



# Books and Bytes *on the Bayou*

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

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## *Fall in Love with Your Library!*

- Introducing Kids' Cafe: A Free After-School Meal Program for Ages 0-18 Sponsored By Second Harvest Food Bank
  - The Fire Trucks are Coming: Meet Local Firefighters at Your Library and Check Out Their Fire Truck
  - Join a Book Club: October is National Reading Group Month
  - Be Our Friend: Friends of the Library Play an Important Role in Supporting Library Systems
  - Mango Languages and brainHQ: Free Language Learning and Brain Training with Your Library Card
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## STAFF STAR!



### JOLENE TABOR

Big congratulations go out to Choctaw staff member Jolene for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!

"Jolene helps several of our avid readers keep up with their favorite authors. She also provides suggestions for read-alike authors using Novelist Plus. Jolene goes above & beyond for patrons. For example, she places holds weekly for a patron who she knows loves western & action movies."

- Leticia, Choctaw Branch Manager

### SUE DARDA

Big congratulations go out to Lockport staff member Sue for being recognized as a Staff Star this month!



"Sue delivers library materials weekly to patrons who are homebound. One of her patrons recently shared her appreciation for Sue's service - she said she looks forward to Sue's deliveries because Sue always has a smile & a kind word."

- Leah, Lockport Branch Manager

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# WHAT'S NEW!

## Introducing Kids' Cafe!

**Join us for a free nutritious meal  
after school at your local library!**

For Ages 0-18. All food must be  
consumed on library premises.

**Thibodaux, Lockport, South Lafourche**

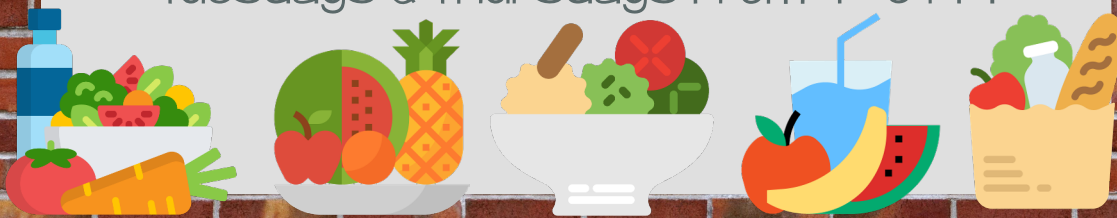
Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Raceland, Bayou Blue, Golden Meadow**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Choctaw, Larose**

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 - 5 PM



Enjoy a free meal after school beginning later this month!  
No registration required. Contact us for further details.



# WHAT'S HOT & HAPPENING!



## The Fire Trucks are Coming!

Meet your local firefighters at your LPPLibrary.



Bayou Blue - 10/07 @ 10:30 AM  
 Choctaw - 10/08 @ 4 PM  
 Gheens - 10/08 @ 4:30 PM  
 Golden Meadow - 10/08 @ 4:30 PM  
 Larose - 10/10 @ 1 PM

Lockport - 10/10 @ 10:30 AM  
 Raceland - 10/08 @ 11 AM  
 South Lafourche - 10/08 @ 10:30 AM  
 Thibodaux - 10/08 @ 11 AM  
 No Registration Required!

## October NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH



October is National Reading Group Month! Reading groups, AKA book clubs, are proving that good books bring people together. National Reading Group Month salutes book clubs. It fosters their growth & promotes the love of literature. There's no better time than now to join one of our book clubs!

### Bayou Blue: Book Club Promotion - 10/01-10/31

Ever wanted to join a book club? We can help at the library! Book Club sign-up will be available throughout October.

### Gheens: Book Out, Speak Out - 10/02 @ 11 AM

Join us for the first installment of our new book club. At this meeting, we will discuss different genres of novels, & choose a specific book for the group to read. We will be meeting at the beginning of each month to discuss the chosen novel.

### G. Meadow: Book Club Interest Meeting - 10/18 @ 4 PM

Celebrate Reading Group Month by attending our Book Club Interest Meeting! Share interests, ideas, & possibly create a new group! Light refreshments will be served.

