



RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

EVENT GUIDE

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TO VIEW & REGISTER
FOR EVENTS

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Books & Beyond!

Westside Regional Library

Friday, May 3, 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 you will get to choose the book you want to read and then swap books until every one has read each other's book picks. After that will vote on our overall favorite book and then create a display in the Teen Area with our favorite. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 7, 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 *Little Alters Everywhere* by Rebecca Wells. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Teen Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tweens and Teens are encouraged to come in with their favorite adventure book or Keynan Masters and the Peer-

less Magic Crew 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 a new book! 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, May 9, 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.

Children's Book Tasting Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Children are encouraged to read *I Survived: The California Wildfires* or come in with their favorite adventure 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.



Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Triple A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 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 Secret Lives of Church Ladies* by Deeshaw Philyaw. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Kids are invited to read *The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog* by John R. Erickson 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, May 16, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies' are invited to read *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave and come to this potluck-style book discussion. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Main Library Sleuths

Main Library

Friday, May 17, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us for Main Library's new book club on mysteries and true crime. This month's book will be *Jack the Ripper and the Case for Scotland Yard's Prime Suspect* by Robert House. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

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

Readers are invited to drop by Libuse and pick up a copy of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read *Daughter of the Deep* by Rick Riordan and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Cenla Authors' Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 23, 6:00 pm to 7:00 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 former Louisiana Secretary of State and Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown. Mr. Brown will speak on his experiences in government and his memoir, *Justice Denied*. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Next Chapter Literary Underliners Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 24, 10:30 am to 12:30 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! This month we're reading *Fresh Water for Flowers* by Valerie Perrin. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, May 28, 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 Spy Coast* by Tess Gerrinston. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, May 28, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

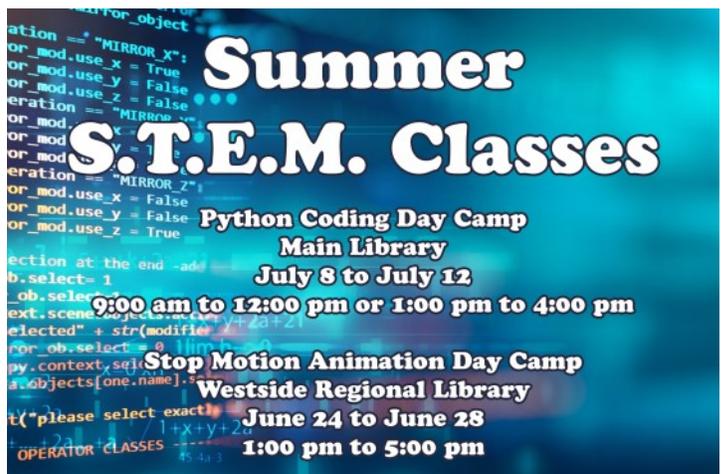
Hone your writing skills in their monthly creative writing session. Participants write to suggested prompts or make progress on a work-in-progress, then share with the group for feedback. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

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

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



The poster features a blue and white background with faint code snippets. The main title is "Summer S.T.E.M. Classes". Below it, two camps are listed: "Python Coding Day Camp" at the Main Library from July 8 to July 12, and "Stop Motion Animation Day Camp" at the Westside Regional Library from June 24 to June 28. The Python camp runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and the Animation camp runs from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Summer S.T.E.M. Classes

Python Coding Day Camp
Main Library
July 8 to July 12
9:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Stop Motion Animation Day Camp
Westside Regional Library
June 24 to June 28
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Programs for All Ages

Crafty Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Saturday, May 4, Ping-pong Ball Lights

Saturday, May 11, Spin Drums

Saturday, May 18, Cute Kitty Painting

Saturday, May 25, Flower Crafting with Paper

Bring the family and come in and create some crafts - every Saturday in May, 10 am to 12 pm! We will have crafts and crafts supplies of all kinds for all ages! Stay and craft or grab a kit to go! Don't miss this fun family time! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Plant Swap!

