



BOOKTALK

Newsletter

LafayettePublicLibrary.org

March – May 2020

Upcoming Closures

Friday, April 10 (*Good Friday*)
All libraries closed.

Sunday, April 12 (*Easter*)
All libraries closed.

Wednesday, April 22 (*Festival Int'l.*)
Main Library closes at 5 PM.


Thursday, April 23 (*Festival Int'l.*)
Main Library closes at 4 PM.

Friday, April 24 (*Festival Int'l.*)
Main Library closes at 4 PM.

Saturday, April 25 (*Festival Int'l.*)
Main Library closed.

Sunday, April 26 (*Festival Int'l.*)
Main Library closed.

Monday, May 25 (*Memorial Day*)
All libraries closed.

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Spring Programs are in Full Bloom!



Maker Faire Lafayette

Celebrate the maker movement with us at the Lafayette Science Museum. The Maker Faire Lafayette 2020 is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy sharing what they can do. Get inspired by hanging out with craftspeople, tech enthusiasts, gardeners, and quilters. All ages.

Saturday, March 28 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Lafayette Science Museum 261-5787

An Evening with Ashley Elston

Tuesday, April 28
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Main Library
261-5778



Ashley Elston is the author of several novels, including *The Rules for Disappearing* (a finalist in the Best Young Adult Novel category of the International Thriller Awards) and *This is Our Story* (our YA Virtual Book Club's April selection). She graduated with a liberal arts degree from Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Ashley worked for many years as a wedding photographer before turning her hand to writing. Ashley lives in Louisiana with her husband and three sons.

Lafayette Reads Together programs



Survival Challenge

See if you have what it takes to complete a survival challenge in 30 minutes or less! Ages 14 & up.
Registration begins Monday, January 27.

Monday, March 2 4:00 – 7:30 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Tuesday, March 3 5:00 – 8:30 PM
Main Library 261-5778

Thursday, March 5 4:00 – 7:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Wilderness Survival 101

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Join local outdoor enthusiast Carl Schexnayder for this discussion on the basics of wilderness know-how, from handling animal encounters to staying safe and more. Ages 12 & up.

Wednesday, March 4 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

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

Drought-Proof Plants

As water availability becomes an increasing concern, gardens nationwide are adapting to address this issue. Join master gardener Lanier Cordell for a presentation on plants that do not require a lot of water and those that can produce more water than they consume. Ages 18 & up.

Saturday, March 7 2:00 – 3:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Dehydrated Foods

Join Tiffany Williams from the LSU Ag Center to learn about foods that can be made using a dehydrator to survive any storm or disaster situation. She will also demonstrate how a dehydrator works.

Wednesday, March 11 5:30 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Backyard Foraging

Learn how to find a feast in your own backyard at this presentation by Herbalist Lanier Cordell.

Saturday, March 14 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Director's Message

Household
of two.



April 1st is more than April Fool's Day, Edible Book Day, and Reading is Funny Day. This year it is also National Census Day. This is no ordinary census, though, because for the first time ever, we will be asked to complete the form online. No more paper forms for the majority of us, and the library has plenty of computers and is ready to assist anyone needing help with this important national endeavor.

The census is important to us all. The data collected determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is used to distribute billions in federal funds down to the local level in an equitable manner. Even the library is affected by the count since our population will establish the appropriation of IMLS funds at the federal level. Those funds come down to our state to fund databases, interlibrary loans, and other services that our patrons use every day through the public library system and the state library.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a population census every ten years. The first census in this country was done in 1790, and 1850 was a landmark year in American census-taking as it was the first year the Census Bureau attempted to record the name every member of the household, including women, children, and slaves. Before that time, only the head of household was counted, and a tally number by age group was made of others in the home. Native Americans were not counted until 1860.

Many of us are aware of the census as we use it to trace family members through the years using records from the National Archives or other genealogical resources; however, census data is not immediately released to the public, but instead is sealed for 72 years (a number set in 1952 based on average life span). Genealogists will be able to use the 1950 data when it is released in 2022!

Mark April 1st on your calendar and do your part by filling out your census form, then pull a harmless April fool's joke on someone you love!

Teresa Elbertson, Director
Lafayette Public Library

M.I.Brary Ukulele Lesson for Beginners

Join us as the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra (ASO) leads a beginner ukulele class at the Chenier Branch. This lesson is an extension of our M.I.Brary instrument library program and open to those interested in checking out a ukulele or have already done so. *Registration in person or by phone begins Monday, March 23.*

Tuesday, April 14

Class for Ages 7 - 12

Class for Ages 12 & up

Chenier Branch

2:00 – 2:45 PM

3:00 – 3:45 PM

291-2941



WRITING CONTEST

Students in grades K–12 can submit original pieces of short fiction, nonfiction, or poetry in English, French, Spanish, or Mandarin. 7th–12th graders must submit entries via the online form. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org, or call 261-5779, for more information and submission guidelines.

All entries due Friday, March 20, 2020.

We are excited to announce that Louisiana author Ashley Elston will be coming to the 7th–12th grade awards ceremony!

Lafayette Public Library Foundation Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Friday, April 17, 2020
City Club at River Ranch

To reserve a \$35 ticket or
for more info, call 593-4770.

SAVE THE DATE!



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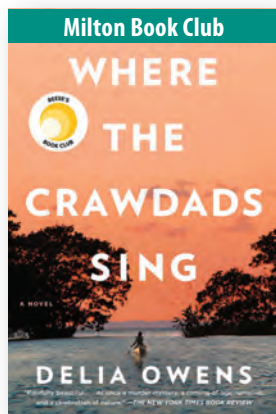
Summer Reading Program for Children, Teens, & Adults!

Registration starts Monday, May 11

Summer Reading Kickoff

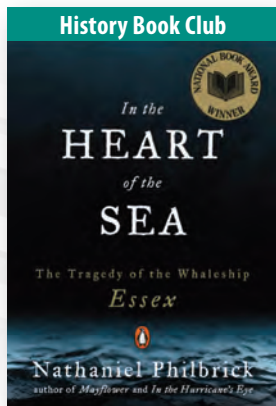
Saturday, May 30 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Main Library





Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.



In the Heart of the Sea by Nathaniel Philbrick

In the Heart of the Sea brings to new life the incredible story of the wreck of the whaleship Essex - an event as mythic in its own century as the Titanic disaster in ours, and the inspiration for the climax of *Moby-Dick*. In a harrowing page-turner, Nathaniel Philbrick restores this epic story to its rightful place in American history.



