Elberson Named Library Director

The Lafayette Public Library System’s Board of Control officially appointed Teresa Elberson, who had previously served as the system’s Library Administrator, as its new director on Monday, July 18. For the past eleven years, Elberson oversaw all aspects of library operations for the system’s nine branches and developed library policies and procedures. She also supervised the managers of the Main Library, the East Regional Library in Youngsville, the North Regional Library in Carenco and the South Regional Library on Johnston Street. In addition, Elberson was heavily involved with the planning of these regional libraries and the Main Library’s four-year renovation.

Prior to her promotion to Administrator, Elberson served as Head of Circulation and Head of Access Services for the library system. Elberson has been with the Lafayette Public Library since 1982. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from LSU, a Master of Science in Botany from Miami University in Ohio and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Missouri State University.

Library Millage on November Ballot

When you head to the polls on November 8th, you’ll have the chance to renew a parishwide millage that funds a wide range of library services and operations. The 2.91 mill property tax millage — the largest of three library millages in Lafayette Parish — was last approved by voters in 2006 and is up for renewal at the same rate.

If approved, the millage will stay in effect for ten years and will be used to pay for collection materials (books, eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs and more), computers, furniture, utilities and library staffing. The library system does not receive sales tax money, state funding or Lafayette Consolidated Government general funds and depends almost entirely (96%) on property taxes collected from the library millages. Funding generated from this millage will also be used for operating the new West Regional Library, which is expected to open in 2018.

Test the Air You Breathe

Learning about your home’s air quality should be as easy and inexpensive as borrowing a library book. Thanks to Carnegie Mellon University, the Lafayette Public Library now has twelve Speck air quality monitors available for checkout, free of charge. The easy-to-use sensors detect particulate air pollution in the home. Library card holders can check them out from the Main, East Regional, North Regional and South Regional Libraries, or place a hold at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.
Community Outreach

English and Spanish Seminar Series

Get answers in this series of seminars, which will be translated into Spanish.

Immigration: Family, Work & Process
Wednesday, Sept. 14   6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Insurance: Life, Home & Annuities
Wednesday, Sept. 21   6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Legal System: Family, Criminal & Injury
Wednesday, Sept. 28   6:00 – 7:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Allons à Lafayette:
Recording Artist, Joe Falcon
The Southern Louisiana accordionist's family will discuss his music.
Wednesday, October 5 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Fall Fabric Pumpkins
Create a perfect fall decoration!
Adults only, please. Registration starts Monday, Sept. 19.
Thursday, Oct. 6       2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library 261-5787

The French Table South
La Table Française
Join these table sessions to improve your Cajun and standard French speaking skills through casual conversation, film viewing, basic instruction and personal testimony. Adults only, please. Registration starts Monday, September 19.

Saturdays: October 1 & 15
9:30 – 11:30 AM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Altered Book Purse
Celebrate National Handbag Day by converting a book into a purse! Adults only, please. Registration starts Monday, September 19.
Monday, October 10     2:00 – 4:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

Photography Classes
Learn the fundamentals of picture taking from internationally acclaimed photographer Greg Daley. Adults only, please. Registration begins Monday, September 19.

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30 PM
October 13: Basic Concepts
October 20: Photography Equipment
October 27: Post Processing
South Regional Library 981-1028

Writing Down Dementia
Caregivers and family members of those with dementia can gain support through creative expression. No writing experience is necessary, but please bring a pen and notebook.
Tuesday, October 25 6:00 – 7:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

Healthy Cooking Social
Have fun eating healthy with others! Bring a fully prepared healthy dish and the recipe to share.
Wednesday, Sept. 21   2:00 – 3:00 PM
Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum 234-2208

Wednesday, Oct. 19   2:00 – 3:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Retro Video Game Night
Grownups game, too! Step back in time and play classic games on old school consoles. Try ours or bring your own! Adults only, please.
Tuesday, September 27 6:00 – 8:30 PM
Main Library 261-5787

Getting Started with ancestry.com
Bring your family’s names and birthdates and we’ll help you build your family tree! An active email address is required. Adults only, please. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 19.
Saturday, October 8    1:00 – 3:30 PM
Main Library 261-5787
Register for any of our computer classes at LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

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Camp Half-Blood

**Ages 9–12**
Enter the world of Percy Jackson and participate in activities based on the popular book series. Registration begins Monday, August 15.

**Friday, September 9** 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
South Regional Library  981-1028

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Roald Dahl’s Splendiferous 100th Birthday Party!

**Ages 5 & up**
Watch *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* with snacks, crafts and more!

**Saturday, September 10**  
2:30 – 4:30 PM  
North Regional Library  896-6323

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**Hoot, The Paper Plate Owl**

**Ages 5–12**
Dates, times and locations listed on LafayettePublicLibrary.org. Registration starts Monday, August 29. **Take It and Make It** kits also available September 19–23 at the following library branches: Butler, Duson, Milton and Scott.

