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THE DEAFBLIND WOMAN  
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HABEN GIRMA



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## Director's Message



### Take the 100 Book Club Challenge!

Every January, we challenge the readers in our community to read 100 books in a year. While we do have some super readers who hit this goal year after year, for most, it is a true challenge. I join the 100 Book Club challenge each year, but I've only hit the goal once in the last seven years. That year, I was reading every skinny book I could find just to prove I could do it. Now, I join just to track my reading like I have always done but without the stress. I have over 100 titles to be read (TBR) on my list, but that doesn't count!

The nice thing about joining our challenge is that we don't judge. As an adult reader/listener you can read or listen to graphic novels, teen novels, fiction, non-fiction, or children's books. We don't care if you are reading below or above your level! Children's books are some of my favorites. Try reading a classic such as the *The Secret Garden* (240 pages) or *The Little Prince* (97 pages). I have read or listened to all six of the *Enola Holmes* spy novels, each with an average of 191 pages or 4 hours of listening.

In 2021, we are launching the new Read to Me Book Club for ages 5 & under. You can record books that are read to the young reader and complete activity challenges as you read together. The challenge is to read 100 books to your child during the year. We changed the rules a bit for this club by allowing one book to be counted each time it is read. That should make it easier on parents when the demand is for the same story book night after night. Been there, done that!

The whole idea behind our clubs is to have fun and celebrate reading. There are so many reasons to read. No matter how much time you spend reading, know that it is an important activity proven to make a difference in your life.

So sign up and challenge yourself to read just a bit more than you did last year, tracking as you go. I only have one piece of advice: don't start the challenge by reading *War and Peace*. At 1386 pages long it still only counts for one book!

Teresa Elbertson  
Library Director

### Read to Me Book Club

Learning begins at birth, and part of Lafayette Public Library's new early literacy initiative, Read to Me Book Club, aims to support this learning by focusing on our youngest patrons from birth to age 5. The Lafayette Public Library has partnered with [talkingisteaching.org](http://talkingisteaching.org)'s early literacy campaign to share ways families can incorporate reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing into their daily lives. Grounded in science, these fun tips and resources will help prepare your child for success in school and beyond.

Read to Me Book Club is the companion to our 100 Book Club (ages 6 & up) and joining is easy. Sign up for both book clubs beginning in January at your local library branch or online at [lafayettepubliclibrary.beanstack.org](http://lafayettepubliclibrary.beanstack.org).

Now you can log your child's reading and challenge activities throughout their literacy journey, and yes, the same book can be counted every time you read it to your child! Once your child reads 100 books with your help, share the great news with your librarian, and keep reading. At the end of the year, we will host an annual reading celebration to recognize all the participants.



### Early Literacy Bags

To continue our early learning initiative at home, Lafayette Public Library is now handing out bags filled with items and resources handpicked by their own librarians to help parents and caregivers of children (birth through age three) incorporate the five practices of early literacy—singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing—into their daily lives. These bags will also include Early Literacy calendars and can be picked up from the Main Library or any of the Regional Libraries including the bookmobile.

Additionally, a "Storytime Jr." playlist can be found at [YouTube.com/LafPubLib](https://www.youtube.com/LafPubLib), and a Read to Me Book Club for children birth to age 5 will begin in January.

For more information on all Lafayette Public Library programs and hours of operation, visit [lafayettepubliclibrary.org](http://lafayettepubliclibrary.org).



