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# FIRE



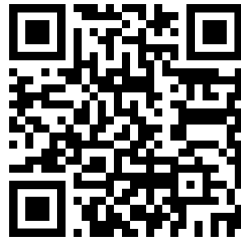
# TRUCK VISITS ARE HERE!



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*Save the Date For  
A Sweet Saturday  
Story Time!*

Sarah Williams, author of the Honey the Golden children's picture book series will be reading *Honey Learns the Golden Rule* and the next story in Honey's adventures at our Thibodaux Branch on Sat, Oct 25 at 2 PM.

Sarah Williams' books, inspired by her own Golden Retriever, teach children about social skills, understanding emotions, and the importance of life lessons, among other topics.

STAFF STARS: SEP 2025





## What's Happening: Oct '25

# MAKE WAY FOR THE FIRE TRUCK!

Our annual fire truck visits with local Fire Departments are happening this month at all branches! These much-anticipated events give families the opportunity to explore the fire truck while connecting with firefighters and learning about fire safety. Check out the fire truck while learning some tips to stay safe from fires at your library!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Mon, Oct 6 at 10:30 AM
- **CHOCTAW:** Mon, Oct 13 at 1 PM
- **GHEENS:** Tue, Oct 14 at 4:30 PM
- **LAROSE:** Thu, Oct 16 at 1 PM
- **LOCKPORT:** Thu, Oct 16 at 10:30 AM
- **RACELAND:** Tue, Oct 14 at 10 AM
- **STOREFRONT:** Tue, Oct 7 at 10:30 AM
- **THIBODAU:** Thu, Oct 9 at 10:30 AM



## LEARN HOW TO LINE DANCE

Lovers of the art of line dancing are invited to join Bayou Blue's weekly Line Dancing 101 class every Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the Bayou Blue Recreation Center to learn new line dances and practice old ones!

If you are brand new to line dancing and don't know where to start, come on out to our special 6-week Line Dancing Basics class being hosted by Ms. Janet to learn some basic steps. The class is being held every Monday in October at 1 PM at the Bayou Blue Branch. This class is limited to the first 15 participants per session.



## SCAVENGING FOR FUN FINDS

We're on the hunt for some super scavengers! Are you ready to search your local library from top to bottom? Think you can find the hidden clues? Several of our branches are hosting themed scavenger hunts this month!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Oct 13- 16 at All Day (Pac Man Hunt)
- **CHOCTAW:** All Month at All Day (Ghost Hunt)
- **LAROSE:** Oct 13 - 16 at All Day (Pumpkin Hunt)
- **LOCKPORT:** Fri, Oct 3 at All Day (Spooky Hunt)
- **STOREFRONT:** All Month at All Day (Fall Hunt)



## RECEIVE FREE LEGAL AID

Lawyers in Libraries returns this month in partnership with the Louisiana State Bar Association, the State Library of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Library Association. Meet with local attorneys for a brief "Ask a Lawyer" consultation in person and receive assistance and resources on a variety of topics at no cost to you. This workshop does not handle criminal matters.

- **LOCKPORT:** Wed, Oct 22 at 1-3 PM (Attorney Gene Gouaux)
- **THIBODAU:** Mon, Oct 20 at 9-11 AM (Attorney Sarah Legendre)  
Wed, Oct 22 at 5-7 PM (Attorney Kaitlyn Adams)



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## HOMESCHOOL + LIBRARY = A WIN

Homeschooling families are invited to join us at the Homeschool Hangout every month to connect with, learn from, and socialize with other homeschoolers in the area!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Tue, Oct 14 at 1 PM (*Discover Hoopla*)
- **CHOCTAW:** Wed, Oct 15 at 1 PM (*STEAM Kits*)
- **GHEENS:** Tue, Oct 7 at 10 AM (*Fall Pumpkins STEAM*)
- **LAROSE:** Tue, Oct 7 at 9:30 AM (*Board Game Fun*)
- **LOCKPORT:** Wed, Oct 1 at 1 PM (*Bingo Battle*)  
Wed, Oct 15 at 1 PM (*Giant Games*)
- **RACELAND:** Wed, Oct 1 at 10 AM (*Makey Makey*)
- **STOREFRONT:** Wed, Oct 22 at 2 PM (*Brain Flakes*)
- **THIBODAUX:** Mon, Oct 6 at 2 PM (*Robotics*)  
Fri, Oct 24 at 11 AM (*Healthy Eating with TRHS*)

HOMESCHOOLERS  
RECENTLY  
PARTICIPATED IN  
AN ESCAPE ROOM  
CHALLENGE IN  
LOCKPORT!