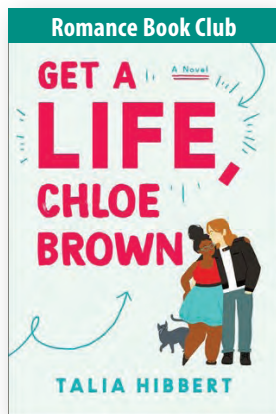
Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart

Constance Kopp doesn't quite fit the mold. She towers over most men, has no interest in marriage or domestic affairs, and has been isolated from the world since a family secret sent her and her sisters into hiding fifteen years ago. One day a belligerent and powerful silk factory owner runs down their buggy, and a dispute over damages turns into a war of bricks, bullets, and threats. When the sheriff enlists her help, Constance is forced to confront her past and defend her family.



Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb

One day, Lori Gottlieb is a therapist who helps patients in her Los Angeles practice. One day, a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. Enter Wendell, the quirky but seasoned therapist in whose office she suddenly lands. With his balding head, cardigan, and khakis, he seems to have come straight from Therapist Central Casting. Yet he will turn out to be anything but.



Get a Life, Chloe Brown by Talia Hibbert

Chloe Brown is a chronically ill computer geek with a goal, a plan, and a list. After almost—but not quite—dying, she's come up with seven directives to help her "Get a Life", and she's already completed the first: finally moving out of her glamorous family's mansion. The next items? Enjoy a drunken night out. Ride a motorcycle. Go camping. Travel the world with nothing but hand luggage. And... do something bad.

Book Clubs

Classics Book Club

South Regional Library

Meets on first Thursday monthly, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

- March 5** *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather
- April 2** *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- May 7** *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John Fowles

Milton Book Club

Milton Branch

Meets on second Tuesday monthly, 2:00 – 3:00 PM.

- March 10** *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner
- April 14** *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Charbonnet
- May 12** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

History Book Club

South Regional Library

Meets on second Tuesday monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

- March 10** *The Secret War* by Max Hastings
- April 14** *Aloha Rodeo* by David Wolman
- May 12** *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick

Mystery Book Club

South Regional Library

Meets on third Tuesday monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

- March 17** *Where it Hurts* by Reed Farrel Coleman
- April 21** *The Virgin of Small Plains* by Nancy Pickard
- May 19** *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart

North Regional Library Book Club North Regional Library

Meets on third Wednesday monthly, 1:30 – 2:30 PM.

- March 18** *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides
- April 15** *The Flight Attendant* by Chris Bohjalian
- May 20** *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb

Books on Tap

The Tap Room

Join fellow book lovers at The Tap Room in River Ranch each month to tap into different literary topics! *Participants must be 21 or older.*

Meets on Sundays monthly, 1:30 – 2:30 PM.

- March 22** *Classics*
- April 26** *Series*
- May 24** *Young Adult*

Harry Potter Book Club

Main Library

Meets on Tuesdays monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

- March 24** *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, by J.K. Rowling

Romance Book Club

West Regional Library

Meets on Wednesdays monthly, 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

- March 25** *Villette* by Charlotte Brontë
- April 29** *The Bromance Book Club* by Lyssa Kay Adams
- May 27** *Get a Life, Chloe Brown* by Talia Hibbert

Wheel of Time Book Club

East Regional Library

Meets on Mondays monthly, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

- March 30** *The Great Hunt* by Robert Jordan (Book 2)
- April 27** *The Dragon Reborn* by Robert Jordan (Book 3)
- May 18** *The Shadow Rising* by Robert Jordan (Book 4)

Adult Programs



Welcome Springtime Greeting Card

Paint a floral greeting card, using our pattern, and learn basic watercolor technique. Participants will also learn about the unique and easy salt technique in painting. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, February 17th.*

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| Monday, March 2 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Main Library | 261-5787 |
| Wednesday, March 4 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| South Regional Library | 981-1028 |
| Monday, March 9 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM |
| Chenier Branch | 291-2941 |
| Wednesday, March 11 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| West Regional Library | 232-9321 |
| Tuesday, March 17 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| North Regional Library | 896-6323 |
| Tuesday, March 24 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Milton Branch | 856-5261 |

Trivia Time

Do you think you know trivia? Jump into Trivia Time and test your skills against others in our monthly themed trivia contests. Ages 14 & up.

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| Monday, March 2 | <i>Basketball</i> | 6:00 – 7:00 PM |
| Monday, April 6 | <i>Fashion</i> | 6:00 – 7:00 PM |
| Monday, May 4 | <i>Education</i> | 6:00 – 7:00 PM |
| South Regional Library | | 981-1028 |
| Wednesday, March 11 | <i>Literature</i> | 6:00 – 7:00 PM |
| Wednesday, May 13 | <i>Movie Stars</i> | 6:00 – 7:00 PM |
| West Regional Library | | 232-9321 |

Small Business Development Workshops

An ongoing series hosted by UL Lafayette's Small Business Development Center. Call 482-6312 for a full description of these exciting and informative workshops. Ages 14 & up.

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| March 3 | <i>Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea</i> | 5:30 – 7:30 PM |
| March 25 | <i>Small Business 101</i> | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |
| April 8 | <i>Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea</i> | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |
| April 22 | <i>Small Business 101</i> | 5:30 – 7:30 PM |
| May 13 | <i>Small Business 101</i> | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |
| May 27 | <i>Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea</i> | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |
| South Regional Library | | 981-1028 |

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Discover Genealogy

The Lafayette Genealogical Society hosts monthly presentations and offers weekly one-on-one genealogy assistance. Ages 18 & up.

One-On-One Help

Tuesdays: March – May **8:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
Main Library 261-5787

Genealogy 101

Saturdays: March 7; April 4; May 2 **9:30 – 11:30 AM**
Main Library 261-5787

Monthly Meetings with Guest Presenters

Thursdays: March 19; April 16; May 21 **6:30 – 8:00 PM**
South Regional Library 981-1028

Needle Arts Club

Do you have an interest in crochet, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Bring your own project, get new ideas, and socialize with others. Ages 18 & up.

Thursdays: March – May **9:30 – 11:00 AM**
North Regional Library 896-6323

Thursdays: March – May **6:00 – 7:30 PM**
East Regional Library 445-3168

Wednesdays: March 4 & 18; April 1 & 15; May 6 **6:00 – 7:30 PM**
West Regional Library 232-9321

Wilderness Survival 101

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Wednesday, March 4 **6:00 – 7:00 PM**
Main Library 261-5787



Write with Us!

If you've ever wanted to try your hand at creative writing, this program is for you! We offer support and a bit of guidance in your writing efforts. Non-fiction, fiction, poetry, or the story of your life - come try your hand at writing! Ages 18 & up.

Wednesdays: March – May (except April 22) **6:00 – 7:30 PM**
Main Library 261-5787

Trivia Night @ Broaddus Burger

Round up your smartest friends and bring them to Broaddus Burger for weekly trivia! Ages 18 & up.

Wednesdays: March – May **7:00 – 8:00 PM**
Broaddus Burger (call East Regional Library for Information) 445-3168

Board Game Basement

Saunter down to the basement to enjoy board games and tabletop gaming. Feel free to bring your own games! Refreshments provided. Ages 14 & up.

