LAFFAYETTE READS TOGETHER is a community-wide reading experience from the Lafayette Public Library, the Lafayette Parish School System and many local organizations. This year’s selected novel is *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. We hope that you will take part by reading, discussing and sharing this story in our community. Join us for one or more of these LRT-related programs:

**The Crossover: Book Discussion**
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  - Main Library
  - **6:30 – 7:30 PM**
  - 261-5778

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Ages 12–18
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- **Tuesday, March 6**
  - Main Library
  - **4:30 – 6:00 PM**
  - 261-5778

**LRT Film Screening**
*More Than a Game* (PG, 2008, 105 minutes)
Follow future NBA superstar LeBron James and his teammates as they dominate Ohio youth basketball.

- **Tuesday, March 6**
  - East Regional Library
  - **6:00 – 7:45 PM**
  - 445-3168

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Students in grades K–12 can submit original pieces of short fiction, nonfiction, drama (high school only) or poetry in English or French. 7th–12th graders must submit entries with online form. Visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org for more information and submission guidelines.

*All entries due Thursday, March 29, 2018.*

**WRITE OF SPRING WRITING CONTEST**

Celebrate the rich universe of Star Wars with various games, activities, trivia and fun. Wear your best costume or make one with us. May the Force be with you!

- **Friday, May 4**
  - Main Library
  - **3:30 – 5:00 PM**
  - 261-5787

**Revenge of the 5th**
Calling all rebels and Sith lords! Join us for a fun-filled day of Star Wars-themed crafts and activities for the whole family.

- **Saturday, May 5**
  - North Regional Library
  - **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**
  - 896-6323
All Ages
Celebrate the maker movement with us at the Lafayette Science Museum. Make a 3D design, bristlebot or whirlibird. Learn how to solder, repair a bicycle or patent a new idea. Get inspired by hanging out with craftspeople, tech enthusiasts, gardeners and knitters.

Saturday, March 24
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lafayette Science Museum
261-5779

Notes from the Library Director
I love library trivia and statistics. Even though the new year is up and running, we are still reviewing 2017. So let’s have a little fun. Let’s see how much you know about the library system and library materials. Can you answer the questions below? The answers can be found hidden inside this issue of BookTalk.

Q1. How many items did patrons check out from the library system (not including items that were renewed) in 2017?
Q2. What was the most popular e-book title checked out in 2017?
Q3. How many people signed up for a library card for the first time to check out items in 2017?
Q4. Do we check out more adult books or children’s books? (Place your bets now.)
Q5. There is an item in our collection that has the record for the number of times checked out. Can you guess what type of item it is; what the title is; and how many times it has been circulated? (Good luck with this one!)
Q6. How much money did the library spend on books last year, and how many books did we buy?
Q7. Which library location is the busiest in terms of items checked out?
Q8. Did you use the library last year?

— Teresa Elberson

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Board Game Basement
Ages 15 & up
Saunter down to the basement to enjoy board games and tabletop gaming. Feel free to bring your own board games. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesdays 5:30 – 8:30 PM
March 7, 21; April 4, 18; May 2, 16
Thursdays 5:30 – 8:30 PM
March 8, 22; April 5, 19; May 3, 17
Main Library 261-5787
Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00 PM
March 13; April 10; May 15
South Regional Library 981-1028

COLORING
It’s Not Just for Kids!
Adults everywhere are rediscovering coloring as a way to reduce stress and have fun! Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesdays 1:30 – 2:30 PM
March 14; April 11; May 9
North Regional Library 896-6323

Satuday Morning Retro Cartoons
Bring your family to the East Regional Library for breakfast and a selection of classic Saturday morning cartoons from the ’80s, ’90s and beyond! Be sure to bring pillows, blankets and wear your PJs.

