



BOOKTALK

Newsletter

ELLEN HOPKINS

CLOSER ^{to} NOWHERE

Come Meet the Author!
Join us for a special evening
with *Closer to Nowhere*
author, Ellen Hopkins.

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Lafayette Reads Together presents: *Closer to Nowhere* by Ellen Hopkins



About the Author

Ellen Hopkins is a novelist who has published several New York Times bestselling novels, including *Crank*. In her words, she started writing, "from the time I knew how to put words on paper." She grew up in Palm Springs, CA but now lives with her family in Nevada. When Ellen isn't traveling for work, she loves to garden, bake, and sing in her church choir. You can find her online at ellenhopkinsbooks.com.

About the Book

For the most part, Hannah's life is just how she wants it. She has two supportive parents, she's popular at school, and she's been killing it at gymnastics. But when her cousin Cal moves in with her family, everything changes. Cal tells half-truths and tall tales, pranks Hannah constantly, and seems to be the reason her parents are fighting more and more. Nothing is how it used to be. She knows that Cal went through a lot after his mom died and she is trying to be patient, but most days Hannah just wishes Cal never moved in.

For his part, Cal is trying his hardest to fit in, but not everyone is as appreciative of his unique sense of humor and storytelling gifts as he is. Humor and stories might be his defense mechanism, but if Cal doesn't let his walls down soon, he might push away the very people who are trying their best to love him.

Told in verse from the alternating perspectives of Hannah and Cal, this is a story of two cousins who are more alike than they realize and the family they both want to save.

About Lafayette Reads Together

Lafayette Reads Together (LRT) began nine 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 Lafayette Reads Together is the first local, community-wide partnership involving several organizations throughout Lafayette Parish.

Our goal is to get the whole community reading, discussing, and sharing the same book. Thanks to the Lafayette Public Library Foundation, free copies of the chosen book are distributed to interested patrons, giving everyone 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.

The Lafayette Reads Together Committee is made up of members from the Lafayette Public Library System, The Lafayette Public School System, and other local institutions. This year The Lafayette Reads Together Committee selected *Closer to Nowhere* by Ellen Hopkins because the book highlights the universal experience of a family going through changes. The book is structured to closely follow two very different personalities and illuminates how different people handle transitions. Through *Closer to Nowhere*, we aim to inspire conversations about mental well-being and explore what it looks like to cope with tough situations in healthy ways.

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LRT Programs

Author Talk: Ellen Hopkins

All Ages

Join us for a special evening with *Closer to Nowhere* author, Ellen Hopkins.

Thursday, March 2

Main Library

6:00 – 7:30 PM

337-261-5787

Beginner's Acrylic Painting

Ages 18 & up

Join us for a relaxing beginner's acrylic painting class and leave with your own masterpiece. Registration is required.

Tuesday, February 7

Main Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM

337-261-5787

Out of the Box Poetry

Ages 12-18

Explore some stranger kinds of poetry with magnets, sharpies, cheese, and whatever weird things we can think of!

Wednesday, January 18

Main Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

337-261-5778

Tuesday, February 28

South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

Wednesday, February 8

West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-232-9321

Crafting for a Cause: Healing Dolls

Ages 18 & up

Come create Feeling Dolls for Healing House, an organization that provides support and education for grieving children, their caregivers, and the Acadiana community.

Friday, January 20 & February 24

Main Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM

337-261-5787

Wednesday, February 8

North Regional Library

5:00 – 6:00 PM

337-896-6323

Paws & Pages with Pet Partners of Acadiana

Ages 4 - 10

Develop literacy skills by reading with a certified therapy animal from Pet Partners of Acadiana. Registration is required.

Saturday, January 21

East Regional Library

11:00 – 12:00 PM

337-445-3168

Mindful Awareness

Ages 18 & up

Join Mary Ann Doyle, Ph.D. for this two part series as we explore our identity, including what we value and what others see and value in us.

Monday, January 23 & February 13

Main Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM

337-261-5787

Wednesday, January 25 & February 15

South Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM

337-981-1028

LRT & BVM

Ages 8 - 12

Join us as we explore the baking theme featured in *Closer to Nowhere* in this unique experience with Bonne Vie Macarons. Registration is required.

Monday, January 30

Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-261-5779

Monday, February 27

East Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-445-3168

You're Joking

Ages 12 - 18

Can you tell a good joke? Do you crack yourself up? Come share a clean joke or funny story with your peers. And yes, prizes will be awarded!