Martin Library

Wednesday, May 8, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Too Big for your Space? Plants you just don't want? Plants that have been thinned, roots intact? Babies with roots? Drop off plants at 2:00 and stay to browse books! Pick up a new plant before you leave! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Muffins with Mom

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

May is the time to focus on Mom! Join us for Muffins with Mom. Bring in your mom, grandma, aunt, or any mother figure in your life for this program. We'll have refreshments, a craft, and a photo booth. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Johnson Branch

Friday, May 31, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us at Johnson Branch for the 2024 Adventure Begins At Your Library Summer Reading Kick-Off Party. There will be games, refreshments and a whole lot of fun and don't forget to sign up in Beanstack. Johnson is where adventure begins this summer! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, May 31, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Come join us as we kick off our summer reading with Adventure Begins at Your Library. Sign you and your family up for the reading program and have some fun family time during the kick-off. This is a great way to knock out your reading list and have a chance at winning a prize. Reading during the summer also helps your child's reading level stay up, and to keep them interested in reading we'll have prizes along the way to keep them going. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Martin Library

Friday, May 31, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Adventure begins at Martin Library! Kick off Summer Reading 2024 with us! There will be adventure themed crafts for all ages and light refreshments while supplies last. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Cenla Author of the Month

Berchman Richard: Greet & Sign

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 9, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

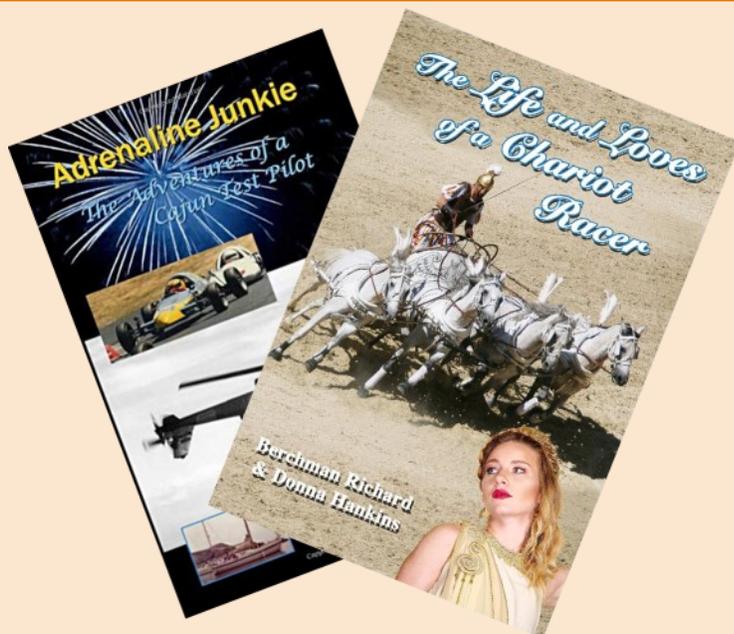
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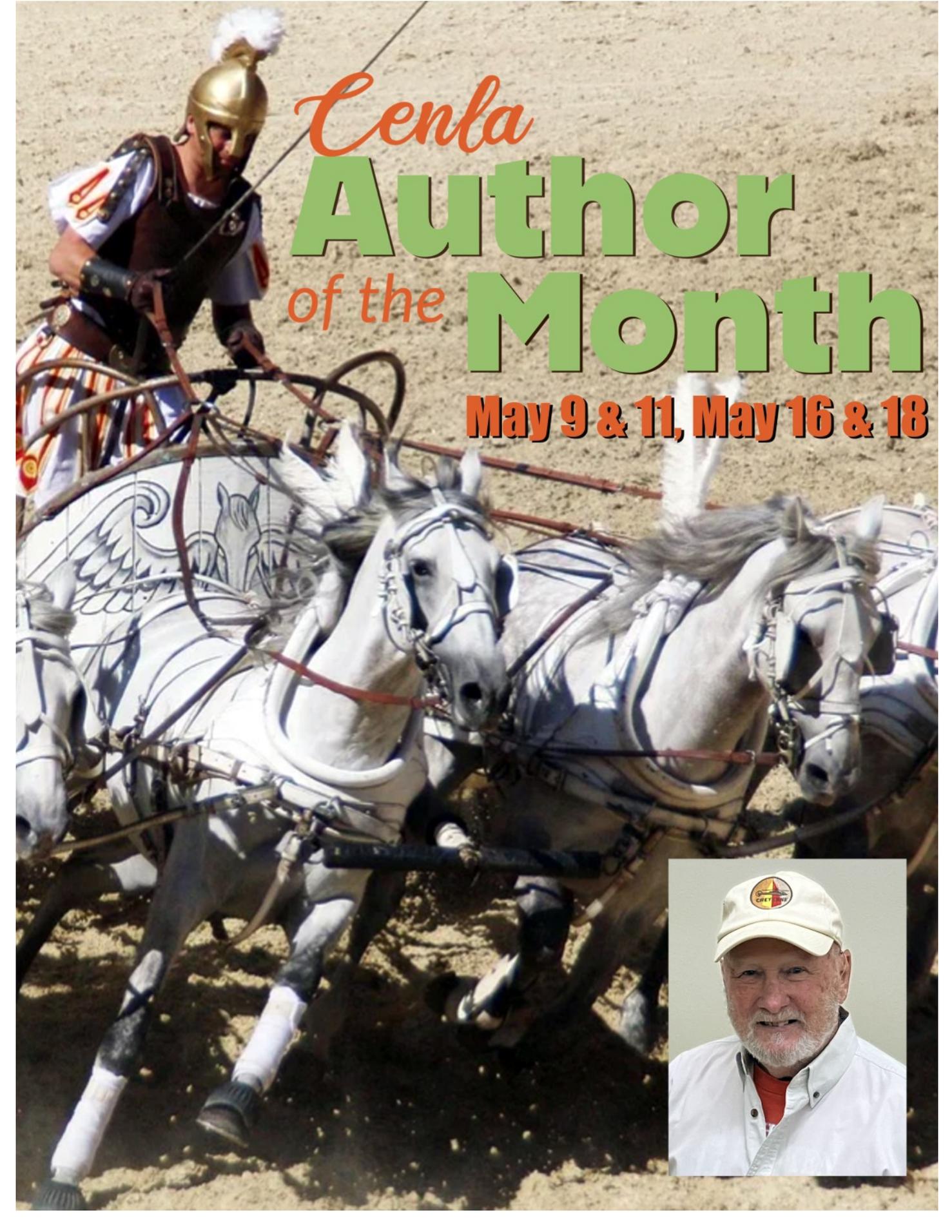
Main Library

