This year, Cox Communications presents a new community-wide initiative with the Lafayette Public Library and the Lafayette Parish School System, Lafayette Reads Together. This shared reading and learning experience centers around the same book, which this year is *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. This survivor’s tale is inspired by the real story of one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, who not only saved himself, but improved the quality of life for many. In the coming weeks, we will explore the cultural and social issues surrounding this story, through the following programs.

**Upcoming Library Closures**

- **Thursday, January 1** (New Year’s Day)
  - All locations closed.

- **Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King Day)
  - Butler branch open 9AM - 1PM.
  - All other locations closed.

- **Saturday, February 7** (parades)
  - North Regional closed all day.
  - Jefferson Street closes at 1PM.

- **Friday, February 13** (parades)
  - Jefferson Street closes at 5PM.

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- **Monday, February 16** (parades)
  - Jefferson Street closes at 5PM.

- **Tuesday, February 17** (Mardi Gras)
  - All locations closed.

**Documentary & Book Talk:**

Watch *Lost Boys of Sudan (2003, 87 min, Not Rated)*, then take part in a discussion of *A Long Walk to Water*.

- **Thursday, January 29**
  - Movie: 5:30, Talk: 7:00 PM
  - North Regional Library

- **Tuesday, February 10**
  - Movie: 6:00, Talk: 7:45 PM
  - South Regional Library

**African Cuisine & Culture:**

Nutritionist Tiffany Williams shows how to cook Kelewele (spicy fried plantains).

- **Wednesday, February 18**
  - 3:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

**Discussion & Reception:**

Join City-Parish President Joey Durel, City-Parish Dist. 3 Councilman Brandon Shilvin and Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce President Jason El Koubi in a discussion of *A Long Walk to Water*, followed by a small reception.

- **Monday, March 2** 6:00 PM
  - South Regional Library

**Photo Presentation:**

Photojournalist Eli Reed will discuss his experiences documenting the Lost Boys of Sudan.

- **Saturday, January 31**
  - 2:00 PM
  - South Regional (photos on display at South Regional Library and Jefferson Street Branch throughout January and February)

**Sudanese Pottery Craft:**

Make your own clay water pot or cow sculpture.

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The award-winning author will join us via Skype.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 24** 6:30 PM
  - South Regional

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Discover Genealogy
The Lafayette Genealogical Society presents “Genealogy 101,” a series of presentations for the research novice and expert alike. The group also holds monthly meetings with guest speakers. Both events are open to anyone interested in genealogy.

South Regional Library Meeting Room 981-1028
Genealogy 101 9:30 AM
January 3
February 7
Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM
January 15
February 19

Bayou State Book Talks
Meet authors, explore the writing process and discover new books in this series from the Center for Louisiana Studies.

South Regional Library 981-1028
Thursday, January 8 6:30 PM
W. Geoff Gjertson
Generating Hope: Stories of the BeauSoleil Louisiana Solar Home

Thursday, February 12 6:30 PM
Mary & Warren Perrin
Acadie, Then and Now

Injury Prevention Series
Tips and advice from local chiropractor Shawn Johnston.

North Regional Library 896-6323
Fall Prevention
Tuesday, January 13 5:30 - 6:30 PM
ACL Injury Prevention
Tuesday, February 10 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Eat Vegetarian with Elle Veg!
Join local health enthusiast Elle Veg for an introduction to vegetarian cooking, eating and meal planning. Sample a three course meal of vegetarian chili, salad and dessert! Register at LafayettePublicLibrary.org beginning Monday, December 29.

Tuesday, January 13 6:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Heartfelt Art Journaling
Create a scrapbook journal with special meaning. Supplies are provided, and you can bring your own mementos. Register online beginning Monday, January 12 at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

Thursday, February 5 1:00 – 2:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Gentle Yoga for Adults
Free classes taught by certified yoga instructors. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Register online beginning Monday, January 5 at LafayettePublicLibrary.org. Please register for each date you are interested in attending.

Mondays 6:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028
January 12, February 2, February 16
North Regional Library 896-6323
January 26, February 9, February 23

NRL Book Club Organizational Meeting
If you like to read and talk about books, share your thoughts about forming a new book club at the North Regional Library.

Wednesday, January 14 2:00 & 6:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Play Ball
Learn more about the history of African Americans in baseball with these programs.

South Regional Library
“African Americans in Baseball” Display February 1 – 28
Movie Showing  Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 PM
42: The Jackie Robinson Story (2013) 128 min, PG-13

Remembering Lafayette 1930 – 1955
with local author Ann Dobie
Presented by the Lafayette Public Library and Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum.

Sunday, February 1 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum
BEGINNERS CHESS INSTRUCTION

Designed for those who know very little or nothing about chess and wish to learn the rules of the game. Open to ages 12 and up. Register at LafayettePublicLibrary.org beginning Monday, December 29.

Wednesday, January 7  6:00 - 7:30 PM
South Regional Library

SPARK LAB CLASSES ARE BACK!

Create in our SPARK Lab! Classes are open to adults, teens and children ages 9 and up. Look for upcoming classes at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

SPARK LAB

TECH TUESDAYS

eDevice Help Session

Learn how to use those new techie gifts you got in December!

