LAFAYETTE READS TOGETHER is a community read that involves the Lafayette Public Library, the Lafayette Parish School System and many other local organizations. Visit our libraries for free copies of the book *Dry* by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman, starting Monday, January 13, and join us for the following programs:

**An Evening with Neal Shusterman**

The New York Times bestselling author Neal Shusterman will discuss his dystopian novel, *Dry*, where California spirals out of control when water is no longer available. We follow Alyssa and her brother as they search for their parents and a way to survive as society collapses into chaos. Ages 12 & up. Book signing to follow.

**Arduino Water Level Sensor**

Learn how to use an Arduino microcontroller to measure and warn of low water levels. Ages 12 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

**Make a Paracord Bracelet**

Create your own paracord survival bracelet that is both fashionable and functional. It's a perfect accessory for wilderness adventures or in case of emergency. Ages 12 & up.

**Can You Survive?**

Join us for an interactive adventure! Can you and your friends survive when even nature is against you? Ages 7–13. Registration by phone or in person begins Monday, January 13.

**Desalination Station**

Learn how to make drinkable water from salt water by building a desalination chamber; while it filters, you will make and learn about solar roaches. Ages 12 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Survival Challenge**

See if you have what it takes to complete a survival challenge in 30 minutes or less! Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**LRT Pop-Up Book Clubs**

Pop in for a pop-up book discussion! Meet new friends as we explore Neal Shusterman’s *Dry*. Refreshments will be available for purchase at each location.

**Backyard Foraging**

Learn how to find a feast in your own backyard at this presentation by Herbalist Lanier Cordell. Ages 12 & up.

**YA Virtual Book Club**

Join our online Goodreads group to discuss a new book each month! Sign up @ LafayettePublicLibrary.org/YAVirtualBookClub

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**Upcoming Closures**

- **Wednesday, January 1** (New Year’s Day)
  - All locations closed.
- **Monday, January 20** (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
  - Butler Branch open 9 am–1 pm; All other locations closed.
- **Saturday, February 15** (parades)
  - North Regional Library and Main Library closed all day.
- **Sunday, February 16** (parades)
  - West Regional closed all day.
- **Friday, February 21** (parades)
  - Main Library closes at 5 pm.
- **Saturday, February 22** (parades)
  - Main Library closed all day.
- **Monday, February 24** (parades)
  - Main Library closes at 5 pm.
- **Tuesday, February 25** (Mardi Gras Day)
  - All locations closed.

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Warning!

Reading *Dry*, this year’s Lafayette Reads Together pick, will make you thirsty. Read only with liquid refreshment at hand! I listened to the audiobook (which is great, by the way), but I was feeling parched through most of it. I enjoyed the characters in the book. It really had me thinking about water, mob mentality, survivalists, leadership, and family for all 300 plus pages. The story centers on a crisis involving the lack of all water in Southern California. Even in water-logged Louisiana, we have seen similar situations play out with a lack of clean drinking water after a hurricane. Most of those crises are short lived and effect small geographic areas, but the lack of drinking water is a problem that plagues many around the world every day.

Of course, the whole idea behind a community reading one title is for everyone to have the opportunity to discuss ideas and topics, so I hope you pick up a copy to read. Then, pass it along to friends and family. It’s never too early to forge alliances (see book)! Join us for the next two months as we host a variety of programs centered on the various topics in the book and enjoy an evening with the author, Neal Shusterman, on February 11th. We promise no one will go home thirsty.

Teresa Elberson, Director
Lafayette Public Library

**Friends of the Library are Cooking Up a Sale!**

See what’s cooking at this Friends mini book sale! They’ll have a wide selection of cookbooks plus fiction books for sale.

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**Drone School**

Ever wonder how drones work or what they’re used for? Want to take one for a test drive? Join us as LPSS teacher Ben Godwin shares his expertise on remote piloted aircraft systems. Ages 12-18. *Registration begins Monday, January 13.*

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**Tiny Air Plant Pot**

Create a tiny pot out of paper clay for an “air plant”! Air plants require little water and no soil — a good choice when you are busy surviving the apocalypse but still want a little green in your life. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, January 13.*

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**Shadow of Drought:**

**Southern California’s Looming Water Crisis**

Join us for a screening of *Shadow of Drought* (2017, 42 min., NR), an Emmy®-award winning documentary that details the realities and implications of California’s water issues, from years-long droughts of the recent past to necessary conservation efforts for the future. Stick around after the film for a discussion of *Dry*. Ages 14 & up.

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**Drought-Proof Plants**

As water availability becomes an increasing concern, gardens nationwide are adapting to address this issue. Join master gardener Lanier Cordell for a presentation on plants that do not require a lot of water and those that can produce more water than they consume. Ages 18 & up.

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**Write of Spring**

Students in grades K–12 can submit original pieces of short fiction, nonfiction, or poetry in English, French, Spanish, or Mandarin. 7th–12th graders must submit entries via the online form. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org, or call 261-5779, for more information and submission guidelines.

*All entries due Friday, March 20, 2020.*

We are excited to announce that Louisiana author Ashley Elston will be coming to the 7th–12th grade awards ceremony!
About the Book

The drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now. Everyone’s lives have become an endless list of don’ts: don’t water the lawn, don’t fill up your pool, don’t take long showers.