Saturday, April 14 10:30 AM – noon
East Regional Library 445-3168

Get Out and Fish!
Join us for a fun fishing event for all ages. Southside Regional Park will be stocked with 600 lbs. of adult-sized channel catfish! Bring a fishing pole and bait. For more information about this event, visit www.wlf.la.gov/get-out-and-fish-1.

Saturday, April 7 6:30 AM – noon
Southside Regional Park 445-3168
(next to East Regional Library)
Elegant Eggs in a Nest
Create your own nest of book-decouped Easter eggs with ribbons, glitter and more! Registration begins Monday, February 19.

Tuesday, March 6
1:30 – 3:30 pm
Main Library

Handmade Hershey Roses
Give the best Mother’s Day gift of all: handmade roses! Learn to craft lovely roses using Hershey’s Kisses and craft supplies. Registration begins Monday, April 23.

Wednesday, May 9
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Main Library

Design-It-Yourself!
Celebrate March as Women’s History Month by creating an expressive painting using acrylic paints and clear contact paper masking. Registration begins Monday, February 26.

Thursday, March 8
2:00 – 4:00 pm
East Regional Library

DNA Bootcamp
How DNA Helps Find Pathways to Your Acadian and Native American Ancestry
Learn about types of DNA tests as well as the tools and techniques that help with genealogy questions. Presented by Marie Rundquist and Deandra Doucet Bourke of the Acadian Amerindian Ancestry DNA Project.

Saturday, March 10
9:30 am – 1:00 pm
South Regional Library

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

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
March 13: John Laudun – The Amazing Crawfish Boat
April 10: Dennis Ward – Mademoiselle Gigi and Madame Gigi
Main Library

Creative in the Kitchen: Cooking with Herbs
Learn how to add tons of flavor to your favorite recipes without the extra calories. Herbalist and Master Gardener Lanier Cordell.

Tuesday, March 13
6:00 – 7:00 pm
North Regional Library

Mini Easter Baskets
Turn garden peat pots into charming baskets and plastic eggs into extraordinary speckled ones. Registration begins Monday, February 26.

Chenier Branch
Main Library
South Regional
East Regional
North Regional

Robert Dafford – Master Muralist
Prominent mural artist Robert Dafford will be talking about his career in murals and the stories behind them. Seating is limited and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, March 18
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum
(doors open at 1:30 pm)

CBD & Essential Oils 101
Learn from Charles Kountz of Aromatic Infusions how therapeutic grade essential oils can be used to support wellness.

Tuesday, March 20
6:00 – 7:00 pm
East Regional Library

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

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Fabulous Fermented Foods!

Taught by microbiologist Kaitlynn Fenley of Cultured Guru, you will learn to create nourishing, probiotic-rich, fermented foods.

Saturday, March 24  3:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Make a Terrarium

Get your hands dirty and celebrate Earth Day 2018 by creating a mini-ecosystem.
Registration begins Monday, March 26.

Thursday, April 19  1:00 – 2:30 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Saturday, April 21  10:30 am – noon
North Regional Library  896-6323

Tissue Paper Flowers

Use tissue paper and pipe cleaners to create a colorful floral arrangement.
Registration begins Monday, April 23.

Monday, May 14  1:00 – 3:00 PM
Chenier Branch  291-2941

A Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
on the 50th Anniversary of his Assassination

Dr. Michael Martin, Director of the Center for Louisiana Studies at UL Lafayette, will discuss local reactions to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Wednesday, April 4  6:30 – 7:30 PM
Main Library  261-5787

Mexican Snacks

Want to learn about some of the most popular Mexican snacks? The owners of the Crazy Oasis will show you! You will also learn how to make a snack or two at home.

Sunday, April 8  2:00 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028

EXPRESS YOURSELF! BLACKOUT POETRY

Transform printed materials, such as newspapers, books and more, into original poetry and artwork as we celebrate National Poetry Month.

Wednesday, April 11  6:00 – 8:00 PM
Main Library  261-5787

Make a Wooden Spring Plaque

Registration begins Monday, March 26.