## CHECK OUT AN ADVENTURE (KIT)!

Explore everything that you're into with our Adventure Kits! Check out an adventure and bring it home with these all-in-one themed kits. Whether you want to explore life on the farm, jungle, or ocean; color and light; the human body; or even magic tricks, we have an engaging kit to pique your curiosity and facilitate hands-on learning. Thanks to Altrusa International of Thibodaux, we were recently able to expand our collection to 34 kits and growing! Visit your local library branch or contact us to check out a kit and/or place a hold.

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| • On the Farm       | • Dinosaurs             | • Bugs & Insects    |
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| • Circuits & Tech   | • Human Body Systems    | • Simple Machines   |
| • Memory Care       | • Snap Circuits         | • Jungle Safari     |
| • Sign Language     | • Let's Learn Magic     | • In the Ocean      |
| • Rocks & Fossils   | • My Body, My Sense     | • Senior Game Night |
| • Train Your Brain  | • Sounds, Music, & Band | • Space             |
| • Animal Games      | • Backyard Astronomy    |                     |



## STORY TIME IN THE BAG

You've got story time in the bag with our new Portable Story Time Kits! Whether you're a daycare provider, local organization, educator, or homeschooling group, we make story time a breeze with these kits geared toward 4-5 year-olds prepping for school. Kits include books, songs, fingerplays, & multi-sensory activities. Call (985) 446-1163 or email [headquarters@lafourche.org](mailto:headquarters@lafourche.org) to request a kit.







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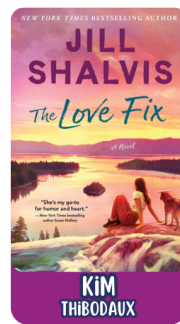
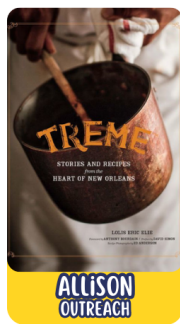
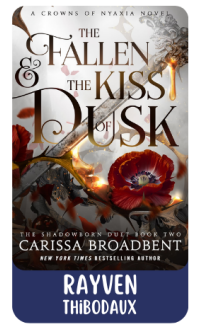
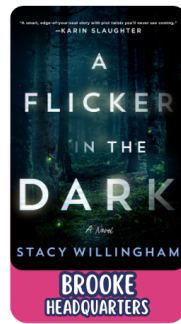
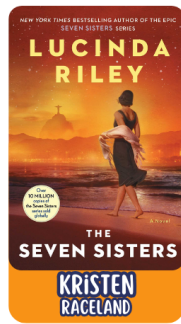
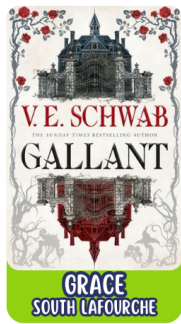
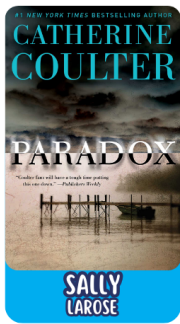
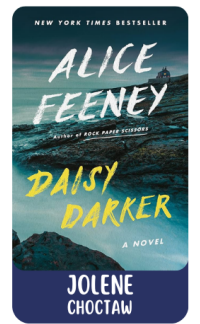
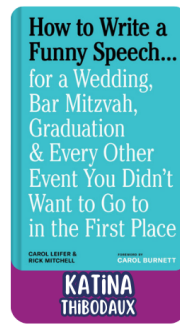
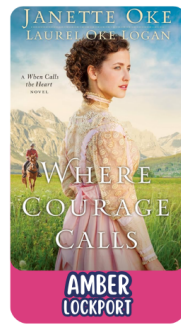
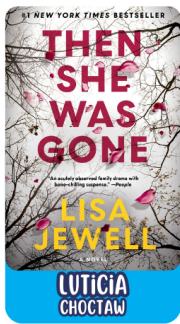
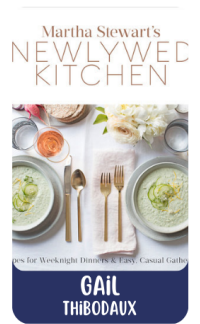
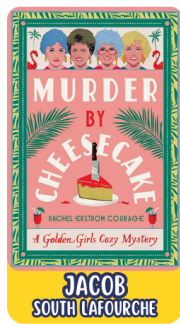
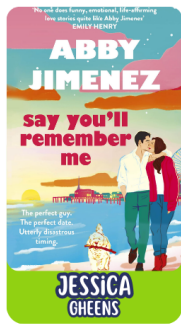
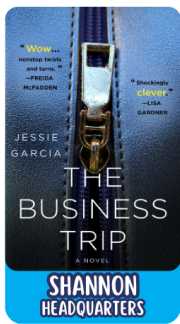
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# STAFF PICKS