### Lockport: Book Club Tea - 10/07 @ 2 PM

It's Reading Group Month! Join us for tea, cookies, & an introduction to our new book club.



S. Lafourche Book Club - 10/03 @ 2 PM

Thibodaux Book Club - 10/04 @ 1 PM



## NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 20-26, 2019



[www.ala.org/united/friendsweek](http://www.ala.org/united/friendsweek)



## Why Should I Join a Friends Group?

- You love your library & want to give back.
- You want to advocate for your library, telling the community about the numerous services & resources it provides.
- You want to assist your library in raising funds to support library activities & services.
- You want to volunteer your time at your library.

If you are a library lover, we invite you to be our friend! Our libraries are celebrating our longstanding friends & inviting our patrons to join one of our groups this National Friends of the Libraries Week. You can join our Friends of the Library anytime throughout the year, but all of our branches are displaying information & registration forms this month. Each of our branches has their own Friends of the Library group, so contact your home branch to find out how you can join!



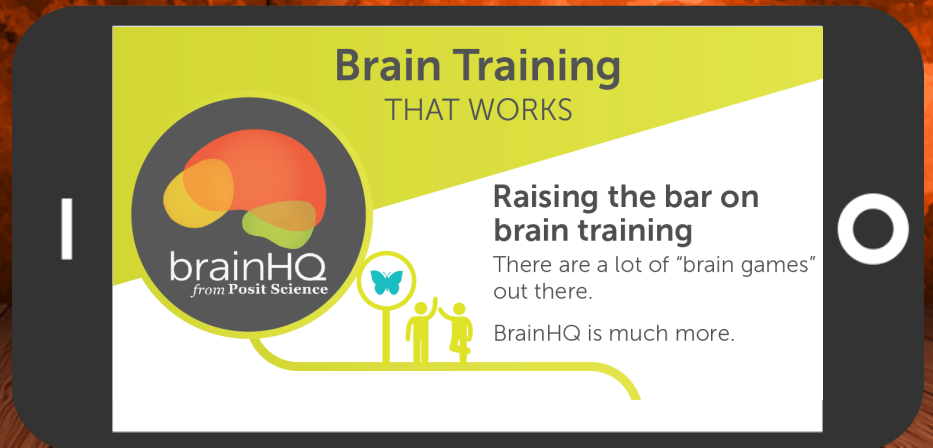


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## Meet Patricia Azema!

Patricia is one of our newest staff members at the Thibodaux Branch – she joined the team in August! Patricia, who also works for Walmart & is currently going to school for Business Administration, says that her favorite thing about her new position is getting the opportunity to work with children. You may also find Patricia shelving books, pulling items off the shelves that patrons have requested, or working the circulation desk.

Outside of work, Patricia enjoys playing games; walking; & spending time with her son, boyfriend, & dog. She loves any books dealing with romance, & especially enjoys all of Tyler Perry's movies. When asked if she had any exciting news to share, Patricia said, "I am just excited to be working for LPPL!" We're glad you're here, Patricia – welcome to the LPPLibrary family!







# STAFF PICKS

#ourfavorites  
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## Spin the Dawn By Elizabeth Lim



Kathy's Pick: ★★★★★

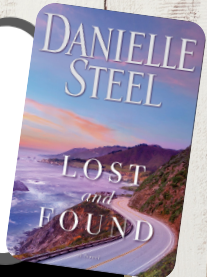
"Maia Tamarin, a seamstress in her father's tailor shop, dreams of becoming the greatest tailor in the land of Alandi. Since all tailors are male, her dream is destined to fail. However, when her sickly father receives a summons from the emperor to appear at the palace for a competition to choose the imperial tailor, Maia grasps her chance. She pretends to be her brother, taking her father's place in the competition. In this tale of adventure, magic, & friendship, Maia travels far to search out the materials needed to complete her seemingly impossible task. This adventure story has a fast-moving plot with engaging, multi-layered characters. Mysterious subplots add to the appeal, engaging the reader to the very end, which leaves you eagerly waiting for the next volume in *The Blood of Stars* series."