Monday, April 9  1:00 – 3:00 PM
Chenier Branch  291-2941

Tuesday, April 10  1:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library  261-5787

Wednesday, April 18  2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028

Tuesday, April 24  2:00 – 4:00 PM
North Regional Library  896-6323

Thursday, April 26  2:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

PINE NEEDLE BASKETRY

Learn the ancient art of pine needle basket making. Taught by Kim Hollier, Louisiana State Arboretum naturalist. All materials supplied.
Registration begins Monday, May 8.

Wednesday, May 23  1:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

More library programs and events are added each day. Dates and times can change after the printing of this newsletter. For the most up-to-date program information, or to register, please visit our website at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.
Computer Classes

March
Registration begins Monday, February 19.

**SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY** 981-1028
- Basic Computing  March 5 & 7  9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Intro to Word  March 12 & 14  9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Intro to Excel  March 26 & 28  9:30 – 11:30 AM

**MAIN LIBRARY** 261-5787
- Basic Computing  March 13 & 15  2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Basic Internet  March 27 & 29  2:00 – 4:00 PM

**NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY** 896-6323
- Online Security Basics  March 28  3:00 – 5:00 PM

**CHENIER BRANCH** 291-2941
- Intro to Excel  March 14  2:00 – 4:00 PM

April
Registration begins Monday, March 12.

**SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY** 981-1028
- Basic Computing  April 2 & 4  9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Intro to PowerPoint  April 16  9:30 – 11:00 AM
- Intro to Excel  April 23 & 25  9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Google Docs  April 30  9:30 – 11:00 AM

**EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY** 445-3168
- Basic Computing  April 2 & 4  2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Intro to PowerPoint  April 16  2:00 – 3:30 PM
- Intro to Excel  April 23 & 25  2:00 – 4:00 PM

**MAIN LIBRARY** 261-5787
- Intro to PowerPoint  April 10  2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Intro to Excel  April 12  2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Intro to Google Docs  April 24  2:00 – 4:00 PM

**CHENIER BRANCH** 291-2941
- Intro to Google Docs  April 11  2:00 – 4:00 PM

**NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY** 896-6323
- Intro to Excel  April 25  3:00 – 5:00 PM

(A5.) One DVD of “Notting Hill” has recorded 560 checkouts! (Have you seen it?)

May
Registration begins Monday, April 23.

**SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY** 981-1028
- Basic Computing  May 7 & 9  9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Intro to Word  May 14 & 16  9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Intro to Excel  May 21 & 23  9:30 – 11:30 AM

**MAIN LIBRARY** 261-5787
- Basic Computing  May 8 & 10  2:00 – 4:00 PM
- Basic Internet  May 22 & 24  2:00 – 4:00 PM

**CHENIER BRANCH** 291-2941
- Intro to PowerPoint  May 9  2:00 – 4:00 PM

**NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY** 896-6323
- Intro to PowerPoint  May 23  3:00 – 5:00 PM

We offer a full set of courses to instruct participants in the use of various computer skills. Register online at LafayettePublicLibrary.org or by phone!

**UPL Coding Club**
Meet up with other young people who like computers and are interested to learn more about different programming languages! Ages 7 – 17. Registration begins Monday, February 26.

- Tuesdays: March 20; May 1  4:30 – 6:00 PM
- East Regional Library  445-3168
- Tuesday, April 17  4:30 – 6:00 PM
- Chenier Branch  291-2941

**Homework Hangout**
Get homework assistance using library resources. Open to Ages 7 – 18.

- Tuesdays: March 13, 27; April 10, 24  4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Chenier Branch  291-2941

**Tech Assistance**
Drop in for one-on-one help with your mobile device or learn how to access the library’s collection of eBooks, audiobooks and magazines! No registration required.

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- East Regional Library  445-3168
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- Main Library  261-5787

**Chess Club**
A chance to practice your chess moves on others. All playing levels (including beginners) welcome. Ages 8 and up.