Friday, February 3

North Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-896-6323



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

Book Clubs

Fantasy & Sci-Fi Book Club

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Ages 18 & up
East Regional Library

Jan. 4 *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells

Feb. 1 *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir

Classics Book Club

Thursdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Ages 14 & up
In Person & Zoom

Jan. 5 *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
(Crossover with ERL Book Club)

East Regional Library

Feb. 2 *Cane* by Jean Toomer

South Regional Library

East Regional Library Book Club

Thursdays

Ages 18 & up
East Regional Library

Jan. 5 *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
(Crossover with Classics Book Club)

11:30 – 12:30 PM

Feb. 2 *A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham

6:00 – 7:00 PM

History Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Ages 14 & up
South Regional Library & Zoom

Jan. 10 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skoort

Feb. 14 *The Yellow House: A Memoir* by Sarah Broom
(Crossover with Beyond Black History Month Book Club)

Milton Book Club

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Ages 18 & up
Milton Branch

Jan. 11 Bring a book you love and discuss why you love it

Feb. 8 *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham

Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Ages 18 & up
West Regional Library

Jan. 17 *The Lamplighters* by Emma Stonex

Feb. 28 *The Royal Wulff Murders* by Keith McCafferty

NRL Book Club

Wednesday, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Ages 18 & up
North Regional Library

Jan. 18 *Closer to Nowhere* by Ellen Hopkins

Who Gets to Vote?

A series of readings and discussions on the history of voting in the U.S. *Currents* is a program of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and is made possible by the State of Louisiana. Registration is not required to attend, but is required to receive a free copy of each book.

Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library & Zoom

Jan. 26 *The Embattled Vote in America: From the Founding to the Present*
by Allan J. Lichtman

Feb. 9 *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*
by Elaine Weiss

Feb. 23 *Bending Toward Justice: The Voting Rights Act and the Transformation of American Democracy* by Gary May

March 9 *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy*
by Carol Anderson

Beyond Black History Month Book Club

Tuesdays

Ages 14 & up
Zoom

Jan. 31 *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Feb. 14 *The Yellow House: A Memoir* by Sarah Broom
(Crossover with History Book Club)

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Once Upon a Crime

Mondays, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ages 18 & up
Main Library

Jan. 30 *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara (true crime)

Feb. 27 *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave (crime fiction)

Movies & General Audience

Movies at Main: Fantastic Adventures

Ages 14 & Up

Enjoy a classic adventure movie from before 1970. *Light refreshments will be served.*

Thursdays

January 5

The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad

5:30-7:30 PM

January 19

Jason and the Argonauts

1958, TV-G, 87 min

Main Library

1963, TV-G, 104 min

337-261-5787

Friday Afternoon Films Celebrate Libraries

Ages 18 & Up

Fridays

January 6

The Public

1:00-3:00 PM

January 13

Desk Set

2018, PG-13, 119 min

January 20

National Treasure

1957, Approved, 103 min

January 27

Storm Center

2004, PG, 131 min

South Regional Library

1956, Approved, 85 min

337-981-1028

Strange Cinema

Ages 18 & Up

Saturdays

January 21

The Thing

1:00-3:00 PM

February 18

Harold and Maude

1982, R, 109 min

West Regional Library

1971, PG, 91 min

337-232-9321

Throwback Theatre: Dangerous Romance

Ages 14 & Up

Thursdays

February 2

Romancing the Stone

5:30-7:30 PM

February 16

The Princess Bride

1984, PG, 105 min

Main Library

1987, PG, 98 min

337-261-5787

Friday Afternoon Films Celebrate Black History Month

Ages 14 & Up

Watch films celebrating Black History Month on Fridays in February at South Regional Library.

Fridays

February 3

Hidden Figures

1:00-3:30 PM

February 10

Just Mercy

2016, PG, 127 min

February 17

The Hate U Give

2019, PG-13, 137 min

February 24

Freedom Song

2018, PG-13, 132 min

South Regional Library

2000, TV-14, 112 min

337-981-1028

Free Zumba at the Library!

All Ages

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

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28

5:30 – 6:30 PM

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22

5:30 – 6:30 PM

South Regional Library

337-981-1028

Thursdays: January 5, 19, 26; February 9, 16, 23

5:30 – 6:30 PM

North Regional Library

337-896-6323

Thursday, January 12

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

Fridays: January 27; February 10, 24

4:45 – 5:45 PM

West Regional Library

337-232-9321

Chess Club

Ages 7 & up

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

Wednesday, January 11

6:00 – 7:00 PM

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Wednesday, January 25

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

Wednesday, February 1

6:00 – 7:00 PM

North Regional Library

337-896-6323

Wednesday, February 15

6:00 – 7:00 PM

South Regional Library

337-981-1028

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



Adult Programs

Genealogy Programs

Join Lafayette Genealogical Society and explore your history!

Genealogy Tuesdays

Receive one-on-one assistance from a member of the Lafayette Genealogy Society as you research family history.

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Main Library 337-261-5787

Genealogy 101

Experts and novices alike can learn about researching family history.

Saturdays: January 7; February 4 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Main Library 337-261-5787

Discover Genealogy

Monthly meetings with a guest speaker.