Check out our favorites!





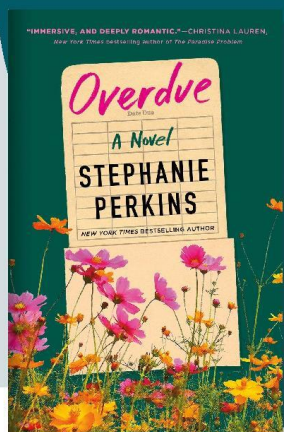


LIBRARY  
READS

## October 2025

The Top Ten Adult  
Fiction and Nonfiction  
Chosen Monthly by  
America's Library Staff

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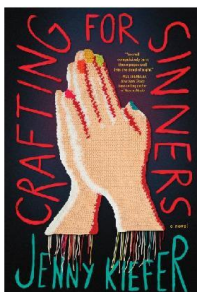


**Overdue: A Novel**  
Stephanie Perkins  
(Saturday Books)

**TOP PICK**

Ingrid, a librarian in a cozy mountain town, has dated her boyfriend for eleven years. When her sister gets engaged, Ingrid's at an impasse. She and her boyfriend have never dated anyone else, so they decide to take a break and see other people. Ingrid hopes to finally get over her crush, Macon, but things get interesting in this slow-burn romance.

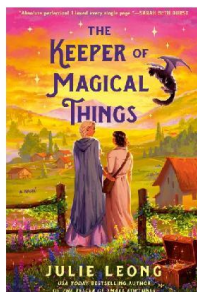
—Anna Louise Kallas, Durham County East Regional Library, NC  
Novelist read-alike: *Open Minded* by Chloe Seager



**Crafting for Sinners: A Novel**  
Jenny Kiefer  
(Quirk Books)

Ruth makes a big mistake by shoplifting from the religious craft store in her small town. Things get messy, and she's trapped and fighting for her life. The rest is a scary bloodbath with clever uses for craft supplies. The zealots are after Ruth and others they deem sinners (gays, atheists, or just non-conformists). This quick read is very scary and super gory.

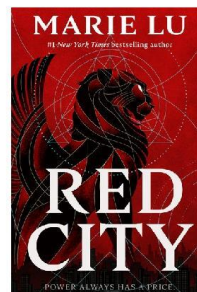
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin TX  
Novelist read-alike: *Horrorstör* by Grady Hendrix



**The Keeper of Magical Things**  
Julie Leong  
(Ace)

When a new depository is needed for minor magical objects, two seemingly very different women are chosen to lead the mission. Sent to a small depressed village, they develop an unexpected relationship, and magic starts to happen. This was an easy-read romance that will keep readers captivated.

