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Newly Retired Director's Message



Lafayette Public Library Celebrates 75 Years!

What does the Lafayette Public Library have in common with the books *Scuffy the Tugboat* and *Animal Farm*? We're all celebrating 75 years in existence in 2021!

On August 6, 1946, the Lafayette Public Library opened as the Lafayette Parish Demonstration Library, only the 23rd demonstration library in the state. Once funding was secured by the passage of a two mill tax in 1947, branch libraries were established in every community in the parish.

A community library was important in 1946, and it is still just as relevant and important today. While many things have changed, the parish library system still has books, story times, and a staff to help you find information or great books to read. Obviously there have been a lot of technological changes since 1946, though! We can now answer questions and send personal reading recommendations via email; and while we still have physical copies of *Scuffy the Tugboat* and *Animal Farm* on our shelves to check out, you can also download those titles to your personal reading device as well. Some things never change, though—children and parents still enjoy stories, songs, and fun activities at story times; adults still like to talk about their favorite author and book; and teens still need help with homework. We still offer our personal assistance with finding information, only now we use a computer instead of a big, heavy reference book.

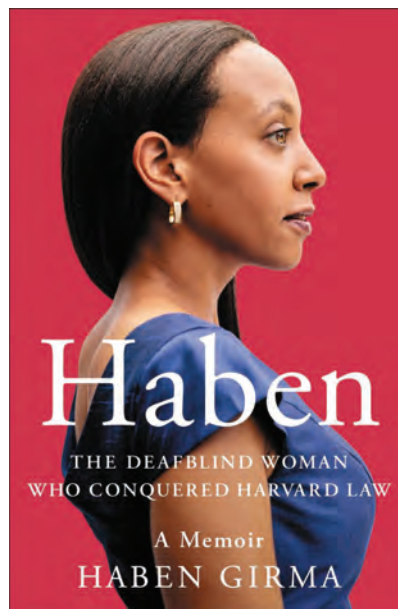
Just like 75 years ago, library services are still offered to everyone without charge as part of a commitment by our community to provide the tax funding necessary to provide services to meet the needs for information, life-long learning, recreation, and cultural enrichment to all.

The fun might be a little subdued this year, but we still have plenty of activities planned around our big anniversary event, so stay tuned for more information in the coming months. We are so excited to celebrate 75 years of service to the community **with** the community!

Teresa Elbertson
Newly Retired Director

GoGo Biblio Bookmobile

Lafayette Public Library's GoGo Biblio Bookmobile is on the road this spring offering books, movies, crafts, and tech support. Regular stops will be at apartment complexes and more across Lafayette Parish. For the complete schedule or to request a new stop, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org/outreach.



LRT Continues!

Lafayette Reads Together continues this month with programming and free copies of *Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* available at all Lafayette Public Library Locations!

Pick up yours today, while supplies last. Then, visit our website to check out the latest activities from our staff AND the community at large!

Celebrating a Diamond Anniversary



Lafayette Public Library System: A Gem of Our Community



Opening Ceremony of Lafayette Parish Library, 1946.
State Library of Louisiana (<http://www.state.lib.la.us>)

In 1946, the world was looking forward to the dawn of a new day after the end of World War II. In this year, the United Nations held its first meeting in London, UNICEF was created, the first Cannes Film Festival was held, *It's a Wonderful Life* premiered in New York, and both Tupperware and the bikini were introduced. Additionally, the first US rocket to leave Earth's atmosphere attained 50 miles of altitude! The sky no longer seemed the limit for Americans who had long dreamed about space, rockets, and stars thanks to science fiction books such as Jules Verne's *From the Earth to the Moon*.

Locally, businesses such as Fisher Early Childhood Development and Lafayette Wood-Works were established, and Poor Boy's Riverside Inn became Lafayette's first completely air-conditioned restaurant. In this same year, it was decided that Lafayette's old Southside School building would become the new space for a state-funded parish library. The state of Louisiana delivered 11,148 books to the building, and on August 6, 1946, under the direction of Lucille Arceneaux (1946—1982), the Lafayette Parish Library opened its doors. That means that the Lafayette Public Library is older than Judice Inn!

By 1953, the parish library had expanded to include ten (10) locations along with a bookmobile program and boasted a collection of over 38,000 volumes. On March 29th of that year, the first stand-alone public library building on the corner of Lee and Main Streets opened to the public.

