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Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

The Southern: A Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a book talk, and all things Southern. *Plantation* is this month's southern jewel. Author Dorothea Benton Frank started her writing career intending to get the money from her best seller to purchase her family's Lowcountry Home and "not let her husband in" as he refused her the seed money! Learn this and other great southern stories...bookmark the date. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, May 12, 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 *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Kids' are invited to read *Rutabaga: The Adventure Chef* by Eric Colossal and come to the Libuse Branch Library for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Out of This World Bookclub

Main Library

Tuesday, May 13, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Explore the galaxy by reading classic and new science fiction titles, while also discussing the technology and science that made its way into everyday life. Our first trek into the stars will be with Arthur C. Clarke in *2001: A Space Odyssey*. The discussion will focus on AI, and the role it plays in both science fiction and everyday life. Let's blast off and explore science fiction today! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Triple-A Book Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 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 *Never Saw Me Coming* by Tanya Smith. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, May 15, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies are invited to read *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister and come to the Libuse Branch for this potluck style book discussion. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library

Friday, May 16, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us as we discuss this month's mystery book, *The Oxford Murders* by Faith Martin. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 19, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens are invited to read *How's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones and come to the Libuse Branch for snacks and a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Come Write In!

Main Library

Tuesday, May 20, 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm

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

Cenla Author's Club

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 22, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Cenla Authors' Club is open to authors and writers of all levels and genres, and anyone interested in learning more about the book-writing process, even if you haven't written your first word (yet!). The always incredible JULIE KANE, our former state Poet Laureate and nationally-known author, will speak on her remarkable life and her volume of works. Formerly the George Bennett Fellow in Writing at Phillips Exeter Academy, New Orleans Writer in Residence at Tulane University, a Fulbright Scholar to Lithuania, a National Book Award in Poetry juror, and Louisiana Poet Laureate 2011-2013, she currently teaches in the low-residency poetry MFA program at Western Colorado University and is Professor Emeritus of English at Northwestern State University of Louisiana. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

The Next Chapter Literary Underliner's Book Club

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 23, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Join us on fourth Fridays for good conversation and loads of fun as we delve into fascinating titles in literary, popular, and historical fiction, fantasy, suspense, nonfiction, biographies, and more! This month we're reading *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Book and Writing Clubs for All Ages

Robertson Book Club

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us each month and we read and discuss a book. This month we will read *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Christian Fiction Book Club

Robertson Branch

Thursday, May 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us each month as we read and discuss a book. This month we will read *Not a Sparrow Falls* by Linda Nichols. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

All Ages Programs

Asian & Pacific Islander Movie Month

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, May 1-31, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

From May 1st to May 31st, the McDonald Branch is playing movies! These movies explore Asian American or Pacific Islander culture with full-length features! Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Crafty Saturdays

Hineston Branch

Saturday, May 3, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

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

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Saturday, May 24, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Come in to enjoy a time to craft and be creative. There will be plenty of supplies from which to choose. Sometimes there will be guided crafts, other times it will be crafter choice. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Mommy and Me Time

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, May 10, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate Mother's Day with Mommy and Me Time! 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 to capture the memories! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Book a Movie

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, May 16, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Come join us in celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month for a showing of *Raya and the Last Dragon*! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

2025 Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Johnson Branch

Thursday, May 29, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us at Johnson Branch for our 2025 Summer Reading Kick-Off Party! We will have fun, games and watch a movie, and refreshments for all ages! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

All Jazzed Up Movie Matinee

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, May 29, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

You're invited to join us as we get all jazzed up with a screening of Disney/PIXAR's jazz flavored movie *Soul*. Contact the branch 318-793-5954 for more information.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, May 30, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the start of a new season. We'll have a petting zoo, balloons, refreshments, and more. Learn how reading will earn you prizes. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Grab-N-Go & Month Long Programs

Color Me Chill

Hineston Branch

Thursday, May 1-31, During Open Hours

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

Windy Whimsy Workshop

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 1-31, During Open Hours

Children are invited to come pick up a kit that teaches them how to make a windsock just in time for spring! Make it in the branch or grab it and go to make at home! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Coffee, Color and Chill

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Patrons of all ages are welcome to come by the Libuse Branch to relax with a coloring page and a warm beverage. Step into early spring with a quiet library morning sipping coffee or tea and some peaceful coloring. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Kickoff Party!

