



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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Libraries Lead ...

**BECAUSE
LEARNING
STARTS BEFORE
KINDERGARTEN.**

Libraries provide resources & examples during story times to help families develop strong literacy skills.

**BECAUSE FREE
WI-FI SHOULDN'T
REQUIRE A
RECEIPT.**

Virtually all libraries provide free public access to Wi-Fi.

**BECAUSE
HANDS-ON
LEARNING BUILDS
STRONGER BRAINS.**

Libraries provide programs to foster early learning & school readiness.

**BECAUSE MORE THAN
A QUARTER OF U.S.
HOUSEHOLDS DON'T
HAVE A COMPUTER
WITH AN INTERNET
CONNECTION.**

Libraries play an essential role in providing access & teaching others how to use the Internet.

**BECAUSE
TODAY'S GAMER
COULD BE
TOMORROW'S
INVENTOR.**

Librarians help make STEM learning fun.

**BECAUSE
LIBRARIANS HAVE
BEEN HELPING
PEOPLE FACT-CHECK
SINCE FOREVER.**

Separating fact from fiction poses a unique & real challenge in the Internet era.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2018

- Kicking Off Our STEAM Sit Downs
- National Library Week Activities
- Train Your Brain with BrainHQ
- Why You Need to "Read 20"
- Robotics Week 2018
- Earth & Arbor Day 2018
- Challenge Island Spring Break Event
- Save the Date for Summer Reading!

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STAFF STARS!



BRENDA LIRETTE

Big congratulations go out to Raceland Branch Staff Member Brenda for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Brenda possesses a can-do attitude & a willingness to learn, as well as accepts constructive criticism. She is an employee who looks for new opportunities to enhance the LPPL system. Brenda steps up & takes ownership in problem-solving & achieving the right results when working with patrons. She motivates the branch & adds much positive energy."

- Kaina Boyd, Raceland Branch Manager

ANDREW VERDIN, SKYLAR SHIRA, LUCAS GILBERT



Big congratulations go out to South Lafourche Branch Staff Members Andrew, Skylar, & Lucas for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"Andrew, Skylar, & Lucas did a ton of work in putting together the kits for our STEAM Sit Downs & in training our staff in the use of these kits."

- Katina Gaudet,
South Lafourche Librarian

DO YOU KNOW A STAFF STAR?
ASK FOR A NOMINATION FORM AT ANY
BRANCH CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK!


WHAT'S NEW!

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SCIENCE


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TECHNOLOGY

E

ENGINEERING

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ART

M

MATHEMATICS

SIT DOWN



Code • Construct • Create



INTRODUCING "STEAM SIT DOWN" AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS & TEENS!

Code, construct, create, & have FUN at our after-school STEAM Sit Downs! Join us every Monday - Thursday, all month long.



FOR KIDS


AND TEENS!




SITDOWN WITH STEAM
 SCHEDULE FOR APRIL
 EVERY MONDAY - THURSDAY

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BAYOU BLUE: 2:30 - 4 PM
CHOCTAW: 3:30 - 5 PM
GHEENS: 3:30 - 5:30 PM
GOLDEN MEADOW: 3:30 - 5 PM
LAROSE: 4 - 5:30 PM
LOCKPORT: 3 - 5 PM
RACELAND: 3 - 4:30 PM
S. LAFOURCHE: 4:30 - 6:30 PM
THIBODAUX: 4-6 PM

Thibodaux will host STEAM Sit Down from 2-4 PM during 04/02 - 04/05 only! All other sessions will be from 4-6 PM.



CODE-A-PILLARS!



IPAD PLAY!



GRAVITY MAZE!



ROBOT MOUSE!



DASH & DOT ROBOTICS!



LAUNCH ROCKET!

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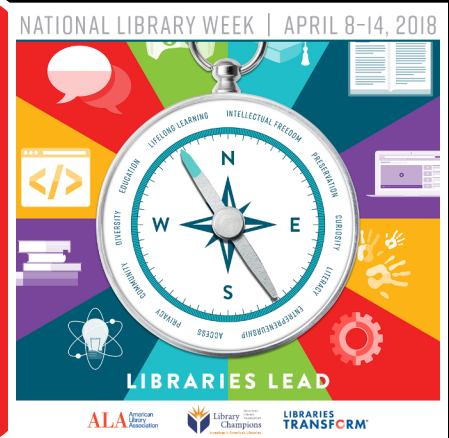
What's HOT

Libraries Lead...

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2018

National Library Week will be observed April 8-14, 2018
with the theme, "Libraries Lead."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.



BAYOU BLUE: Make Your Own Board Book (All Ages)
Monday, 04/09, 4 PM

CHOCTAW: Open House & Refreshments (All Ages)
Wednesday, 04/11, 10:30 AM - 5 PM

GHEENS: Open House & Spring Flowers (All Ages)
Monday, 04/09, 2-5 PM (All Ages)

GOLDEN MEADOW: Open House (All Ages)
Thursday, 04/12, 2-5 PM

LAROSE: Open House (All Ages)
Wednesday, 04/11, 12-3 PM

LOCKPORT: READ Painting (Ages 12-17)
Tuesday, 04/10, 4:30 PM
Open House (All Ages)
Thursday, 04/12, 4 PM
Upcycled Bookmarks (Ages 7-12)
Friday, 04/13, 3:30 PM

RACELAND: Library Games (All Ages)
Tuesday, 04/10, 4 PM
Create-a-Story & Library Social (All Ages)
Thursday, 04/12, 4 PM
Library Bingo (All Ages)
Friday, 04/13, 4 PM

SOUTH LAFOURCHE: Open House (All Ages)
Monday, 04/09, All Day

THIBODAUX: Candy Jar Guessing Contest (All Ages)
Monday, 04/09 - Thursday, 04/12
Book Giveaway (All Ages)
Monday, 04/09 - Friday, 04/13
Library Scavenger Hunt (Kids, Ages 8+)
Wednesday, 04/11, All Day
Paperback Giveaway (All Ages)
Saturday, 04/14, All Day

**Win
Big!**

Play our "Library Luck!" scratch-off game during
National Library Week & win big with your LPPL!
Every scratch-off is an instant winner.

