Spring Programs are in Full Bloom!

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.

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Lafayette Science Museum
261-5787

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232-9321

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East Regional Library
445-3168

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Main Library
261-5787

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

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Wednesday, March 11
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South Regional Library
981-1028

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This symbol denotes a Lafayette Reads Together program.

Booktalk is printed with funds provided by the Friends of the Lafayette Public Library.
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 Elberson, Director
Lafayette Public 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 Essex - an event as mythic in its own century as the

Mystery Book Club

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 glamourous 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.
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6:00 – 7:30 pm
West Regional Library
232-9321

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
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Main Library
261-5787

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.

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.

Monday, March 2
Basketball
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787

Monday, April 6
Fashion
6:00 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Monday, May 4
Education
6:00 – 7:00 PM
South Regional Library
981-1028

Wednesday, March 11
Literature
6:00 – 7:00 PM
West Regional Library
232-9321

Wednesday, May 13
Movie Stars
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.

March 3
Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Main Library
261-5787

March 25
Small Business 101
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787

April 8
Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787

April 22
Small Business 101
5:30 – 7:30 PM
Main Library
261-5787

May 13
Small Business 101
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library
261-5787

May 27
Starting & Financing Your Small Business Idea
3:00 – 5:00 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
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- Thursdays: March 19; April 16; May 14
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- 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: *Ivy 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

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  South Regional Library
  981-1028
- Thursday, April 9: Herbs: Garden to Table
  6:30 – 7:30 PM  South Regional Library
  981-1028
- 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 “Cardz for kidz”
  - Wednesday, March 18
    2:00 – 3:00 PM  West Regional Library
    232-9321
- 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  East Regional Library
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- Tuesday, April 28
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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

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

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 14 & up. Registration begins Monday, March 23.

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

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.

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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.

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

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

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.

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North Regional Library
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An Evening with Alfred Hitchcock
Join us as we celebrate the Master of Suspense with a marathon screening of Alfred Hitchcock’s greatest films, including Rear Window (1953), Psycho (1960), and The Birds (1963). Ages 18 & up.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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## 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
- **Basic Computing**: March 10 & 12, April 14 & 16, May 12 & 14, June 16 & 18
- **Intro to Word**: March 24 & 26
- **Online Buying & Selling**: April 28
- **Intro to Excel**: April 30
- **Basic Computing**: May 26 & 28
- **Basic Internet**: May 26 & 28

### South Regional Library
- **Basic Computing**: March 9 & 11, April 6 & 8, May 4 & 6
- **Intro to Word**: March 16 & 18, April 13 & 15, May 11 & 13
- **Intro to Excel**: March 23 & 25, April 20 & 22, May 18 & 20
- **Intro to Google Docs**: April 27
- **Intro to Google Sheets**: April 29
- **Basic Computing**: May 4 & 6, May 27
- **Intro to Excel**: May 11 & 13
- **Intro to Microsoft Access**: May 18 & 20
- **Intro to PowerPoint**: May 27

### East Regional Library
- **Basic Computing**: April 6 & 8
- **Intro to Excel**: April 20 & 22
- **Intro to Google Docs**: April 27
- **Intro to Google Sheets**: April 29

### North Regional Library
- **Intro to PowerPoint**: March 25
- **Intro to Excel**: April 29
- **Intro to Publisher**: May 27

### West Regional Library
- **Intro to Excel**: March 18
- **Intro to PowerPoint**: April 22
- **Intro to Publisher**: May 20

### Chenier Branch
- **Intro to PowerPoint**: March 11
- **Intro to Publisher**: April 15
- **Intro to Excel**: May 13

### Makerspace & Tech
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

**Tuesdays: March 17; April 14**
South Regional Library

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

**Monday, April 13**
Main Library

**Tuesday, April 14**
North Regional Library

**No-Sew Tote**

**Friday, April 17**
Main Library

**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

**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

**Intro to Resin Jewelry**

**Friday, May 22**
Main Library
Teen Programs

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

**Sundays: March – May (except April 12 & 26)**
3:00 – 4:00 PM
- Main Library 261-5778
- East Regional Library 445-3168

**Saturdays: March 14; April 11; May 23**
2:00 – 4:00 PM
- North Regional Library 896-6323

**Thursdays: March 19; April 9, 23; May 7, 21**
3:30 – 4:30 PM
- South Regional Library 981-1028

**Saturdays: March 22; May 3**
3:00 – 4:00 PM
- West Regional Library 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.

**Mondays: March 2; April 6; May 18**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- West Regional Library 232-9321

**Mondays: March – May (except May 25)**
6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Main Library 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.

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

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.

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

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.**

**Fridays: March 6; April 3**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- East Regional Library 445-3168

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.

