



Books and Bytes *on the Bayou*

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Library Closure

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will close at 4 PM on Wed, Nov 26 & remain closed through Sat, Nov 29 for Thanksgiving.

See You at Book Club!

LibLuv Book Club - Thibodaux Branch

Tuesday, November 11 @ 1 PM

Join us to discuss Ariel Lawhon's *The Frozen River*.

As the Page Turns - Lockport Branch

Wednesday, November 12 @ 1 PM

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





What's Happening: Nov '25

IT'S TIME TO GO TOTALLY TURKEY!

Shake your tailfeather & let loose at our **TOTALLY Turkey Party** at all branches this month! Hang out with our favorite feathered friend while playing games, enjoying stories, making crafts, singing, dancing, & more! Plus, snap your Thanksgiving pic with Mr. Turkey too!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Mon, Nov 10 at 11 AM
- **CHOCTAW:** Mon, Nov 24 at 10:30 AM
- **GHEENS:** Thu, Nov 13 at 4:15 PM
- **LAROSE:** Thu, Nov 20 at 4:15 PM
- **LOCKPORT:** Wed, Nov 26 at 1 PM
- **RACELAND:** Tue, Nov 25 at 10 AM
- **STOREFRONT:** Tue, Nov 18 at 4:30 PM
- **THIBODAUX:** Sat, Nov 22 at 10:30 AM



CAN YOU SAVE THANKSGIVING?

Thanksgiving dinner is (NOT) served ... at least not without your help! Can you help us save Thanksgiving in Choctaw by finding your way out of our seasonal **escape room**?

Everything is set & ready for a great family Thanksgiving dinner ... until you realize the turkey is missing! Follow the clues & solve the puzzles to find the Thanksgiving turkey & save the day!

Let's go save Thanksgiving!:

- **CHOCTAW:** Save Thanksgiving Escape Room?
Tue, Nov 25 at 10 AM
For Ages 6-11



LOCAL AUTHORS @ THE LIBRARY

Meet & enjoy the talents of two local authors at the library this November!

Michael Bowie Phillips will discuss his first novel for adults, *The Search for the Tomb of Alexander the Great*, at two branches this month. Meet Michael on Saturday, November 1 at 10:30 AM in Lockport and in Thibodaux on Monday, November 10 at 5 PM.

Sarah Williams is back with the latest edition in the beloved *Honey the Golden* children's picture book series! Hear the holiday story of Honey and *The Rude Reindeer* on Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 AM at the South Lafourche Storefront.



WE'RE GOING ON A DINO HUNT!

Happy DINOvember! This is the month that dinosaurs come out to play, & you never know just where you will find them or what they will be doing!

The Dinovember tradition started in 2012. Each night in November, toy dinosaurs "move" into charming or mischievous positions for children to find & enjoy the next day.

Have a roaring good time **searching for hidden dinosaurs** at the library this month at these branches:

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Nov 24-26 at All Day
(*Hunt for Dino Sarah*)
- **STOREFRONT:** All Month at All Day
(*Hunt for Dino Bruno*)

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WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR VETERANS!

At Lafourche Parish Public Library, we love to **honor our veterans** in a big way as we thank them and their families for their service and dedication to our country and its future.

Join us to celebrate and support our veterans:

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Homeschool Hangout Craft
Tue, Nov 11 at 1 PM
- **CHOCTAW:** Salute to Service Day
Tue, Nov 11 at 9 AM – 5 PM
- **GHEENS:** Veterans Day Bingo
Wed, Nov 5 at 4:15 PM
- **LAROSE:** Veterans Day Goodie Bags
Tue, Nov 11 at All Day
- **LOCKPORT:** Veterans Day Social
Thu, Nov 6 at 2:30 PM
- **RACELAND:** Thank You, Veteran! Card
Tue, Nov 11 at 4:30 PM
- **STOREFRONT:** Veterans Day Display
All Month
- **THIBODAUX:** Veterans Day Breakfast
Tue, Nov 4 at 9:30 AM

Visit lafourche.librarycalendar.com for more events, as well as program descriptions!

IT'S A (LIBRARY) DATE!

We're saving you not one, but TWO seats in Choctaw this month as we introduce our newest event, the **Booked for Two Day Date!**

Grab your significant other & put your knowledge to the test as you join us for a morning of **mixed bag trivia!** Can you & your partner best the rest when it comes to your knowledge of obscure facts on a variety of subjects? Let's find out! Prizes will be awarded to the couple with the most points.

Save the date for a library day date:

- **CHOCTAW:** Booked for Two Day Date
Thu, Nov 6 at 10 AM



FIND A NEW FANDOM FAVORITE!



