



Books and Bytes on the Bayou

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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2018
The Year
of the
Library

A New Year, A New You:

Discover the Possibilities @ Your Library

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What Can Your LPPL Do For You in 2018?

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January Closures

(All LPPL Branches Will Be Closed)



01/01 - New Year's Day Closure

01/15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Closure



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Big congratulations go out to Lockport Staff Members Sue, Leah, Rachel, & Heather for being recognized as Staff Stars this month!

"They are always helpful! I love all of you!"

- Constance Henderson, Lockport Patron

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

WHAT'S NEW!

You Asked,
We Answered!

At LPPL, we care about our community! In a recent Facility Needs Survey, you had some requests for your library system, and we listened! We are excited to announce these **NEW** changes for the **NEW** year.

Introducing *NEW* Satellite Branch Hours, Effective January 2018!

You asked for regular hours at our satellite branches, so we are giving you regular hours at our satellite branches! Satellite branches (with the exception of Gheens) will now be open from 10-6, Monday-Friday.

BAYOU BLUE:

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM

CHOCTAW:

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM

GHEENS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday & Thursday, 2 PM - 6 PM

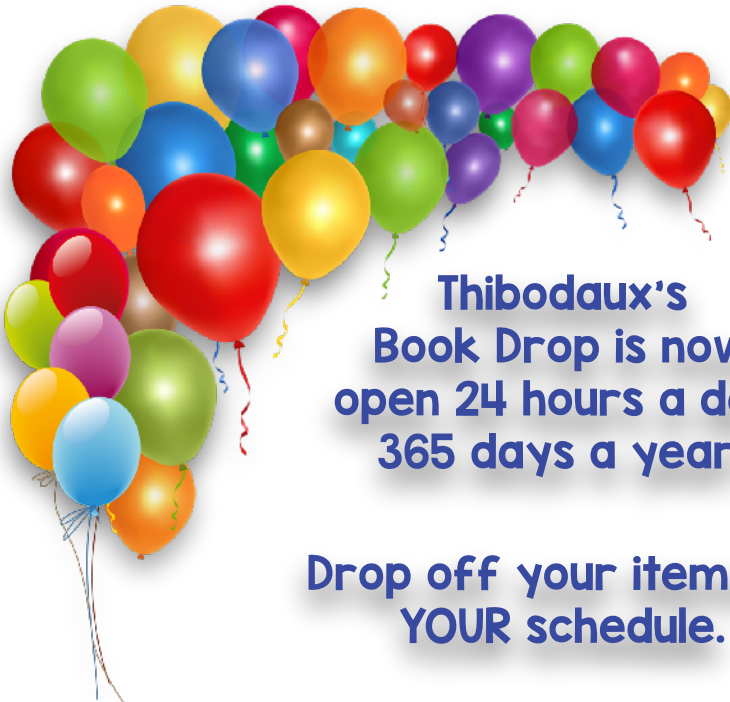
RACELAND:

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM

LAROSE:

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM

GOLDEN MEADOW: Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM



Thibodaux's
Book Drop is now
open 24 hours a day,
365 days a year!

Drop off your items on
YOUR schedule.

Introducing a Book Drop That Never Closes!



Providing a Better Library Experience ...

WHAT'S NEW!

You Asked,
We Answered!

We Are One System, One Collection!

Need an item that's at one of our other branches? We can help with that!

It's Happened to All of Us ...

You're browsing the library catalog, you find the perfect book, & you discover it is housed in a different library branch. You might wonder why this is the case - "Why can't my home branch house a copy of everything?" We would love to have a copy of every item in all nine of our branches, but the truth is, we simply don't have the space. Our collections are constantly growing, with new items being added daily. This means that brand new books, movies, & video games are being delivered to our branches every week, & we need a place to put these latest & greatest items. To ensure that we have space for new items, our collection is spread out & divided among our nine branches.



So what happens if you live in Golden Meadow, but you want to watch a movie that is at our Thibodaux Branch? Do you have to drive all the way up the bayou to check it out? The answer is "NO!" We have an amazing courier system that runs to our branches three times a week. Just place a hold for the item (you can do this yourself in the catalog, or you can ask a staff member to do it for you.) The item will then be pulled off the shelf where it is housed & sent to your home branch. The staff at your home branch will then give you a call when the item comes in!



Can't find the
book you are
looking for?

Let us help you with that!

Visit our Customer Service Desk & tell us which book you are looking for.
If it's not in this branch, it may be in another LPPL branch.
We will be happy to get it here for you ASAP!

We're One System, One Collection



Can't find the
DVD you are
looking for?

Let us help you with that!

Visit our Customer Service Desk & tell us which DVD you are looking for.
If it's not in this branch, it may be in another LPPL branch.
We will be happy to get it here for you ASAP!

We're One System, One Collection



If we don't own the item you are looking for, we do have a couple of options. We may be able to borrow the item from another Louisiana parish through what is called an ILL (Inter-Library Loan.) Or we may be able to purchase the item & add it to our collection. However, we don't know which items you are looking for if you don't tell us, so be sure to ask us for help when you can't find something in our libraries!

Providing a Better Library Experience ...



BLOGGING WITH LPPL

LPPL Wins \$5,000 Children's Services Grant

The Lafourche Parish Public Library is happy to announce a \$5,000 grant award that will help us offer more after-school STEAM programming at all of our library branches.



The Lafourche Parish Public Library is a 2018 recipient of a \$5,000 Strengthening Communities through Libraries grant award from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, with funding provided by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The library learned of the grant award on November 27, & we are super excited about it. We are one of only 14 library systems in the country to receive this grant award.

The grant funding will allow us to offer more out-of-school time STEAM activities in all of our library branches - from Thibodaux to Golden Meadow - & at a few outreach locations that provide after-school activities for kids & teens.

The grant funding will allow us to create three different types of STEAM kits - 10 kits in total - that we will circulate on a set schedule to our library branches and outreach locations, one kit per location. These kits will provide STEAM learning resources for children as young as three years old, for tweens, and for teens.

What's in the kits? In short, lots of really cool stuff.

Here's a sample of resources that we're able to add to our library system's arsenal of STEAM technology, thanks to our ALSC grant:

- iPad minis and Makey Makeys: Makey Makeys are invention kits that allow kids to do everything from play video games using Play-Doh to playing pianos using bananas.
- Bloxels: Design (and play) your own video games with Bloxels, using the Bloxels game board, some blocks, and an iPad mini.
- Robots: some solar-powered; some powered by saltwater, some that draw. Who doesn't love robots?
- And many more resources that focus on alternative energy, animal science, gravity, math, art, coding, electricity, magnetism, engineering, and other STEAM content areas.

The grant will also allow us to bring STEAM-related programs from outside presenters to children & teens at our main library branches: Thibodaux, Lockport, & South Lafourche. These include animal education programs, & art & building workshops.

We're in the early stages of planning these programs, but wanted to give you a heads-up about what's coming. We'll be back soon with more info - stay tuned!

- *Katina Gaudet, South Lafourche Area Librarian*



What is STEAM?

STEAM is an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math. Here at LPPL, we've been trying to increase the number of STEAM programs we offer for children & teens.

Why is STEAM important?

After-school STEAM programming helps children & teens to do better in school, & having STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) skills ultimately helps them to be more competitive in the workforce as adults. 4

What's HOT

START 2018 OFF FINE FREE!

January is Fine Forgiveness Month

Clear your overdue & lost item fines all month by donating non-perishable food items or pet food!

All items will be donated to local food banks & animal shelters.

FINES FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PROGRAM:

LAPTOPS, LAUNCHPADS, NOOKS, PLAYAWAYS, PLAYAWAY VIEWS, VIDEO GAMES

*For A Limited Time Only
Clear Your Fines!*



It's a new year full of new beginnings, & we want your library card fines to be a thing of the PAST! That's why we are offering Fine Forgiveness Month to kick off 2018. During the month of January, no fines will be collected on items no matter how late they are! That's right - days, weeks, months, years ... we don't care, just bring them back! For lost items or fines already on your account, you can bring in canned goods or pet food to clear those fines. Contact your home branch to find out how many items you need to donate to put your card back in good standing. This offer is for a limited time only - Fine Forgiveness Month won't be back again until September, so get your year off to a great start & clear your fines today!

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What's HOT



LET IT SNEAUX,
LET IT SNEAUX,
LET IT SNEAUX!

Lafourche Parish received a rare, & much welcomed, Christmas-Time snowfall last month. It hadn't snowed in the parish in nearly nine years - 12/11/08 - & everyone was excited & surprised to see "sneaux" falling from the sky. We snapped a few photos at our branches to mark this historic day.