Scratch off participants will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing
- three winners will receive a Kindle Fire donated by the Friends of
the Library! Grand Prize winners to be announced Friday, April 13.
Contact your home branch for more details.



What's HOT

Libraries Transform Lives, Libraries Transform Communities

Our libraries are busy, thanks to you! In celebration of National Library Week, we are taking a look back at 2017 and the many milestones we reached.

2017 YEAR IN REVIEW LAFORCHE PARISH PUBLIC LIBRARY




512,075
VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY




223,571
REFERENCE QUESTIONS




72,784
ANCESTRY SEARCHES




11,792
PROGRAMS OFFERED



252,027
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE




418,804
TIMES ITEMS WERE CHECKED OUT




361,441
Items In Collection


27,000+
NEW Items Added




86,998
PUBLIC COMPUTER SESSIONS



3,400+
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



30,000+
E-BOOKS CHECKED OUT



42,700
ACTIVE BORROWERS

4,139
NEW CARDHOLDERS



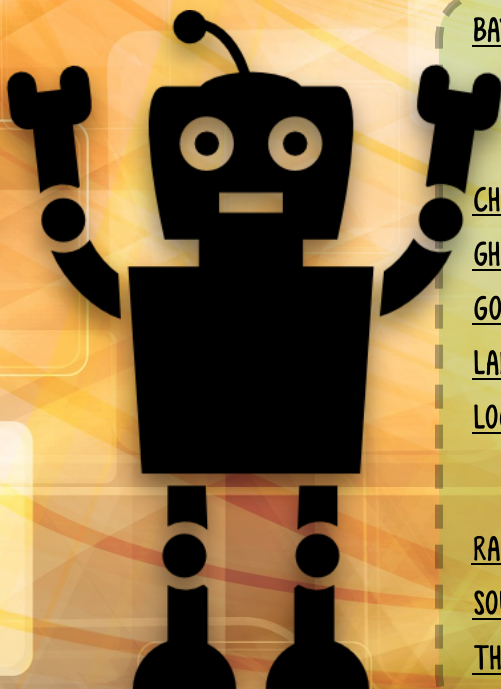
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WEBSITE VISITS

Featured Events



ROBOTICS WEEK 2018

EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF ROBOTS. APRIL 7 - 15



- BAYOU BLUE:** "Reading Robots" Story Time - Monday, 04/09, 10:30 AM
Washi Tape Robot (Ages 4-8) - Tuesday, 04/10, 4 PM
*Wonder Workshop Dash & Dot Robots (Ages 6-12) - Wednesday, 04/11, 4 PM
Ozobots (Ages 12-15) - Friday, 04/13, 4 PM
- CHOCTAW:** LEGO Robotics (Teens) - Monday, 04/09, 3 PM
- GHEENS:** Crystal Egg Geodes & Robotic Brushbots (Teens) - Thursday, 04/12, 4 PM
- GOLDEN MEADOW:** Make Your Own Robot (All Ages) - Thursday, 04/12, 4:15 PM
- LAROSE:** Cubelets (Kids & Teens) - Tuesday, 04/10, 4 PM
- LOCKPORT:** Gliding Robots (Ages 4-12) - Monday, 04/09, 4:30 PM
*STEM Squad: Robotic Hand (Ages 12-17) - Wednesday, 04/11, 5 PM
Throwback Theater: 20th Century Fox's Robots - Saturday, 04/14, 2:30 PM
- RACELAND:** STEAM Sit Down (Kids, Teens) - Monday, 04/09 - Thursday, 04/12, 3-4:30 PM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Robots! Workshop (Kids, Teens) - Thursday, 04/12, 4:30 PM
- THIBODAUX:** *LEGO Mindstorms (Ages 8-12) - Tuesday, 04/10, 4 PM

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!



Spring Break Event

Join us for the coolest Spring Break event around! You & a tribe of friends will turn the library into an amusement park by designing & building a roller coaster filled with thrills, loops, & turns! Are you up for the challenge?

Contact one of the hosting branches for more info. Ages 5+.



This program is made possible by a grant from the Association for Library Services to Children, funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Lockport Branch
Tuesday, 04/03
10 - 11 AM

S.Lafourche Branch
Tuesday, 04/03
1 - 2 PM

Thibodaux Branch
Wednesday, 04/04
10 - 11 AM

Featured Events



BE THE CHANGE

Earth Day &
Arbor Day 2018

- BAYOU BLUE:** *Earth Day Bottle Cap Tree Craft (Ages 5-10) - Friday, 04/20, 4 PM
"Arbor Day" Story Time - Monday, 04/23, 10:30 AM
- CHOCTAW:** "I Love Our Earth" Story Time - Tuesday, 04/17, 10:30 AM
Arbor Day Handprint Tree (Ages 3-9) - Thursday, 04/26, 4 PM
- GHEENS:** Science Lab: Cloud Jars (Teens) - Thursday, 04/05, 2:30 PM
#Upcycled Vertical Hanging Garden (All Ages) - Tuesday, 04/17, 4:30 PM
Repurposed Wired Hanging Baskets (Adults) - Friday, 04/20, 11 AM
"Gardening" Story Time & Craft - Tuesday, 04/24, 4 PM
- GOLDEN MEADOW:** Make Your Own Ecology Mobile (Kids) - Thursday, 04/26, 4:15 PM
- LAROSE:** Live Tree Giveaway (While Supplies Last) - Monday, 04/23 - Friday, 04/27
"Arbor Day" Story Time - Thursday, 04/26, 1 PM
- LOCKPORT:** *Munch Bunch: Earth Day Dirt Cups (Ages 5-12) - Friday, 04/20, 3:45 PM
*Plant TLC with Ms. Rachel (Adults) - Monday, 04/23, 11 AM
DIY Seed Bombs (All Ages) - Thursday, 04/26, 4:30 PM
- RACELAND:** Poet-Tree (All Ages) - Tuesday, 04/24, 4 PM
- S. LAFOURCHE:** Tree Giveaway (While Supplies Last) - Monday, 04/23 - Friday, 04/27
- THIBODAUX:** *Arbor Day Flower Pots & Seeds (Ages 4+) - Wednesday, 04/25, 4 PM

 **DOLLAR GENERAL**
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Association for Library Service to Children

 They All Asked for YOU! 