South Regional Library  Jan. 6, Feb. 3  981-1028
Jefferson Street Branch  Jan. 13, Feb. 10  261-5787
North Regional Library  Jan. 20, Feb. 24  896-6323

Register for any of our computer classes at LafayettePublicLibrary.org or call or visit the library location where the classes are to be held.

JANUARY

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  981-1028
Registration begins Monday, December 29 at 9:00 AM.

Basic Computing  January 6 & 8  1:00 – 3:00 PM
Word Processing  January 13 & 15  1:00 – 3:00 PM
iPad Basics  January 20  9:30 – 11:30 AM
Resumes in Word  January 20  1:00 – 3:00 PM
HTML for Teens  January 22  6:00 – 8:00 PM
PowerPoint  January 27  1:00 – 2:00 PM

MILTON BRANCH  856-5261
Registration begins Monday, December 29 at 10:30 AM.

Basic Computing  January 12 & 14  10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Powerpoint  January 21  10:30 – 11:30 AM
Spreadsheets  January 26 & 28  10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  896-6323
Registration begins Monday, December 29 at 9:00 AM.

iPad Basics  January 8  2:00 – 4:00 PM

FEBRUARY

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  981-1028
Registration begins Monday, January 26 at 9:00 AM.

Basic Computing  February 3 & 5  1:00 – 3:00 PM
Word Processing  February 10 & 12  1:00 – 3:00 PM
iPad Basics  February 24  9:30 – 11:30 AM
Spreadsheets  February 24 & 26  1:00 – 3:00 PM

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  896-6323
Registration begins Monday, January 26 at 9:00 AM.

Basic Computing  February 4  2:00 - 5:00 PM
Basic Internet  February 11  2:00 - 5:00 PM

Create in our SPARK Lab!
Interactive storytelling and yoga for kids. Register at LafayettePublicLibrary.org beginning Monday, January 5.

**Dolphin Tale 2 (2014)**
107 min, PG
Monday, January 5  2:00 PM

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2014)**
101 min, PG-13*
Friday, February 20  2:00 pm
* Please note the rating on this movie. By taking their children to this showing, parents take responsibility for the content of the movie.

**Lego Club**
Ages 7 & up
Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

- **North Regional Library**
  896-6323
  Saturday, January 24  2:00 - 3:00 PM
  Registration begins Saturday, January 17.
  Saturday, February 21  2:00 - 3:00 PM
  Registration begins Saturday, February 14.

- **Youngsville Branch**
  856-9385
  Monday, January 26  4:00 - 5:00 PM
  Registration begins Monday, January 19.
  Monday, February 23  4:00 - 5:00 PM
  Registration begins Monday, February 16.

A Moving-Tale Presentation of **THE SHARK GOD**
Ages 5-12
Interactive storytelling and yoga for kids. Register at LafayettePublicLibrary.org beginning Monday, January 5.

- **North Regional Library**
  896-6323
  Tuesday, January 20  4:00 PM

- **South Regional Library**
  981-1028
  Tuesday, January 27  4:00 PM

**Family Puppet Theater**
Ages 5-12
Join us as the North Regional Library Teen Performance Troupe presents a classic tale retold for the ages.

- **North Regional Library**
  896-6323
  Thursday, February 19  1:30 PM
FUN-tastic Art
North Regional Library
Ages 7-12
896-6323
Tuesday, January 13
Registration begins Monday, January 5.
Tuesday, February 10
Registration begins Monday, February 2.

Terra Cotta Snowmen
South Regional Library
Storytime Room
Friday, January 16
Registration begins Friday, January 2.

Valentine HEART DUDE
Registration begins Tuesday, January 20.

Ages 7-12

Chinese Goldfish Kite
Registration begins Tuesday, January 6.

Take It and Make It Craft
Pick up a kit for this craft, while supplies last, during the week of January 26 - 30 at the following library locations: Broussard, Butler, Chenier, Duson, Jefferson Street and Scott.

PAPER JESTER HAT
South Regional Library
Storytime Room
Ages 3-12
896-6323
4:00 PM
Friday, February 13
Registration begins Monday, February 2.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for most library crafts.
Go to LafayettePublicLibrary.org.
Storytime Calendar
January/February

**Broussard Branch**
**Storytime: 10:00 AM**
January: 13, 27
February: 10, 24

**Chenier Branch**
**Storytime: 10:00 AM**
January: 5, 12, 26
February: 2, 9, 23

**Duson Branch**
**Storytime: 10:00 AM**
January: 8, 15, 22, 29
February: 5, 12, 26

**Jefferson Street Branch**
**Story Castle: 10:30 am**
January: 6, 13, 20, 27
February: 3, 10, 24

**Milton Branch**
**Storytime: 10:30 AM**
January: 8, 15, 22, 29
February: 5, 12, 26

**North Regional Library**
**Storytime: 10:30 am**
January: 7, 14, 21, 28
February: 4, 11, 25

**South Regional Library**
**Baby Time: 9:30 AM**
January: 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
February: 3, 4, 10, 11, 24, 25

**Storytime: 10:30 AM**
January: 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
February: 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 25, 26

**Bedtime Stories: 6:00 PM**
January: 7, 14, 21, 28
February: 4, 11, 25

**Pajama Party: 6:30 PM**
January: 8, **15**, 22
February: **5**, 12, 19, 26

**Youngsville Branch**
**Storytime: 9:30 AM**
January: 8, 15, 22, 29
February: 5, 12, 26

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**Saturday Storytime**
**En Français**
**South Regional: 11:00 AM**
January: 24
February: 28

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**STORY CASTLE** 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 mothers, fathers, or caregivers and babies ages 9-18 months to nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and early literacy information.