GENRE: Asian-Influenced Fantasy; High Fantasy  
THEMES: Girls Disguised as Boys; Quest for Magical Items  
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted; World-Building; Own Voices  
CHARACTER: Culturally Diverse; Well-Developed  
WRITING STYLE: Richly Detailed  
TONE: Romantic PACE: Fast-Paced

If you like this book,  
you may also enjoy ...



## Lost and Found By Danielle Steel



Crystal's Pick: ★★★★★

"Danielle Steel's latest book *Lost and Found* is a story of a 60-ish aged woman reflecting on the 'what ifs' of past relationships. Maddie is a photographer & the mother of three grown children. She lives alone in an old firehouse that was remodeled into a home. One day, Maddie falls off a ladder & breaks her ankle. One of her daughters confronts her about the safety of her living arrangements & urges her mother to consider moving into an assisted living facility. Maddie is a very independent woman, & doesn't feel like assisted living is necessary at this time in her life. This confrontation causes Maddie to take time out from life & begin a cross-country road trip of self-reflection from New York to California. I enjoyed this book & would recommend it to anyone who has ever felt like they needed a time-out from their life to reflect on their past & plan for the future."

GENRE: Women's Lives & Relationships  
THEME: Road Tripping  
LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts;  
Chicago, Illinois; Wyoming

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## Angelology By Danielle Trussoni

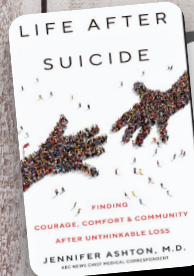


Van's Pick: ★★★★★

"*Angelology* was Danielle Trussoni's first novel, & it would inspire a sequel & be named one of the *New York Times* Top Ten Books for the year. The novel is basically part fantasy, thriller, mystery, history, & love story. It begins with Sister Evangeline, a Franciscan sister, who finds a letter between a deceased Mother Superior & a famous philanthropist Abigail Rockefeller. This will cause Evangeline to become involved with a group of half angel, half human beings called the Nephilim & their war with the human race, which spans 1,000 years into the past. The Seraphim are searching for four parts to a lyre that will aid them in this war. A society of Angelologists are trying to stop them from destroying mankind. The concept of this story is intriguing. The characters are vivid & interesting, & the action intensifies as the novel progresses."

GENRE: Thrillers & Suspense; Urban Fantasy  
THEME: Ancient Enigmas; Hidden Among Us; Quest for Magical Items; Shadow Organizations  
STORYLINE: Intricately Plotted; Plot-Driven  
TONE: Bleak  
PACE: Fast-Paced

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## Life After Suicide By Jennifer Ashton



Helen's Pick: ★★★★★

"On February 11, 2017, Dr. Jennifer Ashton, chief medical correspondent for ABC News/Good Morning America, received news that would alter her life & the lives of her children irrevocably. Her ex-husband Rob, who she remained extremely close to, had committed suicide. Her picture perfect life was shattered. But instead of retreating from life as can be expected, she decided that she would utilize all of the resources & community available to generate a conversation to help those suffering through the grief process that derives from a loss through suicide. The book *Life After Suicide* is the result of the work she & her family undertook to reach their own level of peace & healing. We know suicide is prevalent. Everyone hears & reads about suicides on the Internet almost daily. Dr. Ashton's book provides a practical guide that offers support, advice, & hope to those suffering through this unthinkable loss. Her wish is to make this act less of a taboo by honoring the spirit of those who died by suicide, & to offer healing to survivors without blame, anger, or resentment."

GENRE: Autobiographies & Memoirs;  
Family & Relationships; Life Stories

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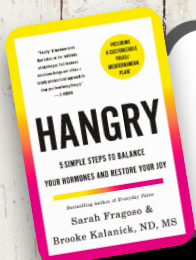