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**Crafternoon!**

**Ages 5–12**

**Wednesday, September 14**  
Friday, October 21  
2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Main Library  261-5779

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**Little Scientists**

**Ages 3–5**
Discover with a science-themed story and hands-on experiments. Registration begins Monday, August 29.

**Fridays:**  
September 16 & October 14  
South Regional Library  981-1028

**Wednesdays:**  
September 28 & October 26  
East Regional Library  445-3168

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**Dig In! Community Gardening**

**All Ages**
Bring your gardening tools and dig in! Help us weed, water and plant (weather permitting) in the Carencro Community Garden located behind our library.

**Saturday, September 17**  
10:00 AM – noon  
North Regional Library  896-6323

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**Airplane Science**

**Ages 5–12**
Learn about the science of flight, then compete with others to make the best paper airplanes. Registration begins Monday, August 29.

**Thursday, September 15**  
4:00 – 5:00 PM  
East Regional Library  445-3168

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**French Fun Day**

**All Ages**
Stories, activities and special guests, presented en français.

**Saturdays:**  
September 17 & October 22  
Main Library  261-5779

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**A Visit from ZooSiana**

**Ages 3–12**
Show-and-tell with live, native Louisiana animals, including a small alligator!

**Friday, September 23**  
4:00 – 5:00 PM  
South Regional Library  981-1028

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**The Shape of Strength**

**Ages 9–12**
Compete to build the strongest structure. Registration begins Monday, September 19.

**Thursday, Sept. 29**  
4:30 – 5:30 PM  
Main Library  261-5779

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**Small Folk Studio**

**Ages 18 months – 3 years**
Check LafayettePublicLibrary.org for dates, times and locations. Registration starts Monday, August 29.

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**Monster Paper Bag Puppet**

**Ages 5–12**

Registration starts Monday, September 19.

Pick up Take It and Make It kits October 24 – 28 at the Butler, Duson, Milton and Scott branches.

**Star Wars Reads Day Celebration**

**Ages 7–12**

Join us for fun-filled activities, including photo ops, snacks and crafts!

Saturday, October 8 2:00 – 3:30 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

**Make Some Noise**

**Ages 5–12**

Enjoy crafts related to Cajun and Zydeco music and culture. Registration begins Monday, October 3.

Thursday, October 13 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

**Make It To Fake It**

Create fake blood, scabs and other special effects to use for Halloween.

Registration begins Monday, October 3.

Thursday, October 27 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Main Library 261-5779

Friday, October 28 4:00 – 5:00 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028

**Not-So-Scary Halloween Party**

**Ages 3 & up**

Looking for some fun, safe activities to enjoy on Halloween? Come to our libraries! Enjoy spooktacular crafts (while supplies last), games and more before you go trick-or-treating. South Regional will also have face painting.

Monday, October 31 4:00 – 6:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168
South Regional Library 981-1028

**Science of Slime**

**Ages 5–12**

Registration begins Monday, September 19.

Wednesday:

4:00 – 5:00 PM
October 5
East Regional Library 445-3168

October 26
North Regional Library 896-6323

**Floating Paint**

**Ages 7 & up**

Create beautiful marbled papers by combining colorful inks and water. Registration begins Monday, Oct. 3.

Tuesday, October 18 4:00 – 5:00 PM
North Regional Library 896-6323

**Guest Author**

**Kathi Appelt**

**Ages 3 & up**

Meet Newbery Honor winner and National Book Award finalist Kathi Appelt as she discusses her children’s books and how she creates a story.

**My Life as a Writer**

**Main Library**

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Appelt takes you on a journey through the process of writing a story, from idea to finished book.
STORYCASTLE STORYTIME
Begin your child’s literacy education early with a star-
studded lineup of storytelling, music, fingerplays and other educational activities. Ages 3–6.

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.

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

KAPPA DELTA PI STORYTIME is a unique storytime put on by the Kappa Delta Pi Teacher’s Honor Society on Saturdays. Open to families.
Teens Only
Ages 12 – 18 (unless otherwise noted)

**Teen Animanga Club**
Fridays: Sep. 2, Oct. 7 5:00 – 6:30 PM  South Regional
Wednesdays: Sep. 21, Oct. 26 6:00 – 7:30 PM  East Regional
Thursdays: Sep. 29, Oct. 27 4:30 – 5:30 PM  Main Library

**Christopher Nolan-a-thon**
South Regional Library  Adults welcome!
Thursday, September 1  6:30 PM
*Batman Begins*  (2005, PG-13, 140 min.)
Thursday, September 8  6:00 PM
*The Dark Knight*  (2008, PG-13, 172 min.)
Thursday, September 15  6:00 PM
*The Dark Knight Rises*  (2012, PG-13, 184 min.)
Thursday, September 29  6:30 PM
*The Prestige*  (2006, PG-13, 130 min.)
Saturday, October 22  1:00 PM
*Interstellar*  (2014, PG-13, 169 min.)