Sign UP Now!

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library

Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Johnson Branch

Thursday, May 29, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 30, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, May 30, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Children

Morning Movie at Main

Main Library

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Moana)
Saturday, May 10, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Big Hero 6)
Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Moana)
Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Lilo & Stitch)
Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (Abominable)

Children's Programs

Storytime Thursday

Hineston Branch

Thursday, May 1, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Join us at the Hineston Branch Library every Thursday morning for Storytime fun! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 6, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 13, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 20, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 27, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

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

Movie & Craft at Main

Main Library

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage month, we will be playing a movie every Saturday in May. May 3: we will be watching Moana and making a lei craft. May 17: we will be watching Mulan and making a Chinese lantern craft. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Build-a-Book Workshop

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Instead of building bears, we're inviting you to Build-A-Book! Stop by and we will show you how to make an "Accordion Book." This fun and simple craft will be the envy of all your friends. Don't miss out! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Creative Discovery Wednesdays

Martin Library

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us every Wednesday at the library for Creative Discovery Wednesdays—a dynamic afternoon filled with fun, learning, and imagination! This engaging event offers a mix of activities to spark creativity and curiosity. Come with an open mind and leave with new friends, exciting projects, and a love for learning! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Children's Programs

Morning Movie at Main

Main Library

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

Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage month, we will be playing a movie every Saturday in May. May 10: Big Hero 6, May 24: Lilo and Stitch, May 31: Abominable. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Floam Slime

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, May 14, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for a hands-on, squishy, and creative workshop where we'll be making colorful Floam Slime! Perfect for kids and families, this event will let you explore the exciting world of slime crafting. Floam slime is a textured version of the classic slime, filled with tiny foam beads for added fun and squishiness. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

available. Parents, come help your children create a masterpiece with fabric paint and fabric glue. Smocks are available, but feel free to bring your own. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Saturday in the Library

Martin Library

Saturday, May 17, 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. You never know what the Martin Branch Library staff will have waiting for you! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Odd Holidays: World Bee Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Join our new crafting series for children - Odd Holidays! Each month we will explore a silly or unknown holiday through music, crafts, and other fun activities. Stop by this month as we celebrate World Bee Day (May 20th)! We will be making "Dancing Bee" finger puppets and learning about what makes bees so special. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

