

Happy Holidays

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Director's Message



Director Teresa Elberson shows off some of the amazing recreational resources available to patrons this Holiday Season!

Staying Home for the Holidays

Many of us will not be traveling for the holidays this year, so we will have to find ways to entertain ourselves and our immediate family! Here are a few suggestions from the library for this holiday season:

Binge Box-Give Netflix a break and check out one of our new Binge Boxes. These are DVD sets of 4-6 movies with a related theme or actor. You can find all the titles by searching "Binge Box" in the catalog. My recommendation is "Christmas Gone Wrong." You can probably already guess some of the titles included in this set (think *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*)! Or you can try out the 4 disc set called "Never Travel with Tom Hanks."

Games-You might be sick of playing games by now, but if you are looking to try out some new board games, check out our collection! You can find titles for all ages and skill levels by searching "board game" in the catalog. Tired of playing *Exploding Kittens*? Try *Bob Ross: Art of Chill* or *Azul*. What are the holidays without some games?

Baking-Yeast and flour are restocked in the stores, and everyone should have their skills honed by now, so holiday baking should be on your to-do list. Search "holiday cooking" or "holiday baking" in the catalog to start your search. Try out *Holiday and Celebration Bread in Five Minutes a Day* for Christmas breads from around the world. For the passive baker, try *The Great British Baking Show* on DVD.

Homemade Gifts-This may be the best year for homemade gifts if you can't get out and "shop till you drop." Searching "holiday crafts" in the catalog will get you started on the creative journey. You could also just look at the pretty pictures and hope that someone makes something for you instead. If you want to combine baking and gifts check out *Christmas Gifts from the Kitchen*.

Wishing all our library community a safe and healthy holiday season!

Teresa Elberson
Library Director



Temporary Library Cards Issued for Evacuees

Beginning Wednesday, September 2, the Lafayette Public Library began to issue temporary library cards to Louisiana residents from Jefferson Davis Parish, Calcasieu Parish, and Cameron Parish who have been displaced by Hurricane Laura and who are momentarily living in Lafayette Parish.

Access to information and communication is vital in these times, and in order to make library resources easily and immediately available for these individuals, cards will be distributed at all nine Lafayette Public Library locations. The temporary library card will provide all the same benefits of a regular library card including the ability to check out materials and book study rooms, as well as offering access to WiFi, computers, printers, fax machines, and more.

For more information about how to obtain a temporary library card, visit any of the nine Lafayette Public Library locations in person or call (337) 261-5787.



MiFi - Mobile Devices Available!

Lafayette Public Library patrons can borrow a MiFi (Mobile WiFi) Hotspot to take the internet wherever they may go. A hotspot is a portable device that provides WiFi internet access to computers, smartphones, and tablets by connecting to a cellular network. So, wherever cell phone service is traditionally available, the MiFi Hotspot can connect you to the internet.

"Residents come to the Library for free internet access every day," said Lafayette Public Library Director Teresa Elberson. "These MiFi Hotspots allows patrons to use our services from wherever they are, whether at home, in a park, or on vacation."

Having access to the internet has become increasingly important to most facets of daily life. Many people struggle to afford access to this technology. The Library is providing MiFi Hotspots to lessen the gap of the digital divide by providing patrons internet access beyond our building's borders. This furthers the Library's mission to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing free, equal access to high-quality, cost-effective services that meet the needs and expectations of our diverse community for information, life-long learning, recreation, and cultural enrichment.