Until the taps run dry.

Suddenly, Alyssa’s quiet suburban street spirals into a war zone of desperation: neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don’t return and her life—and the life of her brother—is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she’s going to survive.

Neal Shusterman

Neal Shusterman is the New York Times bestselling author of more than thirty award-winning books for children, teens, and adults, including the Unwind dystology, the Skinjacker trilogy, Downsiders, and Challenger Deep, which won the National Book Award. Scythe, the first book in his newest series, Arc of a Scythe, is a Michael L. Printz Honor Book. He also writes screenplays for motion pictures and television shows. Neal is the father of four, all of whom are talented writers and artists themselves. Photograph © Neal Shusterman

Jarrod Shusterman

Jarrod Shusterman is the author of the short story “UnDevooured” in bestselling Unbound. He writes for film and television, and his talents extend to directing films and commercials. He was the story producer on the television movie Zedd—Moment of Clarity, and he and Neal Shusterman are adapting Dry for the screen. Jarrod lives in Los Angeles but enjoys traveling internationally, and is currently studying Spanish. He can be found on Instagram @JarrodShusterman.

We’re constantly adding new book clubs. Whether you’re looking to talk about Wuthering Heights, need a place to share your love of memoirs, are re-reading Harry Potter or just want to chat about the amazing romance novel you finished, we have a book club for you! You can find full descriptions and easy links to selections in our catalog by visiting the library calendar.


Classics Book Club

Meets on first Thursday monthly, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. South Regional Library

January 2 Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
February 6 All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Books on Tap

Join fellow book lovers at The Tap Room (201 Settlers Trace Blvd #4001) in River Ranch each month to tap into different literary topics! Participants must be 21 or older.

Meets on Sundays monthly, 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

January 12 Memoirs
February 16 Dry by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

Milton Book Club

Meets on second Tuesday monthly, 2:00 – 3:00 PM. Milton Branch

January 14 Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear
February 11 The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

History Book Club

Meets on second Thursday monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. South Regional Library

January 14 The Pioneers by David McCullough
February 11 The Accident of Color by David Brook

North Regional Library Book Club

Meets on third Wednesday monthly, 1:30 – 2:30 PM. North Regional Library

January 15 The Guest Book by Sarah Blake
February 19 Dry by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

Harry Potter Book Club

Meets on Tuesdays monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Main Library

January 21 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling
February 18 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling

Mystery Book Club

Meets on third Tuesday monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. South Regional Library

January 21 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
February 18 A Gentleman’s Murder by Christopher Huang

Wheel of Time Book Club

“Let the Dragon ride again on the winds of time.” Join us as we discuss the Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan in chronological order.

Meets on Mondays monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. East Regional Library

January 27 New Spring (Prequel)
February 24 The Eye of the World (Book 1)

Romance Book Club

Meets on Wednesdays monthly, 6:00 – 7:30 PM. West Regional Library

January 29 Bringing Down the Duke by Evie Dunmore
February 26 Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston
## Adult Programs

### Needle Arts Club
Do you have an interest in crocheting, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Bring your own project, get new ideas, and socialize with others. Ages 14 & up.

- **Thursdays: January – February**
  - 9:30 – 11:00 AM
  - North Regional Library
- **Thursdays: January – February**
  - 6:00 – 7:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
- **Wednesdays: January 8, 22; February 5, 19**
  - 6:00 – 7:30 PM
  - West Regional Library

### Zumba at the Library
Kick the New Year off right by joining Sahra Arabaca and friends for an energetic hour of Zumba! All ages.

- **Thursdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23; February 6, 13, 20**
  - 5:30 – 6:30 PM
  - North Regional Library
- **Fridays: January 3, 17, 31; February 14, 28**
  - 5:00 – 6:00 PM
  - South Regional Library
- **Fridays: January 10, 24; February 7, 21**
  - 4:45 – 5:45 PM
  - West Regional Library

### L’Atelier de la Table Française (The French Table)
The French Table Workshop provides a forum to improve your verbal skills in both Cajun and standard French through casual conversation. Ages 18 & up; some knowledge of standard or Cajun French required.

- **Saturdays: January 4, 18; February 1, 15**
  - 9:30 – 11:30 AM
  - South Regional Library

### Discover Genealogy
The Lafayette Genealogical Society hosts monthly presentations and offers weekly one-on-one genealogy assistance. Ages 18 & up.

#### Genealogy 101
- **Saturdays: January 4; February 1**
  - 9:30 – 11:30 AM
  - Main Library

#### One-On-One Help
- **Tuesdays: January – February (except February 25)**
  - 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
  - Main Library

#### Monthly Meetings with Guest Presenters
- **Thursdays: January 16; February 20**
  - 6:30 – 8:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

### Trivia Time
Do you think you know trivia? Jump into Trivia Time and test your skills against others in our monthly themed trivia contests. Ages 14 & up.

- **Monday, January 6**
  - World Geography
  - 6:00 – 7:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

- **Monday, February 3**
  - The Academy Awards
  - 6:00 – 7:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

- **Thursday, January 9**
  - Movie Stars
  - 6:00 – 7:00 PM
  - West Regional Library

### Coloring for Adults
Your focus and creativity will be your utensils, while we provide prints and coloring pencils. Ages 14 & up.