THIBODAUX'S NEW TOUCHSCREEN TABLET

New to our Thibodaux Branch is a wall-mounted children's touchscreen computer tablet! The tablet is filled with interactive games, such as Inside Animals, which allows kids to erase the bodies of animals with their fingers to see their skeletons. Other topics include colors, grouping, puzzles, math, sequencing, family, fruits, transportation, weather, community workers, counting, geometry, graphing, measuring, & patterns. The tablet has been a big hit so far, so next time you're in the branch, check it out!



Take a photo with our big Library Lovers' card!



Coming Soon: Library Lovers' Month

February is National Library Lovers' Month, & we are asking you to "pledge" your love for your library! Next month, come sign one of our pledge cards & pick up an exclusive Library Lovers' button!



What kind of Library Lover are you?

Featured Events



A New Year, A New You:

That New Year's Resolution You Can't Ever Seem to Keep? We Can Help with That!

Let's face it ... it's hard to keep those New Year's resolutions. You start off the new year inspired & ready to turn over a new leaf ... and then "life" happens. We get it. And that's why we're here to help you be your best you this year (because goal-keeping is easier with a group!) We offer a wide variety of self-improvement classes throughout the year, & we would love for you to join us. Whether you want to get fit, gain a skill, or learn something new, we have the class for you!

So You Want to GET FIT This Year

"Lots of us make resolutions to get into shape & exercise more. Most of the time we start off with excitement, but slowly lose the motivation. Stay motivated by finding a workout partner & be sure to set goals that are attainable & realistic. Make your goals in small increments, such as 'I want to lose 5 pounds this month,' instead of 'I want to lose 5 pounds this week.' Goals that are unrealistic will cause you to get discouraged, & your desire to exercise will decrease or stop."

- Shannon Hubbell, Thibodaux

- BAYOU BLUE - Cardio Crew - Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays - 10:15 AM
- BAYOU BLUE - Cardio Crew - Wednesday, 01/03, 01/17, & 01/31 - 3 PM
- GHEENS - Get Movin' - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 10 AM
- LAROSE - Afternoon Yoga - Mondays - 2 PM
- LAROSE - Afternoon Yoga - Fridays - 3 PM
- LAROSE - Senior Strikers - Monday, 01/08 & 01/22 - 10 AM
- LOCKPORT - Get Fit - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 9 AM
- RACELAND - Cardio Crew - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays - 10:15 AM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Yoga - Wednesdays - 2 PM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Line Dancing - Thursdays - 2 PM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Wii Bowling - Monday, 01/08 - 10:30 AM
- THIBODAUX - Cardio Blast - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 4 PM

"Incorporate one low-carb recipe into your meal schedule to help with weight loss & diabetes."

- Jacob Vendin, Golden Meadow

"I find that the best way to keep a New Year's resolution is to share it with someone who will hold you accountable. When I want to exercise more, I grab a friend to be my gym buddy to encourage me to keep going. An accountability partner helps me work towards my goals so I can achieve personal success."

- Elizabeth Batte, Thibodaux

"Stay positive in your decision-making. For example, if you want to lose weight, make a good choice one meal at a time, one day at a time. Forgive yourself if you ate something you shouldn't have. We are our own worst enemy, & we need to be able to forgive & move forward. As you make these daily choices, you will notice in time they become easier & your body will become healthier."

- Sam Lurette, Thibodaux

Featured Events



So You Want to Be More CREATIVE This Year

"Make resolutions that are realistic & that you know you can commit to. Focus on changing one unhealthy behavior at a time, instead of trying to reach all of your goals at once. Also, it's okay if you slip. Just forgive yourself, recommit, & get back on track. What matters most is that you recognize what lifestyle changes are necessary for you to live a healthier life & that keep you working towards achieving your goals."

- Lisa Whitman, Youth Services

- BAYOU BLUE - Adult Coloring - Friday, 01/05, 01/19, & 01/26 - 11:15 AM
- BAYOU BLUE - Mixed Media Owl Painting - Thursday, 01/25 - 1:30 PM
- BAYOU BLUE - *Flower Wreath Craft - Wednesday, 01/31 - 1:30 PM
- CHOCTAW - *Crayon Art - Friday, 01/05 - 10 AM
- CHOCTAW - *Bring a Friend Canvas Painting - Wednesday, 01/17 - 10:30 AM
- CHOCTAW - DIY Memo Holders - Tuesday, 01/30 - 11:15 AM
- GHEENS - Cajun Snappers - Wednesday, 01/03 & 01/17 - 11 AM
- GHEENS - Jewelry Design for Beginners - Wednesday, 01/31 - 11 AM
- GOLDEN MEADOW - *Terra Cotta Snowman Craft - Tuesday, 01/16 - 1 PM
- GOLDEN MEADOW - Create Your Own Painting Class - Thursday, 01/18 - 4:15 PM
- LAROSE - Cuttin' Up Scrapbooking - Tuesday, 01/02, 01/16, & 01/30 - 1:00 - 5:45 PM
- LAROSE - Mod Podge Candle Holder - Tuesday, 01/09 - 2 PM
- LOCKPORT - Color Therapy - Wednesday, 01/03 - 2 PM
- LOCKPORT - *Glass Book Necklace - Thursday, 01/04 - 1 PM
- LOCKPORT - Snowy Owl Paper Collage - Saturday, 01/06 - 2:30 PM
- LOCKPORT - Scrapbooking - Saturday, 01/13 - 1 PM
- LOCKPORT - *Adult Studio: Painting - Saturday, 01/27 - 11 AM
- RACELAND - Adult Craft Group - Monday, 01/08 - 4 PM
- RACELAND - Family Art Walk - Friday, 01/19 - 4 PM
- RACELAND - Chilly Hands Wreath Craft - Monday, 01/29 - 4 PM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - *DIY Mardi Gras Wreath Craft - Wednesday, 01/10 - 10:30 AM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Friendship Mural Craft - Thursday, 01/11 - 4:30 PM
- THIBODAUX - *Rustic Shell Keepsake Box Craft - Monday, 01/29 - 5 PM

* = Registration Required - Stop by, call, or register online @ www.lafourche.org

"Promise to reward yourself with something you have always wanted or wanted to do if you keep your resolution. This will motivate you & better your chances of being successful. Also, if you & your friends are making the same resolution, make it a competition! This is sure to increase your odds of success."

- Charlotte Cheramie, Thibodaux

"This year, we inspired our story time families to make positive, healthy changes in their lives by 'making wishes' together for the New Year. Consider setting goals & resolutions as a family."

- Kim Chiasson, Thibodaux

"My advice to keeping a New Year's resolution is to keep it simple. Just make sure it is something that you want to incorporate into your life."

- Charlotte Gaubert, Thibodaux

"My New Year's resolution has always been to be a better me. To be better the next year than I was the previous year. To assist with this, I sit down & think about all the things within my life that I wanted to accomplish/change in the previous year. I evaluate if any of those goals were met or not. The goals that were not met transfer to the next year as I think about ways to accomplish them. The main tip is to never give up as you work toward anything in life."

- Kaina Boyd, Raceland

Featured Events



So You Want to LEARN SOMETHING NEW This Year

"In keeping New Year's resolutions, I find that it is best not to place too much pressure on it. If you say to yourself that you MUST do it, chances are you will fail. Say to yourself 'it would be to my benefit or it would be nice if I succeed at my resolution.' It also helps to make a list of benefits to yourself if you do keep your resolution."

- Van Viator, Thibodaux

- BAYOU BLUE - Flipster & Hoopla Demos - Wednesday, 01/17 - All Day
- CHOCTAW - Flipster & Hoopla Demos - Monday, 01/08 - 10 AM - 5 PM
- GHEENS - Flipster & Hoopla Demos - All Month, All Day
- LAROSE - Kindle Fire Adult Swipe - Monday, 01/22 - Thursday, 01/25, All Day
- LOCKPORT - *Monthly Manicures - Friday, 01/05 & 01/26 - 1 PM
- LOCKPORT - *Plant TLC with Ms. Rachel - Monday, 01/22 - 11 AM
- LOCKPORT - Crochet with Susan - Thursday, 01/25 - 3 PM
- RACELAND - Appy Hour - Thursday, 01/04 & 01/18 - 11 AM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Spanish Class - Wednesdays & Fridays - 10 AM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - La Table Francaise - Tuesday, 01/16 - 3 PM
- THIBODAUX - Genealogy Help - Wednesday, 01/03 - 9 AM
- THIBODAUX - Financial Wellness Month: Budgeting 101 - Tuesday, 01/16 - 5 PM

"Every year as a New Year's Resolution I try to 'Not Sweat the Small Stuff,' practice gratitude daily, be more thankful, eat healthier, & like everyone else, exercise more. With today's busy pace of life, it's easy to get off track but I feel so much better when I practice all the items listed. Therefore I try to incorporate these practices into my daily life as much as possible."

- Dana Clement, Headquarters

BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN

Get help on any topic, on YOUR schedule!