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**Homeschool Hangout**
An afternoon of learning stations for Homeschooling Families revolving around different themes! Ages 5 – 12.

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- April: Polar Exploration
- Wednesdays: March 28; May 23  9:30 – 11:30 AM
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Did you know that you can get free homework help online with your library card? Visit homeworkla.org for online tutoring 24/7!
Makerspace Open Access
Work on your own projects independently. All Ages.

Main Library 261-5787
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 12:30 – 7:30 PM
Saturdays 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
March 17; April 14; May 12

South Regional Library 981-1028
Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Thursdays 3:00 – 6:00 PM
March 1, 15; April 12, 26; May 10, 24

Garbage Bag Easter Wreath
Make a pretty wreath for Easter out of colorful garbage bags. Registration begins Monday, February 19.

Friday, March 16 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Main Library 261-5787

Stop Motion Animation Workshop
Bring objects to life through the magic of animation! We’ll work in teams to storyboard, film and edit original stories. Afterwards, family members will be invited to join us for popcorn and a film screening! Ages 8 – 12. Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Tuesday, April 3 2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

3D Printing 101
Learn the basics of creating and printing on our 3D printers using Tinkercad. Ages 9 and up. Registration begins Monday, February 26.

Tuesdays: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
March 6; April 3, 17; May 1, 15
South Regional Library 981-1028

Laser Cut Crawfish

Friday, April 6 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Faux Stained Glass Craft
Create an amazing faux stained glass sun catcher using epoxy resin, pigment, and a laser cut wooden design. Come back another day to pick up your own dried creation. Registration begins Monday, April 9.

Friday, April 20 10:30 – 12:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Mother’s Day Clay Leaf Bowls
Make a small bowl with a leaf print out of air-dry clay for your very deserving mama. All Ages. Registration begins Monday, April 23.

Friday, May 4 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Needle Arts Club
Do you have an interest in crocheting, knitting, sewing or other needle arts? Bring your own project and get new ideas. All skill levels welcome! No registration required.

Thursdays: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

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Main Library 261-5787

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26*
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

*This date is for the East Regional Library only.

(A2.) The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. (Did you read it?)
**Golden Age of Mysteries**

Main Library
This group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

- **March 21**
  - Crime at Black Dudley by Margery Allingham

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  - Detection Unlimited by Georgette Heyer

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**Books & Bites:**

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This group meets one Monday each month at 5:30 pm.

- **March 5**
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- **April 9**
  - Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

- **May 7**
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**BOOK CLUBS**

**East Regional Library**
This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm.

- **March 27**
  - The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

- **April 24**
  - Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn

- **May 22**
  - My Sister’s Keeper by Jodi Picoult

**South Regional Library**
This group meets these Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm.

- **March 1**
  - The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene

- **April 5**
  - A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole

- **May 3**
  - Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Rice Burroughs

**Scott Branch**

- **March 14; April 11**
  - Wednesdays: March 14; April 11

**North Regional Library**
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**Mystery**

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- **March 27**
  - A Thief of Time by Tony Hillerman

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  - House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz

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- **April 3**
  - Thursday, April 3

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(A6.) We spent just over $400,000 on books and bought over 33,000 books for the system! Our average price was $12.06 per item. We spent $145,600 for eBooks, but only purchased about 4,800 since the average price of an eBook is higher at $30.34 per item.
Read Across America

**All Ages**

Read Across America is making a stop at the Main Library! Join the Cat in the Hat for stories, crafts and cake. Sponsored by the Lafayette Association of Educators.

**Saturday, March 3 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Main Library 261-5779**

**American Girl Club**

**Ages 7–12**

Meet a new American Girl each month and enjoy activities based on her interests. Dolls welcome! (American Girl or other)

*Registration begins Monday, February 19.*

**Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30 pm**

March 6: Kitt Kittredge
April 10: Rebecca Rubin
May 8: Grace Thomas

South Regional Library 981-1028

**French Fun Day**

**Ages 5–12**

Join us for workshops, activities and special guests presented en français.