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## Hangry

By Sarah Fragoso & Brooke Kalanick



Katie's Pick: ★★★★★

"Picture this, ladies: it's 3:00 in the afternoon, & you've hit that afternoon slump. You're mentally & physically exhausted, overwhelmed, & stressed. You haven't been sleeping well & you've been carb-loading like an Olympic gold medalist. You've tried every diet & exercise fad there is only to discover there is no quick fix to all of your problems. You've convinced yourself that your lack of self-control is the root of your problems. If this sounds like you, you may want to check out *Hangry*. I really enjoyed this book, & especially liked the conversational style of writing. Other books on the topic of healthy life changes sometimes come off as rigid, focusing on a quick fix exercise & diet programs. *Hangry* draws focus away from rigid rules & suggests that healthy lifestyles can be achieved by being gentle & kind to ourselves. This book provides a sustainable approach to healthy lifestyle changes that take time, & it holds the reader accountable for their own happiness & well-being. As with anything, before you attempt a lifestyle change such as those suggested in *Hangry*, talk with your healthcare provider." If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...



## The Perfect Fraud

By Ellen LaCorte



Brooke's Pick: ★★★★★

"*The Perfect Fraud* is one of those novels that you can't say too much about without giving away all the twists & turns, but here is what we know: Rena is the mother of a very sick little girl, & Claire is a fraudulent psychic. When the two women meet on an airplane, they may just be the answer the other is looking for. *The Perfect Fraud* reads like an onion, slowly peeling away the layers of the secret lives of two women before reaching its terrifying conclusion. Biting & tense, this domestic suspense novel will disturb as much as it delights. If the novel has a fault, it comes in that I figured out the twist fairly early on; however, I didn't feel cheated out of the book's twists because LaCorte slowly but surely shares clues, not giving away the ending until the very end. You are left wondering until the very last pages if you are right about your suspicions. LaCorte's debut novel is sure to be enjoyed by readers of women's suspense fiction, as well as those who love dramatic Lifetime movies."

GENRE: Multiple Perspectives; Thrillers & Suspense  
STORYLINE: Character-Driven If you like this book, you may also enjoy ...  
CHARACTER: Well-Developed  
TONE: Disturbing PACE: Intensifying



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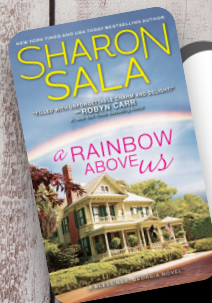
★★★★★ Loved It

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★★★ Liked It



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## A Rainbow Above Us

By Sharon Sala



Diane's Pick: ★★★

"Return to the fictional world of Blessings, Georgia with *A Rainbow Above Us*. For those of you who have been reading this series, you will recognize all of your favorite characters. This story is about Rowan Harper & Bowie James. Bowie is a native son of Blessings, but was chased out of town as a teenager with his mother. Conflict & strife abound as his 'real' family realizes he is back. Rowan is a refugee from the recent hurricane & is in need of a new family. As with most of Sala's romances, Rowan & Bowie have to cross some obstacles to get their happily ever after. I usually stick with an author until I'm boned with their writing. This is the eighth book in the *Blessings, Georgia* series, & I can honestly say that I'm still hooked. Sharon Sala has a way of writing easy-to-read, homespun tales that keep me interested. If you are looking for an uncomplicated afternoon read, this is the book for you. I do recommend you read the other books in the series to really grasp all the side stories, but you don't have to read them to follow this story."

GENRE: Contemporary Romances  
THEME: Love in a Small Town

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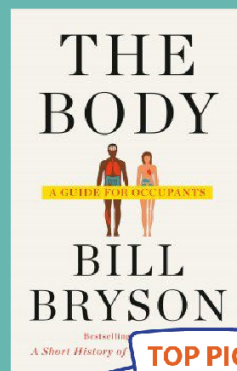


*The Body*  
A Guide for Occupants  
by Bill Bryson  
(Doubleday Books)

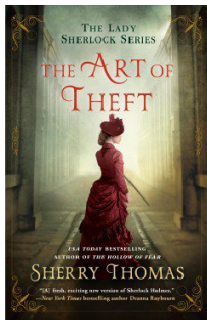
"A fascinating look at the human body and how it functions. Each historical tidbit is well-researched and thoroughly cited. Interesting stories, such as how diseases, cells, nerves, and organs were discovered, are woven throughout. For readers who like narrative nonfiction such as *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, *Gulp* by Mary Roach and *Guts* by Giulia Enders."

