

Jan – Feb 2024

BOOKTALK

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Take part in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and 100 Book Club program. Gain reading skills, cool prizes, and bragging rights!

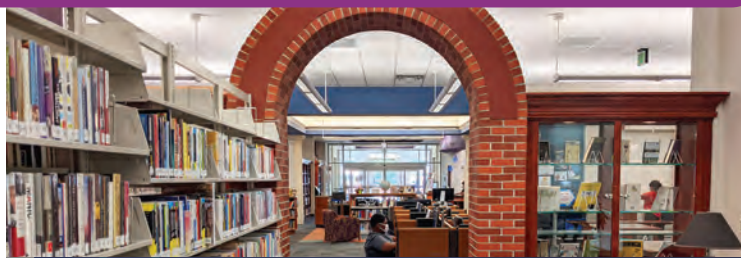


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Library Usage by the Numbers



November 2022 to October 2023

(current year stats)



Number of Programs
3,669



Number of Attendees
73,868



Visits to the Library
749,542



Drive Thru Users
38,633



Patron Questions
133,123



Meeting Room Uses
5,179



Study Room Uses
27,073

To view all of our statistics, visit
lafayettepubliclibrary.org/stats.

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Movies

Teen Cinema

Ages 12 - 18

Wednesdays

2:00-4:00 PM

January 3 *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* 2023, PG, 140 min
February 14 *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* 2023, PG, 100 min
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Friday Afternoon Films presents...

Ages 14 & Up

Join us on Fridays at South Regional Library for various themed movies.

Strathairn to the Heart

1:00-3:00 PM

January 5 *The Bourne Ultimatum* 2007, PG-13, 115 min
January 12 *Where the Crawdads Sing* 2022, PG-13, 125 min
January 19 *Good Night, and Good Luck* 2005, PG-13, 117 min
January 26 *The River Wild* 1994, PG-13, 111 min

Films in Confined Spaces

1:00-3:00 PM

February 2 *12 Angry Men* 1957, Approved, 96 min
February 9 *Lifeboat* 1944, Approved, 97 min
February 16 *Stalag 17* 1953, NR, 120 min
February 23 *10 Cloverfield Lane* 2016, PG-13, 103 min
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Movies at Main

Ages 14 & Up

Thursdays

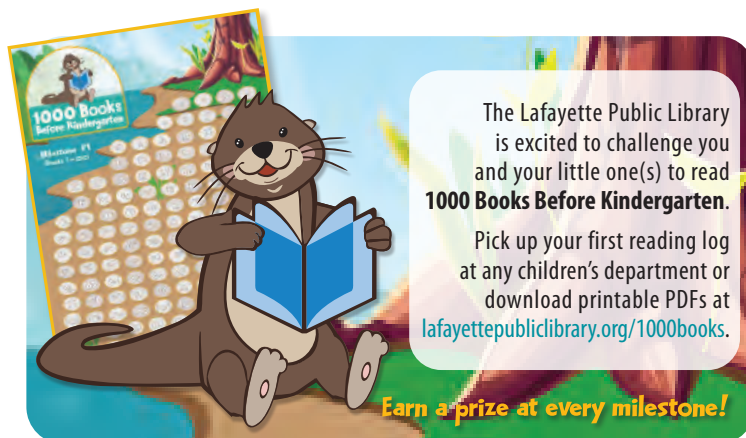
5:30-7:30 PM

January 11 *What Lies Beneath* 2000, PG-13, 130 min
January 25 *Insidious* 2010, PG-13, 103 min
February 8 *The Addams Family* 1991, PG-13, 99 min
February 22 *Addams Family Values* 1993, PG-13, 94 min
Main Library 337-261-5787

Mini Book Sale

Join the Friends for a mini book sale! They will have a wide selection of gently used books available for purchase by the inch.

Thursday, January 25 • 3:00 – 7:00 PM;
Friday, January 26 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM;
Saturday, January 27 • 9:00 AM – noon
Main Library Meeting Room



The Lafayette Public Library is excited to challenge you and your little one(s) to read **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**.

Pick up your first reading log at any children's department or download printable PDFs at lafayettepubliclibrary.org/1000books.

Earn a prize at every milestone!

For up-to-date program information, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

LafayettePublicLibrary.org



Book Clubs

Classics Book Club

Thursdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

South Regional Library & Zoom

January 4

Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

February 1

Passing by Nella Larsen

Ages 14 & up

South Regional Library Book Club

Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

South Regional Library

January 4

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

February 1

Run, Rose, Run by Dolly Parton and James Patterson

Ages 18 & up

Fantasy and Sci-Fi Book Club

Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Ages 14 & up

Main Library

January 8

The Kaiju Preservation Society by John Scalzi

February 5

The Hexologists by Josiah Bancroft

History Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library & Zoom

January 9

A Cajun Girl's Sharecropping Years by Viola Fontenot

February 14

The Cajuns: Americanization of a People by Shane Bernard

Note: February program will be held on a Wednesday due to the Mardi Gras holiday.

Ages 14 & up

Milton Book Club

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Ages 18 & up

Milton Branch

January 10

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

February 14

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

West Regional Library

January 16

The Last Party by Clare Mackintosh

February 20

Peg and Rose Solve a Murder by Laurien Berenson

Ages 18 & up

North Regional Library Book Club

Wednesdays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Ages 18 & up

North Regional Library

January 17; February 21

Note: Book selections for this program are pending. Contact 337-896-6323 for details.

Beyond Black History Month Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

West Regional Library & Zoom

January 30

The 272: The Families Who Were Enslaved and Sold to Build the American Catholic Church by Rachel Swarrows

February 27

Long Division by Kiese Leymon

Ages 14 & up



Join the 100 Book Club

Lafayette Public Library's Annual Reading Challenge

Make it your New Year's resolution to read more books in 2024! Better yet, strive to read or listen to 100 books between January 1 and December 31 so you can 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 2 in our libraries and online. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or download the [LPL Mobile app](#) to sign up.

General Audience

Winter Watercolor Beaded Bookmarks

Ages 14 & up

Pick up a kit to make two double-sided beaded bookmarks with gorgeous winter watercolor designs at West Regional Library, while supplies last.

Distribution begins Tuesday, January 2 (*West Regional Library only*)

Free Zumba at the Library!

All Ages

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

Tuesdays:

5:30 – 6:30 PM

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Wednesdays:

5:30 – 6:30 PM

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28

Fridays:

4:45 – 5:45 PM

January 5, 19; February 2, 16

South Regional Library

337-981-1028

Thursdays:

5:30 – 6:30 PM

January 4, 18; February 1, 15

Main Library

337-261-5787

Fridays:

4:45 – 5:45 PM

January 12, 26; February 9, 23

West Regional Library

337-232-9321

En Garde! Fencing at the Library

Ages 8 & up

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

Thursdays:

5:30 – 7:30 PM

January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

East Regional Library

337-445-3168



Game On!

All Ages

Join us for family-friendly video and board games.

Friday, January 5

4:00 – 5:00 PM

South Regional Library

337-981-1028

Chess Club

Ages 7 & up

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

Tuesdays:

6:00 – 7:00 PM

January 16; February 20

South Regional Library

337-981-1028

Fix It Café

Ages 18 & up

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, February 24

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

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



Adult Programs

Genealogy Programs

Join Lafayette Genealogical Society and explore your history!

Ages 18 & up

Genealogy Tuesdays

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

Tuesdays **9:30 – 11:30 AM**
January – February (except February 13)
Main Library 337-261-5787

Genealogy 101

Experts and novices alike can learn about researching family history.

Saturday, January 6 **9:30 – 10:30 AM**
Main Library 337-261-5787

Discover Genealogy

Monthly meetings with a guest speaker.

Thursdays: **6:00 – 7:30 PM**
January 18; February 15
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Needle Arts Club

Ages 18 & up

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

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27 **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Tuesdays: January 16; February 20 **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5787

Mondays: January 29; February 26 **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

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 2 *Humor*
February 6 *Conflict*
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Write With Us

Ages 18 & up

Get into creative writing with our biweekly workshops. We offer support and guidance in your writing efforts.

Tuesdays: January 2, 16, 30; February 20 **6:00 – 7:30 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5787

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. Take time to write your memories or your plans.

Wednesdays: January – February **1:00 – 3:00 PM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Line Dancing

Ages 18 & up

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 – February **10:30 – 11:30 AM**
East Regional Library 337-445-3168

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Mah Jongg at the Library

Ages 18 & up

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

Thursdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 **1:00 – 4:00 PM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Mah Jongg Lessons

Ages 18 & up

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

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

Junk Journaling

Ages 18 & up

Use our craft supplies or bring your own and indulge your creativity in a freestyle art project. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays: January 4; February 1 **1:30 – 3:30 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5787

Coloring for Adults

Ages 18 & up

Spend a relaxing hour coloring intricate pictures. Coloring helps adults with fine motor skills & stress relief.

Tuesdays: January 2; February 6 **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5787

Wednesdays: January 3; February 7 **1:00 – 2:00 PM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Fridays: January 5; February 2 **10:00 – 11:00 AM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

L' Atelier de la Table Française

Ages 18 & up

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 6, 20; February 3, 17 **9:30 – 11:30 AM**
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Nutrition Information with Second Harvest Food Bank

Ages 14 & up

Amy Pham, a nutrition educator with Second Harvest Food Bank, will discuss nutrition, including dietary guidelines from MyPlate, cooking tips, and how to incorporate all of the food groups into your everyday diet. Includes a cooking demonstration. *Registration is required.*

Mondays: January 8, 22; February 26; **5:30 – 6:30 PM**
Thursday, February 8
South Regional Library 337-981-1028

Board Game Basement

Ages 13 & up

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

Mondays: January 8, 22, 29; February 5, 19, 26 **5:30 – 8:00 PM**
Main Library 337-261-5787

Shining Felt Houses

Ages 18 & up

Add warmth to the winter with a cozy felt house lit by a small tea light. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 8 **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
North Regional Library 337-896-6323

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 18 & up

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

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

DIY Winter Wonderland Snowglobe **Ages 18 & up**

Wishing for snow in Louisiana? "Snow" problem! Design & create your own self contained snow flurry! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 17
West Regional Library

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-232-9321

Homesteading in Acadiana: Plant Foraging

Ages 14 & up

Learn about medicinal plants that you can forage in the spring, such as dock, chickweed, and cleavers as well as fall herbs, like elder and goldenrod. Their uses, as well as the tissue states that need them, and how to incorporate them into food medicine will be discussed.

Wednesday, January 17
South Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-981-1028

Fueling for Fitness

Ages 18 & up

This sports nutrition seminar will give you the tools you need to keep you at the top of your game. Learn how to support your body's optimal energy levels and improve your fitness and recovery time! Taught by Valerie Willis, MS RDN LDN.

Thursday, January 18
East Regional Library

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM
337-445-3168

Hosting an Exchange Student

Ages 18 & up

Interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? Chynelle Murray with EF High School Exchange Year will discuss the ins and outs of hosting a foreign exchange student in your home.

Thursday, January 18
South Regional Library

6:30 – 7:30 PM
337-981-1028

Café Bibliothèque

Ages 18 & up

Come join library staff for a cup of coffee and a side of coffee knowledge on a Friday each month! *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 19 *Back to Basics!*
Friday, February 16 *Coffee & Chocolate*
Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
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337-261-5787

DIY Coptic Bookbinding

Ages 18 & up

Create your own journal using the coptic stitch bookbinding method. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 22
Main Library

1:30 – 3:30 PM
337-261-5787

Scented Candles

Ages 18 & up

You know exactly what's in your candle if you make it yourself. As a bonus, you can customize your scent. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 22
North Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-896-6323

Simple Scrap Wood Photo Frame

Ages 18 & up

Create a simple photo frame using scrap wood, twine, and hot glue. All materials will be provided. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 23
South Regional Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-981-1028

Painting Projects

Ages 18 & up

Join us for a unique painting project each month. *Registration is required.*

Wednesdays: January 24; February 21
East Regional Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-445-3168

Adult Crafting with Oliver Lane Creative Studio

Oliver Lane Creative Studio is here to bring out the artist in you! They provide project supplies, step-by-step instructions, and the tools to complete it. *Registration is required.*

Saturday, January 27 *Session 1*
Session 2
East Regional Library

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
1:30 – 3:30 PM
337-445-3168

Adult Programs

Concrete Candle Holder

Ages 18 & up

Make a reflective candle holder out of concrete. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 29
North Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-896-6323

ERL True Crime Club

Ages 18 & up

Bring your sleuthing skills to the library, where Michelle N. Jeanis, Ph.D., of UL Lafayette's Criminal Justice Department, will present a case for the group to discuss. Prepare as much or as little as you like beforehand.

Case: The Long Island Serial Killer & Rex Heuermann

Wednesday, January 31
East Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-445-3168

Fused Glass Creation

Ages 18 & up

Try your hand at a bright, colorful creation from fused glass. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 5
North Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-896-6323

Watercolor Heart Art

Ages 18 & up

Paint a colorful heart, add artsy flair with a plastic wrap technique, and frame it for year-round LOVE-ly art. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 7
West Regional Library

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-232-9321

Adult Diamond Painting

Ages 18 & up

Based on the same concept as mosaics and paint-by-numbers, diamond art is excellent for hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and creativity. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 9
East Regional Library

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-445-3168

Cold Porcelain Cherub

Ages 18 & up

Craft a cute little cherub from handmade cold porcelain. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 12
North Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-896-6323

Beginner's Acrylic Painting

Ages 18 & up

Join us for an easy beginner's acrylic painting class and leave with your own masterpiece! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 14 *Let's Get Ready to Scumble!*
Main Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-261-5787

Wire Bonsai Sculpture

Ages 18 & up

Learn how to create a miniature bonsai tree sculpture out of wire. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 19
Main Library

1:30 – 3:30 PM
337-261-5787

Creating a Healthy Home

Did you know there are a lot of toxic compounds found in your home, like constant exposure to electromagnetic frequencies, that may be damaging to your health? Get tips and tricks to create a healthy home environment. Taught by Valerie Willis, MS RDN LDN.

Tuesday, February 20
South Regional Library

zoom 6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-981-1028

Unveiling the Mysteries of FEMA

Ages 18 & up

Emergency Legal Responders provide disaster advocacy for those impacted by natural, social, and economic crises. Join Caroline Newman, of ELR, to gain the tools and training to help yourself following a disaster.

Thursday, February 22
South Regional Library

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-981-1028

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



Makerspace & Tech

Tech Assistance By Appointment

Have a technology question? Have a device and want to learn how to use it? Tech Assistance to the rescue! You can have an Electronic Resource Librarian call and set up a one-on-one session to discuss your questions.

Please call 337-261-5770 and leave a message to set up an appointment.

Makerspace Grab & Go Craft Kits

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

Main Library

337-261-5787

Hanging Perpetual Calendar

Ages 13 & up

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

Distribution begins Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00 PM

Painted Stencil Mardi Gras Mask

Ages 13 & up

Make a decorative painted Mardi Gras mask at home with a vinyl cut stencil!

Distribution begins Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00 PM

Let's Make

Use various equipment in the Makerspace and learn how to make both digital and physical designs. *Registration is required.*

"Stained Glass" Birds

Ages 13 & up

Come put together see-through cardinal and blue jay hanging decorations using 3D printed pieces!

Monday, January 8

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

Valentine Charm Bracelets

Ages 13 & up

Come put together personalized charm bracelets with a Valentine flair!

Monday, February 5

1:00 – 2:30 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 22

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 19

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Main Library

337-261-5787

For up-to-date program information,
visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

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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.*

Tuesdays & Thursdays (except February 13)

West Regional Library

3:00 – 5:30 PM

337-232-9321

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (except February 13)

Saturdays: January 20; February 17

Main Library

1:00 – 7:30 PM

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

337-261-5787

Computer Classes

Ages 18 & up

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

Main Library

337-261-5787

Smartphones	January 9	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Canva	January 10	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Basic Computing	January 23	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Basic Email	January 30	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Microsoft PowerPoint	February 6	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft Excel	February 7	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft Word	February 20	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Microsoft Word - Text Editing	February 21	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Microsoft Word - Graphics	February 27	6:00 – 7:00 PM

West Regional Library

337-232-9321

Basic Computing	January 8	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Canva	January 22	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Smartphones	January 29	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft Excel	February 5	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft Word	February 19	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Microsoft PowerPoint	February 26	4:00 – 5:00 PM

North Regional Library

337-896-6323

Smartphones	January 24	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Basic Computing	January 31	5:00 – 6:00 PM
Intro to Microsoft Word	February 28	5:00 – 6:00 PM

Teen Programs

YA Snapshots

Ages 12 & up

Join us virtually as we read an excerpt from a popular teen book, then check it out so you can see what happens next.

January 2

Looking for Alaska

February 6

So This is Ever After

Teen Sneaux Day

Ages 12–18

It might not snow in Louisiana, but we can still have a snowball fight! Join us for some faux snow memories! *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 2

South Regional Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-981-1028

Sense-Sational Smash

Ages 12–18

Teens will smash and squish their way to a good time during this multi-sensory experience. Be sure to dress for mess!

Wednesday, January 3

East Regional Library

3:00 – 4:00 PM

337-445-3168

AniManga Club

Ages 12–18

Watch anime clips, discuss manga favorites, and more!

Wednesdays: January 3, 17, 31; February 21

South Regional Library

5:30 – 7:00 PM

337-981-1028

Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.

Drop-In Gaming

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

Fridays: January – February (except February 9)	3:30 – 5:00 PM
Main Library	337-261-5778
Mondays: January – February (except January 1 & 15)	3:00 – 4:30 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323
Wednesdays: January – February	4:30 – 7:30 PM
West Regional Library	337-232-9321

Freestyle Art

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

Thursdays: January 4, 11, 18; February 22, 29	3:30 – 4:30 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Join us for snacks and a game of Dungeons & Dragons (5th Edition). Bring your own level three character, or use one of our pre-built sheets. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays: January 4; February 1	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Main Library	337-261-5778

Teen Art Collective

Hone your talent with various art and craft programs. *Registration is required.*

West Regional Library	337-232-9321
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The Drawing Board

Complete drawing exercises or prompts and grow your drawing skillset.

Fridays: January 5; February 2	4:00 – 5:00 PM
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Mint Tin Wallet

Customize and decorate your new tin wallet or purse using paints, prints, and personal flair.

Monday, January 8	4:00 – 5:30 PM
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Reverse Self-Portrait

You won't need any special painting skills to make this self-portrait to show off.

Monday, February 19	4:00 – 5:30 PM
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Beyond Bullet Journaling

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

Mondays: January 8; February 5	6:00 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library	337-445-3168

Manic Monday

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: January – February (except Jan. 1 & 15; Feb 12)	6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library	337-261-5778

K-Pop Kommunity Meet-up

Come hang out as we recommend our favorite groups to each other. We'll do some dancing, crafting, and research along the way!

Thursdays: January 11; February 8	5:00 – 6:00 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028

Movie Critic

Join us for a poorly-rated movie so we can critique it in real time. Talking is encouraged during this screening of *Step Up 2: The Streets* (2008).

Saturday, January 13	2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library	337-261-5778

Tournament Time

Do you think you're the best? Come test yourself against other teens! We'll also have an elimination bracket. *No outside controllers. Registration is required.*

January: <i>Mario Party</i>	
February: <i>Gang Beasts</i>	
Saturdays: January 13; February 24	1:00 – 2:30 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028

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Teen Programs

Snack Attack

Ages 12–18

Learn to create some easy recipes to impress your friends and family! *Registration is required.*

Wednesdays: January 17; February 21	4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library	337-261-5778
Mondays: January 22; February 19	4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library	337-445-3168
Wednesdays: January 31; February 28	3:30 – 4:30 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323
Tuesday, February 27	5:00 – 6:00 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028

Teen Diamond Painting

Ages 13–18

Create your own unique sparkly diamond painting! Based on the same concept as mosaics and paint-by-numbers. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 18	5:00 – 6:00 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028
Friday, February 9	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
East Regional Library	337-445-3168

Teen LEGO Lab

Ages 12–18

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

Tuesdays: January 23; February 20	3:30 – 4:30 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323
Tuesday, February 6	5:00 – 6:00 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028

It's Puzzling

Ages 12–18

Work together with your friends to complete jigsaw puzzles!

Fridays: January 19; February 16	3:30 – 4:30 PM
North Regional Library	337-896-6323
Thursdays: January 25; February 29	5:00 – 6:00 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028



After Hours: Gleaux in the Dark

Ages 12–18

Come and glow in the dark with us after the library closes! *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 26	5:30 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library	337-981-1028

Teens Crafting with Oliver Lane Creative Studio

Ages 13–18

Oliver Lane Creative Studio is here to bring out the artist in you! They provide the project supplies, instructions, and the tools to complete it. *Registration is required.*

Saturday, January 27	
Session 1	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Session 2	1:30 – 3:30 PM
East Regional Library	337-445-3168

VR+

Ages 12–18

Play various console games with others while you take turns playing VR. *Registration is required.*

Mondays:	
January 29	4:00 – 5:00 PM
February 26	3:30 – 4:30 PM
West Regional Library	337-232-9321

Teen Programs

Mardi Gras Masks

We provide blank Mardi Gras masks for teens to paint, decorate, and take home. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 6

Main Library

Ages 12–18

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-261-5778

Mardi Gras X Valentine's

Create a heart shaped mosaic using Mardi Gras beads on canvas. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 8

North Regional Library

Ages 12–18

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-898-6323

Survey Says...

Team up and compete in a real-life game inspired by the "Family Feud" gameshow. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 12

West Regional Library

Ages 12–18

4:00 – 5:30 PM

337-232-9321

Cupid in a Cup

Play your way through this punch-a-cup Bingo game on the hunt for Cupid and collect prizes along the way!

Wednesday, February 14

East Regional Library

Ages 12–18

3:00 – 4:00 PM

337-445-3168

Valentines: Normal Wednesday Get Together

Sure, it's Valentine's Day. But, tbh, we were going to gather, eat fancy chocolate, and drink sparkling age-appropriate beverages anyway!

Wednesday, February 14

Main Library

Ages 12–18

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-261-5778



Teen Table Read

Practice your voice acting skills as we do a table read of the movie, *Coraline* (2009). *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 27

Main Library

Ages 12–18

5:30 – 7:30 PM

337-261-5778



WRITING CONTEST

Students in grades K–12 can submit original pieces of poetry, personal narrative, or short fiction in English, French, or Spanish beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024. All 7th–12th graders must submit entries via the online form. For more information and submission guidelines, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or call (337) 261-5779.

All entries due Friday, March 15, 2024.

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Children's & Family Programs

Book Buddy Grab & Go

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

Tuesdays: January – February (except February 13)

West Regional Library

337-232-9321

Wednesdays: January – February

East Regional Library

337-445-3168

Tween Sneaux Day

It may not snow in Louisiana, but we can still have a snowball fight! Join us for some faux snow activities. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, January 2

South Regional Library

Ages 10–12

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-981-1028

Pets & Friends

Learn about animal safety, pet adoption, and pet care, then cuddle with puppies and kittens from Acadiana Animal Aid. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 3

Main Library

Ages 7–12

3:00 – 4:00 PM

337-261-5779

LEGO Club

Build unique LEGO creations based on a given theme.

Wednesdays: January 3; February 7

West Regional Library

Ages 5–12

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-232-9321

Wednesdays: January 10; February 7

North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-896-6323

Thursdays: January 11; February 8

Milton Branch

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-856-5261

Saturdays: January 20; February 17

Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM

337-261-5779

Saturdays: January 20; February 17

East Regional Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-445-3168

Fridays: January 26; February 23

South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

LEGO WeDo Workshops

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

Wednesday, January 3

South Regional Library

Ages 7–12

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-981-1028

Saturday, January 6

Main Library

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-261-5779

Wednesday, January 17

North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-896-6323

Thursday, February 15

West Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

337-232-9321

Comic Club

Hang out with fellow comic book fans and learn to draw your own comic inspired by Dog Man graphic novel series. *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 5

West Regional Library

Ages 6–12

4:30 – 5:30 PM

337-232-9321

Small Folks Studio

Toddlers will create and explore using various art mediums. Dress for a mess. *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 5

Main Library

Ages 18–36 Months

10:00 – 10:45 AM

337-261-5779

Thursday, January 11

North Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-896-6323

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



After School Special

Join us for an afternoon of fun. Each week will feature a different surprise activity.

Mondays: January 8, 22, 29; February 5, 19, 26

Chenier Branch

Wednesdays: January 10, 24; February 7, 21

Duson Branch

Ages 5–12

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-291-2941

3:30 – 4:30 PM

337-873-3521

Fingerprint Snowstorm

Toddlers will make their own snowstorm with its matching snowman.

Monday, January 8

East Regional Library

Friday, January 12

South Regional Library

Ages 0 – 36 Months

9:30 – 10:15 AM

337-445-3168

10:00 – 10:45 AM

337-981-1028

Crafternoon

Get crafty at our freestyle crafting program, with all supplies provided.

Tuesdays: January 9; February 6

North Regional Library

Saturdays: January 27; February 24

Main Library

Ages 5–12

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-896-6323

2:00 – 3:00 PM

337-261-5779

Birds and Feathered Friends

Learn about different species of birds, their habitats, and behaviors.

Presented by nature expert Jessica Tassin, of Acadiana Park Nature Station.

Wednesday, January 10

West Regional Library

Upcycled Crafting

Upcycle your trash into new and creative treasures while learning about the benefits of recycling and reusing. All supplies are provided. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 10

Main Library

Hello Music & Hello Dancer at the Library

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Kids Workshop

Come build some cool take-home projects with our friends from the Home Depot.

Registration is required.

Thursdays: January 11; February 8

Main Library

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 12; February 9

Main Library

Friday, January 19

South Regional Library

Thursday, February 8

North Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-261-5779

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-981-1028

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-896-6323

Make & Munch

Let's make no-bake snacks. We'll be making a popcorn snack. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 17

South Regional Library

Ages 7–12

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-981-1028

Children's & Family Programs

Little Gym at the Library!

Ages 10 months–5 years

The Little Gym invites kids and their parents to come bounce, hop, dance, and roll at the library. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 18

Session 1 (ages 10 months – 2.5 years)

Session 2 (ages 2.5 – 5 years)

West Regional Library

10:15 – 10:45 AM

11:00 – 11:30 AM

337-232-9321

Thursday, January 25

Session 1 (ages 10 months – 2.5 years)

Session 2 (ages 2.5 – 5 years)

East Regional Library

10:15 – 10:45 AM

11:00 – 11:30 AM

337-445-3168

Thursday, February 15

Session 1 (ages 10 months – 2.5 years)

Session 2 (ages 2.5 – 5 years)

South Regional Library

10:15 – 10:45 AM

11:00 – 11:30 AM

337-981-1028

Playdough Playtime

Ages 3–5

Have fun with playdough using our tools. *Registration is required.*

Thursdays: January 18; February 15

North Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-896-6323

Friday, January 26

West Regional Library

10:00 – 10:45 AM

337-232-9321

Monday, February 26

Main Library

10:00 – 10:45 AM

337-261-5779

Hurray for Pre-K!

Ages 3–5

Prepare your child for preschool. We'll read a story, practice motor skills, and learn about colors, numbers, and letters. *Registration is required.*

Friday, January 19

Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM

337-261-5779

Monday, February 5

South Regional Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM

337-981-1028

Read with Rio

Ages 5–12

Kids are invited to read a story with Rio, a trained Labrador Retriever, and learn how service animals help people. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 22

West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM

337-232-9321

Books & Bakes with Bonne Vie Macarons

Ages 3–6

The library has teamed up with Bonne Vie Macarons for a special storytime in which the featured book ties in with a baked good decorating activity, allowing children to process the story in a new way. *Registration is required.*

Monday, January 22

East Regional Library

10:00 – 10:45 AM

337-445-3168

Little Scientists

Ages 3–5

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

Thursday, January 25

Main Library

10:00 – 10:45 AM

337-261-5779

Friday, February 16

South Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-981-1028

Monday, February 19

East Regional Library

10:30 – 11:15 AM

337-445-3168

Children's & Family Programs

Snowman Art

Ages 5–12

Join us for a good story and make a unique snowman with shredded paper. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, January 25
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Read with a Ranger

Ages 3–6

Enjoy a story and craft with a park ranger from the Jean Lafitte National Historic Park and Preserve.

Fridays: January 26; February 23
North Regional Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-896-6323

Kids Crafting with Oliver Lane Creative Studio

Ages 4–12

Olive Lane Creative Studio will bring out the artist in your child. They provide the supplies, step-by-step instructions, and the tools to complete the project. Register adults and teens for crafts taking place at the same time to make this a family event. *Registration is required.*

Saturday, January 27
Session 1
Session 2
East Regional Library

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
1:30 – 3:30 PM
337-445-3168

Puzzle Mania

Ages 5–12

Enjoy puzzles of all kinds? Come join us as we celebrate National Puzzle Day!

Monday, January 29
South Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-981-1028

Sew Awesome

Ages 8–12

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

Tuesday, January 30
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Draw with Jaylee

Ages 7–12

Learn pencil drawing techniques from artist Jaylee LeDoux, and create Pokemon-themed artwork. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 31
West Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-232-9321

Where's My Shadow?

Ages 5–12

Join us for a Groundhog's Day craft and learn about shadows. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 31
South Regional Library

4:30 – 5:15 PM
337-981-1028

Lunar New Year Craft

Ages 5–12

In celebration of Lunar New Year, join us for a special craft. It is the year of the dragon, so we'll have a roaring good time! *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, January 31
Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-261-5779

Marbled Heart Art

Ages 5–12

Learn how to make colorful paper hearts for your friends and family. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 1
North Regional Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Light-Up Valentine

Ages 7–12

Make a light-up Valentine's Day Card using paper circuitry. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 1
West Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM
337-232-9321

Valentine Tea

Ages 3–6

Join us for a special Valentine's Day Storytime, followed by refreshments, and a Valentine's Day-themed craft. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 2
Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-261-5779

Valentine Cards

Ages 5–12

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Come create some special valentines at the library for friends and family.

Friday, February 9
South Regional Library

2:00 – 3:30 PM
337-981-1028

Bonne Vie Macarons' Sensory Kitchen

Ages 3–10

Our friends at Bonne Vie Macarons will guide us through this sensory baking themed experience. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 2
East Regional Library

9:30 – 10:15 AM
337-445-3168

Mini Mardi Gras Floats

Ages 5–12

Create miniature Mardi Gras floats using shoeboxes. Supplies are provided, but you can bring your own add-ons from home. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 7
Main Library

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-261-5779

Tween Diamond Painting

Ages 8–12

Create a unique diamond painting using the same concept as mosaics and paint-by-numbers. Diamond art is excellent for hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and creativity. Make this a family event by registering for the adult and teen Diamond Painting crafts taking place at the same time. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 9
East Regional Library

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
337-445-3168

Thursday, February 22
Milton Branch

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-856-5261

Lazers & Feelings

Ages 8–12

Join us for a game of Lazers & Feelings. Make your own character in program or use one of the pre-made options. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 12
East Regional Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM
337-445-3168

Let's Make Music

Ages 4–6

Join us for a musical story, then create your own musical instrument using household items. All supplies provided. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 12
Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-261-5779

Parachute Play

Ages 18–36 months

Join us for a magical morning of songs and games around our colorful parachute. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 14
Main Library

10:00 – 10:30 AM
337-261-5779

Monday, February 19
South Regional Library

10:00 – 10:30 AM
337-981-1028

Shrinky Dinks

Draw or trace a design onto special plastic, then put it in the toaster oven and watch it shrink before your eyes. You can use the finished product to create jewelry, magnets, and more. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 14
South Regional Library

Ages 7–12

2:00 – 3:30 PM
337-981-1028

Busy Babies

Babies will crawl and toddle their way to fun in this special sensory play zone at the library.

Friday, February 16
Main Library

Ages 0–24 months

10:00 – 10:45 AM
337-261-5779

Family Campout

Put on your PJs, grab a sleeping bag, and come hang out around a pretend campfire at the library. But don't worry, we'll finish in time for everyone to sleep in their own beds.

Tuesday, February 20
Main Library

Ages 3–12

6:00 – 7:00 PM
337-261-5779

Creative Builders

Calling all junior engineers! What can you build using straws, mini design shapes, and structure sticks? Join us to find out. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday, February 21
North Regional Library

Ages 5–12

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Fairytale Tea

Join us for a fairytale-themed tea time with treats, stories, and a craft. *Registration is required.*

Friday, February 23
West Regional Library

Monday, February 26
Tea 1
Tea 2
South Regional Library



Ages 3–5

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-232-9321

10:00 – 10:45 AM
11:00 – 11:45 AM
337-981-1028

Paper Dolls

Create a paper doll and their wardrobe of paper clothes. Templates are available but not enforced. *Registration is required.*

Monday, February 26
East Regional Library

Ages 7–12

3:30 – 4:15 PM
337-445-3168

Winter Bingo

Join us for Winter Bingo at the library where it is nice and warm. *Registration is required.*

Tuesday, February 27
North Regional Library

Ages 5–12

4:00 – 5:00 PM
337-896-6323

Tape Town

Zoom down the streets of our pretend town while making stops at the car wash, bakery, and more. Please bring a small toy vehicle to participate. *Registration is required.*

Thursday, February 29
West Regional Library

Ages 2–5

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-232-9321

Leap Day Celebration

Celebrate this special day that happens once every four years. We'll learn all about Leap Day, read stories, and make a fun craft.

Thursday, February 29
Main Library

10:00 – 11:00 AM
337-261-5779

Storytimes: January – February

Main Library

Baby Time

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

9:30 AM

Toddler Time

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

10:30 AM

Pajama Time

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 27

6:00 PM

Story Castle

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28

10:00 AM

Bibliobop

Friday: January 26; February 23

10:00 AM

Stay & Play

Tuesday: January 2

9:30 AM

South Regional Library

Baby Time

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

9:30 AM

Toddler Time

Wednesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28

10:00 AM

Bibliobop

Thursdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 22, 29

10:00 AM

Stay & Play

Wednesday: February 14

10:00 AM

East Regional Library

Storytime Jr.

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

9:30 AM

Storytime

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

10:30 AM

Thursdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

3:30 PM

West Regional Library

Storytime Jr.

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

9:30 AM

Storytime

Tuesdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27

10:30 AM

North Regional Library

Family Storytime

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28

10:30 AM

Stay & Play

Wednesday: January 3

10:30 AM

Milton Branch

Storytime

Thursdays: January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 22, 29

10:15 AM

Registration opens two weeks before the date of the program.

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New Year's Day

January 15 (All Locations Closed)

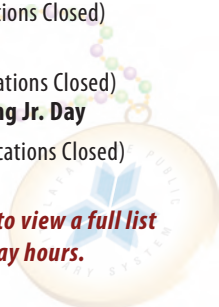
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 13 (All Locations Closed)

Mardi Gras Day

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Mon – Thurs 4:00 – 7:00

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220 W. Willow, Bldg. C, Lafayette

Phone 337-291-2941

Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 7:00

Friday 9:00 – 6:00

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Mon – Fri 10:00 – 1:00; 2:00 – 6:00

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Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

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