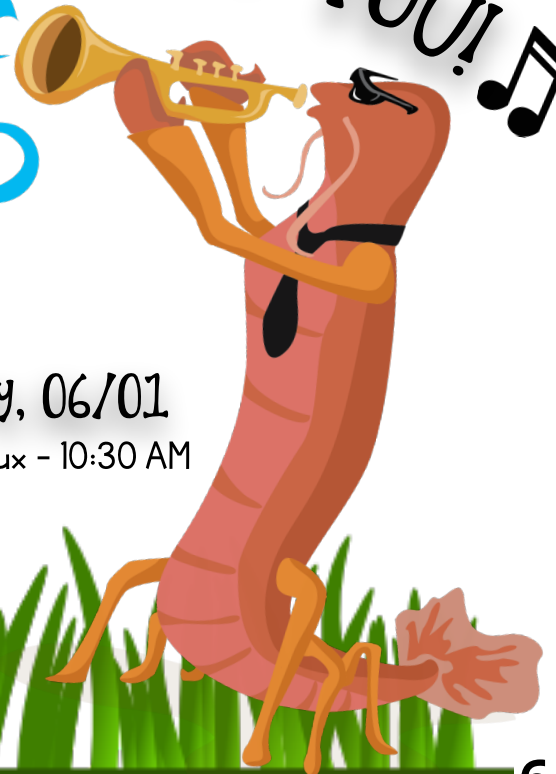
Save the Date!
The Audubon Wetlands
Express Is Coming
to LPPL!

Thursday, 05/31

South Lafourche - 10:30 AM
Lockport - 1PM

Friday, 06/01

Thibodaux - 10:30 AM





ARE YOU READY TO "READ 20?"



Ever wonder why reading outside of school is important? Well check out this great graphic to help you understand. Studies show that it doesn't matter what you choose to read for fun - it can be a novel, comics, or even a magazine. The point is to read! It expands your vocabulary, improves your reading comprehension, increases your reading fluency and even relieves stress ... all of which will help keep your mind sharp and raise test scores for our kiddos.



Not sure where to start? Your local library branch is here to help. We have so many reading opportunities every day at our library branches. There are story times throughout the parish you can bring your kids to, and laptime too for the young ones. Our busiest time of the year is Summer Reading. Summer Reading is for ALL ages, not just kids. We have already started planning our reading activities and programs all centered around our theme - Libraries Rock! Be on the lookout for our summer calendars - coming soon. Remember that reading is for adults too. We have book clubs and social times if that is what you are interested in. We also have books and more books: physical books to touch and smell, ebooks - so no one will know what you're reading (great for trips in public!), audiobooks in electronic format, Playaway format (where all you do is check out the device and listen), or disc format (to listen to in your disc player), as well as magazines, newspapers and so much more.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.



SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Reading Registration Begins May 29

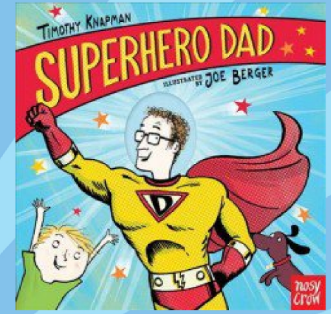
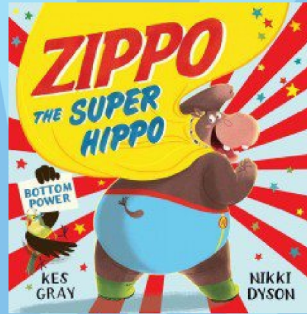
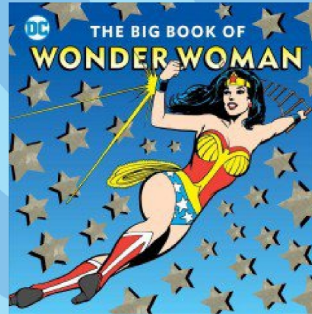
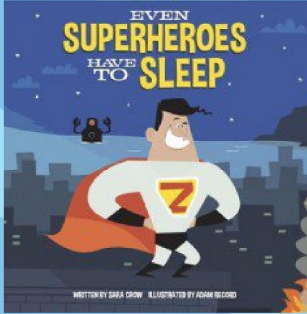
At your home branch and can't find what you want? We have a total of 9 branches within our Parish and we send books back and forth. So if you don't see what you want to read just ASK us - we will have it brought to your library for pick up, we will request it from another library system through our Interlibrary Loan system, or we can look at adding it to our next book order. Just let us know what you're looking for.

Bring yourself, bring your kids, and come to your nearest library branch - there is something for everyone - and with all those benefits - it's good for you too! See you soon.

- Laura, Library Director

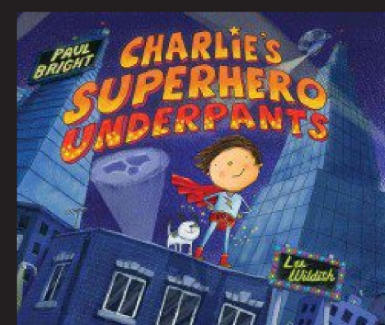
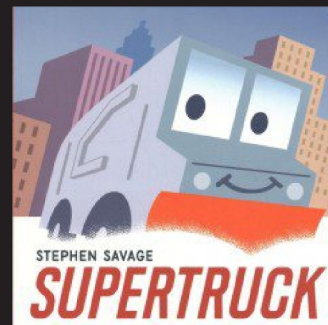
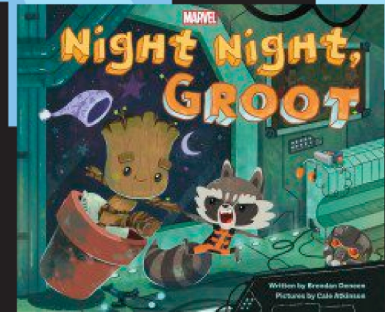
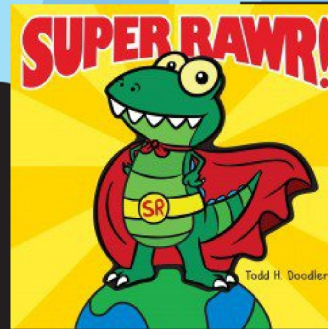
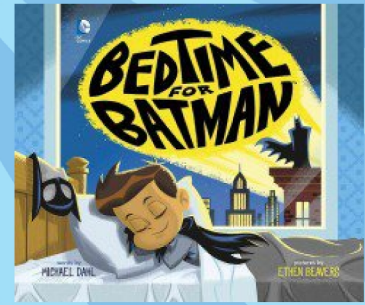
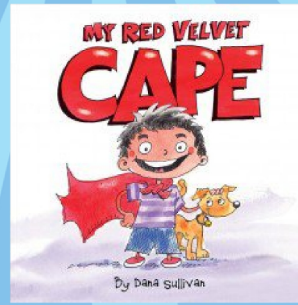
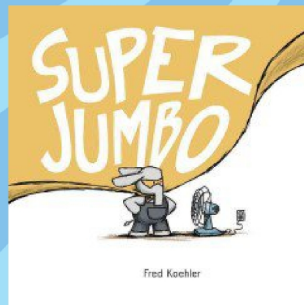
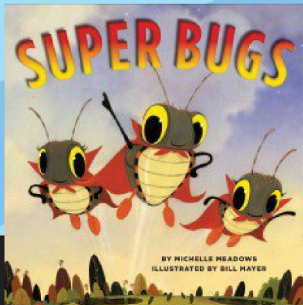
KIDS ONLY!

