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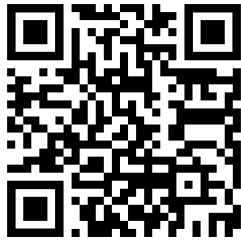
January 2026



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Library Closure

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will be closed Jan 1-3 for New Year's and Jan 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

See You at Book Club!

LibLuv Book Club - Thibodaux Branch
Tuesday, January 13 @ 1 PM

Join us to discuss Abraham Verghese's *The Covenant of Water*.

As the Page Turns - Lockport Branch
Wednesday, January 21 @ 1 PM

Join us for cookies + coffee as we discuss our favorite authors and books from the self-help genre.





What's Happening: Jan '26

NEW YEAR, NEW HOBBY!



A new year is the perfect time to pick up a **new hobby** you have always wanted to try. In 2026, our branches are launching **monthly hobby program series** to help you explore a new activity, pick up fresh skills, and be a part of a community of enthusiasts with similar interests! Join us for these brand new series at our branches starting this month!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Hobby: **Trivia** - Trivia Pursuers - Tue, Jan 20 at 3 PM, Teens & Adults
- **CHOCTAW:** Hobby: **Canvas Art** - Creative Canvas: Mardi Gras - Tue, Jan 20 at 10 AM, Adults (15 participant limit)
- **GHEENS:** Hobby: **Hands-On Projects** - Cozy Creations: Literary Lanterns - Thu, Jan 15 at 10 AM, Adults
Hobby: **Hands-On Projects** - Cozy Creations: Pressed Leaf Botanical Art - Thu, Jan 29 at 10 AM, Adults
- **LAROSE:** Hobby: **Clay Sculpting** - Clay Builders: Vase - Wed, Jan 7 at 4:15 PM, Ages 5-15 (10 participant limit)
- **LOCKPORT:** Hobby: **Passion Projects** - Rock Hounding with Katie - Wed, Jan 7 at 1 PM, Adults
- **RACELAND:** Hobby: **Painting** - Painting Workshop - Thu, Jan 29 at 4:30 PM, Adults
- **SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Hobby: **Line Dancing** - Line Dancing - Wed, Jan 21 & 28 at 1 PM, Adults
- **THIBODAUX:** Hobby: **"Granny" Hobbies** - Intro to Scrapbooking - Tue, Jan 20 at 1 PM, Adults



MENTAL WELLNESS + JASON GRAY, RN

Make your **mental health and wellness** a priority in the new year with a presentation by **Ochsner's Jason Gray, Psychiatric RN**. Discover resources and tools to keep your mental health on track at this special seminar led by an expert in the field.

We also have a wide variety of mental health resources available for check out in our collection.

- **RACELAND:** Thu, Jan 8 at 4:30 PM
For All Ages



MAKE IT A DATE @ THE LIBRARY!

Your next date is on us! Libraries across the country are becoming THE hottest destination for fun & free **day dates & date nights**. Join us for these special upcoming date events for adults:

- **CHOCTAW:** Booked for Two Day Date: Yahtzee
Thu, Jan 8 at 10 AM
- **RACELAND:** Couples Library Trivia
Wed, Jan 21 at 4:30 PM
- **THIBODAUX:** Library Date Night: Paint Together
Tue, Jan 27 at 5 PM
(12 participant limit)



SERVING UP SWEET SUSHI

Let the good (and SWEET) times roll! We are serving up **candy sushi** at several of our branches this month. Learn how to make sushi from candy in these tasty workshops.

- **CHOCTAW:** Tue, Jan 27 at 3-5 PM
For All Ages
- **LOCKPORT:** Wed, Jan 28 at 1 PM
(Homeschool Hangout)
- **RACELAND:** Thu, Jan 22 at 4:30 PM
For All Ages
- **SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Thu, Jan 29 at 4:30 PM
For Tweens & Teens
(15 participant limit)

What's Happening: Jan '26

LEARN (+ LOVE) TO LINE DANCE!