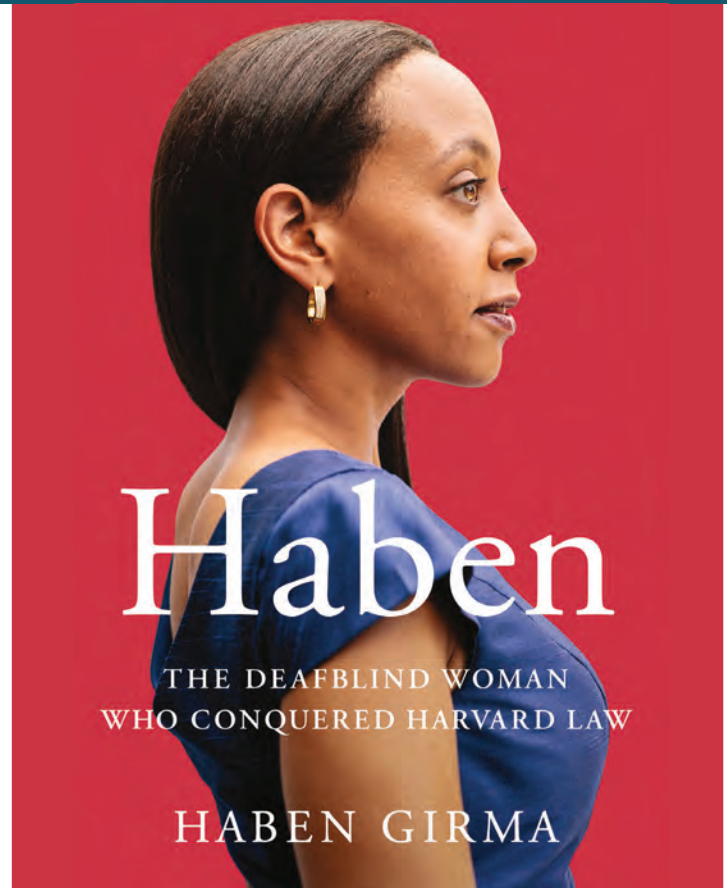
## About the Book

This year's read is the incredible life story of Haben Girma, the first deafblind graduate of Harvard Law School, and her amazing journey from isolation to the world stage.

Haben grew up spending summers with her family in the enchanting Eritrean city of Asmara. There, she discovered courage as she faced off against a bull she couldn't see, and found in herself an abiding strength as she absorbed her parents' harrowing experiences during Eritrea's thirty-year war with Ethiopia. Their refugee story inspired her to embark on a quest for knowledge, traveling the world in search of the secret to belonging. She explored numerous fascinating places, including Mali, where she helped build a school under the scorching Saharan sun. Her many adventures over the years range from the hair-raising to the hilarious.

Haben defines disability as an opportunity for innovation. She learned non-visual techniques for everything from dancing salsa to handling an electric saw. She developed a text-to-braille communication system that created an exciting new way to connect with people. Haben pioneered her way through obstacles, graduated from Harvard Law, and now uses her talents to advocate for people with disabilities.

Haben takes readers through a thrilling game of blind hide-and-seek in Louisiana, a treacherous climb up an iceberg in Alaska, and a magical moment with President Obama at The White House. Warm, funny, thoughtful, and uplifting, this captivating memoir is a testament to one woman's determination to find the keys to connection. Stop by any Lafayette Public Library location for your FREE copy starting January 19, or use Libby to check it out on eBook or eAudiobook.



## About Lafayette Reads Together

Now in our seventh year, Lafayette Reads Together (LRT) began when the Lafayette Public Library was approached by a Lafayette Parish School System librarian who was interested in partnering for a community read. The library had previously participated in the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read, but this would be the first community-wide partnership involving several organizations throughout Lafayette Parish.

Our goal is to get the whole community reading, discussing, and exploring the same book. Thanks to the Lafayette Public Library Foundation, free copies of the chosen book are distributed to all interested patrons, allowing everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status, educational background, race, and age, a chance to participate in the community read. Lafayette Reads Together has become an annual event with book discussions and LRT-related programs scheduled from January through March each year.

Join us for a LIVE virtual presentation  
by LRT Author Haben Girma!

**Thursday**  
**February 25th**  
**@ 6:45 PM**



**LIVE**

For event details be sure visit our  
facebook page, where you can also join  
the official LRT Discussion Group!

## Programs & Activities

### A Taste of Travel: Ethiopian Cooking Ages 15 & up

Local foodie, Sami Parbhoo, will discuss Ethiopian cooking techniques and spices while sharing stories of his travels through the country. Pick up a spice pack at any regional library while supplies last. Then, join us for this Facebook Live event.

**Monday, January 25**

**6:30 PM**

### Computer Braille Demonstration

Sam Adler from HumanWare will join us to demonstrate braille and assistive technology solutions for the visually impaired. *Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook for a link to join.*

**Wednesday, February 3**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

### Virtual LRT Book Discussion

**Ages 18 & up**

Join us as we discuss this year's LRT selection. We will be joined by our special guest, Harlon W. Cowsar II from Families Helping Families of Acadiana.

**Thursday, February 9**

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**

### Learn About Louisiana Center for the Blind

Pamela Allen, the executive director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind, will talk about the center and discuss her interaction with Haben Girma. *Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook for a link to join.*

**Wednesday, February 10**

**6:30 – 7:30 PM**

### Braille Craft

**Ages 5 – 12**

Learn to make your own braille letters using salt and glue.

**Thursday, February 18**

# Special Features



## WRITING CONTEST

Students in grades K–12 can submit original pieces of short fiction, nonfiction, or poetry in English, French, Spanish, or Mandarin. 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders must submit entries via the online form. Visit [lafayettepubliclibrary.org](http://lafayettepubliclibrary.org), or call 261-5779, for more information and submission guidelines.