Thursday, May 16, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday, May 18, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Our May Author of the Month is retired test pilot, businessman, and TV producer Berchman Richard. A self-avowed thrill-seeker, Richard has written about his life adventures and exploits in a memoir, *Adrenaline Junkie*, and is the co-author of *The Life and Loves of a Chariot Racer*, a historical novel. Hear about some of the author's most exciting moments during Greet & Sign events throughout the month.





Cenla
Author
of the **Month**

May 9 & 11, May 16 & 18



Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

Color Me Calm

Martin Library

May 1-31, During Open Hours

Relax by coloring! Available all day, every day. Adults can enjoy relaxing music while coloring beautiful images! Come express your creativity and enjoy the calm with us! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

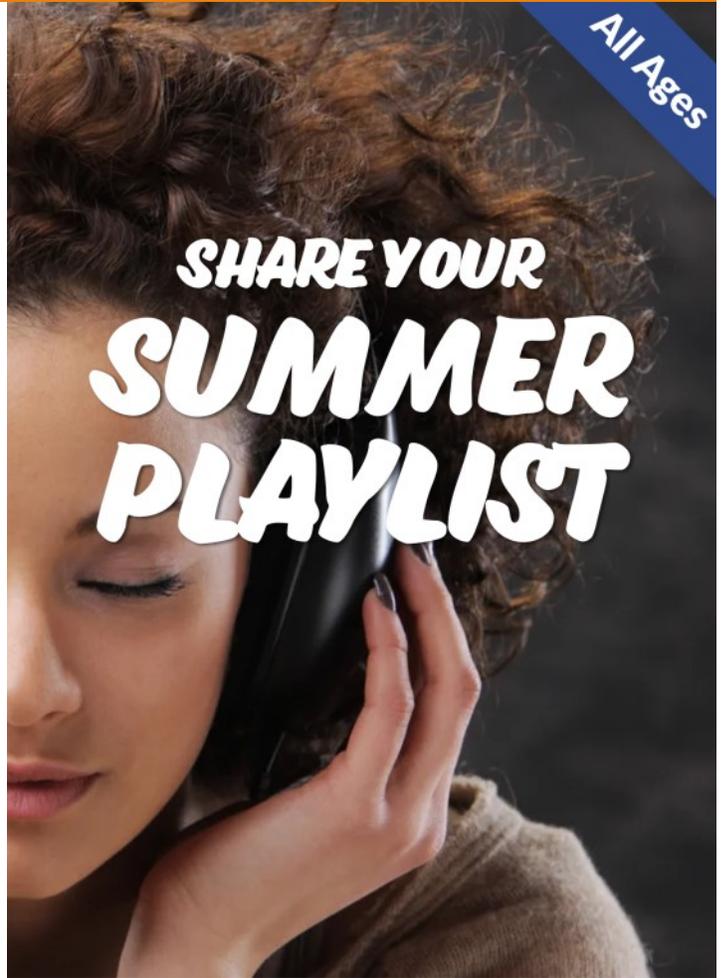


Adventure Passport

Martin Library

May 31-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! The Adventure Passport will last throughout the Summer Reading Program, from May 31 - July 31, 2024, during regular business hours. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



Share Your Summer Playlist

