbit

Storytime and Craft Johnson Branch

- Wednesday, June 3, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Story Time & Craft at Johnson Library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each Month at 3 pm. Come join us for a delightful afternoon of stories and hands-on crafts with Ms. Sophia or Mrs. Jackie. It's the perfect midweek treat for kids and families—come create, imagine, and have fun with us! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, June 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**Thursday Morning Adventures
Hineston Branch**

Thursday, June 4, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, June 11, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, June 18, 10:30 am to 11:00 am
Thursday, June 25, 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, June 5, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Friday, June 12, 10:00 am to 10:30 am
Friday, June 12, 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Friday, June 26, 10:00 am to 10:30 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.

June 5 - Peep, Baa, Moo! Animal Sounds
June 12 - Chia Seed Sensory Bin
June 26 - Painting Party

**Seed Happy: Making Seed Mosaics
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

Friday, June 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Get ready to dig into creativity at the library! In this hands-on, garden-inspired program, participants will discover the amazing world of seeds while creating

their very own one-of-a-kind mosaic masterpiece. Using a variety of seeds, children will design colorful works of art while learning about nature in a fun and engaging way. It's the perfect blend of creativity and discovery!

- Boost creativity and imagination
- Build fine motor skills
- Learn about seeds and the natural world

This interactive experience is perfect for young learners and families looking for a fun, educational adventure. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**Saturday Craft n' Create
Robertson Branch**

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Join us for an exciting hour of creativity and fun designed for kids to help develop fine motor skills, encourage teamwork, and problem solving. Explore a world of crafts along with games (Candy Land, Trouble, Twister, and UNO). Stop by on the 1st Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



Main Library
Monday, June 8, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**Coffee Filter Flowers
Main Library**

Monday, June 8, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
What better way to celebrate growth than with bright, beautiful flowers? Join us at the Main Library this June for a fun and colorful craft where you'll create your very own coffee filter flowers—perfect as a heartfelt gift or a cheerful decoration! Watch as simple materials transform into vibrant blooms right before your eyes. It's an easy, hands-on activity that's as relaxing as it is rewarding! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



See Event Guide for dates and locations

**Seeds, Fossils and Positive Beats with
TMM Project**

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Monday, June 8, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Libuse Branch
Monday, June 8, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Wednesday, June 10, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, June 11, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, June 11, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Main Library
Friday, June 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Johnson Branch
Friday, June 12, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Terrance Morgan and friends are bringing an unforgettable, high-energy experience to every library branch—and you won't want to miss it! This exciting program is perfect for all ages and packed with music, movement, and cultural discovery. Celebrate the power of creativity as live music, street dance, and even dinosaur-themed fun come together in a one-of-

a-kind adventure!

- Explore culture and storytelling
- Feel the rhythm with live music
- Jump into interactive dance
- Discover how the past and present connect to help ideas grow

This vibrant celebration connects the soil beneath us to the stories around us—showing how creativity, history, and imagination can bloom together in amazing ways. Bring the whole family and come experience the energy, excitement, and inspiration of this can't-miss event! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

**Grow Happy: Garden Stake
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

Friday, June 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Get your hands a little messy and your imagination growing! Join us at the library for a fun, hands-on craft where kids will design and create their very own air-dry clay garden stakes. From silly shapes to colorful creations, each garden stake will be a one-of-a-kind masterpiece—perfect for adding a personal touch to your garden at home! Let your creativity bloom and make something truly special to plant in your garden! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, June 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK STORYTIME

Children

J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, June 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Jack and the Beanstalk Storytime J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, June 18, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Climb into a magical adventure with Jack and the Beanstalk Storytime! After the story, you'll create your very own beanstalk to take home and watch grow. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Saturday in the Library Martin Library

Saturday, June 20, 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 June 20, stop by for Paint & Snack Farm Animals. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

The Harvey Rabbit Variety Show

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
Monday, June 22, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Libuse Branch
Monday, June 22, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Hineston Branch
Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Robertson Branch
Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Library
Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Thursday, June 25, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Thursday, June 25, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Main Library
Friday, June 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Johnson Branch
Friday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
The crew is coming to town—and they're bringing the silliness with them! Join us for an unforgettable entertainment experience featuring Harvey Rabbit, T-Boy the Alligator, Cecil the Orangutan, Tim, and Laura! This lively group is traveling to every branch, ready to fill the library with laughter, surprises, and plenty of playful mischief. You never know what they'll do next—but you *do* know it's going to be a blast!

- Laugh-out-loud moments
- High-energy fun for all ages
- Silly surprises at every turn

Don't miss your chance to catch this wild and wacky crew in action. It's the perfect way to add some extra fun to your summer reading adventure! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



**Plant a Seed
read**

June 1 - July 31

Win Prizes

Weekly Entertainment

Grab-n-Go Kits

Fun at all Branches



Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Build a Bug House
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Friday, June 26, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Mindful Coloring for Kids
Hineston Branch

June 1 - July 31, During Open Hours
Need a break from the busy day? Step into a world of calm and creativity with Mindful Coloring for Kids! This relaxing activity invites kids to slow down, get comfy, and enjoy the simple joy of coloring. Whether you want to unwind after school or just take a quiet moment, this peaceful space is perfect for recharging your mind and letting your creativity flow.

- Relax and de-stress
- Explore your creativity
- Enjoy a calm, quiet activity

Best of all—it's available every day of the month, so you can drop in whenever you need a little creative escape! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Craft Tween: Watercolor Cards
Libuse Branch

Get ready to hammer, build, and explore! Join us at the King Branch for a hands-on workshop where kids can create their very own bug house—the perfect home for all the fascinating critters you discover during your summer adventures. Using real wood, nails, and mesh, you'll design and build a one-of-a-kind bug habitat while putting your building skills to the test. It's creativity, construction, and outdoor discovery all in one exciting program!