Through the years, the library system adapted to meet the needs of an ever-changing community. Under the guidance of Library Director Sonya M. Branch (1982—1998), the library saw the beginnings of a Young Adult department and developed outreach programs for teens, schools, and prisons. On April 16, 1996, the library initiated an online public access catalog which rendered the card catalog obsolete.



Lafayette Public Library Exterior, 1957.
State Library of Louisiana (<http://www.state.lib.la.us>)

During Library Director Gail Smith's tenure (1998—2005), the library system was boosted into the world of technology thanks to a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, allowing free public access computing at all library locations. This was the first time the library could offer patrons free access to mega-databases.

In 2002, the goal was to have library services available within a 3.5-mile radius of all Lafayette Parish residents. Voters passed a \$40 million bond issue to make that happen, and ground breaking for regional libraries began in Carencro in October 2005, with Sona Dombourian (2005—2016) at the helm. The 12,564 square-foot North Regional Library opened to the public in September 2007.

With that, the major Lafayette Public Library expansion had begun! South Regional Library opened in 2009, the Main Library received much-needed renovations from 2012 to 2015, East Regional Library in Youngsville opened in 2015, and Library Director Teresa Elbertson (2016—2021) oversaw the construction and opening of the West Regional Library in Scott in 2019. Seeing a need for mobile outreach services, the system introduced the pedal-powered BiblioBike in 2018, and the GoGo Biblio Bookmobile in 2019, reintroducing the service to Lafayette Parish after 25 years.

In 2020, all in-person programming along with many services were temporarily suspended for the safety of patrons and the library staff due to the COVID pandemic. This brought on a whole new set of challenges that the Lafayette Public Library met and exceeded by quickly going virtual. The library relaunched its YouTube channel to feature crafts, programs, and more; Zoom was utilized for book clubs and guest speakers; social media hosted digital story times, trivia, and clubs; and take-home kits, including Grab & Go Crafts, American Girl Club, and our early literacy program called Read to Me Book Club, have been and continue to be successful. In this same year, the Lafayette Public Library was the recipient of the James O. Modisette Award, the highest honor a public library in Louisiana can receive, for the efforts to improve patron services.



In 1946, the average cost of a new house was \$5,600, the average salary was \$2,500, a gallon of gas was 15 cents, and a new car cost about \$1,120. A lot has changed in 75 years, but one thing remains the same: the dedication of the Lafayette Public Library to enhance the quality of life of our community by providing free and equal access to high-quality, cost-effective library services that meet the needs and expectations of our diverse community for information, life-long learning, recreation, and cultural enrichment.

Thank you, Lafayette Parish, for allowing us to be a part of your community for 75 wonderful years. We look forward to growing and evolving with you throughout the next 75 years!

Maker Week



About Maker Week

Celebrate the maker movement with us! Maker Faire Lafayette is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do.

This year, we invite you to join us for a week of creativity, including Take & Make kits (similar to our popular Grab & Go Craft kits), video tutorials you can watch at home, and other fun activities taking place throughout the Lafayette community. Visit the Lafayette Public Library and Maker Faire Lafayette websites and social media pages for details on how you can participate.



Bird Feeder

Ages 5–12

This video will teach you how to make a homemade bird feeder to attract birds into your yard! *Video only.*

Thursday, April 8

Take & Make Kits

Available Monday, April 5

Tensegrity Craft

Ages 13 & up

Assemble your very own gravity-defying, “free-floating” craft using the power of *tensegrity*, or tensional integrity! *Available while supplies last at the Main Library only.*

Slingshot Straw Rockets

Ages 7–12

Build a flying rocket and see how far you can launch it! All supplies provided except tape and glue. *Available while supplies last at the Main and Regional Libraries.*

Automatic Hand Sanitizer Dispenser

Ages 15 & up

Make your own customized automatic hand sanitizer dispenser. Pick up the kit, follow the online tutorial, and you’ll have a no-touch system for sanitizing your hands! *Available while supplies last at North Regional Library only.*

Heart-Shaped Embroidery Sampler

Ages 14 & up

Learn basic hand embroidery stitches while making a beautiful sampler to hang on your wall or to turn into an applique. *Available while supplies last at the Main and Regional Libraries.*