*All entries due Friday, March 19, 2021.*



## Library Rocks

Ages 5 & up

On January 18, hunt for rocks painted with book-themed images around town. When you find one, bring it to the library to check out that book!

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## Your Adventure Begins at the Library!

Get ready to dig deep into science, tech, outdoors, crafts, and early literacy! The Lafayette Public Library is adding Adventure Kits to their collection with a generous donation from Cox Communications.

An Adventure Kit is like a library program in a box that can be checked out with your library card. Each kit comes complete with hands-on activities, companion books, and an inventory list to easily keep track of items. These kits were created for all age groups and offer a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) themes. There are 40 kits with 16 different themes for patrons to explore.

"Now more than ever, we know it's important for families to find exciting ways to keep learning. We're proud to partner with the Lafayette Public Library to help get science and technology into the hands of children in Lafayette Parish," states David D'Aquin, Public Affairs Manager for Cox Communications.

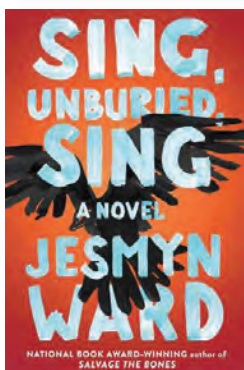
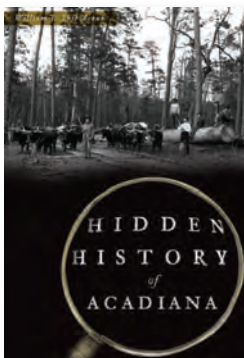
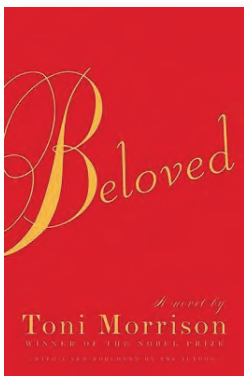
The kits range from early literacy (Rhyme Time kits and On the Farm kits) to science-themed (Microscope kit and Human Body kits) to technology (Inventor LittleBits kits and Synth LittleBits kits) to outdoor fun (Bird Watching kits and Metal Detecting kits).

The Bird Watching Adventure Kit, for example, contains everything you need to spot birds from a safe distance in the great outdoors, including binoculars, field guides, and Louisiana Bird books. The Metal Detector Adventure Kit includes a metal detector, fully charged battery, and a helpful book about metal detecting (sorry, no treasure maps).

For a full list of available Adventure Kits, visit [lafayettepubliclibrary.org/adventurekits](http://lafayettepubliclibrary.org/adventurekits) or search the library's online catalog for Adventure Kit. One Adventure Kit per library card can be checked out for 28 days. Currently, kits may not be renewed. Adults/parents/caregivers only may check kits out. They must be returned to the circulation desk; they cannot be returned through the book drop or drive-thru. Holds can be placed for kits to be delivered to any branch.







## Beloved by Toni Morrison

*Classics Book Club — February 4th Selection*

A spellbinding and dazzlingly innovative portrait of a woman haunted by the past. Sethe was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has borne the unthinkable and not gone mad, yet she is still held captive by memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. Meanwhile Sethe's house has long been troubled by the angry, destructive ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved.

## The Hidden History of Acadiana by William Thibodeaux

*History Book Club — January 26th Selection*

From the improbable Thoroughbred Twenty-Twoinit, which defied odds and burned Vegas oddsmakers at Evangeline Downs, to the destitute Reconstruction-era Cajuns who sought recompense from the federal government after the war, history comes to life in these retellings by historian and yarn spinner William Thibodeaux. Before "serial killer" was a term, a vile murderer stalked the streets of then-tiny Lafayette, inciting unimaginable terror. All too familiar are harrowing tales of locals who batted down the hatches as horrible storms roared forth. From the hills to the bayous, Acadiana has quite a story to tell, especially for those who lean in close to listen.

## Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart

*Mystery Book Club — January 19th Selection*

Constance Kopp doesn't quite fit the mold. She towers over most men, has no interest in marriage or domestic affairs, and has been isolated from the world since a family secret sent her and her sisters into hiding fifteen years ago. One day a belligerent and powerful silk factory owner runs down their buggy, and a dispute over damages turns into a war of bricks, bullets, and threats as he unleashes his gang on their family farm. When the sheriff enlists her help in convicting the men, Constance is forced to confront her past and defend her family — and she does it in a way that few women of 1914 would have dared.

