Join Lafayette Reads Together, a community-wide reading and learning experience centered around the book, *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream* by Joshua Davis, with the following programs.

- **Documentary:** *Underwater Dreams* (2014, 44 min, Not Rated)
- **LEGO Mindstorms Obstacle Course:** Build a robot that navigates the course.
  - Friday, March 4 4:00 – 5:30 PM
  - Main Library 261-5787
- **Robot Mask Craft:** Ages 5–12
  - Register at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.
  - Friday, March 11 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - South Regional Library 981-1028
- **ROVs in Real Life:**
  - Oceaneering International’s Leah Hebert will talk about the world of remotely operated vehicles.
  - Tuesday, March 8 6:30 – 7:15 PM
  - South Regional

**Discussion & Reception:** Join Lafayette Mayor-President Joel Robideaux, Lafayette Parish School Board Member Mary Morrison, United Way of Acadiana President/CEO Margaret Trahan and One Acadiana President & CEO Jason El Koubi in a discussion of *Spare Parts*. KRVS Development Director Judith Meriwether will moderate. A small reception with refreshments will follow the discussion.

**Thursday, March 17** 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Main Library 261-5787

**Louisiana Orphan Train Discussion**

**Thursday, March 3** 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- East Regional Library 445-3168

**Thursday, April 14** 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- North Regional Library 896-6323

**Interested in Quilting?**

Learn to quilt from the Quilters’ Guild Acadienne and then try it yourself!

Registration begins Monday, Feb. 22.

**Friday, March 4** 10:00 AM – noon
- North Regional Library 896-6323

**Tuesday, March 8** 10:00 AM – noon
- Main Library 261-5787

**Tweens: Ages 9-12**

**Thursday, March 31** 10:00 AM – noon
- South Regional Library 981-1028

**Mary Magdalene, the Da Vinci Code and History**

Southeastern La. University history professor, Dr. William Robison, will separate fact from fiction in the novel and movie, *The Da Vinci Code*.

**Wednesday, March 23** 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Main Library 981-1028

**National Quilting Day Celebration**

**Quilters’ Guild Acadienne Quilt Exhibit:**

Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum and the Lafayette Public Library present

**Saturday, March 12** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Sunday, March 13 1:30 – 4:00 PM

**Film Showing:** *Coton Jaune-Acadian Brown: A Cajun Love Story*

Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum
- *doors open at 1:30 PM*
- Sunday, March 13 2:00 – 3:00 PM
- 234-2208
Help make laundry detergent to donate to homeless clients of the Stella Maris Center.

March 1 – 31
Main Library  261-5787

Dracula Lives!
April marks 104 years since the death of author Bram Stoker. Learn more about him and the Dracula lore he inspired in this display of collectibles and memorabilia.

April 1 – 30
Main Library  261-5787

Creating a Vision Board
Create a multimedia collage, using our supplies and photos/trinkets you bring from home, that will inspire you to achieve your dreams. Registration begins Monday, March 14. Adults only, please.

Wednesday, March 30
1:30 – 3:30 PM
South Regional  981-1028

Winning with Stocks: An Intro to Fundamental Investing
BetterInvesting volunteers will present tools for beginners on finding winning stocks and building a high-quality, long-term portfolio.

Saturday, April 30
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028

Do You Hugel?
Learn how to make the ultimate raised garden bed, a hugelkultur, using woody debris as the base.

Thursday, March 17
6:00 – 7:00 PM
North Regional Library  896-6323

An Afternoon of Romantic Music
Enjoy this free concert performed by local classically trained singers and musicians.

Sunday, March 20
4:00 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028

COloring It’s Not Just for Kids!
No registration required. Adults only, please.

Wednesday: March 9, April 13, May 11
North Regional Library  896-6323

Thursday: March 10, April 14
East Regional Library  445-3168

Wednesday: March 16, April 20, May 18
South Regional Library  981-1028

L’Opéra de Lafayette et Logueppe

Dr. John T. Lemon and the Lafayette Public Library present

Amédé Ardoin, A Timeless Human Story
Former Louisiana Poet Laureate Darrell Bourque will pay homage to one of South Louisiana’s greatest ever accordion players. Musician Goldman Thibodeaux will accompany the talk.

Sunday, April 3
2:00 – 3:00 PM
Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum  234-2208
(doors open at 1:30 pm)

For more library programs and events, or to register, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org.
Register for any of our computer classes at LafayettePublicLibrary.org or call or visit the library location where the classes are to be held.

MARCH

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY 981-1028
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TEEN 3D SIGNATURE ART
Turn your signature into a 3D work of art.