367,245
TOTAL CHECKOUTS

276,641 Books

75.3%

59,269 eBooks

16.2%

31,362 Audiobooks

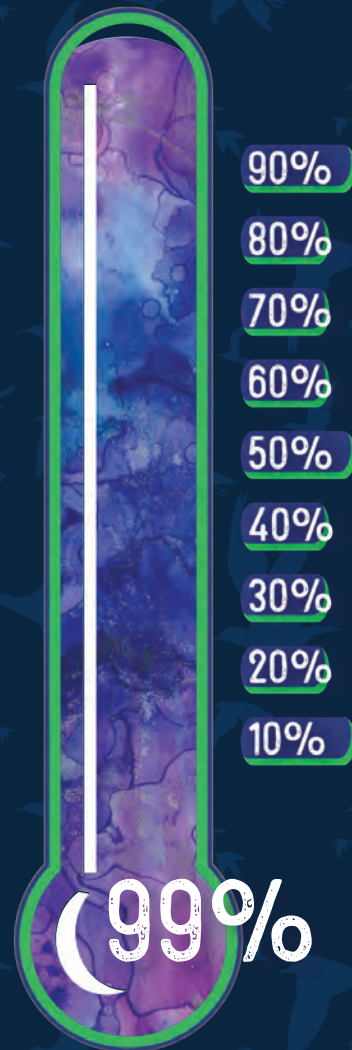
8.5%

Summer Reading figures from 6/1/20 – 8/31/20

SUMMER READING IS UNSTOPPABLE

With our community affected by the COVID-19 novel virus, our staff wanted to ensure this Summer Reading Challenge was something that all patrons could participate in. We're thrilled with the amazing level of engagement from our patrons.

Thanks to everyone who participated this year!



2,989,571 MINUTES READ

Our community goal this year was 3 MILLION minutes read. While we fell short by a little more than 10,000, this makes the most minutes we've EVER logged over the course of a Summer!

MOVIE MAGIC!
157,062

In addition to books, we also had thousands of Movies and TV Series checked out.



**DIGITAL
DEMAND**
40,250

Minutes of Digital Programming Watched

BY THE NUMBERS...

2,942

Patrons registered for our
2020 Summer Reading Challenge

Adults

864

Teens

196

Children

1,882



Special Features

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SCHOOL SUPPLY:

A LIBRARY CARD!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

You can use your LPSS Student ID Library Card to check out books, eBooks, audiobooks, games, Blu-rays, DVDs, and music CDs. Best of all, it's fine free! Access OverDrive, Flipster, Homework Louisiana, TeenBookCloud, Lynda.com, and more by visiting LafayettePublicLibrary.org/freestuff. Then use your card number and PIN to get started.

USE YOUR LPSS STUDENT ID NUMBER AS YOUR LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD!

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(*add zeros here in the middle to make a 14-digit sequence)

Your PIN is 1234.

Questions? Call 261-5787 or visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org/faq.

Online learning resources available 24/7

A circular graphic with the text "100 book club" in blue, set against a background of open books and green leaves.

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.

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Student Resource Centers

Today, many students are learning in new and different ways through homeschooling or distance learning. The Lafayette Public Library is dedicated to providing all students with safe and accommodating spaces in our new Student Resource Centers.

Student resource centers are now available at the South Regional, North Regional, East Regional, West Regional, and Main Libraries. These student-dedicated spaces can be used by middle school and high school students needing a place to attend class, study, or work on assignments in a quiet environment. Students can bring their own devices and reserve a space for two hours in the resource center, upon arrival at the library. Library staff will be on hand to provide technical help and assistance.

Students can also book a study room in advance or use free WiFi at any of our library branches. Please check with your local library to reserve a study space.

Lafayette Public Library Outreach

Lafayette Public Library's GoGo Biblio Bookmobile has transitioned to in-vehicle service at most of our stops. Patrons may browse a great selection of books and movies onboard or make requests for favorites to be delivered during the next visit. The route includes apartment complexes, grocery stores, downtown with the BiblioBike, and more across Lafayette Parish. For the complete schedule or to request a new stop, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org/outreach.





The Man Who Was Thursday

by G.K. Chesterton

Classics Book Club – November 5 Selection

A wild, mad, hilarious, and profoundly moving tale. It is very difficult to classify *The Man Who Was Thursday*. It is possible to say that it is a gripping adventure story of murderous criminals and brilliant policemen, but it was to be expected that the author of the Father Brown stories should tell a detective story like no one else. On this level, therefore, *The Man Who Was Thursday* succeeds superbly. If nothing else, it is a magnificent tour de force of suspense-writing. However, the reader will soon discover that it is much more than that.



Paris 1919 by Margaret MacMillan

History Book Club – December 8 Selection

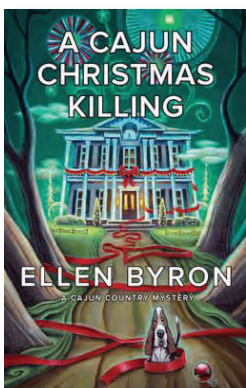
Between January and July 1919, after “the war to end all wars,” men and women from around the world converged on Paris to shape the peace. Center stage, for the first time in history, was an American president, Woodrow Wilson, who with his Fourteen Points seemed to promise to so many people the fulfillment of their dreams.