Thursdays: January 19; February 16 6:00 – 7:30 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Trivia Time

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 3 Technology
February 7 Love
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Life Writing

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

Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22 1:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Beginner's Acrylic Painting

Join artist Natalie Christophe as she shares acrylic painting techniques in this hands-on program. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 4 5:30 – 6:30 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028
Thursday, January 12 5:30 – 6:30 PM
East Regional Library 337-445-3168
Saturday, February 18 1:00 – 2:00 PM
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Beginner's Line Dancing

Scoot your boots over to the library for some line dancing fun! Be sure to wear hard-soled shoes you can slide in. *Ages 18 & up only.*

Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23 10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Mah Jongg at the Library

Players of all experience levels can join us for a game of Mah Jongg at the library.

Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23 1:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Mah Jongg Lessons

Interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg? Join the library's weekly lessons led by Becky Stickell. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26 1:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

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Coloring for Adults

Relieve stress and develop fine motor skills and vision by using coloring pages.

Fridays: January 6; February 3 10:00 – 11:00 AM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Tuesday, January 10; Wednesday, February 8 1:30 – 2:30 PM
Main Library 337-261-5787

Wednesday, January 11; Tuesday, February 7 1:00 – 2:00 PM
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

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. *Some knowledge of French is required.*

Saturdays: January 7, 21; February 4, 18 9:30 – 11:30 AM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Board Game Basement

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

Mondays: January 9, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Main Library 337-261-5787

Tuesday, January 24 5:30 – 7:30 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Orange Peel Candle

Did you know that you can make your own scented candle out of nothing more than an orange and olive oil? This craft will show you how! *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 10 1:00 – 2:00 PM
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Acrylic Box Snowman

Make a smiling, backlit snowman in an acrylic box. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 10 5:00 – 6:00 PM
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Dungeons & Dragons One-Shots

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

Tuesdays: January 10, 24; February 7, 28 5:30 – 7:30 PM
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Virtual Write With Us

zoom Ages 18 & up

Get into creative writing with our biweekly workshops, meeting virtually over Zoom. We offer support and guidance in your writing efforts.

Wednesdays: January 11, 25; February 8, 22 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Soda Bottle Top Fidget Toy

Do you ever get anxious, stressed, or struggle to focus? We all do! This nifty DIY Fidget Toy can help bring relief! *Materials and instructions provided; registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 17 1:00 – 3:00 PM
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Hand-Sewn Pizza Plushes

Learn to sew your own adorable stuffed pizza plush by hand. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 17 1:30 – 3:00 PM
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Maximize Your Healthspan

We all desire to live a long and healthy life. Maximizing your healthspan is all about learning how to put health back into your years, so you can live life to the fullest. Led by Valerie Willis, MS RDN LDN, NHC. *Registration required; Zoom link will be available.*

Tuesday, January 17 6:00 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Migratory Birds and the Mississippi River

Dr. Erik Johnson with the National Audubon Society will talk about conservation efforts underway that are designed to benefit birds and people along the Mississippi River.

Tuesday, January 17
South Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-981-1028

A Delightful Duo of Valentine Cards

Your loved one will feel extra special receiving a Valentine's Day card made by hand! Make two different designs for the special someone in your life. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 18
West Regional Library

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-232-9321

Saturday, January 21
South Regional Library

1:00 – 3:00 PM
337-981-1028

Needle Arts Club

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

Wednesdays: January 18; February 15
Main Library

Ages 18 & up


2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-261-5787

Mondays: January 23; February 27
South Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-981-1028

Art Journaling Group

Instructor Chris Menard will guide you in combining literature and art to create amazing journal pages! *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 19 *Time Flies*
Thursday, February 16 *The Measure of Family Love* 

Ages 14 & up

2:00 – 4:00 PM
2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-261-5787

Let's Go, with Go!

How could a game with rocks be fun? Easy! **Go** is one of the oldest games in existence and while the rules are simple, the strategy can be complex. Learn the rules and play with others!

Friday, January 20
North Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

2:00 – 3:00 PM
337-896-6323

Book Talk: Garbage Gumbo: The Strange Case of the Belle Landfill

John Sutherlin will talk about his book *Garbage Gumbo: The Strange Case of the Belle Landfill*. It is the account of one of the strangest political, environmental, and regulatory battles to have ever occurred in Louisiana. *A Zoom link will be available.*

Saturday, January 21
South Regional Library

Ages 14 & up

2:00 – 3:00 PM
337-981-1028

Talking About Smart Homes

Curious about smart homes? Join us to discuss equipment, setup and possibilities. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 24
North Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

5:00 – 6:00 PM
337-896-6323

Pinterest Projects

Join us as we attempt small online craft projects. *Registration is required.*

Tuesdays:
January 24 *Decorative Mail Holder*
February 28 *Book Wreath*
East Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

1:30 – 2:30 PM

337-445-3168

Café Bibliothèque

Join library staff for a cup of coffee and a side of coffee knowledge on the third Friday of every month! *Registration is required.*

Fridays:
January 27: Coffee Mocktails; February 24: Coffee and Chocolate
Main Library

Ages 18 & up

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-261-5787

Fix It Café

No Waste Lafayette will host a Fix-it Café at the Main Library focusing on bike repair, clothing, textiles, furniture, electronics, and small appliances.