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St. Paddy’s Day Treasure
Registration starts Monday, February 22.
Monday, March 7  4:30 – 5:15 PM
North Regional Library  896-6323
Tuesday, March 8  4:00 – 4:45 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168
Tuesday, March 8  4:30 – 5:15 PM
Main Library  261-5779
Friday, March 18  4:00 – 4:45 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028
Pick up Take It and Make It kits March 14 – 18 at the Butler, Chenier, Duson, Milton and Scott branches.

Gumdrop Engineering
Build with candy and toothpicks! Registration starts Monday, March 7.  Ages 7–12
Tuesday, March 22  4:30 – 5:15 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Edible Bunny Racecar
Create an edible racecar for a marshmallow bunny. Registration begins Monday, March 7.
Tuesday, March 29  3:00 – 3:45 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Cupcake Paper Flowers
Registration starts Monday, March 21.
Saturday, April 2  2:00 – 2:45 PM
Main Library  261-5779
Monday, April 11  4:30 – 5:15 PM
North Regional Library  896-6323
Wednesday, April 13  4:00 – 4:45 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168
Friday, April 15  4:00 – 4:45 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028
Pick up Take It and Make It kits April 11 – 15 at the Butler, Chenier, Duson, Milton and Scott branches.

Candy Lab
Registration begins Monday, March 14.
Friday, April 1  1:00 – 2:00 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028

Build Your Name
Registration starts Monday, March 7.  Ages 7–12
Tuesday, March 22  4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library  261-5779

Edible Bunny Racecar
Create an edible racecar for a marshmallow bunny. Registration begins Monday, March 7.
Tuesday, March 22  4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library  261-5779

Crafternoon!
Come play with us! We will open up the Craft Room for you to drop in and make some springtime crafts.
Tuesday, March 29  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library  261-5779

Pom-Pom Painting
Registration begins Monday, May 2.
Thursday, May 19  4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

See LafayettePublicLibrary.org for more crafts, LEGO Clubs and other programs, and to register.
STORY CASTLE/STORYTIME
Begin your child’s literacy education early with a star-studded lineup of storytelling, music, fingerplays and other educational activities. Ages 3–6.

BABY TIME is designed to introduce parents or caregivers and babies ages birth–18 months to nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays and early literacy.

PAJAMA PARTY Held on designated evenings at certain library locations. Children are encouraged to wear pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and enjoy night-time stories.

FRENCH STORYTIME Held on designated Saturdays at the Main Library. Come ready to enjoy stories en français, along with other French games and fun!

TODDLER TIME is an opportunity for children ages 18 months–3 years and their caregivers to partake in stories and pre-literacy activities.

KAPPA DELTA PI These special Saturday storytimes are hosted by this education honor society. Perfect for all ages!
Guess the Emoji Book Title
Sunday, March 6 – Saturday, March 12
East Regional, North Regional, South Regional, Main Library
How strong is your emoji game? Try our Teen Tech Week challenge!

Doctor Who: A Party in Time & Space
Saturday, March 12 1:00 – 3:00 PM South Regional
Celebrate the time-hopping madman in a box with crafts, games and food. Costumes welcome! Registration begins Monday, February 29.

Snack Attack Cooking
Wednesday, March 23 4:30 – 5:30 PM Main Library
Wednesday, April 13 4:30 – 5:30 PM Main Library
Create easy and delicious goodies! Register starting Monday, Feb. 29.

CREATE Video Lab
Monday, March 28 2:00 – 4:00 PM Main Library
Tuesday, March 29 12:30 – 2:00 PM South Regional
Make a video masterpiece and enter your creation into a statewide contest. Registration begins Monday, February 29.

Create a Custom Cork Board
Tuesday, March 29 4:00 – 5:00 PM East Regional
Embellish a basic cork tile to create a unique and stylish bulletin board. Registration begins Monday, March 14.

Teen Read and Feed
Wednesday, March 30 12:30 – 2:00 PM South Regional
Ruined by Paula Morris
Friday, May 13 5:00 – 6:30 PM South Regional
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven

Learn to Braid with Rachel!
Tuesday, April 12 6:00 – 7:30 PM East Regional
Bring a comb, a brush, and a friend or family member to practice with.

Poetry Creation Station
April 18 – April 22 East Regional and North Regional
Use magazines to create original poetry for National Poetry Month.

Teen Go Green With Recycled Crafts
Wednesday, April 13 6:00 – 7:30 PM East Regional
Celebrate Earth Day by re-purposing old magazines and calendars into unique coasters and envelopes. Registration begins Monday, March 28.

Teen Screen
Tuesday, March 1 4:00 – 6:00 PM East Regional
Everest (2015, PG-13, 121 min.)

Thursday, March 31 6:30 – 8:30 PM South Regional
Jurassic Park (1993, PG-13, 127 min.)

Friday, April 1 3:00 – 5:15 PM East Regional
Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation (2015, PG-13, 132 min.)