Set up your one-on-one appointment with our librarians.



Offering classes on computers, digital devices, databases, research, email, social media, & more!

Utilize our Book-a-Librarian service to help you reach your New Year's goals! Set up an appointment with us to receive one-on-one help with any topic. Contact your home branch for details.

"To save more money, set up a financial challenge for yourself. Set an amount you would like to save by the end of the year (Pinterest has some great money saving charts!) If you do it weekly, it becomes automatic after a couple of months. Even if you don't follow the chart exactly, you will still end up with more than you started with. I've found that by doing this, it has made me more aware of my spending habits. I cut back on eating out to make my weekly goal (which also helped prevent my waistline from increasing!) I met my goal for 2017 & intend to increase it for 2018."

- Pat Reed, Thibodaux

Featured Events



So You Want to READ MORE BOOKS This Year

"Joining bookish online social communities such as Goodreads & Litsy has really inspired me to read more & read better. These communities allow me to interact with people who love reading as much as I do, keep me abreast of the latest & greatest titles published, & give me an outlet to share books I've loved (or hated!) with other readers. These communities are great for people who want to talk about books, but are too shy or private to do it in person. I also love that it is easier than ever these days to find books tailored to your exact reading preferences with services such as NovelList (you have FREE access with your library card - ask us for details). There's so many books published each year & so little time to read them - NovelList, Goodreads, & Litsy help me figure out which books are the best use of my time."

- Brooke Savoie, Headquarters

- LAROSE - Trading Titles Book Club - Monday, 01/29 - 11 AM
- SOUTH LAFOURCHE - Book Club: Magpie Murders - Thursday, 01/04 - 2 PM
- THIBODAUX - LIBLUV Book Club: The Women in the Castle - Friday, 01/05 - 1 PM
- THIBODAUX - YA Book Club for Adults: The Beast is an Animal - Tuesday, 01/09 - 5 PM

"A few tips for keeping a New Year's resolution:

- Have an accountability partner or buddy who is trying to keep the same resolution as you.
- Track your progress daily.
- Reflect on your successes & failures. Celebrate your successes & learn from your failures.
- Set realistic & achievable expectations for yourself." - Crystal Robichaux, Bayou Blue & Raceland

Remember That We Also Have Some Outstanding Resources to Help You with Your Resolutions! Get FREE Access with Your Library Card.



NovelList Plus

The secret to finding your next great read

Book recommendations, read-alikes, & more ... find your next great read with **NovelList Plus!**

Memory games, brain exercises & more ... train your brain with **brainHQ!**

Rosetta Stone



Foreign language learning ... study 30 different languages with **Rosetta Stone!**



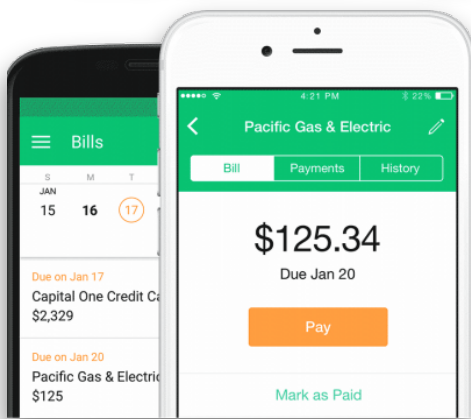
brainHQ
from Posit Science

Manage Your Money with Mint

If your 2018 New Year's resolution is to figure out your finances, look no further than the Intuit Mint app, available for free in the App & Play store.



See Everything in One Place

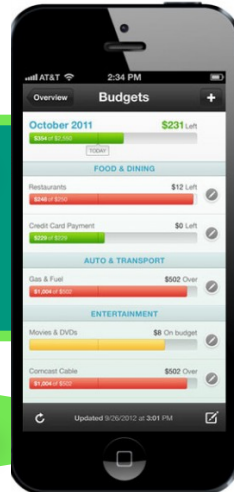


Track & manage your bank account, credit cards, bills, investments, loan balances, & transactions all in one easy-to-use app. Create budgets & set financial goals to help you better manage your money. Mint brings together everything from balances & bills to your credit score & more. It's your financial life, in one place that's easy to understand.

Stay Up-to-Date As It Happens

Mint automatically updates & categorizes your information. From your bank accounts & credit cards to retirement accounts & more - Mint crunches the numbers as they happen so you know where you stand.

It's free & easy to get started, & Mint connects to almost every US financial institution connected to the Internet. In just minutes, you'll see where your money is going & get ideas on how to stretch it farther.



Litsy

Available for free in the App & Play Store

Read Better This Year with Litsy!

Join the World's Fastest-Growing Bookish Community

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It's reading made social!



Find us on Litsy @lafourchelibrary

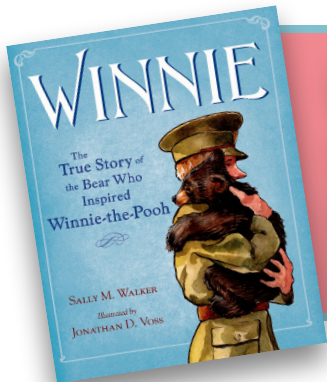
KIDS ONLY!

Children's Books of the Month



WINNIE-THE-POOH DAY IS JANUARY 18

Celebrate 92 Years of the Beloved Silly Ol' Bear

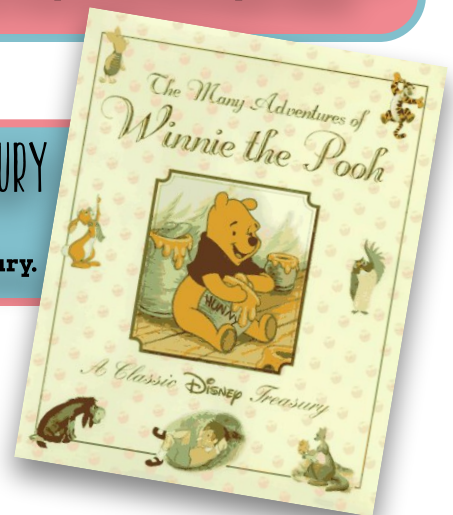


WINNIE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE BEAR WHO INSPIRED WINNIE-THE-POOH

When Harry Colebourn saw a baby bear at a train station, he knew he could care for it. Harry was a veterinarian. But he was also a soldier in training during World War I. Harry named the bear Winnie, short for Winnipeg, his company's home town, and he brought her along to the military camp in England. Winnie followed Harry everywhere and slept under his cot every night. Before long, she became the regiment's much-loved mascot. But who could care for the bear when Harry went to battle? Harry found just the right place for Winnie--the London Zoo. There a boy named Christopher Robin played with Winnie - he could care for this bear too!

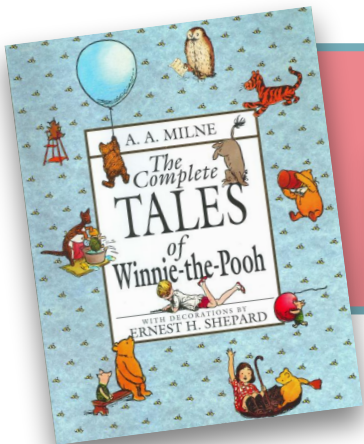
THE MANY ADVENTURES OF WINNIE-THE-POOH: A CLASSIC DISNEY TREASURY

For the first time ever, all of the classic Winnie the Pooh stories from the popular animated films have been collected together in this gorgeous and charming treasury.



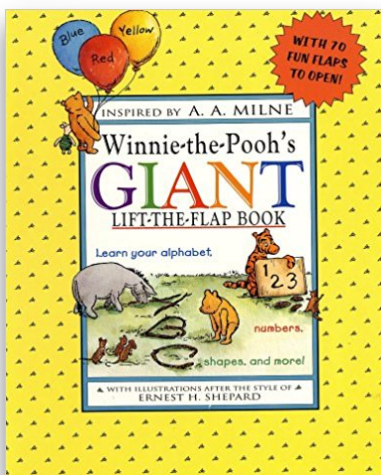
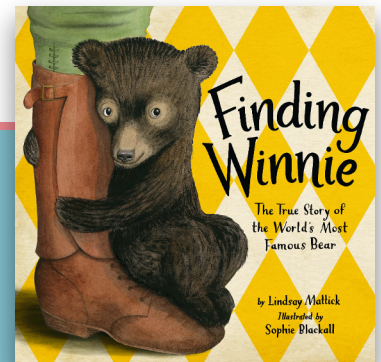
THE COMPLETE TALES OF WINNIE-THE-POOH

This deluxe volume brings both Pooh stories - *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner* - together in one beautiful, full-color edition. The texts are complete and unabridged, and all of the illustrations, each gloriously recolored, are included. Elegant yet simple, whimsical yet wise, this classic edition is a book to savor and treasure.