Saturday, January 28
Main Library

Ages 18 & up

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-261-5787

DIY Cupid's Arrows Decor

Decorate and assemble an ornamental display piece in this fun craft. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 31
East Regional Library

Ages 16 & up

1:30 – 3:00 PM
337-445-3168

Crafts from Childhood: String Art Hearts

Remember making string art as a child? Relive those memories, reminisce and bring home a newly made string art heart. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 2
North Regional Library

5:00 – 6:00 PM
337-896-6323

Introduction to Enneagram

The Enneagram is a system of personality typing that describes patterns in how people interpret the world and manage their emotions. Enneagram helps develop oneself and improve one's understanding of those with differing personalities.

Saturday, February 4
North Regional Library

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
337-896-6323

Growing Tomatoes Sustainably in Acadiana

Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Robert Darnall will offer tips and answer questions on growing healthy and productive tomatoes in our south Louisiana climate. Learn how to overcome typical problems and maintain sustainable production year after year.

Tuesday, February 7
West Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-232-9321

Fabricadabra!

Learn the "magic" of sewing by watching these YouTube tutorials and making small, beginner projects!

Mini Oven Mitt (Grab & Go Craft): Stop by the library for a kit of supplies, then practice your sewing skills & protect your fingers from heat by making a miniature oven mitt for each hand, perfect for cupcake pans & cookie sheets!

Distribution begins Saturday, February 11 (Main Library Only)

Poetry Journal Bookbinding

Learn to bind your own journal with a decorative cover in this beginner-friendly project. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 14
East Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

1:30 – 3:00 PM
337-445-3168

Kin You Search

An introduction to genealogy resources. Participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and Sanborn Maps, as well as other web-based resources. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 17
South Regional Library

Ages 18 & up

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-981-1028

Poured Paint Art

Create abstract wall art on canvas using introductory poured paint techniques. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 22
Main Library

Ages 18 & up

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-261-5787

En Garde! Fencing @ the Library (Ages 8 & up). See Page 10.

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Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.

Makerspace & Tech

Makerspace Open Access Hours

Open access hours allow patrons to explore and experiment as they independently work on projects of their choosing. One-on-one assistance and self-guided online tutorials are available for most applications. *Open to all ages; no registration required.*

Mondays: January 9, February 6	4:30 – 7:30 PM
Fridays: January 27, February 24	3:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library	337-445-3168
Tuesdays & Thursdays (except Feb. 21)	3:00 – 5:30 PM
West Regional Library	337-232-9321
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	1:00 – 7:30 PM
Saturday: January 21	9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Main Library	337-261-5787
Mondays	3:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323

Computer Classes

Ages 18 & up

Learn valuable skills to navigate the digital world. *Registration is required.*

East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Basic Computing	January 5	4:00 – 5:00 PM
iPad Basics	January 19	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Digital Photo Organization	January 26	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Podcasts	February 2	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Smartphones	February 9	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Misinformation Online	February 16	4:00 – 5:00 PM

Main Library 337-261-5787

Basic Computing- 2 part course	January 9 & 11	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint	January 18	2:00 – 3:30 PM
Intro to Microsoft Excel-2 part course	January 23 & 25	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Integrating Word and Excel - 2 part course	Jan. 30 & Feb. 1	2:00 – 4:00 PM

West Regional Library 337-232-9321

iPad Basics	January 9	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Podcasts	January 23	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Smartphones	January 30	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Basic Computing	February 6	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Internet Searching	February 13	5:00 – 6:00 PM
E-books with Libby	February 27	5:00 – 6:00 PM

South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Basic Computing	January 10	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Smartphones	January 17	6:00 – 7:00 PM
iPad Basics	January 24	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Internet Searching	January 31	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Streaming Audio Services	February 7	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Streaming Video Services	February 28	6:00 – 7:00 PM

North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Basic Computing- 2 part course	February 6 & 8	12:30 – 2:30 PM
Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint	February 13	12:30 – 2:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft Word-2 part course	February 20 & 22	12:30 – 2:30 PM
Intro to Microsoft Excel - 2 part course	Feb. 27 & March 1	12:30 – 2:30 PM

Crafting for a Cause: Fidget Aprons

Ages 12 & up

Put your needlework talents to truly good work by sewing tactile embellishments like zippers, pockets, and buttons onto an apron. Completed aprons will be donated to the Louisiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Basic sewing skills required. *Basic sewing skills required; registration is required.*

Saturday, February 18	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
West Regional Library	337-232-9321
Saturday, March 4	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323

Makerspace Grab & Go Craft Kits

Grab & Go kits will include most of the supplies you'll need and instructions. *Available at the Main Library during open access hours and while supplies last.*

Winter Lantern

Ages 13 & up

Assemble a decorative winter-themed lantern box from laser cut wooden parts.