- **Tuesdays: January 7; February 4**
  - 2:00 – 3:00 PM
  - West Regional Library

- **Wednesdays: January 8; February 12**
  - 1:30 – 2:30 PM
  - North Regional Library

- **Wednesdays: January 15; February 19**
  - 2:00 – 3:00 PM
  - Main Library

### “Me in 2020” Vision Board
Create a vision type board to help you reach all your 2020 goals by attaching inspiring quotes, magazine clippings, colorful scrapbook paper, and other ephemera to a poster that can be viewed daily. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, December 16.

- **Tuesday, January 7**
  - 2:00 – 4:00 PM
  - North Regional Library

- **Wednesday, January 8**
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

#### Trivia Night @ Broaddus Burger
Round up your smartest friends and bring them to Broaddus Burger for weekly trivia! Ages 18 & up.

- **Wednesdays: January – February (except January 1)**
  - 7:00 – 8:00 PM
  - Broaddus Burger (call East Regional Library for Information)

### Small Business Development Workshops
An ongoing series hosted by UL Lafayette’s Small Business Development Center. Call 482-6312 for a full description of these exciting and informative workshops. Ages 14 & up.

- **January 8**
  - Starting & Financing Your Small Business
  - 3:00 – 4:30 PM
  - South Regional Library

- **January 22**
  - SBDC - Certification to Grow Your Business
  - 3:00 – 4:30 PM
  - North Regional Library

- **February 12**
  - Small Business 101
  - 3:00 – 4:30 PM
  - South Regional Library

- **February 19**
  - Creating Impactful Marketing Strategies
  - 5:30 – 7:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

### Write with Us!
If you’ve ever wanted to try your hand at creative writing, this program is for you! We offer support and a bit of guidance in your writing efforts. Nonfiction, fiction, poetry, or the story of your life - come try your hand at writing! Ages 18 & up.

- **Wednesdays: January – February (except January 1)**
  - 6:00 – 7:30 PM
  - Main Library
Adult Programs

Board Game Basement
Saunter down to the basement to enjoy board games and tabletop gaming. Feel free to bring your own games! Refreshments provided. Ages 14 & up.

**Thursdays: January – February 5:30 – 8:30 PM**
Main Library
261-5787

Beginner’s Sewing: Throw Pillow Cover
New to sewing and don’t know where to begin? In this class you’ll learn sewing machine basics and complete an easy project. Fabric will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! Ages 14 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Friday, January 10 2:00 – 4:00 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

Exploring Essential Oils
Come join registered nurse Erin Dufor for an educational discussion about the benefits of essential oils. Ages 18 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Saturday, January 11 New Year to Wellness 10:30 – 11:30 AM**
North Regional Library
896-6323

**Saturday, February 8 Oils & Emotions 10:30 – 11:30 AM**
North Regional Library
896-6323

Disney Fan Meetup
Are you counting down to your next Disney trip? Join other Disney fans once a month for trivia, crafts, planning discussions, and more! Ages 14 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Mondays: January 13 & February 17 5:30 – 6:30 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

Beginner’s Tai Chi
Join Dr. Liu Dan to learn some beginning techniques of tai chi. Ages 14 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Monday, January 13 3:00 – 4:00 PM**
**Monday, February 10 7:00 – 8:00 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

Recycling Do’s and Don’ts 🌟
Sue Scott, a Recycling Specialist working for Lafayette Consolidated Government, will be on hand to give details on what can and cannot be recycled. Ages 14 & up.

**Wednesday, January 15 1:30 – 2:30 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

Crafting for a Cause
LPL is dedicated to making our community a better place. This series of craft programs creates items to be donated to charitable organizations. Ages 18 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Feeling Dolls for Healing House**
**Wednesday, January 15 6:00 – 7:30 PM**
West Regional Library
232-9321

**Fleece Hats and Scarves for the Extra Mile**
**Thursday, January 23 6:00 – 8:00 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

**Thursday, February 6 2:00 – 4:00 PM**
West Regional Library
232-9321

Clay Water Pots 🌟
Clay pottery has been used as vessels for transporting and storing water for over 10,000 years. Come make and decorate your own clay water pot using air dry clay. Ages 14 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Thursday, January 16 4:00 – 5:30 PM**
West Regional Library
232-9321

Mouton House Lecture Series
Tupper General Merchandise Museum: Shopping in the ‘30s
Join us at the Alexandre Mouton House, located at 1122 Lafayette Street, Downtown Lafayette where Speaker Rachel Thomas, Curator of the Tupper General Merchandise Museum in Jennings, will talk about living in rural Louisiana during the 1920s, ‘30s, and ‘40s where a family had to rely on all their needs (except what they grew) from the general mercantile store. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Limited seating, and admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Ages 14 & up.

