



# EVENT GUIDE

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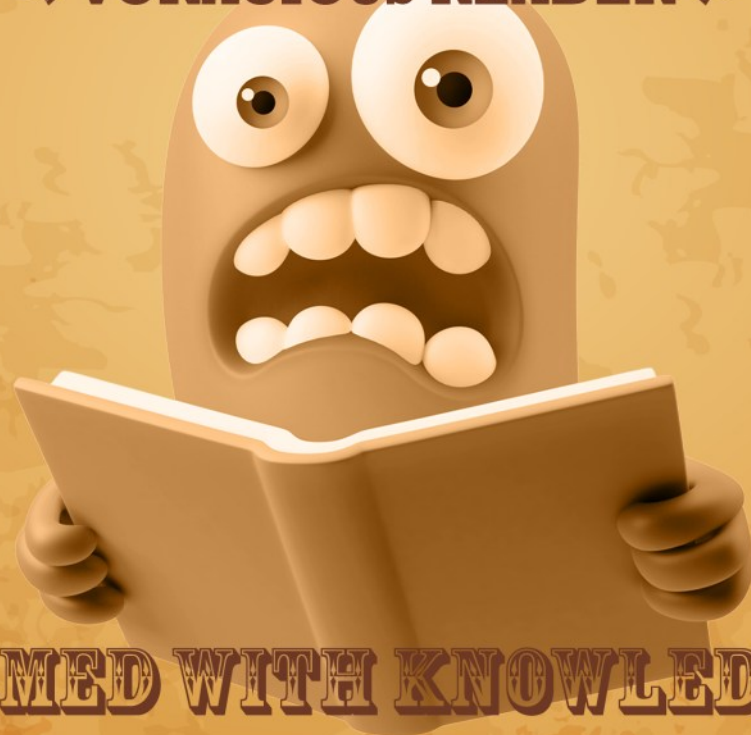


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GET CAUGHT READING MONTH

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## BOOK AND WRITING CLUBS

### The Southern: A Book Club Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a book talk with Southern readers. Our Cinco de Mayo gathering transports us to the Golden Age of Hollywood. *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* has glitz, glamour and the cost of living in the gilded ages that made the grandeur possible. We've got a front row seat waiting for you. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Clue Me In

Hineston Branch

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

Calling all at-home detectives! Do you love mystery shows, cracking "who-done-it" cases, and basking in the glory of being right? Then join Clue Me In, Hineston's newest book club! Together, we'll dive into thrilling worlds of both fiction and non-fiction mysteries. This month we are reading *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### Teen Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 11, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Teens - have you ever wondered what you would do if you accidentally threw up on your best friend? Join us at the Libuse Branch to discuss how Liya and Kai solve this and other problems in Gloria Chao's *When You Wish Upon a Lantern*. We'll have snacks and talk about the book together. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Little Bit of Everything Book Club

Westside Regional Library

Monday, May 11, 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 *The Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### Out of This World Book Club

Main Library

Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Out Of This World Book Club is expanding to include all worlds! Come join us as we explore both science fiction worlds and the mystical worlds of fantasy. Each month we will pick either a sci-fi or fantasy title to read and discuss, as well as have some time to chat about what is new or upcoming, or just what you have been reading lately! This month we will dive into Mark Lawrence's book *The Book That Wouldn't Burn*. The primary setting for this book is a library larger than a city. What could be better than that? Maybe that is just the librarian in me speaking out. Come join us and see what we might be able to check out! Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Triple-A Book Club

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 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 *Orders to Kill: The Truth Behind the Murder of Martin Luther King* by William F. Pepper. Books are available to request for participation. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### The Final Chapter

Martin Library

Tuesday, May 12, 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. For May, we will be reading *Behind Her Eyes* by Sarah Pinborough. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

### Kids' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Did you know, the Swiss family Robinson did not have the last name Robinson. Their last name is never actually given, and "Robinson" refers to "Robinson Crusoe," because theirs is a survival story like that one. Kids 8-12, join us in discovering the other mysteries of *The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss at the Libuse Branch Kids' Book Club. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Main Mystery Book Club

Main Library

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

Join us as we discuss our pick for the Main Mystery Book Club in May: *The Seven 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

### Daytime Book Club

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 18, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Patrons are invited to read *Arcadia* by Lauren Groff and come to the Libuse Branch for a book discussion. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

### Ladies' Book Club

Libuse Branch

Thursday, May 21, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Ladies are invited to read *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey 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, May 22, 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 *Becoming Bonnie* by Jenni Walsh. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

**Come Write In!**

**Main Library**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 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.

**Robertson Book Club**

**Robertson Branch**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Get ready for a heartfelt and unforgettable read! In May, our book club will dive into *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston, a moving story filled with humor, hope, and second chances. This touching novel follows Frederick Fife, a man who unexpectedly finds himself stepping into a life that isn't his—and discovering along the way that it might be exactly the life he needed. Thoughtful, uplifting, and full of surprising moments, it's a story that invites readers to reflect on identity, belonging, and the pow-

**Empower Yourself with Knowledge**

**Westside Regional Library**  
**May 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Empower yourself with knowledge - all month long! May is Get Caught Reading Month! This month we are learning about the importance of reading. We are celebrating the joy of reading by doing a bookmark craft. Stop by Westside Regional Library to pick up an informational packet and a to-go craft, while supplies last. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

**Flower Pot & Butterfly Craft**

**Hineston Branch**  
**May 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Swing by the library to pick up your FREE Flower Pot & Butterfly Craft! Plant a little creativity and watch your imagination take flight as you decorate a cheerful pot and a colorful butterfly friend. Grab one while they last! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**AANPI Activity Book**

**Martin Library**  
**May 1 - 31, During Open Hours**

Color, play, and discover! This AANPI activity book is packed with puzzles and activities that celebrate Asian American and Native Pacific Islander cultures, stories, and traditions. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

er of kindness. Pick up your copy and join us for what promises to be a lively and meaningful discussion. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