Distribution begins Tuesday, January 10 at 1:00 PM

Valentine's Heart Box

Ages 13 & up

Assemble a decorative Valentine's Day heart-shaped wood box.

Distribution begins Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787



101 Courses

Learn how to use equipment in the Makerspace. *Registration is required.*

Laser Cutting 101

Ages 13 & up

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

Monday, January 9

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

Vinyl Cutting 101

Ages 13 & up

Learn the basics of creating, cutting, and applying vinyl sticker designs using Silhouette Studio and a Cameo Vinyl Cutter.

Monday, February 13

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

Teen Programs

New Year, New Craft

Ages 12–18

Callings all creatives! Join us for this crafting project designed to kick off your 2023 in the best way!

Wednesday, January 4

3:30 – 4:30 PM

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Freestyle Art

Ages 12–18

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

Thursdays: January 5, 19; February 16

3:00 – 4:00 PM

North Regional Library

337-896-6323

Manic Monday

Ages 12–18

Got a case of the Mondays? Come color, play games, and have a snack. We've got just the cure for your Monday blues.

Mondays (except January 2)

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5778

Mondays: January 23; February 20

6:00 – 7:00 PM

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.



The Climate Initiative



Book Chat w/ The Climate Initiative **Ages 12–18**

The Climate Initiative(TCI) and TCI Ambassador Siyeon will be hosting a virtual discussion about *Orleans* by Sherri L. Smith. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3GZH54H> or scan the QR Code above. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 5

7:15 – 7:45 PM

Teen LEGO Lab

Ages 12–18

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

Tuesday, January 10

South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

Thursdays: January 26, February 23

North Regional Library

3:00 – 4:00 PM

337-896-6323

Saturday, February 14

Main Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-261-5778

AniManga Club

Ages 12–18

Watch anime clips, discuss manga favorites, and more! Refreshments provided.

Wednesdays: January 11; February 1

West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:30 PM

337-232-9321

Mondays: January 30; February 13, 27

South Regional Library

3:30 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

Teen Snack Attack

Ages 12–18

Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and family with your culinary skills. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays: January 12; February 2

East Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-445-3168

Tuesdays: January 31; February 28

Main Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

337-261-5778

Thursdays: January 12; February 9

North Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-896-6323

Wednesday, February 1

South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

Musical Melee

All Ages

Sure, there are charts for music, but they don't measure the fandom. This bracket will determine the community's favorite musician.

January 13 - February 10

Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org to vote.

Weekly Brackets

Drop-In Gaming

Ages 12–18

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

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 24, 31; February 14, 28

North Regional Library

3:00 – 4:00 PM

337-896-6323

Fridays: January – February

Main Library

3:30 – 5:00 PM

337-261-5778

Wednesdays: January 25; February 22

West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:30 PM

337-232-9321

Fridays: January 13, 27; February 10, 24

South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

Teen Programs

YA Snapshots



Ages 12 & up

Join us virtually Tuesdays, January 3 and February 7, as we read an excerpt from a popular teen book, then check it out so you can see what happens next!

January: *The You I've Never Known* by Ellen Hopkins

February: *Swing* by Kwame Alexander

VR Playground

Ages 12–18

Immerse yourself in the magic of virtual reality. Enter alternate worlds created by game designers or build your own! *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 20; Friday, February 13

West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-232-9321

Teen Drawing Round Table

Ages 12–18

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.*

Fridays: January 27; February 24

North Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-896-6323

Beyond Bullet Journaling

Ages 12–18

Join our new club for aesthetic bullet journaling! Use our supplies to get started, or bring your own and create with us. *Registration is required.*

Mondays: January 30; February 27

Wednesdays: January 18; February 15

East Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-445-3168

Celebrate Mardi Gras with LPL

Sew Your Own Mardi Gras Bag

Ages 12-18

Sew a festive tote bag to hold your Mardi Gras beads this season. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 8

East Regional Library

3:30 – 5:00 PM

337-445-3168

Mardi Gras Mosaics

Ages 12 - 18

Recycle Mardi Gras beads to create a work of art! *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 17

North Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-896-6323

Heart Stones

Ages 12 - 18

Celebrate Valentine's Day by painting hearts and a message of love on a stone.

Friday, February 10

North Regional Library

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-896-6323

Valentine Blowout

Ages 12-18

We have something for you whether you love or loathe Valentine's Day. Love it? Join us at 4:00 pm for a craft. Loathe it? Come and commiserate at 6:00 pm for an anti-Valentine's Day event. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 13

Pro-Valentine Craft

Anti-Valentine Activity

East Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

6:00 – 7:00 PM

337-445-3168

Destress Doggo Day

Ages 12 - 18

Feeling Stressed? Come relax with snuggles from adoptable puppies from Acadiana Animal Aid.

Wednesday, February 15

Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-261-5778

Teen Cinema

Ages 12 - 18

It's the day after Mardi Gras. Let's kick back, relax, eat popcorn, and watch *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (PG, 2018, 117 min).

