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Lafayette Reads Together presents: *Clues to the Universe*

It's harder to get lost in the cosmos with a friend.

CLUES to the UNIVERSE



About the Author

Christina Li is a student studying economics at Stanford University. When she is not puzzling over her stats problem set, she is daydreaming about characters and drinking too much jasmine green tea. She grew up in the Midwest but now calls California home. Find her online at christinaliwrites.com. *Clues to the Universe* is her debut novel.



LRT Programs & Activities

Living Hope of Lafayette

Ages 14 & up

Living Hope is an outreach program that mentors to expectant teens and young mothers who are in need of guidance and assistance. These meetings will aim to provide life skills classes, emotional and spiritual support, and more.

Sundays: January 23; February 20

[South Regional Library](#)

1:00 – 3:00 PM

981-1028

Create-A-Comic

All Ages

Want to be an author? Stop by any Lafayette Public Library location to pick up a template and create your very own one-page comic book story!

Monday, January 24 – Saturday, March 12

Paper Circuit Constellations

Ages 12–18

Trace a constellation, then use conductive tape and LEDs to make it shine like the night sky. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 24

[West Regional Library](#)

4:00 – 5:00 PM

232-9321

Tuesday, January 25

[North Regional Library](#)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

896-6323

Thursday, January 27

[East Regional Library](#)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

445-3168

Friday, January 28

[Main Library](#)

4:30 – 5:30 PM

261-5778

Saturday, January 29

[South Regional Library](#)

2:00 – 3:00 PM

981-1028

Binary Code Bracelets

Ages 7–12

Explore binary code and its two-symbol system by creating a bead bracelet that spells out the word "star." *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 24

[Main Library](#)

4:00 – 5:00 PM

261-5779

Thursday, January 27

[West Regional Library](#)

4:00 – 5:00 PM

232-9321

Monday, February 14

[East Regional Library](#)

3:00 – 4:00 PM

445-3168

Tuesday, February 15

[South Regional Library](#)

4:30 – 5:30 PM

981-1028



About the Book

On the surface, Rosalind Ling Geraghty and Benjamin Burns are completely different. Aspiring rocket scientist Ro normally has a plan for everything. Yet she's reeling from her dad's unexpected death, and all she has left of him is a half-built model rocket and a crater-sized grief that she doesn't know how to cope with. Artist Benji loves superheroes and comic books. In fact, he's convinced his long-lost dad, who walked out on his family years ago, created his favorite comic book series, Spacebound—but has no way to reach him.

Ro and Benji were only supposed to be science class partners. But when a mix-up turns the unlikely pair into friends, Benji helps Ro build her rocket, and Ro helps Benji search through his comics—and across the country—to find out where his dad truly could be.

As the two face bullying, loss, and their own differences, Benji and Ro try to piece together clues to some of the biggest questions in the universe.



About Lafayette Reads Together

Lafayette Reads Together (LRT) began eight years ago 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.

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Look for this symbol throughout the BookTalk for more **Lafayette Reads Together** programs.

Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.

Friendship Bracelets

Meet your friends at the library to make friendship bracelets together. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 26 (for kids ages 8–12)	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Friday, February 18 (for teens ages 12–18)	3:30 – 4:00 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323
Thursday, February 3 (for teens ages 12–18)	4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Monday, February 7 (for kids ages 8–12)	4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library	261-5779

LRT Film Screenings

Ages 10 & up

Hubble (G, 2010): Follow the crew of the Space Shuttle Atlantis as they attempt to repair the Hubble Space Telescope in this documentary.

Wednesday, January 26	6:00 – 6:45 PM
Main Library	261-5787

Hidden Figures (PG, 2016): Based on a true story, this drama highlights Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson, African American female mathematicians whose work contributed to NASA's Space Race success.

Saturday, February 5	1:30 – 3:40 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Wednesday, February 16	5:30 – 7:40 PM
Main Library	261-5787

Grief & Trauma Talk

Ages 18 & up

Join EMDR-Certified therapist and consultant Charlene Spears as she discusses grief and trauma. *A Zoom link will be available.*

Thursday, January 27	6:00 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168

Cosmic Cookies

Ages 18 & up

Learn how to use royal icing to decorate sugar cookies that look like constellations! *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 17	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library	261-5787

The Great Space Coaster

Ages 18 & up

Use nail polish to make a galaxy-themed coaster for your tasty beverage. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 18	2:00 – 3:00 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168



Join the 100 Book Club Lafayette Public Library's Annual Reading Challenge

Make it your New Year's resolution to read more books in 2022! Better yet, strive to read or listen to 100 books between January 1 and December 31 to become a member of the Lafayette Public Library's 100 Book Club. Receive prizes, recognition, and bragging rights for accomplishing something few others will! Registration begins January 3, 2022 in our libraries and online. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or download the LPL Mobile app to sign up.