Children's Books of the Month



SUPER STORIES

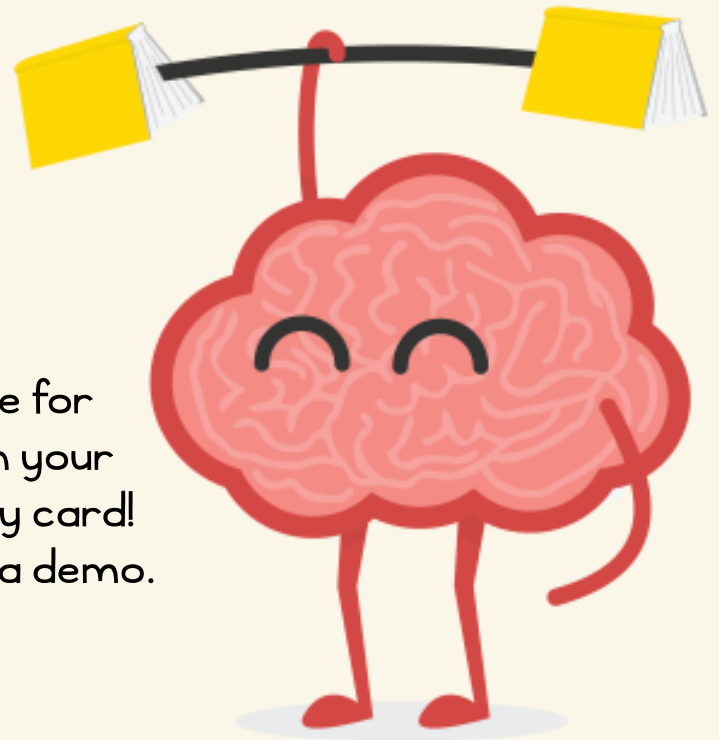
For National Super Hero Day (April 28)



What's HOT

Train your brain with the same system our Armed Forces are using ...

Available for FREE with your LPPLibrary card! Ask us for a demo.



BENEFITS OF THE BRAINHQ ONLINE BRAIN TRAINING SYSTEM:

- **Rigorous Training for Better Brain Health (This is Serious Stuff)**
Over 30 years of research in neurological science & related medicine went into developing BrainHQ.
- **Cognitive Training That's Tailored to You (No Two Brains Are the Same)**
BrainHQ gives you a useful, meaningful workout unique to your brain. Using a special algorithm, each exercise adapts in difficulty as you work so that you always train at the best level for you.
- **It Can Fit Into Your Life (Even If You Are Busy)**
It takes less than 5 minutes to do each BrainHQ level. Plus, you can use BrainHQ on almost any computer or mobile device, so you can take it on the go.
- **Two Ways to Train Your Brain (You Can Pick)**
BrainHQ has 29 online exercises that work out attention, brain speed, memory, people skills, navigation, & intelligence. You can use the Personal Trainer feature & let BrainHQ pick out exercises for you, OR you can design your own program!

BOOK REVIEWS

com•pel•ling

- evoking interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way
- "the novel was so compelling, the librarian read way past her bedtime"



THE PROMISE Beth Wiseman

GENRE:
Christian Suspense

STONE:
Inspiring;
Thought-Provoking

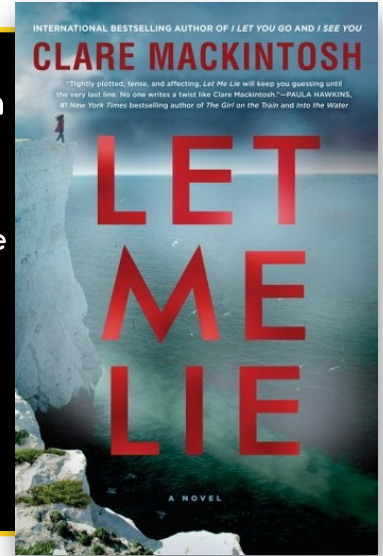
WRITING STYLE:
Compelling

"Wow! The Promise was an intense, frustrating, & eye-opening read. This book is based on a real-life story, and the author, Beth Wiseman, does an amazing job of bringing the realities of the Middle-Eastern world to the page. Told from multiple points of view, the reader is able to sense that not all is what it seems in this story.

Mallory has a kind and tender heart, and has been on a mission to help others since she was a teenager. Once she is an adult and can make her own decisions, Mallory's compassionate and emotional nature overrides her common sense. After meeting a man online from a volatile corner of the world, she is focused solely on having an amazing 'life experience' despite the warnings and red flags that she chooses to ignore.

As I was reading I felt a combination of pity for her circumstances and what-did-you-expect?! The book starts out relatively slow, but momentum quickly builds with the suspense, with it all wrapping up in an intense ending. This was a difficult book to put down because I was constantly worried about Mallory's safety and the outcome of her decision. This 'edge-of-your-seat' book should not to be missed."