FINDING WINNIE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BEAR

A woman tells her young son the true story of how his great-great-grandfather, Captain Harry Colebourn, rescued and learned to love a bear cub in 1914 as he was on his way to take care of soldiers' horses during World War I, and the bear became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.



WINNIE-THE-POOH'S GIANT LIFT-THE-FLAP BOOK

With Pooh as their guide, preschoolers can lift some seventy flaps to discover shapes, colors, numbers, animals, letters, and how to tell time.

BOOK REVIEWS



FOR FANS OF CONTEMPORARY DOMESTIC FICTION, DON'T MISS THIS 2017 GOODREADS CHOICE AWARD WINNER!

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2017

"If you think your family has issues, just wait until you meet Merit's family. To start off with, under one roof is her dad and his mistress, their four year old son, 18 year-old Merit and her twin sister Honor, their older brother, and her agoraphobic mom who is living in the basement. Along the way an artist and half-brother also end up living with the Voss family. This dysfunctional family lives in an old church purchased out of spite by Merit's atheist dad. As expected, everyone in the house provides dynamic personalities and their own bit of drama to the story.

Without Merit focuses on Merit's struggles with her family, how they treat her, and how overall she feels invisible to everyone around her. New relationships provide Merit with some new perspective, but some of that clarity comes too late. Merit reveals family secrets in a very dramatic fashion and must learn to deal with that fallout. Can she bring the Voss family towards a healthier future together, or has she just burned all her bridges?

This book takes an honest look at the many levels of depression along with the signs of sinking into a depressive state. Not all signs of depression are easily seen, especially when it is you that is depressed. What we write off as a bad mood or a couple of bad weeks can be the scary beginning to a downward turn. Even though Without Merit focuses on depression, it is actually not a very depressing book. The characters will keep you laughing, and the drama will keep you on the edge. This coming of age story mixes in sibling rivalry, first love, and a frank perspective on mental health.

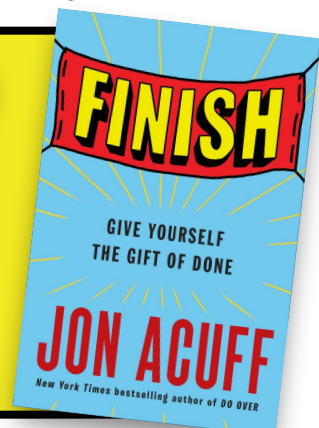
Colleen Hoover has become one of my go-to authors because of her devotion to the social issues she writes about. She never seems to write a book "just because." There always seems to be some personal motivation. Colleen Hoover is the queen of mixing romance and social issues in a way that will often leave you breathless. Her novels manage to never be the same, and I have loved almost all of them."

- Elizabeth, Jhibodaux Children's Librarian

KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IN 2018

"Why is it that we all start so many things, only to leave most of them unfinished? We have great ideas & jump right in to start, but then get bogged down only to languish with our goals unachieved. Jon Acuff explains how chronic starters can become "consistent finishers." He discusses how to get past the real hurdles such as "the day after perfect." Tips to help finish goals include: cut your goal in half, choose what to bomb, and "make it fun if you want it done."

Each chapter in this book has thought-provoking questions to adapt the concepts to your individual situation. Numerous examples are given to help explain how & why the steps actually work. Written in an easy-going, humorous tone, this inspiring volume leaves the reader with a "can-do" attitude & a smile on your face. Give yourself a gift: "I'm done!"

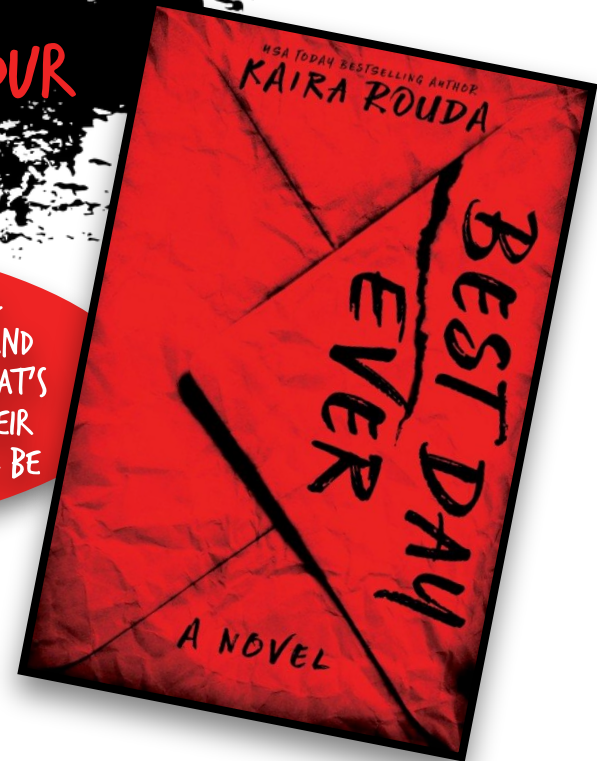


- Kathy, Cataloging Librarian

BOOK REVIEWS

SUSPENSE LOVERS, PREPARE FOR YOUR "BEST READ EVER!"

PAUL STROM HAS THE PERFECT LIFE: A GLITTERING CAREER AS AN ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE, A BEAUTIFUL WIFE, TWO HEALTHY BOYS AND A BIG HOUSE IN A WEALTHY SUBURB. AND HE'S THE PERFECT HUSBAND: BREADWINNER, PROTECTOR, PROVIDER. THAT'S WHY HE'S PLANNED A ROMANTIC WEEKEND FOR HIS WIFE, MIA, AT THEIR LAKE HOUSE, JUST THE TWO OF THEM. AND HE'S PROMISED TODAY WILL BE THE BEST DAY EVER.



"This page-turning psychological thriller by Kaira Rouda follows the Stroms on their "best day ever." What appears to be a happy, loving couple jetting off for a weekend getaway, soon reveals itself to be something much more sinister. Told from Paul's point of view, readers are gifted with a front row seat inside his head - buckle your seat belt because you are in for one wild and crazy ride!

Rouda does an excellent job of crafting a comfortable & safe environment for her readers, which quickly begins to show cracks in its foundation. As the novel progresses, dark & disturbing pieces of this couples' story are revealed, leaving readers guessing at the outcome.

Best Day Ever is an incredibly easy story to get into, with Rouda wasting no time in getting the ball rolling - the suspense & action start on the very first page. Additionally, the novel cycles through one eventful day, with each chapter chronicling a different time in a 24 hour period. The chapters are short & focused, making for an effortless read."

- Brooke Savoie, Public Relations Librarian

"*Best Day Ever* is a dark, thrilling, and sinister tale of deception & betrayal between a couple who have been married for 10 years. It takes a few chapters to get into it, but from there forward it sucks you in & you just can't put it down.

I really enjoyed this novel! There was a slow buildup of tension bit by bit until you're hooked & can't put it down! What I especially loved was that the author wrapped everything up at the end; no guessing & wondering what happened. This is an amazing read, I hope you enjoy it as much as I did."

- Laura Sanders, Library Director

THIS HILARIOUSLY GOOD NOVEL IS A LOUISIANA TEEN READERS' CHOICE NOMINEE & IS SET TO BECOME A MOVIE LATER THIS YEAR!

"Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dixon (or *Dumplin'* as her former beauty queen mom refers to her) has always been comfortable in her own skin. That is until she meets Private School Bo & starts to question herself, her size, & her relationships. In order to gain back some of her confidence, Willowdean does something she vowed she never would - she enters the local Miss Clover City beauty pageant along with a few more "unlikely" contestants. This novel is filled with Dolly Parton songs, beauty queens, a love triangle, & a best friend's fallout, all while still maintaining its Southern Texas charm! I really enjoyed this book. It's a quick read that is sure to have you wanting more." - Heather Gros, Lockport Branch Assistant

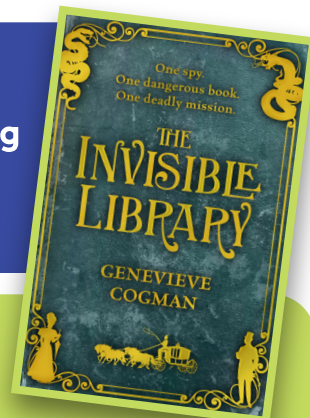
"*Dumplin'* is an engaging, inspiring, funny read about young women navigating the confusing world of friends, boys, & self-esteem. Willowdean is a strong role model for both young girls & women alike because she accepts herself for who she is, she stands up for herself, & she inspires others to do the same ... many of us probably wish we could have been as confident & decisive when we were in high school. As a plus, *Dumplin'* is well-written in an easy-to-follow, engaging style." - Brooke Savoie, Public Relations Librarian



STAFF PICKS

"Who doesn't love a story about librarians stealing books, alternate realities, and secret societies? While this book doesn't answer life's philosophical questions, it was definitely refreshing to see librarians taken out of the stacks and into the line of fire."