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

May 1-31, During Open Hours

We all have summer plans like road tripping, hanging around town, gaming with friends, and more! And, with any great plans, there needs to be some great music playing. So, stop on by and share your best family friendly summer playlist with us! All month long your tunes will surround your library! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

May Flowers

Hineston Branch

May 4-21, During Open Hours

Come in create May flowers using coffee filters and tissue paper. All supplies provided and kits available during open hours until supplies last. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Ball and Cup Game

Hineston Branch

May 11-28, During Open Hours

Creating a Ball and Cup game using cups and ping pong balls. Kits will be available. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



RAPIDES PARISH LIBRARY

ADVENTURE

BEGINS AT

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

YOUR LIBRARY



June 1
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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 8-12

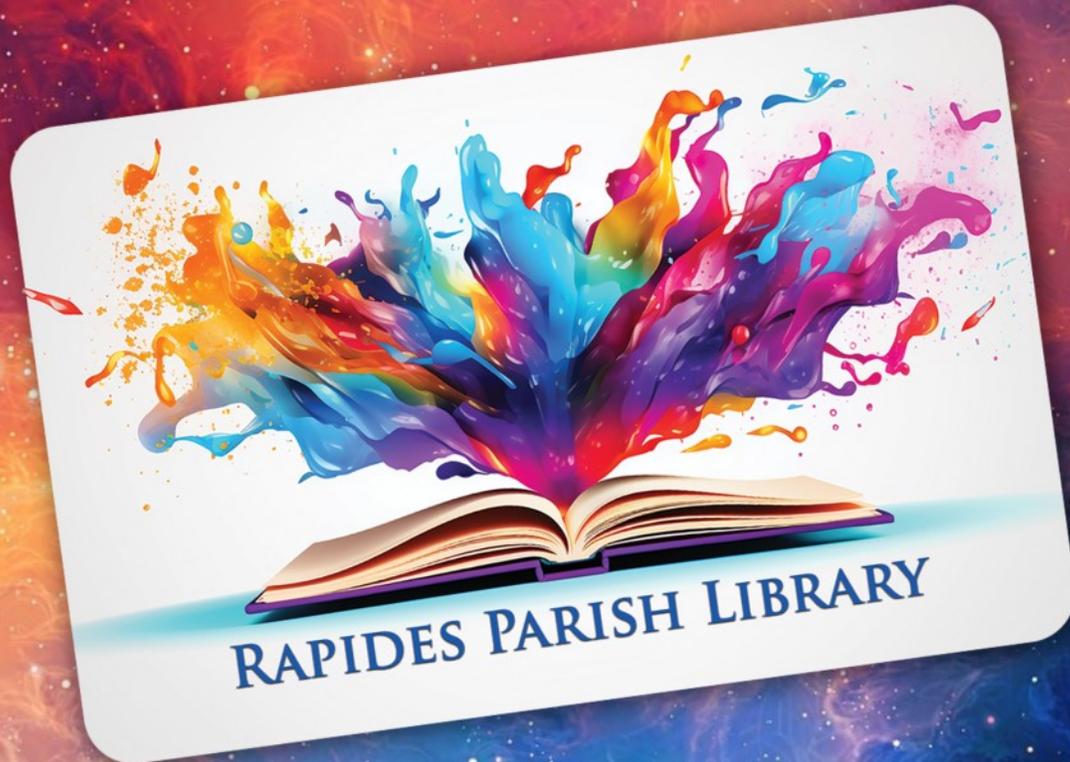
Brian and Teri Kinder

July 22-26

Doug Berky

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New Children's Library cards!