A Cajun Christmas Killing

by Ellen Byron

Mystery Book Club – December 15 Selection

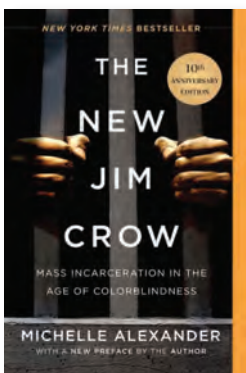
Maggie Crozat is back home in bayou country during the most magical time of the year. In Pelican, Louisiana, Christmastime is a season of giant bonfires on the levee, zydeco carols, and pots of gumbo. Except, this year, the Grinch has come to stay at the family-run Crozat Plantation B&B. When he floods travel websites with vicious reviews, Maggie thinks she’s identified him as rival businessman Donald Baxter. That is, until he’s found stabbed to death at Maggie’s workplace. And Maggie and her loved ones become top suspects.



A Sweet Mess by Jayci Lee

Romance Book Club – December 23 Selection

Bake a chance on love. Aubrey Choi loves living in her small town nestled in the foothills of California, running her highly successful bakery away from the watch of her strict Korean parents. When a cake mix-up and a harsh review threaten all of her hard work and her livelihood, she never thought the jaded food critic would turn out to be her one-night stand. And she sure as hell never thought she’d see her gorgeous Korean unicorn again. But when Landon Kim waltzes into her bakery trying to clean up the mess he had a huge hand in making, Aubrey is torn between throwing and hearing him out.



The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

Beyond Black History Month – November 24 Selection

In this incisive critique, former litigator-turned-legal-scholar Michelle Alexander provocatively argues that we have not ended racial castes in America: we have simply redesigned it. Alexander shows that, by targeting black men and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control, even as it formally adheres to the principle of color blindness. The New Jim Crow challenges the civil rights community--and all of us--to place mass incarceration at the forefront of a new movement for racial justice in America.

Book Clubs

We’re constantly adding new book clubs, and now, they are all virtual! 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.*

zoom

Classics Book Club

Thursdays, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Ages 14 & up

November 5

The Man Who Was Thursday by G.K. Chesterton

December 3

The Awakening and Other Stories by Kate Chopin

History Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 14 & up

November 10

Challenging the Pacific by Maud Fontenoy

December 8

Paris 1919 by Margaret MacMillan

Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 18 & up

November 17

River of Darkness by Rennie Airth

December 15

A Cajun Christmas Killing by Ellen Byron

Romance Book Club

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Ages 18 & up

November 18

Villette by Charlotte Bronte

December 23

A Sweet Mess by Jayci Lee

Beyond Black History Month Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

Ages 14 & up

November 24

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

December 29

The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson

Children’s Book Clubs

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.

November 3

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

November 10

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty Bard MacDonald

November 17

The Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

November 24

Katie Saves Thanksgiving by Fran Manushkin

December 1

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

December 8

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

December 15

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

December 22

December Dog by Ron Roy

December 29

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

My First Book Club



Ages 5–8

Join us as we read and discuss longer picture books and early-readers together. We’ll finish with a fun craft based on the book. Pick up a craft bag from the **Main Library** while supplies last, then follow along with the YouTube video. *Kids do not need to be reading on their own for this book club.*

December 16

Moosefoot by Margie Palatini

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.*

Decorative Birdhouse

Embellish a birdhouse with fall-themed items as unique, festive decor!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 1

North Regional Library Only

Family Memories Plaque

Create a unique plaque from a mason jar-shaped chipboard. Add your own family recipe to make a treasured memento.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 1

Rustic Wreaths

Make a rustic sunflower wreath using colorful fabric and jute-rope wreath form.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 8

Main Library Only

Turkey Nutcracker

Build and paint your very own turkey nutcracker! The Makerspace will provide parts and instructions for you to make this festive fellow at home.