- Build with real tools and materials
- Create a home for your favorite bugs
- Learn new skills and have tons of fun

Intended for ages 6–12. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Saturday Cinema
Hineston Branch

Saturday, June 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Lights, camera, action! Join us at the Hineston Branch for a fun-filled movie experience featuring the film *Grow*—a perfect pick for a relaxing and entertaining day at the library. Sit back, grab some popcorn, and enjoy the show with friends and family. We'll have popcorn and drinks ready for you, but feel free to bring your favorite snacks to make it even sweeter!

- Family-friendly fun
- Free popcorn & drinks
- A great way to unwind and enjoy the story

Don't miss this cozy movie event—come grow your love for stories on the big screen! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

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

Ages 10–15, this one's just for you! If you've outgrown story time but still love getting creative (and honestly... who doesn't?), we've got the perfect spot. Join us every Thursday at 10:30 AM while the little kids are in story time, and enjoy a craft session designed just for older kids. It's your time to relax, create, and make something awesome with friends! This week, Ms. Teri is bringing out the paints for a fun and colorful watercolor card project—perfect for showing off your artistic side or making something special to share.

- Just for ages 10–15
- Creative, hands-on fun
- New projects to try

Come hang out, get creative, and make something seriously cool! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Paint Your Own Garden Stake

Hineston Branch
Thursday, June 4, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Libuse Branch
Friday, June 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Friday, June 5, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Monday, June 15, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Johnson Branch
Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch
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Main Library
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J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, June 30, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

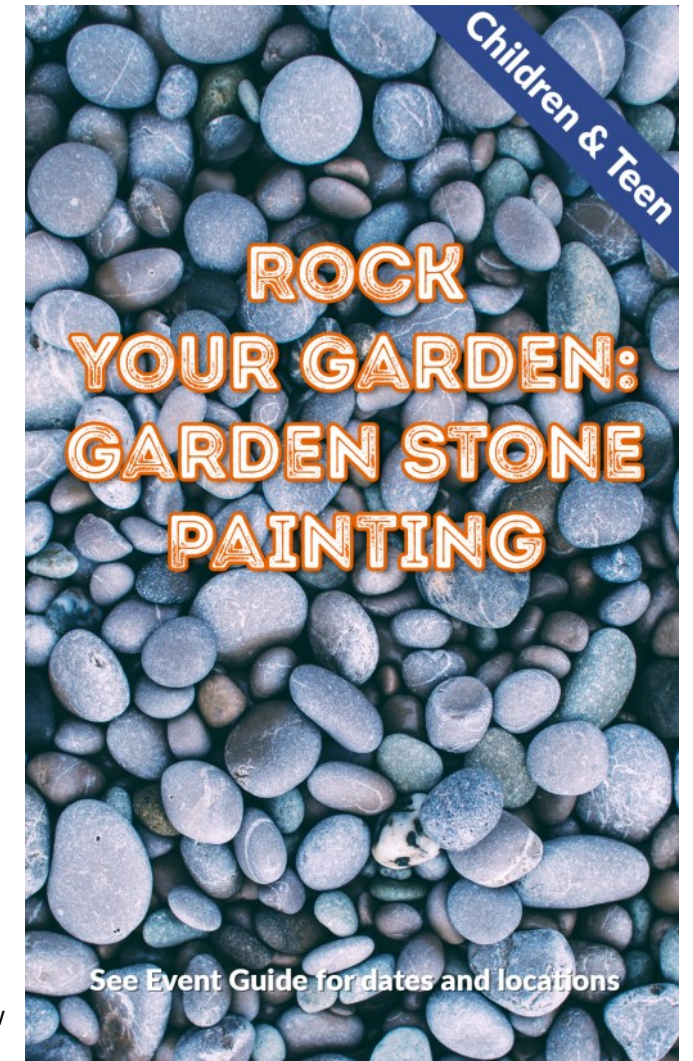
Get ready to turn your imagination into something amazing! Join us for a fun, hands-on program where you'll design and paint your very own custom garden stake. Make it bright, make it bold, make it totally YOU! Your finished masterpiece will be perfect for decorating a garden, adding flair to a flower pot, or brightening up any space.

- Create a one-of-a-kind design
- Add color to your garden or room
- Let your creativity shine

Come get creative and make something that will grow smiles all summer long! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



See Event Guide for dates and locations



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Read, Grow, Eat with the LSU AgCenter

Martin Library
Thursday, June 4, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Westside Regional Library
Thursday, June 4, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get ready for a fun-filled summer adventure! Join us for an exciting, hands-on program hosted by the LSU AgCenter and Humana Healthcare! Kids will discover how to make simple, healthy snacks and jump into active games—including a one-of-a-kind blender bike that turns pedaling into tasty salsa! This program is all about learning, moving, and having a blast. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Home School Create & Discover
Martin Library

Tuesday, June 9, 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. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Rock Your Garden: Garden Stone Painting**Johnson Branch****Thursday, June 11, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm****Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Monday, June 15, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm****Martin Library****Thursday, June 18, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm****Libuse Branch****Friday, June 26, 10:00 am to 11:00 am****Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch****Tuesday, June 30, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Get ready to paint, create, and let your imagination shine! Kids and teens are invited to join us for a fun, hands-on program where you'll design your very own colorful garden stone. From bright patterns to silly faces or nature-inspired designs, your creation will be a one-of-a-kind masterpiece—perfect for adding personality to your garden or outdoor space!

- All supplies provided
- Fun, creative, and hands-on
- Take home your own garden art
- For ages 5 and up

Come get creative and make something that will brighten your garden all summer long! Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Craft Tween: Flower Decoupage**Libuse Branch****Thursday, June 11, 10:30 am to 11:00 am**

Ages 10–15, this is your time to shine! If you've outgrown story time but still love making cool stuff (and let's be real—crafting never goes out of style), we've got something just for you. Join us every Thursday at 10:30 AM while the little ones are in story time, and dive into a craft made especially for older kids and teens. This week, Ms. Teri is bringing the creativity with a beautiful flower decoupage project—layer, design, and create something totally unique to take home!