Parents! Come get your child's
eye-catching new card by June 1st.

Children's Programs

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 7, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 21, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 28, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Children can come and learn something new every Tuesday! There will be a book about a different topic and a craft or activity to go along with it! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Mother's Day Card Pom Pom Flowers Johnson Branch

Friday, May 10, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Give mom her flowers by creating her a Mother's Day Card Pom Pom Flowers at Johnson Branch. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

DIY Bird Feeder

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, May 18, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us as we make a cute bird feeder. 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 Craft Saturday

Main Library

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

Windssock craft out of cardstock and crepe paper. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Children's Tea Party with the LSUA AgCenter

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 29, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join library staff and the LSUA AgCenter as we welcome Summer with a tea party. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Kid's Summer Reading Kick Off

Westside Regional Library

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

Join Ms. Toni for *Mother Goose on the Loose* and then stay for our Summer Reading Kick Off fun! We will have crafts, games and lots of information about summer adventures that start at your library! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Summer Reading Kick Off Party

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, May 30, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Join us at the library for an unforgettable Summer Reading Kick Off Party! We're teaming up with the Alexandria Zoo to bring you a wild and exciting event that's perfect for the whole family. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

On Your Mark, Get Set, Blast Off!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

May 1-3, 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Children, Tweens, and Teens can come in and help us celebrate National Space Day, March 3rd, by coming in and learning cool facts about space as well as playing some cool space-themed games! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Children's & Teen Programs

Life Sized Hungry Hungry Hippos

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 4, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Kids)

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Teens)

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 6, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, May 9, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, May 16, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Friday, May 17, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Main Library

Friday, May 24, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Martin Library

Tuesday, May 28, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 30, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Come join us for a time playing Hungry Hungry Hippos with a giant twist! Become one of the Hippos and see how many balls you can collect before time runs out. For safety purposes, we recommend this program for children 10 and up. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Mother's Day Card Making

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 9, 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday, May 10, 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm

Children, Tweens, and Teens can come join us to make a special card for Mom! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Reading Night

Martin Library

Thursday, May 9, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us for our first ever Reading Night! At this program, we will have crafts, a story time, and light refreshments. This night is to celebrate reading and highlight our exciting NEW library cards for children and teens! Parents or guardians are REQUIRED to attend with children and teens. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Cupcake Liner Wreath

Robertson Branch

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

Explore and discover the fun of making a wreath! And with what better than cupcake liners?!? Join us as we use cupcake liners to create a fun colorful wreath! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Oh The Places We Will Go... Tile Away

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, May 24, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

School is out! Where have you been? Where are you going? Where do you want to go? Gather with us and let's go on this journey. Memorialize that day by making a tile of photos and thoughts! Tile your expectations and anticipations! You can bring your favorite photo, pick through the magazines or even print out a destination. The world is literally at your fingertips! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

TinkerCAD for Young Inventors

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 28, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Welcome to TinkerCAD, the coolest place for young inventors like you to unleash your creativity and bring your wildest ideas to life! In this awesome class, you'll learn all about the magical world of 3D design and how to make your own amazing creations using TinkerCAD. This class is for children 10 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

STEM: Solar Pizza Box Oven

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, May 29, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Everyone loves a STEM project! Let's make a fun one! Join Ms. Brittany as we learn the science needed to create a solar oven from a pizza box! The best part is we will then use that oven to cook s'mores! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

What Do You Know About Jazz?