Thursdays: March – May **5:30 – 8:30 PM**
Main Library 261-5787

Zumba!!!

Get your heart rate up with Sahra Arabaca and friends with a spirited hour of Zumba. All ages.

Fridays: March 6, 20; April 17; May 1, 15, 29 5:00 – 6:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Fridays: March 13, 27; April 3, 24; May 8, 22 4:45 – 5:45 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19; April 2, 9, 16, 23; May 7, 14, 21 5:30 – 6:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

L'Atelier de la Table Française (The French Table)

The French Table provides a forum to improve your verbal skills in both Louisiana and standard French through casual conversation. Historical documentary films and personal narratives are incorporated to make learning fun! Ages 18 & up; some knowledge of standard or Cajun French required.

Saturdays: March 7, 21; April 18; May 2, 16 9:30 – 11:30 AM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Beginner's Tai Chi

Join Dr. Liu Dan to learn some beginning techniques of tai chi. Ages 14 & up.
Registration begins Monday, February 24.

Monday, March 9 4:00 – 5:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Disney Fan Meetup

Are you counting down to your next Disney trip? Join other Disney fans once a month for trivia, crafts, planning discussions, and more! Ages 14 & up.

Mondays: March 9; April 20 5:30 – 6:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Coloring for Adults

Your focus and creativity will be your utensils, while we provide prints and coloring pencils. Ages 18 & up.

Wednesdays: March 11; April 8; May 13 1:30 – 2:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Wednesdays: March 18; April 15; May 20 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Thursdays: March 19; April 16; May 14 5:00 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Dehydrated Foods 🥑

Join LPL in welcoming Tiffany Williams from LSU Ag Center! Tiffany will be talking about foods we can make using a dehydrator to survive any storm or disaster situation. She will also demonstrate how a dehydrator works. Ages 13 & up.

Wednesday, March 11 5:30 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Docs and Discussion

Join us for a new film series featuring thought-provoking documentary films followed by discussion and light refreshments. Ages 18 & up.

March 12 *Ivory Tower* (2014, PG 13, 97 min)
May 7 *Icarus* (2017, TV-MA, 120 min)

Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Adult Programs



Get Growing!

Expert gardening tips presented by the Lafayette Master Gardeners. Ages 18 & up.

Thursday, March 12: *Growing Citrus in South Louisiana* 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 9: *Herbs: Garden to Table* 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 14: *Organic Practices for the Home Garden* 6:30 – 7:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Crafting for a Cause

LPL is dedicated to making our community a better place. This series of craft programs creates items to be donated to charitable organizations. Ages 14 & up.

Cards for "Cards for Kidz"

Wednesday, March 18 2:00 – 3:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Thursday, March 19 5:30 – 6:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Paracord Bracelets for "Operation Gratitude"

Wednesday, April 8 5:30 – 7:30 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Thursday, April 23 5:30 – 6:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Acrylic Painting for Beginners

Have you always wanted to learn how to paint? In this class, you will learn the basics of acrylic painting and create an original work of art. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Friday, March 20 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Tuesday, April 28 5:30 – 7:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Monday, March 23 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Monday, April 27 1:00 – 3:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Easter Canvas Painting

Create an Easter painting on a canvas support with local artist, Diana Menard. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Tuesday, March 24 2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Adult Programs



Mouton House Lecture Series

Join us at the Alexandre Mouton House, located at 1122 Lafayette Street. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Limited seating, and admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Ages 14 & up.

Roots of the Cedar: The Lebanese Heritage in Louisiana

Speaker Yvonne Nassar Saloom will trace the history of her family and other Lebanese families as they emigrated to the Americas, beginning in the latter part of the 19th century reaching a peak in the decade preceding the First World War. Motivated by the desire for better economic opportunities, many of these early immigrants made their living as "peddlers" selling notions, fabrics, clothing, laces, linens, and jewelry.

Sunday, March 8 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Alexandre Mouton House 234-2208

Memories of a Civil War Soldier/ William Britton Bailey

Based on a private diary and family letters, the memoir of William Britton Bailey will be told by Jan Swift, local attorney and podcast speaker. Bailey is the founder of the Lafayette Gazette, later known as the Daily Advertiser. Arriving home on foot penniless at the end of the Civil War, he began his career as a journalist and newspaper owner.

Sunday, March 29 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Alexandre Mouton House 234-2208



Documentary Movie Month

April is documentary movie month at South Regional with topics as diverse as opera, volcanoes, factories, sports, and - of course - Mr. Rogers. Ages 14 & up.

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| April 2 | <i>Pavarotti</i> | (2019, PG-13, 1 hr 54 min) |
| April 9 | <i>Into the Inferno</i> | (2016, Doc, 1 hr 44 min) |
| April 16 | <i>American Factory</i> | (2019, TV-14, 1 hr 55 min) |
| April 23 | <i>Won't You Be My Neighbor</i> | (2018, PG-13, 1 hr 34 min) |
| April 30 | <i>They Shall Not Grow Old</i> | (2019, R, 1 hr 49 min) |

Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

My Louisiana Decoration

Paint an artful crawfish on a Louisiana shape chipboard using acrylic paint. Patterns are provided. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Monday, April 6 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Tuesday, April 7 2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Wednesday, April 8 5:30 – 7:30 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Monday, April 13 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Chenier Branch 291-2941

Thursday, April 16 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Milton Branch 856-5261

Tuesday, April 21 2:00 – 4:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

An Evening with Alfred Hitchcock

Join us as we celebrate the Master of Suspense with a marthon screening of Alfred Hitchcock's greatest films, including *Rear Window* (1953), *Psycho* (1960), and *The Birds* (1963). Ages 18 & up.

Monday, April 27 2:00 – 8:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Paint Like Bob Ross

Share a couple of hours with a Bob Ross Certified Instructor and create a landscape oil painting inspired by one of America's favorite television hosts. Ages 18 & up. *Registration begins Monday, April 20.*

Tuesday, May 5 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

The Great Library Bake Off

Do you have what it takes to win the Great Library Bake Off trophy? Test your dessert-decorating skills in this fun and friendly competition. Participants will race against the clock to recreate a special decorative dessert. Novice decorators are encouraged to register! Ages 18 & up. *Registration begins Monday, April 20.*

Monday, May 11 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Stitches and Threads

Learn how to crochet using simple single and double stitches in this beginner's crochet and needlework class. We will create a basic 7x9 rectangle to mail to the charity Warm Up America where they will be used to create blankets for those in need. *Registration begins Monday, May 4.*

Monday, May 18 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

LPL Coding Club

For kids and tweens who want to learn the basics of computer programming. Whether you're just getting started with coding or want to expand on what you already know, we've got something for you. Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Wednesdays: March 4; April 1; May 6 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Teen Tech Lab

You want the tech? We've got it! Make a video game, draw in 3D, or build a robot with us. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Fridays: March 6 & April 3 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5778

LEGO WeDo Workshops

Builders and brick enthusiasts assemble! Explore the basics of robotics engineering with the fun, easy-to-use LEGO WeDo kits. Take building to a new level! Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Saturdays: March 7; April 4 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Tuesdays: March 17; April 21 4:30 – 6:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Wednesday, April 1 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Tuesday, April 14 3:00 – 4:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Thursday, April 30 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

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, February 24.*

Monday, March 9 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Wednesday, March 11 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Mondays: March 23; April 20 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Tech Assistance

Come 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! Ages 18 & up.