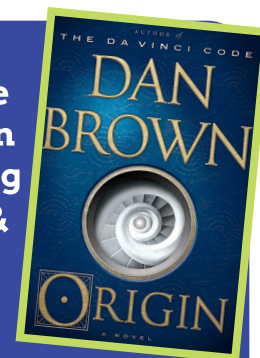
- *Katie Cheramie, Lockport Branch Librarian*



"This unforgettable coming-of-age novel from Printz Honor winner & William C. award finalist was my first foray into the Young Adult (YA) genre. It was a terrific read that reminds you that who you are is not always who you've been. People can be remade & remade again. Corrupt & decaying as the world—or one city—may be, there is something worth living for in every life. Really, when all is said & done, what's more Americana than that?" - *Shannon Porche, Assistant Director*



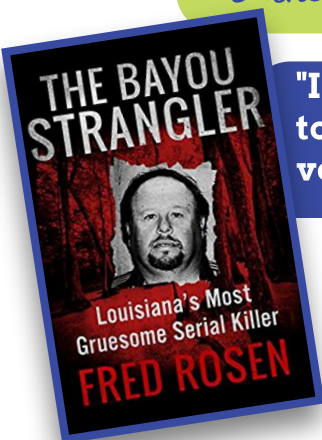
"Dan Brown books take you on a vacation of sorts, to breathtaking venues around the world. They make me want to take long walks in Florence, Rome, The Vatican & Istanbul. They make me want to spend days exploring museums & admiring the art & architecture. Sit back & relax, you are about to embark on a fast-paced journey with an amazing guide; remember Tom Hanks plays Robert Landon in the movies! How can you go wrong with a Tom Hanks character?" - *Laura Sanders, Library Director*



"Told in lightning-quick, short chapters alternating between the characters' present & past, *The Clockwork Dynasty* is a thrilling ride, a tantalizing glimpse into an alternate, hidden history, & a wonderful examination of what it means to live by a guiding principle & the difference between what makes us human and what makes us people."

- *Catherine Bascle, Librarian*

"I read this book because I remembered this case very well & I wanted to know more about it. I found the book to be very interesting & also very disturbing." - *Crystal Robichaux, Area Librarian*

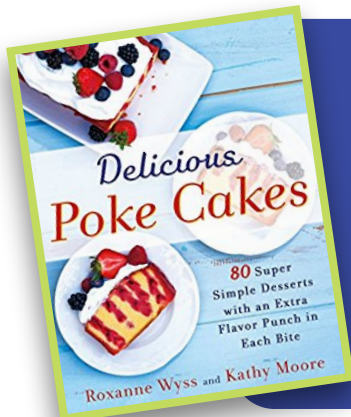


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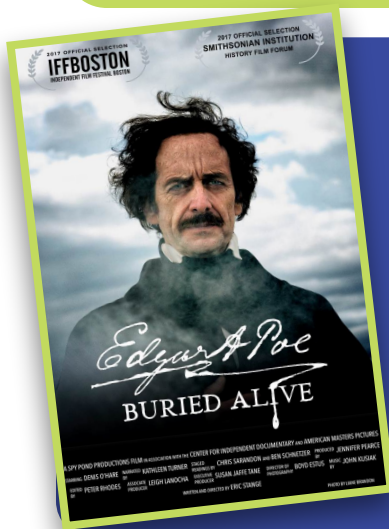


"When I came upon this book, I thought of my mom. She is famous in our family for her "rum cake". It's a yellow bundt cake that she pokes holes in and pours a secret recipe (rum & other ingredients) over. Besides an old-fashioned coconut or pineapple cake, I never really thought about poking holes in cakes. After reading this book, I have been inspired to make as many of the 80 recipes as I can during this holiday season."

- *Dione David, South Lafourche Reference Librarian*

"Karen White understands Charleston. Her accurate descriptions of the beautiful sights & lively movement of the city are like a true local. This book is perfect for fans of old cities, old houses, & the supernatural that stay past their earthly welcome. A good read!"

- *Charlotte Gaubert, Thibodaux Area Librarian*



"*Edgar Allan Poe: Buried Alive*, a recently released documentary from PBS's American Masters series, attempts to shed light on the actual Poe, not just the Poe we think we know, not – as some believe – a man synonymous with his characters, namely, the insane ones. Narrated by actress Kathleen Turner, the documentary also includes re-enactments of events that helped to shape Poe as a man & as an author as it traces Poe's life from his birth in Boston to his death in Baltimore. We also learn how Poe & his work helped to shape the world's literary canon by influencing some of the world's most well known authors."

- *Katina Gaudet, South Lafourche Area Librarian*

"I've read many books about Charles Manson and the Family. Dianne Lake's story adds new details about the daily workings of the cult & illustrates Manson's increasing paranoia and insanity, including the alarming manipulation tactics he used to control the lives of every member of his group. Told from an eyewitness's point of view, *Member of the Family* is a timely addition to the ongoing fascination of Charles Manson especially after his recent death."

- *Helen Brunet, Technical Services Librarian*



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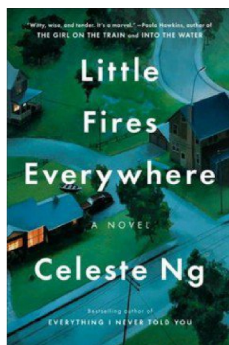


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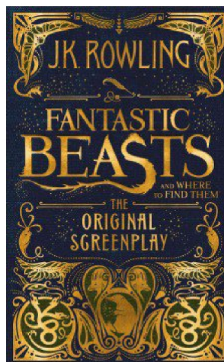
FICTION

Little Fires Everywhere

by Celeste Ng

Fighting an ugly custody battle with an artistic tenant who has little regard for the strict rules of their progressive Cleveland suburb, a straitlaced family woman who is seeking to adopt a baby becomes obsessed with exposing the tenant's past, only to trigger devastating consequences for

both of their families.

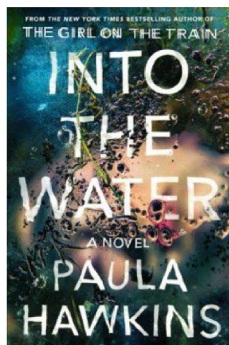


FANTASY

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

by J. K. Rowling

Fans are invited to relive the wonder of Magizoologist Newt Scamander's world in a series of collectible movie guidebooks and original J. K. Rowling screenplays comprised of essential film details, character profiles, location facts and script quotes.

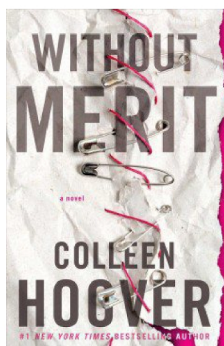


MYSTERY & THRILLER

Into the Water

by Paula Hawkins

When a single mom and a teen girl are found murdered at the bottom of a river in a small town weeks apart, an ensuing investigation dredges up a complicated local history involving human instincts and the damage they can inflict. By the best-selling author of The Girl on the Train.

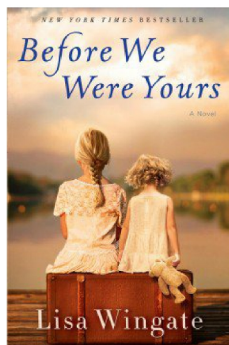


ROMANCE

Without Merit

by Colleen Hoover

A young woman reveals the dark secrets of her outwardly happy family before she leaves them behind, only to be confronted by the consequences of her decision when her escape plan fails. By the best-selling author of It Ends with Us.

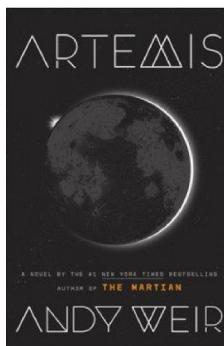


HISTORICAL FICTION

Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate

Learning that her grandmother was a victim of the corrupt Tennessee Children's Home Society, attorney and aspiring politician Avery Stafford delves into her family's past and begins to wonder if some things are best kept secret.



SCIENCE FICTION

Artemis

by Andy Weir

Augmenting his limited income by smuggling contraband to survive on the moon's wealthy city of Artemis, Jazz agrees to commit what seems to be a perfect, lucrative crime only to find herself embroiled in a conspiracy for control of the city. By the best-selling author of The Martian.