Free Zumba at the Library!

All Ages

Join licensed Zumba instructor Sahra Arabaca for an energetic hour of movement and excitement!

Tuesdays: January 4, 18; February 1, 15	5:30 – 6:30 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Wednesdays: January–February	5:30 – 6:30 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028
Thursdays: January–February	5:30 – 6:30 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323
Fridays: January 14, 28; February 11, 25	4:45 – 5:45 PM
West Regional Library	232-9321

Chess Club

Ages 7 & up

Chess players of all levels are welcome to come play. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 5	6:00 – 7:00 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323
Wednesday, January 19	6:00 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Wednesday, February 2	6:00 – 7:00 PM
West Regional Library	232-9321
Wednesday, February 16	6:00 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028

Chinese New Year Lanterns

All Ages

Stop by the **Main**, **East Regional**, and **West Regional Libraries** to pick up a balloon lantern take-and-make kit. *Available while supplies last.*

Distribution begins Tuesday, February 1

Lunar Phase Calendar

Ages 12 & up

Track and calculate the phases of the moon with this lunar calendar Grab & Go Craft kit. *Available while supplies last.*

Distribution begins Sunday, February 13

East Regional Library	445-3168
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Driver Safety

Ages 14 & up

Join TFC Thomas Gossen from Troop I of the Louisiana State Police for a presentation on the impact of distracted and impaired driving as well as seatbelt safety.

Saturday, February 19	2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028



WRITING CONTEST

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 18, 2022.

Book Clubs

YA Virtual Book Club

Ages 12 & up

Do you love teen books? Join our group LPL YA Virtual Book Club on Goodreads to discuss a new book each month. Sign up @ [LafayettePublicLibrary.org/yavirtualbookclub](https://lafayettepubliclibrary.org/yavirtualbookclub).

January *Deeplight* by Frances Hardinge
February *Hot Dog Girl* by Jennifer Dugan

YA Snapshots

Ages 12 & up

Join us virtually as we read an excerpt from this month's YA Virtual Book Club pick.

Mondays: January 3; February 7

Classics Book Club

Ages 14 & up

Thursdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM South Regional Library & Zoom

January 6 *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Defoe
February 3 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin

Milton Book Club

Ages 18 & up

Tuesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM Milton Branch

January 11 *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan
February 8 *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

History Book Club

Ages 14 & up

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM South Regional Library & Zoom

January 11 *Terror to the Wicked* by Tobey Pearl
February 8 *City of a Million Dreams* by Jason Berry

Mystery Book Club

Ages 18 & up


Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM West Regional Library

January 18 *What Angels Fear* by C.S. Harris
February 15 *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

North Regional Library Book Club

Ages 18 & up

Wednesdays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM North Regional Library

January 19 *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë
February 16 *Clues to the Universe* by Christina Li 

Beyond Black History Month Book Club

Ages 14 & up

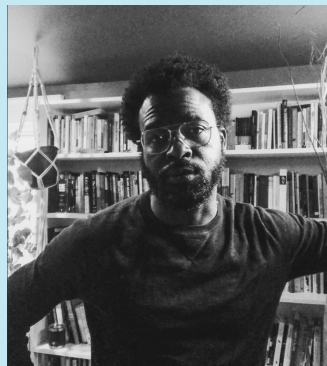
Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM Zoom

January 25 *Speaking Truth to Power* by Anita Hill
February 22 *The World Black, Beautiful, and Beast* by C.I. Aki

Author C.I. Aki will be joining us for the February 22 meeting to discuss his book *The World Black, Beautiful, and Beast*.

C.I. Aki, the son of a Nigerian economist and a Nigerian-Jamaican horticulturist, is a poet, essayist, filmmaker, and educator based in Nashville, TN. He received his B.A. in rhetoric and sociology from the University of Texas at Austin and his Master's in theology and philosophy at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

In 2012, he published his first short story, "A Withering Scar, A Thin Pin-Striped Suit, and 1,000 Judgements," in *34th Parallel Magazine*. In 2014, he premiered his short film, *The Runner*, in the *Capital City Black Film Festival*. In 2015, he was a recipient of Vanderbilt's Imagination Grant to carry out research in Spain for an on-going documentary on flamenco that he is producing. He currently leads a language arts program at an independent school in Nashville.



Board Game Basement

Ages 14 & up

Saunter down to the basement to enjoy board games and make new friends. Feel free to bring your own games.