Fleur-de-Lis Charms

Ages 14 & up

Make fleur-de-lis charms using quilling paper to adorn bracelets, necklaces, wine glasses, or key chains. *Available while supplies last at the Main and Regional Libraries.*

Craft Stick Key Chain Holder

Ages 18 & up

Assemble and decorate a home key chain holder with craft sticks. All supplies provided except glue. *Available while supplies last at South Regional Library only.*

Invitation to Build

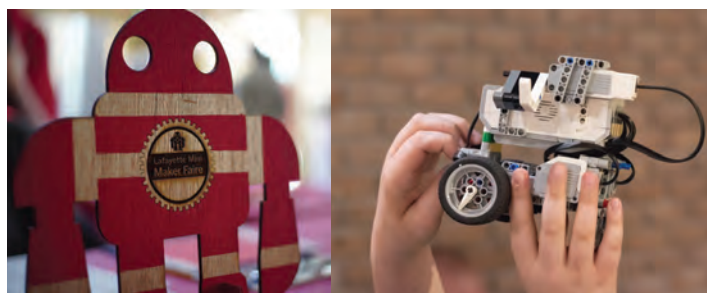
Ages 5–12

This kit includes an assortment of materials and a set of challenge cards that will inspire you to put on your hard hat. *Available while supplies last at East Regional Library only.*

Bristle Bots

Ages 12–18

Practice your STEM skills by building the simplest form of a walking bot! *Available while supplies last at the Main and Regional Libraries.*



As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

Classics Book Club – April 1 Selection

As I Lay Dying is Faulkner's harrowing account of the Bundren family's odyssey across the Mississippi countryside to bury Addie, their wife and mother. Narrated in turn by each of the family members—including Addie herself—as well as others, the novel ranges in mood, from dark comedy to the deepest pathos. Considered one of the most influential novels in American fiction in structure, style, and drama, *As I Lay Dying* is a true 20th century classic.

Longitude by Dava Sobel

History Book Club – April 13 Selection

The scientific establishment of Europe—from Galileo to Sir Issac Newton—had mapped the heavens in both hemispheres in its certain pursuit of a celestial answer to “the longitude problem”. In stark contrast, one man, John Harrison, dared to imagine a mechanical solution—a clock that would keep precise time at sea, something no clock had ever been able to do on land. *Longitude* is a dramatic human story of an epic scientific quest and Harrison's forty-year obsession with building his perfect timekeeper, known today as the chronometer. Full of heroism and chicanery, it is also a fascinating brief history of astronomy, navigation, and clock-making, and opens a new window on our world.

Spoiler Alert by Olivia Dade

Romance Book Club – March 24 Selection

Olivia Dade bursts onto the scene in this delightfully fun romantic comedy set in the world of fanfiction, in which a devoted fan goes on an unexpected date with her celebrity crush, who's secretly posting fanfiction of his own. Marcus Caster-Rupp has a secret. The world may know him as Aeneas, star of the biggest show on television, but fanfiction readers call him something else: *Book!AeneasWouldNever*. Marcus gets out his frustrations with the show through anonymous stories about the internet's favorite couple, Aeneas and Lavinia. But if anyone discovered his online persona, he'd be finished in Hollywood. April Whittier has secrets of her own. A hardcore Lavinia fan, she's long hidden her fanfic and cosplay hobbies from her “real life” – but not anymore.

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

Beyond Black History Month Book Club – March 30 Selection

A timely, crucial, and empowering exploration of racism—and antiracism—in America. This is NOT a history book. This is a book about the here and now. A book to help us better understand why we are where we are. A book about race. The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. This remarkable reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's National Book Award-winning *Stamped from the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America and inspires hope for an antiracist future. It takes you on a race journey from then to now, shows you why we feel how we feel, and why the poison of racism lingers. It also proves that while racist ideas have always been easy to fabricate and distribute, they can also be discredited. Through a gripping, fast-paced, and energizing narrative written by beloved award-winner Jason Reynolds, this book shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas—and on ways readers can identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their daily lives.

