LAFAYETTE READS TOGETHER is a community-wide reading and learning experience from the Lafayette Public Library, the Lafayette Parish School System and many local organizations. Join us as we read and discuss *Ms. Marvel: No Normal* by G. Willow Wilson, in the following programs:

**Birth of the Krazy: The Early Days of George Herriman and Krazy Kat**
Biographer Michael Tisserand revisits the time when boxing, funny animals and one man’s genius produced the most enigmatic character in comics.

*Tuesday, March 7*
Main Library 6:30 – 7:15 PM

**The Evolution of Diversity in Comics**
Learn about racial and ethnic portrayals in comics from LSU’s Brannon Costello.

*Saturday, Mar. 11*
2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional

Harry Potter ESCAPE ROOM!
Put your magical and muggle skills to the test! Find hidden clues and solve puzzles to escape the room in 30 minutes or less. **Registration begins Monday, April 3. Call to reserve a time slot.**

**North Regional Library**
Monday, April 17
2:00 – 6:00 PM
896-6323

Wednesday, April 19
2:00 – 6:00 PM
445-3168

**East Regional Library**
Thursday, April 20
2:00 – 8:00 PM
261-5778

**South Regional Library**
Friday, April 21
2:00 – 6:00 PM
981-1028

**'80s Craft: Safety Pin Bracelet**
Bring back the past by making this popular '80s accessory!

*Wednesday, March 15*
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Main Library

**Saturday Morning RETRO CARTOONS**
Kick back and eat breakfast while watching your favorite classic animated shows from the '80s and '90s. Offering a program for families and a special one just for adults!

**Adults Only:**
*Saturday, March 25*
10:00 AM – noon
Main Library
261-5787

**Families:**
Wear PJs and bring pillows/blankets!
*Saturday, April 22*
10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library
445-3168

**Upcoming Library Closures**

**Friday, April 14**
*(Good Friday)*
All locations closed.

**Sunday, April 16**
*(Easter)*
All locations closed.

**Wednesday, April 26**
*(Festival International)*
Main Library closes at 5 PM.

**Thursday, April 27**
*(Festival International)*
Main Library closes at 4 PM.

**Friday, April 28**
*(Festival International)*
Main Library closes at 4 PM.

**Saturday, April 29**
*(Festival International)*
Main Library closed.

**Sunday, April 30**
*(Festival International)*
Main Library closed.

**Monday, May 29**
*(Memorial Day)*
All locations closed.
Downtown Writers’ Group
Join a group of writers on the first Wednesday of each month for support and discussion of individual writing efforts.

Wednesdays: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
March 1, April 5 & May 3
Main Library 261-5787

Tabletop Gaming Night

Thursdays: 5:30 – 8:30 PM
March 2, April 6 & May 4
Main Library 261-5787

Join us also for Board Game Café on select Fridays at 3:30 PM. Go to LafayettePublicLibrary.org for details.

Glamour, Gumbo and Greed
Author Linda Thurman discusses the rise and subsequent corruption of movie making in Louisiana.

Saturday, March 4 11:00 AM – noon
South Regional Library 981-1028

East Regional Library Walking Club
All fitness levels welcome! Meet us in the lobby entryway to walk around the adjoining park.

Mondays: 9:30 AM
March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22
East Regional Library 445-3168

Start and Finance a Small Business
Explore the feasibility of a business idea, learn to write a business plan and more. Hosted by UL’s Louisiana Small Business Development Center.

Wednesday, March 8 5:30 – 7:00 PM
East Regional Library 445-3168

Coloring for Adults
Reduce stress and have fun! Adults only, please.

Wednesdays: March 8; April 12; May 10
North Regional Library 1:30 – 2:30 PM 896-6323

Wednesdays: March 15; April 19; May 17
Main Library 2:00 – 3:00 PM 261-5787

Discover Genealogy
The Lafayette Genealogical Society hosts presentations for the novice and expert alike, monthly meetings with guest speakers and one-on-one help. Open to the public.