**The Book Was Better**

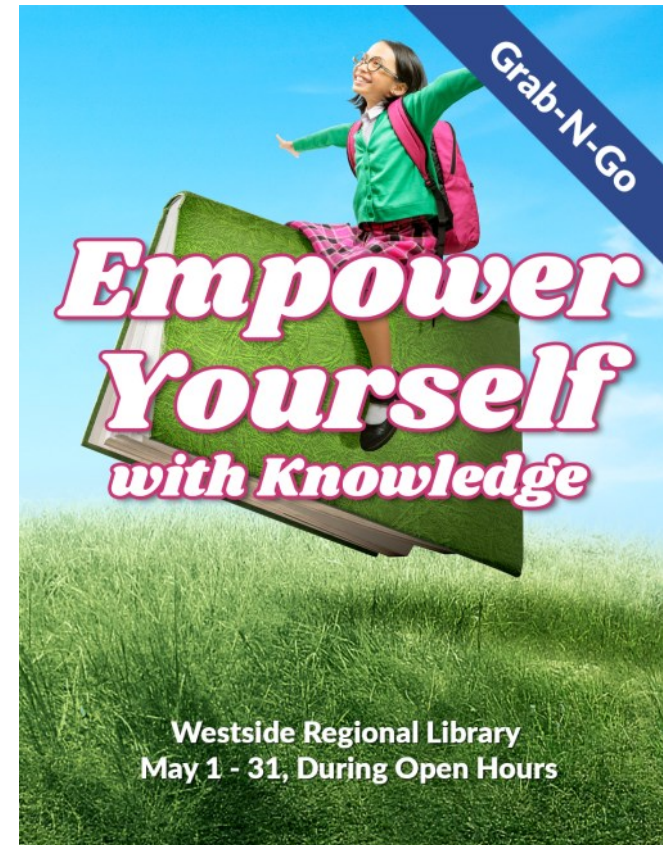
**Martin Library**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

You've heard it before: "the book was better." Now it's time to prove (and rant) about it. In this book club, we'll read a book, watch the movie adaptation, and then break down what worked, what didn't, and which version truly wins. Expect thoughtful conversation, hot takes, and plenty of respectful disagreement as we put page vs. screen head-to-head. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Cenla Author's Club**

**Westside Regional Library**  
**Thursday, May 28, 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. Award-winning children's author and professional entertainer Leif Pedersen will tell his secrets on how to successfully write and promote great children's books in his only North Louisiana appearance. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.



**AANPI Heritage Film Celebration**

**Martin Library**  
**Friday, May 1, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**  
**Friday, May 8, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**  
**Friday, May 15, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**  
**Friday, May 22, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

Celebrate Asian American and Native Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Martin Library. Every Friday, we'll be showing our favorite animated films with Asian and Native Pacific Islander representation!  
 May 1 - Moana (PG)  
 May 8 - Big Hero 6 (PG)  
 May 15 - Turning Red (PG)  
 May 22 - Raya (PG)  
 Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Homemade Gift for Mom**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**  
**Friday, May 8, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

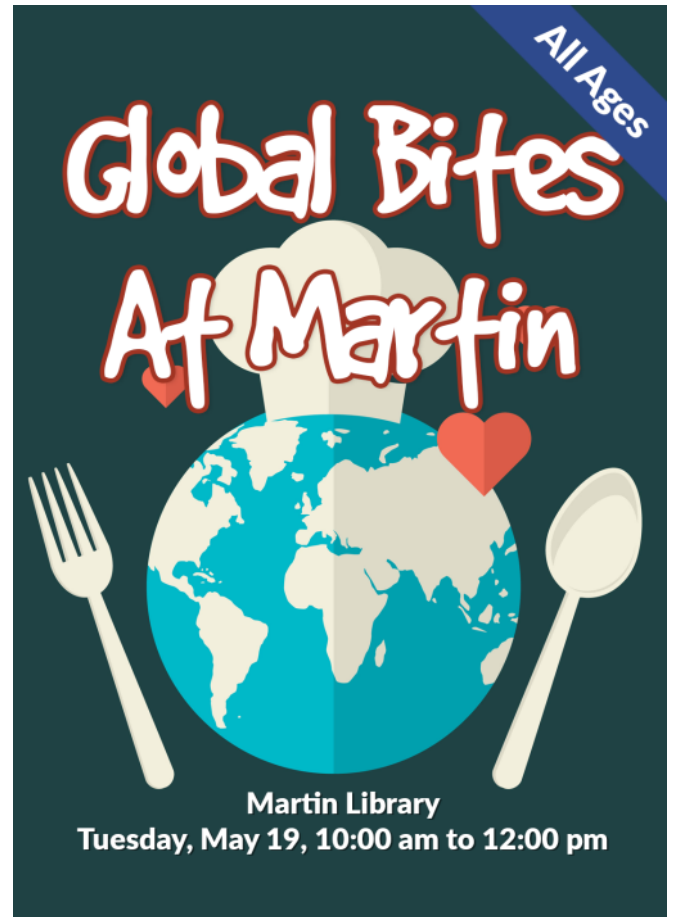
Come join us for a good time as we learn how to make a DIY Trivet for you to give to mom for Mother's Day! This hands-on activity reinforces learning while encouraging creativity, fine motor skills, and an appreciation for making creative items from scratch! Perfect for young learners and families seeking a fun and educational experience at the library. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



**Cap and Gown Photo Booth**

**Libuse Branch**  
**Thursday, May 14, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

Grads, grab your cap and gown, friends and family, and your best smile, then come to the Libuse Branch to take a quick picture. This rapid photo session will take three pictures and print them for you in a photo strip you can keep to remember this exciting time. All graduates are invited. If you have a cap and gown, bring it and make some memoires. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.



**Global Bites at Martin**

**Martin Library**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Global Bites is a multicultural cooking series celebrating global cuisines and the cultures behind them. Join us in welcoming Nader Market. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Group Color by Number**

**Libuse Branch**  
**Saturday, May 23, 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, May 23rd from 10-11 AM to see what that looks like. We'll have hot water ready for tea and hot chocolate. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Unearth a Story This Summer**

**Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Celebrate the start of Summer Reading at the Alfred Boyce Wettermark library! Let's Grow Together! Join us for our Summer Reading kickoff! Families are invited to enjoy an educational visit with the zoo. Cultivate a summer full of books and adventure! activities, creative crafts, and stories inspired by nature and growth. Contact 318-793-5954 for more information.

### Blooming into Summer Reading Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Friday, May 29, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Come join us for a blooming good time as we kickoff the beginning of our Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Plant A Seed, Read. We'll have a story time station full of flowerful inspiration before we do a craft inspired by *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. We'll also have a station for making DIY Greenhouses so kids can learn how greenhouses work while blooming their own flowers at the same time! We'll also have a flower themed sensory table for kids to explore different flowers while also getting to touch them! Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Plant A Seed, Read Summer Kickoff! Westside Regional Library

Friday, May 29, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Summer is here and we are READY to PLANT A SEED! Join us Friday May 29th 6pm-7pm for FAMILY fun. We will have a photo booth for family photo fun! Come make a birdhouse craft, we have one for kids, teens, and adults. Ms. Lisa with Seed4trees will be giving out tree seeds and information on growing

### Wiggles and Giggles Storytime Martin Library

Friday, May 1, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, May 8, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, May 15, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, May 22, 10:00 am to 10:30 am

Friday, May 29, 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.