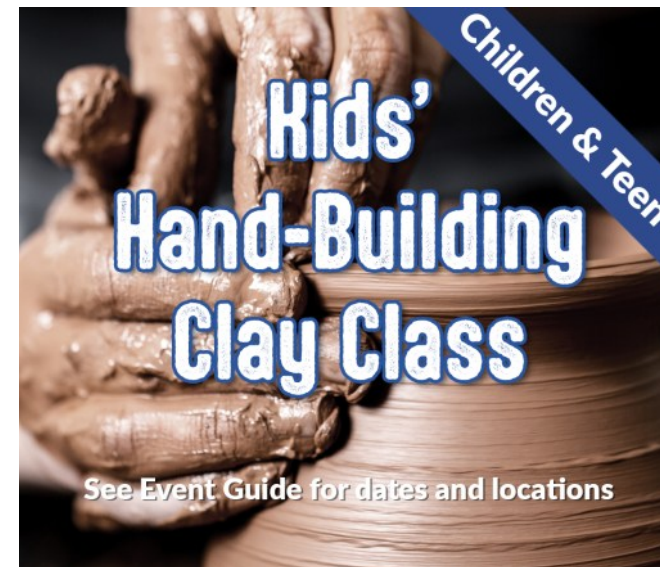
- Just for ages 10–15
- Hands-on, creative fun
- Make something awesome

Come hang out, get creative, and make something you'll be proud of! Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

DIY Exploding Photo Box for Father's Day**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Thursday, June 11, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Design a one-of-a-kind, heartfelt gift for Dad with a DIY exploding photo box! This fun and interactive keepsake is full of surprises—perfect for showing just how much you care. What looks like a simple box transforms when opened, unfolding into layers filled

with your favorite photos, personal messages, and creative decorations. Each side falls away to reveal a cascade of memories and thoughtful touches Dad will treasure. Come craft a meaningful gift that's as fun to make as it is to give! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**Kids' Hand-Building Clay Class: Let's Create Together****Westside Regional Library****Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am****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!

- Learn fun clay-building skills
- Create your own unique masterpiece
- Enjoy a relaxed, encouraging environment
- No experience needed—just bring your imagination!

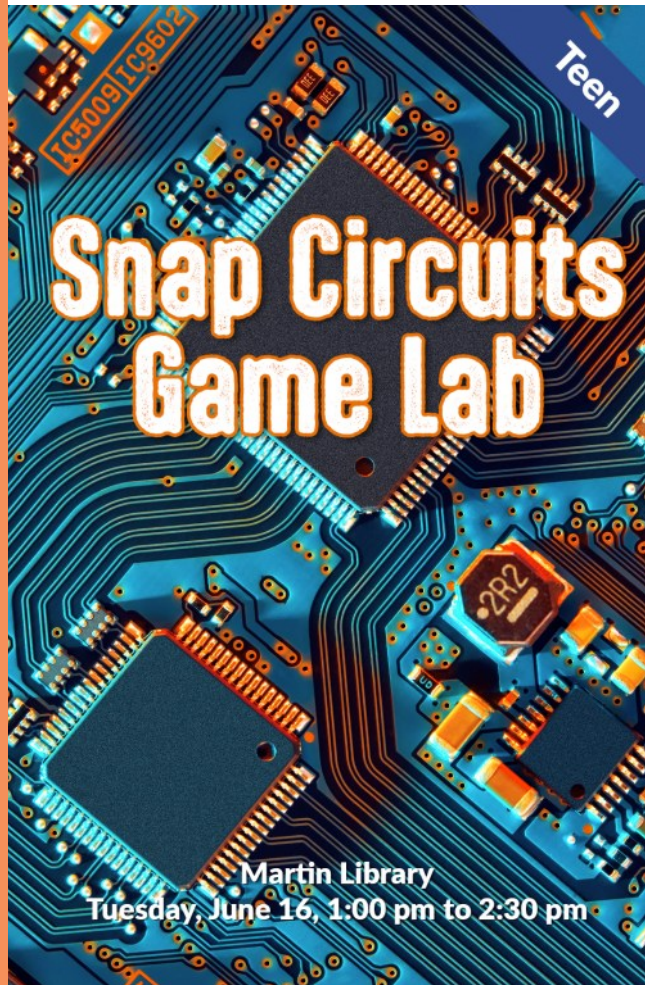
This class is perfect for all skill levels and is all about creativity, confidence, and having a great time with friends. Come ready to get a little messy and a whole lot creative—your masterpiece is waiting! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

K-Pop Demon Hunters Party**Martin Library****Saturday, June 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

It's time to step into your main-character moment and unleash your inner idol! Join us for a high-energy K-Pop Demon Hunters Party inspired by fierce fashion, bold vibes, and unstoppable confidence. Get ready for a night packed with music, attitude, and pure hype:

- Dance challenges to your favorite K-pop hits
- Themed games and fun surprises
- Epic photo ops to capture your era
- "Fit Check: My Napalm Era" — show off your ultimate hunter look

Rep your bias, strike your best poses, and bring the energy as we celebrate the drama, style, and power of K-pop's most iconic concepts. Whether you're here to dance, slay, or just vibe with your crew—this is your moment. Grab your friends and get ready... it's your era now. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Snap Circuits Game Lab****Martin Library****Tuesday, June 16, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

Get ready to spark some serious fun! In this exciting, hands-on STEM program, kids will dive into the world of electricity and engineering as they design and

build their very own interactive games using Snap Circuits. Watch your creations come to life as you build circuits that light up, make sounds, and react to your touch—it's science you can play with!