Wednesday, February 22

North Regional Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM

337-896-6323

Children's & Family Programs

To Be Continued

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 3 *Cress Watercress* by Gregory Maguire
January 17 *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
January 24 *Odder* by Katherine Applegate
January 31 *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
February 7 *The Secret Letters* by Margaret Peterson
February 14 *Frogkisser!* by Garth Nix

Game On! Duson

Ages 5–12

Join us for family-friendly video and board games. All skill levels are welcome!

Tuesdays: January 3 & February 7 **3:30 – 4:30 PM**
Duson Branch 337-873-3521

Giant Board Games

Ages 7–12

Join us for giant board games, including Sorry, Jenga, and Connect Four, among others! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 4 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5779



Draw With Jaylee

Ages 7–12

Learn pencil drawing techniques to create artwork based on the book, *Closer to Nowhere* by Ellen Hopkins! Taught by Miss Scott Boudin Festival, Jaylee LeDoux. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 5 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
West Regional Library 337-232-9321

En Garde! Fencing @ the Library

Ages 8 & up

Learn the basics of historical fencing with a group of dedicated practitioners. *Protective gear provided.*

Thursdays: **5:30 – 7:30 PM**
January 5, 12, 19, & 26; February 2, 9, 16, & 23
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Small Folks Studio

Ages 18 Months–3 Years

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

Fridays: January 6 & February 3 **10:00 – 10:45 AM**
Main Library 337-261-5779
Friday, February 3 **10:30 – 11:15 AM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323
Monday, February 13 **10:00 – 10:45 AM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Book Buddy Grab & Go

Ages 3–8

Stop by the children's departments of East and West regional libraries to pick up a craft based on your favorite book characters.

Tuesdays: January and February (except February 21) **337-232-9321**
West Regional Library
Wednesdays: January and February **337-445-3168**
East Regional Library

After-School Special

Ages 5–12

Join us for afternoon fun! Each week is a different surprise activity.

Mondays: January–February (except Jan. 2 & 16; & Feb. 20) **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
Chenier Branch 337-291-2941
Tuesdays: January 17 & February 14 **3:30 – 4:30 PM**
Milton Branch 337-856-5261
Wednesdays: January 18 & February 15 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
Duson Branch 337-873-3521

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Cheerz Cheerleading Academy

Ages 3–12

Brush up on your rolls, cartwheels, round-offs, backbends and walkovers in this LRT-inspired program! Cheerz Cheerleading Academy will teach specific routines, demonstrate tumbling and focus on individual skills. *Registration is required.*

Saturday, January 7
Session 1 (Ages 3–6) **10:30 – 11:00 AM**
Session 2 (Ages 7–12) **11:15 – 11:45 AM**
West Regional Library 337-232-9321

Saturday, January 7
Session 1 (Ages 3–6) **1:00 – 1:30 PM**
Session 2 (Ages 7–12) **1:45 – 2:15 PM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Saturday, January 21
Session 1 (Ages 3–6) **10:30 – 11:00 AM**
Session 2 (Ages 7–12) **11:15 – 11:45 AM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Saturday, January 21
Session 1 (Ages 3–6) **1:00 – 1:30 PM**
Session 2 (Ages 7–12) **1:45 – 2:15 PM**
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Saturday, January 21
Session 1 (Ages 3–6) **3:00 – 3:30 PM**
Session 2 (Ages 7–12) **3:45 – 4:15 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5779

Playdough Playtime

Ages 3–5

Have fun with Playdough! We provide the tools and you provide creativity! *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 9 & February 6 **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
Main Library 337-261-5779

Thursday, January 12 **10:30 – 11:15 AM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Parachute Play

Ages 18 Months–36 Months

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

Monday, January 9 **10:00 – 10:30 AM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028
Monday, February 20 **10:00 – 10:30 AM**
Main Library 337-261-5779

Lunar New Year Craft

Ages 5–12

Celebrate Lunar New Year with a fun craft! It's the year of the rabbit, so hop on over! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 11 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5779
Tuesday, January 31 **4:30 – 5:15 PM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028



LEGO WeDo Workshops

Ages 7–12

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

Wednesday, January 11 **5:00 – 6:00 PM**
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

Saturdays, January 7 & February 4 **2:00 – 3:00 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5779

Wednesdays, January 11 & February 8 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Wednesday, February 22 **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Thursday, February 23 **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
West Regional Library 337-232-9321

Little Scientists

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

Registration is required

Friday, January 13
South Regional Library

Ages 3–5

10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-981-1028

LEGO Club

Build unique LEGO creations based on a given theme.