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

What do you know about Jazz? Children, Tweens, and Teens are invited to help us celebrate International Jazz Day by learning the history behind Jazz music and sampling different Jazz musicians works. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Look at those Kites!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, May 31, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Let's go fly a kite! Children, Tweens, and Teens are invited to come fly kites with us! Kites are limited. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Life Sized
**HUNGRY HUNGRY
HIPPOS**

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 4, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Kids)

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Teens)

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 6, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 30, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Computer Classes



CLASS SCHEDULE

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

Google Docs	Hineston Branch Wednesday, May 1 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	Libuse Branch Friday, May 3 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	King Branch Tuesday, May 7 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Covers the basics for entering data, applying formulas, formatting and printing. Create a basic budget and learn techniques for embellishing for professional looking printed results.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Boyce Branch Thursday, May 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.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Martin Library Monday, May 13 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 printed results.
Beginning Internet	Main Library Wednesday, May 15 9:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
TinkerCAD	Main Library Saturday, May 18 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.
Google Slides	McDonald Branch Wednesday, May 22 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor for school, work, events, and more. A google account is required for document creation.
Microsoft Publisher	Johnson Branch Friday, May 31 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn the basics to create a simple flyer and you'll soon be ready to create programs, brochures, menus, greeting cards, and business cards.

Teen Programs



Pulled String Art Johnson Branch

Friday, May 3, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

String art creates the most beautiful designs! Join us at Johnson Library to create your very own Pulled String Art. This teen art will make a wonderful Mother's Day gift idea! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

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

Teen Mental Health Wellness

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, May 22, 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

With so much going on today, teens need an outlet to release their anxiety and stresses! Come in this month to talk about how our finals week has gone and what we look forward to this summer! Local community counselors, providers and mentors are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Smash Bros. Gaming Tournament

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, May 23, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Got gaming skills? Come show off your gaming skills off at our Smash Bros. Tournament. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.



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Adult & Teen Programs

Sunflower Painting

Libuse Branch

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

Teens and adults are invited to come to the Libuse Branch to paint a sunflower. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Planning For Fun!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 6, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

No matter your age, no matter your pay, everyone deserves fun in their lives. In a meditative space, let's craft a journal where we can list out all the places we'd like to go, things we'd like to do, or people we'd like to meet. Then, we'll discuss ways to make these things possible using the S.M.A.R.T. goal making method. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Adult Painting Programs



Hello Summer Door Hanger

Westside Regional Library

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

Tuesday, May 28, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Welcome Summer! Say hello to Summer and guests with a personalized wooden door hanger for your front door. We will paint a customizable wooden door hanger to welcome the Summer season! 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, May 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

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

Spring Floral Painting With Guest Artist Mary Striegel

Westside Regional Library

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

Flowers are fun and easy to paint and even better to look at! Join guest Artist Mary Striegel to paint a spring floral design. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Paint a Butterfly

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, May 17, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Butterflies are beautiful and unique! You can paint your own personalized and unique butterfly in this class! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Cat Watching the Birdies

Johnson Branch

Thursday, May 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

A cat on a window sill watching the birdies in the summer trees is a beautiful scene! Join library staff as we paint this adorable scene. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Cenla Artist of the Month: Brandon O'Neal

Main Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Our May Artist of the Month is Brandon O'Neal, owner of Brandon O'Neal Photography. More than a photographer, O'Neal's artistry lies in his ability to tell stories through his camera--capturing the power of a landscape, the energy of a cityscape, or the romance of a wedding. Dynamic photo composition lies in the eye of the beholder. Join this artist in a photo composition workshop designed to help you see and capture stories more dynamically through the lens of your camera. Contact 318-445-2411 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.