THIBODAUX:

- **Pokemon League** (Ages 8-12)
Sat, Nov 1 at 2 PM
- **D&D Club** (Ages 8-14)
Tue, Nov 4 at 5 PM

Fans of the hit games **Pokemon** and **Dungeons and Dragons** can join our new social clubs in Thibodaux where kids & teens can get together each month to play at the library!

You know you "gotta catch 'em all!" Join the Pokemon League to trade, battle, & talk Pokemon on Saturday, November 1 at 2 PM for ages 8-12.

Find your sense of adventure with other players at our new Roll for Initiative D&D Club in Thibodaux! Team up with other players to solve the mystery of the enchanted teahouse on Tuesday, November 4 at 5 PM for ages 8-14.

LOCKPORT:

- **Mahjong Madness** (Ages 13+)
Sat, Nov 15 at 10:30 AM
- **Jigsaw Competition** (All Ages)
Tue, Nov 25 at 2 PM

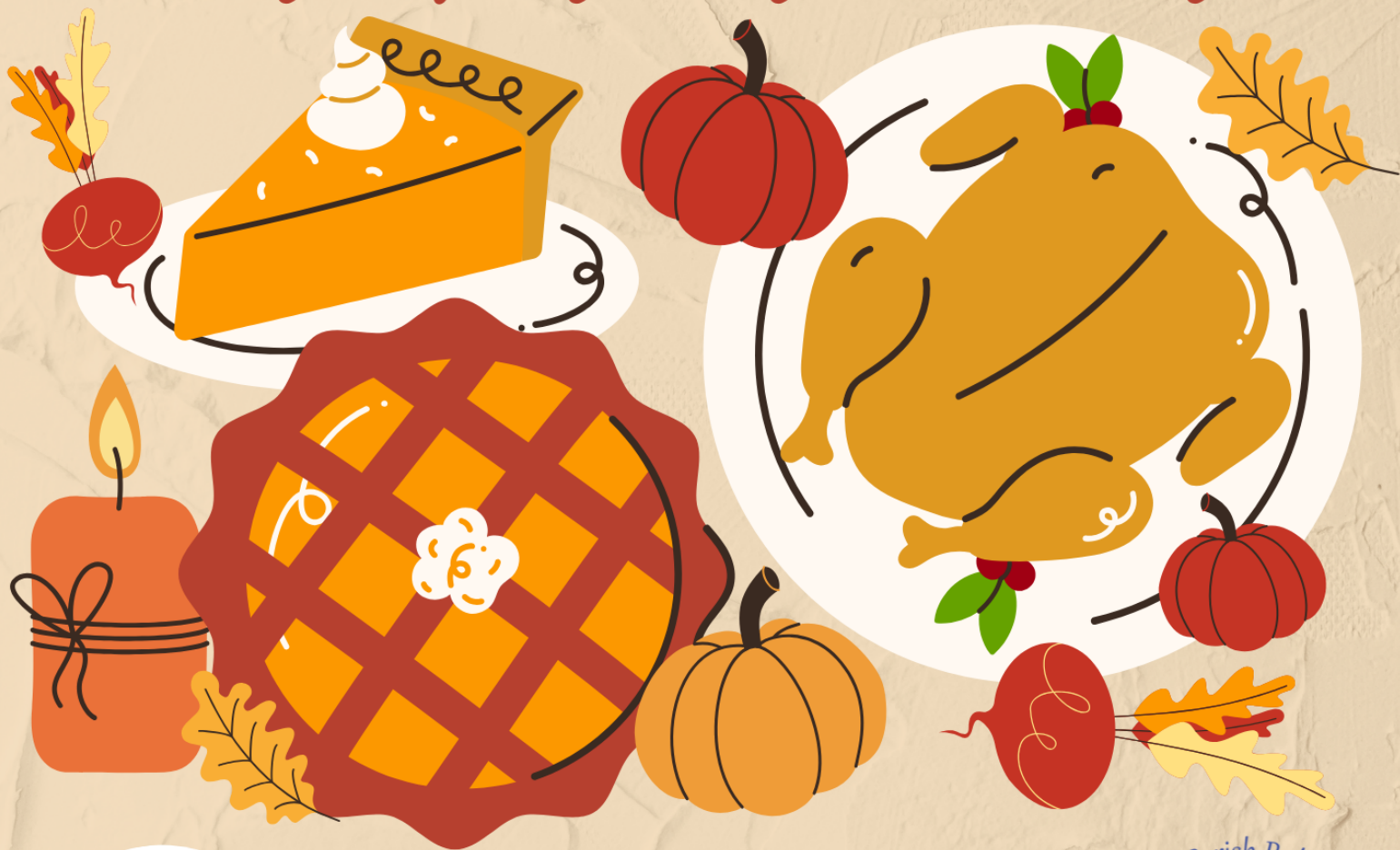
Get your game on this month in Lockport! Grab the other game lovers in your life & meet us for some friendly competition as we play **Mahjong** & race to complete **jigsaw puzzles**.