*Registration begins Monday, February 26.*

**Saturdays 10:30 – 11:30 AM**

March 17: Land Art with Julina Castellas
April 21: Culinary Critique with Kelon George “The Youngest Food Critic in Town”

Main Library 261-5779

**It’s an Elephant and Piggie Party!**

Celebrate all that is great about the awesome Mo Willems’ books! Come play games, hear stories, snack and much more.

*Registration begins Monday, March 12.*

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

**Pixelate It!**

**Ages 7–12**

Challenge your child to design and build a video game using our hands-on Bloxels boards.

**Registration begins Monday, February 19.**

**Tuesday, March 6 4:30 – 6:00 PM Main Library 261-5779**

**Thursday, March 22 4:30 – 6:00 PM East Regional Library 445-3168**

**Wednesday, April 11 4:30 – 5:30 PM South Regional Library 981-1028**

**Marshmallow Engineering**

**Ages 5–12**

Construct towers and whatever else you can dream up using marshmallows and toothpicks.

*Registration begins Monday, February 26.*

**Wednesday, March 14 4:30 – 5:30 PM East Regional Library 445-3168**

**Spanish Language Family Night**

**All Ages**

Calling all families! Come to a bilingual storytime and enjoy crafts, snacks and other activities en español.

**Thursday, March 29 6:30 – 7:30 PM Main Library 261-5779**

**Tape Town**

**Ages 2–5**

Zoom down the roads of Tape Town and make stops at the car wash, post office, bakery and more! Please bring a small toy car to participate.

*Registration begins Monday, February 26.*

**Friday, March 16 10:30 – 11:30 AM South Regional Library 981-1028**

**Hot Wheels Speedway**

**Ages 5–12**

Join us for creative play and use tracks, ramps and loops to create the ultimate Hot Wheels race car experience!

*Registration begins Monday, March 12.*

**Tuesday, April 3 2:00 – 3:00 PM North Regional 896-6323**

More library programs and events are added each day. Dates and times can change after the printing of this newsletter.

For the most up-to-date program information, or to register, please visit our website at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.
Harry Potter Puzzle Room

Ages 7–12

Can you solve a series of Hogwarts-themed puzzles to escape detention? Find out in our newest puzzle room made for kids! Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Monday, April 2
Main Library 1:00 – 4:00 PM
261-5779

Thursday, April 5
East Regional Library 1:00 – 4:00 PM
445-3168

Saturday, April 7
North Regional Library 1:00 – 5:00 PM
896-6323

Into the Wild

Ages 5–12

Local artist Mary Morgan will lead a face-painting workshop and discuss animals of different ecosystems. Children will get the opportunity to paint their own face! Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Wednesday, April 4
2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Fairy Lights

Ages 7–12

Light up your room! Come make your very own fairy jar to keep your fey folk safe and warm. Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Wednesday, April 4
2:00 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Spring Break Spa Day

Ages 7–12

Ready for an afternoon of pampering and relaxation? Get your nails done; try a facial mask; and even make your own bath and body products! Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Thursday, April 5
2:00 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Sprout Scouts: Growing Gardeners

All Ages

Join our friends from Townfolk at the Victory Garden, 217 Olivier Street, to get plantin’ in the community garden. (If there is inclement weather, meet at the Main Library.)

Thursday, April 5
2:00 – 3:00 PM
The Victory Garden, 217 Olivier Street
261-5779

Edible Bunny Racecar

Ages 5–12

Vroom, Vroom! Yum, Yum!! Create an edible racecar for a marshmallow bunny with Twinkies, Oreos and other sweet treats! Registration begins Monday, March 26.

Friday, April 6
2:00 – 2:45 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Secret Agent Training

Ages 7–12

Learn everything you need to know to become a secret agent, including disguises, laser dodging and code cracking. Registration begins Monday, March 26.