May 1 - Let's Celebrate Mother Goose Day

May 8 - Mother's Day craft

May 15 - Flower Sensory Bin (10AM & 4PM)

May 22 - Let's Celebrate Turtle Day

May 29 - Painting Party

### Saturday Craft n' Create Robertson Branch

Saturday, May 2, 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.

them. Stop by for information on our Summer Reading Program and stay for the photo booth, games, and crafts! Westside Regional Library has something for everyone! Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

### The Cozy Loop Club Hineston Branch

Saturday, May 30, 11:00 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.

### From the Pages to the People Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, May 30, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Come meet local black authors to celebrate community and unity. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Mystery Craft for Kids Hineston Branch

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

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

Something mysterious is happening at the Hineston Branch... and we need your help! Drop in for our Mystery Craft for Kids, where the project is a secret until you open the bag. Will you build it, glue it, twist it, or color it? Only the clues inside will tell! Kids can crack the mystery, get creative, and take home their surprise masterpiece. Come join the fun—detective skills not required, just imagination! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### Crafty Tuesdays

Westside Regional Library

Tuesday, May 5, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 19, 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 26, 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.

### Storytime and Craft Johnson Branch

Wednesday, May 6, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 20, 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.

### Creative Discovery Wednesdays Martin Library

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 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.

May 6 - Japan Hand print

May 13 - India Hand print

May 20 - Hawaii Hand print

May 27 - Sushi craft

### Sensational Sensory Shenanigans Hineston Branch

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

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

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

Sensory play? That makes sense! Parents and kids aged 0-12, join us at Hineston every Thursday from 4-5pm for a fun-filled afternoon overflowing with art, learning, and (most importantly) PLAY! We'll be sure to have a blast while meeting your child's sensory needs. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

### Thursday Morning Adventures Hineston Branch

Thursday, May 7, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Thursday, May 14, 10:30 am to 11:00 am

Thursday, May 21, 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.

### Foaming Dragons!

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Get ready for a roaring good time at the library! Kids are invited to create their very own foaming dragons using simple craft materials and a splash of science. After making their dragon, kids will mix a special potion that makes their dragon "breathe" fire (foam) like a real mythical creature. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### Saturday in the Library Martin Library

Saturday, May 16, 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. Don't miss out on the

fun. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.



### Nature Pinch Pot

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Participants will explore the fascinating world of flowers and pinch pot making! During the lesson, children will learn how plants grow as well as how to make a pinch pot! This hands-on activity reinforces learning while encouraging creativity, fine motor skills, and an appreciation for the natural world. Perfect for young learners and families seeking a fun and educational experience at the library. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

### The Great Mouse Detective Movie Matinee

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 22, 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Join us in celebrating the birthday of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the brilliant creator of the world's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes! Born on May 22, 1859, in Edinburgh, Scotland, Doyle's stories of deduction, observation, and logic have captivated audiences for generations. To mark this occasion, we invite you to a special movie matinee featuring a beloved, Sherlock-inspired classic: *The Great Mouse Detective* (1986). Come celebrate "Sherlock Holmes Day" with us and enjoy a classic tale of mysteries, investigations, and mouse-sized deductions! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Saturday Cinema**

Hineston Branch  
 Saturday, May 23, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 Come out and enjoy the movie Babe at the Hineston branch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but you can bring your own snacks too! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Kid's Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party**

Hineston Branch  
 Thursday, May 28, 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
 Get ready to read, grow, and dig into adventure with our Summer Reading Program! This summer, we're planting the seeds of imagination with stories that sprout from the farm and journey all the way to the plate. Kids can explore how food grows, meet friendly "farm characters," enjoy hands-on activities, and harvest plenty of fun along the way. Join us as we dig up a season full of reading, crafting, learning, and farm-fresh excitement—no tractor needed! Dress up like a farmer to add some more fun in the kickoff party. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Farm Craft Saturday**

Hineston Branch  
 Saturday, May 30, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
 Y'all come on down to the library for a barn-load of fun at our Farm Craft Event! Kids can dig into a variety of hands-on, farm-tastic crafts—think cute barn animals, colorful crops, and country-style creations. Whether you're making a mooing masterpiece or a clucking keepsake, there's something for every little farmer. Round up the family and join us for a crafty good time—no overalls required! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



**Kids Come Plant a Seed, Read at Libuse**

Libuse Branch  
 Saturday, May 30, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
 It's the most exciting time to visit the library! This year's theme, Plant a Seed, Read will be at lot of fun at the Libuse Branch! We'll have our usual doodle board at the branch, as well as some other fun activities, including a couple of surprises we'll have out for the first time that day. Also, our annual object hide and seek will begin on this day at 10 AM. The first 30 who sign up and come by will get a sign up prize bag. Rush on over to the Libuse Branch to kick off the summer with a big stack of books to start logging on June 1st! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Marble Track Racing**

Westside Regional Library  
 Friday, May 1, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Libuse Branch  
 Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
 Johnson Branch  
 Friday, May 8, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 Martin Library  
 Thursday, May 14, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm (Homeschool)  
 Thursday, May 14, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Afterschool)  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
 Tuesday, May 19, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
 Wednesday, May 27, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 Attention future race champions! Get ready to build the ultimate marble racetrack using our awesome flexible tracks—twist, turn, and turbocharge your design to send your marble flying past the competition. Think you can create the fastest track of all? Let's find out! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



See Event Guide for dates and locations

**Mindful Coloring for Kids**

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

**Vintage Game Expo**

Libuse Branch  
 Saturday, May 2, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
 Hineston Branch  
 Thursday, May 7, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Robertson Branch  
 Monday, May 11, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
 Main Library  
 Friday, May 15, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
 J.W. McDonald Branch  
 Thursday, May 21, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
 Is it a history lesson? Is it an opportunity to play games that you've never played before? It's both! Learn how to play games such as jacks, marbles, dominos, etc. while learning about their place in history and culture! Get ready to play, learn, and have a blast! Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



**Make Your Own Wind Chimes**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
 Monday, May 4, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
 Robertson Branch  
 Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
 Libuse Branch  
 Thursday, May 14, 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
 Hineston Branch  
 Saturday, May 16, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
 Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Martin Library  
 Thursday, May 28, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 Thursday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Get ready to create something magical! Join us at the library to design and paint your very own wind chime using a fun, easy-to-build kit. We've got all the supplies—you just bring your imagination! Then take home your colorful creation and enjoy the sweet music it makes dancing in the breeze. Open to ages 6 and up—don't miss the fun! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.