**Sunday, January 19 1:00 – 2:00 PM**
Alexandre Mouton House
234-2208

Acrylic Painting for Beginners
Have you always wanted to learn how to paint? In this class, you will learn the basics of acrylic painting and create an original work of art. Ages 14 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Tuesday, January 21 “Fleur de Lis” 6:00 – 7:30 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

**Friday, February 7 “Mardi Gras Mask” 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

**Wednesday, January 22 “Fleur de Lis” 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
West Regional Library
232-9321

**Monday, February 10 “Mardi Gras Mask” 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
West Regional Library
232-9321

15th Annual Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival
Cinema on the Bayou is an annual eight-day film festival held throughout Lafayette that presents world, U.S., and Louisiana premieres of high-quality narrative, documentary, animated, and experimental films. For more information, visit CinemaOnTheBayou.com

**Saturday, January 25**
South Regional Library
981-1028

**Sunday, January 26 2:00 – 3:00 PM**
Main Library
261-5787

Leprosy in Louisiana: A Complicated Relationship
Join Captain John Figarola and Betsy Wilks of the National Hansen’s Disease Program for a special presentation on World Leprosy Day. Learn about the history of Carville and the patients, stigma, and treatment of the disease and its complications. Ages 14 & up.

**Sunday, January 26 2:00 – 3:00 PM**
Main Library
261-5787
Adult Programs

Protect Yourself from Fraud
Join a representative from Chase Bank to learn how best to protect yourself from financial fraud. Ages 18 & up.

Tuesday, January 28 6:30 – 7:30 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Chair Caning
Learn how to cane a chair under the expert guidance of Bonnie Boudreaux. This class meets 2 hours once a week over a 6-week span. Please be able to attend every class when you register. Ages 18 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

Wednesdays, January 29 – March 4 6:00 – 8:00 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

Spiritual Songs
A Musical Lecture on the History of the Negro Spiritual
Join Dr. Naima Johnston-Bush for a multimedia musical adventure that explores the Negro spiritual as a historical American art form. Learn the stories behind each song, tracing spirituals from their roots in West Africa to their apex on southern plantations and their influence on modern music today. Ages 12 & up.

Saturday, February 1 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787

Fleur de Lis Hanging Craft
Make a unique decoration by painting a chipboard fleur de lis and gluing it on a decoupaged wooden plaque, all cut by our Makerspace staff. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

Tuesday, February 4 1:00 – 3:00 PM
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Wednesday, February 5 2:00 – 4:00 PM
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Monday, February 10 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Chenier Branch
291-2941
Wednesday, February 12 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Milton Branch
856-5261
Monday, February 17 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787
Tuesday, February 18 5:30 – 7:30 PM
West Regional Library
232-9321

Community Health Fair
Get happy and healthy at the library! UL Lafayette nursing students will offer several free health screenings and provide health information. All ages.

Wednesday, February 5 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787
Wednesday, March 18 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

Outdoor Survival Movies
Nature can be a formidable place. Characters in these movies will be pushed to the edge of survival, while you will be safe and warm inside the library. Ages 18 & up.

Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
February 6 Jeremiah Johnson (PG, 1972, 1hr 48min)
February 20 Limbo (R, 1999, 2hr 6min)
February 27 The Revenant (R, 2015, 2hr 36min)
981-1028

Mardi Gras Tile Painting
Make a Mardi Gras keepsake with Diana Menard by learning techniques to paint decorations on tiles. Ages 18 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

Friday, February 7 2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

‘Rasslin and Race in the Mid-South
Dr. Christopher Stacey, Professor of History at LSUA, presents “Rasslin’ and Race in the Mid-South Wrestling Territory,” and leads a discussion on the social and cultural impact of such legendary characters as Junkyard Dog, “The Big Cat” Ernie Ladd, “Cowboy” Bill Watts, Sputnik Monroe, Kamala the Ugandan Giant, and more. Ages 18 & up.

Saturday, February 8 1:00 – 2:00 PM
West Regional Library
232-9321

Bad Romance Movie Marathon
A marathon of sad romantic movies for Valentine’s Day! Ages 18 & up.

Friday, February 14
10:00 – 11:30 AM
500 Days of Summer (PG-13, 2009, 1hr 37min)
12:00 – 1:45 PM
Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R, 2012, 1 hr 41min)
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R, 2004, 1 hr 48min)
Main Library
261-5787

Shuttle Tatting
Advanced crafters and needle art enthusiasts, your opportunity to learn lacemaking has arrived! Ms. Christy Castille will guide you through a hands-on introduction to shuttle tatting. Ages 18 & up. Registration begins Monday, February 10.

Thursday, February 20 1:00 – 3:30 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

100 book club

Join the 100 Book Club
LPL’s Annual Reading Challenge
Make it your New Year’s resolution to read more books in 2020! Better yet, strive to read or listen to 100 books between January 1 and December 31, so you can become a member of the LPL’s 100 Book Club. Receive cool prizes and recognition, plus the bragging rights to say you accomplished something few others will! Registration begins January 3 in our libraries and January 10 online. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or download the LPL Mobile app to sign up.
Makerspace Open Access Hours

Open access time allows patrons to explore and experiment as they independently work on projects of their choosing. Self-guided online tutorials are available for most applications. Open to all ages; no registration required.