Friday, April 13 (AFTER HOURS)
5:30 – 7:00 PM
SECRET LOCATION (Main Library) 261-5779

Fuse Bead Creations

Ages 7–12

Melt colorful fuse beads into a work of art! Use patterns or create your own design. Registration begins Monday, March 26.

Wednesday, April 11;
Tuesday, May 15
4:30 – 5:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Love Our Earth

Ages 5–12

Watch Disney’s Born in China at the South Regional Library and make a craft in honor of Earth Day.

Tuesday, April 24
4:00 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Makey-Makey

Ages 9–12

Get in the mood for Festival International by building an instrument to hook up to a Makey-Makey to play music. Registration begins Monday, March 26.

Thursday, April 19
4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

We checked out 495,252 Children’s books and 440,232 Adult books. Did you guess correctly?
SNACK ATTACK
Learn to create some easy recipes! Amaze your friends and families with the things you can make. Registration begins Monday, February 26.

North Regional Library  896-6323
Thursday, March 15  4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library  261-5778
Wednesday, March 28  4:30 – 5:30 PM

FANOM FRIDAYS
Calling all fandoms! Join us for an afternoon full of cosplay, trivia and more. Registration begins Monday, February 26.

Main Library  261-5778
Friday, March 16  4:30 – 6:00 PM
Friday, April 20  4:30 – 6:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168
Friday, March 23  4:30 – 6:00 PM
Friday, April 27  4:30 – 6:00 PM

ACT PRACTICE TEST
Take an ACT practice test provided by the Princeton Review in a fully-proctored test-like environment. Registration begins Monday, April 9.

East Regional Library  445-3168
Saturday, April 21  10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
North Regional Library  896-6323
Saturday, May 19  10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

WRITE A KILLER COLLEGE ESSAY
Let Alisha Dalvin teach you how to write a college admissions essay that stands out from the crowd! Registration begins Monday, February 26.

South Regional Library  981-1028
Friday, March 16  4:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Library  261-5778
Saturday, March 17  1:00 – 2:00 PM

SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!
Party with us to celebrate the end of another school year!

Main Library  261-5778
Friday, May 18  4:00 – 6:00 PM

WEAR YOUR FANDOM ON YOUR SLEEVE
Adrian Guidry with Adorn will show you how to create a bracelet based on your favorite character or fandom! Registration begins Monday, March 12.

Main Library  261-5778
Tuesday, April 3  2:30 – 3:30 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028
Tuesday, April 10  3:30 – 4:30 PM

HENNA 101
Learn all about the art of henna from expert Laura Westbrook. Registration begins Monday, March 12.

North Regional Library  896-6323
Thursday, April 5  2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028
Friday, April 6  2:00 – 4:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168
Saturday, April 14  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library  261-5778
Saturday, April 21  2:00 – 4:00 PM

TIE-DYE WORKSHOP
Join us for hands-on tie-dye fun at the library! We’ll provide all the materials including a bandana, but feel free to bring a plain white cotton t-shirt of your own! Registration begins Monday, March 12.

East Regional Library  445-3168
Tuesday, April 3  4:00 – 5:00 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028
Wednesday, April 4  2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library  261-5778
Friday, May 4  4:30 – 5:30 PM

#FESTIVALREADY
Everything you need for Festival International! Registration begins Monday, April 9.