Tuesdays: March 10; April 14; May 12 2:00 – 3:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Wednesdays: March 11; April 8; May 13 2:00 – 3:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Mondays: March 16; April 13 10:00 – 11:00 AM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Tuesdays: March 17; April 21; May 19 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5778

Makerspace & Tech

Makerspace Open Access Hours

Open access time allows patrons to explore and experiment as they independently work on projects of their choosing. Self-guided online tutorials are available for most applications. Open to all ages; no registration required.

Mondays: March 2; April 6; May 4 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Fridays: March 27; April 24; May 29 3:30 – 5:30 PM

East Regional Library 445-3168

Mondays (except May 25) 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Fridays (except April 10) 3:00 – 5:00 PM

North Regional Library 896-6323

Tuesdays 3:00 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays 1:00 – 7:30 PM
(except April 22: 1:00 – 4:30 PM & April 23: 1:00 – 3:30 PM)

Saturdays: April 4; May 16 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Main Library 261-5778

Wednesdays (except May 27) 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Sundays: March 8; April 5; May 3 1:00 – 5:00 PM

South Regional Library 981-1028

3D Printing Workshops

Our Makerspaces feature an incredible array of tech, and the 3D printers are no exception. Whether you'd like to print one of the amazing creations you've found on Thingiverse.com or design your own original work using Tinkercad, we have everything you need to bring your creation to life!

3D Printing for Kids

Kids will learn the basics of 3D printing at the library! See our printer in action, design in Tinkercad, and learn about other online resources for 3D designs. Ages 8–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Monday, March 16 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Introduction to 3D Printing

Learn the basics of 3D printing, design in Tinkercad, and learn about other 3D printing resources. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Thursdays: March 12; April 9 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Monday, May 11 6:00 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Pixelate It

Design and build your own pixelated platform game using our hands-on Bloxels boards! Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Tuesday, March 10 4:30 – 5:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

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

Makerspace & Tech

Computer Classes at LPL

Adult computer classes are offered at several of our library locations throughout Lafayette Parish, and instruction is user-friendly and free. Register online or by phone.

March classes - Registration begins Monday, February 24.

April classes - Registration begins Monday, March 23.

May classes - Registration begins Monday, April 20.

Main Library

261-5787

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| Basic Computing | March 10 & 12 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Basic Internet | March 24 & 26 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Word | April 14 & 16 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Online Buying & Selling | April 28 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Excel | April 30 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Basic Computing | May 12 & 14 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Basic Internet | May 26 & 28 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |

South Regional Library

981-1028

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| Basic Computing | March 9 & 11 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Word | March 16 & 18 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Excel | March 23 & 25 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to PowerPoint | March 30 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM |
| Basic Computing | April 6 & 8 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Word | April 13 & 15 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Excel | April 20 & 22 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Google Docs | April 27 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Google Sheets | April 29 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Basic Computing | May 4 & 6 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Excel | May 11 & 13 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to Microsoft Access | May 18 & 20 | 9:30 – 11:30 AM |
| Intro to PowerPoint | May 27 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM |

East Regional Library

445-3168

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| Basic Computing | April 6 & 8 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Excel | April 20 & 22 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Google Docs | April 27 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Google Sheets | April 29 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |

North Regional Library

896-6323

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| Intro to PowerPoint | March 25 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Intro to Excel | April 29 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |
| Intro to Publisher | May 27 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM |

West Regional Library

232-932

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| Intro to Excel | March 18 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to PowerPoint | April 22 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Publisher | May 20 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |

Chenier Branch

291-2941

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| Intro to PowerPoint | March 11 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Publisher | April 15 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Intro to Excel | May 13 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |

Fabricadabra!

Learn the “magic” of basic sewing skills while working on different projects each month. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

March: *A Pledge of Loyalty* (loyalty card wallet)

April: *Totes My Books* (book tote with snap)

May: *Button Up* (pillow cover with button)

Fridays: March 13; April 17; May 8

Main Library

1:30 – 3:30 PM

261-5787

Tuesdays: March 17; April 14

South Regional Library

6:00 – 8:00 PM

981-1028

Maker Faire Lafayette

Celebrate the maker movement with us at the Lafayette Science Museum! Maker Faire Lafayette is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. Learn about soldering, 3D design, drones, and more. Get inspired by hanging out with everyone from blacksmiths and wood turners to robotics teams and everything in between. All ages.

Saturday, March 28

Lafayette Science Museum

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

261-5787

VR Free Play

Drop in and play a game using our HTC Vive VR system. Ages 9–14.

Monday, April 13

Main Library

1:00 – 4:00 PM

261-5779

Tuesday, April 14

North Regional Library

4:30 – 5:30 PM

896-6323

No-Sew Tote

Make your own stylish bag with fabric and duct tape. No sewing necessary! Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Friday, April 17

Main Library

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

261-5778

Beginners' Sewing: Decorative Towel

New to sewing and don't know where to begin? In this class you'll learn sewing machine basics and complete an easy project. Fabric will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Friday, April 24

East Regional Library

1:00 – 3:00 PM

445-3168

DIY Wood Signs

Join us on Mother's Day to create a wood sign to display in your home! Ages 14 & up. *Registration begins Monday, April 20.*

Sunday, May 10

East Regional Library

2:00 – 4:00 PM

445-3168

Intro to Resin Jewelry

Make gorgeous, customized jewelry using epoxy, resin, and other embellishments. Ages 18 & up. *Registration begins Monday, May 4.*

Friday, May 22

Main Library

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

261-5778

Drop-In Gaming

Join old and new friends to play on consoles or play board games. Ages 12–18.

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| Sundays: March – May (except April 12 & 26) Main Library | 3:00 – 4:00 PM 261-5778 |
| Saturdays: March 14; April 11; May 23 East Regional Library | 2:00 – 4:00 PM 445-3168 |
| Thursdays: March 19; April 9, 23; May 7, 21 North Regional Library | 3:30 – 4:30 PM 896-6323 |
| Saturdays: March 21; April 18; May 16 South Regional Library | 2:30 – 3:30 PM 981-1028 |
| Sundays: March 22; May 3 West Regional Library | 3:00 – 4:00 PM 232-9321 |

Manic Monday

Got a case of the Mondays? Come color, play games, or have a snack. We've got just the cure for your Monday blues. Ages 12–18.