Thursday, April 7 6:30 – 8:30 PM South Regional
The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, PG-13, 128 min.)

Thursday, April 14 6:30 – 8:30 PM South Regional
Jurassic Park III (2001, PG-13, 92 min.)

Thursday, April 21 6:30 – 8:30 PM South Regional
Jurassic World (2015, PG-13, 124 min.)

Thursday, April 28 6:30 – 8:30 PM South Regional
Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation (2015, PG-13, 132 min.)

Friday, May 13 4:00 – 5:30 PM East Regional
Beetlejuice (1988, PG, 92 min.)

Evening with Teen Author Alys Arden
Thursday, May 5 7:00 – 8:00 PM Main Library
Spend an evening with Alys Arden, author of Casquette Girls, a haunting love letter to New Orleans. Her talk will follow the high school awards ceremony for the Writes of Spring Contest. Parents welcome!

Write of Spring Writing Contest
Entries Due: Thursday, March 24
Students in grades K – 12 can submit original pieces of short fiction, nonfiction, drama (high school only) or poetry in English or French. 7 – 12 graders must submit entries online at tinyurl.com/wos2016. Call 261-5779 or visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org for details and contest guidelines.

Register for teen programs @ LPLTeen.net.
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Lafayette Public Library System

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

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

BUTLER MEMORIAL BRANCH
309 Cora St., Lafayette
Phone 234-0363
Mon – Thurs  3:00 – 7:00
Friday  3:00 – 6:00

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

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
Mon – Thurs  9:00 – 9:00
Friday  9:00 – 7:00
Saturday  9:00 – 5:00
Sunday  12:00 – 6:00

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  10:00 – 7:00
Tuesday – Friday  8:00 – 5:00

SCOTT BRANCH
5808 W. Cameron St., Scott
Phone 232-9321
Monday  10:00 – 7:00
Tuesday – Friday  9:00 – 6:00

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

“Under a Southern Sky”
Paintings by Andrea Schellman
Exhibit Dates: January 8 - April 7, 2016
Main Library

“Lafayette and Acadiana in a Different Light”
Photography by Dr. Jay Culotta
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Paintings by Louise Guidry
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SAVETHE DATE
Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting
Friday, April 15, 2016
11:00 AM
City Club at River Ranch

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Hooray for Hollywood!
by Diana Nolan

In thinking about our Friend of the Year, movie titles kept running through our brains. After all, our Friend is such a QUIET MAN. It was almost a MISSION IMPOSSIBLE to get information to write this.

If RAIN MAN could talk about this presentation, he would say that having plenty of numbers was a very good thing! Our Friend was certainly no OUTLAW, as her dad could have been called JUDGE ROY BEAN. One of eight siblings, her parents believed in THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, as they named their four sons after the writers of the GODSPELL (The Gospels).

Although not a HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME, our Friend did graduate from there and moved on to graduate from the former USL in Education.

Our Friend met her husband, who was not BELIZAIRE THE CAJUN, but a Cajun nonetheless. Thus began AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER, and then, in normal course, a MEMBER OF THE WEDDING. In 1974, a child came along and BABY MAKES THREE.

Our Friend was not a BAD TEACHER, but was a teacher at Mire Elementary, then THE LIBRARIAN at Richard and Branch schools. Our friend's career lasted 29 years until her Retirement, and then it took 2 people to replace her. By the way, Baby is also a teacher in New Orleans.

Then Baby had a baby, the first grandchild on both sides of the family, and even though he is not a TEACHER'S PET, he is the apple of her eye. He even, on occasion, helps us sort at the warehouse.

In retirement, our friend is not a BOOK THIEF, but has a GIANT passion for reading, leading her to volunteer with the FRIENDS. Although she doesn't TRAVEL WITH MY AUNT, our Friend loves to travel and one of our Friend's goals is to visit all THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT's libraries.

Our Friend comes faithfully on Thursday to sort, and similar to TOY STORY, our Friend works mainly with the children's books. Sheriff Mike Neustrom helps us out with the moving of books for our sale by allowing his trustees to help us move from the warehouse to the Heymann Center, and our Friend is always there, too, helping with THE PRISONERS OF ZENDA.

It was written in BLACK OR WHITE that our Friend of the Year does not live in THE SECRET GARDEN, nor is she ANNE OF GREEN GABLES, but she is one of the nicest, sweetest people you would ever hope to meet.

She is married to Stephen and they have one daughter, Nicole. Their grandson, Alec, will be graduating from Stanford next year. Our Friend of the Year is Anne Credeur and I can think of no one more deserving.