- For kids ages 6 and up
- Learn how circuits really work
- Build games you can actually play
- Experiment, problem-solve, and invent

Perfect for curious minds and future inventors, this program is all about creativity, discovery, and having a blast while learning something new! Come flip the switch on fun and bring your ideas to life! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Craft Tween: Chenille Stick Animals**Libuse Branch****Thursday, June 18, 10:30 am to 11:00 am**

Ages 10–15, this is your space to create something awesome! If you're past storytime but still love hands-on fun (because crafting is always cool), the Libuse Branch has just the thing for you. Join us every Thursday at 10:30 AM while the younger kids are in story time, and dive into a craft made just for older kids and teens. This week, Ms. Camille is bringing the fun with chenille stick animals—bend, twist, and design your own quirky, colorful creatures to take home!

- Just for ages 10–15
- Creative, hands-on projects
- Fun way to relax and hang out

Come chill, create, and make something totally unique! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Animal Crossing IRL**Martin Library****Monday, June 22, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

Step away from the screen and jump into your very own Animal Crossing-inspired island experience—right here at the library! Explore a world of fun as you travel between activity stations, completing exciting "island" tasks, trading items, decorating your own cozy space, and earning bells along the way.

- Try your hand at fun challenges
- Craft nature-inspired creations
- Design your own mini island home
- Meet new friends and trade treasures

Dress as your favorite villager or come as you are—either way, you're in for a relaxing, feel-good adventure full of creativity and fun. Whether you love fishing, collecting, crafting, or just hanging out with your neighbors, this laid-back, all-ages event brings your favorite island vibes to life. Come play, create, and explore! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

A Taste of Reading: Story Samplers

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get ready to discover your next favorite book! In A Taste of Reading, kids and teens will enjoy exciting "story samples" as our librarian shares fun, can't-put-it-down moments from a variety of books. From laugh-out-loud funny to action-packed adventures and magical worlds, each session is like a book buffet—you get a little taste of it all!

- Hear sneak peeks from awesome stories
- Discover new books you'll want to read
- Enjoy fun read-alouds and book chats

Found something you love? Stick around and check it out to keep the story going! Perfect for curious readers, explorers, and anyone ready for their next great adventure. Come sample the stories and see where your imagination takes you! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Craft Tween: Pencil Paint Flowers

Libuse Branch

Thursday, June 25, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Ages 10–15, this is your time to create something awesome! If you've outgrown story time but still love hands-on fun (because crafting is always cool), the Libuse Branch has you covered. Join us every Thursday at 10:30 AM while the younger kids are in story time, and dive into a craft designed just for you. This week, Ms. Camille is bringing a fun twist with pencil paint flowers—a unique and colorful way to create blooming masterpieces using simple tools in a creative way!

- Just for ages 10–15
- Try something new and creative
- Make art you'll want to show off

Come hang out, get creative, and make something seriously cool! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Harvest Heroes: A Solo Farming RPG Reading Adventure

Martin Library

Monday, June 1-30, During Open Hours

This summer, step into your own farming-themed RPG adventure—no screen required! With your very own Harvest Heroes Quest Packet, you'll turn reading into an epic, season-long journey you can complete at your own pace. Inspired by cozy favorites like *Stardew Valley* and *Harvest Moon*, you'll build your farm from the ground up—completing quests, tracking your progress, and growing your reading "crops" all summer long.



Mahjong 101 for Kids!

Westside Regional Library

Monday, June 29, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Tuesday, June 30, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Ready to try the game everyone's buzzing about? Come join the fun and learn Mahjong—a fast-paced, strategy-packed game that's been played for over 2,500 years! In this beginner-friendly class, you'll dive into the world of colorful tiles, clever matches, and exciting gameplay—all designed just for kids and teens. Whether you're brand new or just curious, this is your chance to learn, play, and level up your skills!

- Discover unique tiles and how the game works
- Learn cool strategies and quick thinking
- Meet new friends and have a blast playing together
- Ages 10–17

Come shuffle up, match up, and see why Mahjong is loved all around the world! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

- Follow your farm's progress on your personal map
- Complete quests to expand your land and unlock rewards
- Turn in quest logs for prizes, raffle entries, and level-ups

The more you read, the more your farm—and your adventure—grows! No experience needed—just plant a seed, start reading, and watch your story bloom. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

 A vibrant promotional poster for "Summer Meals For Kids" at Rapides Parish Library. The background is blue with a pattern of white dots and lines. At the top, the Rapides Parish Library logo is visible. The main title "Summer Meals For Kids" is written in large, white, bubbly letters with a pink outline. A young boy with glasses and a green backpack is smiling and holding a sandwich. A yellow starburst graphic on the right says "WHAT WE PROVIDE: - Arts & Crafts - Coloring & Activity Books - Reading". A blue banner in the top right corner says "Children & Teen". The text below the boy reads: "The Food Bank of Central Louisiana, Inc. is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all eligible children without charge. Meals must be eaten at the Library. Meals are only available during posted times." Below this, it says "This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider." and "SCHOOL AGE KIDS AND TEENS EAT FREE!". The dates "June 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026" and "Every Monday - Friday" are prominently displayed. At the bottom, the schedule for each branch is listed:

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)



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!

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TEEN

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

June 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 June and July to earn entries into weekly prize drawings. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

- 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.

Teen Sip 'N Social

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Tuesday, June 30, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get ready to shake things up! Join us for Teen Sip 'N Social, where you'll learn how to make fun and tasty drinks from scratch while hanging out with friends. Experiment with flavors, get creative, and pick up a cool new skill you can show off!

- Create your own unique drinks
- Learn simple recipes that impress
- Chill, chat, and meet new friends

All supplies are provided—just bring your creativity and your crew! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Watermelon Art Libuse Branch

Tuesday, June 2, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Teens, grab your favorite grownup and come to the Libuse Branch on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 to paint the best summer fruit of all. This multi-generational class is painting watermelons, and you won't want to miss the opportunity to put a tribute to everyone's favorite summer treat at your house to help beat the summer heat. 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. Registration for this class opens on May 19, 2026, so make sure you head over to the digital event calendar to reserve your spot then. No grownups without a teen, please. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Garden Glow-Up

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Get ready to shape, design, and create something amazing! In this hands-on program, teens will dive into the world of air-dry clay as they craft their very own custom garden stakes. From bold designs to nature-inspired creations, you'll turn simple clay into a one-of-a-kind piece perfect for your garden or home.