**BEDTIME STORIES** Held on designated Wednesdays at 6:00 PM at the South Regional Library. This program is a night-time version of Family Storytime. No preregistration required.

**PAJAMA PARTY** Held on designated Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the South Regional Library. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas and enjoy some night-time stories.

**STORYTIME** is a special time for families to enjoy stories together. Check out the various programs at the different library locations listed in this calendar. Ages 3–6.

Dates in **red** are in French.
Gaming @ Your Library
Saturday, January 10  3:00 – 4:30 pm  South Regional
Wednesday, January 21  4:00 – 5:30 pm  Jefferson Street
Wednesday, February 18  2:00 – 3:30 pm  Jefferson Street
Thursday, February 19  2:00 – 3:30 pm  South Regional
Battle with the best in a Super Smash Bros. brawl or bring board and card games from home! Registration begins December 31 for the January dates and January 30 for the February dates.

Teen Advisory Board
South Regional
Saturday, January 10  1:00 – 2:30 pm
Saturday, February 14  2:00 – 4:00 pm
Help us plan teen programs, book selections and other resources. Registration begins December 31 for the January date and January 30 for the February date.

Brownie in a Mug
Thursday, January 15  4:00 – 5:00 pm  North Regional
Wednesday, February 11  4:00 – 5:00 pm  Jefferson Street
Thursday, February 19  11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  South Regional
Create the easiest single-serving brownie ever! Registration starts Jan. 3.

HTML Coding for Teens
Thursday, January 22  6:00 – 8:00 PM  South Regional
Learn basic HTML web page coding. Registration begins December 29.

ACT Practice Test
Saturday, January 31  9:30 AM – 1:30 PM  South Regional
Saturday, February 14  12:30 – 4:30 PM  North Regional
Take an ACT practice test in a fully-proctored test-like environment. This practice test is sponsored by Kaplan, who will provide teens with a comprehensive analysis detailing individual strengths and weaknesses via email following the test. Registration begins January 2 for the South Regional Library test and January 16 for the North Regional Library test.

Teen Performance Troupe
North Regional
Rehearsal:
Thursday, January 22  12:00 – 2:00 PM
Rehearsal & Performance:
Thursday, February 19  12:00 – 2:00 PM
Teen volunteers are needed for voice actors, puppeteers and behind-the-scenes help for puppet shows for families and children. Registration begins January 5.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!
North Regional
Thursday, February 12  4:00 – 5:00 pm
2015 is the Year of the Goat! Celebrate with an origami craft and food! Registration begins February 2.
Happy New Year

**Lafayette Public Libraries**

**Jefferson Street Branch**
- 538 Jefferson St., Downtown
- Phone: 261-5787
- Mon – Thurs: 8:30 – 6:30
- Friday: 8:30 – 6:00
- Saturday: 10:00 – 4:00
- Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00

**BrooUSSARD Branch**
- 100 W. Main St.
- Phone: 837-3936
- Monday: 10:00 – 7:00
- Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 – 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
- 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
- Phone: 873-3521
- Monday – Friday: 9:00 – 6:00

**Milton Branch**
- 108 W. Milton Ave.
- Phone: 856-5261
- Monday: 10:00 – 7:00
- Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 – 5:00

**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.
- Phone: 981-1028
- Mon – Thurs: 9:00 – 9:00
- Friday: 9:00 – 7:00
- Saturday: 9:00 – 5:00
- Sunday: 12:00 – 6:00

**Youngsville Branch**
- 506 Lafayette St.
- Phone: 856-9385
- Monday: 10:00 – 7:00
- Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 – 6:00

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**South Regional Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club**

- 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM
- January 13
- A Case of Conscience by James Blish
- February 10
- The Martian by Andy Weir

**South Regional Sleuths Mystery Book Club**

- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 PM
- January 20
- Dante’s Wood by Lynn Raimondo
- February 24*
- Vanishing Act by Thomas Perry

*Due to Mardi Gras, SRL Sleuths will meet on the 4th Tuesday of February.

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**“My Photographic Journal”**

Photography by Barbara L. Kincannon
Exhibit Dates: November 19, 2014 - January 6, 2015
Galerie Lafayette

**“Point of View”**

Paintings by Andrea Schellman
Exhibit Dates: January 8 - February 24
Galerie Lafayette

Galerie Lafayette is located in the Jefferson Street Branch at 538 Jefferson Street. For more information, Call 261-5787.