Distribution begins Monday, November 9

Main Library Only

Beaded Bookmarks

Create your own beaded bookmark to use in your favorite book or give as a gift.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 15

Fabricadabra

Learn the "magic" of everyday sewing skills while working on different projects!

Oxford Shirt Aprons—Repurpose an oxford shirt to make an apron! *Shirt not provided.*

Distribution begins Sunday, November 15

Brocade Clutch—Use the brocade fabric provided to make a stylish clutch.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 13



Friday Trivia

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 off your favorite shows, movies, books, and more. Show off your knowledge by commenting or sharing your score on social media; then, tag your friends to challenge them! Recommended for teens and adults.

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Fridays: November–December

Tiny Toadstools

Create a cute, tiny toadstool mushroom using felting materials.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 22

Button Wreath Canvas Craft

Create cute holiday decor by adding colorful buttons and ribbon to a canvas panel.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 29

Needlepoint Ornament

Learn how to needlepoint a simple design for a Christmas ornament.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 6

North Regional Library Only

All Season Photo Wreath

Decorate a chipboard wreath with a cheery bow and vintage truck cutout. Add photos of family and pets to make this a year-round cherished decoration.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 6

Waterless Snowglobe

Put together your very own snowglobe! The Makerspace will provide parts and instructions for you to build and decorate at home.

Distribution begins Monday, December 14

Main Library Only

Acrylic Painting for Beginners

Learn the basics of acrylic painting and create an original work of art. We provide the canvas and paint, and you can follow along with our video instruction.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 20

East Regional and West Regional Libraries Only

Find more crafts, book clubs, activities, and more by visiting our calendar at lafayettela.libcal.com.

Proud of your work? Tag us on Twitter or Instagram @lafpublibrary.

Excel & Google Sheets Seminar **zoom** **Ages 18 & up**

Students will be introduced to Microsoft Excel and Google Sheets via Zoom.

Registration (online, in person or call (337) 981-1028) begins Monday, October 26.

Monday, November 2

1:00–2:00 PM

Virtual Needle Arts **zoom** **Ages 14 & up**

Do you have an interest in crochet, knitting, sewing, or other needle arts? Join us for a Zoom meetup where you can show off and discuss any current projects as well as get new ideas. *Visit our website, calendar of events, or Facebook for a link to join.*

Wednesdays: November 4 & 18; December 2 & 16

3:00 PM

Staying Connected (Virtually) **Teams** **Ages 18 & up**

Tiffany Williams from the LSU Ag Center will provide a variety of methods to stay connected while social distancing during the holidays. *Registration with a valid email address is required to receive a link to Microsoft Teams.*

Wednesday, November 11

5:00 PM

Virtual Trivia Night **zoom** **Ages 18 & up**

Join us for a Zoom-enabled trivia contest, in conjunction with the UL Lafayette library, that will plumb your knowledge in a wide variety of categories.

Wednesday, November 18

6:30–8:30 PM

Constellation Coasters

Ages 12 & up

Make a fun and easy DIY craft that can be used to identify constellations.

Tuesday, November 3

Snack Attack

Ages 12 & up

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

Wednesdays:

November 11

Apple Pie Fries

November 25

Fruit Cornucopia

December 9

Energy Bites

December 23

Peppermint Mug Cake

DIY Squishies Tutorial

Ages 12 & up

Learn to make your own squishies with poly foam, silicone molds, and fabric paint in this video tutorial!

Tuesday, November 17

Ugly Christmas Sweater

Ages 12 & up

Watch and learn how to create your very own ugly Christmas sweater using various supplies and a glue gun!

Tuesday, December 1

Felt Letter Board

Ages 12 & up

Use your words with this trendy and cute DIY felt letter board craft that will perfectly personalize any space.

Tuesday, December 15

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. Then, join us on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. for discussions on Zoom!

November 19

Sadie by Courtney Summers

December 17

10 Blind Dates by Ashley Elston

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!