- Design and sculpt your own unique creation
- Build hands-on skills while having fun
- Add a personal touch to your outdoor space

It's the perfect mix of creativity, relaxation, and artistic expression—come get inspired and make something that will grow with you! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Absolutely Artistic

Hineston Branch

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

Teens, the art supplies are officially YOURS! Join us every other Friday for a laid-back, creative hangout where you can experiment, create, and let your imagination run wild. From painting to crafting and everything in between, you'll get to try out different art styles and make something totally unique each time. No pressure—just good vibes and creativity!

- Explore new art techniques
- Create whatever inspires you
- Hang out with other creative teens

All you need to bring is you and your creative energy—we'll handle the rest! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

What's Your Move: Teen Edition!

Robertson Branch

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

Think you've got what it takes to win? Come test your skills with classic favorites like Checkers, Connect 4, Dominoes, and Sorry! Challenge your friends, meet new players, and compete for ultimate bragging rights.

- Fun, fast-paced competition
- Meet new friends
- All skill levels welcome

Bring your game face—it's time to play! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



Frushi: Fruit Sushi

J.W. McDonald Branch
Tuesday, June 16, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Frushi: Fruit Sushi J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Get ready to roll into something sweet! Join us to create delicious "frushi" made with coconut-infused sticky rice and topped with fresh, colorful fruit. It's a tasty twist on sushi you won't want to miss! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

The Wreath Lab: DIY Mini Tie Wreaths Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, June 17, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Get ready to create something totally your own! In this fun, hands-on program, teens will design a mini

Cozy Pastures: A Virtual Farm and Garden Share Martin Library

Monday, June 8, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Love farming sims or cozy games? Pixel Pastures is a laid-back show-and-tell for teens and adults who enjoy games like *Animal Crossing* and *Stardew Valley*. Share your favorite games, show off your farms or islands, and talk about your unique play style—whether you love growing crops, raising animals, or designing the perfect homestead. Bring your Switch, save files, dream codes, screenshots, or clips to give mini tours, swap tips, discover new games, and even visit each other's worlds. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

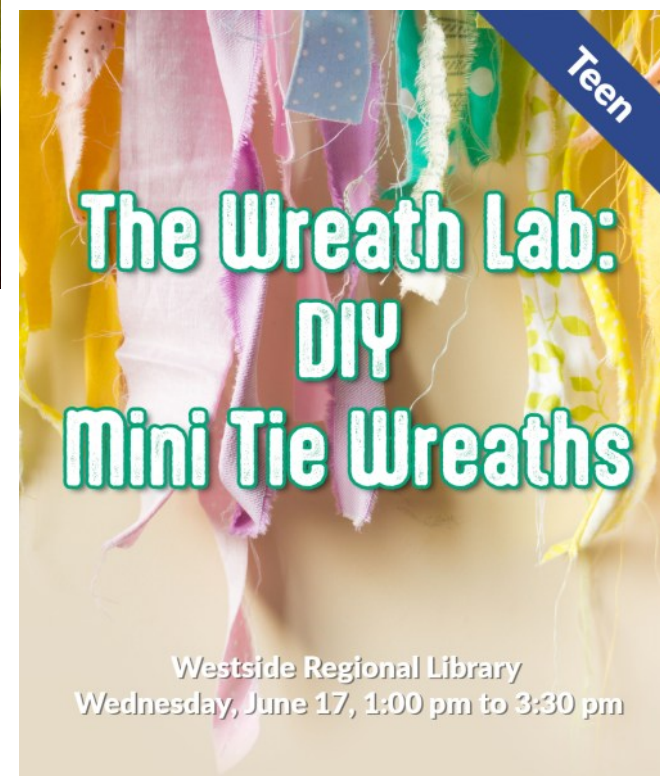
D&D Fridays Main Library

Friday, June 26, 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.

tie wreath using colorful fabric strips—no sewing required! Just tie, design, and watch your unique creation come together. Plus, enjoy some snacks while you craft!

- All supplies provided
- Snacks included
- For ages 12+

Come hang out, get creative, and make something awesome! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



The Wreath Lab: DIY Mini Tie Wreaths

Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, June 17, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm



Main Library
Friday, June 26, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Bloom & Write: DIY Flower Pens

Martin Library
Monday, June 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Bloom & Write: DIY Flower Pens Martin Library

Monday, June 15, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Turn something simple into something stunning! Join

Watermelon Art Libuse Branch

Monday, June 1, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Adults - if your favorite summer treat is watermelon and you want a painted one in your house, sign up for the art class at the Libuse Branch! This class will occur on Monday, June 1, 2026 beginning at 11 AM. Registration for this class will open on Monday, May 18, 2026 online. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Art is Life! Main Library

Thursday, June 4, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Monday, June 8, 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.

Creative Canvases Westside Regional Library

Friday, June 12, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Robertson Branch
Tuesday, June 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

us for a fun, hands-on craft where teens and adults will transform ordinary pens into beautiful floral bouquets using faux flowers and easy techniques. Design a pen that's as fun to use as it is to look at—and perfect for gifting, too!

- Create your own custom floral pen
- Learn simple, creative techniques
- Take home a one-of-a-kind piece

You'll leave with a finished pen and the skills to grow a whole garden of them at home! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Can You Hear the...

