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MILLAGE RENEWAL ELECTION

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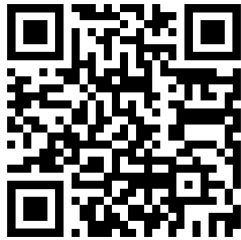
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SATURDAY, MAY 16!

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"Carmen & I became friends by her treating me so kindly when I visit the South Lafourche Branch. She has a heart of gold. The first time she took me on a tour of the rebuilt branch, she was so proud & excited for me to see all they now have to offer. You would have thought we were in her own personal home. Her smile is so genuine & she has a beautiful spirit. I believe too she is a great employee who is warmly welcoming to everyone who visits."
 - Rhetta Domingue PATRON

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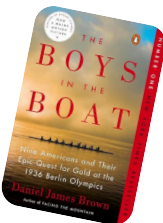
Library Closure

All Lafourche Parish Public Library branches will be closed Mon, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day!

See You at Book Club!

LibLuv Book Club - Thibodaux Branch
 Tuesday, May 12 @ 1 PM

Join us to discuss Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat*.



Millage Renewal

Our millage renewal is on your ballot. Remember to vote Saturday, May 16!



What's Happening: May '26

UNEARTH A STORY!

Ready to roar? Your prehistoric journey this summer starts here!

Summer Experience roars in on Tuesday, May 26!

- Register for the Summer Challenge
- Receive your Field Guide & Participation Log
- Pick up a Calendar of Events



Dig into the Challenge: Track Your Progress & Unearth Prizes!

Mark off one box per day on your Participation Log by completing either of these daily goals:

- Read for 20 minutes
- Attend any program

Once you've mastered your daily mission, it's time to claim your rewards and see what treasures you've unearthed!

- Every 5 boxes marked = Milestone Prize!
- 20 boxes marked = Challenge Completion!
- 40 boxes marked = Dino-Mite DOUBLE Completion!



Head to your local branch starting May 26 to join our crew, pick up your log, and preview the mammoth line-up of dino-mite events waiting for you this summer at the library - get a sneak peek of some of the fun we're kicking summer off with below!



STOMP INTO SUMMER! KICK-OFFS

Stomp into a summer of dino-mite fun with our Kick-Off Celebrations! Join us for a colossal bash celebrating the start of a summer of roar-some fun and get a first look at the prehistoric adventures waiting for you this summer!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Tue, May 26 at 3 PM
- **CHOCTAW:** Wed, May 27 at 1 PM
- **GHEENS:** Tue, May 26 at All Day
- **LAROSE:** Tue, May 26 at 1 PM
- **LOCKPORT:** Tue, May 26 at 1 PM
- **RACELAND:** Tue, May 26 at 2:30 PM
- **S.LAFOURCHE:** Tue, May 26 at All Day
- **THIBODAU:** Tue, May 26 at 2 PM

No registration required - just stomp on in & join the fun!



THE BIG DIG: WEEKLY SUMMER SPECIALS

Dig into a summer of fun with the Big Dig!

Each week features a brand new, themed interactive adventure packed with hands-on activities, games, and unique discoveries for paleontologists of all ages.

- **WEEK OF 6/1:** Dinolympics
- **WEEK OF 6/8:** Fossils Dig
- **WEEK OF 6/15:** How Giant Were They?!
- **WEEK OF 6/22:** Dino Egg-stravaganza
- **WEEK OF 6/29:** Under the Sea Glow Bash
- **WEEK OF 7/6:** Dinotopia Game
- **WEEK OF 7/13:** All-Star Dino Red Carpet Party
- **WEEK OF 7/20:** Dino Detectives Escape Room



Ready to dig in? Check out our full schedule of Big Dig events at lafourche.librarycalendar.com or pick up a calendar at your local branch!



ROAR & READ SUMMER STORY TIMES

Stomp, chomp, roar, and read!

Themed tales come to life at our Roar & Read Story Times with hands-on activities & crafts designed to spark imagination & keep every explorer moving! Join us weekly:

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Mondays at 11 AM
- **CHOCTAW:** Thursdays at 10 AM
- **GHEENS:** Mondays at 2 PM
- **LAROSE:** Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- **LOCKPORT:** Thursdays at 10:30 AM
- **RACELAND:** Tuesdays at 2 PM
- **S.LAFOURCHE:** Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
- **THIBODAU:** Wednesdays at 11:15 AM

No registration required - just stomp on in & join the fun!

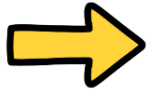
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MILLAGE RENEWAL: VOTE SAT, MAY 16!

Lafourche Parish Public Library's Millage **RENEWAL** is on your May 16 ballot!

Must-Know Info About the Millage Renewal

- **96% of the Budget:** A renewal of the library's 1.67 & 4.11 mills property taxes fund 96% of the library budget for 10 years.
- **NOT a New Tax:** This renewal is NOT a new tax. The library is requesting the same 1.67 & 4.11 mills that have been in place since 1987 & 1996, respectively.
- **Look for TWO Propositions:** There will be TWO propositions for the library on your Saturday, May 16 ballot.
- **4.5% of Tax Bill:** The library millage accounts for only 4.5% of a homeowner's total property tax bill.