**Martin Creators**

Martin Library  
 Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 Get inspired, get messy, and get creative at Martin Creators—an art program designed to spark your imagination and connect you with fellow makers. For kids and teens ages 8–18, each session offers a new project or medium to explore, giving you the chance to try new techniques, express yourself, and connect with new friends while making something uniquely yours. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Home School Create & Discover  
Martin Library**

**Tuesday, May 12, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**  
Calling all home schoolers! 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.

**The Green Thumb Ninjas  
Johnson Branch**

**Thursday, May 14, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm**  
The Green Thumb Ninjas of the Johnson Branch is a children's club where young beginners learn to grow plants, including edible varieties, and explore the joys of gardening. With hands-on guidance and instruction from the Lecompte Garden Club, participants gain practical skills while discovering the wonders of nature. Registration is required as seats are limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

**Robertson SRP Kickoff Party  
Hineston Branch**

**Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**  
The Robertson Branch will celebrate the kickoff of RPL's Summer Reading Program. Join us with along with special guests from Seeds4Trees and a fire

safety presentation from the Alpine Fire Department. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.



and take home a one-of a kind décor piece. All supplies provided, just bring your imagination! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.

**Absolutely Artistic  
Hineston Branch**

**Friday, May 1, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Friday, May 15, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
It's a teen takeover! Of the art supplies, that is. Join us every other Friday for a crafty hangout! All you need to bring is yourself and your creative side to become Absolutely Artistic! Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Chess Club  
Libuse Branch**

**Friday, May 1, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**  
Patrons 12 and up are invited to play chess at the Libuse Branch. Whether you're a chess master, new to the game, or just want to play some board games with friends, then Chess Club is the place for you! Chess boards will be provided by the branch. Please bring a board game from home if you'd like to play any others. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**DIY: Pressed Flower Sun-Catcher  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch**

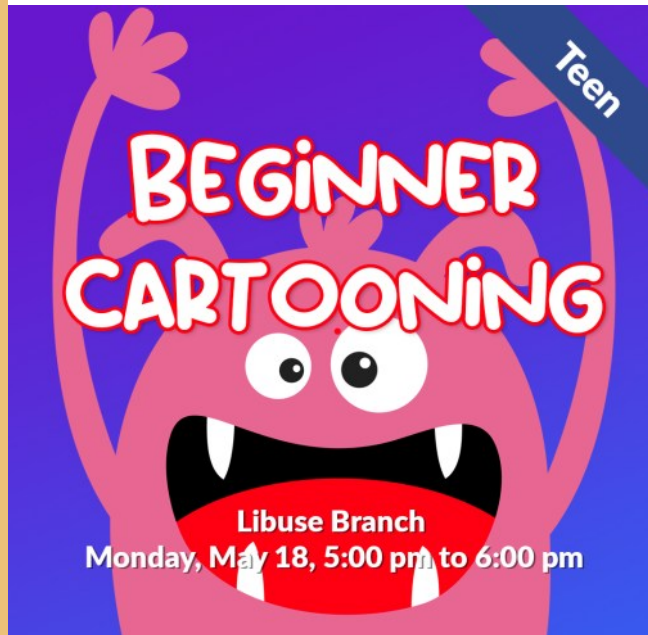
**Friday, May 1, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**  
Get ready to create your own mini masterpiece! Join us to design a colorful pressed flower suncatcher. It's the perfect way to express your style, get creative,

**BB-8 Painting  
Libuse Branch**

**Tuesday, May 5, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**  
It may be Revenge of the Fifth, but the dark side can't win if BB-8 is on your wall! Teens, grab your favorite grownup and travel at lightspeed to the Libuse Branch (not quite a galaxy far, far away) to create a Star Wars inspired artwork. That may not have been the droid they were looking for, but this one is the one you want to paint for during this multi-generational class. 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 in advance for this class is required and opens on April 21, 2026. No grownups without a teen, please. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**What's Your Move: Teen Edition  
Robertson Branch**

**Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am to 11:00 am**  
What's your game? Come show us your skills at playing board games (Checkers, Connect4, Dominoes, and Sorry!), meet new people in the community, and win bragging rights against your friends! Stop by on the 2ND Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 11:00am. Contact 318-640-3098 for more information.

**Beginner Cartooning  
Libuse Branch**

**Monday, May 18, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**  
Calling all creative teens! Ready to bring your drawings to life? If you're 12 or older, jump into Libuse's beginner cartooning class and learn how to create your own awesome characters and comics! Sign up now on RPL's digital event calendar and let your imagination run wild! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Oreo Tasting  
J.W. McDonald Branch**

**Thursday, May 28, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**  
Join us for a delicious Oreo Tasting where you'll sample everything from classic favorites to wild new flavors. Put your taste buds to the test, rate each cookie, and help crown the ultimate Oreo champion. Only one flavor can take the top spot—will your favorite win? Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

**Teen's Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party  
Hineston Branch**

**Thursday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
Dig into a fresh kind of adventure with our Summer Reading Program—just for teens! This summer, we're exploring the journey from seed to plate through books, activities, and creative challenges that are anything but ordinary. Discover how food grows, try out hands-on projects, and learn how food goes from the farm to the table. Come spend the season growing new skills, sampling new experiences, and connecting with friends—all while stacking up those reading hours. Dress up like a farmer to add some more fun in the kickoff party. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**Teen Summer Reading Kickoff  
Libuse Branch**

**Saturday, May 30, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**  
Teens, ages 12-18, come by the Libuse Branch on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM to sign up for summer reading. This year's theme is Plant a Seed, Read, and there will be a weekly prize drawing for all teens who read four hours that week. At our kickoff, we will play food related games such as the creamy bubbles game and face the cookie. There will be a door prize for one lucky winner. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**D&D Fridays**

**Main Library**  
 Friday, May 8, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Friday, May 22, 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.