**Wednesdays (except January 1 & February 26)**
- 3:00 – 6:00 PM
  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM
  - Main Library
  - 261-5787
  - 261-5777

**Sundays: January 5, February 9**
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM
  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028

**Mondays (except January 20)**
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM
  - North Regional Library
  - 896-6323

**Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays (except February 25)**
- 1:00 – 7:30 PM
  - North Regional Library
  - 896-6323
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - Main Library
  - 261-5787
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM
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  - 261-5787
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM
  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028

**Fridays (except January 3 & February 28)**
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM
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**East Regional Library**
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- 4:45 – 6:00 PM
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  - 445-3168

**February 25**
- 1:00 – 7:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168
- 4:30 – 6:00 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

**Main Library**
- 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
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  - 261-5787

**West Regional Library**
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**LEGO WeDo Workshops**

 Builders and brick enthusiasts assemble! Explore the basics of robotics and engineering with the fun, easy-to-use LEGO WeDo kits. Take building to a new level! Ages 7–12. **Registration begins Monday, December 16.**

**Saturdays: January 4; February 1**
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM
  - Main Library
  - 261-5779

**Wednesday, January 8**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028

**Friday, January 17**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - West Regional Library
  - 232-9321

**Tuesdays: January 21; February 18**
- 4:30 – 6:00 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

**Thursday, February 6**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - North Regional Library
  - 896-6323

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**LPL Coding Club**

For kids and tweens who want to learn the basics of computer programming. Whether you’re just getting started with coding or want to expand on what you already know, we’ve got something for you. Ages 7–12. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Wednesdays: January 8; February 5**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

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**Pixelate It**

Design and build your own pixelated platform game using our hands-on Bloxels boards! Ages 7–12. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Thursday, January 30**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - North Regional Library
  - 896-6323

**Wednesday, February 5**
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  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028

**Thursday, February 6**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

**Wednesday, February 19**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - West Regional Library
  - 232-9321

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**Ollie Robot Lab**

Meet your need for speed with the Ollie racing robot! The power is in your hands as you navigate obstacle courses, execute tricks, and take on other fun challenges. Ages 8–12. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Thursday, January 9**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

**Monday, January 27**
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM
  - North Regional Library
  - 896-6323

**Tuesday, January 28**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - North Regional Library
  - 896-6323

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**Teen Tech Lab 🌟**

You want the tech? We’ve got it! Make a video game, draw in 3D, build a robot, and more! Ages 12–18. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Fridays: January 10 & February 7**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - Main Library
  - 261-5778

**Thursdays: January 23 & February 20**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

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**3D Printing Workshops**

Our Makerspaces feature an incredible array of tech, and the 3D printers are no exception. Whether you’d like to print one of the amazing creations you’ve found on Thingiverse.com or design your own original work using Tinkercad, we have everything you need to bring your creation to life!

**3D Printing for Kids**

Kids will learn the basics of 3D printing at the library! See our printer in action, design in Tinkercad, and learn about other online resources for 3D designs. Ages 8–12. **Registration begins Monday, January 13.**

**Monday, January 27**
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

**Introduction to 3D Design & Printing**

Learn the basics of 3D design with a guided project using Tinkercad. Finished projects will be printed for pickup at a later date. Ages 13 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 30.**

**Thursdays: January 16; February 20**
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM
  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028

**Monday, February 10**
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM
  - East Regional Library
  - 445-3168

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**Fabricadabra!**

Learn the “magic” of basic sewing skills while working on different projects each month. Ages 14 & up. **Registration begins Monday, December 16.**

January: Quilt Blocks
February: Don’t Fear the Zipper

**Tuesdays: January 7; February 11**
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - South Regional Library
  - 981-1028

**Fridays: January 10; February 14**
- 1:30 – 3:30 PM
  - Main Library
  - 261-5787

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Tech Assistance

Register for one-on-one help with your mobile device or learn how to access the library's collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines! Ages 18 & up.

Registration begins Monday, December 30.

**Thursdays: January 9; February 6**
- South Regional Library
  - 5:00 – 6:00 PM
  - 981-1028

**Mondays: January 13; February 10**
- North Regional Library
  - 10:00 – 11:00 AM
  - 896-6323

**Tuesdays: January 14; February 11**
- East Regional Library
  - 2:00 – 3:00 PM
  - 445-3168

**Wednesdays: January 15; February 12**
- West Regional Library
  - 2:00 – 3:00 PM
  - 232-9321

**Tuesdays: January 21; February 18**
- Main Library
  - 2:00 – 3:00 PM
  - 261-5787

Electric Flowers

Grab a soldering iron, LED lights, and resistors to add an electric glow to origami flowers. Ages 18 & up. Registration begins Monday, December 30.

**Friday, January 10**
- Main Library
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - 261-5787

Maker Meetup

Like crafting, building, creating, and making of all kinds? Join like-minded makers for a short presentation and socialization each month leading to Maker Faire 2020 (March 28, 2020). These gatherings are sure to get your creative juices flowing. Ages 14 & up.

Andre Angelle, president of local non-profit Bikelafayette, will discuss the organization's ongoing community projects including the Bike Kitchen, a program that repairs broken and discarded bicycles, then donates them to people in need of new wheels.

**Tuesday, January 21**
- Main Library Makerspace
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - 261-5787

Students at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) will present character animations that they have created and give attendees a brief demonstration of their design process.

