



Books and Bytes *on the Bayou*

A Lafourche Parish Public Library Publication

October 2026

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"The South Lafourche staff are amazing, wonderful, & helpful! I am very grateful for them!"

- Brooke Huddleston
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TRICIA AZEMA

THIBODAUX BRANCH

"I want to recognize Tricia for the wonderful help we received at the library. I wanted my son to read a book this summer, & Tricia was very helpful in finding him a couple of books that he was interested in reading. She was very helpful & we greatly appreciated that."

- Brittani + Micah Hebert
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STAFF STARS: OCT 2026

Behind the Books: Author Visits

Meet the talented voices bringing Louisiana stories to life! This October, we are hosting three author visits at our branches. Dive into local history with David Plater, solve a mystery with Casey Guidry, or enjoy a fun family story hour with Erin Griffin!

- Thibodaux: Fri, Oct 9 | 4 PM | Adults
Author Talk with Casey Guidry: *Death Over Lunch*
- Thibodaux: Thu, Oct 15 | 2 PM | Adults
Author Talk with David Plater: *The Builders*
- South Lafourche: Wed, Oct 28 | 10:30 AM | Adults
Author Talk with Casey Guidry: *Death Over Lunch*
- South Lafourche: Sat, Oct 31 | 1 PM | All Ages
Boo Bash with Erin Griffin: *The Rougarou is Going to Get You*





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Our Value Checks Out!

PLAN YOUR VOTE: LOOK FOR TWO PROPOSITIONS ON 12.12.26

HOW TO VOTE:

- **Election Day:**
Saturday, December 12
(Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM)
- **Early Voting:**
Sat, Nov 28 - Sat, Dec 5
(Excludes Sun, Nov 29)
- **Register to Vote:**
Deadline to Register In Person: Thu, Nov 12
Deadline to Register Online: Sat, Nov 21
- **Absentee Voting:**
Deadline for Registrar of Voters to receive a voted ballot is Dec 11 by 4:30 PM

**CHECK OUT
OUR VALUE!**

**LAFOURCHE.ORG/
MILLAGE-RENEWAL**

SAVE THE DATE TO VOTE!
Lafourche Parish Public Library's Millage Renewal will be on your Saturday, December 12, 2026 ballot.

Visit lafourche.org/millage-renewal, drop by your local branch, or connect with us on social media for more info.

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12.12.26 OFFICIAL BALLOT PREVIEW

Proposition No. 1 (Tax Continuation) Shall the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue the levy of a tax of one and sixty-seven hundredths (1.67) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$1,411,712.70 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating the Lafourche Parish Public Library and its branches, said millage to represent an adjustment of .02 mills (due to reappraisal) over the 1.65 mill tax originally authorized at an election on October 24, 2015 to be levied through the year 2026?

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

Proposition No. 2 (Tax Continuation) Shall the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue the levy of a tax of four and eleven hundredths (4.11) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$3,474,334.85 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating the Lafourche Parish Public Library and its branches, including automation and other equipment, library books and materials and furnishings therefore, said millage to represent an adjustment of .05 mills (due to reappraisal) over the 4.06 mill tax originally authorized at an election on October 24, 2015 to be levied through the year 2026?

- ☐ YES
☐ NO

BALLOT NOTE: WHAT DOES "ADJUSTMENT" MEAN?

You will see a mention of a .02 & .05 mills adjustment due to property reappraisal.

- **Not a New Tax:** This is a continuation of the existing library funding you have supported since 1987 and 1996.
- **No Extra Money:** The library is not asking for more tax money.
- **The Reality:** By Louisiana law, when parish property values are reappraised, millage rates are automatically adjusted slightly up or down. This math adjustment simply ensures the library collects the exact same dollar amount it has always received to keep our branches open, funded, and fully operational.



What's Happening: Oct '26

SOUND THE ALARM: FIRE TRUCK VISITS

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:** Wed, Oct 21 | 11 AM
- **CHOCTAW:** Mon, Oct 12 | 2 PM
- **GHEENS:** Wed, Oct 28 | 4:15 PM
- **LAROSE:** Thu, Oct 8 | 10 AM
- **LOCKPORT:** Thu, Oct 8 | 10:30 AM
- **RACELAND:** Tue, Oct 27 | 10:30 AM
- **S.LAFOURCHE:** Tue, Oct 13 | 10:30 AM
- **THIBODAUX:** Wed, Oct 14 | 11:15 AM



NO TRICKS, JUST TILES: OCTOBER MAHJONG



Mahjong doesn't have to be a mystery. This October, skip the tricks and treat yourself to a relaxing afternoon mastering the tiles. Learn this popular strategy game and hang out with friendly people in your community at the library! We provide all the game pieces and guidance, making it incredibly easy to learn. No experience required!