Johnson Branch

Monday, June 29, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
Step into a world where everyday objects have something to say. Inspired by the *Everything is Alive* podcast, this unique listening circle invites you to hear stories from unexpected voices—like lampposts, pillows, and more. Each session begins with a shared episode, followed by a relaxed and thoughtful discussion. Together, we'll explore the humor, insight, and surprising wisdom hidden in the voices of ordinary things. So... can you hear the soda can? The hairbrush? The elevator button? Maybe you can—if you're really listening. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Johnson Branch

Thursday, June 25, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
J.W. McDonald Branch
Friday, June 26, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Join our library's painting class and unlock your creativity! Led by an experienced instructor, you'll learn techniques and styles suitable for all levels. Connect with fellow art enthusiasts and enjoy a supportive environment. Come unleash your inner artist with us! 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.



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 PAINTING

Sip 'n Paint

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, June 29, 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.

- Create your own unique artwork
- Relax and de-stress
- Socialize in a fun, welcoming environment

Come sip, paint, and let your creativity flow! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



ADULT

For the Love of Food

Main Library
Monday, June 1, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with a local chef! You'll learn new recipes, sample delicious dishes, and explore cookbooks from our collection. This free event is open to all—come hungry and leave inspired! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

As Young As You Feel

Robertson Branch
Monday, June 1, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, June 22, 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.

Mindful Coloring for Adults

Hineston Branch
Monday, June 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.

Fit Happens! Chair Exercise

Johnson Branch
Monday, June 1, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Thursday, June 4, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Monday, June 8, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

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

Monday, June 15, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Thursday, June 18, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Monday, June 22, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Thursday, June 25, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Monday, June 29, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Let's get Fit with chair exercise classes for adults—guided by high-quality online video instruction. All exercises are done either seated or using a chair for support, making this class perfect for beginners, seniors, and anyone looking for a low-impact wellness routine. We'll follow along together in a calm group setting as we move through light stretches, mindful breathing, and simple movements to get healthy, help improve flexibility, balance, and reduce stress. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Adults' Summer Reading Program—Plant a Seed, Read!

Every Branch
June 1—July 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 June and 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! Don't just unwind—grow. Plant the habit, track your reading, and let your summer bloom. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

COMPUTER CLASSES



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

Google Docs	King Branch Tuesday, June 2 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others. A google account is required for document creation.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Hineston Branch Wednesday, June 3 10:00 am to 11:00 am	PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Beginning Internet	Martin Library Monday, June 8 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Westside Library Tuesday, June 9 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.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Boyce Branch Thursday, June 11 10:00 am to 11:00 am	PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Main Library Monday, June 15 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	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.
Google Slides	McDonald Branch Tuesday, June 16 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor for school, work, events and more.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Main Library Wednesday, June 17 9:00 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.
Google Docs	Libuse Branch Wednesday, June 24 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others. A google account is required for document creation.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Johnson Branch Friday, June 26 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 Microsoft Excel	Robertson Branch Monday, June 29 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.

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.



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Plant a Seed, Read Raffle

Martin Library

June 1—July 31, During Open Hours

Get ready to turn every book into a chance to win! For each book you read, you'll plant a "seed" in our Summer Reading Raffle—and watch your chances for prizes grow. Whether you're revisiting a favorite or trying something new, every page you turn helps your reading garden bloom. Simply fill out an entry form for each completed book to enter!

- The more you read, the more seeds you plant
- The more seeds you plant, the more chances you have to win

So grab a book, find your favorite reading spot, and start growing! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



Hometown Harvest: Community Cookbook

Martin Library

June 1—July 31, During Open Hours

Community cookbooks are filled with more than recipes—they hold memories, traditions, and stories worth sharing. Help us create a Library Community Cookbook that celebrates the flavors of our area! Patrons of all ages are invited to submit a favorite recipe along with a short story about what makes it special—whether it's a family classic, cultural dish, or go-to favorite.

- Pick up a recipe card at the library
- Share your dish and its story
- Be part of a printed cookbook in our local collection
- Submit your recipe by July 15, 2026

Let's preserve the tastes and traditions that bring us together—one recipe at a time! Contact 318-442-

7575 for more information.

Serenity in Motion: Tai Chi

Johnson Branch

Monday, June 1, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Thursday, June 4, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Monday, June 8, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Thursday, June 11, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Monday, June 15, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Thursday, June 18, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Monday, June 22, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Thursday, June 25, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Monday, June 29, 10:45 am to 11:15 am

Start your week with balance and peace. Join us Monday and Thursday mornings at the Johnson Branch for Serenity in Motion, a gentle Tai Chi class focused on mindful movement, breathing, and relaxation. Follow along with a guided video as you build balance, reduce stress, and bring calm to both body and mind. No experience needed—just wear comfortable clothing and come ready to unwind.

- Relax, recharge, and refocus
- Improve balance and reduce stress
- All skill levels welcome

Find your center and start your day with serenity. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Chair Aerobics for Seniors

Robertson Branch

Monday, June 1, 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: Create a Drink

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Get ready to mix, create, and connect! Join us for a fun, hands-on program where you'll learn how to make delicious drinks from scratch while socializing and getting creative. Experiment with flavors, express your style, and leave with a new skill that's sure to impress!

- Learn to craft simple, tasty drinks
- Get creative with flavors and presentation
- Hang out and meet new people

All supplies provided—just bring your imagination (and maybe a friend)! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

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Paper Hydrangeas

- Main Library**
Wednesday, June 3, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Robertson Branch**
Thursday, June 4, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**
Monday, June 8, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**
Tuesday, June 9, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Martin Library**
Monday, June 15, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Johnson Branch**
Tuesday, June 16, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Libuse Branch**
Monday, June 22, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Hineston Branch**
Tuesday, June 23, 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
- Westside Regional Library**
Thursday, June 25, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
- J.W. McDonald Branch**
Monday, June 29, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Join Tara and instructor Emily Smith for a fun and creative craft session where you'll make your own beautiful paper hydrangea blooms! Learn how to shape delicate petals, build full flowers, and bring them to life with soft, vibrant color blending.