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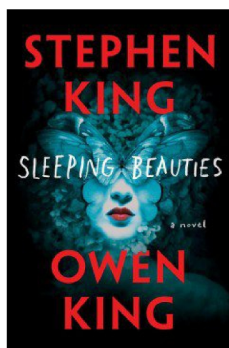


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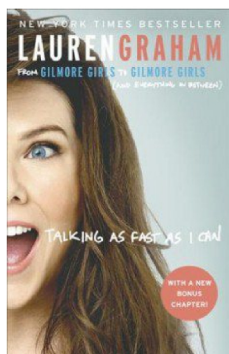
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Sleeping Beauties

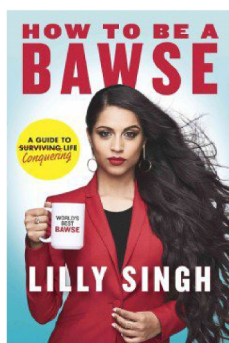
by Stephen King
A father-son collaboration envisions a near-future where the women succumb to a sleeping disease, the men revert to their increasingly primal natures and one woman, mysteriously immune, struggles to survive in an Appalachian prison town where she is treated alternately as a demon and a lab specimen.



HUMOR

Talking as fast as I Can

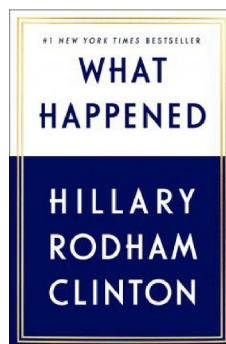
by Lauren Graham
A collection of stories about the author's experiences on the set of "Gilmore Girls" and her decision to reprise her role for Netflix's upcoming limited-series revival also shares insights into the realities of being an actress in Hollywood and New York



NONFICTION

How to Be a Bawse: A Guide to Conquering Life

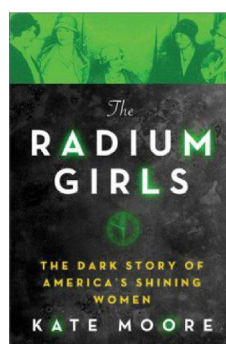
by Lilly Singh
The larger-than-life YouTube personality best known as "Supergirl" shares inspirational advice for fighting for one's dreams by working hard and embracing dedicated, uncompromising approaches to personal success.



MEMOIR/A.BIOGRAPHY

What Happened

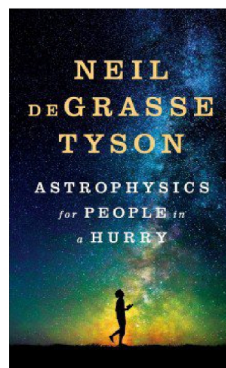
by Hillary Rodham Clinton
A new book of essays by the former secretary of state includes entries describing her experiences in the 2016 presidential campaign and incorporates hundreds of inspirational quotes that have shaped her life and work.



HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY

The Radium Girls

by Kate Moore
A full-length account of the struggles of hundreds of women who were exposed to dangerous levels of radium while working factory jobs during World War I describes how they were misled by their employers and became embroiled in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights.



SCIENCE & TECH

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

by Neil deGrasse Tyson
The notable host of StarTalk reveals just what people need to be fluent and ready for the next cosmic headlines: from the Big Bang to black holes, from quarks to quantum mechanics, and from the search for planets to the search for life in the universe.



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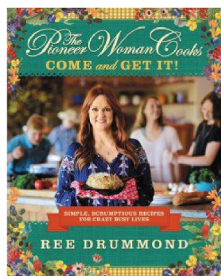


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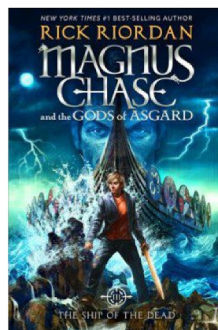


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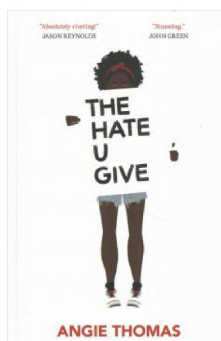
FOOD & COOKBOOKS **The Pioneer Woman Cooks : Come and Get It!**

by Ree Drummond
The Food Network star and best-selling author of *A Year of Holidays* shares a collection of recipes that provide for the needs of today's busy families, outlining a wide range of quick-prepare, nutritious and satisfying options for every meal of the day.



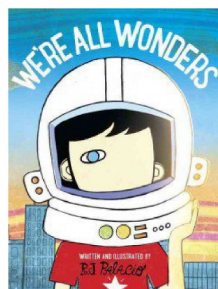
MIDDLE GRADES **The Ship of the Dead**

by Rick Riordan
Magnus and his friends set sail for the farthest borders of Jotunheim and Niflheim in pursuit of Asgard's greatest threat, Loki's demonic ship full of zombies



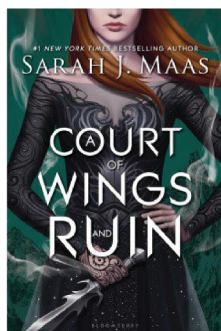
YOUNG ADULT FICTION **The Hate U Give**

by Angie Thomas
Caught between her poor neighborhood and her fancy prep school, sixteen-year-old Starr Carter becomes the focus of intimidation and more after witnessing the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.



PICTURE BOOKS **We're All Wonders**

by R. J. Palacio
Auggie enjoys the company of his dog, Daisy, and using his imagination, but painfully endures the taunts of his peers because of his facial deformity



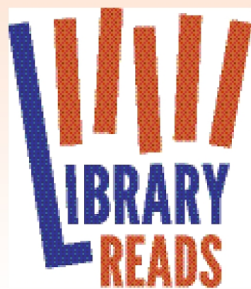
YOUNG ADULT FANTASY **A Court of Wings and Ruin**

by Sarah J Maas
Hoping to gather information on Tamlin and the invading king threatening Prythian, Feyre plays a deadly game of deceit while trying to find allies



BEST DEBUT AUTHOR **The Hate U Give**

by Angie Thomas
2017 was the year of Angie Thomas. Not only did she scoop up two Goodreads Choice Awards, but her book *The Hate U Give* was optioned for a film and has spent nearly a year on the *New York Times* bestseller list. The novel follows Starr Carter, a 16-year-old who finds her voice after her unarmed childhood best friend is fatally shot by the police. A timely and heartbreaking read.

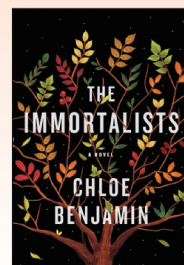


TOP PICK!

THE IMMORTALISTS
by Chloe Benjamin
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

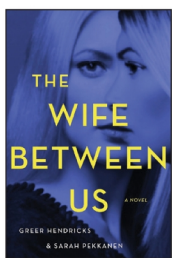
"A thought-provoking, sweeping family saga set in New York City's Lower East Side, 1969. Four siblings sneak out to visit a psychic who reveals to each, separately, the exact date of his or her death. The book goes on to recount five decades of experience shaped by the siblings' attempts to control fate."

—Kelly Currie, Delphi Public Library, Delphi, IN



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

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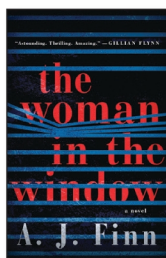


THE WIFE BETWEEN US
A Novel

by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen
(St. Martin's Press)

"A thriller told from the perspective of three narrators: a woman, her ex-husband, and his fiancé. The storyline is intricate and nonlinear and the characters are likable, but unreliable. This one will keep you guessing."

— Kelly Moore, Carrollton Public Library, Carrollton, TX



THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW
A Novel

by A. J. Finn
(William Morrow)

"A menacing psychological thriller that starts out like *Rear Window* and then veers off into unexpected places. An agoraphobic recluse languishes in her New York City home, drinking wine and spying on her neighbors. One day she witnesses a crime that threatens to expose her secrets."

—Joseph Jones, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cuyahoga, OH



PROMISE NOT TO TELL
by Jayne Ann Krentz

(Berkley)

"Virginia owns a successful art gallery in Seattle now, but she has had to overcome many demons from her childhood in a cult. When one of her artists commits suicide, leaving her a mysterious message, she suspects the cult leader may have resurfaced."

—Kelly Rohde, Mead Public Library, Sheboygan, WI



THE WEDDING DATE
by Jasmine Guillory
(Berkley Jove)

"Drew is in San Francisco for his ex-girlfriend's wedding. When he finds himself stuck in an elevator with Alexa, they hatch a plan to go to the wedding together, pretending to be a couple. Told in alternating points of view, this is a delightful multicultural romance."

—Elizabeth Gabriel, Milwaukee Public Library, Milwaukee, WI



CARNEGIE'S MAID
A Novel

by Marie Benedict
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

"Engaging, richly-detailed, biographical, and historical fiction. In 1860s Pittsburgh, Clara, an Irish immigrant takes a job working as a maid for Andrew Carnegie, with whom she falls in love, and then goes missing."