Monday, January 3 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Tuesday, February 15 5:30 – 7:30 PM
 South Regional Library 981-1028
Mondays: January 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 Main Library 261-5787

Trivia Time

Ages 14 & up

Do you think you know trivia? Test your skills against others in our monthly themed trivia contests. Bring a team or join one when you get here.

Tuesdays: 6:00 – 7:00 PM
January 4 Popular Culture
February 1 Black History Month
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Life Writing

Ages 18 & up

Join a life writing group led by Earlene Broussard Echeverria. Bring a writing sample to share and discuss the writing process.

Wednesdays: January–February 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Midweek Matinee

Ages 18 & up

Each Wednesday afternoon, watch a movie with international flavor.

Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
January 5 *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (PG-13)
January 12 *French Exit* (R)
January 19 *L'Enfant - The Child* (R; French)
January 26 *The Raid 2 - Serbuan Maut 2: Berandal* (R; Indonesian)
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Coloring for Adults

Ages 18 & up

Your creativity will be your utensil while we provide prints and colored pencils.

Wednesdays: January 5; February 2 1:30 – 2:30 PM
 North Regional Library 896-6323
Fridays: January 14; February 11 2:00 – 3:00 PM
 East Regional Library 445-3168
Mondays: January 24; February 28 1:30 – 2:30 PM
 Main Library 261-5787

Needle Arts Club

Ages 14 & up

Do you have an interest in crochet, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Bring your own project, get new ideas, and socialize with other crafters.

Tuesdays: January 11, 25; February 8, 22 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 North Regional Library 896-6323
Thursdays: January 13; February 10 6:00 – 7:00 PM
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Luau in the Library

Ages 15 & up

We are bringing a slice of Hawaii to the library! Escape the winter blues with crafts, trivia, sand, and fun. Hawaiian attire is encouraged.

Thursday, January 6 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 Main Library 261-5787

Smart Kids, Smart Nutrition

Building big brains requires specialized, smart nutrition. Learn great nutrition tips in this class hosted by Valerie Willis from Natural Grocers. *Registration is required.* A Zoom link will be available.

Tuesday, January 11
South Regional Library

Ages 14 & up
12:00 – 1:00 PM
981-1028

Dungeons & Dragons One-Shots

Join us for one-shot sessions of Dungeons & Dragons (5th edition). Bring your own level five character, or use one of our pre-built sheets! *Registration is required.*

Tuesdays: January 11, 25; February 8, 22
East Regional Library

Ages 18 & up
5:30 – 7:30 PM
445-3168

Virtual Write With Us

Get into creative writing with our biweekly virtual workshops offering support and guidance in your writing efforts.

Wednesdays: January 12, 26; February 9, 23

Ages 18 & up
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Art Journaling Group

Combine literature and art to create amazing journal pages! Each month will be a different theme and page in your journal. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 13 Pursue Your Dreams
Wednesday, February 9 Sweet Memories
Main Library

Ages 14 & up
2:00 – 4:00 PM
2:00 – 4:00 PM
261-5787

Beginner's Acrylic Painting

Join local artist Natalie Christophe to learn the basics of acrylic by creating a still-life painting. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays:
January 13
East Regional Library
January 27
West Regional Library
February 3
Main Library
February 10
South Regional Library

Ages 18 & up
5:30 – 6:30 PM
445-3168
232-9321
261-5787
981-1028

L' Atelier de la Table Française

The French Table provides a forum to improve your verbal skills in both Louisiana and standard French through casual conversation. *Adults only; some knowledge of French is required.*

Saturdays: January 15; February 5, 19
South Regional Library

Ages 18 & up
9:30 – 11:30 AM
981-1028

Discover Genealogy

Lafayette Genealogical Society hosts monthly meetings with a guest speaker.

Thursdays: January 20; February 17
South Regional Library

Ages 18 & up
5:30 – 7:30 PM
981-1028

Fabricadabra! Altered States

Learn how to turn your old clothes into a new wardrobe with this YouTube video!
Saturday, January 22

Ages 14 & up

Adult Programs

Mardi Gras Table Decor

Create a festive Mardi Gras decoration using colorful paper and feathers in purple, green, and gold. Perfect for any table, desk, or shelf. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 26
West Regional Library

Ages 18 & up
1:00 – 3:00 PM
232-9321

Saturday, January 29
South Regional Library

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
981-1028

Glass Recycling

Learn how Backyard Sapphire has returned glass recycling to Lafayette by turning your old bottles into environmentally friendly mulch. A Zoom link will be available.