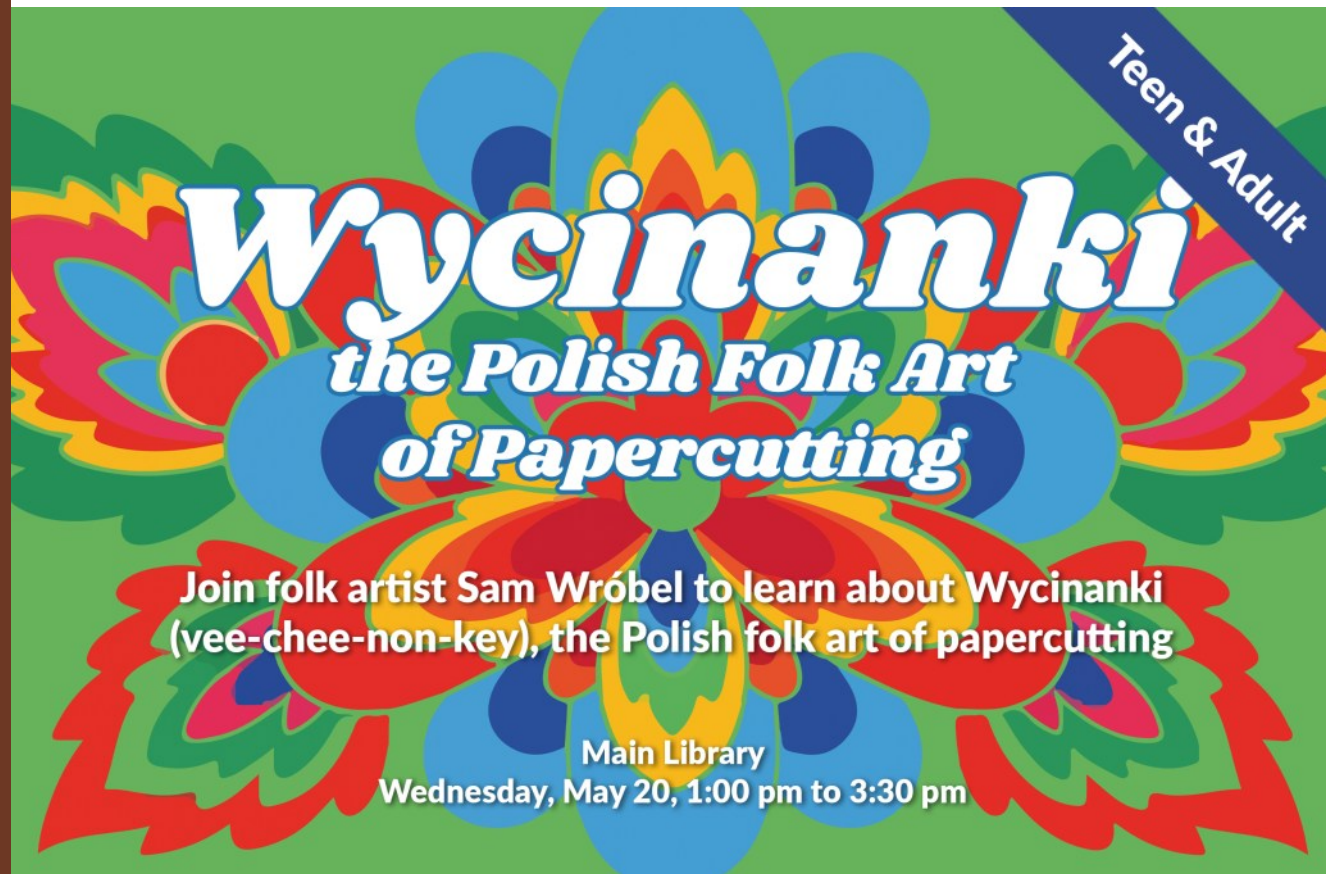


**Martin Library Anime Club**

**Martin Library**  
 Friday, May 29, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
 Love anime? So do we. Anime Club is a place to watch, discuss, and geek out over anime together. We'll check out different shows, share recommendations, and dive into what makes anime so iconic—from action and fantasy to slice-of-life and everything in between. No experience needed—just bring your love of anime. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Wycinanki, the Polish Folk Art of Paper-cutting**

**Main Library**  
 Wednesday, May 20, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
 Join folk artist Sam Wróbel to learn about wycinanki (vee-chee-non-key), the Polish folk art of papercutting, and make two traditional-style cuttings of your own. With just paper and scissors, you'll be amazed at the vibrant beauty you can create! No experience is necessary—just bring your creativity! All supplies will be provided. This class is for adults as well as kids 12 and up. This workshop is offered for free thanks to the Passing It On grant from Louisiana Folklife. The Passing It On Program is funded with support from the Louisiana Folklore Society, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Louisiana Division of the Arts and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



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

<b>Microsoft PowerPoint</b>	<b>King Branch</b> Tuesday, May 5 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	PowerPoint is Microsoft's popular presentation program. Participants will create a presentation, apply formatting, insert clip art, and use transition effects.
<b>Windows 11</b>	<b>Hineston Branch</b> Wednesday, May 6 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Take a look at the new Windows 11 operating system. Learn about the new features offered by the new system and how to navigate it.
<b>Windows 11</b>	<b>Martin Library</b> Monday, May 11 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Take a look at the new Windows 11 operating system. Learn about the new features offered by the new system and how to navigate it.
<b>Beginning Internet</b>	<b>Westside Library</b> Tuesday, May 12 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Learn basic web navigation skills using Internet Explorer while visiting several useful websites.
<b>Intermediate Microsoft Word</b>	<b>Boyce Branch</b> Thursday, May 14 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create macros and other shortcuts, work with the header and footer, page numbers, tabs and tables. Look at ways to enhance a document using text boxes and word art.
<b>TinkerCAD</b>	<b>Main Library</b> Saturday, May 16 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.
<b>Beginning Microsoft Word</b>	<b>Main Library</b> Monday, May 18 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Covers the basic functions of the office button and ribbon environment. Create a simple document and learn how to cut, copy & paste, spell check, format fonts, and colors, etc.
<b>Google Sheets</b>	<b>McDonald Branch</b> Tuesday, May 19 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create and edit spreadsheets online for free with the web based Google Sheets Editor. Share and collaborate with others on spreadsheet creation.
<b>Microsoft PowerPoint</b>	<b>Libuse Branch</b> Wednesday, May 27 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.
<b>Intermediate Microsoft Word</b>	<b>Johnson Branch</b> Friday, May 29 10:00 am to 11:00 am	Create macros and other shortcuts, work with the header and footer, page numbers, tabs and tables. Look at ways to enhance a document using text boxes and word art.