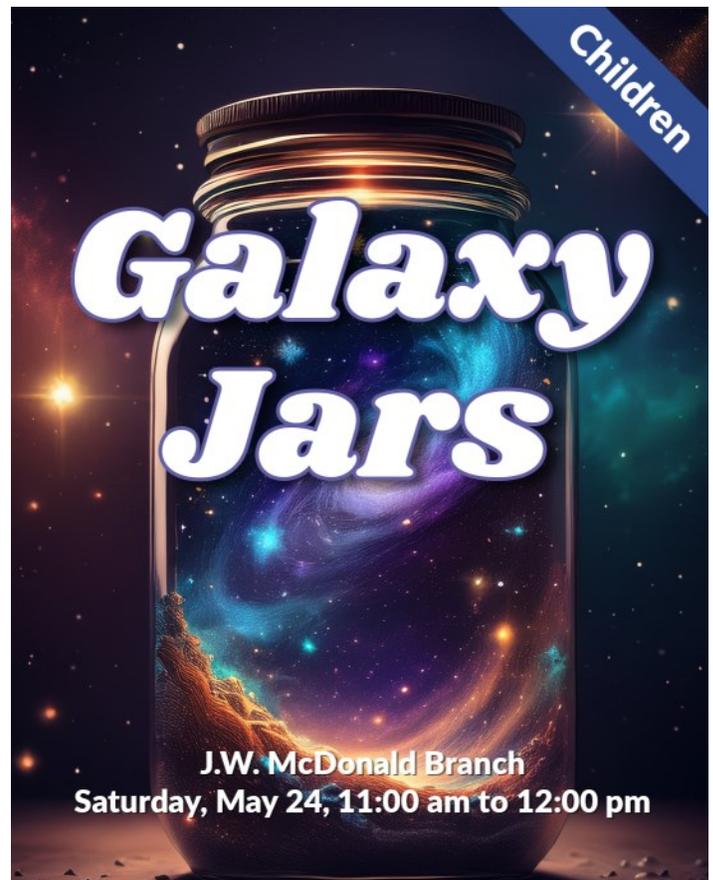


Stuffie Clothes with Owlbert

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Owlbert's wardrobe needs an update, and your favorite stuffies might also! Come by the Libuse Branch between 10 AM and 12 PM to decorate a t-shirt or hoodie for your stuffed animal (or Owlbert). Supplies to customize it will be



Children's Programs

Galaxy Jars

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, May 24, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

How cool would it be to take the whole universe and put it in a jar? Well you can at McDonald Branch when you come create your very own galaxy in a jar! All supplies provided. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Kids Summer Reading Kickoff

Martin Library

Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Get ready for a bubbly good time as we kick off summer reading with a splash of creativity! Join us for a fun-filled event where kids can create colorful bubble art using paint, soap, and lots of imagination. Watch your artwork come to life with swirling, popping patterns while enjoying a playful, hands-on experience. Plus, sign up for summer reading and get excited for a season full of books, adventures, and surprises! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

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♥ HOW TO CHECK IT OUT:

Visit the main desk at any RPL location during business hours.



Children & Teen

LOUISIANA ESCAPE ROOM

See Event Guide for dates and locations.

Children's & Teen Programs

Louisiana Escape Room

Hineston Branch

Thursday, May 1, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Kids)

Saturday, May 3, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm (Teens)

Main Library

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

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Johnson Branch

Friday, May 9, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 12, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Thursday, May 15, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Thursday, May 29, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Figure out the clues to escape our Louisiana Themed Escape Room! Learn about our state icons and other parts of Louisiana culture and history at each of these branches! Don't miss this fun Louisiana Adventure! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Kid Librarian

Martin Library

Thursday, May 1-31, During Open Hours

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

Blooming Bouquets: A Mother's Day Craft Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Celebrate Mother's Day with a heartfelt, handmade gift! In this fun and creative program, kids and teens will craft beautiful paper flower bouquets to give to their moms or special loved ones. Using colorful paper, scissors, and a touch of imagination, participants will design unique floral arrangements that will never wilt. Whether it's a classic rose, a cheerful daisy, or a bouquet full of vibrant blossoms, each creation will be a one-of-a-kind expression of love and appreciation. Join us for an afternoon of crafting, creativity, and heartfelt giving! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Children's & Teen Programs

STEM @ the Library: Visit from Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Martin Library

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

This fun and educational program brings the wonders of the great outdoors directly to children by introducing them to the fascinating world of Louisiana Wildlife, with special appearance from the baby alligators! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Solar Bots

Main Library

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

Robertson Branch

Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

In this fun and engaging library program, participants will learn about the basics of robotics, renewable energy, and the mechanics of solar power by building their very own "wobble bots" – simple, solar-powered robots that move in quirky, unpredictable patterns. For kids 11 and up. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

A promotional graphic for the 'Solar Bots' program. It features a blue and white solar-powered robot with a large solar panel on top, set against a background of a desert landscape with mountains and a sunset. The text 'SOLAR BOTS' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. A blue diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'Children & Teen'. Below the robot, the program details are listed for three branches: Main Library, Robertson Branch, and Libuse Branch, with their respective dates and times.

SOLAR BOTS

Children & Teen

Main Library
Tuesday, May 13, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Robertson Branch
Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Libuse Branch
Wednesday, May 28, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

A promotional graphic for the 'Build-a-Book Workshop'. It features a stack of colorful books, with the top one open, showing handwritten text. The background is a vibrant, colorful illustration of a forest or garden. The text 'Build-a-Book Workshop' is written in large, white, cursive letters with a blue outline. A blue diagonal banner in the top right corner says 'All Ages'. Below the books, the program details are listed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, with two sessions on Monday, May 5: one for adults and one for kids.