Let's go **line dancing**! Put on your boogie shoes and join us in the new year as we line dance at the library. Whether you are a beginner or a line dancing pro, you're welcome to get in on the fun this month!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Line Dancing 101 - Every Wed at 9:30 AM, Adults
Line Dancing Basics - Every Mon at 1 PM, Adults (L15)
(Special beginners class limited to 15 participants)
- **LAROSE:** Line Dancing - Wed, Jan 14 at 1 PM, Adults
- **SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Line Dancing - Wed, Jan 21 & 28 at 1 PM, Adults
- **THIBODAUX:** Line Dancing 101 - Sat, Jan 31 at 10 AM, Adults



HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING

Dream big with these special events **honoring and remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.** at the library this January!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Homeschool Hangout: Helping Hands Wreath - Tue, Jan 13 at 1 PM
MLK Bottle Cap Art - Wed, Jan 14 at 3:30 PM, Teens
- **CHOCTAW:** Homeschool Hangout: MLK Day Silhouette - Tue, Jan 13 at 1 PM
- **GHEENS:** Homeschool Hangout: Kindness & Helping Hands - Tue, Jan 20 at 10 AM
- **LAROSE:** MLK, Jr. Watercolor - Mon, Jan 12 at 4:15 PM, Ages 5-15 (8 participant limit)
- **THIBODAUX:** Homeschool Hangout: Dream Story Time & Craft - Mon, Jan 12 at 2 PM

FEELING FIT IN 2026: JOIN AN EXERCISE CLASS!

Make 2026 your healthiest year yet with **exercise classes** at the library! Find a fitness group at a branch near you to stick to and meet your wellness goals and make new friends.

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Cardio Crew - Every Tue & Thu at 9 AM, Adults
Cardio Crew Too - Every Tue & Thu at 10:30 AM, Adults
Line Dancing 101 - Every Wed at 9:30 AM, Adults
Line Dancing Basics - Every Mon at 1 PM, Adults (15 participant limit)
- **LAROSE:** Line Dancing - Wed, Jan 14 at 1 PM, Adults
- **LOCKPORT:** Walk Warriors - Every Tue & Thu at 9:15 AM, Adults
- **THIBODAUX:** Line Dancing 101 - Sat, Jan 31 at 10 AM, Adults



GET HOOKED ON CROCHET!

Try your hand at **crocheting** with one of these classes this month at the library!

- **GHEENS:** Cajun Heirlooms Crocheting
Mon, Jan 12 & 26 at 4:15 PM, All Ages
- **THIBODAUX:** Crochet Club Beginners (10 participant limit)
Sat, Jan 24 at 10 AM, Adults
Crochet Club Intermediates: Granny Heart Stitch (15 participant limit)
Sat, Jan 24 at 11 AM, Adults
Kids Can Crochet (8 participant limit)
Sat, Jan 24 at 2 PM, Ages 10-15

Check out
more events! ➡

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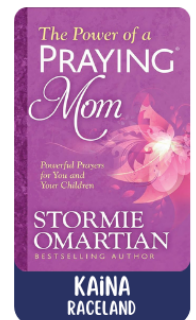
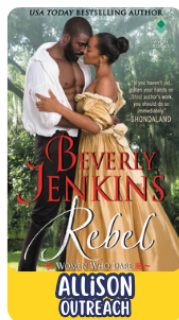
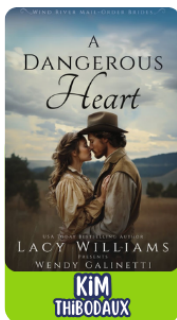
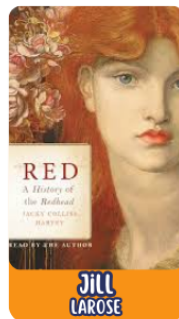
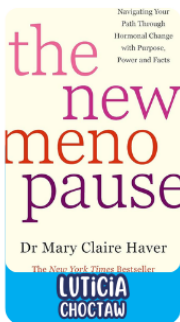
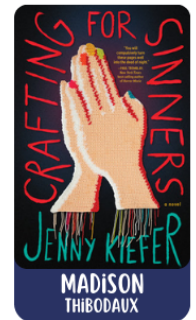
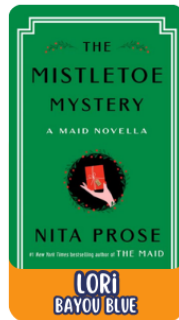
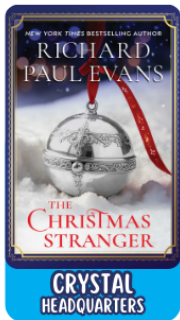
Hibernating at Home This Winter?
Cozy Up with cloudLibrary!