Get all of the details about Lafourche Parish Public Library's Millage Renewal at lafourche.org/millage-renewal. Remember to vote on Saturday, May 16, 2026! Polls are open from 7 AM - 8 PM.



LAFOURCHE LOVES MOMS: EVENTS

Behind every great reader is a mother who shared the first story. We're honoring Lafourche moms with these events! Bring the mom in your life & celebrate Mother's Day at the library!

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Flower Power Workshop - Wed, May 6 at 3:45 PM, Kids
Mother's Day Bouquet Craft - May 4-7, All Day, Kids
- **CHOCTAW:** Mother's Day Flower Frame Craft - Wed, May 6 at 4 PM, Kids
- **GHEENS:** Story Time x Homeschool Hangout: Mother's Day Herb Bar - Tue, May 5 at 4:15 PM, All Ages
Mother's Day Flip Book Craft - May 4-7, All Day, Kids
- **LAROSE:** Mother's Day Paper Flower Craft - Wed, May 6 at 4:15 PM, Ages 4-10
Once Upon a Time with Mom Story Time - Thu, May 7 at 1 PM, All Ages
- **LOCKPORT:** Mother's Day Story Time - Sat, May 9 at 10:30 AM, All Ages
- **RACELAND:** Mother's Day Painting - Thu, May 7 at 4 PM, Ages 10-13
- **SOUTH LAFOURCHE:** Muffins with Mom + Story Time - Sat, May 2 at 10:30 AM, All Ages
- **THIBODAU:** Muffins with Mom - Sat, May 9 at 10:30 AM, All Ages



READY, SET ... RIDE YOUR BIKE SAFELY THIS SUMMER!

Pedal on over to your local library branch! We're hosting special bike safety events to help every child in Lafourche Parish gain the skills they need for a smooth ride this summer. Select sessions will be held in collaboration with local community partners.

- **BAYOU BLUE:** Wed, May 27 at 11 AM & 3 PM for Early Learners & Kids
Bike Rodeo - Bring your bikes to learn about bike safety and have some cycling fun!
- **CHOCTAW:** Mon, May 4 at 4 PM for All Ages
Bike Safety & Fun - Learn how to be a safe bike rider during a video with take away info.
- **GHEENS:** Tue, May 19 at 4:15 PM for Ages 12-17
Refuel Your Ride Trail Mix - Make a yummy no-nut trail mix while learning about bike safety.
- **LAROSE:** Thu, May 14 at 2 PM for All Ages
Bike Safety Class - Stop by & learn basic safety tips with handouts before you hit the road on your bike.
- **LOCKPORT:** Mon, May 18 at 4 PM for All Ages
Bike Safety with Lockport PD - Learn safety tips for biking in your community with Lockport's Police Department.
- **RACELAND:** Wed, May 20 at 3:30 PM for All Ages
LPSO Bike Safety Presentation - Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office will give riders of all ages tips on bike safety.
- **S.LAFOURCHE:** Sat, May 30 at 1 PM for All Ages
Bike Safety Checks & Relay Races - GM Police Chief Michelle Lafont will conduct bicycle & helmet checks. While here, enjoy bike relay games in the parking lot.
- **THIBODAU:** Sat, May 9 at 2 PM for All Ages
Bicycle Safety with LPSO - Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office will teach families about bike safety just in time for summer.



DIG INTO THE CLASSICS

(AND THE NEW.)



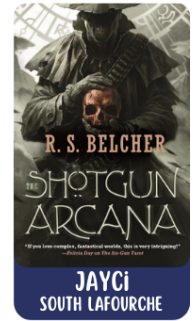
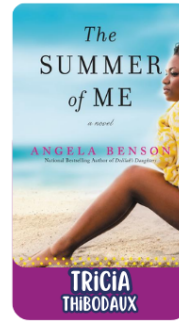
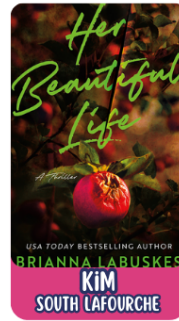
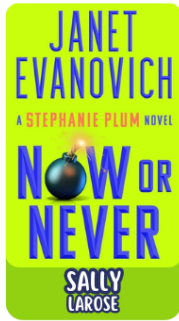
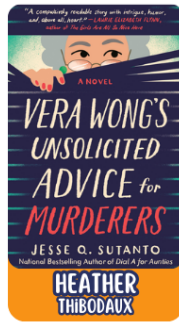
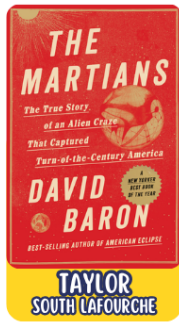
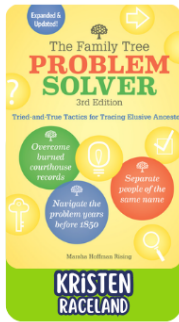
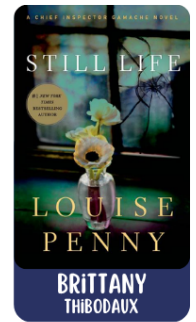
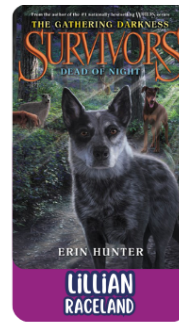
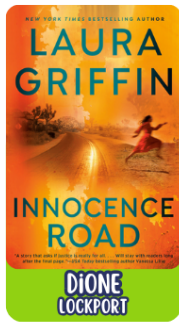
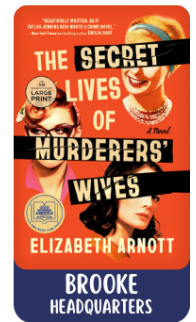
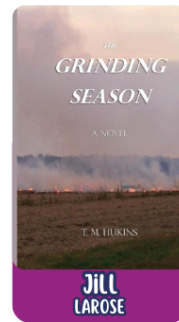
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PLAYLIST GO EXTINCT.
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HIDDEN GEMS IN THE FREEGAL APP
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UNEARTH OVER 15 MILLION TRACKS!