Build-a-Book Workshop

All Ages

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Monday, May 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Adults)
Monday, May 5, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Kids)

Children's & Teen Programs



Oreo Taste Test

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, May 14, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join us for a fun, interactive Oreo taste-testing event at the library! Kids will get the chance to try a variety of Oreo flavors, from classic chocolate to unique, limited-edition options. It's a fun way to explore new flavors and discover which ones reign supreme! Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

STEM @ the Library: Zoo Visit

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Join us for a unique and educational experience as the Alexandria Zoo brings the wild to the library! Meet some amazing animal ambassadors and learn fascinating facts about their habitats, behaviors, and conservation efforts. This engaging program offers a rare opportunity to see and learn about exotic animals up close, right here in the library. Perfect for all ages, this event is designed to spark curiosity and deepen our understanding of the natural world. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Ice Cream Adventure

Libuse Branch

Thursday, May 22, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Beat the heat and stir up some frozen fun with our Ice Cream Adventure! Join us at the library for a hands-on ice cream-making experience like no other! In this interactive program, participants of all ages will discover the science behind making delicious homemade ice cream using simple ingredients. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

DIY CD Sun-catcher

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Children, Tweens, and Teens are encouraged to come start off their summer break by learning how to create a sun-catcher from an old-cd! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Home School Art: Tie-Dyeing with Natural Dyes

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Kids, get ready to dive into the colorful world of tie-dyeing using natural dyes! This fun and interactive workshop will introduce young artists to the magic of creating vibrant designs with plant-based dyes made from flowers, fruits, and more. Through simple folding and tying techniques, children will create their own unique tie-dye designs on fabric while learning about the environment and how natural dyes are made. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

SRP Kickoff Party with the Alexandria Zoo Robertson Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

The Robertson Branch will celebrate the kickoff of RPL's Summer Reading Program, along with guests from the Alexandria Zoo! Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

Kid's Summer Reading Kickoff

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

IT'S SUMMER!!! Join us for a great time kicking off the summer. Music, stories and crafts! Pick up all the information you need to win prizes during the summer as you read your way to a medal! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 30, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Get ready for a fun-filled day to celebrate the start of summer reading! We're teaming up with the Alexandria Zoo, who will be bringing their incredible animal ambassadors to meet and greet attendees. Whether you're an animal lover or a bookworm (or both!), there will be something for everyone. There will be activities for all ages to get you excited about reading over the summer. So come on down, enjoy the zoo animals, and pick up some great books for the season. It's going to be a wild time—don't miss out! Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Children and teens are invited to come by the Libuse Branch Library to make sure they're all set up for Summer Reading. There will be light refreshments, games, and sign up prizes. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Teen Programs

Teens Can...

Westside Regional Library

Friday, May 2, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens Can... Unleash their creativity by making their very own magical wands for Harry Potter Day at the Westside Regional Library! Join us for a fun, hands-on craft session where you'll design and decorate your wand. Afterward, grab your broomstick and get ready to play a thrilling game of Quidditch! We have snacks! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Redesign Roundtable (Phi Tau Beta)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Join Phi Tau Beta, a new and exclusive group for teens, ages 13-18, who want to be leaders in their communities and be an active voice in the library. This month we will come up with a plan of action to reorganize the Teen Section to fit your needs. We will discuss things like art, displays, and technology you'd like to see in your space. Come by and share your thoughts! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Pokémon Diamond Art Craft

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Pokémon comes to the library! Teens that love Pokémon (and key-chains) can come to the McDonald Branch to participate in creating an adorable and easy-to-do diamond art key-chain! Slap Pikachu on your backpack, or give someone a Bulbasaur to show off to their friends! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

New to Adulting?