Saturday, January 29
South Regional Library

Ages 14 & up
3:00 – 4:00 PM
981-1028

The Legacy of Carville Hospital

In honor of World Leprosy Day, we welcome Claire Manes, PhD, who will share her family story as it connects to Louisiana's famed Carville Hospital. Dr. Manes is the author of *Out of the Shadow of Leprosy*, inspired by letters from her grandfather during his years at Carville.

Sunday, January 30
West Regional Library

3:00 – 4:00 PM
232-9321

Fabricadabra! Year of the Tiger

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with an embroidered celestial tiger Take & Make Craft kit! *Available while supplies last.*

Distribution begins Sunday, February 6
Main Library

Ages 14 & up
261-5787

Crafting for a Cause

Items crafted in this series of programs will be donated to charitable organizations. This month we will make feeling dolls for Healing House, an organization that provides support and education for grieving children, their caregivers, and the Acadiana Community. All skill levels are welcome. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 11
Main Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM
261-5787

Fueling for Fitness

This sports nutrition seminar led by Valerie Willis from Natural Grocers will give you the tools you need to stay at the top of your game. *Registration is required.* A Zoom link will also be available.

Tuesday, February 15
South Regional Library

12:00 – 1:00 PM
981-1028

Road Map Rock Keychains

Learn how to apply printed road maps onto flat stones to create a keychain design. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 15
East Regional Library

1:30 – 3:00 PM
445-3168

Adult Show-N-Tell

Do you have a cool model rocket, remote-controlled vehicle, or anything cool you are looking to show off? We partnered with Big Boy Toys and Hobbies for this fun show-n-tell!

Wednesday, February 23
Main Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
261-5787

Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook page for Zoom links.



Makerspace & Tech

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.

Mondays (except January 17 & 31) North Regional Library	3:00 – 5:00 PM 896-6323
Mondays: January 3 & February 7 Fridays: January 28 & February 25 East Regional Library	4:30 – 7:30 PM 3:30 – 5:30 PM 445-3168
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays Saturdays: January 22 & February 12 Main Library	1:00 – 7:30 PM 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM 261-5787
Tuesdays & Thursdays West Regional Library	3:00 – 6:00 PM 232-9321

Computer Classes

Ages 18 & up

Lafayette Public Library offers computer classes for our patrons to learn valuable skills to navigate an increasingly digital world. *Registration is required.*

Digital Media Basics	January 4	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Selling Items Online	January 11	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Podcasts	January 18	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Publishing Books Online	January 25	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Microsoft PowerPoint	February 1	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Smartphones	February 3	2:00 – 3:00 PM
Microsoft Publisher	February 8	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Canva	February 10	2:00 – 3:00 PM
Electronic Resources for Kids	February 15	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Electronic Resources for Adults	February 22	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library		261-5787
3D Printing & Modeling	January 6	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Canva	January 13	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Selling Items Online	January 20	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Electronic Resources for Kids	February 3	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Podcasts	February 10	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Smartphones	February 17	5:00 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library		232-9321
Basic Computing	January 10 & 12	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Introduction to PowerPoint	January 19	2:00 – 3:30 PM
Introduction to Excel	January 24 & 26	2:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library		445-3168
Smartphones	January 10	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Electronic Resources for Kids	January 24	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Selling Items Online	January 31	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Podcasts	February 7	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Publishing Books Online	February 28	6:00 – 7:00 PM
North Regional Library		896-6323
Basic Computing	February 7 & 9	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Introduction to Microsoft Word	February 14 & 16	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Introduction to Microsoft Excel	February 21 & 23	2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library		981-1028

Makerspace Grab & Go Craft Kits

Ages 14 & up

Swing by the **Main Library** and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go kits will include most of the supplies you'll need and instructions. *Available while supplies last.*

Perpetual Calendar

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

Distribution begins Tuesday, January 4 at 1:00 PM

Wooden Valentine Box

Assemble a decorative Valentine's Day box with a hinged lid!

Distribution begins Tuesday, February 8 at 1:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

Learn to Make

Registration is required for all programs below.

Procreate for Beginners

Ages 15 & up

Learn the basics of using the Procreate digital art app for iPad.

Tuesday, January 4

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Zodiac Constellation Embroidery



Ages 18 & up

Create your favorite zodiac constellation design in this fun and easy project.

Tuesday, January 18

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Chinese New Year Red Envelopes



Ages 15 & up

Learn to use the Silhouette Cameo and paper folding to create and decorate red envelopes in celebration of the lunar new year.

Tuesday, February 1

1:30 – 3:00 PM

East Regional Library

445-3168

Laser Cutting 101

Ages 14 & up

Learn the basics of creating and printing on a laser cutter using CorelDraw.

Registration is required.