STAFF PICKS

Check out our favorites!

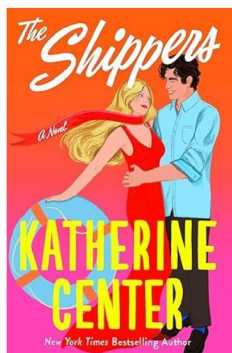




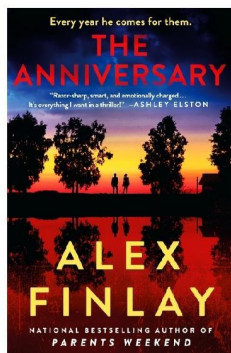
May 2026 HALL OF FAME TITLES

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

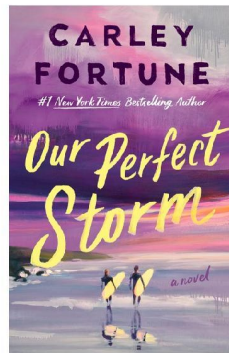
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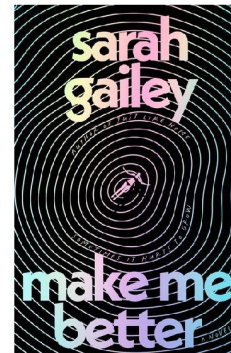
The Shippers
Katherine Center
(St. Martin's Press)



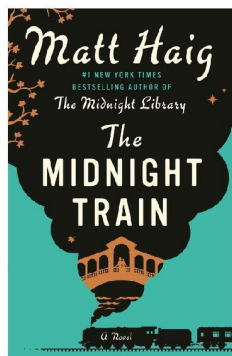
The Anniversary
Alex Finlay
(Minotaur Books)



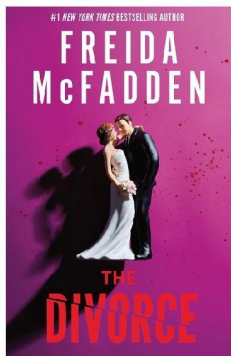
Our Perfect Storm
Carley Fortune
(Berkley)



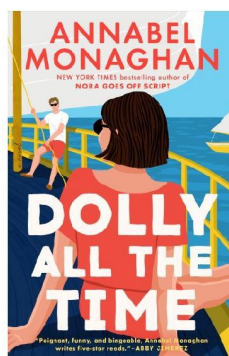
Make Me Better
Sarah Gailey
(Tor Books)



The Midnight Train: A Novel
Matt Haig
(Viking)



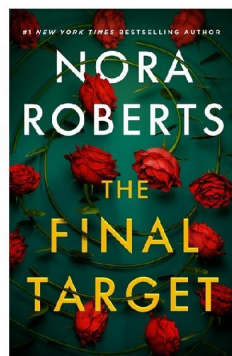
The Divorce
Freida McFadden
(Poisoned Pen Press)



Dolly All the Time
Annabel Monaghan
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)



First and Forever
Lynn Painter
(Berkley)



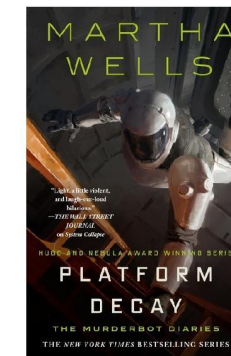
The Final Target
Nora Roberts
(St. Martin's Press)



Seek the Traitor's Son
Veronica Roth
(Tor Books)



The Things We Never Say: A Novel
Elizabeth Strout
(Random House)



Platform Decay
Martha Wells
(Tor Books)

Multiple Locations 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
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Phone: 985-446-1163
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