## You Had Me at Hola by Alexis Daria

*Romance Book Club — January 20th Selection*

Leading Ladies do not end up on tabloid covers. Leading Ladies don't need a man to be happy. Leading Ladies do not rebound with their new costars. RITA® Award Winning author Alexis Daria brings readers an unforgettable, hilarious rom-com set in the drama-filled world of telenovelas—perfect for fans of Jane the Virgin and The Kiss Quotient.

## Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

*Beyond Black History Month — January 26th Selection*

In Jesmyn Ward's first novel since her National Book Award-winning *Salvage the Bones*, this singular American writer brings the archetypal road novel into rural twenty-first-century America. An intimate portrait of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* journeys through Mississippi's past and present, examining the ugly truths at the heart of the American story and the power—and limitations—of family bonds.

# Book Clubs

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We're constantly adding new book clubs, and now, they are all virtual! Whether you're looking to talk about a classic, need a place to share your love of memoirs, 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. *Virtual book clubs for adults will be hosted on Zoom.*

## Classics Book Club

Thursdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Ages 14 & up

**January 7** *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez  
**February 4** *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

## History Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 14 & up

**January 12** *The Hidden History of Acadiana* by William Thibodeaux  
**February 9** *The Fighters* by C.J. Chivers

## Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 18 & up

**January 19** *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart  
**February 16** *The Ruin* by Dervla McTiernan

## Romance Book Club

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 18 & up

**January 20** *You Had Me at Hola* by Alexis Daria  
**February 17** *Tempest* by Beverly Jenkins

## Beyond Black History Month Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

Ages 14 & up

**January 26** *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward  
**February 23** *Barracocon* by Zora Neale Hurston



## Join the 100 Book Club

**Lafayette Public Library's Annual Reading Challenge**

Make it your New Year's resolution to read more books in 2021! 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 4 in our libraries and online. Visit [LafayettePublicLibrary.org](http://LafayettePublicLibrary.org) or download the LPL Mobile app to sign up.

**We have book clubs for everyone! For our Children's Book Clubs, see page 9.**

Tune into our Youtube channel for the To Be Continued Book Club, where we read the first few chapters of a story!



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# Adult Programs

## Grab & Go Crafts

Swing by a Lafayette Public Library drive-thru (Main Library and Regional Libraries) and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go bags will include all the supplies you'll need and instructions. Recommended for adults. *Available while supplies last.*

### 2021 Good Fortune Birds

Ages 18 & up

Brighten your house by making a colorful "boho" bird mobile.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 3**

### Fabricadabra

Ages 14 & up

Learn the "magic" of everyday sewing skills while working on different projects!

**Fabric Teacup Coaster**—Celebrate National Hot Tea Month!

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 10**

**Heart Embroidery Sampler**—Celebrate Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and National Embroidery Day!

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 7**

### Grow a Pollinator Garden

Ages 14 & up

Pick up a variety of easy-to-grow flower seeds that are sure to invite pollinators.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 17**

### Valentine's/Mardi Gras Plaque

Ages 18 & up

Make a fantastic wooden plaque at home with a vinyl stencil made with the library's Makerspace equipment!

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 24**

*Main, North Regional, South Regional, and West Regional Libraries only.*

### Mardi Gras Mask Making

Ages 14 & up

Get in the spirit of Mardi Gras by creating your own festive mask.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 31**

*Main Library Only*

### Paper Bag Luminary

Ages 18 & up

Cast a warm glow on a cold winter night with this craft.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 31**

### Perpetual Calendar

Ages 14 & up

Assemble your very own calendar that won't go obsolete when the year is done!

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 14**

*Main Library Only*

### DIY Yarn Wall Art

Ages 18 & up

With a simple stick and some yarn, make a modern, beautiful work of art.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 14**

*North Regional, South Regional, East Regional, and West Regional Libraries only.*

### Sun Printing

Ages 14 & up

Use special sun-sensitive paper to create original artwork with everyday objects.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 21**

### Stackable African Print Bracelets

Ages 18 & up

Create your own colorful African print bracelets using cording and fabric.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 28**

## Friday Trivia

Put your trivia knowledge to the test with our weekly trivia questions! Visit our Facebook page or website every Friday for a new theme based off your favorite shows, movies, books, and more. Show off your knowledge by commenting or sharing your score on social media; then, tag your friends to challenge them! Recommended for teens and adults.

**Fridays: January–February**

## Virtual Needle Arts

Ages 14 & up

Do you have an interest in crochet, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Join us for a Zoom meetup where you can show off and discuss any current projects as well as get new ideas. *Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook for a link to join.*

**Wednesday, January 13**

**6:00 PM**

## Computer Class Seminars

Adults can attend virtual computer class seminars via Zoom. Ages 18 & up.