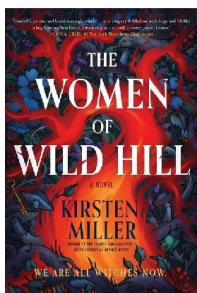
—Ron Haislip-Hansberry, Springfield City Library, MA  
Novelist read-alike: *Legends & Lattes* by Travis Baldree



**Red City**  
Marie Lu  
(Tor Books)

Lu's tale follows two young outsiders with a powerful connection who are brought up to wield both power and magic on opposing sides of a gang war. Both deeply emotional and electrifying, this will remind readers of Fonda Lee and Erin Morgenstern.

—Gregg Winsor, Johnson County Library, MO  
Novelist read-alike: *Silvercloak* by L.K. Steven



**The Women of Wild Hill**  
Kirsten Miller  
(William Morrow)

Generations of women in the Duncan family have an important and magical legacy. Three members of the latest generation are going to turn the tide against patriarchal men, reclaiming the planet for the Old One and restoring Earth's balance. Readers will find it hard to put down this magical and fascinating story.

—Judy G. Sebastian, Eastham Public Library, MA  
Novelist read-alike: *Strange Folk* by Alli Dyer



**Wreck**  
Catherine Newman  
(Harper)

Rocky is a mom who feels everything to the maximum degree. Her grown children and her dad still occupy most of her waking life. When tragedy strikes, she has to find a balance that will allow her to just breathe and be thankful for the life they have. Written with real emotions and much humor, many moms will relate to this followup to *Sandwich*.

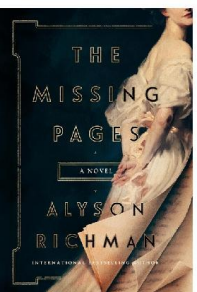
—Linda Quinn, LibraryReads Ambassador, MA  
Novelist read-alike: *Small World* by Laura Zigman



**Bog Queen**  
Anna North  
(Bloomsbury)

The body of a woman is unearthed in Northern Britain in this intricate and engaging atmospheric thriller. It offers three female perspectives that reveal to readers the inner thoughts of a contemporary newly trained forensic anthropologist, a young druid healer from centuries past, and a voice from the wild peat moss bog.

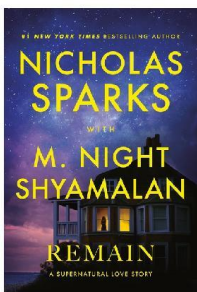
—Shirley Braunlich, Lawrence Public Library, KS  
Novelist read-alike: *Daughter of Black Lake* by Cathy Marie Buchanan



**The Missing Pages**  
Alyson Richman  
(Union Square & Co.)

Harry is tragically lost when the Titanic sinks, having gone back to his cabin to retrieve a treasured book. His mother has the Harry Widener Memorial Library built at Harvard to honor his memory and to house his book collection. Years later, a young woman working at the library while dealing with her own devastating loss starts to notice strange ghostly events in and around the library.

—Beth Mills, New Rochelle Public Library, NY  
Novelist read-alike: *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* by R.A. Dick



**Remain: A Supernatural Love Story**  
Nicholas Sparks and  
M. Night Shyamalan  
(Random House)

Part romance, part ghost story, part murder mystery, this novel's chilling yet heartfelt exploration of the bonds of family is written in the emotionally resonant style of Sparks and infused with Shyamalan's signature suspense. This is a seemingly familiar tale with a haunting twist.

—Cathleen Clifford, Groton Public Library, CT  
Novelist read-alike: *The Shape of Night* by Tess Gerritsen



**Conform: A Novel**  
Ariel Sullivan  
(Ballantine Books)

This debut is a fascinating look at a dystopian future based on a strict caste system that relies on fear and heavy indoctrination to maintain peace. Emmaline, a relatable protagonist, is used as a pawn by both sides of a simmering rebellion, but will she settle for this fate? Readers will eagerly await a sequel.

—Sara Pietrzak, Frederick County Public Library, MD  
Novelist read-alike: *Silver Elite* by Dani Francis



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