Main Library  261-5778
Tuesday, April 24  4:30 – 6:00 PM

COMMUNITY COLORING
Come add your own splash of color to our new mural! We will now have a community coloring sheet for everyone to leave their mark at both the Main Library and South Regional!
## Main Library

**Baby Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30 AM  
March: 6, 13, 20, 27  
April: 10, 17, 24

**Toddler Time:** Tuesdays, 10:30 AM  
March: 7, 14, 21, 28  
April: 11, 18, 25

**Story Castle:** Wednesdays, 10:30 AM  
March: 7, 14, 21, 28  
April: 11, 18, 25

**Pajama Party:** Thursdays, 6:30 PM  
March: 1, 8, 15, 22  
April: 12, 19

**Bibliobop:** Fridays, 10:30 AM  
March 16  
April 27

**Stay & Play:** Tuesday, 9:30 AM  
April 3  
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Sensory Friendly:** Saturdays, 2:00 PM  
March 3  
April 7

## North Regional Library

**Storytime:** Wednesdays, 10:30 AM  
March: 7, 14, 21, 28  
April: 11, 18, 25

**Bibliobop:** Fridays, 10:30 AM  
March 9  
April 13

**Stay & Play:** Wednesday, 10:30 AM  
April 4

## Duson Branch

**Storytime:** Thursdays, 9:30 AM  
March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
April: 12, 19, 26

## Chenier Branch

**Storytime:** Mondays, 10:00 AM  
March: 5, 12, 19, 26  
April: 9, 16, 23, 30

## South Regional Library

**Baby Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30 AM  
March: 6, 13, 20, 27  
April: 10, 17, 24

**Toddler Time:** Wednesdays, 10:00 AM  
March: 7, 14, 21, 28  
April: 11, 18, 25

**Bibliobop:** Thursdays, 11:00 AM  
March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
April: 12, 19, 26

**Pajama Party:** Thursdays, 6:30 PM  
March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
April: 12, 19, 26

**Stay & Play:** Wednesdays, 10:00 AM  
May: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**Kappa Delta Phi Storytime:** 10:00 AM  
March: 3, 17  
April: 14, 21

## Milton Branch

**Storytime:** Thursdays, 9:30 AM  
March: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
April: 12, 19, 26

## East Regional Library

**Toddler Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30 AM  
March: 6, 13, 20, 27  
April: 10, 17, 24

**Toddler Time:** Wednesdays, 10:30 AM  
March: 7, 14, 21, 28  
April: 11, 18, 25

**Storytime:** Tues. & Thurs., 10:30 AM  
March: 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 19, 24, 26  
April: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26

**Baby Time:** Wed. & Thurs., 9:30 AM  
March: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29  
April: 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

**Stay & Play:** Wednesdays, 9:30 AM  
April 4  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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**Baby Time** is designed to introduce parents or caregivers and babies ages birth to 18 months to nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays and early literacy.

**Sensory-Friendly Storytime** is a storytime designed to be inclusive and sensitive to children with special needs. Open to families.

**Stay & Play** Informal play and social time for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old and their caregivers during times when regular storytimes are not available.

**Toddler Time** is an opportunity for children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers to partake in stories and pre-literacy activities.

**Story Castle/Storytime** Begin your child’s literacy education with a star-studded lineup of storytelling, music, fingerplays and other activities. Ages 3-6.

**Bibliobop** Shake out your sillies with a morning of dance, movement and singable books. Ages 2-6.

**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.

**Sensory-Friendly Storytime** is a storytime designed to be inclusive and sensitive to children with special needs. Open to families.

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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

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 – Friday 9:00 – 6:00

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULTS!
REGISTRATION STARTS
MONDAY, MAY 14
SUMMER READING KICKOFF
SATURDAY, JUNE 2
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
MAIN LIBRARY
Friend of the Year Celebrated

Our Friend of the Year is a steady, reliable part of the Annies and Andies group. A native of Abbeville and lifelong resident, he drives in each week to volunteer. He is our fiction specialist, boxing and culling all of the fiction that appears at each sale. He also works as our box mover and “condenser”, and you need to be a part of the Annies/Andies to appreciate those terms.

He graduated from Abbeville High and got his Bachelor of Science and Master’s degree from USL. He taught as a Physics Lab professor there for over thirty years.

I found out that he is a creature of routine – no surprises there – jigsaw puzzles on Tuesdays and Jeopardy on Thursdays with his cousin, after a long afternoon of sorting.