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| Mondays: March 2; April 6; May 18 West Regional Library | 4:30 – 5:30 PM 232-9321 |
| Mondays: March – May (except May 25) Main Library | 6:00 – 7:00 PM 261-5778 |

Teen Drawing Round Table

In the collaborative spirit of the Algonquin Round table, a group of teens meet monthly at the library to exchange ideas, techniques, and banter about drawing. Ages 12–18.

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| Wednesdays: March 4, 18; April 1, 15, 29; May 13, 27 North Regional Library | 4:00 – 5:00 PM 896-6323 |
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AniManga Club

Watch anime clips, discuss manga favorites, and argue subs vs. dubs in this fun teen gathering! Refreshments will be provided. Ages 12–18.

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| Fridays: March 6; April 3; May 1 South Regional Library | 4:30 – 6:00 PM 981-1028 |
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Teen LEGO Lab

LEGO-loving teens can hang out, build original creations for display, and explore various LEGO-themed activities in this monthly meetup. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins February 24.*

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| Fridays: March 6; April 3 East Regional Library | 4:30 – 5:30 PM 445-3168 |
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Deal Me In

Come out to the library for an afternoon of classic card games like UNO, Phase 10, Speed, and more. Ages 12–18.

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| Wednesdays: March 11; April 8 West Regional Library | 4:30 – 5:30 PM 232-9321 |
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Beaded Safety Pin Charms

Use glass beads and safety pins to make rainbows or shamrocks (anti-pinch charms) for St. Patrick's Day. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins February 24.*

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| Thursday, March 12 North Regional Library | 3:30 – 5:00 PM 896-6323 |
| Friday, March 13 South Regional Library | 4:30 – 6:00 PM 981-1028 |

Teen Programs

YA Virtual Book Club

Join our online Goodreads group to discuss a new book each month! Sign up @ LafayettePublicLibrary.org/yavirtualbookclub

March:

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

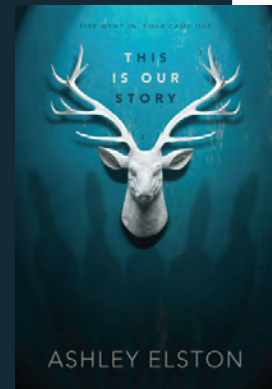
On the Come Up is Angie Thomas's homage to hip-hop, the art that sparked her passion for storytelling and continues to inspire her to this day. It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; of the struggle to become who you are and not who everyone expects you to be; and of the desperate realities of poor and working-class black families.



April:

This is Our Story by Ashley Elston

No one knows what happened that morning at River Point. Five boys went hunting. Four came back. The boys won't say who fired the shot that killed their friend; the evidence shows it could have been any one of them.



May:

Three Dark Crowns by Kendare Blake

Becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose... it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins. The last queen standing gets the crown.

Snack Attack

Learn to create easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with the things you can make. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins February 24.*

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| Thursdays: March 12; April 9 Main Library | 4:30 – 5:30 PM 261-5778 |
| Tuesdays: March 17; April 14 West Regional Library | 4:30 – 5:30 PM 232-9321 |
| Thursdays: March 19; April 16 East Regional Library | 4:30 – 5:30 PM 445-3168 |
| Tuesdays: March 24; April 7 North Regional Library | 3:30 – 4:30 PM 896-6323 |
| Wednesday, April 15 South Regional Library | 2:00 – 3:00 PM 981-1028 |

Teen Spa Day

Teens will make bath bombs and body scrub. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

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| Wednesday, March 18 Main Library | 4:30 – 6:00 PM 261-5778 |
| Wednesday, April 8 North Regional Library | 4:00 – 5:30 PM 896-6323 |
| Friday, April 17 South Regional Library | 2:00 – 3:30 PM 981-1028 |

Teen Programs

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. Ages 12–18. *Register online at PrincetonReview.com*

Saturday, March 21 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Saturday, April 18 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Teen Library Corps

Teens are welcome to hang out with friends, discuss old and new programs, and work on upcoming library projects. Refreshments will be provided. Ages 12–18.

Saturdays: March 21; April 18; May 16 1:00 – 2:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Gaming Unplugged

No screens allowed! Join us for an afternoon of snacks and a fun selection of card & board games. Ages 8–18.

Thursdays: March 26; April 23; May 21 4:30 – 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, March 9.*

Wednesday, March 25 6:00 – 7:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Monday, April 20 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library 261-5778

Wednesday, April 22 6:00 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Wednesday, May 20 6:00 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

UNO Afternoon

Don't go in "reverse," but "skip" over to the library for a "wild" afternoon of the best card game ever: UNO.

Thursdays: March 26; April 30 3:30 – 4:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Nailed It!

Looking for some cool DIY Nail Art ideas? When it comes to the best nail art designs, creativity is your best friend. In this workshop, learn proper polishing techniques and nail art design. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Thursday, March 26 4:30 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Geek Cinema — Spider-Man: Far From Home

Enjoy geeky movies for teens and adults. This month: *Spider-Man: Far From Home*. Snacks provided. Ages 12 & up.

Tuesday, April 14 1:00 – 3:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323
Wednesday, April 15 3:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Egg Drop Challenge

Put together a custom safety device made of household supplies for an egg and watch it fall from a height! Will your egg survive the drop? Rise to our challenge to find out! Ages 12–18.

Wednesday, April 15 2:00 – 3:30 PM
Main Library 261-5778

Teen Terrariums

Celebrate Earth Day by getting your hands dirty while making an enclosed ecosystem Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Thursday, April 16 3:00 – 4:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Wednesday, April 22 4:30 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Life-Size Battleship

Come play a life-size version of the classic board game Battleship! Ages 8–18.

Friday, April 17 2:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Teen T-Shirt Upcycling

In honor of Earth Day, we'll be upcycling an old T-shirt into a bag! Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Thursday, April 23 4:30 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

May the 4th Be With You

Feel the Force with Star Wars crafts. Join us in a galaxy far, far away to celebrate Star Wars Day. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, April 20.*

Monday, May 4 4:30 – 6:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

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. Ages 12–18. *Registration begins Monday, May 4.*

Thursday, May 14 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Teen Glow Party

Teens are invited to dress for an end of the school year glow party! Wear glow in the dark clothing or white shirts and shoes! Ages 10–18.

Friday, May 29 2:00 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

YA March Madness

March Madness is here, but instead of basketball, we're all about the books! Help us pick the champion by voting to narrow down a list of popular teen authors to one grand champion that will be announced on April 9th. Get ready to march into reading madness and cast your votes for the 2020 LPL Teen Author Champion.