Thursdays: January 12 & February 9
Milton Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-856-5261

Wednesdays: January 18 & February 15
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Wednesday, January 25
Wednesday, February 22
West Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM
3:00 – 4:00 PM
337-232-9321

Fridays: January 27 & February 24
South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-981-1028

Saturdays: January 28 & February 25
Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-261-5779

Saturdays: January 28 & February 25
East Regional Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM
337-445-3168

Little Artists

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

Fridays: January 13 & February 10
Main Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-261-5779

Friday, January 20
North Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-896-6323

Friday, January 20
South Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-981-1028

Hot Wheels Speedway

Use math and science concepts to construct tracks and loops for the ultimate Hot Wheels race car experience! *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 13
West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-232-9321

Crafternoon

Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun.

Tuesdays, January 17 & February 28
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Wednesday, February 22
East Regional Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM
337-445-3168

Poetry for Kids

Learn to write poetry, including haikus, acrostic poems and more! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 18
Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-261-5779

Creative Arts with Hello Imagination

Hello Imagination will lead us in exploring Visual Arts through Process Art and Conceptual Art. Various mediums will foster participants' love of learning, independence and creativity. Dress for a mess! *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 19
Session 1 (Ages 2-3)
Session 2 (Ages 4-7)
East Regional Library

9:30 – 10:15 AM
10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-445-3168

Origami Afternoon

Join us for an afternoon of paper folding!

Thursday, January 19
South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-981-1028

Children's & Family Programs



Lunar New Year Delights

Ages 3–10

Join us for a Lunar New Year experience! Learn Asian traditions, make light-up lanterns, and taste traditional new year treats! *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 20
West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-232-9321

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!

Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

January 25 Harry Potter and The Prisoner of Azkaban
February 22 Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire
Main Library

337-261-5779

Books & Bakes with Bonne Vie Macarons

Ages 3–9

The Library has teamed up with Bonne Vie Macarons to offer a special storytime in which the featured book ties in with a baked good decorating activity allowing children time to process stories in new ways. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 23
Session 1 (Ages 3–6)
Session 2 (Ages 6–9)
East Regional Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-445-3168

Monday, February 13
Session 1 (Ages 3–6)
Session 2 (Ages 6–9)
East Regional Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-445-3168

Snowman Art

Ages 5–12

Let's make snowmen at the library using only Q-tips and paint! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 25
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Make and Munch

Ages 7–12

Let's make no-bake snacks! Join us and learn to make tasty treats. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 25
South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-981-1028

Body Talk Class

Ages 8–12

Help your child prepare for puberty through an engaging class about the physical stages of development, emotional changes, and good hygiene habits. Parents are required to stay with their child for the full duration of the class. Boys' and girls' classes will take place separately at the same time. Presented by Woman's Foundation. *Registration is required.*

Saturday, January 28
Main Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-261-5779

Wednesday, February 8
West Regional Library

4:30 – 6:00 PM
337-445-3168

Heart Picture Frame

Ages 5–12

Make a magnetic heart picture frame, a perfect gift to give someone special! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 1
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

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Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.

Children's & Family Programs

Krewe of Rio Mardi Gras Visit

Ages 18 months & up

Come celebrate the carnival season with the Krewe of Rio! Krewe members will host a special storytime featuring themed books, costumes, songs, activities and a craft. We'll wrap up the visit with a parade through the library!

Thursday, February 2
East Regional Library

9:30 – 10:30 AM
337-445-3168

Candy Science

Ages 3–6

Come experiment with candy! We'll be doing science experiments involving candy. You can eat the candy after, if you dare! *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 2
Main Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-261-5779

Painting with a Purpose

Ages 8–12

Paint for a good cause! Learn basic acrylic painting techniques and create art with an uplifting theme to donate to survivors from Faith House of Acadiana. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 2
West Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM
337-232-9321

Friendship Rocks

Ages 5–12

Decorate rocks with your own fingerprint heart to share with friends! *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 2
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Hello Music & Hello Dancer

Birth–Age 6

Join us for kid-friendly music and movement-focused sessions designed to provide a fun, stimulating, positive experience for children and adults! *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 3
Session 1 (Ages Birth–3 years)
Session 2 (Ages 3–6 years)
East Regional Library

9:30 – 10:15 AM
10:30 – 11:15 AM
337-445-3168

Sew Awesome

Ages 8–12

Use the sewing machine to create a special project. *All supplies provided. Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 7
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Wednesday, February 8
Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-261-5779

Wednesday, February 22
South Regional Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM
337-981-1028

Share the Love! Make a Valentine!