Artists

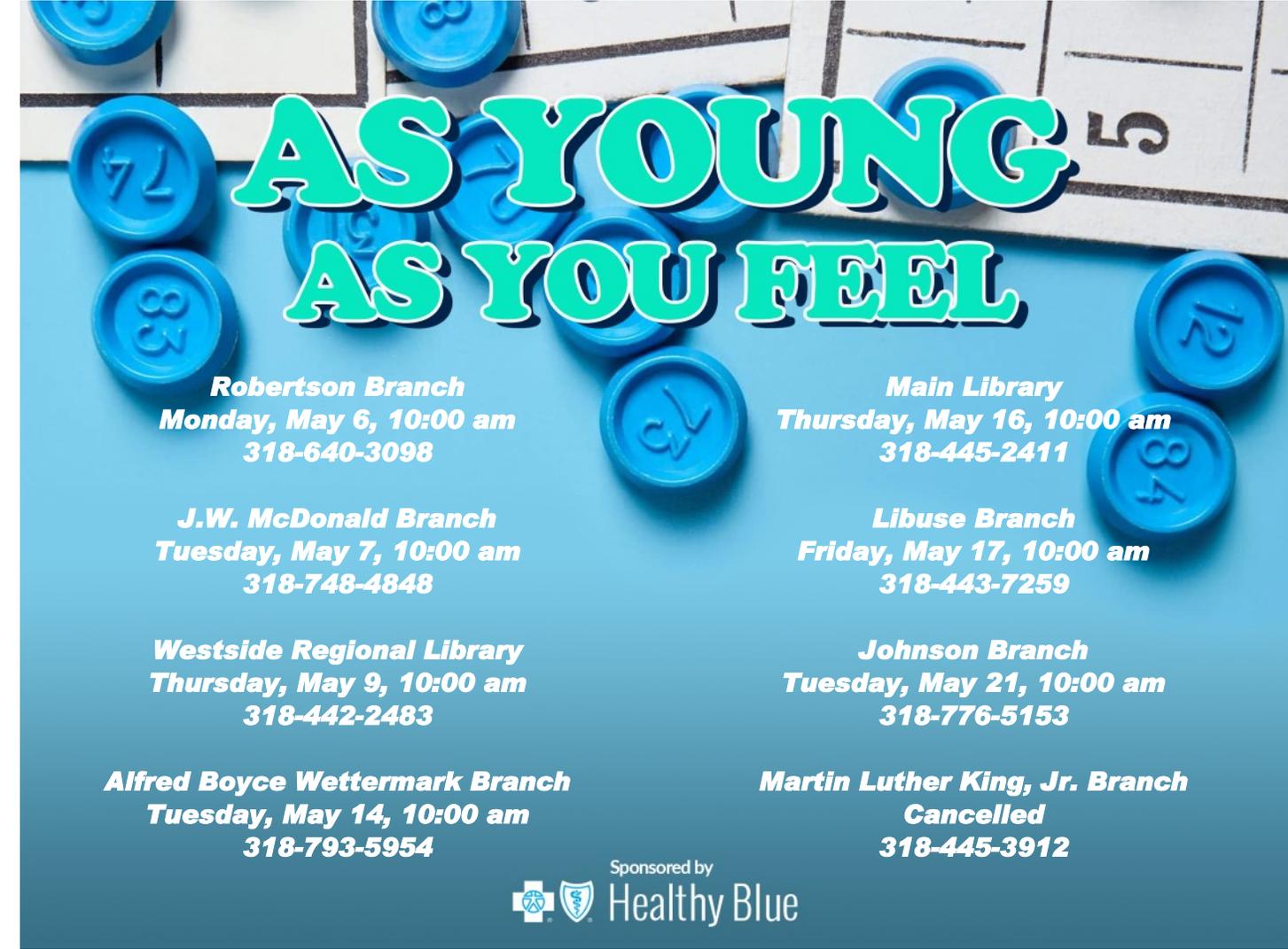
IN LIBRARIES

ARTIST OF THE MONTH
BRANDON O'NEAL

Take Better Photos

May 21





AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

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Genealogy Research Programs

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

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

Learn to conduct self-directed research using Ancestry Library Edition. Discover your heritage and create a personal family heritage journal to document the journey. 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, May 24, 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.

Financial Programs

Financial Literacy: Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 3, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Become familiar with the common forms of identity theft, the proper actions to take if you are a victim, and how you can protect yourself. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Banking Basics for Students

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, May 7, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Stay on top of your grades and your finances. Learn how to stick to a budget, use credit wisely, and start saving. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Saving for Retirement

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Find out why it's important to plan for your financial future and when you should start saving for retirement. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Tools For Seniors To Avoid Financial Exploitation

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Recognize and reduce the risk of senior financial exploitation. Learn how to guard against identity theft and form a financial plan for the unexpected. Presented by Regions Bank. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Financial Literacy: Managing Your Money

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Take steps toward a successful financial future. Learn how to track and decrease your daily spending and even increase your income. Presented by Regions Bank. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



Adult Programs

Color Me Chill

Alfred Boyce Wettermark

Hineston Branch

J.W. McDonald Branch

Libuse Branch

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

May 1-31, During Open Hours

One day memories are all we will have left! Grab some photos, some memorabilia and learn a new way to make a keepsake. You can keep for yourself or pass this on from generation to generation. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Photogenic Twist

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

One day memories are all we will have left! Grab some photos, some memorabilia and learn a new way to make a keepsake. You can keep for yourself or pass this on from generation to generation. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Tea Time at Main