Vote online

After-School Special

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

Mondays (except April 13 & May 25) 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Chenier Branch 291-2941

Tuesdays: March 3; April 7 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Thursdays (except March 26 & April 16) 4:30 – 5:30 PM
March and April only
Butler Memorial Branch 234-0363

Art Explorers

Come explore different art mediums, learn about famous artists, and create your own masterpieces! Ages 5–10. *Registration begins Monday, February 17.*

Monday, March 2 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

LEGO Clubs

Build unique LEGO Creations based on a given theme! Ages 5 & up.

Tuesdays: March 3; April 7 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Duson Branch 873-3521

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

Saturdays: March 7; April 4; May 2 2:00 – 3:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Wednesdays: March 11; April 8 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Fridays: March 13; April 3 4:00 – 5:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Saturdays: March 21; April 11 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Saturdays: March 28; April 25 2:00 – 3:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

It's Dr. Seuss's birth month! Come celebrate all that's wacky and wonderful about the timeless children's book author. Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

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

Aeroponics Gardening

Learn how to conserve water when growing your own vegetables, herbs, and fruits with aeroponic vertical gardening. Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

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

Stuffed Animal Tea Time

Bring your stuffed animal to the library for a fabulous tea time. We will read a story about tea, paint with tea, and then enjoy tea and cakes. Ages 3–5. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Thursday, March 5 10:30 – 11:30 AM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Children's & Family Programs

Popsicle Engineering

Test and show off your skills in a series of popsicle-building challenges. Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

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

Wednesday, March 18: Tower & Bridge Challenge 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Play-Doh Playtime

Come have fun with Play-Doh! We'll provide the tools, and you provide the creativity! Ages 2–5. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Friday, March 6 10:30 – 11:30 AM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Fridays: March 13; April 17 10:00 – 11:00 AM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Fridays: April 3; May 15 10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Messy Munchkins

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

Friday, March 6 10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Tuesday, April 14 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Main Library 261-5779

Hurray for Pre-K!

Get your little ones ready for preschool at this fun program where we'll read a story and practice motor skills, all while reinforcing concepts such as colors, numbers, and letters. Ages 3–5.

Friday, March 6 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Main Library 261-5779

American Girl Club

Meet a new American Girl each month and enjoy activities based on her interests. All dolls, American Girl or other, are welcome! Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Tuesdays: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
March 10: Kitt Kittredge
April 14: Lanie Holland
South Regional Library 981-1028

Game On!

Join us for family-friendly video and board games. Open to all ages and skill levels. Ages 5–12.

Tuesdays: March 10; April 14; May 12 4:30 – 6:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Saturday, March 28 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Children's & Family Programs

Family Craft: Decorative Eggs

Children and their adults will use Mardi Gras beads to make decorative Easter eggs. Ages 3–12. *Registration by phone or in person begins Monday, February 24.*

Tuesday, March 10 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Homeschool Hangout

An afternoon of learning stations revolving around different themes for homeschooling families. Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

March: *Insects (Special Guest: Mosquito Authority)*

April: *Earth Day (Special Guest: Stretch-n-Grow Acadiana)*

Wednesdays: March 11; April 8 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Thursdays: March 19; April 23 1:00 – 2:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Mondays: March 30; April 20 1:00 – 2:30 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Make and Munch

Do you want to catch a leprechaun? Join us to make an edible treat—leprechaun bait! Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Wednesday, March 11 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Tuesday, March 17 4:30 – 5:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Butterfly Note Clip

Make your very own Butterfly spring note clip. Sharing with someone special will make them smile! Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Wednesday, March 11 4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Crafternoon

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

Thursdays: March 12; April 9 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Milton Branch 856-5261

Wednesdays: March 25; April 29; May 27 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Thursday, April 16 1:00 – 2:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

St. Patrick's Day Bingo

Come play some St. Patrick's Day themed bingo! Ages 5–12.

Tuesday, March 17 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Make a Leprechaun Trap

Learn about mischief-making leprechauns, and build a trap that just may help you capture one! Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Tuesday, March 17 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Little Scientists

Explore the wonders of science with a themed story and an activity. Dress for a mess! Ages 3–5. *Registration begins Monday, February 24.*

Tuesday, March 17 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Wednesday, March 18 4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Small Folk Studio

An opportunity for toddlers to create and explore art mediums. Dress for a mess! Ages 18 months–36 months. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Fridays: March 20; April 24 10:30 – 11:15 AM
Main Library 261-5779

Fridays: March 27; April 24 10:30 – 11:15 AM
East Regional Library 445-3168

French Fun Day

Join us for fun activities en français with special guests from Lafayette High's French program. Ages 5–12.

Saturday, March 21 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Main Library 261-5779

Red Beans, Rice, and Reading

Enjoy an interactive storytime with special guest readers, free books, special prizes, and a meal of red beans and rice provided by sponsors. The bookmobile will be on site for a visit as well! Hosted by the Lafayette Public Library System, Iberia Comprehensive Community Health Center, Inc., and McComb-Veazey neighborhood Coterie. This free event is open to all ages.

Mondays: March 23; April 20; May 18 5:00 – 6:30 PM
Surrey St. Extension Pediatric Center 534-0107
1002 12th St., Lafayette

Create with Clay

Have fun with modeling clay! Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Tuesday, March 24 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 car to participate. Ages 2–5. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Tuesday, March 24 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Friday, April 3 10:30 – 11:30 AM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Shrinky Dinks

Draw or trace a design onto special plastic, put it in the toaster oven, and watch it shrink before your eyes! Use the finished product to create jewelry, magnets, and more! Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Tuesday, March 31 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Sew Awesome! Fabric Scrap Key Chain

Design, measure, and sew your own fabric scrap key chain using the sewing machine. Ages 9–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 9.*

Tuesday, March 31 4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Paint a Clay Flower Pot

Add some color to your garden with a freshly painted flower pot. All supplies provided. Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Thursday, April 2 4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Paper Easter Wreath

Make an Easter wreath to add to your holiday decor! Ages 5–12.

Thursday, April 2 4:00 – 5:00 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Junior Scientists

Think like a scientist! Explore and discover with hands-on experiments and activities! Ages 5–10. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Monday, April 6 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Telgemeier Fan Day

The *Smile* series, *Drama*, and *Ghosts*, oh my! A fan day filled with trivia, crafts, and more surrounding Telgemeier's works. Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Tuesday, April 7 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Popsicle Stick Puzzles

Craft fun Easter and spring puzzles from popsicle sticks. Ages 3–7. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Wednesday, April 8 4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Easter Egg Bath Bombs

Make fizzy, egg-shaped bath products that look and smell great! Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Wednesday, April 8 4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

School's Out Special

No school and nothing to do? Join us for an afternoon of fun with a surprise activity! Ages 5–12.

Monday, April 13 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Chenier Branch 291-2941

Children's & Family Programs

Family Movies

Fun movies fit for the whole family! All ages.