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Whether you're looking to talk about a classic, need a place to share your love of memoirs, or just want to chat about the amazing romance novel you finished, we have a book club for you! You can find full descriptions and easy links to selections in our catalog by visiting the library calendar. *Virtual book clubs for adults will be hosted on Zoom.*

Classics Book Club

Thursdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Ages 14 & up

March 4 *The Ginger Man* by J.P. Donleavy
April 1 *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner
May 6 *Light in August* by William Faulkner

History Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 14 & up

March 9 *Rising Tide* by John M. Barry
April 13 *Longitude* by Dava Sobel
May 11 *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe

Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 18 & up

March 16 *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens
April 20 *Jade Dragon Mountain* by Elsa Hart
May 18 *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron

Romance Book Club

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

Ages 18 & up

March 24 *Spoiler Alert* by Olivia Dade
April 21 *The Red-Hot Cajun* by Sandra Hill
May 19 *Like Lovers Do* by Tracey Livesay

Beyond Black History Month Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 14 & up

March 30 *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
April 27 *Are Prisons Obsolete?* by Angela Davis
May 25 *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot* by Mikki Kendall

100
book
club

Join the 100 Book Club

Lafayette Public Library's Annual Reading Challenge

Make it your New Year's resolution to read more books in 2021! Better yet, strive to read or listen to 100 books between January 1 and December 31, so you can become a member of the LPL's 100 Book Club. Receive cool prizes and recognition, plus the bragging rights to say you accomplished something few others will! Registration begins January 4 in our libraries and online. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org or download the LPL Mobile app to sign up.

We have book clubs for everyone! For our Children's Book Clubs, see page 9.

Adult Programs

Grab & Go Crafts

Swing by a Lafayette Public Library drive-thru (Main Library and Regional Libraries) and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go bags will include all the supplies you'll need and instructions. Recommended for adults. *Available while supplies last.*

Fabricadabra

Ages 14 & up
Learn the "magic" of sewing by making small, beginner projects!
Leprechaun Pants Treat Bag Distribution begins Sunday, March 7
Bean Bag Door Stop Distribution begins Sunday, April 18
Twisted Headband Distribution begins Sunday, May 9

DIY Paper Bag Journal

Ages 18 & up
Using a brown paper bag and blank paper, learn how to create your own journal.
Distribution begins Sunday, March 14

Art Journaling Group

Ages 14 & up
Combine art and literature to create amazing journal pages. Each month will be a different theme and page in your journal. *Registration is required.*
Distribution begins Sundays: March 14; April 18; May 16
Main Library Only

Layered Wood Landscape

Ages 14 & up
Stack and paint layers of shaped wood blocks to form a 3D outdoor landscape!
Distribution begins Sunday, March 14
Main Library Only

DIY Felt Succulents

Ages 18 & up
Make a realistic-looking plant using felt and a soft chalk pastel.
Distribution begins Sunday, March 21

Tiny Book Key Chains

Ages 18 & up
Use real bookbinding techniques to fold and hand-stitch a miniature book charm.
Distribution begins Sunday, March 28
North Regional and East Regional Libraries only

Decorative Charger Plate

Ages 18 & up
Turn a plain charger plate into a piece of decor with a decal from our Makerspace.
Distribution begins Sunday, April 11
East Regional Library Only

Dice Tower

Ages 14 & up
Assemble a dice tower to use in tabletop and board games!
Distribution begins Sunday, April 11
Main Library only

Prick & Stitch Bookmark

Ages 18 & up
Create a paper embroidered bookmark using the prick and stitch technique.
Distribution begins Sunday, April 11

Wire Photo Holder

Ages 14 & up
Create a simple wire holder to display your favorite photos or cards.
Distribution begins Sunday, April 25

Springtime Wood Plaque

Ages 18 & up
Decorate a 6" wooden square with a spring-themed vinyl stencil.
Distribution begins Sunday, May 2

Origami Envelope

Ages 18 & up
Create a self-sealing envelope with origami paper.
Distribution begins Sunday, May 16

Paper Strip Spring Art

Ages 18 & up
Create a festive piece of art using colorful strips of patterned paper and a stencil.
Distribution begins Sunday, May 23

Macrame Plant Hanger

Ages 14 & up
Learn simple knots and techniques to make a beautiful and functional plant hanger.
Distribution begins Sunday, May 30