—Carol Ann Tack, Merrick Library, Merrick, NY

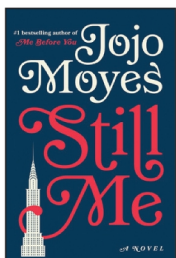


BENEATH THE SUGAR SKY
by Seanan McGuire

(Tor.com)

"McGuire continues her astounding Wayward Children series with the third volume. A fantastical journey to find and resurrect a mother in a land of sweets. A great fantasy for those who want to give the genre a try."

—Andrienne Cruz, Azusa City Library, Azusa, CA



STILL ME
A Novel
by Jojo Moyes
(Pamela Dorman Books)

"The irrepressible Louisa Clark is back and she has a new job as an assistant to the super wealthy Gopniks in New York City. She's thrilled, a little overwhelmed, and unsure how distance will affect her relationship with her boyfriend, Sam. A spirited look at New York high society."

—Donna Maturri, Pickerington Public Library, Pickerington, OH

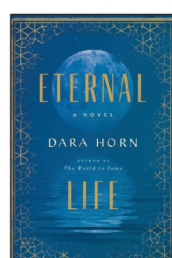


THE GIRL IN THE TOWER
A Novel

by Katherine Arden
(Del Rey)

"Vasilisa's gift for seeing what others do not won her the attention of Morozko and together they saved her people from destruction. Compelling political intrigue set in medieval Russia with a twist of folklore and some lush and inventive world building."

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, New Rochelle, NY



ETERNAL LIFE
A Novel

by Dara Horn
(W. W. Norton & Company)

"Ever since she made a deal to save her son's life in Roman-occupied Jerusalem, Rachel has been doomed to live eternally. When one of her grandchildren tries to study the secret of her longevity and asks for a DNA sample, her world spins out of control."

—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Library, Austin, TX



LPPL Staff



Meet Jessica Cassel

Lockport & Gheens Branch Associate



When Jessica Cassel started working at LPPL 11 years ago, it felt like coming home – she had finally found her calling. A self-proclaimed “people person,” Jessica says that getting to know her library community is her favorite part of her job. She loves learning from her patrons as she helps them with their library needs. You might actually know Jessica from a couple of our branches – she recently joined our Lockport Branch staff after running the Raceland Branch for many years, and she also manages our Gheens Branch. Although Jessica loves the work she does at LPPL, she didn’t always know that she would love working in a library. In fact, Jessica had plans to be a famous photographer & globe trotter, taking photos around the world for National Geographic. Right out of high school she attended the Art Institute of Houston & received an Associate’s degree in Applied Science with a major in Photojournalism & a minor in Video Production. But Jessica wasn’t finished there – she went on to receive a Bachelor’s degree from Nicholls with a major in English & a minor in Mass Communications. Ultimately though, Jessica decided that she couldn’t leave the state that she absolutely loves & calls home – Louisiana – & she applied to work at LPPL.

Jessica handles the daily operations of our Gheens Branch & works at the Circulation Desk in Lockport. She truly enjoys the feeling of friendly conversation about books & movies that her patrons have enjoyed, so strike up a conversation the next time you see her! Jessica also admits that she is slightly “OCD” & loves organizing books & movies in alphabetical order when she’s not working with her patrons. Last but not least, she loves getting to know the kids that come to the library. She loves the smiles on children’s faces while enjoying a good book, she loves “little children hugs,” & she especially loves visits from past children who are now all grown up. It warms her heart when they give her a hug & tell her how much they’ve missed her. To them, she will always be known as “Ms. J.”

When she’s not building relationships with her library community, Jessica enjoys taking pictures, swimming, gardening, crawfish harvesting, solo fishing, feeding marshmallows to alligators, any activities on the water, laughing, & staring at the sky. Her all-time favorite book is Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*, & her favorite movie hands-down is *The Goonies*. Jessica is married to Hoyt Cassel, Jr., & she has three children. There’s Skylar (20) who is attending ULL for Psychology, Jackson (7) who is in 2nd grade, & her baby Johnny (2). She jokes that she has a “gap” between her kids & that it always feels like she’s starting all over again. When asked if she has any parting words of wisdom, Jessica shared some of her favorite sayings – “Smile unto others & others will smile back, always laugh & dance, & you will stay happy & young, & just do it!”

FUN FACTS: NEW YEARS EDITION



WHAT’S YOUR NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION FOR 2018?: I want to learn how to sew.

DID YOU KEEP YOUR RESOLUTION FOR 2017?: No. Never. I can never seem to lose 1,000 lbs!

BEST MEMORY/EXPERIENCE FROM 2017: Any time I got to spend time with family & friends.

BEST BOOK/MOVIE/TV SHOW OF 2017: I enjoyed reading an old book about the Myrtles Plantation.

It makes me want to go back & be a ghost detective. As for movies, that would be Al Gore’s *Inconvenient Truth – The Sequel*.

WHICH LPPL PROGRAM WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR SOMEONE TRYING TO KEEP A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION?:

Any of our wellness classes. LPPL does a great job of providing these types of program.



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Meet Emily Serigne South Lafourche Branch Assistant

If you ask Emily Serigne what her favorite part of her job is, she will tell you that it's "creating an environment where children can unplug, learn, laugh, explore, experiment, create, & imagine." Most of all, she loves introducing children to the adventure &

wonder of books. Emily always knew that she would want to work with children as an adult. As a certified nursing assistant (CNA), she had plans of becoming a pediatric nurse, but decided against it because she doesn't like to see children in pain. Emily, who is also certified as a school paraprofessional, found her fit at Lafourche Parish Public Library. She worked in our Youth Services Department for 6 years, & after taking a 2 year hiatus, is back with us at our South Lafourche Branch, working primarily with children. She tells us that on a regular day she plans & executes children's story times & crafts (& picks up toys), creates displays & decorates the children's area (& picks up toys), & occasionally helps at circulation & with assisting our adult customers (& picks up toys). Did Emily mention that she picks up a lot of toys?! All jokes aside, she loves her job & believes she has found her place. "Pretending to be a doctor, teacher, princess, pirate, clown, magician, or farmer, all while doing the Tooty-Ta & the Chicken Dance ... PERFECT!"

When Emily is not having a blast at work, she loves to read, spend time with her family, & watch some Saints football. Emily has actually read some amazing books lately, but her favorite is the children's story, The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak - just thinking about it makes her smile. Her favorite TV shows include This Is Us & Chicago Fire. Emily has been married to her husband Phil for 26 years, & together they have three amazing children. There's Justin (26) who lives in Colorado with his wife & three dogs, Krista (23) who recently moved to Alabama with her dog, & Collin (17) who attends the Louisiana School of Math, Science, & Arts in Natchitoches. But don't think things are nice & quiet at Emily's house with her kids gone - she & her husband recently added a 60 lb German Shepherd puppy to the family! The puppy's name is Kota & is a welcome edition to their home.

FUN FACTS: NEW YEARS EDITION

WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR 2018?: To keep my New Year's Resolution

DID YOU KEEP YOUR RESOLUTION FOR 2017?: Nope!

BEST BOOK/MOVIE/TV SHOW OF 2017: Do I have to pick just one? The Future She Left Behind by Marin Thomas

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO IN 2018?: Another Saints Super Bowl win!

WHICH LPPL PROGRAM WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR SOMEONE TRYING TO KEEP A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?: Since most people resolve to get fit, I would suggest one of our fitness classes at any branch.

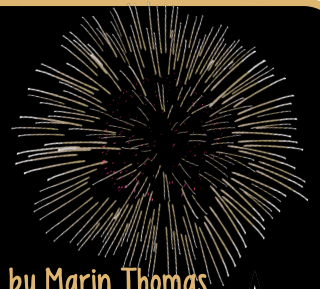




PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Making Snow
Thibodaux Branch