Rise of the Guardians (2012, PG, 97 minutes)
Monday, April 13 1:00 – 2:45 PM
West Regional Library 232-9321

Wonder Park (2019, PG, 86 minutes)
Monday, April 13 2:00 – 3:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Incredibles 2 (2018, PG, 118 minutes)
Wednesday, April 15 1:30 – 3:30 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Duke it out for the title of Smash Bros. Champion in a bracket tournament. Ages 7–12. *Registration begins Monday, March 23.*

Tuesday, April 14 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Little Artists

Preschoolers will explore open-ended art activities and different art mediums while learning about color, texture, and more. Ages 3–5. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Wednesday, April 15 4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Pokémon Rescue! Puzzle Room

Team Rocket has stolen Pokémon from Professor Cypress! Break into their base and rescue the missing Pokémon before Jesse and James return. Ages 7–12. *Registration by phone or in person begins Monday, April 6.*

Thursday, April 16 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Event

Celebrate the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. Play games inspired by the series, have some snacks, and more! Ages 8–12. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Thursday, April 16 2:00 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Edible Spring Treat

Join us for snack time and make an edible spring craft! Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Thursday, April 16 2:00 – 3:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Friday, April 17 2:00 – 2:45 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Mini Masters of Library Science

Learn what librarians do in this drop-in program where you'll lead storytime activities, check in books, shelve books, and more. Earn your honorary MLIS at the end! Ages 5–12.

Friday, April 17 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Children's & Family Programs



Children's Book Clubs

To Be Continued Book Club

Come listen as we read aloud from a chapter book over the next few weeks. When we finish, we'll do a fun book-related activity! Ages 7–10.

March *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne
April *Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale

Tuesdays: March – April **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
 West Regional Library 232-9321

Dumbledore's Army

Hop aboard the Hogwarts Express and meet us in the wizarding world for spellbinding discussions of the Harry Potter series. Ages 9–14.

March 16 *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*
April 13 *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*
May 11 *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

Mondays **5:30 – 6:30 PM**
 East Regional Library 445-3168

Land of Stories Book Club

Join us as we explore the Land of Stories, where fairy tales are real! We'll discuss the books as well as enjoy snacks, crafts, and trivia based on the series. Ages 9–12.

March 11 *An Author's Odyssey*
April 8 *Worlds Collide*

Wednesdays **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
 Main Library 261-5779

My First Book Club

Join us as we read and discuss longer picture books and early-readers together. We'll finish with a fun activity and craft based on the book. Ages 5–8. *Kids do not need to be reading on their own for this club.*

March 18 *Take Your Pet to School Day* by Linda Ashman
April 15 *A Stone Sat Still* by Brendan Wenzel
May 20 *If I Built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen

Wednesdays **5:30 – 6:30 PM**
 Main Library 261-5779

March 30 *Even Aliens Need Snacks* by Matthew McElligott
April 27 *A Pet for Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
May 18 *After the Fall* by Dan Santat

Mondays **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
 East Regional Library 445-3168

Busy Babies

Busy during the week? No problem! Join us for this mess-free playtime on a Saturday! Ages 6 months–2 years.

Saturday, April 18 **10:30 – 11:30 AM**
 Main Library 261-5779

Student Band Showcase

Music Academy of Acadiana presents a live showcase of student musicians. Come rock out and support Acadiana's local talent! All ages.

Sunday, April 19 **2:00 – 3:30 PM**
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Saturday, May 2 **2:00 – 3:30 PM**
 North Regional Library 896-6323

Pokémon League

Come play Pokémon console games, do Pokémon crafts, and bring your trading cards or DS to battle with other players. Ages 5–12.

Tuesday, April 21 **4:30 – 6:30 PM**
 Main Library 261-5779

Creative Recycling

What can you make with some trash and a little imagination? Ages 5–12.

Wednesday, April 22 **4:30 – 5:30 PM**
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Can You Dig It?!

Take a little *thyme* and celebrate Earth Day with us by planting an herb garden in our courtyard. Ages 5 & up.

Wednesday, April 22 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
 West Regional Library 232-9321

Delicious Dirt

Make an Oreo pudding cup while learning about different types of soil. Science never tasted this good! Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Tuesday, April 28 **4:30 – 5:15 PM**
 South Regional Library 981-1028

Hot Wheels Speedway

Fun ways to use tracks and loops to create the ultimate Hot Wheels race car experience! Ages 5–12. *Registration begins Monday, April 6.*

Tuesday, April 28 **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
 North Regional Library 896-6323

May the Fourth Be With You

Join us for an afternoon of Star Wars themed crafts and activities as we seek to become one with the Force. Ages 5–12.

Monday, May 4 **4:30 – 6:00 PM**
 Main Library 261-5779

Baby Prom

Dress up and join us for a special playtime, dance party, and photo op! Ages birth–36 months.

Saturday, May 16 **10:30 – 11:30 AM**
 Main Library 261-5779

Storytime Calendar: March – May 2020

Main Library

Baby Time & Toddler Time

Baby Time, Tuesdays 9:30 AM
Toddler Time, Tuesdays 10:30 AM
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 7, 21, 28

Story Castle

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
 March 4, 11, 18, 25
 April 1, 8, 22, 29

Pajama Time

Thursdays 6:30 PM
 March 5, 12, 19
 April 2, 9, 30

Bibliobop

Fridays 10:30 AM
 March 13
 April 17

Stay & Play

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 May 5, 12, 19, 26

North Regional Library

Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 AM
 March 4, 11, 18
 April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

South Regional Library

Baby Time

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 7, 21, 28

Toddler Time

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
 March 4, 11, 18, 25
 April 1, 8, 22, 29

Bibliobop

Thursdays 11:00 AM
 March 5, 12, 19
 April 2, 9, 23, 30

Pajama Party

Thursdays 6:30 PM
 March 5, 12, 19
 April 2, 9, 23, 30

Sensory Friendly Storytime

Saturday 10:00 AM
 April 4

Stay & Play

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
 April 15
 May 6, 13, 20, 27

East Regional Library

Toddler Time

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 7, 21, 28

Wednesdays

March 4, 11, 18, 25
 April 1, 8, 22, 29

Baby Time

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 AM
 March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26
 April 1, 2, 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 30

Storytime

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30 AM
 March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31
 April 2, 7, 9, 21, 23, 28, 30

Stay & Play

Wednesdays 9:30 AM
 April 15
 May 6, 13, 20, 27

West Regional Library

Storytime Jr. (Baby Time/Toddler Time)

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 7, 21, 28

Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30 AM
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 7, 21, 28

Pajama Party

Thursdays 6:00 PM
 March 12
 April 9

Stay & Play

Tuesdays 9:30 AM
 April 14
 May 5, 12, 19, 26

Inclusive Family Storytime

An inclusive and interactive storytime experience for children of all ages and abilities and their families.

Sunday, March 22 3:00 – 4:00 PM
 West Regional Library 232-9321
 (Presented by D.R.E.A.M.S. Foundation of Acadiana)



Baby Time

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

Bibliobop

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

Family Storytime

Designed to be inclusive of all Ages and families.