Friday Trivia

Ages 14 & up
Put your trivia knowledge to the test with our weekly trivia questions! Visit our Facebook page or website every Friday for a new theme based on your favorite shows, movies, books, and more.
Fridays: March–May

Virtual Needle Arts

Ages 14 & up
Do you have an interest in crochet, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Join us for a Zoom meet up where you can show off and discuss any current projects as well as get new ideas.
Wednesdays: March 3; April 7; May 5
6:00 PM

Disabilities in Comics

Ages 18 & up
A brief overview of comic book characters with disabilities, such as Daredevil, Makkari, Nick Fury, and Mole Man.
Thursday, March 4
7:00 – 8:00 PM

Fantasy Baseball Tips and Tricks

Ages 14 & up
Join Tim McLeod, a member of top industry leagues (Tout Wars, LABR, XFL), for strategy tips. He will answer your most pressing fantasy baseball questions.
Monday, March 8 
6:30 – 7:30 PM

Virtual Write With Us

Ages 18 & up
Get into creative writing with our biweekly workshops offering support and guidance in your writing efforts.
Wednesdays: March 17, 31; April 14, 28; May 12, 26
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Computer Class Seminars

Ages 18 & up
Adults can attend virtual computer class seminars via Zoom. *Registration (online, in person, or call (337) 981-1028). A valid email address is required.*
Wednesday, March 17 Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Wednesday, April 14 Intro to Microsoft Word 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Wednesday, May 12 Intro to Microsoft Excel 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Virtual Trivia Night

Ages 14 & up
Join us for a Zoom-enabled trivia contest in conjunction with the UL Lafayette's Dupré Library. *Visit bit.ly/clubdupre to register.*
Tuesday, March 23 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Wednesday, April 21 6:30 – 8:30 PM

LiesGame.com

Ages 14 & up
Liesgame.com is a free online game in which participants try to tell the most believable lie on a topic.
Monday, April 26 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Grab & Go Crafts

Swing by a Lafayette Public Library drive-thru (Main Library and Regional Libraries), and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go bags will include all the supplies you'll need and instructions. Recommended for ages 12–18. *Available while supplies last.*

String Art

Create a pattern with embroidery floss and foam board.

Distribution begins Sunday, March 7

Mini Wood Sign

Save the drama for your llama! Make a sassy, painted mini wood plank!

Distribution begins Sunday, March 14

Beaded Mobile

Create your own metallic mobile by painting and stringing wood beads.

Distribution begins Sunday, March 21

Peeps Catapults

Build your own catapult and watch the Peeps fly!

Distribution begins Sunday, March 28

Marbled Clay Bowls

Rest your jewelry or other small trinkets in this unique marbled clay bowl.

Distribution begins Sunday, April 11

Personalized Chia Pet

Grow your imagination with a personalized chia pet using provided supplies.

Distribution begins Sunday, April 18

Shrinky Dinks

Make wearable art using shrinky dink plastic!

Distribution begins Sunday, April 25

Star Wars Surprise

May the Force be with you as you receive one of four different Star Wars crafts!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 2

Summer Slime

Cool down with some summer slime!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 9

Faux Antique Initials

Add an eclectic flair to your space by displaying your faux antique initial.

Distribution begins Sunday, May 16

Glass Jar Luminaries

Make your room sparkle with this glitter-filled craft. *Glass jar not included in kit.*

Distribution begins Sunday, May 23

Teen March Madness

Ages 12 & up

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 book series to just one grand champion that will be announced on April 9. Get ready to march into reading madness, and cast your votes for the 2021 LPL Teen Series Champion. Visit our website or your local library to vote.

Round 1: Friday, March 5–Thursday, March 18
Round 2: Friday, March 19–Thursday, March 25
Round 3: Friday, March 26–Thursday, April 1
Final Round: Friday, April 1–Thursday, April 8

Teen Programs

YA Virtual Book Club

YA Virtual Book Club

Ages 12 & up

Do you love young adult books? Join our group LPL YA Virtual Book Club on Goodreads to discuss a new book each month.

March

Tiny Pretty Things by Dhonielle Clayton & Sona Charaipotra

April

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

May

Fear Street by R. L. Stine

YA Snapshots

Ages 12 & up

Join us virtually as we read an excerpt from this month's YA Virtual Book Club pick. Then, check it out so you can find out what happens!