Main Library

Friday, May 3, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

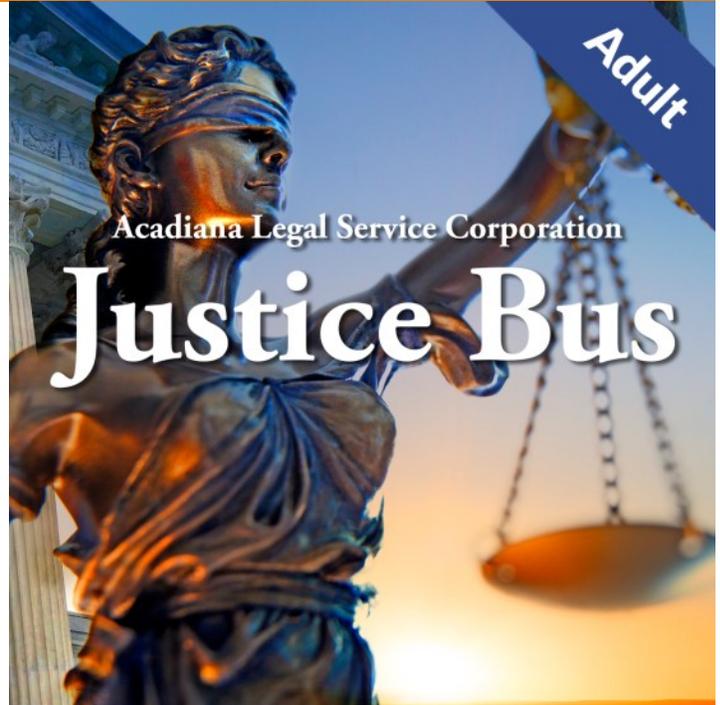
It's Tea Time at Main! This program is about the different kinds of tea and then we get to sample a different style of tea each month. This month's Tea of the Month: Yunnan Gold. Participants are encouraged to bring tea to swap or share. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital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

For the Love of Food

Main Library

Monday, May 6, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Neila Craig from Dolce Vita Bakery, a beloved crowd favorite, is once again in our kitchen, preparing and sharing her cherished recipes! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



Acadiana Legal Service Corp Justice Bus

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 6, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 9, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, May 17, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Explore your civil legal questions and meet the Acadiana Legal Service Corp team! Join us as the Acadiana Legal Service Corporation Justice Bus makes a stop! The Justice Bus will be available for tours, and ALSC will offer resources for your benefit. Please note, this is a legal presentation and not legal advice. For detailed legal advice, kindly contact their offices to apply for services or visit their website, www.la-law.org, to submit an online application. Remember, applying for services is the first step. Eligibility and conflict checks will be conducted before any legal services can be provided. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.

Basic Quilling Flower and Leaf Class

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 7, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 20, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Martin Library

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

Familiar with Quilling? Now is a great time to learn a beautiful new artform. Join us to try your hand at the beautiful, centuries old papercraft of Quilling! We will begin with a simple flower and leaf. All supplies provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact branch you plan to attend for more information.



Adult Programs

Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 9, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, May 23, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

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

DIY Butterfly Feeders

Libuse Branch

Friday, May 10, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Butterflies are magical and it is awe inspiring to see one! Let's make it so we can see them all the time! Patrons are invited to come to the Libuse Branch create a DIY butterfly feeder! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, May 11, 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.

Veterans Support Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join us on the second Monday of each month for veterans to come together to share resources, support and information in partnership with Anthony Elie to support one another and work towards a better quality life for veterans. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Bake-Off

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

We all love to eat and share desserts so let's bring our best one for a Bake-Off! Bring in your favorite dessert that you love to make and a copy of the recipe to share! Everyone will vote on their favorite dessert. May the best baker win! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Grown Up Story Time

Martin Library

Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Adults enjoy being read to just like kids! Join us in our first every story time for grown ups! This is a time just to relax and enjoy a reading of *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Kitchen Skills with LSU AgCenter

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

The Rapides Parish LSU AgCenter Nutrition Agents will be hosting a Learning Lab at Johnson Branch. They will cover topics such as: knife skills, canning, food preservation and demos and incentive items for patrons. There will be four section classes that will last 30 minutes each. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.



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