—Carolynn Waites, Manvel Library, Manvel, TX

Novelist read-alike: *Gross Anatomy: Dispatches from the Front (and Back)* by Mara Altman



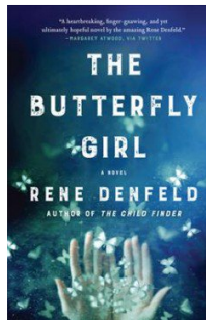
October 2019 - The top ten books published this month that librarians across the country love.



*The Art of Theft*  
by Sherry Thomas  
(Berkley)

"In this fun, playful series, Thomas has created a female version of Holmes who is vibrant, real, relatable, and intelligent. This fourth book has Holmes and Watson travel to France, with twists and turns the reader won't see coming. Perfect for fans of Laurie R. King's Mary Russell series and Tasha Alexander's Lady Emily series."

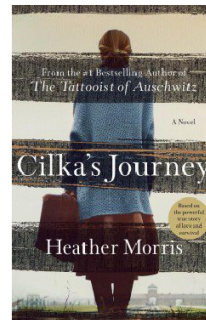
—Carrie Pedigo, Tippecanoe County Public Library, Lafayette, IN  
Novelist read-alike: Jem Flockhart novels by E.S. Thomson



*The Butterfly Girl*  
A Novel  
by Rene Denfeld  
(Harper)

"Denfeld's writing is like lyrical poetry, with every word captivating. Add to this an amazing mystery, a plethora of suspense, and an ending that exceeds all expectations, and we have another 5 star book. For fans of *What She Knew* by Gilly Macmillan and *Love You More* by Lisa Gardner."

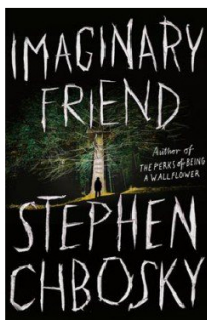
—Cyndi Larsen, Avon Free Public Library, Avon, CT  
Novelist read-alike: *Black Eyed Susans* by Julia Heaberlin



*Cilka's Journey*  
A Novel  
by Heather Morris  
(St. Martin's Press)

"A powerful follow-up to *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, this story begins after the liberation of Auschwitz, when Cilka is sentenced by the Soviet liberators to 15 years in one of Stalin's Siberian labor gulags. From one death camp to another—for doing what was needed to survive. For fans of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly and *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter."

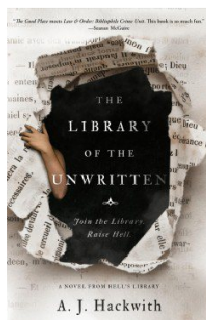
—Don Crankshaw, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Evansville, IN  
Novelist read-alike: *House of Meetings* by Martin Amis



*Imaginary Friend*  
by Stephen Chbosky  
(Grand Central Publishing)

"Christopher and his mom run from an abusive boyfriend and seek peace and quiet in a new town. Instead, Christopher becomes agitated and sneaks out at night, doing anything a "nice man" tells him to do. This is pure horror, a classic battle of good and evil, and a must for fans of Stephen King, Joe Hill, and Paul Tremblay."

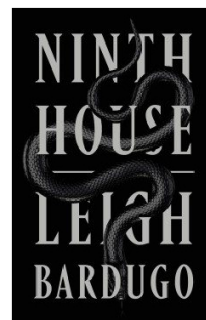
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX  
Novelist read-alike: *The Stand* by Stephen King



*The Library of the Unwritten*  
by A.J. Hackwith  
(Ace)

"The ideas of books never actually written possess dangerous potential and power. They are kept in the Library of the Unwritten in Hell. Determined librarians tend the library keeping watch for escaped characters, angels and demons. For fans of Genevieve Cogman or Neil Gaiman."