Mondays: March 1; April 5; May 3



Tiny Pretty Things

by Dhonielle Clayton & Sona Charaipotra



Gigi, Bette, and June, three top students at an exclusive Manhattan ballet school, have seen their fair share of drama. Free-spirited new girl Gigi just wants to dance -- but the very act might kill her. Privileged New Yorker Bette's desire to escape the shadow of her ballet star sister brings out a dangerous edge in her. And perfectionist June needs to land a lead role this year or her controlling mother will put an end to her dancing dreams forever. When every dancer is both friend and foe, the girls will sacrifice, manipulate, and backstab to be the best of the best.

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness



Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

Fear Street by R. L. Stine



Welcome to Fear Street... Where strange things happen, people go missing, and nightmares come true. This is where it all began. When Fear Street became legend, forever linked with danger, and curses, and things that go bump in the night. Go back to how it all started-- to the moment when Corey Brooks falls for perfect, incredible Anna, only to learn that she's gone missing...on Fear Street. Venture into the terrifying Fear Street woods where Meg Dalton's best friend Evan died under mysterious circumstances, and discover why only Meg can uncover the truth behind his death.

Snack Attack



Ages 12–18

Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with snacks you can make yourself.

Wednesdays:

March 17 *Kool-Aid Pickles*
April 7 *Cheetos Cookies*
April 28 *Snacks on a Stick*
May 19 *Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches*

Online ACT Practice Test

Ages 12–18

Take a fully-proctored ACT practice test at home. This free test will be presented live by the Princeton Review. *Registration is required. Please visit our website or calendar of events for more information.*

Saturdays: April 17 & May 15

Princeton Review Virtual Classroom

10:30 AM

Children's & Family Programs

Grab & Go Crafts

Ages 3–12

Swing by a Lafayette Public Library drive-thru (Main Library and Regional Libraries) and pick up a bag full of fun! Grab & Go bags will include most of the supplies you'll need and instructions. *Available while supplies last.*

Twirling Lady Bugs

Get ready for spring with this whirly, twirly outside decoration craft!

Distribution begins Sunday, March 7

Pi Day Bracelets

Celebrate Pi Day with this fun beaded bracelet!

Distribution begins Sunday, March 14

Paper Plate Rainbow

Go somewhere over the rainbow with this cute and easy craft!

Distribution begins Sunday, March 21

Craft Stick Butterfly

Spring is in the air! Create and decorate a cute butterfly.

Distribution begins Sunday, March 28

Paper Plate Lion

Have a roaring good time decorating your own paper plate lion!

Distribution begins Monday, April 5

Paper Chain Snakes

Eek! A snake! Grab this slithery craft during your next library visit!

Distribution begins Sunday, April 11

Bee Puppets

Bring home your very own bee puppets!

Distribution begins Sunday, April 18

Bird Nests

Tweet tweet! Let's hatch some fun!

Distribution begins Sunday, April 25

Star Wars X-Wing

Join the Resistance when you make this X-Wing starfighter!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 2

Caterpillar Pom Pom Craft

Make this buggy caterpillar friend out of pom poms and glue!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 9

Shape Flowers

Watch ordinary shapes turn into beautiful flowers!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 16

Paper Bag Kites

Sunny days are here again. Let's go fly a kite!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 23

Yarn Butterflies

Use a simple weaving technique to make this beautiful butterfly!

Distribution begins Sunday, May 30



Digital Storytime

Join us on our Facebook page for stories and songs from some of your favorite children's librarians! It's sure to brighten your morning and help your littles get those wiggles out!

Mondays & Wednesdays: March – May

10:00 AM

Kids' Trivia

Ages 5–12

Visit our Facebook page or website every Friday to take our fun quizzes!