**ACT Practice Test**
South Regional Library
Test: Saturday, September 3  9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Results: Wednesday, September 14  5:30 – 6:30 PM

North Regional Library
Test: Saturday, September 10  10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Results: Wednesday, September 21  5:30 – 6:30 PM

East Regional Library
Test: Saturday, September 17  10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Results: Wednesday, September 28  5:30 – 6:30 PM

Main Library
Test: Saturday, September 24  9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Results: Wednesday, October 5  5:30 – 6:30 PM

This fully-proctored test mirrors the real test environment, with results presented by Sylvan Learning Center. Results can also be emailed.  *Registration begins Monday, August 22.*

**Chess Club**
Wednesday, September 28  6:00 – 7:00 PM  East Regional
Wednesday, October 12  6:00 – 7:00 PM  South Regional
Practice chess moves on others. All playing levels welcome.  *Registration begins Monday, September 19.*

**Fuse Bead Art**
Wednesday, October 12  6:00 – 7:00 PM  East Regional
Tuesday, October 25  4:30 – 5:30 PM  South Regional
Melt colorful beads into a work of art! Use patterns or create your own design.  *Registration starts Monday, September 19.*

**Cupcake Wars**
Thursday, October 13  4:00 – 5:00 PM  North Regional
Join us for this creative and delicious decorating competition.

**Board Game Bonanza**
Thursday, October 20  4:30 – 5:30 PM  Main Library
Stop by to play your favorite tabletop games.

**Oh the Horror!**
Friday, October 21  2:00 – 4:30 PM  Main Library
Work with others to write, film and edit your own horror movie trailer.  *Registration starts Monday, October 3.*

**More Teen Programs Online**
Looking for more fun teen programming? Be sure to check out LafayettePublicLibrary.org for gaming programs, book clubs and more!

**Teen Library Corps**
Saturdays: Sept. 10; Oct. 15  1:00 – 2:00 PM  South Regional
Tuesdays: Sept. 20; Oct. 18  4:30 – 5:30 PM  Main Library
Meet friends, earn volunteer time and help plan library events.

**Snack Attack**
Thursday, September 8  4:30 – 5:30 PM  Main Library
Friday, September 16  4:30 – 5:30 PM  South Regional
Thursday, October 6  4:30 – 5:30 PM  Main Library
Friday, October 14  4:30 – 5:30 PM  South Regional
Registration begins Monday, August 29.

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<td>232-9321</td>
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**“Two Eyes on Nature”**

Photography by Gary Meyers and Kerry Griechen

September 30, 2016 through January 5, 2017

Main Library

**“In and Out”**

Paintings by Susan Hamilton

September 30, 2016 through January 5, 2017

Main Library

For more information about library art exhibitions, call 261-5787.
Meet 2016 Author Dinner Speaker, Dixie Poché

Excerpted with permission from “Waves” (June ‘16), Fugro employee newsletter

In her youth, Dixie Poché, Public Relations Manager of Fugro Chance in Lafayette, worked in her aunt and uncle’s grocery stores, helping to sell plate lunches, boudin and other Cajun staples. Many years later, Dixie, who has a degree in journalism from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, authored a local history book about the Acadian culture called Classic Eateries of Cajun Country.

“The best part of putting together a book about the Acadian culture and its unique cuisine was sampling dishes, such as turtle sauce piquante, ponce (pig stomach stuffed with smoked sausage), hogs head cheese, squirrel stew and crawfish cooked many ways,” Dixie explains. “The Cajun people are descended from the French Acadians who were exiled from Nova Scotia, Canada, forcing thousands to relocate to southwest Louisiana. While the Cajuns learned to thrive in their new surroundings, they developed a mumbo-jumbo cuisine, intermingling influences from other cultures.”

Dixie’s book highlights Cajun food traditions, such as king cake for Mardi Gras, crawfish boils in the spring, egg pocking (knocking) at Easter and community boucheries (pig slaughtering), in which virtually every part of the pig is used to create a dish. Dixie got a taste of writing with her book about Cajun culture. “I have begun working on another book about Louisiana sweets,” she says.

Spotlight On...