Mahjong madness is sweeping the nation, & you can get in on the fun of this tile-based Chinese game on Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 AM for players ages 13 & up.

Think you can build a jigsaw puzzle faster than your friends? Put your hands to the test as we enjoy an afternoon of racing against each other to complete puzzles on Tuesday, November 25 at 2 PM for all ages.

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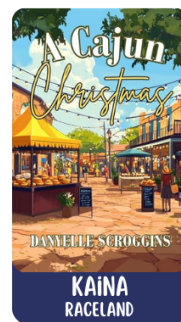
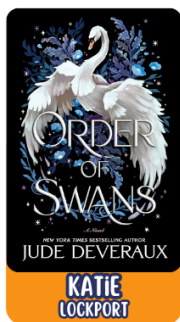
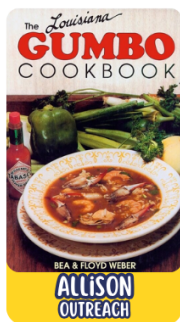
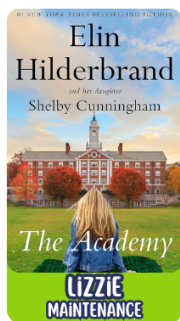
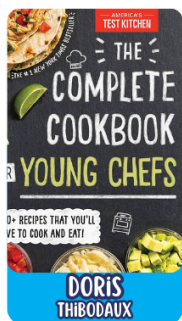
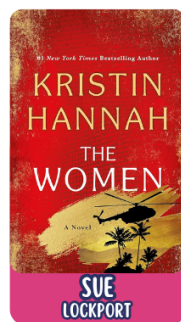
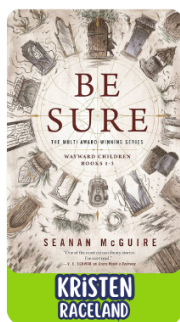
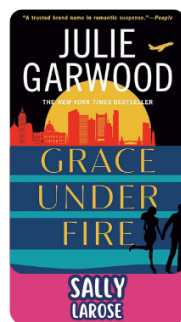
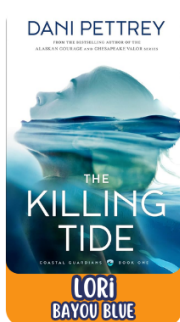
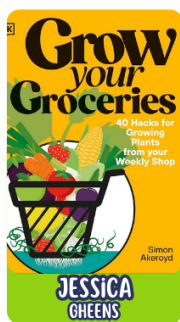
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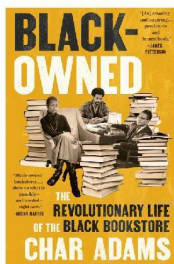


I, Medusa
Ayana Gray
(Random House)

TOP PICK

Medusa—legend, myth, monster—was once an innocent girl named Meddy who longed to see the world beyond her island. Meddy is a mortal born of two immortal sea gods in Poseidon's kingdom. When she catches the attention of the goddess Athena and is taken on as an acolyte in her temple, she thinks she has found her purpose, but a misstep angers the Gods and she becomes Medusa. A feminist tale that will capture readers' attention from the first page.

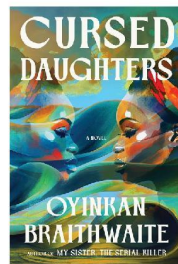
—Kimberly McGee, Lake Travis Community Library, Austin, TX
Novelist read-alike: *Medusa* by Nataly Gruender



Black-Owned: The Revolutionary Life of the Black Bookstore
Char Adams
(Tiny Reparations Books)

An extremely informative and well-researched book on a worthy topic. This comprehensive work looks at Black history in the United States through the lens of Black-owned bookstores, covering their functions as pillars of community engagement and social justice organizations as well. Readers will appreciate the book recommendations and the bookstores listed in the endnotes.

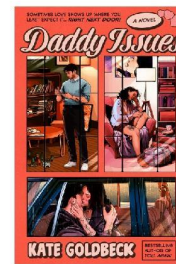
—Autumn Raw, Hennepin County Library, MN
Novelist read-alike: *Prose to the People* by Katie Mitchell



Cursed Daughters: A Novel
Oyinkan Braithwaite
(Doubleday Books)

Eniyyi has been haunted her entire life by her strong resemblance to her mother's cousin Monife, who drowned shortly before Eniyyi's birth. She has also been told that the women of her family are cursed to never find lasting romantic happiness. Is there any way for her to break free of her family's painful past? A beautifully told and emotional page-turner about confronting family trauma and finding peace and forgiveness along the way.