**Tuesday, February 18**
- Academy of Interactive Entertainment/LITE
  - 6:00 – 8:00 PM
  - 537 Cajundome Blvd Suite 211, Lafayette
  - 261-5787

Silhouette 101

Learn more about the Silhouette vinyl cutter. This class for beginners will teach you the basics to get started. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Friday, February 14**
- East Regional Library
  - 1:30 – 3:00 PM
  - 445-3168

Mad Mug Ruggin’

Sew and embroider an adorable, small quilted placemat for your teacup called a “mug rug.” Ages 18 & up. Registration begins Monday, February 10.

**Friday, February 21**
- Main Library
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - 261-5787

Looking to level up your tech skills? We are now partnering with AOC Community Media to offer a few spots for workshops including production, audio production, basic video editing, Adobe Illustrator, and podcast production. Spring session workshops run February to April and take place at AOC Community Media located within the Rosa Parks Transportation Center (101 Jefferson St., Lafayette). Four (4) spaces per workshop will be available for LPL patrons. Visit the Lafayette Public Library calendar of events to register.
Teen Fandom Art: Deathly Hallows Galaxy Painting
Join us for this beginner’s acrylic painting workshop just for teens! Learn basic acrylic painting techniques and create an original work of art with a fandom twist. Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, December 16.
Thursday, January 2
East Regional Library
3:00 – 5:00 PM
261-5778

Candy Science
Candy Science is the best kind of science: edible. Come experiment and see what your favorite candy can do! Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, December 16.
Friday, January 3
Main Library
2:00 – 3:00 PM
261-5778

Battle of the Gamers
Compete for bragging rights against fellow gamers in organized tournaments featuring Nintendo Switch and PS4. Ages 12–18.
Friday, January 3
West Regional Library
2:00 – 4:00 PM
232-9321

AniManga Club
Watch anime clips, discuss manga favorites, and argue subs vs. dubs in this fun teen gathering! Refreshments will be provided. Ages 12–18.
Friday, January 3
South Regional Library
2:30 – 4:30 PM
981-1028
Friday, February 7
4:30 – 6:00 PM
981-1028

Teen Drawing Circle
In the collaborative spirit of the Algonquin Round table, a group of teens meet monthly at the library to exchange ideas, techniques, and banter about drawing. Ages 12–18.
Wednesdays: January 8, 22; February 5, 19
North Regional Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM
896-6323

Chess Club
A chance to practice your chess moves on others. All playing levels, including beginners, welcome. Ages 8 & up. Registration begins Monday, December 30.
Thursday, January 9
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Monday, February 10
Main Library
6:00 – 7:00 PM
261-5778
Wednesday, February 19
East Regional Library
6:00 – 7:00 PM
261-5778

Teen LEGO Lab
Teenage LEGO-lovers can hang out, build original creations for display, and explore LEGO Mindstorms in this monthly meetup. Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, December 30.
Fridays: January 10 & February 7
East Regional Library
4:30 – 5:30 PM
261-5778

Drop-In Gaming
Join old and new friends to play on various gaming consoles or play board games. Ages 12–18.

Sundays: January – February
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library
261-5778

Saturdays: January 11 & February 8
2:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library
445-3168

Saturdays: January 18; February 15
3:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Saturdays: January 25; February 15
3:00 – 4:00 PM
West Regional Library
232-9321

Manic Monday
Got a case of the Mondays? Come color, play games, or have a snack. We’ve got just the cure for your Monday blues. Ages 12–18.

Mondays: January – February
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library
261-5778
(except January 20 & February 24)

Mondays: January 13; February 3
4:30 – 5:30 PM
West Regional Library
232-9321

Teen Library Corps
Teens are welcome to hang out with friends, discuss old and new programs, and work on upcoming library projects. Ages 12–18.
Saturdays: January 18; February 15
1:00 – 2:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

YA Virtual Book Club
Join our online Goodreads group to discuss a new book each month! We’ll be kicking things off with our 2020 LRT Selection: Dry, by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman. Sign up at LafayettePublicLibrary.org/YAVirtualBookClub
Teen Programs

The Rec Room: YA Book Recommendations

**The Living** by Matt de la Pena
Shy took the summer job to make some money. Then an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship he works on, and Shy's life is forever changed. But the earthquake is only the first disaster. Suddenly it's a fight to survive for those left living.

**Not a Drop to Drink** by Mindy McGinnis
Lynn knows every threat to her pond: drought, a snowless winter, coyotes, and, most importantly, people looking for a drink. She makes sure anyone who comes near the pond leaves thirsty, or doesn't leave at all. But wisps of smoke on the horizon mean one thing: strangers. The mysterious footprints by the pond, nighttime threats, and gunshots make it all too clear Lynn has exactly what they want, and they won't stop until they get it.

**Monument 14** by Emmy Laybourne
Fourteen kids. One superstore. A million things that go wrong. After seeing a series of environmental and chemical disasters ravage the outside world, the group realize they're trapped inside the store. Unable to communicate with the ones they love, they attempt to cobble together a new existence. As they struggle to survive, they must decide which risk is greater: leaving... or staying.

**Gone** by Michael Grant
In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have “The Power” and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not.