Cookies with Mrs. Claus
Choctaw Branch



My First Library Card
Bayou Blue Branch



Audubon ZooMobile
Lockport Branch



Disney Birthday Story Time
Raceland Branch



Gingerbread House Decorating
Gheens Branch



Cool Circuits
South Lafourche Branch



Santa Wreath Crafting
Larose Branch



Elf on the Shelf Shenanigans
Golden Meadow Branch

Bayou Blue, Choctaw, Raceland & Thibodaux

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| <p>Calendar Key Bayou Blue-Pink Choctaw-Purple Raceland-Blue Thibodaux-Black</p> | <p>1 CLOSED</p>  | <p>2 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Photography Session, Bring Your Camera, 4pm Storytime, 11am *STEAM Cool Circuits, 10am Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>3 Cardio Crew, 3pm Dash & Dot Robot Fun, 4pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Teen Program, 4pm Genealogy Help, 9am Storytime, 10:30am</p> | <p>4 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Trivia Game Night, 5pm *Yarn Art, 4:30pm Appy Hour, 11am Disney Scene It? 4pm Laptime, 10:30am Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>5 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Adult Coloring, 11:15am *Adult Art, 10am Cardio Crew, 10:15am My Money Youth Day, 4pm LIBLUV Book Club, 1pm *Moana Tween Night, 6-8pm</p> | <p>6 K'Nex General Construction, 11am *Tweens/Teens Craft, 2pm</p> | |
| 7 | <p>8 Storytime, 10:30am Flipster & Hoopla Demo, All Day Cardio Crew, 10:15am Adult Crew, 4pm Adult Mexican Train Dominos, 5pm</p> | <p>9 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Bingo Night, 5pm Storytime, 11:15am Teens-Game It, 4:30pm Storytime, 11am Teen Program, 4pm YA Book Club, 5pm</p> | <p>10 *Tweens/Teens Painting, 4pm Get Creative, 4:30pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Teen Program, 4pm Storytime, 10:30am Playtime, 11:30am</p> | <p>11 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Kid's Craft, 4:30pm R.A.D. Group, 11am Bingo Blast, 4pm Laptime, 10:30am Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>12 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Movie: Liongate's "Norm of the North", 1:30pm Art Project, All Day Cardio Crew, 10:15am Pokeno Blast, 4pm Kid's Craft, 3:30pm</p> | <p>13 *Tweens/Teens Décor, 2pm</p> | |
| 14 | <p>15 CLOSED</p>  | <p>16 Cardio Crew, 10:15am We Fit In! 4pm Tasty Tuesday, 4:30pm Storytime, 11am Cool Circuits, 4pm Teens/Adult Financial Wellness, 5pm Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>17 Cardio Crew, 3pm Flipster and Hoopla, All Day *Adult Canvas Painting, 10:30am Cardio Crew, 10:15am Storytime, 10:30am Kid's Craft, 4pm</p> | <p>18 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Pokémon League, 5pm Winnie Pooh Day, 5pm Appy Hour, 11am Bingo Blast, 4pm Laptime, 10:30am Cardio Crew, 4pm</p> | <p>19 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Adult Coloring, 11:15am Popcorn Craft, 2-4:30pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Family Art Walk, 4pm</p> | <p>20 Craft, 11am *Lego Robotics, 1pm</p> | |
| 21 | <p>22 Storytime, 10:30am Kid's Craft, 4pm Family Bingo, 4:30pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Chopped Popcorn Edition, 4pm Kids Craft, 4pm</p> | <p>23 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Storytime, 11:15am Storytime, 11am Popcorn and a Movie, 4pm Bingo, 10am Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>24 *Tweens/Teens Bloxels, 4pm Electronic Snap Circuits, 4pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Teen Craft, 4pm Storytime, 10:30am STEM Magna Tiles, 11:30am</p> | <p>25 Cardio Crew, 10:15am *Adult Painting, 1:30pm Tweens/Teens Craft, 3pm R.A.D. Group, 4pm Laptime, 10:30am Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>26 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Adult Coloring, 11:15am Cardio Crew, 10:15am Pokeno Blast, 4pm Teen Program, 3pm</p> | <p>27 K'Nex Exploring Machines, 1pm</p> | |
| 28 | <p>29 Storytime, 10:30am Play Doh Fun Play, 1-5pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Wreath Craft, 4pm *Adult Craft, 5pm</p> | <p>30 Cardio Crew, 10:15am Bingo Night, 5pm DIY Memo Holders, 11:15am Storytime, 11am Demonstration for teens, 4pm Art Appreciation with Margaret Chouest, 11am Cardio Blast, 4pm</p> | <p>31 Cardio Crew, 3pm *Adult Craft, 1:30pm Cardio Crew, 10:15am Magna Tiles for Kids, 4pm Storytime, 10:30am</p> | <p>VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.LAFOURCHE.ORG</p> | | <p>Programs marked with an * require pre-registration. To register, please call or stop by the front desk of the branch where the program will take place.</p> | |

2018 **January**

Gheens, Golden Meadow, Larose, Lockport & South Lafourche

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 7 2018 | 8 Movin' Adult, 10am Craft Program-All Day Senior Strikers, 10am Afternoon Yoga, 2pm Get Fit, 9am Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, 4:30pm Wii Bowling, 10:30am | 9 Storytime & Craft, 4pm Crocheting Class, 4pm Adult Craft, 2pm Get Fit, 9am Movie, Disney <i>Frozen</i> , 4:30pm Storytime, 10:30am Kid's Bingo, 4:30pm | 10 Movin' Adult, 10am Adult Basics Crochet, 11am Storytime, 4pm Cool Circuits, 4:30pm Get Fit, 9am *Craft Workshop, 4:30pm Spanish Class, 10am *DIY Wreath, 10:30am Yoga, 2pm | 11 Tweens/Teens Workshop, 4pm Family Bingo, 4:30pm Storytime, 1pm Storytime, 10:30am Painting, 5pm Line Dancing, 2pm Craft, 4:30pm | 12 Movin' Adult, 10am Lego Play, 3pm Pokeno, 11:30am Afternoon Yoga, 3pm Get Fit, 9am Sensory Play, 10:30am Bingo, 10am Spanish Class, 10am | 13 Bingo Battle, 10am Scrapbooking, 1pm Magna Tiles, 10-2pm *Bloxels, 1pm |
| 14 January | 15 CLOSED  | 16 Storytime & Craft, 4pm *Adult Craft, 1pm Cuttin' Up Scrapbooking, 1-5:45pm Get Fit, 9am Disney's Scene It, 5pm Storytime, 10:30a Pokeno, 2pm La Table Francaise, 3pm | 17 Movin' Adult, 10am Adult Cajun Snappers, 11am Storytime, 4pm Wii Free Play, 4:30pm Get Fit, 9am *STEM Squad, 5pm Spanish Class, 10am Yoga, 2pm | 18 Tweens/Teens Workshop, 4pm Painting Program, 4:15pm Storytime, 1pm Movie, The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature, 4pm~Toonbox Bilingual Storytime, 10:30am Bingo Battle, 5pm Line Dancing, 2pm Kid's Bingo, 4:30pm | 19 Movin' Adult, 10am Family Game Night, 3pm Bingo, 1pm National Popcorn Day Afternoon Yoga, 3pm Get Fit, 9am *Munch Bunch, 3:45pm Bingo, 10am Spanish Class, 10am | 20 Craft, 2pm Magna Tiles, 10-2pm *Dash & Dot Robots, 1pm |
| 21 January | 22 Movin' Adult, 10am Senior Strikers, 10am Afternoon Yoga, 2pm Get Fit, 9am *Plant TLC 11am Kid's Bilingual Bingo, 4:30pm | 23 Storytime & Craft, 4pm Crocheting Class, 4pm Bingo, 1pm Tweens/Teens Craft, 4:30pm Get Fit, 9am DIY project, 4:30pm Storytime, 10:30am *Cool Circuits, 4:30pm | 24 Movin' Adult, 10am Adult Basics Crochet, 11am Storytime, 4pm 3Doodler Creations, 3:30pm Get Fit, 9am Wiggle Time, 4:30pm Spanish Class, 10am Yoga, 2pm | 25 Tweens/Teens Workshop, 4pm Family Coloring, All Day Storytime, 1pm Storytime, 10:30am Crochet with Susan, 3pm Line Dancing, 2pm | 26 Movin' Adult, 10am Card Games, 3pm Pokeno, 11:30am Afternoon Yoga, 3pm Get Fit, 9am *Monthly Manicures, 1pm Bingo, 10am Spanish Class, 10am | 27 *Adult Painting, 11am Magna Tiles, 10-2pm *Ozobot Robots, 1pm |
| 28 | 29 Movin' Adult, 10am Tweens/Teens Program, 4:30pm Trading Titles, 11am Afternoon Yoga, 2pm Get Fit, 9am Bilingual Bingo, 5pm | 30 Storytime & Craft, 4pm Movie @ the Library, 4:15pm Cuttin' Up Scrapbooking, 1-5:45pm Get Fit, 9am Young Artists Society, 4:30pm Babytime, 10:30am *Craft, 5:30pm | 31 Movin' Adult, 10am Adult Program, 11am Children's Craft, 4pm Get Fit, 9am Spanish Class, 10am Yoga, 2pm | <div style="border: 1px dashed yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.LAFOURCHE.ORG </div> | <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Programs marked with an * require pre-registration. To register, please call or stop by the front desk of the branch where the program will take place. </div> | |

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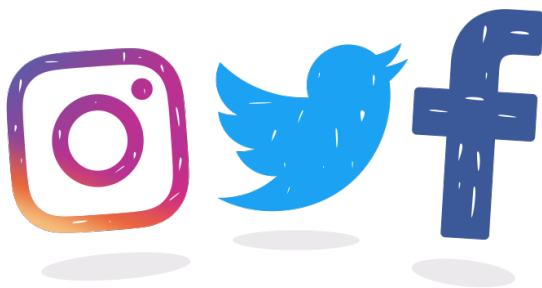
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