# Plant a Seed, read KICKOFF PARTIES

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
Tuesday, May 26, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (All Ages)

Hineston Branch  
Thursday, May 28, 10:30 am to 11:30 am (Children)  
Thursday, May 28, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Teen)  
Thursday, May 28, During Open Hours (Adult)

Martin Library  
Friday, May 29, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Children)  
Friday, May 29, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (Children & Teen)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch  
Friday, May 29, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (All Ages)

Westside Regional Library  
Friday, May 29, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (All Ages)

Libuse Branch  
Friday, May 29, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (Adult)  
Saturday, May 30, 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Children)  
Saturday, May 30, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (Teen)



# Plant a Seed, read

## WIN PRIZES ALL SUMMER LONG!

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

## ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS, READ!

**TMM Project  
Hip Hop Fun  
June 8 - 12**

**Harvey Rabbit  
Puppets That Talk  
June 22 - 26**

**Plant a Seed, Read**

<b>Monday</b> 10:00 am Boyce 6:00 pm Libuse	<b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 am Hinston 6:00 pm Westside	<b>Wednesday</b> 10:00 am Robertson 2:00 pm Martin	<b>Thursday</b> 10:00 am McDonald 6:00 pm King	<b>Friday</b> 10:00 am Main 2:00 pm Johnson
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**The Ocean Adventure  
Learn About Polar Bears  
July 6 - 10**

**David Leboeuf  
Magic For All Ages  
July 20 - 24**

# Computer Classes for Everyone

Want to learn more about computers? Need help with certain programs? Check out all of our computer classes offered throughout the guide!

**ADULT PAINTING PROGRAMS**

**BB-8 Painting**  
Libuse Branch  
Monday, May 4, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
May the 4th be with you this Star Wars Day as you head to the Libuse Branch to create your own BB-8 painting. Would you love to do something on theme to celebrate Star Wars Day this year? Then run over to the RPL digital event calendar when registration begins on Monday, April 20th to sign up for this class. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Creative Canvases**  
Westside Regional Library  
Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Friday, May 8, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Johnson Branch  
Thursday, May 21, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
J.W. McDonald Branch  
Friday, May 29, 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! 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. 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.

**BB-8  
Painting**

Libuse Branch  
Monday, May 4, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (Adult)  
Tuesday, May 5, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Teen)

Teen & Adult

**Watercolors for Adults**

Main Library

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Wednesday, May 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Watercolors class with local artist Lea Ryder Thomas. 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. See the RPL digital calendar to register. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.



**Balloon Smash Art Painting**

Johnson Branch

Thursday, May 7, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Ready to smash some paint? Register on Vega and join us at the Johnson Branch for Balloon Smash Art! Let your creativity burst as you create vibrant, unforgettable works of art. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-776-5153 for more information.

**Art is Life!**

Main Library

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

Monday, May 11, 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.



**Tea Time at Main**

Main Library

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

Sip into spring with us! Discover the fresh, vibrant flavors of Longjing tea—also known as Dragon Well tea—in this relaxing and flavorful experience. Learn about its rich history, unique taste, and brewing secrets while enjoying a soothing cup (or two). It's the perfect way to welcome the season and treat your senses! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

**Mindful Coloring for Adults**

Hineston Branch

Friday, May 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.

**Self Care Saturday**

Martin Library

Saturday, May 2, 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! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-7575 for more information.

**Chair Aerobics for Seniors**

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 4, 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.

**For the Love of Food**

Main Library

Monday, May 4, 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.

**Flower Diamond Art Coasters**

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 4, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

J.W. McDonald Branch

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

Main Library

Wednesday, May 6, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Libuse Branch

Monday, May 11, 12:30 am to 2:30 pm

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Martin Library

Monday, May 18, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Johnson Branch

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

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, May 26, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

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

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 28, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Add a little sparkle to your spring décor! Join Tara for Flower Diamond Art Coaster craft, where participants will create beautiful, floral-themed coasters using colorful resin "diamonds." This relaxing, hands-on craft is perfect for adults who enjoy creative projects. All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact the branch you plan to attend for more information.

**As Young As You Feel**

Robertson Branch

Monday, May 4, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

J.W. McDonald Branch

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 14, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Libuse Branch

Friday, May 15, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Martin Library