Monday, January 10

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

Tech Assistance by Appointment

Ages 18 & up

Got a new device and don't know how to use it? Tech Assistance to the rescue! Register and an electronic resources librarian will call and schedule a 20-minute appointment to discuss your technology questions. *Registration is required.*

Mondays: January 10, 31; February 7, 28

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Chenier Branch

291-2941

Thursdays: January 27; February 24

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

Vinyl Cutting 101

Ages 14 & up

Learn the basics of creating, cutting, and applying vinyl sticker designs using Silhouette Studio and a Cameo vinyl cutter. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 7

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

Intro to Computer Programming with Python

Ages 13–18

An introduction to computer programming using the Python programming language. *Registration is required. Teens Only.*

Wednesday, February 23

6:00 – 7:30 PM

West Regional Library

232-9321

Monday, February 28

6:00 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

Drop-In Gaming

Join old and new friends to play on various gaming consoles or play board games.

Sundays: January–February

Main Library

Thursdays: January 13, 27; February 10, 24

North Regional Library

Thursdays: January 20; February 17

East Regional Library

Sundays: January 30; February 27

West Regional Library

Ages 12–18

3:00 – 4:00 PM

261-5778

3:30 – 4:30 PM

896-6323

3:30 – 4:30 PM

445-3168

1:00 – 3:00 PM

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.

Mondays: January–February

(Except January 17)

Main Library

Ages 12–18

6:00 – 7:00 PM

261-5778

Teen LEGO Lab

LEGO-loving teens can hang out, build original creations for display, and explore various LEGO-themed activities in this monthly meet up.

Tuesdays: January 4; February 8

North Regional Library

Fridays: January 14; February 18

South Regional Library

Wednesdays: January 19; February 16

Main Library

Ages 12–18

3:30 – 4:30 PM

896-6323

4:30 – 5:30 PM

981-1028

5:00 – 6:00 PM

261-5778

Teen Drawing Round Table

Calling teen artists of all skill levels! Come meet at the library to exchange ideas, techniques, and banter while you draw. Some art supplies provided.

Thursdays: January 6; February 3

North Regional Library

Ages 12–18

3:00 – 4:00 PM

896-6323

Career Corner

Teens (and curious adults) can interact with professionals in various fields to find out about their jobs. Bring plenty of questions! A Zoom link will be available.

Saturdays:

1:00 – 2:00 PM

January 8 Veterinarian: Dr. Gregory Schmidt

January 15 Video Game Designers: Lex Landry & Conor Judice (AIE)

January 29 Therapist: Ryan Winters, MS, LPC, NCC

February 5 Retired FBI Special Agent: Monica Miller

South Regional Library

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Ages 12 & up

Freestyle Art

Use our extra craft supplies or bring your own to create a masterpiece.

Saturdays: January 8; February 12

Main Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM

261-5778

Tuesdays: January 18; February 22

North Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

896-6323

Dream Jar

Create a dream jar in honor of the "I Have a Dream" speech. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 12

West Regional Library

Ages 12–17

4:30 – 6:00 PM

232-9321

Teen Programs

East Regional Teen Grab & Go Crafts

Ages 12–18

Get your craft on with these Grab & Go kits! *Available while supplies last.*

Beaded Keychain

Brighten up those winter blues with a colorful keychain.

Distribution begins Wednesday, January 12

Out of This World Bookmarks

Hold your place with these hand-decorated, space-themed bookmarks.

Distribution begins Wednesday, January 26

Be My Valentine

Make your own Valentine slime.

Distribution begins Wednesday, February 9

Lucky Origami Stars

Make a galaxy's worth of mini origami stars.

Distribution begins Wednesday, February 23

East Regional Library

445-3168

Bookish Nail Art



Ages 12 & up

Watch this YouTube video for YA Book Club inspired nail art!

Thursdays: January 13; February 10

Snack Attack To-Go



Ages 12–18

Pick up your own to-go bag of snack attack supplies to make at home along with the video on YouTube. *While supplies last.*

Tuesday, January 25

Brown Bag Ranch Popcorn

Tuesday, February 22

Hot Cocoa Mug Brownie

Main Library

261-5778

Superheroes: The Best of the Best

All Ages

Everyone has a favorite superhero, but hardly anyone can agree on which is the best. Patrons can determine which is the best by visiting our website to vote.

Friday, January 28 – Thursday, February 24

Celebrating Black History

Ages 12–17

Create a collage inspired by famous artist Romare Bearden. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 9

4:30 – 6:00 PM

West Regional Library

232-9321

Messy Science



Ages 12–18

Use household items to make a mess and practice STEM. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 24

4:30 – 6:00 PM

Main Library

261-5778

Kindness Rocks

Ages 12–18

Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day by painting rocks with uplifting messages.