Our Friend loves movies, music and his favorite time of the year is the Academy Awards. We spend lots of time on Thursdays discussing the movies. He also loves word games and delights in coming to work with some type of word quiz.

Our Friend of the Year for 2017 is Nason Sonnier.
Author Dinner a Joyous Occasion

The Friends of the Library hosted its thirty-second annual Author Dinner on Thursday, November 2nd at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette.

Each year, the Friends of the Library recognizes an author at the dinner. The Friends have expanded the search for author guests, but the focus is still on Louisiana authors. So many interesting books are published here. The Friends plan the Author Dinner to thank their supporters by bringing in someone who will entertain and teach with the added benefit of supporting the authors.

Over the years, the dinner has hosted historians, cooks, travelers, mystery writers, politicians, and sports writers. Some of the authors honored at past dinners include John Ed Bradley, James Lee Burke, Ernest Gaines and Rick Bragg. Co-chairs of the event this year read many books to choose an author. They were delighted that Diane Dempsey-Legnon accepted their invitation to speak at the dinner. Diane began her career as a teacher and librarian, so many people know and respect her outside her recent work as an author. Both of her published books were written from an historical perspective about Acadiana and its people.

This year’s author Diane Dempsey-Legnon is an Evangeline Parish native and Lafayette resident. Dianne spoke about her beginning as an author and the process she followed. This began when she became a member of the National Writing Project of Acadiana and with the help of one of its founders Dr. Ann B. Dobie, retired Professor of English at UL Lafayette.

She further told the group about her two books: Belair Cove: A Novel of Life, Love, and Loss in a Prairie Cajun Village, based loosely on the life and courtship of her grandparents who lived in Evangeline Parish; and A Louisiana Soldier: Willis A. Fontenot, acknowledging her father, his military service and his struggles during World War II and afterward. After her presentation, Diane sold and autographed her books.

Fall Sale a Triumphant Success

The Friends Fall Book Sale was a success, earning the Friends over $15,000 for our efforts. The Annies and Andies work all year so that the books at the sale are in good condition and in the correct categories. To date, we have given the library a total of $817,817.33 for items that are not included in their budget. Our ultimate goal is one million dollars. This would not be possible without your support at our sales. Thanks for shopping with us. And as always, thanks to the Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office, the staff of the Heymann Center, Coca Cola and all of our volunteers who give of their time twice each year to make the sale a success.

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Our Spelling at Work

Again the fearless team of Dee Nolan, Dennis Sullivan and Flossie Turner took to the stage for the Lafayette Public Library Foundation’s Spell-A-Bration. Battling some experienced teams we did our best but alas, we did not succeed. Words were plentiful that evening and we did well with acquiesce, sagacious and pulchritude. But who knew irascible had only one “r”? And that the “i” in reveille was before the double “ll’s”? Obviously we didn’t. As they say, wait until next year. We shall return.

Silent Auction

South Regional Library
March 11 – April 6
In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of Gary Alexander, board member of the Friends of the Library. Gary joined the board in 1993 and had been vice president since 1994. He was also one of the friendly faces you saw if you put books in the Box Corral on Friends night. He was co-owner of Alexander’s Books with wife Barbara. Gary’s book knowledge, compassion and kindness were incredible and hard to find. He was a true gentleman and loved and respected by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Countdown to the Friends Book Sale

The Friends prepare year round for their sales. Look for our next sale at the Heymann Convention Center in March. Friends Night is Wednesday, March 21st, from 6 PM until 8 PM. The sale is open to the public on Thursday, March 22 from 9 AM until 8 PM, Friday, March 23rd from 9 AM until 6 PM and Saturday, March 24th from 9 AM until 2 PM.

We are on our way to having between 550 and 600 boxes of books ready. So please come check out our sale. As always, postcards will be mailed to current members the week before. You may join at the door as we set up the membership desk one hour before opening on Wednesday. To avoid the last minute rush, please renew or join before getting in line.