Monday, May 18, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

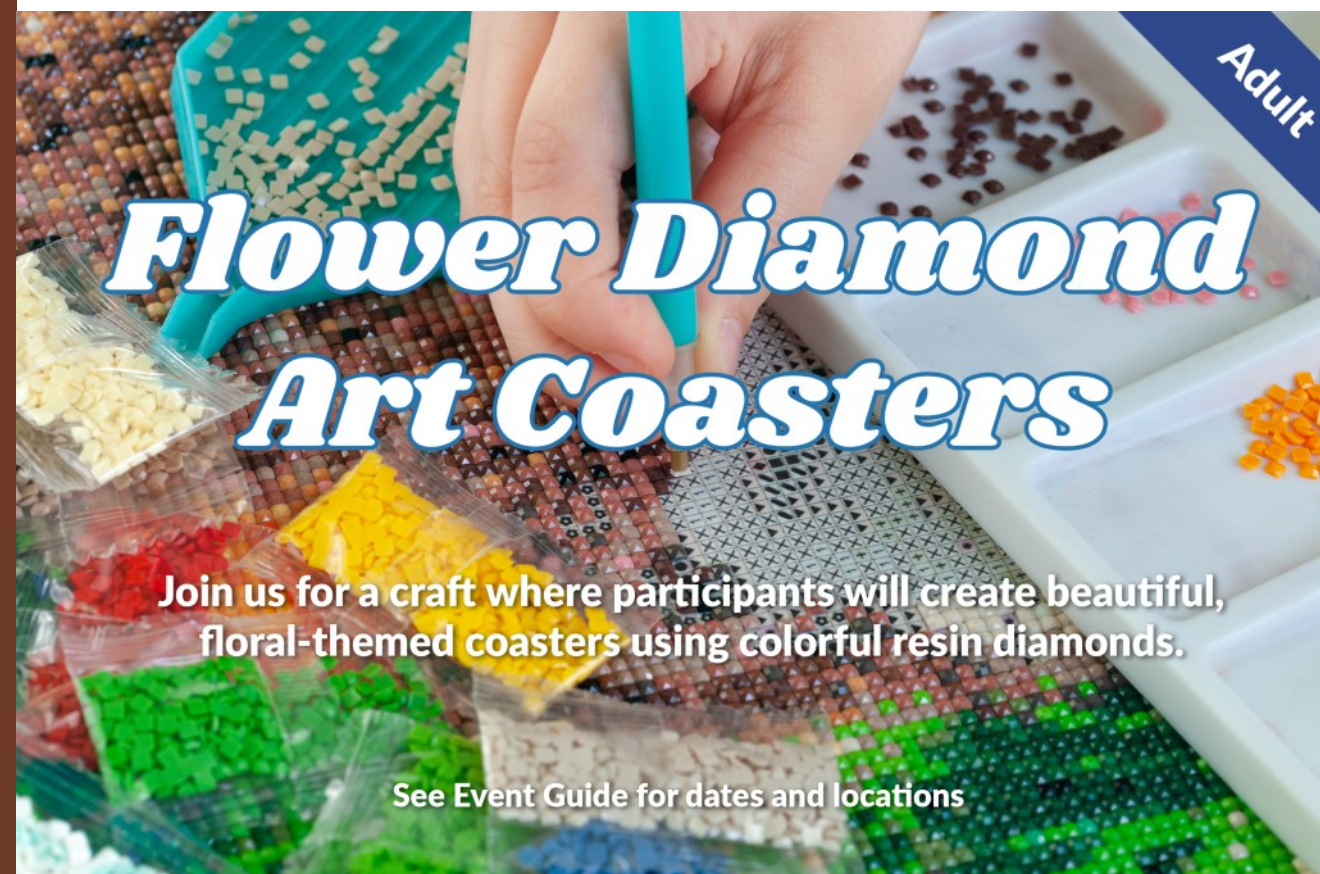
Johnson Branch

Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Main Library

Thursday, May 21, 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.



# Job's Tears

with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter

Join us for an informative gardening program featuring Job's Tears, a unique and versatile plant with a long history of use.

Westside Regional Library  
Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Adult

## Fit Happens! Chair Exercise

Johnson Branch

Monday, May 4, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Thursday, May 7, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Monday, May 11, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Thursday, May 14, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Monday, May 18, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Thursday, May 21, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Monday, May 25, 10:00 am to 10:30 am  
Thursday, May 28, 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.

## Basic Computer Training

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
Wednesday, May 20, 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.

## Veterans Helping Veterans

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 11, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

## Bingo!

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of 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.

## Oldies But Goodies: Finish That Song

Johnson Branch

Tuesday, May 12, 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.

# C.H.O.W. SERIES: THE ORIGINAL FOOD ON THE GO

Main Library  
Monday, May 18, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Adult

## Main Tech Cafe

Main Library

Wednesday, May 13, 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.

## Job's Tears with Molly Lyles and the LSU AgCenter

Westside Regional Library

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

Join us for an informative gardening program featuring Job's Tears, a unique and versatile plant with a long history of use. Molly Lyles of the LSU AgCenter will discuss how to grow and care for Job's Tears, along with its ornamental, cultural, and practical uses. This program is perfect for gardeners, plant enthusiasts, and anyone curious about uncommon plants suited to our region. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

## Westside Fit!

Westside Regional Library

Thursday, May 14, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, May 28, 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.

## Tea Party

J.W. McDonald Branch

Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for a nice time trying a variety of teas and food. Meet new people, join in the laughter, and make new lasting friendships. Come for the tea, but stay for the friendships. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-748-4848 for more information.

## C.H.O.W. Series: The Original Food on the Go

Main Library

Monday, May 18, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join historian and chef Richard Holloway and his C.H.O.W. (Culinary History of the World) Series explore Civil War Rations on the March. Soldiers North and South had a standard issue of rations throughout the war but they were heavily supplemented by food in the area they were passing through. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

## Let's Eat for the Health of It! With the LSU AgCenter

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Monday, May 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Strong Starts: Building Bones & Balancing Fats, Sugars, and Salt. Dairy and Protein. Join Jennifer Duhon from the LSU AgCenter for a program highlighting calcium-rich dairy and lean protein choices for strength and growth. Get Moving activities included. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-3912 for more information.



ADULT PROGRAMS



**Playful Terracotta Planters**

Main Library

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun, relaxing session painting your own terracotta pots as we get ready to kick off Summer Reading 2026: "Plant a Seed, Read!" Add your personal touch, get inspired for the season, and take home something uniquely yours. Supplies are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot online before they're gone! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-445-2411 for more information.

**Bingo @ Night!**

Hineston Branch

Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Gather your friends and join us for a lively round of Night Bingo filled with fun, laughter, and great company! Bring your lucky charm and see if you'll be our next lucky winner! Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.

**20 Somethings**

Westside Regional Library

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Join us at Westside Regional Library to make a pressed flower coaster! Unwind and get creative as you design a unique, functional piece using florals. All materials will be provided, and no prior crafting experience is necessary. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-442-2483 for more information.

**Books & Bites!**

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Tuesday, May 26, 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.



**Creative Comfort: One-on-One Crafting for Wellness**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 27, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

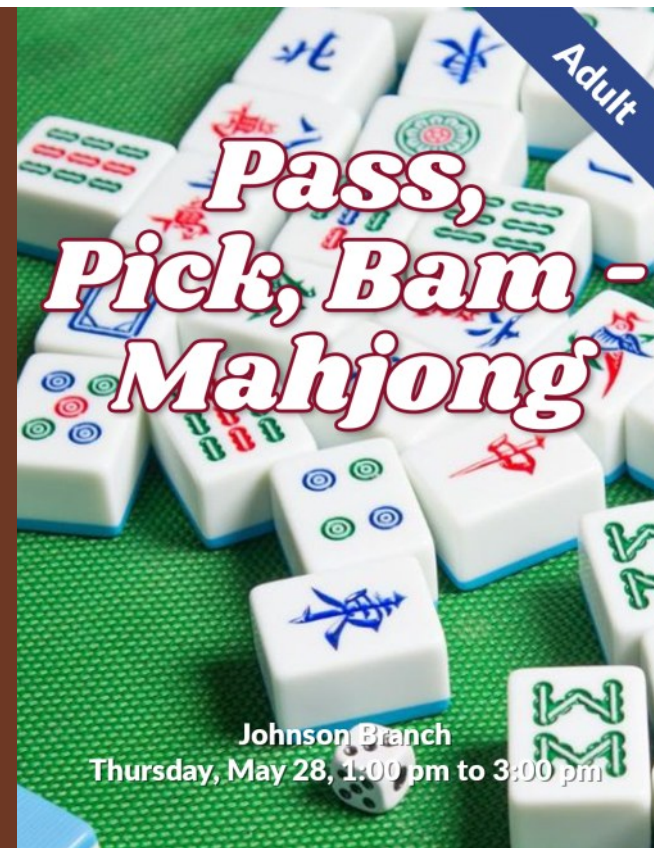
**King Goes Bingo**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch

Thursday, May 28, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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

ADULT PROGRAMS



**Pass, Pick, Bam - Mahjong**

Johnson Branch

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

**Pass, Pick, Bam - Mahjong**

Johnson Branch

Thursday, May 28, 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 compe-

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

**Rebels, Rogues, Royals and Renegades**

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch

Friday, May 8, 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.



tion. 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.