Thursday, February 17

3:30 – 4:30 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

Murder in the Stacks

Ages 12 & up

After-hours scavenger hunt with teams finding clues scattered throughout the library. *Registration in person or by phone is required.*

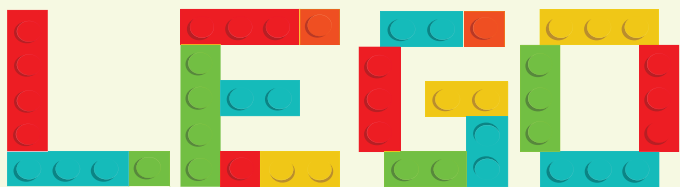
Friday, February 25

6:30 – 8:00 PM

West Regional Library

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Children's & Family Programs



LEGO WeDo Workshops

Ages 7–12

Builders and brick enthusiasts assemble! Explore the basics of robotics engineering with LEGO WeDo kits. Take building to a new level! *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 3	2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028
Wednesday, January 5	4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323
Thursday, January 20; Wednesday, February 16	5:30 – 6:30 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Saturday, February 5	1:00 – 2:00 PM
Main Library	261-5779

LEGO Club

Ages 5–12


Build unique LEGO creations based on a given theme. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays: January 6; February 10	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Milton Branch	856-5261
Thursdays: January 6; February 10	5:30 – 6:30 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Fridays: January 14; February 11	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library	261-5779
Friday, January 14	4:00 – 5:00 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028
Wednesdays: January 19; February 16	4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323
Saturdays: January 22; February 19	2:00 – 3:00 PM
West Regional Library	232-9321

To Be Continued Book Club

Ages 7–12

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

January 4	<i>Inkheart</i> by Cornelia Funke
January 11	<i>The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</i> by Dan Gemeinhart
January 18	<i>Clues to the Universe</i> by Christina Li
January 25	<i>The Lion of Mars</i> by Jennifer Holm 
February 1	<i>Judy Moody in a Monday Mood</i> by Megan McDonald
February 8	<i>Other Words for Home</i> by Jasmine Warga
February 15	<i>Molly's Story: A Dog's Purpose</i> by W. Bruce Cameron
February 22	<i>Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth</i> by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Book Buddy Grab & Go

Ages 3–8

Stop by every Wednesday to pick up a craft based on your favorite book characters. While you're there, be sure to grab a few books to read with your new book buddy!

Wednesdays: January–February	
East Regional Library	445-3168

Game On!

Ages 5–12

Let's play some video games!

Tuesday, January 4	3:30 – 4:30 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Wednesdays: January 19; February 16	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Duson Branch	873-3521
Thursday, February 10	1:00 – 2:00 PM & 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library	232-9321

Homeschool Hangout

Ages 5–12

An afternoon of learning stations revolving around different themes for homeschooling families. *Registration is required.*

Wednesdays: January 5; February 2	1:00 – 2:30 PM
West Regional Library	232-9321
Wednesdays: January 12; February 9	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Main Library	261-5779
Thursdays: January 20; February 24	1:00 – 2:30 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323

After-School Special

Ages 5–12

Join us for an after-school craft or activity every other week!

Wednesdays: January 5, 19; February 2, 16	4:30 – 5:30 PM
Chenier Branch	291-2941

Hurray for PreK!

Ages 3–5

Get your little ones ready for preschool at this fun program where we'll read a story, practice motor skills, and reinforce concepts like colors, numbers, and letters.

Fridays: January 7; February 4	10:30 – 11:30 AM
Main Library	261-5779

Hero Kids

Ages 7–12

Join us on an adventure in this tabletop role-playing game. See if you have what it takes to save the villagers and win the day! *Registration is required.*

Fridays: January 7; February 4	4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028

Crafternoon

Ages 5–12

Drop in and join us for some crafting fun. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 10	3:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library	445-3168
Tuesdays: January 11; February 15	4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library	896-6323

Claymation Studio

Ages 7–12

Create your own stop-motion animated movies and use innovative software to upload background images, audio, and music. You can also return during Makerspace open access hours (see page 6) to continue working on your project. *Registration is required and covers both sessions.*

Tuesday, January 11 & Thursday, January 13 (2 sessions)	3:30 – 5:30 PM
West Regional Library	232-9321

Mini-est Golf

Ages 7–12

Like mini golf but even smaller! Come design and make your own mini-est golf hole. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 12	4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library	981-1028

Small Folk Studio

Ages 18 Months–3 Years

An opportunity for toddlers to create and explore art mediums. Dress for a mess!
Registration is required.