*Registration (online, in person, or call (337) 981-1028) with a valid email address and phone number is required.*

**Wednesday, January 13**

*Microsoft Word Seminar*

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, February 10**

*Microsoft Excel Seminar*

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

*South Regional Library*

**981-1028**

## Building Healthy & Delicious Meals

Ages 14 & up

Join Valerie Willis, a registered dietitian and nutritional health coach from Natural Grocers, to learn the importance of getting off the blood sugar roller coaster by using high-quality proteins, fats, and carbohydrates. Together we'll make meal planning easy! *Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook for a link to join.*

**Thursday, January 14** 

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

## Virtual Trivia Night

Ages 18 & up

Join us for a Zoom-enabled trivia contest in conjunction with the UL Lafayette's Dupré Library. *Visit bit.ly/clubdupre to register.*

**Wednesday, January 20**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Tuesday, February 23**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

## Learn to Crochet: Reusable Cotton Face Scrubbie

Ages 18 & up

This instructional video will teach you how to crochet a reusable cotton face scrubbie that can replace disposable cotton balls.

**Wednesday, January 20**

## Chili Weather

Ages 18 & up

When the weather gets chilly, we all want something nice and warm. Why not chili? Join us for this video presentation on how to make chili in a pressure cooker just in time for the Super Bowl!

**Saturday, February 6**

## Cravings, Weight Gain, and the Blood Sugar Roller Coaster

Ages 14 & up

Join Valerie Willis, a registered dietitian and nutritional health coach from Natural Grocers, to learn about how achieving your healthiest weight is not about dieting but about understanding how certain foods affect blood sugar levels and appetite. *Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook for a link to join.*

**Wednesday, February 24** 

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**



## Grab & Go Crafts

Swing by a Lafayette Public Library drive-thru (Main Library and Regional Libraries), and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go bags will include all the supplies you'll need and instructions. Recommended for ages 12–18. *Available while supplies last.*

### Insect Taxidermy

Gild and mount a giant bug for unique wall art.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 10**

### LRT – Bullet Journals

Create a bullet journal with daily affirmations and New Year's resolutions.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 17**

### Paracord Hand Sanitizer Wrap

Always have your hand sanitizer close by with this paracord bottle holder.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 24**

### LRT – Sensory Aquariums

Use water beads and plastic sea creatures to create a fun sensory experience.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 31**

### Light-Up Valentines

Use paper circuits to create a one-of-a-kind Valentine card to express your love.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 7**

### Photo Puzzles

Create one-of-a-kind puzzles using personal photos.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 14**

### Mardi Gras Bead Mosaics

Reuse Mardi Gras beads to create a colorful work of art.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 21**

### Wind Chimes

Construct and paint your own wind chimes.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 28**



## Teen Programs

### YA Virtual Book Club



#### YA Virtual Book Club



**Ages 12 & up**

Do you love young adult books? Join our group LPL YA Virtual Book Club on Goodreads to discuss a new book each month.

**January**

*Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl

**February**

*Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

#### YA Snapshots



**Ages 12 & up**

Join us virtually as we read an excerpt from this month's YA Virtual Book Club pick. Then, check it out so you can find out what happens!

**Mondays: January 4 & February 1**

### Beautiful Creatures

**by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl**

Lena Duchannes is unlike anyone the small Southern town of Gatlin has ever seen, and she's struggling to conceal her power, and a curse that has haunted her family for generations. But even within the overgrown gardens, murky swamps and crumbling graveyards of the forgotten South, a secret cannot stay hidden forever.

Ethan Wate, who has been counting the months until he can escape from Gatlin, is haunted by dreams of a beautiful girl he has never met. When Lena moves into the town's oldest and most infamous plantation, Ethan is inexplicably drawn to her and determined to uncover the connection between them. In a town with no surprises, one secret could change everything.

### Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In just a few weeks she'll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunning pretty. And as a pretty, she'll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun.

But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally's choice will change her world forever...

### Snack Attack



**Ages 12 & up**

Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with snacks you can make yourself.

**Wednesdays:**

**January 13**

*Bubble Tea*

**February 3**

*Mini King Cakes*

**February 24**

*Chicken and Waffle Bites*

# Children's & Family Programs



## Grab & Go Crafts

Ages 3–12

Swing by a Lafayette Public Library drive-thru (Main Library and Regional Libraries) and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go bags will include most of the supplies you'll need and instructions. *Available while supplies last.*

### Penguin Craft

Make a penguin out of felt. *Supplies donated by the UL Lafayette National Council of Family Relations Club.*

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 3**

### Polar Bear Painting

Create a beary cute piece of art using an unexpected item as a brush—a fork!