**Library After Dark - Adult Summer Reading Kickoff**

Libuse Branch

Friday, May 29, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

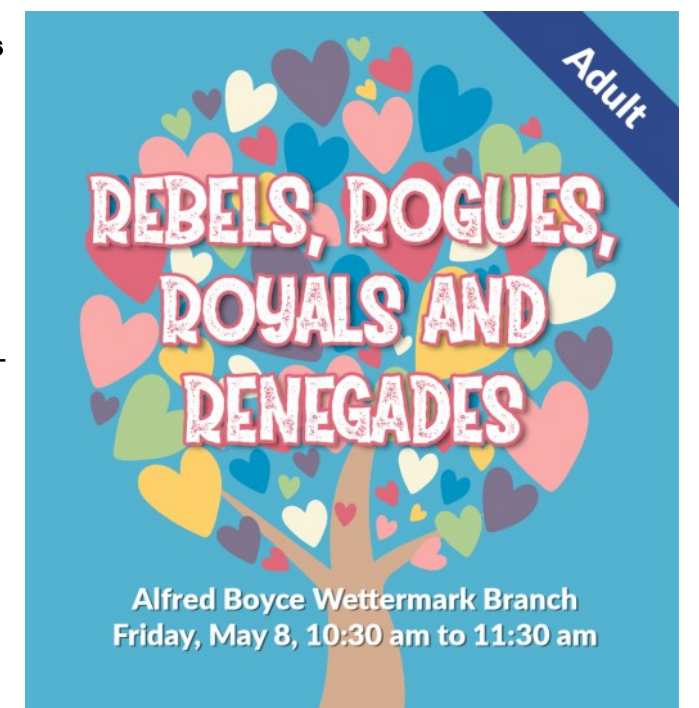
Adults, find a sitter and come by the Libuse Branch for a night of child-free, after-hours socializing. This month, come help us kick off our summer reading, "Plant a Seed, Read!" and participate in a farm-to-table cooking demonstration. There will be a seed packet for everyone to signs up for summer reading, and a door prize for one lucky winner. If time allows, we will also play garden trivia, so brush up on your knowledge of all things green and growing. Registration in advance is required as space is limited. Contact 318-443-7259 for more information.

**Adult Summer Reading Program Kick-off Party**

Hineston Branch

Thursday, May 28, During Open Hours

Savor a season of learning and discovery with our Summer Reading Program—designed for adults! This summer, we're diving into the fascinating journey our food takes from the fields to our forks. Explore thoughtful reads, hands-on activities, simple recipe inspiration, and eye-opening insights into local agriculture and sustainable living. Whether you're a backyard gardener, or just love a good book, you'll find plenty to enjoy. Join us as we cultivate new skills, share fresh ideas, and celebrate the flavors of the season—one great read at a time. Dress up like a farmer to add some more fun in the kickoff party. Contact 318-793-8461 for more information.



**REBELS, ROGUES, ROYALS AND RENEGADES**

Alfred Boyce Wettermark Branch  
Friday, May 8, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

**Teen**

# SUMMER CAMP: Stop Motion Animation!

With guidance from skilled instructors, campers will learn the basics of stop motion—from planning their scenes to editing their final creations.

Westside Regional Library  
June 1 - June 5, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Teen**

# SUMMER CAMP: STEM in Action!

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

## A LIBRARY BRANCH FOR EVERYONE.

<p><b>ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH</b> 1177 HAYWOOD B. JOINER ST. BOYCE, LA 71409 318-793-5954 MON, TUES &amp; THURS 9AM-6PM WED 1PM-5PM FRI 1PM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>	<p><b>STORYTIME!</b> ALFRED BOYCE WETTERMARK BRANCH STORYTIME UPON REQUEST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH STORYTIME UPON REQUEST</p>	<p><b>MAIN LIBRARY</b> 411 WASHINGTON ST. ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301 318-445-2411 MON-FRI 9AM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>
<p><b>HINESTON BRANCH</b> 1810 HWY. 121 HINESTON, LA 71438 318-793-8461 MON, TUES &amp; THURS 9AM-6PM WED 1PM-5PM FRI 1PM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>	<p><b>JOHNSON BRANCH</b> STORYTIME UPON REQUEST <b>LIBUSE BRANCH</b> LIBRARY BABIES TUESDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM STORYTIME THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:30AM</p>	<p><b>MARTIN LIBRARY</b> 801 W. SHAMROCK ST. PINEVILLE, LA 71360 318-442-7575 MON-FRI 9AM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>
<p><b>JOHNSON BRANCH</b> 1610 VETERANS DR. LECOMPTE, LA 71346 318-776-5153 MON, TUES &amp; THURS 9AM-5PM WED 1PM-5PM FRI 1PM-5PM</p>	<p><b>MAIN LIBRARY</b> STORYTIME WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM <b>MARTIN LIBRARY</b> STORYTIME FRIDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM</p>	<p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BRANCH</b> 1115 BROADWAY AVE. ALEXANDRIA, LA 71301 318-445-3912 MON-FRI 9AM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>
<p><b>J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH</b> 1075 HWY. 497 GLENMORA, LA 71433 318-748-4848 MON, TUES &amp; THURS 9AM-6PM WED 1PM-5PM FRI 1PM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>	<p><b>J.W. McDONALD MEMORIAL BRANCH</b> LIBRARY BABIES THURSDAYS 9:30AM-10:00AM STORYTIME THURSDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM <b>ROBERTSON BRANCH</b> EXPLORE &amp; DISCOVER TIME WEDNESDAYS 10:00AM-11:00AM</p>	<p><b>ROBERTSON BRANCH</b> 809 TIOGA HIGH SCHOOL RD. PINEVILLE, LA 71360 318-640-3098 MON-FRI 9AM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>
<p><b>LIBUSE BRANCH</b> 6375 HWY. 28 E PINEVILLE, LA 71360 318-443-7259 MON-FRI 9AM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>	<p><b>WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY</b> TODDLER TIME THURSDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM STORYTIME FRIDAYS 10:00AM-10:30AM <b>HINESTON BRANCH</b> STORYTIME THURSDAYS 10:30AM-11:00AM</p>	<p><b>WESTSIDE REGIONAL LIBRARY</b> 5416 PROVINE PL. ALEXANDRIA, LA 71303 318-442-2483 MON-FRI 9AM-6PM SAT 9AM-1PM</p>

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