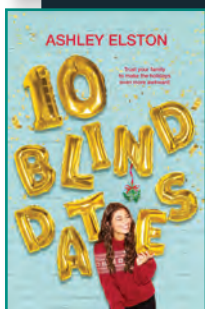
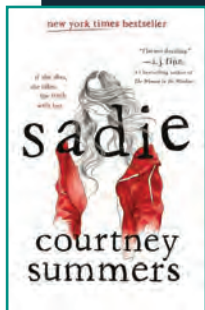
Thursdays: November 5 & December 3

Sadie by Courtney Summers

Sadie hasn't had an easy life. Growing up on her own, she's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated small town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. But when Mattie is found dead, Sadie's entire world crumbles. After a somewhat botched police investigation, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice and hits the road following a few meager clues to find him.

10 Blind Dates by Ashley Elston

Sophie wants one thing for Christmas—a little freedom from her overprotective parents. So when they decide to spend Christmas in South Louisiana with her very pregnant older sister, Sophie is looking forward to some much needed private (read: make-out) time with her long-term boyfriend, Griffin. Except it turns out that Griffin wants a little freedom from their relationship. Cue devastation.



Teen 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 ages 12–18. *Available while supplies last.*

Perler Art

Use various colored Perler beads to create a fun shape or image. Iron needed.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 1

Clothespin Lamp

Build a lamp out of glued clothespins and battery-operated fairy lights!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 8

Magazine Wall Art

Repurpose old magazines by turning them into silhouetted wall art!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 15

Castaway Charm Bottle

Create your own mini personalized message in a bottle!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 22

Beaded Morse Code

Create mini seed bead bracelets encoded with secret messages.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 6

Mini Yarn Hat

Make a mini hat ornament with colored yarn to use as a decoration or a gift.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 13

Bristle Bots

Practice your STEM skills by building the simplest form of a walking bot!

Distribution begins Sunday, December 20

New Year's Party Pack

Get New Year's ready with these party essentials perfect for teens.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 27

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.*

Owls

Create a cute, snowy owl craft.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 1

Turkey Puppet

Gobble, gobble, gobble your way into the holiday spirit!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 8

Mini Q-Tip Bow

Pick up the supplies to create your own mini Q-Tip bow and arrow.

Distribution begins Sunday, November 15

3D Pumpkins

Decorate for the holidays with this easy-to-assemble 3D pumpkin!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 22

Hibernating Bear

Pick up this cozy, ready-to-make craft and start creating!

Distribution begins Sunday, November 29

Gingerbread Man

Decorate your own gingerbread man with supplies provided.

Distribution begins Sunday, December 6

Snowman Craft

Create your own chilly snowman that will surely warm your winter heart!

Distribution begins Sunday, December 13

Rudolph Clothespins

Grab this homemade reindeer tree decoration kit!

Distribution begins Sunday, December 20

New Year's Eve Noise Makers

It's almost a new year. Let's ring in 2021 with some noise!

Distribution begins Sunday, December 27

Tinker Tuesday

Each week we will present a fun new opportunity to explore science concepts through hands-on activities. Age ranges vary depending on the week's activity. *Videos will be posted to YouTube and Facebook on the dates listed.*

Paper Plate Sundials

Learn to tell time using the sun! Make a sundial with stuff from home.

Tuesday, November 3

Candy Corn Catapults

Use unsharpened pencils, rubber bands, and a plastic spoon to launch candy corn or other small objects into the air.

Tuesday, November 10

Make Your Own Butter

Learn how to make butter using a few simple ingredients.

Tuesday, November 17

Little Scientists

Ages 3–5

Calling all little scientists! In this program, we'll explore the wonders of science with a themed story and an activity. *Registration with a valid email address is required to receive the Zoom link. Materials for the activity can be picked up from the Main Library beforehand.*

Tuesday, November 24 Colors

4:30–5:30 PM

Snacktime Engineering

With the help of toothpicks, turn your snacks into edible towers!

Tuesday, December 1

Pudding Playdough

Learn how to make taste-friendly playdough to engage your little ones in safe sensory play.

Tuesday, December 8

Santa Science

Ages 5–12

Ho ho ho! Join us in Santa's science lab for all kinds of fun, Christmas-themed experiments.

Tuesday, December 15

Faux Snow

We may not see any real snow this winter, but we can create our own with this simple recipe!

Tuesday, December 22

Glitter Gak

Make glittery gak that's festive for the holiday season!

Tuesday, December 29

We have book clubs for everyone! For our Children's Book Clubs, see page 5.