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 10**

### Story Re-Telling

Make your own characters and retell the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 17**

### Swimming Jellyfish

Make your own colorful jellyfish that swims around on a paper plate!

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 24**

### Groundhog's Day Pop-Up

Celebrate Groundhog's Day with your very own pop-up friend.

**Distribution begins Sunday, January 31**

### Valentine Blossoms

Friendship blossoms are a unique Valentine card to share with others.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 7**

### Mardi Gras Mask

*Laissez les bons temps rouler* with this Mardi Gras mask craft!

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 14**

### Rainbow Windsock

Rainy days will sparkle when you create your own cloud and rainbow windsock.

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 21**

### Paper Hot Air Balloon

Get ready to soar into the blue sky with this 3D hot air balloon craft!

**Distribution begins Sunday, February 28**

## DIY Board Games



Ages 5 & up

Bored? Come to the Main, North Regional, or West Regional Libraries and pick up your own board game to make!

**Sunday, January 3**

*Battleship*

**Sunday, January 10**

*Checkers*

**Sunday, January 17**

*Dominoes*

**Sunday, January 24**

*Blank Board – Design Your Own*

## Kids' Trivia



Ages 5–12

Visit our Facebook page or website every Friday to take our fun quizzes!

**January 8**

*Star Wars*

**January 15**

*Presidents*

**January 22**

*Kipo!*

**January 29**

*Dinosaurs*

**February 5**

*Dog Man*

**February 12**

*Space*

**February 19**

*Pixar*

**February 26**

*Avatar: the Last Airbender*

## LEGO Club



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Ages 5–12

Calling all LEGO lovers! We'll post themes on Facebook at the beginning of each week. You'll build your unique creations at home and share them with us by commenting on the original post. *Registration with a valid email address is required for Zoom show and tell sessions.*

**Sunday, January 10**

*Marble Mazes*

**Saturday, January 16**

*Zoom Show and Tell Session*

**Sunday, January 17**

*Pets*

**Sunday, January 24**

*Race Cars*

**Sunday, January 31**

*Space*

**Sunday, February 7**

*Names/Initials*

**Sunday, February 14**

*Parades*

**Saturday, February 20**

*Zoom Show and Tell Session*

**Sunday, February 21**

*Dogs*

**Sunday, February 28**

*Ships*



## American Girl Club

Ages 7–12

Meet a new American Girl each month, and enjoy at-home activities based on her interests. Grab an activity bag at the **South Regional Library** while supplies last.

**Monday, January 11**

*2021 American Girl of the Year*

**Monday, February 8**

*Joss Kendrick*

## Choose Your Own Adventure



Ages 7–12

Play through this tale of a mysterious door and a talking cat. The story changes depending on your choices, so choose wisely! Visit our Facebook page or website for the link to this adventure.

**Monday, January 11**

## Shivery Snow Paint



Learn how to create some chilly snow paint with this easy recipe made from things you likely already have at home!

**Tuesday, January 12**

## Snowman Art



Ages 5–12

Paint without a paint brush! You will be amazed at the snow man you create by dot painting!

**Thursday, January 14**



## Apple Nachos

Learn to make a sweet, fruity snack and impress your friends!

**Tuesday, January 19**

## Build a Straw Roller Coaster

**Ages 5–12**

Grab a box, some straws, tape, and a ping pong ball, and let's build a roller coaster!

**Thursday, January 21**

## Polar Plunge

Learn how blubber helps protect polar animals from the freezing arctic temperatures then improvise some for yourself! How long will you be able to keep your hand in ice water?

**Tuesday, January 26**

## Insect Science

Learn the difference between bugs and insects. You can complete the *Build an Insect Challenge* using a kit you can pick up from the **Main Library** while supplies last.

**Thursday, January 28**

## Dish Soap Silly Putty

**Ages 5–12**

Make your own silly putty with items from home.

**Tuesday, February 2**

## Olaf Sock Snowman

**Ages 5–12**

Take in the last bit of winter by making everyone's favorite snowman, Olaf.

**Thursday, February 4**

## Pom Pom Pets

Let's get crafty! Tune in to learn how to make an adorable, pocket-sized friend.

**Tuesday, February 9**

## Treat Yourself

**Ages 7 & up**

Be your own valentine and make yourself some lip balm and soap dough!

**Thursday, February 11**

## Flower Science

**Ages 5–12**

Learn about how water moves through plant stems and watch the plant's petals change color. Try this at home!