Ages 5–12

Come make a valentine for someone special just in time for Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 8
South Regional Library

4:30 – 5:15 PM
337-981-1028

Valentine's Tea

Ages 2–6

Join us for a special Valentine's storytime! We'll read books, do a craft and have some tea! *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 10
South Regional Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-981-1028

Monday, February 13
Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-261-5779

Tuesday, February 14
West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-232-9321

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CYT at the Library

Ages 4–12

CYT celebrates LRT by focusing on story development and improv activities. Each scheduled program is a special venture featuring activities based on *Closer to Nowhere*. *Registration is required and begins two weeks before the program date.*

Saturday, February 11

Session 1 (Ages 4–7)

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Session 2 (Ages 8–12)

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

South Regional Library

337-981-1028

Saturday, February 11

Session 1 (Ages 4–7)

2:00 – 2:30 PM

Session 2 (Ages 8–12)

2:45 – 3:30 PM

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Saturday, February 25

Session 1 (Ages 4–7)

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Session 2 (Ages 8–12)

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

West Regional Library

337-232-9321

Saturday, February 25

Session 1 (Ages 4–7)

1:30 – 2:00 PM

Session 2 (Ages 8–12)

2:15 – 3:00 PM

North Regional Library

337-896-6323

Saturday, February 25

Session 1 (Ages 4–7)

2:00 – 2:30 PM

Session 2 (Ages 8–12)

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Main Library

337-261-5779

Mini-est Mardi Gras Float

Ages 5–12

Join our krewe and build a miniature Mardi Gras float using craft materials for a parade around the library! *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 16
West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-232-9321



Vermilionville at the Library

Ages 5 & up

The Lafayette Public Library is proud to offer the museum pass program that provides free family admission to five museums and historic sites in Lafayette Parish. Vermilionville artisans will be on-site at the East Regional Library conducting a program for children so patrons can see what they offer. Artisans from Vermilionville will guide you in creating your very own historically accurate rag doll as they share stories and facts from the period.

Friday, February 17
East Regional Library

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
337-445-3168

Break a Record!

Ages 7–12

Think you can break a real World's Record or two? Come have fun trying at the library! *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 28
South Regional Library

4:30 – 5:15 PM
337-981-1028

Visit lafayettepubliclibrary.org/calendar
for dates and times of LEGO Club
and LEGO WeDo programs.

Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.

Storytimes: January – February

Main Library

Baby Time

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 9:30 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 10:30 AM

Pajama Time

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 6:00 PM

Story Castle

Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 25; February 1, 8, 15 10:00 AM

Bibliobop

Fridays: January 27 & February 24 10:00 AM

Stay & Play

Tuesday, January 17 9:30 AM

South Regional Library

Baby Time

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 9:30 AM

Toddler Time

Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15 10:00 AM

Bibliobop

Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16 10:00 AM

UL Lafayette's Kappa Delta Pi Storytime

Saturdays: January 21; February 11, 18, 25 10:30 AM

North Regional Library

Family Storytime

Wednesdays: January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22 10:30 AM

Stay & Play

Wednesday, January 4 10:30 AM

East Regional Library

Stay & Play

Thursday, February 23 3:30 PM

Storytime Jr.

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 9:30 AM

Storytime

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 10:30 AM

Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16 3:30 PM

West Regional Library

Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, January 11 4:00 PM

Storytime Jr.

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 9:30 AM

Storytime

Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28 10:30 AM

Milton Branch

Storytime

Thursdays: January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16 9:30 AM

Special Programs



Join the 100 Book Club

Lafayette Public Library's Annual Reading Challenge

Make it your New Year's resolution to read more books in 2023! 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, 2023 in our libraries and online. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or download the LPL Mobile app to sign up.

Bicentennial of Lafayette Parish

1823 – 2023

The Lafayette International Center is coordinating a year-long series of events in partnership with sister economic development organizations, and cultural and artistic groups throughout the Parish. Visit lecentre.org for more information.



Mini Book Sale

Join the Friends for a mini book sale! They'll have a wide selection of gently used cookbooks, children's books, and mystery-themed books available.

Thursday, January 12	3:00 – 8:00 PM
Friday, January 13	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Saturday, January 14	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
West Regional Library	337-232-9321



Students in grades K–12 can submit original pieces of short fiction, personal narrative, or poetry in English, French, Spanish, or Mandarin beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2023. 7th–12th graders must submit entries via the online form. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or call (337) 261-5779 for more information and submission guidelines.

All entries due Friday, March 17, 2023.

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Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

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309 Cora St., Lafayette

Phone 337-234-0363
Mon – Thurs 4:00 – 7:00

CHENIER BRANCH

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Phone 337-291-2941
Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 7:00
Friday 9:00 – 6:00

DUSON BRANCH

310 Ave. Au Nord, Duson

Phone 337-873-3521
Monday – Friday 9:00 – 6:00

MILTON BRANCH

108 W. Milton Ave., Milton

Phone 337-856-5261
Monday – Friday 9:00 – 6:00

WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

501 Old Spanish Trail, Scott

Phone 337-232-9321
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Phone 337-896-6323
Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 8:00
Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 10:00 – 5:00

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6101 Johnston St., Lafayette

Phone 337-981-1028
Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 8:00
Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

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215 La Neuville Rd., Youngsville

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Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 8:00
Friday 9:00 – 6:00
Saturday 10:00 – 5:00



2022 Statistics at a Glance: Circulation

Total Checkouts: 1,838,862

Physical Checkouts: 1,508,824

Electronic Checkouts: 330,038
(over 20% total checkouts)

Drive-Thru Checkouts: 39,629

New Cards: 10,820

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