Friday, January 14

South Regional Library

Fridays: January 21; February 18

Main Library

Friday, February 11

North Regional Library

10:00 – 10:45 AM

981-1028

10:00 – 10:45 AM

261-5779

10:30 – 11:15 AM

896-6323

Little Artists

Ages 3–5

Preschoolers will explore open-ended art activities and different art mediums while learning about color, texture, and more. *Registration is required.*

Fridays: January 14; February 11

Main Library

Friday, January 21

North Regional Library

Friday, February 18

South Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM

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10:30 – 11:15 AM

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10:30 – 11:15 AM

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Unicorn Popcorn

Ages 7 & up

Celebrate National Popcorn Day with us by learning how to make unicorn popcorn in this YouTube video!

Wednesday, January 19

Fan Day: Hilda

Ages 7–12

Come test your knowledge with trivia on this Fan Day all about the Netflix/comic hit, Hilda! Make crafts, eat snacks, and talk about all the things you love about the series! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 19

Main Library

4:00 – 5:30 PM

261-5779

American Girl Club

Ages 7–12

Meet a new American Girl every other month and enjoy activities based on her interests. All dolls, American Girl or other, are welcome! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 19

Luciana Vega

South Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

981-1028

Parachute Play

Ages 18–36 months

Up, down, and all around! Join us for a magical morning of songs and games around our colorful parachute. *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 21

South Regional Library

10:00 – 10:30 AM

981-1028

Library Science Fair

Ages 7–14

Are you a scientist in the making? Do you have an experiment with results you'd love to share? Take part in the library science fair! Create a poster about your science experiment and display it at the library for the whole community to see. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 31–Friday, February 18

East Regional Library

West Regional Library

445-3168

232-9321

Children's & Family Programs

Chinese New Year Craft

Ages 5–12

In celebration of Chinese New Year, join us for some crafting fun! *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 31

Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

261-5779

Monday, January 31

South Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

981-1028

Tuesday, February 1

East Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

445-3168

Tuesday, February 1

North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

896-6323

A Valentine's Afternoon

Ages 5–12

Come play games and make a craft that will help you get ready for Valentine's Day! *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 1

South Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

981-1028

Paper Plane Engineering

Ages 10–14

A guest professional will show you how tweaks in your design can create different results to give your paper planes the perfect lift. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 2

Main Library

4:00 – 5:30 PM

261-5779

Pixelate It

Ages 9–12

Design and build your own pixelated platform game using our hands-on Bloxels boards! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 2

North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

896-6323

Check Out an Adventure Kit!

Let the Lafayette Public Library add ADVENTURE to your life! Each Adventure Kit is like a library program in a box that patrons can check out. Patrons can dig deep into tech, science, outdoors, crafts, and early literacy.

All Adventure Kit boxes come 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 themes. There are 40 kits with 16 different themes ready to test out.



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. Each kit contains an inventory list of the included items. Holds can be placed for kits to be delivered to any branch.

Adventure Kits were brought to Lafayette Public Library patrons through a generous donation from **Cox Communications**.

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Children's & Family Programs

DIY Moon Rocks



Ages 5–12

Learn how to make your own moon rocks at home in this YouTube video!

Wednesday, February 9

Sew Awesome

Ages 8–12

Do you want to surprise someone with a special handmade gift for Valentine's Day? Use the sewing machine to make a heart-shaped pillow. All supplies provided. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 9

1:30 – 2:30 PM & 4:00 – 5:00 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

Valentine Origami

Ages 7–12

Learn how to make an origami heart and flower. Just in time to give to your valentine!

Wednesday, February 9

4:30 – 5:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

Valentine Tea

Ages 2–5

Celebrate Valentine's Day by bringing your stuffed animal to the library for a tea party. We will read a story about tea parties, paint with tea, and enjoy tea and cakes. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 14

10:00 – 10:45 AM

West Regional Library

232-9321

Little Scientists



Ages 3–5

Explore the wonders of science with a themed story and activity. Dress for a mess! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 16

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Main Library

261-5779

Little Scientist: Online



Ages 3–12

Join us in this YouTube video as we explore the wonders of rocket science!

Tuesday, February 22

Blast Off!



Ages 5–12

Come create your own paper cup rocket launcher and see how high it can go! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 23

4:30 – 5:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

Lost in Space at the Library!



Ages 7–12

Put on your spacesuits and buckle up as we blast off into space, but watch out! It's going to be a bumpy ride! Test your knowledge of space with games, crafts, and more! *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 28

2:00 – 3:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028



Register for the 2022 Read to Me Book Club Beginning Monday, January 3rd

Learning begins at birth, and part of Lafayette Public Library's early literacy initiative, Read to Me Book Club, supports learning for children from birth to age five. The library has partnered with talkingisteaching.org's early literacy campaign to share ways families can incorporate the five practices of early literacy—reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing—into their daily lives.