**Tuesday, February 23**

## Giant Jenga

**Ages 5–12**

Learn how to make a game of giant Jenga for kids with items safer than lumber.

**Thursday, February 25**



## Digital Storytime

Join us on our Facebook page for stories and songs from some of your favorite children's librarians! It's sure to brighten your morning and help your littles get those wiggles out!

**Mondays & Wednesdays: January – February, 10:00 AM**

**Ages 7 & up**

# Children's & Family Programs

## To Be Continued Book Club

**Ages 7–10**

Join us virtually every Tuesday at 1:00 PM as we read the first few chapters of a book. Then, check out the book to read the rest of the story.

- January 12** *Daisy Dreamer and the Totally True Imaginary Friend* by Holly Anna
- January 19** *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- January 26** *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman
- February 2** *City of Ghosts* by Victoria Schwab
- February 9** *Holes* by Louis Sachar
- February 16** *Peter and the Starcatchers* by Dave Barry
- February 23** *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* by Brandon Sanderson

### Daisy Dreamer and the Totally True Imaginary Friend by Holly Anna

In the first book of the Daisy Dreamer series, 7-year-old Daisy Dreamer learns that everything she's ever imagined or drawn is all real! She meets her totally true imaginary friend, Posey, who invites Daisy to explore the extraordinary world filled with all the things she's always daydreamed about.



### Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

### Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman

An unlucky twelve-year-old Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard.

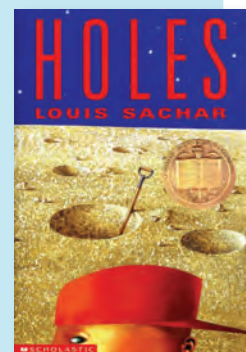


### City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab

Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to pull back the "Veil" that separates the living from the dead and see ghosts, not that she wants to, and she was really looking forward to a ghost-free summer at the beach; however her parents are going to start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh with its graveyards, castles, and restless phantoms--and Cass and her personal ghost companion, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can be a very dangerous place indeed.

### Holes by Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



### Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry

Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.



### Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson

On his thirteenth birthday, foster child Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and Alcatraz is introduced to his grandfather and his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.



# JANUARY 2021

## Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

### 3 TALKING

Have a conversation about winter. Ask your child, "What is your favorite thing about winter?" Tell what your favorite thing is about winter.

### 4 SINGING

Sing "The Rhyming Word" song. (Words are on the back. ➡)

### 5 COUNTING

Weigh your child and write it here \_\_\_\_\_. Save the calendar and measure again in June.

### 6 READING

Visit the library (or the library's website if the building is not open) and check out a book.

### 7 WRITING

With your child write (and talk about) important dates on a 2021 calendar.

### 8 PLAYING

Create a small obstacle course and give your child directions.  
*Go around the chair, go over the book, pick up the spoon, turn around, and come back.*

### 9 TALKING

Talk about colors. Ask your child what their favorite color is and share what your favorite color is. Talk about things that are those colors.

### 10 SINGING

Pick a song your child is familiar with and act it out while it is playing.

### 11 COUNTING

Measure your child's height and write it here \_\_\_\_\_. Save the calendar and measure again in June.

### 12 READING

Use your finger to follow along with the words as you read aloud to your child today.

### 13 WRITING

With your child write "Birthday" on each day in 2021 that is the birthday of a family member. Talk about what you are doing.

### 14 PLAYING

Play "Follow the Leader." Do things and ask your child to do the same.  
*Touch your head, Turn around, Sit down.*

### 15 TALKING

Talk about food.  
*Which food do you each think is the most delicious? What do you want to have for dinner?*

### 16 SINGING

Make up silly songs about everyday activities.  
*This is the way we make the bed, make the bed, make the bed. This is the way we brush our teeth, etc.*

### 17 COUNTING

Count snacks.  
*How many crackers are there?*

### 18 READING

Be a reading role model. Let your child catch you reading a book, a newspaper, or a magazine.

### 19 WRITING

Write a list of things to do today. Have your child check off each as it is completed.

### 20 PLAYING

Go on a scavenger hunt.  
*Look for things that begin with S. Shoe, sock, soap.*

### 21 TALKING

Take out a few ice cubes. Put them in separate small bowls. Help your child place them around your home, including outside. Talk about which melts first.

### 22 SINGING

Sing a favorite song in a loud voice and then a quiet voice.

### 23 COUNTING

Measure your feet day! Line up all the family's shoes and boots. Whose are biggest? The smallest?

### 24 READING

Read a book about winter.

### 25 WRITING

Draw the outline of your child's hand on a piece of paper. Write the date and have your child "sign" the drawing. Save it.