**Not If I Save You First** by Ally Carter
Maddie and Logan were best friends. But when your dad is a Secret Service agent and your best friend is the president's son, life can be complicated. After an incident at the White House, Maddie's dad is dragging her to a cabin in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness. No phone. No Internet. And not a single word from Logan. Until he shows up six years later...and Maddie wants to kill him. However, Logan is kidnapped by an assailant and dragged off into the treacherous Alaskan terrain. Maddie still really wants to kill Logan, but she has to save him first.

**Snack Attack**
Learn to create easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with the things you can make. Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, December 30.

**Krazy for K-POP**
Teen K-POP fans are invited to bring a photo of their favorite idol to make photo cards, listen to K-POP, and make some new friends. Ages 12–18.

**Crayon Recycling**
Help us turn our old, broken crayons into something new! Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

**UNO Afternoon**
Don't go in "reverse," but “skip” over to the library for a “wild” afternoon of the best card game ever: UNO. Ages 12–18.

**Treat Yourself Spa Day**
Treat yourself this Valentine’s Day. Come paint your nails while we show you how to make a sugar lip scrub and a honey lemon face mask to bring home with you. Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Geek Cinema: The Sun is Also a Star**
College-bound romantic Daniel Bae and Jamaica-born pragmatist Natasha Kingsley meet -- and fall for each other -- over one magical day amidst the fervor and flurry of New York City. Snacks provided. Come see the film based on this amazing YA Drama with us. Ages 12 & up. (PG-13, 2019, 120min)

**Teen Fandom Art: DIY Decoupage Coasters**
Decoupage tiles with pictures and logos from your favorite franchises to create fun custom coasters. We will provide pictures, but you can also bring your own! Ages 12–18. Registration begins Monday, February 10.
### School’s Out Special

No school and nothing to do? Join us for an afternoon of fun with a surprise activity! Ages 5–12.

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### Family Movies

Fun movies fit for the whole family! All ages.

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### The Great Library Race

Compete in a series of challenges including a scavenger hunt. The first team to find all the clues and complete all the challenges wins! Ages 8–14. Registration by phone or in person begins Monday, December 16.

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### Snow Day

It’s a snow day at the library! Enjoy snow-themed crafts, games, and other activities. Ages 5–12.

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### Family Fort Night

Come to the library in your pajamas and build blanket forts during this special after-hours event. Bring your own fort-building materials like blankets, pillows, and games to play. All families welcome!

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### Hurray for Pre-K!

Get your little ones ready for preschool at this fun program where we’ll read a story and practice motor skills, all while reinforcing concepts such as colors, numbers, and letters. Ages 3–5.

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### LEGO Clubs

Build unique LEGO Creations based on a given theme! Ages 5 & up.

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### After-School Special

Join us for after-school fun. Each week is a different surprise activity! Ages 5–12.

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### Art Explorers

Come explore different art mediums, learn about famous artists, and create your own masterpieces! Ages 5–10. Registration begins Monday, December 16.

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### Family Craft: Collages

Families can make a craft together! Children and their adults will make a collage art piece. Ages 3–12. Registration begins Monday, December 16.

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Children’s & Family Programs

**Big Nate Fan Day**
An afternoon of *Big Nate* trivia, crafts, and laughs. Come hang out with all your fellow *Big Nate* fans! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, December 30.

**Tuesday, January 21 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
Main Library
261-5779

**It’s Chinese New Year!**

**Wednesday, January 22 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
West Regional Library
232-9321

**Tuesday, January 28 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

**Make a Rainstick**
Learn history and folklore of how past civilizations responded to times of drought; then make your own rainstick! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

**Wednesday, January 22 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

**Fuse Bead Creations**
Melt colorful fuse beads into a work of art! Use patterns or create your own design. Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

**Wednesday, January 22 4:00 – 6:00 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

**Hot Wheels Speedway**
Fun ways to use tracks and loops to create the ultimate Hot Wheels race car experience! Ages 5–12. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

**Saturday, January 25 4:00 – 5:00 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

**Pipe Cleaner Animals**

**Wednesday, January 29 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

**After-Hours Mini Golf**
Families will have a “hole” lot of fun after hours as they play through a multi-hole mini golf course set up throughout the library. Ages 5–12.

**Saturday, February 1 6:00 – 7:00 PM**
South Regional Library
981-1028

**Mamma Griot & Her Rocking Story Bag**
Dr. Naima Johnston Bush will share traditional folktales and sing songs using her Rocking Story Bag filled with items from countries all around the world. This interactive, family-friendly program is an engaging and joyous celebration of music and the beauty of diversity. Ages 3–10.

**Saturday, February 1 10:30 – 11:30 AM**
Main Library
261-5779

**Valentine Creation Station**
Craft one-of-a-kind Valentines for all the special people in your life. Ages 5–12.

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**Play-Doh Playtime**
Come have fun with Play-Doh! We’ll provide the tools, and you provide the creativity! Ages 2–5. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Friday, February 7 10:30 – 11:30 AM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

**Friday, February 14 10:30 – 11:30 PM**
North Regional Library
896-6323

**Tween Craft: Light-Up Circuit Valentines**
Tweens are invited to make light-up circuit Valentine’s Day cards. Ages 9–12. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Monday, February 10 5:00 – 6:00 PM**
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**Indoor Camping**
Tents, a paper mache fire, s’mores trail mix, songs, and a story or two. Come camping for this special PJ party in the story castle! Ages 3–8.