- Crystal, Librarian



LET ME LIE Clare Mackintosh

GENRE:
Multiple Perspectives;
Thrillers & Suspense

STONE:
Reflective;
Suspenseful

STORYLINE:
Intricately-Plotted

WRITING STYLE:
Compelling

"Anna Johnson is coping with the death of both her parents. A year ago, in separate incidents, her parents committed suicide by walking off a cliff. A year later, Anna gets an envelope making her question whether the suicides were really suicides at all. Anna, now a mother to daughter Ella whom she is raising with her partner Mark, wants answers. As she struggles with the anniversary of their death, and the depression and heartache of not knowing why her parents left her, Anna becomes focused on finding the truth until she realizes maybe it isn't safe to know the truth.

Let Me Lie is an emotionally driven, deeply impactful drama that has many real-life scenarios that could happen to anyone. It deals with suicide, betrayal, alcoholism, mental illness and family drama. Told from differing perspectives, you're drawn into the lives of Anna, her parents, Murray and his wife, and Anna's partner, Mark. Let Me Lie is one of those stories that you can't write a more detailed review about without giving away the story, so pick this one up!

The novel started out a little slow for me, but quickly picked up speed. The writing was very good and the storyline flowed well. The ground work was well laid so you didn't know what was going to happen until it did. There were lots of twists and turns and so many lies! Another great psychological thriller from author Clare Mackintosh!"

- Laura, Library Director

Discover more **compelling** reads with **NoveList**

STAFF PICKS

Helen's Pick: [Darkest Hour](#) Film Starring Gary Oldman ★★★★★

"*Darkest Hour* stars Gary Oldman in a transfixing performance as Winston Churchill. The movie is an idealistic view of Churchill & world war, so it is not so much historical as it is a star turn for Oldman. If you're looking for war action or the like, you'll be disappointed. But if you enjoy history & biographical movies as I do, you won't be disappointed."

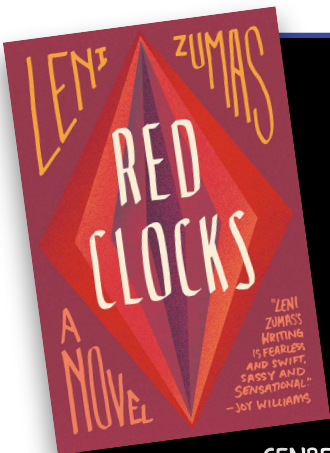


Brooke's Pick: [Red Clocks](#) by Leni Zumas ★★★★★

"*Red Clocks* has been touted as a modern day *Handmaid's Tale*, a precarious, cautionary story about a future where women no longer have say or choice when it comes to their own bodies. In all, it is a beautiful, effortless read, which provokes thoughts & questions, but doesn't provide many answers, at least not about the America these women live in. Readers who enjoy character development & interconnected stories will find *Red Clocks* to be enjoyable, but should not enter into the novel expecting there to be much world-building."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Adult Books for Young Adults; Literary Fiction; Dystopian Fiction; Multiple Perspectives CHARACTER: Complex
TOPE: Atmospheric; Darkly Humorous; Thought-Provoking STORYLINE: Character-Driven; Intricately Plotted
WRITING STYLE: Compelling; Lyrical; Richly Detailed

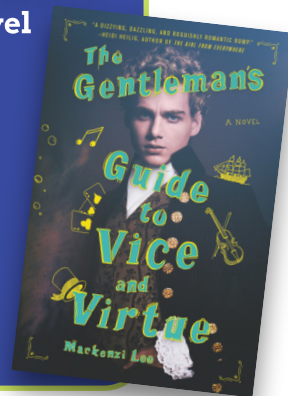


Catherine's Pick: [The Gentleman's Guide to Vice & Virtue](#) by Mackenzi Lee ★★★★★

"*The Gentleman's Guide*, a Stonewall Honor Book for 2018, is a historical fiction novel with very modern sensibilities. The novel makes full use of its historical setting while presenting a coming-of-age story that can resonate with a contemporary audience, & examining the intersections of class, race, gender, & ableist privileges without ever feeling like a lecture. This is a great read for someone who wants both a grand adventure & some thoughts worth chewing over."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: First Person Narratives; Historical Fantasy; LGBTQIA Fiction TOPE: Romantic PACE: Fast-Paced
CHARACTER: Ability Diverse; Culturally Diverse; LGBTQIA Diverse; Sarcastic WRITING STYLE: Engaging; Witty



A Guide to Stars
How We Rate Our Reads

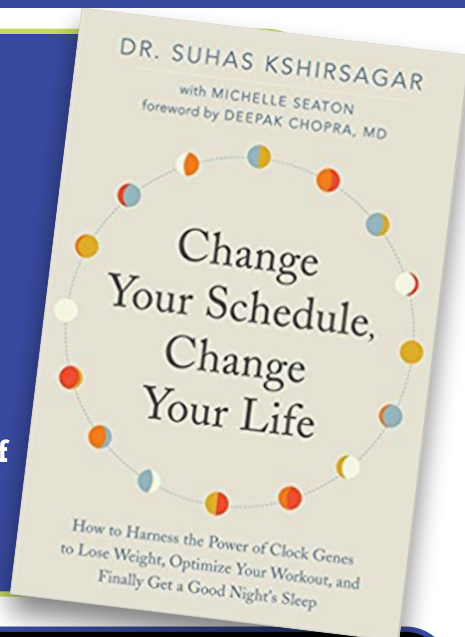


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STAFF PICKS

Kathy's Pick: *Change Your Schedule, Change Your Life*
by Dr. Suhas Kshirsagar ★★★★★

"Is your natural body schedule (your 'body clock' or circadian rhythm) attuned to your daily routines and work schedules? Dr. Kshirsagar explains how to adjust the things we do every day to coincide with the body's natural rhythm to produce optimum results – to lose weight, to feel energized, to sleep well at night, and to get the best results from exercise. With scientific examples of how each of the steps affects the body, and accounts of personal experience and patient results, this volume explains how to adjust your body clock to the natural rhythm of lightness and darkness. Thought-provoking and sensible suggestions are given throughout the book. These simple fixes for common problems actually work! Are you ready to reset your body clock?"