### 26 PLAYING

Let's dance! Play favorite songs that will inspire your child to do different things like jump and spin around.

### 27 TALKING

Say the nursery rhyme "Hey Diddle Diddle." (Words are on the back. ➡)  
*Talk about how funny it is. The cow jumps over the moon? The little dog laughs? The dish runs away with the spoon?*

### 28 SINGING

Take turns singing parts of the ABC song. Sing it fast and sing it slow

### 29 COUNTING

Say the "Five Little Snowmen" rhyme. (Words are on the back. ➡)

### 30 READING

Ask your child questions while you read to them today. What do you think will happen next? Where did the little dog go?



# FEBRUARY 2021

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SUNDAY



**7 WRITING**

Let your child scribble and draw, encourage them to "sign" their name on their drawing.

MONDAY

**1 WRITING**

Use a red crayon to keep a list of all the red things you see today. Red car. Red truck. Red door. Write it down with the red crayon!

TUESDAY

**2 PLAYING**

Play the yes-no game.  
"Is the sky blue?" "Is it morning?"  
"Is our dog's name Spot?"

WEDNESDAY

**3 TALKING**

Ask your child questions that have more than a yes or no answer. What is something fun we did today? What is something fun we can do tomorrow?

THURSDAY

**4 SINGING**

Clap along to a favorite song. Emphasize the slow parts and the fast parts.

FRIDAY

**5 COUNTING**

Look at a calendar together. Count the number of days until Valentine's Day. Draw a heart around February 14

SATURDAY

**6 READING**

Pick a book to read together. Stop reading before the end and ask your child, "What do you think will happen?"

**7 WRITING**

Let your child scribble and draw, encourage them to "sign" their name on their drawing.

**8 PLAYING**

Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that start with the "r" sound, like fruit, feet, face, fork.

**9 TALKING**

After reading together, talk about interesting words in the book.

**10 SINGING**

Recite "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" (Words are on the back. ➡)

**11 COUNTING**

Count your steps today. From the bedroom to the kitchen. From the front door to the corner. All the way back home.

**12 READING**

Set up a reading routine: read after naps and before bedtime.

**13 WRITING**

Letters are everywhere. Today look for the letter that your child's first name begins with and show them when you find it. Ask your child to also look.

**14 PLAYING**

Happy Valentine's Day! Sing "The More We Get Together." (Words are on the back. ➡)

**15 TALKING**

Talk about your family's plans for the day. What is your child excited to do or see?

**16 SINGING**

Sing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" together. (Words are on the back. ➡)

**17 COUNTING**

Recite the rhyme "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe." (Words are on the back. ➡)

**18 READING**

Look at the covers of books before reading them. Talk about what the books might be about.

**19 WRITING**

Trace shapes and letters in a shallow pan of flour, salt, or baking soda.

**20 PLAYING**

Play store. Set up a little store with items in your house and take turns being the shopper and the checkout clerk.

**21 TALKING**

Introduce a new word to describe how you feel. Say "I feel joyful" rather than "I'm happy."

**22 SINGING**

Sing a favorite song together. Change the words to make it silly or to incorporate your child's name.

**23 COUNTING**

Pick a number of the day. Call it out wherever you see it!

**24 READING**

Point out signs everywhere today. Explain what they say and how they help.

**25 WRITING**

Make a chart of family preferences. List family member names and their favorite colors, favorite flavor ice cream, favorite fruit, etc.

**26 PLAYING**

Use masking tape to make lines or shapes on the floor. Walk along the tape like a pretend balance beam.

**27 TALKING**

Talk about concepts like "on" and "off" when you put on and take off hats and jackets.

**28 SINGING**

Make music with things you have in the house—pots, pans, spoons, and sing and dance around to the music you make.



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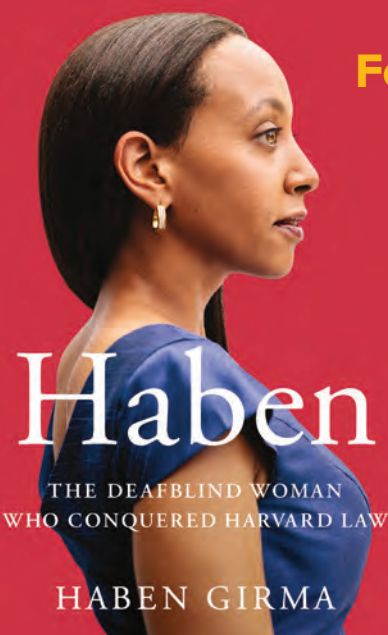
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**Thursday**  
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