Anne Credeur was named 2015-16 Friend of the Year at the Annual Friends of the Lafayette Public Library's Author Dinner at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette on October 8, 2015. The guest speaker was Louisiana author (and Lafayette resident) John François, award-winning author of six historical novels, including Carrier-of-Bones and Cajun Fire.
Perpetual
Sales Busy

Perpetual Book Sales at the Main Library and South Regional Library have been brisk this past year. Remember to check these shelves when visiting the libraries. The shelves at Main are located in the café by the front entrance. At South Regional, it is located next to the book return slot.

In addition to fiction published in the last three years, there are many non-fiction books, cookbooks and children’s books in the selections. The cost is only $1 for paperbacks, $3 for hardcovers and $1 for all children's books. During the summer, books from high school reading lists will be available at South Regional. Please support the Friends by purchasing books year round.

Book Sale News

In going through the history of the Friends, the following info was found:

“The Friends were completely in charge of the 1980 Book Sale held May 15–17 in the library meeting room. There was an extremely heavy rain (19 inches in some areas) that caused a weather emergency on May 16, so that the library had to be closed and the sale suffered somewhat, but eventually did bring in $2,500. By 1982, the Book Sale brought in $3,890. In 1983, the Silent Auction was established as a part of the sale. The proceeds for 1984 were $4,400, [and] that nearly doubled in 1986 [when the sale] reached $8,564. In 1989, the spring paperback sale and the November regular sale netted a total of $8,400. The sale dropped to $4,080 in 1990, but since then, keeps growing.”

Now our sale nets approximately $14,000 twice a year. This would not happen without the support of the public, both in donating books and attending our sales. And because of our success, we have donated $733,692.79 to the library over our existence of 36 years. So thank you for your support of our wonderful library system in Lafayette Parish.

Another Change in Donations

The Friends have acquired a new donation box, which is located at the Library Warehouse on 211 E. Pinhook Road (same location where we’ve been for the past few years). This means patrons may donate books during the workweek between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by placing them in the bin. Again, please remember that we are reselling these books, so we can only use them if they are “gently used.” We cannot accept magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias. Also, old (published before 2010) travel books, computer books and medical books cannot be accepted. We do accept DVDs, CDs and VHS tapes. Thank you for all your donations. We are kept busy year-round with sorting and categorizing the many books that come our way. We could not have the sales without all the donations that are given to the Friends.
And the Trophy Goes to... Not Us!

We came, we saw and we (almost) conquered. Yes, that infamous spelling trio of Dennis Sullivan, Dee Nolan and Flossie Turner again represented the Friends of the Library in the Lafayette Public Library Foundation’s Spell-a-bration. And again, we came up short of victory. We are great spellers and if enthusiasm were the key, we would win each time.

As in the past, the format was three heats of four teams each. We were in the second heat, successfully spelling words such as prosciutto, chutzpah and psaltery. (Where do they get those words?) In fact, there were so many words that the final two teams in our heat had to go to a lightning round, with only one player on each team spelling. We won the lightning round and headed for the final round against the winners from the two other heats. Things went well, with us correctly spelling words such as lecithin and aficionado until we got the word “caesural”. (Again, where do these words come from?)

So this year the fearless team placed third, but to quote the famous words, “Wait till next year.”

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of two former Friends board members and one great Friends volunteer.

Sue Roberts was on the board for many years and served one term as president. Dolores Owens was an original member of the Friends board who once served as secretary and, after retiring from the board, continued to write our newsletter. Both ladies also worked as Annies, sorting books and working the sale.

Another loss this year was Denis Venning, who worked in the Reference section for our book sales.

They will all be greatly missed.
Friends of the Library FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. How often are the book sales?
Our book sales are held twice a year, usually in March and in September. The next sale will be held March 17−19, with Friends Night on Wednesday, March 16. The Fall Sale is scheduled for September 15−17, with Friends Night on Wednesday, September 14.

2. What is Friends Night?
Current Friends members can shop the night before the sale opens to the general public. Members receive a postcard in the mail prior to the sale allowing them access on this night. People can also purchase memberships at the door.

3. How much do your books cost?
Books sold at our book sales are priced by the inch. Paperback books are 50 cents per inch and hardbacks are $1 per inch. Choice books are those that are published in the last two years or those that are considered special. These books, and Old and Unusual Books (those published more than 50 years ago) are twice the price: $1 for paperbacks and $2 for hardbacks. DVDs are $3 each, CDs are $2 and records (vinyl) are 50 cents each. Books on tape and CD are various prices, according to length.

4. Where do you get your books?
The Friends purchase discarded books from the library to sell. We also collect donated books from the public. Many people like to “recycle” their books by donating to the Friends. See the article on page 2 of this newsletter to learn more about how to donate books to the Friends.

5. What is the Silent Auction?
A number of special books are set aside and patrons are able to bid on these books. The Silent Auction usually takes place at South Regional Library in the weeks surrounding the book sales.