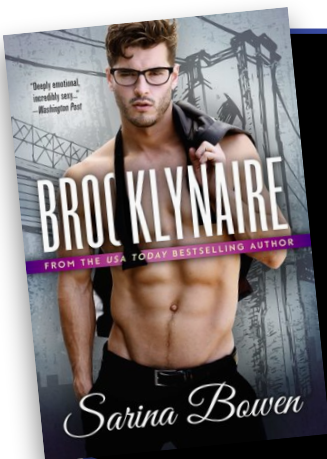


Dione's Pick: *Brooklynair* by Sarina Bowen ★★★★★

"Did I like this book? Well, I started it after work & didn't go to sleep until I finished it. So, YES! I love it & I hope you will too! If you have read the other books in the Brooklyn Bruisers series, you will be happy to see your favorite characters throughout this book. If this is your first book by Bowen, you will not be lost - it could be a standalone."

Are you & this book a good match? Discover more with Novelist Appeals!

GENRE: Contemporary Romances; Sport Romances TONE: Amusing; Steamy
WRITING STYLE: Engaging CHARACTER: Flawed; Well-Developed

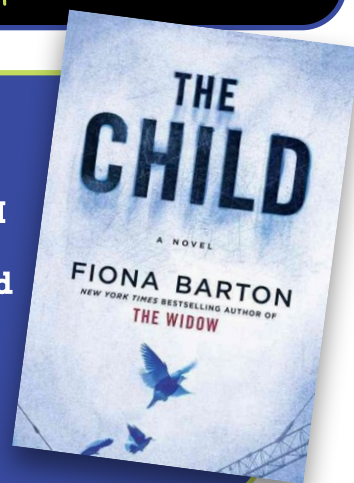


Elizabeth's Pick: *The Child* by Fiona Barton ★★★★★

"Fiona Barton is a talented writer who really gets into the minds of all of those involved with the crimes portrayed in her novels. As I was reading this book, I was quickly drawn into the pain of both mothers & how the loss of the babies affected all of those around them. The ending twist was a bit off-putting & hard to believe at first, but I understand Barton wanting to give readers closure. Overall, the book was a smashing sensation that I thoroughly enjoyed. "

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For National Humor Month

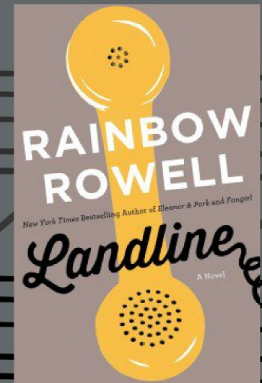
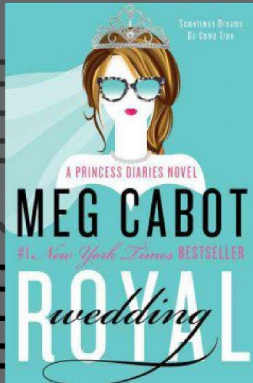
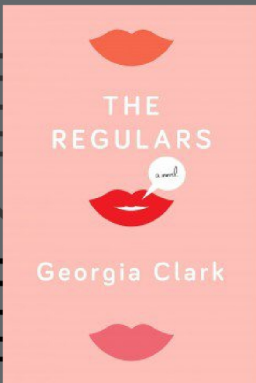
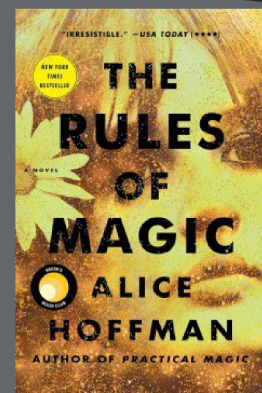
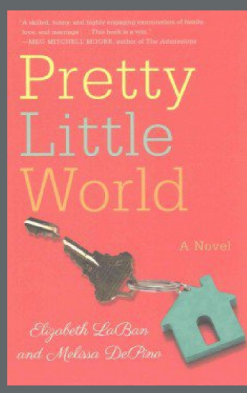
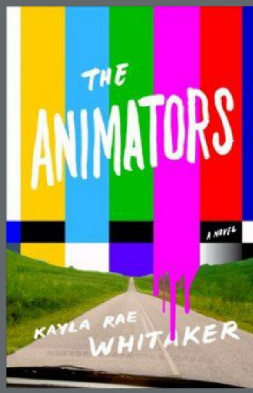
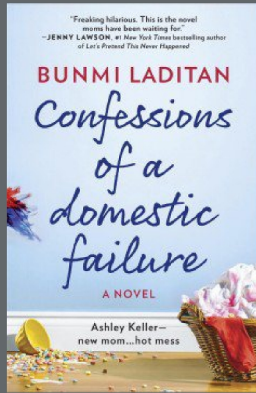
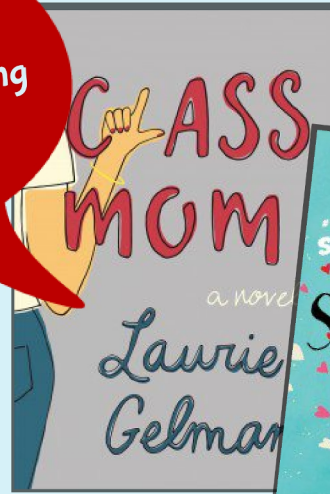
Witty
Side-Splitting
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Peculiar



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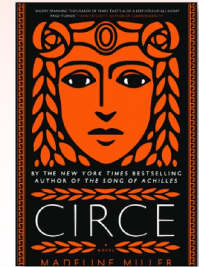


TOP PICK!

CIRCE
by Madeline Miller
(Little, Brown and Company)

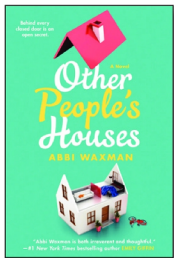
"*Circe* follows the banished witch daughter of the Titans as she practices her powers for an inevitable conflict with one of Olympus's most vindictive gods. I found myself pondering motherhood, mortality, and feminism. For readers of historical and mythological drama or anyone who loves a strong female lead."

—McKelle George, Salt Lake City Public Library, Salt Lake, UT



The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.