Martin Library

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

College and career planning can be overwhelming for everyone. The pressure to have your whole life figured out after high school is scary, but we are here to help. New to Adulting is focused on providing teens and young adults with FREE resources for discovering avenues for academic, occupational, and personal fulfillment in interest fields. We hope to see you there! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Make Your Own Pizza

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

We love pizza, you love pizza, who doesn't love pizza! Come in and make your very own personal pizza. All supplies will be provided. It's simple, quick, and easy. This will be the perfect afternoon snack for all to enjoy. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Teen Cuisine

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Unsure of your way around the kitchen? 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 Slow-Cooker Meatloaf and Baked Potatoes! The recipe will be available as well. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

DIY Flamingo Snow Globes

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 22, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Teens and Tweens are encouraged to come in and learn how to create DIY Flamingo Snow Globes! It may be warming up but perfect for a flamingo in a snow globe! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

What's Your Game: Teen Edition

Johnson Branch

Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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

Cuties & Cupcakes: A Sweet Summer Reading Kickoff

Martin Library

Thursday, May 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Kick off summer reading with the ultimate combo—cute animals and delicious cupcakes! Join us for a relaxing and fun-filled event where you can cuddle adorable farm animals from Ol' Mel's Farm, decorate (and eat!) tasty cupcakes, and find your next great summer read. Whether you're here for the sweets, the snuggles, or the stories, this is the perfect way to start your summer reading adventure! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



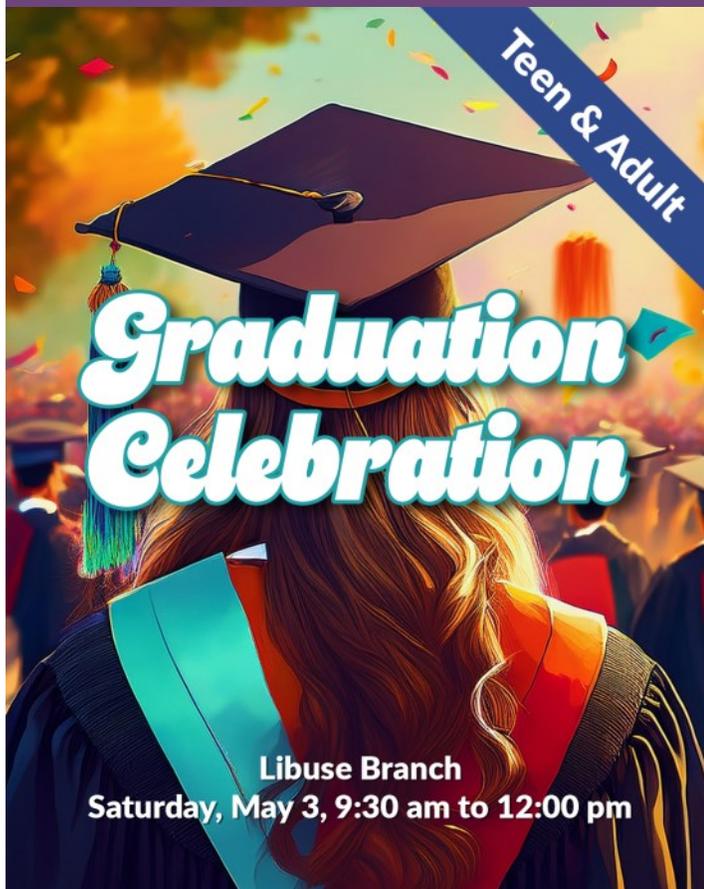
Computer Classes



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

Google Docs	King Branch Tuesday, May 6 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others.
Google Slides	Hineston Branch Wednesday, May 7 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Design presentations online with the web based Google Slides Editor for school, work, events and more. The Slides Editor is part of the free Google Editor Suite.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Boyce Branch Thursday, May 8 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to make using Excel easier.
Beginning Microsoft Word	Martin Library Monday, May 12 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Online word processing at your figure tips and on the go. Learn how to create a document in the web base application, collaborate, and share your document with others.
Beginning Microsoft Excel	Westside Library Tuesday, May 13 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Take a look at the Windows 10 operating system. Learn about the features Windows 10 has to offer and how to customize them to your needs.
Intermediate Microsoft Word	Main Library Monday, May 19 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.
Microsoft PowerPoint	McDonald Branch Tuesday, May 20 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 Wednesday, May 21 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.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel	Libuse Branch Wednesday, May 28 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Discover a few intermediate functions of a spreadsheet including shortcuts and extras to make using Excel easier.
Microsoft PowerPoint	Johnson Branch Friday, May 30 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.