- **BAYOU BLUE (8 LIMIT):** Wed, Oct 14 & 28 | 1 PM
- **LAROSE (NO LIMIT):** Thu, Oct 8 | 12 PM
Tue, Oct 27 | 11:30 AM
- **RACELAND (8 LIMIT):** Thu, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22 | 2 PM
- **LOCKPORT (20 LIMIT):** Thu, Oct 1 | 1 PM
Fri, Oct 9 | 10 AM
Thu, Oct 15 | 2 PM
Mon, Oct 19 | 2 PM
Sat, Oct 24 | 10 AM
Fri, Oct 30 | 10 AM
- **S. LAFOURCHE (NO LIMIT):** Thu, Oct 1 | 11 AM
Thu, Oct 8 | 1 PM
Wed, Oct 28 | 2 PM
- **THIBODAUX (24 LIMIT):** Mon, Oct 5, 12, 26 | 1 PM
Tue, Oct 20 | 1 PM



SKILLS FOR SUCCESS: EVERYDAY ETIQUETTE & MODERN MANNERS

Manners and etiquette are about more than just using the right fork – they are the ultimate life skills for a successful future! This month, our interactive workshops help kids and teens build the confidence, respect, and communication skills that are necessary to navigate the modern world. Activities vary by branch, but every session focuses on the everyday etiquette and modern manners youth need to stand out and succeed in school, future jobs, social situations, and daily life.

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Mon, Oct 19 | 11 AM | All Ages - Polite Pals Story Time (Stories, Exercises, Craft)
- **CHOCTAW:** Thu, Oct 29 | 4 PM | Teens - How Rude! The Art of Manners (Real-Life Scenarios)
- **GHEENS:** Wed, Oct 21 | 4:15 PM | All Ages - Chopped: Manners & Monsters Challenge
- **LAROSE:** Thu, Oct 22 | 10 AM | All Ages - Manners are a Must Story Time (Basic Manners Lesson)
- **LOCKPORT:** Sat, Oct 17 | 10:30 AM | Ages 5-12 - Forks, Friends, & Fabulous Manners (Table Etiquette) (Limited to the first 16 participants)
- **RACELAND:** Tue, Oct 13 | 2 PM | All Ages - Good Manners Obstacle Course
- **S. LAFOURCHE:** Sat, Oct 17 | 2 PM | All Ages - Pirates & Princesses Tea Party
- **THIBODAUX:** Tue, Oct 27 | 5 PM | Ages 8-14 - Social Etiquette & Table Manners Workshop (Limited to the first 20 participants)



What's Happening: Oct '26

BOO BASH: A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Get ready for a frightfully fun time when you celebrate spooky season with us at the library! Throw on your favorite Halloween costume or attire (not required) & join us for a hauntingly good mix of games, stories, crafts & more! Boo Bash activities vary by branch – pick one party or attend them all & have a ball! Just drop in – no registration required!



- **BAYOU BLUE:** Thu, Oct 29 | 4 PM | All Ages - Costume Party, Spooky Games, Dancing & Music, Ooey Goey Refreshments
- **CHOCTAW:** Tue, Oct 13 | 10:30 AM | All Ages - Not-So-Spooky Stories, Crafts, Pumpkin Toss & Sensory Play, Monster Mash Dance, Mummy Wrap, Treats, & More
- **GHEENS:** Thu, Oct 29 | 4:15 PM | All Ages - Monster Mash Glow Bash, Music, Dancing, Games, Ghost Stories, Crafts, Surprises
- **LAROSE:** Mon, Oct 26 | 4:15 PM | All Ages - Nerf Ghost Hunting, Stories, Games, Refreshments
- **LOCKPORT:** Sat, Oct 31 | 2 PM | All Ages - Spooky Stories, Crafts, Games, Hands-On Activities
- **RACELAND:** Thu, Oct 29 | 4 PM | All Ages - Glow in the Dark Bash, Costume Crafting, Music & Dancing
- **S. LAFOURCHE:** Sat, Oct 31 | 1 PM | All Ages - Photo Ops with Special Guest Blue Dog, Reading of *The Rougarou is Going to Get You* by Author Erin Griffin, Songs, Games, Tasty Treats
- **THIBODAUX:** Sat, Oct 31 | 10:30 AM | All Ages - Interactive Stations, Sweet Treats, Spooky Science, Crafts, Hands-On Learning



HAUNTED STACKS & NERF BLASTS!

We are breaking out the blasters for a thrilling October Nerf lineup you won't want to miss! Test your reflex speeds and precision in our daytime target shooting competitions, or stay late to experience the library like never before during our epic After-Hours Nerf Wars. It is the perfect way to have some fall fun with your friends ... or make some new ones! *Scan the QR codes below or visit lafourche.librarycalendar.com to register.

- **CHOCTAW:** Tue, Oct 13 | 3 PM | Ages 6-11 | *Registration Required
Target Shooting Nerf Wars - Aim for a high score in this super fun Nerf target shooting competition.