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EBOOKS + AUDIOBOOKS
OPTIONS FOR ALL AGES
ONE EASY TO USE APP!**



STAFF PICKS

Check out our favorites!





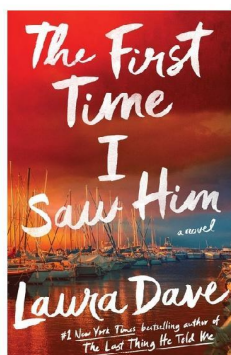
January 2026 HALL OF FAME TITLES

The LibraryReads Hall of Fame designation honors authors who have had multiple titles appear on the monthly list since 2013.

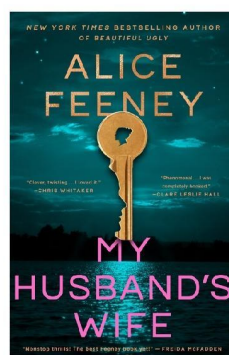
Find out more at www.LibraryReads.org/HOF



Twelve Months
Jim Butcher
(Ace)



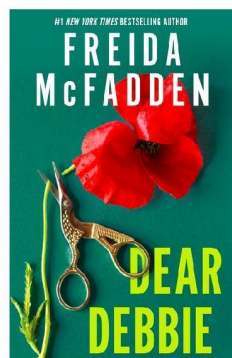
The First Time I Saw Him
Laura Dave
(Scribner)



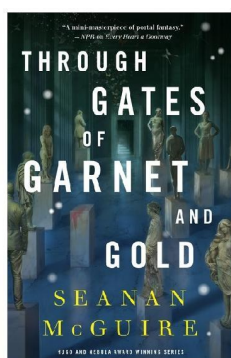
My Husband's Wife
Alice Feeney
(Flatiron Books:
Pine & Cedar)



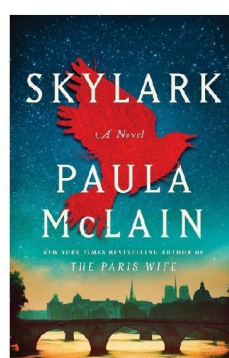
The Storm
Rachel Hawkins
(St. Martin's Press)



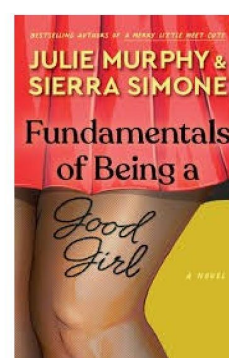
Dear Debbie
Freida McFadden
(Poisoned Pen Press)



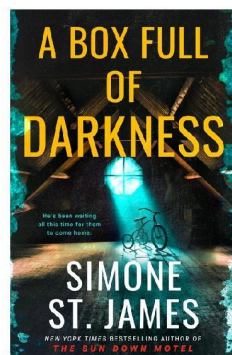
*Through Gates of Garnet
and Gold*
Seanan McGuire
(Tordotcom)



Skylark: A Novel
Paula McLain
(Atria)



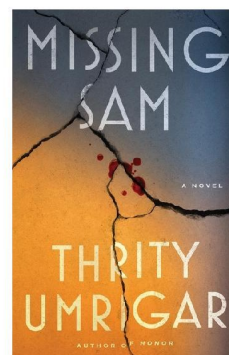
*Fundamentals of
Being a Good Girl*
Julie Murphy and Sierra Simone
(Avon)



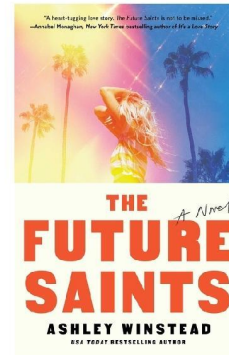
A Box Full of Darkness
Simone St. James
(Berkley)



The Lust Crusade
Jo Segura
(Berkley)



Missing Sam
Thrity Umrigar
(Algonquin Books)



The Future Saints
Ashley Winstead
(Atria)

Multiple
Locations
to Serve
You!

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Mon - Thu: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
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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 & Fax: 985-532-2288

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
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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

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goes on!

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