Adults & Teen Programs



Graduation Celebration

Libuse Branch

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Soon to be graduates and those that are celebrating them are invited to come by the Libuse Branch on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:30am to 12:00pm for a special program. Every almost graduate who stops by the circulation desk during program hours and lets us know they are about to graduate will be entered into a drawing. Parents and excited relatives will have the opportunity to write their students a congratulatory letter. Light refreshments will be available for all. Soon to be graduates who pre-register will have a bag at the circulation desk with a small gift! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Lighthouse Painting

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, May 6, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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

Essential Oil Playdough

Main Library

Thursday, May 8, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Did you know that playdough is not just for kids? Yes,

adults can use aroma infused playdough, which they can make at home with ingredients already in your kitchen cabinets, to relieve stress after a long hard day. Come in and let us show you how a simple child's item can help you to refresh and relax. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

D&D Fridays

Main Library

Friday, May 9, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday, May 23, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Dive into fantasy realms, battle monsters, and embark on epic quest with friends every other Friday at the Main Library on Washington Street. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Essential Oil Shower Melts

Main Library

Thursday, May 22, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us to learn how to make essential oil shower pods. Make these decorative pods to throw in your shower to calm you, refresh you, or relax you. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



June 9-13
Hobey Förd

June 23-27
Didgeridoo Down Under

July 7-11
Brian and Terri Kinder

July 21-25
Lady Chops

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June 1 - July 31

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

Monday
Main 10:00 am
Libuse 2:00 pm

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Boyce 2:00 pm

Wednesday
Robertson 10:00 am
Martin 2:00 pm

Thursday
McDonald 10:00 am
Johnson 2:00 pm

Friday
Westside 10:00 am
King 2:00 pm

CHILDREN

Registration Prize – Mardi Gras beads
150 Minute – Certificate
500 Minute – Trumpet toy
1000 Minute – Inflatable guitar
1500 Minute – Medal

TEENS

Week 1 – Tamp and Grind gift card
Week 2 – Wireless earbuds
Week 3 – Doce Vida gift card
Week 4 – Robux gift card
Week 5 – Wayback’s gift card
Week 6 – Charging bank
Week 7 – Little Cake’s gift card
Week 8 – Water Cup
Week 9 – Gone Wild gift card

ADULTS

Adults will have a drawing
at the end! \$50 gift card
to a local business of
your choice!

Adult Painting Programs

Art is Lifel

Main Library

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

Monday, May 12, 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.

Lighthouse Painting

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 5, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Summer is coming and the beach is on our minds! Adults are invited to come and paint a lighthouse at the Libuse Branch. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

Watercolors for Adults

Main Library

Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, May 21, 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.

Creative Canvases

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Robertson Branch

Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Johnson Branch

Thursday, May 22, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Friday, May 23, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 pm to 7:30 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! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Artful Encounters: Painting & Connections

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Join us for an engaging art workshop designed for adults, where we’ll dive into the vibrant world of Sharpie painting combined with the intriguing effects of rubbing alcohol! This hands-on program will guide you through the process of creating stunning pieces of art using simple materials. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Adult

Beaded Garden Stake

See Event Guide for dates and locations.