Check out My First Book Club or tune into our Youtube channel for To Be Continued, where we read the first few chapters of a story!





Digital Storytime

Don't miss our Digital Storytimes! Join us twice-weekly for songs, stories, and more!

Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

Wild Card Wednesday

Stay tuned for special activities or programs because Wednesdays are full of surprises! Age ranges vary depending on the week's activity. *Videos will be posted to YouTube and Facebook on the dates listed.*

No-Sew Fleece Fringed Scarf

Ages 8–12

Make yourself a warm, cuddly fleece scarf for the cold days ahead.

Wednesday, November 4

Doing a World of Good

Want to go to the zoo but can't right now? We are bringing the **Audubon Zoo** to you! Find out how the Audubon Nature Institute is helping animals at home and around the world! Virtually brought to you with support from the **New Orleans Pelicans**, sponsor of Wetland Express. *Registration with a valid email address is required to receive the Zoom link.*

Wednesday, November 11

3:15 PM

Lafayette Winter Wonderland

Ages 7–12

Learn how to make paper snowflakes and decorate your windows with them.

Wednesday, December 2

Teddy Bear Tea Party

Grab your teddy bear and join us for special books, crafts, and more!

Wednesday, December 9

A Grinchmas Celebration

Ages 3–12

The Grinch wants to read his book to all his Grinchy pals! Download your Grinch mask and tune in to celebrate!

Wednesday, December 16

Nailed It/Failed it: Holiday Snacks

Ages 7–12

Will you nail or fail these tasty holiday snacks?

Wednesday, December 23

Master Puppet Theater

Ages 5–12

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

Wednesday, December 30

Children's & Family Programs

Craft Challenge Thursday

Are you up for the challenge? Follow along with the weekly videos to complete your crafty creation then show us what you made in the comments of our weekly Facebook post for Craft Challenge Thursday. Recommended for ages 5–12. *Videos will be posted to YouTube and Facebook on the dates listed.*

No-Mess Pumpkin Art

Try this super simple color mixing activity with your young artists!

Thursday, November 5

Sock Puppets

Grab an old sock and make a new friend with stuff around the house.

Thursday, November 12

Scarecrow Magnets

Grab some popsicle sticks and a magnet to make this fall-themed refrigerator decoration!

Thursday, November 19

Salt Dough Ornaments

Mix, roll, and cut out some homemade ornaments for your tree!

Thursday, December 3

Pinecone Snowy Owls

Make your own snowy owl for winter time!

Thursday, December 10

Applesauce Cinnamon Ornaments

If you like the smell of cinnamon in the air, these are the perfect ornaments for you to make!

Thursday, December 17

Happy Noon Year!

It's New Year's Eve! Celebrate early and count down to 12:00 (pm) with us!

Thursday, December 31 11:30 AM

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.

Sunday, November 1	<i>Spaceships</i>
Sunday, November 8	<i>Farms</i>
Sunday, November 15	<i>Tallest Towers</i>
Sunday, November 22	<i>Food</i>
Sunday, November 29	<i>Robots</i>
Sunday, December 6	<i>Fort</i>
Sunday, December 13	<i>Boats</i>
Sunday, December 20	<i>Christmas</i>
Sunday, December 27	<i>Winter</i>



NOVEMBER 2020

Daily literacy-building

activities to share with your child.