March 5	<i>Famous Females</i>
March 12	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
March 19	<i>Dogs</i>
March 26	<i>Narnia</i>
April 2	<i>Bugs</i>
April 9	<i>Big Foot & Other Cryptids</i>
April 16	<i>Roblox</i>
April 23	<i>The Human Body</i>
April 30	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>

LEGO Club

Ages 5–12

Calling all LEGO lovers! We'll post themes on Facebook at the beginning of each week. You'll build your unique creations at home and share them with us by commenting on the original post. *Registration with a valid email address is required for Zoom show and tell sessions.*

Sunday, March 7	<i>Castles</i>
Sunday, March 14	<i>Cars & Trucks</i>
Saturday, March 20, 10:30 AM	<i>Zoom Show and Tell Session</i>
Sunday, March 21	<i>Self Portrait (You!)</i>
Sunday, March 28	<i>Spring</i>
Sunday, April 4	<i>Planes</i>
Sunday, April 11	<i>Monsters</i>
Saturday, April 17, 10:30 AM	<i>Zoom Show and Tell Session</i>
Sunday, April 18	<i>Bridges</i>
Sunday, April 25	<i>Star Wars</i>
Sunday, May 2	<i>Animals</i>
Sunday, May 9	<i>Dinosaurs</i>
Saturday, May 15, 10:30 AM	<i>Zoom Show and Tell Session</i>
Sunday, May 16	<i>Grogu</i>
Sunday, May 23	<i>Ocean</i>
Sunday, May 30	<i>Family</i>

American Girl Club

Ages 7–12

Meet a new American Girl each month and enjoy at-home activities based on her interests. Grab an activity bag at the **South Regional Library** while supplies last.

Monday, March 8	<i>Addy Walker</i>
Monday, April 12	<i>Tenney Grant</i>

Kids' Vids



Join us on YouTube and Facebook for fun new videos on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Master Puppet Theater

Ages 3–10

Join us for our puppet show that is sure to entertain!

Tuesday, March 2

Yarn Dolls

Ages 5–12

Learn how to turn a ball of yarn into a cuddly friend!

Thursday, March 4

Eggshell Starter Gardens

Ages 5–12

Spring is practically here! Learn how to grow seeds efficiently for your garden.

Tuesday, March 9

Magic Leprechaun Rocks

Ages 3–6

Have a magical St. Patrick's Day with these homemade rocks that have a surprise!

Tuesday, March 16

Coffee Filter Flowers

Ages 5–12

Celebrate spring and make some unique coffee filter flowers!

Thursday, March 18

Cherry Blossom Bottle Painting

Ages 5–12

Let's celebrate the National Cherry Blossom Festival! Use paint and recycled plastic bottles to create a work of art.

Thursday, March 25

Stained Glass Art

Ages 5–12

Use chalk pastels to create a beautiful stained glass art project on paper.

Tuesday, March 30

Magic Tricks 101

Ages 7–12

Abacadabra! Wow your friends and family with these amazing magic tricks.

Thursday, April 1

DIY Watercolors

Ages 7 & up

Learn to make your own watercolors.

Tuesday, April 6

Pulled String Art

Ages 5–12

Learn to make beautiful works of art using string, paper, and liquid watercolors.

Tuesday, April 20

Grassy Houses

Ages 5–12

Make a paper house and grow its lawn! Pick up your kit from the **West Regional Library** while supplies last.

Thursday, April 22

Spin Art

Ages 5–12

Tune in to find out how to create spin art without a machine!

Tuesday, April 27

Paper Flower Bouquet

Ages 5–12

Make a cute paper flower bouquet to brighten up someone's day!

Thursday, April 29

Children's & Family Programs

To Be Continued Book Club



Ages 7–10

Join us virtually every Tuesday at 1:00 PM as we read the first few chapters of a book. Then, check out the book to read the rest of the story.

March 2 *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone

March 9 *Once Upon a Unicorn* by Lou Anders

March 16 *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renée Watson

March 23 *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris

March 30 *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

April 6 *Trapped in the Overworld* by Winter Morgan

April 13 *The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling

April 20 *Operation Frog Effect* by Sarah Scheerger

April 27 *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer

May 4 *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger

May 11 *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

May 18 *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

May 25 *Aliens on Vacation* by Clete Barrett Smith



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 19, 2021.

The contest is open to students in grades K-12 who reside in Lafayette Parish or in the surrounding parishes: St. Landry, Acadia, St. Martin, Vermilion, and Iberia.