Adult Programs

Beaded Garden Stake

Main Library

Thursday, May 1, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 5, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 6, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 12, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Libuse Branch

Wednesday, May 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Martin Library

Monday, May 19, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Westside Regional Library

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

Join us at your favorite branch for a spring craft program where we'll make beaded plant stakes! Get creative with decorative beads to design a unique piece that celebrates the beauty of spring. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, this workshop offers a fun and inspiring experience you won't want to miss! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

Self Care Saturday

Martin Library

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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

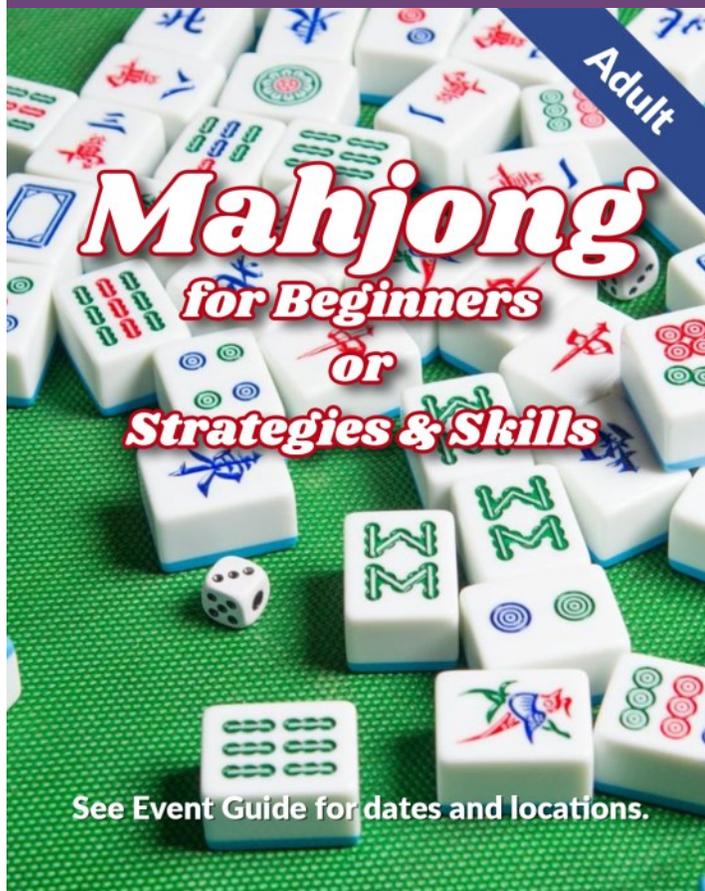
For the Love of Food!

Main Library

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

Join us for our monthly cooking demonstration with Chef Turtle from Turtle's Food on the Go! Enjoy a fun and interactive session where 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 is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

Adult Programs



See Event Guide for dates and locations.

Mahjong for Beginners

Westside Regional Library

Monday, May 5, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Want to improve your memory? Meet new friends? Have fun? Join us for Mahjong for beginners! Mahjong is a game rumored to be about 2,500 years old. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

Build-a-Book Workshop

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 5, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Instead of building bears, we're inviting you to Build-A-Book! Stop by and we will show you how to make an "Accordion Book." This fun and simple craft will be the envy of all your friends. Don't miss out! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Bayou Bonds: What's Your Game?

Johnson Branch

Wednesday, May 7, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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

DIY Decoupage Flower Coaster

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 8, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Summer time is here! Flowers are in bloom and no better time to come in and learn how to make a flower-popping DIY Decoupage Flower Coaster! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

Westside Fit

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 8, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, May 22, 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.