LafayettePublicLibrary.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WRITING Create a list of things to do this month. Hang it up where everyone can see. Have your child check off items as they are completed.	2 PLAYING Go for a walk after dark. Pretend you are an explorer. Talk about what you see.	3 TALKING At the end of the day talk about everything that happened. What did you like best about today?	4 SINGING Have a family sing-along. Each person gets to pick a favorite song.	5 COUNTING Draw numbers 1-10 in big puffy letters. Help your child color in each one as you say each one.	6 READING Read a book that won the Caldecott Medal. The library will help you find one based on what your child likes.	7 WRITING  Write a message to someone important.
8 PLAYING Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. <i>I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with hat. Yes, a cat!</i>	9 TALKING In the morning talk about what you will do today. What are you especially excited to do?	10 SINGING Recite "Rub a Dub Dub." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> 	11 COUNTING Make cloud dough together. <i>(Follow the recipe on the back.)</i> 	12 READING Read a fiction and nonfiction book about fall. Your library has lots to choose from!	13 WRITING Draw your child's name in big puffy letters. Help them color in the letters as you say each one.	14 PLAYING Make a fort with sheets and furniture. Pretend you are sleeping there overnight. What will you bring? Read a book together in the fort.
15 TALKING Talk about fun things you like to do together as a family. 	16 SINGING Sing a favorite rhyming song. Stop at the end of a line and have your child fill in the word. <i>(See Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on the back.)</i>	17 COUNTING Name four things that begin with the first letter of your child's first name.	18 READING Snuggle together and read two favorite books and one new book you haven't read yet.	19 WRITING Scribble day! Have lots of papers, markers, crayons for your child to scribble and draw.	20 PLAYING Do the alphabet hop! Write letters on paper and place them on the floor. Hop from one to the next naming the letters.	21 TALKING Talk about opposites. Reach high to the sky and low to the ground. Take a big step and a little step.
22 SINGING Sing a song your toddler knows but stop and let your children fill in the blanks. "Row, row, row, your ____."	23 COUNTING See how many cotton balls you can fit into a variety of different-sized containers. <i>How many can fit in this cup? How many can fit in your pocket?</i>	24 READING Read a book about Thanksgiving. 	25 WRITING Make a book with your child. Draw letters and pictures to tell a story. Tape the pages together.	26 PLAYING Go for a morning walk. Walk slow. Walk fast. (Toddler pace). Repeat. 	27 TALKING Ask your child "What is your favorite toy?" Have a conversation about the answer.	28 SINGING March to a drum. Use any empty container as a drum, then play the drum and march to the tempo, going from slow to fast.
29 COUNTING Make a number path. Recite each number as your child walks the path.	30 READING Read a book about Winter. Talk about the seasons.					



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>6 READING Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.</p>	 <p>7 WRITING Write a message to someone important to you.</p>	<p>1 WRITING Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to?</p>	<p>2 PLAYING Make an indoor fort with sheets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.</p>	<p>3 TALKING Talk about family traditions you'll celebrate this month. Look at photos from previous years and talk about them.</p>	<p>4 SINGING Sing "Snowflakes, Snowflakes." (Words are on the back.) Give each family member a scarf and move the scarves to the beat of the song.</p>	<p>5 COUNTING Weigh your child and write it here. Compare it to the weight you wrote down in January.</p>
 <p>13 WRITING Draw shapes: a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle. Have your child color them in. Talk about shapes and point them out today.</p>	<p>14 PLAYING Play with a large empty box. What can you pretend to be and do?</p>	<p>8 PLAYING Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?</p> 	<p>9 TALKING Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?</p>	<p>10 SINGING Sing, "The Frost Song." (Words are on the back.)</p> 	<p>11 COUNTING Measure your child's height and write it here. Compare it to January and June.</p>	<p>12 READING Read a fiction and nonfiction book about winter. Your library has many to choose from!</p>
<p>19 WRITING Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.</p>	<p>15 TALKING At mealtimes, talk about the food you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, how it will taste.</p>	<p>16 SINGING Sing some favorite songs. Clap along to the singing.</p>	<p>17 COUNTING Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?</p>	<p>18 READING Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.</p>	<p>19 WRITING Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.</p>	<p>26 PLAYING Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?</p>
<p>20 PLAYING Use play dough or cloud dough to make a snowman.</p>	<p>21 TALKING Talk about the seasons. Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall.</p> 	<p>22 SINGING Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning." (Words are on the back.)</p>	<p>23 COUNTING Name three things that are white like snow.</p> 	<p>24 READING Draw the alphabet on strips of paper. Add the strips of paper to a container and have your child draw one. Make that the letter of the day.</p>	<p>25 WRITING Pick one color and only use that to cover a whole page with scribbles and pictures.</p>	
<p>27 TALKING Talk about favorite things that happened in 2020.</p>	<p>28 SINGING Make up a song using your child's name. Incorporate other family member names or pets into the song.</p>	<p>29 COUNTING It's Measure Your Feet Day. Line up your family's shoes or boots. Whose are the biggest? The smallest?</p>	<p>30 READING Snuggle together and read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.</p>	<p>31 WRITING With your child, write a list of things you plan to do in 2021.</p> 		

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