- **LAROSE:** Mon, Oct 26 | 4:15 PM | All Ages | No Registration/Limit
Boo Bash & Nerf Ghost Hunting - Stop by for a ghoulish time of stories, games, refreshments and Nerf ghost hunting.

- **S. LAFOURCHE:** Fri, Oct 2 | 5-7 PM | Ages 7-12 | *Registration Required
After Hours Nerf Wars - Use teamwork, strategy, & precise shooting to eliminate the opposing team and win this fun foam battle after hours at the library.



- **S. LAFOURCHE:** Sat, Oct 3 | 11 AM | Ages 6-12 | *Registration Required
Nerf Target Competition - Aim for a high score in this super fun Nerf target shooting competition.



- **THIBODAUX:** Tue, Oct 6 | 4 PM | Ages 5-12 | *Registration Required
Nerf Attack - Do you have what it takes to hit the target? Practice your combat skills to prepare for a nerf battle!



- **THIBODAUX:** Tue, Oct 6 | 5:30 PM | Ages 5-12 | *Registration Required
Nerf Attack - Do you have what it takes to hit the target? Practice your combat skills to prepare for a nerf battle!



JOIN US FOR THE RICK KELLEY SHOW: WHERE LITERACY COMES TO LIFE!

Get moving with the Rick Kelley Show! In partnership with the Louisiana Book Festival, this fun-filled, interactive musical adventure brings literacy to life through catchy songs and dance for kids of all ages.

- **THIBODAUX (JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL PARK AUDITORIUM):** Sat, Oct 24 | 1 PM | All Ages

CELEBRATE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

WITH ANCESTRY.COM @ THE LIBRARY!



Every local family name along the bayou holds a unique history. This October, we challenge you to explore your roots and uncover the real-life paths your ancestors walked.

Bring this checklist to any LPPL branch to log into Ancestry.com for free on our public computers or branch Wi-Fi and begin your family search. Your family history is waiting at the library!

Access Ancestry.com in our Digital Library at lafourche.org.

CAN YOU FIND THREE CLUES TO YOUR FAMILY'S PAST USING ANCESTRY.COM AT OUR BRANCHES?



THE MID-CENTURY COMMUNITY

The Mission: Locate a relative in the **1950 Federal Census**.

The History: Identify their official listed occupation. Look at their neighbors' occupations to see how their community worked together.

The Find: _____

THE SERVICE SNAPSHOT

The Mission: Find a **WWI or WWII Draft Card** for a family member.

The History: Note the personal biographical info or employer on the card. Check the bottom for their actual handwritten signature.

The Find: _____



Name	Robert L. Ledet
Birth Date	11 Nov 1939
Residence Date	1993
Address	403 Latourche Dr
Residence	Thibodaux, LA
Postal Code	70301-2521

THE HISTORY DIRECTORY

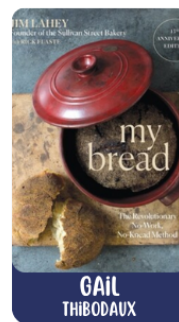
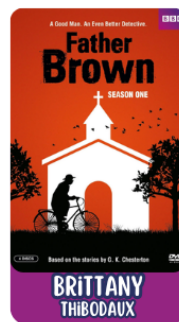
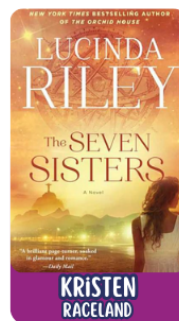
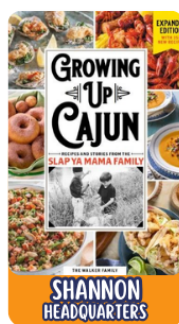
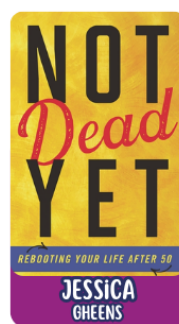
The Mission: Search the **U.S., City Directories (1822–1995)** collection using an ancestor's name from any available era.

The History: Uncover historical street addresses & phone numbers.

The Find: _____

STAFF PICKS

Check out our favorites!



Multiple
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to Serve
You!

BAYOU BLUE

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-580-0634
Fax: 985-580-9640

CHOCTAW

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-633-6453
Fax: 985-633-8873

GHEENS

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: : 985-532-2288
Fax: 985-242-2402

GOLDEN MEADOW

Currently Closed
Due to Hurricane Ida

LAROSE

Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
Fri - 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

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 6 PM
Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-537-6875
Fax: 985-537-2292

SOUTH LAFOURCHE

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-632-7140
Fax: 985-632-4963

THIBODAUX

Mon - Thu: 9 AM - 7 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-447-4119
Fax: 985-449-4128

HEADQUARTERS

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Sat - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-446-1163
Fax: 985-446-3848



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- Check Out Louisiana Museums & State Parks Pass Program
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