Genealogy 101 Main Library 261-5787
Saturdays: March 4; April 1; May 6 9:30 AM

Monthly Mtg. South Regional 981-1028
Thursdays: Mar. 16; Apr. 20; May 18 6:00 PM

One-on-One Help Main Library 261-5787
Tuesdays: Mar. 7 – May 30 10:00 AM – noon

Thursday Movies at the Library

South Regional 981-1028
March 9 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Cloverfield (2008, PG-13, 85 minutes)

March 16 6:30 – 8:30 PM
10 Cloverfield Lane (2016, PG-13, 104 minutes)

March 23 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Zoolander (2001, PG-13, 90 minutes)

March 30 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Zoolander 2 (2016, PG-13, 102 min.)

April 6 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Me Before You (2016, PG-13, 110 minutes)

April 13 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Warcraft: The Beginning (2016, PG-13, 123 minutes)

April 20 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Central Intelligence (2016, PG-13, 107 minutes)

April 27 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Jason Bourne (2016, PG-13, 123 minutes)

May 4 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Now You See Me (2013, PG-13, 115 minutes)

May 11 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Now You See Me 2 (2016, PG-13, 129 minutes)

May 18 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Star Trek: Beyond (2016, PG-13, 122 minutes)

May 25 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Nine Lives (2016, PG, 87 minutes)
Dates and times can change after the printing of this newsletter. For the most up-to-date program information, or to register, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org.

**Fencing Demo**
Local fencer Mark Tauzin will provide a brief history of swordplay, then do a demo.

Thursday, Mar. 30  6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Main Library  261-5787

**Gentle Yoga for Adults**
Free classes taught by certified yoga instructors. Wear comfy clothes and bring a mat or large towel.

Tuesdays:  6:00 – 7:00 PM  
March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25  
East Regional Library  445-3168

**Medicinal Plants of Louisiana**
MaryAnn Armbruster, co-chair of the Healer’s Demonstration Garden at Vermilionville, will lead this talk.

Wednesday, April 19  6:30 – 7:30 PM  
Main Library  261-5787

**Shabby Chic Birdhouse Decor**
Use various materials to create a beautiful decoration. Registration starts Monday, March 20. Adults only, please.

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**Wildflowers of Louisiana**
Explore the many native wildflowers that thrive in our state.

Thursday, May 11  6:30 – 7:30 PM  
Main Library  261-5787

**Chinese Acupressure Facial Massage**
Learn how this ancient art tones facial muscles, softens fine lines, increases circulation and more! Registration begins Monday, March 6. Adults only, please.

Wednesday, Mar. 22  6:00 – 7:30 PM  
North Regional Library  896-6323

**Beyond Black History Month Lecture Series**
UL Lafayette History Professor, Dr. Ian Beamish, speaks on Louisiana’s black history.

Thursday, April 6  6:30 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, May 17  6:30 – 7:30 PM

Noted historian and author, Dr. LaGuana Gray, of the University of Texas at San Antonio will speak about African-American women’s lives and labors.

**The French Table South**
La Table Française
Improve your Cajun and Standard French verbal skills through casual conversation. Adults only, please.

Saturdays:  9:30 – 11:30 AM  
March 4, 18; April 1, 15; May 6, 20  
South Regional Library  981-1028

**Celebrate National Craft Month**
Join in on our supply swap and make something crafty, using our materials or those brought by you or others.

Wednesday, March 15  1:00 – 3:00 PM  
South Regional Library  981-1028

**Medicare: Understanding Your Healthcare Options**
Learn how and when to enroll and the insurance options available.

Tuesday, March 14  6:00 – 7:00 PM  
East Regional Library  445-3168
COMPUTER
CLASSES

MARCH
Registration begins Monday, February 27.

MAIN LIBRARY  261-5787
Basic Computing March 8 & 9  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Basic Internet March 22 & 23  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Basic Internet March 22 & 23  6:00 – 8:00 PM

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  981-1028
Basic Computing March 13 & 15  9:30 – 11:30 AM
Intro to Word March 20 & 22  9:30 – 11:30 AM
Intro to Excel March 27 & 29  9:30 – 11:30 AM

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY  445-3168
Basic Computing March 13 & 15  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Intro to Word March 20 & 22  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Intro to Excel March 27 & 29  2:00 – 4:00 PM

APRIL
Registration begins Monday, March 20.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  981-1028
Integrating Word April 3 & 5  9:30 – 11:30 AM
& Excel April 10 & 12  9:30 – 11:30 AM

MAIN LIBRARY  261-5787
Intro to Excel April 12  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Your Digital Library April 13  2:00 – 4:00 PM

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  896-6323
Basic Computing April 19  3:00 – 6:00 PM
Intro to Excel April 24 & 26  3:00 – 5:00 PM

MAKERSPACE OPEN ACCESS
All Ages
Work on your own projects independently.

Main Library  261-5787
Mondays  1:30 – 8:30 PM
March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22

Tuesdays and Wednesdays  11:30 AM – 8:30 PM
March 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25
May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31

Thursdays  11:30 AM – 5:30 PM
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20; May 4, 11, 18, 25

South Regional Library  981-1028
Wednesdays  3:00 – 6:00 PM
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26;
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

MAKERSPACE FOR BEGINNERS

Classes for All Ages  Registration begins Monday, February 27.
Basic 3D Design: Tuesdays  4:30 – 5:30 PM
March 14; April 11; May 9
South Regional Library  981-1028

Adult Classes  Registration begins Monday, May 1.
Intro to Arduinos: Friday, May 19  1:30 – 2:30 PM
Intro to 3D Printing: Friday, May 26  1:30 – 2:30 PM
Main Library  261-5787

ADVANCED 3D DESIGN
All Ages

Tuesdays: March 28; April 25; May 23  4:30 – 5:30 PM
South Regional Library  981-1028

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.

SOUTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  981-1028
Basic Computing May 8 & 10  9:30 – 11:30 AM
Intro to Word May 15 & 17  9:30 – 11:30 AM
Intro to Excel May 22 & 24  9:30 – 11:30 AM

EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY  445-3168
Basic Computing May 8 & 10  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Intro to Word May 15 & 17  2:00 – 4:00 PM

MAIN LIBRARY  261-5787
Intro to Word May 10 & 11  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Basic Computing May 24 & 25  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Basic Computing May 24 & 25  6:00 – 8:00 PM

NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY  896-6323
Intro to Excel May 22 & 24  3:00 – 5:00 PM

Registration begins Monday, April 24.
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.
Beekeeping: From Hive to Honey

Learn the process of making honey from the Acadiana Beekeepers Association. See a working hive, taste and enjoy a buzzy craft!

Saturday, March 11  2:00 – 3:30 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Chess Club
Ages 8 & up

Learn the rules and practice your moves. All levels welcome, including beginners!
Register starting Monday, Mar. 6.

Wednesdays  6:00 – 7:00 PM
East Regional  March 22
South Regional  April 12
North Regional  May 24

Pet Care and First Aid
All Ages

Local vet Jim Carson shows how to take care of your furry friends.

Saturday, April 1  2:00 – 3:00 PM
South Regional  981-1028

Notes from the Library Director

I love the local “Shop Lafayette” and “Eat Lafayette” campaigns that encourage our community to support local businesses. So why not “Read Lafayette?” Everything our library system does centers around encouraging everyone to read and use local library resources. Shopping and eating cost you money, but checking out something to read from the library, downloading a library book from home or using any of our resources is free to everyone in the community.

We are just like any other community brick and mortar institution, always on the hunt for new users and supporters. Our community changes constantly as people move into and out of the area. And whether you have lived here for years or just came to Lafayette, our library system strives to keep things new and exciting. We offer something for everyone, whether you are a toddler, teen, young professional, busy parent or retiree.

In April, we celebrate National Library Week (April 9-15), recognizing the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians. Our parish library system is recognized at the national level for having strong community financial support in an area that embraces library use. We issued more than 13,000 new library cards and circulated over 1,770,000 items in the last fiscal year, with 30% of those items being children’s books.

We are already gearing up for a terrific summer of reading and programs for all ages. We have summer reading programs for children, teens and adults, and we kick them all off with a super, day-long event at the Main Library on Saturday, June 3. We hope you’ll join us!

And between shopping and dining, remember to also “Read Lafayette,” and visit your local library to see what we have for you.—Teresa Elberson

Spring Planting Party

All Ages

In collaboration with Townfolk and the Urban Naturalist, learn about community gardening and enjoy outdoor activities in Downtown!

Wednesday, Apr. 19  2:00 – 4:00 PM
217 Olivier Street  261-5779

DIG IN! Community Gardening

Bring your gardening tools and dig in! Help us weed, water and plant (weather permitting) in the Carencro Community Garden.

All Ages

Saturday, April 22  10:00 AM – noon
North Regional Library  896-6323
STORY CASTLE/STORYTIME Begin your child’s literacy education with a star-studded lineup of storytelling, music, fingerplays and other educational activities. Ages 3–6.

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

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.

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.

KAPPA DELTA PI STORYTIME is a unique storytime put on by the Kappa Delta Pi Teacher’s Honor Society on Saturdays. 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.

The Cat in the Hat’s Stuffed Friends Sleepover Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed friend to this zany storytime in celebration of Dr. Seuss’s 113th birthday. Your friend will then stay at the library for a sleepover with The Cat in the Hat!

Register starting Monday, February 20.

Thursday, March 2
6:00 – 6:30 PM
North Regional Library
896-6323

Ages 3 – 11
**Holiday Sign Away**

*Ages 5–12*

Learn St. Patrick’s Day and Easter-themed signs from UL Lafayette’s American Sign Language Club. No signing experience necessary!

- **Saturday, March 4** 10:30 – 11:30 AM
- **Sunday, April 9** 2:00 – 3:00 PM

South Regional Library 981-1028

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**Play With Your Food**

*All Ages*

It’s science! It’s silly! It’s guaranteed to be yummy.

*Ages 5–12*

- **Tuesdays:** 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - March 21 & April 25
  - Chenier Branch 291-2941

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**Unplugged Mondays**

*All Ages*

Families can unplug and play games of all sorts! Bring your own games or choose from ours.

- **Mondays:** 1:00 – 2:00 PM
  - March 6 and April 3
  - Main Library 261-5779

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**French Fun Day**

*All Ages*

Stories, activities and special guests presenting en français.

- **Saturdays:** 10:30 AM – noon
  - March 18 – Philip Gould
  - April 22 – Spring Fun
  - May 6 – Prairie Elementary

Main Library 261-5779

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**Speed Racer Science**

*Ages 5–12*

Learn what makes vehicles go, then build a miniature race car to take home.

*Registration begins Monday, March 6.*

- **Thursday, March 23** 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - East Regional Library 445-3168

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**SPLAT!**

*All Ages*

Explore the science of gravity through art!

*Ages 5–12*

- **Thursday, Mar. 23** 4:00 – 5:00 PM
  - North Regional 896-6323

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**Big Fish Aquarium**

*All Ages*

Inspired by the art of Ulla Milbrath, the ocean and their own imaginations, children will make a large-scale fish of three dimensions for display and play!

*Registration begins Monday, March 6.*

- **Thursday, March 30** 4:30 – 5:30 PM
  - Main Library 261-5779

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**Little Scientists**

Explore and discover with hands-on experiments. *Registration begins Monday, February 27.*

*Ages 3–5*

- **Wednesdays:** 4:00 – 4:45 PM
  - March 15 & April 12
  - East Regional Library 445-3168

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**Princess Party**

Meet Belle, Rapunzel and Tiana! Costumes encouraged.

*Ages 3–12*

- **Saturday, March 25**
  - 10:30 – 11:30 AM
    - North Regional 896-6323
  - 2:30 – 3:30 PM
    - East Regional 445-3168

- **Saturday, April 8**
  - 10:30 – 11:30 AM
    - South Regional 981-1028
  - 2:30 – 3:30 PM
    - Main Library 261-5779

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- **Saturday, March 25**
  - 10:30 – 11:30 AM
    - North Regional 896-6323
  - 2:30 – 3:30 PM
    - East Regional 445-3168

- **Saturday, April 8**
  - 10:30 – 11:30 AM
    - South Regional 981-1028
  - 2:30 – 3:30 PM
    - Main Library 261-5779
Family Movies

Main Library
261-5779

Saturday, April 15  2:00 – 3:30 PM
Alice in Wonderland
(1951, G, 75 minutes)
*This movie will be interactive.

South Regional Library
981-1028

Tuesday, April 17  2:00 – 4:00 PM
Trolls (2016, PG, 93 minutes)

East Regional Library
445-3168

Tuesday, April 18  2:00 – 3:30 PM
Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (2016, PG, 92 minutes)

Stuffed Animal Picnic

Ages 2 & up
Bring your stuffed animal and blanket and join us for a picnic! There will be stories, songs and other fun activities.

Wednesday, April 19
10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Messy Munchkins

Ages Birth – 36 months
Your little ones will squish and smush their way to a good time in this multi-sensory playtime. Dress for mess!
Friday, April 21  10:30 – 11:30 AM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Soil Science Never Looked So Good!

Ages 5–12
Use sweet ingredients to make edible dirt cups. Registration opens Monday, April 3.

Tuesday, April 18  2:00 – 3:00 PM
Main Library  261-5779

Think Like a MythBuster

Ages 7–12
Is it dangerous to mix Pop Rocks and soda? Use the scientific method to debunk or prove popular myths. Registration begins Monday, April 3.

Thursday, April 20  2:00 – 3:00 PM
North Regional Library  896-6323

Parachute Science

Ages 5–12
Learn the science behind parachutes, then design and build your own! Registration begins Monday, April 3.

Wednesday, April 26
4:00 – 5:00 PM
East Regional Library  445-3168

Home School Hangout

Ages 5–12
Registration begins Monday, February 27.

Wednesday, March 15
Archaeology
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library  261-5779

Wednesday, April 12
Recycling
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Main Library  261-5779

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Snack Attack
Create easy no-bake recipes. In April, make salsa with the LSU Ag Center’s Tiffany Williams. Register Monday, February 20.

East Regional Library 445-3168
Wednesday, March 1 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Thursday, April 20 4:00 – 5:00 PM

South Regional Library 981-1028
Friday, March 17 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Wednesday, April 19 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Friday, May 12 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Main Library 261-5778
Tuesday, March 14 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Tuesday, April 18 2:00 – 3:00 PM

A Hamilton Social for Teens
Saturday, April 1 2:00 – 4:00 PM Main Library
Rise Up for sing-alongs and more! Register Monday, March 20.

Teen Fandom Frenzy
East Regional Library 445-3168
Monday, April 17: Star Wars 3:00 – 4:30 PM
South Regional Library 981-1028
Saturday, April 22: YouTube 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Celebrate pop culture fandom with themed activities, games and lively debates with your fellow fanatics.

Drop-in Gaming
Main Library 261-5778
Wednesday, March 1 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Tuesday, April 4 4:30 – 5:30 PM

South Regional Library 981-1028
Saturday, March 11 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Monday, April 17 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Saturday, May 6 2:30 – 4:00 PM

North Regional Library 896-6323
Tuesdays: March 14, April 11 4:30 – 5:30 PM

East Regional Library 445-3168
Saturdays: March 18, April 29 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Teen Screen
Friday, April 21 3:00 – 5:00 PM East Regional

Warcraft (2016, PG-13, 123 min.)

School’s Out For Summer
Friday, May 26 3:00 – 4:30 PM East Regional
You’ve survived another school year! Celebrate with food, activities and video games. You’ll also learn about volunteering at the library and the great summer programs we are planning!

Teen Animanga Club
Friday, March 10 5:00 – 6:30 PM South Regional
Friday, April 7 5:00 – 6:30 PM South Regional
Friday, May 5 5:00 – 6:30 PM South Regional

Teen Library Corps
Saturday, March 11 1:00 – 2:00 PM South Regional
Saturday, May 6 1:00 – 2:00 PM South Regional
Meet friends, earn volunteer time and help plan library events.

Study Space for Teens
East Regional Library 445-3168
Mondays 4:00 – 8:00 PM
March 13, 27; April 10, 24; May 8, 15
Need a spot to study, work on a group project or write that paper you’ve been putting off? We’ll provide space and snacks!

 Writes of Spring Writing Contest
Entries due Thursday, March 31.
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 at tinyurl.com/writes2017. Call 261-5779 or visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org for more information.
## Non-Fiction Book Club

**Main Library**

- **Monday, March 6**
  - *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo

- **Monday, April 3**
  - *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

- **Monday, May 1**
  - *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

## North Regional Library Book Club

- **Wednesday, March 15**
  - Read and Share your favorite Sue Grafton title.

- **Wednesday, April 19**
  - *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout

- **Wednesday, May 17**
  - *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

## South Regional Sleuths Mystery Book Club

**This group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.**

- **Tuesday, March 21**
  - *First Deadly Sin* by Lawrence Sanders

- **Tuesday, April 18**
  - *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker

- **Tuesday, May 16**
  - *Death of a Village* by M.C. Beaton

## Classics Book Club

**South Regional Library**

- **Thursday, March 2**
  - *Member of the Wedding* by Carson McCullers

- **Thursday, April 6**
  - *Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis

- **Thursday, May 4**
  - *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling

## East Regional Library Book Club

**This group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM.**

- **Tuesday, March 28**
  - *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

- **Tuesday, April 25**
  - *What She Knew* by Gilly Macmillan

- **Tuesday, May 23**
  - *Wild: From Lost to Found of the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed

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### LEGO Mindstorm Challenge

**Ages 9 & up**

- **Take the challenge to build with and compete against others!**

- **Main Library**
  - **Thursday, March 23**
  - **4:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Registration begins Monday, March 6.**
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Phone 261-5787
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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

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.
All Aboard!

Our Friend of the Year for 2016 has traveled the globe to get where she is now. She was born in New Orleans and, thirteen years later, moved to Ville Platte. She traveled to Europe as a teenager -- with a bunch of nuns, no less! She then attended LSU in Baton Rouge, where she earned a degree while staying active in the Greek scene. She met her future spouse in college and they moved back to Ville Platte for the wedding. They ended up having three daughters together and she embarked on a career of teaching in Lafayette and St. Landry parishes.

Eventually, our Friend went back to being a student, and received her Master's degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She found time to do a bit of camping in places like Indian Creek and Chicot State Park.

She then resumed teaching, but this time at Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau. From 2001 to 2006, she and her husband acquired many passport stamps from places like Italy, Curacao/Belize and Greece. Tragically, her husband died in a boating accident in 2008.

Though the loss was unbearable, our Friend found a new life in travel, and toured places like China (where her red hair caused quite a stir), Mongolia and even Russia by train with her daughter in 2012. As if that weren't enough, the next year, she visited Scotland by train and Iceland by car, this time taking her granddaughter with her.

Our Friend has many interests. She enjoys outdoor sports and some crazy hobbies like stained glass, quilting and canasta. She is secretary of the Acadiana Republican Women, belongs to several book clubs, has taken dance lessons and is very active in the Friends of the Library as both a board member and an Annie. And all this in addition to helping care for her mother in Ville Platte.

Our Friend of the Year is Sarah Billeaud. A life member of the Friends, Sarah is instrumental in each book sale. She works on the Audio/Visual portion of our sale, which encompasses DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and vinyl. She is a faithful worker, and we are honored to make her our Friend of the Year for 2016.
The Ides of March are Upon Us

And this year, our spring sale will begin on the Ides, March 15th, for Friends’ members. We have been preparing for this sale since the completion of the last and we promise it won’t disappoint.

Each sale we are delighted with the attendance and the enthusiasm of the crowd for our books. We are book lovers, too (and if we weren’t, we wouldn’t undertake this monumental task)! We are always thrilled to have so many bibliophiles come to our sales.

Friends Night at the Fall sale in September set a record for sales, and we would love to top that this Spring. Thank all of you for supporting the Friends and the Lafayette Public Library. To date, we have donated $766,201.88 to the library system, and we would love to make it a million!

Can’t Wait for the Sale?

Did you know we also maintain perpetual sales at two of the libraries year-round? Look for the book shelves at the Main and South Regional Libraries. Prices are $1 each for paperbacks, $3 each for hardbacks and $1 each for all children’s books. Look for new releases and old favorites. You won’t be disappointed in the selection.

There are also occasionally study guides on the shelves, and we try to stock the summer shelves with books listed on area high school reading lists. Support the library and find lots of reading material at inexpensive prices!

Author Dinner Delightful

The Friends’ Annual Author Dinner held in October this year was a delight. Dixie Poche, our speaker and author of Classic Eateries of Cajun Country, entertained the audience with tales of eating in South Louisiana. She also asked questions of the audience and gave out local goodies as prizes for the correct answer. Ms. Poche is currently working on another book about Louisiana sweets.

Come join us next October at the Petroleum Club for our dinner. In addition to a Louisiana speaker, we present our Friend of the Year award. I guarantee you will enjoy the evening.

Author Dinner Delightful

Sort Of?

The Annies and Andies spend their time in the warehouse, culling and sorting books for each sale. Care is taken to get a variety of books in saleable condition, providing about 600 boxes of inventory for each of the past several book sales. This was not always the case, as a few of us “oldies” can attest.

The Attic Annies were aptly named as we worked upstairs on the third floor of the library. The volume of book donations was much lower and we did not have the luxury of discarding many books. And in those days of old, books were priced individually. Yes, that is correct. Each book was examined and priced by the sorter, something that could never happen with the volume of books we have today.

In the mid eighties, when Carol and Jack Tuft were responsible for the sales, the board determined that we needed to change that method and by-the-inch was born. (As an aside, consideration was also given to books by weight, but that idea was soon discarded.)

So now at our sales, books are measured and totaled easily. As an “oldie”, I am so glad we decided on this method which makes our job a bit easier.

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Quincen — what?

The Friends’ fearless spelling team of Dee Nolan, Dennis Sullivan and Flossie Turner again entered into the fray of the Lafayette Public Library Foundation’s Spell-a-bration in November. This time, we thought we would take home the gold, or maybe just the honey. But again, it was not to be.

In fact, we were eliminated in the first round, our worst finish yet. It was a quick three and out. But really… can you spell “quinceañera?”

Never fear, though. We will be back, with a vengeance, this fall, ready to spell and take part in this great fundraiser for the library.

And Dee will certainly wear her bee suit.

Donation News, or How to Fill a Bin

The Friends are so grateful for all the donations we receive each week. The book sale would not happen without the generosity of our donors. With donation bins available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday, we are fortunate to have so much material for our sales.

We would like to remind our donors that there are some types of materials we CANNOT accept. Magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias and VHS tapes cannot be resold. Outdated books, such as travel guides, medical books and computer books printed before 2012 also cannot be accepted. We ask that you consider donating these materials elsewhere, as we have no other choice but to dispose of them.

Please be sure to donate only books and other materials that are “gently used.” As a rule of thumb, if you would not want them in your house because they are moldy, dirty, etc., we cannot use them either.

Thanks again for all of your donations. They keep our sales going each year.
Thank You!

The Friends would like to send all of our appreciation to Advancial Financial Services in Lafayette. They recently held a children’s book drive and collected more than 500 books, which they then donated to the Friends for our Spring Book Sale.

Friends members Lydia Keeton and Flossie Turner were at the warehouse to accept the donation when they arrived. If your organization would like to make a similar donation to the Friends, please give us a call at (337) 501-9209, so that we can make arrangements to be available when you drop it off.

Again, thanks to our wonderfully generous community!

Spotlight on…

Debbie Hargrave is a recent addition to our Friends board, though not a stranger to Lafayette. A Lafayette native, Debbie is a retired educator and a volunteer ready to tackle any job. She is married to Hubert Hargrave and they have three children (Matt, Ben and Joan) and two grandchildren.

Her hobbies include reading and promoting public education. Debbie joined the board in September and says she did so because it “is a wonderful group of people committed to helping Lafayette libraries, which have been a big part of my life. It provides an inexpensive book exchange for those who love the written word.” Welcome to the board, Debbie!

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Wednesday, March 15
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Public Sale
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Friday, March 17
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9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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