**Wednesdays: March 11; April 8**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- West Regional Library 232-9321

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.**

**Thursday, March 12**
3:30 – 5:00 PM
- North Regional Library 896-6323

**Friday, March 13**
4:30 – 6:00 PM
- South Regional Library 981-1028

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.**

**Thursdays: March 12; April 9**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Main Library 261-5778

**Tuesdays: March 17; April 14**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- West Regional Library 232-9321

**Thursdays: March 19; April 16**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- East Regional Library 445-3168

**Tuesdays: March 24; April 7**
4:30 – 5:30 PM
- North Regional Library 896-6323

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

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

**Wednesday, March 18**
3:30 – 5:00 PM
- Main Library 261-5778

**Wednesday, April 8**
4:00 – 5:30 PM
- North Regional Library 896-6323

**Friday, April 17**
2:00 – 3:30 PM
- South Regional Library 981-1028

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

**March:**
**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.

**April:**
**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.
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 6.

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

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

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

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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!

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

Popsicle Engineering

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:
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
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

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

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

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

**Sew Awesome! Fabric Scrap Key Chain**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Sew Awesome! Fabric Scrap Key Chain**

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

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

**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.

**Popsicle Stick Puzzles**

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

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

**Easter Egg Bath Bombs**

**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.

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### 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**
  - **West Regional Library**
  - **1:00 – 2:45 PM**
  - **232-9321**

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

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

#### Super Smash Bros. Tournament

- **Tuesday, April 14**
  - **Main Library**
  - **2:00 – 4:00 PM**
  - **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**
  - **East Regional Library**
  - **4:00 – 5:00 PM**
  - **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**
  - **Main Library**
  - **1:00 – 5:00 PM**
  - **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**
  - **South Regional Library**
  - **2:00 – 3:30 PM**
  - **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**
  - **Main Library**
  - **2:00 – 4:00 PM**
  - **261-5779**
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

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
Saturday, May 2
2:00 – 3:30 pm
North Regional Library

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

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

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. Registration begins Monday, April 6.
Monday, May 4
4:30 – 6:00 pm
Main Library

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

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

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

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

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

Children’s & Family Programs
**Main Library**

**Baby Time & Toddler Time**
- **Baby Time, Tuesdays** 9:30 AM
- **Toddler Time, Tuesdays** 10:30 AM
  - March 3, 10, 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, 25
  - April 1, 8, 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, 30

**Pajama Party**
- **Thursdays** 6:30 PM
  - March 5, 12, 19
  - April 2, 9, 30

**Inclusive Family 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** 10:30 AM
  - 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
  - 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
  - May 5, 12, 19, 26

**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

**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.

**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

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### Lafayette Public Library System

#### MAIN LIBRARY
301 W. Congress St., Downtown  
**Phone:** 261-5787  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 8:30 – 9:00  
- **Friday:** 8:30 – 6:00  
- **Saturday:** 9:00 – 5:00  
- **Sunday:** 12:00 – 6:00

#### BUTLER MEMORIAL BRANCH
309 Cora St., Lafayette  
**Phone:** 234-0363  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 3:00 – 7:00

#### CHENIER BRANCH
220 W. Willow, Bldg. C, Lafayette  
**Phone:** 291-2941  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 9:00 – 7:00  
- **Friday:** 9:00 – 6:00  
- **Saturday:** 11:00 – 3:00

#### DUSON BRANCH
310 Ave. Au Nord, Duson  
**Phone:** 873-3521  
- **Monday – Friday:** 9:00 – 6:00

#### MILTON BRANCH
108 W. Milton Ave., Milton  
**Phone:** 856-5261  
- **Monday – Friday:** 9:00 – 6:00

#### WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
501 Old Spanish Trail, Scott  
**Phone:** 232-9321  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 9:00 – 8:00  
- **Friday:** 9:00 – 6:00  
- **Saturday:** 10:00 – 5:00  
- **Sunday:** 12:00 – 6:00

#### NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY
5101 N. University, Carencro  
**Phone:** 896-6323  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 9:00 – 8:00  
- **Friday:** 9:00 – 6:00  
- **Saturday:** 10:00 – 5:00  
- **Sunday:** 12:00 – 6:00

#### SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY
6101 Johnston St., Lafayette  
**Phone:** 981-1028  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 9:00 – 9:00  
- **Friday:** 9:00 – 7:00  
- **Saturday:** 9:00 – 5:00  
- **Sunday:** 12:00 – 6:00

#### EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY
215 La Neuville Rd., Youngsville  
**Phone:** 445-3168  
- **Monday – Thursday:** 9:00 – 8:00  
- **Friday:** 9:00 – 6:00  
- **Saturday:** 10:00 – 5:00  
- **Sunday:** 12:00 – 6:00

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**For more information about library art exhibitions, call 261-5787.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**IMAGINE**

**Summer Reading Kickoff Celebration**  
**May 30, 2020**  
**10 AM – 3 PM**  
**Main Library**

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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.
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.

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!

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.

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

President: Alverta Hasling
Vice President: Flossie Turner
Secretary: Diana Nolan
Treasurer: Bobbie Dunbar

Board Members: Barbara Alexander, Sarah Billeaud, Anne Credeur, Natalie Delahoussaye, Rosemary Frederic, Debbie Hargrave, Shirley Hoisington, Marilyn Long, Alice McFillen, Mary Ann Privat, and Dennis Sullivan.
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.

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.

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!