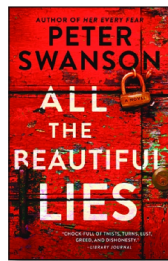
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OTHER PEOPLE'S HOUSES
by Abbi Waxman
(Berkeley)

"The story follows a stay-at-home mom. There is a satisfying rhythm to the book. Crazy things happen, and the next day the kids have to get to school and soccer practice. The shifting point of view, from the mother to various people living in the town is successful in imparting a snarky tone, bringing to life the gossipy small town setting."

—Claire Sherman, Clearwater Countryside Library, Clearwater, FL



ALL THE BEAUTIFUL LIES
A Novel
by Peter Swanson
(William Morrow)

"The latest from psychological thriller master Swanson is a whirlpool of darkness, taboos, and secrets. When his father commits suicide, Harry Ackerson returns home to Maine. Harry finds more questions than

answers as he faces his attractive young stepmother, the attentions of a seductive stranger, and the many questions posed by the local investigators."

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, Huntington Station, NY

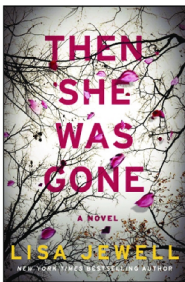


HOW TO BE SAFE
A Novel
by Tom McAllister
(Liveright)

"This novel uses fiction as a tool to show how guns and violence are affecting contemporary society. Anna's fictional experiences illustrate the real-life hypocrisy, lack of leadership, and fear of expressing controversial

opinions. Great fiction for readers who tend to stay in the nonfiction lane."

—Marilyn Sieb, L.D. Fargo Library, Lake Mills, WI

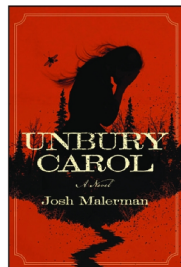


THEN SHE WAS GONE
A Novel
by Lisa Jewell
(Atria)

"Part psychological fiction, part ghost story, both tragic and uplifting. A decade after the disappearance of her teenage daughter, Laurel Mack meets a charming single father with two daughters, the youngest of whom reminds Laurel deeply of her lost

daughter Elle, and she becomes obsessed with her unanswered questions."

—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT

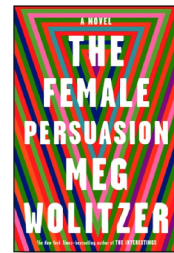


UNBURY CAROL
A Novel
by Josh Malerman
(Del Rey)

"This horror novel, set in the Old West, is creepy, atmospheric, and suspenseful. A husband has nefarious plans for his comatose wife Carol. James Moxie, a legendary outlaw, sets off on *The Trail* to save her. Hot on James' tail is a sinister hit man with a thirst for

murder-by-fire and a supernatural entity, Rot, who wants to collect Carol."

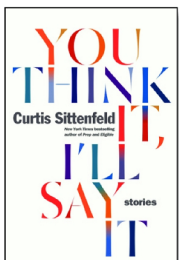
—Sonia Reppe, Stickney-Forest View Public Library, Stickney, IL



THE FEMALE PERSUASION
A Novel
by Meg Wolitzer
(Riverhead Books)

"A complex coming of age story. A college student finds herself transformed by her experience with a renowned feminist and activist in the center of the women's movement. This is a story of women finding their way and making mistakes in the world of men. This is a novel that makes you feel and think in equal measures."

—Chris Markley, Hawkins County Libraries, Rogersville, TN



YOU THINK IT, I'LL SAY IT
Stories
by Curtis Sittenfeld
(Random House)

"A collection of ten short stories from the author of *Eligible*. Literary fiction with young adult appeal. Well-developed characters in fascinating circumstances. Poignant, timely, sad, funny, and cohesive.

Sittenfeld shows her craft in a new form."

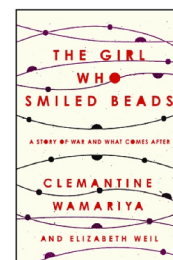
—Leanne Milliman, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix, MI



MY LADY'S CHOOSING
An Interactive Romance Novel
by Kitty Curran and Larissa Zageris
(Random House)

"A choose-your-own-adventure romance with Jane Austen flair. You are a spirited but penniless heroine in eighteenth-century society and courtship season has begun. Go!"

—Victoria Catron, Neva Lomason Memorial Library, Carrollton, GA



THE GIRL WHO SMILED BEADS
A Story of War and What Comes After
by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil
(Crown)

"Wamariya has written a heart-breaking account of her survival of the Rwandan genocide. In 1994, she and her sister fled Rwanda and spent the next six years migrating through Africa, looking for a safe haven. Told in alternating chapters, between her harrowing escape and her arrival in the US as a refugee."

—Janet Kowal, Connetquot Public Library, Bohemia, NY



LPPL Staff



Meet Kathy Thompson

Golden Meadow Branch Assistant



Kathy Thompson is coming up on her one year anniversary with LPPL in August. After working as a medical transcriptionist for 30 years, the library is a welcome change of pace! Over the course of a work day, Kathy shelves books & movies, helps patrons, leads some programs, & checks items in and out. Her favorite part of her job is meeting patrons - "My mother was from Golden Meadow, so there are many relatives that I have not seen in a a very long time. I also love being with kids!"

When not working, Kathy enjoys reading & going to the movies. Her favorite book & movie is Gone with the Wind. She also loves books by James Patterson, & enjoys watching Chicago Fire. Kathy lives with her dad, AKA Pap/Pappy, & her cat Jasper. She has a daughter named Catina, & two wonderful grandsons - Blake & Nick. Both of her grandsons play in the school band - one at LCO, the other at South Lafourche - & they both recently made Superior! Kathy is one proud grandmother - congratulations boys!

Q&A With Kathy!

- In April, we celebrate National Library Week. The theme this year is "Libraries Lead." How do you think LPPL is a leader in our community?

LPPL has a good variety of books & movies for all ages. We also have great programs for all ages!

- April is National Garden Month - What is your favorite flower or plant?

Christmas Cactus

- National Inventors Month is celebrated in April - What do you consider to be the best invention the world has ever seen?