**Thursday, February 6 6:30 – 7:30 PM**
Main Library
261-5779

**Pucci Percussion Workshop**
Experience the art of hand drumming using West African instruments and percussion techniques under the instruction of Herb “Pucci” Green. Ages 5–12. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Tuesday, February 4 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
Main Library
261-5779

**Little Artists**
Preschoolers will explore open-ended art activities and different art mediums while learning about color, texture, and more. Ages 3–5. Registration begins Monday, January 27.

**Wednesday, February 12 4:00 – 5:00 PM**
East Regional Library
445-3168

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**Junior Scientists**
Think like a scientist! Explore and discover with hands-on experiments and activities! Ages 5–10. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

**Monday, February 3 4:30 – 5:30 PM**
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Children’s & Family Programs

Children’s Book Clubs

I Survived Book Club 🌟 Ages 8–12
Join us for discussion, snacks, and activities based on books from the I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis.
Meets on first Mondays monthly, 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
Main Library
January 6 I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980
February 3 I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005
March 2 I Survived the Joplin Tornado, 2011

To Be Continued Book Club Ages 7–10
Come listen as we read aloud from a chapter book over the next few weeks. When we finish, we’ll do a fun book-related activity!
January Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman
February James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Tuesdays: January – February (except February 25) 4:00 – 5:00 pm
West Regional Library 232-9321

Dumbledore’s Army Ages 9–14
Hop aboard the Hogwarts Express and meet us in the wizarding world for spellbinding discussions of the Harry Potter series.
Mondays: January 13 & February 10 5:30 – 6:30 pm
East Regional Library 445-3168

Land of Stories Book Club Ages 9–12
Join us as we explore the Land of Stories, where fairy tales are real! We’ll discuss the books as well as enjoy snacks, crafts, and trivia based on the series.
Meets on Wednesdays monthly, 4:30 – 5:30 pm.
East Regional Library
January 15 A Grimm Warning
February 19 Beyond the Kingdoms

My First Book Club Ages 5–8
Join us as we read and discuss longer picture books and early-readers together. We’ll finish with a fun activity and craft based on the book. Kids do not need to be reading on their own for this club.
Main Library
January 22 The Dark by Lemony Snicket
February 12 You Are Home by Evan Turk
East Regional Library
January 27 Reading Beauty by Deborah Underwood
February 24 Once Upon a Goat by Dan Richards

Valentine Science
Do we have chemistry? Come experiment on candy hearts and create a slimy love potion. Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, January 27.
Friday, February 14 4:00 – 5:00 pm
West Regional Library 232-9321

Cajun Mardi Gras Mask and Hat Craft
Join our special guest, local artist Hannah Gumbo, as she shows you how to make your very own paper version of a Cajun Mardi Gras mask and hat! Ages 7–12.
Registration begins Monday, January 27.
Saturday, February 15 10:00 – 11:30 am
West Regional Library 232-9321

Allons Courir de Mardi Gras
Celebrate the traditions of both Cajun and Creole Mardi Gras and participate in an indoor Courir de Mardi Gras. Ages 5–12.
Tuesday, February 18 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Main Library 261-5779

Mardi Gras Mask Making
Get ready to laissez les bons temps rouler by creating your own festive mask! Ages 5–12.
Tuesday, February 18 4:00 – 5:00 pm
North Regional Library 896-6323
Tuesday, February 18 4:30 – 5:30 pm
South Regional Library 981-1028
Wednesday, February 19 4:30 – 5:30 pm
East Regional Library 445-3168

Meet a Firefighter 🚒
Come meet a firefighter and tour a fire truck! Ages 3–12.
Saturday, February 22 2:00 – 3:00 pm
East Regional Library 445-3168
Wednesday, February 26 10:30 – 11:30 am
Main Library 261-5779

DIY Paper Cactus 🌵
Create your own paper cactus that needs no water or sun! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, February 10.
Thursday, February 27 1:00 – 2:00 pm
South Regional Library 981-1028

Pet Rocks
There’s no easier pet to care for! Come select, name, and officially adopt your very own pet rock! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, February 10.
Saturday, February 29 2:00 – 3:00 pm
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### Storytime Calendar: January – February 2020

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#### Inclusive Family Storytime

An inclusive and interactive storytime experience for children of all ages and abilities and their families.

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Friends Members!

It’s time to renew your membership! Complete the 2020 membership form inside and return it as soon as possible, so you don’t miss out on perks like early access to the Spring Book Sale!

Victory Lap: Dion Leonard returns with Gobi!

Dion Leonard, our 2019 Lafayette Reads Together author, is back! Only this time, he’s bringing Gobi from his celebrated book *Finding Gobi*. Join us for a special storytime in the morning as well as an author talk that night (see below).

**Thursday, January 16**

**Storytime with Gobi: A Little Dog with Big Heart**

West Regional Library

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Ages 3 – 8

**Author Visit with Dion Leonard and Gobi**

Main Library

6:30 – 7:15 PM

All Ages

Join us for an encore presentation of 2019’s *Finding Gobi* with author Dion Leonard and his dog, Gobi. And be sure to pick up your copy of the 2020 community read, *Dry*, by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman.