Spring Programs are in Full Bloom!

Exotic Cars & Coffee
Let the Lafayette League of Exceptional Motoring rev your engines! Join us for a car show in the South Regional Library parking lot to get up close to some rare exotic cars! All ages.

Sunday, March 24
8:00 – 11:00 AM
South Regional Library
981-1028
(Inclement Weather Day: Sunday, March 31)

Lafayette Mini Maker Faire
Celebrate the maker movement with us at the Lafayette Science Museum. The Lafayette Mini Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy sharing what they can do. Get inspired by hanging out with craftspersons, tech enthusiasts, gardeners, and quilters. All ages.

Saturday, March 30
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Lafayette Science Museum
261-5787

Lafayette Reads Together programs

Homemade Fortune Cookies

Thursday, March 7
3:00 – 4:30 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Dog Man: The Dick Russell Story
This captivating documentary details the legacy of world-renowned Baton Rouge dog trainer Dick Russell, who is estimated to have trained more than 30,000 dogs during his career. Ages 14 & up.

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

Make a Pet Treat
Show your pupper or doggo some love with a pet treat that you make yourself. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

Thursday, March 7
5:30 – 6:30 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

Chinese Paper Lanterns
Teens will learn how to make a Chinese paper lantern in celebration of Chinese culture at this craft. Ages 12–18. No registration required.

Friday, March 8
3:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Go Yóuxi
Traditional Chinese games...with a twist! Join us for some fun and games, Chinese-style, as we celebrate Chinese culture and Finding Gobi. Ages 12–18.

Tuesday, March 12
4:00 – 5:30 PM
Main Library
261-5779

Doggo Day
Craft DIY dog toys, make homemade treats, design 3D printed ID tags, and more. Acadiana Animal Aid will be on site for adoptions as well. While we love all pups and doggos, please leave your four-legged friends at home.

Saturday, March 16
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
East Regional Library
445-3168

Upcoming Closures
Friday, March 1 (parades)
Main Library closes at 5 PM.

Saturday, March 2 (parades)
Main Library closed.

Monday, March 4 (parades)
Main Library closes at 5 PM.

Tuesday, March 5 (Mardi Gras)
All libraries closed.

Friday, April 19 (Good Friday)
All libraries closed.

Sunday, April 21 (Easter)
All libraries closed.

Wednesday, April 24 (Festival Int’l.)
Main Library closes at 5 PM.

Thursday, April 25 (Festival Int’l.)
Main Library closes at 4 PM.

Friday, April 26 (Festival Int’l.)
Main Library closes at 4 PM.

Saturday, April 27 (Festival Int’l.)
Main Library closed.

Sunday, April 28 (Festival Int’l.)
Main Library closed.

Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)
All libraries closed.

Special Features:
- Writes of Spring Writing Contest (page 3)
- Learn a New Language with Pronunciator (page 5)
- Pet-A-Palooza with Schoolhouse Safari (page 12)
“More saving, more doing… That’s the power of the Home Depot.” I like that slogan. I think we need to adopt the same for our library system. Anyone that checks out books, audiobooks, games, music, or magazines knows how much you save versus going out and buying those items.

However, I really like the “more doing” part. With much of our staffing, facilities and collection geared toward children, our course over the years has changed as we add “more doing” parts for kids. Kids like to do. Reading is passive, but watching kids learn the basics of robotics, creating code that makes objects they put together walk and move is knowledge in action. Take a good look at all the programs in this newest Booktalk. It is all about “doing.” Little kids are building things with Legos, middle school kids are learning how to sew, and teens are exploring creative expression with drawing.

And it isn’t just kids that are doing. Adults are doing new things and having fun too. Our laser cutter and 3-D printers operate around the clock bringing great ideas to life. We have jewelry-making classes, game nights, and all sorts of activities involving doing, relaxing, learning, and socializing in a fun and friendly environment.

So I urge you to take a look at what we have to offer for all ages. Save more, do more, and enjoy the power of your local library.

Teresa Elberson, Director
Lafayette Public Library

New to You: Unlimited Access to The New York Times Through the Library

You can now enjoy unlimited access to The New York Times on any device while visiting the Lafayette Public Library!

Here is how it works: There are two ways you can access The New York Times. Both require you make an account at NYTimes.com/register. You can connect to the Library’s wi-fi or log into one of our public computers and register at NYTimes.com/register link to log in or create a New York Times account.

Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org and go to the “Free Stuff for Our Patrons” section at the top of our home page. Scroll down until you find The New York Times tab. Click on the NYTimes.com/register link to log in or create a New York Times account. Read away!

Not coming to the Library? With your Lafayette Public Library account, you can access The New York Times content remotely from your home computer, laptop, phone, or tablet. Enjoy 24 hours of full off-site access.
The Surprising Health Benefits of Reading

In our technology-obsessed world, our attention gets drawn in a million different directions as we multi-task through each day. We’ll scour the internet and scroll through our social media feeds on digital devices for hours, spending less and less time with actual literature. If you are one of the countless individuals that doesn’t make a daily habit out of reading, then you may be missing out.

Recent research has shown that learning something new, such as a second language or how to play a musical instrument, can be one of the best things you do for your brain. Just like every other muscle in your body, your brain requires exercise to maintain health and stay strong.

So, what is it about reading books in particular that boosts our brain power? Reading and language-learning skills can help to support brain functions in big ways. When you are involved in deep reading and engage your brain with problem-solving or learning activities, you create new connections (synapses) and strengthen existing ones. These neural networks can promote quicker thinking and may provide a greater defense to memory loss. So the phrase “use it or lose it” is true when it comes to the mind.

Reading is a relaxing activity and reduces stress. According to a study by the University of Sussex, it turns out that reading silently for only six minutes has been shown to reduce heart rate and ease muscle tension. In fact, that small amount of reading worked better for relaxation than other proven methods such as listening to music, going for a walk, or sipping a cup of tea.

Daily reading for a half hour per day has been shown to add two years to the average person’s life. That’s right! Developing a habit of reading for just 30 minutes per day can make you live years longer. Who knew?

If you don’t know where to start, ask your local librarian to make a suggestion. Share with them your interests, and they may be able to point you to a whole section of interesting books that are FREE to check out with your library card. Since we are constantly updating our collection with new books, you’ll never run out of reading materials.

Reading books, especially fiction books, has been shown to improve empathy and emotional intelligence. Developing these social skills has been proven to lead to more positive interactions with friends, family, and colleagues, which can lower stress levels and help you live a longer, healthier life.

You’ll also be setting a good example for the children in your life. Growing up surrounded by books has been shown to have positive lasting effects on the mind. The U.S. Department of Education found that the more kids read for fun on their own time, the better their reading scores.

Even toddlers can benefit from being read to every day. While it may be a struggle to read to someone who wants to constantly turn pages, swap books, or even throw them around, reading to your little ones is extremely important to their development. Being read to can enhance a child’s vocabulary as well as help him learn to concentrate and sit still for longer periods of time. These skills can help when children go to school.

The bottom line is that reading can dramatically improve your life. And, if you’re reading this, then there’s a good chance that you already know that! So don’t be afraid to recommend a good book to a friend and let them know the benefits of reading.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” – Dr. Seuss
## General Audience & Movies

### Family Movies
Join us for fun movies fit for the whole family!

**Weekdays** | **1:00 – 3:00 PM**
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March 4 | *The Princess and the Frog* G, 2009
April 20 | *The Incredibles 2* PG, 2018

**Main Library** | **261-5778**

**Wednesdays** | **2:00 – 4:00 PM**
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March 6 | *Minions* PG, 2015
April 17 | *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation* PG, 2018

**North Regional Library** | **896-6233**

### South Regional Library
Join us all month long for movies about the craftiest con men in cinema history.

**Thursdays** | **6:00 – 8:00 PM**
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March 7 | *The Sting* PG, 1973
March 14 | *Catch Me If You Can* PG-13, 2002
March 21 | *The Brothers Bloom* PG-13, 2008
March 28 | *The Spanish Prisoner* PG, 1997

**South Regional Library** | **981-1028**

### Con Men Movies
Join us for a trio of terrifying films from the Master of the Macabre! Films include Cujo, Pet Semetary, and the Dark Half. Ages 18 & up.

**Monday, March 18** | **2:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Main Library** | **261-5787**

### Roald Dahl at the Movies
Put on your PJs, bring a pillow and blanket, and come watch some of Roald Dahl’s most-beloved characters come to life on the screen! Come and go, or stay all day!

**Thursday, April 18** | **10:00 AM – 3:15 PM**
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10:00 AM | *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* G, 1971
11:45 AM | *Fantastic Mr. Fox* PG, 2009
1:30 PM | *Matilda* PG, 1996

**South Regional Library** | **981-1028**

### Stephen King Movie Marathon
Join us for a trio of terrifying films from the Master of the Macabre! Films include Cujo, Pet Semetary, and the Dark Half. Ages 18 & up.

**Monday, March 18** | **2:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Main Library** | **261-5787**

### Geek Cinema presents: Avengers
Prepare for *Avengers: Endgame*, coming April 26, with a binge viewing of all three Avenger movies: *Avengers, Avenger: Age of Ultron, and Avengers: Infinity War*. Enjoy snacks with the show and Marvel trivia between films!

**Thursday, April 25** | **12:00 – 8:00 PM**

**East Regional Library** | **445-3168**

### Movies that Skip Through Time
Thursdays in May will be devoted to movies that use nonlinear timelines to develop (and sometimes obscure) plot. How does the past inform the present? Ages 18 & up.

**Thursdays** | **6:00 PM**
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May 2 | *The Killing* R, 1956
May 9 | *Pulp Fiction* R, 1994
May 16 | *Adaptation* R, 2002
May 23 | *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* R, 2004
May 30 | *Lone Star* R, 1996

**South Regional Library** | **981-1028**

### Friday Zumba
Start your weekend off right with an hour of Zumba with licensed instructor Sahra Arabaca. She is ready to bring the excitement of Zumba to you!

**Fridays:**
- March 1, 15; April 12, 26; May 10, 17 | **5:00 – 6:00 PM**
- **South Regional Library** | **981-1028**

### Cardio Club
Looking for motivation to get moving? Come walk or run with us! Open to all fitness levels and all ages. Various distances available. Strollers welcome.

**Mondays:**
- March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20 | **9:00 – 10:00 AM**
- **Youngsville Sports Complex** | **445-3168**

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

**Thursdays:**
- March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | **5:30 – 8:30 PM**
- **Main Library** | **261-5787**
- **Monday, April 29** | **6:00 – 8:00 PM**
- **South Regional Library** | **981-1028**

### Student Band Showcase
Music Academy of Acadia presents a live showcase of student musicians playing a variety of genres. Come rock out and support Acadia’s local talent!

**Saturday, March 9** | **3:00 – 4:30 PM**
- **Main Library** | **261-5778**
- **Sunday, April 14** | **2:00 – 3:30 PM**
- **East Regional Library** | **445-3168**
- **Sunday, May 19** | **2:00 – 3:30 PM**
- **South Regional Library** | **981-1028**

### Game On!
Join us for family-friendly video and board games. Open to all ages and skill levels.

**Tuesdays:**
- March 12; April 16; May 14 | **4:00 – 6:00 PM**
- **East Regional Library** | **445-3168**

### Chess Club
A chance to practice your chess moves on others. All playing levels, including beginners, welcome. Ages 8 & up. *Registration begins Monday, February 25.*

**Wednesday, March 20** | **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
- **South Regional Library** | **981-1028**
- **Wednesdays:**
  - March 25; April 22 | **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
  - **Main Library** | **261-5787**

### PokéMon League
We’re blasting off at the speed of light! Come play PokéMon console games, do PokéMon crafts and activities, and bring your trading cards or DS to battle with other players.

**Thursday, March 28** | **4:00 – 6:00 PM**
- **Main Library** | **261-5779**
Family Retro Cartoons
Bring your family to the Library for snacks and a selection of classic cartoons from the ‘80s, ‘90s, and beyond! Be sure to bring pillows and blankets.

Saturday, March 30  2:00 – 3:30 PM  East Regional Library

Nickelodeon ‘90s Retro Night
We “Double Dare” you to come to the library for an after-hours night of retro Nickelodeon fun! Relive the glory of some of your favorite old shows like Are You Afraid of the Dark and Legend of the Hidden Temple. It’s sure to be All That!

Friday, April 26  6:30 – 7:30 PM  East Regional Library

Author’s Alley
Meet and support local authors! Authors may reserve a table by calling 981-1028 by Tuesday, April 23. Space is limited.

Saturday, April 27  2:00 – 4:00 PM  South Regional Library

School’s Out Blowout
School’s out for the summer! Start your summer off right with a party at the library after the doors are locked and everyone else has gone home. Ages 7 – 18. Registration begins Monday, May 6.

Friday, May 24  5:30 – 7:00 PM  Main Library

Learn a New Language with Pronunciator
Hello! Hola! Ciao! Konnichiwa!

Have you ever wanted to learn another language? Do you have a business trip to another country coming up soon, and you need to learn the basics? Is English your second language, and you would like to be more fluent? Begin your language journey with Pronunciator!

Pronunciator provides access to 98 languages with 10,000 instructional phrases each, hundreds of live 30-minute classes per week led by qualified teachers, the largest ESL curriculum on the planet, and much more.

And did we mention it’s FREE to all Lafayette Public Library patrons? Simply visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org and click on “Free Stuff for Our Patrons” at the top of the home page. Then click the Pronunciator link. You will be redirected to the login page, and you can create your account by clicking “Register.” This will also allow access to your mobile device if you use the Pronunciator app. Allons-y!

YA Lit Lovers Book Club
Meets one Saturday each month, 1:00 – 2:00 PM. East Regional Library

March 9  - Highly Illogical Behavior by John Corey Whaley
April 20  - The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

History Book Club
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. South Regional Library

March 12  - The Ten-Cent Plague by David Hajdu
April 9  - The Fiery Trial by Eric Foner
May 14  - Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard

Milton Book Club
Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. Milton Branch

March 12  - Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
April 9  - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
May 14  - Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

Classic Book Club
Meets 1st Thursday of each month, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. South Regional Library

March 7  - To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
April 4  - Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
May 2  - Billy Budd and Other Tales by Herman Melville

Mystery Book Club
Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. South Regional Library

March 19  - The Unexpected Inheritance of Inspector Chopra by Vaseem Khan
April 16  - If Ever I Return, Pretty Peggy-O by Sharyn McCrumb
May 21  - The Last Detective by Peter Lovesey

North Regional Library Book Club
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1:30 – 2:30 PM. North Regional Library

March 20  - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows
April 17  - Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver
May 15  - Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

The Golden Age of Mysteries
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Main Library

March 20  - The Franchise Affair by Josephine Tey
April 17  - The Lady Vanishes by Ethel Lina White
May 15  - Trial and Error by Anthony Berkeley

East Regional Library Book Club
Meets one Sunday each month, 4:00 – 5:00 PM. East Regional Library

March 24  - The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson
April 14  - A Game of Thrones by George R. R. Martin
May 12  - The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

Check out page 14 for Children’s Book Clubs!
**Adult Programs**

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

**Genealogy 101**
- **Tuesdays:** March 20; April 17; May 15
- **Friday, May 14**
- **Main Library**
- **9:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Monthly Meetings with Guest Presenters**
- **Thursdays:** March 21; April 18; May 16
- **South Regional Library**
- **6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Genealogy 101**
- **Tuesdays:** March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 23, 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28
- **Main Library**
- **8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Genealogy 101**
- **Saturdays:** March 2; April 6
- **South Regional Library**
- **9:00 – 11:00 AM**

**One-On-One Help**
- **Tuesdays:** March 6, 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15
- **Main Library**
- **6:00 – 7:30 PM**

### The French Table
L’Atelier de la Table Française Workshop provides a forum to improve verbal skills in both Cajun and standard French through casual conversation. *Some knowledge of French required.*

**Saturdays:**
- **March 2 & 16; April 6 & 20; May 18**
- **South Regional Library**
- **9:30 – 11:30 AM**

### Small Business Development
An ongoing series hosted by the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at ULL. Visit our website or call 482-6312 for a full description of these exciting and informative workshops.

- **Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea**
  - **March 6**
  - **Small Business Development**
  - **5:00 – 7:00 PM**

- **South Regional Library**
- **March 20**
- **Marketing 101: Using Market Research**
- **April 3**
- **Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea**
- **April 17**
- **Great Customer Service Tactics**
- **May 1**
- **Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea**
- **May 15**
- **Developing a Loan Package**
- **May 29**
- **South Regional Library**
- **7:30 – 9:00 PM**

- **East Regional Library**
- **Wednesday:**
- **March 19**
- **Small Business Development**
- **East Regional Library**
- **4:00 – 6:00 PM**

- **Friday, March 29**
- **Altered Art Paintbrush Fairy**
- **South Regional Library**
- **8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

### Needle Arts Club
Do you have an interest in crocheting, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Bring your own project and get new ideas. No registration required.

- **Wednesdays:** March/April/May
- **North Regional Library**
- **5:30 – 6:30 PM**

- **Thursday, March 14**
- **Main Library**
- **6:00 – 7:00 PM**

### Crafting for a Cause
Sew a drawstring backpack! The completed bags will be filled with goodies and donated to a local homeless shelter. All skill levels welcome; materials will be provided. *Registration begins Monday, February 25.*

- **Thursday, March 7**
- **South Regional Library**
- **2:00 – 4:00 PM**

- **Altered Art Paintbrush Fairy**
- **Create an altered art fairy using a paint brush and a bounty of colorful items. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, February 25.**

- **Friday, March 8**
- **South Regional Library**
- **2:00 – 4:00 PM**

- **Monday, March 11**
- **Chenier Branch**
- **1:00 – 3:00 PM**

- **Tuesday, March 12**
- **North Regional Library**
- **2:00 – 4:00 PM**

- **Tuesday, March 19**
- **East Regional Library**
- **2:00 – 4:00 PM**

- **Thursday, March 21**
- **Milton Branch**
- **2:00 – 4:00 PM**

- **Wednesday, March 27**
- **Main Library**
- **6:00 – 8:00 PM**

### TV Club
It’s like a book club, but for TV shows! We’ll watch key episodes of some of the greatest TV shows of all time, then spend time talking about them. Refreshments provided.

- **Mondays:**
  - **March 11:** *LOST* - “The House of the Rising Son”
  - **April 15:** *Bewitched* - “A Very Special Delivery”
  - **May 13:** *Dallas* - “A House Divided”

- **South Regional Library**
- **6:30 – 8:00 PM**

### Master Gardening Series
Presented by the Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners.

- **Tuesdays:** March 12; April 9; May 14
- **East Regional Library**
- **6:30 – 7:30 PM**

### Coloring for Adults
Your focus and creativity will be your utensils, while we provide prints and colored pencils.

- **Wednesdays:** March 13; April 10; May 8
- **North Regional Library**
- **1:30 – 2:30 PM**

- **Wednesdays:** March 20; April 17; May 15
- **Main Library**
- **2:00 – 3:00 PM**

- **Wednesday, March 27**
- **Main Library**
- **6:00 – 8:00 PM**

- **Thursday, March 14**
- **Main Library**
- **1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Beginner’s Crochet**
Join us for an intro to crochet class led by experienced teacher Dee Delassus. No experience required; we’re starting with the basics. Some materials provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. *Registration begins Monday, February 25.*

- **Main Library**
- **981-1028**
**South Regional Library**

**Mondays May 20:** No Wind, No Rain.... Weather Trivia

SciFi Movies

others in our monthly contests. Let the team with

**Trivia Time**

**March 25: SciFi Movies**

**May 20: No Wind, No Rain.... Weather Trivia**

**South Regional Library**

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**How to Apply Makeup and Care for Your Skin**

Join Alexis Daigle, a local expert, on how to best

apply makeup, choose colors, and care for your skin.

Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Spring Scene Watercolor**

Learn beginning watercolor by painting a card of a rabbit.

Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

**Monday, April 1**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

East Regional Library

445-3168

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Monday, April 8**

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Chenier Branch

291-2941

**Wednesday, April 10**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Milton Branch

856-5261

**Tuesday, April 16**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

**Wednesday, April 17**

6:30 – 8:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Strengthening Your Résumé**

In this presentation, Laurie J. James, MCD, CCELW, CDCC, will share examples on how to make you create a high-quality, custom résumé. James will offer free résumé and LinkedIn profile critiques following the seminar.

**Thursday, April 4**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Chick Pom Pom Wreath**

Grace your space by making a whimsical chick pom pom wreath. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

**Thursday, April 4**

5:30 – 6:30 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

**Emotional Support Wellness Group**

Join Shelly Killingsworth, Licensed Professional Counselor, for monthly discussions and activities that will help you build emotional wellness.

Tuesdays: April 16; May 21

6:30 – 7:30 PM

East Regional Library

445-3168

**Decorative Tile Painting**

Perfect for springtime! Decorate and paint a tile with a butterfly or dragonfly pattern with local artist, Diana Menard. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, April 8.

**Wednesday, April 24**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Wax-Dipped Tissue Flowers**

Learn about a turn-of-the-century southern tradition by making crepe paper flowers & dipping them in wax. Registration begins Monday, April 22.

**Monday, May 13**

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Chenier Branch

291-2941

**Tuesday, May 14**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Monday, May 20**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Semester Abroad**

Considering a semester abroad? Join Tulane student Antonio Milton as he discusses his semester in Germany and gives tips for planning and surviving a successful semester abroad without breaking the bank.

**Friday, May 24**

4:00 – 5:00 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Author Talk: Chris Edelson**


**Wednesday, May 1**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Felt Flower Fabrication**

Enjoy some time relaxing and chatting while you make a felt flower brooch for either yourself or dear ol’ mom. Registration begins Monday, April 22.

**Friday, May 3**

5:30 – 6:30 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

**Cookies in the Spring**

Celebrate springtime by decorating garden-themed sugar cookies with royal icing. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, April 22.

**Tuesday, May 7**

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Mini May Baskets**

Make your own shabby chic basket out of an ordinary peat pot using lace, ribbon, paint, and a vintage label. Registration begins Monday, April 22.

**Wednesday, May 8**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Alcohol-Inked Wine Glasses**

Add some beautiful color to a wine glass using alcohol ink. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

**Monday, March 25**

5:30 – 6:30 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

**Fry It Up With Electricity**

Are you curious about electric pressure cookers (such as the Instant Pot) or air fryers? Join Tiffany Williams of the LSU Ag Center for a demonstration on how to choose one and use it safely.

**Wednesday, March 20**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Design on a Dime**

Learn how to use Canva and other free resources to create personalized graphic designs. Ages 14 & up.

**Business Cards**

Saturday, March 23

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Phone & Desktop Wallpaper**

Tuesday, May 7

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

East Regional Library

445-3168

**Milton Branch**

Wednesday, April 10

2:00 – 4:00 PM

1:00 – 3:00 PM

East Regional Library

261-5787

5:30 – 6:30 PM

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Main Library

981-1028

**Main Library**

Tuesday, May 7

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Spring Scene Watercolor**

Learn beginning watercolor by painting a card of a rabbit.

Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

**Monday, April 1**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

East Regional Library

445-3168

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Monday, April 8**

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Chenier Branch

291-2941

**Wednesday, April 16**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

**Wednesday, April 17**

6:30 – 8:30 PM

South Regional Library

981-1028

**Strengthening Your Résumé**

In this presentation, Laurie J. James, MCD, CCELW, CDCC, will share examples on how to make you create a high-quality, custom résumé. James will offer free résumé and LinkedIn profile critiques following the seminar.

**Thursday, April 4**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Main Library

261-5787

**Chick Pom Pom Wreath**

Grace your space by making a whimsical chick pom pom wreath. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

**Thursday, April 4**

5:30 – 6:30 PM

North Regional Library

896-6323

**Emotional Support Wellness Group**

Join Shelly Killingsworth, Licensed Professional Counselor, for monthly discussions and activities that will help you build emotional wellness.

Tuesdays: April 16; May 21

6:30 – 7:30 PM

East Regional Library

445-3168

**Decorative Tile Painting**

Perfect for springtime! Decorate and paint a tile with a butterfly or dragonfly pattern with local artist, Diana Menard. Ages 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, April 8.

**Wednesday, April 24**

2:00 – 4:00 PM

South Regional Library

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Makerspace Open Access Hours
Open access time allows patrons to explore and experiment as they independently work on projects of their choosing. Self-guided online tutorials are available for most applications.

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TumbleBook Library
Have you discovered our TumbleBook Library yet? If you have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or even if you babysit, then you’ll want to check this out!
You’ll find eBooks, read-alongs, story books, graphic novels and more that you can access through our website’s “Free Stuff for Our Patrons” database. There are books available in English, French, and Spanish -- and it’s all FREE with your library card!
To get started, have your library card number handy and then visit the “Free Stuff for Our Patrons” database page on our website. Then scroll down to TumbleBook Library.

Pixelate It!
We challenge you to design and build your own video game using our hands-on Bloxels boards! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

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Tech Assistance
Drop in for one-on-one help with your mobile device or learn how to access the library’s collection of eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines!

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3D Printing 101
Learn the basics of creating and printing on 3D printers using Tinkercad. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

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LPL Coding Club
For kids and tweens who want to learn the basics of computer programming. Whether you’re just getting started coding or want to expand on what you already know, we’ve got something for you. Ages 7 – 12. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

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Cutting Up
Learn how to create designs to be cut by the Silhouette or Cricut cutting machine. Make stickers, vinyl decals, heat transfers, and more! Registration begins Monday, March 11.

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Fabricadabra!
Want to learn the basics of sewing? Want to practice your sewing skills? Join us in the Makerspace for Fabricadabra! We’ll work on projects that introduce you to basic sewing skills with, and without, a machine. Or you can bring your own project to work on while chatting with the group. No registration, but space is limited.

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**Ollie Robot Lab**
Meet your need for speed with the Ollie racing robot! The power is in your hands as you navigate obstacle courses, execute tricks, and take on other fun challenges. Ages 8 – 12. **Registration begins Monday, May 25.**

**Thursday, April 11**
Main Library
4:30 – 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 17**
South Regional Library
2:00 – 3:00 PM

**How Charming**
3D print your own charms and create your own beaded charm bracelet or earrings. Give them as a Mother’s Day gift or wear them yourself. Ages 7 & up. **Registration begins Monday, April 22.**

**Thursday, May 2**
South Regional Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Mother-Daughter Jewelry Making**
For Mother’s Day, make matching jewelry with your mama! Ages 8 and up. **Registration begins Monday, April 22.**

**Friday, May 3**
Main Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Illuminate Your Bookmark!**
Using decorative paper & ingenuity, make a bookmark that transforms into a light to read by. Ages 12 – 18. **Registration begins Monday, May 6.**

**Friday, May 17**
Main Library
4:00 – 5:30 PM

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**Learning with Lynda**
Are you familiar with Lynda? Lafayette Public Library is proud to offer our patrons free access to Lynda.com, a customized learning center that provides access to a vast subscription library of high-quality, current, and engaging video tutorials taught by recognized industry experts. Lynda.com helps anyone learn software, technology, creative, and business skills to achieve their personal and professional goals.

We’re big fans of Lynda.com, and staffers have reported using Lynda for everything from photography classes, to GRE Prep, to coding. It’s been said before, but our mission is always to enhance the quality of life of our community by providing free and equal access to high-quality, cost-effective library services that meet the needs and expectations of our diverse community for information, life-long learning, recreation, and cultural enrichment.

With Lynda, we believe we’re serving that mission. When we unveiled the platform during Summer Reading 2018, there were over 4,400 instructional videos watched over the eight-week period! If you haven’t had the opportunity to visit, you can sign up today by visiting our website, LafayettePublicLibrary.org, clicking “Your Digital Library” at the top of the page, and visiting the Lynda portal. From there, it’s as simple as entering in your library card number to create an account. Happy learning!

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**Computer Classes**
Adult computer classes are offered at several of our library locations throughout Lafayette Parish, and instruction is user-friendly and free.

**March Classes**
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YA Book Recommendations

Enjoy these recommendations by our Teen Librarians!

**Legendary by Stephanie Garber**
“Legendary is the second book in the Caraval series. Join characters from the first book in the series on a magical adventure of secrets and wonder as they try to uncover the identity of the infamous Legend in order to be set free from the grips of a mysterious criminal. This book in enchanting and mysterious in a world comparable to the setting of Alice in Wonderland.”
— Lacey, South Regional Library

**Not Even Bones by Rebecca Shaeffer**
“Not Even Bones by Rebecca Shaeffer is the first book in the Market of Monsters series. This young adult novel is a dark fantasy that tells the story of a girl with supernatural powers who sells magical body parts on the black market, until she is betrayed. Fans of Dexter will love this book as they question what is considered good and what is actually evil. Not recommended for the squeamish!”
— Lacey, South Regional Library

**One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus**
“Five teens get sent to detention... one dies and the rest are all suspects in the murder investigation. You’ll never believe who did it! If you love murder mysteries and YA novels, this one’s for you!”
— Katelin, Main Library

**Geekerella by Ashley Poston**
“Geekerella is a geeky twist on the traditional Cinderella story complete with rude twin stepsisters and a cruel stepmother. The main character, Elle, lives for a show she grew up watching with her father so when there’s an opportunity to enter a cosplay contest she’s more than thrilled at the opportunity. Read this if you’re looking for a lighthearted read with a touch of romance.”
— Katelin, Main Library

**Create a Courir de Mardi Gras Shirt**
Celebrate the rural Mardi Gras tradition by creating a Courir de Mardi Gras shirt. Registration begins Monday, February 11.

- **Friday, March 1**
  - North Regional Library
  - 3:30 – 4:30 PM
  - 896-6323

**AniManga Club**
Watch anime clips, discuss manga favorites, and argue subs vs. dubs in this fun teen gathering! Refreshments will be provided.

- **Fridays: March 1; April 5; May 3**
  - South Regional Library
  - 4:30 – 6:00 PM
  - 981-1028

**Test Prep: Strategies & Resources**
Students, get ready for the SAT, ACT, or prepare for AP exams by mastering key concepts and powerful test-taking strategies with fun and engaging videos by Homework Louisiana’s free databases.

Students must have a valid email address. Laptop computers will be provided, but students may bring their own if they prefer. Students are encouraged to bring their own headphones.

- **Saturdays:**
  - March 2, 9, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27
  - North Regional Library
  - 2:00 – 4:00 PM
  - 896-6323

**Fandom Fridays**
What’s your fandom? Hang out, make friends, and have fun with other members of the fandom community.

- **March 8 - Attack on Titan**
- **April 12 - Stranger Things**

**Drop-in Gaming**
Join us to play on various gaming consoles or bring card/board games from home.

- **Saturdays:**
  - March 9; April 20; May 11
  - East Regional Library
  - 2:00 – 4:00 PM
  - 445-3168

- **Wednesdays:**
  - March 13; April 3
  - North Regional Library
  - 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - 896-6323

- **Saturdays:**
  - March 16; April 27; May 18
  - South Regional Library
  - 2:30 – 4:00 PM
  - 981-1028

**Teen Library Corps**
Join old friends and new to discuss teen programming and suggest improvements to the collection and services offered to teens.

- **Saturdays:**
  - March 9; April 13
  - Main Library
  - 2:00 – 3:00 PM
  - 261-5778

- **Saturdays:**
  - March 16; April 27; May 18
  - South Regional Library
  - 1:00 – 2:00 PM
  - 981-1028
Snack Attack!
Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with the things you can make. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

**Mondays:** March 11; April 22
**Main Library**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
261-5778

**Wednesday, March 20**
**North Regional Library**
3:30 – 4:30 PM
896-6323

**Thursday, April 11**
**East Regional Library**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
445-3168

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**Teen Programs**

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**DIY Kinetic Sand**
Thursday, March 21
**East Regional Library**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
445-3168

**Pop Sockets**
Sunday, April 14
**Main Library**
3:00 – 4:00 PM
261-5778

**Wednesday, April 17**
**South Regional Library**
2:00 – 3:00 PM
981-1028

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**Teen Drawing Round Table**
In the collaborative spirit of the Algonquin Round Table, an informal group of artists meet monthly at the library to exchange ideas, techniques, and banter.

**Thursdays:** March 21; April 18; May 16
**North Regional Library**
4:00 – 5:00 PM
896-6323

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**Teen ‘90s Nite**
Sick of hearing about “things only 90’s kids know”? Wish you could have been there? We’ve got just the thing: Play-Doh, fortune teller folding, board games, and the Macarena. Frosted tips not included.

**Friday, March 22**
**South Regional Library**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
981-1028

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**ACT Practice Test**
Take a free ACT practice test provided by the Princeton Review in a fully-proctored test-like environment. Please bring your own #2 pencils and a non-graphing calculator. Registration available at the Princeton Review.

**Saturday, March 23**
**Main Library**
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
261-5778

**Saturday, April 13**
**East Regional Library**
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
445-3168

**Saturday, April 27**
**South Regional Library**
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
981-1028

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**Manic Monday**
Got a case of the Mondays? Come do homework, play games, or have a snack. We’ve got just the cure for your Monday blues.

**Mondays:** March 25; April 29
**Main Library**
5:30 – 7:30 PM
261-5778

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**Patio Time**
Outdoor games! Outdoor art! Outdoor fun! Come hang out and create art on the patio!

**Thursdays:** March 28; April 25
**North Regional Library**
3:30 – 4:30 PM
896-6323

**Ani-May Rock Painting**
Teens are welcome to hang out with fellow anime fans while painting rocks and eating snacks!

**Wednesday, May 29**
**South Regional Library**
3:00 – 4:00 PM
981-1028

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**Teen Spa Day**
Teens are invited to come make bath bombs and a body scrub. Allergy disclaimer: essential oils and citric acid will be used in this program. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

**Monday, April 15**
**South Regional Library**
2:00 – 4:00 PM
981-1028

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**Tie-Dye Workshop**
Join us for hands-on tie-dye fun at the library! We’ll provide bandannas or tote bags to dye. Participants may also bring one plain white cotton t-shirt of their own. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

**Tuesday, April 16**
**East Regional Library**
3:00 – 4:00 PM
445-3168

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**Create a Terrarium**
Come get your hands dirty making an enclosed ecosystem using moss, plants, and rocks! Registration begins Monday, April 8.

**Wednesday, April 17**
**Main Library**
3:00 – 4:00 PM
261-5778

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**Teen Take Outs**
Come in and take a craft to go!

**May 1 – 31**
**Main Library**
261-5778

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**YA March Madness**
March Madness is here, but instead of basketball, we’re all about books! Help us pick the Teen Book Champion by voting to narrow down a list of popular stories to one grand champion. We’ll announce the winner on April 22, so get ready to march into reading madness and cast your votes!

**March 4 – April 15**
**Weekly Brackets**
North Regional, South Regional, East Regional & Main Libraries

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**Snack Attack!**
Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with the things you can make. Registration begins Monday, February 25.
Children’s Programs

Make A Mardi Gras Mask
Create your own fabulous mask just in time for Fat Tuesday! Ages 5–12. Registration begins Monday, February 11.

Monday, March 4
2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library

Pet-A-Palooza
Meet and greet some cool reptiles from all around the world with Schoolhouse Safari. Then make something to take home to your animal friends. Ages 5–12.

Wednesday, March 6
1:00 – 2:30 PM
Main Library

Feed Your Mind
Kids will have a healthy snack while enjoying activities such as board games, LEGO building, crafts, trivia, and more. Ages 5–12.

Wednesdays: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
March 6, 20; April 3, 17
Butler Memorial Branch
234-0363

Crafternoon
Come play with us! Drop in and join us for some crafty fun. Ages 5–12.

Wednesdays: March 6; April 24
4:00 – 6:00 PM
East Regional Library
445-3168

Thursday, March 7
2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Tuesdays: March 12; April 2
4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

Thursdays: March 14; April 25
3:30 – 4:30 PM
Milton Branch
856-5261

Slime Time
Take your slime-making skills to the next level! We’ll make fluffy, crunchy, and glittery slime! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, February 11.

Wednesday, March 6
2:00 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Parachute Play
Up, down, and all around! Join us for a magical morning of songs and games around our colorful parachute. Ages 18 months–36 months. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

Friday, March 8
10:30 – 11:00 AM
South Regional Library

Family Fort Night
Build forts, hear stories, and more! Please bring your own fort-building materials such as blankets and pillows. All families welcome!

Friday, March 8
5:45 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library
445-3168

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

Tuesdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28
Chenier Branch
291-2961

St. Pat’s Day Bingo and Treats
Play St. Patrick’s Day themed bingo and enjoy some rainbow treats! Ages 5–12.

Tuesday, March 12
4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Make and Munch
Put on your chef’s hat and join us for an edible treat you make yourself! Ages 7–12.

Thursday, March 14
4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

American Girl Club
Meet a new American Girl each month and enjoy activities based on her interests. All dolls, American Girl or other, welcome! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

Tuesdays: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
March 19: Jess McConnell
April 9: Julie Albright
South Regional Library
981-1028

Homeschool Hangout

March: Beeology (Special Guest: Ducky’s Apiary)
April: Recycle/Reuse

Wednesdays: March 20; April 24
1:00 – 2:30 PM
Main Library
261-5779

Thursdays: March 28; April 25
1:00 – 2:30 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

Shrinky Dinks
Draw or trace a design onto special plastic, put it in the toaster oven, and then watch it shrink before your eyes! Use the finished product to create jewelry, magnets, and more! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, March 7.

Wednesday, March 20
4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

For a list of Family Movies, see page 4.
Children’s Programs

Little Scientists
Explore and discover with hands-on experiments and activities. Ages 3–5. Registration begins Monday, April 8.

Wednesday, April 17 4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Life-Sized Candyland
What’s more fun than playing Candyland? Playing life-sized Candyland! Drop in anytime during this event to play! Ages 5 – 12.

Wednesday, April 17 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Creative Recycling
In celebration of Earth Day, create something original by using items provided. Ages 5–12.

Thursday, April 18 2:30 – 3:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Monday, April 22 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Unplugged
Unplug and play board games of all sorts! Bring your own or choose one of ours. Ages 5–12.

Thursday, April 18 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Decorate A Flower Pot
Uniquely decorate a beautiful flower pot to plant your new flowers! All supplies provided. Ages 3–5. Registration begins Monday, April 8.

Tuesday, April 23 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library 896-6323

DIA!
El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children’s Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Ages 5–12.

Tuesday, April 30 4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Messy Munchkins
Your babies and toddlers will squish and smash their way to a good time with this multi-sensory playtime. Dress for a mess! Ages birth – 36 months.

Friday, May 3 10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Dino Dig
Hey, dinosaur fans, come dig up some dinosaurs and make some fossils! Ages 5 – 12. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

Thursday, March 21 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Shape Art
Make art using shapes from foam and a 3D pen. Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

Friday, March 22 3:45 – 4:45 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Small Folk Studio
An opportunity for toddlers to create and explore art mediums. Caregivers should dress for a mess! Ages 18 months–3 years. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

Fridays: 10:30 – 11:15 AM
March 22; May 17
East Regional Library 445-3168

Fridays: 10:30 – 11:15 AM
March 29; April 26
Main Library 261-5779

French Fun Day
French language programs for the whole family! Ages 5 – 12. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

Saturdays: 10:30 – 11:30 AM
March 23: Spring Fling
April 20: Hot Wheels Speedway
Main Library 261-5779

Paint A Canvas Bag

Tuesday, March 26 4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Easter Wreath Craft
Make an Easter wreath to add to your holiday decor! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, March 11.

Wednesday, March 27 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

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.) Ages 2–5. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

Friday, April 5 10:30 – 11:30 AM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Chia Pets
Plant and decorate your own Chia Pet, then take it home and watch it grow! Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

Wednesday, April 10 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Fuse Bead Creations
Melt colorful fuse beads into a work of art! Use patterns or create your own design. Ages 7–12. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

Monday, April 15 2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Wednesday, May 15 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Dino Nite
Join us for a ROARing good time of dinosaur-themed crafts, activities, and snacks! Ages 3–6. Registration begins Monday, March 25.

Monday, April 15 4:30 – 6:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Master Puppet Theater
Join us for puppet shows that are sure to entertain!

Monday, April 15 10:30 – 11:00 AM
Tuesday, April 16 10:30 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, April 17 10:30 – 11:00 AM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Tuesday, April 16 10:30 – 11:00 AM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Pokémon Rescue!
Team Rocket has stolen Pokémon from Professor Cypress! Can you solve this puzzle room before Jesse and James return? Ages 5–12. Registration by phone or in person begins Monday, March 25.

Monday, April 15 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Monday, April 22 12:00 – 5:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Edible Bunny Racecar

Tuesday, April 16 2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028
LEGO Clubs

Kids will build unique LEGO Creations based on a given theme! Ages 5 & up.

Saturdays: March 2; April 6; May 4
East Regional Library
2:00 – 3:00 PM
445-3168

Thursdays: March 7; April 4; May 2
Milton Branch
4:00 – 5:00 PM
856-5261

Fridays: March 8; April 5
South Regional Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM
981-1028

Saturdays: March 9; April 13
Main Library
10:30 – 11:30 AM
261-5779

Wednesdays: March 13; April 17
Scott Branch
4:00 – 5:00 PM
232-9321

Saturdays: March 16; April 20
North Regional Library
2:00 – 3:00 PM
896-6323

Tuesdays: March 19; April 23
Duson Branch
4:00 – 5:00 PM
873-3521

LEGO WeDo Workshops

Builders and brick enthusiasts assemble! Explore the basics of robotics and engineering with the fun, easy-to-use LEGO WeDo kits. Take building to the next level! Ages 7 – 12. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

Wednesday, March 13
South Regional Library
4:30 – 5:30 PM
981-1028

Tuesdays: March 19; April 16
North Regional Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM
896-6323

Thursday, April 25
East Regional Library
4:30 – 6:00 PM
445-316

LEGO Explosion

It’s a LEGO explosion! Come enjoy LEGO crafts and activities. Ages 4–18.

Thursday, March 7
Main Library
2:00 – 4:00 PM
261-5779

Children’s Book Clubs

LEGO Clubs

For a list of Adult Book Clubs, see page 5.
Main Library

**Baby Time & Toddler Time**

**Baby Time, Tuesdays**  9:30 AM
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 23

**Toddler Time, Tuesdays**  10:30 AM
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 23

**Story Castle**

**Wednesdays**  10:30 AM
March 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 24

**Pajama Party**

**Thursdays**  6:30 PM
March 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11

**Family Storytime**

**Saturday**  10:30 AM
March 30
April 6

**Bibliobop**

**Fridays**  10:30 AM
March 8
April 12

**Stay & Play**

**Tuesdays**  9:30 AM
April 16, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28

North Regional Library

**Storytime**

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March 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11, 25

**Stay & Play**

**Wednesday**  10:00 AM
March 6
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

East Regional Library

**Toddler Time**

**Tuesdays**  9:30 AM
March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 23

**Wednesdays**  10:30 AM
March 13, 20, 27
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March 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
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Duson Branch

**Storytime**

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March 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11, 25

Milton Branch

**Storytime**

**Thursdays**  9:30 AM
March 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11, 25

Kappa Delta Pi Storytime

Join future teachers and members of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society for these special storytimes and crafts! Ages 3-12.

**Saturdays:**  10:00 – 10:45 AM
March 9, 16, 23
South Regional Library  981-1028

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

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

**Family Storytime**
Designed to be inclusive of all Ages and families.

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

**Stay & Play**
Informal play and social time for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old and their caregivers during times when regular storytimes are not available.

**Story Castle/Storytime**
Begin your child’s literacy education with a star-studded lineup of storytelling, music, fingerplays, and other activities. Ages 3–6.

**Toddler Time**
An opportunity for children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers to take part in stories and pre-literacy activities.
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Friend of the Year Celebrated

As the firstborn of her family, our Friend happily helped her parents with her two younger sisters, sparking a desire to become a teacher at a young age. She is a graduate of Scott High School, and went on to earn a degree in business from SLI (now UL Lafayette). She also competed in both the Yambalee Beauty Pageant and in the Miss Scott competition in her younger years.

While in college, our Friend moved to New Orleans and began working for Dr. Robert Wauchope, an anthropologist, archeologist, and Tulane professor. She was responsible for typing his lecture notes as well as the manuscript of his book Lost Tribes and Sunken Continents (© 1962).

The family moved back to Lafayette, and our Friend was able to realize her life-long desire of becoming a teacher. She enjoyed 27 years teaching business and typing first in Maurice, then at Acadiana High School.

In the 1990s, our Friend retired from teaching and later became a Friend of the Library and has been our children’s books go-to gal for many years. Additionally, of the hundreds of books she’s read, our Friend states that her all-time favorite book is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin.

Our Friend is active in her church, always has a smile on her face and a good word for everyone. She is a pillar of her large, blended family and gladly cooks Sunday and holiday dinners for her grandchildren and her children and step-children Bill, David, Richard, Michael, Winnie, Bubba, Pam, Fr. Ken, and David.

We are so pleased and proud that our 2018 Friend of the Year is Emma Lou Domingue!
Author Dinner a Joyous Occasion

Each year, Friends of the Lafayette Public Library hosts their annual Author Dinner in honor of one special author. The 2018 honoree was South Louisiana native, Ken Wells. Wells is a novelist and nonfiction writer, storyteller, photographer, musician, Pulitzer Prize finalist, and longtime correspondent for the Wall Street Journal.

Before the presentation began, Emma Domingue, a retired teacher and co-chair of the children's book division was named 2018 Friend of the Year.

Ken Wells addressed and delighted the audience with a chronology of his career, and his humorous anecdotes brought lots of laughter. He began with the story of his first part time job with his town’s local newspaper that often ran stories of his colorful grandfather who was a talented fisherman. Wells discussed his career as a journalist, including interesting looks at his time as a foreign correspondent for the Wall Street Journal. He also shared the many challenges and lucky opportunities presented when breaking into the world of publishing.

The presentation concluded with Wells talking about his upcoming book Gumbo Life: Tales from Roux Bayou, available in February. He shared a heartwarming story about his first unsuccessful attempt to make a gumbo with guidance over the phone from his mother. In the end, the gumbo was awful, but he later learned his mother’s technique by spending time with her in her kitchen. In the book, gumbo is more than a dish — it’s an attitude and a way of seeing the world. Following his presentation, Wells signed copies of his books.

You can read more about Ken Wells on his website www.bayoubro.com.

Fall Sale Was A Great Success

Our fall sale at the Heymann Center was a great success and earned over $14,000 for the Friends. All of this money goes directly to the library through proposals submitted by the staff and director. In addition, we were able to fund the BiblioBike, which will be used at festivals and other events not held at the library.

This year, in lieu of our Silent Auction, we chose to have a “special books” table. Here, the books that would normally be auctioned were sold outright for between $10 to $30 each. Most of these are coffee table books with topics for every interest. This table will make an appearance again at the spring and fall book sales, so please stop by and take a look!

Be sure to follow the Friends on Facebook for up-to-date information. www.facebook.com/LafayetteFriends
The Friends are grateful for the continuing flow of book donations at the library’s working warehouse at 211 E. Pinhook. Please remember that we can only accept gently used books as we resell them. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, or VHS tapes. And please be considerate. If the bins are full, please call and inform us. Please don’t leave the books piled in the bin with the top open. With our Louisiana weather, we have had to throw out many books that were ruined by rain this past year. Books cannot be dried out but most be disposed. If you need help with your donations or need a donation form, we are only at the warehouse on Thursdays from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Thanks for all that you have given us. We have a great community and a great library.

Libraries are NOT just for Books

Our newsletter, Between Friends, is enclosed in the BookTalk, the Lafayette Public Library’s calendar of events. Take some time to look through it and see how many programs are happening at our libraries each and every day. From arts & crafts to Zumba, there is something for everyone! The library may have a huge selection of books and audiovisual materials, but it’s also fully-stocked with fun, educational events!

Book Sale Tips

Just a reminder to help the sale operate as efficiently as possible. The Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office will help us with moving 550 – 600 boxes of books in time for the sale. With such a huge amount of books and patrons, there are rules to help things run smoothly. Please be considerate of other patrons and make decisions on the book before you leave the table. If you pick up books then choose not to purchase them, others are deprived of buying that book and it must be restocked. Please consider using the Box Corral on Friends Night if you are purchasing a large number of books. These books are to be brought to the corral to be measured while you are still shopping. This expedites check out immensely, as your books are ready to be purchased once you are finished. Also remember that we must be out of the Heymann Center by 8 PM so purchases need to be brought to the front by 7:45 PM. We cannot check you out past that time.

The Friends are grateful for the continuing flow of book donations at the library’s working warehouse at 211 E. Pinhook. Please remember that we can only accept gently used books as we resell them. We cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines, or VHS tapes. And please be considerate. If the bins are full, please call and inform us. Please don’t leave the books piled in the bin with the top open. With our Louisiana weather, we have had to throw out many books that were ruined by rain this past year. Books cannot be dried out but most be disposed. If you need help with your donations or need a donation form, we are only at the warehouse on Thursdays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Thanks for all that you have given us. We have a great community and a great library.
In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we share the news of a long time Annie, board member, and Friend of the Year. Jean Venning passed away in early January. She was the lady in charge of the reference section at our sales and sorted with us weekly. She will be missed.

Countdown to the Friends Book Sale

The Friends prepare year round for their sales. Look for our next sale at the Heymann Convention Center in March. Friends Night is Wednesday, March 27th, from 6 PM until 8 PM. The sale is open to the public on Thursday, March 28th from 9 AM until 8 PM, Friday, March 29th from 9 AM until 6 PM and Saturday, March 30th from 9 AM until 2 PM.

Please come check out our sale. As always, postcards will be mailed to current members the week before. You may join at the door as we set up the membership desk one hour before opening on Wednesday. To avoid the last minute rush, please renew or join before getting in line.