- Learn new crafting techniques
- Create realistic, colorful blooms
- Take home a gorgeous handmade bouquet

Come get creative and leave with flowers that will brighten your space all year long! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, June 3, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 17, 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.



Brewing Basics with Fighting Hand Brewing Co.

Martin Library
Saturday, June 6, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Ever wondered how your favorite craft beverages are made? Join us for an engaging session with Fighting Hand Brewing Company and explore the art and science behind brewing! Learn the essentials—from hops and grains to fermentation and flavor—and discover what makes each brew unique. Then, take the experience even further with an optional behind-the-scenes brewery tour to see the process in action!

- Learn how brewing works from start to finish
- Explore ingredients and flavor creation
- Get an inside look at real brewing equipment

Perfect for beginners and craft beverage fans alike—come sip up some knowledge right here in your community! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

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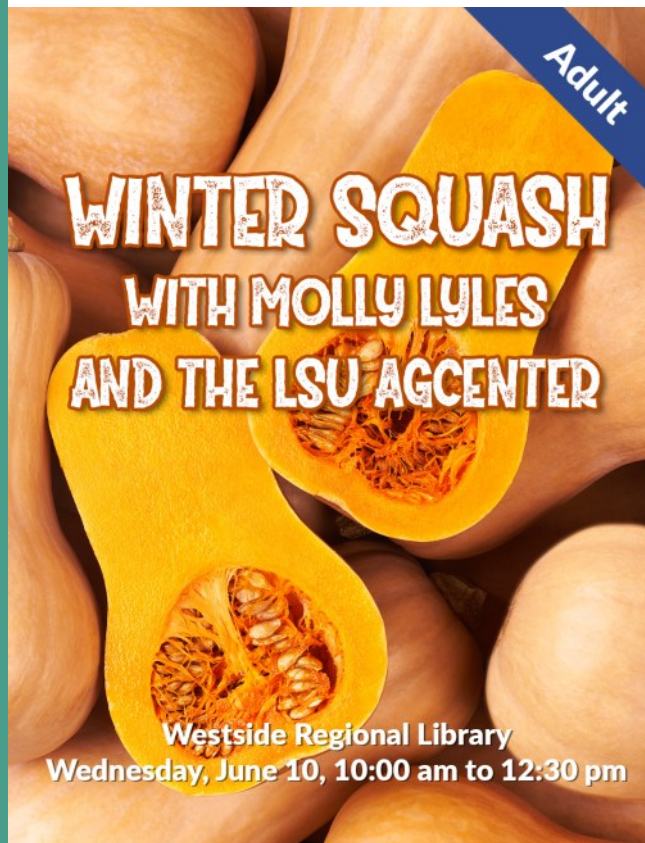
Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, June 8, 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. You served—now let's support each other. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Oldies But Goodies: Finish That Song

Johnson Branch
Tuesday, June 9, 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.



Winter Squash with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter

Westside Regional Library
Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm
Get ready to grow your curiosity! Join Molly Lyles from the LSU AgCenter for an engaging session all about planting and growing winter squash. Discover how to select the right varieties, prepare your soil,

and care for your plants from seed to harvest. Learn practical tips for growing healthy, productive squash right in your own garden!

- Learn how to grow your own food
- Explore seasonal planting techniques
- Get inspired in the garden

Come dig in and see what makes winter squash such a rewarding crop to grow! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Creative Comfort: One-on-One Crafting for Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Wednesday, June 10, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Wednesday, June 24, 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.

Main Tech Cafe

Main Library
Wednesday, June 10, 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.

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library
Thursday, June 11, 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Thursday, June 25, 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.

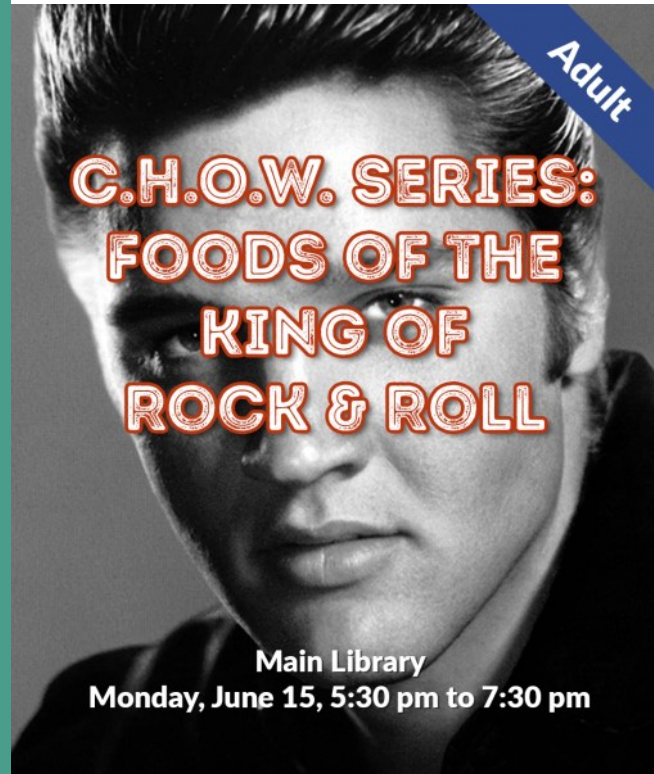
Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Saturday, June 13, 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.

Adult Tea Party**J.W. McDonald Branch****Saturday, June 13, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Join us for a delightful Adult Tea Party! Sip a variety of teas, enjoy tasty treats, and relax while catching up with friends or meeting new ones. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



Main Library

Monday, June 15, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**C.H.O.W. Series: Foods of the King of Rock & Roll****Main Library****Monday, June 15, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

Join historian and chef Richard Holloway for a special installment of his Culinary History of the World (CHOW) Series—where food and history come together in a delicious way! Take a flavorful journey into the life of Elvis Presley, the King of Rock 'n' Roll. From his time performing at the Rapides Parish Coliseum in 1977 to the personal tastes that made headlines, you'll discover the foods he loved—and even get to taste them yourself!