Pajama Time/Party

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

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.

Sensory Friendly Storytime

Designed to be inclusive and sensitive to children with special needs. Open to families.

Chenier Branch

Family Storytime

Mondays 10:30 AM
 March 2, 9, 16, 23
 April 20, 27

Duson Branch

Storytime

Thursdays 10:30 AM
 March 5, 12, 19
 April 2, 9, 23, 30

Milton Branch

Storytime

Thursdays 9:30 AM
 March 5, 12, 19
 April 2, 9, 23, 30

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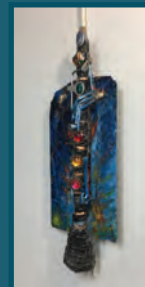
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Between Friends



Newsletter of the Friends of the Lafayette Public Library

Spring 2020

Friend of the Year Celebrated

This year, the Friends chose Mike McGuirk for our Friend of the Year. Before his retirement on May 1st, 2019, Mike was the Maintenance Supervisor of the Heymann Center. In that capacity, Mike was the person we dealt with for each sale since we began at the Heymann Center in the Spring of 2011.

No request was too big or small for Mike and his staff to help. When we needed tables moved, it happened. When we asked him to arrive at 4:45 AM so that Good Morning Acadiana could do a live shot, it happened. Any other request? It always happened. Not only did it happen, but Mike always greeted us with a big smile.

Mike is a native of Battle Creek, Michigan, and has been in Lafayette since 1974. He began with the City of Lafayette as a carpenter in 1983 and did that until 1991. He left City employment for three years, then came back as a carpenter in 1994. In 1998, he became Maintenance Supervisor for the Heymann Center.

The Friends honored Mike for his contributions to our organization at a luncheon in November. Now that he is retired, he plans on traveling, but we know we will see him twice each year as he still attends our book sales in March and September.

Thanks, Mike, for all of your hard work AND your smiles.

Friend of the Year



Mike McGuirk

Save the Date...



Friends of the Lafayette Public Library
Annual Meeting

Monday, March 2nd
12:00 PM

South Regional Library
6101 Johnston Street



Renew your Friends Membership

Please remember that all memberships, other than a lifetime membership, expire at the end of each year. If you have received this newsletter in the mail, your membership is current for our Spring Book Sale. Membership forms were mailed out in your January/February 2020 BookTalk newsletter. You can print out the membership form online from our Facebook page. Search [Lafayette Friends](#) to find us.

Thank you to all of our members for your support! The Friends of the Library could not exist without you.



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. If you need help with your donations or need a donation form, we are 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.

A Big Change for the Spring Sale

Due to popular request, we will be opening at 5:30 PM on Friends' Night, March 25th, for the March sale. This will give our patrons an extra half hour to peruse our books and make their purchases. We are continuing "Books by Author" in our Mystery and Adventure sections for those very prolific authors such as Grisham, Patterson and Silva, to name just a few. Hopefully these changes make our sale even better.

Thanks for your patronage over the years. Please pass on this info to your friends, though you may want to tell them AFTER Friends' Night so you can get the best selections!



Friends of the Library Board Members, 2019–2020 (elected at the Annual Meeting on March 11, 2019)

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Mini Sale a Success!

We also had a change with our mini book sale this past January: we decided to move to South Regional and to have it over a weekend. This sale was "Cooking up a Sale" with cookbooks in addition to fiction. We also included some of our Special Books, priced from \$10- \$25. Each year we will have a small sale and who knows where it will be next year. But we will get the word out to you. Thanks for attending.



Perpetual Sales – The Price is Right

Remember that the Friends sponsor Perpetual Sales at the South Regional and Main Libraries.

These shelves are filled with lovely books for a lovely price - \$1 for paperbacks and all children's books and \$3 for hardbacks. We have something for every taste, ranging from coffee table books to fiction, nonfiction and children's books. And in the Spring at the South Regional Library, we will have books for the local high school reading lists. Purchase these books for yourself or as gifts. The price is certainly right.



A Big OOPS!

For those of you that received the last newsletter with our membership form included, there was an incorrect date on the back of the form. The correct dates for the Fall Book Sale are September 16th-19th. So please re-mark your calendars and make plans to join us.

AH! The Holidays are Over Finally

Now it's time to start thinking about Christmas 2020 and what better time than with a nice visit to the Friends of the Library Book Sale on March 25th through the 28th in the Heymann Performing Arts Ballroom. Please note that we are opening 30 minutes earlier (due to patron suggestions) on "Friend's Night". 5:30 PM to be exact.

Not only is this a wonderful opportunity to buy early Christmas presents, you might just find that special book you have long promised yourself.

Our Special Books section features coffee table books and books of special interest that are priced per book. They are the sort of books we used to offer in our Silent Auction. Just think....no more bidding and awaiting that call to see if you have won! You buy the book on the spot and take it home with you to keep as a gift (if you can remember where you stashed it!) or settle down to read it now.

A sample of our offerings are shown below. We will even have a set of five Mary Alice Fontenot books for sale. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Book Sale!



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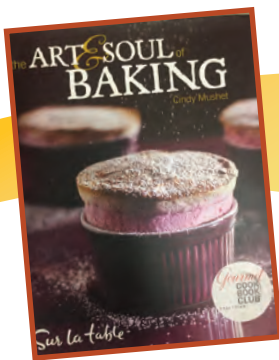
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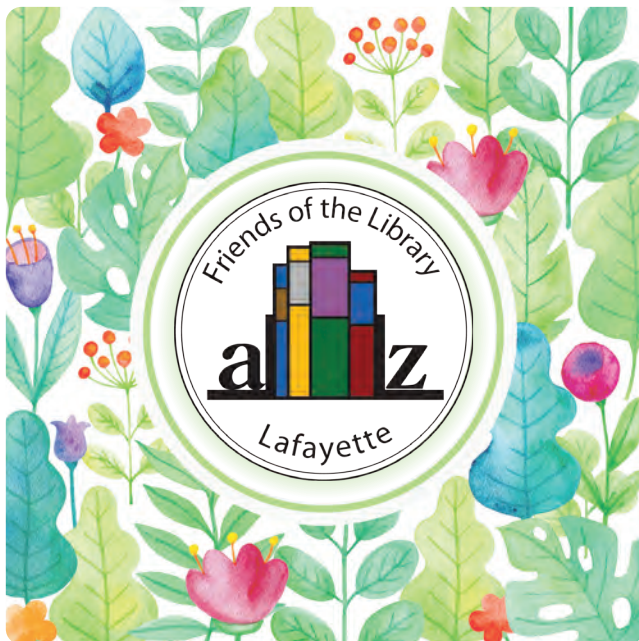
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Spring Book Sale



Friends Night

Wednesday, March 25

5:30 – 8:00 PM

Public Sale

Thursday, March 26

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday, March 27

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 28

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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