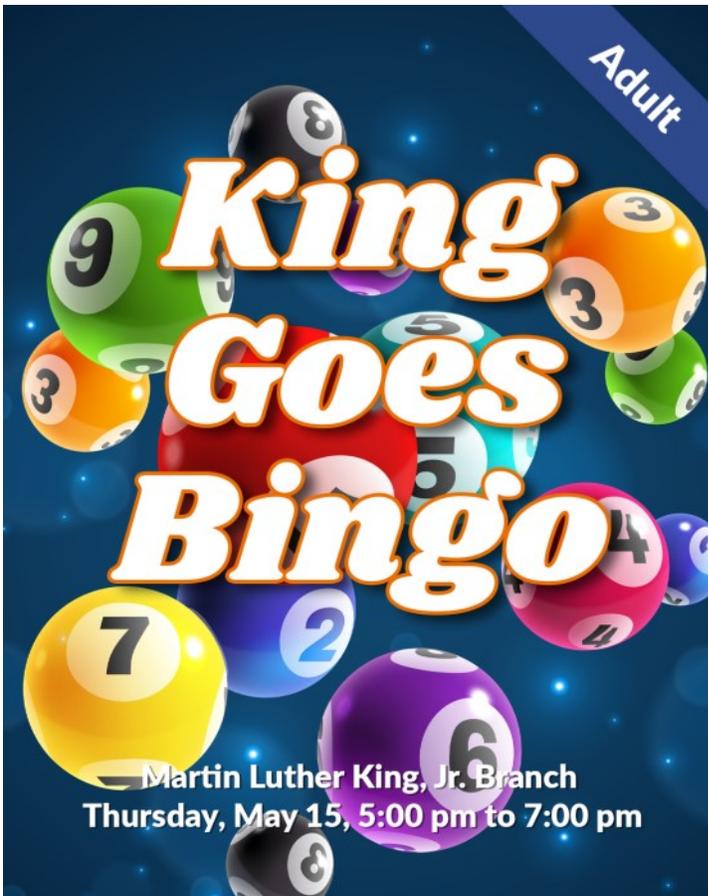
Computer Basics at Libuse

Libuse Branch

Friday, May 9, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Friday, May 23, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adults wanting to learn computer basics should sign up for one of our bi-monthly sessions at Libuse. We'll teach computer basics such as setting up accounts, navigating web browsers/ the internet, computer literacy, and understanding hardware for those wanting to get themselves familiar with a desktop or laptop computer. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



Adult Programs

Social Saturdays

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, May 10, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Musical Bingo: 1980's

Johnson Branch

Saturday, May 10, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Get ready to groove and test your knowledge of one of the most iconic decades in music history with 1980's Musical Bingo! This fun and interactive activity combines the excitement of bingo with the classic hits from the 1980's. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 12, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

Diamond Art Mandala

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Get your creative spirit on and com join us in a nice, relaxing time as we do diamond art in a Mandala shape! Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

King Goes Bingo

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 15, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

Mahjong Strategies & Skills

Westside Regional Library

Monday, May 19, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Want to improve your memory? Meet new friends? Have fun? Join us for Mahjong strategies and skills! Mahjong is a game rumoured to be about 2,500 years old. It is one of the most popular games to be played in China and its popularity has spread across the globe. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



Books & Bites!

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 27, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us monthly for Books & Bites, a fun cooking demonstration where you'll learn new recipes, enjoy tasty samples, and discover cookbooks from our collection. Each session features a recipe inspired by books, regional flavors, or seasonal ingredients. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

Sip, Snack & Read: Summer Reading Soiree

Martin Library

Tuesday, May 27, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Adults -Kick off summer reading in style with an evening of delicious bites, refreshing mocktails, and great conversation! Join us at the library to craft your own gourmet charcuterie board while learning the art of mocktail mixology. Savor unique flavor pairings, get inspired with book recommendations, and connect with fellow readers as we celebrate the start of a season filled with stories and fun. Whether you're a foodie, a book lover, or both, this is the perfect way to start your summer reading adventure! Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

Adult Programs

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL

Robertson Branch

May 5, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-640-3098

J.W. McDonald Branch

May 6, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-748-4848

Westside Regional Library

May 8, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-442-2483

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

May 13, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-793-5954

Main Library

May 15, 10:00am to 11:30am
318-445-2411

Libuse Branch

May 16, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
318-443-7259

Martin Library

May 19, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
318-442-7575

Johnson Branch

May 20, 10:00am to 11:30am
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Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 9, 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.

Genealogy Club

Main Library

Thursday, May 29, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to search your ancestry. Are you already researching your family tree but are stuck. Come

join us for the Genealogy Club where you will meet people just like you that are willing to share their knowledge and help others find with their ancestry journey. Registration is required as seats are limited. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

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318-793-8461
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JOHNSON BRANCH

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LECOMPTE, LA 71346
318-776-5153
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SAT 9AM-1PM

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