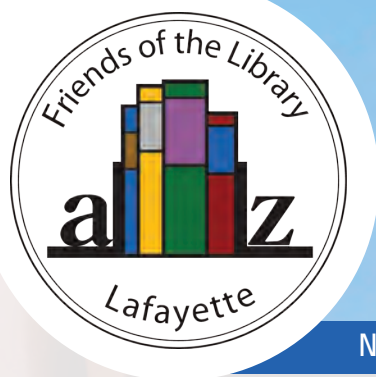
Students in grades K-6 are encouraged to enter the contest using the online form below. Alternatively, they may submit a paper entry form and a paper copy of their writing entry. These need to be turned in by the deadline of March 19, 2021 to any branch of the Lafayette Public Library System.

All other eligible students (7-12 grade) are required to submit their entries electronically using the online form. This is a Google Docs form, which requires the use of a Gmail account. If you do not have a Gmail account or Google Docs login, or have difficulties with the form, please email sarah.durr@lafayettepubliclibrary.org for assistance.

Form Link: <http://tinyurl.com/writes2021>



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Between Friends



Newsletter of the Friends of the Lafayette Public Library

Spring 2021

Friend of the Year Celebrated

The Friend of the Year for 2020-2021 is Carrie Baird. Carrie has volunteered with us both at the warehouse and at our sales for several years. She is a tireless worker, always willing to go the extra mile. Carrie is also devoted to her “fur babies”, doing what she can to make their lives better. Thanks, Carrie, for all of your hard work!

A New Look for Our Perpetual Sales

We are changing the look of our perpetual sales at the Main and South Regional Libraries. Each month, we will have a theme in addition to our regular books. In March, the theme will be “Right for Gardening.” April will bring “Crafting,” with books ranging from sewing to woodworking and lots in between. May will be “Beach Reads” – those easy-to-read books for summer reading. Hardback books are \$3; paperback books and all children’s books are \$1. We have also added DVDs and audiobooks for \$3 each. Get a bargain and help support the library in the process!



Donations

Thanks to our generous public, our supply of books keeps growing! We are able to accept donations at the library’s working warehouse at 211 E. Pinhook Rd. in the United Way Complex (donation bins are located next to the building). The Friends are available at the warehouse on Thursdays if you need help or a donation form. Thanks for supporting your public library by donating your gently used books!

Please note that we are limited in what we can accept. We cannot take encyclopedias, magazines, textbooks, or VHS tapes. We also cannot accept books that are moldy, and these items go directly into the trash bins.

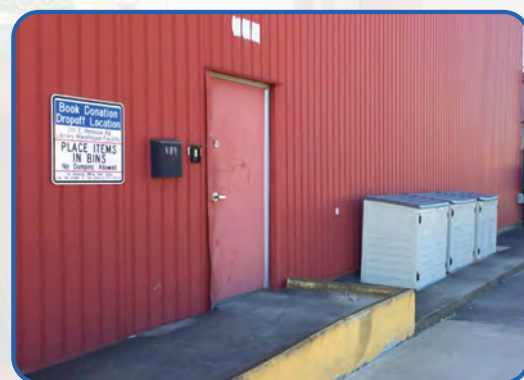
Another Drive-Thru Sale Planned

We are very much looking forward to the day when we can have a regular sale again, and hopefully it will happen in the near future (a phrase we have used way more often than we have wanted)! But for now, the Friends will host another drive-thru sale at South Regional Library on Saturday, March 27th from 10 AM to 1 PM. We will have fiction and mystery books in both hardbacks and paperbacks. In addition, we will offer biographies and cookbooks.

For all you puzzle fans, we will have 1,000 piece puzzles, too. Cost will be \$5 for 5 hardback books or 10 paperbacks. Puzzles will be packaged 2 for \$5.

You can request authors or reserve your books by emailing libraryfriends20@gmail.com. Last day for orders will be Wednesday, March 24th. Please include a cell/contact phone number for each order.

We will have limited books available the day of the sale. Check out our Facebook page for more information at www.facebook.com/LafayetteFriends.



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Phone 261-5787

Mon – Thurs 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

Mon – Thurs 4:00 – 7:00

CHENIER BRANCH

220 W. Willow, Bldg. C, Lafayette

Phone 291-2941

Mon – Thurs 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

Mon – Thurs 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

Mon – Thurs 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

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Friday 9:00 – 7:00

Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

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215 La Neuville Rd., Youngsville

Phone 445-3168

Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 8:00

Friday 9:00 – 6:00

Saturday 10:00 – 5:00

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