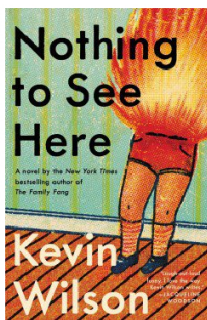
—Jessica Trotter, Capital Area District Library, Lansing, MI  
Novelist read-alike: *A Darker Shade of Magic* by V.E. Schwab



*Ninth House*  
by Leigh Bardugo  
(Flatiron Books)

"Alex has always been able to see ghosts, and this talent uniquely qualifies her to become part of the Lethe, a group that regulates the eight magical societies at Yale. When a murder happens nearby the campus Alex suspects that a society has their hand in this and it's not just a normal homicide. For fans of urban fantasy and secret societies."

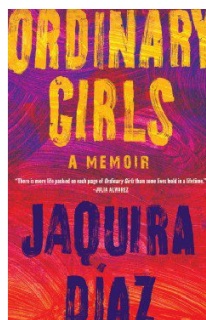
—Amy Verkrussen, Calcasieu Parish Public Library, Lake Charles, LA  
Novelist read-alike: *Magic For Liars* by Sarah Gally



*Nothing to See Here*  
by Kevin Wilson  
(Ecco)

"A funny, snarky narrator takes on the job of caretaker for kids with remarkable and strange abilities. Everyone involved learns that sometimes all we need after being repeatedly let down is someone to rely on. For fans of Chuck Kosterman and Gary Shteyngart."

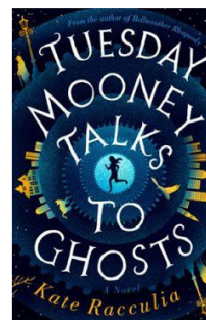
—Linda Quinn, Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield, CT  
Novelist read-alike: *Gravity is the Thing* by Jaclyn Moriarty



*Ordinary Girls*  
A Memoir  
by Jaquira Diaz  
(Algonquin Books)

"Diaz was out of control. Her life was a never ending cycle of indifferent (or worse) parenting, street fights, abuse, drugs, arrests, alcohol, skipping school—all are detailed in this coming of age memoir. Reading this memoir, I was reminded that no one can make you do something until you decide to on your own. For fans of *Hunger* by Roxane Gay and *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago."

—Linda Tilden, Mt. Laurel Public Library, Mt. Laurel, AL  
Novelist read-alike: *Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls* by T Kira Madden



*Tuesday Mooney Talks to Ghosts*  
by Kate Racculia  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"Engaging characters set off to follow the mysterious clues of the will of an elderly, wealthy eccentric for a chance at winning the grand prize. Young grief and loss, family guilt and secrets, and hilarity are featured throughout. Plus: ghosts! For readers who liked *The Bookshop of Yesterday* by Amy Meyerson and *Lost and Found* by Carolyn Parkhurst."

—Pamela Gardner, Medfield Public Library, Medfield, MA  
Novelist read-alike: *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* by Matthew Sullivan





# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





# Ten Locations to Serve You!

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Phone: 985-580-0634  
Fax: 985-580-9640

## **CHOCTAW**

Mon - Fri: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Sat - Sun: Closed  
Phone: 985-633-6453  
Fax: 985-633-8873

## **GHEENS**

M, W, F: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Tue & Thu: 2 - 6 PM  
Sat - Sun: Closed  
Phone & Fax: 985-532-2288

## **GOLDEN MEADOW**

Mon - Fri: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Sat - Sun: Closed  
Phone: 985-475-5660  
Fax: 985-475-4517

## **LAROSE**

Mon - Fri: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Sat - Sun: Closed  
Phone: 985-693-3336  
Fax: 985-693-3978

## **LOCKPORT**

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM  
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM  
Sun: Closed  
Phone: 985-532-3158  
Fax: 985-532-0270

## **RACELAND**

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## **SOUTH LAFOURCHE**

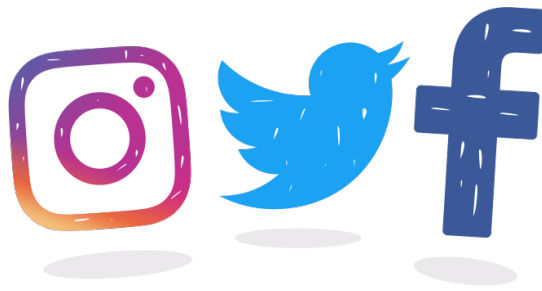
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