Cell Phone

Meet Kathy & the rest of the Golden Meadow staff at their National Library Week Open House on **Thursday, April 12 from 2-5 PM!**





Meet Van Viator

Lockport Reference Librarian



Although Van Viator has worked at LPPL for 5 years, he just recently became a full-time reference librarian with us. Van has worked in academic libraries for 27 years, with 23 of those years at Nicholls' Ellender Memorial Library. "I am looking forward to the change & working with the great staff at LPPL," Van tells us.

While Van's favorite part of his job is interacting with the public & his colleagues, as well as being able to use his knowledge of books & films to make recommendations to patrons, he actually plays a role in many other daily tasks at the library. Van answers reference questions, writes book reviews & blogs, proctors exams, processes library card applications & holds, teaches classes, works on grants, assists with programming, & serves on Louisiana Library Association committees.

When he's not keeping busy at work, Van enjoys reading, traveling, swimming, & theater. Van is a big science fiction & fantasy horror fan, & he also loves Broadway musicals. It should be no surprise that his favorite author is Stephen King! When asked about his favorite book & movie, Van told us that it's hands down, Salem's Lot & Heathers, respectively. If you're looking for a good book or movie recommendation, be sure to stop by the reference desk & see Van!

Q&A With Van!

- In April, we celebrate National Library Week. The theme this year is "Libraries Lead." How do you think LPPL is a leader in our community?

LPPL provides free access to a plethora of information that citizens may not have access to otherwise.

- April is National Garden Month - What is your favorite flower or plant?

Rose

- National Inventors Month is celebrated in April - What do you consider to be the best invention the world has ever seen?

The homemade ice cream maker (just joking!) My real answer is the printing press & Internet.

- April 28 is National Super Hero Day - Which super power would you most like to have?

Flight

April is National Garden Month!

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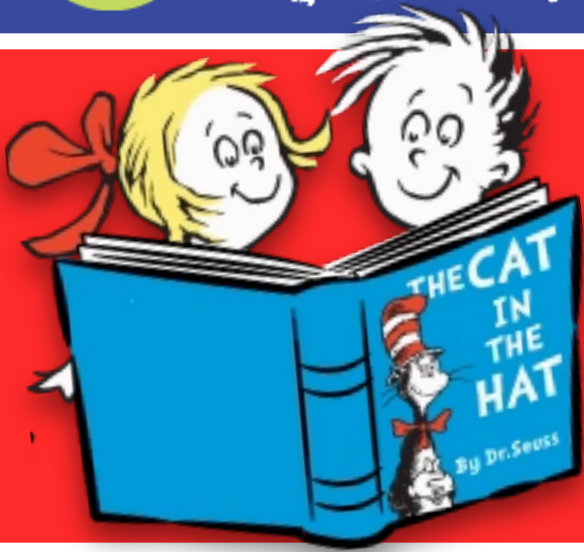
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Why are your jade plant's leaves curling? What are those white things all over your mint? Snap a photo and send it to the in-app experts, and you'll get a diagnosis and suggestions to cure the problem. Free in the App & Play store.

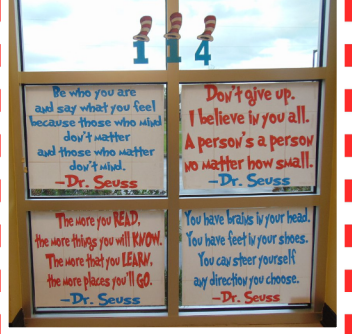
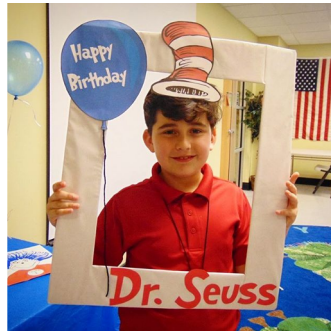




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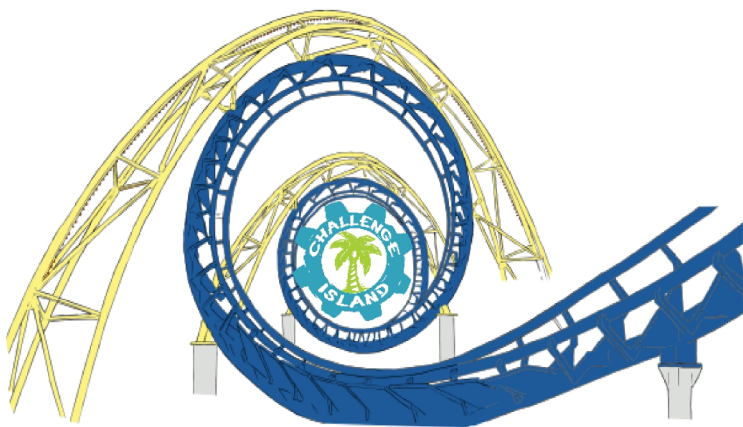


"The more that you read, the more things you'll know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Challenge Island Spring Break Event



Challenge Island is a one-of-a-kind enrichment program on the cutting edge of S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, & math) education and 21st Century Learning. We take children on a unique “island” adventure where they work in collaborative tribes to take on various STEM/STEAM challenges using only the materials in their treasure chest and their creativity.



Join us for the coolest Spring Break event around! You and a tribe of friends will turn the library into an amusement park by designing and building a roller coaster filled with thrills, loops, and turns. Are you up for the challenge? Contact one of the library branches below for more info. Ages 5 and up.

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⚙️ **South Lafourche Branch**—Tuesday, April 3rd 1:00-2:00pm

⚙️ **Thibodaux Branch**—Wednesday, April 4th 10:00-11:00am

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Fax: 985-633-8873

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M, W, F: 10 AM - 6 PM
Tue & Thu: 2 - 6 PM
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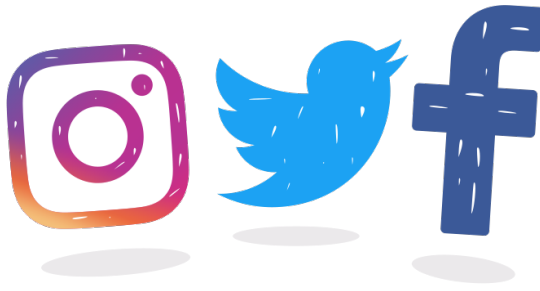
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