The challenge is simple: You read 100 books to your child during the year. Log your child's reading as well as any challenge activities they complete throughout their literacy journey. Logging can be done with a paper reading log or through Beanstack (in-app or browser). If your child has a favorite book, then the same book can be counted every time you read it! The whole idea behind the club is to celebrate reading as a fun and enriching activity. It can be taken on as a challenge at early learning centers, homeschool groups, and neighborhoods.

Once your child reads 100 books with your help, share the great news with your librarian. To complete the Read to Me Book Club, your child must read 100 books and complete the explore badge. Your child may earn other virtual badges (read, sing, talk, write, and play) in Beanstack by completing various challenge activities, such as turning the pages in the book as you read together, singing nursery rhymes together, or by acting out the words of a book or song.

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).

Storytime Calendar: January – February 2022

Main Library

Baby Time & Toddler Time

Baby Time, Tuesdays 9:30 AM
Toddler Time, Tuesdays 10:30 AM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 22

Pajama Time

Tuesdays 6:00 PM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 22

Story Castle

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
 January 5, 12, 19, 26
 February 2, 9, 16, 23

Bibliobop

Fridays 10:30 AM
 January 28
 February 25

West Regional Library

Storytime Jr.

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 22

Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30 AM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 22

East Regional Library

Storytime

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 22

Thursdays

January 6, 13, 20, 27

Storytime Jr.

Tuesdays 10:30 AM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25

Register in-person or by phone (337) 445-3168

South Regional Library

Baby Time

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 January 4, 11, 18, 25
 February 1, 8, 15, 22

Toddler Time

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
 January 5, 12, 19, 26
 February 2, 9, 16, 23

Pajama Party

Wednesdays 6:00 PM
 January 5, 19
 February 2, 16

Bibliobop

Thursdays 10:00 AM
 January 6, 13, 20, 27
 February 3, 10, 17, 24

North Regional Library

Family Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 AM
 January 5, 12, 19, 26
 February 2, 9, 16, 23

Milton Branch

Storytime

Thursdays 9:30 AM
 January 6, 13, 20, 27
 February 3, 10, 17, 24

Toddler Time/Storytime Jr.

An opportunity for children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers to take part in stories and pre-literacy activities.

Baby Time

Designed to introduce parents or caregivers and babies aged birth to 18 months to nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and early literacy.

Bibliobop

Shake out your sillies with a morning of dance, movement, and singable books. Ages 2 – 6.

Family Storytime

Designed to be inclusive of all ages and families.

Pajama Time/Party

Children are encouraged to wear pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and enjoy night-time stories.

Story Castle/Storytime

Begin your child's literacy education with a star-studded lineup of storytelling, music, fingerplays, and other activities. Ages 3–6.



Registration is required and opens one week before the storytime date. See our calendar of events for details.

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309 Cora St., Lafayette

Phone 234-0363
Mon – Thurs 4:00 – 7:00

CHENIER BRANCH

220 W. Willow, Bldg. C, Lafayette

Phone 291-2941
Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 7:00
Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 11:00 – 3:00

DUSON BRANCH

310 Ave. Au Nord, Duson

Phone 873-3521
Monday – Friday 9:00 – 6:00

MILTON BRANCH

108 W. Milton Ave., Milton

Phone 856-5261
Monday – Friday 9:00 – 6:00

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

501 Old Spanish Trail, Scott

Phone 232-9321
Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 8:00
Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 10:00 – 5:00
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NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

5101 N. University, Carencro

Phone 896-6323
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Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 10:00 – 5:00
Sunday 12:00 – 6:00

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY

6101 Johnston St., Lafayette

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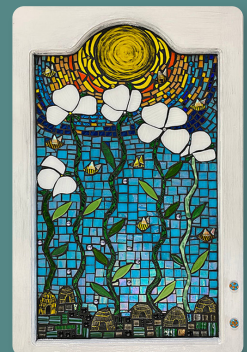
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Please renew your Friends membership every January, UNLESS you are a lifetime member or have joined after our Fall Book Sale. In order to be added to our membership roll, forms must be mailed to the P.O. Box listed above.

If you have any questions, please call (337) 501-9209.

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Friends of the Library

2022 Events



Annual Meeting

South Regional Library

March 7, 2022 (Noon)

Spring Book Sale

Friends Day for Members Only

March 23, 2022

Public Sale

March 24–26, 2022

Heymann Convention Center Ballroom

Fall Book Sale

Friends Day for Members Only

September 7, 2022

Public Sale

September 8–10, 2022

Heymann Convention Center Ballroom



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