- Explore history through food
- Learn fun facts about Elvis's life
- Enjoy dishes inspired by his favorites

Come experience a taste of rock 'n' roll history! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

20 Somethings**Westside Regional Library****Wednesday, June 17, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

Join us at Westside Regional Library to make a seed

bomb! Filled with a variety of different flower seeds, help us spread a little beauty and grow vibrant flowers this summer. All materials will be provided. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Pass, Pick, Bam - Mahjong**Johnson Branch****Thursday, June 18, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Join us at the Johnson Branch for a fun and friendly Mahjong get-together filled with laughter, learning, and the happy click-clack of tiles. Whether you're a Mahjong pro or just figuring out your bams from your cracks, you're welcome at the table. Sip tea or coffee, enjoy tasty treats, and relax with great company as we play, chat, and share some good-natured competition. Please remember to bring your 2026 National Mah Jongg League (NMJL) card. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

King Goes Bingo**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch****Thursday, June 18, 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... BIN-GO!! 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.

Books & Bites!**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch****Tuesday, June 23, 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.

Garden Stones**Main Library****Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Join us as we celebrate Summer Reading 2026: Plant a Seed, Read! with a fun, hands-on craft! Paint your own ceramic tile and turn it into a beautiful garden stone—perfect for adding a pop of color to your outdoor space or brightening up your home.

- Design your own unique creation
- Add personality to your garden or décor

Come get creative and let your imagination grow! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Sprout & Share: Community Plant Swap**Martin Library****Monday, June 29, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Trade a little green and grow your collection at Sprout & Share, a laid-back plant swap for all experience levels! Bring healthy, pest-free houseplants, cuttings, seedlings, or garden starts to trade—no money needed, just plants and good vibes. Label your plants with names and care tips, then explore the tables to find something new to take home!

- Swap plants and cuttings
- Learn tips from fellow plant lovers
- Discover something new for your collection

Whether you're a seasoned plant parent or just starting out, come share, learn, and help your plant family grow! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades****Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch****Friday, June 12, 10:30 am to 11:30 am**

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

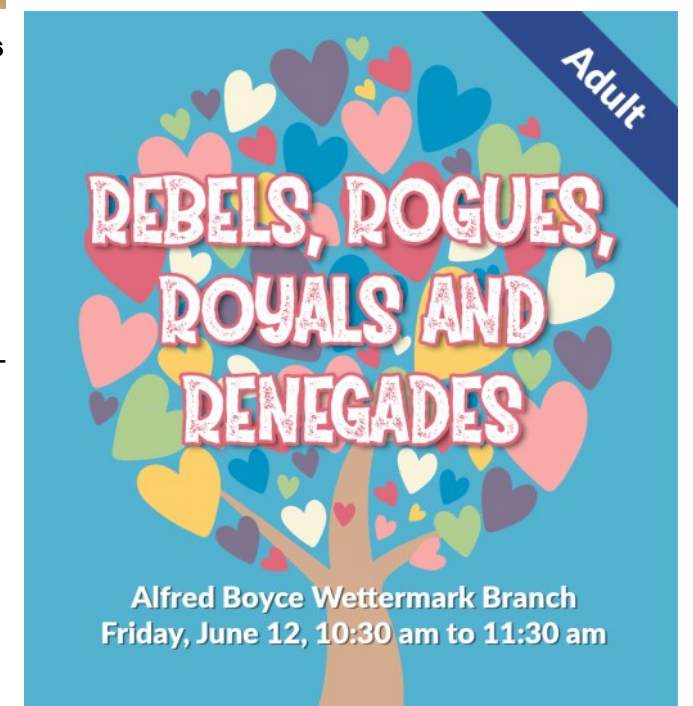
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**Canning Green Beans with Jennifer Duhon and the LSU AgCenter****Westside Regional Library****Tuesday, June 30, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Ready to learn how to safely preserve fresh green beans? Join us for a hands-on canning class led by Jennifer Duhon of the LSU AgCenter! Jennifer will guide you step-by-step through the canning process, covering preparation, equipment, food safety, and storage.

- Learn safe, trusted canning methods
- Gain hands-on experience
- Perfect for beginners or those needing a refresher

Come learn a valuable skill and take the first step toward preserving your own fresh foods! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Grab-N-Go Programs

Children

May 25 - May 31 Cupcake Liner Flower	June 29 - July 5 Hand Print Statue of Liberty
June 1 - June 7 Dragon Fly	July 6 - July 12 Pony Bead Snake
June 8 - June 14 Pipe Cleaner Bracelet	July 13 - July 19 Paper Bag Butterfly
June 15 - June 21 Handprint Lady Bug	July 20 - July 26 Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder
June 22 - June 28 Paper Plate Wreath	July 27 - August 2 Pony Bead Corn

June Teens

Safety Pin Flag

June Adults

Clothes Pin Dragon Fly

July 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.

SUMMER CAMP: STEM in Action!

Teen

This one-week camp for teens is packed with hands-on activities that turn science, technology, engineering, and math into real-life fun.

Main Library
June 13 - July 17, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

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WED 1PM-5PM
FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

HINESTON BRANCH

1810 HWY. 121
HINESTON, LA 71438
318-793-8461
MON, TUES & THURS 9AM-6PM
WED 1PM-5PM
FRI 1PM-6PM
SAT 9AM-1PM

JOHNSON BRANCH

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

J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH

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

LIBUSE BRANCH

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

STORYTIME!

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STORYTIME UPON REQUEST

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STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:30AM

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

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

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STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM

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

WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY
TODDLER TIME
THURSDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM
STORYTIME
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HINESTON BRANCH
STORYTIME
THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM

MAIN LIBRARY

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

MARTIN LIBRARY

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH

1115 BROADWAY AVE.
ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301
318-445-3912
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