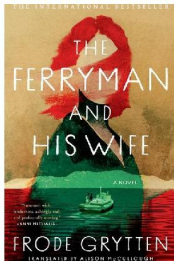
—Mara Bandy Fass, Champaign Public Library, IL
Novelist read-alike: *My Mother Cursed My Name* by Anamely Salgado Reyes



Daddy Issues: A Novel
Kate Goldbeck
(Dial Press Trade Paperbacks)

The pandemic blew up every plan Sam ever had post-college, and now she's stuck living with her mom, working a deadbeat job. Her sad status quo is disrupted when Nick moves in next door with his young daughter. As Sam confronts her relationship with her father, she starts a relationship with Nick. This romance hits on the ways the pandemic affected everyone's lives.

—Olivia Wojnar, Seymour Public Library, NY
Novelist read-alike: *Totally and Completely Fine* by Elissa Sussman



The Ferryman and His Wife
Frode Grytten
(Algonquin Books)

This tale of a widowed Norwegian ferryman's last day of life is simple, quiet, and effortlessly moving. Nils navigates through his cherished memories, converses with the dead, and reevaluates his connection to all who crossed his path, whether in a single trip across the forge or a decades-long marriage.

—Sharon Layburn, South Huntington Public Library, NY
Novelist read-alike: *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro



Best Offer Wins
Marisa Kashino
(Celadon Books)

The housing market can be murder. Find out how far one woman will go when she sets her sights on her dream home. And just when it seems our main character, Margot, can't surprise any more, she stuns readers once again. Once you settle in with this deliciously dark and twisty thriller, you won't be able to look away.

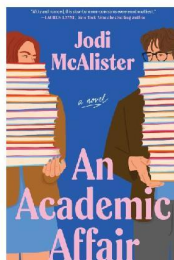
—Jennifer Winberry, Hunterdon County Library, NJ
Novelist read-alike: *The Sequel* by Jean Hanff Korelitz



Violet Thistlewaite Is Not a Villain Anymore
Emily Krempholtz
(Ace)

Violet's a witch who used her powers for terror and destruction as a sidekick to the ultimate bad guy. Now she's moved into a small village and is trying to start over, running a flower shop. But her landlord doesn't seem to like her, and it's hard to cover up the past. Can she be "good" and make her new life a success? This is a sweet, cozy romantasy.

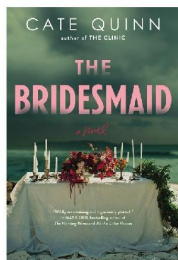
—Jayna McDaniel-Browning, Delaware County, Dist. Library, OH
Novelist read-alike: *A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping* by Sangu Mandanna



An Academic Affair
Jodi McAlister
(Atria)

Sadie and Jonah start off as rivals faking a relationship for job security, and accidentally fall into something real, messy, and deeply felt. With a sharp critique of institutional academia and a great sister-drama subplot, this is set to be one of the smartest, sexiest romances of the year.

—India Cureau, Cary Memorial Library, MA
Novelist read-alike: *Taste the Love* by Karella Stetz-Waters



The Bridesmaid
Cate Quinn
(Sourcebooks Landmark)

The Kensingtons invite you to the society wedding of the decade. There's just one hitch. You might not make it out alive. This book is full of intrigue and suspense that will draw readers into the pitfalls of high-society life, where nothing matters more than your social media clicks and lavish parties. Great characters and a shocking ending.

—Karen Troutman, LibraryReads Ambassador, IN
Novelist read-alike: *A Killer Wedding* by Joan O'Leary

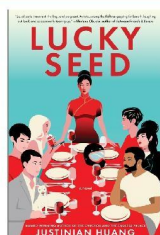


The Forget-Me-Not Library
Heather Webber
(St. Martin's Press)

Tallulah and Juliet are in need of healing and love from friends and family, and the town of Forget-Me-Not offers that in spades! The lovely townsfolk want nothing but the best for their community and those in need of its special magic. Perfect for readers who want a cozy, magical read to soothe away the troubles of the real world.

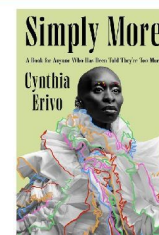
—Carmen Hughey, Greenville County Library System, SC
Novelist read-alike: *The Book Charmer* by Karen Hawkins

Bonus pick:



Lucky Seed
Justinian Huang
(MIRA)

Notable Nonfiction:



Simply More: A Book for Anyone Who Has Been Told They're Too Much
Cynthia Erivo
(Flatiron Books)

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to Serve
You!

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Fri - Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-633-6453
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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

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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

Currently Closed Due to Hurricane Ida

S.L. STOREFRONT

Mon - Thu: 10 AM - 6 PM
Fri & Sat: 9 AM - 1 PM
Sun: Closed
Phone: 985-632-7140
Fax: 985-632-4963

THIBODAUX

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

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