Natalie Delahoussaye is a recent addition to our Friends’ board. But she’s no stranger to the Annies group, as she has sorted books for several years, working with the “Old and Unusual” category. She is married to Robert and has eight stepchildren. Originally from Texas, she has lived in Louisiana for many years. A retired nurse, she enjoys making Christmas stockings for her great-grandchildren, reading and gardening. And of course, she enjoys her time at the warehouse sorting books. Welcome, Natalie.
Fall Book Sale: New Thursday Hours!

Save the date! The next Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place September 14 – 17 at the Heymann Center Ballroom. Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14 for Friends Night. Friends members must be current on dues to get in. Look for your post card in the mail in early September. If you have not paid by Friends Night, you can do so at the door.

We also are excited to announce that we are extending our hours on the first public night of the sale. If you are among the many who have not been able to make it to our sale because of work obligations, you may be pleased to learn that we will be open until 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 14. Library staff are helping to make this possible, so be sure to thank them if you see them that night.

No matter which day (or night) you attend our sale, you’re sure to find lots of bargain prices on quality books ranging in a variety of topics. Stop by to share in the love of reading and help fund programs and services at the Lafayette Public Library System. All proceeds from our sales go to help our libraries purchase items that aren’t covered in their regular budget. Who knows? You may even see a few good “friends” while you’re there!

Another Successful Book Sale!

Thanks to all our faithful Friends and the public, we pulled off another successful book sale, netting $13,706.11 that will go back to the Lafayette Public Library System for programs and other expenses. We also made $975.99 with the Silent Auction, which is a little disappointing in view of past earnings.

We try hard to select books with extraordinary appeal for our patrons. Bidding was pretty brisk this Spring Sale, but the problem is getting the folks to pick up the books they have won. Please remember, if you have a winning bid, make certain to pick up your item and pay within the time allowed.

The Fall Silent Auction runs from September 6th through 30th. The last day to pick up items and pay is Monday, October 24 at 3 p.m. Thanks to your participation in our Book Sales and Silent Auctions, we have been able to give a total of $734,917.79 back to our library system.

Connect with the Friends
(337) 501-9209
www.Facebook.com/LafayetteFriends
Summer Reading Kickoff at the Main Library

The Friends always love to participate in the library’s Summer Reading Program Kickoff, and this year was no exception. After several years at the South Regional Library, this year’s program was back at the Main Library in Downtown Lafayette.

We heard squeals and giggles of all the young participants enjoying the many activities provided and there were several food trucks in the area from which to choose. From Zoo Zoom: The Little Zoo on Wheels, to Harvey Rabbit to Mitch the Magician, there were programs and fun for all.

Friends members sold library t-shirts and book bags... and Dee Nolan did NOT have to see a snake!

Summer Fun!
by Flossie Turner

The library always has many programs each summer for both children and adults. I have participated over the years in both, and this summer again reminded me how much fun they are.

My granddaughter and I went to see the Kinders’ “Rollicking Good Time Music for Kids” at the Main library. I honestly don’t know who had the better time, the six-year-old or myself. Although I cannot sit “criss cross applesauce,” it was great fun and I sang and waved my arms just as much as the rest of the kiddies. AND I found out that “library water makes you smarter.”

This was just one of the many programs presented by the library each summer, and the Friends burst their buttons with pride as we are a major sponsor of these programs. This is only accomplished through our patrons’ support of our book sales. Each sale helps us to be a big part of the fun that kids have all summer at our library -- and the adults, too!
Random Thoughts on Being a “Sorter”

There are several “Annies” and “Andies” who have sorted books for the Friends for years. Sometimes, it’s hard to remember how it used to be when we worked on the third floor of the Main Library and didn’t get as many books. We are so grateful for all the donations we receive each year. Our main job has always been to go through each book to determine its saleability and category. Some books never make it to the sale, as they are outdated or in poor condition. Each book that does make the cut must be categorized, and that’s not an easy job in some cases. This is all done so that we can have the best sale possible.

Please be aware that donated books must be “gently used.” It is hard, even for us “Annies,” to throw away books, but we have to when books are moldy or yellowed (these books can contaminate the rest of our books). Out-of-date books, such as travel and computer books, and textbooks also cannot be sold. Please refrain from donating them.

We are at the warehouse at 211 E. Pinhook Road on Thursdays to help with your donations and our donation boxes are there the rest of the week. Thanks to all who donate their cherished books. We could not have the sale without these.

Membership Renewals

It will soon be time to renew your Friends membership! Our regular memberships end on December 31 each year. The two exceptions are LIFE members (who pay a one-time cost of $100 for a membership that never expires) and those who join AFTER Friends Night at the Fall Sale (whose memberships expire at the end of the following year). All regular members who have joined before this coming Fall Book Sale (including on Friends Night, September 14) must renew for next year. Be on the lookout for the membership form in the library’s January-February newsletter.